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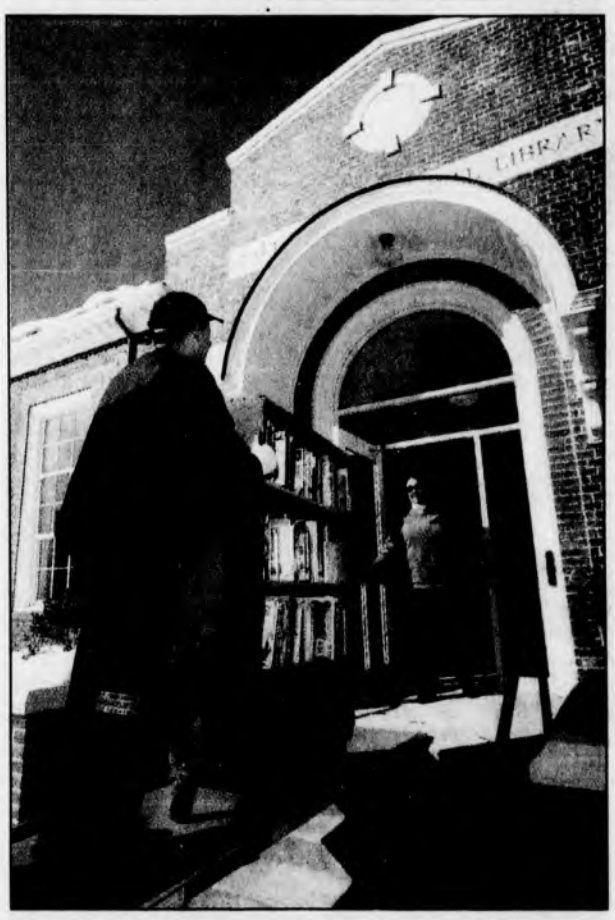
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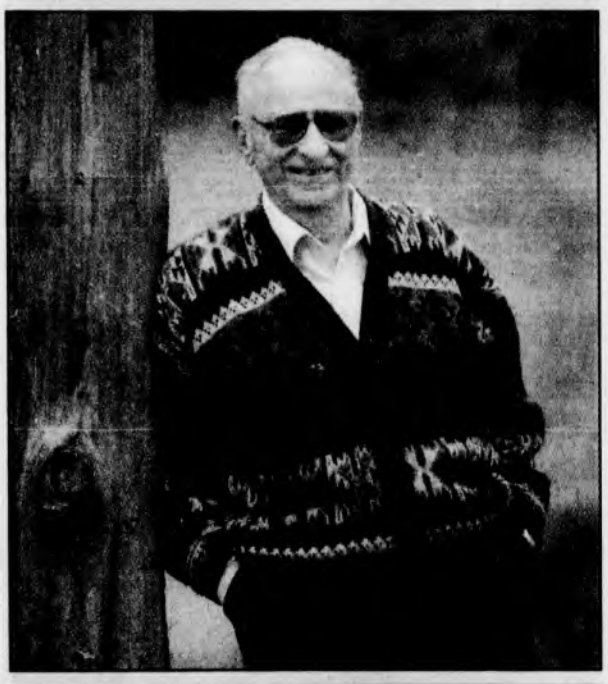






















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Santa was good to the Water Commission

"We have been awarded $12.48 million 2 percent low interest SRF loans from the DEP to help us continue our aggressive water systems improvement program," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission.

The Water Commission received notice Dec. 24 that it has been selected to receive a $12 million low interest loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for improvements to the water distribution system, wellfields, and treatment plant, and $479,500 from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for a project to protect the watersheds of Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir from non-point source pollution.

"These loans from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) program will save our ratepayers about $3 million in reduced interest payments over the next 20 years, which will allow us to continue our aggressive system improvements program with the least impact to ratepayers," he said.

"The Drinking Water SRF loan program is very competitive. We were competing with 43 other water systems in Massachusetts who requested about $500 million in funding, and were one of only 14 water systems who succeeded in being awarded some of the total $94 million available. We have applied for this grant program every year for the past five years with no success until now. We succeeded this year primarily because of the excellent work provided by Tutela Engineering, who prepared the application for us," he said.

This funding will be used to replace about 9.5 miles of old and undersized water mains in our distribution system, which will continue the long range plan of continuing to improve fire protection, water service, and drinking water quality throughout town including installation of 90 new fire hydrants, the replacement of about 35 lead water service lines, the looping of dead ends to improve low flows and pressure, and the reactivation of the Ellms Meadow Wellfield and the Sohier Street Well.

The project also includes improvements to the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, including replacement of the filter media, replacing the flow and pressure transmitters, replacing the rapid mix motors, drive shafts and motors, installation of adjustable frequency drives for the raw water pumps, and replacing the generator automatic transfer switch.

"The $479,500 Clean Water SRF loan is for a project designed by our watershed protection consultant, Norfolk Ram Group, LLC, who also prepared this successful application. A total of 45 municipalities applied for about $850 million for proposed new construction for this program, and only 21 municipalities succeeded in being approved for the total $170 million available for new construction."

On the cover

Clockwise from top right, Patience Towle greets movers at the new library (Alan Chapman); the first day of school at Deer Hill (A.C.); 3 Jerusalem Lane homeowner Phil Ayer leads a protest on the common (Robin Chan); Jo DiGirolamo and Mary O'Brien huddle under an umbrella during Memorial Day observances (A.C.); a FedEx truck negotiates a bumpout (Andrew Dassori); an old-style light along the James Brook Walkway (A.C.); Tom Anderson gets his diploma from Rick Flynn and Jack DeLorenzo (R.C.); Arthur Lehr, citizen of the year (A.C.); contestants for the first-ever Mr. Skipper (A.C.); Walter Ross digs out from a March blizzard (A.C.); firefighters battle a blaze at 34 Fernway last New Year's Eve (Bob Gauley); Lily Smith fills a bag of sand at the Relay For Life. (A.C.)

This week in COHASSET

Christmas trees accepted at DPW

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Residential brush will be accepted beginning Jan. 15 through April 30. No trees over 3 inches in diameter. No contractors please.

New boiler at Town Hall

The old boiler at Town Hall has been replaced to the tune of $20,000, said Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Haddad said the boiler broke last Tuesday, so Town Hall was closed early Wednesday (Christmas Eve) and did not open Friday (Dec. 26).

Town Hall will be open the usual Friday hours from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 2.

Haddad said he is filing an insurance claim but isn't sure replacing the boiler will be covered.

Town Hall staffers, who were not on vacation at the time and scheduled to work, will not be charged vacation time for the missed hours. "They lucked out," Haddad said.

Vaccine clarification

A story on the vaccine available for flu shots in last week's Mariner warrants some clarification. The state provided the town with 730 doses of the vaccine; the town bought an additional 270 to bring the supply up to its usual quantity of 1,000. After the supply of 1,000 was exhausted, the state provided 20 additional free doses, which have also been administered.

Apply for CPC funds

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Qualifying applicants will be asked to make formal presentations to the CPC during January and February.

Copies of the application may be obtained at the Town Hall or by calling the committee Chairman, Stuart Ivimey at 383-2604.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Jan. 13, 4 p.m.

Board of Health, Jan. 5, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.,

Greenbush, Jan. 13, 9:30 a.m., (roundhouse and Rocky Lan)

Paul Pratt Board of Library Trustees, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. at the library

Planning Board, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.,

Recycling Committee, Jan. 10, 10 a.m. at DPW

Selectmen, Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Jan. 12, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Jan. 7, 8 p.m., at King Street plant

Zoning Board of Appeals, Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

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Sun. 4	8:51	9.5	2:33	9:32	8.3	3:18
Mon. 5	9:34	9.7	3:18	10:16	8.4	4:01
Tues. 6	10:16	9.9	4:01	10:57	8.5	4:41
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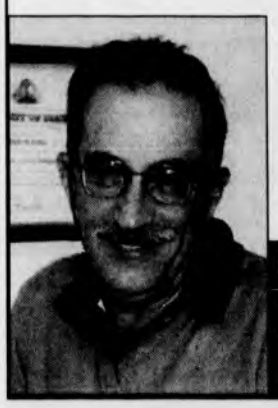
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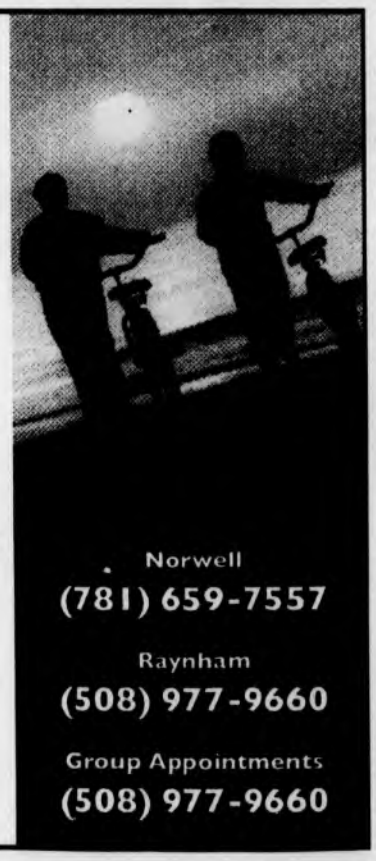
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Callahan won't run for reelection

By Samantha Brown
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"I have been dropping hints about this for months, but wanted to make a formal announcement before nomination papers became available."
— Selectman Tom Callahan

Selectmen will lose a familiar face in 2004, as Tom Callahan has decided not to run for reelection this spring. After 15 years of combined service on both the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen, he has decided it is time to take a break, much to the delight of his family that he jokes has threatened to form a "Stop Tom" committee.

Callahan, who works as an attorney while not serving the town, is 45-years-old and has lived in Cohasset for roughly 18 years. He has put a lot of time and energy into the various town boards and projects he has been a part of, which include not only the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission, but the Growth & Development Committee, where he serves as a representative to the South Shore Coalition and Suburban Coalition. His wife Alison and their children, Katie, 14, and Peter, 11, will be glad to have him a little less busy.

"I have been dropping hints about this for months, but wanted to make a formal announcement before nomination papers became available," he said.

Callahan said there is no particular issue that has driven his decision, adding he will stay active and vocal in town. He plans to work to attain a fair and comprehensive wastewater policy for all of the town., and continue to make sure the Master Plan he and others "have worked very hard to bring into being, is fully implemented," which was one of the goals he had set for himself in 2001, when running for reelection. He said there are a number of big issues coming up and, as always, he urges his successor to "jump right in and not be afraid to upset the apple cart a bit."

Callahan has served on the Board of Selectmen for six years and said he is "grateful for the opportunity to have served the town," adding he is very thankful for the votes and many appreciative words of the citizens of Cohasset over the years. He also said he has enjoyed serving alongside other selectmen during his time on the board.

"It has been my particular pleasure to serve with Ronnie McMorris, Merle Brown, Fred Koed, Mike Sullivan, Nan Roth, and Diane Sullivan on the board over the last six years, and to have worked with whom I believe to be an excellent Town Manager, Mark Haddad," he said.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said she and Callahan both served on the Conservation Commission together, and have been friends for years. She said while they didn't always have the same opinions, it's healthy for a town to have different viewpoints on its boards.

"He's always been very outspoken, and has been a strong advocate for environmental issues," she said.

Although they always haven't seen eye to eye on issues, Selectman Fred Koed said Callahan has been a very dedicated board member.

"I find him to be very straightforward and I think the board will miss him," Koed said. " I think he'll get a well deserved rest."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he will miss Callahan's voice on the board.

"I think Tom's been an excellent member of the Board of Selectmen. He's been a good sounding board for me," said Haddad, adding not only does he consider Callahan one of his bosses, he considers him a friend. He said the work Callahan has done for the town, including his role as "one of the driving forces behind the Master Plan," has been invaluable.

"I was very disappointed when I heard he wasn't running for reelection. I wish him the best of luck," Haddad said.

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election, which will take place Saturday, April 3 will be available Monday, Jan. 5 at the Town Clerk's office. The last day to submit nomination papers is Thursday, Feb. 12.

Nomination papers are available Jan. 5

Nomination papers for the annual Town election for 2004 will be available on Monday, Jan. 5, at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 12. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town.

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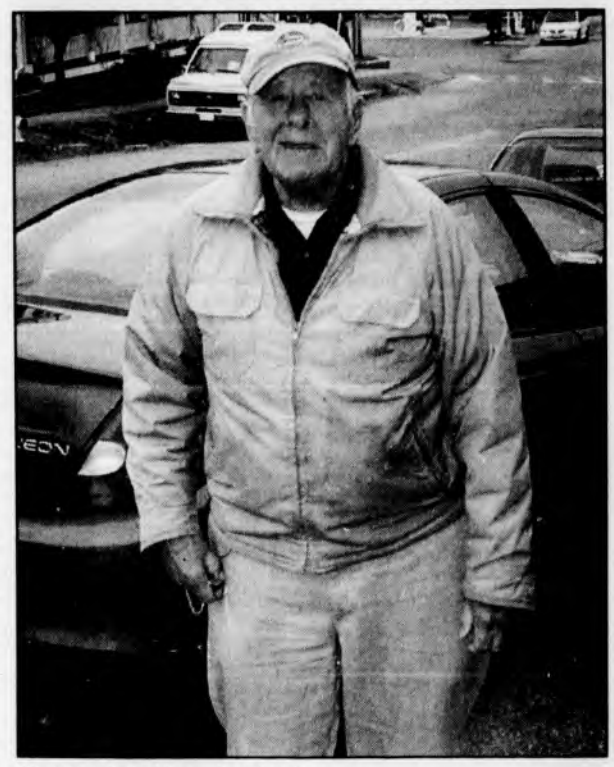
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- Water Commission ONE for three years

Friday, March 5, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 27, and for the Annual Town Election to be held on Saturday, April 3.

Voice of Town Meeting, father of sailing club dies

Herb Towle passes away

By Mary Ford
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Herb Towle in November 2002.

Cohasset Town Meetings have lost one of their most vocal supporters. Herbert R. Towle, 85, who passed away Christmas Eve, had attended Town Meeting for upwards of 60 years and voiced his views on a range of subjects.

"I've always put my two cents worth in," Towle said in a November 2002 interview. "I've never been afraid to voice my opinion."

On a par with Town Meeting was Towle's love for the Cohasset Sailing Club. He was proud of the role he played in founding the organization back in 1960.

To Towle seeing the club benefit more than 10,000 children over the years was a dream come true.

He got involved when his children were youngsters. "It was something I wanted to do," he said. "I had four children that I wanted to be able to learn to sail — I wanted all kids to be able to learn to sail."

Towle's support in the renovation of the Lightkeepers Residence in the early 90s was also invaluable. In recognition of his efforts, Towle was honored, along with Herb Jason, who helped refurbish Minot's Light Replica, on "Herb Day" in May 1996.

"When the Lightkeepers' house was in danger of demolition, there was only one logical person to ask for help: Herb Towle," recalls Joe McElroy, who spearheaded the renovation effort. McElroy said Towle's efforts at overcoming the odds to launch the sailing club had become legendary.

"In 1990, Herb opened up the sailing club after it had shut down for the season so that a disparate group of about 17 residents could meet to develop a plan to save the remaining Lightkeepers house," McElroy said. "At 70 years old, Herb's contagious 'can-do' attitude prevailed and all 17 attendees joined what was to become the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation."

McElroy said no job was too big or small for Towle to tackle.

"Whether it was using his electrical skills or approaching his myriad friends for financial support – he did whatever was necessary," McElroy said.

Towle was born on Border Street on Feb. 27, 1918. He graduated from Cohasset High in 1936 and attended Wentworth Institute of Technology. He lived in Cohasset his entire life except during World War II when he served as a First Class Petty officer on board the USS Bunker Hill, an aircraft carrier.

Katherine Stanton of Clay Spring Road, who is an old and dear friend of Towle's, said there was no one more Cohasset than Towle.

"He did so much for the town as well as being at times its conscience," she said. "Herb always put the Town's wellbeing at the forefront, whether it was officially or as a private citizen. He was a true Cohasset gentleman."

Towle's daily drives around Cohasset to check up on his many friends and waterfront sites continued until the day of his death.

"In recent years health problems plagued him," McElroy said. "But Herb could still be seen each day checking on his accomplishments and then going to Sandy Beach to sit in his truck and watch the ocean he loved so much."

Although Towle could be counted on to speak at Town Meeting, he was always right to the point.

"I'll put my opinion on anything," Towle said. "But it has to be something worth saying. When I worked as an electrical engineer in Boston and salesmen would come into my office, I would tell them 'Be seated, be brief and be gone.' It was very effective."

For Towle's obituary see page16.

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Year in Review

A year of sewer, streetscapes, senior housing and the train

By Samantha Brown
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As Cohasset says goodbye to 2003 and ushers in a new year, it's a good time to reflect upon the events of the past 12 months. It was a year of streetscapes, burying wires, and "bump-outs," for the Village. It was a year for moving forward as the Greenbush line finally got the green light.

It was a year of senior-housing public hearings as the Avalon, Cedarmere, and Cook Estate developments worked to push their projects through the permitting process. It was also a year to remember for the Zoning Board as it halted the construction of 3 Jerusalem Lane in its tracks.

It was a year of budget cuts, with the town receiving dramatic reductions in local and state aid. It was also a year of questions, as two police officers put on paid administrative leave, opened the door to a host of complications, causing the department to come under scrutiny.

So, here's a look back with text, quotes, and photos from stories that appeared in The Cohasset Mariner in 2003. But make no mistake, as exciting as 2003 was, we're sure 2004 has a lot in store for Cohasset. Here at the Mariner, we promise to be there covering the news and bringing you the features and photos you've come to expect.

Jan. 9

Fernway, a small cul de sac off Red Gate Lane, housed a sea of fire engines, ambulances and police cars Dec. 31 as the two-alarm fire raged, lighting up the dark sky. Firefighters from Cohasset, Hull, Hingham and Scituate worked to contain the blaze that had started in the garage of the McAuliffe home at #34 Fernway.

After narrowly losing to two incumbent selectmen in the last election, Roger Hill is ready to give town politics another try. Hill collected his nomination papers for the upcoming April 5 election in which one seat on the Board of Selectmen will be up for grabs.

Gerard "Gerry" Conte retires from the Cohasset Post Office after 38 years, two months and one day on the job.

Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, sounded the alarm before the Board of Selectmen, telling them to prepare for a 10 to 20 percent cut in local aid and revenue from the state lottery.

Jan.16

The ZBA issued a ruling that could have reverberations even the oft-litigious Cohasset isn't accustomed to, by halting construction of a million-dollar plus mansion at 3 Jerusalem Lane. The ZBA ruled the building inspector erred in issuing a building permit to homeowner Phil Ayer even though the structure apparently meets all height and setback requirements.

Ed Goff of Ledgewood Drive suggests renaming the Deer Hill School to the William Ripley School after the long-time superintendent, teacher, and coach.

Rachel McElroy receives the Gold Award, the most prestigious award given in Girl Scouts and an achievement reached by only 6 percent of scouts nationwide.

The Sewer Commission denies the application of Jerusalem Road Estates, a proposed 25-home subdivision, to hook up to the Hull Treatment Plant even though the developer already negotiated with Hull to purchase the sewer capacity. The developer plans to go to court.

Town Manager Mark Haddad asks the schools to live with a 4 percent increase or about $434,000 over last year.

Jan. 23

Burying utility wires is the subject of a special election Saturday. While most residents seem to agree that burying the wires now, in conjunction with other planned improvements for the downtown area, could indeed be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, they are divided on whether the project is financially sensible.

Chairman Stuart Ivimey tells the Community Preservation Committee that Peter Roy of Margin Street is interested in selling the Mill River Marine Railway boatyard off Border Street to the town.

The Community Preservation Committee is cool to a proposed $800,000 rails-to-trails project that would involve widening the Greenbush rail bed to accommodate a biking-walking trail.

The Growth and Development Committee is drafting an article for the spring Town Meeting aimed at giving amnesty to residents who illegally rent out apartments, allowing them to apply for a comprehensive permit if they agree to keep the apartments affordable.

Construction continues on 3 Jerusalem Lane despite a recent decision by the Zoning Board of Appeals to order the homeowner to "cease and desist" further work on the property.

Jan. 30

A lawyer for embattled homeowner Phil Ayer has asked Building Inspector Robert Egan to rule on at least six houses that apparently violate the same zoning bylaw as Ayer's home at 3 Jerusalem Lane.

The race for a single seat on the Board of Selectmen takes shape as incumbent Michael Sullivan says he will run for reelection; and Gabriel Gomez joins Roger Hill in taking out papers for Sullivan's seat.

A debt exclusion override to pay for burying the wires in the village lost in a special election by 380 votes.

The school budget will rely upon the approval of a general override that will go before Town Meeting in March and the voters at the polls April 5.

Feb. 6

For his lifelong commitment of Cohasset, Arthur Lehr is named Citizen of the Year by the Cohasset Mariner.

Cohasset's Ellen Roy Herzfelder, the new Secretary of Environmental Affairs, says she is going to maintain her connection to the South Shore, pointing out its coastline, woodlands, waterways and topography.

Selectmen add two merchants to the Downtown Revitalization Committee and delay putting the project out to bid by five weeks to explore parking issues and alternative methods of burying or moving utility wires.

The Cohasset Mariner is named the best weekly newspaper in its class by the New England Newspaper Association.

Feb. 20

The MBTA stalls the estimated $470 million Greenbush project for six months due to a key right-of-way issue in Braintree and delays in obtaining necessary regulatory permits.

While incumbent Selectman Michael Sullivan says his experience makes him the man for the job, challengers Roger Hill and Gabriel Gomez say the Town Hall needs new blood.

A CD, "Mother of Ireland," about the Brig St. John tragedy with music and lyrics by Cohasset's Rik Tinory is released.

Feb. 27

The Rhode Island nightclub inferno that killed 97 patrons last week has tragically hit home, claiming the life of a Cohasset man, Carlton L. "Bud" Howorth III. He was 39.

The new Paul Pratt Memorial Library will be dedicated during an open house Sunday and will open for business on Monday.

The Planning Board recommends the Zoning Board of Appeals deny a special permit for 3 Jerusalem Lane.

March 6

A six-month delay in construction on the Greenbush commuter line has put four town projects in limbo: James Brook Drainage Improvement Project, reconstruction of the town parking lot, the Village Streetscape Revitalization Project, and reconstruction of the Sohier Street wells.

Town officials hope to lower the amount of a Prop. 2-1/2 override from $485,000 to $350,000. The new override figure would amount to a 21 cent increase in the tax rate.

Hingham Lumber opens for business this week in Cohasset. The new facility sits on a 13-acre parcel of land on Route 3A next to Cohasset Collision Center.

March 13

The School Committee plans to cut virtually all the teacher aides at Osgood and replace them with volunteers to save upwards of $60,000.

A proposed bylaw intended to protect natural ledge will go before the annual Town Meeting for the second year in a row. The bylaw would require removal of ledge eight feed tall or higher to have a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ross Lieb-Lappen becomes the third Cohasset High senior in three years to win the Henry David Thoreau Scholarship that provides $30,000 over four years to college students pursuing interests in the environment.

The Community Preservation Committee votes to recommend to Town Meeting that the $25,000 for rails-to-trails feasibility study be paid for through the Community Preservation Fund.

March 20

Plans are in the works for a televised debate at Town Hall with the three candidates vying for one seat on the Board of Selectmen.

More than 150 people gathered Sunday night outside the

REVIEW, PAGE 5

New library is a gem

By Mary Ford
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The new Paul Pratt Memorial Library opened its doors in March to rave reviews.

Total cost of project was $3.9 million and was paid for through a $1.5 million state grant; $1.1 million in private donations; $700,000 from the sale of Pratt building; $600,000 from town.

Patience Towle, chairman of the Board of Library Trustees, couldn't stop smiling as she welcomed everyone into the renovated building that housed the former Osgood School during the open house March 2.

"This is so exciting," said an energized Towle, as citizens of all ages poured through the front door.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan kicked off a brief ceremony that day during which he praised the community spirit that brought the new library to fruition.

"At a time when we're dealing with difficult challenges both fiscally and politically, it's nice to be participating in something so positive and uplifting," he said.

Deborah Hill Bornheimer of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners — that awarded a $1.5 million state grant for the project — said the new library is "what dreams are made of."

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said the town should take great pride in its new library.

"It's is a gathering place for the community and speaks volumes for the town of Cohasset," he said.

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First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common as part of a worldwide peace vigil for an impending war against Iraq.

Selectmen scrutinize a plan to pay for the creation of two moderate income senior housing apartments in the basement of the old Paul Pratt Library building, soon to be the new home of the historical society, through the Community Preservation Fund.

A four-hour Zoning Bard of Appeals meeting results in no new decisions on 3 Jerusalem Lane. The ZBA tabled further debate until May 19.

March 27

Citizens at the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday will vote on everything from a $350,000 general override to a $60,000 school bus to an $800,000 project to improve the town's police and fire station. They'll also decide on a few zoning amendments and even vote on expanding the town's smoking bylaw to include workplaces and outdoor patios and restaurants.

In a show of school spirit, a dozen or so Cohasset High School boys have signed up to compete in the first-ever "Mr. Skipper" contest that will help offset the cost of the prom.

The Water Commission and Planning Board presented the strongest argument yet for denying AvalonBay Estates a comprehensive permit, saying wastewater from the developer's proposed 200-unit apartment complex off Route 3A would dump into the Lily Pond watershed and threaten the town's drinking water.

Police Officer Jeffrey Treanor conducts the free service of proper installation of child safety restraints in motor vehicles.

April 3

The Zoning Board of Appeals invites residents to comment on the proposed AvalonBay apartment complex at a televised meeting at Town Hall.

The South Shore Chamber of Commerce commissions an opinion poll on Greenbush that finds two-thirds of residents in the Greenbush corridor want the train.

Voters will decide on a $350,000 override and a three-way race for the Board of Selectmen in Saturday's election.

Town Meeting voters approve expanding the Highway Business District 200 feet behind Cohasset Plaza to make way for future retail space.

Runners in Saturday's Road Race by the Sea will be making a contribution to eradicate polio, as the Cohasset Rotary will donate a significant amount of this year's proceeds to the fight against the crippling disease.

April 10

Bad weather didn't stop voters from heading to the polls on Saturday where they approved a $350,000 general override and reelected Michael Sullivan to the Board of Selectmen. Almost half, or 47 percent of the town's registered voters cast ballots.

Residents tell the Zoning Board of Appeals it should deny AvalonBay a comprehensive permit for a 200-unit apartment complex off Route 3A. The greatest concern was the Water Commission's belief that Avalon's wastewater system would pollute the town's water supply.

April 17

Jackie Rafferty takes the reins as library director at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, replacing Janet Husband.

Selectmen consider reprioritizing the entire village revitalization project after a two-plus hour meeting with representatives from the Waterfield Design Group and village merchants.

The School Committee puts to rest any discussion on revisiting grade realignment, stating grade 3 will move up to Osgood and grade 6 to the middle school in September 2004.

Middle-high school neighbors implore the School Committee to take their concerns about light pollution at the site under consideration, saying the light will have an adverse effect on their quality of life.

April 24

The historic Independence Building on South Main Street is back on the market – it has a storied history, reflected in part by two jail cells that are still housed on its first floor. Built in 1890, the building has served as a fire station, police station, gown museum, a law office, teen center, and flower shop.

Residents from around Cohasset Harbor flooded the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to voice their opposition to a new parking plan for the Olde Salt House on Border Street.

Town Manager Mark Haddad seeks an extension of the $1.5 million state grant that would pay for streetscape improvements to Cohasset Village.

May 1

The School Committee gives the go-ahead for a study to look at the feasibility of full-day kindergarten in Cohasset, but have not committed to establishing the program.

Selectmen decide to spend $12,800 for the Waterfield Design Group to design a village with buried wires. The money will also pay to explore feeding wires from behind homes and businesses on Elm Street below St. Stephen's Church and from behind some South Main Street shops via the Town Parking Lot.

May 8

A draft of an affordable housing plan for Cohasset received mixed reviews from Selectmen and the Planning Board over proposed bylaw changes in the plan.

John Hartshorne turns a slideshow on the Gulf River into a colorful book, "A History of the Gulf River."

Sisters, Grace, Beth and Sarah Deveney, make plans for their 15th annual Children's Drama Workshop production.

Harbormaster John Winters passes away after a 17-month battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 60.

May 15

More than 50 elected and appointed town officials debated new ways to cut costs and generate revenue for the town at a forum at the Lightkeepers Residence. Although the event was intended to cover many issues, the state of the town's operating budget became the topic of choice in the two-hour meeting.

Harborview Apartments could use sprucing up and some donated items. The complex is also planning a cleanup day.

The Cohasset water treatment plant and reservoir celebrate 25 years.

South Shore Habitat for Humanity is selling a condominium unit in its building at 43 Elm St.

May 22

The seventh annual Relay for Life in Cohasset raises $113,000 to fight cancer. About 650 walkers on 32 different teams participated in the event at Alumni Field.

Town officials tell two members of Gov. Mitt Romney's 40-B Task Force that the state's affordable housing law puts too much power in the hands of developers and not enough power in the hands of the town.

The Cohasset Water Commission is close to a deal to sell up to 300,000 gallons of water a day to Erickson Retirement Communities for a planned 2,000-unit retirement campus in Hingham.

May 29

A torrential downpour couldn't dampen Cohasset's annual Memorial Day observances. Maj. Philip J. Mahoney was speaker of the day.

The all-facilities sticker that provides access to the RTF and beach parking lot will cost $30 each and $15 for seniors.

Town Counsel is reviewing the town's sign bylaw to determine if it violates the First Amendment. Selectman Fred Koed requested the review after reading about a court ruling that found a Braintree bylaw regulating political signs to be unconstitutional.

Sunrise Assisted Living off Route 3A has adopted Brian, a four-year-old greyhound and former racer.

June 5

David and Kelli Calhoun of Sheldon Road and Tom Ragno of Lexington purchase a 41-acre

REVIEW, PAGE 7

'Bump-outs' get bumped; brick gets tossed for downtown revitalization

By Samantha Brown
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There were many proposed changes for the Village streetscape this year, and who knew increasing the width of a sidewalk could have such an impact on a town? While the majority was eventually heard, and the idea was canned, for a short time, a distinct line was drawn in town between those for and against the infamous "bump-outs."

In June, Selectmen voted to accept a plan drawn by the Waterfield Design Group, which would incorporate an underground wire system in Cohasset Village. At that point, the proposal was contingent on the town's receiving $200,000 in private funding, and alternate bids for brick sidewalks were going to be looked into.

As plans began to move along, bump-outs — extended portions of sidewalk that would allow a pedestrian more visibility beyond parked cars while still standing on the sidewalk — were added as a safety feature to the plans for the downtown area. Painted lines were applied to the streets to give residents a better idea of what the bump-outs would look like, and Town Manager Mark Haddad was asked by Selectmen to temporarily place sandbags along their perimeters to give those driving a sense of how the road could change. However, the plan soon changed from sandbags to traffic delineators — dubbed flappers — that bounce back when hit.

When residents saw the downtown area complete with flappers, it gave a better picture of what the streetscape might look like and many were not in favor. Residents and merchants came to Selectmen's meetings in opposition of the bump-outs and said it would take away the charm and character of the village, not to mention the fact that they expected the bump-outs to make the already narrow road even more narrow. From there, Selectmen began discussing whether the bump-outs should be decided by a Town Meeting vote.

But rather than prolong the decision until November, the board took a cue from the town, decided the controversy had gone on long enough, and in mid-June voted 3-1 to eliminate the bump-outs from the Village streetscape plans.

With bump-outs no longer an issue, alternate plans for a streetscape began to take shape, and the town began discussing materials for the streetscape. The two most popular options were colored concrete or brick sidewalks. Voters had to choose to either put the wires underground and opt for concrete or leave the wires above and have brick. Because the funding was not available, brick could only be chosen if the wires were not buried.

Voters chose to go with the colored concrete, but opted not to bury the wires, which saved the town money. In light of that, new colored concrete sidewalks can be extended farther, to incorporate portions of the downtown area which would not have been revitalized otherwise. Selectmen said the project will begin this spring.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

The Old Man and The Kid

The Old Man leaned his scythe against the wall and shivered. He was cold. He poked the fire until the coals flared up. Then he drew his robe close around him. He looked at his watch. It was almost midnight. Where was that Kid?

The Old Man hoped that The Kid might show up a bit early on this night of nights so that he could brief him on his duties and wish him well as he entered the unknown. There was a personal triumph to show off, too. There was The Medal.

The Medal was pinned to his sash alongside the tattered numbers 2003. He won the medal for the capture of the evil one, Saddam Hussein, who was taken on his watch. He was proud of that medal. Who knows, the year 2003 may go down in history along with 1945 and 1918.

He was fingering the medal and dreaming of greater glory to come when the door opened and The Kid walked in. He was shiny clean and his diapers shone white and the sash around his plump little body, the one that read 2004, was fresh. And so was The Kid.

"Hiya, Pops," he said with as wave of his hand. "What's new?"

"Well," said The Old Man, "we got him."

"Got who?"

"Saddam, that's who."

"Hey, nice going," said The Kid.

"They gave me this medal for it," said The Old Man proudly, displaying his award for the visitor. The Kid glanced at it briefly.

"What did you do to him? Public hanging? Firing squad?"

"Not exactly. He's still in custody. You'll have to decide what to do with him."

"That's easy. We'll just shoot him. Next?"

"Hold on. If we just shoot him out of hand we might get the world down on us. If we turn him over to the Iraqis, they might do something we don't like. If we turn him over to the world court, they may set him free."

"Why do we kids always get the difficult parts? I thought the hardest thing I had to do was to get Ben and J-Lo back to the altar."

"You'll still have to do that, too," said The Old Man, "and you'll have to catch Osama bin Laden."

"Isn't he the guy who crashed the planes into the towers? That was two or three years ago. And you haven't caught him yet?"

"Well, we have a good idea where he is."

"That's not catching him. I guess that's something else I'll have to do for myself. What else have you got for me?"

"It's an election year."

"That should be easy. They tell me George Bush is a shoo in."

"Yeah. That's what they told Tom Dewey, too. Besides if Bush wins then Alec Baldwin will have to leave the country again. And if Bush loses Rush Limbaugh might have to go back on the pills."

"I'll see what I can do," said The Kid, who didn't sound so confident anymore. "What else?"

"Well, there's that mad cow they found out in Washington. That could do for the meat industry what 9/11 did for the airlines. And there's the matter of gay men marrying gay men. That's up in the air, at least it is in Massachusetts. And then there's . . ."

Say, Pops," The Kid interrupted him. "Lemme take another look at that medal. I wonder if they got one for me."

"I'm sure they have," said The Old Man, "but first you have to earn it."

Train meeting Jan. 13

The MBTA will conduct a meeting on the Cohasset Roundhouse and Rocky Lane grade separator at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13 at Cohasset Town Hall. The purpose of the session is for the MBTA to present the current design proposals for these parts of the Greenbush Railroad Project and discuss their potential impact to cultural resources. Town officials and members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed designs. The Cohasset Roundhouse once stood in the vicinity of the Town Parking Lot.

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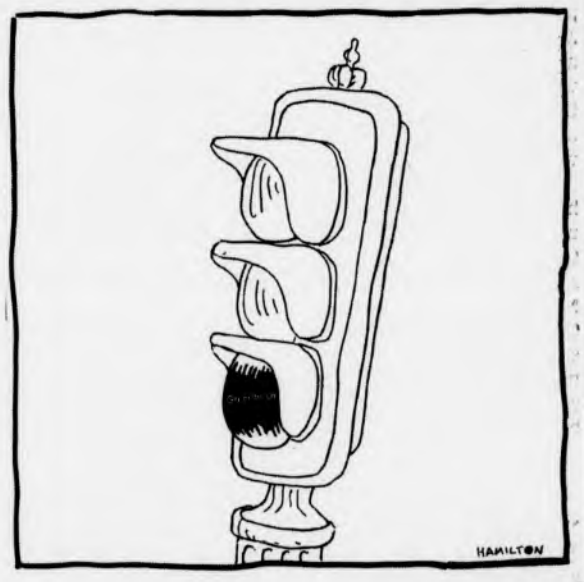
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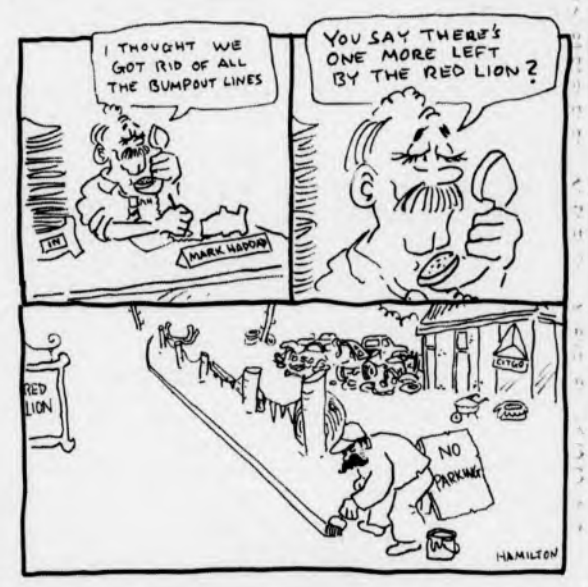












LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Police officers need answers

TO THE EDITOR:

How truly pathetic. For over two months now, the situation regarding the Police department has been dragging on, and the best the Selectmen can come up with is unspecified allegations of misconduct.

The policemen involved in this matter, as well as the residents of the town, deserve better. If every board or town official were to be suspended based on "allegations" of misconduct, the entire town would grind to a halt.

The two police officers deserve to know what these allegations are. I would not allow any employer to treat me this way, and I am sure that the Selectmen, the Town Manager, and the Chief wouldn't tolerate such mistreatment either. To say that this is character assassination is an understatement at best. Should these allegations prove unfounded, and the two policemen involved re-instated, they would be rendered ineffective by the way this whole sad affair has been mishandled.

That the town is paying $5,000.00 to investigate these allegations only adds to the impression that this is a fishing expedition. Doesn't the DA's office do these kinds of things at no cost to the town?

The Selectmen, Town Manager, and Chief of Police should do the right thing and let these individuals know what these allegations are. The taxpayers who are going to foot the bill for this fiasco, should demand this of the town officials, after all, we are the ones who will be paying the bill for the lawsuits sure to result from such ineptitude.

Russell Bonetti
20 Parker Ave.

Village merchants deserve our support

TO THE EDITOR:

Let there be many more "Cohasset Village Holidays." On Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14, the Village merchants jump started this holiday season with bell ringers, a brass ensemble and carolers all invited to perform on pedestrian only South Main Street in front of the shops. I was told Lisa Lynch of Ports suggested this celebration and how wonderfully, enthusiastic all the merchants were by joining in the fun.

A dance for the youngsters was held at the Red Lion on Friday, Dec. 12, as part of the festivities. People of my vintage especially enjoyed the several winery representatives who set up complimentary wine tastings at Village Wine and Spirits. I must make mention of Tina Watson's great Swedish meatballs served at Cohasset Hardware. All the Merchants deserve our thanks and our support by shopping at the Village Stores.

Dick Karoff
19 Border St.

Town employees deserve better

TO THE EDITOR:

If it is true, as has been reported in the Mariner, that:

1) Two town employees have been placed on administrative leave with no formal notification to them for the reason(s) for such action; and

2) The town has hired a private detective who is delving into matters beyond the still-unnamed charge(s), then my comment, as a citizen of this community, is simply this:

No employee of the Town of Cohasset should be subjected to such treatment. Our Board of Selectman — rather than condoning such action which is wasting our tax dollars, subjecting the town to legal liability, demoralizing town employees, and raising questions of conflict of interest among our citizenry — must end this Star Chamber proceeding forthwith.

Andrew P. Quigley
38 Jerusalem Road

Citizen of Year deadline extended one week

Due to the timing of the Christmas and New Year's holidays and our readers' frantic schedules, the Mariner is extending the deadline to submit Citizen of the Year nominations one week to Friday, Jan. 9.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. Please see the nomination form on page 17. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed, sent by email, or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931 and our email address is mford@cnc.com.

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parcel of land off Beechwood Street on the east side of Route 3A known as the Hayes Estate and prepare to submit plans for what would be the first housing development under the Senior Overlay District.

The 2003 Cohasset Middle High School graduating class will receive their diplomas at the Music Circus in a ceremony Saturday.

Deer Hill school graduate and NASA astronaut, Stephen Bowen, will visit with the students of his childhood school tomorrow. Grades 4-6 will have the opportunity to meet with the mission specialist in small groups to learn about what it takes to be an astronaut and the importance of education in following your dreams.

June 12

Although they don't have a crystal ball, members of the school department speculate AvalonBay may attract more schoolchildren than developers estimate.

A recent report compiled by a subcommittee of the School Committee said the proposed 200-unit apartment complex off Rte. 3A may draw as many as 50 school-age children. The project could also have an indirect effect as "empty nesters" may look to the apartments as a way to downsize, leaving Cohasset single family homes open for occupancy by families with children.

It might save the MBTA a few headaches if it would agree to use quadrant gates along the Greenbush corridor. Cohasset selectmen have asked the MBTA and its contractor, Cashman-Balfour Beatty, to stop submitting design documents showing standard grade crossing treatment with median barriers and no quadrant gates.

June 19

In a 4-1 vote, the Board of Selectmen decided Tuesday to accept the plan for an underground-wire system in Cohasset Village. The proposal is contingent on receiving $200,000 in private funding, and will require looking at alternate bids for brick sidewalks (the plan calls for concrete).

The Cohasset Middle High School girls tennis team defeated Manchester-Essex to receive the crown as the Eastern Mass. champions.

Changes to the middle-high school handbook tighten up on alcohol violations, but give first-offense seniors a chance to attend graduation and the prom.

The 48th annual South Shore Art Center Festival on the Common draws crowds to Cohasset common and it a huge success, thanks to the efforts of volunteers.

June 26

Members of the Cohasset Environmental Support Group began working on a project to have snow fencing installed along the harbor side of Atlantic Avenue, in an effort to help stop damage to the dunes which protect Little Harbor.

Ellen Roy Herzfelder attends a ribbon-cutting ceremony commemorating the opening of the Center for Student Coastal Research in the former Hagerty building off Parker Avenue.

Paul Callahan leaves his job as principal of Deer Hill to join the unemployment lines, after Supt. Edward Malvey does not renew his contract. .

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted to uphold the neighbor's appeal of Building Inspector Robert Egan's issuance of a building permit for 3 Jerusalem Lane.

July 3

The Board of Selectmen have decided to move forward with plans drawn by the Waterfield Group, for an underground-wiring system in the Village that would also include new sidewalks incorporating bump-outs at the crosswalks.

While it's unclear if AvalonBay's new plans for wastewater disposal — which will include a leaching field under Title 5 — will pass muster with state and local officials, one thing is for sure, the Zoning Board of Appeals is going to learn a lot about septic systems in the process.

July 10

Selectmen have asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to go forward with plans to temporarily place sandbags along the perimeter of the proposed bump-outs. However, the plans were bumped in favor of installing traffic delineators — dubbed flappers — that bounce back when hit.

The Cohasset Historical Commission is working on drafting a "Demolition Delay" bylaw, which can put plans to demolish a structure on hold for six months to allow time to consider whether a building can be restored and see what other alternatives to demolition are available.

Selectmen aren't happy the MBTA has apparently ignored letters from Town Hall asking the design plans for Greenbush grade crossings be put on hold until the quad-gate issue is resolved. Greenbush towns want the MBTA to use quad gates rather than traditional grade crossings that would necessitate installing median barriers, which the towns say are unsightly and would damage the character of the communities.

July 17

Roughly one week after receiving his college degree, former "Garage kid" Tony Bramblett came on board as the development coordinator for the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum.

It may be up to voters at Town Meeting to decide if controversial "bump-outs" should be an added safety feature in the $1.8 million Village Revitalization Project. With many residents coming to meetings in opposition of the streetscape features, Selectmen began discussing whether the issue should be decided by the town.

David Hassan of Hassan Woodcarving & Sign Company crafted a sign for the Liberty Ky., City Hall. The Kentucky building is modeled after the Paul Pratt Memorial Library building, after the charming character of Cohasset caused the town's mayor to fall in love with the look.

July 24

The town has to do some number crunching as the bill for charter school tuition has been added as an up-front cost, instead of a quarterly charge, as it had previously been done.

Jay Nothnagle competed in the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games held in and around Dublin, Ireland. He won the gold in sailing, but has excelled in nine other sports over the years at the state and world levels.

Governor Mitt Romney made a trip to Hingham last week, where those on both sides of the Greenbush tracks conducted a subtle "sticker war" inside the Cobblestone Room at the South Shore Country Club. Train critics wore stickers showing a locomotive in a circle with a red line through it — while Greenbush backers wore bright green stickers saying Greenbush Yes!

July 31

Selectmen have decided the controversy has gone on long enough and the bump-outs saga is over. In a 3-1 vote Tuesday, the bump-outs met their fate, and will no longer be a feature of the village plans.

Among a sea of crisp white boats, the antiquated "Elizabeth Tilley" made a grand entrance as she glided into Cohasset Harbor on the first stop of her maiden voyage Monday. On her way up the coast to the trading post of Old Fort Western on the Kennebec River in Maine, Cohasset is one of only a few lucky towns to receive her as a guest.

Shirley Marten, 71, of 78 Nichols Road was crying and bleeding from cuts on her face and knees, and was badly shaken up, after she drove her gray Mercedes 450SL convertible through the plate glass doors of Tedeschi's in the Village.

Aug. 7

School Business Manager Ivan Klimko plead guilty to charges of assault and battery of his wife, during a domestic dispute last November, and was told he will be able to keep his job. School officials said they will keep the two matters separate.

Plans continue to move forward for Cedarmere and developers say the project is designed to look as if it had always been there.

Cohasset selectmen are urging Gov. Mitt Romney to make a final decision on whether the Greenbush Line will become a reality. In a letter to the governor, Town Manager Mark Haddad stated the "Board of Selectmen is very concerned with the delay in the decision to either move forward or abandon the project," and asked Romney to make a final decision as soon as possible.

Aug. 14

Water runoff and increased traffic were at the top of the list of issues concerning abutters to the Cedarmere project. About 30 concerned citizens packed an upstairs meeting room at Town Hall last week for the Planning Board hearing. Due to the size of the crowd, the meeting had to be moved into a larger room in the basement.

Despite its penchant for passing Prop. 2-1/2 overrides and average property tax bill of nearly $7,000 a year — Cohasset did not make the list of seven top, high-tax towns in a new study by the Beacon Hill Institute at Suffolk University.

Maryanne Cushing does her part to help keep Cohasset looking beautiful by tending the garden she created in the traffic island at Beechwood and King Streets.

Aug. 21

While the Planning Board continues to give Cedarmere high marks, some questions about the development's affordable units have surfaced. Twenty-nine affordable units would be in a separate building closer to Rte. 3A and by having them separate and not invisibly integrated throughout the project, it is not clear whether the units would qualify under the state's Local Initiative Project.

Phil Ayer, who built 3 Jerusalem Lane, was subdued when the Zoning Board of Appeals appeared to reach a consensus this week that his new house could qualify for a special permit after all. After tackling other matters on its packed agenda, the board deliberated for upwards of an hour



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Edwin Pratt reviews the history of the Aaron River Reservoir and the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant during the 25th anniversary celebration of the town's water system last May.

Monday night on what will likely go down as a precedent-setting decision for Cohasset.

Cohasset special summer police officer Brian Peebles has returned to patrol the streets of Cohasset after spending five months on active duty in Nasiriyah, Iraq where he patrolled the streets of that Iraqi city.

Aug. 28

The Water Commission is adamant the Zoning Board of Appeals doesn't have enough detail on how an on-site treatment system would work on the proposed Avalon site, and has urged the board to deny the permit. The Water Commission is taking a zero-tolerance stance on the issue because the Avalon site, which is on the west side of Rte. 3A, ultimately drains to Lily Pond, the town's drinking water supply.

Fourteen year old Amanda Thompson prepares to hold her first book signing as her first novel, "Millennium Girl," is published shortly before she begins ninth grade at Cohasset Middle-High School.

After months of fun in the sun, students will trade in their beach bags for backpacks as Sept. 3 marks the first day of school.

So far, three citizens have formally expressed interest in filling the School Committee seat vacated by Jane Pescatore, who stepped down earlier this month to accept a position as middle-high school secretary. Betsy Connoly, 1 Lily Pond Lane, Scott F. O'Grady, 115 Sohier St., Rory Winters, 107 Forest Ave., are among the first to respond to the opening.

Sept. 4

Selectmen are slated to come before the Zoning Board of Appeals Monday to give their recommendations on the Avalon project, but whether the board will have a recommendation to give is still open for discussion. Selectmen have asked to review more financial information before giving their opinion.

When it comes to the Cohasset housing market — 1997 seems like the Dark Ages. That year only one home sold for more than $1 million in Cohasset. With 60 single-family houses currently on the market at an average listing of $1,011,281 — there's reason to believe Cohasset's million dollar home sales will top the benchmark of 19 set in 2002.

The Cohasset Board of Health and officials at the Music Circus are willing to work together to come up with a regulation within the town's tough new smoking bylaw that will suit the unique outdoor situation at the popular location.

The Community Garden Club helps keep Cohasset beautiful as they tend the gardens at the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island.

Sept. 11

Avalon opponents have until Monday to comment on financial projections of the proposed 200-unit apartment complex as the ZBA will vote to close the public hearing phase of the process.

With concern for obesity in young children, the Board of Health has asked the schools to provide a "junk" free day at least once a week, with no burgers, fries, pizza and pasta. However, the School Committee questions whether other boards have the jurisdiction to decide what is served in the schools' cafeterias.

Because bus runs for students are sometimes lasting almost and hour each way, talks of consolidating stops to help cut down on travel time are in the works.

Arthur Lehr helps keep Cohasset beautiful by volunteering his time and his tractor, to mow various fields around town.

Sept. 18

If voters at the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting give the go-ahead, the town will purchase the 22.4-acre Jane Bancroft Cook estate off Sohier Street to develop 55-plus senior housing and preserve open space.

Members of the School Committee are worried that a proposed charter school, which would be located in town, might have serious financial impacts on the school budget.

Local artist Kimberlee Alemian holds an exhibition of her oil paintings, depicting the ever-changing coastal environment, at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

George Roukounakis, owner of Olympic Citco in the village, just wants to take back what's his. To that end, he has asked the Zoning Board of Appeals to appeal the Building Inspector's denial of a fence permit that would have allowed him to install a post and chain fence just inside his property line on James Lane. Because the Red Lion Inn is encroaching on the roadway, installing a fence would further restrict it.

Sept. 25

After a seven-month delay and a full review, the MBTA is resuming construction of the 17-mile Greenbush commuter rail line through Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset, and Scituate.

With land maps and handouts, Water Commission Chairman John McNabb came before the Community Preservation Committee to ask for its help in acquiring property next to Lily Pond and other valuable water sources in the Lily Pond area.

An old tax deduction that could add up to big bucks for certain homeowners is getting some new attention in Cohasset and other towns that have National Register Historic Districts or properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

With plans for a curriculum centered around a maritime theme, and a beautiful location on the water - founders of the South Shore Maritime Academy Charter School have many ideas for how their school would be run. Slated to open in the fall of 2005, the school will have to be given approval by the Department of Education before plans are finalized.

Oct. 2

Cohasset Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy urges residents to keep their cats inside at all times as chances are good the cat could fall prey to a coyote.

Abutters to the proposed Cedarmere project are still showing up in large numbers to voice their concerns over the proposed senior housing development and won't be backing down anytime soon. Some have hired lawyers and are prepared to fight the development to the end.

Last week, the Board of Health recommended Alta Planning & Design of the Waterfield Design Group as the company to conduct the town's $25,000 feasibility study for the "Rails with Trails" program. Town Meeting OK'd money from the Community Preservation Fund to pay for the study.

Oct. 9

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AvalonBay approved and appealed

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After a year-long public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals approved with conditions the controversial 200-unit AvalonBay Estates project off Route 3A in October.

The ZBA issued AvalonBay a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B the more than 30-year-old state law that allows developers to skirt local zoning regulations in exchange for providing affordable housing in municipalities that fall below the 10 percent "affordability" threshold.

The 16-page decision includes 31conditions that the developer must meet for the project to go forward including obtaining a ground-water discharge permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection and paying for a peer review by the town of the groundwater discharge permit process.

But DEP oversight and peer review didn't stop the Water Commission from appealing the ZBA decision to state land court on the basis the project's septic system would negatively impact Lily Pond, the town's water supply.

Here are some more highlights of the ZBA decision:

- Minimizing impact on the schools, all units will be one- or two-bedroom, there will be no three-bedroom units;
- 70 percent of the affordable units will be local preference for Cohasset residents, parents or children of Cohasset residents, or employees of the town;
- Affordable units must remain so for 30 years and conversion to condominiums is prohibited for at least 30 years;
- Avalon must adhere to a comprehensive storm-water management plan detailed in the decision, as well as a landscaping plan.

The most talked about address: 3 Jerusalem Lane

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The Zoning Board of Appeals decision last August to issue a special permit that essentially says the house at 3 Jerusalem Lane that about triples its predecessor on the small cul de sac is OK came after months of controversy.

Homeowner Phil Ayer has contended the ZBA violated his civil rights by singling him out when it required him to obtain a special permit when other houses built under similar circumstances were not required to do so.

After a lengthy public hearing, the board determined the house is not a danger to health and safety, and is not as obtrusive to the Jerusalem Lane neighborhood as it first appeared. Therefore, it is not substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood, the standard in the bylaw used for determining whether a special permit should be granted.

"It's a big house and I wish it had not been so big," Chairman Woody Chittick said in August. "But is it bigger by far than anything else in the neighborhood? No."

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From plans to public hearings, Cedarmere makes waves

Year in Review

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This summer, the town was introduced to Cedarmere, a 105-unit senior housing project, slated to be built on 41-acres of land situated off Beechwood Street on the former Hayes Estate. Where the drafted plans would take developers David and Kelli Calhoun of Sheldon Road and Tom Ragno of Lexington for the second half of the year, the three and their consultants could never have imagined. After numerous public hearings filled with concerned abutters to the project, and many hours of presenting information to various town boards, the public hearing process finally came to a close on Dec. 15.

The project would be the first built under the town's new Senior Overlay District bylaw and its plans have caused much commotion in the short time they have been public. Some of the first issues discussed throughout the public hearing phase were from abutters who worried a development as dense as Cedarmere, which would have 105-units, would affect the quality of life for the area and not fit in with the way the neighborhood currently is.

The Planning Board conducted many late-night meetings which had to be held in the downstairs meeting room at Town Hall, because of the size of the crowds. Concerned abutters packed the meetings, where issues such as traffic, surface water drainage, and septic systems were the main topics of discussion. During the public hearing process, the issue of affordability came up many times, including not only who would be able to afford to live in a development like Cedarmere, but whether the affordable units, which are located in a separate building on site, would "count" toward the town's affordable housing stock without being invisibly integrated into the rest of the development.

Another obstacle developers faced was how to deal with wastewater treatment. While developers were confident Cedarmere would be granted permission to hook up to the town sewer, even though AvalonBay was previously told there was not enough capacity for it's development, and Cedarmere is located outside the central sewer district, Cedarmere was confident studies done by their engineering consultant could prove capacity does exist. However, the Sewer Commission did not agree with the findings of Cedarmere's consultant and denied their project sewer access.

Because developers have said their project is designed around its having a sewer connection, their plans could change from what was originally proposed to plans that would support an on-site wastewater treatment system, if a sewer connection cannot be obtained. The developers have filed an appeal to the Sewer Commission's decision and are awaiting a verdict. They believe the courts will back them up and overturn the Sewer Commission's decision.

But with or without a sewer connection, the project still might not move forward if the Board of Selectmen doesn't approve the affordable portion of the development. Because the developers are filing their affordable building under the Local Initiative Program, the Board of Selectmen, as the highest elected officials in town, has to endorse the project and sign the developer's application, which will allow it to then move forward to the Department of Housing and Community Development for ultimate approval. Only through DHCD approval can a town "count" a project's affordable units toward it's affordable housing stock.

While developers thought the Planning Board, who has guided it through the entire public hearing process, would have the final say on their project, the Selectmen think their board should have more involvement in the approval process, and won't feel comfortable approving the affordable portion of the project when there are still many questions to be answered surrounding the project as a whole, namely how it will deal with wastewater.

A meeting with the Planning Board is scheduled for Jan. 14, and it's expected the board will

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If the Zoning Board of Appeals has its way, AvalonBay will include a day care center in its plans to build an apartment complex off Route 3A.

Members of the Board of Health will not give up on their quest to make sure Cohasset schools offer the healthiest lunch choices possible. While members of the School Department said students do not have a problem with obesity, which can be evidenced by a walk down the halls, the Board of Health said nutrition cannot be measured by the way a student looks.

Dozens of bargain hunters flocked to the Cohasset Consignment Shop in Tedeschi Plaza for it's "grand opening," to celebrate not only its 50th year, but its reopening with a new management team and a few other changes.

School utilities and transportation are likely to take center stage at the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting when the School Department is expected to ask the town for roughly $355,000. The schools will seek $260,000 to help cover the rising costs for utilities, which dramatically increased last year and are expected to be high again this year.

Oct. 16

Building a house or an addition may soon be news worthy of publication in the local paper. If voters at the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting say OK, any home improvements, excluding interior and re-roofing projects would have to be printed for townspeople to see.

The MBTA has dug its heels into the ground over the type of grade-crossing treatments along the Greenbush corridor. In an extensive letter to the Army Corps of Engineers, MBTA Director of Environmental Affairs Andrew Brennan stated in no uncertain terms that the safety of stand-alone, four quad gates has not been proven and comparisons to other areas that use the technology aren't valid.

Selectmen conducted a public forum on the Cook Estate project Tuesday to answer questions and hear citizens' concerns. Ensuring the project is truly affordable surfaced as a key issue at the forum.

The Zoning Board of Appeals grappled with questions of affordability Saturday during a special deliberation session on the AvalonBay project at Town Hall. Chairman Woody Chittick explained the issue of whether Avalon sets aside 20 or 25 percent of its 200 apartments for affordable housing could hinge on what the ZBA feels the town's goals are for its citizens who work as firefighters or teachers, for example.

Oct. 23

Supt. Edward Malvey has announced his intention to retire, effective in the summer of 2004, after six years in the Cohasset school system.

Officials aren't talking about an apparent shakeup at the Cohasset Police Department that is bound to stir the rumor mill around town. Anonymous callers to the Mariner said two officers were fired, which Town Manager Mark Haddad adamantly denies. It has been reported that Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean have been put on paid administrative leave, although Haddad declined to comment citing privacy and personnel issues.

Cohasset water users will see their rates remain stable while the water distribution system continues to be upgraded.

Appraiser Marly Rabstenek returns home to Cohasset as one of five appraisers who will lend their services to the South Shore Art Center Roadshow Antiques Appraisal Day.

Lance Norris of Norfolk Road is used to the limelight and has met a lot of famous people through his radio career. But even the veteran actor of several small movie roles and work in TV commercials admits it was a thrill to work with Clint Eastwood during the filming of "Mystic River."

Oct. 30

Town officials are still mum on why two police officers are out on paid administrative leave, one of whom is commander of the 4 p.m. -midnight shift and has a high profile in town. Town Manager Mark Haddad said Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean, who are both officers in the police union, are not under any disciplinary action right now. Haddad said he is working with town counsel on the matter that might not be resolved for a month. He said the officers have not been charged with anything and only know that they are on paid leave.

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to grant AvalonBay a comprehensive permit for its 200-unit apartment complex, giving them the go-ahead to build the project on 62 acres on the west side of Route 3A, pending the expected appeals.

Members of the Cedarmere development team say they

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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, BHRC reports local senators' roll call attendance records for the entire 2003 session.

The Senate has held 416 roll call votes. BHRC tabulates the number of roll calls on which each senator was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number commonly referred to as the roll call attendance record. Only nine of the state's 40 senators have a 100 percent roll call attendance record.

The top five worst roll call attendance records belong to Sen. Susan Fargo (D-Lincoln) who missed 113 roll calls resulting in a 72.8 percent roll call attendance record; Sen. Andrea Nuciforo (D-Pittsfield) who missed 95 roll calls (77.1 percent roll call attendance record); Sen. Marian Walsh (D-West Roxbury) who missed 48 roll calls (88.4 percent roll call attendance record); Sen. Robert Antonioni (D-Leominster) who missed 37 roll calls (91.1 percent roll call attendance record) and Sen. Frederick Berry (D-Peabody) who missed 32 roll calls (92.3 percent roll call attendance record).

LOCAL SENATORS' ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the senator's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the senator was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls the senator missed.

99% (4)

SOCCER AND HEAD INJURIES- Legislation that was recently drafted and has not yet been heard by a committee would prohibit soccer players at public schools and public and private colleges from hitting the ball with their heads. Sponsor Bob Edwards, a member of the Massachusetts Brain Injury Association, says the measure is designed to reduce brain injuries, save lives and cut millions of dollars in health care costs. The proposal imposes a $100 fine on an offending player's school, distributes the funds to health facilities that work with brain injuries and creates a Massachusetts Commission on Sports-related Injuries. Edwards cites studies indicating that five percent of soccer players nationwide sustain brain injuries as a result of head-to-head contact, falls or being struck on the head by a ball. He notes that hitting the ball with the head is the riskiest activity because when done repeatedly it can cause a concussion. Critics say that "heading the ball" is an integral part of soccer and note that requiring players to wear headbands padded with foam is a potential solution. They argue that other sports including football pose a bigger danger to players.

PROPERTY TAX BILLS- Secretary of State William Galvin signed a bill that gives cities and towns until January 30, 2004 rather than December 31, 2003 to mail their third quarter property tax bills. Galvin is serving as acting governor while Gov. Romney and Lt. Governor Healey are out of state. Romney filed the bill and says the extension would give taxpayers more time to pay their bills and grant communities additional time to set their tax rates and have them approved by the Department of Revenue.

NOTARIES PUBLIC- Gov. Romney issued an executive order tightening regulations on the state's 125,000 notaries public. The governor says these new standards would help prevent document fraud, crack down on imposters and curb identity theft. Provisions include prohibiting the notarizing of a document unless the person is in the notary's presence and identified by the notary through satisfactory evidence; requiring notaries to keep a journal of their official acts; and prohibiting notaries from advertising themselves as "notarios." Romney notes that "notario" in Spanish means "lawyer" and says the state has fielded many complaints from victims who respond to this misleading advertising and believe that these notaries are lawyers.

CORRECTIONS COMMISSIONER'S RETIREMENT PAY- The State Retirement Board rejected a bid by retiring Correction Commissioner Michael Maloney to place his job in the retirement category of corrections officers and other prison personnel who regularly come fact-to-face with inmates. The change would have doubled Maloney's annual pension from $41,000 to $82,000. Maloney submitted a letter to the board indicating that he is sometimes in direct contact with prisoners during prison inspections and has even received death threats from inmates. The board voted 5-0 to deny the change and noted that the category is clearly not designed for higher-level staff jobs with minimal inmate contact.

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have put a lot of time and money into preliminary plans for their proposed development and are ready to take legal action should the Sewer Commission vote to deny their project access to the town's sewer system.

Deer accidents are way up in town, in fact, they are the highest Chief Robert Jackson can recall in his 25 years with the police department.

Nov. 6

Ellen Morrissey, 488 Jerusalem Road, came before the Planning Board to gain feedback for a possible new senior housing project, before moving ahead and submitting more definitive plans.

Sources both inside the department and civilians close to the police say Cohasset police officers are walking on eggshells wondering who might next get the ax. Officers are worried if they make a misstep they, too, might be out the door. They describe the department as a dysfunctional family that is out of control, with officers afraid to talk to one another.

The Planning Board is once again advocating for a train station in Cohasset Village and has written to Douglas Foy, chief of Commonwealth Development, to say just that.

Nov. 13

The fall Special Town Meeting is just around the corner and voters need to be prepared for what could be a long night of important decision making including the town's $4.5 million purchase of the Cook Estate for senior housing and whether to bury the wires in the village.

The Zoning Board of Appeals filed a 16-page decision on the AvalonBay project, which includes 31 conditions that the developer must meet for the project to go forward, including obtaining a ground-water discharge permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection.

With flags flying high on every side of the green at Cohasset's Veterans Memorial Park, and "Amazing Grace" sounding from a loud speaker, a crowd of around 30 gathered Tuesday at a special ceremony held to honor veterans old and new.

Herman "Andy" Weltman is the associate producer for the new Russell Crowe flick "Master and Commander." His film career began in Cohasset, where he worked as an intern on the set of "The Witches of Eastwick," while on break from college.

Nov. 20

What the arresting officer described at the time as a "minor altercation" outside the American Legion Hall on Summer Street on a Saturday night in October involving the police chief's son, continues to have major reverberations at the Cohasset Police Department. After conducting an investigation, the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office has removed the Cohasset police prosecutor, Officer Rick Grassie, from Quincy District Court because he didn't sign a complaint involving the arrest of the police chief's son, Keith A. Jackson.

The wild turkey is one of the best comeback stories, and at no place was that more evident than in a clearing in Wompatuck State Park on Tuesday, when four wild turkeys were released in a ceremony that celebrated the 30th anniversary of wild turkey restoration in the state.

Voters pass article four at Town Meeting and approve the purchase of the Cook Estate for $4.5 million.

When construction begins on the downtown streetscape, burying the wires and adding brick sidewalks will not be among the improvements. Voters rejected both proposals at Monday's session of Town Meeting and gave the nod to used colored concrete on the walkways.

Nov. 27

Hingham, Hull and Cohasset are working together to preserve the Weir River Estuary, which features more than 100 species of birds and rare volcanic and glacial geology, through a public-private partnership.

Three men including the police chief's son are scheduled to be back in court Dec. 2 for a pretrial conference on charges they broke the handicapped railing at the American Legion post on Summer Street during an alleged fight in October. Keith A. Jackson, 24, and Jerry Cogill, 25, both of Cohasset, and Adam Thibault, 22 of Hingham were arraigned on the charge of malicious destruction of property valued over $250 before Judge Mark Coven at Quincy District Court on

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Police story made headlines

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A story that will likely continue to make headlines in the New Year is the ongoing saga at the Cohasset Police Department. Two officers remain on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation on their fitness for duty that includes a private investigator hired by the town.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said this week he expects the matter to be resolved in two weeks.

Town officials have repeatedly denied the arrest of the police chief's son and issues involving the chief's son-in-law, a former police officer, have anything to do with the officers being placed on leave.

The officers, Sgt. William Quigley and patrolman James McLean, through their lawyer, Doug Louison, insist they do not know what they could be charged with.

The Board of Selectmen have asked the town for patience in the ongoing investigation.

And Sgt. Quigley, speaking as president of the police union, has asked for an independent study of how the police department is being run.

Stay tuned.

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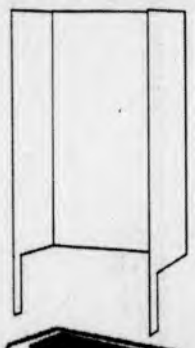
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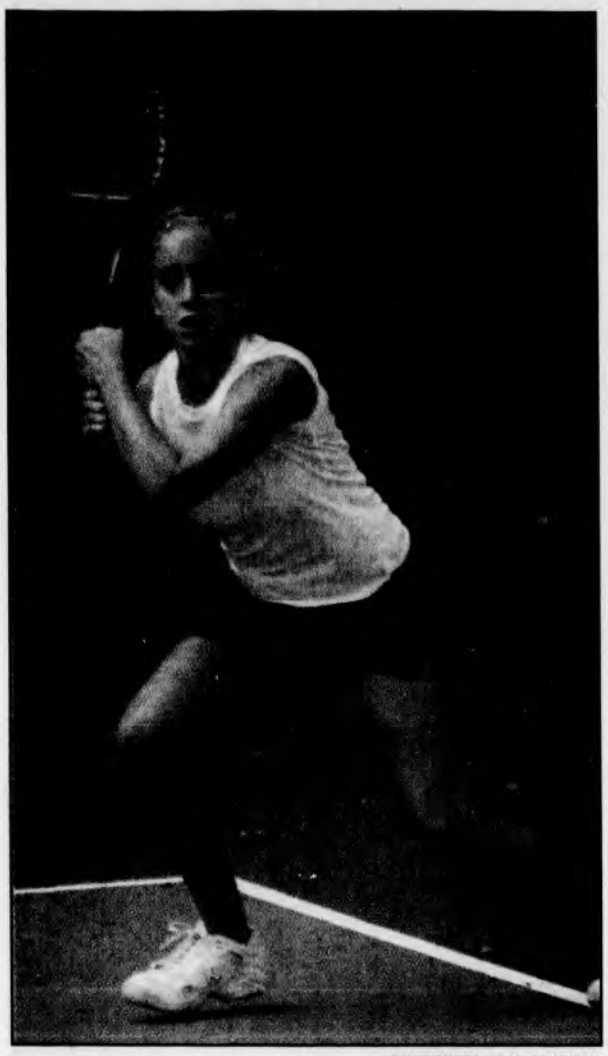
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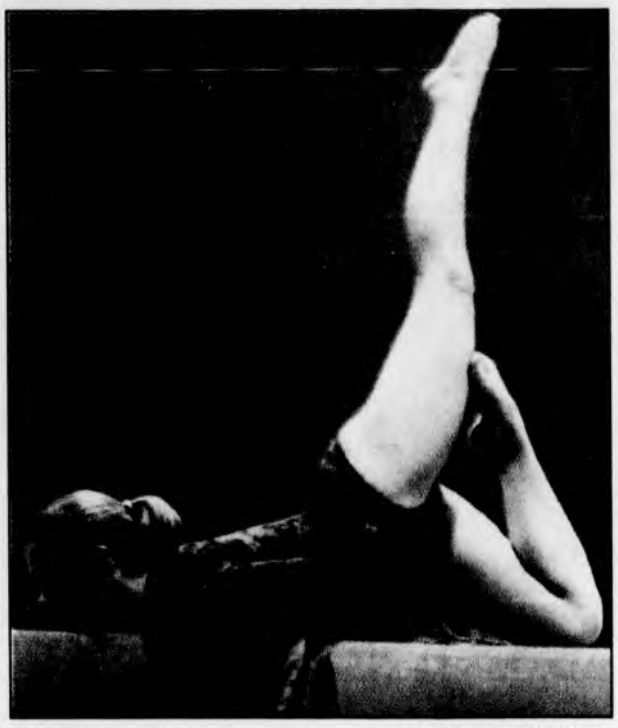
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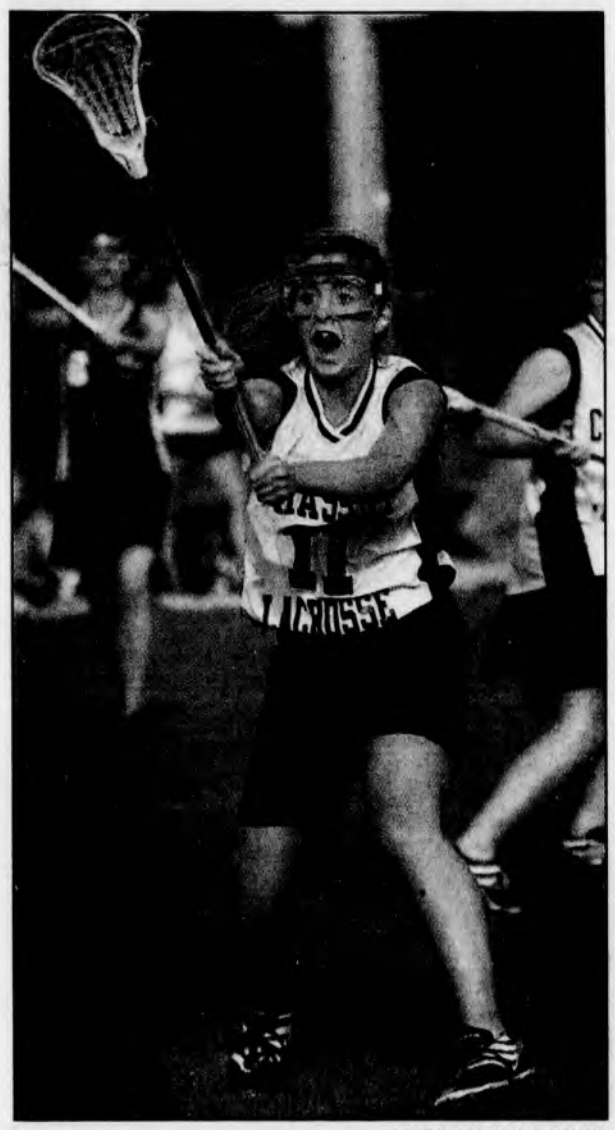
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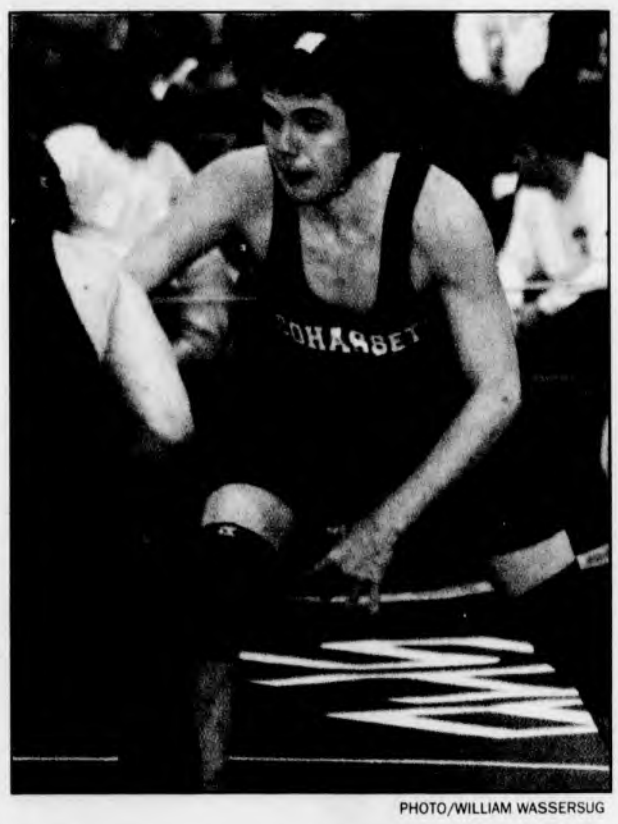
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Sports Year in Review

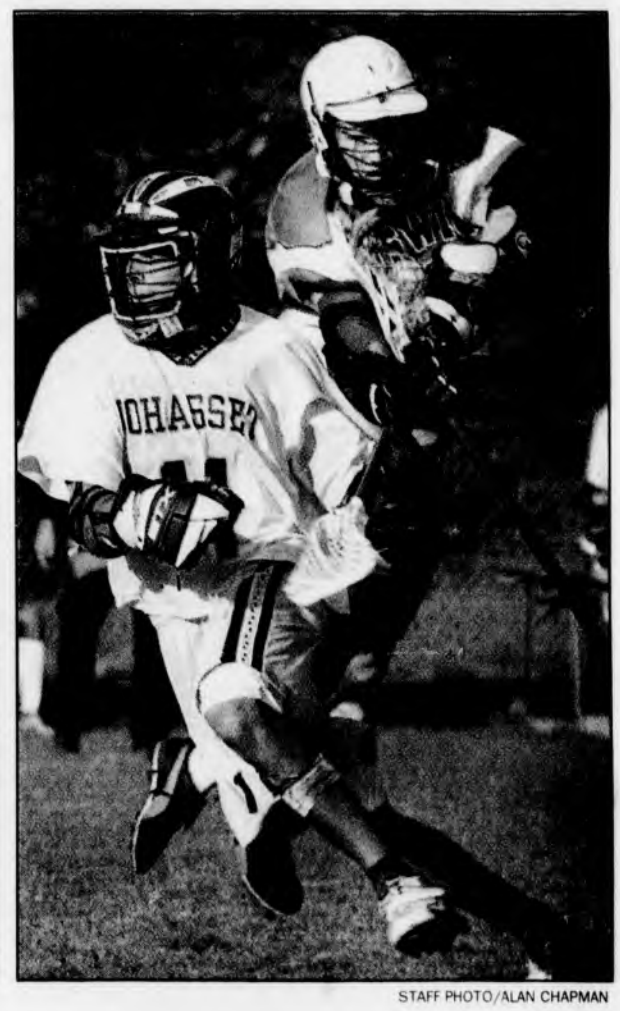
There have been many highlights in the arenas of athletic competition in Cohasset in 2003, among them: **(upper left)** Lindsay Grossman and the CHS girls tennis team winning a state championship, **(above)** CHS sophomore Nancy Durkin emerging to help lead the Norwell-Cohasset gymnastics team to an 8-2 season, **(upper right)** Chris Bilodeau (#32) having a breakout junior season for the boys basketball team, averaging 17 points and 4.5 rebounds per game on his way to earning SSL All-Star and Mariner All-Scholastic honors, **(lower left)** Senior captain Maura McKenney leading the charge to a second straight postseason for the lady laxers and wrapping up her career with 118 goals, **(below)** senior Terry Baroudi grappled all the way the New England Wrestling Championships, where he wrapped up his career with a top eight finish, **(below right)** Curt Kahn and the boys lacrosse team charging all the way to the state semifinals with a program record 19-game win streak, **(bottom left)** Tony Truglia (seen here making one of his team leading. 100-plus tackles) and the football team going unbeaten in SSL play to earn a second SSL title in three years, **(bottom right)** Chris Clark (front, white shirt) and the boys soccer team putting together an outstanding 14-4 regular season.



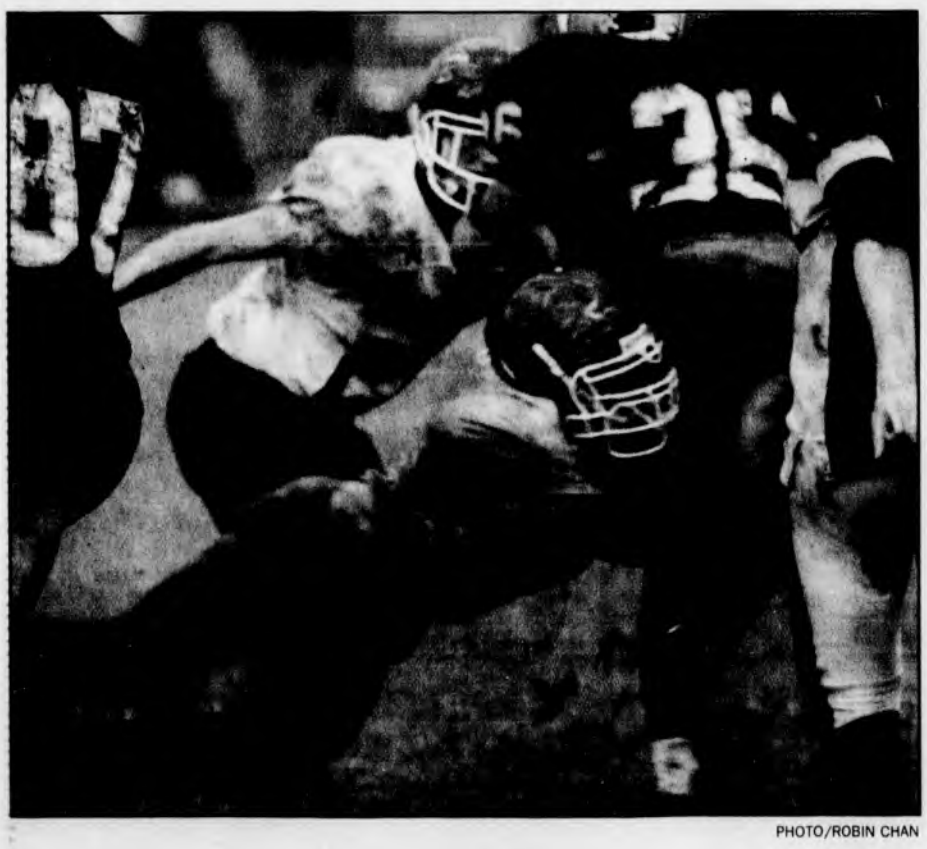
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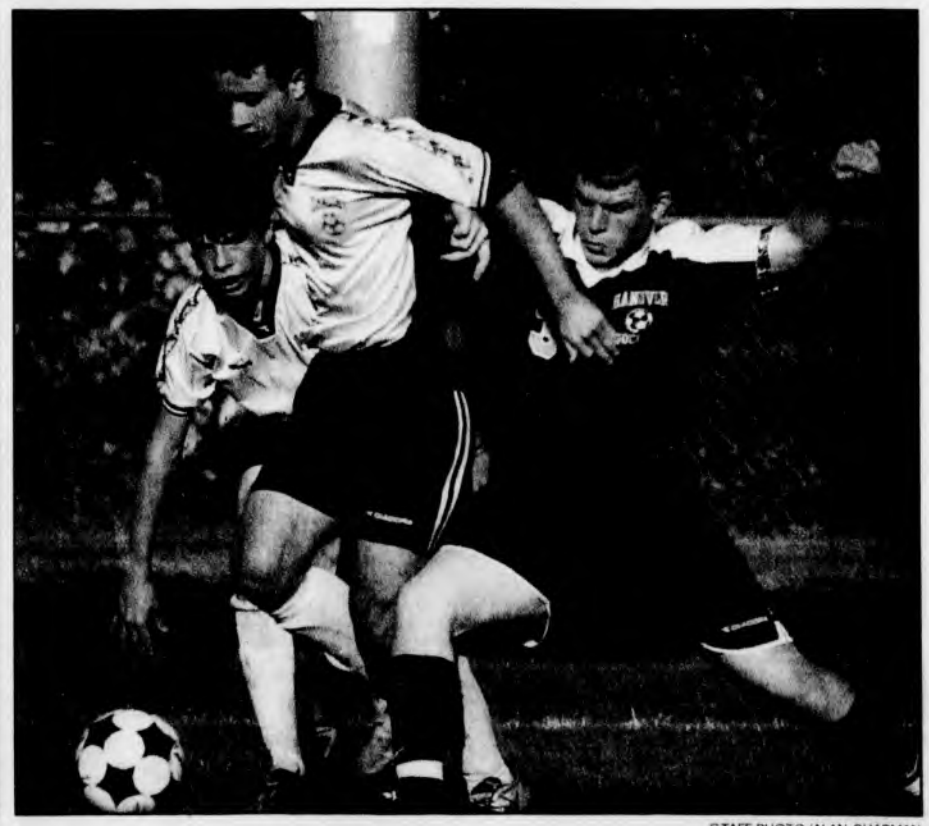
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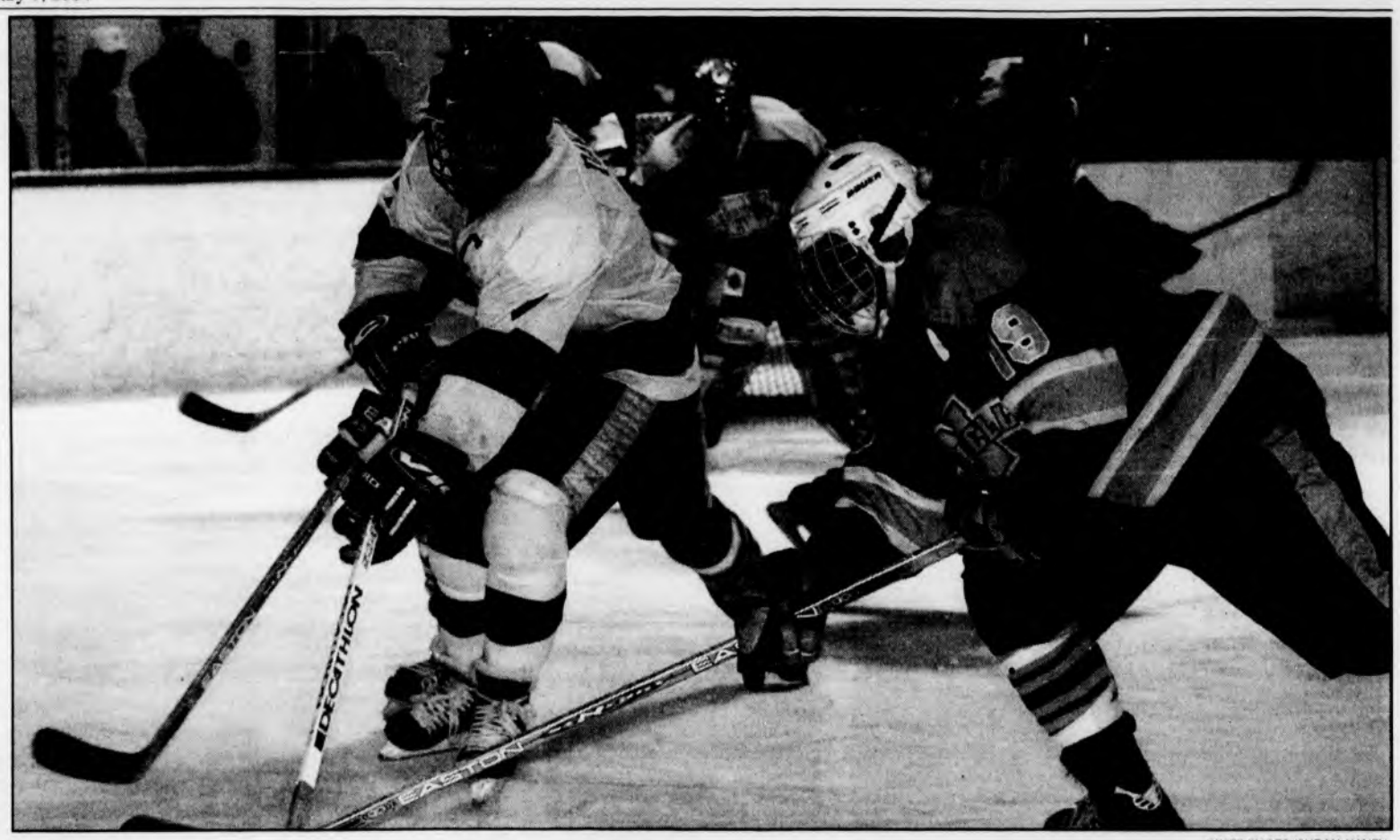


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Winter '02-'03



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John Durkin (left) was the main man offensively for the CHS hockey team in its second straight run to an SSL crown. The senior captain finished with a league best 22 goals and 20 assists.

After winning a Pilgrim Conference championships. and a program best 18 matches (finishing with an 18-3-1 record), the **wrestling** team finished second in a 21 team field at the Div. 3 South Sectionals and advanced a remarkable nine grapplers to the Div. 3 state championship in Jonathan Littauer (103 pounds), Dave Kupsc (112), Dave McKenna (119), Joe Kehoe (125), Terry Baroudi (135), Phil Strazzulla (140), Chris McKenna (145), Cosimo Cambi (189) and Matt Baroudi (215).From this group, the quartet of Littauer, Strazzulla and the Baroudi brothers all took top four placings at states to advance to All-States. Senior Terry Baroudi took second at All-States, the highest finish in a decade for Cohasset wrestler, to advance to the New England championships, and sophomore Matt took sixth to join his brother at New England's. Terry went on to finish top eight in an extremely tough class and Matt wrestled well, earning invaluable experience toward his remaining two seasons. Littauer, Chris McKenna, Strazulla and the Baroudis were named Mariner All-Scholastics, while Kehoe was named an Honorable Mention.

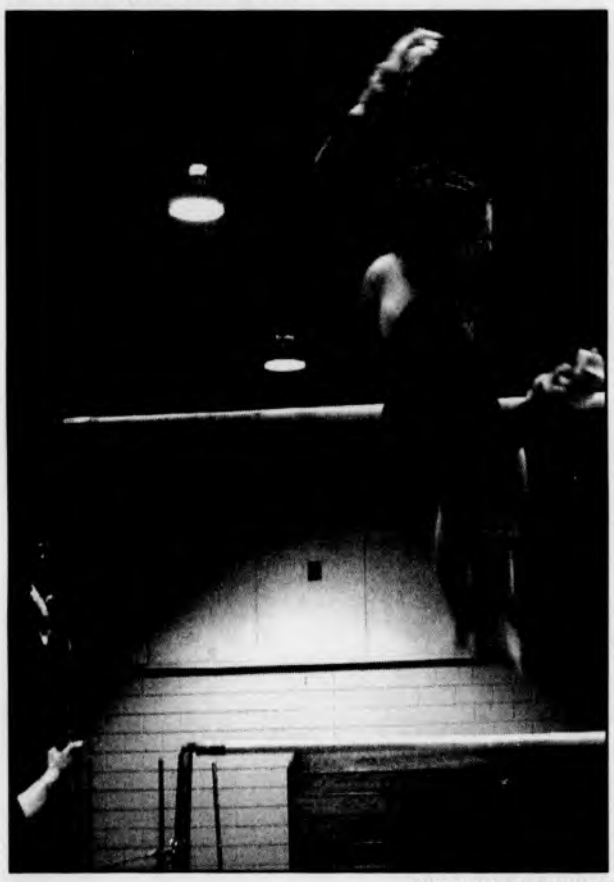
The **hockey** team won its second straight South Shore League championships and finished the regular season with a 10-6-4 under first year coach John Blake led by league leading scorers John Durkin (22 goals, 20 assists) and Matt Davis (15 goals, 19 assists), both seniors. The Skippers won one postseason game before bowing out in the second round of the state tourney. Senior defenseman Tom Anderson joined Durkin and Davis as Mariner All-Scholastics, while juniors Mike Devine and Mike Rasmussen and freshman goalie Stephan Parnell were Honorable Mentions.

A tough luck finish of 7-13 for the **boys basketball** team could have almost as easily been flip-flopped, as the Skippers lost several close games. The team was led by well-rounded junior swingman Chris Bilodeau (who averaged 17 points, four assists, 4.5 rebounds per game), the lone Mariner All-Scholastic selection from the team. Seniors Ian Kidder, who joined Bilodeau as a South Shore League all-star, and Ben Lynner were Mariner Honorable Mentions. The losses to graduation of Lynner, Kidder and starting point guard Jared Krupczak left some big shoes to fill this winter.

It was a disappointing season for the **girls basketball team.** The 2002-'03 campaign opened with high expectations, with the team returning four fourth year varsity regulars in quad-captains Maura O'Brien, Lindsay Grossman, La'Raine Langford and Heather Peraino. However, things just never came together for the Lady Skippers, who fell well short of postseason qualification. Grossman led the way offensively, averaging 11 points per game, and was the team's lone South Shore League all-star. She was joined by Langford and junior Jenn Buckley as Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mentions. On a brighter note, first year head coach John Levangie took this year's team into the new year with a 4-0 record.

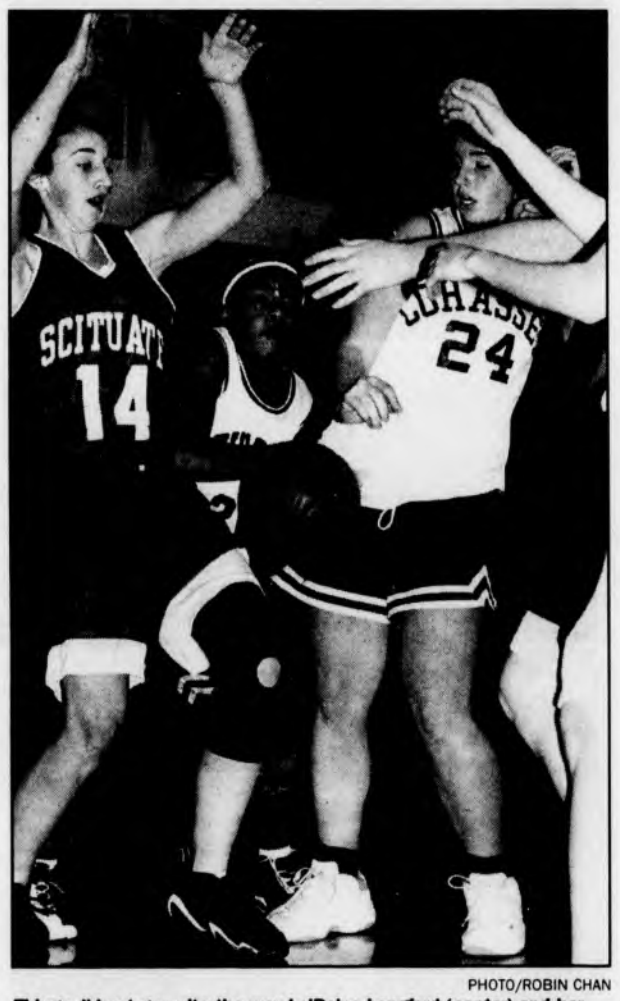
The **Scituate-Cohasset girls swim team** finished sixth at the Bay Colony Conference Championships, while the **boys team** took eighth. Scituate senior Coral Yang, an exchange student from China, was the top point scorer on the team, and Scituate senior captain Kathryn Noonan was second. Cohasset senior captain Dave Ingber and Maran Monaco, an exchange student from Brazil, were the main contributors on the boys side, placing high in individual races all season.

The joint **Norwell High-Cohasset High gymnastics team** also put together a noteworthy season on the mats and various apparatus, running up an 8-2 season, the two losses coming to unbeaten Pilgrim Conference champion Hanover. The team was led by three time Mariner All-Scholastic Meredith Bixby, a CHS senior who qualified for three events at the state individual championships, as well as CHS sophomore Nancy Durkin, another Mariner All-Scholastic, and Catherine Coyne, a CHS junior.



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Meredith Bixby ended her gymnastics career with a bang, leading the Cohasset-Norwell team to an 8-2 regular season and qualifying for three events at the state individual championships



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Things did not go quite the way La'Raine Langford (center) and her senior mates were hoping they would in their final season last winter, but Danielle Pinkus (#24) and mates are off to a promising 4-0 start in '03-'04.

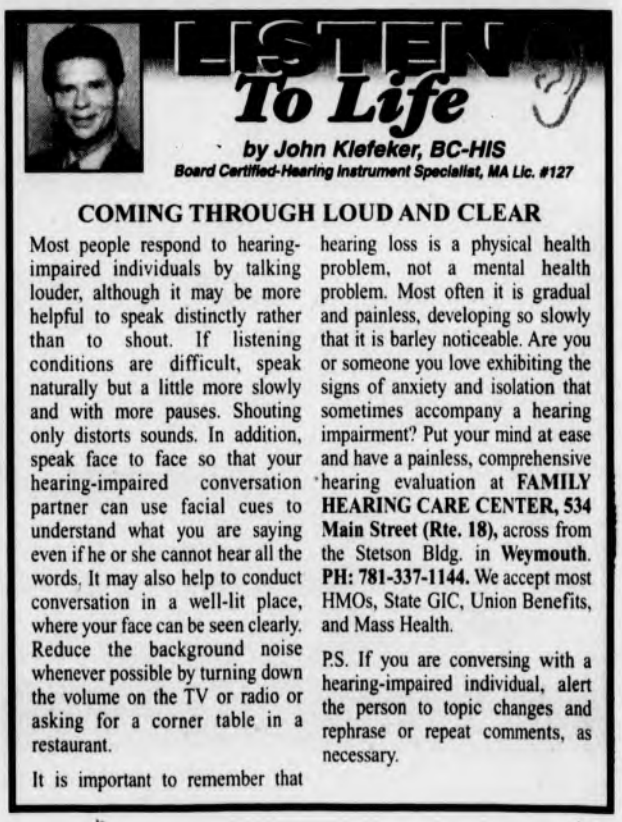












Spring

Of course, the story of the Cohasset High sports year, never mind just the spring season, was the **girls tennis team**'s unbeaten run to a state championship. After putting together a 16-0 regular season, the Lady Skippers bested Norwell, Hingham, Canton, and Bourne to win the Div. 2 south sectional crown, then ousted defending state champ Manchester-Essex to capture the Eastern Mass title and finally Tantasqua for the state championship. The way was led by sophomore sensation Liz Stone, who battled through injury to go 12-0 in the regular season and 4-2 in the postseason out of the number one singles spot, senior captain Lindsay Grossman (20-4, including 5-1 in postseason) and the top doubles team of Julie Shea and Courtney Caron (23-1, the lone loss coming in the postseason). All four of these girls were Mariner All-Scholastics — Grossman for the third straight time, Stone and Shea for the second— while third singles standout Holly Graham and the second doubles team of Emilie Sullivan and Corey Evans were named Honorable Mentions.

The **boys lacrosse** might just have been the second best sports story at Cohasset High in 2003. After opening the season with a loss to defending Div. 2 state champ Duxbury, the Skippers ripped off 19 straight wins, that run ending with an 11-6 loss to Ipswich in the Div. 3 state semifinals. The team was led by a superb senior class that included starters John Durkin, Curt Kahn, Matt Davis, Nick Spirito, Robert Hickey Evan Pestone, Ben Lynner, Tom Anderson. Many feel things might have gone better had the Skippers not lost two-time Mariner All-Scholastic Davis to a broken collarbone late in the regular season. Davis was joined on the Mariner All-Scholastic team by team leading scorer Kahn (52 goals and 32 assists to finish his career with 227 points), also a second-time selection, Durkin and Spirito, while Anderson, junior goalie Nick Murphy and sophomore Jake Previte were named Honorable Mentions.

The **boys track team** came back to earth somewhat, as graduation claimed the core of a team that had gone unbeaten the two previous spring season. However, there were still some noteworthy individual accomplishments, as 11 from this team qualified for the Class D meet. Here, senior co-captains Jared Krupczak and Ian Kidder enjoyed quite a day. Jared took third place in the 200 and Ian was fourth in the javelin, both qualifying for the All-State meet. The captains were also half of the All-State qualifying 4x100 relay team (along with sophomore Peter Bunstein and junior Eric Belz), which took third at the Class meet. Unfortunately, Cohasset High graduation took place the same day as All-States, and the two captains opted for the caps and gowns over extending their high school athletic careers. Krupczak, Kidder and the 4x100 team were all named Mariner All-Scholastics, while discus thrower Braun Goodson received an Honorable Mention.

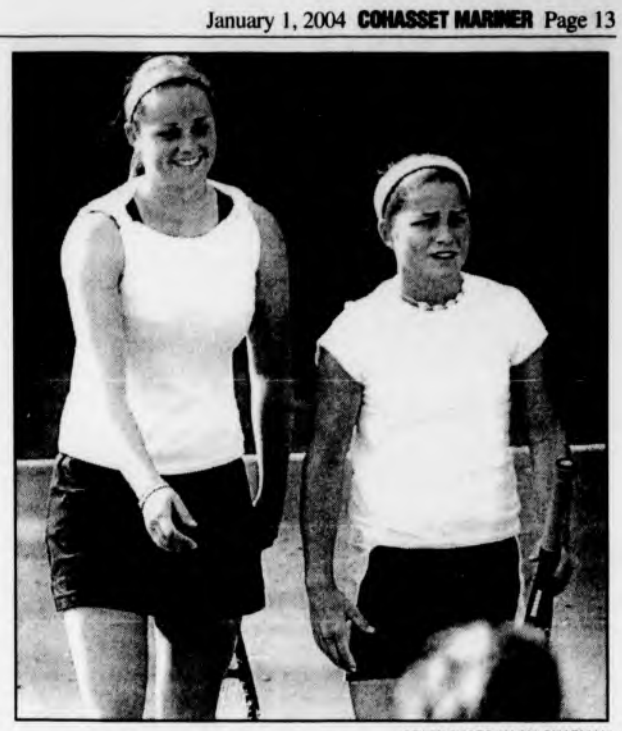
The **girls track team** advanced eight athletes to the Class D meet. Half of this group then qualified for the All-State championship, as the 4x800 squad of Jenn Buckley, Mary Silvia, Nicole Whitney and Lisa Musto took third place at the class meet. Silvia, a sophomore, also qualified individually in the 800 with her second place finish, while Buckley just missed moving on in both the javelin and mile (0.96 seconds off the final qualifier). The 4x8 team then shattered the school record at all-states with a run of 10:03.99, good for 16th place, and Silvia was ninth in the 800. Buckley, Silvia and the 4x8 team were named Mariner All-Scholastics, while Whitney and senior La'Raine Langford (the lone athlete lost to graduation) were chosen as Honorable Mentions.

The undermanned **boys tennis team**, featuring the bare minimum of seven player, also made the state tourney for the second year in a row after a 9-7 regular season, including 8-4 in South Shore League play, and won one match before bowing out. Senior Dave Ingber, a three-time Mariner All-Scholastic, led the way, finishing with a 9-4 record out of the number one singles spot. Junior Tim Anton and freshman Nils Sceery were named Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mentions.

The **girls lacrosse** team snuck into the postseason with a 7-7-2 regular season, and was then ousted by Milton in the first round. Senior captain Maura McKenney led the charge to a second straight postseason for the Lady Skippers, finishing with a team best 41 goals and 15 assists to wrap up her career with 118 goals. McKenney earned her second straight Mariner All-Scholastic selection, while seniors Catherine Coyne and Julie Lordan, junior Nicole Turgiss and sophomore Lauren Strazzulla were tabbed Honorable Mentions.

The **baseball program** received a big shot in the arm when Al Gallotta, a year removed from retirement from Archbishop Williams as Athletic Director and an extremely successful tenure as baseball coach, took over the CHS varsity team. The team finished with a record of 7-11, but was much more competitive than it has been in recent years in the top heavy South Shore League. The Skippers started and ended the season strong, but a 12-game stretch that saw just one win killed any postseason aspirations. Sophomore Ted Straughn hit .283 and emerged as the staff pitching ace. Seniors Chris McKenna and Mike Snowdale, the team's lone SSL All-Star, were Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mentions.

Softball returned to Cohasset High after a seven-year hiatus, with popular field hockey coach Deb Bostwick agreeing to lead its return at the helm. The team finished with a 4-14 record, but lost just one player to graduation, senior captain Heather Peraino. She and junior shortstop Danielle Pinkus were named Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mentions.



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Talk about a formidable 1-2 punch, the first doubles team of Julie Shea and Courtney Caron went 23-1 during the CHS girls tennis team's run to a state championship.



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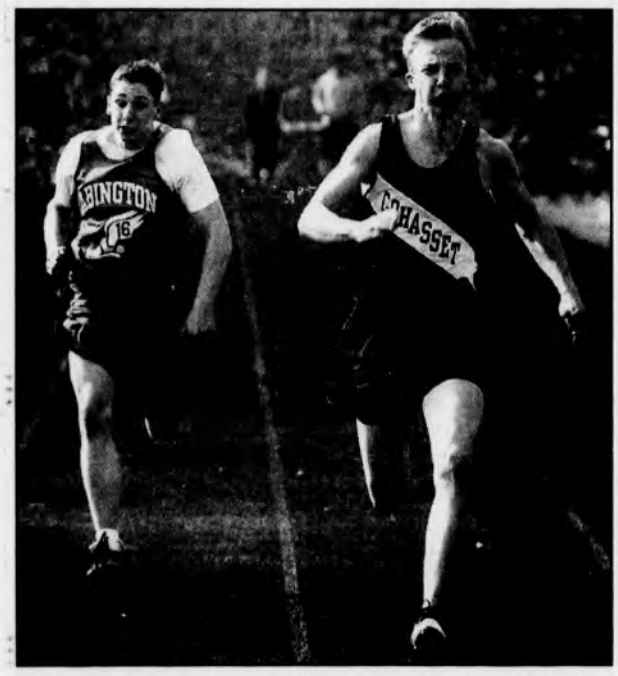
After an unbeaten regular season, sophomore sensation Liz Stone shook off an injury to go 4-2 out of the number one singles spot for the Lady Skippers.

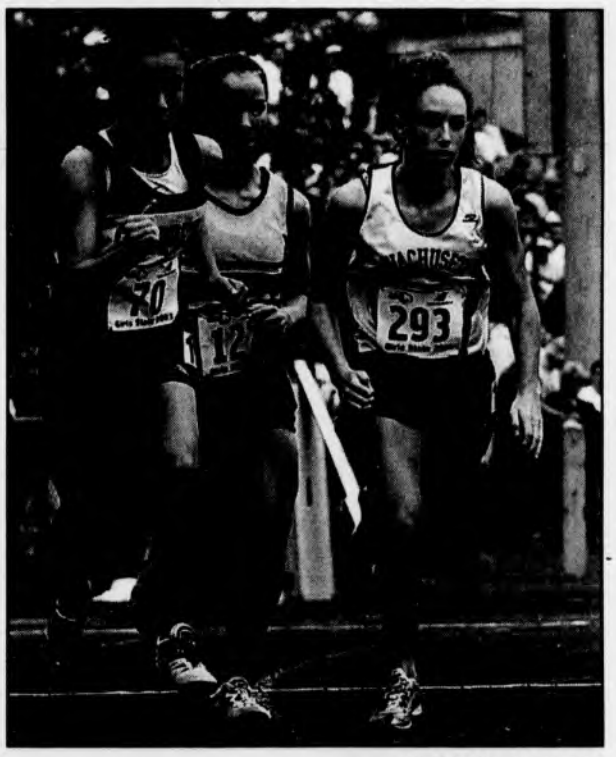


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Ian Kidder (above) and Jared Krupczak (below) both qualified for the All-State track championships with outstanding performances at the Class D meet, but both chose the CHS graduation ceremony over All-States.

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Sophomore Mary Silvia (left) opened some eyes by taking second place in the 800 at the state Class D meet and then ninth at All-States.

CHS weekly scoreboard

Boys Varsity Basketball
Dec.
Cohasset Holiday Tourney
27 lost to Canton, 69-66
Chris Bilodeau 18 points
Trevor Brady 18 points
28 lost to Hull, 60-46
Chris Bilodeau 22 points
Jan.
6 Arch. Williams 6:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity Basketball
29 beat Sacred Heart, 48-40
Ashley Faber 17 points
Casey Anderson 15 points
5 @ Sacred Heart 5 p.m.
beat Canton, 37-36
beat Hanover, 50-30
29 @Marshfield Trny 11 a.m.
30 @Marshfield Trny 11 a.m.
3 @ Whit-Han. Trny 10 a.m.
7 Hull 7p.m.

Gymnastics
18 beat Randolph, 123.2-83.1
5 Hanover 7:30 p.m.

Ice Hockey
31 Scituate 3:20 p.m.
3 @ Norwell 7:40 p.m.
7 @Abington-EB 6:15 p.m.

Wrestling
20 beat Dedham, 37-18

Swimming
6 @ Nauset 4:30 p.m.

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Even after a disheartening 2-1 loss to Sacred Heart in the state tourney, senior captain Holly Graham found something to smile about.

Fall

The football, field hockey and both soccer teams all made it to the postseason this past fall, while the golf team came up just one win short of making it a clean sweep.

The highlight, arguably, was the **football team**, for the second time in three years, winning the South Shore League championship and advancing to the Super Bowl playoffs. Unfortunately, the Skippers 2003 season ended the same way as it did two years ago, with a first round loss. This time, the CHS gridders fell on a frigid night at home to Westwood, 20-7, to close out their season. The 9-2 finish, including 5-0 in SSL play, lifted the Skippers record for the last three years to 26-6 (the two postseason losses included). Seniors Stephen Davis, Mike Dooley (quarterback), Tony Truglia and Chris Bilodeau were named Mariner All-Scholastics, while 1,200-yard rusher DeWayne Morris and junior defensive end Kelvin Ferreira were named Honorable Mentions. All six of these players were SSL all-stars.

The **field hockey team** made it back to the playoffs for the first time since the run to the sectional semifinals in 2000. The Lady Skippers finished the regular season with a 9-8 record and were then ousted in the first round of the playoffs by higher seeded Mansfield, 5-1.Leading the way for the CHS squad were seniors Danielle Pinkus, a team co-captain who held things together on both ends of the field from her center midfield spot, and Courtney Caron, the team's leading scorer by far with 23 goals and 12 assists. Both of these girls were named Mariner All-Scholastics, while senior Rachel Doyle was named an Honorable Mention. All three girls were South Sore League all-stars.

Fueled by a strong senior class, the **boys soccer** team put together an outstanding 14-4 regular season under first year coach Rob Leary, and then crushed Avon in the opening round of the state tourney, 7-1. This Skippers then lost a hard luck 2-0 game to SSL rival Norwell, who would go on to win the Div. 3 South Sectional championship. Among the nine players this team loses to the caps and gowns are two-time South Shore League all-stars Chris Clark, Conor Buick and Craig Laugelle and first item all-stars Dave Santiago and Jesse Brewer. Brewer, the team's keeper, also earned All-Eastern Mass honors, and Buick, the team's sweeper, missed the honor by one spot in the league voting. Clark, the team's leading scorer each of the past two seasons (17 goals, 11 assists this season), was an All-Eastern Mass selection last year. Clark, Buick and Brewer were Mariner All-Scholastics, while Laugelle was an Honorable Mention.

After a lengthy postseason draught, the **girls soccer team** notched its second straight berth in the state tourney with a 10-8-1 regular season. The Lady Skippers then lost a 2-1 heartbreaker to higher seeded Sacred Heart in the opening round despite clearly outplaying the host Lady Saints throughout much of the contest. Senior captain Jenn Buckley earned her second straight Mariner All-Scholastic selection with outstanding two-way play and offensive production (team best seven goals and five assists) and senior sweeper Holly Graham joined her on our team. Both were four year regulars and two-time South Shore League all-stars. Junior Christine Lavallo was also a league all-star, as well as a Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention.

Another outstanding fall was also turned in at the **youth football** ranks, as the Scituate-Cohasset program sent five of its six teams to league Super Bowls. The Midget Sharks and Midget StingRay teams each brought home the big trophy.

Email us your sports news at: MSpellman@cnc.com

Summer

The **Cohasset Swim Team** won its second straight South Shore Swim League championship.

The **A's** win the Cohasset Youth Baseball League Major League championship, the Cohasset boys Under-The **Cohasset Gunners** (Conor Buick, Dave Santiago, Chris Clark, Craig Laugelle, Jesse Brewer, Andrew Wise, Jon Andrade, John Oronte, Aidan Buick, Matt O'Connell and Ben Libby) won the silver medal in 18-and-under 7x7 boys soccer competition at the Bay State Games.

The **Cohasset Post 118** Legion baseball team suffered through a 4-16 regular season, but saw several talented younger players emerge to give hope for the future.

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LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
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NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 03P3053FE
FOREIGN WILL

To all persons interested in the estate of Camilla E. Churchill late of South Pomfret in the county of Windsor and State of Vermont, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said court by, with certain papers purporting to be copies of the last will of said deceased, and of the probate thereof in said State of Vermont duly authenticated, by Jonathan W. Metcalf of South Pomfret, Vermont praying that the copy of said will may be filed and recorded in the Registry of Probate in said County of Norfolk, and that he be appointed executor thereunder, without surety on the Bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the sixth day of February 2004, the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighteenth day of December 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register

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COLEMAN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 03P2932EP

In the Estate of JOSEPHINE C. COLEMAN

late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death October 20, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that LUANN L. RICHARDSON of NORWELL in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 21, 2004.**

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, December 14, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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DAVENPORT ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P2969EP

In the Estate of ROBERT M. DAVENPORT

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 9, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that DAVID S. DAVENPORT of DOVER in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, December 16, 2003.

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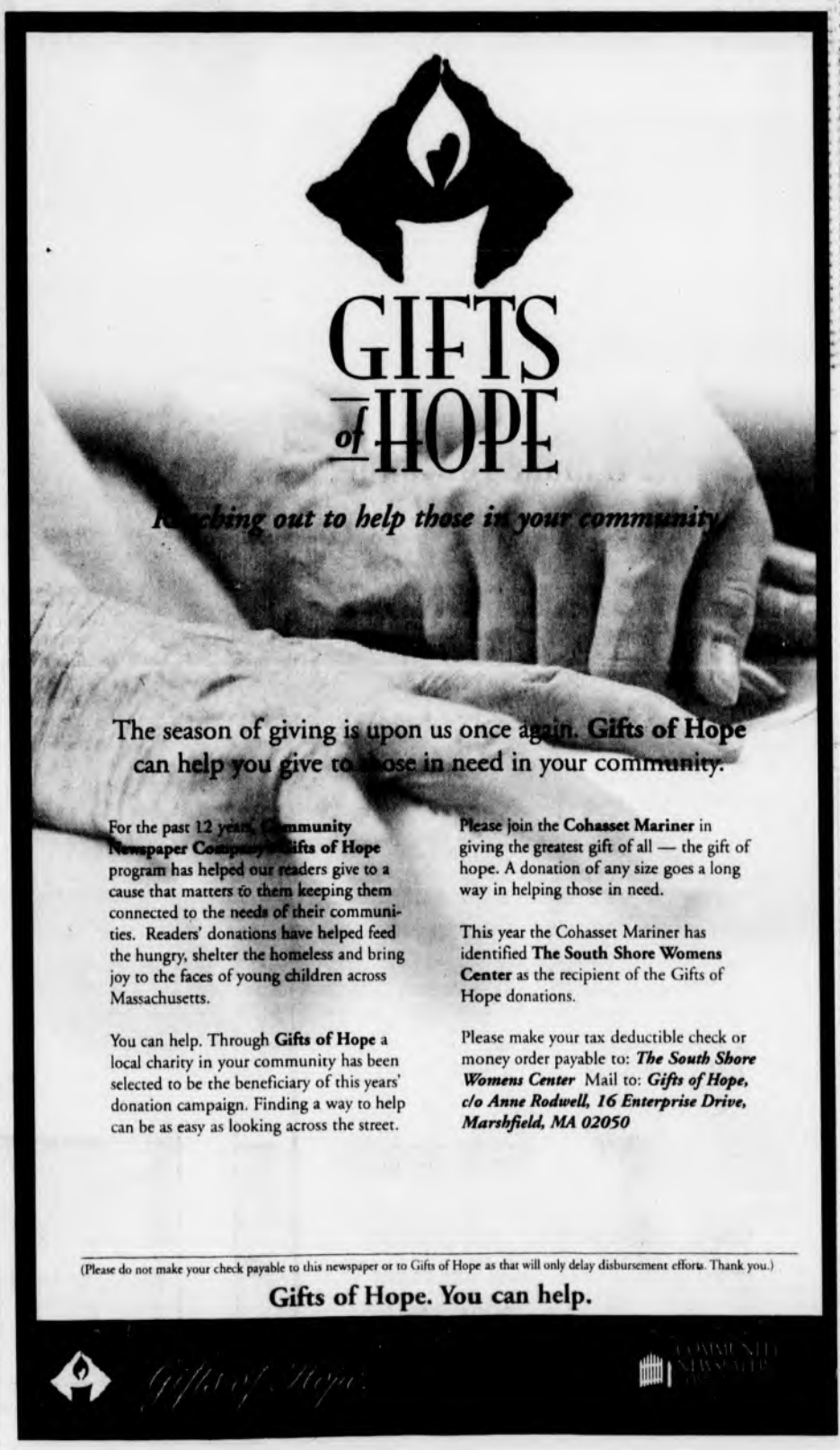
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Year in Review

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Thursday.

Cohasset's big win over Norwell last week has qualified the school for post-season football, and Cohasset has been asked to host the Division Five Superbowl playoffs, which could be the biggest sporting event of the year.

Dec. 4

The Sewer Commission rejected Cedarmere's second application for sewer access.

Police Chief Robert Jackson says the low number of arrests in November is not due to reduced manpower. Two veteran officers are still on paid administrative leave and another is still out sick. But several officers, who asked not to be identified, say arrests are down at the police department because officers and afraid of being second-guessed and if someone complains, they think they'll be the subjects of an investigation or forced out of their jobs.

Dec. 11

There are railroad rumblings that four-quadrant gates without median barriers may be used at some grade crossings along the Greenbush line after all.

Although winter doesn't officially begin until Dec. 21, few Cohasset residents mistook the weekend nor'easter for a late fall storm.

Come springtime, there will be at least one School Committee incumbent who will not be out on the campaign trail. Mark DeGiacomo,, who has served on the School Committee since 1998 has decided to cal it quits, leaving his three-year seat up for grabs.

Since 1997, art teacher Ann Berman has been teaching Deer Hill students to knit and has invited them to participate in making hats for the homeless, which students deliver to area shelters for the holidays. To date, Cohasset has donated more than 1,000 hats to the cause.

Dec. 18

Selectmen say the First Assistant District Attorney of Norfolk County acted inappropriately by dismissing former police prosecutor Rick Grassie from the court for not processing the paperwork following an arrest. The news came via a prepared two-page statement read by Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris to the live TV camera during the board's weekly meeting Tuesday night. But David Traub, spokesman for the DA's office said the District Attorney is the final arbiter of who prosecutes on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Emergency management officials want consumers to be aware, when it comes to dialing 9-1-1, there's a difference in the way "land lines" and cell phones send help. When calling for emergency help, land lines make it possible for the address to automatically pop up on the screen of a dispatcher, where cell phones are not as exact.

Town Manager Mark Haddad has been working on preliminary budget figures and at this early stage, the financial situation doesn't look good for fiscal year 2005.

After decades of rusting in a shed at the Beechwood Cemetery, the intricate wrought iron gates which guarded its entrance more than 100 years ago have been restored and are now standing proudly back at their post.

Dec. 25

While Town Manager Mark Haddad said he won't ask for a Prop. 2-1/2 override this year — the School Committee said it doesn't see how the budget can be balanced without one.

The holidays are a time for giving, but the present no one wants to get this year is the flu. With the numbers of cases on the rise and news of flu deaths spreading across the nation, many Cohasset residents have been searching for a flu shot in vain, as the town has already run out.

Citizen of Year deadline extended one week

Due to the timing of the Christmas and New Year's holidays and our readers' frantic schedules, the Mariner is extending the deadline to submit Citizen of the Year nominations one week to Friday, Jan. 9.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. Please see the nomination form on page 17. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed, sent by email, or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931 and our email address is mford@cnc.com.

Neoclassical art is subject of new exhibit

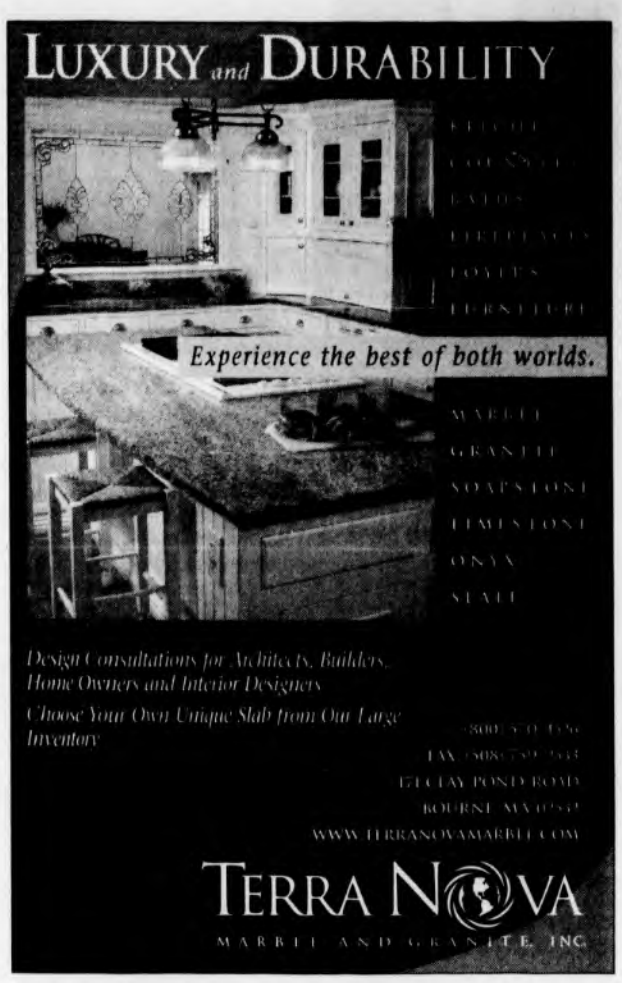
South Shore Art Center is hosting "Piranesi and His Contemporaries" from the collection of Elizabeth Morse and Richard Wendorf from Jan. 9–April 10 at the Dillon Gallery. The opening reception is from 6-8 p.m., Jan. 9.

This collection of 18th-century old-master prints has been assembled over a20-year period, with a focus on the work of Giovanni Battista Piranesi and other artists who depicted neoclassical culture, particularly in Rome and its environs. In addition to two dozen prints by Piranesi, the exhibition includes many plates from the publication of Sir William Hamilton's vase collection and an early twentieth-century architectural drawing directly inspired by Piranesi's work.

Don't miss the gallery talk at 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 25, "Living With Piranesi" with Richard Wendorf and Stanford Calderwood, director and librarian, the Boston Athenaeum. Free to the public.

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OBITUARIES

Warren F. Hicks

Warren F. Hicks, 83, of Cohasset, died December 29 at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Facility after a long illness. Previously, he lived in New Jersey for over 30 years and in Florida for 20 years.

Mr. Hicks was born in Virginia. He and his three siblings moved often in their youth, finally settling in Kingson, Pennsylvania, for their high school years. There, he met Mary Martin, who became his loving wife of 62 years.

While attending Syracuse University, Mr. Hicks spent summers writing for the Dallas Post newspaper in Pennsylvania, following in the footsteps of his mother, who wrote for and edited that weekly for many years.

As World War II began, Mr. Hicks graduated early from Syracuse to serve as a fighter pilot with the 88th Fighter Squadron of the Army Air Corps. He flew his P-4 on 125 combat missions over the jungles of Burma, earning a Distinguished Flying Cross.

After the war, Mr. Hicks and his family, which eventually numbered seven children, moved to New Jersey. He gave up his newspaper ambitions along with an earlier interest in professional tap dancing and settled into a career as general manager and chief salesman for Cheston Co. of Newark, N.J., a maker of electric rivet heaters.

Mr. Hicks coached a Pop Warner football team for many seasons and pursued a longtime interest in the theater by directing productions for the local theater group. He was an avid bridge player and a passionate golfer, often rising at dawn to play. When the snow flew in Jersey, he would look wistfully out the window and say"You know, somewhere it's 72 degrees and people are playing golf!"

Finally, he found that place, moving with his wife to Florida after the children were grown. During his 20 years in the sun, Mr. Hicks played golf nearly every day while keeping up a part-time sales career at Andrews Filter Co.

Mr. Hicks leaves his wife, Mary (Martin), of Cohasset, and children Michael W. of Florida, Martin of Vancouver, B.C., Edward F. of Oconomowac, Wisconsin, Daniel of Cohasset, Molly (Hochkeppel) Pierson of Cohasset, Patricia O'Rourke of Weymouth and the late Timothy. He is also survived by his sisters, Barbara Harding of Herndon, Virginia, and Persis Martin of Londonderry, New Hampshire, and by 17 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass for Mr. Hicks will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Jan. 3 at St. Anthony's Church, Summer St., Cohasset. It will be followed by a reception for family and friends at the parish hall. Arrangements will be made by McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset. There will be no visiting hours. Donations may be made in Mr. Hicks' name to Beacon Hospice, 8 Samoset St., Plymouth MA 02360

Herbert R. Towle

Herbert R. Towle, 86, of Cohasset, died suddenly on Dec. 24, 2003, at South Shore Hospital.

The son of the late Anna (Kimball) and Odin Towle, he was born on Border Street, adjacent to Cohasset Harbor and he spent his childhood summers fishing, swimming, and building small rafts that he paddled around the harbor.

As a teenager, he worked at Cohasset Yacht Club for a number of years, running races, teaching sailing, and otherwise working around boats.

Mr. Towle was a community activist throughout his life, especially around issues concerning his beloved Cohasset Harbor. He is perhaps best known for his key work in founding the Cohasset Sailing Club, a non-profit organization that aimed to teach Cohasset residents to sail. Since its start in 1960, thousands of children and adults have benefited from instructional programs in sailing, racing, and rowing at the club.

He was also an energetic force behind the renovation of the Lighthouse Keepers Residence, overlooking the Cohasset Sailing Club on Government Island. His daily drives around Cohasset to check up on his many friends and favorite waterfront sites continued until the day before his death.

Herb graduated from. Cohasset High School in 1936 and from Wentworth Institute in 1938.

He joined the Navy soon after the start of World War II. He served aboard the USS Bunker Hill in the Pacific, receiving an honorable discharge from the Navy in 1945.

He ran a successful electrical contracting business in Cohasset for many years. He and his wife, the late Eleanor (Burke) Towle raised their family in Cohasset.

Mr. Towle leaves three daughters, Barbara Towle of San Francisco, Christine Towle of Wakefield and Sandra Towle of Cohasset; one granddaughter Jamie Golden of San Francisco; many nieces, nephews. He was the father of the late James Towle of San Diego.

A memorial service is planned for a later date.

Arrangements were handled by the McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Cohasset Sailing Club, P.0. Box 111, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Joseph S. Hoffman

Joseph S, Hoffman, 64, died Dec. 21, 2003, at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis.

Mr. Hoffman was born, raised and educated in New York City.

He worked many years as a sales executive for International Paper Co. in New York. He then started his own business in New York called Clayton International Paper Co. from 1961 to 1977. He eventually opened an office called Cellmark Paper Co. running this business until the time of his death.

He was a long time resident of Cohasset until moving to East Orleans in 2001 where he had a cottage for 30 years.

He loved Cape Cod, its beaches and loved long walks and was an avid golf player.

He leaves his wife, Joyce (Dwyer) Hoffman of East Orleans; two sons, Joseph P. Hoffman of Norwalk, Conn. and Jamie C. Hoffman of East Orleans; one daughter Justine A. Hoffman of New York; two sisters Barbara Deery of Orleans, Elizabeth Cuccovia of Palm Coast, Fla.; one grandson Tyler Hoffman of East Orleans; many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Joan of Arc Church, Canal Rd., Orleans on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2003, at 11 a.m.

Memorial donations may he made to The Davenport Mugar Cancer Center, 4 Bayview St., Hyannis, Ma, 02601 or The Orleans Rescue Squad C/O The Fire Dept., Assoc., Eldredge Parkway Orleans Ma, 02653.

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POLICE LOG

FRIDAY, DEC. 19

5:11 p.m. King St,. medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

5:16 p.m. Jerusalem Road Dr, medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

6:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

6:51 p.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

SATURDAY, DEC. 20

2:54 a.m. Sohier St,. motor vehicle crash.

2:59 a.m. Hugh Strain Road, fire investigation.

6:58 a.m. North Main St, medical aid. removed to hospital (ALS)

9:37 a.m. Cushing Road and Pleasant St., animal control.

10:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway medical aid. removed to hospital (BLS)

3:55 p.m. Nichols Road. Arrest: Andrea L. Wade, 129 Nichols Road, Cohasset. Chrgs. Assault and battery.

8:35 p.m. James Lane, lost property.

9:27 p.m. Pleasant St., medical aid.

SUNDAY, DEC. 21

1:27 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

6:51 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

7:39 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

7:40 a.m. Depot Ct., vandalism.

9:56 a.m. Forest Ave,. animal control.

10:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

10:46 a.m. Hillside Dr,. assist citizen.

2 p.m. Elm St, notificaiton.

4:34 p.m. Smith Place, animal control.

4:40 p.m. Border St,. general services.

9:07 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

9:23 p.m. Lamberts Lane, parking complaint.

11:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

MONDAY, DEC. 22

12:30 a.m. Parker Ave., motor vehicle stop.

1:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious person.

8:30 a.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

11:50 a.m. Jerusalem Road, property damage.

1:24 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious.

5:33 p.m. Church St., power outage.

7:43 p.m. Hull St., structure fire.

9:48 p.m. King St,. medical aid.

TUESDAY, DEC. 23

3:28 a.m. Training.

11:30 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Bow St., traffic complaint.

11:49 a.m. Jerusalem Road, road rage.

2:42 p.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint.

4:54 p.m. South Main St,. medical aid. removed to hospital (ALS)

5:05 p.m. Sohier St,. animal control.

5:43 p.m. Forest Ave., missing person.

6:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic complaint.

8:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway investigation.

9:07 p.m. StoneLeigh Lane, traffic complaint.

11:05 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24

12:44 a.m. Highland Ct., suspicious person.

7:05 a.m. King St., vandalism.

8:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway well being check.

10:44 a.m. Border St., assist other police department.

11:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway officer wanted.

1:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

2:20 p.m. Hull St, animal control.

3:24 p.m. Cushing Road, fire investigation.

6:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle violations.

8:29 p.m. Forest Ave,. suspicious.

9:42 p.m. Beechwood St,. motor vehicle violations.

THURSDAY, DEC. 25

6:24 a.m. Clark Horse Lane, medical aid.

7:04 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid.

10:34 a.m. Ripley Road, suspicious auto.

4 p.m. Elm St., vandalism.

6:55 p.m. Summer St. and Black Horse Lane, parking complaint.

10:12 p.m. King St,. officer wanted.

10:24 p.m. King St, medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

10:59 p.m. Sohier St, well being check.

FRIDAY, DEC. 26

5:26 a.m. North Main St,. medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

8:17 a.m. North main St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

8:59 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

10:48 a.m. South Main St., property found.

9:32 p.m. North Main St. and King St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

9:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Arrest: Nancy A. Camerlengo, 45, 27 Acorn St., Scituate. Chrgs. Operating under the influence of liquor, marked lanes violation.

SATURDAY, DEC. 27

1:27 a.m. Headquarters, fire log entry.

1:30 a.m. South Main St., general services.

7:48 a.m. Cushing Road and Ash St., traffic complaint.

10:26 a.m. Atlantic Ave., and Hobart Lane, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

11:28 a.m. River Road, found property.

11:46 a.m. Forest Ave., and Jerusalem road, motor vehicle crash.

1:32 p.m. Hull St and Jerusalem Road, traffic ocmplaint.

1:44 p.m. Elm St, medical aid.

2:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, patient sign off.

6:36 p.m. Ash St., general services.

SUNDAY, DEC. 28

3:02 a.m. Aaron River Road, assist citizen.

3:03 a.m. Aaron River Road, medical aid.

8:55 a.m. Jerusalem Road and North Main St., found property.

11:57 a.m. North Main St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

12:26 p.m. King St, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

4:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS).

4:57 p.m. Pleasant St,. traffic complaint.

9:32 p.m. River St, suspicious activity.

11:51 p.m. Headquarters, larceny.

OBITUARIES

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Mary T. Davis

Mary T. (Cronin) Davis, 85, died Dec. 22, 2003, at South Shore Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Dorchester, she grew up on East Cottage St. and moved to Cohasset in 1942. Over the course of her life, Mrs. Davis was a secretary and teacher's aid for the Joseph Osgood School and a Cohasset Town Hall employee. A music lover, she was a member of The Sweet Adeline's chorus and a long time choir member in St. Anthony's church.

Mrs. Davis was also very fond of the ocean and spent many happy moments at Sandy Beach.

Wife of the late Edward W. Davis Jr., she leaves her children Paul J. and Daniel Davis of Concord, N.H., Thomas P. Davis of Arnold, Md., Catherine E. Davis of Cohasset, Donald Davis of Cohasset, Mark Davis of Quincy; her six grandchildren, Craig and Stephen Davis of Cohasset, Gregory, Mary Katherine and Christopher Davis of Arnold, Md. and Molly Davis Trisler of Cohasset; one brother John Cronin of Burlington, and three sisters, Catherine Smith of Fortuna, Calif., Jewel Cronin and Ann Moran of Rockland.

She was mother of the late Edward W. Davis III and Mary Ann (Davis) Kelley of South Boston, and the sister of the late Neil, Mortimer Jr., Timothy, and Joseph Cronin and Sr. Mary Eileen (Elizabeth Cronin) of the Marist Order.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Dec. 27, at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. The interment was private.

Funeral arrangements were handled by McNamara Sparrell Funeral Service in Cohasset.

Contributions can be made to the Life Care Center of the South Shore, Activity Fund, P.O. Box 830, Scituate, MA 02066, Attn. Dottie Cobozzi.

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JANUARY 1 - 9, 2004

Thurs. 1

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association welcomes the public to join them for this annual event, which will take place on Jan. 1, at 1 p.m. This year's walk will be at the Trustees of the Reservation's Norris Reservation in Norwell. Explore a recent addition to the property with a new trail and bridge over wetland areas. After a brisk walk, kick off New Year's with a hearty snack and hot beverage. Visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 for more information. Donations are welcome and pre-registration is not required.

American Indian Exhibit "Getting Acquainted with American Indian Artists" in the Vine Hall Gallery at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, from Jan. 1 to 31. Hosted by Betty Bourgault of Hanover, The exhibit features artwork in a variety of mediums representing a wide range of American Indian artists from different tribes across the U.S. and Canada. The public is invited to an opening reception on Sunday, Jan. 4 from 2 to 4p.m. The exhibit can be viewed free of charge during the Center's regular business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

The North River Arts Society presents **What's Cookin'...Good Lookin?** an exhibit of original oil paintings by **Corinne Campobasso** through Jan. 17, at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact NRAS office at 781-837-8091 for more information.

The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents **Changing Colors,** a show of watercolors by **Bill Goffrier** will be on view through Jan. 7. 781-659-7100

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, **Gifts from the World to the White House. Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington Thursdays, **The New Blue Revue**, Open Mike blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke with Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Fri.2

The holidays can be stressful, especially for families. Call the Parental Stress Line, 1-800-632-8188. Trained volunteers offer a supportive, non-judgmental ear for parents who need someone to listen. The line is confidential, toll-free, and 24 hours a day. No problem is too big or small for a parent to call

The North River Arts Society presents "Recent Works," an exhibit of photographs by **Mike Sleeper** at the Dolphin Gallery through Jan. 30, located at the Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. Call the library for current hours at 781-741-1405. For more information call 781-837-8091.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

The Holiday Festival of Lights, at **Edaville Railroad**, Rt. 58, Carver, runs through Sunday, Jan. 4. Hours are 4 to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 2 to 9 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Edaville Railroad is closed Mondays (except Dec. 29), and Christmas Day. Tickets are $16 for all visitors 3 and older. Prices include all rides and attractions. 508-866-8190 or 877-EDAVILLE, www.edaville.com. Save $5 by donating two canned or boxed food items.

Starcreations Theater from the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center** will present "The Little Mermaid and the Prince," and audience participation play on Dec. 26, 27, 29, 30, at 1 p.m. held at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower level. General admission $5. Reservations suggested.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its **25th anniversary "Push the Envelope" concert** at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Jan. 2. Performing will be **Maybe Baby**. The show starts at 8 p.m. $10 members $12 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

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The Bridgewaye Inn New Year's Eve Party will feature the music of After Eight, a six-piece band playing classic rock, pop, soul, blues, jazz and more. Enjoy a midnight buffet and champagne toast complete with party favors. The Bridgewaye will offer a full menu all night. Music begins at 9 p.m. Admission is $15. The Bridgewaye is located at 1265 Ferry Street in Marshfield. For more information call (781) 834-6505.

Jazz with Rose and Rick 8 to 11 p.m.781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **The Crust** on Jan. 2.

Signature Move, More Than A Theory and Combo Guy will perform in concert at the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center** on Jan. 2, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $8 per person. 508-747-1234.

Sat. 3

The Pembroke Library presents **LandShapes**, acrylic landscapes by **Norma Jane Langford** featuring the drumlins and salt marshes of Hough's Neck, Quincy and the rocky coves of Monhegan Island, Maine, during the month of January. Opening re **The Plymouth County Beekeepers Association** will sponsor its **24th annual Beginners' Beekeeping School** at the Plymouth County Extension building on High Street in Hanson. Classes run seven, two hour sessions (7 to 9 p.m.) on alternate Thursday evenings. Registration and first class is on Thursday, Jan.15, at 6:45 p.m. Course fee is $35. For information call Lee Benford 781-837-9050, Charles Marchewka 781-585-8908 or Howard Scott 781-293-9027.
ception Jan. 3, from noon to 2 p.m. 617-328-7279.

The North River Arts Society presents **Feathers,** a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, featuring photographs by Cindy Vallino, depicting birds in the landscape from local areas, and from the Bosque del Apache Bird Sanctuary in New Mexico, Jan. 3 to Feb. 28. Opening reception Jan. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. The library is located in the Library Plaza, Marshfield. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

Silvan, Diptheria and Twitch 27 will perform in concert at the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center** on Jan. 3, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $8 per person. 508-747-1234.

Helen's Café Weymouth Landing, 16 Commercial St. Braintree, featuring **Comedy Night** with **Tommy Dunham, Dave Rattigan, Annette Pollack, Pat Hicks, Jan Flanagan and Sean Caufield**. Call 781-356-4311 for reservations.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **The Other Kim** on Jan. 3.

Sun. 4

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield - **The rescheduled Dixieland and Holiday Jazz Festival**. Twelve musicians will provide continuous music from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. Admission $12.

A Little Christmas in Jackson Square - Musical groups from five Weymouth churches will participate in "A Little Christmas in Jackson Square," an Epiphany Sunday concert at 3 p.m. at East Weymouth Congregational Church, 1320 Commercial St. The East Weymouth Congregational Church, Immaculate Conception Parish, First Church in Weymouth Heights, Old South Union Congregational Church and New Life Foursquare Gospel Church will participate in a program of traditional and contemporary Yuletide music, including a sing-along. It will conclude with "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" and a special presentation by the combined choirs featuring more than 100 voices. Epiphany Sunday, which is also known as Little Christmas and Three Kings' Day, commemorates the Biblical story of the revealing of the child Jesus to the non-Jewish world. It marks the beginnings of the spread of the faith that would come to be known as Christianity. Suggested donation is $5, and all proceeds will benefit the Weymouth Food Pantry. For further information call 781-335-6919 or 781-340-1403.

Due to the storm on Dec. 7, the **Fine Arts Chorale's 23rd Annual Holiday Pops concert**, originally scheduled for 6 p.m. at Lombardo's in Randolph, was cancelled and **rescheduled for Sunday, Jan. 4 at 2 p.m**. (Same location) All Dec. 7, tickets will be honored. Additional tickets are also available. Single tickets are $20 each and tables for 10 are priced at $175 For information or to purchase tickets call 1(800)230-7555 or email FineArtsChorale@aol.com.

A snow date for December Concert - **The Choral Art Society and St. Luke's Church choirs of Scituate and the choirs of St. Theresa of Avila Parish of West Roxbury** will on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, in Scituate. Tickets are $12/$10 (students and seniors) and are available in advance by phone or at the door on performance day. Tickets previously bought for the snow- cancelled Dec. 7 Scituate date will be honored at the door. A reception will follow each concert with free refreshments. For more information visit www.choralartsociety.org or call 781-545-8295.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington, Sundays **Karaoke with Ron Towers** 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. 781-871-7175.

Mon. 5

South Shore Women's Business Network, Braintree Luncheon - Jan. 5 Hot Buffet Luncheon Jimbos Fish Shanty Braintree Five Corners, Braintree The cost for luncheon is pre-registration $20 members, $35 nonmembers. At the door $25 members, $40 nonmembers. 781-848-0300.

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The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30pm at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Westwinds Bookshop located at the Duxbury Marketplace, Duxbury, will be forming its Book Club and Writer's Workshop. If interested in joining either group, call 781-934-2128.

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical conceived choreographed and directed by **Twyla Tharp** and based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly, free, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 6

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at **Quincy District Court** on Jan. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For more information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. The book Breakfast at Tiffany's by Truman Capote is the reading for the Jan. 13 meeting. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250.

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's** Dillon Gallery 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The spring concert season for the Braintree Choral Society will begin with the first rehearsal on Jan. 6, in the music room of Braintree High School at 7:30 p.m. There will be no auditions but the director will be listening to new members for voice placement purposes. 508-583-5662.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 7

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., will exhibit Paintings, Drawings, Prints by Lauren Harman during December and January 2004. A reception is scheduled for Jan. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. 781-934-2721.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Join Harbour Choral Arts Society, a community chorus looking for new members. Rehearsals begin Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hanover, at the corner of Rt. 123 and Main Street. For information; call 781-834-5808.

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The Whitman Public Library, 100 Webster St., Whitman, presents **Michael Tougias**, author of "Quabbin: A History and Explorers Guide." Tougias will present a narrated slide presentation about the Quabbin Reservoir on Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. 781-447-7613.

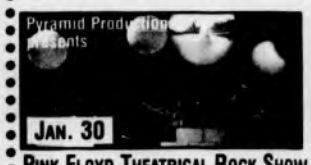
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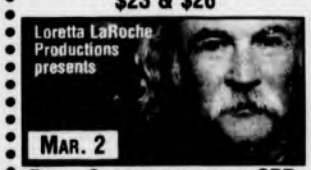
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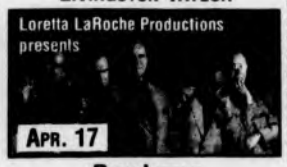


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South Shore Folk Music Club presents its **25th anniversary "Push the Envelope" concert** at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing will be **Maybe Baby**. The show starts at 8 p.m. $10 members $12 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

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The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets every Tuesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus.

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The North River Arts Society presents **Recent Paintings from Life works by Vivian Harlow**, Nov. 1 to Jan. 3 at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center.

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Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Reunions

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1984 Is looking for classmates to join in a 20th reunion celebration to be held Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004 at the Scituate Country Club. The reunion committee needs immediate help tracking the whereabouts of '84 alumni. Please email your address, phone number, and contact information for any of your classmates to Matt Brown at katemattbrown@attbi.com.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1959, 29 Oak Ridge Circle, Weymouth, MA 02188 is seeking classmates for the 45th reunion. Drop a note to the above address.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL -The 13th annual reunion for anyone graduating from Weymouth High School and their friends will be held on Feb. 27 and 28, in Kissimmee, Florida. For more information call 727-345-4323 or email Lureman72@juno.com or visit www.geocities.com/Lureman72.

Talent Search

THE COHASSET DRAMATIC CLUB will hold auditions for *"Little Shop of Horrors"* at the Cohasset Town Hall on Jan. 5 and 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. The production opens first weekend in March. For information contact the director at lisa.pratt@comcast.net <mailto:lisa.pratt@comcast.net> .

BAY PLAYERS, INC. will hold auditions for **The Children's Hour**, at Kingston Intermediate School on Jan. 5, from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. for kids; 8:15 to 9:45 p.m. for grown-ups. Jan. 6, from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. and Jan. 7, call backs. Productions dates: March 26, 27, and April 2, 3, Call 1-800-290-6825 and leave message.

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School board race shapes up

Other candidates also pull papers

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset's Town Election 2004 already has the makings of a humdinger.

With open seats on the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Planning Board, Water Commission, Recreation Commission and Housing Authority, excitement is starting to build.

By the close of the day Monday — the first day nomination papers became available — seven citizens were poised to throw their hats into the ring. Tuesday and Wednesday two more candidates pulled papers with one race already shaping up.

In a four-way race for two seats, incumbent School Committee member Pat Martin of Linden Drive plans to seek a third term while Adrienne MacCarthy of Doane Street, Jamie Williams of Surry Drive and Scott O'Grady are hoping for their first. Incumbent Mark DeGiacomo is not seeking a third term.

Martin said the school system is at a critical juncture.

"I believe the Cohasset school system is at a critical point of impending transition with a new superintendent being chosen this spring and with continued budget and program reductions looming," Martin said. "I would like to continue working on the committee to ensure its current commitment to excellence and guide our system through these upcoming challenges."

MacCarthy, who ran against Martin three years ago, said she is up to the task.

"My desire to sit on the Cohasset School Committee is not new," MacCarthy said. "I have continued to work for the schools and the town since my last bid for a seat three years ago. I am ready to bring my experiences as a School Building Committee member, a PSO representative and a parent to this important seat."

Williams said she would bring a fresh voice to the School Committee.

"As an experienced businesswoman, I am seeking to bring my proven record of leadership in planning, budgeting and for-

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PRESCHOOL PORT

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Aiden Dale, Scott Whelan and Sam Montgomery peer out the porthole on the new playground at the South Shore Community Center.

Popular longtime village gift shop closes

By Mary Ford
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Not many people can say Jack Nicholson ate here, especially about a card and gift shop.

But then again, not many people own a shop in Cohasset Village in an antique house that provided the setting for the deli in the 1987 movie "Witches of Eastwick," which was filmed in town.

The "deli" was just one of innumerable memories that bring a smile to Sue Straley's face.

"I wanted to be here every minute. My children used to say to me at night, 'can't you talk about anything but Cards and Shards?'"
— Sue Straley

In fact smiles come easily to Straley, whose face lights up when she talks about Cards and Shards, the shop that had become a second home to her over the past 26 years.

"I wanted to be here every minute," she recalls. "My children used to say to me at night, 'can't you talk about anything but Cards and Shards?'"

But the time has come for Straley, who lives in Hull, to move on and she is doing so without regret.

"I decided I can make better use of my time right now," she says. "I have other things I'd like to do including doing some traveling. I still have time to do something different."

Straley bought the shop and building with her husband Dick after a lunch at what was then Hugo's some 26 years ago. They were driving by and saw the for sale sign.

"We went in and looked around and the rest is history," she says.

The shop was on the books as a souvenir shop so it could be open Sundays at a time when few stores were. Even malls were closed on Sunday, Straley recalls. "It was also the days when women weren't really working yet."



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Familiar faces at Cards and Shards, which has closed, are clockwise from far right, owner Sue Straley, Alexei Sherman (Straley's granddaughter), Linda Falconiero, Nancy Pottenger, Jennifer Sherman (Straley's daughter), and Betty Driscoll.

After thinking about closing the store for about a year, Straley started telling customers about three months ago when she put the stock on sale. The reaction was one of disbelief and shock.

"People would say 'you can't, the shop is Cohasset – you can't do this,'" she says. "I found out how really important we were."

Straley's staff, which had lunch with

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No override in FY'05 budget

Schools to be in crunch mode

By Samantha Brown
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Town Manager Mark Haddad said he is standing firm on his decision not to recommend a Prop. 2-1/2 override for fiscal year 2005, which means the School Department will have some decisions to make in order to balance its budget.

While the schools are asking for $719,000 over last year to cover only contractual obligations and increased utility expenses, Haddad said the money will not be available from the town unless either personnel cuts are made on the municipal side, or the town has an override, which are both unwelcome solutions in his eyes.

"I am pretty solid on the fact that I'm not asking for an override," said Haddad, adding he, as always, will be more than willing to work with the School Department to help find a solution to its budgetary problems.

Haddad said the amount of new revenues available for FY2005 is $563,381, which is almost $200,000 short of being able to fund the minimum $719,000 the schools need just to cover contractual raises and costs for utilities. Extras such as a new math teacher, or any other additional employees or supplies aren't included in that figure.

However, before Haddad can give any funds to the schools out of that $563,381, the costs for benefits and insurance for employees needs to be taken care of. This year, without any changes in the health insurance policy, it is necessary to increase that line item by $233,800, which leaves only $329,581 in additional new revenue for all remaining budgets. In light of that, Haddad recommended increasing the school budget by $324,971 or 2.9 percent, in contrast to the town's increase of .68 percent, as the only way of presenting a balanced budget without an

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Cook project takes a step forward

By Samantha Brown
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Town Manager Mark Haddad is slated to come before the Advisory Committee tonight, to request a reserve fund transfer of $25,000, which will allow the next stage of the senior housing project at the Cook Estate to move forward.

An on-site septic system is planned for the project. Haddad said the system should accommodate 14,000 gallons of wastewater. When a system is over 10,000 gallons, the town needs to obtain a groundwater discharge permit from the Department of Environmental Protection. A hydrogeologic study must also be conducted on the land as part of the process.

"We're pretty confident we can get a groundwater permit," Haddad said.

During a hydrogeologic study, test pits are dug which allows the path of the groundwater to be tracked. The test pits are dug roughly 25 feet into the ground, and the entire process takes a month or two, Haddad said. He added the process will be able to start immediately, and will not be affected by the cold weather.

Haddad went to the Advisory Committee before for $25,000 to pay John Cavanaro Consulting to conduct the due diligence for the Cook project. That money was turned back to the town at Town Meeting.

"We're basically asking for that $25,000 back again," said Haddad.

Haddad said he sought money from the Community Preservation Fund first for both the due diligence process and the hydrogeologic tests. But the CPC opted not to fund the project and

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The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Jan. 13, 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.,

Greenbush, Jan. 13, 9:30 a.m., (roundhouse and Rocky Lane)

Harbor Committee, Jan. 13, 7 p.m.

Paul Pratt Board of Library Trustees, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. at the library

Planning Board, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.,

Recycling Committee, Jan. 10, 10 a.m. at DPW

Selectmen, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Jan. 12, 6 p.m.

Wastewater Committee, Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Court proceeding postponed to Feb. 9

Keith Jackson, Jerry Cogill and Adam Thibault, who are charged with breaking the railing to the handicapped ramp at the American Legion Hall during an alleged fight on a Saturday night in October will be back in court Feb. 9. The matter was scheduled for yesterday (Jan. 7) but was continued because Judge Mark Coven was unavailable because he was sitting in an Appeals Court session.

Article deadlines

Town Manager Mark Haddad reminds residents that Monday, Jan. 12, is the deadline for submission of Citizen Petition articles, which are required to have ten signatures. The deadline for all other articles is Thursday, Jan. 14

Train meeting Jan. 13

The MBTA will conduct a meeting on the Cohasset Roundhouse and Rocky Lane grade separator at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13 at Cohasset Town Hall. The purpose of the session is for the MBTA to present the current design proposals for these parts of the Greenbush Railroad Project and discuss their potential impact to cultural resources. Town officials and members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed designs. The Cohasset Roundhouse once stood in the vicinity of the Town Parking Lot.

The MBTA is also conducting a meeting on the Greenbush Layover Station at 2 p.m., Jan. 13 at Scituate Town Hall.

Ventilation concerns at middle-high school

During its annual health inspection of the middle-high school, the Board of Health noted ventilation hoods were not operable in some of the laboratories and chemical storage rooms. The board also received anecdotal information that the air quality in the labs and sometimes in the adjacent hall might not meet air quality standards.

The board sent a letter to CMHS Principal Michael Jones on Dec. 10 requesting the "fume hoods" be made operable no later than Jan. 15, or the board would request air-quality tests be conducted. If the schools don't pass the tests, the board said it would take appropriate action, which would include prohibiting the use of the classrooms to ensure students are not being exposed to hazardous breathing conditions.

Jones stated in a letter to the Board of Health, the fume hoods installed during the construction project are not operational because motors which were ordered from the manufacturer have not yet arrived. "They will be installed as soon as they arrive, and at that time the fume hoods will be operational," he stated.

Jones also said fume hoods are not intended to vent air on a daily basis, and are used only when chemicals are mixed during laboratory work. No chemicals have been mixed in the classrooms and no chemical work will be conducted until the hoods are operational, he stated.

The board's concern regarding air quality would be investigated, said Jones, who has informed Building Project Manager Simon Tempest, who will arrange for air testing in the schools.

In addition, Jones said the chemical inventory was reviewed and examined on site by a professional consultant, and all inventory which was no longer needed was disposed of through Clean Harbors. "Everything remaining in the laboratories is properly sealed and stored," he stated.

Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo said Jones "sounds like he's on top of it," but asked Office Manager Tara Tradd if she would take a look at the progress made at the school. He also requested a letter be drafted asking the school to ensure air testing is conducted soon, because gas jets are being used in the labs even if chemicals are not. It's important to have a reading on the air quality, Bobo said.

Great Neck developers submit preliminary plans

The Board of Health got its first look Monday at preliminary plans for another proposed senior housing project under the Senior Overlay District bylaw.

Ellen Morrissey,488 Jerusalem Road, previously filed an application with the town to build a 40B project on her 14 acres of land located off Beach Street. Although she did not attend Monday's meeting, she said previously she reconsidered her development plans to provide a project she thinks would be more beneficial to the town.

"This is a preliminary plan. They're giving you a pretty good idea of where the drainage is going to go," said Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik, adding the plans show there is enough area to support an on-site wastewater treatment system. He said a good portion of the property is flat and the soil is basically sand.

However, Godzik said more definitive data is needed for the board to vote on the plans, including storm-water management information and results from a hydro-geologic study.

"Tentatively, it looks OK," said member Peggy Chapman.

Cedarmere developers file records request

The Cedarmere developers have filed public records requests, asking the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Director of Finance Michael Buckley, and members of the Sewer Commission, Ray Kasperowicz, John Beck, Sean Cunning, and associate member Gary Vanderweil, to provide information and records which date back to 1996. Much of the information is regarding town sewer issues, as well as discussion surrounding any aspects of the 105-unit Cedarmere project. The requests includes all written records, records stored in a computer medium, electronic mail, and audio or video recordings.

"This is kind of an onerous request," said Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris. The Board of Selectmen has been asked to provide documents which apply to 16 sets of criteria by the development team.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he will seek the advice of Town Counsel because it will be virtually impossible to provide the long list of records, of which his list includes 17 different items, to the Cedarmere developers in a 10-day time frame, as is required by state law. The lists for the other boards all exceed 10 points of criteria as well.

CPC funds possible for CHS field repairs

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he has been in contact with Community Preservation Committee Chairman Stuart Ivimey about submitting an application for funds to cover maintenance costs on Alumni Field. After speaking with Town Counsel, Ivimey said the request is in his board's purview and Haddad said Ivimey has been very receptive to the request.

"That field has been in bad shape all fall," said Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris. Selectman Merle Brown added there was a problem with the field from the very beginning, because there was never money in the budget to "do it the way it should be done — with sand."

Brown said under the field is mostly clay, which does not drain well and has caused many problems with the field. Haddad said now that he knows the request can be addressed by the CPC, he will file an application for the money soon.

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Sun. 11	1:31	9.0	7:27	1:36	10.1	7:58
Mon. 12	2:12	9.2	8:12	2:20	10.0	8:41
Tues. 13	2:55	9.4	9:01	3:08	9.7	9:27
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End of 'blue law' opens door for Sunday sales

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset package stores aren't exactly feeling "blue" about the new state law giving towns the option to allow liquor stores to be open Sundays, but they're not thrilled about it either.

"Unfortunately we're being forced into it," says Rick Curtis, owner of Curtis Liquors at Tedeschi Plaza. "Once one town does it — other towns have to jump on board."

So far on the South Shore, Abington and Marshfield have given the OK; Weymouth plans to hold a public hearing with license holders on the issue, as will Pembroke, Hingham and Cohasset. Cohasset's public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 27.

"A lot of stores I spoke with don't want to open on Sundays," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. However, to remain competitive, he believes businesses will begin to change their schedules if other stores in the area choose to open. Haddad said individual stores can set their own Sunday hours but no earlier than noon and run no later than 11 p.m.

"It's probably going to be a domino effect," said Selectman Michael Sullivan.

Thanks to Gov. Mitt Romney and the state Legislature that recently amended the existing law by expanding the opportunity for licensees to sell on Sunday on a statewide basis, the Sunday liquor ban — a Colonial-era "blue law" — is no more. The Board of Selectmen, which is the local licensing authority, can now issue a permit for Sunday sales to package stores that want one. Those that open will have to pay time-and-a-half.

"Not every store will open," says Curtis. "But the medium and large stores will feel obligated to do so."

Massachusetts had already permitted liquor stores within 10 miles of New Hampshire and Vermont – where Sunday liquor sales are allowed — to open that day. The bill came in response to a recent New York law allowing Sunday alcohol sales. Massachusetts liquor stores on the New York border said they were losing business to their neighbors across the state line.

Ryan Staszko, manager of Cohasset Plaza Liquors, wrote to selectmen expressing interest in being open on Sundays. Staszko said his interest is not about profit but about staying competitive and maintaining market share.

"I don't want customers to drive to other places if we're not open and then continue to shop there," he said.

While the package stores are bemoaning the change in the law, convenience stores that sell wine and beer and are already open Sundays welcome it.

"It's a convenience for our customers," says Paul Orrall, night manager at Cohasset Food Mart. "There were 14 who came in last Sunday and asked for it, and we couldn't sell to them."

Approval from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission is not required under the new law. Stores cannot sell liquor prior to noon or after 11 p.m., or 11:30 p.m. on a Sunday preceding a legal holiday, although selectmen can set shorter hours. Stores that open Sunday can close another day of the week if they choose.

Sales will not be permitted on Memorial Day, Thanksgiving day, Christmas day or the following day if Christmas falls on a Sunday. And no employee may be required to work on Sunday.

Cliff Chase, owner of Village Wine & Spirits, said if he had his druthers, the state wouldn't have changed the law.

"In this business, so much of the weekend is taken up already with Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night," he said. "Now it's going to be totally gone."

Curtis of Curtis Liquors, who also has a store in Weymouth, said he predicts his stores will do the same amount of business but spread over Saturday and Sunday.

"Customers won't feel it's necessary to shop on Saturday – so some of our traditional Saturday and Saturday night business will move to Sunday," he said, adding the exception in this area might be on hot summer Sundays when customers might come in for some cold beer or other alcoholic beverages for barbecues or parties.

For roughly the past 10 years, with selectmen's approval, liquor stores in the state have been allowed to open Sundays between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

The State House News Service also contributed to this report.

About the Colonial blue laws

The following is from www.u-s-history.com

- Puritan church members in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and later Congregationalists elsewhere in New England, believed their relationship with God required them to enforce proper behavior.
- Blue law refers to an edict regulating public activities on the Sabbath, which meant Sunday to the Congregationalists of the time.
- All forms of trade or commerce were outlawed on Sundays. No public entertainment or meetings were permitted, excepted church services. Even travel was banned.
- The origin of the term blue law is disputed. Some authorities argue the early laws or book describing regulations were printed on blue paper; others suggest the name comes from "blue blood," a term conveying a disapproving view of common behavior.

Buying alcohol on Sunday not so simple

By Amy Lambiaso
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Despite a new law, consumers looking to buy a six-pack of beer on a Sunday afternoon might have to drive a bit further than they expected to get it.

Local and state authorities say the new state law abolishing the so-called "blue law," which banned liquor store openings on Sundays, has confused many storeowners and turned off many others. The result: consumers this past Sunday, the day the law went into effect, found many liquor stores were still closed.

Lawmakers abolished the Sunday openings ban in November as part of a larger job creation package. According to the Massachusetts Package Store Association, only a dozen storeowners contacted the group to acknowledge they took advantage of the first Sunday opening this past weekend, after receiving local approval from licensing boards.

While it's likely that more than a dozen stores were open, the association represents 650 storeowner members and there are 1,800 liquor stores in the state, according to the association.

Frank Anzalotti, executive director of the association, said the delay in openings is mainly due to communities having to sort out and explain the new regulations to retailers and consumers.

Anzalotti said many storeowners originally believed they could be open for business on Sundays immediately following the holiday period in which alcohol can be sold at stores seven days a week between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

But it's not that simple. Storeowners first have to obtain permits locally.

"We've told people no openings without new permits," Anzalotti said. Currently, most liquor stores have six-day alcohol licenses, with the one-day closure falling on Sunday.

In order for that to change, stores must apply to the local licensing board for a seven-day license or a license change to specify another day of the week to be closed, said William Kelley, general counsel for the Alcohol Beverages Control Commission (ABCC). Local licensing boards have the full discretion to deny any permit request, in essence resisting the law change.

But Kelley said another kink in the law change has local authorities scratching their heads. The community's legislative body can vote to "accept" the opt-out provision of the law, in which case not only package stores, but restaurants and bars would be banned from selling alcohol on Sundays.

"We haven't heard from anybody that would go dry," said Anzalotti. "And we can't believe anyone would do that."

Rep. Daniel Bosley, one of the leading proponents for abolishing the ban, said the "dry provision" was unintentional and needs to be amended. "In an effort to get things done quickly some laws were included in the statute that may not be applicable," said Bosley, a North Adams Democrat who co-chairs the Government Regulations Committee.

Bosley said he would lead legislative efforts during the next couple of weeks to clean up any "quirky" wording that is confusing people and may have created unintended consequences.

Currently, the local licensing board dictates which day a liquor store must close. Bosley said he will file corrective legislation to ensure storeowners more flexibility in choosing their own schedule. "However we do this, we are leaving it up to the city or town to decide whether their stores should open," Bosley said.

Amy Lambiaso writes for the State House News Service.

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

JAY NOTHNAGLE HONORED

This week's column is beginning by recognizing a remarkable young man who most of you know or have seen around our town. Congratulations to you Jay along with the others that were recognized during the awards ceremony.

Joe Shortsleeve of WBZ TV helped the ARC of Massachusetts honor 14 individuals and organizations at the 2003 Distinguished Citizen Awards Ceremony at the State House on Dec. 9. The individuals and organizations were recognized for their contributions in advancing opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities. Among those honored was **Jay Nothnagle** of Cohasset, who was recognized for personal achievement and leadership.

Jay, a 29-year-old man with Down Syndrome, has become an incredibly capable, independent, and productive citizen. Among his accomplishments so far: earning his Eagle Scout award from the Boy Scouts; competing in 10 Special Olympics; earning his driver's license; being employed for 12 years; living independently in his own apartment; and volunteering six times for the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project, in which adults and teens travel to Appalachia each June to do home repair and learn about the lives of some of America's poorest citizens.'

ST. PAUL SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Brother Richard Lunny, C.F.X., Principal of St. Paul School in Hingham is pleased to announce that the following Cohasset students have achieved academic excellence.

Making the Principals List are: GRADE 8 - **Thomas Chase**, son of **Mark and Laura Chase**. GRADE 7 - **Eric Vanderpool**, son of **John and Geraldine Vanderpool**

Making First Honors are: GRADE 6 - **Kelly Voke**, daughter of **Patrick and Alice Voke.**

Congratulations to all of you on this recognition of your hard work. Keep it up.

TRIP TO U.N.

Patrick Horigan of Cohasset, a sophomore at Boston College High School, recently returned from a trip to New York City. Horigan with 50 other members of the BC High Model UN Club took a tour of the United Nations, met and interviewed Itai Eithan Shamir, Coordinator and Elections Officer, Permanent Mission of Israel to the UN. Mr. Nick Argento, chairman of the BC High Social Studies Department, and two members of the Social Studies department, Ms. Sheila Chrestensen of Arlington and Mr. Christopher Martell, led this annual trip to the UN. This experience will certainly be one for you Patrick to remember for quite some time. What a wonderful experience for you to be a part of.

BRIDGE CHAMP

Margie Wollam of Cohasset will b the defending champ at the next New England Bridge Conference (NEBC) tournament.

The New England Bridge Conference (District 25) will host the tournament Jan. 9-11 at the Newton Marriott Hotel (Commonwealth Avenue at Route 128). There are special games for beginning players.

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HOCKEY BOOSTERS RAFFLE

The Cohasset Hockey Boosters' 4th Annual Holiday Calendar Raffle has ended for another year. The most recent winners are(from Cohasset unless otherwise noted: 12/14-**Linda Simms**, 2 tickets to the Cohasset Music Circus; 12/15-**Abby Thomas**, Interior Design Consultation from MDS Design (Michelle Dorian Sacks); 12/16-**Thompson Family**, $100 Gift Certificate to Adrian Morris Salon; 12/17-**Ayer Family**, $50 in dry cleaning at Dependable Cleaners and $25 gift certificate to Buttonwoood Books and Toys; 12/18-**Lynn Schwandt**, $50 in hair care products from Pat's Hairstyling for Men and $25 to The Good Sport; 12/19-**Bryan Family**, $45 to Adrian Morris Salon and $30 in dry cleaning at Cohasset Plaza Cleaners; 12/20-**Dick Holway**, 3 hours College Admissions Consultation from Marlena Alex; 12/21-**David Crowley-Buck**, $100 to Adrian Morris Salon; 12/22-**Sarah Charron**, $50 to Bernard's Restaurant and $20 in dry cleaning at Aveni Cleaners; 12/23-**Bob Ciciotte**, $100 discount in full vehicle detailing at Cohasset Collision Center; 12/24-**John Durkin**, $50 in dry cleaning at Dependable Cleaners and $25 to The Good Sport; 12/25-**Ed Straughn**, $100 from Pilgrim Cooperative Bank; 12/26-**Rick Covino**,(Cohasset Fire Dept.), 6 VIP visits to Sun's Up Tanning Salon and $30 to Adamo Day Spa; 12/27-**Mike Welch**(CHS), $30 to Joseph's Hardware and $20 in dry cleaning at Aveni Cleaners; 12/28-**Laurie Kimla**, $50 off a party at Par-Tee and $25 to The Scoop; 12/29-**The Weber Family**, $25 to Stop & Shop and $25 to Cohasset Pizza House; 12/30-**L. Swain**, $45 to Adrian Morris Salon and Lube, Oil and Filter at Cohasset Sunoco; 12/31-**Cathy. Forest**, $100 to Atlantica Restaraunt and the final winner who is ready to start off the new year with some cash in hand is, 1/1/04-**Marita Carpenter**, $150 cash prize from the Cohasset Hockey Boosters.

Congratulations to all the winners of the year's Holiday Calendar Raffle and to all residents of Cohasset who supported the Varsity Ice Hockey Team by purchasing a raffle ticket. A heartfelt thank you to all the merchants who donated prizes and services to this raffle making it a tremendous success. The Ice Hockey coaches, players and parents wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year in 2004.

Happy New Year Cohasset! May it be filled with happiness, love and caring the entire year through. That is all for this week. All news and information should get to me no later than Mondays at noon in one of the following ways:

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Jay Nothnagle, shown here sailing in Cohasset Harbor, has received a Distinguished Citizen Award.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Clark

Clark - Gately

Jennifer Gately, the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Gately of Abington, married Matthew Clark, the son of Elizabeth Clark of Hingham, Aug. 10, 2003, at St. Basil Chapel, Bridgewater State College. .The Rev. Al Faretra officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Christine Robbins of Weymouth attended the bride as matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Kate Coughlin-Anderson of Hingham, Erin Lindsay of New York, Carrie Morrison of Franklin, Amanda Adamczyk of Abington, Martha Clark and Stephanie Clark of Hingham and Monica Baum of Norwell.

Paul Clark of Hingham performed the duties of best man. The ushers were Ryan O'Shea, Jonathan O'Neil and Alex Hall, all of Hingham, Mike Muldoon of Braintree and Scott Robbins of Weymouth.

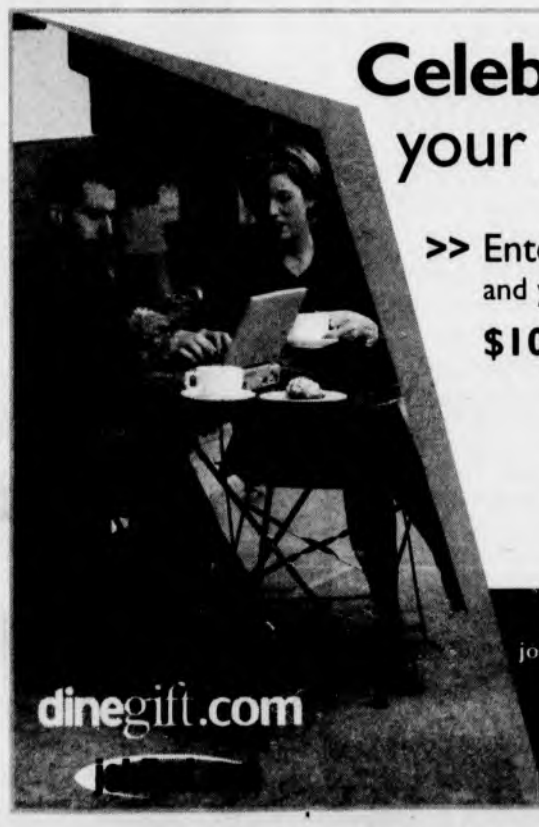
The bride is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy and Bridgewater State College and is employed in the Cohasset Public Schools.

Her husband, a graduate of UMass/Boston is employed in the Bridgewater/Raynham Public Schools.

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School board race shapes up

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ward-thinking to the School Committee, to best manage the challenges facing our school system and Cohasset taxpayers, while ensuring that the best educational opportunities are available to our children," Williams said.

O'Grady said, as a parent and member of the community, he wants to be involved in the decision-making process as the schools select a new superintendent and move forward.

"I want to help establish new priorities now that the buildings are finished," he said. "What we need now is a new formula in what we are looking for in a superintendent and for leadership in our schools."

So far incumbent Selectman Merle Brown of Beechwood Street, who is seeking a fourth term, and Rob Spofford of Heather Drive are running for two seats on the Board of Selectmen. Incumbent Selectman Tom Callahan is not seeking reelection.

The Mariner caught up with Brown at 8:50 a.m. Monday at the Town Clerk's office. He was the first to pull papers.

"I'd like to continue to work as a selectman for the town," said Brown, who served 11 years on the Conservation Commission before being elected selectman. "I enjoy the people of the town and I hope I can make a difference as I think I have in the past."

Spofford said with nine years on the School Building Committee, he's ready for the challenge of being a selectman.

"As the school projects come to a close I have reflected on how much I care about Cohasset," Spofford said. "I would like to use my time and energy to continue to address our town's needs. I feel well suited and prepared to provide input based upon my nine years of experience with the school projects and my own business acumen."

Nathaniel Palmer of Little Harbor Road plans to run for the seat being vacated by Rob Kasameyer on the Water Commission and Elsa Miller of Reservoir Road is seeking reelection to the Board of Assessors. Palmer said a seat on the Water Commission is a natural for him.

"I have been involved with and concerned with environmental matters for the last couple of decades, particularly as they relate to watershed protection," he said. "I have been generally pleased with Cohasset's water system (everything but the taste), however, through my involvement with the board over the last couple of years I have come appreciate the vital importance it plays in the health and safety of Cohasset.

"I want to ensure that all three members of the board reflect an understanding of that responsibility," he said.

Planning Board member Bill Good said he will not seek a fourth term on the Planning Board.

"I've loved working with such great people on the Planning Board," he said. "It's been a great 15 years."

Water Commissioner Rob Kasameyer won't seek reelection to the Water Commission.

"I believe the Water Department I am leaving has become one of the Town's strongest departments," he said. "Commissioners John McNabb and Glenn Pratt are committed both to the Town and to its water. They are spearheading a number of programs to keep the Department performing at the highest levels, benchmarked against the best"

Town Clerk Marion Douglas said it was exciting to see so many citizens interested in seeking office. However, she hopes all the spots on the ballot will be filled including those for two-year, unexpired terms on the Cohasset Housing Authority and Recreation Commission.

Rick Grassie recently resigned from the Recreation Commission leaving a one-year unexpired term and Joanne Young moved away leaving a one-year unexpired term on the Cohasset Housing Authority.

School Committee member Rick Shea, who was appointed to fill the Jane Pescatore's seat in September, pulled papers Tuesday for the one-year remaining of Pescatore's unexpired term. Pescatore resigned to accept employment with the school department.

Incumbents who had not pulled papers by press time include: Recreation Commissioner Anthony Carbone; Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo; Ann Barrett, Cohasset Housing Authority; Sewer Commissioner Sean Cunning and library trustees, Barbara Power, Sarah Pease and June Hubbard.

Bobo said he will seek reelection to the Board of Health. "I think it's going to take at least three more years to get out of what I've gotten myself into," Bobo said.

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A snapshot of the annual budget process

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Every year when the annual Town Meeting rolls around, residents vote to approve a fiscal year operating budget.

While casting a vote may be easy, coming up with the figures to balance the books is not. It is a painstaking process which begins in November, months before any local aid numbers are final from the state. With the timeline the town has to work with, it's a wonder the budget is ever close to being on target.

When the term municipal budget is used, it refers to the budgets associated with the Town Hall, Police Department, Fire Department, DPW, Library, and Council on Elder Affairs. The budgets for the Water Department, Sewer Department, School Department, employee benefits, and debt service are not included in the municipal budget, Town Manager Mark Haddad explained.

Cohasset holds its annual Town Meeting every March, during which the budget for the following fiscal year is approved. This means at the last annual Town Meeting in March of 2003, the budget for the 2004 fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2003 to June 30,2004, was approved.

The fall Special Town Meeting provides a way to adjust the budget to reflect figures that were unknown in March and have become known in the meantime. The town's new growth has been certified by November, and the State aid allocation is set. In addition, there have been five months of tracking estimated receipts, overtime, and legal expenses, and the actual deficit in the snow and ice budget from the previous fiscal year is known. The fall Special Town Meeting therefore provides an opportunity to finalize the budget before setting the tax rate.

Even with all the estimates, the town only had to approve a little more than $440,000 to balance the FY 2004 operating budget at last year's special Fall Town Meeting, which is a relatively small figure considering the total budget was a little more than $29 million.

Keeping in mind that a finalized, balanced budget needs to be presented for approval in March, it is necessary to begin working on the budget in November of the preceding year. For example, in November 2003, Haddad began working on the FY 2005 budget, which will be presented at the March 27 Town Meeting.

When presented, the FY2005 budget will need to be balanced, which requires figures be included for available funds, a determination of the tax levy, estimated receipts, and estimated state aid, although the actual figures are unknown at the time the budget is compiled.

To determine the tax levy, figures for new growth need to be estimated in November. That number is based on what the expected value of new construction will be as of July 1 of the following year. The Board of Assessors will not have had time prior to Town Meeting to review all building permits, which usually total more than 400 pieces of property, and all require inspections to determine value. Because anticipated new growth is not certified by the Department of Revenue until the summer, new growth figures for the FY2005 budget will be only estimates until four months after the budget has already been approved.

To determine estimated receipts, the Town Manager and Director of Finance need to estimate how much revenue is going to be generated 18 months down the road. While figures from previous years are available to help guide the process, there is still no way of knowing what the exact finalized number will be in advance.

Because the Legislature and Governor do not finalize the state budget until June, or sometimes even later, it requires the Town Manager and Director of Finance to put forth their best estimates on what they believe will be the actual numbers, roughly eight months before the figures will be finalized by the state.

In addition, the tax rate cannot be set until all values and state aid has been certified by the Department of Revenue, which usually takes place in December, or nine months after the original budget is voted on in March.

In addition to the tax rate, there are other unknown numbers which need to be accounted for in the budget process. The snow and ice deficit and overtime needs of the Fire and Police Departments can only be predicted, as well as the legal budget, which poses some problems because there is no way to tell what lawsuits will come before the town eight to 12 months in advance. However, several items are known, such as salaries, maintenance contracts, and insurance, which give some concrete numbers to use as a basis for the rest of the budget.

Haddad says: No override in FY'05 budget

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override, he said. While that will not cover the over $700,000 the school needs, Haddad said there is no other money to give without an override.

As a way to recoup some funding for the town, Haddad said it might be possible to negotiate insurance packages. He said he has been talking to the various unions in town, and many said they would be willing to increase their health insurance co-pay from $5 to $15 to help offset some costs in the budget.

"A majority of the unions are very agreeable," he said, adding if the change went forward there would be an additional $150,000 available for the budget, but without the consent of all the unions, the plans cannot move forward.

The town had been in a cycle that required an override every three years in order to maintain services, based on the fact that the town has a tax base which is 93 percent residential without a significant commercial base. Due to a dramatic reduction in local aid, that cycle was altered and an override was passed last year, when an override wasn't scheduled until 2004. Haddad said he doesn't think it is fair for the taxpayers to have to go through an override two years in a row and will do everything he can to make sure it doesn't happen.

On the municipal side, Haddad said he has done his best to make the numbers work by not giving raises to municipal employees, level funding wherever possible, and increasing very few line items. There were only three major proposed increases in line items.

An additional $40,000 was allocated to start paying back the Water Department for emergency services fees and hydrant rentals. Haddad said the Water Commission has been extremely helpful and understanding of the town's situation financially, and have been very accommodating in their allowing the town to form a plan to pay the money back, and it's time for the town to start repaying that debt.

Haddad has also appropriated $50,000 for field maintenance, which was cut from the budget in FY2004 due to budgetary shortfalls. Therefore, the town needs to begin funding maintenance again, or be faced with significant costs to reconstruct the fields in the future. Currently, Alumni Field needs more work than can be included in the line item, and funding from the Community Preservation Committee is being sought.

The third increased line item will cover the salary for a part-time maintenance supervisor, which will cost the town $40,000. Haddad said he thinks that is a small price to pay to have someone who will be responsible for the oversight of maintenance on the town's $55 million investment in buildings around town.

Haddad said he along with Selectmen and the Advisory Committee will be working with members of the School Department as soon as possible to come up with a solution to the bud-

Where does the money come from?

Revenue sources for the FY 2005 budget:

Revenue Sources	Amount	Percent
Levy limit	$19,568,072	64.75
Estimated receipts	$5,869,918	19.42
Cherry sheets	$2,394,193	7.92
Prop. 2-1/2 debt override	$1,867,877	6.18
Free cash	$400,000	1.32
Other available funds	$120,000	0.40
Total	**$30,220,060**	**100**

Where does the money go?

Total appropriations for the FY 2005 budget:

Appropriations	Amount	Percent
Local Schools	$11,543,800	38.20
Debt Service	$3,802,163	12.58
Public Safety	$3,494,618	11.56
Benefits & Insurance	$3,136,726	10.38
Water Department	$2,088,835	6.91
Department of Public Works	$1,748,783	5.79
General Government	$1,390,735	4.60
Funds Raise on Recap	$1,241,566	4.11
Sewer Department	$871,678	2.88
Culture and Recreation	$544,181	1.80
Human Services	$159,222	0.53
Board of Health	$138,515	0.46
Vocational School	$59,238	0.20
Total	**$30,220,060**	**100**

Cook project takes a step forward

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Haddad went to the Advisory Committee instead.

Haddad said for the hydrogeologic tests, he approached the CPC and, in an effort to get things started as soon as possible, asked for $25,000 out of its administrative budget, which would not require waiting for a Town Meeting vote. However, CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey said he needed to double check with Town Counsel to see if the tests would qualify in the administrative budget, which he was informed they do not.

"Even if they wanted to, in this instance, they couldn't provide the funds," Haddad said, adding the administrative budget funds can only be used to cover costs specifically accrued by the CPC.

Haddad said he has not signed a contract yet, but will be hiring Coler and Colantonio to perform the tests. He explained the project did not go out to bid because under the Uniform Procurement Act, or Chapter 30B of the Mass. General Laws, which sets up the rules and regulations for procurement, engineering work is not required to go through the bidding process.

"If we want to have any chance of closing by September, I think it is important that we do this now," said Haddad. If all goes as planned, this phase will be complete by February or March. From there, only the design of the system would be left, and "If everything falls into place," Haddad said he hopes a groundwater discharge permit would be issued by September of this year.

Haddad said he will also ask the Cook heirs if they would be willing to help cover the costs of this stage of the process, because it will help the sale go through in a more timely fashion.

"This is huge," Haddad said, adding he believes this project will be great for the town, and will not conflict with any other Cohasset developments. To date, 63 Requests for Proposal have been given out, and Haddad expects a developer will be chosen sometime in March.

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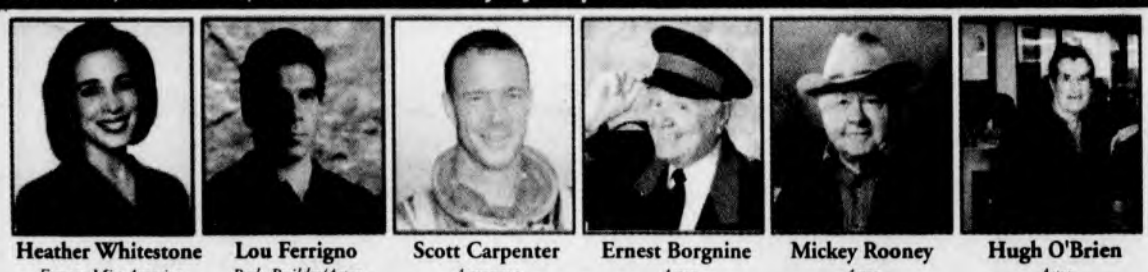
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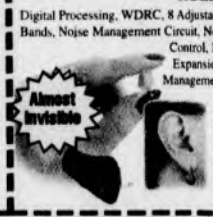


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CEES gives Little Harbor sewer project a big push

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Sewer issues have been a hot topic in town since Jimmy Carter was president and 2004 won't be an exception.

The town has been directed by the Department of Environmental Protection to solve its wastewater woes including the area around Little Harbor and at least one group is going to make sure Cohasset stays out of court

CEES (Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions) became a familiar acronym around town in the mid-1990s when voters were asked to subsidize the North Cohasset Sewer Project. CEES formed and became vocal about ensuring sewering was accomplished in a fair and equitable manner throughout town.

Although CEES hasn't been grabbing the headlines of late – it is still actively working and will present an article to Town Meeting that would set the stage for sewering the Little Harbor area, by asking for funding for the project. It also wrote to the DEP asking the environmental agency to remind the town that it can't turn its back on Little Harbor, in light of the Second Amended Final Judgement — the legal pact in which the town agreed to solve its wastewater problems.

In a letter to Town Manager Mark Haddad, the DEP stated, the judgement, among many things, required the Town of Cohasset to develop a Wastewater Management Plan. But based on past sewering needs in Cohasset, the Town decided to pursue the sewering of the Little Harbor area in lieu of implementing the Wastewater Management Plan that would have required septic system inspections among other environmental efforts.

"The Sewer Commission has to draft a response to the letter," said Town Manager Mark Haddad, adding the commission is responsible for formulating a plan for hooking up that area to the sewer. Haddad said while Little Harbor isn't specifically mentioned as an area which has to be connected to sewer, it is a problem area which the DEP could choose to include in the suit, and as far as he's concerned, Little Harbor will be hooked up to the town's lines.

The town has contracted with Tutela Engineering to do the design work necessary for the construction of the sewers for Little Harbor. The DEP letter asks within 30 days of its receipt, the town submit a status report as to tasks completed to date, and a schedule for the completion of the project. The letter asks at minimum, the schedule includes dates for submitting final plans, going out to bid, commencing construction, completing construction, and connecting the homes to the sewer.

While CEES has been working behind the scenes – new housing projects have come to the forefront including Cedarmere – a 105-unit senior condominium complex that is seeking sewer capacity.

CEES members were alarmed to hear Cedarmere argue, because the funding to connect Little Harbor to the system is not available, Cedarmere should be able to take advantage of any available capacity. Cedarmere offered to upgrade the treatment plant to provide capacity for its own project, Little Harbor and other areas. However, the Sewer Commission turned Cedarmere down and the issue is now the subject of a lawsuit.

"Cedarmere believed the project was dead," said CEES member Stacey Weaver, adding both CEES and the Sewer Commission will keep the project going.

Sewer saga

The issue of sewering the Little Harbor area of town has been a point of discussion since the 1970s. In 1975, Cohasset was the first town in the state to receive a citation under the Clean Water Act when the town's treatment plant was cited for violations of its permit. The town then became eligible for federal money to expand, refurbish, and modernize the town's existing treatment plant. However, the town kept voting the plan down.

In 1979, the state took Cohasset to court to complete upgrades to the sewer plant, and in 1980, was given the first judgement. The state said it would fine the town $10,000 per day unless it went forward with a project which would sewer the major parts of town with the highest populations, while also being large enough to accommodate additional use in the future. The town also had to develop alternative plans for homes not included in the new sewer project. Town meeting approved the project, although the state did fine the town one token penalty of $10,000.

When Ronald Reagan was elected president, he immediately delayed all public works funding to rein in inflation and high interest rates. By 1982, the federal government began releasing public works funds again, and Cohasset was informed funding for the sewer project was available at that time.

However, a group of residents opposed the project, which led to a lengthy legal battle with the state. In 1988, the town approved a debt-exclusion override of $2.2 million to hook up to Hull's wastewater treatment plant. But later that year, state funds dried up.

The judgement remained unenforced until 1994, when the State Attorney General's office dug out the old files and decided to enforce the agreement. But completion dates for implementation of the agreement had long-since expired.

In 1996, the state revised the plan with new dates. The revised plan became the Second Final Amended Judgement.

The new agreement called for the town to undertake a number of sewer projects. The town would build a sewer in North Cohasset and expand the sewer system in central Cohasset. A third key element of the agreement was a plan to implement an on-site waste-water management plan for homeowners in environmentally sensitive areas of town. The key areas are a section around Lily Pond, and a triangular area where Nichols Road, Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue intersect.

Weaver said CEES will not take any legal action to ensure their place in line for sewer at this time, but the group will continue to work toward making sure their project continues to move forward.

Satellite treatment plant is floated for Lily Pond

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The Board of Health may ask Town Meeting to give the go ahead for a satellite sewer treatment plant for the 62 homes that surround Lily Pond. While the board hasn't made its final decision on whether it will bring the article forward to be included on the Warrant, or let another interested group bring it to the table, members thought it was a great idea and made many positive comments on the draft.

Because Lily Pond serves as the town's water supply, sewering its surrounding area has been a concern of the Board of Health for some time.

"This happens to be the highest priority," said Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik, because of the area's close proximity to the pond. While the board acknowledges there are other areas of town, such as Little Harbor, which are also in dire need of wastewater treatment, plans for that section of town are already in place.

While Little Harbor may have to wait a while until it hooks up to the town sewer, it has been deemed a priority by the state, and the Department of Environmental Protection will be keeping tabs on that project's progress. Godzik said the Lily Pond area has been a concern of the Board of Health for some time and he believes satellite treatment facilities could satisfy the board's concerns.

While Monday was the first time the board had seen the proposal, which was written by Daniel Coughlin, Senior Associate for Tutela Engineering Associates Inc. — the town's wastewater consulting engineers — it is not the first time the board has discussed possible alternate wastewater solutions for the area surrounding the pond.

While the town is working toward forming a comprehensive wastewater treatment plan for the entire town, the existing treatment plant has not been up and running long enough to be able to predict how much future capacity there will be, if any. Until a study can be done, which spans a few years and would allow a better prediction of what capacity could be available once all planned hook-ups are made to the town's system, new connections aren't being allowed.

"We don't want to do anything until the town has a better way of handling massive changes in growth," said Chairman Steve Bobo about hook-ups to the existing plant. He said satellite facilities could give the town a way to address the top wastewater priority areas in a timely fashion.

Member Robin Lawrence said if the article goes through at Town Meeting, it "may set a precedent," for the town, and there could be an increase in those looking to build their own treatment facilities on site, rather than seeking town sewer capacity.

"Satellites may be the way the town gets sewered," said member Peggy Chapman.

The board did not take any action on the proposal, as it was the first time it had seen it, and Bobo said he wouldn't be surprised if once word gets out about Coughlin's idea, other groups in town show interest in working on the draft and possibly including it on the Warrant. However, no matter who brings the article froward, with the wastewater problems the town currently has, the board believes something needs to be done soon.

"When is the question, not will it be done," said Chapman.

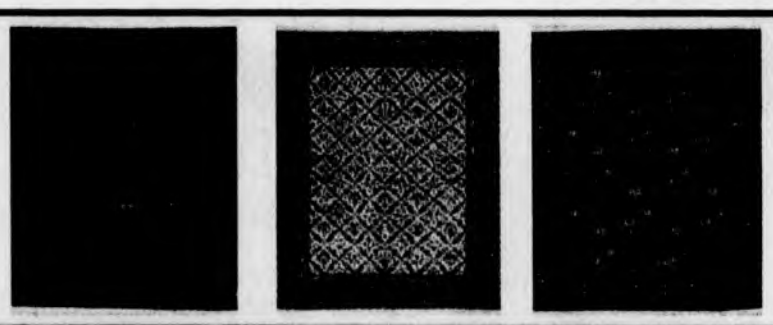
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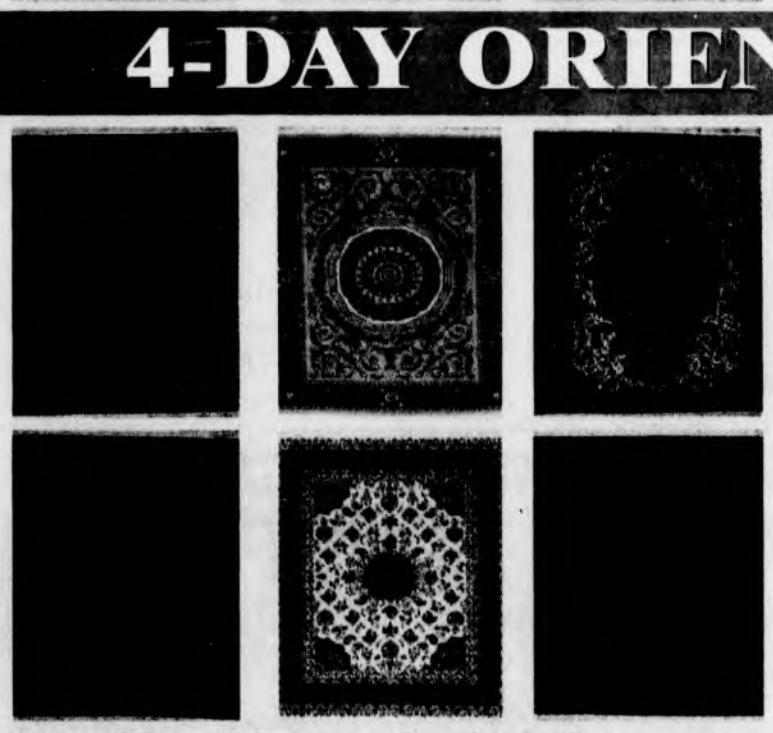
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Thanks for speaking up

Before 2004 gets too far along, we still have some important 2003 business to attend to. Some of the following names may be familiar to you, others may not be. But the people attached to these names all have one thing in common: they wrote at least one letter to the Cohasset Mariner in 2003.

A few wrote thank you notes to the people of Cohasset or organizations for their help or support; others complained about a decision or lobbied to have their views considered; while still others educated us about programs, problems or activities.

But no matter what the subject, putting pen to paper to share your views with your fellow citizens is important. The First Amendment is close to our hearts here in the newspaper business and at no time do we appreciate it more than when ordinary citizens, like those listed here, take advantage of their Freedom of Speech. And what better vehicle is there than your local paper?

So here at the Mariner, we salute the following citizens:

Connie Afshar, Susan Etkind, Allison Moskow & Chartis Tebbetts of the PSO Diversity Committee; Phyllis M. Atkinson, Col. Edward J. Barr, Mark Bell, Diane Benson, John A. Bewick, Russell Bonetti, Richard E. T. Brooks, Shirley Brown for the South Shore Peace Forum; Kathleen Bryanton & Martha Horsefield, Jack Buckley, Paula Buick, Nancy Butler, Paul F. Callahan, Tom Callahan, John & Linda Campbell and 20 Cedarmere abutters; R. Murray Campbell, Geri Calos, Margy Charles, Stephanie Church, Melissa Clark, David N. Clinton, John M. Connolly; Daniel C. Cotton, Bernadette & David Crawford and 12 other concerned citizens about the Cook Estate; Mary Ann Cushing, Amy Cutler, Steven G. Daly; the Dalys, Hoopers, McCarthys, Jacobs and Hendricksens of Jerusalem Lane; Catherine Davis, Paul DeRensis, Betty Desrosiers, Bob Deutsch, Susan M. Donohue, Ralph & Jackie Dormitzer, Brenda Douglas, Marion Douglas, Elizabeth A. Durant;

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Sometimes it takes a good dose of courage to let your voice be heard, but we think it's worth it. Often one voice is all the inspiration needed to propel others to action.

Last year, the Cohasset Mariner received 203 letters from 179 different people, groups or organizations.

To those of you that have thought about writing and haven't, please reconsider. To those whom we hear from on a regular basis, keep writing!

There are lots of weeks to go in the New Year — which will be filled with events, decisions, happenings and controversy.

Let us hear what you think in 2004.

— Mary Ford
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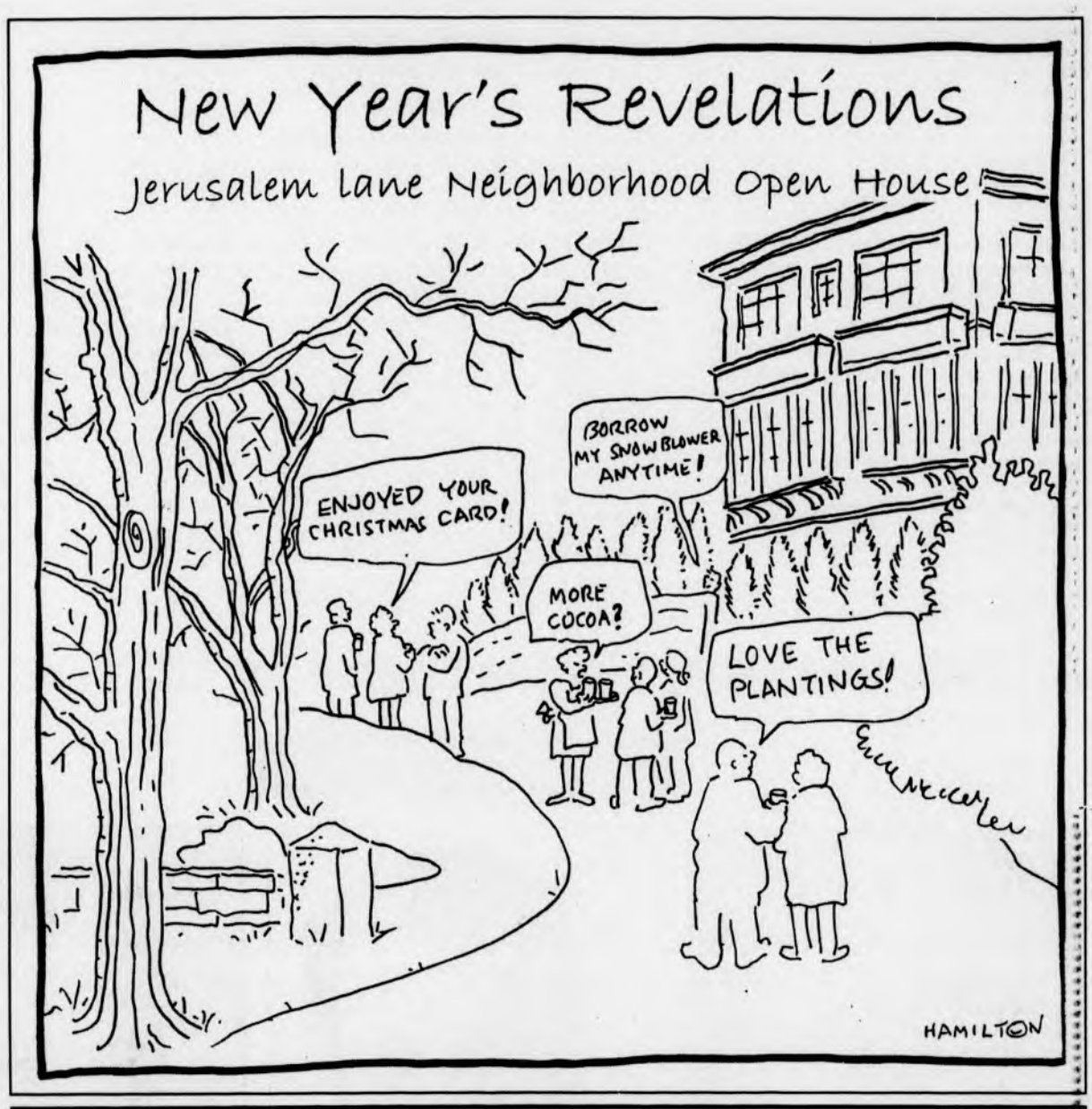
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unfair treatment of a respected officer

TO THE EDITOR:

First, as I am sure is the case in most towns, the relationship between Cohasset students and the police in the past in could at best be described as weak. If one were to have asked any student to give their opinion on the Cohasset Police force the response would undoubtedly be snide. There was a hole in this town and something needed to be done. While indeed we applaud the work of Mr. Grassie and Ms. Mattos, who have both strived to reach out to local students, we must also extend a debt of gratitude to Sgt. William Quigley.

I first met with Sgt Quigley when I approached the Police Department with the idea of forming some sort of group that would essentially fill this hole. I will admit, I was skeptical that such a program could be formed, but let me make this clear: Sgt Quigley was not. From our very first meeting Sgt Quigley, with the utmost professionalism, represented the Cohasset Police Department in this effort to unite students and officers. It was Sgt. Quigley with whom I drafted a course syllabus; it was Sgt. Quigley who pulled together all of the departments resources and made them available to the students; and it is Sgt Quigley who deserves all of the credit for the success of that program. The time that it took to construct The Cohasset Student Police Academy may have been a burden to a typical officer; dealing with a group of students may have seemed a nuisance but Sgt Quigley, on his own time, took on these "challenges" with full energy and truly made the program a boon for this community.

This town owes a lot to Sgt Quigley, and while it may be unpopular for a student to side with a police officer, I must support Sgt William Quigley in this instance. We are not privy to the full details of which Sgt Quigley is accused. We do not know who is right, or who is wrong. We don't even know if there is a right or a wrong. We do know this: A Cohasset Police officer, and asset to this town, has been removed from the job without a thorough explanation to the community. This is unfair. We have read that Sgt Quigley has asked to hear what exactly it is that he is being accused of and been denied this right. This is certainly unfair. Finally, we know that Sgt Quigley has in the past represented the Cohasset Police Department, and concomitantly the Town of Cohasset with the highest degree of honor and respect. Has this respect been reciprocated? Like I said, we do not know the details of this matter. All I am asking for is an explanation. Anyone would demand an explanation if he or she were in Sgt Quigley's place. Why has he been denied one? Why have we been denied one? Is this fair?

Erik Belz
Cohasset High School Senior
Co-Founder Cohasset Student Police Academy

Planning Board intent questioned

TO THE EDITOR:

The recent comments by some members of our Planning Board regarding their intent to give some sort of preliminary approval with conditions for the Cedarmere project are dumbfounding, to say the least.

The Senior Overlay by-law clearly states that every application for a senior overlay project "shall provide sufficient information...to make a determination that adequate provision is made for the disposal of septic waste or written confirmation from the Town of Cohasset Sewer Commission detailing an agreement to accept the wastewater flow." Cedarmere has neither at the present time. This clear, black-and-white language of the by-law (which was brought to Town Meeting by this same Planning Board) requires one or the other as a condition precedent to submission of an application. A developer cannot even get its foot in the front door, let alone receive some sort of conditional approval from the Planning Bd., without this information in its application.

That some of our Planning Bd. members are considering the Cedarmere application at this stage of the process is an obvious case of placing the cart before the horse. Not only is their proposed action contrary to the by-law, but it will open up the town to a lawsuit from abutters who quite rightly will have a basis for judicial review of this matter. Moreover, these comments of some board members and their anticipated action cause every resident to question whether there is any semblance of proper procedure and adherence to town by-laws by our town officials.

Andrew P. Quigley
38 Jerusalem Road

North Cohasset is being overlooked

TO THE COHASSET WATER COMMISSIONERS:

Although this letter is addressed to you, I am asking that the Cohasset Mariner also print it as an open letter particularly to the residents of North Cohasset.

For at least two years, I have received telephonic reassurances that you (the water commissioners) would provide a written explanation of your reasons for selling water to Hingham while North Cohasset dangles in the wind with a 100-year-old (plus) water distribution system run out of the town of Hingham. While we pay the highest water rates in the state and are subject to onerous Hingham water restrictions, you trumpet the surplus water capacity of Cohasset. Aren't we part of Cohasset?

Has your business inclination to make water a "profit center" for Cohasset taken priority over the traditional responsibility of a community to provide utilities support to all of its residents?

Is Hingham going to buy more and more of Cohasset's excess capacity at a premium price and then the same water is going to be sold back to North Cohasset residents at a further profit to Hingham's private water company?

If nothing else, can you at least play the role of an "honest broker" to assure that our distribution system is updated, water rates do not exceed Cohasset's and water restrictions mirror the town of Cohasset?

The residents of North Cohasset are owed some very important answers. Please put it in writing and then sponsor a public meeting to explain the long-range plan.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

Sewer connection rebate

TO THE EDITOR:

Those who have connected their principal residence to the town's sewer system should be aware that part of the cost can be recovered by filing Schedule SC "Septic Credit" as an amendment to the latest state income tax. The credit is 40percent of the cost, up to $6,000, with a max credit each year of $1,500. One must obtain a letter from the sewer department confirming that the hook up was mandated, and enclose a receipted bill from the hook-up contractor. The form SC is filed with form "Application for Abatement/Amended Return", both obtainable by phoning the Mass Dept. of Revenue. One does not file an amended return, only these two forms

Please don't call me for further info; that's all I think I know. The instructions that accompany Schedule SC provide all needed information.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Continued opposition to Cedarmere project

TO THE EDITOR:

The beginning of a new year is a time in which many of us analyze the past year's accomplishments and failures with the hope of learning so that we can improve upon the prior year's results. As a group of neighbors living near the proposed Cedarmere development, we feel we have ineffectively communicated to the community our concerns with the proposed development and would like to use this forum to clearly state our major concern, which is the *density* of Cedarmere. It is not an "as of right" development and can only be built if the Town of Cohasset, through its elected officials, specifically the Planning Board, grant it a "Special Permit". Please listen to our appeal as this precedent setting case impacts the entire town.

The land upon which Cedarmere is proposed to be developed is zoned "Residence B District" which allows for single family residential development, subject to a minimum requirement of 35,000 square feet of land per home. Cedarmere's developers have applied to the Town of Cohasset for a "Special Permit" that would allow them to significantly increase the density of development on the site to 10 residential units per acre. The developer's application is the first that has been filed with Cohasset's Planning Board under a new zoning bylaw amendment, which created the "Senior Multi-

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HEALTH NOTES

Should you be concerned about Mad Cow disease?

Between 1991 and now, Mad Cow disease essentially destroyed the beef industry in Britain, requiring the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of cattle, and has been implicated in the death of more than 150 people. Only 10 people outside of the UK have died, and there has never been a case of death associated with mad cow that did not have a history of exposure within a country where the disease was occurring. Further, in those cases where humans were infected, there appears to have been widespread use of beef byproducts such as blood used in black pudding and brains in the food supply.

Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or Mad Cow disease is a neurological disorder of cattle that results from infection by an unconventional transmissible agent. Since 1991 more than 183,000 cases of BSE were confirmed in the United Kingdom in more than 35,000 herds. There is strong evidence and general agreement that the outbreak was amplified by feeding rendered bovine meat-and-bone meal to young calves. The use of such feed material was banned from use in the US and Canada in April 1997 when cow parts were prohibited from cattle feed. In the United Kingdom, where more than a million cattle may have been infected with BSE, a substantial species barrier appears to protect humans from widespread illness. As of Dec. 1, 2003, only 153 cases of the form of the disease which has infected humans had been reported worldwide; of these, 143 cases had occurred in the United Kingdom. According to the Center for Disease Control, the risk to human health from BSE in the United States is extremely low.

It seems that appropriate safeguards have been put in place to prevent tainted meat from reaching consumers.

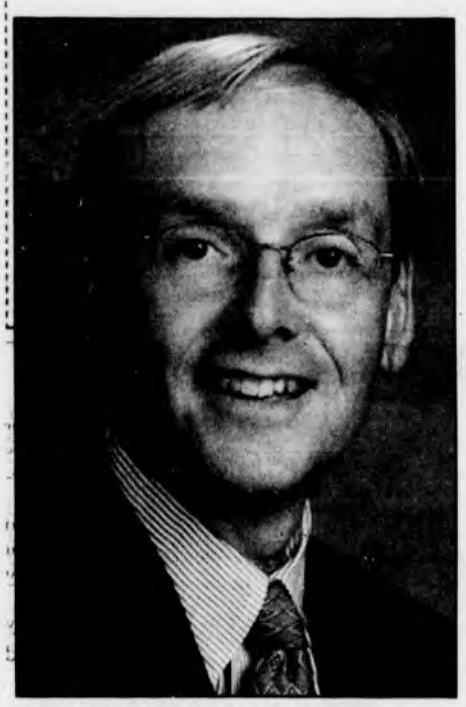
There is strong evidence for a causal association between BSE and a variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) monitors the trends and current incidence of CJD in the United States by using data, compiled by its National Center for Health Statistics. The only case of variant CJD in the US occurred in 2002, in a 22-year-old Florida resident who was born in and grew up in the United Kingdom. In contrast to the classic form of CJD, the variant form apparently predominantly affects younger persons (median age at death around 29 years) and has atypical clinical features. These atypical features include prominent psychiatric or sensory symptoms early in the course of the illness, delayed onset of neurological abnormalities, duration of illness of at least 6 months, and an abnormal electroencephalogram.

On Dec. 23, 2003, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a presumptive diagnosis of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE, or "mad cow" disease) in an adult Holstein cow from Washington State. Samples were taken from the cow on Dec. 9. The diagnosis was made on Dec. 22 and 23 at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory, Ames, Iowa. An extensive tracking process has managed determine that the cow was from a Canadian herd which had probably been fed tainted cattle feed before the ban. The incubation period for BSE can be as long as 6 years. Most of the animals which could have been a part the herds from which the sick cow was diagnosed have been identified. As a result, several US herds have been quarantined.

In summary, it seems that appropriate safeguards have been put in place to prevent tainted meat from reaching consumers. However, there may well be additional cows identified in this country which have contracted BSE. If so, it will be up to the USDA meat inspection program to effectively ensure that the food supply will remain free from tainted meat products. This will require tightening of a program which has recently received criticism for relaxed standards. From a health prospective, the risk is extremely small, but any such threat would create a major dislocation in our food distribution system. Although it is always necessary to be vigilant about the food products one buys, and to remain current on developing news about threats to our food supply, there seems to be little else that needs to be done to protect ourselves from the disease.

. Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

CANDIDATES CORNER



Robert "Rob" Spofford

Rob Spofford to run for Board of Selectmen

Robert "Rob" Spofford, current chairman of the Cohasset Schools Building and Facilities Committee, is pleased to announce that he will seek a seat on the Cohasset Board of Selectmen in the spring election.

A nine-year member of the School Building and Facilities Committee, his seven-year tenure as chairman has seen $52 million in new construction and renovation projects starting with the construction of new Osgood Elementary School and most recently the renovations of the Deer Hill and the Middle/ High schools

"Being actively involved in this community has always been important to me," he says. "As the school projects come to a successful conclusion I wish to continue to serve Cohasset by running for this office. The experience I've gained through the school projects from working with numerous town committees to state officials will help me serve the community as we head into the future."

In addition to his work with the School Building Committee, Spofford has served on the board of the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association helping to re-establish Cohasset's softball program and serving as its coordinator.

Professionally, Spofford is founder and president of The Spofford Group, a Hingham-based specialty insurance firm offering management liability and deal facilitation insurance coverage. He graduated from Northeastern University with a B.S. in Finance.

An 11-year-resident of Cohasset, he is married to third-generation resident Susan Woods Spofford and the father of daughters Virginia, Jennifer and twins Robin and Meredith.

Spofford will kick-off his campaign for selectman this Sunday, Jan. 11, with a reception from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the South Shore Arts Center. The public is invited.

Palmer running for Water Commission

Having filed papers Jan. 5 in Cohasset Town Hall, Nathaniel Palmer announces his candidacy for the position of Cohasset Water Commissioner.

"I am running for Cohasset Water Commissioner to ensure that we have a world-class water supply – abundant, reasonably priced, and above all safe," Palmer states. "Upon election my goal will be to sustain these values, but also to see that Cohasset has the best tasting water on the South Shore!"

Palmer cites his work with the Water Commission over the past two years on matters such as the Avalon 40B development as key to the motivation for his candidacy. He believes that the combination of his business background and concerns for public health and environmental matters are well matched to the board of Water Commissioners.



Nathaniel Palmer

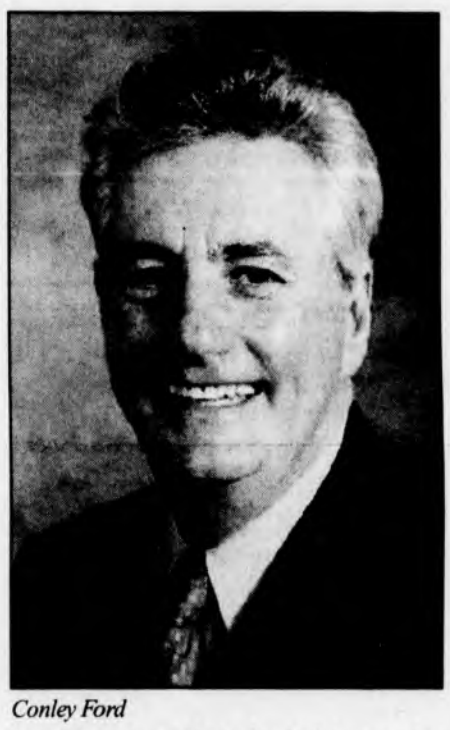
"Through my interactions with the Water Commission and attendance at board meetings, I have gained an appreciation for both the good work of the commission and the very real threats facing our water supply," Palmer explains. "I have also gained a new perspective on the operation of our water system, which is unlike any other area of government in that is truly run and managed as a business."

Palmer describes the coming years as a "new phase" for the Cohasset water system. "Cohasset is today on the cusp of a new and exciting phase for our water system, defined by the opportunity to truly revolutionize the business of delivering water and the quality of the water we deliver."

If elected to the three-member board, Palmer will be working with John McNabb and Glenn Pratt. Rob Kasameyer, who has served on the commission for nearly a decade, will not be seeking reelection.

For information on the campaign contact Nathaniel Palmer directly at 781-383-3339 or nathanielpalmer@msn.com

Palmer is an active member of the Cohasset community, and has been involved most recently on matters relating to protection of the Cohasset water supply watershed. He is a principal and Vice President of Delphi Group, a management consulting firm headquartered in Boston. Palmer is a graduate of Bentley College with a degree in Computer Information Systems, and has completed post-graduate study at Babson College's Olin School of Management.



Conley Ford

Ford is running for GOP State Committee

Conley Ford has announced his candidacy for the Republican State Committee for the Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes Weymouth, Hingham, Hull, Scituate, Norwell, Cohasset, Duxbury and Marshfield.

As a current member and immediate past chairman of the Scituate Republican Town Committee, Ford has first-hand knowledge of the effort it will take to make the state GOP a force to be reckoned with on Beacon Hill.

Ford says it is critical that a two-party system return to Massachusetts government.

"What we have now is a governor whose hands are tied because there aren't enough Republican legislators to sustain a veto," he says. "I will work tirelessly to ensure unenrolled Massachusetts voters realize the importance of registering Republican, electing Republicans, and getting involved in the political process."

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force with two sons now serving in the Army, Ford is proud to be an American and a resident of one of the very first states.

"Our government was founded on checks and balances — that balance is out of whack here in Massachusetts with a one-party State House," says Ford. "I have the energy, enthusiasm, drive and passion to see that changed."

Ford, 62, retired after 35 years in the telecommunications industry. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Wentworth Institute of Technology. Ford is a member of the Association of Massachusetts Republican Committees, the Plymouth County Republican Club, the Scituate-Marshfield Lions Club, the George H. Mealy American Legion Post, and is a graduate of the 2003 Citizens Legislative Program.

"With close to 2 million unenrolled voters in the state — which is approximately half of all registered voters — the Democrat-dominated Legislature is not representative of the people," Ford says. "I will sound the battle cry loud and clear that it's OK to be a Republican in Massachusetts. In fact, it is critical to the future of this great state and the lives of our children and grandchildren.

"Without a viable two-party system, Beacon Hill is like a runaway train," Ford says. "We need to put the brakes on and work toward a smaller, more efficient government and lower taxes. The economy of Massachusetts depends on it."

To accomplish that goal, the Massachusetts Republican Party has to attract unenrolled voters and new voters. "I will use my leadership skills to invigorate the party," Ford says. If you'd like to help the Ford campaign, call 781-545-0054 or email: cfordcon@comcast.net

Janet Fogarty announces campaign kick-off event

The Committee to Elect Janet R. Fogarty for Republican State Committeewoman and Tosca restaurant owners, Greg Acerra and Ed Kane have announced they will host an evening of food, fun, and cocktails in celebration of the campaign kick-off. The event will be held in the Salon at Tosca, 14 North St., Hingham on Jan. 15 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Fogarty has been chairman of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee for five years and a member for more than 10 years. She has worked tirelessly to grow the party through her aggressive support of candidates for local and state offices. Fogarty's fundraising abilities are renowned throughout Republican circles, and she is viewed among present political leaders including District Attorney Tim Cruz and State Senator Robert Hedlund, as a top fundraiser on the South Shore.

All are welcome to attend. For information call Heather Palmer 781-383-3339. To join Fogarty's campaign contact Elizabeth Rech 781-740-0729.

Things to come in 2004

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TOM HENSHAW



The more things change, the more they remain the same, as we shall learn in 2004.

JANUARY - Jennifer Lopez announces that she is dumping Ben Affleck. "I'm a New York girl," she says. "I can't stand all those Red Sox games he takes me to.

Besides, he's so 2003. And I hate the term 'Bennifer'."

FEBRUARY - Senator John Kerry finishes sixth in the Democratic primary in New Hampshire. He fires campaign manager and staff, but notes that he ran strongly in one precinct in Manchester. "We're on our way now," the Boston Globe quotes him.

MARCH - Last of the old elevated Central Artery structure is removed and Mass Turnpike Authority Director Matt Amarello allots $100,000 for the party, including a performance by the Boston Pops. "Now that that is out of the way," he says, "we can get started on that monorail to Springfield. Don't worry, we'll hold the cost down."

APRIL - Fleet Bank, already merged with Bank of America, announces that it will also merge with City Bank and, due to careful planning, only 25,000 employees will be laid off. Critics hail the move as a tremendous boost for the New England economy.

MAY - FBI discloses it has reliable information that fugitive Whitey Bulger was spotted eating a Big Mac in a McDonalds in Oslo, Norway, in September, 2003. "That was only eight months ago," says an FBI press release. "We're getting closer all the time."

JUNE - Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees clinch playoff spots in the American League thanks to their acquisition of four $20 million, 20-game-winning pitchers from their farm teams in Chicago, Seattle, Milwaukee and Cleveland.

JULY - Senator John Kerry wins the Democratic presidential nomination as delegates pledged to Governor Howard Dean and General Wesley Clark are caught in traffic on Boston's Central Artery and can't get to the Fleet Center to cast their votes.

AUGUST - A mad chicken is discovered among a flock on the Delmarva Peninsula and chicken ala king joins beef stroganoff on the prescribed menu, leaving trout almondine and three bean salad the choice of gourmets everywhere.

SEPTEMBER - Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld reveals that Azerbaijan is stockpiling weapons of mass destruction and the United States is putting together a coalition to make the Azeris stop. France, Germany and Russia sign up quickly so as not to be left out.

OCTOBER - Quebec Bruins open the National Hockey League season at home against the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. Sellout crowd of 17,565 shows up at the Fleet Center for the opener. "I didn't know they had gone," said one $80 per game season ticket holder.

NOVEMBER - President George Bush wins reelection by a landslide but Kerry refuses to concede. "I'm waiting for them to count the hanging chads in California," he says. "I know they're trying to steal the election." Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton is the first to console him.

DECEMBER - Principal of Amherst Regional High School is fired for permitting students to wish each other a Merry Christmas on school grounds. ACLU says it would like to help him but is saving its energies for serious Constitutional questions.

Cohasset Mariner Town Election Policy

Although the last day for taking out nomination papers isn't until Feb. 12, a great deal of interest is already being generated in this year's annual Town Election.

Therefore the Mariner wants to clearly state its election policy so there is no confusion.

As in keeping with our tradition, we will pose a Question of the Week to local candidates for the School Committee and Selectman and certain other races but not until after papers close in February.

All candidates opposed or unopposed, who have not already done so, are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies. These will be run as space permits on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is no word limit, but candidates are advised to be as concise as possible.

Between now and the election, we will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (no more than 150 words per week), from any candidate — opposed or unopposed — who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers or *brief* position statements. Candidates must observe the word limits; submissions that exceed the word limit will be cut from the bottom.

Candidates may send by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the noon, Tuesday deadline.

The Mariner will *not* accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

Editors' note: Candidates for Republican State Committee, which is also generating interest, will not have a Question of the Week. They are invited to submit formal announcements, if they have not already done so, and may submit weekly candidates corner items of no more than 150 words. That race will be decided March 2 during the Presidential Primary.

Gay marriage ruling tops the 'top 10' story list for 2003

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

The Supreme Judicial Court's historic ruling on gay marriage was the top story of 2003 in Massachusetts state government, according to the reporters who cover Beacon Hill.

The gay marriage story was the easy winner of the annual State House News Service survey of Statehouse reporters. The ouster of William Bulger as president of the University of Massachusetts was ranked second. Reporters were asked to list the top 10 stories of 2003. Responses were ranked by a weighted point system.

Other stories of note mentioned by the scribes: the deployment of Massachusetts troops to Iraq as part of the number one national story of the year; the approval of Sunday liquor sales statewide after four centuries of Blue Law prohibition; the beginnings of an economic turnaround; and the presidential campaign of US Sen. John Kerry.

• *Gay Marriage Ruling by SJC and Continuing Fallout* — The eyes of the nation turned toward Massachusetts Nov. 17, when the Supreme Judicial Court ruled that to deny same-sex couples marriage licenses was to consign them to second-class citizenship. And, the court ruled, the Massachusetts Constitution bans second-class citizenship for anyone. The justices gave the Legislature 180 days to write a law recognizing same-sex couples as legitimate legal entities, but did not specify whether a "civil union" arrangement would satisfy the dictate. Debate over how to respond to the ruling, including the possibility of a constitutional ban on marriage for same-sex couples, is likely to occupy a great deal of time and attention in the coming year. The Legislature has asked justices to state whether a civil-union (legal rights but no marriage license) statute would satisfy the demands of the ruling.

• *Bulger Ousted as UMass President* — The new governor made former Senate chief William Bulger the personification of the "mess" he'd promised to clean up on Beacon Hill. When Bulger was forced to testify before a Congressional committee investigating whether the FBI had broken the law in its use of informants, the relationship between William Bulger and his gangster brother was brought front and center in the public consciousness. Attorney General Thomas Reilly earned the attention of the Beacon Hill community, and the wrath of many Democrats, for agreeing with Romney that Bulger should resign. After the dust had settled and vacation season began, Bulger did step down — but with a severance package and pension that added to the infamy Romney had helped create.

• *Romney's First Year and Attempts at Reform* — Though his approach is polite, Romney's arrival at the State House inaugurated a year of conflict, and no one should have been surprised. After all, he'd spent the prior year, an election year, arguing that the cast of characters already on Beacon Hill was a problem that needed solving, and he was the one to do it. While the governor's budget initially generated a fairly friendly response, within weeks the Democrats were calling it "dishonest" and relations between the parties went downhill from there.

• *State Budget Cuts* — One of the most significant consequences of the new governor's appearance on the Hill was the approach to solving the biggest budget problem (in dollar terms) in state history. Though predictions were repeatedly made that eventually, taxes would have to be raised again to cure the $3 billion problem, they never were. The solution: a mixture of fee increases, reserve fund spending and budget cuts. The cuts were felt most keenly by human service agencies, by local government as aid from the state was reduced, and in the higher education system.

• *Big Dig Opens Major Highways* — Never a simple story, the saga of the Central Artery was marked by irony in its 2003 chapter. As he guided the project into its crowning phase - the opening of three more tunnels created by all that Big Digging — Turnpike Authority Chairman Matthew Amorello found himself under escalating assault by CEO Romney, even as the project stayed under its (massively enlarged) budget and passed milestones ahead of schedule. Amorello invited ridicule by scheduling an expensive celebration of the ribbon cutting for the southbound side of the Central Artery, a party he finally had to call off after the governor called the event inappropriate.

• *Workplace Smoking Ban Advances* — One by one, communities around Massachusetts had adopted ordinances making smoking illegal in workplaces, including bars and restaurants. The tipping point for a statewide ban seemed to occur when Boston put its ban into effect, following New York's lead. With the state's capital city on board, and the Mass. Restaurant Association having dropped its longstanding opposition to the ban, the Senate followed the House in approving the ban just before formal sessions ended for the year Nov. 15. Final details remain to be worked out.

• *Robert Travaglini Takes Over as Senate President* — A half-dozen senators had vied to succeed Thomas Birmingham as president, but it was the affable, unassuming Travaglini who surprised many in the building by coming out on top. Though the election barely registered on the general public's radar screen, having a new person atop the Senate changed the dynamics of power for everyone with an interest in legislation or funding on Beacon Hill, and the implications spun out all year long.

• *John Geoghan Murder - Prison Reform* — After pedophile priest John Geoghan was killed behind maximum-security prison walls, the governor called the slaying a "failure of government" and ordered two investigations. The first was a review of whether lax policies or holes in standards led to the Geoghan killing specifically. The second, a commission headed by former Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, is likely to make headlines when it issues a report next year.

• *MCAS Results and Controversy* — The conventional thinking said the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System test wouldn't last as a permanent graduation requirement, because as soon as kids started failing in large numbers, state leaders would be forced to abandon the system. What the conventional thinkers failed to anticipate is that the state's students would rise to the challenge. In a story with shades of "Stand and Deliver," kids statewide did in fact respond to higher standards by learning more, and the pass rate on MCAS turned out to be 90 percent. The success rate rose somewhat during the multiple retest phase, and while the controversy did not die out — the first high-stakes year of MCAS generated nothing like the protest and trauma that had been expected, because the system had done so well.

• *Casino Gambling Defeated* — The conventional wisdom was proved wrong on another front this year. For most of the year, those who thought they were in the know at the Statehouse anticipated that eventually, expanded gaming was going to be part of the solution to the budget problems. New Senate President Travaglini was far more tolerant of the idea than his predecessor, and House Speaker Finneran's opposition had palpably and publicly softened. But in the end, Travaglini kept his promise to listen to his members on the question, and after an intense and dramatic week of off-camera lobbying and on-camera debate, senators rejected casinos and slot machines — for now, anyway.

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Democrats to hold caucus in Cohasset

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will be holding a caucus at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. to elect five delegates and five alternates to the 2004 Massachusetts Democratic Convention, to be held on Saturday, May 8 at the Mullins Center, UMASS at Amherst.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing. All candidates may make a two minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 10 Granite Street, Quincy, MA 02169, no later than 10 days after the caucus date.

For more information, please contact Agnes McCann, Chairman of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, at 781-383-0222, or the Democratic State Committee at 617-472-0637.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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January 2, 2004



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, BHRC reports local representatives' roll call attendance records for the entire 2003 session.

The House held 476 roll call votes in 2003. BHRC tabulates the number of roll calls on which each representative was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number commonly referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Several quorum roll calls, used to gather a majority of members onto the House floor to conduct business, are also included in the 476 roll calls. On the quorum roll calls, members simply vote "present" in order to indicate their presence in the chamber. When a representative does not indicate his or her presence on a quorum roll call, we count that as a roll call absence just like any other roll call absence.

The top five worst roll call attendance records belong to Rep. Mary Jane Simmons (D-Leominster) who missed 457 roll calls resulting in a 4 percent roll call attendance record; Rep. Brian Golden (D-Allston) who missed 261 roll calls (45.1 percent roll call attendance record); Rep. James Fagan who missed 195 roll calls (59.0 percent roll call attendance record); Rep. James Vallee (D-Franklin) who missed 183 roll calls (61.5 percent roll call attendance record) and Rep. Thomas George (R-Yarmouthport) who missed 158 roll calls (66.8 percent roll call attendance record).

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the representative's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the representative was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls the representative missed.

GROUP INSURANCE DISCOUNTS (H 4295)- The House and Senate approved and sent to the governor a bill extending for one year an existing exemption to a state law that allows businesses and groups to participate in group discount auto and home insurance plans if at least 35 percent of the group's members participate. The exemption waives the 35 percent requirement for any group that received the discount in the prior year. Supporters said that the exemption expired on December 31 and noted that without the extension, hundreds of groups that qualified in 2003 will not be eligible for the 5 percent to 15 percent reduction in 2004. They noted these discounts save drivers millions of dollars and drive prices down by allowing insurance companies to compete.

VOTING EQUIPMENT (H 4243)- The House and Senate approved and sent to the governor a measure giving cities and towns until January 2, 2004 to purchase or lease new voting machines for use in the March 2, 2004 Massachusetts presidential primary. Current law establishes an earlier November 2, 2003 deadline. Sponsors say that the new machines are necessary to comply with new federal laws. They note that the extended deadline would allow communities to test the machines at the lower voter-turnout March 2 election in order to work out any problems. They point out that without the extension, communities would not be able to use the new machines until the November presidential election when voter turn out would be higher.

GAY MARRIAGE RULING- The Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the Legislature did not violate the Massachusetts Constitution in July 2002 when it adjourned the constitutional convention without voting on a proposed constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages. Massachusetts Citizens for Marriage gathered over 130,000 signatures for this initiative amendment that required the approval of 50 of the 2002 legislature's 200 members and 50 of the members of the 2003-2004 session in order to go on the 2004 ballot. The group had filed a suit alleging the violation and arguing that the adjournment was illegal and should be construed as "approval" of the proposal by the 2002 convention so that the matter would then be considered by the 2003-2004 convention and be eligible to go on the ballot in 2004. The court cited a 1992 case in which it ruled that there is no judicial remedy for the failure of a constitutional convention to act on a proposal. A similar proposal is on the agenda for a new convention in February. That proposal is a legislative proposal that is handled differently than the initiative one for which signatures were collected. It requires twice as many legislators' votes and would have to be approved by 100 members of both the 2004 and the 2005-2006 sessions in order to go on the 2006 ballot. The court ruled separately last month that denying gays and lesbians the right to marry violates the constitutional guarantee to equality and liberty under law. The court also gave the Legislature 180 days to take action it may deem appropriate in light of the opinion.

PROPERTY TAX HEARING- Gardner Auditorium at the Statehouse was the site of a special commission's public hearing on the problem of residential property taxes rising by as much as 40 percent in some communities because of increased residential real estate values, flat commercial real estate values and a state cap on commercial property taxes. The commission has until January 12 to make its recommendations. Many municipal leaders urged that the cap on commercial taxes be raised so that businesses would shoulder some of the burden along with residents. They said this simple and fair approach would prevent low and middle- income people from being forced to sell their homes. Business leaders testified that business owners are unable to afford the increased taxes that would simply result in businesses subsidizing all residents including wealthy ones. They urged a more balanced approach including targeted residential property tax exemptions that will offer relief to lower and middle-income taxpayers.

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Family Residence Overlay District". It represents the trial run for an amendment that is not site specific and could be applied to any 10-acre assemblage of land in Cohasset zoned as "Residence B or C District ".

This is not just our battle, as abutters and neighbors to the proposed development, for Cedarmere will set a precedent for the implementation of the "Senior Multi-Family Overlay District" that could affect the majority of residential real estate owners in Cohasset. Remember the bylaw is not site specific. If a group of your neighbors assemble 10 acres of land by aggregating their home lots, they can apply for this "Special Permit" and if it is granted, demolish their homes and build 100-plus units on their former home sites. Think of the devastating impact the granting of "Special Permits" under this bylaw will have on property values in Cohasset, when the public recognizes that a neighborhood's zoning density is unprotected and that the Planning Board can issue a "Special Permit" that increases your neighbor's density by a factor of eight. If you think it can't happen to you, think again, we have spent months trying to control the density of the proposed development to no avail.

One of the five stated purposes of the bylaw, as stated in Section 16.2.4, is "to promote flexibility in land use planning in order to improve site layouts, protection of natural features and environmental values and utilization of land in harmony with neighboring properties". Anyone who has taken the time to review the proposed site plan and schematic design for Cedarmere in the context of the actual land parcel will be baffled as to how this purpose is served. The site, the former Hayes estate off Beechwood Street, is surrounded by established single family homes and currently improved with an approximately 5,000 square foot home, a barn, a pool house and a cabin. The proposed development demolishes all but the barn and the foundation of the former Hayes residence then adds 41 additional buildings, including a large "Manor House" near the Flint, Kennedy and McCullough residences. This building is approximately the same size as the Sunrise Assisted Living Facility on Route 3A. The introduction of such a large commercially inspired building with underground parking in this residential setting is totally out of context with the neighbors' property.

Another stated purpose, Section 16.2.3, is " to provide a type of housing which reduces residents burdens of property maintenance and which reduces demands on municipal services". We find it inconceivable that increasing the Town's housing stock by approximately 5 percent with units that reportedly average 2,400 square feet in size will result in a reduction in the demands on the town's municipal services.

A third stated purpose, Section 16.2.2, is "to promote the development of housing affordable to low, moderate and median income elderly persons". It has not been determined whether the proposed "Affordable" units will qualify as "Affordable" under the state's guidelines since they have been designed as significantly smaller units and are segregated from all but six of the "Market Rate" units in a separate building on Route 3A.

The developer's have asked the Planning Board for numerous variances to the conditions prescribed in this new bylaw establishing the "Senior Multi-Family Overlay District", the most troubling of which is *approval prior to addressing the disposal of wastewater generated by the project.* The Sewer Commission has prudently denied the developer's request for a pre-emptive hook-up to the Cohasset's sewer system. Granting a permit with such a significant unresolved issue as wastewater disposal is irresponsible and illegal according to research conducted by both our counsel and reportedly the town's counsel. Why grant even a conditional approval when logic indicates that it will be invalidated in the future?

In spite of attending all of the public Planning Board meetings addressing the proposed Cedarmere development and expressing our collective concerns with the project, no material modifications have been made. The *density* of the project remains as initially proposed, 105 units in August 2003, 105 units in January 2004. While we have continued to voice our concerns about the density of the project, surface water discharge, wastewater disposal, environmental impacts, traffic congestion and noise during construction, our commentary has fallen on deaf ears. We have been told of the "many" concessions made by the developer, but to date have seen none. The only concessions made, which are very clear and numerous, are those made by the Planning Board in its effort to approve this project.

We ask you to call the members of the Planning Board prior to the Jan. 14 meeting and request that they deny the application. This proposed development has been pushed through the approval process at warp speed in spite of significant unresolved concerns. The treatment and handling of wastewater from a 105-unit development on a difficult site that yielded eight "percable" lots in an environmentally sensitive area is not a "loose end". We are privileged to live in our beautiful town of Cohasset - together we should make the effort to ensure it is developed responsibly.

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Piranesi exhibition at South Shore Art Center

"Piranesi and His Contemporaries" from the collection of Elizabeth Morse and Richard Wendorf, is on exhibit Jan. 9-Feb. 22 at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Opening reception is 6-8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 9.

The collection of 18th-century old-master prints has been assembled over a 20-year period, with a focus on the work of Giovanni Battista Piranesi and other artists who depicted neoclassical culture, particularly in Rome and its environs. In addition to two dozen prints by Piranesi, the exhibition includes many plates from the publication of Sir William Hamilton's vase collection and an early twentieth-century architectural drawing directly inspired by Piranesi's work.

Don't miss the Gallery Talk: "Living With Piranesi" with Richard Wendorf, the Stanford Calderwood Director and Librarian at the Boston Athenaeum, Sunday, Jan. 25, 4 p.m. at the Art Center. Free to the public.

For more information, call 781-383-ARTS or visit: www.ssac.org Gallery hours: Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. -4 p.m., Sun. noon-4 p.m. Accessible to all

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Popular longtime village gift shop closes

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her Tuesday, are going to miss the camaraderie as much as anything.

"I've worked here for four years and I came here for 30," says Betty Driscoll. "I'm going to miss the people I work with and work for.

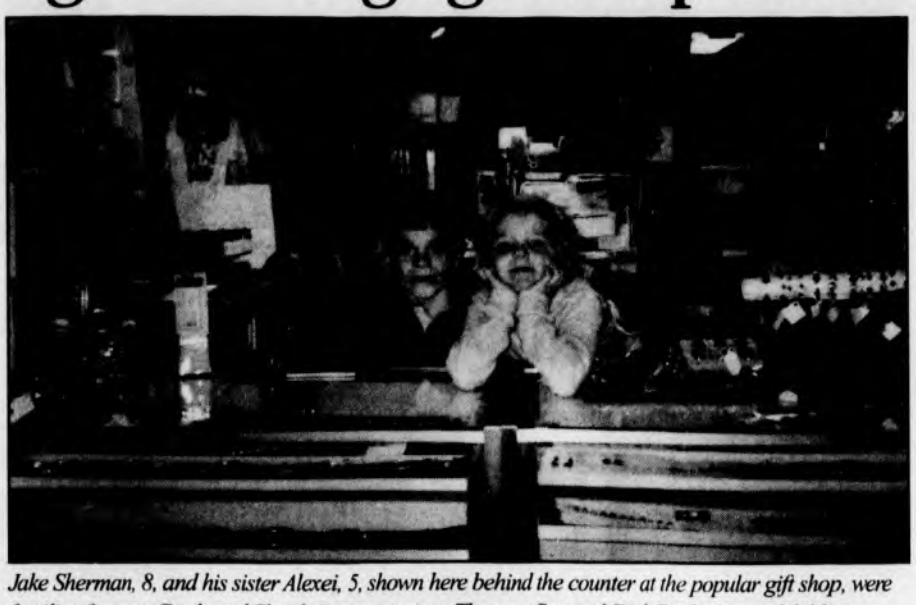
"The Straleys are fantastic people to work for, they would never ask you to do what they wouldn't do themselves."

Nancy Pottenger, who has worked at Cards and Shards for 35 years including nearly a decade with former owner Bob Fesler, says "shards" means treasures. "The kind you find in an archeological dig," she says.

The definition provides the perfect metaphor for the shop that offered everything from jewelry to hand-painted furniture and souvenirs where customers could have fun digging for the right gift.

The oldest customer, Straley recalls, was 102 and the youngest was just three days old, when some parents stopped by with their newborn on the way home from the hospital to buy birth announcements.

With the Music Circus around the corner, Julie Andrews, Ann Murray and even Liberace have stopped in to shop.



Jake Sherman, 8, and his sister Alexei, 5, shown here behind the counter at the popular gift shop, were familiar faces at Cards and Shards in recent years. They are Sue and Dick Straley's grandchildren.

When the front half of the store was transformed into a deli for "Eastwick," customers got "really confused," Straley says.

"They swore we were a deli and wanted us to sell them a sandwich," she says with a laugh. "We had to put a sign up saying 'this is a gift store not a deli.'"

She and her staffers at the time recall eating lunch with Michelle Pfeiffer, Susan Sarandon and Cher in the back yard behind the shop for 10 days.

Jennifer Sherman, the Straleys' daughter, says it took some time to find a new tenant for the space They wanted to find a company that would adhere to the same principles of integrity, commitment and service that has been the hallmark of her family over the years. Altbough she declined to reveal the name of the new business, she says Cohasset won't be disappointed and that there will a retail element in the space.

The Straleys are interested in selling the 200-plus year old building that includes five apartments and Cohasset Dog Wash.

Straley thinks of her customers and staff as friends and is grateful for their support.

"I want to thank all of my friends for the best years of my life so far," she says.

Nursery School registration to begin

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School announces Nursery School applications for the 2003-2004 school year will become available on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the Nursery School and the Community Center offices.

The registration process is based on a lottery system. Applications will be available until Jan. 28. All applications are due back to the Nursery School Office by Jan. 29, at 3 p.m. Included in the envelope should be a copy of the child's birth certificate and a $100 registration fee. Application envelopes should be clearly marked "Nursery School Registration." The lottery will be drawn the week of Feb. 4, and acceptance letters will be sent via mail the following week. Any child who does not get a placement in the program will have their registration fee returned.

South Shore Community Center Nursery School offers three levels of programs to meet the needs of children ages 3 to 5. The morning program runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and the afternoon program is from 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Lunch Bunch is offered as an extended day program as well as various Community Center gym programs. The youngest program, The Nursery Program is for children who will be 3-years-old by Nov. 1. The Pre Kindergarten Program is for children who will be age 4 by Nov. 1. We also offer a very special Enrichment Program for those children who are older fours and fives whom are looking for a challenging year before they enter Kindergarten is also offered.

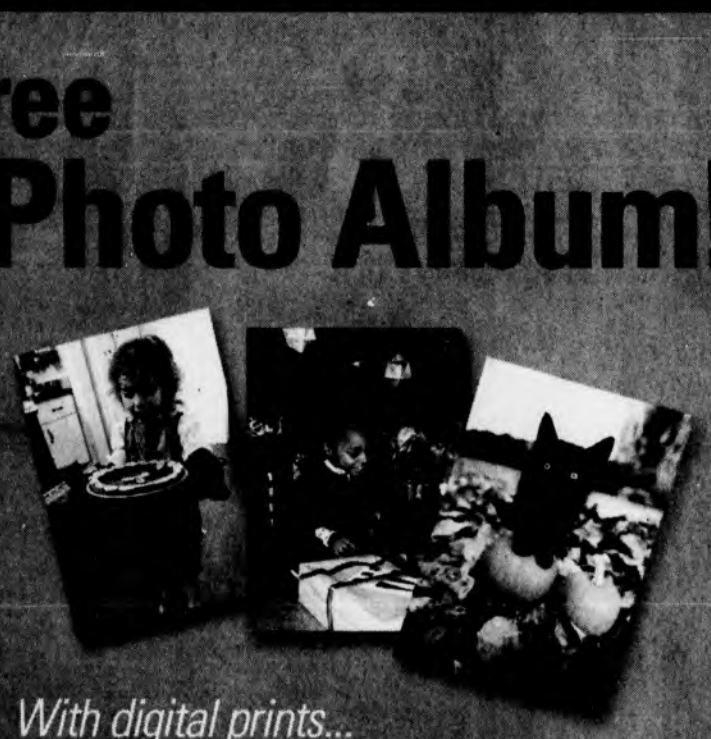
The Nursery School has observation mirrors in each classroom so please feel free to stop in any time to see all of the things that are going on in the program. If you have any questions or will like to set up an appointment to meet the director call Sheila O'Neil at 781-383-0036. The South Shore Community Center Nursery School is licensed by The Massachusetts Office of Child Care Services.

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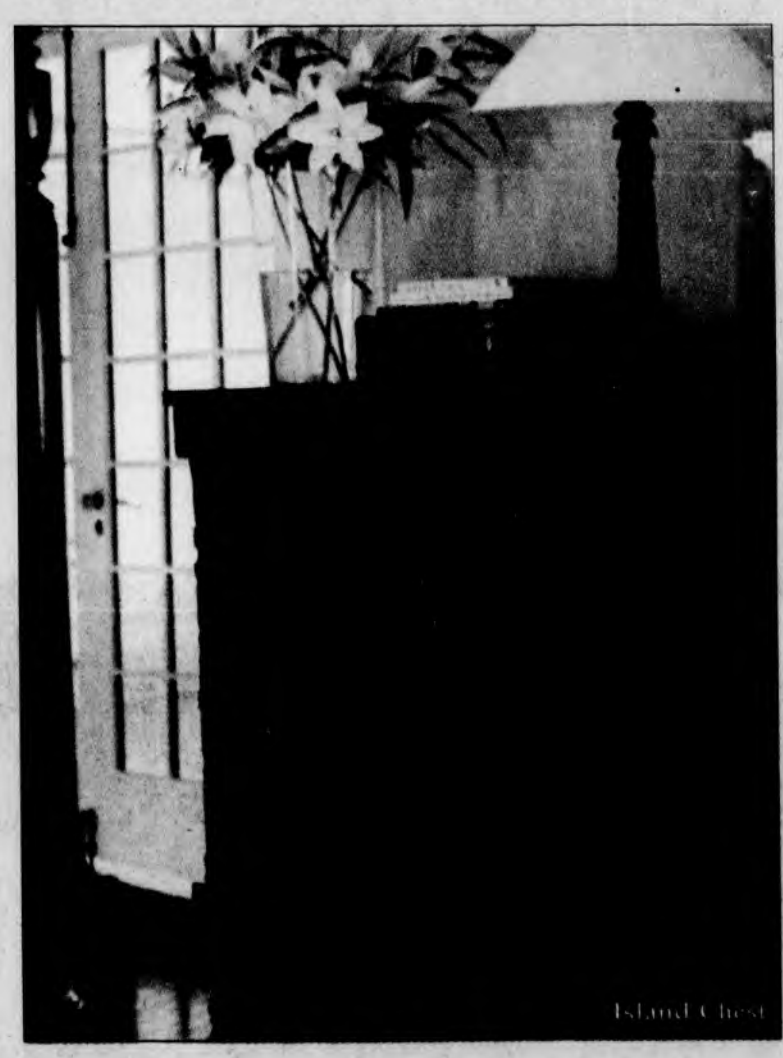
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One up, one down

Lady hoopsters split decisions with Sacred Heart

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset girls varsity basketball team rocketed into 2004 with four straight wins and only one setback. In the latest matchups the Lady Skippers traded wins with a very tough Sacred Heart team.

The first contest came on the last Monday of December in Cohasset. After the initial jump ball, the visitors fired away with six unanswered points. In short, the Sacred Heart team blew past the Skippers defense. When the buzzer rang at the end of the first half, the outlook appeared mighty grim.

Whatever coach John Levangie said to his team at half time remains a mystery. But the fire he lit under his team probably matched the fireworks on New Years Eve. The Skippers totally turned the game around in the second half. The imaginary lid came off the Skippers' hoop. They clamped down hard in their defense. At the buzzer, the Lady Skippers walked off the court with an impressive 48-40 victory.

"What a great game," remarked coach Levangie. "In the second half, the girls put together a solid offense and solid defense. They saw what they were capable of doing".

Leading the team in scoring, Casey Anderson tallied up 17 points. Ashley Faber followed with 15 and Danielle Pinkus with 10. On defense, senior Courtney Caron shut down

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset's Jenn Buckley (#22) keeps the ball away from Holbrook's Jessy MacNeil in recent non-league tilt.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset sophomore Trevor Brady (right) broke out for a career high 18 points in last week's heartbreaking OT loss to Canton.

If it wasn't for bad luck...

CHS boys basketball team loses three tough ones in a row

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

How easily could the record of the Cohasset boys basketball team be 4-2 right now rather than 2-4? So easily it hurts...literally.

Playing a 40-minute game is the norm at the college level, not high school.

That is exactly what happened, however, to the Cohasset boys hoops team, as they lost a tough double-overtime game to Canton, 69-66, in the opening round of the school's holiday tournament on Dec. 27.

The Skippers appeared to have things in hand halfway through the second extra frame, as a Trevor Brady 3-pointer put them up 66-59 with two minutes left.

Canton called a timeout and got its offense together, scoring seven quick points to tie the game. Bulldog forward Sean Talbot then drew a foul with 8.6 seconds remaining.

After making the first, Talbot missed the second, but the rebound was bobbled by two Cohasset players and fell into the hands of Canton's Chris Feeney. After a timeout, Canton's Bryan Cogliano was fouled and made both free throws.

The situation was desperate for Cohasset, as they had 1.1 seconds to go the length of the court and hit a three to force a third overtime. A long inbound pass from Sean Connolly to Chris Bilodeau produced a decent look from 25 feet out, but Bilodeau's shot came up short.

It was the culmination of a riveting game, as neither team had a lead higher than six points until the second overtime. It was also a breakout game of sorts for Cohasset sophomore guard Trevor Brady, who had 18 points.

Fourteen of those came after halftime, including a trio of clutch treys down the stretch. Highlights of Brady's performance included a trifecta to tie the game at 53 with two minutes left in regulation, and another three that gave the Skippers their seven-point lead in the second overtime.

Head coach Ron Ford's team was shorthanded to begin with, and then saw two more players foul out during the course of

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A win is a win

Norwell-Cohasset gymnasts knock off undermanned Hanover

By Mike Spellman
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A win is a win is a win.

Considering both of her Norwell-Cohasset gymnastic team's losses last year came to Hanover, coach Kara Connerty was quite happy to take a victory 119.5-105.4 win over an undermanned Hanover squad on Monday.

With a couple of gymnasts out due to illness and/or injury, the Lady Indians had just four gymnasts available for this week's much awaited showdown, and thus had to take zeroes in two events.

Junior Molly Fanning took firsts in the floor (8.85), bars (8.65) and vault (8.4) on her way to a win in the all-around (33.35), and senior teammate Keri Gerrish won the balance beam (8.0) and took second in the all-around (33.1) for Hanover (0-1).

"I think it would have been a close match if Hanover had had its full roster," asserted Connerty, whose team improved to 2-0 with the win. "Some of our gymnasts didn't have their best days. I think the rematch (with Hanover on Jan. 22) will be a very competitive."

The Nor-Coh's received a strong performance from Norwell's Samantha Rosen. The junior captain took third in the all-around (31.0). She tied teammate Nancy Durkin for second on floor (8.15) and teammate Jenn Guiney for third on vault (8.05).

Guiney also took third place points on the bars (7.45) and

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Fighting their way to the top

CHS grapplers show well at Marshfield, W-H tourneys

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High wrestling team is still not where coach Torin Sweeney would like it.

"I'm happy with the record and some of the results, but I still feel we have to work a lot harder the next couple of weeks to get where we need to be," said the 21st year CHS coach. "We lost some practice time with the snow days and the football season going long. So we're behind where we should be at this point in the season."

Of course, as any one familiar with CHS wrestling is aware, coach Sweeney sets the bar a good deal higher than most wrestling coaches in this area. All he did last winter was direct the Skippers to a program best 18 wins, a Pilgrim Conference title and second place at the Div. 3 south sectionals last year. Never one to rest on his laurels, coach Sweeney has set those achievements as the benchmarks for this season.

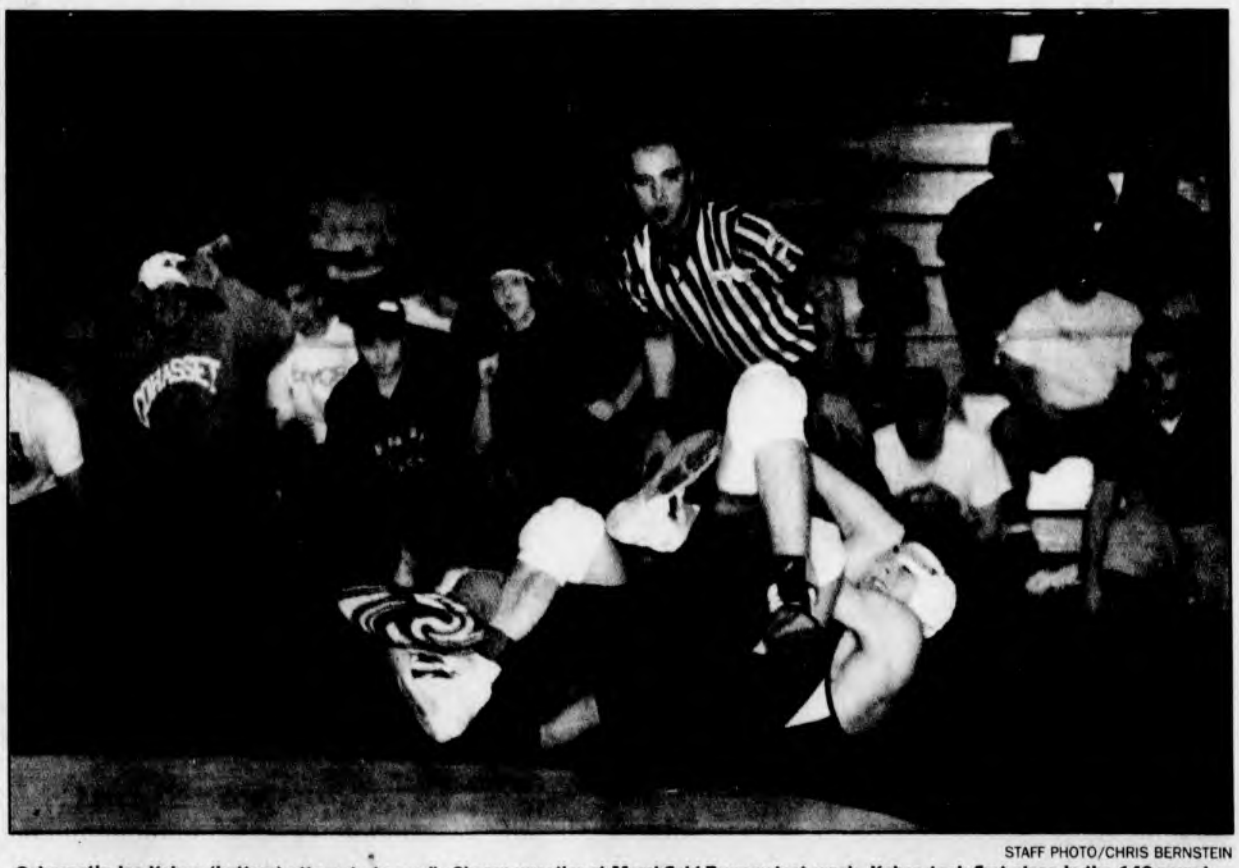
"I think we should compete for our league championship and be at the top of our section too," stated Sweeney matter-of-factly.

The CHS grapplers are off to a 5-1 start, their lone loss a tough one to Div. 1 power B.C. High with a couple of starters out of action due to illness or injury, including junior Jonathan Littauer, the defending sectional champion at 103 pounds.

Littauer, recovering from double knee surgery, made his season debut this weekend at the annual Whitman-Hanson Tourney at 130 pounds and won three matches before falling to Rockland's Bryan Sforza on points in the championship bout. Included in those wins was a decisive semifinals victory of Whitman-Hanson's Andrew Biggins, who earlier in the week had won the Marshfield Tourney title at 130.

"I think Jonathan just had nothing left in the tank for that fourth bout," assessed Sweeney. "It's pretty amazing to think what he did, though, coming into this thing without any fights and not a lot of training.

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Joe Kehoe (bottom) attempts to cradle Sharon wrestler at Marshfield Tourney last week. Kehoe took first place in the 140-pound division at Marshfield.

Clippers ice Skippers

Norwell stuns Cohasset in early SSL hockey showdown, 5-0

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Hockey, as much as any other sport, is a game of momentum. Norwell's 5-0 win over Cohasset on Saturday is proof positive of that.

Two-time defending South Shore League champion Cohasset was viewed as the favorite heading into the Saturday night showdown at Pilgrim Arena versus the league rival Clippers. However, the favored Skippers simply seemed unprepared for the emotion the Norwell squad came out with and, before they could right their ship, the Clippers had scored three times.

"We just came out flat, the same way we have the last few games, and this time it cost us big" said first year Cohasset coach Ben Virga. "We just didn't do the things we've been doing in practice, and Norwell did do those things. That's why they won."

Junior Mike Guerra put the Clippers on the board first and senior Terry Smallcomb made it 2-0 a few minutes later on the power play. The lead swelled to 3-0 when first year senior player Kris Tedeschi scored his first high school goal.

To the surprise of no one, Cohasset came out flying in the second period. However,

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Coastal Stars Youth Hockey report

Mite C1

The Mite C1s came out strong and focused this week against Hingham. They played solid positional hockey from beginning to end, earning Stars goalie Derek Benson the shutout by a score of 9-0. Each line worked well together, especially the first line off the bench which scored 7 of the 9 goals. Pat Shea, Brodie Jackisch and Tucker Ambrose played up front with Tommy Prendergast and Brendan O'Connell on defense. Shea had an impressive 3 goals, demonstrating his stick handling and skating skills, and of course, his accuracy shooting the puck. Ambrose had 2 goals thanks as always to his keen sense of timing out in front, great shooting and good passing from his linemates. Prendergast also scored one, reacting quickly and successfully shooting and scoring on a deflected shot by Shea. The second line off the bench was much more challenged by Hingham, but defensemen Charlie Blackington and Colby Comeau were sharp and focused and played sound defensive hockey. They held their positions and kept Hingham out of the zone except for a few plays. Their offense, Adam Benson, Jake Burchill and borrowed player Brian Bowman, worked the puck for several good shots each, but Bowman was the only one to be able to get the puck past Hingham for a goal. The third line off the bench got the last two goals for the Stars, both coming from Colin MacDonald. MacDonald was supported on offense by Charlie Michalowski and Brian Palmieri, who both played hard and had several very good scoring bids. The defensive team of Kevin Meehan and Justin Fein were definitely challenged by the forward line of Hingham but worked hard to protect Benson. The drama of the game came on this line in the last few seconds as the Stars raced to catch a breakaway, only to be called for tripping. The tension and excitement rose as Hingham took a penalty shot, but it ended in a save by Benson and thus the shutout, much to the relief of all the Stars.

Mite C2

On Sunday, the Coastal Stars Mites C-2 skated to a 2-2 tie with Pembroke at the Hobomock Arena. From the opening minutes, this was an action packed game with plenty of up and down play. Pembroke carried the early advantage with several scoring opportunities and offensive pressure on Stars goalie Kal Maier. Maier was phenomenal in net for the Stars thwarting Pembroke from building an early lead. The Stars began to shake off some early jitters with a couple of strong shifts by the front line of Jack Evitts, Joey Redfearn and Patrick Graham. This line combined for some good passing and shots on net during the latter half of the first period. Matt Boudreau played well on defense and provided good blue line support to his line. Fellow defenseman Mike McPartlin made a key defensive play stopping a Pembroke drive that would have resulted in an uncontested shot on goal. The Stars defense held strong in the second period with defenseman Jeremy Archibald displaying his all out skating skills and puck control in the defensive end. As the period wore on, the Stars began to put it together with quality scoring opportunities from both Tristan Wiggin and Robbie Bertone. Pembroke countered with another break away that resulted in Maier's best save of the game. With three minutes left in the period, the Stars got on the board first with Patrick Graham scoring on a nifty curl to the net. The Stars kept up the pressure for the remainder of the period with strong offensive play from center Joe Proctor and wings Robert Reidy and Jack Kaetzer. Trailing 1-0 in the third, Pembroke was finally able to put one past Maier, tieing the game with 14:33 left in the period. About a minute later, Pembroke scored again to take a 2-1 advantage over the Stars. For the rest of the period, the Stars battled back and contained Pembroke with solid defensive play and puck control by Matt Doyle and Aitlan Beresford. With a minute left to play, Brendan Evitts picked up the puck behind the Pembroke goal and wrapped one around the left post tieing the game 2-2. The Stars continued to apply offensive pressure in the final moments but were unable to break the tie.

Mite C4

The Coastal Stars Mite C-4 team played a lively match against the Eagles at Rockland Arena, and came out with a hard-fought 2-1 victory. The Stars played an excellent game in front of Joe Deyeso, making his goaltending debut this season. The Eagles did manage to get some excellent chances late in the game, but Deyeso stood tall and preserved the victory with some terrific saves. Jeff Nagle played his typically stong game, staking the Stars to a 1-0 lead in the first period, capitalizing on some hustling forechecking from linemates Sam Rice and Tommy O'Brien. Mickey Barry and Ryan McGovern had excellent games on that line as well, providing ferocious backchecking and giving the Eagles little room to work with on the ice. Christopher Lund was an offensive powerhouse in the game, scoring a brilliant goal after being sprung on a breakaway on a sweet saucer pass by brother Michael Lund, putting the Stars up 2-0 and rekindling fond memories of the Hull brothers glory days for the Chicago Blackhawks. Zack Coggins turned in an outstanding game, generating many scoring opportunities, as did Teddy Craven, who was a force in the offensive zone all game long. The Star's were able to keep the Eagles offense at bay for much of the game, thanks in large part to Seamus Feeney and Colin Bell, who made a number of strong lead passes and clearing efforts to relieve any pressure in their own zone. Robert Bothwell played an inspired game, controlling the play on several occasions, and fending off as many as four Eagles players single-handedly while cycling the puck in the corner. The Eagles scored late to pull within a goal, but the Stars were able to maintain control and preserve the lead thanks to the dominating play of Mats Nelson and Eric Weinstein. Their strong effort helped offset the absence of Liam McHugh, who was a late scratch due to illness but has been a key ingredient to the Star's successful season thus far.

Mite A

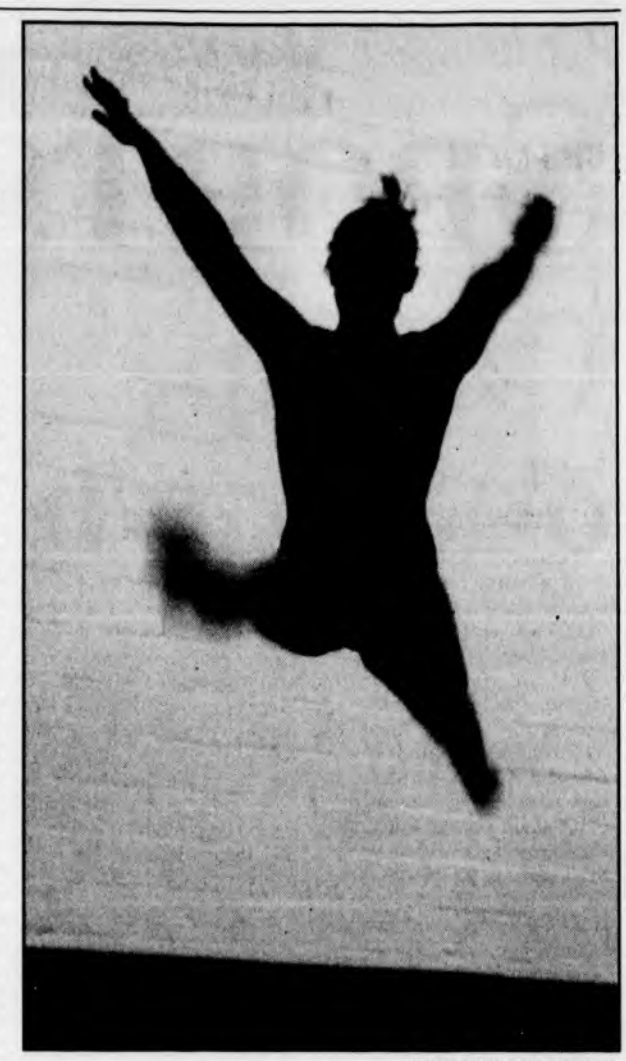
The Mite A Coastal Stars ran into an undermanned South Shore Eagles team that gave the Stars all they could handle. Tommy Dixon's goaltending proved to be the difference in an exhilarating 5-4 win that was in question to the very end. The Eagles played with determined energy throughout a game of up-and-down, two-way hockey. After giving up the early lead, the Stars responded a couple of minutes later after Kenny Parnell's rifle shot from the right circle was saved. Colin Whelan crashed the net through a crowd and slammed the rebound home. The Stars defense stepped up as Andrew Geddes played the body to stop a rush, and Jared McCrystal thwarted a rush at his blue line with a poke check. With six minutes left, Kenny Parnell flipped in the rebound off a Frank Lemieux wrister for the Stars' first lead. Kevin McDougall hustled back to break up an Eagle rush, then passed off the boards to spring Terrence Doonan on a break that was saved. Colin Whelan was somehow robbed by a glove save after he worked the puck in from the blue line and fired one from the slot that was headed for top corner. In the second period, after the Eagles tied the score, a Jeremy Duchini pass through center ice sprung Frank Lemieux, who lifted the go-ahead goal over the goaltender's shoulder. Will Golden was rejected on a rush and shot from the left side. Chris Cohen, Will DeCoste, and Jonathan Spitz applied pressure with their forechecking, but the Eagles tied the score with a shot from the slot with 4:17 left and the period ended in a tie. The Eagles kept pressuring the Stars in the third. Tommy Dixon saved a 2-on-0 breakaway with the glove, and Brian Smith blocked a shot out front. With a little over three minutes left, Colin Whelan again hustled to the rebound of a Frank Lemieux shot, and the Stars had a 4-3 lead. A minute later, Terrence Doonan backchecked and gained the puck at center ice. He passed to Connor Maher, who worked the puck for a hard riser from the slot. Doonan got to the rebound and fired it to the top right corner for a 5-3 lead. But the Eagles never quit. They scored with six seconds left on a breakaway, and ran out of time when the buzzer sounded.

Squirt A

Kevin Kelly earned his first shut out of the season, but as has been the case all season with the Stars Squirt-A team it was a team effort that lead to 3-0 victory. Before the game the boys talked about the odd man rushes and less than acceptable backchecking effort that were a part of their previous game, and were determined to put in a better showing against the Eagles. They played such a complete defensive game that they allowed no more than five shots on net. The defensive four of Pat Cull, Matt Entwistle, Brian Scott and Will Schorle made good decisions coming out of the defensive zone and stood up the Eagles at the blue line for three periods. Their ability to play aggressive at the blue line was a result of the solid backchecking support the got from all of the forwards during the contest. Tyler Martina, John Collins and Alex Evans were tenacious backcheckers as were the rest of the forwards. The game went into the third period even at zero and the Stars realized just how important their defensive work was. They were once again outplaying their opponent, but were not ahead on the score board. That changed when Travers Craven, on a pretty feed from Ryan Donovan, wristed a hard shot past the Eagles goaltender to draw first blood. Connor McLean earned an assist on the play as he made a terrific play forcing a turnover that lead to the offensive chance. The Stars struck again on a John Meehan goal that was set up on a pretty pass by Tyler Martina and they put the Eagles away on a goal by Pat Cull from the right point position. Connor McLean showed great patients on the Cull goal as he fought off a defender and waited for Cull to break into open space before making a enabling Cull to score. The Stars improved to 8-3 -2 on the season.

PeeWee C1

The Pee-Wee C1 team won its ninth game of the season on Sunday, beating Westwood with a score of 5-2. The Stars played solid two-way hockey through all three periods. The defensive unit comprised of Geoff Evans, Mike O'Halloran, Connor Ofsthun, and Joe Fitzsimmons played another very strong defensive game. The Stars defense was aided with great goaltending from substitute net minder Willie Lundberg, who turned back countless shots throughout the game. Although Westwood capitalized on an ill-timed line change early in the first period that led to a two-man break and gave Westwood its only lead of the game, the Stars came pounding back with terrific passing and shooting throughout the game. Gordie Smith scored the first goal for the Stars. Smith's goal was set up with perfect passing from winger Mike Caira and center Justin Yeager. Smith returned the favor a short time later with a nice lead pass of his own to set up Caira for the Stars' second goal. The Smith-Caira duo combined once again later in the second period to put the Stars up by a score of 3-1. Westwood pressed on, however, and late in the second period reduced the Stars' lead to only one goal. But, the Stars dug in and benefited by the fine play of Center Andrew Bell and wingers Kevin O'Connell and Phil Murphy. The Stars' tenacity paid off a short time later as they scored their fourth goal on a great rush by Chris Fazzina that was set up with a terrific lead pass by defensemen Connor Ofsthun. The Stars' final goal was scored by winger Brian Meehan who rushed the length of the ice and beat the Westwood goalie to his weak side.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Nancy Durkin took second on floor (8.15) in Monday's win for the Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team over Hanover.

A win is a win

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freshman Erin Kelly was third on beam (7.45).

The Clippers-Skippers will host Duxbury tonight (7:30 p.m) at the Mass. Gymnastics Center in Hingham, and travel to Carver on Monday.

Fighting their way to the top

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Obviously, we've got pretty high hopes for him this season now that he's healthy."

Cohasset finished second in the nine team field to perennial Div. 1 powerhouse Weymouth, who Sweeney believes may have its best team in years. Weymouth, whose wrestlers bested their Cohasset counterparts in all but one bout, took championships in nine of the 14 weight divisions and finished with 252 points, while Cohasset was a distant second with 150, barely holding off King Phillip (148).

Senior captain Phil Strazzulla was the only champion for Cohasset. He dominated all comers at 145, winning all four of his bouts by major decision.

Second place finishes were turned in by freshman Ryan McLellan at 103, junior Joey Kehoe at 140, junior Matt Casey at 160 and junior Matt Baroudi at 215. Baroudi, who advanced to New England's last fall, lost to Weymouth's Sid Reeves in the finals.

Sophomore Jake Watts was third at 103. Ditto for Kevin Dinsmore at 125 and Dave McKenna at 135. McKenna was wrestling up from 130 to make room for Littauer, and the coach was impressed with the toughness and determination shown by the sophomore.

The Skippers were almost as impressive at the annual Marshfield Tourney, held last Monday and Tuesday at Marshfield High, taking fifth out of 24 teams.

Kehoe (140) and Baroudi (215) each swept their respective classes to win championships, while Strazzulla lost in the finals and had to settle for second place points.

Casey was fourth at 160, while McKenna took seventh at 130 and McLellan did the same at 103.

Division 2 powerhouse Somerset won the Marshfield Tourney with 174 points, followed by Div. 1 monsters Plymouth South (142) and Bridgewater-Raynham (128.5). Carver, both a Pilgrim Conference and Div. 3 rival to Cohasset, edged the Skippers for fourth place. However, Sweeney believes the return of Littauer as well as the "shaping up" of a few other key wrestlers will level the playing field with Carver before it's all said and done.

"I think that's going to be a dogfight when new get together with Carver," asserted Sweeney, looking ahead to the Jan. 21 showdown at home. "We're strong in a lot of the same areas as them. It'll be a good one."

Prior to that showdown, the CHS grapplers were set to face Hull yesterday, will travel to Holliston for a quad meet this Saturday with Duxbury, Barnstable and the host Panthers.

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CHS spirit items for sale

Cohasset High Spirit items are for sale right now through the high school. Blankets are $50, flags $45 and beach towels $20. Purchases can be made through Athletic Director Ron Ford (781-383-6103). CHS is in session until Dec. 23.

Youth lacrosse signups Jan. 10

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will hold its sign-up for the spring season on Saturday, Jan. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at Cohasset High School.

This will be the only day to register. Spaces are limited at all age levels; while Cohasset Youth Lacrosse endeavors to accept everyone who files their paperwork on registration day, the program has had to turn children away at some age levels in the past.

Registrations will be taken for both boys and girls in the 14 & Under (7th and 8th graders) and 12 & Under (5th and 6th grades) age groups. At the 10 & Under level (grades 3-4), Cohasset will field teams for boys and sponsor a weekly skills-development clinic for girls.

The youth lacrosse program is dedicated to introducing children to the sport. All players receive roughly equal playing time regardless of ability. Cohasset participates in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, the nation's largest youth lacrosse organization, which does not keep standings or have playoffs. Every team makes several road trips per year, which be as close as games in Scituate or as far away as Martha's Vineyard.

In addition, the program is hopeful of attending a jamboree near the end of its season, and is working to develop a special Memorial Day weekend program with teams from Vermont. The season ends with Cohasset's annual Family Day in June.

The youth program may field as many as 12 teams this spring, depending on demand and available coaching. In spite of that growth, roster spots at all levels will be limited and it is possible that some youngsters will be turned away.

"As popular as the program has become, the challenge for us is to keep rosters small enough so that everyone gets the right kind of experience," says Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of Cohasset Youth Lacrosse. "To that end, we are willing to guarantee anyone who makes sign-up day a spot on our teams. But if our rosters are at or beyond the ideal size when we close our registration, there will be no late registration whatsoever."

Parents who can not attend the Jan. 10 registration should contact Jaffe by e-mail at CAJaffe@aol.com in sufficient time to have registration materials mailed and returned prior to Jan. 10. Include your name, address and the number of children being registered.

The registration fee is $135, which includes a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes mandatory insurance coverage and a subscription to a magazine especially designed for kids. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse does offer discounts to families with two or more players; the cost is $250 for two players and $360 for three. The girls 10-and-Under clinic costs $85, or $75 if a family has two or more players in the program. Clinic players do not receive US Lacrosse membership.

Late registrations, if roster spots are available, will cost $225.

The program is limited to Cohasset residents; players at the 14-and-Under level can play regardless of whether they are active on Cohasset's Middle School teams, or if they play on the team of a private school.

In general, both boys and girls games are played Sunday afternoons. The spring practice schedule has not yet been set. The teams will begin practicing indoors in early March and begin playing games in April. The season concludes in mid-June.

In addition to players, the program is looking for additional coaches at all levels.

Lacrosse is a contact sport; at all levels for boys, practices and games include hitting. In accordance with Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League rules, all boys must be equipped with sticks, gloves, shoulder and elbow pads, and helmets with mouthpieces. Hockey helmets are not allowed, although hockey arm and shoulder pads are (hockey gloves are not flexible enough to allow a child to manipulate and control a lacrosse stick).

The girls game has less contact, but practices will be every bit as physical and demanding as for the boys. All girls must be equipped with sticks, mouthpieces and approved goggles.

There will be more information on the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program available at the Jan. 10 sign-up. If you need more information, or are interested in volunteering to coach, contact Jaffe at 781-383-9858 or CAJaffe@aol.com.

If it wasn't for bad luck...

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the game. Taking that into consideration, Ford said he liked the effort from his team.

"We played great for 38 minutes," he said. "Everyone played well. It would have been nice to win, but it wasn't from a lack of effort. I'm really proud of our kids."

Bilodeau matched Brady's 18 points, and also had six rebounds and nine assists. Connolly turned in a great performance with 16 points and 13 boards. Ford praised his center's effort after the game, as he played well down the stretch despite having four fouls.

Cohasset got off to a rough start in this game, as the visiting Bulldogs scored the first six points. The Skippers had trouble taking care of the basketball and were not making shots when they had them.

At about the 10-minute mark, things started to pick up for the home team. The Skippers switched between a 2-1-2 and a 1-2-2 zone to confuse the Canton offense, while they started getting to the basket on the other end. Brady and Connolly were particularly effective in this area, as they combined to take nine free throws in the first half.

The Skippers ended the half on a positive note, as point guard John Andrade made a three off of a broken play to give Cohasset a 26-25 lead at the break.

The second half went back and forth throughout, as both teams started to run more and pick up the pace on both ends of the floor. Brady and Canton's Greg Lyons (15 points after halftime) both got hot with their outside shooting.

The game also got a little chippy in the final minutes of regulation, as numerous fouls were called on both teams. The result was a lot of free throws, including 16 by Cohasset in the second half.

Had one more of those free throws gone in, the Skippers would have played in the next night's championship game. But it was not meant to be.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Sean Connelly (#4) and Dan Tarpey (#44) give Holbrook's Sean Gavin something to think about on his way to the hole in recent non-league action.

The tough loss may have carried over to the next night, where Cohasset lost to Hull, 60-46, in the tournament's consolation game. This game was closer than the score indicated, according to coach Ford, as the Pirates opened up their double digit lead inside the final minute.

The tough luck continued when the Skippers got back into action on Tuesday, and lost a 53-52 heartbreaker to Archbishop Williams to fall to 2-4 on the season. This game followed a script eerily similar to the Canton loss.

The Skippers led by eight with four minutes left to play, but saw the visiting Bishops come all the way back and send the game into OT. The Skippers also took a lead in overtime, but again failed to hold it.

The gamewinning hoop seemed a symbol of the hardships the CHS boys have endured the last three games. With the Skippers up two, senior point guard John Andrade (15 points on five 3-pointers) took an elbow to the head as he attempted to bounce around a screen, allowing his man to pop wide open for the go-ahead three with eight seconds to play.

Bilodeau (18 points) again got the final look for the Skippers, but his runner in the lane rolled off the rim as time expired.

Despite the loss, coach Ford was extremely pleased with the effort put forth by his troops

"Our effort was tremendous all night," said the veteran coach. "The kids executed everything I asked. They did everything but hit their free throws."

In point of fact, the Skippers missed all 10 of their final chances from the charity stripe, including the front end of a few one-and-ones at the end of regulation.

"Those were killers," continued Ford. "We make just one of those 10 shots and it's a much different story. I just feel bad for the kids, though. They played really hard.

"The bottom line, though, is that we've got to find a way to pull these games out. We're putting ourselves in a position to win, but then not doing those things we need to to push us over the top."

The boys will play again tomorrow at Abington (6:30 p.m. start).

Mike Spellman contributed to this report

Clippers ice Skippers

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Norwell — a team seemingly made to protect a lead, with returning league all-star goalie Tom Sullivan and four strong skating defensemen—did a very good job of holding the Skippers to one shot and preventing prolonged assaults, and the third period started with the same score as did the second.

"Sully stood on his head like he always seems to in big games," said Norwell coach Paul Hurley of his senior netminder, who came up with 24 saves for the shutout.

"All four of the defensemen also did a great job," the Norwell coach noted, lauding the work of seniors Nick McDonough and Rob Weber, and juniors Brian White and Myles Clancy.

McDonough got it going at both ends of the ice, scoring both Clippers goals in the third to put the game away.

The win improved the Clippers to 1-0-1 in South Shore League play (2-2-2 overall) and seemingly elevated them to favorite status in the league. This was the first loss for the Skippers, dropping them to 1-1-2 overall, and their first league game.

Cohasset was slated to face off with Abington last night on the road, a game that could reveal much about the upper echelon of the SSL. Virga sounded hopeful that his charges would give a better accounting of themselves in that one.

"If there's one silver lining to this loss it's that the kids seemed to start getting it in the second period and doing what we've been asking," said Virga, a former assistant coach at B.C. High, Catholic Memorial, and, most recently, Milton High. "Sometimes you have to take a step backwards before you can go forward. Hopefully, we're done moving backwards now."

Virga was also not pleased with aspects of last Wednesday's effort that produced a 3-3 tie with Scituate. Most specifically, he was unhappy with his team's continuing bent toward "bad penalties." The Skippers were whistled eight times for infractions, leading to seven Scituate power plays. The Sailors cashed in on two of those chances, the second with just 42 seconds to play in the game.

"If there was a trophy awarded for penalties, we'd be getting a pretty big one," said a clearly miffed Virga following this game. "We've committed 19 penalties in three games now, and that's unacceptable. We're putting ourselves in these bad situations."

All of the scoring in this tie came off the sticks of two players. Cohasset had a hat trick from junior Ted Straughn and Scituate junior Chris Travis matched that output.

The Skippers never trailed in the game. Straughn put Cohasset on the board first at 12:33 of the first period, as he followed a nice rush by linemate Rob Carpenter, lifting the rebound over downed Scituate netminder Bob Dillon. Travis answered that late in the second period on the power play when he whistled a slapper from the left dot over the shoulder of screened CHS netminder Stefan Parnell.

Straughn's second tally came 4:09 into the third period, and it was nearly a carbon copy of the first one, as he trailed Carpenter on a rush and cleaned up on the carom.

Travis got that back with 6:10 to play when he gained position by the left post and knocked home the rebound of a Mike Noonan shot.

Cohasset appeared to be in good shape when Straughn deftly deflected a Carpenter slapper out of the air just inside the right post with 3:53 to play. However, Travis drew a tripping call with 2:14 to play after getting by his man with a nine one-on-one move.

Scituate worked the power play masterfully, and a nice cross ice pass from Andrew Elsmore at the right point to Travis on the edge of the left circle resulted in a one-timer that got just over Parnell's glove with 42 seconds to play.

Cohasset Little League introduces 'Baseball Bucks'

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Jan.
9 @ Abington 6:30 p.m.
13 Carver 6:30 p.m.

Boys JV Basketball
9 @ Abington 5 p.m.
13 Carver 5 p.m.

Girls Varsity Basketball
9 Abington 6:30 p.m.
10 @ Nantucket 1 p.m.
13 @ Carver 6:30 p.m.

Girls JV Basketball
9 Abington 5 p.m.
10 @ Nantucket 11:30 a.m.

Wrestling
10 @ Holliston, Dux., Barnstable 10 a.m.
14 @Norwell 7 p.m.

Gymnastics
8 Duxbury 7:30 p.m.
12 @Carver 7:30 p.m.

Ice Hockey
10 Hull 8 p.m.

Swimming
10 @ Nantucket 12:30 p.m.
13 @ Barnstable 6:30 p.m.

One up, one down

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Sacred Heart superstar Kim Reske, holding her to a season low six points.

"Though it was a rough start, we pulled ourselves together in the second half," Faber reflected on the game. "We could have won by even more if we shot better from the foul line."

High scorer Casey Anderson added: "In the second half we came out fresh. We looked and felt like a brand new team."

The outcome in the second showdown between the two teams this past Monday was not as pleasant. Playing at Sacred Heart's home gym, the Lady Skippers played with intensity. Their second-rate shooting, however, cost them the game and the first loss of the season.

Despite the final outcome of 38-32, the Lady Skippers protected their sense of confidence and enthusiasm.

"This was a tough loss for us," said coach Levangie "The girls really gave it their all, but just couldn't sink their shots. Though the girls were discontent with the outcome, they see the loss as merely a bump in the road. Our confidence remains high."

Despite the loss, the low scoring reflected the solid defense turned in by Casey Anderson, Chelsea Grossman, and Ashley Faber. According to the players, the Skippers have become infamous for their steadfast defense. Observed starter Casey Anderson, "We started out flat in this game, and just couldn't come back. Our offense just didn't click."

Looking ahead, this week includes two very crucial games. On Friday the Lady Skippers face a daunting Abington squad. The following morning they leave at 7 a.m.for a ferry ride to Nantucket. Let's hope for smooth sailing on and off the court.

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The third annual Turkey Trot was held in Cohasset on Nov. 27, the 5K race beginning in the town common. All proceeds from this race—organized and sponsored by Cohasset resident Dan McCarron— went to The Recording of he Blind and Dyslexic.

The race drew its biggest field to date, with over 130 runners participating and helping to raise more than $4,500 was raised for RFBD.

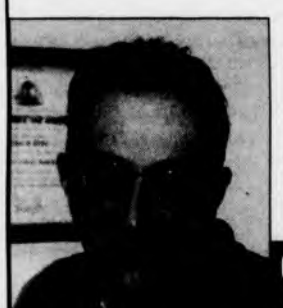
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Photos (Clockwise from upper left) Men's first place finisher Josh Flanagan (front) races to the finish line with time of 17:29, Under 16 winner Ryan Kulnsky (22:10), women's first place finisher Linda Kiler (19:42), and "Just Over 50" winner Paul Barry (25:13).





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Wrestling
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finished 5th of 24
3 @ Whit-Han. Tourney. 10 a.m.
finished 2nd of nine
7 Hull

Gymnastics
5 beat Hanover, 119.5-105.4
8 Duxbury 7:30 p.m.

Ice Hockey
31 tied Scituate, 3-3
3 lost to Norwell, 5-0
7 @Abington-EB

Swimming
6 @ Nauset
boys lost, 57-10
girls lost, 53-36

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Grand opening

Cohasset youth girls basketball teams sweep Hanson

The four Cohasset girls basketball teams in the Old Colony League, representing the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, opened their season with a sweep of Hanson on Sunday, Dec 20, in games played at Cohasset High School.

The fifth grade Cohasset girls set the tone for the day with a 26-12 win over their Hanson counterparts. The fifth graders got off to a slow start in the first half. Amy Costa earned the distinction of scoring the first hoop for this fledgling group of ladies – all of whom were playing in their first-ever travel league contest – but that would prove to be the extent of the Cohasset offensive production in the opening 20 minutes as Hanson walked off at the half with a 6-2 lead.

The Cohasset girls predictably had some trouble adjusting to the realities of travel league play in which all of the rules, most notably traveling, double-dribbling, and three-second violations, were whistled by the refs. Only some solid defense and rebounding by Olivia Murphy, Emma Musto, Jen Curley, and Logan Pratt kept Cohasset in the game during their first-half scoring drought.

However, the second half proved to be a different story for the Blue & White. With Emma Quigley and Rachel Fredey working effectively in the backcourt to reduce the turnovers, the Cohasset offense finally picked up the pace. Buckets by Fredey, Pratt, Curley, and Musto pushed Cohasset ahead for the first time since Costa's hoop early in the game. Although Hanson came back to tie the score at 12-12 with about 7:00 to play, the Cohasset offense went into high gear behind a scoring surge by Musto. The lanky Emma M. raced downcourt for a pair of end-to-end hoops which pushed Cohasset ahead for good. Two more hoops off offensive rebounds by Musto and buckets by Fredey and Quigley sealed Hanson's fate. Musto, who led all scorers with 14 points, then put the icing on the fifth graders' first-game victory cake with another pair of hoops for the 26-12 final score.

The sixth graders followed with a runaway 34-12 win. Lindsay Allard proved immense in the early going at both ends of the floor, while Isabel Franklin and Samantha Crough added valuable support.

The seventh grade team also had an easy time with a 40-20 triumph.

The eighth grade team, which was playing with only five eighth graders and needed to borrow some players from the seventh grade team, made a it a clean sweep for Cohasset with a 28-15 win. The Blue & White got off to a slow start, but pulled ahead for good in the middle of the first half and never looked back. Maura Barnes tallied 10 points to lead the way for Cohasset with Carly Salerno adding six in the winning effort.

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School Nutrition Advisory Committee to meet Jan. 20

By Samantha Brown
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While the topic may have been quiet for a while, the Board of Health is back on its quest to make sure the Cohasset public schools are teaching healthy eating habits to students by offering nutritionally sound choices on their cafeteria menus. Because childhood obesity has become such an epidemic, the board has begun trying to change school cafeteria menus, in an effort to help steer children toward making healthy food choices now, which will hopefully get them in the habit of making healthy choices for life.

To help carry out this effort, the board has begun organizing a Nutrition Advisory Committee which it hopes will be a positive influence for the schools in terms of guiding them to offer healthy food choices in their cafeterias.

"We haven't had a meeting of the Nutritional Advisory Committee yet," said Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo, but added he is excited to get the committee underway. The committee's first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 20.

The board expressed its concern regarding obesity in young children at the beginning of the school year, and asked the School Committee to review the school lunch menus and provide a "junk" free day at least once a week. However, the School Committee said it wasn't going to rush into changing the menu at the schools when it had just taken over the food service in-house. The contract with Chartwells dining services, which had provided food for the schools for 15 years, was not renewed this year because it was found to be costing the schools more money than was being taken in. The School Committee thought the schools would fare better financially if they provided the services themselves. By taking away "junk" food, School Committee members said it could hurt the cafeteria budget,b ecause students would be more likely to bring food from home.

Health Board members said they would like to hold the first Nutrition Advisory Meeting in the middle-high school cafeteria, and plan on arriving at the school in time to observe the last scheduled lunch.

In addition to concerns about how a new menu would affect the cafeteria budget, the School Committee questioned whether the health board had the jurisdiction to request a change in the menu. While members said they weren't sure the menu was a topic under the board's purview, the board insists it can write regulations for almost anything provided it has an impact on public health, which provided some friction between the two boards.

While the issue of healthy eating concerns all three schools, the Board of Health's message is geared more toward the middle and high schools, where students have a wider variety of options to choose from. The cafeteria is set up to mimic a college dining hall, and is split into different areas including the deli, grill, salad bar, and entree sections. Board members said they would like to hold their first committee meeting in the middle-high school cafeteria, and plan on arriving at the school in time to observe the last scheduled lunch.

The issue of healthier cafeteria food has been a hot topic not only in Cohasset, but in schools nationwide. In fact, the issue between the Board of Health and School Committee was picked up by the Associated Press, and an article featuring Cohasset's menu in comparison to school menus in other states, was printed in papers coast to coast.

Although a "junk" free day devoid of burgers, fries, pizza, and pasta has not come to fruition as of yet, the board's requests that only snacks low in fat and carbohydrates be put in vending machines, that ice cream be replaced with Popscicles or other snacks which are low in fat and carbohydrates, and that only water and 100 percent juice drinks be in the vending machines and in the food lines, have been granted. The discussion between the various boards involved will be ongoing.

Charter school move to Norwell becomes official

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The South Shore Charter School is one step closer to relocating, as officials from the facility have announced the $5.5 million purchase of a building at 100 Longwater Drive in Norwell.

South Shore Charter School spokesperson Michael Munhall said he expects the school to be ready for students in September, 2004.

The school is currently located in Hull and is comprised of three separate buildings — an old aquarium, a former bank and a former restaurant. Munhall said students will be vacating the bank building because the lease is up and noted there will be some shuffling of students in Hull before they move to Norwell in the fall. He added once all the students move to Norwell, the Hull chapter of the school will be no more.

Munhall said he and other charter school officials think Norwell will be a key location for the school.

"We have 21 towns in our school's region," Munhall said. "Being located in Hull, we're isolated to most of those towns. Also, we wanted a building where the entire school could be together. The bottom line is that we needed a location that could serve the entire region better."

Munhall said the building at Longwater Drive was formerly Serono Pharmaceuticals and was owned by the iStar Corporation of Atlanta, Georgia. He added the building has been empty for about two years and said the charter school finally approached iStar about buying the building last winter. The building is 53,000 square-feet and sits on six acres of wooded landscape.

"We've really been looking for about nine years to find a permanent home for the school," Munhall said. He said lots of locations around the South Shore were looked at, including the former South Weymouth Naval Air Base.

"The Norwell facility's central location and modern resources makes us more attractive and will expand our recruitment possibilities," Munhall said of the Longwater Drive location. He explained the Hull school currently holds 360 students and noted in the new facility, 468 students will be the capacity.

Munhall said the South Shore Charter School caters to students in kindergarten through 12th grade and noted "there are a lot of possibilities for inter-age learning at the school." He explained classes are broken up into six levels at the school through which older and younger students work together. For instance, he said 3rd and 4th graders have many classes together, as do those students in the 5th and 6th grades, 7th and 8th grades and so on.

"It's a good situation where the older kids are helping the younger kids," Munhall said.

Munhall added "The whole momentum behind charter is to give an independent school education to everyone and to present a good college prep curriculum to youngsters of any economic bracket."

He said many of the charter school's classes involve "learning by doing," that is, hands-on experience. He said students often apply what they learn in their classes through projects outside of school. For instance, he said some students work with organizations like Habitat For Humanity.

Munhall said the new location for the charter school will provide a great atmosphere for the students.

"We'll have computer labs, art studios, music practice and performance rooms and other areas," he said. "Right now, the building has 99 10 x 10 offices and we'll consolidate those into classrooms."

Munhall said an open house will be held at the facility on Saturday, Jan. 10.

"This is the campus we dreamed of — spacious without sacrificing small class size, connected through technology, central to the South Shore and equipped to provide students with an outstanding education," Munhall said. "South Shore Charter School will grow here and develop a greater sense of place, identity and pride. We invite everyone to our new home."

For more information on the South Shore Charter School, or for questions about enrollment, call (781) 925 2225.

Rec dept. issues safe ice advisory

With the winter season here, residents of all ages look for outdoor areas for ice skating. Elm's Meadow, located at Cushing Road and Spring Street has been prepared by the DPW for skating and lights, until 9:30 p.m. are also on for night skating. Elm's Meadow offers a regulated, shallow area for safe skating.

However, as with any outdoor skating area, the ice should be tested before venturing on it. There are specific. ways to test ice safety which do not include throwing debris such as rocks, sticks, etc. on the ice making it hazardous for everyone.

Rather, test the ice by the edge of a skating area by carefully stepping out 6 to 8 inches proceeding carefully to about 2 inches out from the edge only if the ice appears to be safe under your weight. Chip the ice with a tool or stick until you can ascertain a rough idea as to the thickness of the ice. You should always have another person with you when doing this.

Many outdoor skating areas do not have the same thickness of ice universally over the area. Always be on guard for soft spots or thin ice which manifest from underground springs, drain pipes, etc. This is especially true at Elm's Meadow by the Spring Street/Cushing Road corner of the area due to drains off the hillside.

General Safe Ice Standards

Ice Safe For:	0-30 Degrees	30-40 Degrees	40-50 Degrees
Single Skaters:	1-3/4 inches	2-3/4 inches	6 inches
Couples:	2-3/4 inches	3-3/4 inches	8 inches
Crowds:	3-3/4 inches	4-3/4 inches	12 inches

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Cohasset Elementary School lunch menu

MONDAY, JAN. 12
Meatball sub, parmesan cheese or salami and cheese sub, carrots, pears.

TUESDAY, JAN. 13
Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, or tuna sub, oven fries, peaches.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14
Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll or ham and cheese sandwich, green beans, sliced apple.

THURSDAY, JAN. 15
Cheeseburger on a bun or bologna sub, veggie rice, Hoodsie cup.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16
Pizza: Cheese or pepperoni or seafood sub, veggie sticks, pudding.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were recently issued by the town of Cohasset:

Nohena Dev. LLC, 99 South Main St., demolish/reconstruct two-family dwelling, $255,000; Wilson, 76 Jerusalem Road, replace 21 windows, $37,000; Parks, 279 Jerusalem Road, remodel kitchen, three baths, bedroom, $15,000; Tedeschi, 38 Atlantic Ave., tent Nov. 13 to Nov. 18, $3,500; Figueredo, 12 Margin Court, re-roof 16 squares, $8,895; Delaney, 595 Jerusalem Road, addition 20x15 conn. garage to house, $10,000; Routhier, 169 Pond St., remove/replace shed 12x16, $2,000; McCunney, 685 Jerusalem Road, remodel two baths and m. bedroom, $60,000; Bia Bistro, 35 South Main St., sign 8 sq. ft., $1,000; Brian Noonan, 26 Ash St., addition to rear of dwelling, $52,000; and DiCenso, 90 Howard Gleason, re-roof 25 sq., $21,600.

Also, Patterson, 12 Ledgewood Farm Drive, finish basement for playroom, $5,000; Cadagan, 273 North Main rear, re-roof half of house, $650; Blackington, 10 Old Pasture Road, shed 8x10, $2,000; Abromowich, 498 North Main St., replace trim and repair stoop, $1,000; Stelljes, 249 Beechwood St., whole house rehab, $225,000; Berube, 3 Windy Hill Road, remodel kitchen, $12,000; Hajjar, 30 Heather Drive, shed 12x14, $1,000; St. Stephen's Parish, 16 Highland Ave., re-roof/reside partial and repair, $2,500; Herbert Brown, 552 Beechwood St., modular dwelling, $80,000; Clark Brewer, 262 North Main St., fireplace, hearth and chimney, $4,000; and David Lord, 19 Elm St., addition, bedroom/kitchen, $80,000.

Also, Jeff Waal, 36 Old Pasture Road, re-roof 25 squares, $9,560; Donze, 9 Parker Ave., rebuild shed/outbuilding 16x20, $20,000; Frank Williams, 125 CJCH, remodel existing building 20x20; Robert Garvey, 3 Bayberry Lane, shed 10x6, $3,000; Campbell, 14 Pleasant St., replace 18 windows, $6,754; Medinger, 111 Pond St., enclose screen with porch no heat, $11,000; Ox Pasture Lane Realty Trust, Ox Pasture Lot 5, single family, three car garage, pool cover, $850,000; Brian Noonan, 26 Ash St., install stove pellet/wood, $2,000; Douglas Bryan, 20 Sanctuary Pond, remodel basement playroom, $10,000; Tarpey, 18 Bancroft Way, remodel kitchen, sidewall, $18,000; Black Thorn Group, 24 South Main St., remodel and update, $20,000; and Chris Pyne, 20 Whitney Woods Lane, addition above garage, re-roof, remodel bath, $55,000.

Also, Chris Whelan, 23 Summer St., garage/bath, two bedrooms, addition to family room, $130,000; John Ryan, 48 Deep Run, replace siding, roof and doors sunroom, $12,200; Gillis, 492 Jerusalem Road, remodel two bathrooms, $50,000; Fox, 6 Bancroft Road, shed 10x14, $3,200; Conway Office, 861 CJCH, remodel, repair, renovate, $85,000; Debra White, 67 Forest Ave., re-roof four squares, $4,500; and George Parks, 279 Jerusalem Road, addition, $350,000.

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Newlyweds take the plunge with Humarock Hurricanes

Groom works for Cohasset company

By Matthew J. Gill
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Newlyweds Heather and Wayne Heuer along with members of their bridal party emerge from the frigid Atlantic following the Humarock Hurricane's 6th annual New Year's Day swim. The couple took the plunge just 16 hours after saying "I do."



A veteran of New Year's Day dips, Heather Heuer made it a condition of marriage that she and her new husband, Wayne take the plunge together the morning after their wedding.

If you showed up even five minutes late, you probably missed it.

At 12 p.m. sharp on New Year's Day, a more than 150 local residents, known in swimming circles as the Humarock Hurricanes, girded by New Year's Resolutions and a blast of fresh winter air, bounded into the waters off Humarock Beach and dunked themselves in the frigid Atlantic ocean.

"We begin exactly at noon," longtime Hurricane Chris Brown said. "There's no delay."

In order to hit the waters at just the right time, the Hurricanes' official clock is set to official US time and at ten seconds to noon, Steve Leaman of The Nautical Mile, led the countdown chorus over a megaphone, and at the very strike of noon everyone began a mad scramble to the water.

But as fast as you can say "Humarock Hurricanes," the swimmers have hit the water, and are running back to shore in search of a towel.

" People come at five minutes after noon and its over," Brown said. "They say 'what happened.'"

Even though the time it takes the Hurricanes to ramble to the water, take a quick dunk, and then speed out quicker than they came, is minute, it's certainly a sight to behold and the beach is annually crowded with hundreds of onlookers, who show up on New Year's just "to see all these crazy people jump in the water."

"It was the best moment of my life."
— Newlywed Heather Heuer

The New Year's Day dip wasn't new to newlywed Heather Heuer, who for 14 years has taken part in frigid frolics at both Humarock and Peggotty Beach, along with her sister, Caitlyn. But it was new to Heather's husband Wayne, who took the plunge in the ocean just 16 hours after taking the plunge at the altar.

"It was the best moment of my life," said Heather, a 1990 graduate of Scituate High School, who teaches Physical Education and coaches three sports at Hingham's Derby Academy.

Heather, clad in a wedding gown with Wayne in a tuxedo jacket —not the attire the couple wore the night before— took part in their first joint adventure New Year's Day.

With a refreshing, bracing start on their first morning of marriage, Heather predicted a rosy future.

"It's going to be a perfect life, that's all I can say," she said.

Before she agreed to marry Wayne, who works as a supervisor for Cohasset's Noranda Construction, Heather recalls informing her husband-to-be, "If we get married we have to go swimming the next day."

After the noontime dip, the bride, groom, and their entire wedding party — including the maid of honor Caitlyn McDonald, Heather's college roommate Karen Taylor, and bridesmaids and friends Kate Steinberg from Rhode Island, Hull's Cara Ferrera, and Jean Doherty from Scituate — returned to Heather's house for a relaxing brunch, followed by a New Year's dinner of Chinese food. The next morning the newlyweds embarked on their honeymoon to Norwich, Ct.

According to Heather, not all of those who promised to take part in the morning dunk during the wedding held at The Barker Tavern the night before, followed through.

Still, about 150 others did dive in for the sixth annual New Year's swim with another 500 onlookers taking in the scene and waiting with towels, clothing and hot coffee for their daring friends and family members, Brown said.

"It was one of the best turnouts we ever had," said Brown who owns Humming Rock Gifts.

Although the weather outside was just a little breezy, Brown said the swimming conditions "were perfect."

On previous New Year's, harsh winds drove the windchill temperatures below zero, and members of the Scituate Fire Department were stationed on hand, just in case.

Although she didn't join the swim this year, Brown is a veteran of New Year's dips and in years past often donned a wetsuit and waded out early in order to photograph the group of 'Hurricanes, storming off the beach.

Members of the annual swimming contingent "come from all over," Brown said, but hail mainly from Scituate and Marshfield.

All the swimmers, no matter where they're from, must follow one simple rule to earn the distinction of being a true Hurricane.

"It's total immersion," Brown said. "If you didn't totally immerse you didn't do it right.

In addition to a shockingly cool way to start off the new year, participants in the plunge also brought a host of canned goods and non-perishables an entry-fee, and by swim's end, two truckloads of food had been donated and were then carted off and presented to the Marshfield Food Pantry.

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Scituate soldier helping Iraq's schools

By 1st Lt. James T. Ford
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

I grew up in Scituate and not so long ago, I used to wait for the school bus at the end of Sylvester Road, the street where my parents still live.

Today as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army, I am the platoon leader of troops responsible for an area called Ta'min in Iraq — a very long way from Massachusetts and my hometown.

When I deployed from Ft. Riley, Kansas where I was stationed, I never could have imagined that part of our mission here would be working with the local schools.

My platoon is currently working with 12 schools with a total attendance of about 5,000 children from six to 17 years old. Initially we visited the schools on a daily basis and met with their directors to get estimates on needed repairs and supplies. We had the information translated into English and turned the proposals for these projects into Civil Affairs for approval.

This city is very poor. The schools can't afford many of the supplies children need. A notebook and a pencil here are a very important tool for the future of this country and region. We want to show the people that they can accomplish more with their pen and paper than an AK-47. We need help getting the Iraqi people the resources they need to change their outlook.

My soldiers' families back at Ft. Riley are working to contact their local schools and businesses to help sponsor Iraqi schools. They have been very successful thus far and seem to understand the magnitude of our cause here by responding as Americans should with a generous and compassionate helping hand.

For every notebook, pen, pencil or book bag sent, another Iraqi child gets a little glimpse of hope for the future. Many colleagues I work with have families back home from other states that are conducting drives to gather school supplies.

The people here have been oppressed and given empty promises for a long time. We want to show them that we care about them and want them to succeed as a nation. If we win the hearts and minds of the children and set them up for success in life then they will have a strong foundation for the future.

We continue to visit with two to three schools a day to maintain the relationship we have with them and to keep the lines of communication open. The schools will remain open while they undergo repairs to structural damage. When we visit, we talk with the kids and play with them a little outside. It is always rewarding because you can see progress in the way they respond to us each time we see them.

Conditions here are getting better daily. When we arrived here we had nothing, except some old concrete buildings that had been bombed. We worked for many days cleaning out the debris so we could live in them. Now we have electricity, showers, laundry service and a limited internet service. We do get hot meals "chow" twice a day. We all miss home but mail call everyday helps to relieve the homesick blues.

The kids here are what gives my soldiers and me hope for this country. They are receptive to the concept of peace and community responsibility that we are trying to convey. They really want us here and need us to help provide them the freedom to get an education.

When we walk through the streets in the city the children form crowds around us and want to talk and play with us. They ask us for simple things like pens, pencils and notebooks. They go crazy when we give out soccer balls and candy. It is very rewarding to see a child that looks incapable of happiness start to smile because of a friendly gesture or a free gift like a pack of Charms.

Although we show up in the schools in body armor looking like giants, I think the faculty and students realize we are sensitive people underneath and here to help them by providing hope for a better future. I feel we have come a long way towards mission accomplishment already!

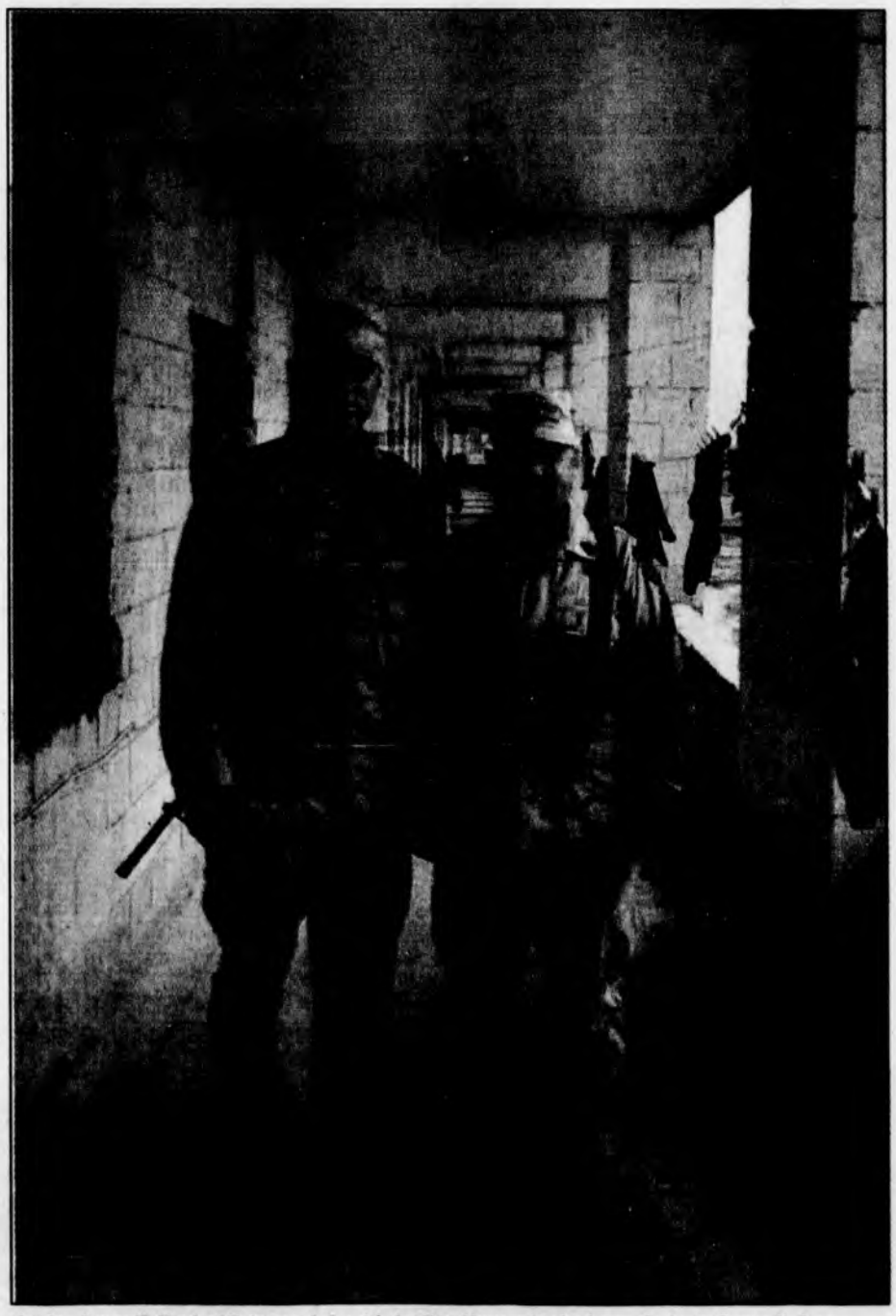
Lt. Ford was deployed to Iraq in August. Lt. Ford can be contacted through his parents' address, 19 Sylvester Road, Scituate, MA 02066. Lt. Ford is the son of Cohasset Mariner editor, Mary Ford.



1st Lt. James T. Ford of Scituate with two schoolchildren in Ta'min, Iraq.



1st Lt. James T. Ford, standing far left, with his platoon in front of a bombed-out palace in Ar Ramadi.



1st Lt. James T. Ford of Scituate, left, with 1st Sgt. Kantor in the barracks in Ar Ramadi, Iraq.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate & Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 97P1633C2
Notice Of Fiduciary's Account

To all persons interested in the estate of Mildred L. Coyne of Cohasset Norfolk, a person under conservatorship.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first through fifth account(s) of Michael F. Loring as Conservator - (the fiduciary) of the property of said Mildred L. Coyne have been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before the **twenty-third day of January, 2004** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this first day of December, 2003.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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WIGGINS ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P3042EP

In the Estate of ERNEST G. WIGGINS

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Date of Death October 18, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that BROWN BROTHER HARRIMAN TRUST, LLC of CHARLOTTE in the state of NORTH CAROLINA or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 28, 2004.**

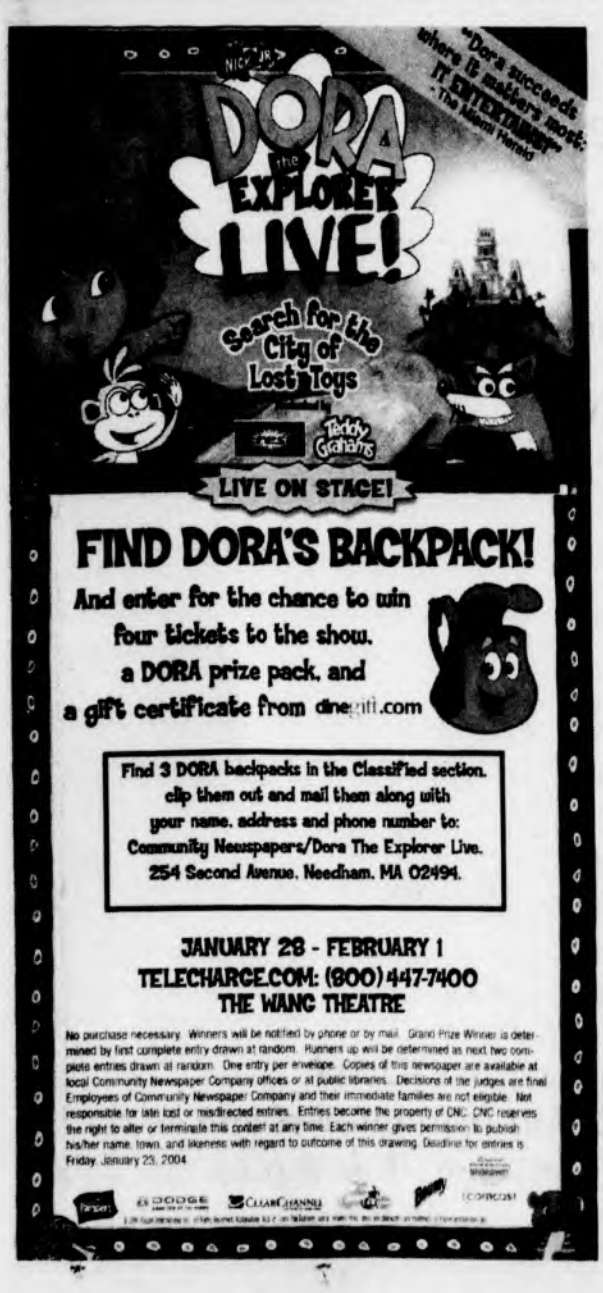
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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, December 23, 2003.

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OBITUARIES

Ruth M. Nowack

Ruth Margaret (Jacobson) Nowack, 94, died on Dec. 9, 2003, at the Life Care Center of Plymouth.

Born in Chicago, Ill., she was the daughter of John and Hattie (Hendrickson) Jacobson and wife of the late Clarence Richard Nowack.

She and her husband raised their daughters while living in Chicago and Park Ridge, Ill., Ridgewood, N.J., Plymouth, Hyannis and Stuart, Fla.

Mrs. Nowack moved back to Massachusetts in 1996, where she lived with her daughter Susan in Duxbury and most recently at the New England Friends Home in Hingham and the Life Care Center in Plymouth. Her strong Christian faith gave her a positive outlook.

She was a 1926 honors graduate of Carl Schurz High School in Chicago. In her early years she was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed participating in local theater and producing plays.

While living in Plymouth in the 1970's, she was a historian and Pilgrim hostess at Plimoth Plantation. She loved art and painted landscapes.

Her greatest love was for her family, in whose visits she delighted. She conscientiously remembered all her grandchildren and great grandchildren on their birthdays and at Christmas.

Mrs. Nowack leaves three daughters, Nancy N. Noble of Plymouth, Patricia Thompson of Bear Valley Springs, Calif. and Susan Cook Thanas of Duxbury; 18 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

A. Memorial Service, followed by a reception was held on Saturday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

The interment will be on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004 at Ridgewood Cemetery in DesPlaines, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Pamela Noble Hill Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Donald and Nancy Noble, 461 Ship Pond Rd., Plymouth, MA 02360

Arrangements were handled by the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, Hingham.

LTC Ernest A. Massa

LTC Ernest A. Massa, 90, of Pompano Beach, Fla., and Cohasset, died Jan. 2, 2004, in Pompano Beach, Fla.

Mr. Massa was born in Revere. He graduated from MIT with a BS degree in Physics in 1934. After graduation, Mr. Massa went to work at RCA in Camden, N.J. as an associate physicist to one of the recognized fathers of television, the late Dr. V.K. Zworkin.

Mr. Massa assisted in the development of the first practical iconoscope image projection tube which made television as we know it today a reality.

During World War II, LTC Massa worked at the Radar Development Laboratory at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio, where he was instrumental in the development of aircraft radar. After the war, Mr. Massa returned to Massachusetts to work with his brother, the late Frank Massa where he was Vice President and General Manager of Massa Laboratories in Hingham, a developer of sonar hydrophones and transducers for the U.S. and Allied Navies until his retirement in 1971.

He moved to Pompano Beach, Fla., but returned every summer to Cohasset, a town he loved to be close to what he loved most-his family and friends.

He leaves his beloved wife of 63 years, Jeannette B. (Minyon) Massa, two sons CDR Ernest A. Massa, Jr., USN (Ret.) and his wife, Joanne, of Duxbury, and Ronald A. Massa and his wife, Patricia, of Cohasset; five grandchildren, Christine (Massa) Krochko and her husband, Joseph, of Pembroke; Ernest A. Massa III of Duxbury; Bryan Massa of Halifax; Ronald A. Massa, Jr. and his wife, Jennifer, of Duxbury; and Michelle E. Massa of Burlington, Vt.; five great-grandchildren; a sister Aida (Massa) Thomas of Boca Raton, Fla.; several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass was held on Jan. 6, in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

The Sparrell-McNamara Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Christine I. Janitschke

Christine I. Janitschke, R.N., 100, of Cohasset, died Jan. 2004, at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home in Cohasset, following a brief illness.

She was a registered nurse for 40 years, retiring in 1977.

Ms. Janitschke was born in Boston, daughter of the late Herman and Helena Somerville. She was a graduate of Forest Hills Hospital Nursing School in Jamaica Plain and Boston City Hospital School of Nursing. She was employed at Mass. General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Formerly of Norwell, she moved to Cohasset in 2002.

An Army veteran of World War II, she served for five years as a registered nurse and held the rank of captain.

She was sister of the late Hortense S. Janitschke and Mina Lache.

A graveside funeral service was held at Blue Hill Cemetery in Braintree.

Arrangements were by the McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

WORSHIP NEWS

Hindu monk in series at Abbey

The Glastonbury Series "Listening To Other Voices: Monastic Spirituality In The 21st Century" features Swami Tyagananda , who will speak on "Hindu Monasticism: Inner And Outer" on Thursday, Jan. 22, 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center. Free will offering.

Swami Tyagananda is a Hindu monk of the Ramakrishna Order. He is head of the Vedanta Society of Massachusetts, chaplain at Harvard and MIT and President of the United Ministry at Harvard. In addition to leading courses and retreats he has edited, written and translated 10 books, including Monasticism: Ideal and Traditions. He is a member of the American Academy of Religion and is on the board of the Society for Hindu-Christian Studies. He is currently writing a book titled Kali's Child Revisited: Questions of Language, Cultural Understanding and Documentation.

Glastonbury Abbey is celebrating its 50th Anniversary as a Monastic Foundation in Hingham. The Monks and extended lay community are committed to inter-religious dialogue and understanding.

'Beloved Community'

A Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is Monday, Jan. 19, at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St. At 8 a.m. breakfast, and at 9 a.m. "Creating the Beloved Community" program featuring Neal McBride, who is employed as vice president in the Community Investment Group, Fleet Bank. McBride has a number of civic organization recognitions including the Community Builder Award from the Springfield Urban League. During his career, he has served on the Board of Directors of dozens of organizations that focus on addressing the social, educational and economic development needs of minority populations with particular emphasis on the African-American community.

Tickets at the door are $5 for adults, $3 for school age children. Sign up at Hingham Public Library or your place of worship. Sponsored by the Hingham/Hull Religious Leaders Association. For more information, call Hingham Congregational Church at 781-749-1276.

Martin Luther King breakfast is Jan. 19

Please join the Cohasset Clergy and the Diversity Committee in honoring the memory and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King at Cohasset's second annual Martin Luther King Day Breakfast.

The breakfast will be held on Monday, Jan. 19 at Saint Anthony Parish Center from 9 – 11 a.m.. There is a donation of $5 per person or $15 per family for breakfast. A pancake breakfast will be served from 9 – 10 a.m. followed by an uplifting program honoring the memory of Dr. King.

The featured speaker will be Rev. Fred Mombeleur, Executive Director of Caribbean U-Turn an organization reaching at-risk youth of Caribbean descent. All proceeds from the event will benefit Caribbean U-Turn. The Saint Anthony Parish Center is located at 10 Summer Street, Cohasset. For more information please call 781 383 0219.

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, DEC. 29

12:22 a.m. Cedar St., animal control.

8:37 a.m. Border St., vandalism.

9:31 a.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

9:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:50 p.m. Elm St, lost property.

2:37 p.m. Elms St., lost property.

3:15 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation.

3:25 p.m. Smith Place, animal control.

3:30 p.m. Summer St., disturbance gathering.

5:16 p.m. North Main St., suspicious person.

6:26 p.m. North Main St., larceny.

7:04 p.m. Woodland Dr., medical aid.

TUESDAY, DEC. 30

5:50 a.m. Pond St., noise complaint.

9:29 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

10:38 a.m. CHCH motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

11:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

11:26 a.m. North Main St., vandalism.

1:48 p.m. Forest Ave., suspicious.

4:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

4:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

5:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

5:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic citation issued.

6:08 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

6:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St,. motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

7:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., traffic citation warning.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31

1:59 p.m. Smith Place, parking complaint.

2:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St,. motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

4:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

4:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

4:33 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, medical aid.

4:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

5:08 p.m. Forest Ave,. motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

5:22 p.m. North Main St., and Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

5:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

6 p.m. King St., medical aid.

6:26 p.m. Sohier St., Ripley road, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

7:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

THURSDAY, JAN. 1

12:45 a.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

1:01 a.m. Atlantic Ave., annoying phone calls.

1:21 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

1:37 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

2:13 p.m. North Main St., serve restraining order.

2:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway open door/window.

10:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

5:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, road rage.

5:33 p.m. Margin St., animal control.

FRIDAY, JAN. 2

10:55 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle crash.

11:59 a.m. Elm St, assist citizen.

5:10 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop.

6:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

6:36 p.m. Summer St. and south Main St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

6:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

9:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

SATURDAY, JAN. 3

11:25 a.m. Hull St., parking complaint.

1:03 p.m. South Main St., wires down.

3:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle crash.

5:15 p.m. South Main St., suspicious.

5:22 p.m. Sohier St,. suspicious person.

5:39 p.m. South Main St. parking complaint.

6:53 p.m. Jerusalem Road, well being check.

SUNDAY, JAN. 4

1:46 a.m. King St., motor vehicle crash.

8:48 a.m. South Main St., suspicious.

10:41 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle crash.

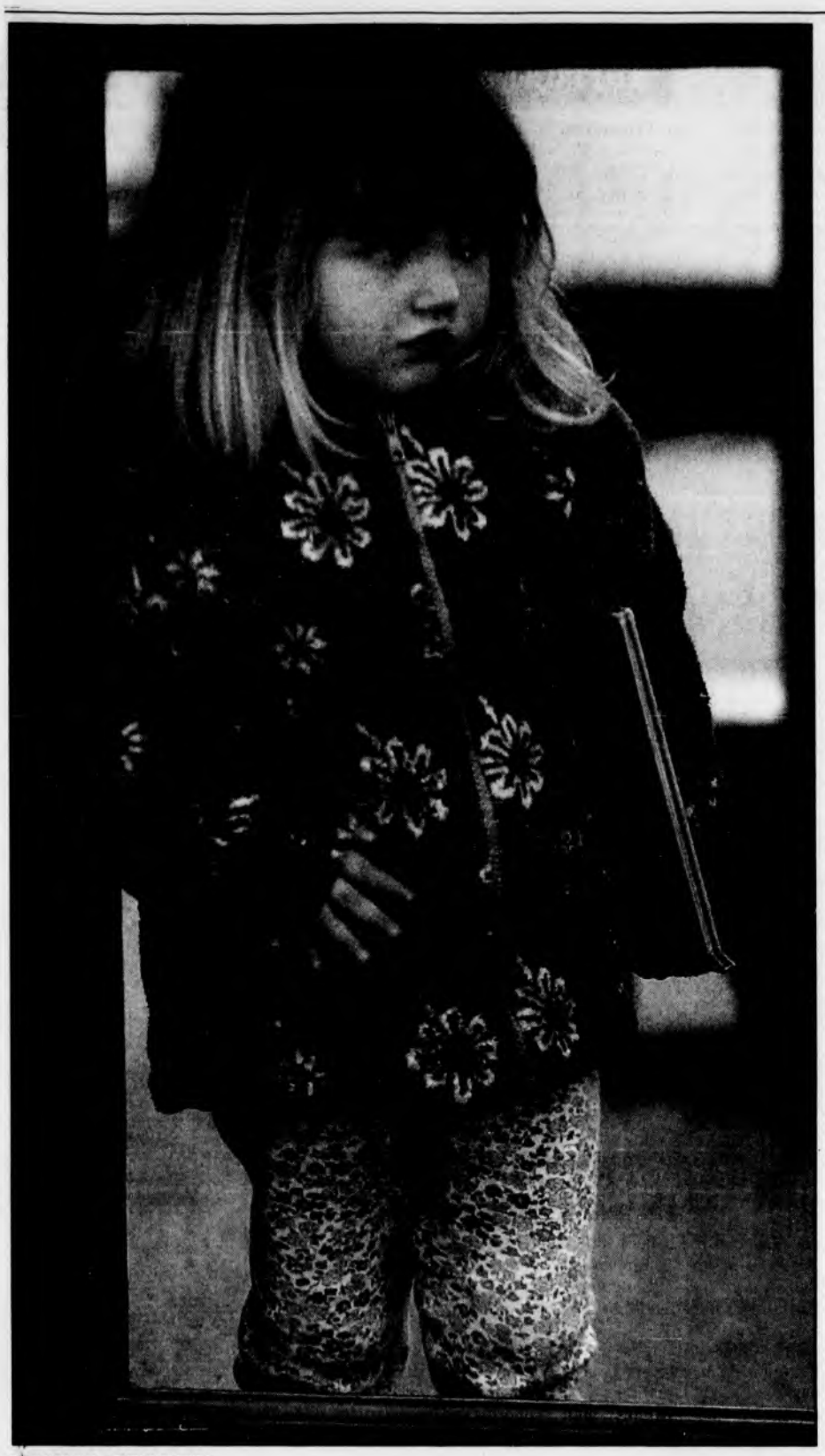
11:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, property lost.

11:32 a.m. Border St., investigation.

3:50 p.m. Elm St,. fire investigation.

7:20 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

7:54 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.



YOUNG READER

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Caroline Sonier holds a book she selected as she looks through the door to the story room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Preschool story hour registration at the library starts Jan. 15.

LIBRARY CORNER

YA get-together

The next Young Adult get-together will be on Tuesday, Jan. 20, from 7-8:30 p.m. We will meet in the Community Room for pizza and then move to the Young Adults' Room for booktalks. This meeting is open to all Cohasset Middle/High School students. Come join the fun! Call to register at 781-383-1348 or drop in and see Mrs. Moody.

New audio books

Come check out the new selection of books on CD and books on tape. Among the new authors to the Children's Room are Brian Jacques, Kenneth Oppel, Elizabeth Enright, Henry Winkler, Matt Christopher, Cynthia DeFelice, and Sharon Creech.

We also have new kits for the younger readers which include a book and an audio component.

New authors on audio in the YA Room include Diane Duane, Jennifer Donnelly, Cynthia Voight, Susan Beth Pfeffer, Amy Goldman Koss, and Stephen Crane.

Winter story hours

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library announces the Winter Story Hour schedule.

The Drop-In Story Time schedule will be:

- Monday, Feb. 2 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 23 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Drop-In Story Time is for all ages, lasts one-half hour, and does not require registration.

Pre-school Story Hour registration begins Thursday, Jan. 15. Pre-school Story Hour is for ages 3-6 years, lasts one hour, and requires pre-registration.

The Pre-school Story Hour schedule will be-

- Thursday, Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, March 4 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, March 11 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Online essay contest

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts Citizen Education Fund is offering an online student essay contest for Massachusetts students in grades 4-12 and for undergraduates attending a college or university in Massachusetts. For contest details, essay questions and rules, check the website www.lwvma.org. Essay winners receive a U.S. Savings Bond at a special awards event at Faneuil Hall and their teacher receives an educational grant. Book marks and flyers are available in the YA Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The contest ends Feb. 29.

Tai chi evening

An introduction to Tai Chi with author and teacher John Loupos will be held in the library Meeting Room on Monday, Jan. 12 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Learn about the ancient art of Tai Chi and its benefits for modern living. The evening will also include a book signing of the author's books "Inside Tai Chi" and "Exploring Tai Chi."

Artist reception

The public is invited to a reception with South Shore 'Plein Air' artist, Dianne Panarelli Miller, on Sunday, Jan. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. Her paintings will be on display at the library from Jan. 3 through Feb. 29.

Dianne has achieved success as an oil painter and has recently received "Best of Show" at the Captain Forbes Museum in Milton and "Award of Excellence" at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. She has exhibited regionally at many galleries and museums and is a prestigious "Copley Artist" at the Copley Society in Boston. She has also exhibited nationally in New York at the Avenue Art Gallery and the Pastel Society and in California at the North Valley Art League. She is currently teaching at local art associations while maintaining her studio in Abington. For more information, please visit her website at www.dianne-miller.com.

Upcoming event

On Thursday Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. in the Meeting Room, LinLin Choy will introduce Qi Gong, a Chinese self-healing art that combines movement and meditation.

Homebound delivery service is available

If you love to read but are unable to come to the library due to an illness or disability, we are very pleased to announce a new home delivery service. For those interested, a volunteer from the Friends of the Cohasset Library will visit you at your residence to discuss your reading preferences and take your requests for library materials. Selections will be delivered to you and picked up and returned to the library on a regular schedule. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in our program, please telephone the library and speak to our Reference Librarian, Judy Simons at 781 383 1348.

Microsoft Publisher

Microsoft Publisher 2000 is now available on our library's computers. Microsoft Publisher is an easy-to-use desktop publishing program that will help you create professional looking newsletters, flyers, brochures, programs and web sites. No design experience is necessary and the finished publication can be printed on our color printers.

Computer help

Do you need help using the library's computers? Would you like to learn how to search the online catalog or reference databases? Sign up for a one-on-one tutorial with our Reference Librarian Judy Simons. Call the library to schedule a session.

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IT'S HAPPENING



Singers from Cohasset are among those pictured:Anne Reel, Anny Newman, Lisa Pratt, Jo-An Heileman, Trish Morse, and Betts Murray.

Broad Cove Chorale concert is rescheduled

Treat yourself to an hour of beautiful music now that the stress of preparing for the holidays is over!

The Broad Cove Chorale looks forward to singing Sunday, Jan. 11 at 4 p.m. at Cohasset's Second Congregational Church on Highland Ave. The concert, originally planned for Dec. 7, was postponed because of the big December snowstorm. Much of the music is not Christmas-oriented, especially a lush 19th century Mass setting with organ by Josef Rheinberger, and a double-chorus work entitled "Creation's Praise" with piano four-hands. But even the carols will be fun to listen to so early in the new year!

Subcribers may use their Dec. 7 tickets; more tickets will be available at the door for $10.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, Jan. 9, from 7 until 10 p.m. Everyone in Grade 6 and up is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Convivium Musicum concert at St. Stephens

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church, Cohasset, is the vocal ensemble Convivium Musicum under the direction of Scott Metcalfe in a concert on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 3 p.m. This ensemble was formed in 1987 and is noted for its lively performances and dancing rhythms. Specialties of the group include late 15 and early 16 century polyphony. Metcalfe also founded the Cambridge Bach Ensemble and is a well known Bostonian conductor. The program will contain compositions of Renaissance England and Spain.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave., in Cohasset and is handicap accessible, and ample parking is available at the village car park. There is no charge for the concert, although donations will be accepted. For more information, call the church office at 781-383-1083.

CHS winter Cabaret

The 2004 edition of the CHS Music Department's evening showcasing its multi-faceted and multi-talented students will be held at Atlantica on Thursday, Jan. 15.

The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with a selection of snacks and sweets. From 7:30 to 9 p.m. emcee and Choral Director Bryan Marks and Band Director Stephanie Hoskin will present student singers, musicians and other performers in a variety of solo and ensemble performances.

Tickets are $12. Make checks payable to the Cohasset Arts Boosters and send c/o Debbie Trachtenberg, Treasurer, 324 South Main St., Cohasset, as soon as possible. For more information, call Stephanie Noble 781-383-6278 or Donna O'Donnell at 781-383-6113. Proceeds of this event benefit music and art curriculum enrichment.

Trustees of Reservations conducts winter programs

To register and for more information call: 781-740-4796

Children's programs

• Winter Wonders Nature Club, Turkey Hill, Hingham

8-10 yr. olds:: Wednesdays, Jan. 14- Feb. 11, 3:30 -5 p.m.

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• February Vacation Nature Program — ages 6-10, Weir River Farm and Whitney and Thayer Woods,.

Tuesday – Thursday, Feb. 17,18, &19, 9 a.m.-noon

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Interpretive Walks

• Winter Woodland Tree and Shrub Identification, Whitney and Thayer Woods

Sunday, Jan. 18, 10 a.m.

Learn helpful hints to identify common woodland trees and shrubs by looking at their buds and bark. Meet at the Turkey Hill parking lot at the end of Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham for this educational walk. Please pre-register. Free.

• Winter Ornamental Tree Identification, World's End Reservation, Hingham

Saturday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.

World's End Ranger, Ryland Rogers, guides participants along the trails of World's End offering hints on identifying ornamental trees by the bark, buds, and overall shape. Please pre-register. Members: free, Nonmembers: $4.50

Adult outdoor activities

• Snow days throughout the winter

Lessons for adults: Cross-country Skiing and Snow Shoeing, World's End Reservation, Hingham

Ranger, Gail Parks, an experienced athletic director, will provide cross-country skiing and snow shoeing lessons. Please pre-register. Participants will be called when there is enough snow. Members: Free Nonmembers: $4.50

• Introduction to Snowshoeing on Turkey Hill, Adults only; Turkey Hill. Hingham

Saturdays, Jan. 10 and 31 and Feb. 21

Join a trained EMS guide in learning the basics of Snowshoeing. Program is 1-1/2 hours long and includes equipment rental, instruction, and time to explore Turkey Hill with your new skills. Limited space. Please pre-register. Free.

Food, wine benefit

Join The Phantom Gourmet's maitre 'd David Robichaud for The Taste of the South Shore to benefit Wellspring and the Hull Lifesaving Museum from 6-10 p.m., Sat., Jan. 24 at the Red Parrot in Hull. The South Shore is home to many fine restaurants including many hidden jewels! More than 30 restaurants will serve various specialties and a variety of wines from Fazi Battaglia will be provided for your tasting pleasure! Tickets are $50 per person and attendance is limited.

For tickets and Information, call 781-925-3211 or visit: www.wellspringhull.org

David Roth at the Coffeehouse

The Coffeehouse off the Square in Hingham presents David Roth Saturday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m.

Come hear Cape-based singer-songwriter Roth's gentle, pointed ballads. As author of many songs with messages, including lyrics in the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books, he has much to say and says it beautifully. Although Roth plays guitar and piano, he says he always starts with the lyrics when writing a song.

Peter, Paul, and Mary performed one of Roth's songs, "Spacesuits," on their 1999-2000 reunion tour. They praise the Chicago-born singer as providing "certainty that the candle will remain lit, the hope reasserted, and the dream still sung." Come and share the dream.

The Coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. An open microphone precedes the concert. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds go to the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee.

For further information, call Jim Watson (781) 749-1767.

Plein Air artist exhibit in Cohasset, Hingham

Award winning, South Shore "Plein Air" artist Dianne Panarelli Miller is having two important shows in January to showcase her recent oil paintings.

Through Feb. 29, her work will be displayed at the Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Road in Cohasset. The public is invited to a reception with the artist Jan. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. The library is a satellite gallery of the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. She will be showing her versatility as an artist with her paintings of portraits and life drawing, still lifes and intimate local scenes.

Jan. 23-Feb. 5, Miller will be sharing the South Street Gallery, 149 South St. in Hingham with Cape /Cod artist, Hillary Osborne. Together they will show fresh and colorful oil paintings of your favorite local scenes.

Miller has achieved success as a oil painter and has recently received "Best of Show" at the Captain Forbes Museum in Milton and "Award of Excellence" at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. She has exhibited regionally at many of the important galleries and museums and is a prestigious "Copley Artist" at the Copley Society in Boston. She has also exhibited nationally at the Avenue Art Gallery and the Patel Society of America both of New York and the North Valley Art League in California. She is currently teaching at local art associations while maintaining her studio in Abington.

For more information on Miller, go to www.diannepmiller.com.

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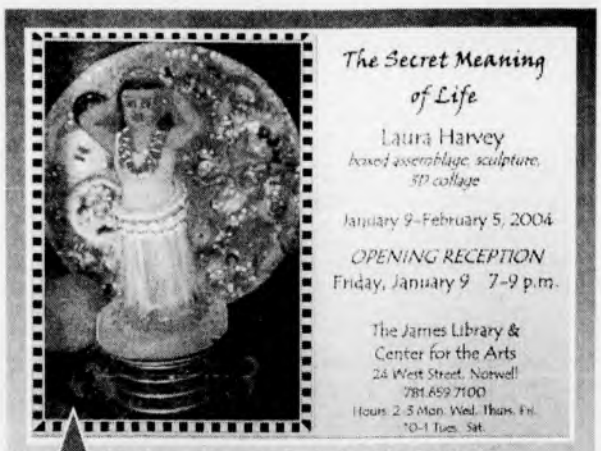
Thurs. 8

The Whitman Public Library, 100 Webster St., Whitman, presents **Michael Tougias**, author of "Quabbin: A History and Explorers Guide." Tougias will present a narrated slide presentation about the Quabbin Reservoir on Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. 781-447-7613.

American Indian Exhibit "Getting Acquainted with American Indian Artists" in the Vine Hall Gallery at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, from Jan. 1 to 31. Hosted by Betty Bourgault of Hanover, The exhibit features artwork in a variety of mediums representing a wide range of American Indian artists from different tribes across the U.S. and Canada. The public is invited to an opening reception on Sunday, Jan. 4 from 2 to 4p.m. The exhibit can be viewed free of charge during the Center's regular business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

The North River Arts Society presents **What's Cookin'...Good Lookin?** an exhibit of original oil paintings by **Corinne Campobasso** through Jan. 17, at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact NRAS office at 781-837-8091 for more information.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.



BEST BET

The James Library & Center for Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents The Secret Meaning of Life exhibit by Laura Harvey, boxed assemblage, sculpture, 3D collage from Jan. 9 to Feb. 5. An opening reception will be held Jan. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, **Gifts from the World to the White House. Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at The Hanover Mall - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.



BEST BET

Maria Wood's Fashion Focus Modeling & Finishing Program located at the Personal Best Salon in Pembroke, will be participating in a graduation fashion show to benefit the Julia Kopper Memorial Scholarship Fund on Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Pembroke Knights of Columbus. Tickets $15 in advance or at the door. Call 781-826-0241 for more information.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington Thursdays, **The New Blue Revue**, Open Mike blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke with Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Fri.9

The Art of Bird Photography, Jan. 10 - 31 Pre School Nature Story Hour, Jan. 9, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. A story hour with a nature theme(Beavers for January), a simple craft and a short trail outing, weather permitting.$4/$6 non member. Limited to 15 participants. Preregistration is necessary. Audubon Society 781-834-9661

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Piranesi and His Contemporaries from the collection of **Elizabeth Morse and Richard Wendorf**. This collection of 18th-century old-master prints has been assembled over a 20-year period, with a focus on the work of Giovanni Battista Piranesi Jan. 9 through Feb. 22. South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset.. Opening reception: Jan. 9, 6 to 8 p.m. Accessible to all. 781-383-ARTS www.ssac.org

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its **25th anniversary "Push the Envelope" concert** at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing will be **Maybe Baby**. The show starts at 8 p.m. $10 members $12 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

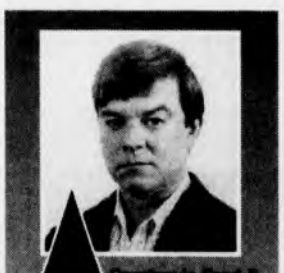
South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Friday, Jan. 9, with **The Emanon Orchestra** from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info: 781-331-0021 www.southshoresingles.org

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington, Fridays live **Jazz with Rose and Rick** 8 to 11 p.m.781-871-7175.

Comedy Night - JC Dee's Restaurant & Lounge, 312 Bridge Street (Rte. 3A), No. Weymouth Featuring: **Bob Niles, with Annette Pollack, Mike O'Neil, Jack Hurney and Paul Keenan**. Show starts at 9 p.m. Full dinner menu available before the show. Pizza and Appetizers available during the show. Admission is $10 at the door. Advanced tickets available at JC Dee's for $8. Reservations recommended. Call (781) 337-1020 for details.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Ron Towers** Jan. 9 and 10. 781-834-1910

The North River Arts Society presents "Recent Works," an exhibit of photographs by **Mike Sleeper** at the Dolphin Gallery through Jan. 30, located at the Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. Call the library for current hours at 781-741-1405. For more information call 781-837-8091.



BEST BET

Courtney's Food & Spirits 915 Ocean St. Rt. 139 Marshfield features Comedy Night Saturday, Jan. 10 - 8:30 p.m. Reservations strongly recommended. Mike Donovan Annette Pollack, Johnny Joyce, Larry Lee Lewis and Joe Kringdon. For more information call (781) 834-1910.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Braintree Art Association Board Members will be displaying their paintings for the month of January 2004 at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Sat. 10

The North River Arts Society Annual Children's Art Day takes place on Jan. 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Admission is 42 per child (adults are free). 781-837-8091.

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Family Nature Explorations at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary; Marshfield Wintering Birds of Prey on Saturday, January 10, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Bring binoculars and come dressed for cold weather. Pre-registration is necessary. 781-834-9661

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Norwell Sociables, Jan. 10, **second annual Cosmic Bowling Night in January**. Meet at the Satuit Bowladrome on Front Street in Scituate from 7:30-10:30 p.m. for bowling during a disco light and music show with 70s and 80s music. The cost is $13 PP/ $25 couple. Contact Kelly Minichello at 659-3370.

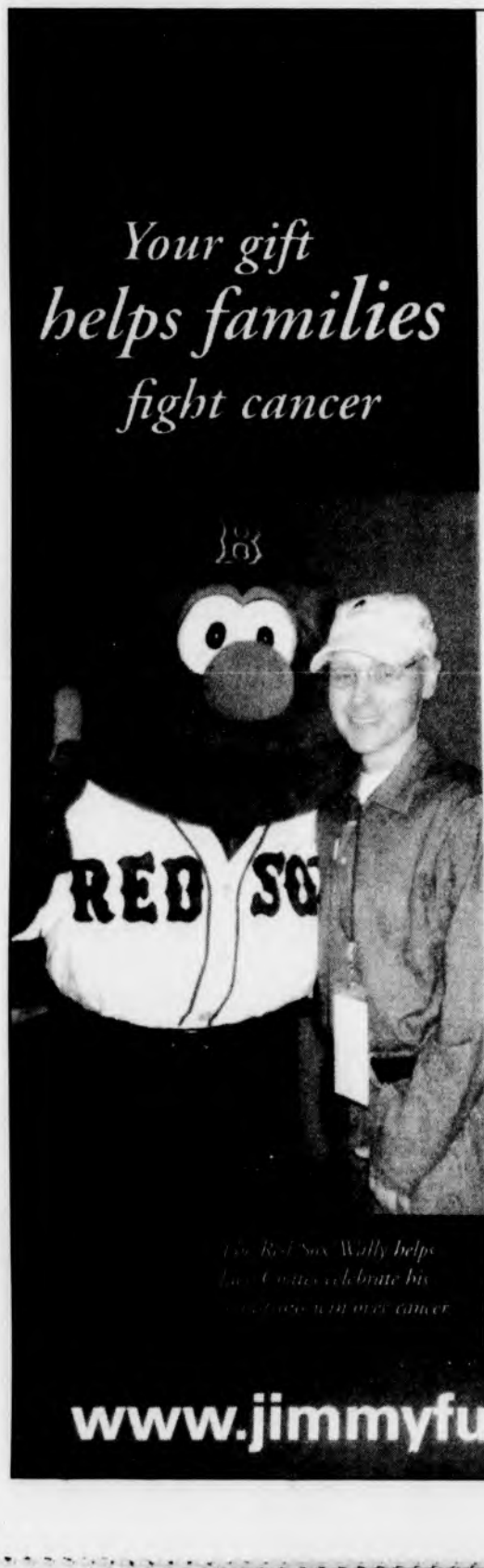
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Down East Dancers Country Western Dance, Saturday, Jan. 10, The monthly Down East Dancers Country Western Dance will be held at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. Beginner lesson at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Dave Pytka. Snacks, raffles, cash bar. Smoke free, $5. For more info. 508-995-9496; 781-925-9066.

Sun. 11

The Fantasy Wedding Festival at Lombardo's, 6 Billings St., Randolph, Jan. 11, from noon to 4 p.m. Tickets $5 in advance and $8 at the door. 781-986-5000. Or www.lombardos.com

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Scituate Arts Association Art Gallery 124 Front St., announces a month long exhibit of recent works from Scituate High School Senior art students. Art work ranges from water colors, pastels to oils. The show runs from Jan. 7, through Jan. 25 with an opening reception on Sunday Jan. 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. www.scituatearts.com or call the gallery at 781.545.6150.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the oil paintings of Hingham artist **Judith Mehring** through the end of February. 781-749-7565 ext. 16

The Ventress Library Sunday Concert Series continues on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m. with a performance by Atwater-Donnelly. The popular folk duo will present a "Celtic New Year" concert as they interpret the season through traditional melodies and instrumental demonstrations. Celebrate with them the themes of beginnings, winter, light, ancient traditions and American diversity. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. No tickets are required. Bring the family. For information, contact librarian Chris Woods 781-834-5535 or cwoods@ocln.org

A snow date for December Concert - **The Choral Art Society and St. Luke's Church choirs of Scituate and the choirs of St. Theresa of Avila Parish of West Roxbury** will on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, in Scituate. Tickets are $12/$10 (students and seniors) and are available in advance by phone or at the door on performance day. Tickets previously bought for the snow- cancelled Dec. 7 Scituate date will be honored at the door. A reception will follow each concert with free refreshments. For more information visit www.choralartsociety.org or call 781-545-8295.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington, Sundays **Karaoke with Ron Towers** 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. 781-871-7175.

Mon. 12

Braintree Art Association Annual Members Show, at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree Jan 12 to 17. 781-335-4675.

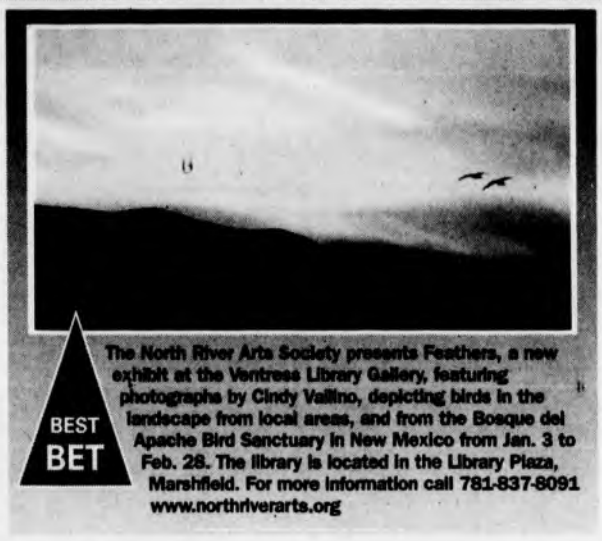
Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center announces the opening of registration for winter theatre classes beginning Jan. 12, at The Norwell Grange, Main St., Norwell. Call 508-224-4548 for information.

Clift Rodgers Library and Consignment Shop will be closing for one week beginning Jan. 12 and ore-opening Jan. 20, 781-834-4597

Join Harbour Choral Arts Society, a community chorus looking for new members. Rehearsals begin Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hanover, at the corner of Rt. 123 and Main Street. For information, call 781-834-5808.

The North River Arts Society presents **Feathers,** a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, featuring photographs by Cindy Vallino, depicting birds in the landscape from local areas, and from the Bosque del Apache Bird Sanctuary in New Mexico, Jan. 3 to Feb. 28. The library is located in the Library Plaza, Marshfield. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30pm at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.



Westwinds Bookshop located at the Duxbury Marketplace, Duxbury, will be forming its Book Club and Writer's Workshop. If interested in joining either group, call 781-934-2128.

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical conceived choreographed and directed by **Twyla Tharp** and based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly, free, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Handlebar Harry's Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Every Monday, Acoustic Jam with **Jim Torrey.**

Tues. 13

Weymouth Voice of the Faithful will be held at St. Albert the Great Parish, 1130 Washington St, East Weymouth, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. Two members of the Parish Cluster's of Weymouth will

South Shore Women's Business Network - Hingham Luncheon - Jan. 13 (sponsored by Elizabeth Pineault, CPA) Family Style Luncheon (Rte 3 to exit 14 toward Hingham. Left on Rte. 53, Red Sauce is on your left about / mile) Pre-registration: $20 members, $35 nonmembers. At the door: $25 members, $40 nonmembers

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold its monthly meeting Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Route 139, Marshfield. **Jackie Fee and two friends** will present a spinning workshop. New members and guests welcome. 781-740-4961.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. The book Breakfast at Tiffany's by Truman Capote is the reading for the Jan. 13 meeting. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250.



The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's** Dillon Gallery 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

Handlebar Harry's. Cordage Park, Route 3A, (Court St.) N. Plymouth. Tuesdays, **Blues Jam with Carriera**.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 14

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., will exhibit Paintings, Drawings, Prints by Lauren Harman during December and January 2004. A reception is scheduled for Jan. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. 781-934-2721.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Norwell Sociables events Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m. Book: "The Other Boleyn Girl" by Philippa Gregory. Host: Anna Brown, at 781-982-2776. Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m. Book: "Seabiscuit" by Laura Hillenbrand. Host: Cheri Farley. RSVP by Jan. 15, at 781-659-5898.

Thurs. 15

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington Thursdays, **The New Blue Revue,** Open Mike blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke with Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

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THE COMPANY THEATRE in Norwell, announces auditions for its Spring production of "The Sound Of Music," which will run March 12-April 4, The auditions for children and teen roles will be held Jan. 9, at 7pm. Casting will take place for roles to be filled by two boys age13 and under, and five girls ages 5-18 years. All should have strong singing voices. Casting will also be for the roles of Rolf and Leisel, and candidates should look 17-18 years and have a strong singing voices. Auditions for adult roles, including Maria, the Captain, Uncle Max, the Baroness, Mother Abbess, and a large cast of nuns and various character parts, will take place Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. The directors ask that candidates prepare music for the audition, either from "The Sound of Music" or other Rodgers & Hammerstein shows.

AUDITIONS FOR BLUE HAIRTROUPE for musical theater performers over the age of 40 (must portray characters in 60's/70's) Saturday, Jan. 10, Tremont Theater, Boston. By appointment only. Please e-mail bluehairtroupe@aol.com for audition info. If you miss the audition date, e-mail us to set up a future appointment. Blue Hair Troupe is the new senior citizen musical revue that played in Boston last summer and fall to very good reviews. Blue Hair Troupe will be returning to the Tremont Theatre in March and June or 2004.

OPEN AUDITIONS FOR HANSEL AND GRETEL Jan.10, at 8 A.M. at the Stoughton Cinema in Stoughton Square. Children between the ages of 7 and 18. Some Singing. Bring head shot and resume if available. Children under 18 need parental permission. Performance dates are March 26 ,27,28, 2004.

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Fri. 16

The Art of Music Chamber Players perform an all string program that includes Mozart's delightful Duet for Violin & Viola in G, K. 423, the moving Third String Quartet by Dimitri Shostakovich, and the charming String Quartet in G minor, Op.4. Violinists Piotr Buczek, Aija Silina, violist Don Krishnaswami, and Artistic director/cellist Timothy Roberts will perform. Reception will follow the concert. Free parking. For tickets and information call 781-837-2705.

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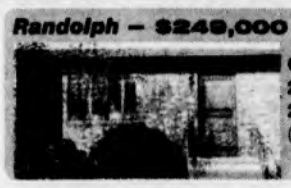
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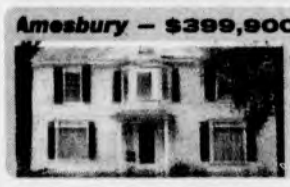
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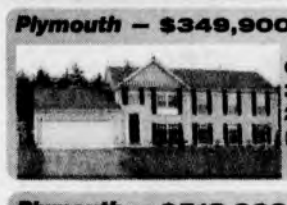
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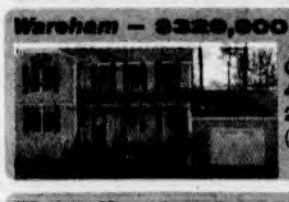
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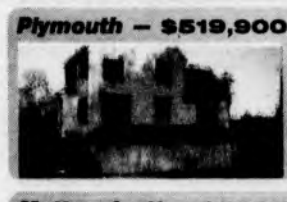
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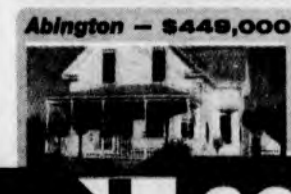
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School budget talks heat up

Help is needed to cover utilities

By Samantha Brown
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It will be another two weeks before the school department can finalize its budget, and somehow the School Committee will need to find funds to provide a $531,124 increase for salary obligations and an additional $223,000 to cover the rise in utility costs.

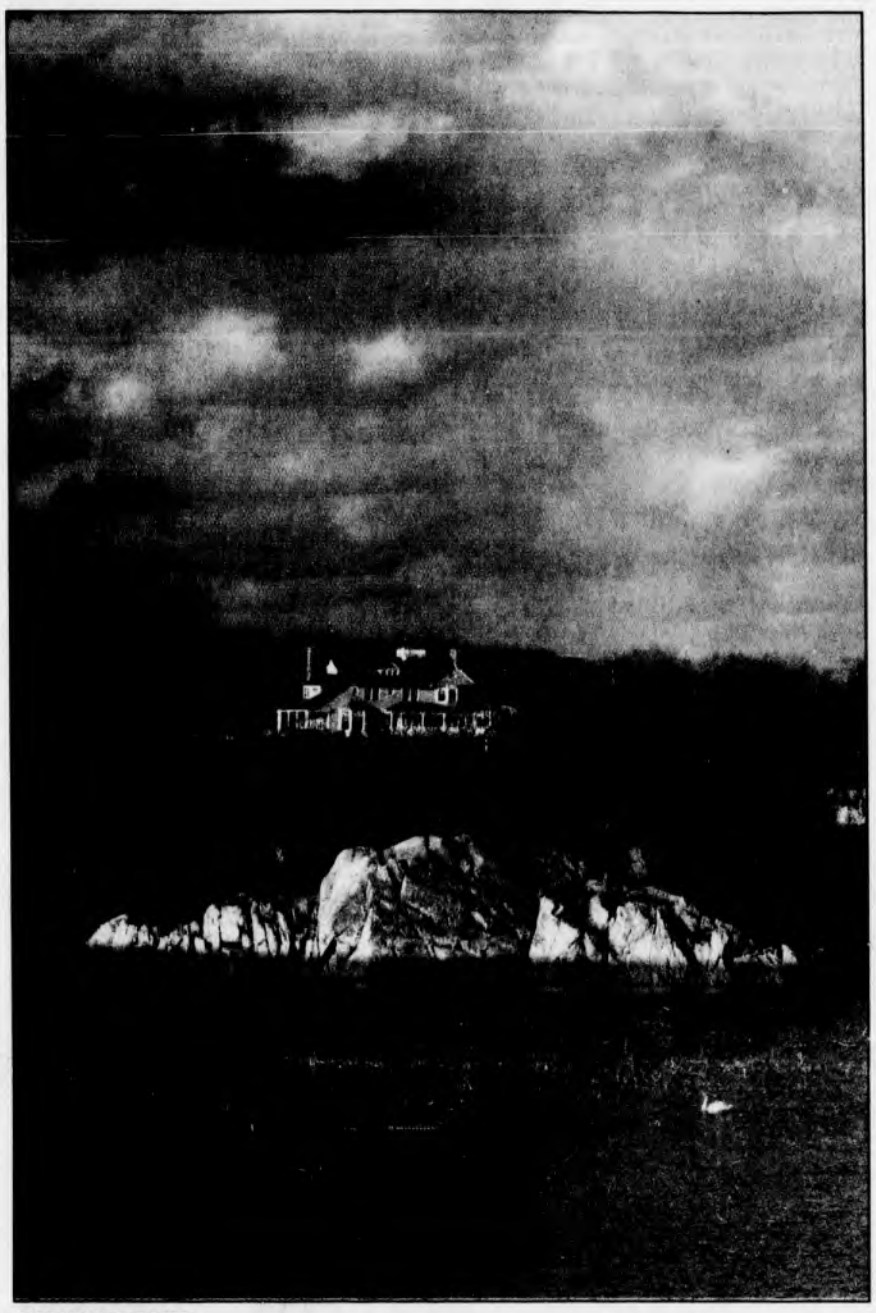
At this point, with expenses high and funding low, the committee said it will look to the town to see if it can somehow foot the bill for utilities just for this year, and take some of the burden off the schools.

"I can probably speak for everyone up here when I say I think we'd all like to avoid another override if it's possible, without doing serious damage to our schools," said committee member Mark DeGiacomo.

When Town Manager Mark Haddad presented his budget to selectmen last week he said he does not want to ask the town for an override this year, because he doesn't think it's fair to have two override years back to back.

DeGiacomo said he thinks temporary solutions could be made this year which could help the school district get

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SWAN LAKE

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

A swan swims in Little Harbor just before sunset in this mid-winter Cohasset scene.

Haddad to hold police hearings

Citizens petition seeks new inquiry

By Mary Ford
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Whoever said truth is stranger than fiction, could have been talking about the Cohasset police saga which has all the makings of a best selling novel, except the events are true.

The page-turner that holds the careers of two police officers, who face allegations of misconduct, in the balance — now includes a Citizens Petition asking for an investigation of the investigation.

Town Manager Mark Haddad read a brief statement to selectmen Tuesday, which was the first indication in months that the investigation of alleged misconduct by Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean may have come to some resolution.

"As of this date, I've completed a portion of my investigation into the matters and based on the findings, I've scheduled hearings to review these matters."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

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Border St. seawall needs an overhaul

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset is in the preliminary stages of applying for funding for a full reconstruction of the existing granite block seawall and walkway located along Border Street in Cohasset's inner harbor.

The seawall, which runs from Atlantica to the Mill River Marina, is in disrepair, according to a study by Vine Associates Inc. of Hingham, the firm the town hired with a $15,000 Town Meeting appropriation.

Vine Associates said the best solution would be to reconstruct the existing block seawall and walkway to restore their structural integrity and improve public safety and access along the inner harbor, which is a very heavily traveled area.

"Does it have to be repaired tomorrow? No, but does it have to be repaired? Yes," said Town Manager Mark Haddad.

While Vine Associates was compiling information for its report, Haddad contacted state Environmental Secretary Ellen

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Mike Westcott will seek seat on Planning Board

By Mary Ford
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Michael Westcott, 11River Road, isn't exactly a household name to everyone in town. But for those who were opposed to the AvalonBay project he was someone they could count on to keep up the fight.

Westcott, who headed Cohasset Action — an anti 40B group — and sits on the Growth and Development Committee, hopes to further his involvement in town. He has pulled papers for the open seat on the Planning Board. Incumbent Bill Good won't seek a fourth term.

"Cohasset is at a major crossroads," Westcott said. "In fact, with more than 500 possible units of new construction in various stages of applications and permitting, some might say we are in a crisis.

"Our new schools have not been built to support that kind of growth, our infrastructure cannot sustain that much expansion without major tax implications and driving more residents out of town."

AvalonBay is the 200-unit apartment complex planned off Route 3A. It obtained a comprehensive permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals last fall after a year-long, oft-contentious public hearing.

"I opposed AvalonBay and still do because it is simply too big. I believe it will result in an annual tax override just to cover added services and school costs," said Westcott, who is a design and marketing consultant.

"With more than 500 possible units of new construction in various stages of applications and permitting, some might say we are in a crisis."
— Michael Westcott, Planning Board candidate

With open seats on the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Planning Board, Water Commission, Recreation Commission and Housing Authority, the Town Clerk's office is busier than usual. The last day to take out papers is Thursday, Feb. 12 for the April 3 Town Election.

Only one race has shaped up so far: a four-way race for two seats on the School Committee. Incumbent School Committee member Pat Martin of Linden Drive plans to seek a third term while Adrienne MacCarthy of Doane Street, Jamie Williams of Surry Drive and Scott O'Grady are hoping for their first. Incumbent Mark DeGiacomo is not seeking a third term.

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This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings
The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:
Board of Assessors, Jan. 20, 4 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m.,
Greenbush, Jan. 13, 9:30 a.m., (roundhouse and Rocky Lane)
Selectmen, Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m.
Recreation Commission, Jan. 27, 6 p.m.
Wastewater Committee, Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Water Commission, Jan. 22, 8 p.m., King Street.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m.
All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Christmas trees accepted at DPW
Christmas trees may be brought to the D.P.W. parking area. Please remove all wires and decorations.
Residential brush will be accepted beginning Jan. 15 through April 30. No trees over 3 inches in diameter. No contractors please.

Hedlund office hours today at the Town Hall
The January office hours for State Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall on Thursday, Jan. 15, from noon to 1 p.m. in the second floor in the 2A vestibule.
Hedlund also maintains a district office at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments . The telephone number is 781-340-9866 or at the State house 617-722-1646.

Superintendent search
As Supt. Edward Malvey's term begins to wind down, applications have been coming in for those interested in filling his shoes. The application deadline is set for Jan. 23, and School Committee member Pat Martin, who has been working on the Superintendent Screening Committee, said they expect a flurry of applicants to come forward as the deadline approaches. The screening committee will begin identifying potential candidates for the position, and the interviewing process will hopefully begin the week of the 26th. If all goes as planned, a new superintendent will be chosen by April 1. For those interested in being a part of the screening committee, please contact one of the School Committee members or call the superintendent's office at (781) 383-6111.

Transportation survey to be sent home soon
School Committee member Pat Martin said a transportation survey, which will be used to help with the reorganization of the schools and the budget process, is currently in its draft form and will most likely be sent home with students Friday, Jan. 16. The survey will include 11 questions and the School Committee asks that parents please return them either by mail or to teachers by Tuesday, Jan. 20.

MBTA liaison chosen
Kristina Patterson has been chosen to serve as the Cohasset-Greenbush ombudsman, and will be responsible for investigating and addressing impacts of the new Greenbush Commuter Rail project on the citizens, residents and businesses of the town. Once construction begins on the project, she will be available to answer questions and concerns during her office hours at Cohasset Town Hall on Tuesday mornings from 8:30-12:30 and Thursday afternoons from 1-5. Until then, messages can be left for Patterson either by phone at (781) 383-4129, by fax at (781) 383-0228, by e-mail at kpatterson@cohasset-greenbush.com, or through the inquiry form on her web site at www.cohasset-greenbush..com.
In addition, letters can be sent to Patterson at Cohasset Town Hall - 2nd Floor, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset MA 02025. Patterson will be checking for correspondence regularly and will get back to residents as soon as possible.

School calendar change is noted
The professional day scheduled for Friday, March 26 on the school calendar, which would give Cohasset students a half day of school, has been changed to Friday, March 19. Supt. Edward Malvey said he had spoken with Town Manager Mark Haddad, who expressed concern that a half day on the 26th could affect Town Meeting attendance on Saturday the 27th, if families choose to turn the half day into a long weekend, so the professional day will be held one week in advance.

Break in at the RTF
Selectmen Merle Brown said there was a break-in at the Recycling Transfer Facility last Saturday night. Someone took $150 in cash, a tool box and tools, a neon Budweiser sign, and a box of blue pay as you throw bags which were worth $200. In total, Brown estimates roughly $500 worth of equipment was stolen from the RTF. Brown said he would like to see a fence put around the RTF, as many other communities have, and would like to see the lights which are not working there, fixed.

Lojacono shows interest in Rec. Commission seat
After the resignation of Rick Grassie from the Recreation Commission, a vacant seat was left open, which could be filled by Lisa Lojacono. Although Grassie's term does not expire until 2006, and the commission had asked Town Manager Mark Haddad whether Lojacono could be appointed to Grassie's seat prior to the general election, she will have to file papers to become a candidate.

Cook RPF review committee takes shape
Rob Hess, 11 Old Pasture Road, will be on the review committee for the Cook Request for Proposals. While nothing has been formally submitted in writing as of yet, Town Manager Mark Haddad said Chairman of the Board of Health Steve Bobo has expressed interest in being on the committee and will be included as well. Haddad said he will continue to compile interested candidates, and those interested in being on the committee can contact him at (781) 383-4105.

Snow and ice fund
As of Jan. 6, the town only had a balance of $7,317.47 remaining in its Snow and Ice Control account, and impending invoices are expected to be at least that much. Town Manager Mark Haddad said this is an area which is always hard to predict and "the nor'easter hit us hard," in early December.

Haddad responds to public records request
In a letter to Cedarmere attorney Walter L. Sullivan, Town Manager Mark Haddad said he had received the letters sent to himself, the Board of Sewer Commissioners, the Board of Selectmen, and Director of Finance Michael Buckley, which requested all and any information in any form pertaining to various matters dating from January 1, 1996 forward. Haddad informed the attorney that the law allows him to provide an estimate of how much it will cost to complete the request and require payment prior to its completion. Haddad said he estimated the cost at $3,438.11, based on 30 hours for the Selectmen's secretary at $18.88 an hour, 42 hours for the Board of Health/Sewer office manager at $25 an hour, one hour for the himself at $50.71 to review his files for information requested, 90 minute cassette tapes for $21, and 7,000 copies at 25 cents per copy. Haddad added any unused funds will be returned when the work is completed, or a bill will be sent for the additional amount, should it exceed his estimate.

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Village streetscape plans go out to bid in March

Work to finish by June 2005

By Samantha Brown
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Final plans for the Village streetscape are almost complete and could be put out to bid as early as March 1. Now that town meeting has decided to keep the wires above ground downtown and has chosen colored concrete as a paving option, there are relatively few decisions to be made before the final stages of the process can begin.

Craig Miller of the Waterfield Design Group came before Selectmen Tuesday to give an update on where the project is and where it is heading. Miller's company has been hired by the town to design the new streetscape as part of the $1.8 million Village Revitalization Project, which has been in the works for upwards of seven years and is being paid for through grants and private donations.

Miller first presented a tentative budget for the project, which shows total construction at a cost of $927,122. This figure includes colored concrete pavement, painted crosswalks, and the possibility of night construction. It does not include water and gas line replacement.

"Some contractors might want to do nighttime work," said Miller, adding because the Village is such a highly traveled area, it will be in the best interest of the town to get the project done as quickly as possible and night work might be a good option. However, selectmen pointed out there are apartments in the Village and night construction may not be feasible.

"I wouldn't recommend night work, but from the merchant's view, it would be great," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. Miller agreed that merchants wouldn't have to deal with the dust and machinery that would block their doors during the day if contractors worked at night, but he understands some construction can be noisy, which would disturb those who live in the Village, and he was not sure how long night work would continue.

Selectmen asked Miller to look into alternatives to working through the entire night and how much faster work could be completed if construction were allowed until possibly 9 p.m. or 11 p.m. From there, Haddad will be able to calculate how much it will cost the town in police details if they work solely at night, or night and day for a shorter length of time.

Because the town decided against burying the wires and chose colored concrete instead of brick, there is now money left over for additional design alternates. With a balance of $279,878, if all goes as planned, the town has compiled its list of extras.

The first item listed as an alternate is the extension of a new sidewalk and curb down to the post office, which will cost $20,000. The second alternate is the paving of Depot Court and its sidewalks, as well as drainage, at $52,000. The third alternate is the extension of sidewalk to the Paul Pratt Historical Building, the former library which now serves as the historical society headquarters, at $36,600, and the fourth is the extension of sidewalk to the new library at the top of Ripley Road for $99,500.

"Keep in mind, you have to take these in order," said Haddad of the alternates, adding the way these projects have been arranged makes the most sense.

Cobrahead light replacements, or the long arm lights which will be affixed to the utility poles downtown, were on the list of additional items to be addressed, but selectmen voted at the meeting to add that cost of $34,200 to the original project budget, and not include it as an alternate. A clock for the end of the James Brook Walkway, which would be a Victorian looking "lollypop" clock, has also been added to the project budget, and is expected to cost between $3,000 and $5,000.

Because the town now knows it will be keeping the timber utilities poles downtown, Haddad said he had spoken with MassElectric to see what kinds of cobrahead lights will be allowed for the project. While Miller provided drawing of two potential designs, selectmen said they would like to see photos and perhaps actual samples of what lights might look like in the downtown area. Selectman Chairman Ronnie McMorris also asked Miller if he could provide a list of other towns which have lights that either match or are similar to what the town is proposing, so they could possibly travel there and take a look.

New plans for Village

Currently, plans for the downtown area include one "bump-out" at the corner of South Main Street and Brook Street by Dependable Cleaners. This is the one area in the Village that needed to have the bump-out in order to accommodate for an accessibility ramp on the sidewalk, which is required by law and could not be accomplished any other way. Bump-outs are extended portions of sidewalk that would allow a pedestrian more visibility beyond parked cars while still standing on the sidewalk. Original plans had incorporated the bump-outs as a safety feature, however, selectmen took a cue from residents, and voted the bump-outs out of the plans last year.

Along with bump-outs, the proposed crosswalk which would extend from the area of the James Brook Walkway across to Tedeschi's has been eliminated from the plans. In addition, the curb around the town pump area has been scaled back from what had been previously suggested, but still allows for the standard four foot area necessary to accommodate the accessibility ramps. The sidewalk in front of the Lilac House Antique shop will be expanded to a size a little larger than the width of a regular sidewalk, but has been scaled back from it's bump-out state.

At the intersection of South Main Street and Depot Court, the issue whether to keep the island or not was addressed again. While some selectmen thought residents seemed to be adapting well to not having the island, Haddad was not comfortable with the possibility of its not coming back.

"I said on the floor of Town Meeting we were going to put it back," said Haddad. McMorris said she thought keeping the island was a good idea because there are many people who cross with their children there and the island offers protection. However, she said she wouldn't mind hearing feedback from both the nursery school and the Council on Elder Affairs, which are both located in the Community Center building, to see how they feel about the island, before making a decision on whether to bring it back or not.

Miller said he doesn't see that area of town as being so large that it requires an island for protection while crossing and said if something could be worked out with the Community Center, perhaps the memorial could be reconstructed on the land it owns on that corner, where it could be better appreciated.

"It really has the potential to be very nice," he said.

While plans have not been finalized, and Miller will come before selectmen again to address the questions brought up at the meeting, with the project slated to go out to bid the first week of March, construction could begin May 1. Miller said the first portion of the project will be the burying of the wires, and sidewalk improvements will begin after Labor Day.

"The good thing about the area we're working on is, it's very easy to detour," said Haddad. However, he had one last question to ask of Miller before the meeting adjourned.

"The big question is, will all this be done by June 30, 2005," he asked.

"Without question," said Miller.

New emergency plan commended by state

By Samantha Brown
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"When the fire department arrived water had come down the front hallway and was running out the front door and down the driveway."
— Fire Capt. Robert Silvia

In Cohasset, being prepared for an emergency in a post-Sept. 11 world means it has been necessary to revise the town's former emergency management plans to include a wide scope of possible terrorist threats alongside the blizzard and hurricane emergency scenarios.

"We've got to be ready," said Glenn Pratt, who has spearheaded a new committee put in place to make sure new directives put forth by the Department of Public Health, and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, also known as MEMA, are carried forth.

For roughly four months, Pratt has been working with the committee to make sure the town meets all the requirements necessary. The town's emergency plans had not been updated since 1999, and the new plans were submitted to the state on Dec. 31.

"We had ours in on time," said Pratt, adding many other towns had not handed in their reports by the deadline, and the state had to extend the grace period for a short time. However, not only was Cohasset one of the first towns to hand in its report, it doubly excelled in its effort, as it has already been recognized as having an exceptional plan. Town Manager Mark Haddad said he was contacted by an official at MEMA who told him Cohasset's report was so impressive, the organization plans on using it as a model for other communities.

The committee was comprised of various town officials, as directed by the state. Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorriss, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, Police Chief Robert Jackson, Public Health Nurse Judy Fitzsimmons, Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo, Director of Finance Michael Buckley, Emergency Management Director Arthur Lehr, DPW Superintendent Carl Sestito, and Haddad all took part in the discussions.

Because the Water Treatment Plant on King Street serves as the backup emergency management control center, should anything happen to the police station which renders it inoperable, Water Superintendent Hugh Spurway was also included on the committee.

"It has a generator, lots of space, telecommunication capabilities, and staging for emergency vehicles, so naturally it seemed like a good backup," Pratt said of the plant.

In addition, School Superintendent Edward Malvey was included on the committee because having a plan for the schools is "a big portion of public safety," Pratt said.

During the planning stages, the town was assessed on many levels, including how much equipment it has available, which was scrutinized all the way down to the number of wheelbarrows utilized by the DPW. In light of the committee's findings, the town may receive funding to help cover needs for emergency planning. Pratt said the Board of Health has already received $5,000 to be put toward the cause.

Once the report was complete, Pratt said the next step was to decide what the town needs to do to provide its workers with the appropriate training. While it's one thing to have the equipment ready for an emergency, there's no point in having it without personnel trained to use it, Pratt said.

Pratt said some potential disasters are more easily predicted than others, and those are the major catastrophes the town plans for. History has seen hurricanes and blizzards hit the town, and experience has dictated what measures should be taken. Because Cohasset is right under a main approach for landings at Logan Airport, and an estimated 70,000 planes fly over the town every year, Pratt said it also makes sense to be ready in case of a plane crash.

"Those events are catastrophic for local emergency personnel," he said.

Pratt said he will be making a presentation at the Jan. 27 selectmen's meeting, where he will give an overview of the new emergency plan. Because of the sensitive nature of its content, the plan is not a public document. While the work of the committee is complete as far as a plan is concerned, Pratt said this is just the beginning in terms of implementing findings and making sure the community is safe.

"We're going to continue on as a committee and be proactive."

Burst pipe at CMHS provides 'snow' day

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset's roughly 1,400 students had their first "snow day" of 2004, but it wasn't due to Monday's dusting of snow or the sub-zero weather over the weekend.

A pipe burst in the sprinkler system in the corridor near the main office at the middle-high school in the wee hours of Sunday morning, spewing water down the corridor, nearby stairwell and into the new administration offices in the basement. Water that damaged carpet in several classrooms also seeped through the floor and down through the ceiling of the superintendent's office

Supt. Edward Malvey got the call at home at 4:15 a.m. and subsequently closed all the schools because the water had to be shut off. (Food service for the Deer Hill and Osgood schools is based at the middle-high school).

Malvey said the school department's and contractor's insurance companies have been contacted. He did not have an estimate on the cost of the damage.

He explained a joint in the sprinkler system burst and did not think it was due to the cold because the pipe is in a heated part of the building. Although the damage occurred in an old section of the building, the piping was new, Malvey said.

The fire department went to the high school at about 2 a.m. after the burst pipe set off an alarm at the station. "They came up and unearthed the leak," Malvey said.

Fire Capt. Robert Silvia said water flow from the sprinkler system activates the alarm and the fire department is notified.

"That happens when a sprinkler head opens, which is heat activated, or there is a problem with the system," Silvia said, noting the broken pipe fitting was sitting on the fire prevention officer's desk Monday morning.

"When the fire department arrived water had come down the front hallway and was running out the front door and down the driveway," he said. Silvia explained the system is fed by two mains, so the fire department had to shut off two different valves to turn the water off.

Simon Tempest, project manager for middle-high school renovation and expansion, said yesterday it is still unclear why the sprinkler pipe fitting broke.

"It may be a defective fitting; we're investigating that right now," he said. Although nothing is being ruled out, the building temperature was up and no ice in the pipes were found so the mishap was probably not caused by the sub-zero weather.

Tempest said it was not clear whether the contractor's or town's insurance company would ultimately be responsible. The town has taken ownership of the building but the work is still under warranty.

"Whichever way you look at it, we're covered," he said.

Service Master conducted the cleanup that involved clearing up the water, and drying out the carpet and ceiling tiles.

"We're back to normal as normal as we can be," Malvey said Tuesday.

"Our area and the high school office are still being dried out with fans," Malvey said, adding plans were for the administration offices to stay put during the cleanup. "We're working around them and they're working around us."

Malvey said there were some computers and printers damaged in the school business and technology offices that are part of the administration offices.

Tempest said repair work to the administration offices is ongoing and would likely be completely finished during February vacation.

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Town Manager to conduct disciplinary hearings

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the findings, I've scheduled hearings to review these matters," said Haddad, who provided no specifics about when the hearings would be conducted.

Haddad declined to comment on the charges or whether the investigation had been expanded to more than Quigley and McLean, who have been on paid administrative leave since Oct. 20. He also declined to say if any of the charges facing Quigley involve the arrest of Chief Robert Jackson's son, Keith Jackson, and two other men outside the American Legion Hall on Oct. 11. In the past he has categorically denied Keith Jackson's arrest had anything to do with Quigley's administrative leave.

"Due to the sensitive nature of the investigation and in order to protect employees' rights as has been my past practice, I plan on conducting these hearings in private," he said.

Haddad said Town Counsel would be present and the employee had the right to have the hearing be public. The selectmen are under no obligation to attend the hearings, which would be conducted according to Civil Service rules, Haddad explained..

Doug Louison, an attorney who is representing Quigley, McLean and now Officer John Small, said the three officers received letters Tuesday with "rather vague notice of contemplated disciplinary action."

"I've responded in kind by sending a letter requesting all related documents and materials that the town intends to rely on so we have some sense of what the charges are the town is actually asserting."

He said Quigley, McLean and Small all face allegations of drinking at the Rod and Gun Club; and Quigley and McLean are charged with inappropriate action in some arrests that took place some time ago.

"The officers are stunned," Louison said. "That the town would bring up old cases most of which have been previously adjudicated." He said the charges are very vague and contain no specifics.

Louison has asked for a public hearing and talked with Town Counsel about not going forward with the hearings on Jan. 20 as scheduled in the letters from Haddad. He noted the town is requesting a very short time frame "after months of dragging their feet."

He explained the hearings are somewhat like trials and include witness testimony. The rules of evidence are more relaxed than would be the case in a courtroom, Louison said.

In the meantime, a group of citizens has placed an article on the March 27 Town Meeting warrant asking for $10,000 to hire independent counsel to look into any allegations of misconduct, actions taken to remedy that conduct and to identify any abuse of power, fraud and deceit relative to the police matter.

Lou Harvey, 465 King St., was prepared to explain the article to selectmen Tuesday but was told they hadn't had a chance to read it yet and the matter would be placed on a future agenda when other interested parties would also have the opportunity to attend.

But Harvey was allowed to hand out a prepared statement explaining the intent of the article was to understand the accusations levied in public at members of the police department and the responses to those charges made publicly by Sgt. William Quigley. (Both selectmen and Quigley have penned written statements that were published in the Dec. 18 and Dec. 25 Cohasset Mariner, respectively.)

Last July, Quigley — who received two commendations in September and has never been subjected to any prior disciplinary action — was involved in seeking an arrest warrant for Keith Jackson for domestic violence. In a separate incident, he arrested Keith Jackson outside the Legion Hall on Oct. 11. About 10 days after the October arrest, Haddad placed Quigley and McLean on administrative leave.

On Sept. 2, 2003 McLean admonished then Officer Brian Curran, the chief's son in law, for not following proper procedures relative to an overtime grievance. About 18 hours later, he was called into the chief's office and fired from his job as fleet manager, a collateral duty. McLean contacted the national office of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, which resulted in a meeting between IBPO lawyers, Haddad, and the chief over a possible suit involving unfair labor practices. Curran's resignation from the police dept was accepted by Jackson on Sept. 17.

There are also allegations swirling around town that several officers had a few beers at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club while on duty following weapons certification last spring. Quigley has categorically denied ever having a drink while on duty.

In a statement printed in the Dec. 25 Cohasset Mariner, Quigley said if the investigation resulted in charges against any officers, the town hire an independent mediator, with no ties to the Town, to hear and fairly judge the cases.

Haddad told selectmen Monday in the late summer of 2003 issues were brought to his attention concerning the conduct of members of the police department.

"Obviously as Town Manager it is my responsibility to investigate these matters when they are brought to my attention," he said.

Border St. seawall needs an overhaul

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Roy Herzfelder's office, asking for assistance in obtaining funding for the project, which is estimated to cost roughly $550,000 for total design and construction.

However, that was last July and "we've never received any kind of response" from Roy Herzfelder's office, Haddad said.

So in early December, Haddad turned to the state Office of Waterways for funding opportunities after hearing of a Rivers and Harbors Grants Program through which the town has now been awarded a $25,000 grant — 50 percent of the total engineering and design costs for the project, Haddad said.

"Does it have to be repaired tomorrow? No, but does it have to be repaired? Yes."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

Haddad said there will be an article at the annual Town Meeting, asking for $25,000, which is the town's share of engineering and design costs.

This preliminary phase will include updating field conditions, the implementation of a subsurface exploration program, preliminary and final designs, and the preparation of bid documents.

The project cannot go out to bid until the engineering and design phase is completed, he said. If all goes as planned, the engineering and design phase of the project will begin this winter and end next fall.

The construction portion of the project is expected to cost roughly $500,000.

By putting the first part of the project before the state in terms of funding, Haddad said it has put the project "in the pipeline" and should additional funding become available, the project could be considered by the state. If the town is awarded a grant, it would only cover 50 percent of the construction phase of the project, which will leave the town with a bill of $250,000. When added to the design fees, the total price tag for the town is $275,000 for the project. Haddad said federal funding options are also being looked into.

The construction phase of the project could begin in spring 2005, and end that summer. The project would need approval from the Cohasset Conservation Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Haddad said.

Mike Westcott will seek seat on Planning Board

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School Committee member Rick Shea, who was appointed to fill Jane Pescatore's seat in September, pulled papers Tuesday for the one-year remaining of Pescatore's unexpired term. Pescatore resigned from the School Committee to accept employment with the school department.

So far incumbent Selectman Merle Brown of Beechwood Street, who is seeking a fourth term, and Rob Spofford of Heather Drive are running for two seats on the Board of Selectmen. Incumbent Selectman Tom Callahan is not seeking reelection.

Nathaniel Palmer of Little Harbor Road plans to run for the seat being vacated by Rob Kasameyer on the Water Commission and Elsa Miller of Reservoir Road is seeking reelection to the Board of Assessors. Steve Bobo, chairman of the Board of Health, and Library Trustee Sarah Pease plan to seek reelection.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas said it was exciting to see so many citizens interested in seeking office. However, she hopes all the spots on the ballot will be filled including those for two-year, unexpired terms on the Cohasset Housing Authority and Recreation Commission.

Rick Grassie recently resigned from the Recreation Commission leaving a two-year unexpired term and Joanne Young moved away leaving a one-year unexpired term on the Cohasset Housing Authority.

Incumbents — Recreation Commissioner Anthony Carbone; Ann Barrett, Cohasset Housing Authority; Sewer Commissioner Sean Cunning and library trustees, Barbara Power and June Hubbard — had not pulled papers by press time.

Nomination papers available at Town Hall

Nomination papers for the annual Town election for 2004 are available at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 12. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town.

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- Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library - THREE for three years
- Assessor - ONE for three years
- Board of Health - ONE for three years
- Cohasset Housing Authority - ONE for five years
- Cohasset Housing Authority - ONE for two years to fill an unexpired term
- Planning Board - ONE for five years
- Recreation Commission - ONE for five years
- Recreation Commission - ONE for two years to fill an unexpired term
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Positions could be cut to balance budget

By Samantha Brown
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The school department may be forced to look at eliminating positions in order to balance the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Although discussions are very preliminary, a list of potential reductions was given to School Committee members at a recent meeting. Positions that would yield the highest amount of money for the schools, and were listed under the superintendent's suggested possible reductions, included:

- Eliminating Curriculum Coordinator Ruth Fennessey's position at $77,792
- Eliminating Business Manager Ivan Klimko's position at $85,356
- Reducing middle school athletics to the tune of $68,000.

While Supt. Edward Malvey said the items were only recommendations to be thought about at this stage, some suggested cuts could be the way the schools choose to balance their budget in the near future. All of the suggested items have come from Malvey, Cohasset Middle-High School Principal Michael Jones, Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley, and Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan.

"Middle school sports is going to go. It's a memory — a good memory, but a memory," said School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo, adding middle school sports has been a topic of discussion for some time, and the schools can't keep it up any longer.

Officials said middle school students will have to participate in intramural sports, which will charge a fee and should be self-sufficient in terms of funding. Because most other middle schools in the area have intramural sports for their students, Cohasset students will have the same kind of program.

For the middle-high school, the most significant cut could be the director of physical education and health, at a salary of $85,322. However, Malvey said because that position cannot be completely eliminated, it would need to be supplemented in some fashion, perhaps by a part-time employee, resulting in net savings more in the $30,000 to $40,000 range. In addition, cutting a middle-school English teacher at $42,167 was listed as an option which may or may not move forward.

It has already been decided that varsity swimming will be eliminated next year, which will free up $4,000 in the budget. Jones said the program was almost eliminated this year due to a lack of interest and will definitely be cut next year.

The list of recommendations to be cut at Deer Hill was very short, as Gauley explained he doesn't know what else other than personnel cuts would yield the level of funding necessary to keep the school running at almost the same level it has been. Gauley said if teachers need to be cut, he would prefer seeing one fifth grade position and one fourth grade position go, rather than lose someone at the third grade level. Because the lower grades build an educational foundation for students, he said he would like to be able to keep those class sizes as low as possible, which means keeping more teachers at that level.

One recommended cut Gauley said he could support because of the low impact it would have on his school, is the reduction in MCAS salaries of $5,700, which pays for tutoring support for students after school. He said the majority of students are getting their help during the day so cutting the after-school program shouldn't have a tremendous impact.

The most significant cut to the Osgood School could be the elimination of a grade two position at $42,167. In addition, different reductions in terms of a physical education teacher have been discussed, which Sheehan said she worries could ultimately lead to students in kindergarten through second grade only having physical education class once a week. In addition, reducing the schedules of the music and art teachers has been floated, which could possibly lead to Osgood and Deer Hill doing more sharing of those teachers.

Reductions in custodial work, which is help in addition to what is given by employees of the cleaning company the schools have outsourced, have also been discussed. That could lead to Osgood and Deer Hill sharing one evening custodian. The potential savings if that plan moves forward could be $17,108.

If plans move forward to reduce custodial help, School Committee members suggested the elementary schools start an alternating schedule which would have only one elementary school open each night. Currently, schools are sometimes used for recreational activities like basketball leagues. By only having one of the schools open at night, and limiting use to the gymnasium areas only, "It will eliminate one area that needs to be cleaned," said Flynn.

The School Committee will take all the suggestions under advisement, and after speaking with the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen, it hopes to have a finalized version of its budget for its Jan. 22 meeting.

School budget talks heat up

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back on track with its budget. However, he said the plans will only work if the town can find a way to crunch its numbers again and cover the utilities in full. Without that burden, DeGiacomo thinks the schools will be able to cut costs enough to make it through the 2005 fiscal year.

"We can make no new additions — none," DeGiacomo said, adding the schools could make some money by charging activities fees as well as investigating advertising options. If the schools choose, they can charge money to groups who wish to have fliers distributed to students, and can also look into having advertisements placed on the sides of buses — as has been done in other towns such as Braintree — as a means of generating revenue.

"I don't think we're going to make a lot of money, and I find it a tad abhorrent to see ads on the sides of buses," DeGiacomo said, but added it might be necessary.

In addition to looking at funding options, DeGiacomo said it will be necessary to make budgetary cuts.

In terms of the low-cost items, such as office supplies, officials say there is only so much that can be cut before the schools aren't operational, and the only way to make up that kind of monetary difference is to cut personnel. However, taking into consideration that enrollment is going up every year at the schools, the committee said it can only cut so much before it will decide it doesn't feel comfortable reducing any further, and will turn to the town to make the decision whether it wants to see more cuts — such as teaching positions — or an override.

"You need support for the teachers who are left," said School Committee Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts, adding if supplies and support staff are cut, teachers won't be able to do their jobs properly.

Committee members point out with the increase in students from year to year, staffing cuts are even more painful because trying to catch up in subsequent years is almost impossible. There has been much concern expressed during this budget season regarding special education students because rising enrollment numbers mean the schools are finding they do not have the resources needed by special education students. If the schools do not add staff in-house to provide for the needs of its students, those students may be required to obtain services outside the district, and will cost more than it would to keep the program fully staffed in-house.

"We can't say that we can't have any new positions because it might be the more responsible way to go," said Tebbetts, adding the schools need to take the less expensive route in terms of what they are legally obligated to pay. "We are required to pay for those needs."

DeGiacomo said he believes selectmen have a good understanding of what the schools are up against and all anyone can do now is try to work together to come to a solution. He said he wondered if the $223,000 could come out of free cash, but that would be discussed at future meetings.

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said investigating changing the healthcare program could be another cost-saving option, which had been suggested by Haddad during his budget presentation.

"My company just hoisted a new one on me," Flynn said, and it wouldn't be out of the question to explore changing the plan to include a $15 co-pay, up from $5, which could become the source of extra funds. While Haddad had previously said the amount of money that could be made by changing the plans would be roughly $150,000, the early figures he was given were a bit high, and he was recently told the figure could be closer to $100,000. Haddad also said he was not sure how those potential funds would be divided should they become available.

Haddad, selectmen, and the School Committee will be meeting in the coming weeks to iron out the budget details. The School Committee hopes everything will be finalized for its Jan. 22 meeting.

"We have work to do," said Flynn.

Opening burning season to start

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Deer Hill teacher strives to make every year the best

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Jen Clark, a fourth-grade teacher at Deer Hill, says one of the main lessons she tries to impart on her students is having respect.

When Deer Hill teacher Jennifer Clark answered her door on Halloween night a few years ago, she was shocked not by a frightening costume, but by what a former student and trick-or-treater said he remembered of his time in her class. A tough, rugged sports player, while taking his candy, said he remembered a lesson she taught on diamante poetry, and Clark had to admit, she was pleasantly surprised.

"This was a kid you never would have thought would remember poetry," Clark said, adding of all her students, she never would have guessed he would not only have remembered, but liked the poetry she had taught him. "I tell that story every year," and it sums up the kind of teacher she is very well.

Although Clark has only been teaching for five years, of which three has been spent in the fourth grade at Deer Hill, she has recognized from the beginning that while all students might not remember every lesson she teaches, "They all remember something," and she has worked hard to make sure no matter what learning style a child has, she can offer something that will help the message stick.

"I was never a strong student," she said, adding because she was a "middle of the road" student, her teaching is mostly geared toward the same level. She said she uses lots of visuals in her classroom, as well as hands-on activities in addition to reading exercises.

"I catch all the learners that way," she said.

Because no class has a cookie-cutter set of kids she said she is constantly modifying and changing lessons to make sure every child has an understanding of the concept she is trying to get across. She said she is always telling her students that if she says something in class they don't understand, let her know and she'll find another way to say it.

One of the main lessons Clark said she tries to impart on her students is having respect.

"I'm big on respect, for themselves, for others, for me, and any other people that come into the room," she said.

Clark said she spends a great deal of time working with language that shows respect. She also works on greeting people and exchanging pleasantries, and the importance of looking someone in the eye when speaking to them. Next year, Clark said she will start a new program in her classroom which she learned during a class she took this year. She said while many teachers, including herself, teach children to respond to questions in full sentences when they write, responding the same way orally isn't as expected.

"I thought it was fantastic," she said of the idea, adding she hadn't realized the importance of taking the time to answer someone fully rather than just giving a "yes" or "no" response, and will implement it next year.

Because Clark takes so much time teaching her students about respect and conducting themselves appropriately, she had no qualms about inviting her class to her wedding, which was held last summer. Students were sent invitations to attend the ceremony in the church, and Clark and her husband Matt, also a teacher, posed with their students for an unorthodox class picture.

"They knew all about it," said Clark of her wedding plans, adding students and parents got together to throw her a bridal shower. They decorated the room and had cake and gifts, she said. "They were really into it."

"For your teacher to get married, that's a big thing," she said, especially for students who are at an age when they are just realizing their teacher has a life outside the classroom.

From the very beginning, Clark said she knew she wanted to teach upper elementary level children, because they are still so innocent and excited about learning, but have gained some experience so they can begin to take on projects themselves. While she has taught children in grades three through six, her favorite grade has been fourth.

"I like the independence in a fourth grader. You can give them something to do and they'll work on it. With the younger students, you really need to hold their hands," she said. She also said fourth graders really respect their teachers and want to impress them. Also, because they are still young, they really enjoy cute things, she said, which means her collection of all things Disney is not wasted.

For seven years, Clark worked at the Disney Store, and when the opportunity arose to spend a college semester working at Disney World, she couldn't pass up the opportunity.

"I loved it," she said of her time spent at the park, where she served as a park greeter and hostess at Disney-MGM studios.

Throughout her classroom, there are various Disney influences she has picked up along the way, which Clark said older students might think are too babyish. However, she said even when she's had older students, she has tried to keep as many cute activities in her plans as she can because, "You're only a kid for so long," she said.

There was always a something in Clark that told her she wanted to be a teacher. Her mother was a teacher, her mother had friends who were teachers, and her sister had plans to become a teacher, so it was a profession she was very familiar with.

"I think I probably always knew that was something I wanted to do," she said and after attending high school at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, Clark attended Bridgewater State College and earned her teaching degree.

After graduation, she worked as a classroom aide in Abington for one year in a fifth grade class, and from there worked for two years in Brockton, one year as a sixth grade teacher, and one as a fifth grade teacher. From there, she moved on to Deer Hill and said she has been really happy with her experiences there.

Clark said she really enjoys being a teacher and serving as the person her students look to as the one who will educate them, guide and support them, and provide the help they need. She is currently pursuing her master's degree, and is not only able to empathize with her students, as she is a student herself, but will be able to serve her students even further through the knowledge she will gain.

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Cohasset couple shares their love of rare Piranesi prints

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From across the room, the etchings might not look like the typical subjects of a Cohasset gallery show, where framed works of art often portray vivid colors and images typically seen in coastal towns. Instead, the color in the Dillon Gallery at the South Shore Art Center now comes from the newly painted walls, which have taken on the shade of "Williamsburg red" to enhance the latest featured exhibit.

Now through Feb. 22, the Art Center is hosting a rare collection of works from Giovanni Battista Piranesi — a Venetian-born etcher, archaeologist, designer and architect — as well some works done by his contemporaries.

The collection of 18th century master-prints have been the result of years of aggressive, yet focused, collecting by Cohasset residents Richard Wendorf and Elizabeth Morse. Morse has not only assisted her husband add to the collection he started roughly 20 years ago, but as a paper conservator, has helped in the restoration process of the prints as well.

"I make sure whatever we, or he, buys is going to last," Morse said, because with a collection such as theirs, it is pointless to make a purchase the two will not be able to showcase for years to come. While every purchase is scrutinized before it is made, to ensure the image itself is perfectly clear, Wendorf joked no matter what he buys, his wife's first response is, "That needs a lot of work," which she is happy to oblige.

Wendorf, who is the Stanford Calderwood director and librarian at the Boston Athenaeum, is an expert of 18th century British art, literature, and cultural history, and ironically has found himself fascinated with the Italian works of Piranesi throughout the years. While many prints have been made of Piranesi's works, Wendorf and Morse are very careful to purchase only those prints made during the time the artist was living. The value of a print is continually diminished after the death of the artist, Wendorf said, and after seeing the collection, it is evident the two have some very valuable pieces.

The couple owns two pieces titled "Tempio antico," or ancient temple. While one is a second state etching, and was printed at a later date, the other is a first state etching, which is an extremely rare find.

"There are only nine in the world," said Wendorf, adding there are still actual pin holes from where Piranesi himself tacked up the corners of the first state etching, and the imprint of those holes can be seen in the second state print.



Cohasset residents Richard Wendorf and Elizabeth Morse with their Piranesi exhibit.



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A view of Ponte Lugano in the Piranesi exhibit at the South Shore Art Center that runs through Feb. 22.

What is most interesting about the works of Piranesi is the fact that he was trained as an architect, but nothing he designed was ever built, and he has been remembered as an artist. His etchings — all done in black and white and almost always feature ruins — were all published, bound as books, and show his love of architecture, but with an artistic interpretation. Many of the prints Wendorf and Morse own have folds down the middle, which to some might look like an imperfection but are recognizable as being all that remains from when the prints were bound together.

Morse said scholars who are interested can still go to some libraries which carry the bound books, such as the Houghton library at Harvard University, to "get the real story" on how the prints might have been arranged when bound. She added the material the book was bound with can help provide a history, and sometimes there will even be a price located on one of the back pages of the book.

While the couple is extremely knowledgeable about the art they own, finding others in the area to share that common thread has been difficult. "We don't know of anyone on the South Shore," who shares their very specialized interest, said Morse. "If they're here, we'd love to meet them."

Because their collecting is so specialized, and it takes much time to find each piece, Wendorf and Morse have branched out in their collecting interests to include marble eggs, fossils, and some 18th century furniture.

"We have a Roman marble dining room table. It's a knock-out," said Morse, adding it was so heavy, it took four men to move it into their home. The couple also has an extensive collection of books, and Wendorf estimates they have upwards of 3,000 in their home library.

"One of the first things we did was close off some doors to have more wall space," said Morse, remembering when they moved to Cohasset five years ago. Although their home was almost brand new when they moved in, they were eager to make changes, and Morse joked that fortunately, they were friends with the builder and he had no objections to their altering his work.

During the exhibit, Wendorf and Morse will not only have the opportunity to share their exquisite collection and the knowledge they have gained over the years, but with the prints out of the house, Morse said she'll be taking advantage of having everything off the walls to do a little redecorating. Because the prints aren't very colorful, she said it has opened the door to picking out rich, hearty colors to paint the walls of her home. She is currently thinking of changing one of the rooms in her home to a shammy yellow, which she describes as a historic color which is soft, but deep, and should compliment their collection well once it's back in their home.

Gallery hours for the South Shore Art Center are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The "Piranesi and His Contemporaries" exhibit will be on display in the Dillon Gallery through Feb. 22. In addition to two dozen prints by Piranesi, the exhibition includes many plates from the publication of Sir William Hamilton's vase collection and an early 20th century architectural drawing inspired by Piranesi's work. The Center will also host a Gallery Talk: "Living with Piranesi," with Richard Wendorf, on Sunday, Jan. 25 at 4 p.m., which is free to the public.

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Jaime Litchfield is sworn in as a United States Marine

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Harold James Litchfield (Jaime), son of **Peggy Litchfield**, grandson of **Harold Litchfield** was sworn in on Friday, Jan. 9 as a Marine. Jaime will leave in early September of 2004 to attend boot camp on Paris Island. I know that I don't need to tell you Jaime how proud your family and friends are of you but here it comes. *Everyone is so proud of you!*

Having known Jaime from literally the time he was born as I was in the delivery room with Peggy and was able to hold Jaime right away, it was obvious that he knew what he wanted right from the very start. As he grew, this dream was never too far from his mind, whether he said he wanted to be in the army, navy etc.

Congratulations Jaime as you are preparing to start what you have always wanted to do. We look forward to your graduation from school and then we will all prepare to send you forward in your next phase of life, great job!

Speaking of Litchfield news, I could never leave out this next special wish. Miss Tricia Litchfield, sister of Jaime and daughter of Peggy recently celebrated birthday number 8! Happy Birthday wishes are being sent out to you from so many family and friends Tricia! Papa, Auntie Julie and Uncle Steve, Uncle Allen and so many more wish you and hope that you had a wonderful day!

NEW BABIES TO REPORT!

Babies, babies everywhere! I have three bouncing babies to announce this week in this column. Congratulations to all of these happy families.

OH BOY!

Tom and Suellen Durkin of Cohasset welcomed baby number six to their family right before Christmas. **Sean Michael Durkin** was born on Dec. 17, 2003 at 10:27 am weighing in at 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19-1/2 ins. long. Sean joined at home his siblings, **Thomas**, 5; **Daniel**, 4 **Michaela**, 8, **Caleigh**, 2, and **Caitlin**, 1.

Sean's maternal grandparents are **Joseph & Mary Sue MacDonald** of Weymouth and his paternal grandparents are **John & Rita Durkin** of Scituate. Wow, imagine the excitement and happiness at this house on Christmas morning.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ARRIVAL

What a wonderful way to start the new year for this family. **Kate and Rocky Roland**, also of Cohasset welcomed a sweet baby girl, **Sydney Fairbairn Roland** on Jan. 1, 2004! Sydney arrived at 5:55 a.m. and weighed 7 lbs. and was 20 ins. long. Sydney joins her big brother, **Tyler Richard,** and her very proud grandparents are: maternal grandmother: **Bev Ogren** of Bloomfield Hills, Mich. paternal grandparents: **Bob & Lynn Roland** of Bloomfield Hills, Mich. and **Pam & Joe Davis** of Hilton Head Island, S. C. Happy New Year to all of you and enjoy your little girl!

WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Cheryl (Winn) Connolly, formerly of Cohasset, and her husband **Frank**, along with big sisters **Cassidy** and **Alyssa** were thrilled to have a new, little boy join their family this past Friday, Jan. 9, 2004. **Shane Francis Connolly** is happy and healthy and came home to Scituate with his mom on Monday. Everyone is thrilled with this news and cannot wait to meet this new little bundle of joy.

RELAY FOR LIFE MEETING

The American Cancer Society "Relay For Life" committee is holding its next meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 21 in the Library at Cohasset High School from 6-7:30 p.m.. Anyone interested is welcome to come.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Ceremonies, helping to plan Opening, Luminara & Closing Ceremonies,
- Survivorship, including helping to recruit cancer survivors to the event, choosing a small token gift and planning a reception on the field.
- Sponsorship, finding businesses to donate money in return for certain benefits.
- Food & Beverage, securing donations of water/juice, coffee, donuts, pizza, etc.
- In Kind Donations, asking businesses to donate gifts certificates and/or merchandise to be used as prizes for contests and team awards. Anyone interested or who has any questions can contact **Jacqui Vitello** at 781-383-2668 .



CAN YOU HELP IDENTIFY THIS PHOTO?

Who knows the location and owners of the house in the background of this photograph? Only Frank Manning at the stern of the canoe has been identified. The other two are known only as Jim and Clarence. The Cohasset Historical Society is looking for your assistance. Please contact Lynne DeGiacomo at the Historical Society, 781-383-1434. This photograph will appear in the Arcadia series, "Images of America: Cohasset." The historical society is always interested in acquiring (for scanning) old photographs of Cohasset. If anyone has any to share call, 781-383-1434.

IN WHO'S WHO

Kristen James, daughter of **Terry and Brian James,** just received notice that she has been chosen for Who's Who Among American High School Students due to her academic standards at South Shore VoTech in Hanover.

Kristen hopes to continue her education in computer science and minor in electronics at a certain college but until she receives that all important notice, we will keep it a secret! Fantastic news Kristen, we know that you will accomplish whatever you set your mind on.

MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST

This coming Monday is Martin Luther King Day and it is being honored here in Cohasset. The second annual Martin Luther King Day Breakfast sponsored by the Cohasset clergy and the Diversity Committee are holding a wonderful family event where different generations can come together to celebrate and honor the wonderful achievements of America's foremost civil rights leader. The event is being held in the Saint Anthony Parish Center from 9-11 am and tickets are $5 per person or $15 per family. A pancake breakfast will be served followed by an uplifting program honoring the memory of Dr. King.

The featured speaker will be **Rev. Fred Mombeleur**, Executive Director of Caribbean U-Turn, an organization reaching at-risk youth of Caribbean descent. Tickets may be purchased at the door and all proceeds from the event will benefit Caribbean U-Turn. Cohasset High School students volunteers will assist with childcare and story telling. For more information, call 781-383-0219.

STUDENT ATHLETE

Jennifer Meehan, a student at Emmanuel College, was one of only 15 student athletes named to the Academic All Conference in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference with a GPA of 3.9. A CHS graduate, Jennifer is the captain of the women's varsity tennis team and the founder and captain of the field hockey team at Emmanuel. Jennifer led her team to the championships this year. Congratulations to you Jennifer on this wonderful recognition.

POST PROM DATE CHANGE

The 2004 Post Prom Party Committee meeting date has been changed from Thursday, Jan. 15 to Wednesday, Jan. 21. The meeting will be held in its usual venue—the Cohasset Middle/High School library at 7:30 p.m. All senior parents are encouraged to attend and sign onto committees.

EATING DISORDERS

On Monday, Jan. 26 at noon in the Cohasset library, **Judi Siegel**, LICSW, will discuss symptoms and warning signs of eating disorders including psychological, physical, and emotional characteristics. Also, she will discuss the effects of media on body image. She will share treatment options and resources for accessing help. This program is for parents of school age children specifically pre-teen and teens. The program is sponsored by the Social Service League of Cohasset.

BERNARD'S IN GREAT CHEFS

By agreeing to participate in Partners Home Care's Great Chefs 2004 on Monday, Feb. 10, at the Sheraton Braintree Hotel, Bernard's of Cohasset showed that they really "have heart."

This 16th annual fundraising gala benefits Partners Home Care's (PHC) cardiac programs and services. The event was also bolstered by the support of WBZ-TV's **Kim Carrigan** who has agreed to be the Honorary Chair and Mistress of Ceremony.

The Have a Heart Valentine's theme highlights the need to raise funds for the non-profit agency's cardiac services and programs.

Bernard's will be one of 20 prominent restaurants, caterers and bakeries serving their signature dishes from dining stations around the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Braintree Hotel-the host of the evening.

For sponsorship opportunities, auction donations and tickets, contact PHC at 781-681-1229. Tickets are $75 per person and $750 for a table of 10.

That is all the news for this week. Please have all of your news to me no later than MONDAYS BY NOON!

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Students hope to smoke out homes without detectors



SAMANTHA BROWN PHOTO

High School seniors Meghan Marr and Christen Reardon are speaking out about the importance of smoke detectors.

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Through the efforts of Cohasset Middle-High School seniors Meghan Marr and Christen Reardon, Cohasset is now one step closer to having all its homes outfitted with smoke detectors which are in good working order and meet state requirements.

As part of a community service class at the high school, the girls have been volunteering their time working at the Fire Department, checking the files for every address in town, to see how many do not have a permit which says their smoke detectors have been inspected by a member of the department. While no permit in a file could mean a home has detectors which just haven't been inspected, it could also mean the homes do not have detectors at all, which the girls hope is not the case.

"We didn't realize how many houses in Cohasset might not have smoke detectors. It could help save a lot of lives," said Meghan of their project. Both girls said they have smoke detectors in their homes and had assumed everyone did, but came to find that might not be true, once they began to investigate. Although the final numbers haven't been tallied just yet, "We had a ton," of homes without permits in their files, said Christen.

In light of their findings, the girls said they are trying to get the word out that smoke detectors are one of the most important components in fire safety, and every home in town should be outfitted with the correct number of detectors, which should be inspected by a member of the fire department.

At the beginning of the semester when the girls were deciding on a project, Meghan had the idea to work at the station, in part because her father Matthew is a veteran firefighter who has been on the department for 27 years. Partner Christen thought it was a great idea and so did the members of the department.

"It was great, we were so happy to have the extra help," said Fire Chief Roger Lincoln of having the girls complete their community service at the station. The project was one he said he had been wanting to get done for quite some time, but "It's been impossible because of our manpower situation," in addition to other state mandated programs that needed attention first.

For two and a half months, the girls spent four days a week, for 90 minutes at a time, sorting through the file cabinets at the department, writing down the addresses of the homes which did not have permits in their files. The girls even made the transition with the department from its old home on Route 3A to it's newly renovated home on Elm Street. Their last day on the job will be Jan. 23, when the semester is over.

"They completed this project with a great deal of enthusiasm. They did a fabulous job," said Lincoln. He said hopefully through the efforts of the girls, the town will be able to pinpoint the homes which have not been inspected and work with residents to make sure their homes are compliant.

"They are required by law," Lincoln said of smoke detectors, adding when he first started out as a fire fighter in the 1970s, about 12,000 people a year were dying in house fires. Now, that number is down to roughly 1,000 each year, and while he said that is still 1,000 too many, he credits the reduction largely in part to homes having smoke detectors properly installed.

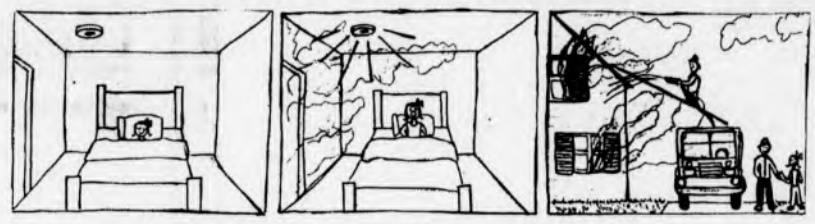
Lincoln said the process for having a home inspection is very easy. If a resident suspects their smoke detectors have not been properly inspected by a member of the department, a phone call is all it takes to set up an appointment. From 9:30 a.m. to noon every week day, a member of the department will be happy to come out to the home to make sure the correct number of smoke detectors are installed in the home, that they are installed in the proper location, are in good working order, and comply with state standards. In the case a home does not have smoke detectors, a member of the department will be happy to come to the home and let the owner know how many detectors are needed, and a second appointment can be set up to install them once they are purchased. Smoke detectors can be purchased at local hardware stores and various local convenience stores.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

No kangaroo court

While we understand Town Manager Mark Haddad is the hearing officer in matters relating to the police and other departments — in this case involving Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean we think an independent person needs to be the "judge."

Mr. Haddad told selectmen Tuesday he has scheduled hearings for the police officers, who have been the subject of an ongoing investigation, that was triggered by information brought to his attention late last summer.

We think at this stage fairness is paramount and don't see how Mr. Haddad, who has conducted the investigation, can be impartial when the officers present their side of the story.

The officers, who are facing charges of misconduct that have not yet been made public, have the right for their hearings to be conducted in public.

We understand the constraints the town is under regarding "personnel issues" but that onus will be lifted when the hearings are conducted in public, as the officers' attorney has asked for them to be. There could be a lot of back and forth, with the town's side and the officers' side of the story fully aired.

In our experience hearings of this sort are like trials and include witness testimony from both sides. We covered a disciplinary hearing of a Hingham police officer two years ago that went on for weeks.

But Tuesday, the selectmen seemed rather non-committal whether they would attend the hearings at all. Apparently they are under no obligation to do so. But while it seems they may want to wash their hands of this entire affair, they should to be there as elected officials representing the citizenry to ensure the hearings are even handed.

The Town Manager has the power to hire and fire police officers, but selectmen should not so easily abdicate their position as elected officials serving the entire town.

Throughout the months-long investigation, Mr. Haddad has been resolute in his belief that protection of employees' privacy was paramount. Therefore, he has continued to decline to comment on the specifics of potential charges, alleged misconduct or the substance of the investigation. As frustrating as this has been for those of us in the information business, we respect his stance.

While we believe Mr. Haddad wants to be fair, no one should be judge, jury and executioner. Like it or not, there's at the very least the perception that nepotism in the police department and Sgt. Quigley's arrest of the chief's son were the real triggers behind the investigation. Therefore, this matter should be aired in an environment where the people in charge don't take personally the questions that have to be asked.

While Mr. Haddad may think his credibility is being challenged if asked to recuse himself from being the arbiter of the proceedings, the future careers of two officers are at stake. He has erred on the side of fairness in terms of keeping the allegations and investigation secret. We ask him to be objective in this case and realize the potential conflict for the sake of the officers, the police department and the town.

Judging from the citizens petition submitted to Town Hall this week that essentially seeks an investigation of the investigation of the police matter – going forward all issues surrounding the town's handling of the police matter should be above reproach.

— Mary Ford
mford@cnc.com

Town Election Policy noted

All candidates opposed or unopposed, who have not already done so, are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies.

Candidates' Corner is limited to a few paragraphs (no more than 150 words per week), from any candidate — opposed or unopposed — who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers or *brief* position statements. Candidates must observe the word limits; submissions that exceed the word limit will be cut from the bottom.

Candidates may send by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square by noon, Tuesday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mark calendar for MLK Day Breakfast

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Clergy and Diversity Committee invite the community to the second annual Martin Luther King Day Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 19. This celebratory event will honor the achievements and dreams of Dr. King, America's foremost civil rights leader.

The breakfast will be served at the Saint Anthony Parish Center from 9-11 a.m.. Tickets are available at the door ($5 per person or $15 per family) and Cohasset High School student volunteers will assist with child care and story telling.

Hope to see you there!

Connie Afshar
South Main Street

Heartfelt thanks from Berman family

TO THE EDITOR:

Jan. 8, 2004, will mark the two-month anniversary on the passing of Seymour W. Berman, Esq. as husband, father, brother and uncle to his family.

We wish to make the following public announcement:

We the family of Seymour W. Berman wish to extend the utmost thanks, gratitude and appreciation to all friends (old and new) and all associates, socially and professionally, for their expressions of kindness, support, sympathies and honorary contributions at a time so difficult in every person's life.

Your overwhelming responses of your kind, caring and loving acts are what help keep humanitarianism alive and well.

Everything Seymour W. Berman believed and guided his life by.

So, once again, a warm and heartfelt thanks.

The office, located at 115 North St., will be closing on March 1. We welcome everyone to call or stop by for concerns, questions or comments or just a friendly so long.

Heidi Berman will be reachable Monday through Friday, 2 to 5 p.m. for any assistance.

The Berman Family
115 North St.
Hingham

Friendly reminder about rotary rules

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter as a friendly reminder to all about the "Rules of the Rotary." I have recently witnessed several near accidents while navigating the rotary near Hingham Harbor. About 99 percent of the time, these near accidents are the result of approaching traffic treating the rotary as a merge rather than yielding to rotary traffic.

The rules are really quite simple, yet the basic rules appear to confuse some folks: The car and driver in the rotary has the right of way. Any approaching traffic must yield to the car in the rotary.

Below is the text from the MA RMV: www.state.ma.us/rmv/dmanual/ :

"Because only a few states in America have traffic rotaries (traffic circles), many drivers are unfamiliar with rotaries' right-of-way rules. Be especially careful and generous when extending the right-of-way to other drivers in and near rotaries. When you approach a rotary, *you must yield the right-of-way to any vehicles already in the rotary.* If traffic in the rotary is heavy, stop at the edge of the rotary and wait until you can enter safely." (Emphasis added)

For those that are unfamiliar with what yield means, the following is again direct from the RMV:

"When you see a YIELD sign, slow down and be prepared to stop. Let traffic, pedestrians, or bicycles pass before you enter the intersection or join another roadway. You must come to a complete stop if traffic conditions require it."

My hope is that this reminder of the rules of the rotary helps to enforce a safe and civil navigation of the rotary at Hingham Harbor.

Keith Williams
74 Pond St.

Raffle donations are appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum in Cohasset, I would like to extend sincerest thanks to the following local businesses that donated raffle items for December's Holiday luncheon.

They are: Adrian Morris, Andrew Zona, Atlantica, Barbara O'Rourke handbags, Bia, Blackfin, Bowl & Board, Brewed Awakenings, Christopher Gallery, Cohasset Cycle Sports, Cohasset Village Greenery, Country House Antiques and Interiors, Eastern Mountain Sports, EK Designs, Farsh Oriental Rugs, Flemings, Good Sport, Hypertone Personal Fitness Training, J. Jill, Kings Jewelry, Island in the Square, My Sassy Pants, Nobles, Nona's, Paperscapes, Ports, Proper Pillows, Red Lion Inn, Robin's Nest, Shaws, South Shore Music Circus, Square Cafe, Starbucks, Swanson's Swedish Bakery, Talbots, Talbots Kids, SeaBands, Winston's, Willow Designs, Zuzu's Sisters, and Vinette Day Spa.

The luncheon raised over $5,000. This money, and future monies to be raised, will help to fund the museum's operating expenses as well as some of the fantastic new exhibits that are waiting to be installed. As we close in on the goal for funding these items, we look forward to many new adventures in world discovery at the museum including language and art classes, birthday parties and much, much more!

Melissa Tierney
Co-Chair, Talbots Holiday Luncheon

Democrats to hold caucus in Cohasset

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will be holding a caucus at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. to elect five delegates and five alternates to the 2004 Massachusetts Democratic Convention, to be held on Saturday, May 8 at the Mullins Center, UMASS at Amherst.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing. All candidates may make a two minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret.

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Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 10 Granite Street, Quincy, MA 02169, no later than 10 days after the caucus date.

For more information, please contact Agnes McCann, Chairman of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, at 781-383-0222, or the Democratic State Committee at 617-472-0637.

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HEALTH NOTES

How to find answers about a host of communicable diseases

Leptospirosis, Mad Cow, AIDS, SARS, Where will it end? Frequently, at the Board of Health, we are asked to give advice on what we know about various diseases and what to do about them. Fortunately since our knowledge is limited, there's help. The Federal Government and most states have good information about dangerous diseases. For example, Washington State has a very comprehensive disease tracking system, as does Massachusetts. As a part of their response to Washington State's disease control efforts, Seattle has a web page listing the 60 communicable diseases which represent the greatest health threat to their citizens. The list is given in the table below.

The National Center for Disease Control (CDC) has a link on their web page which gives the name of almost every disease which humans are likely to contract. There are probably several thousand illnesses listed, until it becomes a matter of too much information rather than not enough. Fortunately, enough people have asked these organizations about the various diseases to the point that the same questions keep appearing. Accordingly, each organization has a listing of "Frequently asked questions" and responses to the same. The outfit which gets asked the most questions also, probably has had enough time to get the best answers. In my book, the clear leader with the best answers is the CDC. In general, people seem to want the same information which, where illnesses are concerned, are: the right name of the disease, a description, its severity, information about contagion, recommended safeguards, and symptoms. The CDC's list contains the answers to the following questions:

- What is (Name of the Disease)
- How do people get it?
- How long is it between the time of exposure and when people become sick?
- Where is it found?
- How is it treated?
- Can it be prevented? How?

Of course, there's more. The CDC tells you everything about the disease almost up to the name of the doctor you should call. The good thing about this information is that it represents a distillation of the experience of literally millions of facts about the illness, who it's affected and how it behaves. This is not something one can obtain from anecdotal information from unknown and unqualified sources in spite of what their proponents say.

For major outbreaks: those which find their way into the press, there's much more. Most of the material one reads in the papers comes from the CDC or the World Health Organization web site.

If you are interested in seeing what's on this web site, the address is: http://www.cdc.gov/az.do the /az.do gives you the link to the alphabetical listing of the illnesses. If you go to a doctor, or nurse practitioner, most likely, they'll give you the same information, but here. it's in writing and you don't have to remember all the particulars of what's been told to you.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

We're beset by so many ailments, it's hard to assign a level of risk for any one. These references can help you do just that.

Listing of communicable diseases:

AIDS	Leptospirosis
Animal Bite	Listeriosis
Anthrax	Lyme disease
Botulism	Lymphogranuloma venereum
Brucellosis	Malaria
Campylobacteriosis	Measles (rubeola)
Chancroid	Meningococcal disease
Chlamydia trachomatis	Mumps
Cholera	Paralytic shellfish poisoning
Cryptosporidiosis	Pertussis
Cyclosporiasis	Plague Enterohemorrhagic E. coli
Disease of Suspected Foodborne Origin	Psittacosis
Disease of Suspected Waterborne Origin	Q fever
Diphtheria	Poliomyelitis
Encephalitis viral	Relapsing fever
Giardiasis	Rubella
Gonorrhea	Salmonellosis Typhoid
Granuloma inguinale	Shigellosis
Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome	Smallpox
Haemophilus influenzae	Streptococcus
Hepatitis A	Syphilis
Hepatitis B	Tetanus
Hepatitis C	Trichinosis
Hepatitis, unspecified	Tuberculosis
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome	Tularenlia
Herpes simplexB	Typhus
HIV infection	Vibriosis
Immunization reactions, severe, advers	Yellow Fever
Legionellosis	Yersiniosis

A toast to the Boston Braves

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Max West died the other day.

If no one else takes notice I will because he was one of the heroes of my youth, a time when I collected baseball cards and looked forward to the days when my uncle Oscar and I used to sit in the left field pavilion and watch the Boston Braves.

The Braves are long gone from Boston now, in Atlanta by way of Milwaukee, and the young men who played for them while they were in Boston and the kids who remembered them are starting to drop off, too.

The Red Sox were also in Boston in those days but they were champagne at the country club after Tom Yawkey bought them and the Braves, well, they were a shot and a beer at the neighborhood pub.

What other team can boast of a catcher and a first baseman who fought each other in the ring at Boston Garden and drew a better crowd for the two of them than the whole team often drew at Braves Field?

That would be the catcher, Al Spohrer, and the first baseman, Art "The Great" Shires, then with the Chicago White Sox but later with the Braves, who fought before a house of 17,000 that paid $32,700 to watch them.

Shires won by a fourth round TKO.

What other team could boast an owner, Judge Emil Fuchs, who named himself manager and actually sat on the bench and directed his team in a business suit until he was called away in midseason to handle a legal case.

The story is probably apocryphal but I'll pass it on anyway. The bases were loaded and no one was out when the Judge turned to his team and asked:

"What shall we try now boys?"

"What about a squeeze play," came the response.

"No," said the Judge. "Let us score our runs in an honorable way."

What other team had a manager like Bill McKechnie, who was named manager of the year by The Sporting News "for his managerial skill . . . enabling him to pilot a mediocre team to a fifth place finish."

Bill's 1935 team finished eighth with a record of 38 wins, 115 losses, 61-1/2 games out of first place. Four years later his Cincinnati team won the pennant and five years late the World Series.

Then there was the time when another manager, Casey Stengel, whose teams never struggled out of second division, was hit by a taxi cab in Kenmore Square and broke his leg so badly he was in St. Elizabeth's Hospital for two months.

And Dave Egan, the acerbic columnist for the old Boston Record, named the cabbie as the man who had done the most for Boston baseball.

This was the team Max West played for and I rooted for, a team that included Vince DiMaggio, Joe's elder brother, who held the record for strikeouts with 134, and Rabbit Maranville, a second baseman at 41 who would probably still be playing if he hadn't broken his leg.

All the fun ended after the war when the contractors Lou Perini, Guido Russo and Joe Maney, dubbed "the Three Little Steamshovels," bought the club and moved it to Milwaukee where it became just another baseball team.

Here's to you, Max. There's only a few of us left.

LIBRARY CORNER

Holiday closing

The library will be closed Monday, Jan. 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

YA get-together

The next Young Adult get-together will be on Tuesday, Jan. 20, from 7-8:30 p.m. We will meet in the Community Room for pizza and then move to the Young Adults' Room for booktalks. This meeting is open to all Cohasset Middle/High School students. Come join the fun! Call to register at 781-383-1348 or drop in and see Mrs. Moody.

Winter story hours

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library announces the Winter Story Hour schedule.

The Drop-In Story Time schedule will be:

- Monday, Feb. 2 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 23 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Drop-In Story Time is for all ages, lasts one-half hour, and does not require registration.

Story & Craft registration begins Thursday, Jan. 15. Story & Craft is for ages 3-6 years, lasts one hour, and requires pre-registration.

The Story & Craft schedule will be:

- Thursday, Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, March 4 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, March 11 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Online essay contest

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts Citizen Education Fund is offering an online student essay contest for Massachusetts students in grades 4-12 and for undergraduates attending a college or university in Massachusetts. For contest details, essay questions and rules, check the website www.lwvma.org. Essay winners receive a U.S. Savings Bond at a special awards event at Faneuil Hall and their teacher receives an educational grant. Book marks and flyers are available in the YA Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The contest ends Feb. 29.

Eating disorders is subject of talk

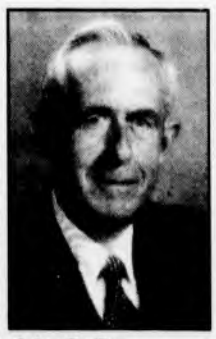
The Social Service League invites you to a presentation, "Eating Disorders: An Overview" at the library on Monday, Jan. 26 from noon to 1 p.m.. Judi Siegel, LICSW, will discuss the symptoms and warning signs of eating disorders including psychological, physical and emotional characteristics. She will also discuss the effects of media on body image. Treatment options and resources for accessing help will be included. This is a training for parents of school-age children specifically preteens and teens. All are welcome.

Upcoming event

Please join us on Thursday Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. in the Meeting Room, for an introduction to Qi Gong by Lin Lin Choy. Qi Gong is a Chinese self-healing art that combines movement and meditation. Together with natural breathing and focus, these exercises will improve balance, increase suppleness, strengthen bones, joints and tendons and promote general good health. Suitable for all ages, Qi Gong is particularly beneficial for those of middle age and seniors.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Cafferty announces bid for GOP State Committee



John Cafferty

John Cafferty, former Chairman of the Hingham Planning Board and Hingham Housing Authority, officially announces his candidacy for Republican State Committeeman for the Plymouth Norfolk District.

Cafferty is running on a unity platform. His primary goal is to unify the party and maintain open communication throughout the eight towns in the district.

"Unified together, we can move mountains…and this is the year to do it!" says Cafferty.

Cafferty has a record of recruiting active members to the Republican Party at the local level. Cafferty has been actively involved in many organizations within the community.

In addition to chairing the Hingham Planning Board and Housing Authority, Cafferty is a U.S. Veteran, an active member in the America Legion Post 120, a member of the Plymouth County Republican Club and previously ran for Plymouth County Commissioner.

As president and owner of Cafferty Real Estate and Management Company, he is visible in the community and has a great knowledge of all eight towns that he serves. Cafferty serves on the Hingham Community Center Board of Directors as well as Chairman of the Hingham Town Committee Long Range Planning. He served as campaign manager for Representative Mary Jeanette Murray several times. Most recently he was the Hingham coordinator for Plymouth County District Attorney Tim Cruz's campaign.

Cafferty is experienced, has a record to go on and will unite the party in the Senate District. He can be reached at 781-749-7192. Elections will be held March 2, 2004.

Spofford kicks off run for selectman

Before a crowd of over 100 supporters, Robert "Rob" Spofford, current chairman of the Cohasset School Building and Facilities Committee, kicked off his campaign for Cohasset Board of Selectmen on Sunday, Jan. 11 at the South Shore Arts Center.

"People that know me understand that public service is very important to me and my family," said Spofford, "This is a commitment that I have never taken lightly and I look forward to bringing this energy to the Board of Selectmen."

Spofford also took the opportunity to introduce his campaign leadership team. Led by co-campaign managers Lisa Hewitt Dick and Susan Biddle Jaffe, the group also includes School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo, Lisa Pratt, Dan Evans, Coleman Nee and Campaign Treasurer Debbie Shadd.

Catering for the event was done locally by Emily Malone Catering.

Persons interested in getting involved with the campaign should call Lisa Hewitt 781-383-0204 or Susan Jaffe 781-383-9858.

Ford pledges to grow GOP from unenrolled

Conley Ford, candidate for Republican State Committeeman in Sen. Bob Hedlund's district, pledges to recruit unenrolled and new voters to the Republican Party.

"Just imagine on Super Bowl Sunday – the majority of seats in Houston's Reliant Stadium filled with people that aren't rooting for either side," Ford says.

That's what's happening in Massachusetts which has 2 million unenrolled voters — more than half all registered voters. "We have to get the unenrolled enthused about government and registering Republican," Ford says. "We have to connect the disconnected – the future of the state depends on it."

"Today, Republicans aren't players. We're not even in the ball game," Ford says. "That has got to change. We need to be the party that runs with the ball."

"Without more Republicans, we have no defense against more unnecessary spending and higher taxes."

To contact Ford, email: cfordcon@comcast.net or call 781-545-0054.

Fogarty announces her campaign team

Candidate for Republican State Committeewoman, Janet R. Fogarty, has announced her campaign team.

Campaign Manager is her brother, Thomas Fogarty of Cohasset. Public Relations Director is former State Rep. candidate, Mary Anne McKenna of Hingham. Information/Direct Mail Manager is former State Rep. candidate, Nathaniel Palmer of Cohasset. Cohasset Town Committee Chairman, Kevin O'Donnell, will serve as Town Committee Coordinator throughout the District. Campaign Treasurer is Christine Fogarty of Cohasset.. Former State Rep. candidate Victor Pap III of Weymouth is the North Field Coordinator for Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, and Weymouth. South Field Coordinator for Marshfield, Duxbury, Scituate, and Norwell is David Farrag of Cohasset, Vice Chair of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee and President of the Norfolk County Republican Club and Dottie Leach of Scituate assisting. Constituent Relations Director is Elizabeth Rech of Hingham. Event Managers are Heather Palmer and Martha Gjesteby of Cohasset.

Logan has legion of local supporters

Republicans combining decades of hard work both on behalf of their towns and in support of GOP candidates have joined the steering committee to re-elect State Committeewoman Paula E. "Polly" Logan, current Vice President of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee.

These include long-time Town Moderator and former Cohasset Town Republican Committee Chair Bill Weeks; Cohasset Art Center board member and also a former Cohasset Republican Town Committee Chair, Julie Guild; Cohasset Historical Society member Lou Harvey; former Advisory Board member and attorney Dan Evans; Republican Town Committee member, Jamie Williams; Molly and Wigmore Pierson; and Murray Campbell, Town Committee member and a director of the Lightkeepers Association.

Other former chairs of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee supporting Logan include Louis Eaton, John Flanagan and Jill O'Donnell.

Those wishing to help on or make contributions to the Logan campaign may email pollylogan@comcast.net or log onto the we site: www.gopolly.com

Pap bows out of GOP state committee race

After submitting the signatures needed to get on the ballot for Republican State Committee in the March 2 election, Victor Pap of Weymouth, local Republican activist has taken his name out of the running and has thrown his support behind John Cafferty of Hingham. "I met with John and we share the same vision for South Shore Republicans," noted Pap, a former candidate for state representative.

As a native of the largest town in the district that also includes Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Duxbury, Marshfield, Scituate and Norwell Pap said he had the slight advantage, in the expected low-voter turnout race.

"Victor would've won hands down had he stayed in the race," says Republican state representative candidate Doug Veeder of Weymouth.

The election will be held during the presidential primary on March 2, and an upcoming debate is scheduled for 7 p.m., Jan. 26 at the Scituate Public Library.

In budget disputes, Democrats are the ones in the driver's seat

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

House Speaker Thomas Finneran told his members the first step they should take to stimulate the economy in 2004 is to undo the work of Mitt Romney, and the response was thunderous applause.

It was the opening of a year-long argument. While the governor, back from his holiday vacation, expressed optimism that he and the Legislature can get a lot accomplished together, the focus this year is likely to be on what the two parties (in several senses of that word) accomplish separately.

The priorities themselves don't quite add up. Romney has promised to hold education and homelessness programs harmless in his budget, due out next week and always the main focus of contention as the Democrats and Republicans struggle for power.

At the same time Romney is promising to keep education at least level-funded, the Speaker is calling for a big new early childhood education initiative, but also warning darkly about difficult choices.

Finneran is no doubt waiting to see how Romney keeps all his spending pledges while also keeping the no-new-taxes one. And of course, there's the back-and-forth over the economic stimulus bill.

Both sides say job creation is goal number one this year, yet Romney axed half of the stimulus bill Democrats sent him in November, and the Democrats gave no indication that they seriously considered the merits of the governor's objections before announcing they plan to reverse his vetoes.

Overriding vetoes is pretty much the exact opposite of cooperation. In part this can be explained by a disagreement over the state's revenue performance. When Republicans are hoping to preserve programs without raising taxes, they tend to be become the fiscally — well, not exactly liberal — let's say the fiscally cheerful party. This has now occurred.

Generally speaking, it's the Democrats who are cautioning of a $2 billion spending gap ahead while the Republicans say it's closer to $1 billion. And indeed word came that revenues were up again, $60 million or 4.3 percent over last year, and now stand $356 million ahead of benchmarks. But in his address, Finneran warned of dark, difficult times ahead once the House begins amending Romney's budget line items.

In these disputes, for now, the Democrats are in complete control. As has been the case since 1992, the Republican governor can really only ask and posture, because in practice the numbers don't allow Republicans victory on any important item. To correct that situation, Romney has publicly promised to do all he can to elect more Republicans to the House and Senate, a process that by its nature involves making the incumbent look so bad that the votes turn out to remove him or her from office.

Safe to say: the incumbents (86 percent of them Democrats) are not thinking, "I'm so looking forward to working with the governor this year to help him achieve his political, professional and personal objectives!"

This is at least as important a consideration this year as any revenue number or policy proposal. So cooperation may be a bit much to expect. The Democrats have the votes to pass enough big items on their own to avoid any accusations of gridlock or do-nothingness, defusing the urgency behind appeals to throw the bums out.

Finneran did strike one note of willingness to cooperate with Romney, pledging to work with the Romney team and the Senate to pass a major revision of the state's rules on affordable housing creation, so more people can afford to live in more communities in Massachusetts.

But that's theoretical, and agreement on a housing plan has already long since been promised but not achieved. The reality is how the speaker chose to open his speech, and what the House really has decided to do.

That's to criticize the governor, then exercise its partisan power to defeat him.

• *Finneran details objectives, but stays silent on marriage*

In his speech, the speaker made four main points:

— The House will override at least some of Romney's vetoes in the economic stimulus package because overrides are necessary if the state is "serious" about job creation.

— The state should triple its investment in early childhood education, even if other programs have to be trimmed to do so. The federal government will help pay for the expansion, Finneran later said.

— He pledged to work cooperatively with the governor on reforming the housing laws.

— He called for creation of a trust "over the next few months" to pay for the development and maintenance of the Rose Kennedy Greenway, the 30-acre swatch of urban green due to emerge when the old Central Artery is demolished along Boston's waterfront.

The overriding theme was children: how the House can act this year to provide Massachusetts kids with a good education, a good job and the chance to buy a good home. But in laying out his thoughts about 2004, the speaker was silent on perhaps the highest-visibility issue of all this year: gay marriage.

• *Weld, Harshbarger weigh in on marriage question*— Former Gov. William F. Weld and some of the heaviest hitters in Massachusetts' jurisprudence issued a letter urging lawmakers to allow recognition of same-sex couples. Drafted by Laurence Tribe, a constitutional scholar at Harvard Law School, the letter was cosigned by Renee Landers, the president of the Boston Bar Association, and former Attorneys General James Shannon and Scott Harshbarger. Both Speaker Finneran and Senate President Robert Travaglini said the letter is likely to have some effect on lawmakers' thinking, but ultimately the question is one of individual conscience and will be decided that way.

• *Reilly appeals auto insurance decision* — Attorney General Thomas Reilly filed a suit asking the courts here to rescind the insurance commissioner's decree that auto insurance rates should rise 2.5 percent this year. Reilly said the commissioner used faulty methodology in setting the new rates, specifically: "the (Division of Insurance) did not have a reasonable basis to adopt a new underwriting profit model that leaves consumers paying about $80 million more than the method that had been in place for the previous 20 years."

• *AG says he should get jurisdiction over securities cases* — Secretary of State William Galvin has been getting a lot of favorable press lately for his efforts to fight abuses in the mutual fund industry — the latest being a wind-blown, Gary Cooper-esque photo shot in the Financial District and running in this month's Boston Magazine. But Attorney General Reilly suggested securities regulation actually ought to be shared by the attorney general's office. Cynics suggested that perhaps Reilly simply wanted a piece of the media action as he positions himself for 2006, but the AG said it's clumsy and costly for his office to have to work through the Secretary of State's office to prosecute evildoing financiers.

• *Rallies keep gay marriage at top of agenda* — Both rallying groups claimed to be supporting marriage, and each had a different message. Last week, a coalition assembled by the Massachusetts Family Institute argued allowing same-sex couples to wed would be one more step in the degradation of marriage as an institution.

The group called for a constitutional amendment specifically banning same-sex marriage. Last Thursday, about 1,000 supporters of same-sex marriage rallied against that amendment, and urged the Legislature to heed the Supreme Judicial Court decision that found, under the current Constitution, that same-sex couples must be legally recognized in order to remove "second-class citizen" status from gays and lesbians.

• *SJC rules in favor of senate's election date* — The justices of the Supreme Judicial Court decided there's nothing in the Constitution to prevent the Senate from setting an election date to fill a vacancy that hasn't occurred yet. When the Senate in November set March 2 as the date for a special election to choose the successor to former Sen. Cheryl Jacques, Republicans sued, claiming it's not allowed because the vacancy was not due to take effect until Jan. 4. Republicans were especially distraught that the election will be tilted in favor of the Democrats, because more Democrats than Republicans will be motivated to vote in Super Tuesday's high-visibility presidential primary. Chief Justice Margaret Marshall said during hearings on the matter that the scheduling may not be fair; the ruling showed the court does not equate unfair with unconstitutional.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on three roll calls from prior sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

All three roll calls are on proposed amendments to legislation making changes in the state's unemployment insurance system. The bill increases the unemployment insurance tax paid by employers to fund the unemployment trust fund that provides benefits to laid-off workers. Estimates of the increase range from $450 million to $578 million. Other provisions include higher tax rates for employers who frequently lay off workers and lower rates for those that do not; a reduction from 30 to 26 in the number of weeks laid-off workers can collect benefits when the unemployment rate is below 5.1 percent; and stronger anti-fraud measures. Supporters argued that these reforms will combat fraud and said that the increased taxes are fair and necessary to prevent the insolvency of the fund. They noted that without legislative action, an automatic scheduled hike of $610 million would take effect on January 1 and would not include any reforms of the system. Opponents argued the bill would make Massachusetts' unemployment insurance costs the highest in the nation, encourage employers to move out of state and result in the loss of tens of thousands of jobs. They said that the bill puts the entire new burden on businesses and expressed support for Gov. Romney's plan that takes a balanced approach by sharing the burden between businesses and employees.

DETERMINING 5.1 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (S 2150)

House 40-119, rejected an amendment changing a section of the bill that triggers a reduction from 30 to 26 weeks in the length of time a laid off worker is eligible to collect benefits when the unemployment rate falls to 5.1 percent in each of the state's ten metropolitan statistical areas. The amendment would trigger the reduction to 26 weeks when the statewide unemployment rate dips to 5.1 percent. Amendment supporters said the unemployment rate has only dipped to 5.1 percent in each individual area once in the last ten years and argued that using the ten areas is a ploy to ensure that the benefit period is rarely, if ever, reduced to 26 weeks. They said it would be unfair for the benefit period to remain at 30 weeks while unemployment is low across the state but remains at 5.2 percent in one area. Amendment opponents said that using ten areas is a fairer system that protects workers. They argued that if a statewide basis is used, workers in an area with very high unemployment would see their benefit period reduced simply because the less relevant state average falls to 5.1 percent. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment that uses a statewide average. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment and favors using the ten metropolitan statistical areas).

INCREASE NUMBER OF WEEKS FROM 15 TO 17 FOR ELIGIBILITY (S 2150)

House 36-122, rejected an amendment increasing from 15 to 17 weeks the minimum period of time an employee must work in order to be eligible to collect unemployment benefits. Amendment supporters said Massachusetts is one of only five states that require 15 weeks or less. They argued that the hike to 17 would save employers some $30 million and require workers to shoulder some of the burden in fixing the broken unemployment system. Amendment opponents said the increase is unfair and would hurt many seasonal employees. They argued it would also affect many women who exhaust their welfare benefits, find a short term job and are unable to collect either welfare or unemployment benefits when they are laid off. (A "Yea" vote is for the increase from 15 to 17 weeks. A "Nay" vote is against the increase).

REDUCE BENEFIT PERIOD IF TAXES ARE RAISED IN EMERGENCY (S 2150)

House 25-133, rejected an amendment to a provision in the bill that allows the director of the department of labor to raise the taxes paid by employers if the solvency of the unemployment fund and/or the continuation of payments to laid off workers is in jeopardy. The amendment would also automatically trigger a reduction from 30 to 26 in the number of weeks of benefits a laid off worker can collect. Amendment supporters said this would ensure that employees shoulder some of the burden if the fund is in jeopardy. Amendment opponents said the fund would likely be insolvent only during a high unemployment period and argued that such a period would not be a wise time to reduce unemployment benefits. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment reducing the collection period from 30 to 26 weeks if the director raises taxes. A "Nay" vote is against the reduction from 30 to 26 weeks).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

REPORT FIRES IN SCHOOLS (S 1372)- The House gave initial approval to a Senate-approved bill requiring all public and private school principals to immediately report to the local fire department any incident involving the unauthorized ignition of any fire in the school building. The report is required regardless of the size of the fire or whether there was a response by the fire department. Supporters cite the case of a student who set a small fire that was not reported to the fire department. They argued that the same student's setting of a second, larger fire could have been prevented if the first one was reported and the child received help through the cooperation of the fire department and school officials.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

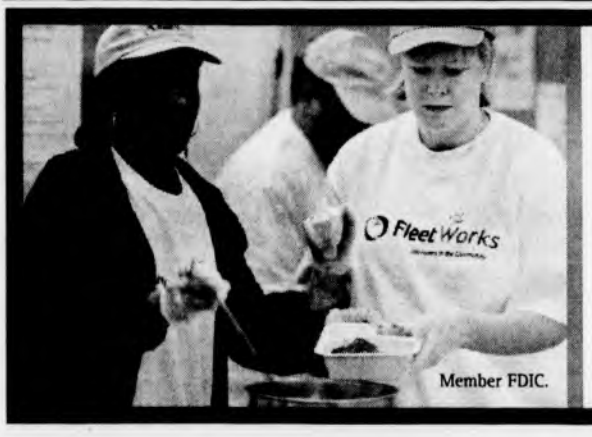


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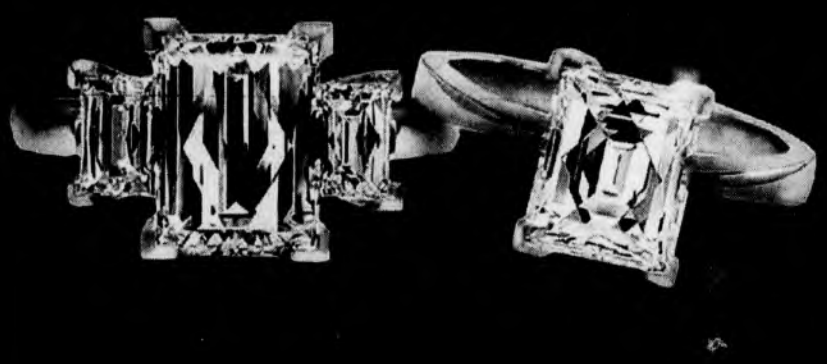
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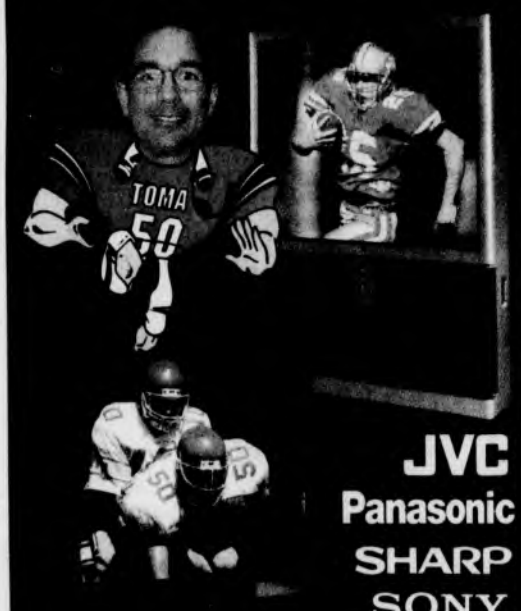
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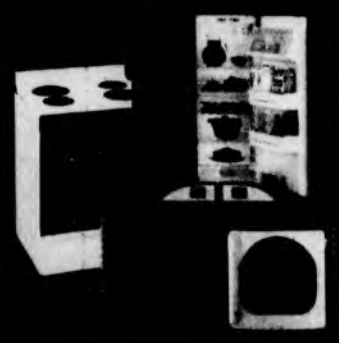
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One up, one down

Lady hoopsters bounce back with win after tough Abington loss

By Evan Deutsch
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After an attention-getting 4 and 0 start, the Cohasset girls varsity basketball team has skidded slightly into some tough January competition. Overall, the Lady Skippers remain at a respectable 5-2 record.

First place Abington added a digit to the Cohasset loss column on Jan. 9 when the Green Wave squad pummeled Cohasset. Despite a home court advantage, the Lady Skippers saw their game evaporate into a painful 59-33 outcome.

Cohasset head coach John Levangie made no excuses.

"Compared to Cohasset, Abington showed more experience on the court," he said. "We couldn't match them. We just didn't click, and wound up losing."

Two factors contributing significantly to the Cohasset difficulties were the absence of point guard Jen Buckley and Chelsea Grossman fouling out of the game.

"This was a tough game for me and the rest of the team," Nicole Whitney noted. "We did our very best to stick with it, but we just couldn't put the points on the board."

Other members of the team felt Whitney underestimated the value of her own contribution. Many of her teammates talked of Nicole's valiant effort to defend against Green Wave superstar Erin Curran.

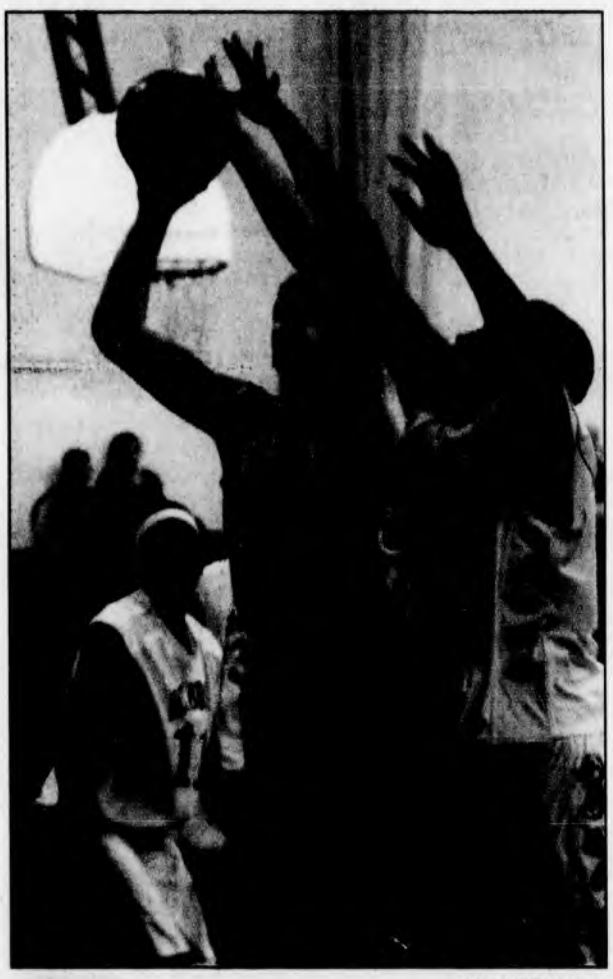
The tables turned abruptly and

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Ashley Faber (#31) and Chelsea Grossman (#44) try to pull the ball away from Abington's Meg Farrell in South Shore League showdown last week.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Dan Tarpey goes strong to the hole in recent non-league tilt with Holbrook. For CHS boys basketball report, see page 17.

Two out of three ain't great

CHS grapplers disappointed over loss to Duxbury

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One wouldn't think the flip of a coin would have much bearing on a wrestling meet, but it can and, in fact, it did in Duxbury's 40-27 win over Cohasset Saturday.

By winning the pre-match coin flip, Duxbury was able to set it's odd weight match-ups after Cohasset, and this allowed the Dragons coach to set a favorable lineup against what the Skippers were showing. Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney didn't want to use that as an excuse for the loss, but he did concede the Dragons were able to arrange three distinct advantages thanks to the way the coin landed.

"The way we were wrestling, it might not have made a difference in the end," said Sweeney. "I was hoping our guys would step it up against Duxbury, but we didn't have a great match."

Fortunately, the Skippers were able to salvage wins in the other two head-to-head meeting at Saturday's quad match at Holliston, topping Barnstable, 48-33, and the host Panthers, 51-18, to improve to 7-2 on the season.

The Skippers were paced on the day by three triple winners.

Junior Matt Baroudi, a New England finalist last year, had two pins at 215 pounds, but the win everyone was buzzing over was his come from behind third period victory over Holliston's Matt Culley. Culley was ranked ahead of Baroudi prior to the match, but the CHS standout has now been bumped ahead of him to number three in the state.

Junior Joe Kehoe (140) and senior captain Phil Strazzulla (145) had one pin each among their three wins.

There were also three double winners, with junior Kevin Dinsmore's story being the most noteworthy among this trio's.

Wrestling at 125, Dinsmore bested his Duxbury counterpart and then stunned Holliston's Jim Dickson, ranked 10th in the state, with a dominant 16-5 win. Dinsmore then "bumped up" to face top 130-pound standout Barnstable grappler Joe Sanz and had the lead on him until he was reversed with five seconds to go in the match.

"Kevin had a whale of a day," noted Sweeney. "I bumped him up because I wanted to see what he'd do against that kind of competition, and he did a great

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Gymnasts stay perfect

Norwell-Cohasset squad improves to 4-0 with win over Carver

By Mike Spellman
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The Norwell-Cohasset gymnastics team improved to 4-0 with a 124.6-112.9 win over Carver on the road Monday.

Norwell junior Jenn Guiney won the all-around with a score of 31.0 to pace the victory, and senior captain Samantha Rosen, of Norwell, was second in the all-around, doing a solid job filling in for ailing standout Nancy Durkin, a Cohasset junior.

Guiney took third in the floor (8.7) and seconds on the uneven bars (8.1) and vault (7.8), while Rosen took a first on vault (8.1). The bars score was a personal best.

Durkin did return after missing last Thursday's meet with Duxbury to compete in three events. The CHS junior won both the floor exercise (8.7) and bars (8.6), setting a new personal best with the latter score.

Coach Kara Connerty expects to have Durkin back competing in the all-around competition when the Nor-Cohs face Hingham tonight at home (Mass. Gym in Hingham 7 p.m. start).

Norwell sophomore Erin Kelly won the beam with a 7.7, set a personal best in the bars (8.0) to take third and had a strong fourth place performance on floor (7.9).

Kiersten Shontz chipped in third place points for her 7.7 on vault.

"I'm happy with where we are right now at 4-0," said coach Connerty. ""Hingham should give us a good test. I'm looking forward to tat one. It'll be the mid-point of the season."

The Nor-Cohs will play the same five Pilgrim Conference rivals over the second half of the season, beginning with next Tuesday's hosting of Randolph.

Icemen pull even

Win over Hull lifts CHS hockey team to magic .500 mark

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Even up. That's the only statline that matters at this time for the Cohasset High hockey team.

Six games into his tenure, Skippers head coach Ben Virga still does not now quite what to make of his team, which checks into this week with a record of 2-2-2, but he's certain he'll have a much better idea by this time a week from now, when his charges have completed their first run through the South Shore League.

"We've seen the so called better teams in the league in Abington and Norwell now, and even though we've lost to them, I feel like we can play with them next time if we play to our potential," said Virga, who served as an assistant hockey coach last winter at Milton High. "We've got games coming up with the three teams in our league we haven't seen yet. We'll see if we're also-rans or legitimate contenders for the league championship in those ones. If we can win those games, I think we've got a good shot at playing for a league championship."

The Skippers will host Mashpee tomorrow night at Hingham's Pilgrim Arena (6:50 p.m. start), travel to Harwich on Saturday night (8 p.m. start) and host Carver on Wednesday at Pilgrim (5:40 p.m. start) to finish up the first go-round through the South Shore League slate.

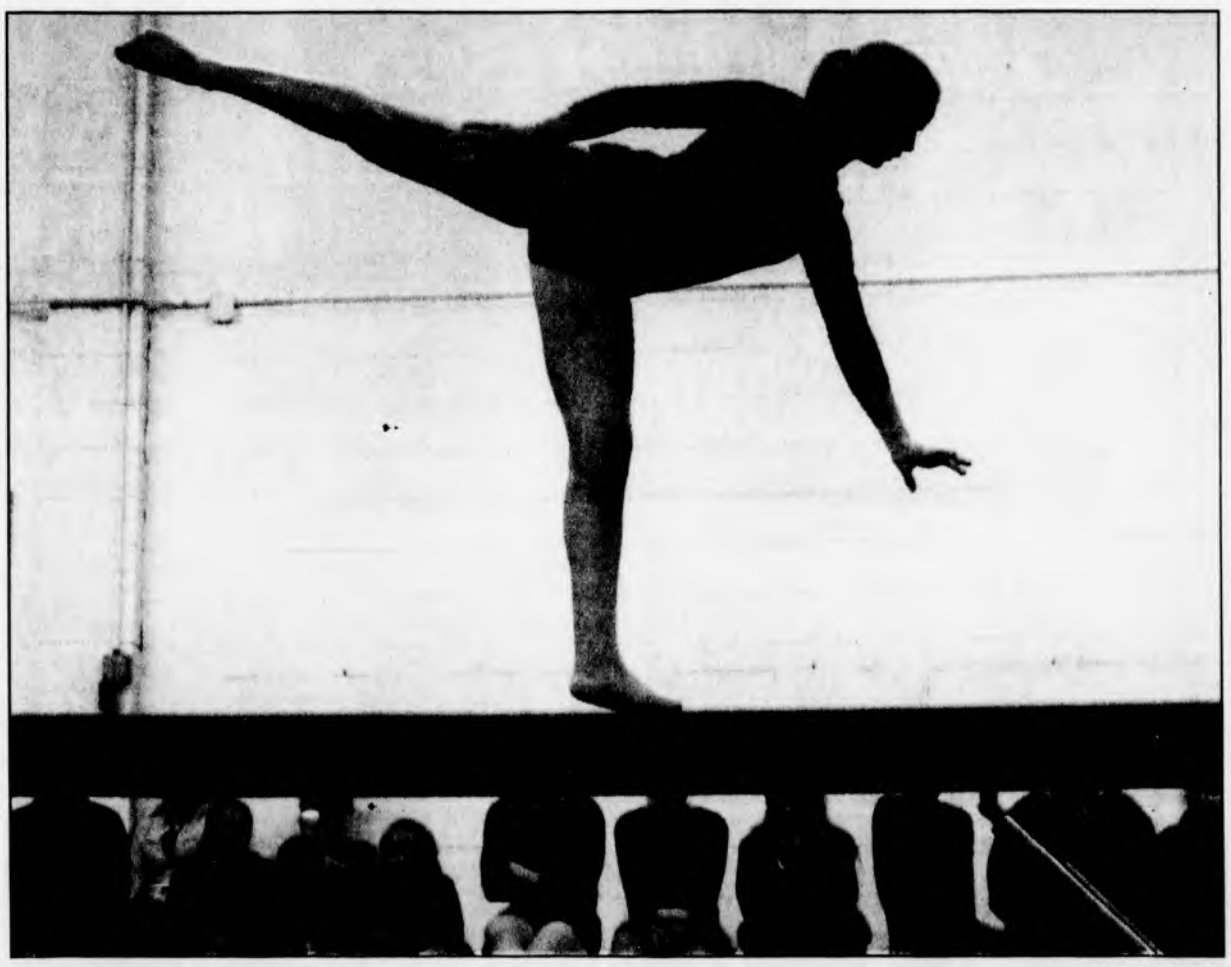
With a 7-0 win over South Shore League rival Hull on Saturday night at Pilgrim Arena, the Skippers pulled even to the magic .500 mark at 2-2-2. This was the CHS squad's first victory since its season opening 4-2 decision over Scituate on Dec. 13.

While Virga openly admits he is still "feeling out" his team to some extent, he is clearly a lot happier with what he's seen over the last few games.

"I think since the end of the Norwell game, we've been picking it up," asserted Virga, referring to the disheartening 5-0 loss to the Clippers on Jan. 3. "I thought we played very well in Abington, but just ran into some tough luck and a good goaltender, and then we did some good things against Hull."

The Skippers are a much younger team than their two pri-

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Rachel Thomas performs on the beam during last week's win over Hanover.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset junior Matt Baroudi (right) swept all three of his matches at the Holliston quad-meet this Saturday, including a come from behind third period victory over Holliston's state ranked Matt Culley.

Two out of three ain't great

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job."

Sophomore Dave McKenna had two pins at 135 and Matt Casey had a pin and a decision for his two wins at 160.

Freshman Adam Smith (130) won his first varsity match, and his fellow frosh Tim Toomey fought from his back to stay alive in the first period and an 8-0 deficit in the second to notch a pin.

Solo wins were also recorded by sophomore Jake Watts at 103 (by pin), Pat O'Brien at 171 and junior Colin Regan at 145.

There were also a handful of forfeits mixed in the Barnstable and Holliston matches, so several Cohasset wrestlers did not get the chance to wrestle more than once or twice.

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The Skippers also notched an 18-0 win over an undermanned Hull squad last Friday.

The visiting Pirates had only four wrestlers available for the bout, and Cohasset grapplers won all four matches.

John Keniley had a pin at 152, as did Watts at 103. Pat O'Brien won at 171 and freshman Myles Collins-Wooley (140) won his first match first varsity by a score of 8-6.

The Skipper grapplers traveled to Norwell last night and will host their annual tournament this Saturday. The Cohasset Tourney, which will feature 12 teams (Brockton, Duxbury, Hingham, Hanover, Hull, Holbrook, Norwell, Marshfield, Scituate, Rockland, Lynnfield and host Cohasset), will start at 10 a.m. The finals in the 14 weight classes are tentatively slated to begin at 5 p.m..

Icemen pull even

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mary rivals, Abington and Norwell. Virga uses only three seniors and four juniors in his top 19 rotation, and he is doing his best to keep that in mind at all times.

"Abington had 13 seniors on its roster and Norwell has mostly upperclassmen on the ice too," said Virga. "Our learning curve is a little greater; that's a fact of life."

Whichever way it goes, the coach insists he is extremely pleased with the work ethic and attitude of his charges, as well as the atmosphere fostered around the team.

"Honestly, I have never worked with a better group of kids," said Virga. "They're a hard working group who listen to me. The parents, the community and the school have been extremely supportive. I can't ask for anymore than this."

Abington 4, Skippers 2

The Skippers out-shot Abington 32-22 in last Wednesday's 4-2 loss on the road, including 12-6 in the third period. Senior Rob Carpenter scored both goals in that game for Cohasset.

Carpenter's first goal tied the game at 1-1 early in the second period, with sophomores Matt O'Connell and Mark Bouchard. Abington re-took the lead a few minutes later, but Carpenter answered that late in the middle frame on a nice solo effort.

"I think Robbie is playing as well as any forward in our league right now," said Virga of Carpenter. "He has the talent to dominate, and he's really picked it up the last few games."

Unfortunately, the host Green Wave would score the gamewinner midway through the third and add an empty -netter with 10 seconds to play.

Skippers 7, Hull 0

Sophomore Mark Bouchard scored the only goal the Skippers would need a mere 97 seconds into these proceedings. Junior defenseman Tim Pilczak and senior captains Mike Devine and Mike Rasmussen would score before the end of the first period, which saw Cohasset out-shoot the Pirates by a staggering 21-2 margin.

Rasmussen and Carpenter scored unassisted goals in the second period, allowing Virga to use pretty much the entire third period as an extended audition for third and fourth liners and other reserves. Sophomore Brandon Smith, a semi-regular on the third line this season, netted his first goal of the campaign in the third to close out the scoring.

O'Connell finished with three assists and sophomore Stefan Parnell made six saves for his first shutout of the season.

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Hoping to spark things offensively, Virga juggled his lines prior to the Hull game.

The most noteworthy element of the change was the move of returning league all-star defenseman Mike Devine to forward for the first time in his career.

For the time being, the slick -skating and offensively gifted Devine will skate on the right wing with Rasmussen as his center and O'Connell on the left.

"I felt we needed a little more size and speed up front, and Mike is an extremely talented offensive player," explained Virga. "I think his addition to the frontline gives us, potentially, two very good scoring lines."

The other "scoring line" features Carpenter in the middle, with Ted Straughn on his right and Bouchard on the left.

The third line, for now, has sophomore Ben Libby centering junior Mark Davis and freshman Austen Lanzillotti.

The coach is quick to point out he never would have considered this move had it not been for the steadily improving play of junior defensemen Pilczak, Joe Durkin and Crandon Leahy. The former two were regulars in the blue line rotation last year and have developed as hoped, but Leahy has been the really pleasant surprise.

"I'm gaining more and more confidence in those three guys," said Virga. "Crandon started late because of football going long, but he's bene pickign things up unbelievably over the last few weeks. His progress has made it a lot easier to move (Devine) up front."

These three have been seeing the bulk of the action on defense, but juniors Mark Donovan and freshman Conor Holway have also seen an increase in their roles of late. And freshman Zack Murray is another candidate for minutes, according to Virga.

You missed lacrosse registration!

Late sign-ups available

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is accepting late registrations in order to flesh out its rosters and to make more playing opportunities available for local athletes.

The lacrosse organization held its annual registration on January 10, reaching its optimum roster size for all but one age level, the seventh- and eighth grade girls.

But the group will start a waiting list for players who missed sign-up and the addition of enough names to that list would allow Cohasset Youth Lacrosse to create additional teams.

"We're at our ideal roster sizes, but if there are enough late registrants, we could expand the program and add an additional team or two," said CYL organizer Chuck Jaffe. "In the past, we have had to turn kids away. This year, we have enough coaches so that we could expand further if needed. We'd like to accommodate as many children as possible."

Jaffe noted that the program can only add teams until Feb. 1 in order to accommodate the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League's scheduling process. That being the case, late registrations will be taken through Feb. 1.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse serves boys and girls in grades 3 through 8. Girls in grades 3 and 4 play in a weekly clinic, while all other age groups play in the Mass Bay league.

Late registration for youth lacrosse costs $200, which includes the $65 late fee. The cost for the grade 3-4 girls clinic is $90.

For information or to register your child, contact Jaffe at 781-383-9858 or cajaffe@aol.com

Sci-Coh swimmers make big splash to open season

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Scituate-Cohasset High swim team began its season with two meets last week versus Nauset and Nantucket High School.

The team of 22, with a majority of underclassmen, has been practicing hard for a month at the MDC pool in Weymouth. Led by fifth year coach Jami Kearney, the team is looking strong for a team of only two seniors and four juniors. This year's loss of 19 seniors has affected the team quite a bit. However, there are many promising freshmen and sophomores stepping up to support the team for several years to come.

The team competed in their first dual meet on Jan. 6 versus the Nauset Warriors. The Scituate-Cohasset Swim Team, also known as "the Sci-Cohs," had a 2 and 1/2 hour bus ride each way to Nauset's pool on the Cape. Despite their arduous trek, the swimmers did quite well. The Sci-Cohs finished with five first places, six second places, nine third places and seven fourth places, accumulating many points for the team. However, the Warriors outlasted them for the win.

At 7 a.m. on Saturday morning, 16 swimmers piled on a bus headed for Hyannis. From there, the team continued to take an hour-long ferry ride to Nantucket, where they would face the Nantucket Whalers. The Sci-Cohs had an amazing meet, breaking seven team records. Five of the seven were broken by the team's sophomores and freshmen.

Saturday's meet was the first of the season which included the diving competition. Nauset's pool didn't have a diving board. Nevertheless, diver Becky Keys placed first against eight other divers from Nantucket. Keys, a junior at SHS, and fellow diver Darin Webster travel to Sandwich High School twice a week to practice their dives.

The diving portion of the meet was assisted by former Sci-Coh team member Sara Duggan. Duggan, a graduate of the Scituate High School Class of 2001, attends the University of Vermont as a junior. She continues to dive competitively for UVM.

Although the Sci-Cohs made an incredible effort, they were defeated by the Whalers, making their season record 0-2. Their next meet was scheduled for yesterday at Barnstable High.

The complete results of last week's meets are listed below.

Nauset

Girls 200 yard Medley Relay
2nd Place- Jenny Driscoll, Liz Tierney, Alyssa Rogers, Becky Keys
4th Place- Jenn Noonan, Kerry Sorensen, Roxanne, Alissa
Boys 200 yard Medley Relay
3rd Place- Bill Grace, Justin Damaso, James Smith, Brendan Harris
Girls 200 yard Freestyle
3rd Place Jenny Driscoll
4th Place Delia Regan
Girls 200-yd Indiv. Medley
3rd Place Maura Whalen
4th Place Sheelah Scott
Girls 50 yard Freestyle
3rd Place Becky Keys
4th Place Liz Tierney
Boys 50 yard Freestyle
1st Place James Smith
4th Place Justin Damaso
Girls 100 yard Butterfly
3rd Place Alyssa Rogers
Girls 100 yard Freestyle
2nd Place Jenny Driscoll
3rd Place Becky Keys
Boys 100 yard Freestyle
3rd Place Bill Grace
4th Place Brendan Harris
Girls 500 yard Freestyle
3rd Place Maura Whalen
Girls 200-yd Freestyle Relay
2nd Place Jenn Noonan, Kerry Sorensen, Sheelah Scott, Liz Tierney
4th Place Jess Beck, Roxanne Tehrania, Ashley Swanson, Lindsay Ralston
Boys 200-yd Freestyle Relay
3rd Place Bill Grace, Justin Damaso, James Smith, Brendan Harris
Girls 100 yard Backstroke
1st Place Alyssa Rogers
2nd Place Alissa Jones
Girls 100 yard Breaststroke
1st Place Liz Tierney
2nd Place Kerry Sorensen
Boys 100 yard Breaststroke
1st Place James Smith
Girls 400-yd Freestyle Relay
1st Place Becky Keys, Jenny Driscoll, Delia Regan, Maura Whalen
2nd Place Alissa Jones, Jenn Noonan, Ashley Swanson, Lindsay Ralston

Nantucket

Girls 200-yd Medley Relay
2nd Place Jenny Driscoll, Liz Tierney, Alyssa Rogers, Delia Regan
4th Place Alissa Jones, Kerry Sorensen, Roxanne Tehrania, Ashley Swanson
Girls 200 yard Freestyle
3rd Place Sheelah Scott
Girls 50 yard Freestyle
3rd Place Jenn Noonan
4th Place Liz Tierney
Boys 50 yard Freestyle
3rd Place Justin Damaso
4th Place Bill Grace
Girls 1 Meter Diving
1st Place Becky Keys
Forward dive 1/2 twist straight position
Inward one somersault tuck position
Forward one somersault with one twist
Back dive straight position
Inward dive pike position
Forward one and 1/2 somersault pike position
Boys 100 yard Butterfly
2nd Place James Smith
Girls 100 yard Freestyle
3rd Place Becky Keys
4th Place Sarah Thibeault
Boys 100 yard Freestyle
4th Place Bill Grace
Girls 500 yard Freestyle
2nd Place Maura Whalen
Girls 200-yd Freestyle Relay
2nd Place Jenny Driscoll, Becky Keys, Jenn Noonan, Sheelah Scott
4th Place Alissa Jones, Kerry Sorensen, Lindsay Ralston, Sarah
Girls 100 yard Backstroke
1st Place Alyssa Rogers
Girls 100 yard Breaststroke
1st Place Jenny Driscoll
2nd Place •Kerry Sorensen
Boys 100 yard Breaststroke
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1st Place Becky Keys, Maura Whalen, Jenn Noonan, Delia Regan
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The swimmers that broke team records at the Nantucket meet were:

Bill Grace in the 100 freestyle

Maura Whalen in the 500 freestyle

Jenny Driscoll, Becky Keys, Jenn Noonan and Sheelah Scott in the 200 freestyle relay

Alyssa Rogers in the 100 backstroke

Jenny Driscoll in the girls 100 breaststroke

James Smith in the boys 100 breaststroke

Becky Keys, Maura Whalen, Jenn Noonan and Delia Regan in the 400 freestyle relay

CHS spirit items for sale

Cohasset High Spirit items are for sale right now through the high school. Blankets are $50, flags $45 and beach towels $20. Purchases can be made through Athletic Director Ron Ford (781-383-6103). CHS is in session until Dec. 23.

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Green Wave washes over Skippers

Poor shooting does in boys hoop squad at Abington

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset boys basketball team knew what was coming Friday night against Abington.

The scouting report on the Green Wave noted how they come fast and strong right out of the gate. Unfortunately for the Skippers, that is exactly what they did.

Abington started the game with a 17-6 run and never looked back, taking a 60-41 victory in the South Shore League contest.

Cohasset center Sean Connolly was the only offensive threat for Cohasset in the first half, as he scored eight of the team's 15 points in the frame, including their first six. The senior was able to put back offensive rebounds and made a couple nice post moves, as he shot 4-for-5 from the floor in the half.

Not much else went right, however, for the Skippers. The Abington players ran when they could, and had several solid half-court sets with excellent ball movement. The result was a lot of lay-ups and open shots, and the Green Wave made their share.

Senior Brian McSharry and junior Jon Conway led the way for the home team with 11 and 10 points, respectively, in the first half. McSharry, a 6-foot-2 forward, brought the relatively large crowd to their feet with a one-handed dunk off a fast break that gave Abington the lead for good just a few minutes into the game.

Conway led all scorers with 17 points for the night, while McSharry had 15.

Connolly led Cohasset with 14, while fellow senior Chris Bilodeau had 12. For head coach Ron Ford's team, however, it was not enough.

"We certainly didn't play well in those first eight minutes," Ford said. "That was the best game we've seen Abington play. They dominated the game."

After falling behind early, the Skippers tried to get back in the game with the three-point shot, but they were not successful. Cohasset shot 1-for-12 from behind the arc in the first half, 3-for-21 for the game.

For the most part, the second half was similar to the first. The Green Wave came out strong once again, starting the half with a 10-2 run to give them the biggest lead of the game at 40-17.

At that point, Ford called a timeout, and for a couple minutes it seemed like whatever he said to the team in the huddle might just turn the game around. Cohasset came out with a 6-0 run of its own, sparked by a Trevor Brady three and a steal and a basket from point guard John Andrade.

The Skippers went into a press that worked very effectively, forcing Abington into 15 second-half turnovers.

Cohasset's problem was turning those turnovers into points. The shots simply were not falling for the Skippers on this night, and on a couple occasions they turned the ball right back over to Abington.

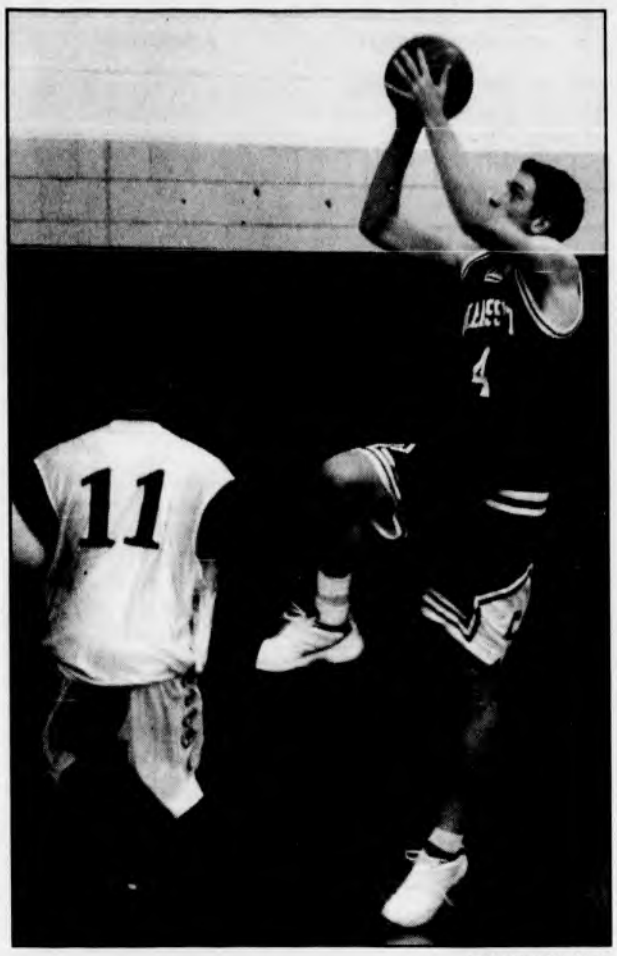
And, as Ford noted after the game, the Green Wave were able to make his team pay when the press did not work.

"They burned us when we didn't get the steal," he said.

Andrade played one of his best games of the young season, scoring seven points and playing solid defense. Abington's guards were not able to get much dribble penetration, forcing them to do a lot of passing around the perimeter.

Unfortunately for Cohasset, a lot of passes found open shooters on the wing or in the paint area, as Abington shot the ball well all night long. The Green Wave (6-2 overall, 3-1 league) came into the game as the second best team in the South Shore League, behind Norwell.

Cohasset, meanwhile, started the week 2-5, and 0-2 in the league. They have a couple chances to improve that mark this week, as they played Carver at home on Tuesday and will take on travel to Harwich Friday night. The Skippers will then spend the night on the Cape and play at Cape Cod Tech Saturday



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset center Sean Connolly scored 15 points and seemed to be the only offensive threat for the Skippers in their 60-41 loss to Abington on Friday.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Chelsea Grossman (#44) goes strong to the hoop during last Friday's loss for the Lady Skippers to Abington.

One up, one down

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positively the very next day when the Skippers traveled to Nantucket through ocean swells to face the Whalers. In a 53-35 victory, Casey Anderson led the team with 24 points, closely followed by Ashley Faber with 13 and Danielle Pinkus with 8. Mia Lieb-Lappen and Danielle Pinkus took ownership of the defensive boards.

"This was the best game I've seen the girls play," exulted Coach Levangie. "Personally, I attribute this win to their intense focus and unmatched hustle. It was astounding to see what the girls could do."

Sophomore Chelsea Grossman agreed: "We played very well. We forced several turnovers, racked up the points, and boarded the home-bound ferry with a nice win under our belts."

This week the Lady Skippers face two difficult teams, Carver this past Tuesday and Harwich on Friday at home (6:30 p.m. start). Last week, Harwich snuck past Abington by a score of 57-53, so Cohasset has some work to do.

It is still too early to predict the chances for a Cohasset appearance in the SSL Tournament. As they enter the toughest stretch in their schedule, the Lady Skippers remain unified and optimistic.

Learn to skate classes at Weymouth and Quincy Shea rinks

A new winter series of ice skating classes will be held at the Weymouth MDC rink located on Broad Street and at the Quincy Shea MDC rink on Willard Street. Classes are for boys and girls ages 41/2 and up as well as adults. Separate skill classes are held at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Skaters can wear either figure or hockey skates and helmets are required for ages 41/2 through 7. Each class includes a small group lesson and a supervised practice.

Classes at the Weymouth O'Connell Rink are held Sundays at 5 p.m. Classes at the Quincy Shea Rink are held Fridays at 4 p.m. or Sundays at 11 a.m.

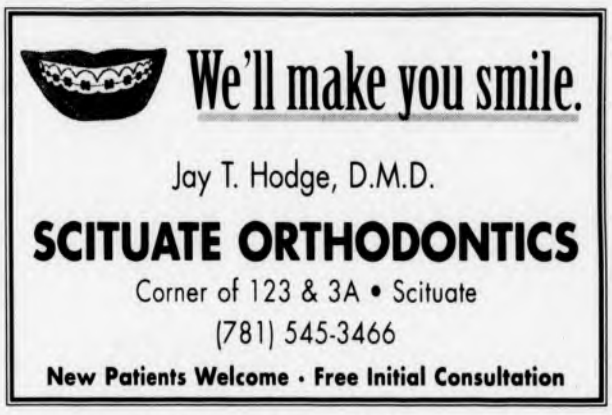
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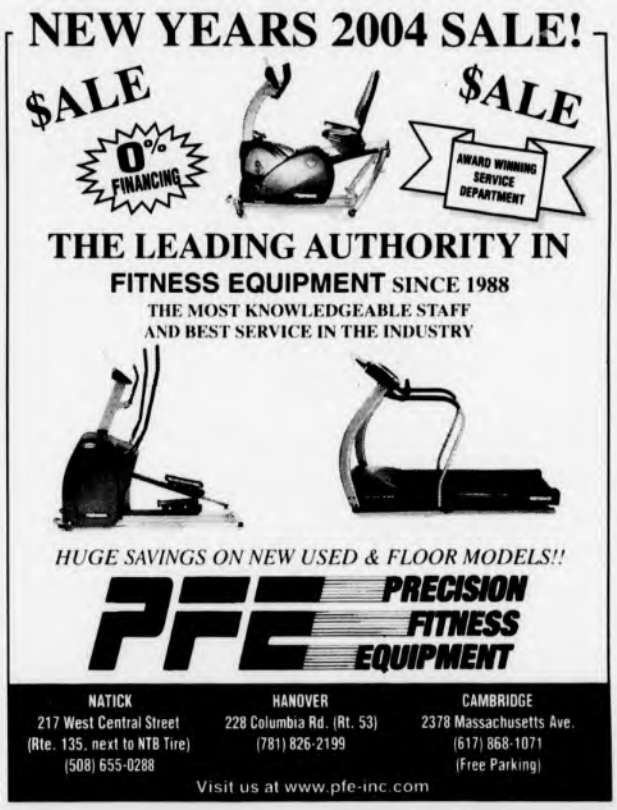
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CHS skiers start strong

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

With two races under their belts, the Cohasset High Ski Team is off to a strong start. They are coached for the fourth year by Jack Dane. The league is divided into two divisions, the Large Schools (Brookline, Fontbonne, Newton North, Newton South, Waltham and Wellesley) and Small Schools (Cohasset, Dover/Sherborn, Milton, Oliver Ames and Weston). The racer who places #1 in the race gains 44 points, the #2 racer gains 43 points, and so on. The team's point total for the day is the sum of each individual racer's point totals. The teams and racers from each division will earn the chance to compete at the states. This year the racers will also have a chance to face their rivals from the Western Massachusetts prior to the state finals at Mount Wachusett in late February. Cohasset's goal is to send the whole team this year.

January 8th was the first race of the season. In addition to the subzero wind chill, the race was delayed and our hardy racers toughed out a long wait for their few seconds on the course. Skiing first for the boy's team was Senior Co-Captain Andrew Busk. Unfortunately, they failed to record his first time and he had to run the course again, finishing 16th out of a field of 84 racers, earning 29 points. Racing second for Cohasset was Sophomore Prescott Busk, earning 9 points. The great performance of Freshman Reed Dickerson added an additional point for Cohasset for a grand total of 39 points. Great runs were also had by Senior Ryan Oftshun , Sophomore Dan Sullivan and Senior Dan Roth. For the girls, Senior Co-captain Jessie Guild finished 29th out of a field of 79 racers, earning 16 points. Katherine Whorisky, one of the many strong Sophomore skiers earned 7 points. Other sophomores, Michelle Lamaire, Emille Shea and Marissa Evans skiied very well and should be earning team points in the next few races.

Monday , January 12th brought milder conditions to Blue Hills. Prescott Busk took the team by surprise, edging out his brother by a couple tenths of a second earning 9 points. Andrew Busk had a respectable run, garnering 6 points. The girls team brought its own surprise with Sophomore Katherine Whorisky beating Jessie Guild by a hundreth of a second. She earned two points to Jessie's one.

Next weeks race is a slalom format so there should be some more surprises in store for those results. Races are held on Monday nights at Blue Hills. Results can be found on line at http://www.zudnic.net/mbsle.

With these cold temperatures and the snow making at Blue Hill, this should be a great season for the team.

CHS weekly scoreboard

Boys Varsity Basketball
Jan.
9 lost to Abington, 60-41
13 beat Carver, 75-66

Girls Varsity Basketball
9 lost to Abington, 59-33
10 beat Nantucket, 53-35
13 beat Carver, 63-60 (2 OT)

Wrestling
10 lost to Duxbury, 40-27
beat Holliston, 51-18
beat Barnstable,48-33
14 @Norwell

Gymnastics
8 beat Duxbury, 122.8-99.9
12 beat Carver, 124.6-112.9

Ice Hockey
10 beat Hull, 7-0

Swimming
10 lost to Nauset
10 lost to Nantucket
13 @ Barnstable

CHS weekly sports schedule

Boys Varsity Basketball
Jan.
16 @ Harwich 6:30 p.m.
17 @ C. C Academy 1:30 p.m.
20 @ Hull 6:30 p.m.

Boys Jv Basketball
16 @ Harwich 5 p.m.
17 @ CC Academy Noon
20 @ Hull 5 p.m.

Girls Varsity Basketball
16 Harwich 5:30 p.m.
20 Hull 6:30 p.m.

Girls Jv Basketball
16 Harwich 4 p.m.
20 Hull 5 p.m.

Wrestling
17 Cohasset Tourn. 10 a.m.
21 Carver 7 p.m.

Gymnastics
15 Hingham 7:30 p.m.
20 Randolph-Milton 7:30 p.m.
22 @Hanover 7:30 p.m.

Ice Hockey
16 Mashpee 6:50 p.m.
17 @ Harwich-Prvtwn. 8 p.m.
21 Carver 5:40 p.m.

Swimming
16 @ N. Attleboro 4 p.m.

Cohasset Little League introduces 'Baseball Bucks'

The Cohasset Little League (CYBSA) would like to thank our friends at the Cohasset Harbor Resort, especially manager Joe Campbell, for their very generous donation of $10,000 worth of gift certificates to benefit the new baseball and softball fields. Named "Baseball Bucks", the gift certificates are redeemable for food or beverages at Atlantica, The Olde Salt House or The Cohasset Harbor Inn. If you are interested in purchasing "Baseball Bucks" please contact Nancy Froio @ (781)383-1897. And once again, thank you to Joe Campbell and the Cohasset Harbor Resort!!

Girls youth basketball report

The Cohasset girls travel basketball teams for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders took on Norwell and Scituate in Old Colony League play this weekend.

The fifth grade team got off to a quick start in both games right from the opening tap with center Carly Haggerty controlling the tap to Lindsey Davis, who in turn passed to a streaking Emma Musto for a layup.

The Blue and White never looked back after that, quickly asserting control in both games. In the Norwell contest, Cohasset built a commanding lead in the first half chiefly behind a 10 point effort by Musto, her second straight double-figure scoring contest. Others who contributed to the Cohasset scoring column were Davis, Haggerty, Kate French, and Emma Quigley, with guard Rachel Fredey making a big contribution in the assist department.

The second half turned into a defensive struggle, with the Cohasset quintet of Carly Martin, Logan Pratt, Amy Costa, Jen Curley, and Olivia Murphy shutting down the opposition en route to the 20-10 final score.

In the Scituate game, the fifth graders bolted out quickly to a 6-0 lead and appeared to be primed for an easy triumph. However, the Scituate girls upped their defensive intensity to prevent a runaway. Although the shots were not falling for the Blue and White, their defense proved equally stingy, with front court players Haggerty, Musto, Davis, and Martin blocking many Scituate shots.

With the Cohasset offense ice-cold in the second half, Scituate battled back from an 8-3 halftime deficit to pull within 11-9 with 2:36 showing on the clock. However, the Cohasset girls refused to yield a good look at the basket to Scituate the rest of the way and held on for the win.

The seventh graders also ran their record to 3-0 on the season with a 28-16 triumph over Norwell and a 23-11 victory over Scituate. Tess Calorio with eight points and Gabriella Flibotte with six points led the way in the Norwell victory. In the win on Sunday over Scituate, Carly Salerno with eight points and Marissa Tangherlini with six points paced the Blue and White.

The eighth graders split their weekend contests. In an 18-9 win at Norwell, a balanced offensive attack paved the way to victory, with Sally Meehan, McKenna Teague, Meg Anderson, and Maura Barnes all scoring four points apiece. Sarah Brown turned in a strong rebounding effort. On Sunday the eighth graders suffered their first loss of the season by a close 19-16 margin to Scituate in a hard-fought contest.

Scores from the sixth grade team's games were not available at press time.

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Derby Academy students join in the scrum



(L-R) Derby Rugby Team, First Row: Chris Sadler, Caroline Wiklund, James Llewllyn, John McKenna, Maggie Clougherty; Second Row: Nathan Wallace, Rob West, Abbott Cowen, Dan Teller, Alastair Butler. Third Row: McKenna Teague, Alicia Bickford-Webb, Alex McKelvey, Michael Murphy, Megan Daly, Dave Cahill. Team Captains: Dan Morrisey-Martin and Zach Clayton (Forwards Capt.). Head Coach: Mr. Peter Condrick. Missing - Mr. Richard Andriole (Assistant Coach), Nicholas Ellison (Backs Capt.), Charlie Cifrino, Tom Condon, Alex Shukis, Frankie Kenefick, Colin Mulcahy, Andrew Cantillon, Zack Moscow, Jordan Berry, Jake Redfearn, and Andrew Kelly.



"CHICK RUGGERS:" (L-R) Maggie Clougherty, Alex McKelvey, Alicia Bickford-Webb, Megan Daly, McKenna Teague and Caroline Wiklund. Missing are Steph Johnson and Rachel White.

By Rosemary West
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Scrum…hooker…loosehead prop…flyhalf – new terms from the latest Harry Potter novel? Hardly. In fact, this is centuries-old, common language among players of the venerable game of rugby. And some very eager Derby Academy students are learning its entire esoteric vocabulary.

Every Friday afternoon this fall, instead of going downtown to join their buddies for ice cream or pizza, 37 students hustled out onto Derby's Bleakie Field to block, kick and tackle. They sweated a lot and got pushed around by their classmates. Why did these students prefer this form of "recreation?" "Rugby is a one-of-a-kind sport," explained Abbot Cowen. "Plus you get beat up and that's fun." "I like it because you are part of a different team every week," said Alastair Butler. "Besides, it's the only full-contact sport offered in the fall."

Probably the most-cited reason that the students thronged to the rugby field, though, is the coach. Mr. Peter Condrick makes the sport just too exciting to miss out on. "Mr. Condrick is cool. He makes it lots of fun," James Llewellyn offered with a huge smile. A Derby alumnus and veteran rugby player, Mr. Condrick truly loves the game. As a matter of fact, he loves all things British, and rugby was created in England at a private school called the Rugby School. There, in 1823, a young man named William Webb Ellis developed the sport from "football", or soccer. Mr. Condrick became serious about rugby because in addition to the fun the game provides, rugby builds skills on the field that translate to the classroom and life itself.

"The value of teamwork, the ability to strategize, the need for self-discipline — all these qualities work together to build confidence and good judgment,' Mr. Condrick observes.

Because of rugby's reputation as a rough sport, some may be surprised to discover that seven of the Derby players are female …"the chick ruggers," as they call themselves. These young ladies are not intimidated at all by the aggressive aspects of the game. In fact, they love the challenges as much as the guys do. Mr. Condrick has established a very strict safety policy to minimize injuries. The fact that Derby plays exclusively intramural provides an added measure of control.

A common misconception exists that rugby is very similar to American football, but rugby and football players alike are insulted by the comparison. So, what are some of the differences? For one thing, rugby players do not wear hard padding or protective gear, except for a scum cap and mouth guard. Also, a player cannot pass the ball to a teammate between himself and the goal; in other words, it has to be passed to the side or behind. The rugby ball is larger than a football, a bit more rounded, and has no lacing. As Dan Teller observed, "It looks like a bloated football without the laces." We are in constant motion," say Mr. Condrick. "We're 15 vs. 15, with only subs if injury occurs. We don't politely give the ball back after 4 'downs'."

The Derby Blues Rugby Football Club, as the team is officially named, was recently admitted to the USA Rugby Association. The team is sponsored by Rugby Imports, and, of course, Derby Academy itself.

The glorious fall days that provided a wonderful backdrop to these Friday afternoon games are now at an end. The rugby season, regrettably, is over.

"It's sad," bemoans Rob West. "I wish we could play all year long." His teammates agree. Already they're looking forward to spring when the team will start up again.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Nursery School registration to begin

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School announces Nursery School applications for the 2003-2004 school year will become available on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the Nursery School and the Community Center offices.

The registration process is based on a lottery system. Applications will be available until Jan. 28. All applications are due back to the Nursery School Office by Jan. 29, at 3 p.m. Included in the envelope should be a copy of the child's birth certificate and a $100 registration fee. Application envelopes should be clearly marked "Nursery School Registration." The lottery will be drawn the week of Feb. 4, and acceptance letters will be sent via mail the following week. Any child who does not get a placement in the program will have their registration fee returned.

South Shore Community Center Nursery School offers three levels of programs to meet the needs of children ages 3 to 5. The morning program runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and the afternoon program is from 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Lunch Bunch is offered as an extended day program as well as various Community Center gym programs. The youngest program, The Nursery Program is for children who will be 3-years-old by Nov. 1. The Pre Kindergarten Program is for children who will be age 4 by Nov. 1. We also offer a very special Enrichment Program for those children who are older fours and fives whom are looking for a challenging year before they enter Kindergarten is also offered.

The Nursery School has observation mirrors in each classroom so please feel free to stop in any time to see all of the things that are going on in the program. If you have any questions or will like to set up an appointment to meet the director call Sheila O'Neil at 781-383-0036. The South Shore Community Center Nursery School is licensed by The Massachusetts Office of Child Care Services.

Carriage House Nursery open house on Jan. 31

The Carriage House Nursery School is having an Open House on Saturday, Jan. 31 from 10a.m. to 12p.m. Parents and children are invited to come and explore the classrooms. Carriage House has a new Toddler Program that enrolls children 15 months to 2.9 years. The Toddler program is two days a week, Monday/ Wednesday 9to 11; 30am, Monday /Wednesday 12:20-3pm, Tuesday/Thursday 9-11:30am and Tuesday/Thursday 12:30-3pm. Carriage House Preschool program enrolls children 2.9 to 5 years old. The Tuesday/ Thursday 9-11:30am program is for young 3 year olds, the Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday 9-11:30am is for children who are 3to 4 years old, and the Monday-Thursday 12:30 to 3pm Pre-k program is for children who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1 and entering Kindergarten the folowing year.

Open House will be held at the First Parish House of the Unitarian Church at 23 North Main St. Applications will be available and must be completed and returned to the school by Feb. 9. A $50 nonrefundable application fee must accompany the completed registration form. Nursery School enrollment policy is based on returning Carriage House families, First Parish families and remaining spaces are filled by lottery. Parents will be notified by phone the week of Feb. 16.

If you can not make the Open House, please call the school at 781-383-9785 and direct questions to the director Georgie Gladdys. We will be happy to arrange an appropriate time for a visit.

The Carriage House School is licensed by the Office of Child Care Services and currently pursuing NAEYC Accreditation.

Derby Camp fair

Derby Academy will host its 14th "Summer Opportunities" camp fair Saturday, Jan. 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the academy, 56 Burditt Ave. (just off Route 3A across from Hingham Harbor). Snow date is Sunday Jan. 25.

The camp is for children ages 4 through 18, programs for boys, girls and co-ed. Representatives and material will be available from more than 80 programs: day camps/programs; traditional overnight camps; adventure and outward bound programs; sports programs; specialty programs; arts and academic enrichment programs.

Admission is free.

For more information, call 781-749-0746, Ext. 29, Mardie Orshak, or see Web site: campfair@derbyacademy.org.

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Hot dog on a bun, or bologna sandwich, baked beans, apple sauce.

FRIDAY, JAN. 23
Pizza, cheese or pepperoni or fish fillet on a bun, veggie sticks, pears.

HAPPENINGS

Post prom party plans are underway

Preparations are underway for the 2004 Cohasset High School Post Prom Party. The party will follow the Senior Prom, which is being held on the evening of Friday, May 28. The Post Prom Party 2004 will be held in the Cohasset Middle/High School. Traditionally, it's a magical evening with a surprise-decorated theme and includes music, entertainment, food and prizes. This event provides our seniors and their guests a night of celebrating together in a safe alcohol and drug-free environment and each year proves to be a huge and happy success with the majority of the seniors and their guests in attendance.

The 2004 Post Prom Party Committee needs the support of the Cohasset community as it relies on contributions to fund a major portion of the Post Prom Party expenses. Please consider making a donation of any size to this most worthwhile event and mail your check to:

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Children's programs

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Interpretive Walks

• Winter Woodland Tree and Shrub Identification, Whitney and Thayer Woods

Sunday, Jan. 18, 10 a.m.

Learn helpful hints to identify common woodland trees and shrubs by looking at their buds and bark. Meet at the Turkey Hill parking lot at the end of Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham for this educational walk. Please pre-register. Free.

• Winter Ornamental Tree Identification, World's End Reservation, Hingham

Saturday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.

World's End Ranger, Ryland Rogers, guides participants along the trails of World's End offering hints on identifying ornamental trees by the bark, buds, and overall shape. Please pre-register. Members: free, Nonmembers: $4.50

Adult outdoor activities

• Snow days throughout the winter

Lessons for adults: Cross-country Skiing and Snow Shoeing, World's End Reservation, Hingham

Ranger, Gail Parks, an experienced athletic director, will provide cross-country skiing and snow shoeing lessons. Please pre-register. Participants will be called when there is enough snow. Members: Free Nonmembers: $4.50

• Introduction to Snowshoeing on Turkey Hill, Adults only; Turkey Hill. Hingham

Saturdays, Jan. 31 and Feb. 21

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Arts and crafts signups

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for grades K - 3 arts and crafts programs by calling 781-383-4109.

Arts & Crafts for grades K-3 will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, and will be held at the Joseph P. Osgood School.

The program will be five weeks in duration, costing $50 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin Monday Jan. 26, continuing through five weeks through Monday, March 1. Class does not meet Feb. 16.

For more information details and registration, call the recreation office at 781-383-4109.

Free music demo classes in Hingham

Metro Music Together, a music program for young children, will present three free demonstration classes on the following dates: Jan. 17 at 10 am., and 11:15a.m. and Jan. 26 and 9:30a.m. at the New North Church on Lincoln Street.

There are 12 c spring classes, which run from Feb. 2 – May 28, all at the New North Church. Music Together is a music and movement approach to early childhood music development for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents/caregivers. The classes include dancing, singing and instrument playing for children of mixed aged groups. The Metro Music Together curriculum stimulates both tonal and rhythmic development. Parents and caregivers, regardless of musical backgrounds, contribute to an enriching learning environment that inspires young children to develop musically. The demonstration is free, but require pre-registration by calling 617 –696-5200. For more information on spring classes, log on to www.metromusictogether.com

Metro Music Together is part of the national music program called Music Together. Music Together is a music and movement approach to early childhood music development for infant, toddler, preschool and kindergarten-aged children and their parents or other primary caregivers. Originally offered to the public in 1987, it pioneered the concept of a research-based, developmentally appropriate early childhood music curriculum with material for home use that strongly emphasizes adult involvement.

Metro Music Director, Jennie Mulqueen, has performed extensively in opera, recitals, and choral music, and she first came to Music Together while teaching preschool in New York. After teaching MT in Manhattan for two years, Jennie took the leap and founded Metro Music Together in January, 1998. She holds a B.M. in Voice Performance from Northwestern University and a M.Ed. in Creative Arts in Learning at Lesley College. In addition to teaching/directing MMT, Jennie currently teaches preK-Level 1 Musicianship at the Suzuki School of Newton.

IT'S HAPPENING

MLK Day breakfast

Please join the Cohasset Clergy and the Diversity Committee in honoring the memory and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King at Cohasset's second annual Martin Luther King Day Breakfast.

The breakfast will be held on Monday, January 19 at Saint Anthony Parish Center from 9 – 11 a.m.. There is a donation of $5 per person or $15 per family for breakfast. A pancake breakfast will be served from 9 –10 a.m. followed by an uplifting program honoring the memory of Dr. King.

The featured speaker will be Rev. Fred Mombeleur, Executive Director of Caribbean U-Turn an organization reaching at-risk youth of Caribbean descent. Tickets are available at the door and all proceeds from the event will benefit Caribbean U-Turn.

Cohasset High School volunteers will assist with child care and story telling. The Saint Anthony Parish Center is located at 10 Summer Street, Cohasset. For more information please call 781 383 0219.

Alzheimer's support group meets Jan. 28

The Alzheimer's Disease Support of the South Shore will feature Carolyn Housman, LICSW, on "Communicating with Health Care Providers" on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St. Housman is a specialist in elder care and care-partner issues. She is currently associated with South Shore Mental Health and has a private practice. She was formerly director of the Alzheimer program for the Hingham Affiliated Community Visiting Nurses/Partners/Home Care. Housman will discuss how to best speak for the patient with physicians, nursing home personnel, day health centers as well as communicating the patient's needs to family and friends. As the care-partner intermediary is often between patient and others, knowing what questions to ask and what information should be shared is most important. A question and answer time will conclude her program.

This meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call Toni Abbott at 781-749-1823 or JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417.

In the event of inclement weather, meeting cancellations will be aired on WJDA, 1300 AM.

Bird photography

During the month of January, a traveling exhibit of framed color photographs "the Art of Bird Photography" will be on display at Mass Audubon's South Shore Regional Office, 2000 Main St. (Route 3A) in Marshfield. This is a collection of photographs by well-known wildlife photographers assembled to promote a greater awareness of the birds of Massachusetts and of Mass Audubon's efforts to protect these species and their habitats. Nearly all the photos were taken in Massachusetts and show no signs of the human environment. The public is invited to an opening reception Saturday, Jan. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St. (Route 3A) in Marshfield. 781-837-9400 for information.

Plein Air artist exhibit in Cohasset, Hingham

Award winning, South Shore "Plein Air" artist Dianne Panarelli Miller is having two important shows in January to showcase her recent oil paintings.

Through Feb. 29, her work will be displayed at the Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Road in Cohasset. She will be showing her versatility as an artist with her paintings of portraits and 'life drawing, still lifes and intimate local scenes.

Jan. 23-Feb. 5, Miller will be sharing the South Street Gallery, 149 South St. in Hingham with Cape /Cod artist, Hillary Osborne. Together they will show fresh and colorful oil paintings of your favorite local scenes.

Miller has achieved success as a oil painter and has recently received "Best of Show" at the Captain Forbes Museum in Milton and "Award of Excellence" at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. She has exhibited regionally at many of the important galleries and museums and is a prestigious "Copley Artist" at the Copley Society in Boston. She has also exhibited nationally at the Avenue Art Gallery and the Patel Society of America both of New York and the North Valley Art League in California. She is currently teaching at local art associations while maintaining her studio in Abington.

For more information on Miller, go to www.diannepmiller.com.

Friday bird walks

Every Friday the Mass Audubon vans leave the North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St. (Route 3A), in Marshfield at 8:15 a.m. for a two-hour outing around the South Shore searching for birds in a variety of habitats. Led by David Clapp and David Ludlow. Admission is $10 or $8 for Mass Audubon members. It is not necessary to preregister.

Newspaper columnist at Buttonwood Books

The Buttonwood Writers' Group and Buttonwood Books & Toys present Suzette Martinez Standring, newspaper columnist, on Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. Standring will discuss the challenges of column writing and how columnists convey a strong message and personality within the limitation of 800 words. Concise and powerful writing can be helpful to writers of all genres, and Standring brings advice from national columnist colleagues.

Standring is a freelance columnist and features writer living in Milton. She was voted Best Columnist of the Year by readers of the Milton Times' 2003 Best of Milton survey. Read Standring's columns at www.readsuzette.com. This event will be of particular interest to writers, however all are welcome. Free. Please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 for further information.

CHS winter Cabaret at Atlantica tonight

The 2004 edition of the CHS Music Department's evening showcasing its multi-faceted and multi-talented students will be held at Atlantica on Thursday, Jan. 15.

The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with a selection of snacks and sweets. From 7:30 to 9 p.m. emcee and Choral Director Bryan Marks and Band Director Stephanie Hoskin will present student singers, musicians and other performers in a variety of solo and ensemble performances.

Tickets are $12. For more information, call Stephanie Noble 781-383-6278 or Donna O'Donnell at 781-383-6113. Proceeds of this event benefit music and art curriculum enrichment.

David Roth at the Coffeehouse

The Coffeehouse off the Square in Hingham presents David Roth Saturday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m.

Come hear Cape-based singer-songwriter Roth's gentle, pointed ballads. As author of many songs with messages, including lyrics in the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books, he has much to say and says it beautifully. Although Roth plays guitar and piano, he says he always starts with the lyrics when writing a song.

Peter, Paul, and Mary performed one of Roth's songs, "Spacesuits," on their 1999-2000 reunion tour. They praise the Chicago-born singer as providing "certainty that the candle will remain lit, the hope reasserted, and the dream still sung." Come and share the dream.

The Coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. An open microphone precedes the concert. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds go to the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee.

For further information, call Jim Watson (781) 749-1767.

Valentine Dance in Cohasset

South Shore ARC invites you to a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Cohasset Lightkeeper's House from 7 to 10 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Roger's Music Express. Tickets are $12 in advance or $15 at the door. For more information, call Katie Hanley at 781-335-3023 x2227.

South Shore ARC is a private non-profit agency located in Weymouth providing quality services and advocacy for children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families. It has been providing services to toddlers, teens and adults throughout the South Shore and Southeastern Massachusetts since 1951.

Drowned Hogs dip for charity Jan. 31

The Drowned Hogs will hold its annual swim on Saturday Jan. 31at 11am at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse on Nantasket Beach in Hull. More than 400 swimmers and 1,200 spectators are expected. Swimmers recruit sponsors to help raise money for Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull. Pledge sheets and information are available at Wellspring now!

Wellspring is at 814 Nantasket Ave. Call 781-925-3211 or visit: www.wellspringhull.org

Solo piano concert of Beethoven's Ninth

Boston pianist John Ferguson will present a performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, transcribed for solo piano by Franz Liszt, Feb. 8, at 3 p.m., at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset (16 Highland Avenue, 781-383-1083). Admission is free.

Ferguson a piano and violin teacher at community music schools in the Boston area.

HSO Discovery Concerts are a true team effort

On Super Bowl weekend, celebrate America's true national sport! What do baseball and an orchestra have in common? Hingham Symphony Orchestra's upcoming Discovery concerts bring together music and baseball in a unique experience fun for the whole family.

The program features Robert Kapilow's recent composition, Play Ball! the story of Casey at the Bat set to jazzy, multi-layered orchestral music that is appealing to all ages. Play Ball! is narrated by a 16-member chorus, which becomes an instrument in the full orchestra. Jin Kim, HSO's talented young Music Director and conductor, will provide enlightening commentary on the orchestra as a "team."

In addition, musicians from Marshfield and Hingham High School orchestras will join the HSO for several pieces. Jin Kim worked with these musicians and their conductors in school during the month of January. Now they have a chance to play alongside professional musicians in an exciting concert experience.

Following the musical portion of the concert, audience members participate in an Instrument Showcase, where they can talk with musicians and watch them play up close. This is a great opportunity for budding musicians to be inspired, and for the rest of us to appreciate the wonder of music-making.

HSO is on the move the concerts take place in two areas of the South Shore. Saturday, Jan. 31 at 3 p.m. at Weymouth High School, 1051 Commercial St., and Sunday, Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. at North River Community Church, just off Rte. 3 and Rte. 139 in Pembroke. Adults $20, seniors $15, youth through age 18, $8. Tickets are available at Weymouth Main and Hingham Public libraries, Noble's Hingham Square, Buttonwood Books, Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, North River Community Church, Pembroke, or HSO Box Office at 781-740-5694.

Food, wine benefit

Join The Phantom Gourmet's maitre 'd David Robichaud for The Taste of the South Shore to benefit Wellspring and the Hull Lifesaving Museum from 6-10 p.m., Sat., Jan. 24 at the Red Parrot in Hull. The South Shore is home to many fine restaurants including many hidden jewels! More than 30 restaurants will serve various specialties and a variety of wines from Fazi Battaglia will be provided for your tasting pleasure! Tickets are $50 per person and attendance is limited.

For tickets and Information, call 781-925-3211 or visit: www.wellspringhull.org

Convivium Musicum concert at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church, Cohasset, is the vocal ensemble Convivium Musicum under the direction of Scott Metcalfe in a concert on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 3 p.m. This ensemble was formed in 1987 and is noted for its lively performances and dancing rhythms. Specialties of the group include late 15th and early 16th century polyphony. Metcalfe also founded the Cambridge Bach Ensemble and is a well known Bostonian conductor. The program will contain compositions of Renaissance England and Spain.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave., in Cohasset and is handicap accessible, and ample parking is available at the village car park. There is no charge for the concert, although donations will be accepted. For more information, call the church office at 781-383-1083.

Our World offers children's programs

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is about to launch its first two programs.

Although the exhibits are still in the planning stage, the two-story wing behind the library has been renovated and is ready to host birthday parties, playgroups and other programs.

Sixteen-week language playgroups for children ages 3 to 5 will begin Jan. 22. The programs, led by IES Language Foundation, will be held on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Children will learn basic words in French or Spanish, beginning with "hello" and progressing through numbers, colors and other basic concepts. The children, accompanied by an adult, will make new friends while building an educational framework for further language development.

Cultural Creations, an eight-week creative crafts workshop for children ages 5-8, will begin Jan. 31. Children will develop a sense if the richness and beauty of other cultures around the world through the crafts they create.

The registration deadline for both programs is Jan. 17. For more information, call 781-383-3198.

Peace Forum topic is U.S. 'Patriot Act'

The South Shore Peace Forum will present a program on the USA Patriot Act and its ramifications for all Americans, at 7 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Hingham Public Library, East Street (Route 228) and Leavitt Street. The program is open to the public free of charge.

Three speakers from Boston-based Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA), an organization working to protect human rights, will address such topics as "How does the USA Patriot Act affect you?;" "Are we safer now?" and "What comes next?" Their presentation will be followed by an open discussion period.

"JALSA is a human rights organization inspired by Jewish teachings and values, committed to social justice, civil rights and civil liberties," said Jonathan Fine, spokesman for the organization. "JALSA is particularly concerned about the assault on civil liberties unleashed by the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and believes that what today threatens most immigrants and people of Middle-Eastern origin is ultimately a threat to every American," he said.

The program is sponsored by Congregation Sha'aray Shalom of Hingham, and the Study and Action Group of Old Ship Church, First Parish Unitarian, Hingham, as well as the South Shore Peace forum.



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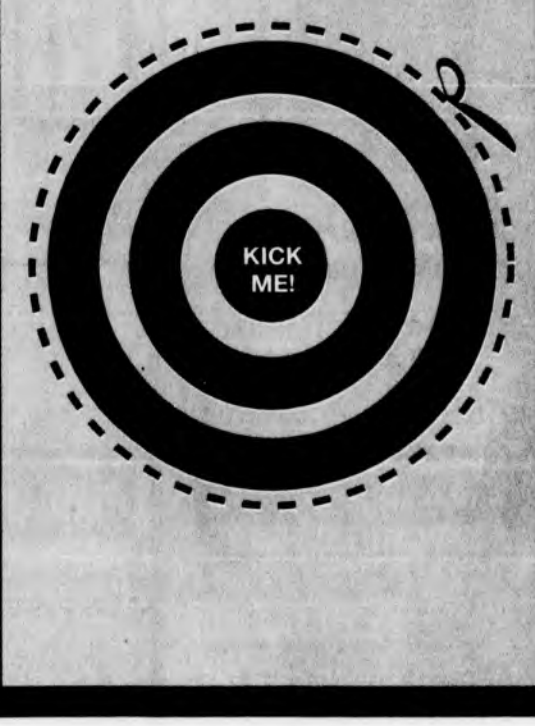
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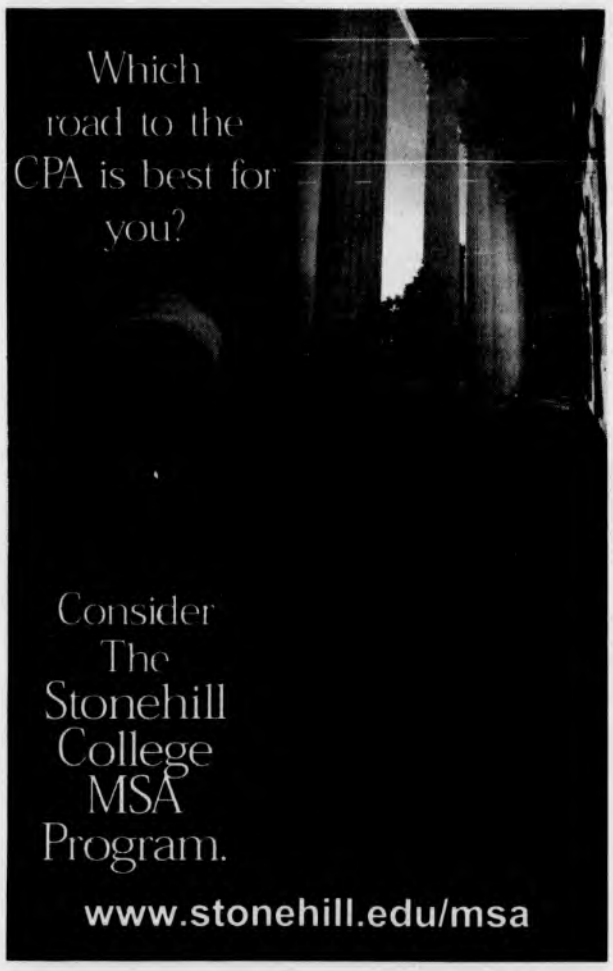
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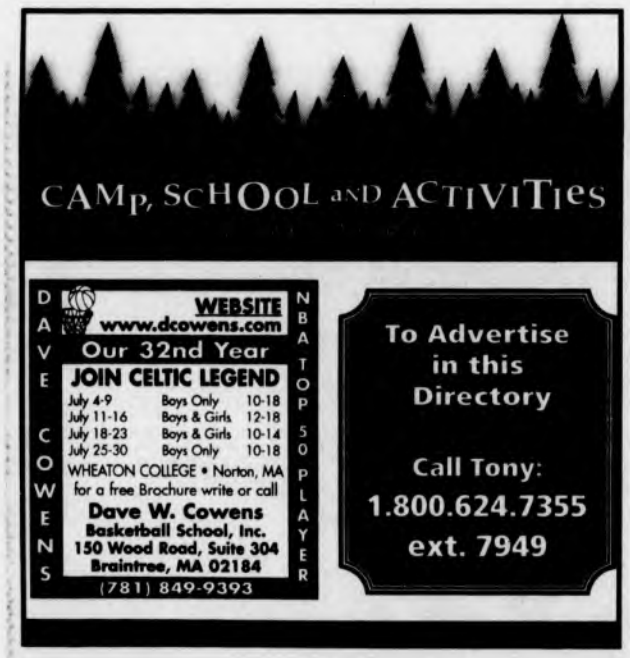


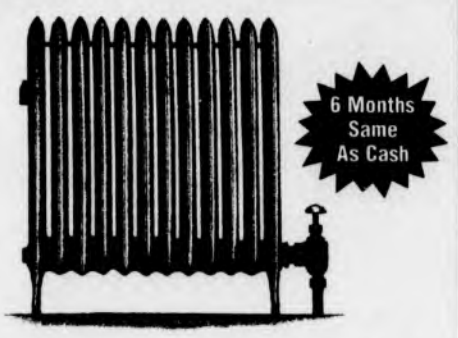
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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues., **Feb. 3, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear an act upon an application for an Appeal pursuant to **5.2.8** and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Richard & Babette Strecker** seeks to **appeal Bldg. Inspector's interpretation of by law** at **276 Beechwood Street** according to the application of file in the Town Clerk's Office File #04-01-13.

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OBITUARIES



Jeanne Toye Gormley

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Jeanne T. Gormley, 86, of Cohasset, died Jan. 3, 2004, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth. She was a resident of Cohasset for the last 61 years.

Daughter of Joe Toye, former editor of the Boston Herald, she was actively involved in community affairs. During World War II, she was in the Red Cross Motor Corps, co-authored a popular play, "March Meeting," founding member of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset, South Shore District Chairman for the Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, active in protecting coastal wetlands and was involved in the Minot Light project.

Mrs. Gormley was on the altar guild at St. Stephen Episcopal Church as well as being actively involved in the village fair. As a member of the Garden Club she and others would take turns maintaining the gardens they had planted. Her other affiliations were the Cohasset Yacht and Golf clubs as well as the Historical Society.

In spite of her many interests and activities, she always found time to be a great credit and blessing to her family.

She leaves two sons, Thomas Gormley Jr. of Cohasset and Joel T. Gormley of Marblehead; two grandsons, Paul R. Gormley of Marblehead and Nicholas S. Gormley of Seattle, Wash.; and a great-granddaughter, Caitlin Gormley of Marblehead.

A Memorial Service is planned in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom:

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., Hingham. (781)-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantorial Soloist: Abby Gostein. Friday evening and Saturday morning worship. Hebrew/religious school and adult education classes. Visit www.shaaray.org for specific times and details.

Second Congregational Church:

The Second Congregational Church located at 43 Highland Ave.. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 am service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Knitting group. Book study group to start in January. For further information please contact us at (781) 383-0345 or visit us on line at www.second-congregationalchurch.com.

Beechwood Congregational Church:

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St.. (781) 383-0808. Pastor: Douglas Fish; director of children's ministry: Linda Snowdale. Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship. Bible study every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

379 Gardner St., Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson 781-659-4702; Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Relief Society Homemaking for women (3rd Thursday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Parish Unitarian Church

First Parish Unitarian Church, on Cohasset Common, 23 N. Main St., 383-1100; denomination: Unitarian Universalist Assoc.: the Rev. Tricia Hart; Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., child care provided (social hour follows); Religious education program: 10:30 on Sunday. Adult education, book discussion and other programs scheduled regularly. Please phone church to receive biweekly newsletter. Director of Religious Education: Jacqueline Clark; Music Director: Bobby DeRegis.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Church: 386 Main St.. Sunday services and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Weekly testimony meeting: Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. (open to the public); Reading Room, 749-1946: 18 North St. Hingham (open to public for individual study, prayer and sales).

Wednesday at 7:45 p.m., the church invites the community to its midweek testimony meeting. It includes topical readings from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy and testimonies of spiritual healing Christian Scientists have accomplished through scientific prayer.

The church also operates its Christian Science Reading Room for the public to learn more about Christian Science, study the scriptures, and purchase or borrow books, pamphlets and booklets.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., 781-383-1083; clergy, the Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, Rector; the Reverend Beth Wheatley-Dyson, Assistant Rector. Sunday worship Holy Communion: 8 and 10 a.m.. Special guest preacher, the Rev. Israel Ahimbisibwe from Uganda. Church School, nursery through fifth grade meets at 10 a.m. Fellowship for the whole parish follows 10 a.m. worship. Youth groups for Middle School and Senior High. Music series features the choral group "Convivium Musicum" Sunday at 3 p.m. Martin Luther King Breakfast at St. Anthony Parish Center, Monday a 9 a.m. Midweek Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Adult Christian Formation. Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. Women's Bible Study twice a month Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. All welcome. Visit us on the web at www.ststephenscohasset.org

In the Scripture lessons for the Second Sunday after Epiphany, Isaiah continues to look forward to the full restoration of Jerusalem, hoping that the city may one day be a source of joy, as a bride to her bridegroom. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians commends spiritual gifts, but instructs the Corinthians in their proper use in the service of Jesus' lordship. The Gospel from John is the story of the changing of water into wine during a wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

Preacher: The Reverend Isaiah Ahmbisibwe.

South Shore Religious Society of Friends Meeting (Quaker)

Sunday services: 10 a.m., 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. (Henry Stokes, clerk, 781-749-4383).

St. Anthony Parish:

129 South Main St., 383-0219. Denomination: Catholic. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; the Rev. Charles Healey, S.J. assisting priest. Weekdays: daily Mass at 7 a.m.; Sunday Masses are held at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Parish community gathering for coffee and fellowship following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the new Parish Center. At 7:30 Wednesdays, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Shakalis, guest priest. Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays after Benediction and Saturdays, 4:15 p.m. Moms, Pops and Tots, a social playgroup meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays in the Denis Desmond Room.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church:

811 Jerusalem Rd., 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Vedanta Centre:

130 Beechwood St., 383-0940. Denomination: Non-sectarian. Clergy: Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service; Thursday meditation and study class 7-8 p.m.

Temple Beth Sholom

600 Nantasket Ave. 925-0091, 925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com

WORSHIP NOTES

Hindu monk in series at Abbey

The Glastonbury Series "Listening To Other Voices: Monastic Spirituality In The 21st Century" features Swami Tyagananda , who will speak on "Hindu Monasticism: Inner And Outer" on Thursday, Jan. 22, 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center. Free will offering.

Swami Tyagananda is a Hindu monk of the Ramakrishna Order. He is head of the Vedanta Society of Massachusetts, chaplain at Harvard and MIT and President of the United Ministry at Harvard. In addition to leading courses and retreats he has edited, written and translated 10 books, including Monasticism: Ideal and Traditions. He is a member of the American Academy of Religion and is on the board of the Society for Hindu-Christian Studies. He is currently writing a book titled Kali's Child Revisited: Questions of Language, Cultural Understanding and Documentation.

Glastonbury Abbey is celebrating its 50th Anniversary as a Monastic Foundation in Hingham. The Monks and extended lay community are committed to inter-religious dialogue and understanding.

'Beloved Community' at Glastonbury Abbey

A Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is Monday, Jan. 19, at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St. At 8 a.m. breakfast, and at 9 a.m. "Creating the Beloved Community" program featuring Neal McBride, who is employed as vice president in the Community Investment Group, Fleet Bank. McBride has a number of civic organization recognitions including the Community Builder Award from the Springfield Urban League. During his career, he has served on the Board of Directors of dozens of organizations that focus on addressing the social, educational and economic development needs of minority populations with particular emphasis on the African-American community.

Tickets at the door are $5 for adults, $3 for school age children. Sign up at Hingham Public Library or your place of worship.

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Scituate fourth-grader's cancer is in remission

First child tested on PET-CAT Scan

By Matthew J. Gill
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The good news arrived this week. As a fresh layer of snow covered the ground outside her Fairview Lane home Monday, Heather Ford, a fourth-grader at the Cushing Elementary School in Scituate, received word that the renal cell carcinoma she had been diagnosed with last spring, is in remission.

After being tested at The Dana Farber Cancer Institute last week, by a new machine called a PET-CAT Scan, the Ford family —9-year-old Heather, her parents Diane and Andy, younger brother A.J., and Andy's mother Susan — had been anxiously awaiting the test results, when a phone call from Dana Farber revealed Heather's test results had come back negative, bringing their collective anxieties to a joyous end.

After hearing the news, Heather and her brother enthusiastically ran around their house, taking time between sprints to discuss their favorite books, movies, and TV shows; happy kids who seemed just to be enjoying the evening but not necessarily aware of the magnitude of the news. But for their parents, the positive prognosis was starting to sink in.

Diane explained that a combination PET-CAT Scan helps doctors look for cancerous cells by employing radioactive sugar molecules, injected into a patient's bloodstream.

Based on the hypothesis that cancer cells consume sugar at a much faster rate than regular tissue, any cancerous cells would reveal themselves, and the test's outcome would determine if the cancerous cells which had previously shown up in Heather's last Cat Scan, had developed into a tumor.

Diane added that Heather was the first child to be tested in the expensive new machine, only the second of its kind in all of Boston.

Although Heather's trials are far from over, this week's news is a blessing for the family after an eight-month roller coaster ride began with Heather's diagnosis of the rare form of kidney cancer, which led to countless hospital trips to both Dana Farber and Boston Children's Hospital, two surgeries, a trip to Kansas City to try out an alternative medicine, and endless prayers and worry.

"When they first diagnosed her the oncologist cried," Diane said. "It's very rare, the doctor said, and hard to treat."

Leaving one particularly deflating meeting with Heather's oncology team in which their options for treatment looked grim, Diane and her husband clung to a glimmer of hope gleaned from the doctor's words which listed the possibility of "spontaneous regression of the disease."

"Nothing, and I mean nothing exists except right this minute. Yesterday is a memory and tomorrow has not happened yet," Diane recalls thinking with hope that day.

When Heather was first diagnosed, Diane was employed full time at Harvard Medical Associates, but stopped working there in order to spend more time at home with her daughter. Although she began to work at Scituate's Life Care Center on a per diem basis, and Andy is employed as an exercise physiologist, they are no longer covered under Harvard Medical, and their adopted COBRA insurance costs are "growing like mortgage payments."

Leaving no alternative unexplored, the Fords have tried out many different treatments including a faith healing in the home of a Hingham man who was "miraculously cured" of the same form of cancer after visiting Medjurgorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and in October the Fords headed out west.

After learning of a highly researched alternative medical therapy, the Fords traveled to Kansas last fall where Heather underwent a treatment which relies on a high dose of Vitamin C being injected intravenously.

"She reacted well to that," Diane said. " She tolerated the treatment well."



It is easier to face a troubling present and an uncertain future when you don't have to face it alone

This photograph of 4th-grader Heather Ford of Scituate was sent out as a thank you to all those who have contributed to the Hugs for Heather Fund.

The Fords, however, have not been fighting this alone.

After her first surgery last May, in which one of her kidneys which had grown cancerous was removed, Diane said members of the Cushing parent teacher organization immediately approached the family with an offer to conduct a fundraiser to benefit both Heather and her family.

"Accustomed to being on the other end of things," Diane says she initially balked at the offer, and declined. She and her husband didn't know what the road ahead would yield, as Heather's team of doctors told them chemotherapy and radiation treatments would not be effective in treating her rare form of cancer.

"At that time, we had no idea what we were in for," Diane recalls. "It [felt] weird because we're not paupers, but we don't live in a McMansion either."

But when Ellen McAllister, a neighbor and family friend advised The Fords to accept the generosity the community was offering, as an act of support for a neighbor in need, the Fords consented.

"This humbled us," said Diane, "and we remain humbled by a community whose heart shows no bounds."

Three neighbors and friends — Carolyn Malone Beatey, Elizabeth Bogusz, and McAllister — went to Scituate Federal Savings Bank and set up an account called Healing Hugs for Heather, into which community members could contribute financially to help defray some of the medical expenses the Fords would likely encounter.

To publicize the project, a trio wrote up a flyer which was sent home with students in November, and as of last week, donations had already brought in several thousand dollars.

"We're lucky," Diane added. "The people of this community in Scituate have been remarkably supportive."

To thank those who've contributed, during the holidays the Fords sent out a color photo of Heather to "everyone we could track down" who made a donation to the account, finding the return addresses from donated checks.

Below the photograph, which shows Heather in warm autumn reds, is a quote from Harold Kushna, the author of When Bad Things Happen to Good People.

The text has been a source of inspiration for the Ford family these last eight months, and reads: "It is easier to face a troubling present and an uncertain future when you don't have to face it alone."

For the Fords, Kushna's line has become a reality, as many have offered support for their family in a host of ways.

Everyone involved with the Cushing School has been "outstanding," said Diane who added that the school's principal Mary Ohrenberger "has gone all out" to help.

The Fords also expressed their gratitude to Richard Stower from the First Parish Universalist Unitarian Church, and members of Scituate Community Christmas, who arrived at the Ford's home in a fire truck loaded down with toys.

More toys came in courtesy of the First Trinitarian Congregational Church.

The Fords also expressed appreciation to all of Heather's physicians and care givers, and to the families of Charlotte Karol and Eric Donovan "who intentionally or unintentionally formed a circle of loving support, when we needed it most," and to their friends, neighbors, and the community of Scituate.

Already thinking of ways to give back, Diane says she would like to a host a Blood Donor Day this spring with the goal of raising awareness for the blood unit of Boston Children's Hospital.

According to Diane, the center, which provided Heather with a transfusion during her stay, depends on blood donors to come into the hospital's donor center to collect all blood donations, as the center itself lacks a mobile blood unit to conduct blood drives on location. According to Diane, the remainder of the center's blood stock is purchased from The American Red Cross at $100/pint.

"That's the one area of [Boston] Children's Hospital where they don't have enough money," said Diane, who originally planned to host the event last summer, but it was postponed when Heather underwent a second surgery.

Between the two surgeries, Heather has been healthy for the most part, and when she's not been testing or traveling, she's been attending school on a regular basis.

The piles of school books and paperwork on the family's kitchen table offer a hint at Heather's love for school and reading, and her ready smile and indomitable spirit, her love of life.

For more information about Healing Hugs for Heather, contact Ellen McAllister at (781) 545-5043.

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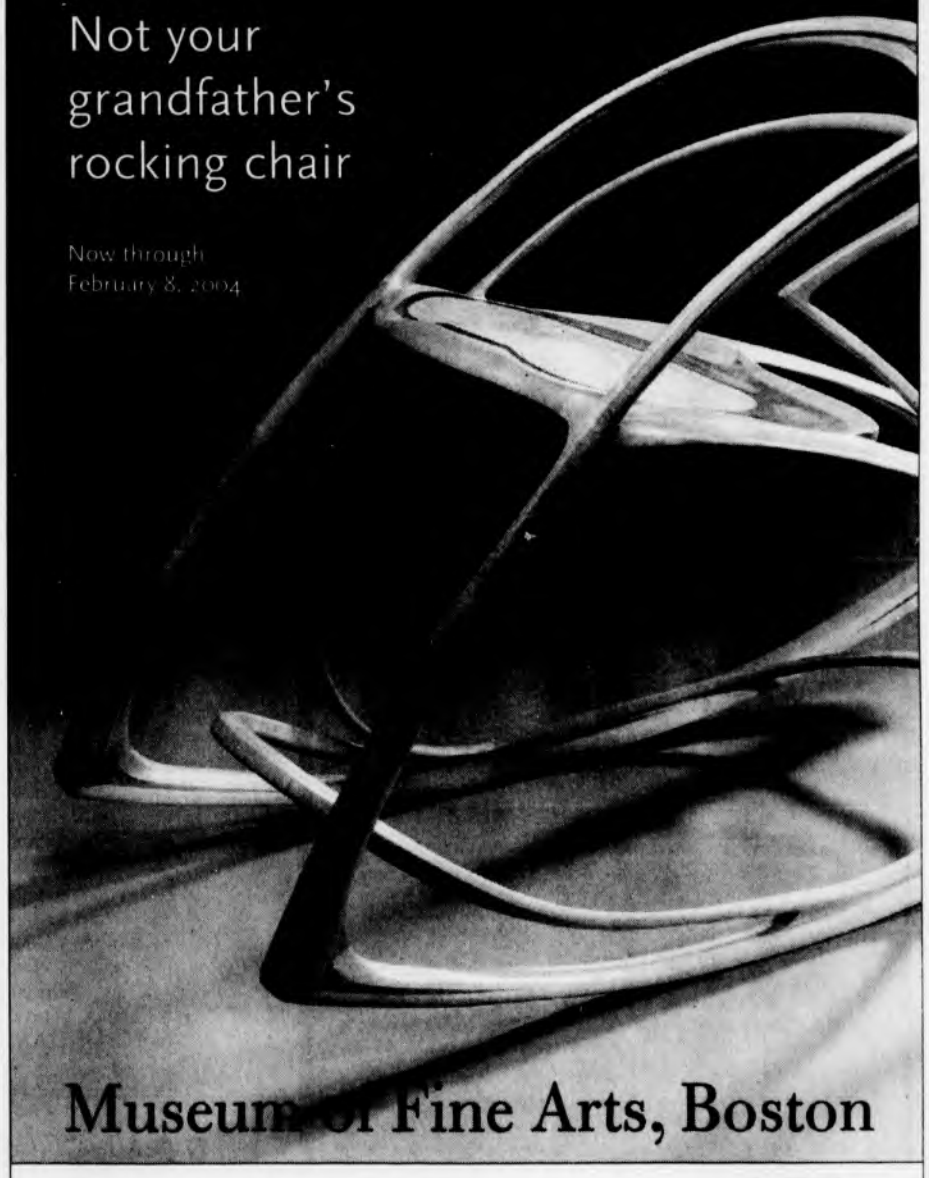
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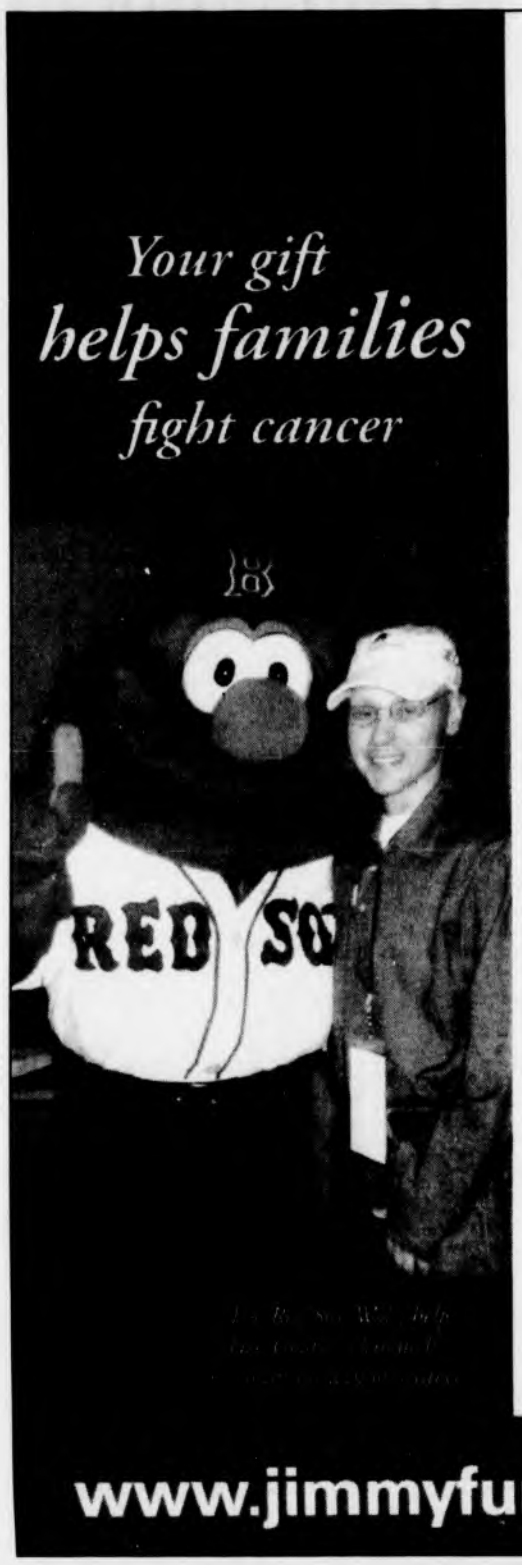
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Barry has new plan for Abington transfer station

By Patrick J. Cronin
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The battle over an 1,800 ton per-day transfer station on Route 18 in Abington may be over, but a new one over a 600 ton per-day site is just beginning.

Developer Paul Barry of Cohasset has filed a notice of change with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Agency that would modify the site assignment to a 600 ton per-day transfer station for construction and demolition waste.

"I just filed with the state to start the process," said Barry. "The next step will to apply for a site assignment with the board of health. The main difference is that it's going to be less tonnage."

Barry is currently appealing a Superior Court's decision that upheld the Abington Board of the Health's decision to rescind a site assignment for an 1,800 ton per-day transfer station.

In 1999, the Abington board of health approved Barry's proposal for a 1,800 ton per-day transfer station for construction, demolition and municipal waste. After the decision to approve the transfer station was made, a group of citizens from Abington and Weymouth organized themselves to oppose the action. Calling itself REACT, the group pushed to recall all the members of the health board, alleging the members didn't keep the town properly informed about the proposal and site plan of the proposed transfer station.

Five Abington residents, with the backing of REACT, went against board of health members and were elected in the town's first-ever recall election.

The new board of health decided to reopen the transfer station hearings so the entire town could give its opinion on whether such a facility should be allowed to operate in Abington. The hearings began Aug. 23, 2000 and concluded April 15, 2001.

After 29 hearing sessions, 56 witnesses and 153 exhibits, the new board of health announced its decision to deny the proposal for the transfer station.

Barry appealed the decision because he believed his civil rights were violated by board of health members and noted at the time they didn't have sufficient evidence to revoke the permitting license for his proposed transfer station.

Last year, Suffolk Superior Court Judge Geraldine S. Hines dismissed Barry's claim the board of health violated his civil rights. Barry claimed those hearings were nothing more than a charade with a predetermined outcome.

After the dismissal of the civil rights claims, the case boiled down to whether the board of health had sufficient evidence to revoke the permit license for Barry's proposed transfer station.

A Superior Court judge ruled in July the health board did in fact have sufficient evidence to revoke the license of a proposed transfer station in Abington.

According to Justice of the Superior Court Janet L. Sanders' written decision, the board of health had every legal authority to rescind the site assignment and noted Barry received a fair hearing.

Barry's main argument was that the board of health had no legal authority to rescind the site assignment after it was already awarded and he stressed he received a unfair hearing because two members of the board of health were married to REACT members, a group comprised of citizens against the proposed transfer station.

Sanders also stated the board of health's decision was supported by substantial evidence.

Barry said his lawyer has already filed an appeal is awaiting the court's decision on the matter.

"We filed the appeal but the court system is brutal," said Barry.

Even though he has filed an appeal, Barry said he doesn't want to wait any longer and wants to get the project off the ground.

"I just want to get my site assignment," said Barry. "The court could take forever. If I'm fortunate for the court to rule in my favor and I was to win the case, I will have a 1,800 per-day transfer station instead of only a 600 per-day transfer station."

Barry said he probably won't get a fair hearing with the current board of health and expects to run into the same problems that caused the lawsuit.

"I anticipate problems," said Barry.

Abington board of health member William Creighton said the board received the notification from the state on Barry's intent at their Monday night meeting. Copies were also sent to the conservation commission, planning board and selectmen.

Barry is required by law to submit an application to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Agency.

The Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act requires that state agencies study the environmental consequences of their actions, including permitting and financial assistance. It also requires them to take all feasible measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate damages the environment.

MEPA requires public study, disclosure, and development of feasible mitigation for a proposed project. It does not pass judgement on whether a project is environmentally beneficial, or whether a project can or should receive a particular permit.

Creighton said anyone who wants to comment on the proposed transfer station in Abington can send a letter to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Agency.

Barry's application is available to public review at the Abington Public Library, Town Hall and the Weymouth Public Library.

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MONDAY, JAN. 5

9:21 a.m. Sohier St., general services.

12:16 p.m. Whitney Woods Lane, identity fraud, investigated.

2:43 p.m. Stevens Lane, braking dog, area search negative.

2:45 p.m. North Main St., serve restraining order, no such person can be found.

6:18 p.m. North Main St,. serve restraining order.

TUESDAY, JAN. 6

5:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist citizen.

5:42 a.m. Pond St., noise complaint.

9:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

9:11 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

10:55 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Linden Dr., suspicious activity.

5:20 p.m. Norfolk Road, fire investigation.

11:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway medical aid, removed to hospital.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7

12:20 a.m. South Main St., general services.

5:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

6:19 a.m. Border St., motor vehicle violations.

7:13 a.m. Border St., assist citizen.

3:53 p.m. Elm St., suspicious.

7:07 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

8:20 p.m. Border St,. animal control, referred to other agency.

10:19 p.m. Margin St., well being check, good intent call.

11:30 p.m. Sohier St., disable auto, good intent call.

THURSDAY, JAN. 8

8:40 a.m. Pleasant St., well being check, good intent call.

10:07 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

11:45 a.m. Whitney Woods Lane, lost property.

11:55 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway officer wanted.

1:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, patient sign off.

1:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, sign off.

3:11 p.m. Elm St., vandalism.

3:15 p.m. Black Horse Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

5:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

6:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

7:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Rose Hill Lane, assist motorist.

8:17 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

8:48 p.m. Highland Ave., general services.

9:03 p.m. Country Way, animal control.

10:25 p.m. Highland Ave., distrubance.

10:50 p.m. North Main St., fire investigation.

FRIDAY, JAN. 9

8:22 a.m. Elm St., removed to hospital (BLS)

9:19 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

9:45 a.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Dr., motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

12:15 p.m. Doane St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

3:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, open door/window.

7:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation

SATURDAY, JAN. 10

1:15 a.m. Nantasket Ave., assist other police department.

7:28 a.m. Sohier St., auto fire.

9 a.m. Sohier St., general services.

10:01 a.m. Sohier St., vandalism investigated.

12:57 p.m. Cushing Road, vandalism, investigated.

1:34 p.m. South Main St, fire investigation.

2:24 p.m. Border St., general services.

3:30 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

3:37 p.m. Spring St., officer wanted. Arrest: Jose A. Garcia, 37, 62 Spring St., Cohasset. Chrgs. Assault and battery.

4:51 p.m. Spring St., investigation.

6 p.m. Elm St., assist other police department.

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Four arrests last month

December was a quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department, besides the early winter storm in the beginning of the month. There were four arrests, two for assault and battery, one for operating under the influence, and one for protective custody, Police Chief Robert Jackson said.

During the month of December the police department investigated 11 motor vehicle accidents, two of which resulted in personal injury. There were 47 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,220. In fines. Additionally, there 30 parking tickets issued for $750. In fines, Jackson said.

Also in the month of December the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 973 calls for police services of the 153 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls. From Dec. 6-7, the Dispatch center received 81 calls for services due to the storm.

Also in the month of December there was one breaking & entering of a business. Additionally there was one Criminal Complaint issued for the month, Jackson said.

Lennon to attend FBI Academy

Chief Robert W. Jackson announced Detective Sergeant Gregory Lennon of the Cohasset Police Department has been accepted to attend the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Va. Lennon will be the first Cohasset police officer to attend this training.

National Academy classes are provided on a quarterly basis consisting of 11 weeks of training for upper- and mid-level law enforcement officers. The curriculum focuses on leadership and management training and consists of courses relating to leadership development, behavioral science, law, communication, forensic science and health/fitness.

Following graduation, each officer has the opportunity to join the FBI National Academy Associates, a dynamic organization of more than 15,000 law enforcement professionals who have played a significant role in developing a higher level of competency, cooperation, and integrity within the law enforcement community.

Det. Sgt. Lennon will be returning to the Cohasset Police Department following the training.

Chief Jackson said Lennon was one of seven selected out of 250 applicants.

'It's a great honor," Jackson said, adding apart from Lennon's salary, the cost to the town is minimal. The program provides lodging and meals.

"His training will certainly help the department," Jackson said. "In terms of networking, it is invaluable."

'Moonscape' transformed into luxury golf community

Black Rock is a Hingham first

By Jerry Elsden
CORRESPONDENT

When golf course developer George McGoldrick of Cohasset looked at the 380 acres off Ward Street five years ago it resembled a moonscape with wetlands. Rock and rubble covered the area, the remains of a 100-year-old quarry operation.

Today, Black Rock is Hingham's first golf and residential community, a multimillion dollar development with 138 proposed homes, a private 18-hole golf course, clubhouse and function facility, members' restaurant, recreation center, tennis courts, and outdoor Olympic-size pool.

McGoldrick envisioned an architectural style that would fit with the landscape and look timeless.

"I gave the architects (C.B.T of Boston) a photo of a private home in Weston that I admired and they designed the buildings from there," he explains.

The impressive 40,000 square foot clubhouse is designed in the Shingle style, recalling the period from 1890s through 1920s when private golf and yacht clubs were fashionable. Walls are clad in stained cedar shingles, windows, doors and columns are deep green, and native stone is used throughout as base pillars. An large glassed cupola tops the copper-edged roof.

The clubhouse is built in a grand style because "we wanted a simple big shape to give the quality of hovering and also give a sense of protection and shelter," says architect Richard Bertman of C.B.T. "The building is also a landmark that can be viewed from many areas of the course, so you know where you are."

The main function room seats 200 people, with room for 300 people standing. A 125-seat members' restaurant with full service bar and stone fireplace dominate the clubhouse's main area, and there are also rooms for small private functions, luncheons and meetings. Black Rock's administrative offices, spacious men's' and ladies' locker rooms, and the pro-shop are also located in the clubhouse.

The recreation center, designed by S.M.R.T of Portland, Maine, is built in the Shingle style, but its interior recalls an Adirondack theme. It houses a fitness center, a childcare center, and a porch overlooking the tennis courts. Outside is an Olympic swimming pool and snack bar, and a tented terrace overlooking the golf course.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Fitness director Paul Amorisino works out at the Black Rock golf and recreational community.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GEORGE MCGOLDRICK

A springtime look at the clubhouse at Black Rock.

A full golf membership at Black Rock costs an $25,000 initiation fee, with a $100,000 bond; a recreation membership with limited golf privileges costs $10,000 with a bond of $32,000 bond. The bonds are refundable.

Members are encouraged to sponsor their charity and business events in the clubhouse. Recently more than 300 people attended a South Shore Hospital breast cancer awareness center fund raiser, and a party for the late Boston Globe sports writer Will McDonough raised more than $300,000 for his favorite charities.

Land swap

Two years ago, McGoldrick and his partner, Jim Read, arranged a unique land swap agreement with the town. The swap, which received Town Meeting approval, involved exchanging 29 acres of inaccessible town-owned conservation land in the center of the proposed golf course for 26 acres along Main Street in South Hingham, formerly part of the old Pushcart Farm.

McGoldrick and Read negotiated with the Marchesiani family, the farm's owners, to purchase the parcel, which is contiguous with several hundred acres of conservation land and includes the McKenna Marsh and a section of Accord Brook. This land swap allowed McGoldrick to increase the number of homes from 118 to 138 and to relocate amenities closer to the clubhouse.

"The Main Street parcel is a very desirable piece of land" comments Kathy Reardon, who was Selectman during the land swap negotiations. "It's in the south end of town, connected to other open space, and it's visible from the road."

The residences cost between $750,000 and $1.5 million and depend on layout and location. Homes are selling at steady pace, and Phase I is sold out, according to McGoldrick.

"Half of the homes in Phase II are also sold, for a total of 33 homes sold," he says. The average sale price is just under $1 million. So far, 15 homes are occupied.

Buyers vary from empty nesters downsizing their homes, to single people, a few families, and seasonal "snowbirds." In a few instances, Black Rock members' parents are moving in to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

McGoldrick notes that many prospective buyers are from west and north of Boston because of Black Rock's proximity to Route 3 and Boston. In fact, the elegantly-decorated model home features a wall-sized map locating the golf community's distance to many points.

McGoldrick and the architects planned the four clusters of homes around the edges of the golf course and one in the center after The 18-hole links-type course was planned.

"Most golf communities are designed with the maximum amount of homes first, and the course second," he explains. "We gave the land to the golf course architect first and used the remaining land for the homes. In this way the homes do not dwarf the golf holes but blend nicely into the landscape."

Crushed rock

But before the course could be laid out four million tons of crushed rock were removed from the site. Read, a Hingham native and an inventor, created the Screen-All — a mammoth rock crushing and screening machine — which he successfully sold internationally for 20 years. When he sold his company, Read negotiated a favorable purchase agreement with the owners of the quarry that allowed him to clean up the site during the approval process. The crushed and screened rock was used to cover tunnel boxes in Boston's Big Dig.

Read's firm, JrRead Corporation, then managed the construction of the golf course. The golf course, with a slope rating of 138, includes many rock outcroppings, two large retention ponds, and stands of mature pine and oak trees. It was designed by Brian Silva of Cornish, Silva and Mungeam, of Uxbridge. Silva's other projects include Waverley Oaks in Plymouth, Cape Cod National and Shaker Hills, in Harvard. Ipswich County Club is the only other gated golf community in the greater Boston area. The Pinehills of Plymouth includes residences, but its course is public.

Like many golf courses, Black Rock draws water from four of its own non-potable wells to irrigate the greens and fairways. The two retention ponds help to recharge the wells because surface water drains in to them. In addition, the on-site waste water treatment plant, designed to handle 55,000 gallons per day at full build out, will also help replenish the wells. Water used for the clubhouse, recreation center and residences is supplied by Aquarian Water Company.

However, when McGoldrick was seeking to hook up Black Rock to Aquarian's system, the water company was under a consent order from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to locate and repair old leaky pipes that wasted large amounts of water. Under a water balance plan, developers are required to pay for engineering and repair costs that reclaim two gallons of water lost for every gallon needed in a project.

"He was among the very first developers to do this," says Aquarian Operations Manager Eileen Commane. "The leaks were located all over town."

McGoldrick is modestly proud of the awards Black Rock has won, including seven from The Builders Association's PRISM Awards for the Model Home, and the best logo award. He's also pleased with the caddy program and other jobs that bring in about 150 girls and boys from Hingham and surrounding towns during the summer. "It's good seasonal employment for them, they learn about the game, and they get to play golf, too," he adds.

Lately, Black Rock has been bustling with contractors, landscapers, golfers, residents, prospective residents, people attending functions, and employees. As McGoldrick surveys the busy scene, he notes that foundation plantings such as conifers and deciduous trees have softened the edges around the homes. McGoldrick chose Spillane Nursery, of Middleborough, to plant and maintain nursery stock for the entire project. Spillane confers with Black Rock golf course superintendent Chuck Welsh about trees and shrubs appropriate for the wide open windswept course. Plants were selected that deer don't consume. There's also a life-like coyote that stands guard on the course to keep away Canada geese. "They haven't been much of a problem, either," he says.

Where Black Rock got its name

Some of the rock extracted and crushed during Black Rock's construction was difficult to deal with and, in fact, helped with the naming of Black Rock.

Seams of Basalt rock ran throughout the granite. Basalt rock is heavier and denser than granite, but about 100 million years ago in the Triassic Period, probably during some volcanic activity, it "squirted up through the weaker layers of granite to the surface and froze," according to naturalist and former Hingham High School science teacher Phil Swanson.

The Basalt rock was hot and under pressure, because it was closer to the Earth's center, he explains.

In addition, Swanson was Chairman of the Conservation Commission in the 1960s when he looked at a large map indicating parcels of "owner-unknown" land, which included 29 land-locked acres off Old Ward Street.

"I thought that maybe someday that land may be of value," he explains. Swanson and fellow commissioner and attorney Stuart DeBard, who performed the legal work pro bono, arranged for the town to purchase the 29 acres for $1000. About 30 years later that land, in the center of the proposed Black Rock Golf Community, would be swapped for 25 acres of Main Street, South Hingham property, which in turn connects with hundreds of acres of conservation land.

— Jerry Elsden

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American Indian Exhibit "Getting Acquainted with American Indian Artists" in the Vine Hall Gallery at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, from Jan. 1 to 31. Hosted by Betty Bourgault of Hanover, The exhibit features artwork in a variety of mediums representing a wide range of American Indian artists from different tribes across the U.S. and Canada. The exhibit can be viewed free of charge during the Center's regular business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

The North River Arts Society presents **What's Cookin'...Good Lookin?** an exhibit of original oil paintings by **Corinne Campobasso** through Jan. 17, at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact NRAS office at 781-837-8091 for more information.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with **magician JohnHenry** of Easton.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, **Gifts from the World to the White House**. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

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Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke with Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Fri.16

The Art of Bird Photography, Jan. 10 - 31 Pre School Nature Story Hour, Jan. 9, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. A story hour with a nature theme(Beavers for January), a simple craft and a short trail outing, weather permitting.$4/$6 non member. Limited to 15 participants. Preregistration is necessary. Audubon Society 781-834-9661

The James Library & Center for Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents **The Secret Meaning of Life** exhibit by **Laura Harvey**, boxed assemblage, sculpture, 3D collage from Jan. 9 to Feb. 5.

Piranesi and His Contemporaries from the collection of **Elizabeth Morse and Richard Wendorf**. This collection of 18th-century old-master prints has been assembled over a 20-year period, with a focus on the work of Giovanni Battista Piranesi Jan. 9 through Feb. 22. **South Shore Art Center**, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset.. Accessible to all. 781-383-ARTS www.ssac.org

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its **All Open Mike Night** – Eight minute slots, 16 performers, all types welcome, Sign up at the door. at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, The show starts at 8 p.m. $5 members $6 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

The Next Page, Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Keepin the Gruve.**

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Dory**, Jan. 16, 781-834-1910

The North River Arts Society presents "Recent Works," an exhibit of photographs by **Mike Sleeper** at the Dolphin Gallery through Jan. 30, located at the Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. Call the library for current hours at 781-741-1405. For more information call 781-837-8091.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at **Song Stylings by Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Braintree Art Association Board Members will be displaying their paintings for the month of January 2004 at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Sat. 17

The Greater Boston Antiques Festival, Jan. 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Jan. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Shriner's Auditorium, Route 93N, exit 39, then follow the signs. Call 781-862-4039 or www.neantiqueshows.com. Free parking

The Weymouth Art Association will meet on Jan. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. **Kevin Shea** will demonstrate painting in oils. Free and open to the public. 781-337-1402 or 781-337-4513.

The Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak St., Brockton, will present a lecture by Native American art specialist **Ellen Napiura Taubman**. Jan. 17, at 1 p.m. Tickets are $13/non-members, $10/members. Reservations are required by calling Dawn Low at 508-588-6000 x.113. A free reception will follow from 2 to 5 p.m. Museum hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is $5/adults, $3/seniors & students, Free for members and children under18.

The Coffeehouse off the Square, 107 Main St., Hingham presents **David Roth** Saturday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m. Handicapped accessible. Admission $10 at the door. An open microphone precedes the concert. Refreshements available. Net proceeds go to the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For information, call Jim Watson 781- 749-1767

The Choral Art Society and the choirs of **St. Theresa's Church** in West Roxbury will present Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" on Jan. 17, at 8 pm at St. Luke's Church on 3A in Scituate directed by Dr. Richard Bunbury. This is a rescheduled concert and tickets purchased for the Dec. 7 concert will be honored. Tickets $12, $10 seniors and students. Info, (781) 545-8295.

The Next Page, Broad St., Weymouth, **Basic Black**

The Bridgwaye , 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield **– Irish Party Night** with live entertainment by **The Volunteers** from 9 p.m. to midnight. No admission, dinner optional. 781-834-6505.

Courtney's Food & Spirits 915 Ocean St. Rt. 139 Marshfield, Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m. **The McLaughlin Brothers**781- 834-1910

Sun. 18

The Interfaith Book Study Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for January is **Leiberman's Law** by S. Kaminshi (Judaism); February, **Siddhartha** by H. Hesse (Buddhism); March, **Palace Walk** by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036

South Shore Irish American Society Installation, Jan. 18, at 1 p.m. at the K of C Hall, Bedford St., Whitman. Entertainment from 2 to 6 p.m., provided by **Jackie Brown and Paul Kenneally**, members of the **Noel Henry Show Band**. Students from the **Maureen Haley School of Irish** Dance A hot and cold buffet will be served. Open to the public. Admission $5 at the door.

Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Museum, 2 Water St., at Battleship Cove., Fall River, will sponsor its 17th Annual Railroad Show on Jan. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Luke Urban Field House, B.M.C. Darfee High School, 360 Elsbree St., Fall River. The public is invited to with all proceeds benefiting the museum Admission $3 Adults, $1 children. Call 508-674-9340 or www.ocandfrrailroad-musuem.com

Scituate Arts Association Art Gallery 124 Front St., announces a month long exhibit of recent works from Scituate High School Senior art students. Art work ranges from water colors, pastels to oils. The show runs from Jan. 7, through Jan. 25. www.scituatearts.com or call the gallery at 781.545.6150.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the oil paintings of Hingham artist **Judith Mehring** through the end of February. 781-749-7565 ext. 16

A snow date for December Concert - **The Choral Art Society and St. Luke's Church choirs of Scituate and the choirs of St. Theresa of Avila Parish of West Roxbury** will on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, in Scituate. Tickets are $12/$10 (students and seniors) and are available in advance by phone or at the door on performance day. Tickets previously bought for the snow- cancelled Dec. 7 Scituate date will be honored at the door. A reception will follow each concert with free refreshments. For information visit www.choralartsociety.org or call 781-545-8295.

The Bridgwaye , 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield **–Dixieland Jazz** concert featuring **John Demasi's Moby Dick and The Wailers**, from 4 to 7 p.m. Admission $10, dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m.. 781-834-6505.

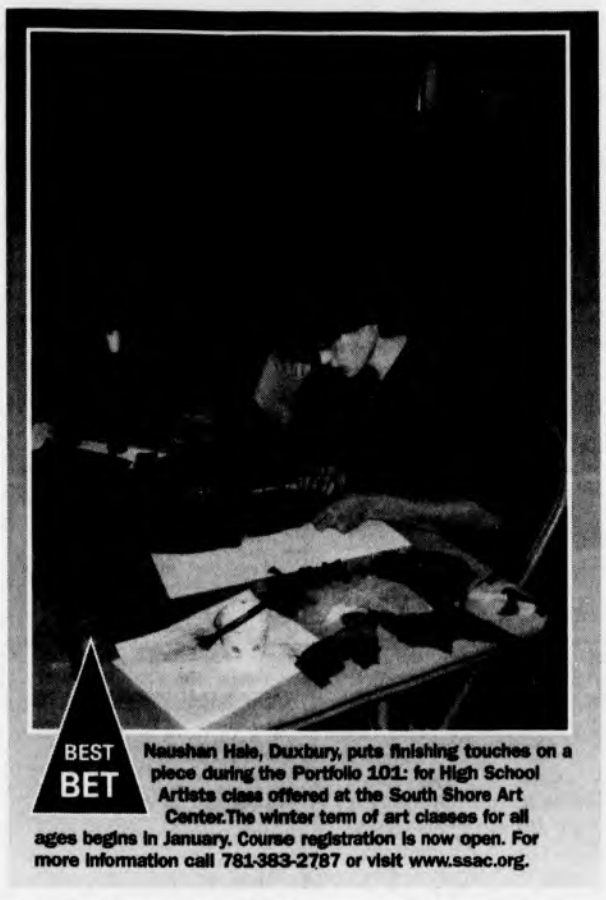
Mon. 19

The Choral Art Society will have open rehearsals on Jan. 19, 26, and Feb. 2 for its April 24 concert "A Night at the Opera" at the Trinitarian Congregational Church on Country Way in Scituate at 7:30 p.m. All parts welcome and needed. Info, 781-545-8295.

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center announces the opening of registration for winter theatre classes beginning Jan. 12, at The Norwell Grange, Main St., Norwell. Call 508-224-4548 for information.

Clift Rodgers Library and Consignment Shop will be closing for one week beginning Jan. 12 and ore-opening Jan. 20, 781-834-4597

The Choral Art Society of Scituate invites area singers to come join open rehearsals for an April performance of "A Night at the Opera" to be performed at Massasoit Community College. Open rehearsals will run for three consecutive Monday nights: Jan. 19 and 26 and Feb. 2 from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. at First Trinitarian Congregational Church on Country Way in Scituate. No auditions required and all voice parts are needed. Solo opportunities are available. Bring a friend. For further information call 781-545-8295 or visit www.choralartsociety.org. The rehearsal and concert spaces are handicapped accessible.



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Naushan Hale, Duxbury, puts finishing touches on a piece during the Portfolio 101: for High School Artists class offered at the South Shore Art Center.The winter term of art classes for all ages begins in January. Course registration is now open. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Join Harbour Choral Arts Society, a community chorus looking for new members. Rehearsals began Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hanover, at the corner of Rt. 123 and Main Street. For information, call 781-834-5808.

The North River Arts Society presents **Feathers,** a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, featuring photographs by Cindy Vallino, depicting birds in the landscape from local areas, and from the Bosque del Apache Bird Sanctuary in New Mexico, Jan. 3 to Feb. 28. The library is located in the Library Plaza, Marshfield. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30pm at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Westwinds Bookshop located at the Duxbury Marketplace, Duxbury, will be forming its Book Club and Writer's Workshop. If interested in joining either group, call 781-934-2128.

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical conceived choreographed and directed by **Twyla Tharp** and based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincy-toastmasters.

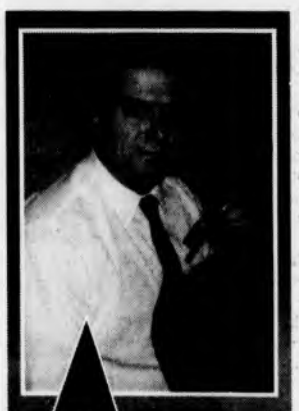
The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly, free, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Tues. 20

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. The book Breakfast at Tiffany's by Truman Capote is the reading for the Jan. 13 meeting. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250.

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's** Dillon Gallery 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

CALENDAR, see next page



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Please call patrons on all string program including Mozart's Duet for Violin and Viola in G, K 423 Friday, Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts. A reception with the artists will follow the concert. The Ellison Center for the Arts is located at 64 St. George Street, Duxbury For tickets and more information please call 781-837-2705.



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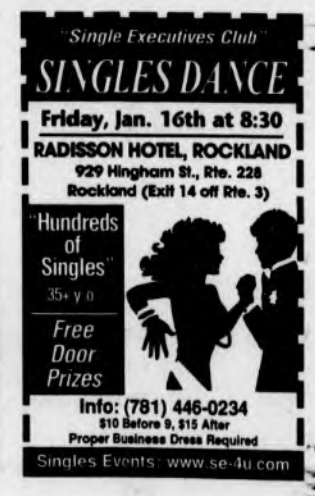
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South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band.** 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 21

The **North and South Rivers Watershed Association,** the **South Shore Natural Science Center,** and **Mass Audubon** announce their partnership in presenting a series of 11 free Wednesday evening lectures Jan. 14 through March 24, at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. All lectures begin at 7 p.m. Members and the general public are encouraged to attend. Admission is free of charge. ***The Gulf of Maine Expedition - A Kayaking Journey*** **Wednesday, Jan. 21,** Tom Teller will discuss how they traveled and what they discovered during their five-month journey.

Insight Education Center presents **Managing The Child Who "Demands Constant Attention"** Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, off Route 3, exit 17, Braintree. 7 to 9 p.m. Pre-registration required by calling 781-294-8004 or visit www.insighteducation.com

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books and Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset, presents **Perri Klass, M.D.** and **Eileen Costell, M.D.,** discussing **Quirky Kids: Understanding and Helping Your Child Who Doesn't Fit In – When to Worry and When Not to Worry,** Jan. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library. Snowdate Jan. 28. 781-383-2665 or www.buttonwoodbooks.com

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., will exhibit Paintings, Drawings, Prints by Lauren Harman during January 2004. 781-934-2721.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. **Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone.** Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 22

Meet local area employers attend A **"Mini" Job Fair** Thursday, Jan. 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lobby of the Quincy Career Center 152 Parkingway Bring your resume

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington Thursdays, **The New Blue Revue,** Open Mike blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke with Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Jimbos Restaurant Braintree 5 Corners, Comedy night featuring **Dave Andrews, Annette Pollack, Joe List, Sean Sullivan, Chris Johnston, Cyndi Stiles and Sean Caulfie.d**

Fri. 23

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance on Jan. 23, with **DJ Dave Joubert** from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

Company Theatre's Teen Actors to present **Godspell;** Jan. 23-25, Performances are: Jan. 23, at 8 p.m.; Jan. 24, at 4 and 8 p.m.; Jan. 25, at 3 p.m. Tickets: $13. Visit the box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, or call 781-871-2787 for tickets.

Tot Shabbat Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St., Brockton, will hold a Tot Shabbat service on Friday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are welcome. This program is geared to children grade 2 and under, but can be enjoyed by siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and neighbors. Children will learn about the joys and customs of Shabbat, hear stories, and sing songs. A Shabbat meal will follow the brief service. The cost for an adult meal is $7.50. There is no charge for children. Reservations must be received be made by Jan. 14. For information call 508-583-5810.

The Art of Music Chamber Players perform an all string program that includes Mozart's delightful Duet for Violin & Viola in G, K. 423, the moving Third String Quartet by Dimitri Shostakovich, and the charming String Quartet in G minor, Op.4. Violinists Piotr Buczek, Aija Silina, violist Don Krishnaswami, and Artistic director/cellist Timothy Roberts will perform. Reception will follow the concert. Free parking. For tickets and information call 781-837-2705.

The Next Page, Broad St., Weymouth, **Greg Miller Group.**

Courtney's Food & Spirits 915 Ocean St. Rt. 139 Marshfield, Jan. 23, will feature **The Other Kim** 781-834-1910

Ongoing Events

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets every Tuesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus.

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runner's clinic Monday's at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell - **Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury, presents **Stories and Art with Sally for Preschoolers**, every second Thursday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Preregistration required. $5. Call 781-934-6634 ext. 15.

Parental Stress Line - Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. The Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call us before the summer is over at 1-800-632-8188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25.



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For more information call 781-741-8194.

Pilgrim Hall Museum presents **Bringing Up Baby: 300 Years of Childhood in the Old Colony**, now through May, 2004 a new exhibit that explores the world of the very young in the Old Plymouth Colony from its beginning to the 20th century. What was it like to be a child 1620, 1850, or 1920? What can we learn from furniture, clothing, toys, games and other objects from the children who used them? What were the beliefs and sentiments of the parents who provided for them? How do letters, journals, literature, and other writing help to tell the story of the children of the Old Colony? Who were their teachers, what kinds of knowledge were important to learn? What did they do for fun? The exhibition is free with Museum admission. Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court St. (Route 3A), Plymouth. Information: 508-746-1620; web address: www.pilgrimhall.org Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Admission: adults $5; Seniors (62+) and AAA members $4.50; Children (5-17) $3.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) $15. Residents of Plymouth, admitted free.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children ages 3 to 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. After school nature programs: Thursdays, 4 to5 p.m. For children grades 1 through 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 and closed Sundays.

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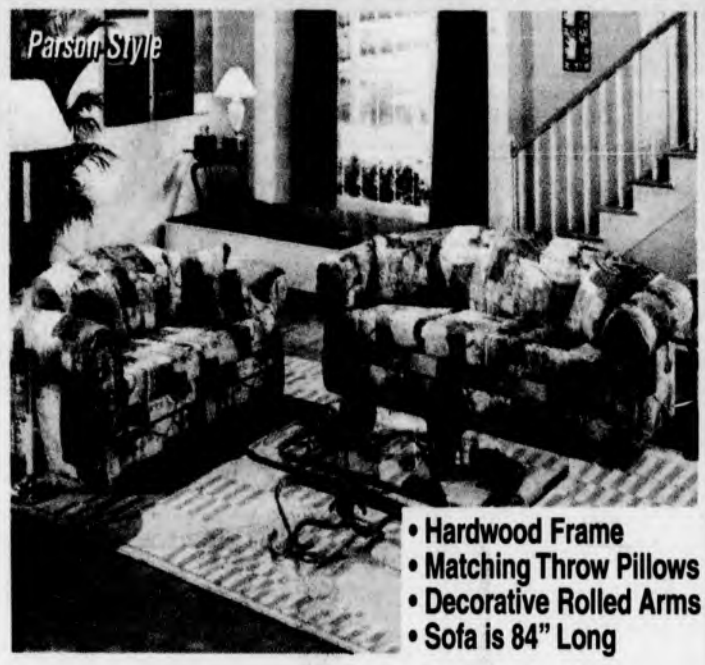
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Sgt. William Quigley, left, and Officer James McLean look over some papers as their disciplinary hearing gets underway in the Selectmen's office.

Officers' disciplinary hearings get underway

By Mary Ford
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With Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris on the "witness stand" for nearly three hours yesterday morning — it became clear the disciplinary hearings for two Cohasset police officers could go on for weeks.

After more than 6-1/2 hours of testimony that included four witnesses, "Day One" of the prosecution's or town's case tried to explore whether proper police search procedures were employed during an arrest of three youths by accused officers Sgt. William Quigley and James McLean.

The hearing yesterday also began to tackle allegations of drinking on duty at the Scituate Rod & Gun Club following weapons training last May.

The disciplinary proceeding was scheduled to resume this morning (Thursday) at 9 a.m. in the Selectmen's Office.

The town has charged both Quigley and McLean with conduct unbecoming an officer for drinking on duty at the Rod & Gun Club. McLean also faces charges of inappropriate activity in one arrest and four arrests by Quigley are being questioned. The officers have been on paid administrative leave since Oct. 20 and did not learn what the charges were until two weeks ago.

Town Manager Mark Haddad, who is serving as the hearing officer and has the authority to hire and fire police officers, will make the final decision what punishment to mete out including possible ter-

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A crowd of about 40 people, including reporters, concerned citizens, town officials and friends and family packed the Selectmen's office for Day One of the police hearings.



Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris, who testified for about three hours, adamantly defends the decision to hire a private investigator.

Poor drainage hounds field

By Mary Ford
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If the age of Alumni Field at the middle-high school could be determined in "dog years" — it would be about 70 years of age.

But in actuality, the field is nearly 10 years old and is need of a major overhaul to the tune of nearly $100,000.

Town Manager Mark Haddad hopes the repairs can be paid for through the Community Preservation Fund and will make a presentation to the Community Preservation Committee Monday at Town Hall.

Haddad may also face some tough questions.

CPC member Margie Charles said she thinks someone should be held accountable for the field being in such terrible condition.

"I'm so upset about this having to be done," Charles said. "Has everything been pursued?"

Selectman Tom Callahan, who is the selectmen's liaison to the CPC, said there was little recourse because the repairs are being sought 10 years after the field was built.

That prompted Planning Board member Al Moore, who also sits on the CPC, to wonder

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School board settles on final budget

Says override may be needed

By Samantha Brown
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"People are very concerned we're cutting as much as we are. I think the override is without question where we need to go."
— Chartis Tebbetts, School Committee

Members of the School Committee will present a budget of $11,932,050 to the Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen and hope it is a number the town will be able to work with.

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said the new budget figure represents an increase of roughly 6.4 percent, or $713,753. While that number is larger than the .68 percent the town or municipal side is raising its budget — it is a lower increase than has been approved in previous years for the schools. It is also the lowest figure the committee feels comfortable recommending without seriously damaging the educational program.

This year has been a tough one for the schools, as they are trying to make up $223,000 in utilities costs caused by a rise in the price of gas and oil. In addition, more utilities were used during the construction process than would be during a normal school year.

Couple that bill with the fact the schools are currently in the second year of a teachers' contract and the fiscal year 2005 budget reflects the third and final year of that agreement — there is nothing that can be done by way of salary negotiations to free up money in the budget, the School Committee said.

While the School Committee would like to avoid having to ask the town for a Prop. 2-1/2 override for the second year in a row, the committee hasn't ruled it out and said if it comes down to it, they will ask for $400,000. However, Town Manager Mark Haddad and members of the Board of Selectmen said they would only support a $223,000 override, which is just enough to cover the costs of utilities.

"People are very concerned we're cutting as much as we are. I think the override is without question where we need to go," said Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts. Current budget plans include cutting one teacher from Deer Hill and two from Osgood, which are all salaried at $42,167 a year.

However, the School Committee said because the schools are seeing a consistent increase in enrollment from year to year, cutting positions in the schools is going to keep deteriorating the education program Cohasset prides itself on.

"We're dismantling an excel-

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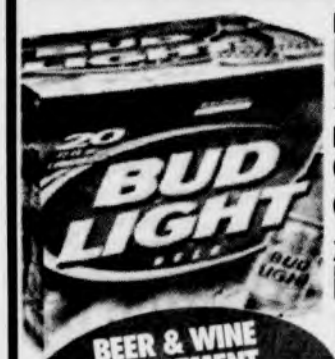
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Upcoming meetings

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Advisory Committee, Jan. 29, 7 p.m.

Board of Health, Feb. 2, 7 p.m.

Community Preservation Committee, Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.

Library trustees, Feb. 11, 7 p.m., at the library

Sewer Commission, Feb. 23, 6 p.m.

Selectmen, Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m.

Wastewater Committee, Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

High School students published in 'Teen Ink'

Cohasset High School English and Journalism teacher Christine Berman's students have once again been published in "Teen Ink," a print magazine written entirely by teens. Four students featured in the December issue of the magazine include Meghan Marr, Erik Belz, Shan Shan Nie, and Drew Musto.

Eastern Telephone gives schools check

It may be a small gain, but with the current fiscal situation the schools are in, every penny counts. In a letter from Eastern Telephone, Inc. to School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn, the company said it will be issuing $303.60 by March 1, 2004.

"Eastern Telephone provides a portion of every gross telephone bill...for every Cohasset customer signed up under our school program," the letter states. The company has determined that through Nov. 1, 2003, Cohasset residents have raised $2,128.60 since the initial rollout of the fundraising efforts. As of Dec. 22, 2003, Eastern Telephone had issued checks totaling $1,825 to the Cohasset School Committee.

METCO program rally

On Thursday, March 18 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Statehouse, there will be a rally in support of the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) program. School Committee Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts asks anyone who is concerned about the program's future, which is unknown due to budget cuts state-wide, to come show their support. In addition, Tebbetts asks that anyone who has been involved with the METCO program at any point in time please contact her, as she is trying to set up a database of those who have participated in the program over the years. The state does not have a database, and Tebbetts hopes to collect names back to the program's inception.

Superintendent screening committee is finalized

The search for a new superintendent to replace a retiring Edward Malvey at the end of this school year, is going according to schedule, and 13 members have been approved to take part in the screening committee.

School Committee representatives include Rick Shea and Pat Martin. Administrators include Middle-High School Principal Michael Jones, and Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan. Teacher representatives include Middle School Physical Education teacher Torin Sweeney, Deer Hill fifth grade teacher Kathy Jordan, and Osgood third grade teacher Beth Owens-Rigby. Parent representatives include Beth Gilman, Sarah Porter, and Lucia Flibotte. Wallace St. John will serve as the community representative. Christine Lovallo is the student representative and Adam Haracz will serve as her alternate.

School construction

Only punch-list items remain to be completed to call the construction phase at Deer Hill to a close, said Supt. Edward Malvey, and those items will be completed as soon as possible. At the Middle-High School, students began a new academic semester this week and part of that change included getting used to the newly completed classrooms. Now that furniture has been moved, from temporary quarters to a final destination, CMHS can operate as a true middle-high school, Malvey said.

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Sun. 1	7:23	8.9	1:03	8:09	7.8	1:54
Mon. 2	8:16	9.1	1:57	9:01	8.0	2:46
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Preserving historic records is vital

Town Clerk seeks $11K to save volumes

By Mary Ford
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Vital records stored at Town Hall dating back to the 1700s are in urgent need of restoration, according to Town Clerk Marion Douglas.

To that end, Douglas is asking the Community Preservation Committee for $11,000 to restore and preserve eight volumes of records that include births, deaths and marriages from 1732-1971 and three volumes that are indexes of these public records.

The Community Preservation Committee gave the proposal a warm reception Monday and voted unanimously to continue the approval process by hearing Douglas' presentation on the issue this coming Monday. The CPC meets at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

"Some of the records are in pitiful shape."
— Town Clerk Marion Douglas

CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey said he would ask Douglas to bring some of the records to the meeting.

"They are in some state of disrepair," he said. "And need some professional attention to preserve them."

Ivimey explained in Town Counsel's opinion, it is OK to spend CPC funds on this.

"The town of Nantucket did a similar thing," he said.

CPC member Debbie Cook gave the project high marks.

"What fits more in community preservation than the vital statistics of the town?" she asked.

Member Paula Morse, who is also co-president of the Cohasset Historical Society, noted that it is very difficult to get grants for this type of work.

In Douglas' application, she explained the first volume contains records copied from Hingham for the years 1731-1770, before Cohasset was incorporated.

"Because this volume is unreadable, we have to send customers to the Town of Hingham to access the statistics," she wrote. "The restoration and preservation of the documents includes the chemical treatment (deacidification) of the paper to neutralize destructive acids, repair tears and other damage to the paper and the protection of the text by rebinding."

The CPC makes recommendations to Town Meeting, where voters have the final say on whether to fund a particular project using money from the Community Preservation Fund.

In a telephone interview, Douglas said Vermont-based Brown's River Records Preservation, which provided the estimate, is positive that the books can be restored.

"It would really be nice if we could get it done," she said, about the restoration. "Some of the records are in pitiful shape." Douglas said the volumes are stored in a vault in her office.

Money from the Community Preservation Fund can be spent in three specific areas: open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation. Each year, the Community Preservation Committee must spend or bank 10 percent of its annual revenue on each of those areas. All CPF expenditures in Cohasset must be approved by a vote at Town Meeting.

Money for the fund comes from a 1.5 percent real estate tax surcharge and state matching funds. The town adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2001.

School board still only race

By Mary Ford
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The last day to take out papers is Thursday, Feb. 12 for the April 3 Town Election.

With open seats on the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Planning Board, Water Commission, Recreation Commission and Housing Authority, the Town Election could have the makings of a real corker.

But despite all the open seats – meaning certain incumbents, who often have the advantage, aren't seeking reelection – the only race shaping up so far is for the School Committee.

However, it may still be early days. The last day to take out papers is Thursday, Feb. 12 for the April 3 Town Election.

So far there is the potential for a four-way race for two seats on the School Committee. Incumbent School Committee member Pat Martin of Linden Drive plans to seek a third term while Adrienne MacCarthy of Doane Street, Jamie Williams of Surry Drive and Scott O'Grady of Sohier Street are hoping for their first. Incumbent Mark DeGiacomo is not seeking a third term.

School Committee member Rick Shea Margin Street, who was appointed to fill Jane Pescatore's seat in September, pulled papers for the one-year remaining of Pescatore's unexpired term. Pescatore resigned from the School Committee to accept employment with the school department.

So far incumbent Selectman Merle Brown of Beechwood Street, who is seeking a fourth term, and Rob Spofford of Heather Drive are running for two seats on the Board of Selectmen. Incumbent Selectman Tom Callahan is not seeking reelection.

Nathaniel Palmer of Little Harbor Road plans to run for the seat being vacated by Rob Kasameyer on the Water Commission and Elsa Miller of Reservoir Road is seeking reelection to the Board of Assessors. Steve Bobo of Jerusalem Road, chairman of the Board of Health, has taken out papers for a third term.

There are three seats up for grabs on the Library Trustees and so far there are three candidates: incumbent Sarah Pease of Sankey Road and Stacey Weaver, 44 Nichols Road and incumbent Barbara Power. Trustee June Hubbard is not seeking reelection.

Rick Grassie recently resigned from the Recreation Commission leaving a two-year unexpired term and Joanne Young moved away leaving a one-year unexpired term on the Cohasset Housing Authority. Janice Rosano, 60 Elm St., took out papers this week for the housing authority seat.

Incumbents — Recreation Commissioner Anthony Carbone who took out papers Wednesday seeking reelection.; Ann Barrett, Cohasset Housing Authority; Sewer Commissioner Sean Cunning.

Poor drainage hounds Alumni Field, Haddad says

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out loud if the field "suddenly became bad this year or has it been bad all along?"

According to Haddad's application to the CPC, the original field was constructed on clay and has poor drainage.

"Based on this, most of the field is washing away," he wrote. "Since the field is used for several sports, including field hockey, soccer and football, it is in need of major repair."

He said work would need to begin immediately so the field would be ready for the fall 2004 sports schedule.

According to Quincy-based Foy & Letendre Landscaping, Inc., which provided the estimate, the turf — about 56,000 square feet — would need to be stripped off the field. Slit trenches and related materials would have to be installed for drainage. Work would also include repairing the existing irrigation system.

At a special election in May 1994, voters approved a $750,000 debt exclusion to pay for designing and constructing the new field. The money also included repairs to the adjacent Milliken Field. Earlier that March, Town Meeting overwhelmingly voted (326-5) to go ahead with the project.

Part of the argument for the new field was Cohasset track teams could not host home meets because of the condition of the high school track that was built in 1938. Selectmen, the Advisory Committee and the School Committee wholeheartedly supported the project.

In a telephone interview, Haddad said due to the clay base, when it rains the water has no place to go and the field turns into mud. The situation was exacerbated by last year's wet spring and summer. He said the town is seeking all the money from the Community Preservation Fund.

"I hope the Community Preservation Committee will support this project," he said.

That could create a wrinkle for the CPC that likes to share in its participation, noted member Jeff Waal.

"Our principle is to partner in regards to funding this with whoever else is involved," he said.

Waal suggested seeking some of the money from the School Committee, an idea that was immediately shot down by Callahan, who noted the schools do not have any extra money.

"And don't look to the town government," Callahan said. "There's no money in town government for this."

Member Debbie Cook suggested the PSO might be able to pitch in. And Waal thought boosters clubs might get involved.

Haddad said the ideal solution for Alumni Field would be to install the state-of-the-art artificial surface that is being used in some professional football stadiums. But the $600,000 price tag is too much, he said.

The CPC voted to take the project to the next step which is to hear a full presentation from the proponents Monday at Town Hall. The CPC, which will make a recommendation to Town Meeting, did not vote on the merits of the project.

Under the Community Preservation Act, which the town adopted in 2001, 10 percent of the monies accumulated in a town's Community Preservation Fund must go toward preserving open space, another 10 percent toward historic preservation, and 10 percent toward community housing. The remaining 70 percent can be spent for any of the above and recreation. Any money in the fund that is not appropriated can be banked for future years. Borrowing is also allowed with payments for interest and principal coming out of the fund, as could be the case with Alumni Field.

School instructional aides are doing more and more

By Samantha Brown
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When positions are cut, someone else needs to pick up the slack, says Mary Staunton, an instructional aide at Deer Hill, and if the current budget picture remains bleak, upwards of three teaching positions could be cut next year.

Reading a prepared statement, Staunton came before the School Committee asking for their consideration when making budget decisions. She and others in her position have been required to cover more than their share of duties in the schools, when other positions, namely activity aides, have been cut, she said.

Staunton said she has been a resident of the town for 37 years and as an instructional aide, has been a non-union employee of the schools for the last 19 years. Currently she is working at Deer Hill, but at one point was the only aide for grades seven through 12 at the middle-high school. However, even as the only aide, she said "There was great satisfaction in that I grew to know most of the students in the town, and assisted many of them toward academic success."

Staunton said her job has always been "a fluid position that required individual and small group teaching, curriculum support, remediation, and organizational assistance to students, as well as back-up help to teachers." However, since the elimination of the activity aides, she said her job description has drastically changed.

"Our responsibilities now have expanded to include the duties of the activity aides, which require before school supervision of students, lunchroom duty, and recess supervision. These additional duties detract from our time available to focus on the support services to the special needs students," she said. With the additional responsibilities, the day of all the instructional aides has been lengthened and there has been no additional compensation given.

"We are given the jobs that others refuse to do," she said.

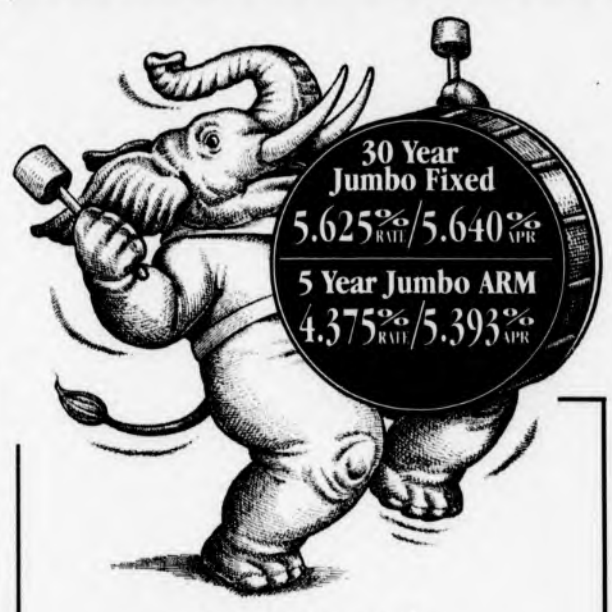
Staunton added the current salary for instructional aides are below a living wage, and even at the highest step, she is making less than $18,000 a year.

"I wonder whether we couldn't find the money someplace," to hire some extra support staff, she said. While she acknowledges instructional aides do have a very fluid position, with seven activity aides gone, it is putting a real strain on all the instructional aides. "The educational structure is so interconnected that by eliminating one section of staff, the entire system is affected," she said.

Staunton asked School Committee members to carefully consider reinstating the activity aides, for the children's sake, and added she hadn't spoken with any of her colleagues before coming to the meeting.

Member Mark DeGiacomo said any issues with salaries cannot be addressed at a School Committee meeting, and will have to be taken up elsewhere. In terms of adding to the staff, that is a request that will most likely have to wait. School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn agreed and said "I don't think anyone anticipated we'd have two years like we've had." Flynn added while he hopes the schools will be in a position to add staff in the near future, at this point, the School Committee just wants to keep as many teachers employed as it can.

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Article placement could be by lottery

Town meeting warrant includes 27 items

By Samantha Brown
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The town is contemplating a lottery system for placing articles o n the Town Meeting warrant to address some concerns about making sure each item gets the attention it deserves.

The warrant for the Annual Town Meeting has been drafted and as of right now, there are a total of 27 articles to be taken up on March 27. However, being near the front of the warrant has become an issue of major importance in town, as some articles at the special Fall Town Meeting did not get the attention they deserve because of their placement.

That is what led selectmen this week to consider a possible lottery option for the future.

"The water commission is not happy with me right now," said Town Manager Mark Haddad, as it has been given the last six slots for its articles on the warrant.

But Selectman Merle Brown said someone always has to be last, and it seems fair to him to have a lottery so that decision is left up to luck. However, because some articles need to be grouped together, the specifics of how to proceed with a lottery would need to be defined. The Selectmen will continue to discuss the matter, and may decide to include it as another article on the Warrant.

In addition, Brown said he doesn't want to see any more revisions made to articles on the floor of town meeting. "Every board should know what's coming," he said, adding even the slightest changes of a word or two should be unnecessary by the time the article makes it to Town Meeting. He suggested having someone be in charge of looking over each and every word for every article, to make sure everything that needs to be included is, and nothing that needs to be cut is left in.

As the warrant currently stands, the first three articles deal with balancing the budget. Article four deals with projects brought before the Community Preservation Committee. Article five requests funds to pay unpaid bills from the previous year, and at this point, Haddad said there are none. Article six deals with additional departmental budget appropriations, for which Haddad said there will be four major expenses — fire department overtime; police department overtime; the legal budget; and the school budget.

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— Mark Haddad, Town Manager

Several citizen petitions are also included o n the warrant. One asks the town for $10,000 to hire an independent counsel for the purpose of investigating the alleged misconduct of members of the Police Department, the actions taken to remedy the misconduct, and identify any potential abuse of power, fraud, or deceit that may have taken place.

Another article asks the town to vote to amend the article regarding the purchase of the Cook Estate property, which was voted on at the special Fall Town Meeting last November. The amended article would allow the town to purchase the property and sell it for the purchase price plus other costs incurred, to the Cohasset Land Foundation, for the purpose of constructing 48-60 affordable senior housing units, while preserving the house and majority of land as open public space.

There are also a number of zoning articles on the warrant as well as an article dealing with political signs in town, and one relating to sewer issues. Selectman said it will be setting up appointments to have meet with the sponsors of the articles in the coming weeks, and will ask Town Counsel to sit in on the meetings.

A closer look at the articles

• Articles nine, 10, and 11 are all zoning articles sponsored by the Growth and Development Committee. Article nine deals with the large house site plan review, which had been slated to come before voters at the special Fall Town Meeting, but never made it to the floor because of the way it was written. While the article had been approved unanimously by the Planning Board and 6-1 by the Advisory Committee, the Board of Selectmen never voted on a recommendation.

During discussions, selectmen said they did not like the wording of the article, which made reference to a development rather than a home, for which the article was meant. The article did not seem to deal with the problems a home would have and needed more review. The article has therefore been re-written.

• Article 10 deals with earth removal, land clearing, and land alteration. It was written to give builders a set of rules to follow when developing, to ensure Cohasset's valuable natural resources are not damaged. It regulates clearing, grading, and earth removal to help prevent erosion, control stormwater runoff, and regulate the alteration of the natural topography.

• Article 11 deals with nonconforming buildings and their uses, and sets up guidelines to avoid future controversy over interpretations.

• Article 12 is sponsored by the Historical Commission and deals with the demolition of historically significant buildings. It would empower the commission to advise the building inspector, with respect to the issuance of permits for demolition.

• Article 13 deals with political signs, which almost made it to the special Fall Town Meeting. It would set up the rules and regulations for residents to follow when placing signs on their property.

• Article 14 asks for $25,000 to pay for the town's share in the engineering costs associated with the repairing and/or replacing the West Corner Culvert located at the Hingham, Cohasset, Hull town line. The expense will be shared equally with Hingham and Hull. It is anticipated the state will provide funding for the actual construction costs.

• Article 15 would authorize funding for improvements, including drainage, to the private way off Atlantic Avenue that services several homes commonly known as "Newtonville." Borrowing is to be repaid by betterments assessed upon the properties benefited.

• Article 16 would allow the Board of Selectmen to acquire an additional easement to James Lane, which would comprise roughly 1,310 square feet.

• Article 17 appropriates $25,000 for the town's 50 percent share of the cost for the engineering design and development of bid specifications for improvements to the sea wall between the Mill River Marina and Atlantica Restaurant on Border Street.

• Article 18 would allow the town to purchase parcels of land in order to protect the town's water supply and preserve open space. Because this is an issue addressed in the Water Department's articles later in the Warrant, it is not clear whether this article will remain.

• Article 19 would allow the Board of Assessors to increase the asset and income requirements for the Elderly Tax Exemption, thus allowing more residents over the age of 70, who are on fixed incomes, to qualify. It would increase the gross receipts limit to $18,000 for a single person and $23,000 for a married couple, and increase the whole estate limit to $33,000 for a single person and $35,000 for a married couple.

• Article 20 would give the Board of Selectmen the authority to petition the courts to enact a special act which would authorize the town to issue the bonds in the amount of $42,190,000, which were approved by voters to cover school construction costs.

• Article 21 would appropriate $100,000 to keep the Little Harbor sewer project moving forward. Various town boards have been working together for the past two years to continue the preliminary design of a sewer expansion effort for that area, and the funding would help continue that.

• Articles 22 through 27 are all water department articles. Article 22 would allocate $2.5 million to complete ongoing capital projects by the department, as well as current high priority projects. Article 23 would allocate funds for construction improvements to the water distribution system, wellfields, and to the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, as well as construction of stormwater best management practices in the watershed of the public drinking water supply.

• Article 24 would allow the town to acquire land in the watershed of Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir, to help protect the town's drinking water supply.

• Article 25 would allow the town to accept a donation of four acres of land by the Dustin Wheelwright family, for the purpose of protecting the Lily Pond Watershed, for a parcel of land near the Aaron River.

• Article 26 would discontinue the public way known as "Old Road," in order to help prevent development in a large area of land in the Lily Pond watershed.

• Article 27 would authorize the water commission to contract for the sale of water for forty years, with the Linden Ponds development in Hingham.

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PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Project Playground invites you to "Love Around the World" Saturday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Red Lion Barn for Dinner & Dancing to the sounds of the Mike Dumas Band with Platform Soul. Great live and silent auction items. This is the Project's last major fundraiser. Plans are to build our new Cohasset playground this spring. Please come once again this year and thank you for your support. Tickets are $75 per person. Call 781-383-3198 for reservations.

DEAN'S LIST

Kyle Bunstein of Cohasset has been named to the dean's list at Quinnipiac University for the fall 2003 semester. Super work Kyle.

COLLEGE RESEARCH

Caitlin D. Donovan, 422 King St., is one of 13 students at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., to be awarded travel grants from the International Programs Office to assist with costs incurred while conducting research during winter break or the spring 2004 semester. Caitlin, a senior at St. Lawrence, will travel to California researching the topic "The Fight to Organize Migrant Farm Labor." She is a 2000 graduate of Brewster Academy and a global studies major at St. Lawrence with a minor in sociology. She participated in a study program in the Adirondack region last fall, and has also studied for a semester in Kenya, through the International Education Program at the University.



DREAM SKATE

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Did we go skating or was that just a dream? Nicholas Stavis of Cohasset sleeps while his family takes him skating.

BENEFIT FOR LYDIA VIGNEAU

WBZ's **Scott Wahle** will host the Silent Auction at the Red Lion Inn being sponsored by the Friends of Lydia Vigneau. The Auction/Cocktail party will be at 7 p.m. on March 5. Appetizers will be served and there will be a cash bar and DJ. All funds from the auction will directly benefit the Vigneau family as Lydia, a 3-year-old attendee at Sandcastles here in Cohasset, undergoes treatment for Leukemia. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased by calling **Jeanine Perrone** at 781-383-6764 or **Jeanne De Murias** at 781-383-2129 or by mailing a check payable to The Lydia Vignea Fund to 310 Beechwood St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Andrew J. Flynn of Cohasset, a junior at Boston College High School, was among the 103 seniors and juniors inducted into the Robert J. Fulton, S.J. Chapter of the National Honor Society at an evening ceremony Jan. 12 at Boston College High School's McNeice Pavilion. The guest speaker was **Judge Robert J. Kelly**, United States Office of Hearings and Appeals, and an alumnus of BC High, class of 1957.

The National Honor Society is established under the National Association of Secondary School Principals to provide recognition to high school students who have clearly distinguished themselves in their school and community for scholarship, character, leadership and service. Congratulations Andrew.

THAYER HONORS

Thayer Academy Headmaster **Ted Koskores** is pleased to announce that the following Cohasset students have achieved academic honors at Thayer Academy Upper School. At this time, Thayer Upper School students receive honors for both the first term and the first semester. Some students receive honors in both categories, others in only one. **Sarah Bookstein**, ninth grade, earned Honors for both the first term and the first semester; **Katherine A. Scafuri**, ninth grade, earned Honors for both the first term and the first semester; **Catherine M. Ernst**, 10th grade, earned High Honors for both the first term and the first semester; **Joseph M. Rosano**, 10th grade, earned Honors for both the first term and the first semester; **Suzanne Marie Lewis**, 11th grade, earned Honors the term; **Michael Thomas Ernst**, 12th grade, earned Honors for both the first term and the first semester; and **Malcolm J. Stansell**, 12th grade, earned High Honors for both the first term and the first semester.

Thayer Academy Middle School students from Cohasset: **Anna E. Blanken**, sxith grade, earned High Honors in achievement and High Honors in effort. **Leigh C. Collins**, sixth grade, earned Honors in achievement. All of you worked very hard for these honors, keep up the hard work

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The following Cohasset residents received Partners in Excellence Awards: **Agnes Froio**, Mass General Hospital; **Margaret Hillman**, Brigham & Women's Hospital; **Patricia Livingstone**, Mass. General; **Travis Quigley**, Dana-Farber/Partners CancerCare; **Gail Vaughn**, Partners Home Care. Congratulations to all of you on this excellent recognition.

CHS JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Hingham Symphony will host its annual Discovery Series Concert this weekend, and this year Cohasset High School's own jazz ensemble will be performing!

If you haven't had the pleasure of hearing the Symphony, this is a great way to begin and a terrific opportunity to introduce the kids to professional musicians. As well as hearing Cohasset's own, members of both the Hingham and Marshfield High Schools will also be playing alongside the Hingham Symphony. After the Concert, you can explore the instruments up close and meet the musicians. The Concert will be held Saturday, Jan. 31 at 3 p.m. at Weymouth High School, Commercial Street; and Sunday, Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. at the North River Community Church, Rte. 139 in Pembroke. Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books, the Hingham Public Library, Nobles in Hingham, or by calling 781-740-5694.

That is all for the week. Please let me have all of your news, event information and stories no later than Mondays at noon. If you have a photo that you would like to have appear with your information, please email the photo separately to Mary Ford at, mford@cnc.com or drop it off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in Cohasset Village.

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On new Year's Day 2004, Sunrise Assisted Living was honored to celebrate the Jan. 2, 50th wedding anniversary of residents Mathew and Virginia Babij. Their family joined the Babijs for a special dinner prepared by Dining Service Manager Mike Anderson, which included shrimp cocktail and crab-stuffed scallops. A beautiful cake by Pastry Chef Ellen Anderson was decorated with purple roses. The Babijs recently moved from Warwick, R.I., to be nearer to family, Jerilyn and Lloyd Huskins and Mrs. Helen Huskins of Cohasset, and granddaughter Larissa Huskins of Brookline. Daughter, Sandy, and Steve Batchelor of Pembroke Pines, Fla. were also on hand for the happy occasion.

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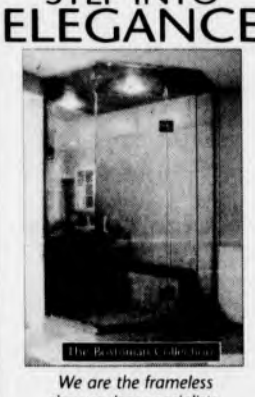
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Post-prom party

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The 2004 Post Prom Party Committee needs the support of the Cohasset community as it relies on contributions to fund a major portion of the Post Prom Party expenses. Please consider making a donation of any size to this most worthwhile event and mail your check to:

2004 Cohasset Post Prom Party c/o **Irene Barry** 29 Lamberts Lane Cohasset, MA 02025

Super Bowl party at the Teen Garage

There will be a Superbowl Party for Cohasset youngsters grade 6 and over, at the Teen Garage, Sunday, Feb. 1, from 5:30 p.m. until 15 minutes post game.

The $5 per person admission covers the cost of pizza and drinks and a Big Screen TV as well as the other TV's broadcasting the game. No pre-registration is necessary, however, attendance is limited to grade 6 and over.

Hospital Friends offer scholarships

The Friends of South Shore Hospital, the hospital's 500-member auxiliary, will award four $1,000 scholarships to area public high school seniors who are planning a health-care career.

Applications will be made available on Feb. 16; eligible students must complete and submit a scholarship application by April 9. The applications can be picked up at the information desk in the main lobby of the hospital or by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: Scholarship Chairman, The Friends of South Shore Hospital, 11 Downing Street, Hingham, MA 02043. The applications may be returned to the information desk in the hospital's main lobby or to the scholarship chairman at the above address.

- Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:
- Be presently enrolled as seniors in a public high school
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- Demonstrate financial need
- Have good high school records
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- Personal references.

The Friends of South Shore Hospital is an auxiliary whose members are dedicated to bringing together persons who will support and advance the good health of our region through the mission of South Shore Hospital. The specific goals of The Friends are to encourage volunteerism, generate financial support for the Hospital and to foster community goodwill and involvement. To join, call (781) 340-8520.

Send in school news

The Cohasset Mariner wants to develop a school news page to run every week. Short news items from teachers and school organizations are welcome. Photographs of events, accompanied with a short article or longer story are also sought. If you have "Stars of the Month", an interesting program or student volunteer effort, artwork, student writings, interesting field trip, or special projects, please share them with us.

Also, if you would like to request a photographer for your school event, please let us know. Contact editor Mary Ford at 781-741-2933. News items my be sent by email to mford@cnc.com or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street in the village.

Deer Hill teacher spreads her love of literature to students

By Samantha Brown
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There is no shortage of reading material in Deer Hill fourth grade teacher Lauren Paquin's classroom and she wouldn't have it any other way. While she says she is not much of a "theme" teacher, it is clear to see from the multi-colored crates overflowing with books, that literary works are an important part of her everyday curriculum.

— TEACHERS WITH CLASS —

Paquin has a bachelor's degree in English from Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, N.Y., and has always had a fascination with the written word. In fact, she said in the second grade she wrote a book called "All About Me," in which she said she wanted to be a teacher. It's only fitting then, that she went on to receive her master's degree in education, and now combines the two passions on a daily basis.

"I like to read. I like to read a lot," she said, adding she tries to keep the students up to date on what she's reading at home. She said she usually has more than one book in progress at a time, and can be reading anything from a book on teaching to fiction, on any given night.

"I want to be an example to them as a reader," she said, and hopes to her influence will be one that extends far beyond the walls of the classroom, so when the day is done and the children go home, maybe they too will pick up a book just for fun.

Students in Paquin's class are almost always allowed to choose their own reading material, and she said there are certain books that become popular in class very quickly. Bruce Hale's "Chet Gecko, Private Eye" series is a big hit, and Paquin said the students love the "crazy similes he uses, like saying the students dripped into the classroom like a runny nose." Other classroom favorites include Andrew Clements' "Frindel," which she says her students can easily relate to because it is realistic fiction. "Poppy" by Avi, is a book which Paquin said she and her students enjoy discussing in class. It is a fantasy which provides the opportunity for a conversation because of the way the author develops his characters and his wonderful use of language, "to make us interested."



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Teacher Lauren Paquin has plenty of books to offer her fourth-graders at Deer Hill.

"He's great with character development and his words create a picture in your mind," which she tells students is why it makes it such a good book to read. Paquin said at all levels you can talk about the same aspects of literature, and the conversation will become more in depth as a student progresses in his or her learning. Just because a student is in the fourth grade doesn't mean they can't learn the basics of studying literature, she said.

"I want to be an example to them as a reader."
— Lauren Paquin, fourth-grade teacher

While Paquin said she has usually read everything her students are reading, and enjoys sharing the stories with them, there is one series she is not extremely fond of which has become popular in class.

"It's called 'The Series of Unfortunate Events,' and I say it's an awful series because it never has a happy ending! I always ask them why they like it, but I couldn't tell you. It must be a kid thing," she said.

But in addition to the latest pieces of children's literature, Paquin also makes sure her students are familiar with the classics, like "Charlotte's Web." While some students have read the story before, Paquin tells them "E.B. White is always worth another read," because the language and images are so strong. Paquin said it's important for students to realize that books can be read more than once and can be equally enjoyable the second or third time around.

Books like "Charlotte's Web" could be what sparked Paquin's interest in reading in the first place. While she says she was a "pretty good student," growing up, and always wanted to do well, she was much more interested in reading than doing math or science.

"I learned to like math at Leslie [College]," she said, which is where she earned her master's degree. Because she was learning to teach math, she began looking at it more in terms of solving puzzles. "When I was in school I just found it daunting," she said.

But realizing that students are going to have different interests and strengths, just as she did, is something Paquin takes into account when planning her daily lessons. She said she tries to get to know each of her students well enough to know how best to meet their needs, and give challenges to kids who need to be challenged and support to those who need some extra help. "There are emotional and social considerations. You need to see the whole child and take it into consideration as best you can," she said.

Paquin said she tries to provide an environment that is conducive to learning by providing an underlying sense that everyone belongs, and while there may be ups and downs, they always know they are in a safe place to learn and be themselves.

"They have a lot of learning to do in the fourth grade and it's not all academic," she said.

Paquin is perhaps able to provide such a nurturing environment in the classroom, because she is a new mother. She and her husband, Dan have a 2-year-old daughter Aidan. "The kids were very excited," she said of the students she had in class during her pregnancy. Some even brought presents for the new baby, which not surprisingly included many books.

When Paquin isn't teaching or reading, she said she has started scrapbooking. Since Aidan was born, Paquin has been putting together pictures and memories for her to have when she's older. But just spending time with her family is what makes her happiest.

"I love to spend time with my family," she said, adding when she comes through the door at the end of the day, Dan and Aidan are there to greet her, and Aidan runs toward her yelling, "Mommy!"

"It's the best part of my day."

If you know a teacher that should be featured in Teachers with Class, please contact Samantha Brown at 781-741-2935 or sambrown@cnc.com.

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OPINION

COMMENTARY - Jerry Thornton

Eight rules for Super Sunday

Super Bowl Sunday is a great day, regardless of which two teams are playing. It's like Christmas, except you can do all your shopping at any package store that has a deli.

When the Patriots are playing in the contest, it can be one of the most memorable days in a New England sports fan's life. I'm not saying it ranks next to your wedding day because I don't want to sleep in the garage. The day can be just as memorable as your bachelor party.

Nearly everybody watches the Super Bowl. People who don't know whether a football is stuffed or puffed tune in and the TV ratings for the game are huge. The game itself is no mere football contest. It's become a day-long, shameless, excessive, gaudy spectacle to which everyone's invited. Diehard fans and non-fans alike will be gathering at house parties all across America on Sunday to watch the game.

To maximize your enjoyment of the event, I offer these eight simple rules for enjoying the big game.

1) Have the right refreshments. Remember, Super Sunday is a holiday, which means you should feel free to overindulge. You'll need beer, but some soda is OK. The only food you should have are sandwiches, pizza, nachos, chili and wings of any animal prepared any style. And if I hear anyone mention "Atkins" or "low carb" in any context, I promise I'm going to go Howard Dean-on-Caucus-Night-Crazy. Americans tamed the wilderness, built a nation, defeated tyrants and went to the moon. Now we're terrified of bread? Not on this day, mister. Grab a roll and let's watch the game.

2) Be familiar with the TV announcers so you can mock them. Greg Gumbel and Phil Simms will be doing the play-by-play this year. They are probably the best team in the business, but I want you to notice something so I won't be the only one annoyed by this. Listen to how often Simms says the word "football" It's never the "ball," it's the "football." There are "football players" on both "football teams" playing "good football" out on the "football field." And of course, this is the "National Football League." Now you, like me, won't be able to stop thinking about this, like when you hear a song by "The Wiggles" and just can't get it out of your head.

3) Be ready for the onslaught of commercials: Believe it or not, the commercials are what most people will talk about after the game. Every year it's the same avalanche of ads: There will be beautiful women selling beer to doofuses, precocious kids selling colas, and dozens of ads for movies. Disney usually previews their new movies based on its theme park attractions. Last year it was "Country Bears", "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Haunted Mansion." This year, look for "90 Minute Wait for Splash Mountain" and "$8 Chicken Sandwich." You'll see one beer ad featuring a rapper who screams "You gotta feel this", but trust me, you've gotta do no such thing. Also, there'll be a lot of ads for some "men's health" medicine that show a guy throwing a football through a tire swing, though I think that's just supposed to be symbolic.

4) Skip the pre-game show. Every year this show gets longer. Now, by the time kickoff rolls around they've interviewed everyone from the coaches to the guy who counts the cups at the concession booths. Less analysis went into he Allied invasion of Normandy.

5) Do watch the halftime show. The halftime show has grown from marching bands to hideous Vegas-style "extravaganzas" to actually a pretty entertaining event. I can't believe that the same NFL that gave us the band U2 in 2002 once featured Up With People and Michael Jackson singing with a chorus of children.

6) Go easy on the silly bets. An office pool is one thing. But the Vegas odds makers offer wagers on everything from who will win to who will score first to who will win the coin flip. Plenty of guys will place bets on this stuff so they have something to root for. Face facts: they didn't build the 10 biggest hotels on Earth by losing money to the likes of you.

7) Unplug the phone. As I said, almost everyone watches the game. The only people who don't watch are women who are related to me. Every year at least one of them who isn't watching will call my house to chat, usually during the best part of the game. That's one bet Vegas won't give me odds on.

8) Don't forget to enjoy all this. Remember that some teams never make it to the Super Bowl. Others win and never make it back. The Pats are two years removed from a championship and are back already. They've already won one and now are looking for more. In gambling, this is known as "playing with the house's money", a no-lose proposition. Enjoy this moment while it lasts, because this is a heck of a team. I mean, a heck of a football team. Have fun, be safe, and especially, Go Pats.

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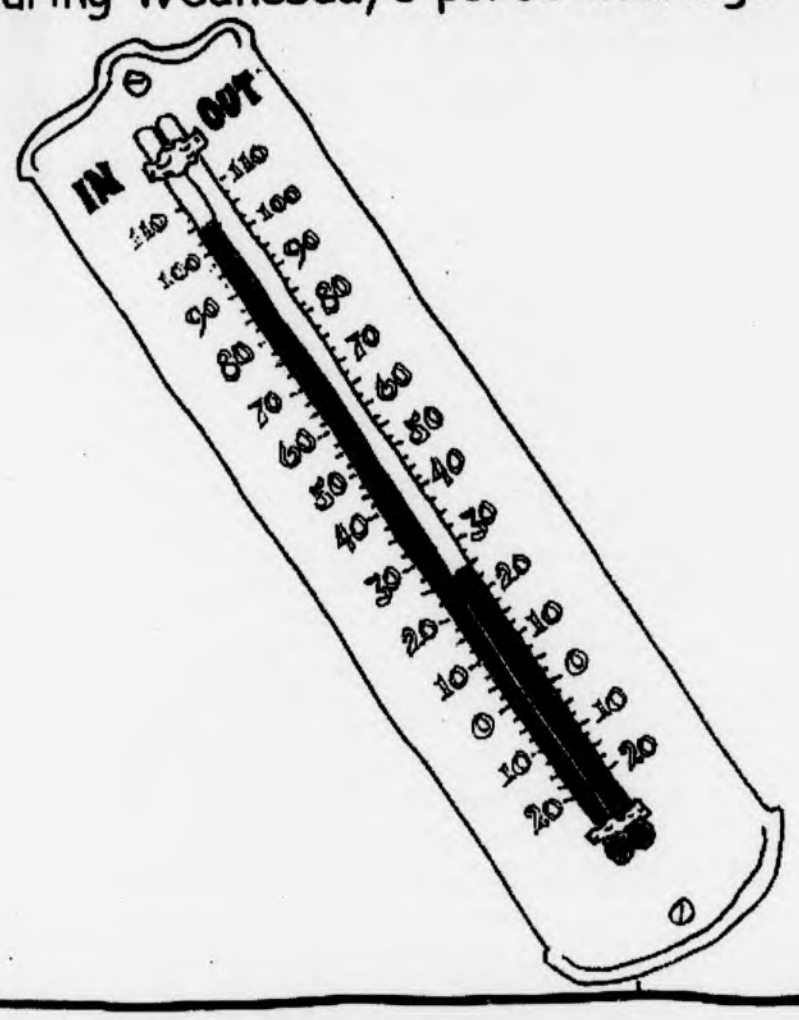
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Town Hall indoor-outdoor thermometer during Wednesday's police hearings



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Food Pantry grateful for support, volunteers

TO THE EDITOR:

As we complete our 11th year in operation, the Cohasset Food Pantry would like to again thank our many benefactors. Last year we moved to St. Anthony Parish Rectory and can now provide ground floor access to the Pantry. We thank Fr. John Mulvehill and the staff at St. Anthony for their continued support and generosity.

As always, we are also thankful for our loyal volunteers who come to help stock the shelves, distribute food and provide cheerful conversation and guidance to our grateful recipients. Several of these volunteers have been with us for many years. Our current volunteers are:

Jane Corry, Carol Fanning, Libby Hagen, Madeline Hargadon, Helen King, Michelle Laney, Mary McNamara, Ozzie Osborne, Valerie Semensi, June Simeone, Shirley Tewksbury, and Jean Thompson.

The Cohasset Food Pantry relies on food and monetary donations throughout the year. We have been blessed this season with an abundance of food donations thanks to the monthly food drives at our local churches and our many benefactors. There are many organizations and people who helped us provide holiday meals and gifts for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We wish to acknowledge:

Beechwood Congregational Church , First Parish, Nativity Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, Second Congregational Church, St. Anthony Parish, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Carriage House Nursery School Food Drive, Cohasset Middle High School - Food Drive and Donation , Cohasset High School Teachers, Cohasset Librarians,

Cohasset Village Merchants – Donations from Holiday Fair, Community Center Nursery School Food Drive, Deer Hill School , Girl Scout Troop 4784, Osgood Kindergarten students - Julia DeWaal and Vicki Neaves – Food baskets and Christmas Gifts, Rusty Skippers Band, Second Congregational Church-Angel Tree Program, Social Awareness Organization – Scott Newkirk, St. Anthony Church CCD Program – Baked Goods, St. Stephen's Holiday Food Drive -Beth Wheatley Dyson, Town Democratic Committee – Agnes McCann,

Bay State Community Services, Inc , Cohasset Post Office Food Drive, Copeland Family Foundation, Kinnealy Meats – Thanksgiving turkeys , Norfolk County Commissioners, Old Colony United Way, Pilgrim Cooperative Bank – Holiday Food Drive, Christmas turkeys and donations, Plymouth and South Shore Association of Realtors Inc, Stop and Shop Family Foundation, Shuster Laboratories, Tedeschi Food Shop,

D'Anne Avotins, Merle Brown , Candela Family, Robert Erlandsen and Christa Moreau, Horn Family, Brenda Kelleher, Cal and Helen King, Neil Murphy, Mary Lee Pestone, Maureen Poppick, Thompson Family, Mark Tosi, Vanderweil Family.

We sincerely apologize if we have omitted any of our generous benefactors throughout the year.

The Cohasset Food Pantry is open every Tuesday morning from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Parking is available at the rear of the rectory.

Marjorie Steele
Moira Stansell
Cohasset Food Pantry

Tree pickup project volunteers thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank the 100-plus people in town who signed up to have their Christmas trees picked up by Project Safeguard volunteers the first two weekends in January. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards a new Parenting Education seminar for parents of teenagers; a theatre presentation on bullying for the sixth-grade class this spring; and speakers for the annual "Campus on the Common" program for seventh-graders and their parents to be held next fall.

This fundraiser would not have been possible without the following people, who hauled the trees and made countless trips to the dump in freezing cold weather: Bill Chisolm (thanks for answering our plea for help in the Mariner, Bill!); Jim and Andrew Graham; Fred, Tyler & Justin Wood; Stephen, John & Emerson Oronte; and David Game. Special thanks also to Dr. Mike Gill, Middle School administrator and health education coordinator of the Cohasset Public Schools, who spent his Sunday driving the school truck and hauling trees; to Karen Oronte for help with administration; to Sam Game for help with bookkeeping; and to Rev. Cliff Cutler for his continued support of this program.

Project SAFEGUARD is a community initiative to support youth and parents with child and adolescent health-related issues—including bullying, social & academic stress, body image & eating disorders, and substance abuse prevention. The consortium includes parents, clergy, and representatives from the PSO, Cohasset Public Schools, and the Social Service League. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sally Sisson Game
Cohasset PSO Chair
Project SAFEGUARD

Group's intervention on police matter criticized

TO THE EDITOR:

Not many years ago, Boston Magazine published a critical article about alleged (and perhaps overstated) deficiencies of the Cohasset police department, and featured a clown in police uniform on the cover. Since then, a fine institutional culture has developed, so that today our force is well trained and professional in its behavior. We can be thankful, and we should applaud action by the authorities to keep it that way, and to deal forcefully with any possibility that officers who aren't meeting today's standards.

Of course, police often are accused falsely of being too aggressive, or unfair; it's one of the disappointments of the job. But the public is ill served if accusations are not investigated carefully by the relevant authority. Investigation is not made easy by the tendency of accusers to clam up when facing an official instead of a neighbor or the guy on the next bar stool. But an accumulation of accusations, even if proof is not forthcoming, surely is reason for the relevant authority to serve the public interest by taking some action to ensure there are no true grounds for accusations in the future. The action may seem unfair to the officer, but his or her interest is subordinate to the public interest.

There is a well-defined appeals process available to an officer who has been disciplined, a process that strikes a balance between the rights of the officer and the rights of the public to be protected properly. Any relevant fact is sure to be brought to light by counsel for one side or the other.

Surely we don't need the intervention of a citizens' group who would have the taxpayers fund an independent investigation to examine the process and the behavior of the players. The court's disposition of the threatened lawsuit against the town isn't going to be influenced by the independent investigator's rehash. The threatened lawsuit by an officer may or may not have merit in law or in tactics, but a proposed citizen-funded investigation is as likely to encourage it, as to discourage it. The intervention is well-intentioned, but may be counter-productive by complicating the existing process with the dubious results of an "independent investigation" focused on the behavior of the judges rather than of the officers.

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Holiday Food Drive help is appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Norfolk County and the employees and users of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds for their participation and generosity in our second annual Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Holiday Food Drive. Through the generous donation of nonperishable food items, we were able to distribute food to those individuals facing hardships around Norfolk County.

Unfortunately, the problems of hunger and families in crisis do not diminish after the holidays. Many families continue to be faced with choosing between mortgage and rent payments, heating costs, and food. With this in mind, I urge all citizens of Norfolk County to remember their less fortunate neighbors during the 2004 calendar year. Food pantries in our communities throughout Norfolk County are always in need of nonperishable food items.

Thanks again to all who participated in the Holiday Food Drive. I wish all the citizens of Norfolk County a safe and healthy 2004.

William P. O'Donnell
Norfolk County Register of Deeds

HEALTH NOTES

Share thoughts on Rails with Trails with our Greenbush ombudsman

In December, Lisa Bailey, Waterfield Design Group; Paul Smith, of Alta Planning, the contractor for the Board's Community Preservation funded Rail with Trail feasibility study; and I conducted a site walk of the potential corridor for pedestrian access to the MBTA right of way. The entire corridor is from North Main Street in Cohasset to Henry Turner Bailey Road in Scituate, a distance of 3.7 miles. There was limited snow cover but most corridor features were visible.

At this time, the MBTA is planning pedestrian and bicycle access from the Cohasset MBTA station to Hingham, but no pedestrian access to Cohasset.

Following the site walk Waterfield Design Group was requested to calculate potential wetland impacts based on trail development at specific locations. Based on potential wetland impacts, Paul Smith of Alta recommended elimination of three of 11 potential trail segments from consideration for trails.

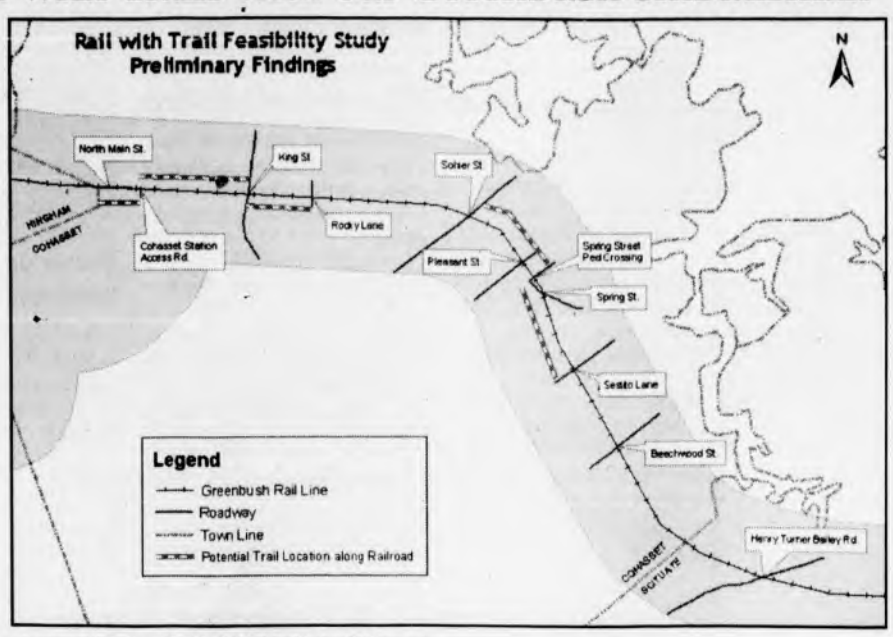
This leaves two potential trails, each about one mile long:

- Segments 1 – 4 inclusive [5,090 feet] which provides access to Cohasset Station from Cohasset
- Segments 6 – 9 inclusive [5,000 feet] which provides access to the town center from the north (Sohier Street) and the south (Spring Street)

Waterfield Design Group will further be evaluating design issues for two areas:

- a short section of trail along Sanctuary Pond in Segment 4 and
- an area south of the town center with a steep slope on the east side of the railroad in Segment 7

Upon learning of the MBTA plans at a meeting in November, Joe Godzik and I questioned the wisdom of providing pedestrian access to Hingham, but not Cohasset. We indicated to MBTA officials that this decision was not consistent with our plans to make the town more pedestrian accessible. My impression at the meeting was that the MBTA might be responsive to any measures which could implement better pedestrian access providing that operational safety and liability regulations were obeyed. Accordingly, we at the Board of Health are requesting people in town to become involved in this issue.



A map showing Rails With Trails in Cohasset.

Greebush advocate

Residents with complaints or questions about the Greenbush Commuter Rail project now have someone to turn to. Kristina Patterson has been named Cohasset-Greenbush ombudsman, responsible for investigating and addressing the impact of the commuter rail project on Cohasset residents and businesses. Patterson will hold office hours at Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., on Tuesdays from 8:30 am. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursdays 1 to 5 p.m. She can be reached at 781-383-4129 or by e-mail at kpatterson@cohasset-greenbush.com.

Khristina is an intelligent, considerate and dedicated ombudsman provided to us as a part of the agreement between the town and the T. My request is that you make your thoughts on pedestrian access to the future T station in Cohasset to her.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Greenbush battles still loom

COMMENTARY

JOHN A. BEWICK & KATHY DONAHUE

At the beginning of 2004, Advocates for Transportation Alternatives (AfTA) and the Coastal Coalition joined forces to continue to press the public case against Greenbush, and to challenge any hastily-issued state or federal permits. The incomplete design/build Greenbush project is too expensive, it is too damaging to the five communities through which it will pass, it threatens safety at the 25 grade crossings, and it competes with all other modes of transit, particularly the commuter boat services and private bus services that are less expensive, less environmentally damaging and safer. We know this because it has all been outlined in the MBTA's own documents.

The half billion dollars in state funds is needed instead for urgent transportation upgrades and expansion in the urban center. The construction of Greenbush would exhaust $500 million in capital funds, which is 70 percent of the MBTA's entire Expansion Budget for the next five years, to divert 1,770 riders from automobiles during the peak commute period. Representative Gloria Fox stated at a recent MBTA hearing in Roxbury that her district needs the transit funds there that we don't want or need here. It takes her constituents longer to get to downtown Boston than it takes our ferry riders. Where's the justice of this investment?

The Romney decision to move forward on Greenbush has become a major transportation embarrassment. Have you seen it mentioned in any chronicle of 2003 achievements? Even the Boston Globe editorial of Jan. 13 overlooks the largest transit action of 2003 in its review of the Romney administration actions.

The construction of Greenbush has nothing to do with "smart growth," which was cited by the Romney administration as the reason to move forward with transit projects. On the contrary, in this old narrow, built up corridor, the train damages twenty-two historic districts by adding levels of noise, vibration, and diesel emissions that will make many homes along the tracks uninhabitable. No new major growth centers can be built here. Smart growth investment should be focused at: 1) the Hingham Shipyard with enhanced commuter boats rather than a boat alternative that the MBTA is diminishing by the largest fare increase for any transit service in the MBTA system, and 2) putting the 3 rush hour trains planned for Greenbush on the Plymouth line instead where they will serve both the 1300 housing units planned for the South Weymouth Naval Air Station, as well as the 22 percent population growth projected for the Plymouth area in the next twenty years that contrasts sharply with the projected 3.5 percent growth in the Greenbush corridor.

Greenbush meets none of the highly-touted "draft objective transportation criteria" now being circulated by the Romney administration. Romney in 2003 had announced that all transportation projects, including Greenbush, would be evaluated using these criteria. Instead, he decided to move forward on this incomplete Greenbush project, absent criteria, leaving no money for any other transportation project. Greenbush is by far the most environmentally invasive alternative for meeting transportation needs of the South Shore, the Army Corps found that the train per se would constitute a negative impact on the historic districts, impacting more historic districts than any other project in the nation.

During the past year, AfTA presented its case against Greenbush to Governor Romney, Transportation Secretary Grabauskas, House Speaker Finneran, and to staff of the Senate Ways and Means Chairman Murray, thanks to the work of Senator Robert Hedlund and Representative Garrett Bradley. AfTA was not allowed access to the Director of the Office of Commonwealth Development Doug Foy, who came to the Romney Administration with a built in bias for Greenbush.

Foy was a signatory of the 1990 Central Artery agreement, that mandated more than $2 billion in transit improvements as a condition of moving forward on the Artery. Even though the Greenbush corridor transit ridership exceeds the transit ridership share of most commuter rail towns, because of our rich combination of transit alternatives, the corridor got no credit for its use of boats, private buses, T buses, the Red Line, and the Plymouth Old Colony line. Ironically, there are Central Artery "substitute measures" in place for Greenbush, including a bus route on the North Shore, and the Hingham commuter boat. AfTA and the Coastal Coalition ask if the Hingham commuter boat is a subsitution, then why it could not be expanded, to provide the inexpensive alternative needed for a permanent less invasive, more cost-effective transit, rather than threatened by the fare increase and by Greenbush itself.

Why is Greenbush an embarrassment no-one wants to talk about? Now that the contractor has erected a construction zone in the ancient Hingham cemetery, has closed down roads in downtown Hingham and threatened the livelihood of 200 businesses, has cut down thousands of mature trees, and has narrowed regional transportation corridors, folks are now being able to see how much the communities will change. It has given cause for alarm, and new determination.

Where does the project stand? The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection is about to issue a wetlands permit for the Hingham section of the project, with permits still pending for Cohasset and Scituate. Greenbush threatens to harm the sole drinking water supply of Scituate. In its current design Greenbush will cause harm to wetlands in the Home Meadows that is avoidable if four quadrant gates are used instead. The choice of quiet zones and use of such gates is about to become the prerogative of cities and towns under new Federal Railroad Administration regulations, not the MBTA. Permits have not been forthcoming from the Natural Heritage program, which protects the endangered species in the 38 vernal pools abutting the tracks. We will challenge the issuing of wetlands permits on the grounds that there are transit alternatives which are less damaging.

The likely decision by the Army Corps of Engineers to issue a "Finding of No Significant Impact", or FONSI, is an action that AfTA and the Coalition will strenuously oppose. Even the MBTA's own state environmental documents chronicles a preliminary roster of significant impacts to be caused by this project. Since the publication of that document, the project has changed; additional wetlands and natural resource and endangered species impacts have been identified. Preliminary construction impacts give further evidence of this. AfTA and the Coastal Coalition believe that Greenbush will not stand the scrutiny of a full federal environmental impact review, which the MBTA had been trying to avoid on this project. We stand firm in pressing for such scrutiny.

AfTA and the Coastal Coalition also intend to support town actions to insist on four-quadrant gates, now that it is clear that federal mandates give local communities the right to dictate design of rail crossings.

In short, we continue to believe that this transportation travesty called Greenbush must not be built. If you want to join with us for the long haul, and for the litigation we are preparing to file on the state and federal fronts, send your tax-deductible contributions to AfTA, 165 Beal Street, Hingham, MA 02043. Send your questions to aftagreenbush@comcast.net. Send your thoughts and concerns to Governor Romney. Call us for more information at 781-740-1613 or at 781-545-5020.

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Blondes on the brink of extinction

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Was it Miss Clairol, the hair coloring people, who came up with the advertising slogan: "If I have but one life; let me live it as a blonde?"

Well, last week the blondes among us, the ones gentlemen prefer, weren't so sure after they got through reading and hearing about the results of the latest World Health Organization report.

It warned blondes everywhere, particularly in Scandinavia where they were invented, that due to a recessive gene they will be extinct within 200 years. In other words, they are an endangered subspecies.

I hope you realize the seriousness of such a situation.

It wasn't that long ago that a Masai chief in Kenya offered to buy Carroll Baker, the blonde who sucked her thumb in "Baby Doll," for 150 cows, 200 goats and $750 in cash. The going rate for brides in Kenya at the time was 12 cows and $200 in cash.

It was Carol Channing, the best known blonde of them all, who once said:

"When you're a blonde, people sort of lean forward when you ask them a question. They take your arm to keep you from falling into an open manhole. But when you're a brunette . . . you're just one of the bunch."

Even psychiatrists like Dr. John McGeorge, the Australian, took notice: "A woman has a much better chance than a man of being acquitted on a murder charge. If she happens to be a blonde, her chances rise about 45 per cent. Juries sometimes have to be restrained from handing them a medal for their crimes."

Word of the coming blonde extinction appeared first in English newspapers (where it was suggested that the last true blonde would be found in Finland) and even made it to CNN and the ABC news program "Good Morning America," before someone thought to call WHO.

"WHO has no knowledge of how these news reports originated," said the man from WHO, "and we would like to stress that we have no opinion of the future existence of blondes."

And that should snatch blondes back from the brink of extinction, right?

Not necessarily.

The next time you're nibbling brie and guzzling Chablis at Muffy's fundraiser for Mitt Romney in Duxbury, someone is bound to regale you with the information that the Eskimos have as many as 200 words for snow.

This bit of info got started in 1911 in a book called "Handbook of North American Indians" in which the author, Franz Boas, sought to compare the number of English words for water (liquid, lake, river, etc.) to the number of Eskimo words for snow (piqsirpoq for drifting snow, qimuqsaq for snow drift, etc.)

By 1958, it was noted as a fact in some scholarly language books and the number was set at 50 in a Broadway play, "The Fifth of July," 100 in a New York Times editorial, and 200 on a TV weather report in Cleveland.

The celebrated author, columnist and cynic H. L. Menken found that he had too much time on his hands one day in 1917 so he sat down and wrote a story entitled "A Neglected Anniversary," the 75th anniversary of the introduction of the bathtub into America.

In it, he mentioned in passing that President Millard Fillmore, who was not then or even now known for anything else, ordered the first bathtub for the White House.

By 1926, the story began to appear in reference books and quite possibly on the MCAS tests if they had them in those days. Menken was horrified and admitted the hoax for all the good it did.

Twenty-five years later, another president, Harry Truman, used to amuse visitors to the White House by recounting the story of Millard Fillmore's bathtub and as late as 1992, the Washington Times took note of it in a feature story.

So the next time the subject of blonde extinction comes up over a beer and pretzels at a fund raiser for Shannon O'Brien at the union hall, don't argue. It won't do any good.

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Tom Henshaw is ill and unable to write his column. We are reprinting some of his best columns of the past. This column originally ran in October 2002.

LIBRARY CORNER

Homebound delivery service is available

If you love to read but are unable to come to the library due to an illness or disability, we are very pleased to announce a new home delivery service. For those interested, a volunteer from the Friends of the Cohasset Library will visit you at your residence to discuss your reading preferences and take your requests for library materials. Selections will be delivered to you and picked up and returned to the library on a regular schedule. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in our program, please telephone the library and speak to our Reference Librarian, Judy Simons at 781 383 1348.

Flash drive card reader

FLASH DRIVE CARD READER is available for use at the library. The flash drive card reader enables you to read the storage disc from your digital camera, view the photos and send them as e-mail attachments. Please check out the flash drive card reader at the circulation desk.

Large print books

Large print books added to the collection. Fiction titles: "Something's Down There," by Mickey Spillane. Eighty five year old Spillane is back with a thriller set in the Caribbean. "Valley of Light," by Terry Kay. Noah Locke, a W.W.II veteran and a gifted fisherman, arrives in Bowerton for its annual fishing contest and quickly becomes part of the town's life and intrigue. "Old School," by Tobias Wolff. A first novel for Wolff, best known for his award winning short stories and memoirs, takes place in a 1960's New England prep school where a scholarship student attempts to shed his past and fit in with his classmates. "Tribeca Blues," by Jim Fusilli. In the third installment of this series, private investigator Terry Orr, consumed by the tragic deaths of his infant son and his wife, uncovers a startling truth about the circumstances of their deaths. "Snobbery with Violence," by Marion Chesney. Set in an Edwardian world of parties and servants, this is the first installment in a new mystery series. Fans of the author's Hamish Macbeth and Agatha Raisin mysteries, written under the name M.C. Beaton, will enjoy this book.

Artist exhibit

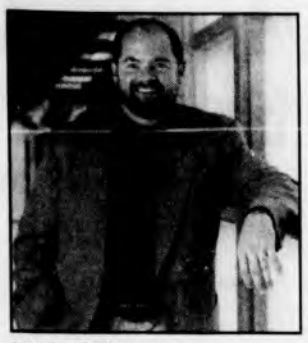
Paintings by artist, Dianne Panarelli Miller, will be on display at the library through Feb. 29.

Dianne Panarelli Miller has achieved success as an oil painter and has recently received "Best of Show" at the Captain Forbes Museum in Milton and "Award of Excellence" at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. She has exhibited regionally at many galleries and museums and is a prestigious "Copley Artist" at the Copley Society in Boston. She has also exhibited nationally in New York at the Avenue Art Gallery and the Pastel Society and in California at the North Valley Art League. She is currently teaching at local art associations while maintaining her studio in Abington. For more information, please visit her website at www.diannemiller.com

Online essay contest

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts Citizen Education Fund is offering an online student essay contest for Massachusetts students in grades 4-12 and for undergraduates attending a college or university in Massachusetts. For contest details, essay questions and rules, check the website www.lwvma.org. Essay winners receive a U.S. Savings Bond at a special awards event at Faneuil Hall and their teacher receives an educational grant. Book marks and flyers are available in the YA Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The contest ends Feb. 29.

CANDIDATES CORNER



Michael Westcott

Westcott is running for the Planning Board

Michael Westcott filed papers on Monday, Jan.19 and now announces his candidacy for the open position on the Cohasset Planning Board.

"I am running for the Planning Board because I feel strongly about preserving the character of Cohasset. It is the single most important issue raised in the town-wide survey conducted two years ago," he says.

As an active member of the Growth & Development Committee, Westcott helped draft the new Cohasset Master Plan and will bring this experience to the Planning Board just as it prepares to adopt and implement it. "This is a well established Planning Board that faces a number of challenges in the coming years and I believe this Master Plan now provides a good blueprint for addressing many of those challenges," Westcott says.

He has been an advocate for community preservation and affordable housing through his work with the Cohasset Action Group. "Cohasset is at a major crossroads. In fact, with over 500 possible units of new construction in various stages of applications and permitting, it is important that we proactively work to preserve our environment and our water supply and ensure that those who work here and grew up here can afford to stay here," Westcott says.

He cites best practices from other successful towns that can be helpful in maintaining Cohasset's character. "The town of Lincoln, for example, has some of the best open space, town services and vital cultural institutions in the state and has met its affordable housing obligations for 30 years through effective planning and creative development. It is important that we be proactive in managing growth to maintain the vitality and diversity that makes Cohasset special,"

For further information contact: Michael Westcott 781-383-2420 or by email:

mrwestcott@erathlink.net

Westcott's background includes study in architecture and planning and a degree in industrial design. For more than 20 years he has served as a design and marketing consultant to a wide range of companies and academic institutions, helping them improve and manage change.

Conley Ford talks about the numbers

"It's not about good candidates," says Conley Ford, who is running for Republican State Committeeman. "Republicans have no problem finding good candidates."

"However, without the votes, all but a few will lose — it's like leading lambs to slaughter," Ford says.

Here's the score:

- US senators: Democrats 2; Republicans: 0.
- US Congressmen: Democrats 10; Republicans 0.
- State senators: Democrats 34; Republicans 6.
- State representatives: Democrats 137, Republicans 23.

"As Republicans we are not relevant in the state of Massachusetts. Our Democrat-dominated Legislature has turned us into 'Taxachusetts,'" Ford says. "That has got to change."

"I want to lead a Republican revolution by recruiting new Republicans from the 2 million unenrolled voters in our state," Ford says. "We need to bring the balance back to ensure that Massachusetts is an attractive place to live and work. The future depends on it."

To help call Ford 781-545-0054 or email, cfordcon@comcast.net.

District-wide receptions, volunteers back Logan

Home receptions and volunteer support to re-elect Paula A. "Polly" Logan, Vice Chair of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee continues to demonstrate overwhelming allegiance to Logan's years of accomplishments.

Upcoming receptions include Jan. 28 at Fred and Barbara Clifford's, Duxbury; Feb. 4 at Peter and Beth Cook's, Marshfield; Feb. 6 at Eleanor Bleakie's, Scituate; and Feb. 16, Wig and Molly Pierson's, Cohasset. The Feb. 11 fundraiser at Black Rock Golf Club, Hingham will feature top GOP leadership.

Already more than 150 volunteers in eight towns have contributed significantly on behalf of Logan. Kathy Stacey of Marshfield, long-time worker for State Sen. Bob Hedlund as are most of Logan's supporters, stated "Most of us have been brought into politics by Polly and appreciate her relentless and full-time service on our behalf. She's never had a thought about personal gain — just helping Republicans."

Those desiring to help may log onto www.gopolly.com

Palmer turns in his nomination papers

Nathaniel Palmer has delivered to the Cohasset Town Clerk 160 signatures, the maximum allowable amount, making official his candidacy for Water Commissioner.

"Despite subzero temperatures, we had no trouble collecting the maximum number of signatures," says Palmer. "The response we received was 100 percent positive, and quite frankly a bit humbling with such a strong showing of support."

If elected, Palmer will be working with Glenn Pratt and John McNabb. "I look forward to working with Glenn and John come April," stated Nathaniel. "And I hope to continue the great quality service that Rob Kasameyer has provided our town for the last decade."

For information on the campaign contact Nathaniel Palmer directly at 781-383-3339 or nathaniel-palmer@msn.com

Palmer, who is a graduate of Bentley College with a degree in Computer Information Systems, has completed post-graduate study at Babson College's Olin School of Management, and is a principal and Vice President of Delphi Group, a management consulting firm.

Cohasset Mariner Town Election Policy

Although the last day for taking out nomination papers isn't until Feb. 12, a great deal of interest is already being generated in this year's annual Town Election.

Therefore the Mariner wants to clearly state its election policy so there is no confusion.

As in keeping with our tradition, we will pose a Question of the Week to local candidates for the School Committee and Selectman and certain other races but not until after papers close in February.

All candidates opposed or unopposed, who have not already done so, are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies. These will be run as space permits on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is no word limit, but candidates are advised to be as concise as possible.

Between now and the election, we will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (no more than 150 words per week), from any candidate — opposed or unopposed — who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers or *brief* position statements. Candidates must observe the word limits; submissions that exceed the word limit will be cut from the bottom.

Candidates may send by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the noon, Tuesday deadline.

The Mariner will *not* accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

Editors' note: Candidates for Republican State Committee, which is also generating interest, will not have a Question of the Week. They are invited to submit formal announcements, if they have not already done so, and may submit weekly candidates corner items of no more than 150 words. That race will be decided March 2 during the Presidential Primary.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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January 19-23

QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on three roll calls and local senators' votes on two roll calls from the week of January 19-23.

$6.8 MILLION FOR LEGISLATURE'S COMPUTER SYSTEM (H 4330)

House 130-22, Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Romney's $6.8 million veto reduction (from $8.6 million to $1.8 million) in funding for the joint operation of the Legislature in order to upgrade the legislative computer system. Override supporters said a non-partisan commission has recommended the full $8.6 million in order to avoid the crashing of this inadequate, aging computer system and to upgrade the Legislature's website. They argued that upgrading the site's technological capacity is essential to give citizens access to information and ensure an open, accessible and accountable government. Override opponents said the $8.6 million expense is excessive during this troubled economic period and noted that the spending of $4 million of these funds can easily be postponed until the next fiscal year. They argued that it is unfair to spend this kind of money on a computer system when cities and towns and important human service programs are suffering from recent budget cuts. (A "Yea" vote is for the $6.8 million additional funding. A "Nay" vote is against the $6.8 million).

$4.5 MILLION FOR WORKFORCE TRAINING FUND GRANTS (H 4328)

House 154-0, Senate 37-1, overrode Gov. Romney's $4.5 million veto reduction (from $6 million to $1.5 million) in funding for workforce training fund grants. The governor also vetoed some of the earmarking of the funds. Override supporters said the full $6 million is necessary to fund these grants that provide resources to Massachusetts businesses to train employees and improve their skills. The noted that some grants are targeted to ensure training of direct care human service providers, health care workers, dislocated workers and older adults. Override opponents said the earmarking of the funds is unfair because it favors employers in specific areas across the state. They argued that none of the funds should be earmarked but should instead be available equally for all employers across the state. (A "Yea" vote is for the additional $4.5 million. A "Nay" vote is against the additional $4.5 million).

$5 MILLION FOR TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (H 4328)

House 132-22, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $5 million for the Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation (MTDC). The Senate has not yet considered this override. Override supporters said that the $5 million is critical for this state-owned venture capital firm that invests in Massachusetts-based technology companies by providing grants to address the funding gap for their start-up and expansion. They argued that these companies help the state's economic growth by creating jobs and generating tax revenue and noted that the state often receives a substantial return on its investment and uses that revenue to invest in additional companies. Override opponents said the MTDC already has sufficient funding and argued that the state should not be spending money to supplement dozens of programs when it faces a potential $2 billion deficit in the fiscal 2005 budget. In his veto message, the governor said that he vetoed the funding because the MTDC would compete with the state's existing private venture capital industry. (A "Yea" vote is for the $5 million. A "Nay" vote is against the $5 million).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

SNOWSTORM AID FOR NON-PROFITS- The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) announced that cities and towns and thousands of qualified non-profit organizations in twelve counties are eligible for federal reimbursement of snow removal costs from the December 6-7 snowstorm. Acting MEMA Director Cristine McCombs said that non-profit organizations rarely take advantage of this opportunity and urged them to apply for the aid. MEMA has scheduled a series of workshops across the state to brief communities and non-profits on the application procedure. For more information, go to www.mass.gov/mema

MOTORCYCLE HELMETS (H 206)- The Senate gave near final approval to a House-approved bill allowing motorcyclists over 18 year of age to ride their motorcycles without helmets in parades. Current law requires all motorcyclists to wear helmets. Only final House and Senate approval are needed in order for the measure to go to the governor.

PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS (S 674)- The Senate postponed further action for one week on a measure requiring doctors to provide parents with extensive information on any psychotropic drugs prior prescribing the drug. The parents must sign a written form that they have obtained the information. Psychotropic drugs are ones that affect the mind through action on the central nervous system and include such well-known drugs as Prozac, Ritalin and Adderall. There was no debate in the Senate when it gave initial approval to the proposal in October.

SALE AND STORAGE OF FIREWORKS (S 1364)- The Senate postponed until its next session consideration of a bill increasing from $1000 to $2000 the maximum fine for the illegal sale of fireworks in Massachusetts. The bill does not change the current law that also allows imposition of up to a one-year prison sentence on offenders. Senate Minority Leader Brian Lees (R-East Longmeadow) moved for postponement and urged the Senate to look at the whole issue and consider legalizing the sale of fireworks in the state.

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at beaconhill@aol.com



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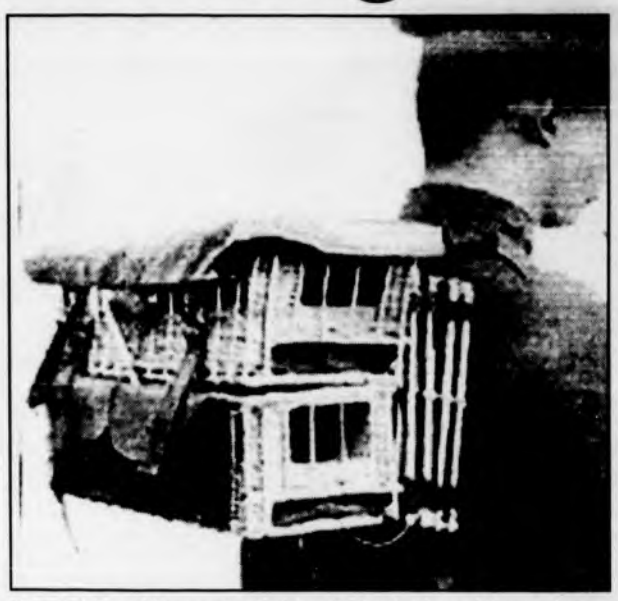
COMMON GROUND



AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN



Rock Dove (Pigeon) Columba livia



Carried by soldiers on both sides during both world wars, homing pigeons saved many lives as well as many vital military operations. Many of the military messengers earned medals and honors.



Used by both civilians and the military through the ages, homing or carrier pigeons delivered messages in canisters that were clipped to the legs or attached to the chest.

Put yourself in a pigeon's feathers and you can see how they might think that Boston's Big Dig is nothing more than a vast right and left wing conspiracy to rid the city of their kind. For half a century, the elevated Central Artery has been one of the city's premier pigeon roosts, its sheltered ledges, recesses, rafters and overhangs reminiscent of the ancient Old World caves and high cliff ledges that were home to the modern-day pigeon's wild ancestors. But, now, with the last stretch of tunnel open for business, the el that sliced the City of Boston in two is being dismantled. A flock of pigeons is without a home.

The response to that dire (at least from the birds' point of view) bit of news has been just what you'd expect. So what. Who cares. Good riddance to them! Pigeons, like sparrows, starlings, squirrels, mice, dandelions and a host of other plants and animals seem to evoke only disdain from people. Perhaps the pigeon, which is often referred to as a flying rat, is simply too common a bird to be appreciated. Those of us fortunate enough to have pretty songbirds visiting our feeders just cant see the intrinsic beauty in so seemingly ordinary a creature as the pigeon.

The pigeon, whose name that derives from the French, *pijon*, is a member of the family *Columbidae* (from the Latin for pigeon or dove), a family that numbers some 300 species worldwide, 11 of which breed in North America. A native of Europe, North Africa and Asia, the pigeon was domesticated — with some specially bred — several thousand years ago for racing and acrobatics, homing and carrying, showing and food. All modern-day pigeons are thought to descend from a single wild species, *Columba livia*, the Rock dove, the name now commonly used for the pigeon. Introduced to the New World during the 17th century by European settlers, Rock doves escaped captivity, took to a life of freedom and quickly established themselves as the common feral (populations established by domestic escapees) bird of urban areas.

Having been domesticated, it seems only natural that pigeons would be comfortable in cities, among people and their carelessly disposed food leftovers (think of what the streets might look like without the flying street cleaners), and man-made structures that mimic ancestral nesting sites. Non-migratory, when pigeons find a place to their liking they amass in large flocks and maintain a home range of less than one square mile. With few natural enemies (though as peregrine falcons make a modest comeback, pigeons will have to watch their backs), once a flock is established, it's virtually impossible to disband the gathering.

And it may be that those large gatherings, rather than the bird itself, are what irk people about pigeons. Concentrated populations of pigeons, indeed of any animal (think Canada geese on suburban golf courses and beaches), naturally bring their "messes" and possibly disease, but for urban dwellers the pigeon may be one of the few wild creatures to share their lives. Any such wild creature, it could be argued, helps to soften the edges of a harsh, concrete urban environment.

Affectionate and loyal, pigeons are monogamous and mate for life, though if a mate dies, pigeons may choose another partner. Both parents assist with nest construction — usually a loose, well-hidden, platform of small twigs and grasses — and lovingly tend their young, called squabs, which are born after a 20-day incubation. Breeding takes place most of the year, though spring and fall are peak reproduction seasons, and clutch size is usually one to two white eggs. For the first week of life, hatchlings are fed "pigeon milk," a special cottage cheesy-like food made by both parents in their crops. By the second week, regurgitated seeds are mixed with the milk. Eventually, the squabs make the transition to the typical adult diet of seeds and grains (as well as human handouts) and after four to six weeks leave the nest.

One of the most familiar of birds, pigeons are known for their sad-voiced cooing, minced step, bobbing heads (they walk or run rather than hop like most birds), green, bronze and purple iridescent necks, and diversity of plumage coloration. Cornell University's Project Pigeon Watch notes that while there may be as many as 28 plumage color types, most pigeons fall into seven major color types called morphs. Blue-bar pigeons, with their black tail and wing bands, carry the color and pattern of their wild ancestors. Red-bars are similar but the black bands have been replaced by rusty-red. A checkered wing pattern characterizes the Checkers, and a body and wings that are largely rusty-red, the Reds. Pigeons that are uniformly black or dark gray are known as Spreads, and pigeons with white patches on their heads or wings, Pieds. Whites, pigeons lacking feather pigmentation, are the doves that have become emblems of peace and love. So why do we adore doves and dislike pigeons?

Lost in the pigeon's "commonness" are several unusual, indeed unique, traits. Unlike most birds that drink water by taking it into the beak and tipping back the head to let the water trickle down the throat, a pigeon uses its beak like a straw, sipping water in a continuous stream.

Excellent fliers, and among the strongest and swiftest of birds, pigeons typically fly at speeds exceeding 40 miles per hour, though trained pigeons have reached speeds approaching 100 miles per hour. Stamina, another of the pigeon's attributes, enables trained pigeons to fly more than 500 miles in a single day. Speed and stamina, coupled with an instinctive ability to find their way back to their home loft, have made "homing" pigeons invaluable through the ages as civilian and military messengers. Though not fully understood, scientists believe that pigeons find their way home by sensing the Earth's magnetic field with tiny magnetic tissues in their heads. There is also evidence that pigeons use the sun to point them in the right direction, behavior all the more mysterious because the pigeon is a non-migratory bird.

The Ancient Greeks employed pigeons to announce the winners of the Olympic Games; news of the rise and fall of kings was delivered by pigeons. Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo was heralded by pigeons. Their shining moments, however, came during wartime, particularly during the two world wars, when messenger pigeons, with small containers clipped to their legs and chests, were released during sieges when bombing, gunfire and gas attacks crippled telephone and signal systems and cut troops off from one another. Carried with troops on aircraft, tanks, submarines and patrol boats, pigeons saved many lives and many vital operations — on both sides of the conflicts. The gallantry of these flying heroes — including two of the most famous, Cher Ami during World War I, and G.I. Joe during World War II — was recognized with medals, war memorials and burial honors.

Sadly, not all members of the *Columbidae* family have fared as well as the Rock dove. The wild Passenger pigeon's story was as tragic as the Rock dove's has been illustrious. At one time the most plentiful bird on Earth, numbering in the billions when the first colonists arrived, the beautiful Passenger pigeon, whose closest relative is the familiar backyard mourning dove, was hunted to extinction. In 1914, the last of the species died in captivity in Cincinnati.

More about the glorious life and tragic end of the Passenger pigeon next month.

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To learn more about Cornell University's Project Pigeon Watch, visit www.birds.cornell.edu/ppw/

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One away

SHS lady hoopsters now just a win shy of first playoff berth in several years

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

After a few tough games the Cohasset Girls Varsity Basketball team has reversed direction with four consecutive wins. Slightly past the season half-way mark they boast an envious 9-4 winning record. They need only one more win in the remaining seven games to secure a berth in the Div. 4 South Sectional State Tournament.

During the past week, the Lady Skippers added a "W" to their wins column with a 38-27 victory over the talented Norwell Clippers on Friday. The Lady Skippers entered the Norwell gymnasium as underdogs. Norwell came into the game flying high from having knocked off Harwich, the defending champs who, by the way, blew past Cohasset exactly one week earlier.

The Skippers brought on their A-game which melted away the Clippers' play intensity and confidence. When the final buzzer sounded, Norwell could boast no more than 27 points. Shutting down Clipper stars Katelyn Stravinsky and Holly Guistalli proved crucial to the Skippers' victory.

Head Coach John Levangie shared his ideas about this game.

"The Cohasset defense, already league-renowned, completely dominated the Clippers unforgiving offense," said Levangie. "They impressed me with their play."

Although she got into foul trouble late in the game, senior captain Danielle Pinkus led the defensive charge.

"I did not play to my personal potential," saif Pinkus. "As a team, however, we came out strong and won."

To no one's surprise, Casey Anderson led the team in scoring with 16 points, followed by Jen Buckley with eight, and Ashley Faber and Mia Lieb-Lappen with six apiece.

The Skippers' confidence clearly carried over to the next day in Cohasset when the Skippers overpowered Cape Cod Academy by a score of 44-23. According to Coach Levangie, this win was a "complete team effort. The phenome-

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Ted Straughn (#13) gets tripped upby Rockland's Dan Chase during Saturday's heartbreaking 4-3 loss to the Bulldogs, as teammate Rob Carpenter (#11) looks on.

Bulldogs bite Skippers

Last second Walcott goal lifts Rockland icemen over Cohasset

By Mike Spellman
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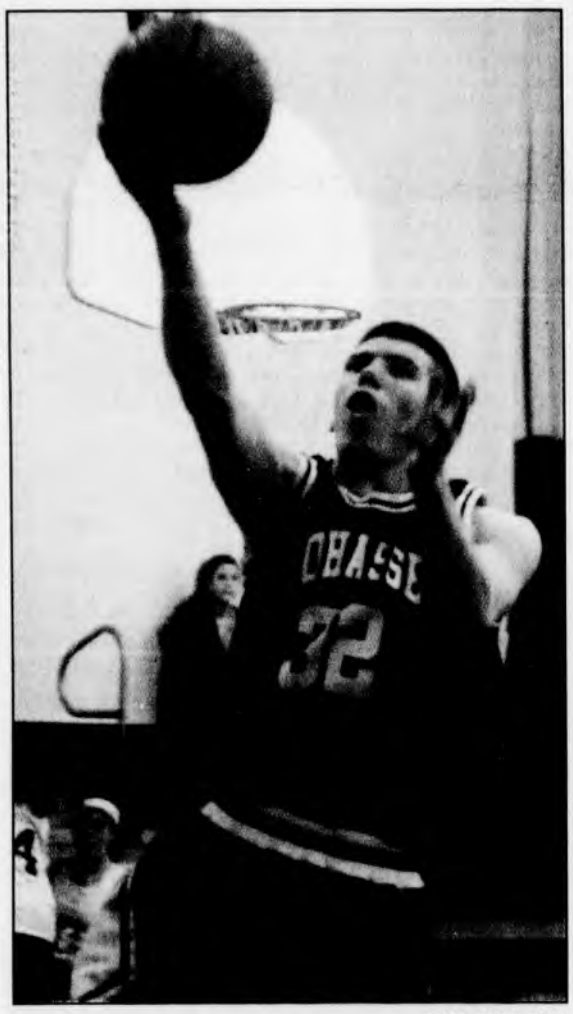
This was one the Rockland High hockey team really, REALLY needed.

And, with four seconds to play in Saturday's showdown at Rockland Ice Arena with Cohasset, junior Shea Walcott delivered it when he poked home the rebound of a Steve O'Brien shot, giving the Bulldogs a 4-3 win to keep alive a glimmer of playoff hope.

With Rockland up a skater after a Cohasset player took a retaliation penalty with 52 seconds to play, the gamewinning sequence began when senior defenseman Steve Dionne blocked a Cohasset clear attempt at the right point and quickly fired back toward the crowd in front of Cohasset netminder Stefan Parnell. The puck squirted through to O'Brien by the right post and he chopped it into the midsection of the lunging Parnell, the carom going directly to Walcott by the left post, who calmly slipped it into the open half of the net by the downed Parnell.

"We have no one to blame but ourselves," charged clearly incensed Cohasset coach Ben Virga following the game.

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Skippers leading scorer Chris Bilodeau goes strong to the hole in recent SSL showdown. The boys have won two straight games to remain in contention for a playoff berth. See page 15 for report.

Gymnasts vault ahead

Nor-Coh squad dominates Hanover to remain perfect

By Mike Spellman
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The Norwell-Cohasset gymnastics team took a huge step toward its second South Shore League title in three years with a 130.9-111 win on Thursday over Hanover, the team regarded as the chief competition in this chase.

Cohasset junior Nancy Durkin paced the way to the team's season best score with an all-time high of 34.0 in the all-around competition, and took at least a share of first place in all four events. Norwell junior Jen Guiney was second in the all-around with a 32.7.

"I was real happy with the performance," said Nor-Coh head coach Kara Connerty. "Several girls are picking it up lately, which is what you're looking for down the stretch."

With Hanover star Molly Fanning being lost to a sprained ankle early in this meet, the Nor-Coh girls were able to sweep three of four events, with Fanning's third place showing of 8.1 on the uneven bars the only blemish on the leaderboard.

Durkin won outright for her performances on beam and uneven bars, scoring an 8.5 in both events, and tied for first with teammate Samantha Rosen, a Norwell High junior, on floor (8.7) and vault (8.3).

The Nor-Coh girls were particularly dominant in the floor exercise, as Guiney and Cohasset's Lisa Spirito tied for second with 8.6 scores. This was an all-time high for Spirito. Norwell sophomore Erin Kelly was not far off that pace with an 8.2.

Kelly also finished second on beam to Durkin with an 8.1 score and Cohasset sophomore Kate Carpenter was third with an 8.0.

Guiney was third on vault behind Durkin and Rosen and took second on bars (8.3) between Durkin and Fanning.

The Nor-Cohs followed this up with a lopsided win over Duxbury on Tuesday, 128.4-108.3, to improve to 8-0 on the season with two league meets remaining. The girls will host Carver tonight at the Massachusetts Gymnastics Center in Hingham (7 p.m. start) and then hit the road on Monday to take on the Hingham-Scituate team at Head Over Heels in Norwell.

The Nor-Cohs had little difficulty with those two teams the first time around, but coach Connerty is taking nothing for granted.

"You never know what's going to happen," said the veteran coach. "We need to take things one meet at a time."

The South Shore League meet will be held next Saturday at Carver High, and will be the

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Three-peat

Carver win lifts CHS grapplers to third straight league title, Sweeney to #200

By Mike Spellman
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The clincher for a third straight league championship and career win number 200 to boot.

Yeah, Wednesday was a pretty good day for Cohasset High wrestling coach Torin Sweeney.

"We picked a good day to wrestle this well," said Sweeney, following the 41-22 win over Carver on Wednesday that clinched the South Shore League title for the Skippers. "This was the best we've wrestled all year. This was a total team effort with a lots of gut check wins."

Things started right for the host Skippers (4-0 in league, 10-4 overall), as they won the coin flip, which allowed Sweeney to keep stars Phil Strazzulla and Matt Casey matched up against top Carver wrestlers.

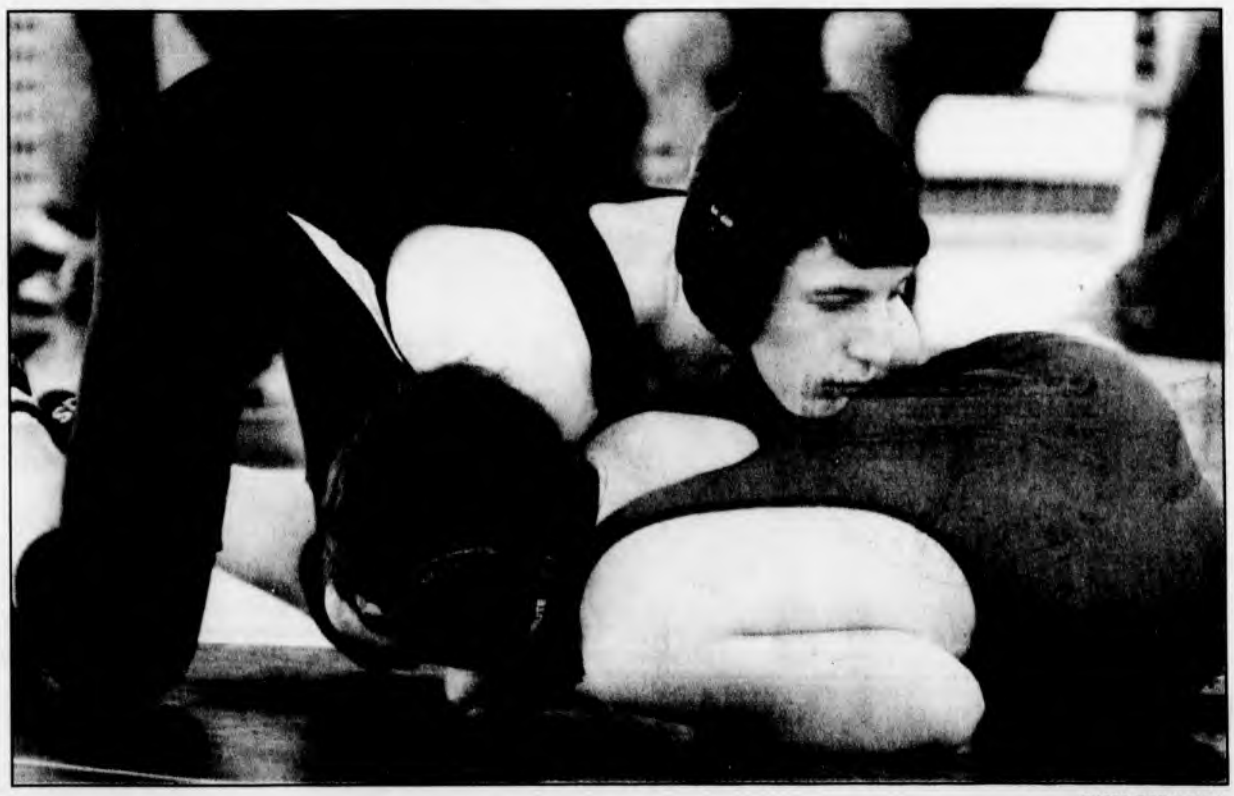
Strazzulla, a senior captain, improved his record to 22-1 by winning his match at 145 by major decision. Casey was bumped from 160 to 171, and his pin clinched the win for the Skippers with three bouts still to be wrestled.

Sweeney trotted out two freshmen and a sophomore to start the match and was quite pleased to come out of that facing only a one point deficit at 7-6.

Freshman Ryan McLellan battled out of a couple of jams in a seesaw battle and then pinned his counterpart at 103 to give the Skippers a quick 6-0 edge.

"For a freshman to come out in the big match, with all the pressure to start things out, and respond like that was just incredible," effused Sweeney,

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Kevin Dinsmore, seen here gaining the upper hand on Scituate's Ryan Little, won a dramatic swing match in the Skippers South Shore League title clinching win last Wednesday.

Coastal Stars Youth Hockey

Mite C1

The Stars Mite C1's defeated Hanover 5-4 this week in a fast paced, action packed game. Both teams came out strong and both goalies saw a lot of action. The Stars first line off the bench, Pat Shea, Tucker Ambrose and Brodie Jackisch on offense, and Tommy Prendergast and Derek Benson on defense, got to work quickly and were rewarded with a nice goal by Tucker Ambrose. Hanover responded with several good shots and borrowed player Joey Redfern in the Stars goal was put to the test but Hanover was denied. In spite of both teams getting shots off, the score stayed 1-0 until late in the first when second line defenseman Charlie Blackington was able to steal the puck at the blue line and take it in for the goal. The second line offense of Adam Benson, Justin Fein and Jake Burchill had several impressive, close shots to start the second period, and in spite of great defensive plays by Blackington and Colby Comeau, it was Hanover who scored early in the second to make it 2-1. The pressure on both goalies continued to mount throughout the second period and the work of the defensemen intensified. The Stars third line off the bench, with Brian Palmieri, Colin MacDonald and Charley Michalowski on offense and Kevin Meehan and Cameron Lamoureux on defense, were outstanding, holding off Hanover and working the puck for several good shots, but it was Hanover who scored to end the second with a 2-2 tie. The third period saw the shots on goal increase for both teams and of course, the pressure on the defense. Justin Fein, Colin MacDonald, Charley Michalowski, Brian Palmieri and Kevin Meehan all had outstanding shots on goal only to be shut out. Pat Shea and Adam Benson were able to get past Hanover to give the Stars their third and fourth goals and a 4-2 lead. Hanover came right back with their third goal and Benson responded with his second goal, making it 5-3. The lead did not last long as Hanover scored their fourth. Hanover pulled their goalie but came up short thanks to tough defense and continued sharp efforts from goalie Joey Redfern. It was an exciting, well earned 5-4 win for the Stars and great entertainment for all the fans.

Mites C3

The Coastal Stars Mites C-3 team skated to their 15th victory of the season with a commanding win over the Brewins 1 Mites team. The Stars exhibited their largest offensive output of the season with all three lines contributing to the goal scoring. Strong positional play, team defense and a great job in net by goaltender Max Hemingway provided the team with another shut out., Two Stars players, James Daley and Mark McGoldrick recorded "Hat Tricks" in the game while Jeffery Powers and Sam Topham scored two goals apiece. Other Stars goal scorers included forwards Ryan Davis, Curtis Golden, Sam Rice and defensemen Jake Denton and Bryan Bowman. Coastal Stars defensemen Garrett Leahy, Declan Leahy, Ryan Melia, Bryan Bowman, Jake Denton, and Sam Topham all hustled, consistently breaking up Brewins offensive rushes while standing tall at the blueline and keeping the puck in the offensive zone. Stars wingers Hugh Healey, Jeff Nagle and Mike Barry played outstanding "two way" hockey with each player contributing assists to the team scoring effort. Stars net minder Max Hemingway stood tall in net turning away the Brewins offensive opportunities, especially making a flurry of saves in the third period.

Mite C4

The Stars Mite C4's played perhaps their best game of the season in posting a 6-0 win over the Eagles at Wompatuck Arena. Team defense and superb passing were the order of the day as the Stars put together a total team effort. The line of Teddy Craven, Robert Bothwell, Seamus Feeney and Joe Deyeso got the Stars off on the right foot with a powerful first shift. This line would be a standout for the balance of the game, despite the absence of Colin Bell who has been a key contributor all season. Craven and Bothwell swarmed the Eagles net on numerous occasions, each picking up an assist in the game, while Deyeso and Feeney jumped up smartly into the offensive play on a regular basis. The line of Sam Rice, Tommy O'Brien and Michael Lund provided terrific offensive punch, keeping the Eagles hemmed in in their own zone. Held scoreless for the first period, this line finally got on the board in the second with goals from Rice and O'Brien, each player bulging the twine after tremendous hustle to crash the net. Both goals were the result of super work by Michael Lund taking the puck strongly to the goal, and Liam McHugh and Mats Nelson making spectacular plays at the point to keep the puck in. McHugh and Nelson had an outstanding game on defense, playing disciplined positional hockey and thwarting every rush the Eagles would attempt to make. Nelson would even light the lamp late in the game, scoring in a furious goal-mouth skirmish. The second period ended with the Stars up 3-0, as the "Tic-Tac-Toe" line of Mickey Barry, Zack Coggins and Ryan McGovern would also get on the board. In the 3rd, both Barry and Coggins had beautiful goals after McGovern made brilliant pass plays to set up each, earning assists on the tallies. Christopher Lund and Eric Weinstein provided shut-down defense, stifling the Eagles attack and giving them little room to maneuver. Crisp breakouts up the boards by Lund and Weinstein were the highlight of the Stars transition game and created numerous fast-break rushes up the ice. Jeff Nagle posted the shutout, making several sparkling glove saves throughout the tilt. The victory was truly the strongest team effort of the season.

Squirt C3

The Squirt C3's turned in a Super bowl effort with an impressive 6-1 victory over Cape Cod Canal at the extremely popular 5:50am hour in Bridgewater last Saturday. Refusal to yield the blue line by the Defense and aggressive forechecking by the forwards helped to create many scoring opportunities for the Stars. Mike Masciulli scored the first goal of the game with a lunch pail effort, taking the puck off an opponents stick and slamming it in from close range. Moments later, Willy Brown cleaned up on a Sam Labo shot and punched it home from the top of the crease. With just over a minute in the period, Johnny "Hustle" Sinkins threw the puck up the boards to Labo, who shoveled it over to a streaking Ally Ryan. Ryan deked the goalie and slid the puck inside the right post. In the second period, Cape Cod tightened up their defense and managed to close the score to 3-1. The rest of the period was all Stars as Mike Masciulli added two more goals for the hat trick and a 5-1 lead. Both goals were made possible by the aggressive play of Ryan Foohey and Mike Foley, who threw a brick wall up at the blue line. Both defensemen received assists on the scores. In the third period, Nick Craig tested his mettle at defense and came up big, thwarting a number of rushes in the neutral zone. Justin Henriksen and Mike Timcoe, playing forward, made a number of uncontested rushes up ice, showing off their skating and stick handling ability. Centerman Vinny Calorio did his part by winning the majority of the draw's, allowing the Stars to control the play. Ally Ryan closed out the scoring with her second goal off a feed from Sinkins. Once again Goalie Alec Hurd stood tall between the pipes, turning away some humdingers and allowing his teammates to play an aggressive offensive game. Go Stars and Go Pats!

PeeWee C1

The Coastal Stars Pee-Wee C1 team played a solid game on Sunday against Milton and skated away with a well-earned 4-0 victory. Substitute goalie, Kevin O'Connell, suited up in net for the Stars for the first time this season and turned back every shot that made its way to the crease. Meanwhile, the Stars' regular goalie, John Carrigg, took full advantage of the opportunity to play offense. Early in the first period, Carrigg capitalized on a great feed pass from defensemen Geoff Evans and scored his first goal of the season with a nice wrist shot that sailed past the Milton goalie. Justin Yeager scored the Stars' second goal early in the second period. Yeager finished a terrific unassisted rush with a nice side-to-side move in front of the goaltender that enabled him to slide the puck under the Milton goalie. Mike Caira scored the Stars' third goal later in the second period. Caira fired a hard shot past the Milton goalkeeper. Gordy Smith earned an assist on that goal. Andrew Bell scored the Stars' final goal mid-way through the third period on a hard shot from the circle. Chris Fazzina earned an assist of the fourth goal. Also contributing to the Stars' strong offensive play throughout the game were Joe Fitzsimmons and Phil Murphy. The Stars defense also put on an outstanding performance. Making big plays in the defensive end through all three periods were Brian Meehan, Geoff Evans, Connor Ofsthun and Mike O'Halloran.

CHS weekly sports schedule

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Jan.
30 Nantucket 4:30 p.m.
3 Abington 6:30 p.m.

BOYS JV BASKETBALL

3 Abington 5 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

30 Fenway 6 p.m.
3 @ Abington 6:30 p.m.
5 Nantucket 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

3 @ Abington 5 p.m.

WRESTLING

28 @ Hopkinton
31 Rockland, Middleboro 10 a.m.
NQ, NM
4 @Scituate 7 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

29 Carver 7:30 p.m.
2 @Hingham 7:30 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY

28 Norwell
30 Rockland 6:50 p.m.
31 Abington-EB 1:50 p.m.
4 @Hull 5:40 p.m.

SWIMMING

30 @ Coyle-Cassidy 4 p.m.
3 @ Card. Spellman 3:30 p.m.

One away

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nal bench scoring led Cohasset to another victory.

Sophomore Joanna Hamilton agreed: "Though we didn't play to our full potential in the first half, our team effort carried us through and got us a win."

The girls then moved to within a win of their first postseason berth in recent memory with a 58-24 win over SSL rival Mashpee at home on Tuesday. Anderson led the way with a game high 23 points, and Katey James and Courtney Caron each chipped in with eight. Nicole Whitney had an excellent game defensively, according to coach Levenagie.

Looking forward, Levangie knows exactly where he wants to boost team performance.

"We need to work on the inconsistent offensive rebounding, foul shots and outside shooting," offered the head coach. "Our defense presents a totally different story. The other league teams recognize the power of our defensive rebounding and 1-2-2 zone."

The Skippers shift their focus to close out the week with a home non-league meeting with Fenway High School, of Boston. To compete against the top notch teams in the back half of the season, the Skippers know they must maintain their aggressiveness and intensity.

Three-peat

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who is in his 21st year of coaching the Skippers.

Sophomore Rick Grassie, at 112, and freshman Tim Toomey, at 119, were then pitted against veteran Carver grapplers. Grassie lost by three-point decision to 2003 sectional standout Nick Banks and Toomey staved off several near pins before falling by major decision to surrender four points.

"Both Rick and Tim did their jobs," said Sweeney. "They avoided pins against a couple of very good wrestlers. Pins would've given Carver five more points at that point, which could have been huge."

Perhaps the biggest swing point in the match came next, at 125 pounds. After controlling much of the match, Cohasset junior Kevin Dinsmore got caught in a five point takedown combination with under two minutes left to tie things up at 11-11. Dinsmore then fought off his back for close to a minute and finally managed to escape at the buzzer to earn the tiebreaking point for the 12-11 win.

A forfeit at 130 increased the Skippers lead to 15-7, but three of those points came back to Carver when junior Dan Littauer, just a few weeks back from injury, lost a 5-2 decision to 130 pound Carver standout John Foley.

The bout at 140 was featured a showdown between state qualifiers Jay Barker and Cohasset's Joe Kehoe. Kehoe fought a very intelligent match to earn a 4-0 win and push the Skippers lead to 18-10.

The Skippers then earned 20 points over the next four matches to sew up the win. Strazzulla won by major decision at 145, as did junior Colin Regan at 152. Nick Cambi won by forfeit at 160 for six points and Casey got the match clinching pin.

Junior Matt Baroudi closed out the scoring for Cohasset by taking a 4-1 decision at 215.

Half of Sweeney's 100 career wins have come over the last seven years, as he's built this program into one of the most respected in Eastern Massachusetts in recent times. The Skippers have finished with a sub-500 record only twice over the last 12 seasons and won four league titles in the last six years, including three in a row.

"I guess what I'm proudest of with these 200 wins is the fact that we've always wrestled anyone," said Sweeney, whose career record improved to 200-165 with the win. "We wrestled much bigger schools and strong programs. Since I've been here, we've always looked for the best competition around."

The Skippers dropped two of three decisions in a quad meet at Durfee on Saturday to fall to 10-4 on the season overall. Without a couple of key wrestlers out, the Skippers dominated Whitman-Hanson, 50-12, but were clipped by perennial powerhouse Wayland, 43-25, and host Durfee, 40-33.

The Skippers did have triple winners in five of the 14 weight divisions, however. Dinsmore won all three of his matches at 125 by pin, and sophomore Dave McKenna (135), Kehoe (140), Strazzulla (145) and Baroudi (215) also swept.

McLellan and Littauer won two matches apiece, while solo win were turned in by Toomey, who bumped from 112 to 119, John Keniley, Casey and Pat O'Brien.

Looking ahead

The Skippers have nine matches left, so tying last year's program best 18 win total is still a possibility. The Skippers travel to Hopkinoton this afternoon (4:30 p.m. start) and then host a five team meet on Saturday (10 a.m. start), with Rockland, Middleboro, North Quincy and New Mission coming in. The Skippers will be at Scituate next Wednesday, Feb. 4, and then wrap up the regular season with a quad at New Bedford next Saturday. Marshfield and Norwood are the other two teams on the docket there.

The Div. 3 South Sectionals are scheduled for Feb 13 and 14 at Foxboro High.

Cohasset High will host the state divisional championships the following weekend, Feb. 20 and 21, something their brand new wrestling facilities have made possible. There are 57 Div. 3 teams in the state and there will be 240 wrestlers eligible to wrestle at CHS on the 20th.

"We're still working out the logistics and making deals with hotels," reported Sweeney. "It's a lot of work, but it should be a great time."

If any alumni are interested in volunteering their time to help out at the Divisional championships, they should call coach Sweeney at Cohasset High (781-383-6103).

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan.
23 lost to Norwell, 58-40
24 beat C. Cod Academy, 61-28
27 beat Mashpee, 76-43

GIRLS BASKETBALL

23 beat Norwell, 38-27
24 beat C. Cod Academy, 44-23
27 beat Mashpee, 58-24

WRESTLING

21 beat Carver, 41-22
24 lost to Durfee, 40-33
lost to Wayland, 43-25
beat Whitman-Hanson, 50-12
28 @ Hopkinton

GYMNASTICS

22 beat Hanover, 130.9-111
27 beat Duxbury, 128.4-108.3
29 Carver

ICE HOCKEY

21 beat Carver, 5-4
24 lost to Rockland, 4-3
28 Norwell

SWIMMING

23 lost to Sharon
30 @ Coyle-Cassidy 4 p.m.

Volleyball program grades 5-8

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting telephone registrations at 781-383-4109 for co-ed Volleyball for student's grades 5-8. The program, designed for fun, exercise and skill development will meet at the Deer Hill School gym on Tuesday's and Thursday's, from 2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., for 6 weeks, starting Tuesday, Jan. 27.

The fee for this unique opportunity is only $50 for the 6 week, twice weekly session. The program is designed to teach skills, exercise and fun. This program may be continued on a year round basis and include older and younger grades eventually.

For more information or to register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781383-4109.

Youth lacrosse spring registration

Scituate Youth Lacrosse will hold registration for its Spring League Saturday, Feb. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at the K of C Hall, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. (Route 3A), Scituate.

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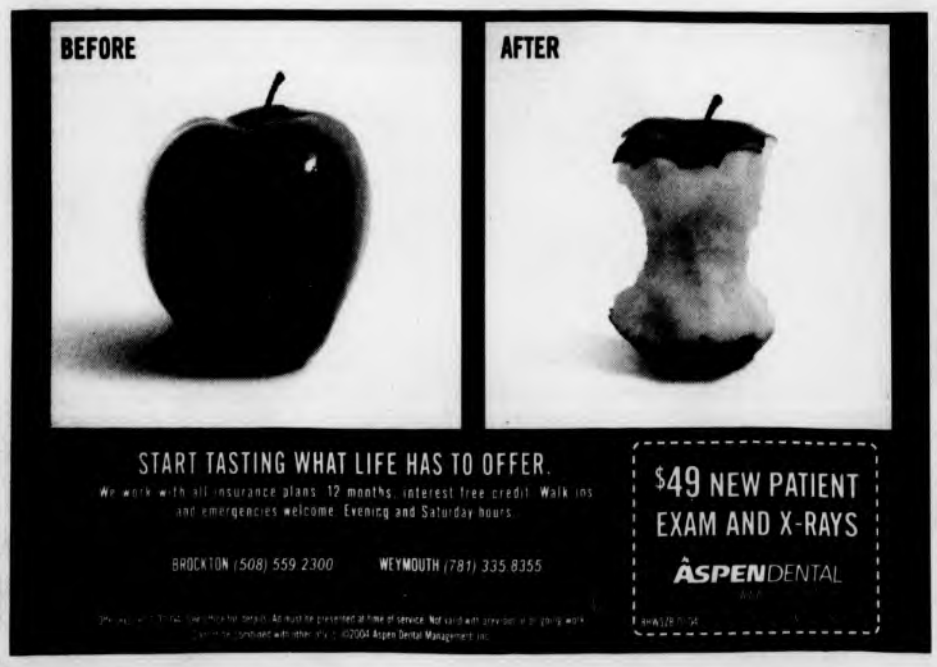
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Boys unable to dig out

Slow start costs hoopsters in showdown with SSL rival Hull

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

High school basketball is a 32-minute game.

Last Tuesday, Cohasset played 24 good minutes of basketball. Unfortunately, it came after they had already dug themselves a 15-point hole, and the Skippers took a tough 63-58 loss.

Losing close games has been a regrettable them for Cohasset all season long. Going back to an overtime loss to Canton in December, the team has lost four games decided by five points or less.

After a rough start against Hull, it appeared as though the Skippers would be able to reverse the trend. Senior Chris Bilodeau led the way with 31 points, including the first 13 Skipper points of the second half.

An 18-footer by Bilodeau pulled Cohasset within one point, 57-56, with 3:19 to play. That is as close as the visitors got, however, as Hull sealed the win down the stretch with free throws and great defense.

Head coach Ron Ford said a 20-5 first half deficit was simply too much to overcome.

"We played just well enough to lose the game," he said. "We didn't finish early on in the game. We can't play less than 32 minutes, and that's what we did."

The coach also pointed to free throw shooting as a key factor in the loss. Cohasset did a good job of getting to the line, attempting 23 free throws. They made only 11, however, and shot just 4-for-10 from the line in the second half.

Add that to a lack of scoring balance, and the Skippers were done in. After Bilodeau's 31, no one had as many as six points. Senior center Sean Connolly did chip in with 14 rebounds.

The name of the game is scoring, however, and the Skippers did not get enough of it beyond their leading scorer.

"Bilodeau was absolutely awesome tonight," Ford said after the game. "On a night where we were struggling early and needed guys to step up, nobody else could do that."

Cohasset played some pretty good defense, forcing the Pirates into a lot of tough shots. The home team was able to make a good number of those shots, however, and also made the most of their opportunities at the line. Hull shot 9-for-12 from the charity stripe.

The game tested the stamina of both team's players, as much of it was played at a frantic, up-tempo pace. Cohasset began to get back into it in the first half with some quick thinking and reactions on defense that forced Hull into turnovers.

Again, however, it was not enough to overcome a slow start.

"If we hit even one-third of the lay-ups that we missed at the beginning of the game, we probably would have won," Ford said.

The Skippers followed the Hull defeat with a 58-40 loss to unbeaten Norwell (11-0) last Friday, but then reeld of two straight wins to get back to 6-8 on the season. They thrashed Cape Cod Academy on Saturday, 61-28, and then handled Mashpee with almost as much ease Tuesday, 76-43, behind 19 points and 18 assists fro mBilodeau. Junior DJ Silvia added a season best 17 points.

Although it will be quite a challenge, the Cohasset boys still have a chance to qualify for the Div. 4 state tournament. They need to win five of their remaining seven games to make that happen. Starting with tomorrow night's contest against Nantucket, five of the Skippers' remaining last seven games will be at home. The road games come next weekend against Carver and Archbishop Williams on Feb. 6 and Feb. 7, respectively.

Cohasset has beaten Carver and lost to Archies already this season, both in close games. The Skippers will probably have to at least split those games to keep alive their postseason chances.

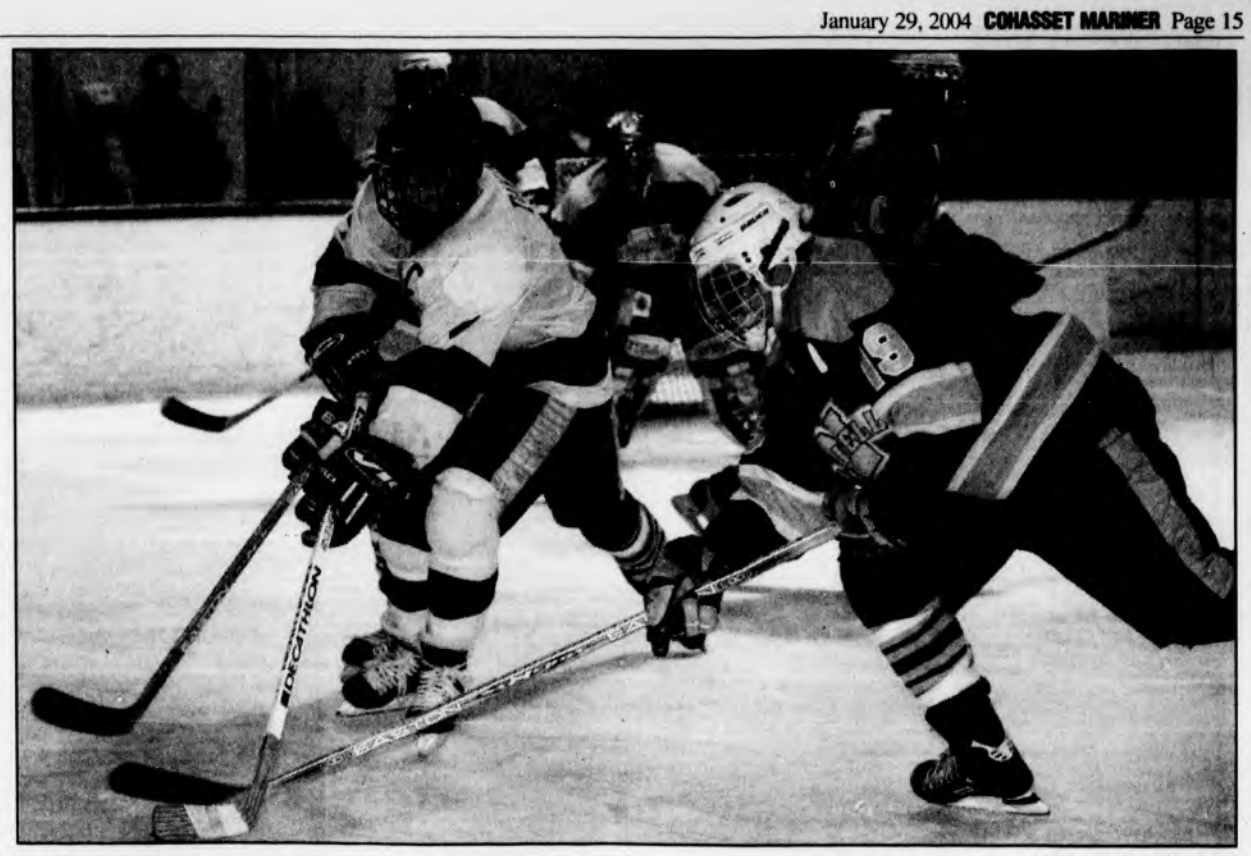
After that, the boys close out the season with three home games in four days against Harwich, Hull, and Mashpee. If the Skippers can figure out how to play a full 32 minutes for the remainder of their games, they should be able to make things interesting down the stretch.

Boys basketball spirit Night Friday

Please join us in cheering on the girls and boys varsity basketball teams at our "Spirit Night" this Friday, January 30th. The Cohasset High Varsity boys team will play against Nantucket at 4:30 at the CHS gym. The girls will be competing with Fenway High School at 6:00. Both teams are hoping to qualify for playoff games, so come and show your enthusiasm for their exciting season.

Sixth grade recreation boys and girls basketball players are invited to come and play five minute games during half times. All recreation basketball players are invited to attend free with a paying adult. We'll have hot dogs and pizza for supper so you can stay for both games.

If you would like more information about "Spirit Night"or if you would like to be a part of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club, please contact Betsy or Ed Connolly at 383-1248.



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Cohasset goalie Stephan Parnell looks back to make sure Bulldog Evan Harrison's (#3) second period goal did indeed find twine.

Bulldogs bite Skippers

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"Instead of playing good, smart hockey, we have to play macho games and take a dumb retaliation penalty. It's not just this case. We've done that before this season. That's stupid, selfish hockey."

The Skippers out-shot the Bulldogs 40-18 for the game, but also committed five more penalties (9-5), continuing a troublesome season long bent toward chippiness.

"Rockland played disciplined hockey and we didn't; it's that simple," continued Virga, whose team fell back to the magic .500 mark (3-3-3) with the loss. "We just gave away points because of that, and we can't afford to give anything away at this point. We've got 11 games left and we need 11 points to make the playoffs."

The host Bulldogs gametying tally came in remarkably similar fashion 2:52 before the gamewinner when defenseman Tim Dunn kept the puck in at the right point and fed across to O'Brien on the edge of the left circle for a quick one-timer that beat Parnell high on the short side.

"This win not only helps our playoff hopes, but it should be a big confidence booster," noted Rockland coach Jim Cassagrande, whose team now stands at 5-6-1 with the win. "We were missing a couple of key players, but we had some guys step up big to help us get this win to help into key positions."

O'Brien, who netted the two goals and set up the gamewinner, was just one of those guys. The senior was just recently moved up from defense to forward by Cassagrande in the hopes of giving the offense a bit more bite.

How's that working out for you, coach?

"Pretty good," replied Cassagrande with a big smile. "And the other half of that move is that we've been able to move (junior) Brian Stewart into the defensive rotation, and he played real well today too."

Rockland's real hero of the game, though, might have been goaltender Chris Garofalo. The senior captain turned back 37 shots in all. He was particularly immense in the third period, when he turned back all 12 Skippers shots, including a couple of true testers.

"We hung Chris out to dry a couple of times, but he kept us in it," said Cassagrande, who is in his third year as the Bulldogs head bench-walker. " He's had a couple of real big efforts lately to keep us in this playoff hunt, including a 50 save effort last week against Latin Academy."

Though most of the early action was in Cohasset's offensive end, Rockland was able to get on the board first with 1:41 to go in the opening frame when O'Brien managed to poke a puck away 30 feet from the Rockland goal and quickly split the two Cohasset pointmen to walk in on Parnell and roof it over his stick-side shoulder.

However, Cohasset would bounce right back with two goals 20 seconds apart before the first period horn would sound.

Returning South Shore League all-star Mike Devine tied the game with 1:04 showing on the clock when he took a clearing pass from sophomore defenseman Brandon Smith just over his blue line and flew into Rockland's end to beat Garofalo with a well placed wrister from the right dot into the top far corner.

20 seconds later, the Skippers had their first lead of the game, as senior Rob Carpenter broke over Rockland's blue line and feathered a soft pass to sophomore linemate Mark Bouchard, who did a great job of turning on the jets and stretching full out with one hand to tip it from six feet out just over the shoulder of the sliding Garofalo.

Rockland would answer back with 3:48 to play in the second when Dionne stripped a Cohasset defenseman at the Rockland blue line and fed ahead to sophomore Evan Harrison, who then walked in on Parnell and flipped the puck over his glove hand.

However, yet another late goal would put Cohasset back on top to close out the second. Just after hopping out of the penalty box, Devine jumped into a Cohasset rush and threw a big check behind the Rockland net to steal the puck and center to Ted Straughn for the quick stuff through Garofalo's pads, making it a 3-2 game with 29 seconds to go in the second.

Garofalo would shut the door from there, though, and several other of the players Cassagrande looks to for big things would step up to deliver the much needed win.

Hockey Notes

The Skippers had topped the all-important .500 mark for the first time since winning the season opener, on Wednesday in Bridgewater, with a dramatic 5-4 win over SSL rival Carver.

Junior captain Ted Straughn broke a 4-4 tie with three minutes remaining, but the visiting Skippers were forced to kill a 5-on-3 power play for 55 seconds inside the final two minutes that became a 6-on-3 when the hosts puled their goalie.

Sophomore Mark Bouchard netted his first career hat trick in a game that saw the Skippers outshoot Carver 35-11.

Bouchard opened the scoring, with assists going to linemates Rob Carpenter and Straughn. Carver scored the next two, but senior captain Mike Rasmussen finished on an end-to-end rush, with assists going to linemates Mike Devine and Matt O'Connell, to make it a 2-2 at the first break.

Bouchard completed the hat trick in the second period sandwiched around a Carver tally to make it a 4-3 game after two.

Crusaders star Chris Spicer finished off his fourth hat trick of the year early in the final frame to tie the game back up at 4-4, setting the stage for Straughn's second huge late game tally in as many games. A week ago this past Saturday, the hard-working junior captain forced a 5-5 tie with Harwich when he punched home a shorthanded goal with 55 seconds to play.

Next up

The Skippers will get a chance at revenge against the Bulldogs tomorrow night on their home Pilgrim Arena ice (6:50 p.m. start). The locals were also looking for a pound of flesh last night when they hosted Norwell, who bested them 5-0 the first time around. South Shore League leading Abington/East Bridgewater (8-2-2) is on the slate for Saturday afternoon (1:50 p.m. at Pilgrim) with Hull to follow Wednesday night at Pilgrim (5:40 p.m. puck drop).

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Things going just swimmingly

Scit-Coh swim squad breaks 11 team records

By Becky Keys
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Scituate-Cohasset Swim Team enjoyed its best meet of the year to date versus Sharon High School last Friday, breaking 11 team records.

It was clear to Coach Jami Kearney that the team was well-prepared and fired up for a great meet last week.

"Each day following practice, I have had to create more difficult and challenging practices than I ever have in my experience with this team," said Leary. "The kids are really surmounting my expectations, and it's such a great feeling knowing that they've improved."

Assistant Coach Terry Duggan strongly agreed with Kearney, and she laughed: "I know that it has been a good practice or meet when I see the swimmers getting out of the pool red-faced and tired, but are still laughing with each other on the bus ride home."

The swimmer who improved her times by the most on Friday was Scituate High School sophomore, Maura Whalen. Whalen, a new student at SHS, has been having an outstanding season. Not only did she improve both of her individual events, the 200 yard Freestyle and the 500 yard Freestyle, but qualified for the postseason League Sectionals Meet in each. Whalen, having never previously swam the 200 this year, was quite impressive, beating the team's record by 15 seconds. In her favorite event, the 500, she improved her own time by a miraculous 13 seconds, earning herself a spot to compete against the best 500ers on the South Shore.

Another swimmer who has a great chance to qualify for the Sectionals meet is SHS sophomore James Smith. Smith has been swimming competitively for several years, and has been an important asset to the Sci-Cohs both this year and last. Undefeated in his 100-yard Breaststroke and with a 3-1 record in his 100-yard Backstroke, James has sparked the team's enthusiasm with his exciting races.

This week will be a challenging and exhausting one for the Scituate swimmers. They will be taking their midterm exams at school. However, the Cohasset swimmers will certainly be ready to psyche them up on Friday for their meet versus Coyle Cassidy High School.

SHARON MEET RESULTS

Girls 200 yard Medley Relay- 1st Place Becky Keys, Liz Tierney, Alyssa Rogers, Delia Regan*, 4th Place Alissa Jones, Jenn Noonan, Roxanne Tehrania, Lindsay Ralston

Boys 200 yard Medley Relay- 2nd Place Brendan Harris, Bill Grace, James Smith, Justin Damaso

Girls 200 yard Freestyle- 3rd Place Maura Whalen*, 5th Place Sheelah Scott

Boys 200 yard Freestyle- 3rd Place Bill Grace*

Girls 50 yard Freestyle- 3rd Place Liz Tierney, 4th Place Delia Regan, 5th Place Roxanna Tehrania

Boys 50 yard Freestyle- 4th Place Brendan Harris, 5th Place Justin Damaso

Girls 1-meter Diving- 2nd Place Becky Keys

Girls 100 yard Butterfly- 3rd Place Alyssa Rogers*

Boys 100 yard Butterfly- 1st Place James Smith

Girls 100 yard Freestyle- 2nd Place Jenny Driscoll*, 4th Place Becky Keys, 6th Place Sarah Thibeault

Boys 100 yard Freestyle- 4th Place Bill Grace*

Girls 500 yard Freestyle- 1st Place Maura Whalen*, 5th Place Sheelah Scott

Girls 200 yard Freestyle Relay- 1st Place Becky Keys, Jenny Driscoll, Delia Regan, Liz Tierney*

Boys 200 yard Freestyle Relay- 2nd Place Bill Grace, James Smith, Justin Damaso, Brendan Harris

Girls 100 yard Backstroke- 3rd Place Alyssa Rogers*, 4th Place Jenn Noonan

Boys 100 yard Backstroke- 1st Place Brendan Harris*

Girls 100 yard Breaststroke- 1st Place Liz Tierney*, 2nd Place Jenny Driscoll, 5th Place Kerry Sorensen

Boys 100 yard Breaststroke- 1st Place James Smith

Girls 400 yard Freestyle Relay- 3rd Place Jenny Driscoll, Maura Whalen, Sheelah Scott, Roxanne Tehrania

*** swimmers who broke team records**

Gymnasts vault ahead

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final tune-up for the South Sectional championships, which will be held on Feb. 16 at Foxborough High.

Eight teams qualify for sectionals, including all league champions, so, assuming the Nor-Cohs hang on, they're in. The top two placers advance from sectionals to the state championships, to be held at Shrewsbury High on Feb. 21. There will also be two wild card teams chosen, based on score, from the three Eastern Mass. Sectional meets (South, North and East/Central).

Girls travel basketball report

Despite the frigid temperatures outdoors, the four Cohasset girls travel basketball teams for Grades 5-8 in the Old Colony League were on fire inside the cozy confines of the Cohasset High gym Sunday, as all four squads defeated their visitors from Whitman.

The fifth grade team bounced back from their first loss of the season last week at Hull (when they were playing with a depleted squad) with a 22-16 victory over Whitman. For the third time in five games, the Fledgling Fifthers worked their opening tap play to perfection -- Carly Haggerty to Lindsey Davis to Emma Musto -- to get on the board quickly and never looked back. Thanks to the combination of some fine outside shooting by Kate French (six points on the game) and inside work by Haggerty and Musto (who finished with eight points apiece), the Blue and White grabbed a 16-8 lead at the half which they extended to 20-8 early on in the second half.

Although the Cohasset offense went cold for the remainder of the game, their defense proved more than enough to withstand a late Whitman rally. Haggerty, Davis, Musto, and Carly Martin rejected numerous Whitman shots, while forwards French, Jen Curley, Colby Smalzel, and Logan Pratt each contributed strong rebounding. The backcourt tandems of Rachel Fredey, Emma Quigley, Olivia Murphy, and Amy Costa also did their share in the victory, turning in their collectively best game of the season in terms of assists and reduced turnovers as the Blue and White raised their record to 4-1.

The 6th grade girls kept their undefeated record (5-0) intact with a 25-16 triumph over their Whitman counterparts in a hard-fought and physical game. Erin Fontaine (eight points) started things off for Cohasset by draining several outside shots. Strong efforts under the boards by Meredith Kelly (six points) and Lindsay Allard (seven points) limited Whitman from getting second chance opportunities. Still, capitalizing on a series of strong defensive plays late in the half, Whitman managed to take a 13-12 lead at the intermission.

Cohasset came out strong in the second half behind steals by Mimi Mahoney (four points) and defensive rebounding by Isabelle Franklin. Playing aggressive defense, Olivia Sullivan tied up the ball and turned possessions over to Cohasset. Megan Leong and Lucy O'Keefe kept pressure on the Whitman offense, while good inside passes sparked scoring by Kelly and Allard. While putting 13-second half points on the board, Cohasset was able to hold Whitman to just three points for the 25-16 finale.

Last week, the Super Sixers defeated previously unbeaten Hull in a competitive 27-12 contest. Cohasset got on the board quickly with Tori Lehr hitting a jumper off a lead pass from Isabelle Franklin. Playing a tight zone, the Hull squad kept Cohasset's inside game to a minimum, but the shooting of Samantha Crough (seven points, including a three pointer) and Tori Lehr (five points) kept Cohasset on top throughout the first half.

With guards Mimi Mahoney, Erin Fontaine and Lucy O'Keefe setting up the offense, many players contributed to Cohasset's high scoring second half against Hull, including Allard (seven points) and Lucy Noble, Chelsea Silvia, Franklin, and Erin Fontaine, each of whom had two points. Amy Meikleham, Olivia Sullivan, and Taryn Donohue adjusted quickly to the pace and contributed to the team's success.

The seventh graders also remained undefeated (5-0) with a 24-16 triumph over previously undefeated Whitman in a very physical contest. Carly Salerno and Gabriela Flibotte paced the Scintillating Sevens with 12 and 10 points respectively. The week before, the seventh graders topped Hull, 40-34, in a shootout. Salerno and Flibotte each scored 17 points, while Natalie Beukers turned in a stellar effort coming off the bench.

The eight grade squad saved the most exciting game of the day for last, as they rallied to overtake Whitman in the final three minutes for a 24-18 victory. The triumph marked a return to the winning track for Coach Chris Haggerty's squad, which had dropped its first game of the season to Hull last week by a slim 21-20 margin.

All four of the girls teams will draw center court attention at the CHS gym this Sunday when they entertain Hingham. Tap-off for the fifth graders starts at 1 p.m., followed by the other three teams at 2, 3, and 4. Come on up to CHS and root on the local girls – the game are fast- paced and a lot of fun to watch!

SKI TEAM REPORT

The Cohasset High School Ski Team is in third place for the boys and fourth place for the girls in the small school division. With one race left it remains to be seen if they can overtake such powerhouses as Westwood and Dover Sherborn. Results have varied as the Slalom course on January 20th brought some challenging conditions. Many of the top skiers from all the schools failed to finish the course. Andrew Busk earned 22 points in that race and for the girls, Jessie Guild and Kathryn Whorisky came up with a total of 32 points.

The team did better as a whole on Monday, January 26th at Blue Hills with a GS course more familiar to most of the racers. Jessie Guild and Kathryn Whorisky finished 27th and 29th and earned 34 points. Andrew and Prescott Busk finished 21st and 25th with a total of 44 points. In the small school individual standings, Andrew Busk ranks 3rd, Prescott Busk 7th and Reed Dickerson, 15th. For the girls, Jessie Guild is ranked 8th and Katherine Whorisky 10th. Notable performances for Sophomores Marissa Evans, Michelle Lemaire and Emille Shea and Dan Sullivan bode well for the team's future.

In this time of budget cuts it is worthy of mention that the Ski Team is funded privately and receives no funding from the school.

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School Committee finds revenue options limited

Hike in athletic fees is on the table

By Samantha Brown
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The Cohasset Public Schools are in dire need of money, the School Committee says. So much so that the School Committee is looking at advertising on school buses and charging activities' fees – which could provide some revenue, but not enough.

Supt. Edward Malvey said Braintree has its fleet of buses showcasing ads for Bertucci's. Malvey said that school system generates roughly $30,000 a year by having 25 buses with advertisements on their sides. However, Cohasset is only running five buses, one special education van, and a minibus.

"The revenue is driven by the number of buses," said Committee member Mark DeGiacomo, meaning while $30,000 divided by 25 buses would seemingly point to $1,200 generated by each bus, there would not be the same effect in Cohasset.

Malvey said when Bertucci's heard the Braintree schools were thinking of advertising on their buses the company approached them with the idea. However, School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said he didn't think the idea would translate as well in a small town like Cohasset, which has such a small fleet which doesn't cover as much area. DeGiacomo agreed and said the possibility of generating revenue through advertising on school buses isn't going to be the answer to the budget crisis.

"It doesn't sound like we should plug these numbers into the budget," said DeGiacomo.

Other considerations the schools have begun to take a look at are whether fees should be increased for those who play sports, and whether those who participate in non-athletic activities should be charged as well.

Athletic Director Ronald Ford prepared a user's fee report, which was broken down into middle school and high school athletics. Ford said the schools currently charge $75 per sport for the first and second sport each student plays in a school year, and $50 if a student plays a third sport in the spring. There are roughly 20 students participating in a third sport, which reduces the fees collected in the spring by roughly $500.

Ford estimated that by raising user fees from $75 to $100 per student, the net increased income would be $10,500, which could be added to the budget. School Committee members thought that figure was the only option to really consider, as raising fees any higher could limit the participants.

"You're going to have teams with only the kids whose parents can afford it," said DeGiacomo. Member Pat Martin added some parents have more children playing sports than others, and the increase will affect them even more.

As far as middle school athletics is concerned, the School Committee has decided to end the program as it currently stands, and offer intramural sports instead. Currently, many public schools on the South Shore do not offer interscholastic sports for middle school students. Hull is the closest town Cohasset is able to play against, but Cohasset has also been playing against Carver, Wareham, and other schools on Cape Cod – which requires travel. Private schools Catholic Memorial, Thayer Academy and Derby Academy have interscholastic programs as well, and Cohasset plays all three.

However, by offering intramural sports to middle school students, fees would be charged only to keep the program going. School Committee members estimated the final charge for next year, should interscholastic sports continue, could be two and a half times the cost of switching to intramural.

Cohasset Middle High School Principal Michael Jones prepared projected revenue figures for student activities which included figures for charging both $75 and $100 fees. However, because some school activities are volunteer organizations which fall under the category of an "activity," where to draw the line in terms of charging fees can be a problem.

There are 16 activities in which students can participate, including the math and debate teams, band, peer leaders, the high school newspaper, and the yearbook. Often times, students are working really hard on a project that benefits the entire school, and Jones said many clubs meet at no cost to the school. If fees are imposed, it may affect participation in the activities, which are in many cases volunteer efforts. After Jones' presentation, School Committee members agreed that increasing fees for students participating in activities, which currently do not charge a fee, is not the way to go about generating revenue.

"We're not trying to make money off the poor kid working his tail off on the yearbook," said Flynn.

The School Committee agreed that if there is no charge to offset, such as a stipend for a group leader, students will not be charged a fee.

"It's too bad that it's even come to this. This is not where we want to go," said Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts.

School board settles on final budget

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dent program and a lesser quality product is going to be delivered," said member Pat Martin. "When you cut three teachers, you're affecting a product."

Other recommended reductions to the budget include ending the middle school athletics program as it currently stands, and adding a new program of intramural sports that will be self-sufficient in terms of funding (*see related story*).

The position of business manager is going to be cut from a full-time position with a salary of $85,356 to a half-time position. The position of curriculum coordinator is also going to be cut in half, but with a half-time administrator being added to the middle school, "It's a wash," said member Rick Shea. The proposed budget will also include cutting the Director of Physical Education and Health to the tune of $85,322.

There will also be no stipends for the head custodians in this budget, which will save the schools $15,288. However, Tebbetts said it seems very unfair in light of recent help the custodians have provided the schools. With pipes bursting in the middle of the night and custodians always there to help out, she said they deserve some compensation. "I think we need to consider the custodians if they're going to be called in the middle of the night to put their fingers in the dike," Tebbetts said.

Then Supt. Edward Malvey brought up the question of whether to stick with the outsourcing cleaning, or bring cleaning duties back in-house if it could save the schools money. "It's not cheaper. Last year some people thought it would be, but it's not," he said.

Member Mark DeGiacomo said he wouldn't mind looking into bringing the program back in-house, but he doesn't think anything should be changed just yet. Shea agreed and said he doesn't think the schools should give up on the program after only six months. Due to the construction projects at the schools, "It's still not a typical year," noted Tebbetts.

Flynn said during a meeting with Haddad, the issue of changing insurance for the union employees came up again. By increasing the insurance co-pay from $5 to $15, the town could save roughly $100,000. However, that $100,000 would be a gross total, as some of that money would have to be given back as part of the negotiation process.

"A lot of unions have voted to go along with the charge, some no," Flynn said, adding at this point, "Every dollar may matter."

"This is what we'll present at the open budget hearing," said Tebbetts, adding if the town's residents don't like it, she would love to hear their input. "They can't say we can't have an override if the town supports it."

Quarterly bills due

A reminder from the Cohasset Treasurer-Collector's Office: The Fiscal Year 2004 3rd Quarter Tax Bills are due Monday, Feb. 2. Anyone who has not received their tax bill should contact the Board of Assessors at 781-383-4114 to confirm their correct mailing address or the Treasurer/Collector at 781-383-4102 for a copy of the tax bill.

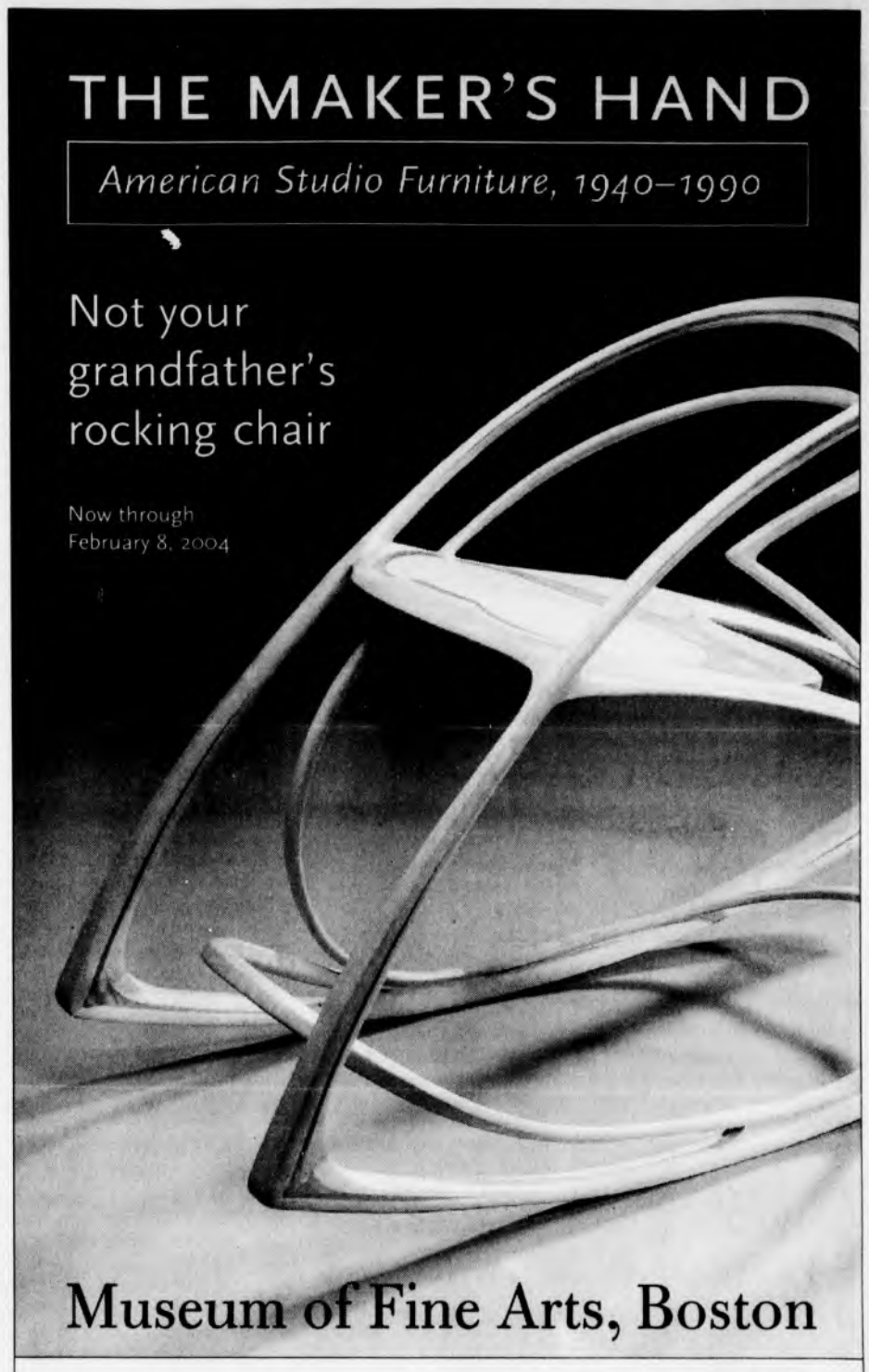
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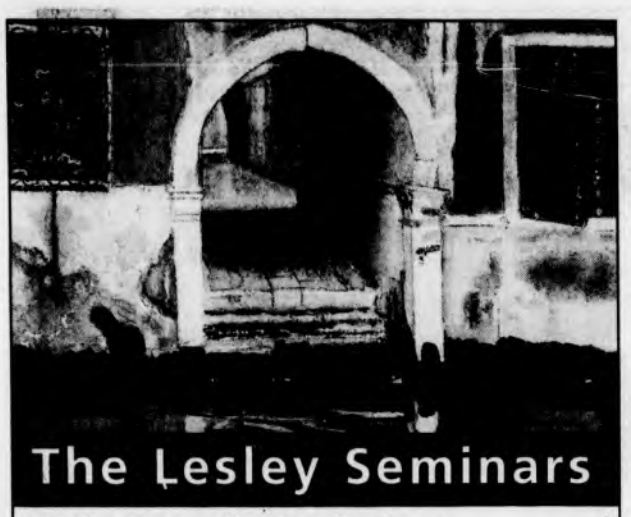
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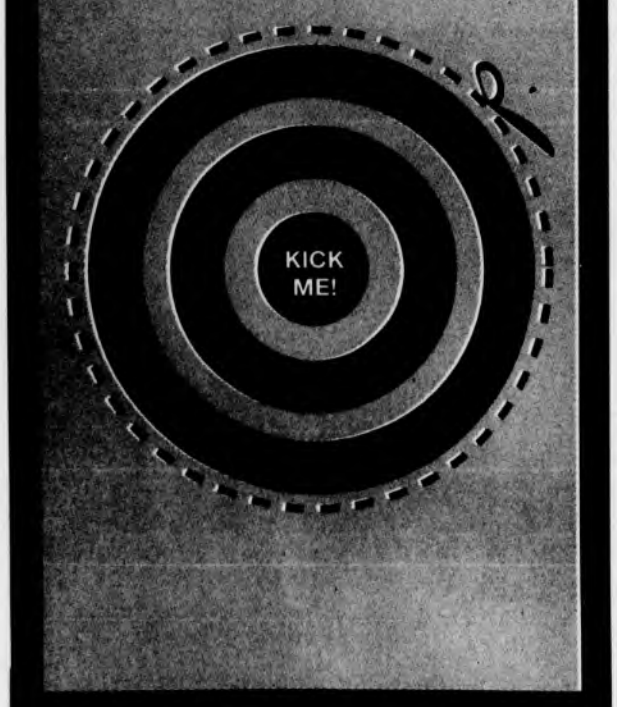
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IT'S HAPPENING

Estate planning for lasting legacy

At 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, Thomas C. Rogerson will speak at St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave on "The Family Wealth Paradigm: Integrating Family Values with Estate Planning for a Lasting Legacy."

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Rogerson speaks to individuals, business owners, and board members of universities, hospitals and charitable organizations throughout the country. His audiences include: Harvard University, Yale University, The Nature Conservancy, Lihcoln Center, The Museum of Modern Art, the New York Botanical Garden, the Young Presidents Organization and the World Presidents Organization, as well as many others. He also worked with leading charities and professional firms to educate and motivate their employees and clients on advanced planning strategies. His unique style combines humor and real-life examples, and emphasizes values, virtues and motivation as well as financial considerations.

Rogerson is a Senior Director with Mellon Bank's Private Wealth Management group. Before joining Mellon, he spent 23 years in financial services industry, most recently with State Street Global Advisors.

For more information, call The Very Rev. Cliff Cutler at St. Stephen's Church 781-383-1083, Gordon Stevenson 781-383-1777, or Sam Pease 781-383-1406.

ASP meeting a must

There is a mandatory orientation meeting for all ASP (Appalachia Service Project) volunteers and parents on Sunday, Feb. 8 at the Second Congregational Church. If you cannot attend, please contact the Building Block leader or Center Leader.

Valentine Dance

South Shore ARC invites you to a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Cohasset Lightkeeper's House from 7 to 10 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Roger's Music Express. Tickets are $12 in advance or $15 at the door. For more information, call Katie Hanley at 781-335-3023 x2227.

South Shore ARC is a private non-profit agency located in Weymouth providing quality services and advocacy for children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families. It has been providing services to toddlers, teens and adults throughout the South Shore and Southeastern Massachusetts since 1951.

Solo piano concert of Beethoven's Ninth

Boston pianist John Ferguson will present a performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, transcribed for solo piano by Franz Liszt, Feb. 8, at 3 p.m., at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset (16 Highland Avenue, 781-383-1083). Admission is free.

Ferguson a piano and violin teacher at community music schools in the Boston area.

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Children's programs

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Interpretive Walks

- Winter Ornamental Tree Identification, World's End Reservation, Hingham

Saturday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.

World's End Ranger, Ryland Rogers, guides participants along the trails of World's End offering hints on identifying ornamental trees by the bark, buds, and overall shape. Please pre-register. Members: free, Nonmembers: $4.50

Adult outdoor activities

- Snow days throughout the winter

Lessons for adults: Cross-country Skiing and Snow Shoeing, World's End Reservation, Hingham

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Groundhog Day event

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Food, wine benefit

Join The Phantom Gourmet's maitre 'd David Robichaud for The Taste of the South Shore to benefit Wellspring and the Hull Lifesaving Museum from 6-10 p.m., Sat., Jan. 24 at the Red Parrot in Hull. The South Shore is home to many fine restaurants including many hidden jewels! More than 30 restaurants will serve various specialties and a variety of wines from Fazi Battaglia will be provided for your tasting pleasure! Tickets are $50 per person and attendance is limited.

For tickets and Information, call 781-925-3211 or visit: www.wellspringhull.org

A class for artistic pet lovers is offered

The South Shore Art Center is offering an opportunity for pet lovers to capture their beloved pets in a pastel portrait. The Pastel Pet Portrait Workshop with Anne Heywood will be held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 21 and 22 from 9:30a.m.-3:30 p.m.. The cost is $120 ($110 for SSAC members).

The workshop will begin with a portrait demonstration by the instructor, well-known pastel artist Anne Heywood. The class will work on individual paintings assisted by expert individual instruction. Students will learn how to achieve a likeness of their pet, and how to render fur, feathers, and unique markings. Participants are asked to bring photos of their pet to the workshop and the paintings will be made from the photos. Students will be provided with a materials list and tips on how to take good pet photos appropriate for portraits.

Heywood is the recipient of the International Association of Pastel Society's first Convention Image Award, the Pastel Society of America's 1995 Holbein Award, and the Salmagundi Club's 1999 George Inness, Jr. Memorial Award, among many other honors including 1st place in the Wickford Art Associations's "All Creatures Great and Small" exhibition for a pet portrait. Heywood has taught a number of pastel classes at the South Shore Art Center for all levels of students

This workshop is for students with previous experience in pastels. To register or for more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

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Intermediates meet Tuesdays from 2-3pm or from 6:45-7:45pm.

Course fee is $80 and financial assistance is available. Wellspring does not deny services due to an inability to pay.

Wellspring is at 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, call 781-925-3211 or visit: www.wellspringhull.org

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Wellspring is offering Weekly Computer Learning Workshops beginning Feb. 3. Classes run from 8-9 p.m. at 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Call 781-925-3211 or visit: www.wellspringhull.org for more information.

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Cuffs come off as police testimony starts

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mination.

Interestingly, Selectman McMorris' marathon testimony did not address any of the charges, but rather an alleged pattern of behavior by the two officers that was brought to her attention through former Officer Brian Curran, the police chief's son-in-law.

Although Curran, who quit the department in September, has not appeared as a witness, McMorris said his letter of resignation came as a surprise. She had thought he was happy being a police officer and had done a great job. In the letter, Curran apparently made scathing accusations about Quigley and McLean. McMorris said in an exit interview, Curran expressed concerns to her that the officers were making false arrests following minor traffic violations in order to get overtime when called to court and he wanted no part of it. He said he no longer wanted to work in a "hostile environment."

On cross-examination, the officers' attorney, Doug Louison, put McMorris on the "hot seat", questioning her background (McMorris is a non-practicing lawyer) and knowledge of criminal law and police procedures. He vehemently objected to the line of questioning by Peter Berry, the town's attorney, stating the focus of the hearing should be on the specific charges and not on "everything that had ever happened" in Cohasset. He said McMorris' testimony amounted to hearsay and was prejudicial and unrelated to the charges.

Haddad allowed Berry — who said the testimony would explain what was going on in the minds of the selectmen, police chief and town manager — to continue. Berry noted the accused officers have said they'd been "railroaded" and he said McMorris' testimony would prove that not to be the case.

"The town welcomes the opportunity to have a public hearing on the who, what, when, where, why and how are the true facts underlying why the town took action," Berry said.

After hearing Curran's concerns, McMorris had several meetings with Haddad and Chief Robert Jackson, as well as discussing the allegations of unfair treatment by Quigley and McLean. She noted that Gerd Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn, had penned letters to selectmen highly critical of Quigley. McMorris said all complaints are investigated by the selectmen's office and in this case, resulted in discussions with Town Counsel, which hired a private investigator to investigate the officers.

She described Chief Jackson as having the same suspicions about Quigley and McLean as Curran, and as being worried about the safety of his family who might be facing retaliation from the officers. She said she talked Jackson, whom she described as an excellent police chief, out of resigning.

But Louison suggested both the chief and his son-in-law may have had the proverbial "ax to grind." He pointed out Quigley had arrested the chief's son, Keith Jackson, who was also facing domestic violence charges that were handled by Quigley last summer. He also noted that after Curran pulled a gun on Quigley (during a counseling session over allegations about Curran's behavior at the station), he was placed on 30 days paid administrative leave.

Louison questioned why she would give such credence to Curran, who is her neighbor, but had been with the department about two years when Quigley had been on the force for more than eight years. He also noted Ordelheide might be retaliating against Quigley, who had complained about liquor license violations at the Red Lion Inn that resulted in a terse warning letter to Ordelheide signed by McMorris.

It was also brought out the chief issued two separate written orders for officers to pay particular attention to public drinking, noise and disturbances occurring at the Red Lion Inn.

McMorris said things reached a head following the arrest of the chief's son, Keith Jackson, outside the Legion Hall Oct. 11, and it was decided to best protect the public by putting the officers on leave pending an investigation.

McMorris said the chief provided upwards of 100 copies of Quigley's arrest reports to John DiNatale, the private investigator. She also read them over to get a picture of what was going on in town, and had sleepless nights thinking about the faces of teenagers who had been arrested, handcuffed, booked and photographed. At one point, she charged the officers had purposely been seeking out young girls to arrest.

That accusation brought Louison, who has a flamboyant personality, out of his seat in protest. "Why don't you ask why they (teens) were out drinking?" he said, saying the proceeding should have some modicum of fairness.

McMorris said she talked with judges, lawyers and prosecutors to get a sense of how Cohasset compared to what was going on in other communities. But Louison noted she did not ask the District Attorney, who has jurisdiction over these matters, for an opinion.

Louison read a letter commending Quigley's work with middle-high school children from teacher Jack Buckley and another commendation from the Chief complementing his work establishing a student police academy.

After a 45-minute lunch break, Officer Frank Yannizzi testified about a Sept. 7, 2003 arrest involving three youths and what his observations were about the search procedures used by Quigley and McLean. Berry appeared to be alluding to the fact Quigley may have not had probable cause for the arrests and both officers may have "frisked" the teens, when they shouldn't have. Yannizzi was called to the scene as back up. But Louison produced a global department email from Det. Garrett Hunt and Officer Christy Tarantino sent sometime earlier warning officers that one of the youths in question might have a gun in his possession, which expands police authority.

The youths were also known to police. In fact even Yannizzi had arrested one of these youths on a prior occasion on Elm Street. The Sept. 7 incident took place outside Tedeschi's at about 11:15 p.m. when Quigley observed youths coming and going from the store, which was supposed to close at 11 p.m.

Rod & Gun Club

James Dean, general manager of the Red Lion Inn, categorically stated he saw both McLean and Quigley drinking beer at the Rod & Gun Club last May. Although Louison tripped him up on parts of his testimony including what the officers were wearing, Dean, who is also a member of the club, stuck to his guns and said, "I saw what I saw."

But Officer Rick Grassie's testimony conflicted with Dean's. Grassie stated McLean did have some beer along with Officer John Small, but that Quigley had returned to duty and wasn't there. The question of whether McLean was actually "on duty" was raised.

Officers who are not on regular duty when training is conducted are paid a minimum of four hours overtime, even though the training may not last the full four hours. That is also a common practice with details and court appearances. McLean was not on duty that day; so it is not clear if having beer following training at the Rod & Gun Club is in fact drinking on duty, when he could have just as easily gone home to have the beer. Grassie said, however, he didn't approve of the drinking "because guns and alcohol don't mix."

Grassie is not McLean's supervisor, so he did not object. But on cross-examination, Louison pointed out Grassie had had a beer at a restaurant following weapons training in Boston last summer; he was in uniform and wearing his gun at the time. Grassie recently served a two-day suspension without pay over that incident. Louison asked if Grassie had been ordered to submit to psychological and physical examinations to determine his fitness for duty, as McLean and Quigley had, and Grassie said no. Small also served two days without pay for drinking at the Rod & Gun Club.

In addition to today, further hearings are scheduled for 9 a.m. Thurs., Feb. 5; 9 a.m., Monday, Feb. 9 and 9 a.m. Thurs. Feb. 12.



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Doug Louison, far right, confers with Sgt. Quigley during the Hearing. Town Manager Mark Haddad, in the background, is serving as hearing officer.



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NATURAL VIEW



JIM SHIPSKY

Last week's Mariner contained an article about recent work done on the dam at the Aaron River Reservoir. There were before and after pictures. The before picture showed a charming and inviting path bordered by lush greenery, yellow flowers, shrubs and slender young saplings. Having walked there frequently, I know there would have been birds, bees, butterflies, and other wildlife. The after picture showed the same area stripped bare. Every living thing was gone, scalped down to ground zero. The caption claimed this was somehow an improvement. I found it utterly mind-boggling! The idea that destroying every living bit of Nature was a good thing made me feel sick. If any readers share this feeling I'd love to hear from you.

I understand how large tree roots can eventually threaten the stability of an earthen dam. At the northwest end of the dam there is a sort of peninsula that extends out into the water. It is solid granite. No tree roots can do any harm there. It had been a lovely little spot, inviting one to come closer and touch the water. Now it too has been scalped bare. What a tragic loss to all Cohasset residents.

Previous issues of the Mariner have carried stories about the huge cost over-runs on the heat and electricity bills at the recently renovated Deer Hill and Middle-Senior High School. I have to tell you a sad story about this. When plans were announced to undertake these projects, I called the chair of the School Board to ask if the projects would be "green". That is, would they take into account indoor air quality, energy efficiency, use of renewable energy, use of renewable materials, daylighting, and airtight construction. He said he didn't know, that I should call the chair of the building committee. I did. He said, "What is green?"

Eventually, after calling the project manager, I ended up with the project architect, and asked him, "Will the projects be green?" He replied, "No. We don't do green. If Cohasset wanted green buildings, they should have hired a green architect." It felt like a dead-end to me, and I gave up, thinking about all the financial assistance for building green schools, available from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, that Cohasset was ignoring. We could have had schools that produced their own heat, rather than burning fossil fuels at double the rate of the old buildings. What will it take to wake up the powers that be in Cohasset to the energy crisis we all face? To the wonderful potential of sustainability and renewable energy? Previous issues of the Mariner have also carried stories about the proposed development of the Cook estate. I was recently speaking with Sandy Thomas of the North East Sustainable Energy Association **www.nesea.org**. It seems Jane Cook was an avid environmentalist, and funded a foundation to make grants to worthy environmental projects. NESEA is applying to Jane's foundation for such a grant. Sandy wanted to know if I, as a Cohasset resident, had any inside information about Jane Cook or her estate. I had to say, "Yes, Cohasset plans to tear down her house, build an upscale senior enclave on her property, and destroy nine acres of adjacent Town woodland to build so-called affordable senior apartments. I don't imagine Jane would be too happy about it."

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OBITUARIES

Pauline F. Blanchard

Pauline F. (Fatersek) Blanchard, 87, of Duxbury, died Jan. 18, 2004, at Jordan Hospital in Plymouth, following a brief illness.

Born in Boston, Mrs. Blanchard was daughter of the late Joseph and Anna Hiben-Hutan Fatersek. She was educated in Boston schools and was a graduate of Massachusetts School of Art in Boston.

Formerly of Cohasset and Jamaica Plain, she lived in Duxbury for nine years.

Mrs. Blanchard was employed as manager of the Women's Industrial Union for more than 20 years, retiring in the early 1970s.

She was a member of the Cohasset Garden Club.

Wife of the late Abbot Blanchard, she leaves a sister, A. Mary Fatersek of Brockton, formerly of Brookline; and several nieces. She was sister of the late Olga F. Blanchard and John Fatersek.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset. Interment was private, in Gethsemane Cemetery, West Roxbury.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JAN. 19

1:18 a.m. All over town.

9:47 a.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint, no police service necessary.

1:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, shoplifting, arrest: Franklyn J. Little, 49, 188 North Franklin St., Holbrook. Charges: shoplifting by asportation.

5:06 p.m. Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:30 p.m. Old Pasture Road, animal control.

10:25 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Ave, motor vehicle crash.

TUESDAY, JAN. 20

9:03 a.m. Elm St., suspicious.

9:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

2:30 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

3:22 p.m. Beechwood St., fire, investigation.

4:37 p.m. 461 Wood Way, summons service.

6:26 p.m. Smith Pl., motor vehicle stop.

6:37 p.m. Equipment test.

8:50 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:12 p.m. Wood Way, summons service.

11:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21

8:08 a.m. Pond St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:08 a.m. Manomet Ave, medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:06 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:21 p.m. Old Pasture Road, officer wanted.

7:16 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle crash, removed to hospital, arrest: Brian P. Horrigan, 30, 211 Billings St., Quincy. Charges: motor vehicle, larceny of OUI, (operating under the influence of liquor,) speeding in violation special regulation, marked lanes violation, leaving accident after property damage.

11:59 p.m. Fogg Road, prisoner transport, brought to station.

THURSDAY, JAN. 22

12:16 a.m. Pond St., animal control, area search negative.

12:45 a.m. Kings St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:57 a.m. Brook St., abandoned auto.

1:09 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:49 p.m. Border St., and Otis Ave, animal complaint.

4:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:15 p.m. North Main St., serve restraining order.

5:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:02 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:42 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

FRIDAY, JAN. 23

4:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:04 p.m. Hillside Drive, animal control.

5:06 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

8:19 p.m. Border St., medical aid.

8:33 p.m. Forest Ave, fire, investigation.

8:43 p.m. Border St., fire, investigation.

10:36 p.m. Reservoir Road, medical aid, patient sign off.

11:23 p.m. Elm St., suspicious auto.

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

12:56 a.m. Red Parrot, assist other Police Department.

1:30 a.m. Norfolk Road, disturbance, arrest: Robert E. Healy, 43, 6 Norfolk Road, charges: A&B.

2:22 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, patient sign off.

9:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Sohier St., animal control.

11:14 a.m. Forest Ave, and Surry Drive, animal control.

2:48 p.m. Little Harbor Road, missing person.

4:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist citizen, no police service necessary.

4:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:53 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:58 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:27 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:46 p.m. Hill St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:49 p.m. Dolan Lane, assist citizen.

SUNDAY, JAN. 25

12:48 a.m. Sohier St., assist citizen, area search negative.

7:15 a.m. Stanton Road, assist citizen.

8:26 a.m. Headquarters, missing person.

9:30 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

9:48 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

10 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

10:40 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

12:29 a.m. Jerusalem Road, transport.

12:42 a.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

1:08 p.m. Black Rock Road, fire, structure.

2:59 p.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

5:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Lane, verbal warning.

5:45 p.m. Doane St., property (lost).

5:48 p.m. Sohier St., and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop.

6:25 p.m. King St., general services.

7:30 p.m. Police Headquarters, general services.

POLICE BRIEF

Stolen car arrest

On Jan. 21, around 7 p.m., the Scituate Police Department put out a BOLO (Be on The Lookout,) for a Jeep Cherokee that had just been stolen from Scituate.

A short time later Cohasset Police Officer Shellee Peters found the stolen vehicle on Border Street by the Mill Bridge and arrested Brian P. Horrigan of Quincy. Horrigan was then transported to the South Shore Hospital for medical treatment. Horrigan was arraigned in the Quincy District Court Jan. 22, for larceny of a motor vehicle, OUI (operating under the influence of liquor,) and leaving the scene of property damage.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Inter. Karate Center, 135 King St., $800, 40 sq. ft. sign: Hagerty, Laurie and Tom, 143 Beechwood St., $10, 000, renovate interior and replace windows; Protulis, Robert, 42 Smith Place, $900, shed 8 x 12, 3' from lot lines; Koncius, 9 Depot Court, $1,400, sign 2 x 3; McGoldrick, 738 Jerusalem Road, $100,000, demolition/remodel, kitchen, 4 baths, porch, windows; Corry, 81 Pleasant St., $10,625, re-roof 23 squares; Karp, Michael and Rowena, 91 South Main St., $45,000, addition, deck, renovate kitchen.

45-47 South Main St., Straley, Richard and Suzanne, partition 50 ft, $15,000; 247 Fairoaks Lane, Kelly, Charles, remodel bath and family room, $34,000; 89 Fairoaks Lane, Coner, Joseph and Eileen, remodel basement playroom, $13,993; 100 Pond St., #30, Ward, Geoffrey, remodel greenhouse per application, $9,500; 263 Forest Ave, Morton, William and Rita, renovate kitchen and bathroom, $30,000.

Is the Patriot Act un-American?

Hingham forum draws a crowd

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Does the 123-page U.S.A. Patriot Act make us safer?

That was the topic at a discussion last week about the law and its ramifications for Americans.

"We expect differing opinions will be expressed, and we ask that you listen to them respectfully," said South Shore Peace Forum member Shirley Brown. "Maybe we'll even find some common ground." The Patriot Act, which expires in late 2005, was enacted as a measure to combat terrorism following the events of Sept. 11.

More than 70 people attended the event at the Hingham Public Library, which featured two speakers from the Boston-based Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA), an organization working to protect human rights. Their talks were followed by an open discussion period.

The program was sponsored by Congregation Sha'aray Shalom of Hingham, the Study/Action Group of Old Ship Church, and the South Shore Peace Forum. The Peace Forum is a grass-roots organization of area citizens meeting since the first Gulf War. The group promotes peaceful and nonviolent solutions to conflicts at home and abroad. A follow-up meeting will be held this Spring. For further information about the Peace Forum, call (781) 749-9358.

While some say the search, seizure, and detention provisions of the Patriot Act are necessary to combat terrorism, others feel the law is intrusive, a threat to their civil liberties, and constitutes an erosion of First Amendment rights.

Joel Z. Eigerman and Allan Roth of JALSA presented their opinions about the Patriot Act before the large gathering. They hold the view that historically, curtailing civil rights has not brought the nation greater safety, and will not now.

"Our government has an unfortunate history of cutting back on the Constitution when we feel threatened, from the Civil War to the internment of the Japanese," Eigerman said. "We usually feel bad about it afterwards and sometimes make reparations, but it's hard to see how these incursions have made us more secure. . . . The September 11 terrorists were well trained. Do we think the Patriot Act will stop people like that?" He further noted that while some sharing of information could be "salubrious," in other cases the results are "frightening."

Not everyone agrees with their concerns. In a telephone interview, Pat Casey, who attended the talk, said the purpose of the Patriot Act is to track down and find terrorists. "Some think the law provides too much power to the government, although the Act received overwhelming support in the House and Senate by both parties," he said. "I think there is a sense within people opposed to the law that nothing should be done, but I believe that action is better than inaction. As Americans we're just as subject to attack whether we support the Patriot Act or not."

Others held a different view. "Someone took the beautiful word 'patriot' and applied it for their own use. People are people, American or non-American, and no human being deserves to be treated this way," one participant said, referring to numerous reported cases of indefinite detention of non-citizens without due process. "You don't lock people up without due process, even if we didn't have a Constitution. They can do the same damn thing to every one of us."

Carrying his point further, he said, "I'm concerned about the future. I don't want my grandchildren to live in a gilded cage, but the free country I grew up in seems to be going away fast."

The question of what Hingham Public Library can do to protect patrons' library habits was raised, referring to reports that the FBI is now in a position to monitor Internet use and book store purchases and check library records in the search for terrorists.

Library Director Dennis Corcoran was on-hand to address that issue. "We've made every effort to reduce the retention time for library records to about a month, keeping only what we need. Anything less than that would make doing business difficult," he said, noting that the library web page details its privacy policy. "Librarians have been at the forefront of trying to protect patron rights, but there are risks. If the government wants information from a library, the government can get it, and you'll never know they've obtained it."

While Eigerman believes widespread implementation of the right to check library records isn't likely, some, including Hingham resident June Freedman are concerned. "If checking out certain books is deemed so offensive, censorship could be one step away."

Roth's sense, though, is that the government "will go after people reading books like 'Making Atomic Bombs for Dummies.'"

Eigerman suggested that "better education of Americans about our real history" is needed, although he considers that path a "long and stony" one. "We need to allow students to realize there are two sides without sacrificing their patriotism."

Casey holds a different view. "That gives the sense that solving the problem involves changing who we are and the perception that we're the bad imperial United States rather than catching [the terrorists]," he said. "It makes it look as though we're the bad guy. If we're such a big bad imperial power, why are people risking their life and limb to come here? We're a freedom loving country."

Roth called this a "time of national emergency," adding that some detainees held under questionable circumstances have been teenagers. "If they ever get out of prison, we could have some nascent terrorists," he said. "I suggest holding hearings to find out why a person has been imprisoned and let them have council, as has been done in the past. The only real hope is the court system, which is not a happy prospect."

The issue is complex.

"What is the answer? I don't know," said Casey. "Have we done bad things like everyone else? Yes. This isn't and never will be a utopia. But there is something about this country that is good, and there is no equal to what we have. It's the longest standing constitutional democracy in world history."

Roth said keeping the United States safe from another terrorist attack is "impossible. We are all at risk. We're all mortal."

The Rev. Kenneth Read-Brown of Old Ship Church, who led the discussion, noted, "In addition to necessary security measures, it seems to me that our safety as a nation could also be enhanced if we were seen by others around the world as more dedicated to helping the poor and creating a world of greater peace, justice, and cooperation among the community of nations."

To read the entire Patriot Act, visit www.aclu.org.





June Friedman listens intently to the discussion on the ramifications of the Patriot Act.

At left: Joel Z. Eigerman and Allan Roth of the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action lead a discussion on the Patriot Act at the Hingham Public Library.



PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

The Hingham Public Library is packed with citizens concerned about the effect the Patriot Act has on civil liberties.

About the USA Patriot Act:

USA PATRIOT Act, or USAPA introduced a plethora of legislative changes which significantly increased the surveillance and investigative powers of law enforcement agencies in the United States. The Act did not, however, provide for the system of checks and balances that traditionally safeguards civil liberties in the face of such legislation.

Legislative proposals in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 were introduced less than a week after the attacks. President Bush signed the final bill, the USA PATRIOT Act, into law on October 26, 2001. Though the Act made significant amendments to over 15 important statutes, it was introduced with great haste and passed with little debate, and without a House, Senate, or conference report. As a result, it lacks background legislative history that often retrospectively provides necessary statutory interpretation

The USA PATRIOT Act introduced sweeping changes to U.S. law, including amendments to:

- Wiretap Statute (Title III).
- Electronic Communications Privacy Act .
- Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.
- Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.
- Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.
- Pen Register and Trap and Trace Statute.
- Money Laundering Act.
- Immigration and Nationality Act.
- Money Laundering Control Act.
- Bank Secrecy Act.
- Right to Financial Privacy Act.
- Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Source: The Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) is a public interest research center in Washington, D.C. It was established in 1994 to focus public attention on emerging civil liberties issues and to protect privacy, the First Amendment, and constitutional values.

www.epic.org/privacy/terrorism/usapatriot/

Patriot Act has its backers and detractors

COMMENTARY

PAT CASEY

Is the Patriot Act good? It depends who you ask.

Two weeks ago while in the post office, I noticed an invitation to meet at the Hingham Public Library to discuss the problems with the Patriot Act. "The event was sponsored by South Shore Peace Forum, The Study/ Action committee of The Old Ship Church and Congregation Sha' Aray Shalom.

The following is a statement from the Department of Justice:

"The Department of Justice's first priority is to prevent future terrorist attacks. Since its passage following the September 11th attacks, the Patriot Act has played a key part — and often a leading roll — in a number of successful operations to protect innocent Americans from the deadly plans of terrorists dedicated to destroying America and our way of life. While the results have been important, in passing the Patriot Act, Congress provided for only modest, incremental changes in the law. Congress simply took existing legal principles and retrofitted them to preserve the lives and liberty of the American people from the challenges posed by a global terrorist network. The government's success in preventing another catastrophic attack on the American homeland since 9-11, would have been much more difficult, if not impossible, without the USA PATRIOT Act. The authorities Congress provided have substantially enhanced our abilities to prevent, investigate, and prosecute acts of terror."

What I took away from the meeting was the people in opposition of the Patriot Act brush off concerns about being attacked by terrorists as easily as the people in favor of the Patriot Act brush off the concerns of being brought in for questioning for the books they check out at the Hingham Public Library.

There are downsides to both positions and both sides tend to believe that their "downside" is more significant. Opposing the Act could potentially hinder the prevention of the next terror attack and supporting the Act could lead to a potential erosion of our personal rights under the constitution.

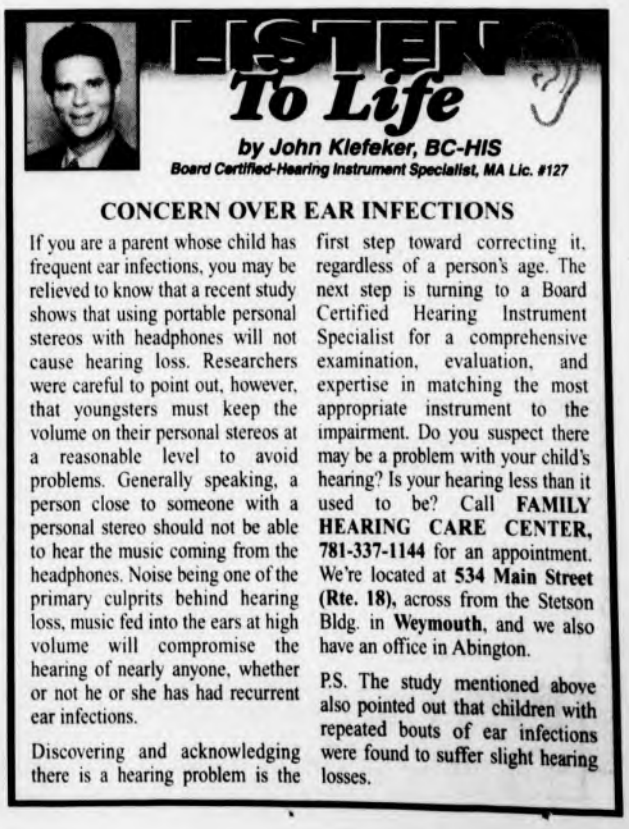
In my opinion, the approach to addressing the issue of terrorism has more to do with philosophy than party affiliation. There are democrats in favor of the current approach towards the war on terror and republicans opposed. For now we can only speculate what the majority of people think however we will have to wait until November to know for sure.

I believe the current administration is doing the best it can and I am in favor of taking the necessary steps to deter and disrupt those who want to destroy America and kill Americans. I also believe that there are people living among us who are awaiting orders to strike again. Can we stop the terrorists without dramatically changing our way of life? Working together, I believe we can.

Pat Casey lives on Alden Road in Hingham.







CALENDAR
On the South Shore

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 6, 2004

Thurs. 29

The Sound of Music will be performed at the **Orpheum Theatre**, 1 School St.,Foxboro Jan. 29, 30, at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $21 adults, $18 seniors and students, $15 children under 12. For more information call 508-543-2787. Tickets can be purchased online www.orpheum.org

The North River Arts Society Dolphin Gallery located at the Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham, presents **Recent Works - an exhibit of photographs by Mike Sleeper** through Jan. 30. 781-741-1405 or 781-837-8091

The Hingham Community Center presents its **42nd year of Cabaret**, featuring songs, dance, comedy and much more on Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. $10 seniors; $12 for general public.; Jan. 30, at 8 p.m. $20; Jan. 31, at 8 p.m. 781-749-2261.

The Purple Eggplant Cafe, 400 Bedford St. Abington Thursdays, **The New Blue Revue**, Open Mike blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

Adult Literacy and GED classes will be held **at Blue Hills Regional Technical School**, 800 Randolph St., Canton. The program is funded by Massachusetts Dept. of Education and is free of charge. For more information call 781-828-5800 ext. 325.

American Indian Exhibit "Getting Acquainted with American Indian Artists" in the Vine Hall Gallery at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, from Jan. 1 to 31. Hosted by Betty Bourgault of Hanover. The exhibit features artwork in a variety of mediums representing a wide range of American Indian artists from different tribes across the U.S. and Canada. The exhibit can be viewed free of charge during the Center's regular business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the **World to the White House**. Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Jimbos Restaurant Braintree 5 Corners, Comedy night featuring Dave Andrews, Annette Pollack, Joe List, Sean Sullivan, Chris Johnston, Cyndi Stiles and Sean Caulfied

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., will exhibit Paintings, Drawings, Prints **by Lauren Harman** during January 2004. 781-934-2721.

Fri. 30

Marshfield High School Drama Club, Furnace Brook Middle School Auditorium, Marshfield presents **Foreign Affairs**, a night of one-act plays, Jan. 30 & 31 at 7:30 p.m.. Tickets available at the door

The Friends of the Plymouth Pound announce the third annual **Stray Cat Blues** benefit with the James Montgomery Band on Jan. 30, at the Cabby Shack on the Plymouth waterfront. $15 in advance; $20 at the door or on line at www.gis.net/~fpp 508-224-6651

Bellevue Cadillac take to the stage with their get-up-and-dance repertoire of swing, jazz, blues and rock and roll at **The Company Theatre** in Norwell, on Friday, Jan. 30, at 8 p.m. Tickets, priced at $22, are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Dr. in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787

The Next Page Cafe, Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 30, **Donnie Noyes Project**, 9 p.m. 781-335-9796.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

The Art of Bird Photography, Jan. 10 - 31 **Pre School Nature Story Hour**, Jan. 9, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. A story hour with a nature theme(Beavers for January), a simple craft and a short trail outing, weather permitting.$4/$6 non member. Limited to 15 participants. Preregistration is necessary. Audubon Society 781-834-9661

The James Library & Center for Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents **The Secret Meaning of Life** exhibit by Laura Harvey, boxed assemblage, sculpture, 3D collage from Jan. 9 to Feb. 5.

The North River Arts Society presents **"Recent Works,"** an exhibit of photographs by Mike Sleeper at the Dolphin Gallery through Jan. 30, located at the Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham. Call the library for current hours at 781-741-1405. For more information call 781-837-8091.

Braintree Art Association Board Members will be displaying their paintings for the month of January 2004 at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Sat. 31

The North River Arts Society presents **Recent Paintings by Brooks Kelly** at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham starting Jan. 31 through March 26. Open Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Call library to confirm current hours, 781-741-1405. Opening reception Feb 2 from 7-9 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

Smokey Joe's Cafe at Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center presents **Tony-winning Motown** era musical review featuring hits of the '50s & '60s Jan 31, Feb. 6,7,14,15,21,22. Four course dinner and show $39.95, show only $20. Fri. and Sat. dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m., Sun. dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. For reservations and information call 781-843-5862.

Diphtheria, Mind Fed Violence and Donkey Box will perform in concert at the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center** Jan. 31 from 7-10 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets are $8. For more information call 508-747-1234. www.starcreations.org

Fat City Rock Band kicks off Super Bowl Weekend at **The Bridgwaye Inn**, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield Jan 31 9 p.m. to midnight. On Feb. the **Marshfield Kiwanis** will sponsor a charity poker tournament at 3 p.m. followed by a Super Bowl party. For more information call 781-834-6505.

Broadway and TV star Rex Smith to perform in concert at the **Company Theatre**, 30 Accord Park Dr., Norwell Jan 31, 8 p.m. Tickets are $30, VIP seating $55 which includes best seats and reception with Rex Smith. For more information call 781-871-2787. www.companytheatre.com

The Next Page, Broad St., Weymouth, **Chris Stovall** Brown, 9 p.m. 781-335-9796.

13th Annual Boston Wine Expo at the **World Trade Center Boston and Seaport Hotel**, 200 Seaport Blvd., Ste. 75, Boston on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. Single Day Ticket, $70, Two Day Ticket, $92. Proper ID required. No one under 21 allowed including children and infants. For more information call 781-344-4413. www.spinazzola.org

Hingham Symphony Orchestra Discovery Concerts presents **Super Bowl weekend** fun for the whole family, Jan 31 at 3 p.m. at Weymouth High School, Commercial St., Weymouth and Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. at North River Community Church, Rte. 139, Pembroke. $20 adults, $15 seniors, $8 youth through age 18. For more information call 781-740-5694. Jin Kim conducts Kapilow's Casey at the Bat, narrated by Hingham Symphony Chamber Singers.

The Symphony Swing Band of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra along with jazz diva **Rebecca Parris** perform tunes from the Big Bands era Jan 31 at 8 p.m. Plymouth's Memorial Hall, Plymouth. The cost of a cabaret-style table $400 for eight, $55 for individual table seat, $35 reserved first tier seats and $25 general admission second tier seats. Tickets may be purchased at the Philharmonic office, 16 Court St., or calling 508-746-8008.

Native American Symposium at the **Fuller Museum of Art**, 455 Oak St., Brockton, Jan 31. Registration is $130 members, $150 non-members and includes workshops, lectures, coffee, pastry and a boxed lunch. Space limited to 40 people. Participants may register by calling Dawn Low at 508-588-600 ext. 113. www.fullermuseum.org

Sun. 1

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will show together the text and illustrations from the Persian literary works: the Shah-nama, Khavar-nama, Khamza of Nizami and Hadith al Anbiya†in the exhibition **Complex Tales: Persia** Feb.1-April 25. For more information call 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town members of the **Weymouth Art Association** will display at several locations in Feb and March. Paintings may be purchased For more information call 781-335-4675

"Can You Fool a Groundhog?" event at the **New England Wildlife Center**, 19 Fort Hill St., Hingham Feb 1, 1-2:30 p.m.. Admission $5 donation. For more information call 781-749-5387. www.newildlife. com

A Conversation About Stuff We Like/New Sculpture by Alan Klein and Mike Newby will be exhibited at the **Art Complex Museum**, 189 Alden St., Duxbury Feb. 1-April 4. Opening reception Feb. 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m. For more information call 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org



The Boston/South Shore-area band is offering a possible sneak preview of big things to come right in its own backyard when it plays one of its first full-stage spectacle gigs at Plymouth Memorial Hall this Friday, Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. The show is presented by Scott Esposito, owner of Jamie's Pub in Marshfield.

Pink Voyd is not your average tribute act. Band member and keyboardist Dan Fisher, of Plymouth, can boast credentials of having built synth patches used by the original Floyd on their Momentary Lapse of Reason tour; the multimedia tribute stage show is delivered by a multi-talented crew that includes two actual former Floyd personnel; and the band was chosen to host last year's official 30th Anniversary CD & DVD release party of the classic Dark Side of the Moon album.Complementing all the performance paraphernalia are the four talented, multi-instrumentalist singer/musicians who step into the respective original Floyd member roles and know the classic band's repertoire inside out. Along with Fisher, the Voyd members include guitarist/saxophonist Walter Stickle, bassist John Pitigolo and drummer/percussionist Tony "The Hammer" Caliendo.

For more information on Saturday's show, call Plymouth Memorial Hall at 508 747-0234 or visit the PinkVoyd Web site at www.pinkvoyd.com <http://www.pinkvoyd.com>.

-Matt Whorf

Piranesi and His Contemporaries from the collection of Elizabeth Morse and Richard Wendorf. This collection of 18th-century old-master prints has been assembled over a 20-year period, with a focus on the work of Giovanni Battista Piranesi Jan. 9 through Feb. 22. **South Shore Art Center**, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset.. Accessible to all. 781-383-ARTS† www.ssac.org On Sunday, Jan. 25, 4 p.m. Gallery Talk: Living With Piranesi with Richard Wendorf-"The Stanford Calderwood Director and Librarian" The Boston Athenaeum. Free to the public.

South Shore ARC is offering its **Sunday Open Gym** through April 4, at the Cole School in Norwell from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. $10 fee. 781-335-3023 x2227.

The Interfaith Book Study Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for January is Leiberman's Law by S. Kaminshi (Judaism); February, Siddhartha by H. Hesse (Buddhism); March, Palace Walk by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the oil paintings of Hingham artist **Judith Mehring** through the end of February. 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

"Single Executives Club"† Sunday Singles Dance" every Sunday evening at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com < http://www.se-4u.com/> Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes.† For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Dance music by DJ Joe Pet. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club, and The Presidents Club of Boston.

Mon. 2

Tosca, 14 North St., Hingham hosts **Wine Dinner Showcasing Lolonis Vineyards of California** Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. Tosca's annual Wine Dinner Series provides wine and food enthusiasts the opportunity to learn the secrets of pairing the perfect wine with an exquisite meal. Cost to attend the Lolonis wine dinner is $100 per person. For more information call 781-740-0080 or visit www.eatwellinc.com

The Choral Art Society of Scituate invites area singers to come join open rehearsals for an April performance of **"A Night at the Opera"** to be performed at Massasoit Community College. Open rehearsals will run for three consecutive Monday nights: Jan. 19 and 26 and Feb. 2 from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. at First Trinitarian Congregational Church on Country Way in Scituate. No auditions required and all voice parts are needed. Solo opportunities are available. Bring a friend. For further information call 781-545-8295 or visit www.choralart-society.org. The rehearsal and concert spaces are handicapped accessible.

The North River Arts Society presents **Feathers**, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, featuring photographs by Cindy Vallino, depicting birds in the landscape from local areas, and from the Bosque del Apache Bird Sanctuary in New Mexico, Jan. 3 to Feb. 28. The library is located in the Library Plaza, Marshfield. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30pm at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

CALENDAR, see next page



The Symphony Swing Band of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra along with jazz diva Rebecca Parris perform tunes from the Big Bands era Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. Plymouth's Memorial Hall, Plymouth. Tickets may be purchased at the Philharmonic office, 16 Court St., or calling 508-746-8008.

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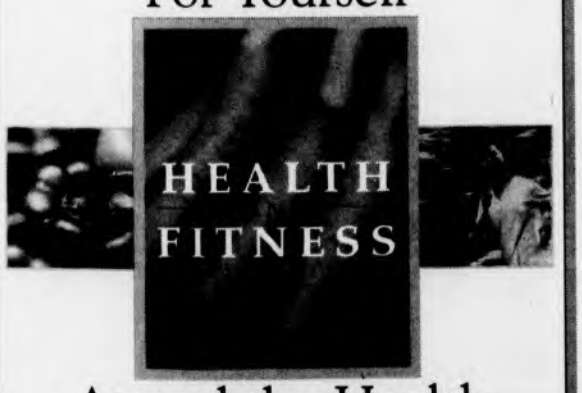


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Westwinds Bookshop located at the Duxbury Marketplace, Duxbury, will be forming its Book Club and Writer's Workshop. If interested in joining either group, call 781-934-2128.

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical conceived choreographed and directed by **Twyla Tharp** and based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually suppor ive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly, free, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Tues. 3

Do you have a legal question or are you confused about a legal issue? **The Bar Association of Norfolk County**, Quincy District Court Feb 3 6-8 p.m. For more information contact Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County 617-471-9693.

Boston Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston, presents **The Graduate**, starring Lorraine Bracco, Jonathan C. Kaplan and Devon Sorvari Jan. 27 through Feb. 8. Tickets available at box office at the Colonial or at the Wilbur Theatre box office, 246 Tremont St., Boston, or by calling ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or ticketmaste.com

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. The book Breakfast at Tiffany's by Truman Capote is the reading for the Jan. 13 meeting. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot. com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250.

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.



BEST BET

The Bridgewater Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield Jan. 31 from 9 p.m. to midnight. On Feb. 1 the Marshfield Kiwanis will sponsor a charity poker toumament at 3 p.m. followed by a Super Bowl party. For more information call 781-834-6505.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. Dave Thomas Band. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 4

Raffael's Restaurant, Quincy presents **"The Old Croonere,"** Easy to Remember Ben & Brad Sing Bind, Fred & Bob on Feb. 4 and 5. All tickets $35 for the matinee series and $45 for the evening shows per person. Included are full course lunch/dinner, show, tax & gratuity. Lunch begins at noon and dinner 6:30 p.m. For reservations call Raffael's Restaurant 617-328-1600. www.jmproductionspresents.com

The Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery will feature Quincy photographer **Paul Weiss'** large-format black and white portraiture through Feb. 5. Open during regular library hours. 781-741-1405.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Club 58/Shooters, 58 Ross Way, off 1515 Hancock St., Quincy, presents Wednesday night Blues/R@R, open mike night. On Jan. 28, Shovelhead Free parking. 617-471-7788.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Parents and Tots** Session II Feb 4,11,25 at 9:30-10:45a.m.. $21 members, $24 non-members, per session. Additional family members are half price. Dress for the weather. Limit 8 children. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Thurs. 5

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull welcomes Leslie Silvia for an open forum and book signing Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. Admission $3 museum members, $5 non-members. Light refreshments will be served. For more information contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or email lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Animal Tails** Feb 5,12,26. Please specify morning class 9:30-11a.m. or afternoon class 1:30-3 p.m., $39 members, $48 non-members for each three week session. Join us for a special program featuring outstanding nature stories and activities for children ages 3-1/2 to 5 years. For more information on this class and others call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Small Works and exhibit of work by watercolorist **Lilly Cleveland** will be showing at the James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell Feb. 5-March 3. The exhibit opens Feb 5 with a reception from 6:30-8 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100.

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Rex Smith will appear in concert Saturday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. at The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. For tickets and information, call 781/871-2787.

- R. Scott Reedy

Fri. 6

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Fri. at 10:30-11a.m.. (except holidays and vacation weeks Free with admission. Join us for a half-hour of storytelling that will delight youngsters (and accompanying adults, too). Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury, presents **Art of Music Chamber Players with Timothy Roberts**, Artistic Director Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets $20, Seniors $15 and students $5. For more information call 781 837-2705

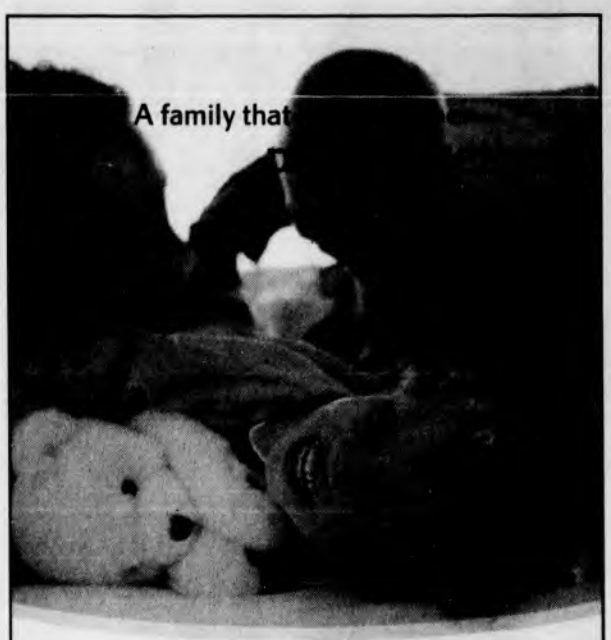
KIDSPOT presents **You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown** at St. Christine's Parish Hall, Rte.3A Marshfield Feb. 6 & 7 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $6 in advance, $8 at the door. To reserve tickets call 781-826-8550.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Moonlit Esker Hike** Feb 6 at 6:45-8 p.m. $4 members, $8 non-members per family of four. Join us for a special program featuring outstanding nature stories and activities for children ages 3-1/2 to 5 years. For more information on this class and others call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org



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The North River Arts Society presents Recent Paintings by Brooks Kelly at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham starting Jan. 31 through March 26. Open Monday.-Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. 1-5 p.m. Call library to confirm current hours, 781-741-1405. Opening reception is Feb. 2 from 7-9 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.



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Two sides face off in Cohasset's cop case



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Town Counsel Paul Berry presents town's charges against Officer James McLean and Sgt. William Quigley.

Hearing resumes Monday at 9 a.m.

By Mary Ford
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No one argues that Sgt. William Quigley is a motivated police officer, who was interested in climbing the ladder at the department.

In fact over the course of his more than eight years in Cohasset — the last 2-1/2 of which have been as commander of the 4 p.m. to midnight shift — he's consistently made the most arrests, according to testimony at last week's disciplinary hearing at Town Hall.

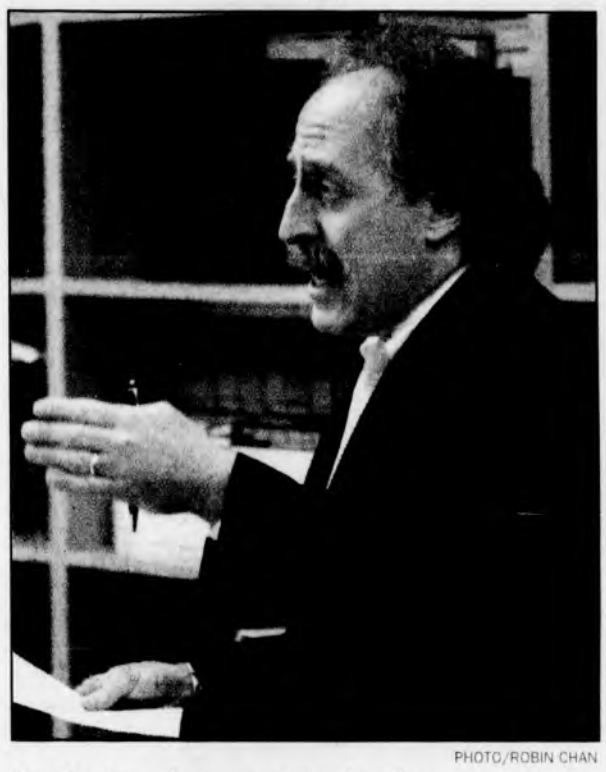
But the town's attorney, Peter Berry, claims that ambition coupled with problems over proposed changes in rules and regulations in the department may have led to a pattern of misconduct resulting in allegations of unlawful arrests that are now the subject of ongoing hearings that also involve Officer James McLean.

Yet Douglas Louison, the officers' attorney, says the case against Quigley isn't about the sergeant's desire to get ahead but retaliation by the police chief for Quigley's arrest of his son outside the Legion Hall last October and his seeking an arrest warrant for alleged domestic violence incidents last July that also involved the chief's son. The chief's involvement in the aftermath of the Legion arrest, which is part of the investigation of Quigley, could amount to the crime of intimidation of a witness because that case is still pending before the court, Louison said.

He said the officers, who also crossed paths with former Officer Brian Curran (the chief's son in law), have done nothing wrong.

The hearings, which the officers requested be held in public, continue at 9 a.m. Monday in the Selectmen's office. Last Wednesday and Thursday, the prosecution (town's side) presented its case, which will continue Monday. The defense (officers' side) will start when

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Doug Louison, who is representing the officers, cross examines a witness during the police disciplinary hearing.

Selectmen won't back Cedarmere

By Samantha Brown
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The Board of Selectmen will not send on an application for the affordable portion of the Cedarmere development to the Department of Housing and Community Development. While the project has already been approved by the Planning Board, and developers have a special permit in hand, Selectmen voted unanimously to deny the request, saying they don't feel comfortable sending the application forward, when they do not think the plans for the project are complete.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said it had been recommended by Town Counsel that the Board "not support the project because it is an incomplete project." Because the Senior Multi-Resident Overlay District bylaw requires projects have either a permit for an on-site wastewater treatment system, or written approval by the Sewer Commission to tie-in to the town's sewer lines to comply, and Cedarmere currently has neither, the Selectmen feel the plans are incomplete. However, the Planning Board has already given its approval for the project and has granted a special permit with conditions, while developers wait to receive a verdict from court which could change their septic status. After being denied

"It sounds like the Selectmen are trying to take the place of the Planning Board."
— Walter Sullivan, Cedarmere attorney

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From troops to troops

Girl Scouts send sweet reminders

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset residents serving in the US Armed Forces will not miss out on Girl Scout cookie time, thanks to the bright idea of one Osgood student, who has been working hard to ensure as many servicemen and women as possible receive a sweet reminder someone back home is thinking of them.

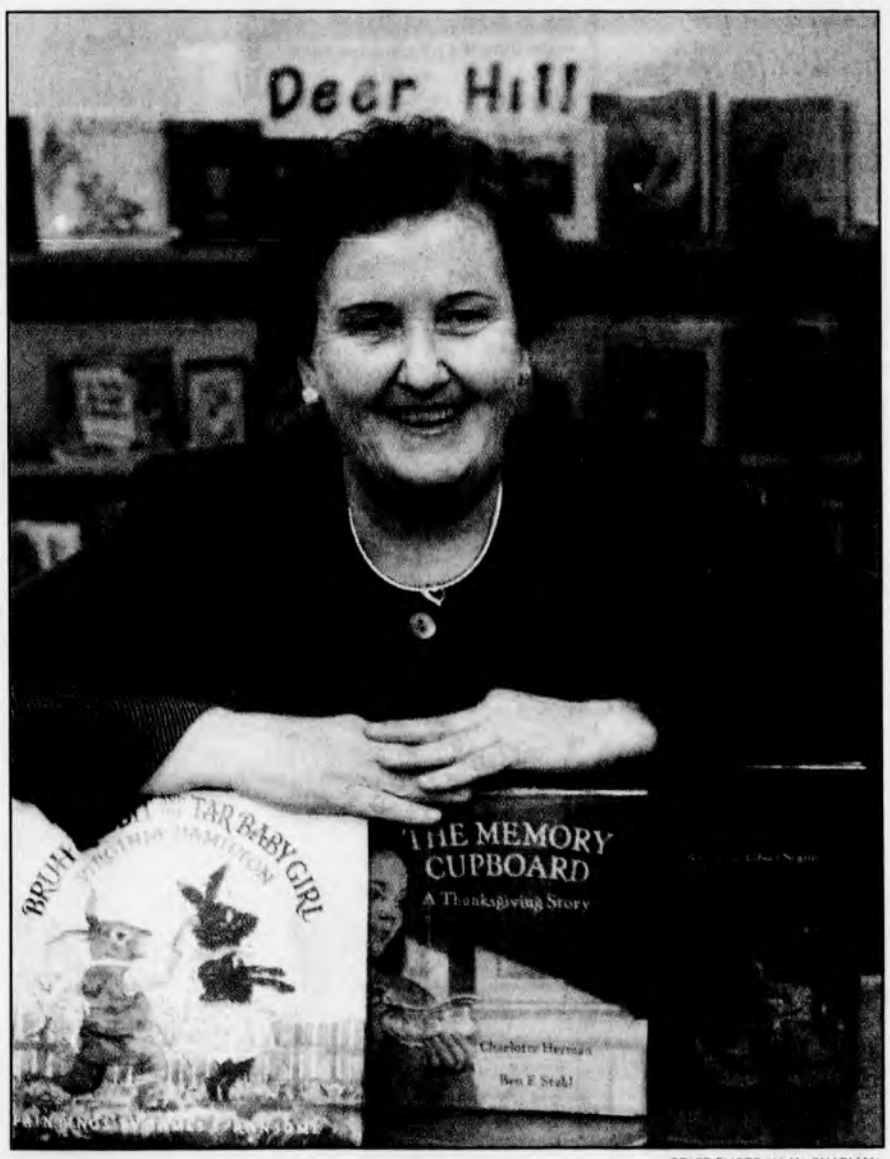
Madeline Curley, a seven-year-old second grader in Daisy Troop 4777, was writing her holiday thank you notes, when she began to think of all she was grateful for. She had just celebrated the holidays with her family and began to imagine what it would be like to be a soldier stationed overseas. As she wrote to her relatives, she began to wonder what she could do to show her gratitude.

"Because the troops have done a lot for us, they need something special from us to thank them," she said.

Madeline came up with the idea to send the troops care packages, and being a Girl Scout, it only seemed fitting to send cookies. Madeline had just received her cookie order forms and with the help of her mother, Lauren, began her regular door-to-door sales with a slight twist. While asking her neighbors if

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A proper ending to a school librarian's career



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Long-time Deer Hill Librarian Majorie Murphy has shared her love of reading with countless children.

Murphy is named Citizen of the Year

By Mary Ford
MFORD@CNC.COM

Marjorie Murphy may look like a grandmother but she is totally cool right down to her vanity license plate that states "Marjie."

Her late husband got the plate for her back in the 1970s when she drove a Pacer. There were other Margies out there with plates "Margie 1", 2, or 3 but Bill Murphy knew his wife was one of a kind and ordered the different spelling.

With sparkling blue eyes and a smile that can light up a room, Murphy — who has graduated to a Lincoln Continental — is the school librarian that has forever put an end to the word "shhhhh."

She may be the only librarian with a Nerf basketball hoop in her library, a reward for children who share something interesting in a story with the class that Murphy hasn't already told them.

Just like her license plate, Murphy believes the library should be unique — a special, lively place where children can discover all the treasures that books possess.

After about 25 years with the Cohasset schools, Murphy will retire at the end of the school year. She won't soon be forgotten and the impact she has had on the lives of legions of elementary-age children is her legacy.

"With Marjie, children always come first," says Barb

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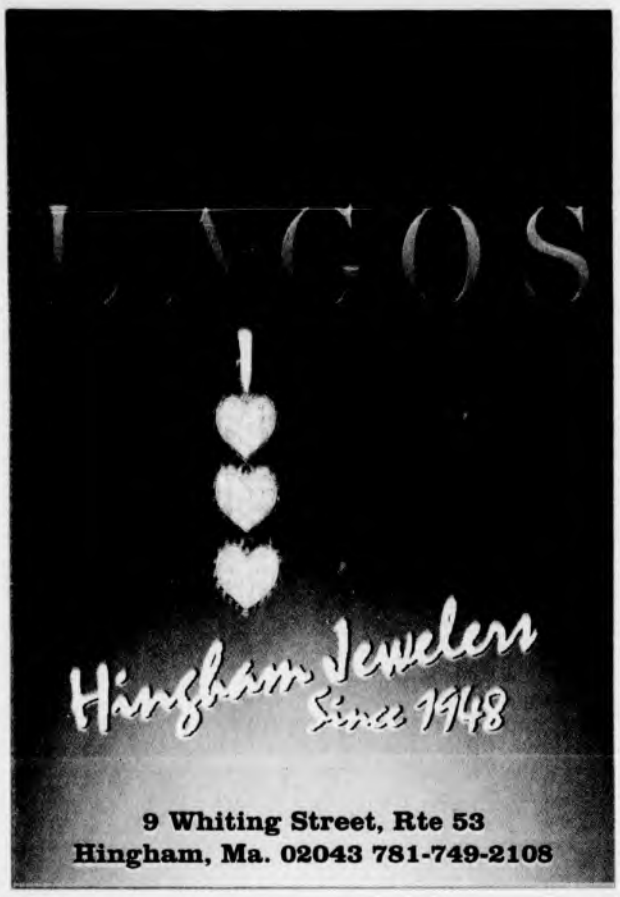
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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Library trustees, Feb. 11, 7 p.m., at the library

Sewer Commission, Feb. 23, 6 p.m.

School Committee, Feb. 5, 7 p.m., public hearing on budget

Sewer Commission, Feb. 23, 6 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Residency issue at middle-high school

The School Committee had a difficult decision to make at its Jan. 22 meeting, as residency issues pertaining to a student currently enrolled were addressed. The student, whose parents had bought a house in Cohasset but are still in the process of making renovations, is living out of town until construction is complete, which is against school policy. Although the Committee decided to let the child stay in school in Cohasset for another 90 days, with the assurance the construction will be completed before then, the School Committee is urging anyone who may be in violation of the school's residency policy to come forward so the situation can be addressed properly. School policy states any student attending Cohasset Public Schools must live in town, and a parent's owning property and paying taxes does not qualify a student to enroll.

Liquor stores are now open on Sunday

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to allow liquor stores in Cohasset to sell alcohol on Sundays. Because other surrounding towns have already given their permission to sell on Sundays, the board granted requests by Curtis Liquors, Cohasset Plaza Liquors, and Cohasset Food Mart, at their Jan. 27 meeting, in order to give them the ability to stay competitive. Town Manager Mark Haddad said in Scituate, stores are being charged a fee of $200 for the right to open on Sundays, but the board decided against imposing any fees to open the extra day.

Legion memorial may stay on island

Thomas Wigmore, Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, sent a letter to Town Manager Mark Haddad, requesting the town return the POW/MIA memorial back to its original location on the traffic island at the intersection of Depot Court and South Main Street, when streetscape improvements are made to the downtown area. While the Board of Selectmen had spoken with Craig Miller of the Waterfield Design Group about possibly moving the memorial to the corner of the street where the Community Center is located, Haddad said from both Wigmore's letter and conversations he has had with Legion members, it was made clear to him, they will not be in favor of having the memorial any other place. However, some members of the Board of Selectmen thought it makes much more sense to have the memorial up off the street where people can enjoy it, and have asked Selectman Merle Brown to have a talk with Wigmore, explaining the board thinks the memorial can be enjoyed more if it is not located in the middle of the street.

The island was dedicated in April 1994 to serve as a memorial to all personnel uncounted from all wars. The Legion members feel there would be no other appropriate location.

Brown speaks out about critical letter

Selectman Merle Brown doesn't think a letter to the editor printed in the Jan. 22 issue of the Mariner was fair. John Morgan, 24 Bow St., offered his thoughts on the RTF being closed due to the cold. Brown said employees of the RTF work outside all day and do not have the luxury of working indoors where there is heat, and said he still thinks closing the RTF for a day was the right thing to do. Brown added employees did not get the day off, and worked with the DPW instead. However, one worker did suffer from frostbite on his ear, from standing in the cold for a short time that morning before the decision was made to close.

Elderly neighbors need checking on

The Board of Selectmen wants to remind residents to keep their elderly neighbors in mind when both the snow and the temperatures fall. Take the time to lend a hand and help shovel someone out who cannot shovel themselves, selectmen said. When it's extremely cold, make sure to check on elderly neighbors to make sure their heat is in good working order, they said. In addition, the board wishes to remind residents to take a few extra minutes to clear in front of fire hydrants near their homes. Also, store owners are reminded they are responsible for clearing snow and ice in front of their own shops.

Great Neck granted a 60-day extension

The Great Neck development team was granted a 60-day extension for the preliminary phase of its project at last week's Planning Board meeting, although the developers hadn't planned on asking for one. Due to time constraints under the bylaw which only give a certain amount of time for the preliminary review process, the Planning Board would have been required to vote on the project that night, in order to meet the advertising deadline for the public hearings, which usher in stage two for the project. However, because changes had been made to the Great Neck plans since the last time the board had seen them, and the board did not have the time to thoroughly review the updates and make an educated decision, Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said the board would have had no other choice but to deny the project. Moore told Ellen Morrissey, owner of the property, that if she requested an extension, the board would grant it, but if she did not, her project would be denied.

Cook RFP committee

The Board of Selectmen has appointed eight Cohasset residents to serve on the advisory committee regarding the Cook property Request for Proposals. Committee members include: Steve Bobo, 292 Jerusalem Road; Joseph Buckley, 28 Linden Drive; Robert Hess, 11 Old Pasture Road; Ava Heggie, 228 Sohier Street; Richard O'Brien, 78 Old Pasture Road; Roger Pompeo, 130 Forest Avenue; John Steinmetz, 175 Sohier Street; and Martha Horsefield, 225 Jerusalem Road.

Responses for the RFP on the Cook property are due on Friday, Feb. 13. The deadline was extended three days to allow more time for bidders. So far, 73 people have taken out the RFP.

"I think we're going to have a nice response," said Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Local aid could be cut by 5 percent

Town Manager Mark Haddad said at this point, it looks as if the town could be facing an additional 5 percent cut in local aid this year. While he plans on banding together with neighboring towns to try to fight the cuts, if the 5 percent goes through, the town will be looking at additional reductions of roughly $100,000, and he does not know where that money might be made up in the budget.

Board appointments

Veneta Roebuck, 312 Beechwood St., has been appointed to the Turkey Hill Management Committee, filling the position formerly held by Susan Cope. In addition, Charles Higginson, 159 Atlantic Ave., has been appointed to Mark Dunne's seat on the Board of Appeals. Dunne recently resigned from the ZBA.

Town Counsel comments on two citizens' petitions

Town Manager Mark Haddad sent copies of the two citizen's petitions articles to Town Counsel Paul DeRensis, for comments and has received a response. The first of the articles would approve hiring an independent counsel and would provide funds to hire an investigator to look into the alleged misconduct, actions taken to remedy the misconduct, and identify any potential abuse of power, fraud or deceit that may have taken place regarding the investigation at the Police Department.

"The article about hiring of counsel to investigate only authorizes, but cannot require the hiring. In the end, that is up to the Board of Selectmen and you, to decide whether or not to spend the money if appropriated," stated DeRensis.

In reference to the article on the Cook Property, which would sell the property to the Cohasset Land Foundation to construct 48-60 affordable senior housing units while preserving the house and majority of land as open space, De Rensis said, "I do not understand the purpose or effect of this article. We cannot mandate a sale to a particular purchaser without procurement, so it if passes, and if the Cohasset Land Foundation is not the most responsive bidder, then we are unable to proceed with any deal at all. The whole purchase fails."

DeRensis said he does not recommend either article for legal reasons.

Planning Board public hearing on TM articles

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing during which the drafted zoning articles will be discussed in depth. The meeting will be held in the downstairs meeting room of Town Hall, on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. and will be televised. Copies of the drafted Warrant are available at the library, Town Clerk's office, Planning Board office, and the Selectmen's office, for those who are interested. Town Counsel will be available at the meeting.

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Legal issues develop for Great Neck plan

By Samantha Brown
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Town counsel may need to get involved in the preliminary hearing process for the Great Neck senior housing development because planners see many legal issues that already need to be ironed out.

So far, issues dealing with buffer zones, ownership, access and tax status are going to require a professional opinion, to give both the Planning Board and development team a better idea of any changes that might need to be made.

"We need to get the legal issues resolved," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, and one of the top items on that list is the question of ownership.

Ellen Morrissey, 488 Jerusalem Road, has been trying to develop a piece of property she owns for the past 10 years. The parcel is flanked by Highland Avenue and Beach Street, and provides access to Great Brewster Woods, one of the town's pieces of conservation land. Plans for development have changed over the years and her most recent application includes plans to construct one- and two-bedroom units for residents 55 and older spread throughout three buildings on the property, on 11.98 acres of land.

Because Morrissey is the trustee of both the Mohawk Realty Trust and Great Neck LLC, the developers of the project, Town Planner Liz Harrington said due to wording on application forms, it is not clear who owns the property and what relationships others involved have to the project. Morrissey said there is no issue with ownership and she is clearly the owner of the land and always has been. However, town counsel will be in touch with her counsel to help straighten out any problems with the wording of application documents, to make it clear without question that she is the owner.

Additional legal questions include whether an existing access easement, which currently runs across Barry Getto's property at 137 Beach St., can be used as a permanent point of access for the development to be built on Morrissey's property. The driveway to the property has been changed to follow the original "S" curve, then continue on to meet up with the easement located on Getto's property.

Getto said there are a number of uses he could see for his property in the future, and may decide one day he wants to have a garden, but with the access road right there, his property will significantly change. However, rights of way are not solely under the control of any one person.

"If I have a right of way on my property, I can't park a bread truck on it to stop access," said Moore, adding questions regarding the right of way need to be addressed before the current plans can move forward.

In addition, the fact that the overlay bylaw requires 50 feet of buffer zone between any new development and the existing abutting property, causes complications with the easement as well. While the overlay bylaw states access roads and pedestrian paths may cross a buffer at the discretion of the Planning Board, because Getto's property is not larger than 10 acres, it is not subject to the provisions of the bylaw. That will be another matter for Town Counsel to take up.

Since a 50-foot buffer is required around the property, retaining walls have come into question as well. While it is still not clear whether retaining walls on the property line would be allowed at all because they are a fixed structure, it is clear that putting anything on or close to a property line requires applying for a variance with the Planning Board. Under the bylaw, it states the Planning Board may grant variances of no less than 30 feet to serve as a buffer. Current plans for retaining walls are only a few feet from the property line.

But there were other issues with the easement, including the fact that the maximum length for a common driveway, which is measured from the street down to the last residence, is 500 feet, and Great Neck's clearly is. Capt. Mark Trask of the fire department said from the proposed parking lot by building one, which is approximately the halfway point of the driveway, to the last building, is roughly 600 feet. To the proposed fire hydrant, it is roughly 1,000 feet. However, Zoltan Juhasz, civil engineer for Great Neck, said the easement is an access road and not a driveway because the final building is a multi-family dwelling, and not a single-family home, and therefore does not need to comply with the 500-foot rule.

Many of the new issues were brought up at the meeting as a result of a new set of plans the development team presented to the Planning Board last Wednesday. The new plans were an attempt to address feedback given by the board, Modelewski, and abutters the week before. The plans include a scaled-back number of units from 61 to 40.

"With the recent input from John [Modelewski] and comments from the police department and Board of Health, and now that we've heard concerns from abutters, we went back to the drawing board and made significant changes," said Juhasz.

The Great Neck development team will continue to work on its plans and will present any changes to the Planning Board at upcoming meetings. Great Neck was slated to come before the Planning Board Wednesday, Feb. 4 after the Mariner went to press.

Planning Board race possible

Nedrow, Ivimey take out papers

By Mary Ford
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Two familiar figures in town have taken out papers for a one-year unexpired term on the Planning Board. The seat opened up unexpectedly last week with the resignation of board member Chris Ford, who is spending the winter months in Florida.

Stuart Ivimey, who is an attorney and chairman of the Community Preservation Committee, and Joseph Nedrow, chairman of the Senior Housing Committee, have both pulled papers for the one-year remaining of Ford's term.

Ford, 575 Jerusalem Road, stated in his Jan. 28 resignation letter to selectmen, that although he returns to Cohasset on a regular basis he has had to miss some crucial Planning Board meetings.

"These absences are not fair to the applicants before the board or to the town," he stated.

Ivimey said he is concerned about the pace of development and its effect on Cohasset.

"The unprecedented and virtually unchallenged development of over 400 housing units that are planned for this town will, in the absence of effective new leadership, forever and detrimentally alter the character of Cohasset," said Ivimey, adding the greatest challenges facing this town are the need to create affordable senior housing and the preservation of the town's historic character.

Nedrow, a retired executive with General Motors, said the one-year term provides a unique opportunity. "There are not many positions in town where you get the opportunity to try something for a year," he said. "And I'm retired and have the time to devote to it."

Nedrow, who served on the School Committee for most of the 1980s, said he wants to preserve the character of Cohasset. "It's a great place to live and a great place to raise children," he said.

The last day to take out papers is Thursday, Feb. 12 for the April 3 Town Election. Papers with the requisite number of signatures must be returned by 5 p.m. Feb. 17.

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Mike Wescott of River Road, who is a member of the Growth & Development Committee and head of the anti-Avalon group Cohasset Action, is running for the five-year Planning Board seat being vacated by Bill Good, who decided not to seek a fourth term.

Another race is shaping up for the one-year unexpired term on the Cohasset Housing Authority. Chris Allen, 21 Pleasant St., pulled papers this week for that seat. He could face off with Janice Rosano of 60 Elm St. who may also run for the seat vacated by Joanne Young, who moved away.

"I am running for Housing Authority to bring my business and management experience to a board that will soon face more change and challenges at one time than has been seen in decades," stated Allen in a formal announcement.

There is the potential for a four-way race for two seats on the School Committee. Incumbent School Committee member Pat Martin of Linden Drive plans to seek a third term while Adrienne MacCarthy of Doane Street, Jamie Williams of Surry Drive and Scott O'Grady of Sohier Street are hoping for their first. Incumbent Mark DeGiacomo is not seeking a third term.

School Committee member Rick Shea Margin Street, who was appointed to fill Jane Pescatore's seat in September, pulled papers for the one-year remaining of Pescatore's unexpired term. Pescatore resigned from the School Committee to accept employment with the school department. Betsy Connolly of Lily Pond Lane announced last fall she would run for Pescatore's seat. However, Connolly said this week she is supporting Shea and will not run.

So far incumbent Selectman Merle Brown of Beechwood Street, who is seeking a fourth term, and Rob Spofford of Heather Drive are running for two seats on the Board of Selectmen. Incumbent Selectman Tom Callahan is not seeking reelection.

Nathaniel Palmer of Little Harbor Road will run for the seat being vacated by Rob Kasameyer on the Water Commission and Elsa Miller of Reservoir Road is seeking reelection to the Board of Assessors. Steve Bobo of Jerusalem Road, chairman of the Board of Health, has taken out papers for a third term.

There are three seats up for grabs on the Library Trustees and so far there are three candidates: incumbents Sarah Pease of Sankey Road and Barbara Power of Beach Streeet; and Stacey Weaver, 44 Nichols Road, who is seeking her first term. Trustee June Hubbard is not seeking reelection.

Rick Grassie recently resigned from the Recreation Commission leaving a two-year unexpired term; Lisa LoJacona, 111 Nichols Road, pulled papers for that seat.

Recreation Commissioner Anthony Carbone is seeking reelection. By press time, Ann Barrett of the Cohasset Housing Authority and Sewer Commissioner Sean Cunning had not pulled nomination papers.

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3-20-2001
Officer James McLean hired full time (had been serving as permanent intermittent officer, part-time)

3-08-02
Sgt. Robert Jackson appointed Police Chief

4-20-02
Officer Quigley promoted to sergeant

4-24-02
Officer Brian Curran, who is the chief's son-in-law, allegedly pulls gun during counseling session with Quigley over alleged behavior issues involving Curran and a female dispatcher; Curran subsequently serves 30-day administrative leave

7-31-02
All police personnel get first email from chief saying to monitor Red Lion Inn Liquor Law violations.

5-22-03
Firearms training at Rod & Gun Club

6-25-03
All police personnel get a global email from Chief Jackson to monitor/report liquor violations at Red Lion Inn.

7-27-03
Quigley on duty when complaint is filed alleging Keith Jackson, the chief's son, hit his former girlfriend on multiple occasions. Quigley seeks emergency restraining order and warrant from Quincy Court

7-28-03
Arrest warrant obtained from Quincy District Court for Keith Jackson on domestic assault charges

7-30-03
Keith Jackson turns himself into Quincy District Court. Keith Jackson sent to Cohasset Police Station to be booked.

8-01-03
Chief Jackson changes police log entry regarding his son to "booking procedure" from arrest

8-25-03
Officer Curran files overtime grievance with Town Manager Mark Haddad, not the union

8-30-03
Quigley sends police report to Chief detailing on-going liquor law violations at the Red Lion Inn. Chief investigated and sends report to the Board of Selectmen requesting a liquor warning for Red Lion Inn

9-03-03
Selectmen write a warning letter to Inn's owner, Gerd Ordelheide

9-02-03
Chief writes letter of commendation to Quigley for his work establishing the Student Police Academy

9-02-03
Executive board of the police union asks Chief Jackson and Haddad to dismiss Curran grievance and admonish him for not following union procedure

9-03-03
Gerd Ordelheide writes scathing letter to Selectmen regarding Quigley

9-03-03
Chief Jackson fires Officer James McLean as fleet manager, a collateral duty, and 18 hours after his letter admonishing Curran.

9-04-03
Red Lion Inn sends letter stating Quigley was observed drinking at the Rod & Gun Club

9-08-03
Officer Curran resigns as union president

9-08-03
Quigley is appointed interim union president

9-11-03
Mark Haddad meets with Quigley at Minot Beach parking lot in Scituate about keeping a lower profile in town.

9-17-03
Curran resigns from the police department

9-22-03
Quigley writes Haddad denying allegations of drinking at the Rod & Gun Club

9-22-03
Quigley and union lawyers meet with Chief Jackson and Haddad over union issues and McLean being fired as fleet manager

9-25-03
Chief Jackson sends Quigley written commendation for stopping spread of fire at elderly housing complex

10-11-03
Quigley arrests Keith Jackson and two others for allegedly fighting and breaking the handicapped railing at the Legion Hall.

10-14-03
Prosecutor Grassie does not process paperwork on arrests at Quincy District Court after Keith Jackson's lawyer presents him with a letter stating the handicapped railing was already broken;

10-14-03
Mariner sees arrest in weekly log; Chief says he can't comment; Mariner calls the arresting officer Quigley for details and is told suspects were arraigned that morning

10-16-03
Town Manager Mark Haddad calls Mariner saying a correction is warranted because the three men were not arraigned as reported in that day's paper

10-20-03
Mariner asks chief if he wants a retraction; chief says no

10-20-03
Town Manager Mark Haddad puts Quigley and McLean on administrative leave; fires animal control Officer Paul Murphy

10-22-03
Keith Jackson calls Mariner demanding a retraction on the police brief stating he and others were not arraigned, but admits to wrestling on ground outside of Legion.

11-04-03
James Dean, general manager of the Red Lion Inn, files complaint stating that he saw Quigley and McLean drinking at the Rod & Gun Club on May 22.

11-10-03
A Probable Cause hearing is held at Quincy Court at the request of Norfolk County 1st Asst. DA Dennis Mahoney. DA's office argues the Keith Jackson Legion case before Judge Mark Coven. Judge Coven finds probable cause to support the arrest of Keith Jackson and orders him and his co-defendants arraigned on the charge of Destruction of Property over $250. Affray and Disorderly charges dismissed. DA appealing.

11-12-03
After Chief orders him to do so, Quigley signs complaint at court for legion fight

11-13-03
DA removes Grassie as prosecutor

12-16-03
Selectmen's public statement on police matter printed in the Mariner

12-25-03
Quigley's response to selectmen's statement printed in the Mariner.

1-13-04
Town issues charges against McLean and Quigley and wants hearings to begin Tuesday, Jan. 20; officers' attorney asks for more time to prepare

1-14-04
Quigley names Haddad and Chief Jackson in civil suit.

1-28-04
Day one of public disciplinary hearing at Town Hall

1-29-04
Day two of public disciplinary hearing at Town Hall.

2-03-04
Town hires second lawyer; Feb. 5 hearing postponed to Monday, Feb. 9

Two sides face off in Cohasset's cop case

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the prosecution rests. The hearings could continue into next Thursday.

The hearing was scheduled to resume at 9 a.m. today, but Berry notified Louison Tuesday the town was exercising its right to postpone the hearing until Monday. According to Louison, Berry said the town hired another lawyer to help "look into the matters we've raised."

"It doesn't matter if they get Clarence Darrow," Lousion said. "The lawyers can't change the facts."

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris explained the firm Deutsch Williams that represents the town decides when it's best to assign another attorney.

"The firm decides what's needed to represent us," she said. "That's their decision whether to use a paralegal or another attorney. That's what they do in every instance and this is no different."

McMorris said the hearing was probably being postponed to give the new attorney time to prepare.

The town has charged both Quigley and McLean with conduct unbecoming an officer for drinking on duty at the Rod & Gun Club. McLean faces charges of inappropriate activity in one arrest and three arrests and one booking procedure by Quigley are being questioned. The officers have been on paid administrative leave since Oct. 20 and did not learn about the charges until Jan. 13.

Town Manager Mark Haddad, who is the hearing officer, will decide what punishment if any to mete out including possible termination. The officers have the right to appeal Haddad's decision to Civil Service.

Jackson testified last Thursday (or hearing Day Two) that a dispute over filling a lieutenant's position at the department triggered his concerns about Quigley's arrests. He described Quigley as "visibly upset but respectful" when he was told last July that the lieutenant's position would not be filled.

"He mentioned he put a lot of time and money into taking the (Civil Service) exam and indicated he deserved the position," Jackson said.

Jackson said shortly thereafter he reviewed arrest trends and noted a sharp spike in the drug arrests over the past year.

"Quigley made one-half the arrests and was involved in three-quarters of them by booking or assisting," the chief said.

But Louison described Quigley's interest in the lieutenant's position as commendable and noted Quigley has always been a "very active police officer." He pointed out the District Attorney's office had not contacted the chief to say there were too many drug-related arrests in Cohasset.

"Are you blaming police misconduct for the removal of illegal drugs in Cohasset?" Louison asked.

Jackson said some officers also had concerns about Quigley's arrests, one of whom was Curran, the chief's son-in-law, who shared his issues in an exit interview with Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris. Curran resigned in September and his allegations of misconduct led to the investigation of Quigley and McLean, according to testimony by McMorris on Day One of the hearings.

McMorris said Curran expressed concerns the officers were making false arrests following traffic stops from minor violations in order to get overtime when called to court. However, none of the charges against Quigley and McLean involve any traffic stops or overtime violations.

McMorris said the investigation was also triggered by letters from Gerd Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn, that were highly critical of Quigley.

After Jackson testified on Day Two that other officers also complained about Quigley, Louison noted that as a superior officer, Quigley was rigid. He didn't allow patrol officers to hang around the station or watch television on their shifts, actions that may have made him unpopular with subordinates, Louison said.

He asked Jackson if he'd gone out on patrol with Quigley to see how the sergeant interacts with the public or told him "to slow down" that he was making too many arrests. Jackson said he had not.

Jackson also said he'd never reprimanded Quigley for making bad arrests nor did he suggest Quigley get further training.



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Officers Bill English and Paul Wilson, who are witnesses in the proceeding, watch the beginning of the disciplinary hearing last week. Witnesses were subsequently sequestered and asked to leave the hearing room.

Private eye

John DiNatale of the DiNatale Detective Agency testified he was retained by Town Counsel to do background investigations on Quigley and McLean that involved interviewing the officers' former employers and verifying the officers' training.

He was also charged with looking into allegations of drinking on duty at the Rod & Gun Club after weapons training last May. While Jimmy Dean, general manager of the Red Lion Inn, testified he saw both Quigley and McLean drinking at the Rod & Gun Club, seven Cohasset police officers indicated Quigley was observed by them at the station and not at the club at that time, according to Louison.

DiNatale, whom the town has paid $17,000 not including his time at the hearings for which he's billing at $100 an hour, found further allegations of McLean drinking while working on a detail were unfounded

DiNatale said he examined 100 arrest reports by Quigley over the past three years to see "if anything caught his eye." He said he met with McMorris to discuss his findings with her.

He also interviewed Officer Shellee Peters and Officer Frank Yannizzi, who both also responded to the scene the night Keith Jackson was arrested outside the Legion Hall.

DiNatale said he discovered Quigley was charged in a civil suit before he came to Cohasset.

Louison criticized the town for "floating out there" the civil suit that was filed 14 years ago that contained unverified allegations and which had been dismissed. He said the testimony was prejudicial and asked the line of questioning be stopped.

The town's attorney Peter Berry argued the civil suit was relevant because if the officers "had engaged in misbehavior before more likely than not, they would in these cases."

Louison peppered DiNatale with questions about his background in criminal law and asked if he knew the officers were required every year to get updated in criminal law and the laws of search and seizure. Louison questioned DiNatale's qualifications to conduct investigations into criminal matters other than his years as a private detective.

Tedeschi's arrest

In testimony on the "Tedeschi's arrest" that continued from Day One into Day Two (Wednesday and Thursday), Quigley and McLean are accused of improper search and seizure by removing items from the pockets of three youths they arrested outside Tedeschi's on Sept. 7. Jackson said while the officers conducted a "threshold inquiry" that includes a "pat frisk", they should not have removed a bag of marijuana from one of the youth's pockets. "In no way does a glassine bag feel like a weapon," Jackson said.

But Louison, who said two of the males arrested had admitted to "sufficient facts" in court and the other matter is still pending, argued case law allows officers to remove suspected drugs from a suspect during a search for a weapon. He noted two emails issued earlier by Cohasset detectives warning one of the youths in question might have a gun in his possession. He also said Quigley would have been shirking his duty if he didn't investigate the youths who were seen entering and exiting the store after it had closed at 11 p.m. Louison said one of the youths was a suspect in six "breaking and enterings" in the village.

Jackson conceded there was probable cause to search the juvenile, who had a pipe in his pocket that could have been construed to be a weapon. Upon inquiring what the juvenile was doing, Quigley pat frisked him and found a large ceramic pipe containing marijuana, according to testimony.

Car windows

At about 11 p.m., July 1, 2003, police received two reports about teenage males looking into car windows in the village and town parking lot. Quigley encountered one male who fit the description of one of the suspects in the village and upon talking to the male, testimony showed Quigley determined he was under the influence of liquor and was subsequently found to be in possession of marijuana. The male was taken into protective custody, brought to the police station. Within a few minutes the youth's father came to the station and Quigley released the boy to his father and did not charge him with possession of marijuana.

Chief Jackson contends an arrest report should have been filed not an incident report. But Louison produced two examples of other officers, who did not file the proper reports following similar incidents, and noted they had not been disciplined.

Officer Frank Yannizzi, who said he gets along well with Quigley and enjoyed working with him, but had concerns about his arrest procedures, said he thought the youth had been arrested because he was put in handcuffs and didn't realize the youth was in protective custody. Louison noted those placed in protective custody are put in handcuffs for their own protection.

Yannizzi said he expressed his concerns about Quigley to the chief in October because "I didn't come here to get sued and didn't come here to get fired."

Yannizzi, who started working in Cohasset in December 2002, was questioned about his background as a police officer in Hull. Under questioning from Louison, Yannizzi enumerated several disciplinary actions he had faced during his years as a Hull police officer. Yannizzi said he was also named in a civil suit involving the entire shift alleging civil rights violations and false arrest that had been thrown out after one day of testimony. Louison asked if DiNatale had been retained by the town to conduct an extensive background check on him. Yannizzi said the background check was done by Cohasset Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon.

Seized evidence

Chief Jackson contends Quigley incorrectly filed evidence which was the result of the arrest of two young adults at Sandy Beach in the early morning hours of July 29. The arresting officer Paul Wilson charged both with possession of one bag of marijuana and attached the marijuana evidence to the male arrestee's file. Quigley later noted at the top of the report that the arrest of the male and female were related, a fact that Jackson acknowledged on cross examination. Testimony revealed there was no missing evidence; it was simply a case of two suspects and one piece of evidence. That prompted Louison to ask, "What has Sgt. Quigley done wrong?"

Wilson, who said he has a "good professional relationship with Quigley," testified that the chief told him a month ago that his arrest of the female under "constructive possession" was improper because she did not actually have marijuana on her person." Wilson said the male he arrested stated the girl had been smoking marijuana and Wilson noted the car smelled of marijuana smoke.

Louison pointed out the DA had not complained about the female's arrest case that was dismissed upon paying court costs. (Constructive possession means the defendant does not actually possess the marijuana but knows it's there and has the ability to use it).

On cross examination, Jackson said he didn't think "constructive possession" applied because he didn't believe the female "had access to the drugs on the other person."

Louison also confronted Jackson with the department's drug evidence policy that stated the arresting officer is responsible for all evidence, not the booking officer. Jackson also admitted to storing vials of human blood in the employees' refrigerator, but said that problem would be solved soon with the purchase a refrigerator for the detective's office.



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The police disciplinary hearings, which are open to the public, are being shown live on Cable-TV.

Police Disciplinary Hearings



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At left: Sgt. William Quigley confers with his attorney Doug Louison during Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris' testimony on Day One last Wednesday.

What are the charges?

During the ongoing hearing of Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean the testimony and cross examinations are laden with point and counterpoint but the question, "What are the charges?" has remained largely unanswered. While there have been hours of verbal jousting with assertions varying from civil rights, abuse of power, search and seizure without probable cause to false arrests — the following charges are the basis for a three-month administrative leave:

Against McLean and Quigley

• **May 22, 2003 — Drinking while on duty**. After completing training both officers are accused of drinking beer as well as poor conduct, incompetence and violating police rules.

• **Sept. 7, 2003 — Making arrests in front of Tedeschi's**. Both officers are accused of improper police procedures as well as criminal conduct, negligence, incompetence and violating police rules.

Against Quigley alone

• **July 1, 2003 – Answering call concerning suspicious person in a parking lot.** Quigley is accused of failing to properly complete a report as well as criminal conduct, negligence, incompetence and violating police rules.

• **July 29, 2003 – Booking of a young female arrested by another officer.** Quigley is accused of lying, failing to properly complete a report, improper police procedures and withholding evidence as well as criminal conduct, negligence, incompetence and violating police rules.

• **Oct. 11, 2003 – Making arrest of Keith Jackson and others at American Legion.** Quigley is accused of lying, failing to properly complete a report and improper police procedures as well as criminal conduct, negligence, incompetence and violating police rules.

What happens next:

The hearings, which the officers requested be held in public, continue at 9 a.m. Monday in the Selectmen's office.

The prosecution (or town) has presented its arguments in two charges against Officer Jim McLean and Sgt. William Quigley concerning drinking and the Rod & Gun Club and arrests at Tedeschi's.

McLean is facing no other charges.

The town has also argued two more of the charges against Quigley regarding a juvenile he placed in protective custody and his handling of evidence in a booking procedure

It is expected allegations of police misconduct involving Quigley's arrest of Keith Jackson and two others outside the Legion Hall on Oct. 11 will be taken up Monday when the hearing resumes.

The hearing was scheduled to resume at 9 a.m. today, but the town has exercised its right to postpone the hearing until Monday. Town Counsel is bringing on another lawyer to help with the prosecution.



Sequestered witnesses, officers Rick Grassie and Shellee Peters, and Sgt. John Conte wait to be called.

What the hearings revealed:

McLean and Quigley

• **May 22, 2003 — Drinking on Duty.** Allegations of drinking on duty following weapons training at the Scituate Rod & Gun club aired. Witness Jimmy Dean testified he saw both McLean and Quigley drinking shortly after 3 p.m. on May 22. Officer Rick Grassie testified McLean did have some beer after the firearms certification was completed, but Quigley did not. McLean was not on-duty that day. Police roster and calendar shows Quigley was at the station. Testimony also revealed that seven officers confirm Quigley was at the station.

• **Sept. 7, 2003 — Arrests in front of Tedeschi's.** Allegations of unlawful search and seizure and civil rights violations in the arrest of two adults and one juvenile, all males, for possession of drugs.

Officer Frank Yannizzi, who went to the scene as backup, testified he had concerns about the arrest and whether the officers acted appropriately in searching the suspects. Chief Jackson testified the officers did not have probable cause to make the arrests. Although under cross-examination by attorney Doug Louison, Jackson agreed Sgt. Quigley would have been remiss in his duties if he simply passed by the Tedeschi Food Store, knowing it closed at 11pm, with teens coming and going from the store at 11:12pm. After being questioned about case law, Jackson said the arrest of the juvenile was proper. With that, Louison argued that the officers now had probable cause to investigate the others present. Louison noted two of the males from this case have already had their cases adjudicated, admitting to sufficient facts, and neither the District Attorney, defense counsel, nor the judge had any problem with the arrests.

Quigley

• **July 1, 2003 — Answering call about suspicious persons in parking lot.** In front of Cohasset Hardware, Quigley checked a juvenile male who fit the description of one of two youths possibly looking into cars in the village and town parking lot. Quigley determined the juvenile had been consuming liquor and placed him in protective custody. The juvenile was also found to be in possession of marijuana. Later at the station, Quigley released the young man to his father without charging him with marijuana possession.

Chief Jackson testified Quigley lacked probable cause to stop, frisk, and bring a juvenile suspect to the police station. Officer Yannizzi testified he had concerns about Quigley's search procedure.

Jackson also said Quigley should have filed an arrest report, not an incident report. But Louison showed Jackson examples reports by other officers, who only filed incident reports for protective custody. Louison also produced a Cohasset police log entry showing the chief's son in law, Officer Curran, and Sgt. David Cogill, did not file an arrest or incident report after taking a man into custody who was thought to be wanted in Hingham. When asked, Jackson said no charges were brought against those officers.

• **July 29, 2003 — Booking female arrested by another officer.** Shortly after 1a.m., Officer Paul Wilson arrested a male and female in their car at Sandy Beach. The male, was placed under arrest for possession of marijuana which was found on his person along with unlawful possession of prescription pills. The female was also placed under arrest for possession of marijuana. The male had admitted they were both smoking marijuana before officers arrived. When officer Wilson brought the prisoners to the station, Sgt. Quigley logged the one and only bag of marijuana under the male's name and not the female's. Quigley is charged with "withholding evidence" in this case. Because the evidence couldn't be split in two, Quigley issued separate property numbers for the drugs and noted that fact on top of the police report by linking the arrests.

• **Oct. 11, 2003 — Arrest of Keith Jackson and two others at Legion.** Expected to be the subject of Monday's hearing starting at 9 a.m. at Town Hall.

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BOATING LECTURE BENEFIT

The Cohasset Yacht Club sponsors a yearly boating oriented lecture in which the proceeds benefit the Cohasset High School Maritime Studies Program and Summer Institute. This year the lecture is titled "How to Voyage to the Western Caribbean" the speakers are accomplished sailors, **Bernadette and Douglas Bernon**. The date is Sat. Feb.28 at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center 129 Main St. The cost is $15 per person and children under the age of 12 are free. Tickets can be reserved by calling **Mary Whitley** at 383-9708 and will also be available at the door. The lecture is open to the public and light refreshments will be served. More info can be obtained at www.cohassetyc.org. This could be a great way to spend a cold, Winter evening and benefit a great cause!

DEAN'S LIST

Three Cohasset residents were named to the dean's list of outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. Hats off to **Caitlin E. Slodden**, a senior, who is majoring in anthropology and minoring in women's studies. Caitlin, a Thayer Academy graduate, is the daughter of **Henry and Karen Slodden**. **Lauren M. Smith**, a junior, is majoring in English with a concentration in creative writing and sociology. Lauren, who is also a Thayer graduate, is the daughter of **William and Maureen Smith**. **Jessie L. Zerendow**, a senior, is majoring in international studies and minoring in anthropology. Jessie, a CHS graduate, is the daughter of **Donald and Victoria Zerendow**. Congratulations to the three of you and keep up the fantastic work.

HATS OFF TO JAY!

Jay Nothnagle, a young man from here in town is truly an inspiration to me and I am sure, to many others as well.

Jay is one of only a handful of people with Down Syndrome who drive in the state. In fall 2003, Jay purchased a 1998 Toyota Tacoma with money he had saved from working at Stop & Shop and at Mobil over the last five years. And what did he do with his 1990 Toyota Camry? Trade it in? No! Instead, he donated it to SOMA's Recycle for Gold program, making his used car the 75,000th donated in the since the program's inception 10 years ago. Recycle for Gold not only helps to clean up the environment, but also raises part of the funds necessary to provide year-round athletic training and competition to over 9,300 people in Massachusetts of all ages with mental retardation.

But perhaps one of Jay's more shocking moments will come on Saturday, Feb. 14, when Jay, along with his father, **Geoff** and approximately 400 others, will "plunge" into the waters of Nanasket Beach in Hull, for the sixth annual Passion Plunge. The Passion Plunge is an event in which people gather pledges from family, friends and coworkers on the understanding that they will plunge into the icy-cold Atlantic Ocean on that cold February morning. Last year, more than 400 people participated and raised more than $150,000 for Special Olympics!

Jay, you are truly a special man and to hear about you for me is an honor. If any readers are interested, they can pledge for Jay by logging on to www.PassionPlunge.org and donating online. If anyone is interested in plunging, joining a team or volunteering, they can check out the website for more information, or call **Emily** at 978-774-1501, extension 227.

OH BOY!

It is always so nice to announce new babies in the column and this next one is no different. **Sarah and John Inferrera**, 404 Beechwood St. are the proud parents of a new baby boy, **Anthony Gregory Inferrera**. Anthony arrived Nov. 6, 2003 at 11:51 p.m. weighing in at 8 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 21-1/2 ins. long. His grandparents are **Marion Douglas** of Cohasset and **John Douglas** of Scituate, **Lee Burke** of Lakeville, Mass., and **Paul Infererra** of Tampa, Fla. Enjoy this new little bundle of joy!

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

There's a new sport in town looking for members and it sounds like a lot of fun. The Cohasset Recreation Department is running a six-week coed volleyball program for students in grades 5-8. Classes will meet at the Deer Hill gym, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:45 - 4:45 p.m.. Call **Jack Worley** at the Rec Department to register: 383-4109.

GIRL SCOUT PROGRAM

Mark the date. All registered Girl Scouts are invited to a mother-daughter outing on Sunday, April 4. Scouts and their moms will be bussed into the Fleet Center for the 4 o'clock showing of "Champions on Ice". Permission slips and further information will be available through the troop leaders. Hope to see you there!

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Project Playground invites you to "Love Around the World" Saturday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Red Lion Barn for dinner and dancing to the sounds of the Mike Dumas Band with Platform Soul. Great live and silent auction items. This is our last major fundraiser. The new Cohasset playground will be built this spring. Tickets are $75 per person. Please call 781 383 3198 for reservations.

That is all for this week. Make sure to keep sending in your news, event information and photos no later than Mondays at noon.

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Daisy Scout Madeline Curley, center, is flanked by Girl Scouts Katie Callahan and Colleen Richardson, who are raising money to send cookies to the troops overseas.

From troops to the troops, Scouts organize cookie drive

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they would like to buy a box of cookies for themselves, she asked if they would also be willing to donate money to send cookies to the troops overseas.

"They were really surprised we were doing it," said Madeline.

Around the time Madeline came up with her idea to send care packages to the troops, Lauren had been looking up information on the Girl Scout's web site about the history of the program, and found that in 1917, a troop in Muskogee, Oklahoma began baking cookies to be sold as one of the first fund-raisers. Proceeds from the sale were spent on handkerchiefs and candy, and sent to soldiers during World War I. Girl Scout cookie selling efforts began with a connection with the troops, and Lauren thought it made sense to bring that connection back.

"For me, it's been an interesting experience to see the reaction from the families of the young servicemen and women, many of which have young men and women who have just graduated and are on their first service deployment," Lauren said.

Madeline's troop decided they would try to send cookies to as many Cohasset residents serving in both the armed forces and Coast Guard as they could. Lauren has been working closely with Veterans Agent Noel Ripley to confirm names and compile a list of those on active duty. In some cases, residents had completed their stint in the service, but the girls will send cookies to the squadrons they used to be a part of.

Once the initial efforts began, Lauren brought the idea to other troops to see if they would like to become involved, and the response has been overwhelming.

"Because the troops have done a lot for us, they need something special from us to thank them."

— Madeline Curley, a second grader in Daisy Troop 4777

Alison Callahan, one of the co-leaders for troop 4778, of which her daughter Katie is a member, was one of many Girl Scout mothers who jumped on board with the project. "There were a number of us who thought it was a good idea," she said.

Alison said once the idea was set, Sue Spofford, another Girl Scout mother, got right to work and helped arrange a booth sale at Stop and Shop on Superbowl Sunday, which was a huge success. "Over $700 was raised," during the course of the day, with 17 different girls taking turns running the booth, which is very impressive, Alison said.

"[Selling cookies is] the key means of fund-raising for the Girl Scouts," said Lauren, adding donating cookies to the troops is the perfect solution for those people who want to make a difference and support the cause, but "don't want to have cookies in the house (to spoil their New Year's Resolution diets)."

Katie Callahan and friend Colleen Richardson, both of which have served as Girl Scouts for the past 10 years and were a part of the Superbowl Sunday cookie drive, said they too thought the change in selling was a great idea.

"We've sold cookies for so long, this is a different way that serves a better purpose," Katie said. Colleen agreed and said, "It gives a new perspective on selling cookies."

For each box of cookies the Girl Scout's sell, normally 60 cents per box goes to the individual troop, however, for those boxes earmarked for the troops on duty, that money has been set aside to help cover shipping costs. "One-hundred percent is going to the troops," Lauren said.

But Madeline is quick to point out, not all cookies can be sent everywhere. Because of the high temperatures in the desert, troops stationed in the Middle East can only be sent shortbread cookies, lemon pastry cookies, and peanut butter sandwich cookies, as they travel the best.

Along with Madeline and Katie's troops, girls from troop 4784 and troop 4771, which are both sixth-grade troops, have also been involved in selling cookies for the cause. In addition, Lauren said she has spoken with Ham Tewksbury at the Historical Society, who will donate T-shirts featuring Minot Light, to be sent with the cookies to those on duty.

"It really is a town-wide effort," Lauren said.

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The Cohasset Mariner received 14 nominations from 33 individuals, families or organizations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award. A selection committee consisting of Judy Volungis of Forest Avenue; Betsy Connolly of Lily Pond Lane; Roger Highland Avenue; and editor Mary Ford pored over the nominees at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square on Sunday and selected Marjorie Murphy of Cedar Acres Lane for the annual award.

The other nominees were:

• Anna Abbruzzese, the "spirit" of Cohasset for all her volunteering in town including at the Senior Center, her involvement with the Farmer's Market, St. Anthony's and so much more;

• Steve Bobo, who as chairman of the Board of Health, is providing guidance and useful information on so many health-related issues; and for transforming the Health Department into an open, informative and exciting department;

• Merle Brown, who embodies all that is a public servant, for his years as a conservation commissioner, a selectman, work with the Boy Scouts and for his efforts overseeing recycling at the RTF, and so much more.

• John Coe, who as a quiet, gentle volunteer, spends countless hours volunteering at the Senior Center, St. Anthony's, South Shore Hospital, to name a few; and for being a good neighbor and friend to many;

• Thomas Gruber for all his interest and civic mindedness on the Greenbush Mitigation Committee; his involvement with the Cohasset Historical Society and repairs to the museums in the village, and his volunteerism with the Rotary Club.

• Joseph R. McElroy for his having been the driving force behind many of the finest projects and activities in Cohasset including the Curtis Estate Action Committee, Lightkeepers Corporation, "Herb Day," senior walking club and so much more.

• John McNabb whose volunteer efforts to protect the water supply have a lasting, beneficial effect on every citizen; for his efforts to prevent pollution from Cohasset Heights and his concern about the AvalonBay project and its effect on Lily Pond.

• Joseph Nedrow for his work on the Senior Housing Committee to promote the planning on senior housing on the Cook Estate and adjacent town-owned land; and for his many years as a contributing citizen in town including service on the School Committee.

• Arthur "Hap' Pompeo for his long lasting and heartfelt devotion to Cohasset that has included volunteer work behind the scenes including playing a key role in building the new Community Center playground.

• Marjorie Steele for her 12 years as the devoted manager of the Cohasset Food Pantry carrying out her duties in a discrete, kind and caring manner; she has also served with distinction with the Social Service League and Habitat for Humanity selection committee.

• The late Herbert Towle for his unending support of the Cohasset Sailing Club, his lifelong love of Cohasset, and his participation at Town Meeting.

• Patience Towle, who as a mega-watt, high energy, relentless worker, provided the leadership and vision on the Board of Library Trustees to bring the new state-of-the-art library to fruition. She stayed the course despite a complicated process, fraught with obstacles.

• David Wadsworth, Town Archivist and member of the Cohasset Historical Commission, board of Cohasset Central Cemetery, and Cohasset Historical Society for his care, love and documentation of the town's history over the years.

Marjorie Murphy is named Cohasset Citizen of the Year

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"It's a pleasure to watch former students drop by – and they frequently do! She never seems to forget a face or a name. Ask any one of them about a teacher who positively influenced them and Marjie's name pops up!"

It is Murphy's infectious enthusiasm and her ability to share her love of the written word that led to her selection as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year.

A selection panel consisting of Judy Volungis of Forest Avenue, Betsy Connolly of Lily Pond Lane and Roger Hill of Highland Avenue joined Cohasset Mariner editor Mary Ford on Sunday to pore over 14 nominations from 33 citizens, families or organizations for the annual award.

With so many nominees, making the final choice is a challenge. But the words penned in the nomination letters for Murphy literally jumped off the page.

"Her smile, her sparks of enthusiasm, and her unending quest to interest every child in her love of reading has made her a very likely candidate for Cohasset Citizen of the Year," wrote Karen Murphy, 7 Haystack Lane, in her nomination.

Murphy, who is a Cohasset resident and a mother and grandmother, uses the word "wonderful" a lot. She can talk about a children's book or picture book as if it were on the best seller list of the New York Times. She can share countless anecdotes about her students' delight in finding just the right book. Some come in and ask for specific genres such as mysteries, realistic fiction or even wizards.

"A child will say, 'you know what kind of books I like – do you have any more of those?'" Murphy says.

After moving to Cohasset she worked as an instructional aide for a few years while her children were still fairly small. The then Deer Hill Principal Ken Ekberg hired Murphy as a long-term substitute in the library for the librarian who was out on maternity leave.

At first Murphy, who had taught the first grade, wasn't so sure she'd like the library and was afraid it would be boring, but she hasn't looked back.

"I've been here ever since," she says, adding not long thereafter getting started she returned to school to get her master's in library science.

"I was allowed to be extremely creative," Murphy recalls. "We integrated the library into the school curriculum." Murphy also connected the town's Paul Pratt Memorial Library to the Deer Hill library by conducting a "puzzle club" at the Paul Pratt in the summer.

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— Pearl Smith,
Flintlocke Ridge Road

"The children would see me there," she says. The "puzzle club" that combines reading with solving a puzzle — and finishes with a Popsicle on the front lawn — was mentioned time and time again in Murphy's nominations for Citizen of the Year.

What's truly special about a school library, she notes, is all the books are "age-appropriate" so it is a place where the students feel comfortable.

The new Deer Hill Library, which was part of the school renovation and addition project, is a grand place and Murphy loves her new environs, describing them as "magnificent." But Murphy and her family assured the old library was a cozy and welcoming place, painting the walls and installing the shelves themselves.

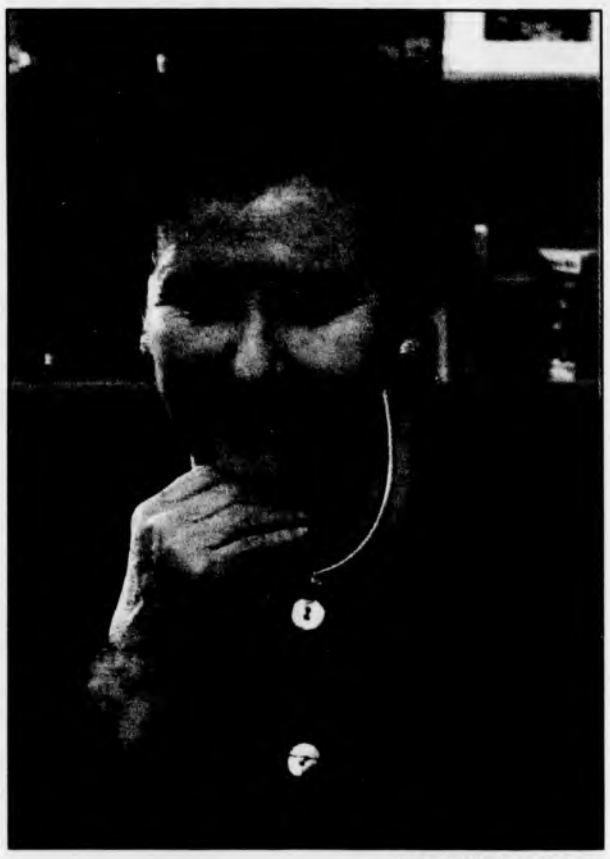
The Cedar Acres Lane resident praises the parents who have worked with her over the years – including those who helped create the first computer lab – and her fellow teachers and the staff at Deer Hill.

Murphy, who attends Cohasset High graduation every year, says a former student, who is now in college, came home over the holidays and called her up. "Let's talk books," the student said and the two met for tea and a book discussion.

Murphy, who is also a talented storyteller, will retire "to try some new and interesting things."

An avid journal writer, she hasn't ruled out someday penning a children's book or two of her own. But even if she doesn't – her gift of the love of reading is sure to enrich all the students whose lives she's touched.

"What better gift can a citizen give Cohasset than instilling the importance of literacy in its youngest residents?" asks Pearl Smith, 9 Flintlocke Ridge Road.



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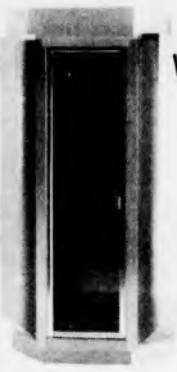
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Citizen of the Year

As editor of the Cohasset Mariner, it is my pleasure to announce that Marjorie Murphy is the Citizen of the Year. The mother of three and grandmother of two has touched countless lives through her roughly 25 years as school librarian at Deer Hill.

With eyes that twinkle and an infectious smile, Mrs. Murphy – fondly known as Marjie — can make even the oldest readers among us decide to pick up a children's book, perhaps for the first time in many years.

Mrs. Murphy did not start out as a librarian. She taught the first grade and wasn't so sure being in the library was the right place for her – until she tried it, and then she didn't look back.

She doesn't forget any of the hundreds of children that have passed through the doors to her warm, welcoming library complete with sofas to curl up and read upon.

While nominations were open, a total of 33 different individuals, families or organizations took the time to propose a citizen for the annual award — detailing his or her contributions to help make this town we all love a better place.

The selection panel consisting of Judy Volungis of Forest Avenue, Betsy Connolly of Lily Pond Lane and Roger Hill of Highland Avenue joined myself, editor Mary Ford, on Sunday to pore over the heartfelt letters of nomination.

Barb Mullin wrote, ""With Marjie, children always come first. She's never too busy to help a child select that 'perfect' book or listen to a review of their latest read. It's a pleasure to watch former students drop by — and they frequently do! She never seems to forget a face or a name. Ask any one of them about a teacher who positively influenced them and Marjie's name always pops up."

Claire Cahill said Mrs. Murphy deserved the award for her many years of dedication to the children of Cohasset.

"Her smile, her sparks of enthusiasm, and her unending quest to interest every child in her love of reading has made her a very likely candidate for Citizen of the Year," wrote Karen Murphy.

Dot and Lee Cisneros stated, "Marjie is a giver. She has given and continues to give of her time, her knowledge, her understanding, her devotion to selling the young and the old on her definition of the value of learning."

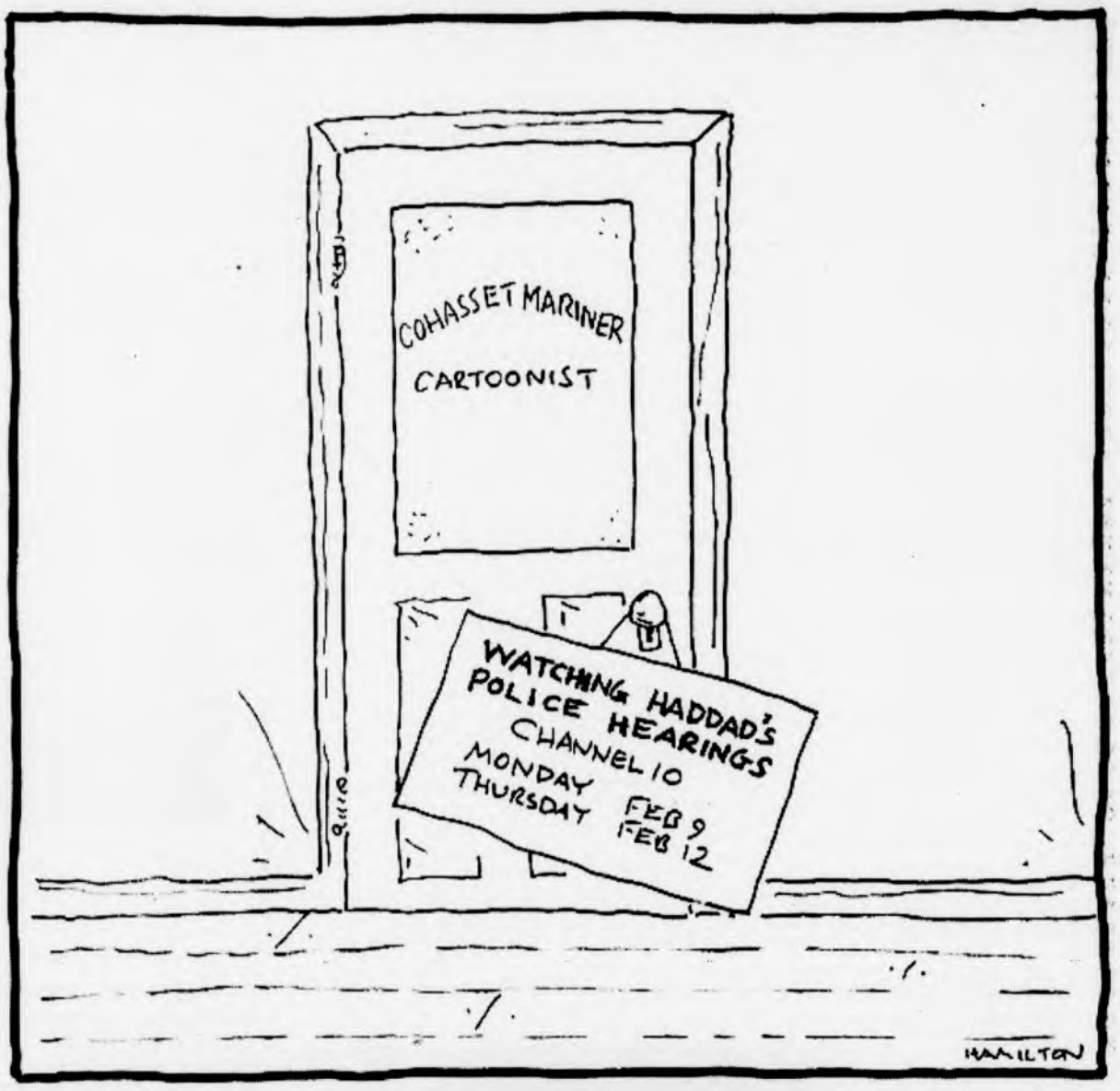
Judith Collins simply said, "She makes each child feel special."

So we extend our warm congratulations to Mrs. Murphy, who has devoted her life to helping children discover the wonders of reading and the value of a good book.

With this award, the Cohasset Mariner offers recognition for making a difference. In our society too many role models go unrecognized. Too often people today look to the sports, rock or movie stars with envy, when the real hero is the local police officer, firefighter, parent, teacher, church leader, neighbor or government official.

The annual Citizen of the Year Award is our way of taking our hats off to those among us who go that extra mile without asking for anything in return but the intrinsic reward of helping to make Cohasset a better place.

Mary Ford
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Register to vote by Feb. 11

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote

There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief time period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

The last day to register to vote for the Presidential Primary on Tuesday, March 2 is Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Clerks office. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library and must be postmarked before Feb. 11.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'We are well served by our police force'

TO THE EDITOR:

My hat is off to Officers Yanizzi and Grassie and any other officer with the public spiritedness to testify at the police hearings. Moral courage is as admirable as is physical courage. It can't be easy to testify, possibly in support of the case against fellow officers, when it would be easier to just go with the flow and pretend lack of knowledge.

I observed the group of officers sequestered as potential witnesses in an alcove some distance from the hearing room, and was struck by how alert, how fit, and how spic and span they looked in their well-pressed and spotless uniforms. All of my encounters with the Cohasset police have been characterized by polite professionalism, although the encounters have been few and did not involve the two officers now charged.

At any rate, I think we are well served by our police force. To keep it that way, it has to be subject to the guidance and discipline of the department procedures and of its chief, to the lessons taught in training, and to the same principles of civility and fairness that all citizens should practice. All officers benefit, as well as the public it serves, by maintenance of its high standards. That requires aggressive and fair investigations of lapses from the standards, with fair and effective corrective action.

The force and the public are not well served by shrinking from the unpleasantness of investigation and corrective action. I note that public servants have safeguards against unfairness that are not available to employees of businesses; all the more reason not to shrink from the duty of investigation and correction. Again, kudos to the officers and other officials for seeing and doing their duty to the public and to the department.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

'Who will govern the governors?'

COMMENTARY

WIG PIERSON

The citizens' petition filed on Jan. 12 calls for an investigation of "alleged misconduct, the actions taken to remedy the misconduct and identify any abuse of power, fraud or deceit that may have taken place" regarding he conduct of three members of Cohasset's police department (two police officers and the animal control officer)."

This writer was motivated to take action following publication in the Cohasset Mariner of the statement by the board of selectmen on Dec. 16, 2003, two months after punishment was administered without charging these three men with any wrongdoing.

When questions arise in the minds of the citizens in a democracy about the course of action taken by its leaders, there is but one recourse short of revolution, to be taken by the citizens.

Recall the words of probably the greatest thinker among our founding fathers and the author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson.

He asked rhetorically "Who will govern the governors?" and then proceeded to answer his own question as follows: "There is only one force in the nation that can be depended upon to keep the government pure and the governors honest and that is the people themselves. They alone, if well informed, are capable of preventing the corruption of power and of restoring the nation to its rightful course if it should go astray. They alone are the safest depository of the ultimate powers of government."

Recall, too, the preamble of the Constitution of the United States of America, "We the people of the United States...do ordain and establish this Constitution...". It does not say "We the governors".

In short, the petitioners have stepped forward as is our right, as "we the people" to bring clarity and fairness to the inquiry into whether two police officers deserved to be removed from duty and the animal control officer fired.

To this author's knowledge, not a single complaint has been filed against these three officers by an arrestee, defense attorney, officer of the Quincy District Court or the Norfolk County District Attorney's office.

Hearings for two of the three officers have begun at Town Hall and the hearing officer, as is his legal right, is wearing five hats: town manager, chief investigator, judge, jury and executioner. The accused officers' defense attorney asked him to recuse himself as hearing officer, but her refused to do so. Silence remains as to why the animal control officer was fired.

In closing, remember the words of Abraham Lincoln, "It is true that you may fool all of the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all of the time; but you can't fool all of the people all of the time".

Let us hasten to bring this sad chapter in our town's history to an open and fair conclusion and begin the process of healing and reuniting our beloved town.

Wigmore Pierson is a resident of Atlantic Avenue, the former talk show host of the cable TV show "Pierson to Person"(1987-1997) and a member or former member of several town committees.

Tebbetts selected as Democrat of the Year

Edwin "Ned" Tebbetts will be honored on Feb. 7 as Cohasset's Democrat of the Year. Along with co-honorees from Hingham, Duxbury, Hull, Weymouth, Norwell, Scituate and Marshfield, Tebbetts will receive his award at a dinner sponsored by CO-OP 8, an organization of eight South Shore Democratic Town Committees. He has been a member of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee since 1981 and was an officer of the committee for 10 years.

Tebbetts was born in Newton in 1926. During World War II, he served in the US Navy for over three years and completed his service as an Ensign. After the war, Tebbetts received a BS degree from MIT and, in 1949, earned a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Michigan. In 1988, he received a master's degree at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

Tebbetts is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and has a US Government designation as an Enrolled Actuary. He was for many years the Pension Plan Actuary for the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company in Boston. Since 1981, he has been self-employed as an Investment Advisor.

Tebbetts' public service has included advising for Pension Plans for municipal and state government employees and for the US Social Security and Medicare programs. In Cohasset, he served on the Capital Budget Committee for eight years and was elected to the Board of Selectman in 1989 and served as chairman for one year. As an enthusiastic advocate and a trusted advisor, he has been involved in many political campaigns, from holding the sign to holding the money. He has also served as a delegate to many Democratic Party conventions.

Tebbetts and his late wife, Priscilla, moved to Cohasset in 1960. Their three sons were all educated in the Cohasset Public Schools. He has been married to Chartis Langmaid Tebbetts for many years. They are both very active in public service and town affairs and are proud Democrats.

US Representative William Delahunt will emcee the dinner honoring all of the recipients of the CO-OP 8 Democrat of the Year Awards which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Rockland Radisson Hotel. Tickets are available. For information, Call Agnes McCann, Chairman of the Cohasset Town Committee, at 781-383-0222.

HEALTH NOTES

Handling wastewater is biggest challenge

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Nearing the end of two terms on the Board of Health, one as its chairman, I believe it's appropriate to discuss some of the things which have happened during my tenure. I look on the Board as providing a service which implies a constant commitment rather than a series of accomplishments, although, with our health officer, Joe Godzik, there have been accomplishments aplenty: storm-water plan, numerous grants and improvements of almost all phases of the board's functions and duties, etc.

But the vast preponderance of our continuing task lies in the safe disposal of sewage. Many think that the best way to accomplish sewage disposal is with a sewer. However over my tenure at the Board, we have learned, and there is an increasing general recognition for towns like Cohasset, sewers may not be the best option — not from a cost, not from a health, not from an environmental standpoint, and that disregards zoning issues.

The Town Wastewater Committee, a committee whose members include the chairman of the Sewer Commission as well as the Board of Health, is charged with recommending planning solutions to the Town's various wastewater problems. Since the Town's wastewater management plan is to become an integral part of the master plan and is vital to any planning the town contemplates, John Cavanaro, the Wastewater Committee's Chairman and other representatives of the committee had a meeting with Liz Harrington, the town planner, to discuss the form our report would take. As a part of this meeting, we discussed the most appropriate options for wastewater management for the various parts of Cohasset.

A part of this discussion covered the relative benefits from septic systems vs. sewers, equitability between sewers and on-site systems, as well as shared and satellite systems. Before we start, let us say: it is clear that there is no easy way to make wastewater management fair for everyone. Nevertheless, there is an imperative, as we become a more densely populated community, to avoid the health results of population growth.

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Relative cost

Because of the recent construction of the North Cohasset and Central Sewer systems, a good basis for cost comparison exists between the overall cost of sewers vs. on site septic systems. The Wastewater Committee made several cost comparison studies between sewers in Cohasset and septic systems in various parts of Town. Conclusions from these studies were that on-site wastewater systems were generally cheaper than sewers; sometimes by significant amounts such as 50 percent. Moreover, current treatment technology results in low-maintenance cost systems with life expectancies from 30 years on up. Such treatment systems also recharge groundwater and provide other environmental benefits.

Technical progress

Improved technology used in current septic systems makes them vastly superior to pre-Title 5 septic systems to the point that, if designed to current standards, the systems can be expected to perform indefinitely with annual maintenance costs in the neighborhood of $200. If one compares this with typical sewer operating and maintenance costs, there is simply no comparison. True, improvements have come to sewers and sewer management also, but many of the improvements are to materials which have been buried for years. As an example, many Cohasset sewer pipes are made of Transite which was a product developed to make use of the enormous quantities of surplus asbestos used as an insulator during the second world war. It was only after those working with the stuff (asbestos) began to die of cancer linked to asbestosis, that production stopped and we started to make our sewers out of more benign and durable materials. High pressure pumping technology also helped sewers with such developments as low pressure sewer systems as in North Cohasset which uses smaller buried pipes and pressure to replace much larger gravity sewer conduits. But these systems also come with unanticipated maintenance costs.

Special problems which militate against sewers.

- Lots of ledge, causing sewer construction costs to skyrocket.
- Sewers in low lying areas and near water bodies have chronic infiltration and inflow problems from groundwater causing sewer users to pay increased fees and causing the sewer treatment plants to process mostly salt water during high tide.
- Sewers present special zoning problems. Presently, Cohasset has no planning in place to cope with such problems.

Other factors

The issue of equitability of payment for required wastewater disposal improvements is a substantial problem and has consumed much of the Committee's efforts.

One document that has come to the attention of the Committee was the 1997 Town Meeting warrant article initiative petition which authorizes $3 million for low-interest loans over as much as 30 years directly to the homeowner for improvements to septic systems. The committee is currently investigating an initiative to update the Town Wastewater Plan to enable the town to apply for such state funding this fall. The update should include provisions for regular standardized condition assessments of on site systems, including rules for monitoring and assessment.

We are also considering a betterment system consisting of State Revolving Funds having zero interest loans and existing tax rebates not only on septic systems, but sewers. In addition, considerable effort has gone into characterizing the town using maps, and knowledge about the status of almost every wastewater disposal system in Town to form priority districts and establish an equitable schedule for upgrades of critical problems.

So as we go into the new millennium the health board is coping with its new challenges.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

They called it 'reality' TV

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The man told the woman, "I've chosen you," and she responded, "Are you serious?" and then he confessed to her that he really didn't have $50 million, only $19,000 a year working construction, but that was all right because the butler hustled out and gave them a million dollars on a silver tray.

And they called it "reality" television.

I don't know about you but the last construction worker I met was making more like $19,000 a week and the last time I told a woman, "I've chosen you," no one rushed out with anything, except, of course, the priest who was looking for an envelope.

Fox Channel's "Joe Millionaire," which aired last week, must have done something right because 40 million otherwise normal people tuned in, confirming Jim Poniewozik's contention in Time magazine that: "The essence of reality TV's success . . . it is the one mass entertainment category that thrives because of its audience's contempt for it."

Once upon a time there were these ten men and women who were dumped on an island off Borneo in the South China Sea where they could chomp on wiggling worms and roast rats for sustenance and run around half-naked spear fishing and plotting against each other while almost 52 million people watched on the boob tube.

And they called that "reality" television, too.

That was such a success that they did it again in the outback of Australia and the jungles of Kenya. I lost interest at that point but I think they went on to do it again and again in South America and Antarctica --- and may try it on Duxbury Beach during the next ratings sweep, for all I know.

I don't know about you, but the last time I was offered the chance to snack on ants I turned it down even though the ants were chocolate-covered and the offer was made by a charming young Filipino woman in Malabang across the bay from Zamboanga.

Once upon a time there was a blushing bride who agreed to marry a well-heeled stranger on "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire," and the deed was done before 22.8 million viewers found that her brand new husband not only was a few million short of multi but was the target of a restraining order taken out by an ex-girl friend who said he threatened to kill her.

Furthermore, in real life he was a second rate comic whose best known performance was in the video sequel to the movie "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes."

And they called that "reality" television, too.

"America's ravenous appetite for 'unscripted' reality shows reflects a cultural emptiness," wrote an anonymous critic in the Hartford Courant. "As producers try to top each other with ever-more outrageous scenarios, the boredom threshold keeps rising. Don't be shocked if televised executions are next."

Thank Heaven for HBO!

—

Tom Henshaw is ill. We are reprinting the best of Henshaw over the years. This column appeared in February 2003.

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Pristine dam not environmentally friendly

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY



The Mariner contained a recent article about work done on the dam at the Aaron River Reservoir. There were before and after pictures. The before picture showed a charming and inviting path bordered by lush greenery, yellow flowers, shrubs and slender young saplings. Having walked there frequently, I know there would have been birds, bees, butterflies, and other wildlife. The after picture showed the same area stripped bare. Every living thing was gone, scalped down to ground zero. The caption claimed this was an improvement. I found it utterly mind-boggling! The idea that destroying every living bit of Nature was a good thing made me feel sick. If any readers share this feeling I'd love to hear from you.

I understand how large tree roots might eventually threaten the stability of an earthen dam. At the northwest end of the dam there is a solid granite peninsula that extends out into the water. No tree roots can possibly do any harm there. It had been an enchanting little spot, inviting one to come closer and touch the water. Now it too has been scalped bare. All you'll see is raw tree stumps. What a tragic loss to all Cohasset residents.

I urge you to go and have a look for yourself. It matters that you notice. It matters that you care. See and feel what is being done to your town. You can reach the dam by driving to the end of Beechwood Street. Park in the cul-de-sac. Walk up the lane to the right. Where the chain-link fence ends, turn left and go out to the reservoir. If you turn right where the fence ends, you'll be on the Town-owned land known as the Wolf-pits, also an interesting walk.

The idea that destroying every living bit of Nature was a good thing made me feel sick. If any readers share this feeling I'd love to hear from you.

Previous issues of the Mariner have carried stories about the huge cost over-runs on the heat and electricity bills at the recently renovated Deer Hill and Middle-Senior High School. There have been stories about the lights blazing all night long. I have to tell you a sad story about this. When plans were announced to undertake these projects, I called the chair of the School Board to ask if the projects would be "green". That is, would they take into account indoor air quality, energy efficiency, use of renewable energy, use of renewable materials, daylighting, and airtight construction. He said he didn't know, that I should call the chair of the building committee. I did. He said, "What is green?"

Eventually, after calling the project manager, I ended up with the project architect, and asked him, "Will the projects be green?" He replied, "*No. We don't do green.* If Cohasset wanted green buildings, they should have hired a green architect." It felt like a dead end to me, and I gave up, thinking about all the financial assistance for building green schools, available from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, that Cohasset was ignoring. We could have had schools that produced their own heat from sunlight, rather than burning fossil fuels at double the rate of the old buildings.

Now is the time to do an energy retrofit to Deer Hill School and the Middle-Senior High School. The entire building envelope should be super-insulated, all air leaks sealed, a solar heating system installed, and photovoltaic panels installed to provide renewable electricity. If this work cost $2 million, and saved $250,000 per year, the payback would be 8 years, *if energy costs do not rise in that time*, which they certainly will, and if there is no financial help from MTC. After 8 years the retrofit would save the Town $250,000 per year (plus inflation) for the life of the building. The alternative is to do nothing and waste $250,000 per year (plus inflation) for the life of the building. What will it take to wake up the powers that be in Cohasset to the energy crisis we all face? To the wonderful potential of sustainability and renewable energy?

Previous issues of the Mariner have also carried stories about the proposed development of the Cook estate. I was recently speaking with Sandy Thomas of the North East Sustainable Energy Association www.nesea.org. It seems Jane Cook was an avid environmentalist, and funded a foundation to make grants to worthy environmental projects. NESEA is applying to Jane's foundation for such a grant. Sandy wanted to know if I, as a Cohasset resident, had any inside information about Jane Cook or her estate. I had to say, "Yes, Cohasset plans to tear down her house, build an upscale senior enclave on her property, and destroy nine acres of adjacent Town woodland to build so-called affordable senior apartments. I don't imagine Jane would be too happy about it." I expect this project will also ignore green building, proceeding on the assumption that fossil fuels will be endlessly available. They will not.

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A recap of tough issues still facing the state Legislature

YOUR REP

GARRETT BRADLEY



As we enter 2004, I would like to update you on several issues that were before the Legislature in the 2003 legislative session. The budget was, by far, the biggest issue that was addressed. It was a very difficult year, but we were able to produce a budget that was on time, did not raise taxes and preserved as many vital services as possible.

Looking forward, next year's budget could have an *additional* $2 billion deficit. More than 50 percent of this is related to health care cost increases in Medicaid. Tough choices are in our future. I will continue, as I did last year, to fight to preserve the prescription advantage program as well as other vital services. The following is an overview of several issues that were before the Legislature last year.

Economic Development:

At the end of the session, we passed an ambitious economic development bill targeted at growth industries to attempt to generate jobs and boost the state's tax base. Legislation such as this is critical given the fact that our state, in the past year alone, lost 47,000 jobs. The law restores workforce taxing initiatives, makes the 3 percent investment tax credit permanent and offers new and expanded tax rebates and credits to help cutting edged technology focused companies.

We also moved to shore up the unemployment insurance system. The legislation avoids far more significant increases that the business community was facing.

Retirement:

Many of the calls that I received over the last year related to section 329 of the budget. This was proposed by the Governor and adopted by the Legislature. Section 329 expanded estate recovery beyond the probate estate allowing The Division of Medical Assistance to recover additional assets that an individual has legal title to, or interest in, at the time of his or her death. These assets include interest in real or personal property along with assets passed to a survivor, heir, or assignee through joint tenancy, tenancy by the entirety, life estate, living trust, right of survivorship, beneficiary designation, or other arrangement. I was, and am, opposed to this idea. It is another example of the state changing the rules in the middle of the game. People have relied on and planned according to a law, we cannot then change that law retroactively. I have co-sponsored legislation to repeal this section. I have also continued to pursue a repeal of the "nursing home tax" which unfairly punishes those individuals who have saved for their late in life care.

Education:

As many of you know, a law was passed by the people in last year's election that called for changes in "bi-lingual education." It mandated "English Immersion" after one year. The Legislature changed this prior to the law being implemented and the Governor wisely vetoed the change. I voted with the Governor to sustain his veto because I believe that the will of the people should have been honored.

A second issue that has arisen relates to the special education circuit breaker. The Legislature fully funded this program in the FY03' budget to begin to address the fiscal impact of special education costs on our public schools by having the Commonwealth share some of the costs. It was our firm intent for the Commonwealth to pay 75 percent above four times the "foundation" level. The Department of Education unilaterally decided to only reimburse at a rate of 27.6 percent. Myself, along with many of my colleagues, have, and will, continue to pressure the administration for a policy change and a full accounting.

We also met our obligations and fully funded Higher Education contracts that had been previously approved.

Chapter 40B:

As I began the past year, I had high hopes that the administration and the Legislature would take quick action relative to chapter 40B. Those hopes were soon dashed when I saw the make up of the "task force." This group was heavily weighted with people content with the status quo. Chapter 40B is the law that allows developers to override all local zoning if they make 25percent of the units affordable. I, and other like minded legislators, such as Representative Hynes and Senator Hedlund, have been pursuing changes that would, among other things, return some level of local control to communities. The task force report, and the legislation that was drafted from it, did nothing substantial to address any of our concerns. It is currently in the Ways and Means Committee and may be addressed this winter or spring.

Public Safety:

We passed a law requiring that DNA samples be taken of all convicted felons and be entered into the Criminal Justice data base. This will be used to identify criminals quickly and make prosecutions more successful. The Legislature also approved legislation to post sex offenders on the internet. As a former prosecutor, I know firsthand the tremendous impact this will have on the ability of local law enforcement to protect the public.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley represents the Third Plymouth District that includes Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and one precinct in Scituate.

CANDIDATES CORNER



Jamie Williams

Williams running for School Committee seat

Jamie Williams has officially declared her candidacy for the Cohasset School Committee in the town election on April 3.

"As a 12-year resident of Cohasset, and a parent of children in our public schools, I want to work toward changing the administration of our schools to one of prioritizing our children's education, *not* jeopardizing it with cuts to important programs," says Williams. "Our children are our first priority and our best investment. I am running for school committee because I am passionate about protecting our investment by maintaining a superior standard of education. We cannot safeguard our children's education through risky taxpayer overrides that may or may not be approved."

According to Williams, Cohasset's schools are at a critical crossroads with difficult issues ahead. "We can only succeed in meeting upcoming challenges if our goals and objectives are prioritized and clearly communicated. I believe it is essential to develop a master plan for the schools to prepare for future needs, including the effects of rising enrollment. As a member of the school committee, I will see to it that we deliver consistency and accountability within committee responsibilities:

"We must change the way we create and manage the school budget by eliminating waste and overspending. I believe that if we do a better job identifying goals and planning we can provide an excellent education without making cuts that jeopardize student achievement.

"We must find a superintendent with budget experience who will provide a projected return on investment for identified priorities, ranging from improved MCAS and SAT scores to useful computer skills. I will work to create an environment where the superintendent can ensure a high education return for taxpayer dollars.

"Our existing teacher contract ends in 2005 with new negotiations beginning this year. Negotiations should be built around identified priorities from both sides, where history can show good faith and document positive results. My business experience in union negotiations will provide the levelheaded command to ensure that faculty is compensated without undue strain on our budget."

Williams concluded by saying that, "if elected, I will initiate the development of a master plan for the Cohasset School System and put us on the road to fiscal accountability without jeopardizing the superior education all our children deserve."

Williams and her husband Bob have been married for 24-years with two children in the public school system. She has been a classroom volunteer, committee officer and parent representative for various school programs, among them the PSO President's Board, Osgood School Council and district Parent Advisory Council. She is also active with The Friends of the Library, the Center for Student Coastal Research and Cub Scouts of America. Prior business experience includes management positions with NYNEX and AT&T. Williams is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

For more information contact the Committee to Elect Jamie Williams at www.votejamie.org.

Allen running for Housing Authority

Having filed papers today in Cohasset Town Hall, Chris Allen announces his candidacy for the position of Cohasset Housing Authority.

"I am running for Housing Authority to bring my business and management experience to a board that will soon face more change and challenges at one time than has been seen in decades," states Allen. "With the AvalonBay development alone, Cohasset may see as many as 50 new Section 8 vouchers to be administered by the Housing Authority."

Allen believes his background in business and military service offers a valuable asset to the Housing Authority, at a time when new affordable and senior housing initiatives present an unprecedented need for planning and management by the Housing Authority. These are expected to involve a significant increase in residents with Section 8 vouchers, which are administered by the Housing Authority.

"The two greatest roles in my life, being a father and being a Marine, have taught me about priorities, planning, and service," says Allen. "I will bring to the Housing Authority the tradition of service I learned in the Marines, and my commitment to the future of Cohasset, as a parent and a taxpayer."

Chris Allen is an active member of the Cohasset community, a father of two, and a United States Marine Corp veteran who served during the first Gulf War. Chris is a graduate of Strayer College with a B.S. in Business Management.

For information on the campaign contact Chris Allen directly at 781-383-1937 or by email at CAllen@sfp-ma.com

Spofford officially on ballot for selectman

With this week's certification of the his nomination papers, Rob Spofford has made official his candidacy for Selectman and will appear on the April 3 ballot. Chairman of the Cohasset Schools Building and Facilities Committee he announced his candidacy before more 100 supporters at a kick-off reception Sunday, Jan. 11.

" I'm excited about the prospect of bringing my experience and commitment to the Board of Selectmen at this time, " said Spofford.

His tenure as chairman of the School Building and Facilities Committee has seen the on-time and within budget completion of $52 million in new construction and renovation projects.

A graduate of Northeastern University with a B.S. in Finance, he is founder and president of The Spofford Group, a Hingham-based specialty insurance firm. He is married to third-generation resident Susan Woods Spofford and the father of daughters Virginia, Jennifer and twins Robin and Meredith.

Feb. 12 kick-off for Jamie Williams

The Committee to Elect Jamie Williams for school committee invites all Cohasset voters to join in a campaign kickoff celebration on Thursday, Feb. 12, from 7-9 p.m. at the Harvey residence, 465 King St.

Everyone is invited to come meet Jamie and hear her important ideas on how to protect the children's education.

"I am running for Cohasset School Committee because I am passionate about maintaining a superior standard of education without continually relying on risky overrides that may, or may not, be approved by voters. With my business experience I can help change the administration of our town's school system to one of prioritizing our children's education, not jeopardizing it with cuts to important programs."

Please RSVP to Kellie Gaumer at 383-6343 or Christine Woodward at 383-2604 if you plan to attend.

Fogarty debuts her plan for GOP victories

Janet Fogarty shows Republicans how to win again on the South Shore. "As a Republican activist for many years, I know what it's going to take to get our party back on track," says Fogarty. "I have put together a plan to provide Town Committees and candidates the tools necessary to win again, and reverse the decline in Republican representation our district has seen over the past decade."

Fogarty, running for Republican State Committeewoman in the Plymouth/Norfolk District, spent the week canvassing the district to discuss her strategy for achieving local Republican victories. At a Scituate debate for State Committee candidates, Fogarty demonstrated her command of the issues and challenges facing local Republicans. Fogarty's strategy includes a step-by-step process for rebuilding the Republican voter base, developing shared resources for all South Shore candidates, and delivering regular training to prepare Republican candidates to win.

For more information contact JanFogarty@aol.com

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Hilbert describes the state of Republican Party

The following statistics represent the demise of the Republican Party in the Plymouth Norfolk District:

Towns	Republicans	Unenrolled	Democrats
Weymouth	4,337 - 13%	17,419 - 51%	12,592 -36%
Hingham	2,932 - 20%	7,954 - 56%	3,436 - 24%
Hull	985 - 12%	4,379 - 53%	2,873 - 35%
Cohasset	1,236 - 24%	2,822 - 55%	1,098 - 21%
Scituate	2,712 - 20%	7,322 - 53%	3,801 - 27%
Marshfield	2,690 - 16%	9,474 - 56%	4,767 - 28%
Duxbury	2,500 - 25%	5,776 - 57%	1,847 - 18%
Norwell	1,463 - 22%	3,536 - 54%	1,601 - 24%

At no time, as a member of the Weymouth Town Committee, have I ever seen a concerted effort made on the part of the State Committee to improve these figures.

Having been an activist for many years, I know what it takes to recruit Republicans on the local level. This will be a full time job. Anne Hilbert, candidate for Republican State Committee, 781-337-3743

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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January 26-30



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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on four roll calls from the week of January 26-30. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week. On all four roll calls, the House overrode Gov. Romney's vetoes of items in a fiscal 2004 supplemental budget. The Senate has not yet acted on the four vetoes.

	Y	Y	Y	Y

REIMBURSEMENT FOR KOSHER FOOD IN NURSING HOMES (H 4330)

House 149-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a section increasing by up to $5 per patient per day the Medicaid reimbursement paid to nursing homes that provide kosher food for their patients. Override supporters said that federal law requires the state to provide these types of specialty needs for Medicaid patients living in nursing homes, prisoners and military personnel. They noted that maintaining a kosher kitchen incurs additional expenses and said that some private nursing homes are facing budget crises and have indicated that they would stop providing kosher meals unless they receive this increase. They argued that without the funding, Jewish seniors who keep kosher would likely be provided with non-kosher meals or kosher TV dinners of questionable quality. In his veto message, the governor said that he vetoed the section because it "unnecessarily requires an increased rate for nursing facilities." (A "Yea" vote is for the increase of up to $5 per patient per day).

$600,000 FOR KOSHER FOOD IN NURSING HOMES (H 4330)

House 149-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $600,000 in funding for MassHealth Senior Care Plans. Override supporters said this $600,000 would be used to fund the increased reimbursement of up to $5 per patient per day to nursing homes that provide kosher food to their patients. They noted that the federal government would reimburse the state $300,000. In his veto message, the governor said that he vetoed this funding for the same reason he vetoed the increased reimbursement. He noted that the funding "unnecessarily requires an increased rate for nursing facilities." (A "Yea" vote is for the $600,000).

$7.4 MILLION ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP (H 4330)

House 110-39, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a section earmarking $7.4 million from a $700 million environmental bond package that was signed into law in 2002 to allow the state to borrow funds to finance various environmental projects. The $7.4 million would be used to ensure the cleanup of all contamination on the site of Norfolk's former Pondville Hospital. Override supporters said that 25 years ago the state dumped hazardous materials on this formerly state-owned property that is now privately owned. They argued that the state has an obligation to clean up the site and noted that the private company is likely to develop the land and construct assisted living facilities or senior housing that would help seniors and create jobs. Some override opponents said the legislature should not earmark these funds and should leave these decisions up to the executive branch. Others argued that they wanted more information on the owner of the property and proof that the contamination was caused by the state. (A "Yea" vote is for earmarking the $7.4 million. A "Nay" vote is against earmarking the $7.4 million).

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (H 4330)

House 149-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $1.727 million for a reserve fund to leverage a Help America Vote Act (HAVA) federal grant to Massachusetts. HAVA, enacted following the voting problems surrounding the 2000 presidential election, provides federal funds to states to implement the requirements of HAVA including improving voting systems and machines, election administration, voter education and registration and accessibility for disabled voters. Override supporters said the state is required to spend some of its own money in order to access $11 million in federal funds for these projects. They noted that it is irresponsible for the state not to leverage the federal funds because it is required to implement the changes even if it does not leverage that money. In his veto message, the governor said he vetoed this item "to the amount projected to be necessary." (A "Yea" vote is for the $1.727 million).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

GOV. ROMNEY'S BUDGET PROPOSAL (H 1A)- The big news on Beacon Hill was Gov. Romney's submission of a $22.979 billion fiscal 2005 state budget. Romney said that the proposal is a balanced one that implements major reforms, does not raise taxes and increases spending by only five percent over projected fiscal 2004 spending. Some Democratic leaders said the package is $400 million to $500 million out of balance. Other critics argued that the proposal does not provide sufficient local aid or funding for human service programs. Romney's proposal is the first of three that will be considered on Beacon Hill. The House is now holding hearings on the governor's package and will then draft its own version that will be debated and amended on the House floor. The Senate will follow the same steps with its own draft and a House-Senate conference committee will eventually craft a plan that will be presented to the House and Senate for consideration and sent to the governor.

Y = Yes; N = No; NV = No Vote

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GOP State Committee candidates show how they stand apart

By Alice Coyle
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Not relevant.

Unfashionable.

Disconnected from young voters.

Those were a few of the terms some of the candidates running for the Republican state committee used to describe their party — a party they say they plan to rejuvenate if elected in the Presidential Primary March 2.

The six candidates, three men and three women vying for the two state posts — one for committeeman and the other for committeewoman — faced off in a forum last month in Scituate. Incumbent state committeewoman Polly Logan of Cohasset faces two challengers in the election, while committeeman Thomas Barry's decision not to seek reelection sparked a three-way race.

Sponsored by the Scituate Republican Town Committee, moderated by WATD's Ed Perry with a panel of local reporters firing off questions, the debate gave the candidates an opportunity to explain why they want to work for the party and help it grow at the state level.

"We need another Revolution here in Massachusetts," declared candidate Conley Ford, a member of the Scituate Republican Town Committee, who says he'll focus on strengthening the party in numbers by converting 5 percent of the state's 2 million unenrolled voters to the GOP if elected. That figure would break down to 2,500 new Republicans throughout the district which runs from Weymouth to Duxbury, or about 300 per town, Ford said.

On the women's side, Weymouth resident Anne Hilbert also weighed in on the need to capture the unenrolled noting that in every town in this legislative district their numbers top 50 percent of registered voters.

Hilbert punctuated her point by providing numbers for registered Republicans in the district — 13 percent in Weymouth, 20 percent in Hingham, 12 percent in Hull, 24 percent in Cohasset, 20 percent in Scituate, 16 percent in Marshfield, 25 percent in Duxbury and 22 percent in Norwell.

"For the past 36 years, someone hasn't been doing their job," Hilbert said.

An active member in the group Citizens for Limited Taxation, Hilbert suggested that organization as a good recruiting ground for Republicans.

All of the candidates agree that increasing the party's numbers is important, as is increasing the numbers of Republican legislators on Beacon Hill. Ford even noted that the entire Republican delegation of senators could travel comfortably inside an SUV, while the 23 Republican state representatives could be transported in a minivan.

A Democrat-dominated House and Senate doesn't benefit either party, said candidate Ron Wheatley, a Scituate attorney who has three times run for state Representative, losing all three bids to Democrat Frank Hynes. As it was in his campaigns for the Legislature, bringing party balance to Massachusetts politics is tops on Wheatley's "to do" list.

"The challenge for Republicans is to keep democracy going. There is no real debate. We need to show that we all need to debate and deliberate" to make good policies, Wheatley said. "We all need a two-party system."

Along with Hilbert, Janet Fogarty, chairman of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, is the other woman challenging long-time committee woman Polly Logan.

Fogarty, who said she is soon to be moving to Scituate, said she has the energy, experience and enthusiasm, along with a vision for rebuilding the party in the district. Fogarty, who worked on Maryanne McKenna's unsuccessful bid for State Representative against Democrat Garrett Bradley four years ago, said Republican party members need to go with a more grassroots approach when it comes to getting candidates to run and be elected to office — a sentiment echoed by nearly all the candidates.

"We have to build the party from the bottom up," said Hingham resident John Cafferty who maintained he has a vision for the party, a 10-year plan he hopes to put to work if elected. "I know what's needed long-term," said Cafferty, who promised to work with the chairmen of the district's town committees to accomplish his goals. "I want this senate district to be a model for the rest of the state," he said.

Cafferty, who ran unsuccessfully for Plymouth County Commissioner in 2000, was elected to Hingham's Planning Board and the Housing Authority and said his town government experience give him the qualification for this very important position.

When asked how to get young people involved in the party, Cafferty was blunt but honest; "I don't know," he said.

Both Ford and Wheatley said reaching out through education was a good start. "We need to bring back civics lessons in schools," Ford said. Wheatley, noting he raised two children, both of whom are Republicans, said party members need to find ways to make politics important to young people, to make it a priority in their lives.

Dispelling the image of an elite, "country club" party was essential Fogarty said in attracting young people to the party. "Young people feel a disconnect and can't identify with the party," she said. Fogarty said bringing new blood to the state committee was a way to bring new life and new members to the Republican party.

"We need a complete shock to the system and a changing of the guard," she said.

For her part, Logan said she has done a great deal through mentoring and helping students obtain political internships to bring more youth to the party. She said speaking at area colleges is another valuable way to reach young voters and get them excited about and involved in politics. Logan also stressed the importance of showing compassion, something she believes the Republican party doesn't do a good job of when representing itself.

Logan has served as state committeewoman for more than three decades. She served as National committeewoman for a dozen more. In all her years, as perhaps one of the best known woman in the state Republican Party, Logan said she's never faced as many opponents as she faces in this election. In fact, only once did she have a challenge from fellow Cohasset resident Nancy O'Toole and Logan prevailed in that contest.

Logan said she's not daunted by the crowded race.

"Competition is always good, I say. If you don't have an opponent, rent one. It brings interest to the campaign."

While it makes her bid for reelection more challenging, the interest and involvement the campaign race has sparked is exciting and shows a new enthusiasm and energy among Republicans in the district, she said. "This is a dynamic party," said Logan. "We have six running for an office you won't get paid for and will have to put money out to get elected."

One of the more immediate challenges facing the six candidates for the state Republican committee will be generating interest in the campaign and getting out the vote. All of them expect a low voter turnout March 2, because Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush faces no challenger.

Fogarty said the candidates know the core Republicans in the district and need to reach them and remind them of the opportunity for positive change in the party. For Logan, calling on people in person and by telephone will be the method to bring folks to the polls. "It's a challenge," she said. "But it's good practice. This is what we should be doing for every candidate."

About the State Republican Committee

- One committeewoman and one committeeman is elected from each of the 40 senatorial districts every four years.
- The objective of the state committee is to recruit and elect Republican legislative, statewide and congressional candidates. The state committee works with local Republican parties and grassroots organizations to identify and train successful, civic-minded individuals to run for and win elective office across the Commonwealth.
- The committee also promotes the priorities and agenda of the Republican party including lower taxes, economic growth, individual liberty, and im

CANDIDATES CORNER

Cafferty dedicated backers

A reception for John Cafferty was held recently at the Aisling Gallery in Hingham, hosted by John and Maureen Connolly. Many dedicated supporters crowded the gallery on his behalf. "John's hard work and track record building the Republican Party speaks for itself" exclaimed Senator Bob Hedlund. Republican activist, Don Hussey concluded, "The Republican Party in this district needs a fresh new beginning and John Cafferty is the answer!"

Former State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray is Cafferty's honorary chairperson. Campaign coordinator is Kathy Joyce of Hingham. A partial list of supporters and campaign workers include Deborah Lorenson Campaign Treasurer, Eileen Rocha, Christopher Mirarchi, Christine Cadegan, Janet Gray, Joanne & Bruce Peck, Maggie Costello, Connie Coleman, Ken Schwartz, Jim Claypoole and Carl Harris. Also in attendance were former State Rep. candidate Nathaniel Palmer and Chair of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee Kevin O'Donnell. To contact the Cafferty campaign, call 781-749-1417 or email cafferty@rcn.com.

Ford and American Dream

Unenrolled voters are not committed to either major political party because they don't know what the difference between them is.

"As Republicans in Massachusetts, we've done a poor job of defining what it means to be Republican and what's at stake," says Conley Ford, candidate for state GOP committeeman in Bob Hedlund's senatorial district.

Ford, who spent 35 years in the telecommunications management, knows a friendly business climate is key to economic vitality.

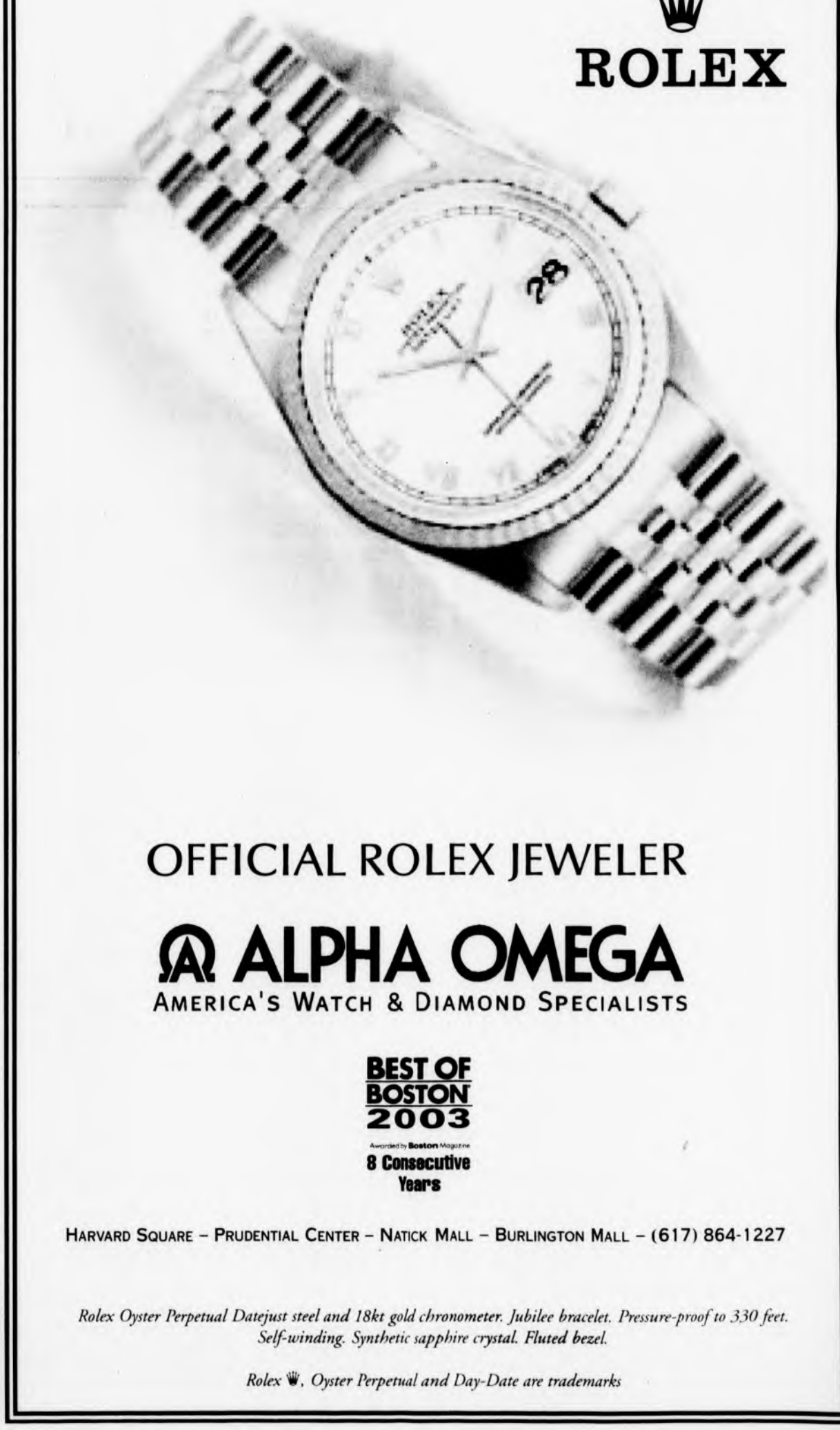
"Republicans understand profit is not a four-letter word," Ford says. "When business is successful, more people have jobs and more money to spend. In fact, a good paying job is the greatest social welfare program there is.'

"We need to persuade the unenrolled that the GOP is the party that believes in the American Dream – a job with a paycheck free from ridiculous taxes."

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Deer Hill students to get a lesson in nutrition

By Samantha Brown
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The program Deer Hill students will see addresses subject matter such as eating disorders and self-esteem, something children are just starting to become aware of at that age.

Childhood obesity is a problem that is sweeping the nation, and the Massachusetts Public Health Association is doing all it can to make sure children are educated on how to live healthy, active lifestyles from an early age. As part of that effort, Deer Hill students will be attending a live theater show put on by the MPHA, in conjunction with Foodplay Productions.

The play will address the many elements of building a foundation for a lifetime of healthy living.

On Friday, Feb. 27, students in grades four through six will gather in the auditorium for Foodplay's, "This Is Your Life," a national award-winning show which has received much praise for its efforts.

"It is a live theater performance which promotes healthy choices and healthy living," said Roberta Friedman, director of education for the MPHA, adding that by watching a lively show, children are fully engaged and learning which helps drive the point home.

Foodplay Productions has received many accolades for its programs, provinding age-appropriate shows for both elementary and middle school-aged children. While Deer Hill students will attend "This Is Your Life" — geared toward helping adolescents address nutrition, fitness, body image, and media literacy issues — a second program called "Foodplay" is offered for elementary level students, teaching lessons in healthy living while incorporating juggling, music, magic and audience participation.

"They won an Emmy," said Friedman of Foodplay Productions , which is part of the reason her organization has joined forces with the production company. By teaming up, children in 150 elementary and middle schools across the state will be exposed to the program, and will learn about the benefits of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

"Kids need to understand we are facing an epidemic," said Friedman. The program Deer Hill students will see addresses subject matter such as eating disorders and self-esteem, something children are just starting to become aware of at that age.

Friedman said issues of media influence on children are also touched upon, because it is important for students to recognize what they see in magazines and on television is not always what it seems. Because companies are trying to sell a product, they send messages in their ads that children have to be taught to look past. While the program is only one hour long, by at least having some exposure to the issues, they will become more aware of the kinds of health issues that surround them every day, Friedman said.

"We've received very positive feedback," Friedman said of the show so far, adding some children have even reported back that it did change the way they live their lives.

In a time when the Centers for Disease Control is reporting that one out of three Caucasian, and one out of two African American and Latino children are projected to get diabetes due to poor eating and exercise habits, the message being spread by this program will hopefully help bring those numbers down.

The performances are part of a Healthy Schools Project by the MPHA, made possible by a grant from the Vitamin Litigation Settlement, which provides funding to support food and nutrition programs in Massachusetts. Friedman said the grant was written to include schools from all over the state, making sure a diverse mix of students from rural to urban, poor to wealthy, have the opportunity to be exposed to the program.

"We want to make sure every kid around the state gets hit with this," Friedman said, adding she hopes children who watch the performance will take the message back home to parents and hopefully make a change in the lifestyles of everyone in the family.

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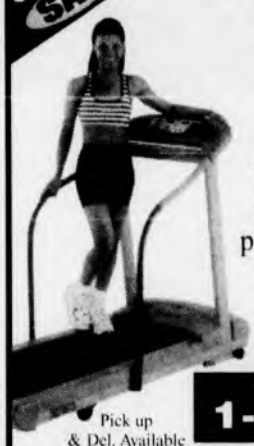
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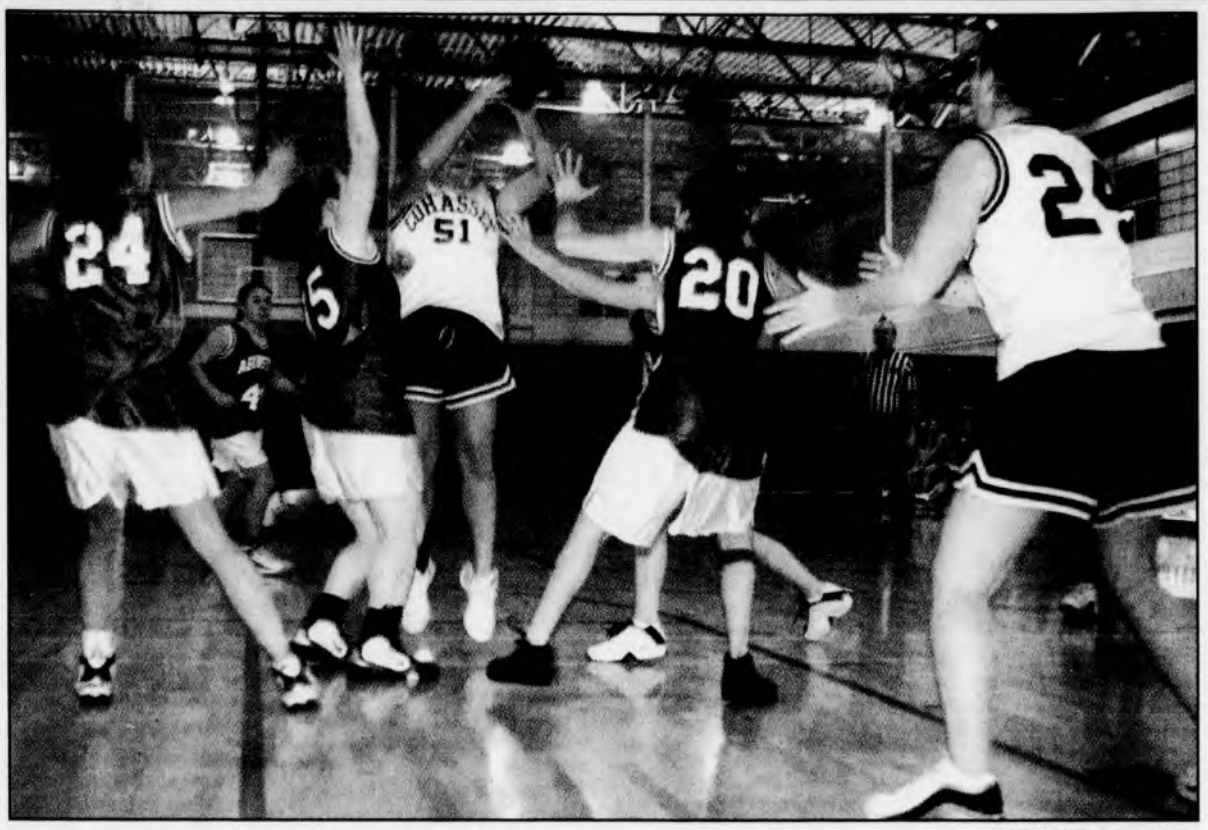
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Cohasset leading scorer Casey Anderson (#51) pulls up for a jumper in the lane in recent win over SSL rival Abington.

They're in

CHS lady hoopsters earn first postseason berth since 1988

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

Nobody on the Cohasset girls basketball team was more than two years old the last time it happened.

Some may not even have been born yet.

It has been 16 years since high school basketball fans have looked at the girls basketball tournament pairings and seen Cohasset among the group. All of that has changed.

With a 44-15 victory over Fenway last Friday, the Skippers have made the MIAA tournament for the first time since 1988.

Head coach John Levangie said the team's success has developed during a steady process that started the first day of preseason practice. Improving basketball technique, such as handling the ball with the weak hand or learning to produce from different spots on the floor, came first, according to the coach.

Then, around the fifth game of the season, Levangie said something clicked with the team that made them realize their defense was among the strongest in the South Shore League. The girls were able to build off of that, Levangie said.

"With their hard work and athletic ability, you realize that you can accomplish a lot," said the coach.

A perfect example of that stingy defense came in the girls' game against Norwell two weeks ago.

In a game where both teams needed a win - Cohasset to regain momentum, Norwell to

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Setting the bar higher

Norwell-Cohasset gymnasts can wrap up unbeaten season tonight

By Mike Spellman
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Just like the Patriots, the Norwell-Cohasset gymnastics team can wrap up its second league championship in three years with a win tonight over Hingham-Scituate at the Hanover Middle School (7:30 p.m. start).

The Nor-Coh girls already bested Hingham-Scituate (6-1) by double digits this season, so they are certainly considered a good bet to complete their unbeaten season. Even if they lose, however, they'd still be assured of at least a share of the league crown and a spot in the South Sectional state tourney.

"It's nice knowing we have at least a share of the league championship, but I'm sure the girls don't want to share it," said veteran Nor-Coh coach Kara Connerty. "They've worked too hard, and really want this."

The girls remained perfect with a 127.7-114.6 win over Pilgrim Conference rival Carver on Thursday, sweeping the top three places in all four events to improve to 9-0 on the season.

Cohasset High junior Nancy Durkin once again led the way with a win in the all-around competition (33.5) and at least a shard of first place in all four events. This included a win for the floor exercise with an all-time high score of 8.9.

Durkin also won uneven bars (8.5) and beam (8.1) and tied teammate Samantha Rosen for top spot for vault with an 8.0.

Norwell freshman Erin Kelly was third in the all-around with a score of 32.1, and took seconds on bars (8.3) and beam (7.9), as well as a third on floor (8.5).

In addition to tying Durkin for top honors on vault, Rosen set a personal best on floor with an 8.5, good for second place.

Cohasset sophomore Kate Carpenter added third place finishes on beam (7.6) and bars (7.8), and Norwell freshman Kiersten Schontz was third on vault (7.5).

The girls will get a chance to put an exclamation point on their perfect season at this Saturday's All-League Meet at Carver High School (3 p.m. start).

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Pounding down the stretch

CHS grapplers eye school wins record, postseason glory

By Mike Spellman
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Four up, four down. Yup, the Cohasset High wrestling team is in typical stretch run mode right now.

The Skippers capped off last week with a decisive 38-12 win over Hopkinton on Thursday and then ruled supreme at a home quad meet on Saturday, hammering Rockland, 52-18, North Quincy, 43-18 and Middleboro, 43-21. The wins improved the Skippers to 14-4 on the season and kept them in the running to tie the program's all-time win record of 18, set last year, with four matches still remaining.

"We've got some guys who are really coming on right now, and this is the time of year you like to see that," said longtime CHS head coach Torin Sweeney, who two weeks ago notched his 200th career win.

Junior Kevin Dinsmore, in the 125 pound division, would certainly appear to be one of those wrestlers who is "coming on."

The B.C High transfer won all three of his matches and also got a win at Hopkinton over the wrestler who finished third at 125 at Sectionals last year.

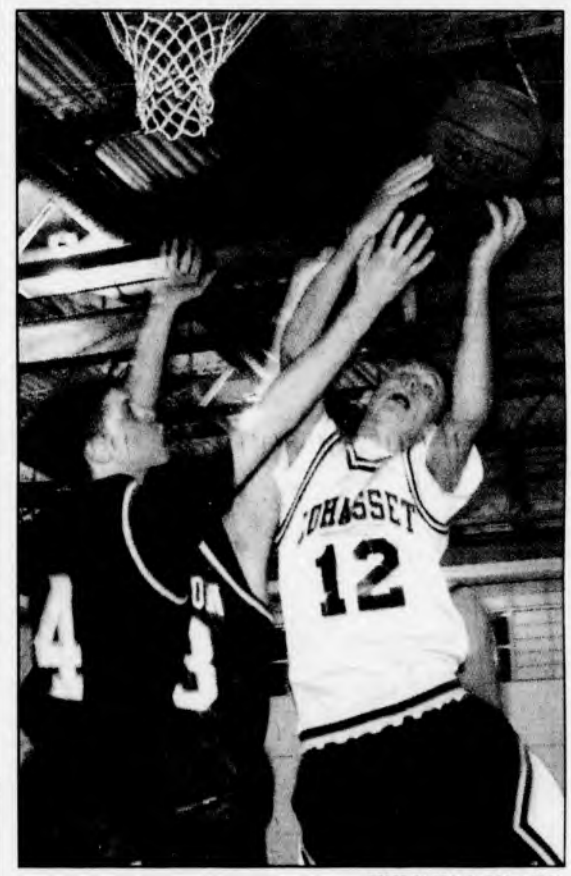
Junior Matt Casey, at 160, wrestled hard with another Hopkinton grappler who placed high at Sectionals last winter before falling in OT. However, coach Sweeney felt getting Casey this kind of experience before Sectionals was more important than getting another win to his already gaudy record.

This thinking was also in evidence when Sweeney bumped junior 215-pound star Matt Baroudi up to wrestle Hopkinton's Steve Peschler, currently the second ranked heavyweight in the state. Baroudi, who reached the New England championships last winter, scored first and carried a 2-2 tie through the end of regulation despite giving away considerable pounds. He almost had Peschler spun in overtime, but couldn't quite pull it off and the much larger grappler prevailed.

Triple winners abounded in Saturday's surprisingly easy quad-meet sweep.

Dinsmore, Casey, Ryan McLellan, Jonathan Littauer, Joe Kehoe and Phil Strazzulla each won all three of their matches, while Baroudi and sophomore Dave McKenna

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset freshman Jeff Brown (#12) goes high to snare a rebound in showdown versus SSL rival Abington Tuesday night. Unfortunately, the Skipper fell, 61-46, and now must win four of their final five to sneak into the postseason.

Up against it

CHS boys must win four of final five to qualify for postseason

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

It's now or never for the Cohasset boys basketball team.

After Tuesday night's 61-46 loss to Abington, the Skippers stand at 6-10 going into this week's action. The boys need to win four of their last five games to qualify for the tournament.

After defeating Mashpee last Tuesday, Cohasset took another tough loss on Friday against Nantucket. The final score was 58-48, but the deficit was that wide only because of several late free throws by the visiting Whalers.

Senior Chris Bilodeau had another strong effort in the loss, leading all scorers with 28 points while also collecting 10 rebounds. Fellow seniors Sean Connolly and John Andrade chipped in with 10 and eight points, respectively.

One of the keys for the Skippers was to stop Nantucket's 6-foot-6 center, Sam Herrick, a sophomore who came into the game averaging over 17 points per game. Cohasset did a reasonable job by rotating their big men and making a couple more substitutions than usual to keep fresh bodies out on the floor.

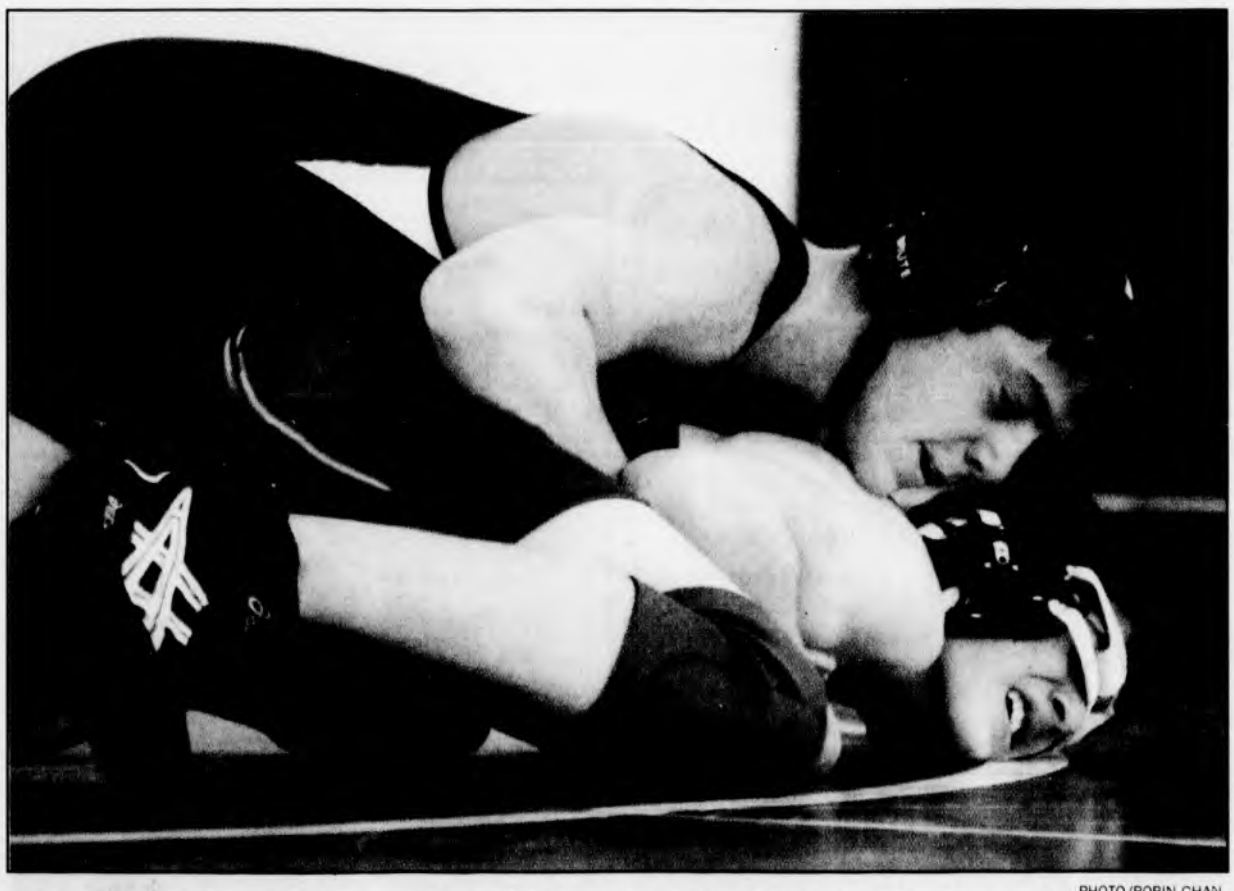
The efforts of Connolly, Dan Tarpey and Nick Arment held Herrick to 15 points on 6-for-13 shooting. The Whalers center did manage, however, to pull down 16 rebounds and block five shots.

Cohasset's freshman forward Jeff Brown also contributed by doing what he does best: rebound. Despite being a little undersized for his position at 6-0, Brown has an incredible knack for getting to the loose ball. He had nine rebounds, four on the offensive end, against the Whalers.

Head coach Ron Ford said he was pleased with his team's effort, particularly on the defensive end, and that the Skippers could have won if they had gotten some shots to fall.

"We didn't play poorly," he said. "Free throws killed us. We just didn't shoot well as a whole. But this was a good test for us; [Nantucket] will

BOYS HOOPS, PAGE 18



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Blinded by ambition. Things certainly don't appear to be going the way Rockland's Nick Keough (bottom) hoped they would in this recent bout with Cohasset's Nick Cambi.

Coastal Stars Youth Hockey

Mite C1

The Stars Mite C1's defeated the Seahawks this week by a score of 5-0. The shutout was earned by Jake Burchill who had several outstanding saves. Also deserving credit for the win were the Stars defensemen, Brodie Jackisch, Tommy Prendergast, Adam Benson, Charlie Blackington, Brian Palmieri and Kevin Meehan, who all played great positional hockey and worked hard to protect Burchill. The first period saw plenty of action in fact for both goalies, with great shots in particular coming from the Star's Brendan O'Connell, Colin MacDonald, Justin Fein, Cameron Lamoureux and Charlie Michalowski. In spite of great shooting, the game remained scoreless until late in the second period. The Stars first line off the bench broke the tie, and in fact, earned three goals in their 2 minute shift. Pat Shea, flanked by Brendan O'Connell and Tucker Ambrose, drove to the net from the face off and quickly scored, then turned around and scored again off the very next faceoff. Shea tried for a third goal on the next faceoff, but his shot was deflected by the Seahawks goalie. A sharp Tucker Ambrose grabbed the rebound and scored to make it a quick 3-0. The second line off the bench earned the Stars fourth goal on the next shift when Colby Comeau, supported on offense by Justin Fein and Derek Benson, scored on a beautiful shot from 15 feet out. The third period saw continued aggressive play with good shooting from both teams, great defense and strong goaltending. The Stars were able to add one more goal before the end of the game, again by Pat Shea. This one was a nice shot in the corner, a tough goal that gave him the hat trick, his second this season. Good game Pat. Good game Jake. Good game Stars.

Squirt C4

The final score read 6-5, Good Guys, as Squirt C4 took on a very physical Taunton Bruins and beat them at their own game on Sunday. The Stars took the early lead when Mike Foley fired the puck in from the point to Mike Masciulli who crossed it to Ally Ryan. Ryan fired the puck in the net from close range to break her recent scoring drought. The next 15 minutes was all Bruins as they scored three unanswered goals with aggressive offense and physical defense. Sick of getting pushed around, the Stars collectively tightened their chinstraps after the third Taunton goal. Masciulli stole a breakout pass, drew the Taunton goalie to his left and slid puck just inside the right post. Moments later, Vinny Calorio evened the score on a beautiful pass from Willy Brown. All game long the line of Brown, Calorio and Nick Craig put on a passing clinic, drawing applause from Stars and Taunton boosters in the crowd. Starting the third period, the Stars took the lead for good when Ally Ryan scored her second goal of the game on bang-bang passes from Masciulli and Johnny "Go-Go" Sinkins. Moments later Masciulli stripped the puck at the blue line, skated in uncontested, and lifted the puck in the top, left corner of the net. The Stars scored their final goal when Ryan returned the favor and fed the puck to Masciulli, who stuffed it in from close range. Defensive stalwarts Ryan Foohey, Justin Henriksen, Sam Labo and Foley kept pressure in Taunton's zone most of the game with aggressive play along the boards. Goalie Alec Hurd saved the game for the Stars when he gloved a chest high rising shot headed for the top, right corner. The Stars C4 improved to 11-3 on the season.

Pee Wee C1

Justin Yeager played his best game of the year Saturday and led the Coastal Stars Pee-Wee C1 team to victory against a very competitive Whitman-Hanson team. Yeager scored two break-away goals and Mike Caira scored a third goal to secure a 3–1 Stars' victory. John Carrigg was back in net for the Stars and he also played one a heck of game. Carrigg turned back countless quality shots through all three periods. The entire Stars Pee-Wee C1 squad stepped up the play this week. Chris Fazzina, Joe Fitzsimmons, Phil Murphy, Andrew Bell, and Brian Meehan played very aggressively up and down the ice and did an excellent job forechecking. The defense also played a super game against an explosive opponent. Mike O'Halloran, Kevin O'Connell, Geoff Evans and Connor Ofsthun were very effective at clearing the puck out of the Stars defensive end and in pushing the puck up the ice to the offense. Mike O'Halloran deserves honorable mention for his great play again this week. O'Halloran had a number of fine rushes up the ice and also made some terrific passes to the offensive lines.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

BOYS BASKETBALL
Feb.
30 lost to Nantucket, 58-48
3 lost to Abington, 61-46

GIRLS BASKETBALL
30 beat Fenway, 44-15
3 beat Abington, 48-45
5 Nantucket 4:30 p.m.

WRESTLING
28 beat Hopkinton, 38-12
31 beat Rockland, 52-18
beat Middleboro, 43-21
beat North Quincy, 43-18
4 @Scituate

GYMNASTICS
29 beat Carver, 127.7-114.6
5 @Hingham 7:30 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY
28 beat Norwell, 5-3
30 lost to Rockland, 3-2
31 lost to Abington-EB, 1-0
4 @Hull

SWIMMING
30 lost to Coyle-Cassidy
3 @ Card. Spellman

Pounding down the stretch

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won both of theirs.

Fast-emerging frosh McLellan won two at 103 and bumped up to take another at 112.

Dinsmore continued his climb, as two of his three wins came over wrestlers who'd previously beaten him this season.

Littauer, three weeks back from leg injuries, got some revenge of his own over Rockland star Leo Mahoney. He lost to Mahoney last year, and had to bump from his normal 130 to 135 to chase him on Saturday. Littauer got caught early in a five-point reverse and takedown, but battled back for the 10-7 win.

Kehoe, who has only one loss this year, notched two pins and then dominated Rockland star John Erickson, 10-1.

Casey bumped from 160 to 171 for tow of his three wins

Strazzulla, who also has just one loss this year, moved up from 145 to 152 from all three of his matches, but had little problem in any of them. Most improessive was a 7-2 win over Middleboro's Nick Kelly, who finished second at Sectionals last year.

"Phil is just wrestling unbelievably right now," said Torin of his grappler who took fourth at Sectionals last year. "Anyone can get caught in a pin at some time, but if that doesn't happen to Phil, it's tough to imagine him not going far at Sectionals and States, even with 145 being one of the toughest weight classes in our Section. He's worked hard at it, and is a much better wrestler than he was a year ago."

McKenna won both his matches at 135 by pin. Ditto for Baroudi at 215.

Coach Sweeney also considered heavyweight Jake Berger's pin over a highly thought of and bigger Rockland wrestler to be one of the highlight matches of the day, and also lauded sophomore Jake Watts for his win at 103.

The Skippers (14-4) have four matches left, so tying last year's program best 18 win total is still a possibility. The Skippers were slated to travel to Scituate yesterday, and should have few problems there, and they'll wrap up the regular season with a quad at New Bedford on Saturday. Marshfield and Norwood are the other two teams on the docket there.

The Div. 3 South Sectionals are scheduled for Feb 13 and 14 at Foxboro High.

Cohasset High will host the state divisional championships the following weekend, Feb. 20 and 21, something their brand new wrestling facilities have made possible. There are 57 Div. 3 teams in the state and there will be 240 wrestlers eligible to wrestle at CHS on the 20th.

"We're still working out the logistics and making deals with hotels," reported Sweeney. "It's a lot of work, but it should be a great time."

If any alumni are interested in volunteering their time to help out at the Divisional championships, they should call coach Sweeney at Cohasset High (781-383-6103).

Also, any business or individual interested in purchasing advertising space in the official program that is being printed for the State meet is asked to call Tony Carbone at 781-383-9575. Funds raised by the program will help defray costs associated with hosing the meet.

SPORTS NOTES

Girl's Spirit Night

The Cohasset Basketball Boosters would like to thank the community for the support given to our basketball teams through program book sponsorship and attendance at basketball games. There are several varsity and junior varsity games left this season for you to come toand cheer on the Cohasset Skippers.

Thursday night, February 5th the girls play Nantucket at Cohasset at 4:30. All sixth grade girls basketball players are invited to play during half time with Coach Matt Salerno refereeing the game. Recreation and travelling team players get in free with a paying adult. The Cohasset Varsity Girls' team has qualified for post season tournament playoffs and we want everyone to come to our "Senior Night" tribute on Friday, February 6th at 6:30.

The boys have three more home games on February 9th, 11th and the 12th. Please come and cheer for our teams. It has been a wonderful season!

The Basketball Boosters Club will have a meeting on Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00P.M. at the high school gym lobby. We are looking for people interested in being involved with the Boosters. If you would like more information, call Betsy Connolly at 383-1248.

Volleyball program grades 5-8

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting telephone registrations at 781-383-4109 for co-ed Volleyball for student's grades 5-8. The program, designed for fun, exercise and skill development will meet at the Deer Hill School gym on Tuesday's and Thursday's, from 2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., for 6 weeks, starting Tuesday, Jan. 27.

The fee for this unique opportunity is only $50 for the 6 week, twice weekly session. The program is designed to teach skills, exercise and fun. This program may be continued on a year round basis and include older and younger grades eventually.

For more information or to register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781383-4109.

Rec. dept. personal training classes

The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold registration for personal fitness training classes for girls and boys, ages 8 to 15, by calling the recreation department at 781-383-4109.

In conjunction with Hypertone, located in Cushing Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, the recreation department is currently forming small, age-appropriate groups who will work twice weekly for a five-week session with a personal trainer at Hypertone.

Classes are scheduled to begin Monday, Feb. 9, and the fee for the 10-session opportunity is $75 per person.

Class will consist of eight age-appropriate participants meeting from 7 to 8 p.m., Monday evenings and again Saturdays from 3 to 4 p.m.

This unique program is especially designed for both the athlete and non-athlete, focusing on conditioning, weight control and nutrition, working with a certified personal trainer at Hypertone's new Cohasset facility.

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To register, call the recreation department at 781-383-4109. Classes will be limited in size, hence early registration is advised, also, registration will be ongoing for continuing classes and sessions.

CHS spirit items for sale

Cohasset High Spirit items are for sale right now through the high school. Blankets are $50, flags $45 and beach towels $20. Purchases can be made through Athletic Director Ron Ford (781-383-6103). CHS is in session until Dec. 23.

Learn to skate classes at Weymouth and Quincy Shea rinks

A new winter series of ice skating classes will be held at the Weymouth MDC rink located on Broad Street and at the Quincy Shea MDC rink on Willard Street. Classes are for boys and girls ages 41/2 and up as well as adults. Separate skill classes are held at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Skaters can wear either figure or hockey skates and helmets are required for ages 41/2 through 7. Each class includes a small group lesson and a supervised practice.

Classes at the Weymouth O'Connell Rink are held Sundays at 5 p.m. Classes at the Quincy Shea Rink are held Fridays at 4 p.m. or Sundays at 11 a.m.

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Professional instructors teach beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Many families enjoy taking the lessons together; there are separate instructors for children and adults. Have fun and learn to skate.

To register or for additional information, call the Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit www.baystateskatingschool.org. Ice skate and feel great.

Setting the bar higher

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This will be the final tune-up before the South Sectionals. The seedings for that event will be announced by the MIAA next Tuesday, Feb. 10, with the meet to be held at Foxboro High on Monday, Feb. 16.

Only eight teams qualify for the South Sectionals, and that includes league champions from the OCL, Pilgrim Conference, Hockomock League and Eastern Athletic Conference. The remaining teams will be selected based on the average of their top four scores.

The Nor-Cohs have a top four score average of 129.5, which would likely put them right in the thick of the competition for postseason advancement even if they hadn't won their league title.

Only two of these teams will automatically advance from Sectionals to the All-State championships, though there will be two more "wild card" teams chosen based on best score from the three Sectionals-- South, North and Central-East.

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Cohasset's Rob Carpenter (#11) was a force for the Skippers last week, having a hand in six of the team's seven goals (two goals, four assists).

Icemen keep things interesting

Coach feels skaters are primed for postseason run

By Mike Spellman
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Say what you want about the Cohasset High hockey team; it does keep things interesting.

After 1) a 5-3 upset win over Norwell on Wednesday that avenged an earlier season 5-0 loss, 2) a 3-2 loss to an allegedly weaker Rockland team on Friday and 3) a 1-0 loss to South Shore League leading Abington (9-3) with a commendable effort on Saturday, that's the best this typist can do to sum up the week that just was for the CHS icemen.

Rookie Skippers head coach Ben Virga, not surprisingly, chooses a different tack.

"Forget the wins and losses, I actually think we're starting to turn a corner," said Virga, whose team fell a game below the all-important .500 mark to 4-5-3 with the Saturday loss. "Our best hockey is ahead. I'm proud of the way the team is playing right now, and I'm proud to be their coach."

Virga believes firmly that his team will make the playoffs when all is said and done. That will require playing one game over .500 over the final eight games. The next four games certainly appear winnable, as Hull (1-13), Mashpee (3-8-1), Harwich (7-8-1) and Carver (6-7-1) all have worse records and there is still a makeup game to boot with Mashpee.

It gets interesting after that, though, as the Skippers close the season with Mayflower League leading Blue Hills (8-3-2), who they tied 4-4 earlier this season, higher division opponent Stoughton (4-7-3) in the opening round of the annual Bourne Tourney and then either Div. 3 power Westwood (10-3) or Bourne (12-3-1) in the championship or consolation game of that tourney.

Virga feels the 5-3 win over Norwell (7-5-1) might well have been the turning point in the season. Sophomore goalie Stefan Parnell played what might have been the best game of the season, in the coach's opinion, and the whole team seemed to gain confidence from that.

"It's taken a while but I think some guys in here are figuring things out," said Virga following the emotional win. "It's up to them. (Junior captain) Ted Straughn has done exactly what a captain should do and put that challenge to them. We've got players who are now putting more responsibility on themselves."

Strong skating and physical junior Joe Durkin, who's recently been flip-flopped with senior captain Mike Devine from defense to top line right wing, opened the scoring versus Norwell just 1:18 in. Freshman defenseman Conor Holway moved the puck quickly out of the zone to Straughn, who then hit Durkin on the fly up the middle, allowing him to walk in on Norwell's returning all-league goalie Tom Sullivan and slip the puck by him.

Norwell junior Paul Snell answered a few minutes later to send the game into the first break tied at 1-1, but Cohasset would score three of the next four to open up a two goal lead.

Durkin scored his second of the game 5:30 into the second, with assists going to linemates Straughn and senior Rob Carpenter, giving the Skippers the lead for good.

Devine would make it a 3-1 game a few minutes later, finishing on a pass from Carpenter to make it a 3-1 game.

Norwell senior standout Terry Smallcomb would cut the lead back to one with three minutes to go in the second, but a Devine slapper on the power play would get the Skippers lead back to two, 4-2, three minutes into the third. Carpenter and junior defenseman Tim Pilczak would get the assists this time.

Norwell (7-5-2) would not go away, however, and Smallcomb cut the lead back to one with four minutes to play.

Parnell and the rest of the defense held tough, however, and Straughn iced things inside the final minute of play with an empty-netter on a pass from Carpenter, the senior standout's fourth assist of the game. Devine picked up the other assist, giving him three points for the game.

"Our big guys came to play tonight and that was the difference," asserted Virga, who went on to say his first line forwards—Straughn, Carpenter and Durkin-- were "the best three players on the ice on this night."

Of course, he also lauded the play of the resurgent Parnell (26 saves), as well as his four man defensive unit of Devine, Leahy, Pilczak and fast emerging sophomore Brandon Smith. In fact, noted the coach, it was Smith's recent improvement that ultimately convinced him to move Durkin to forward.

"Stefan was huge," said Virga. "Norwell had chances to tie the game a few times or move closer, but Stefan just shut the door. Hopefully, this is the beginning of a nice little run for him and for us."

Even the 3-2 loss to Rockand on Friday did not get the coach too far down. The Skippers outshot the visiting Bulldogs (6-6-2), who are themselves fighting tooth and nail for a playoff berth, 35-20, but Rockland goalie Chris Garofalo was just one save too good.

Rockland scored the first goal of the game off a defensive end turnover, and that advantage tripled in under a minute early in the second, with the Bulldogs scoring twice in 43 seconds.

Carpenter would net the only two goals of the third period. However, despite a number of flurries in front of Garofalo down the stretch, the Skippers simply could not punch home the equalizer.

Parnell was the story of the game less than 24 hours later, as he stopped 34 salvos. Unfortunately, the high riding Green Wave (7-0 in SSL play) had 35 shots, and standout Abington goalie Bryce Beauragard stopped all 22 shots he saw.

"I think we're going to finish strong," asserted Virga. "The signs are good. If we continue to play like we are right now, the wins will come."

Girls travel basketball report

The girls travel basketball teams in the Old Colony League for grades 5-8 entertained Hingham Sunday afternoon at the Cohasset High gym.

The fifth graders improved to 5-1 on the season with a 20-6 triumph over their guests. As has been typical for the Blue & White, they scored off the opening tap for the fourth game in six tries, with Carly Haggerty controlling the tap to Lindsay Davis, who in turn tossed a pass to Emma Musto downcourt for a quick 2-0 Cohasset lead.

The Fledgling Fifthers increased their lead in short order, with Haggerty and Musto combining for eight more points for a 10-0 bulge just six minutes into the fray. The Cohasset girls continued to played strong defense and controlled the boards at both ends of the floor for the rest of the half to walk off at the buzzer with a 12-0 lead. Jen Curley, Carly Martin, Colby Smalzel, Logan Pratt, and Kate French provided the strong frontcourt support, with Rachel Fredey, Amy Costa, Olivia Murphy, and Emma Quigley shutting off the Hingham attack on top.

The second half proved more of the same, though Hingham at one point rallied to close within six points. However, a four point play by Haggerty stopped the Hingham momentum. (Carly hit the first of two free throws, was fouled while scoring off her own rebound of the second shot, and then converted that free throw.) Buckets by Kate French and Carly Martin sealed the deal for the 20-6 final count. Haggerty led all scorers with 10 points and Musto was second high scorer with six.

The sixth grade squad kept its perfect record (6-0) intact with a hard-fought 23-16 triumph over a determined Hingham opponent. Both teams played tough defense to start the contest and baskets were few and far between. Hingham took an early 2-0 lead, marking only the second time this season that the Cohasset Super Sixers have trailed in a game. However, some aggressive mid-court trapping by Mimi Mahoney (who had three points on the day) and Erin Fontaine (two points) created scoring opportunities for the Blue & White. In addition, tight man-to-man coverage in the paint by Amy Meikleham combined with solid defensive rebounding by Isabelle Franklin (two points) to limit Hingham's second-chance opportunities. Meredith Kelly (14 points) then took over on offense with some powerful baseline drives to give Cohasset the impetus for a 10-4 advantage at the half.

Lucy Noble, Lucy O'Keefe, and Olivia Sullivan maintained Cohasset's intense defensive pressure to start the second half. Although the Blue and White's aggressive defensive play soon placed Hingham in the bonus situation, Cohasset managed to control the clock and the ball the rest of the way. Kelly continued to display her offensive prowess from the power forward position, with Samantha Crough, Franklin, and Mahoney also getting into the scoring column to ensure yet another win for the Super Sixers.

The seventh grade team also maintained their undefeated mark (6-0) with a 24-16 win over their Hingham counterparts. The Seventh Wonders put forward a well-balanced scoring attack with Sammi Lehr, Marissa Tangherlini, Tess Calorio, and Carly Salerno each scoring four points. Liz Tetreault and Rachel McMorris also turned in strong efforts for the Blue & White. .

The eighth grade squad fell to 3-3 on the year with a hard-fought 35-32 loss to Hingham in a game which went down to the wire. Both teams exhibited a potent offensive arsenal in the up-and-down battle which saw the visiting Red & White foe barely holding on at the final buzzer. Cohasset's Effervescent Eights never quit, battling back from an eight point deficit with under 10 minutes to play, but their attempt at a closing rally fell just short as a pair of three point attempts failed to tingle the twine at the buzzer.

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stay alive in the playoff hunt - the Skippers defense carried the way in a 39-29 win. Cohasset forced the Clippers into a lot of bad shots, as the Skippers held them to an incredible 10-for-57 shooting, or 18 percent.

As she has done in most games this season, junior forward Casey Anderson led the team in scoring that game. Putting points on the board is nothing new for Anderson. After a soccer season in which she led her team in goals, she is now leading the South Shore League with 16.1 points per game coming into this week's action.

Also starting in the Cohasset frontcourt is center Ashley Faber, whom Levangie called one of the best rebounders in the league. Senior Jenn Buckley is the team's defensive stopper, frequently assigned to guard the other team's point guard.

Danielle Pinkus and Chelsea Grossman round out the starting five. Levangie said Pinkus has a knack for coming up with a big shot or rebound, , while Grossman, a sophomore, has gotten better and better as she gets more experience at the varsity level.

The top four players off the bench are forwards Mia Lappen and Lisa Musto, and guards Courtney Caron and Nicole Whitney. Levangie praised the versatility of the forwards, while the guards can change the pace of the game with their quickness.

The whole team played a part in the tournament-clinching win. The girls all played in five-minute shifts, which Levangie said allowed them to play with even more intensity.

And now, instead of playing out the string, the Skippers are 10-4 and positioning themselves for postseason seeding. Athletic Director Ron Ford said he is thrilled to see the team qualify for the tournament, and that he saw the potential for success early on in the season.

"I felt that this was the best team we've had in years," said Ford, who also coaches the boys basketball team. "They play smart, they're fundamentally sound, they pass well, and they play a strong zone defense."

Ford also had some good words for his new coach, who has years of prior head coaching experience at BC High and Westwood.

"I knew that in hiring John, we'd be getting a top-notch coach," he said. "I couldn't be more happy with the job he has done. He's a Hall of Fame coach, in my opinion."

While Ford and parents are quick to praise the players and the coach, Levangie is just as fast to deflect the praise to his team.

"They really do, as basketball players, work very hard," he said. "It makes it fun to go to practice every day."

Up against it

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be a good Div. 4 tournament team."

The shooting numbers back up Ford's assertion. Cohasset shot 30 percent from the floor, and made just seven of 21 free throw attempts.

Despite the shooting struggles, the home team still had chances to win, thanks largely in part to Bilodeau. With Cohasset down 40-31 with 10:39 to go, Bilodeau scored all the Skippers points during a 14-6 run that brought them within one with 4:30 to go.

The guard, averaging over 20 points a game for the year, scored most of his points by driving down the lane and drawing contact. The run included two three-point plays.

All told, the last six field goals Cohasset made in the game came from Bilodeau. Despite a few chances to take the lead, however, the Skippers could not convert. Nantucket put them away with a three from guard Wesley Lamotta and several free throws down the stretch.

In terms of qualifying for the tournament, the loss will not count against Cohasset's record. The team will play 21 games this year, with the Nantucket game being considered an extra because they have a hard time finding games to play, Ford said.

Thus, an overall record of 10-11 would get Cohasset into the tournament. Before the Abington loss, Ford said getting four wins down the stretch is not an impossible task.

"We have to go 4-2. That's not asking us to move mountains here," he said. "We have a lot of young kids who have played a lot of minutes for us. It's just a matter of buckling down, working hard at practices, and watching film of our previous games."

The team should have plenty to watch, as they have already played all of their remaining opponents at least once, having beat three of the five teams that are left on the schedule.

With Tuesday's loss, Cohasset now has to go 4-1 down the stretch. The Skippers have road games this weekend against Carver and Archbishop Williams. They have already beaten Carver and lost to Archies, both close games that each could have gone the other way.

The most reasonable scenario would be a split in those games, and then hope for a sweep of a homestand next week against Harwich, Hull, and Mashpee. Cohasset has already beaten Harwich and Mashpee rather handily. Hull, however, has already beaten the Skippers twice, most recently a hard-fought 63-58 victory in the Pirates' home gym on Jan. 20.

Scit-Cohs go down fighting

Swim team no match for larger Coyle Cassidy squad

By Becky Keys
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Scituate-Cohasset Swim Team had a difficult loss to Coyle Cassidy High School last Friday in Taunton. With only 10 swimmers representing the Sci-Cohs, the team had a hard time overcoming the Coyle Cassidy Warriors.

Despite the snow on the ground, SHS freshman standout Bill Grace plowed eight seconds off of his initial season time in the 100 yard freestyle. He improved his best time by two seconds.

"It is Bill's enthusiasm and eagerness to improve his strokes that has allowed him to chop off so much time in his races," noted Scit-Coh head coach Jami Kearney. "Without his determination and drive, there's no way he'd be where he is now. From the way that he swims during practices and meets, there's no doubt in my mind that he will continue to take off more time in his events."

Another up and coming swimmer is CHS freshman Roxanne Tehrania. Tehrania had an excellent backstroke race, and set a new personal record. She also swam her 400 Freestyle Relay to a first place along with Becky Keys, Maura Whalen, and Sheelah Scott.

Jim Zotz, head swim team coach at Brandeis University and a resident of Scituate, held a stroke clinic at one of the team's practices in the beginning of the season. The four strokes have changed radically over the past several decades. Stroke clinics are an important way for swimmers to understand and improve the techniques behind their strokes.

"The practice that Jim held was so important to all of my swimmers," reported Kearney. "They have not only improved their times, but have enhanced the quality of their strokes. Seeing Roxanne's backstroke and Bill's freestyle made it very clear to me that the stroke clinic was an essential component of our season."

This week will be a testing one for the Sci-Cohs, with two swim meets and a diving invitational.

COYLE CASSIDY RESULTS

Mixed 200 yard Medley Relay- 3rd Place Jenn Noonan, Bill Grace, Becky Keys, Kerry Sorensen

Girls 200 yard Freestyle- 3rd Place Maura Whalen, 5th Place Roxanne Tehrania

Girls 200 yard IM- 2nd Place Liz Tierney, 3rd Place Sheelah Scott

Girls 50 yard Freestyle- 2nd Place Becky Keys, 4th Place Kerry Sorensen

Boys 50 yard Freestyle- 3rd Place Justin Damaso

Girls 100 yard Freestyle- 3rd Place Jenn Noonan, 5th Place Jess Beck

Boys 100 yard Freestyle- 3rd Place Bill Grace*

Girls 500 yard Freestyle-2nd Place Maura Whalen, 5th Place Becky Keys

Mixed 200 Freestyle Relay- 1st Place Liz Tierney, Kerry Sorensen, Justin Damaso, Jess Beck

Girls 100 yard Backstroke- 1st Place Jenn Noonan, 2nd Place Roxanne Tehrania

Girls 100 yard Breaststroke- 1st Place Liz Tierney, 2nd Place Kerry Sorensen

Boys 100 yard Breaststroke- 1st Place Bill Grace

Girls 400 yard Freestyle Relay- 1st Place Becky Keys, Maura Whalen, Sheelah Scott, Roxanne Tehrania

***new team record**

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Feb.

5	@ Carver	6:30 p.m.
7	@ Arch. Williams	6 p.m.
9	Harwich	6:30 p.m.
11	Hull	6:30 p.m.
12	Mashpee	6:30 p.m.

End of Regular Season

BOYS JV BASKETBALL

7	@ Arch. Williams	4:30 p.m.
9	Harwich	5 p.m.
11	Hull	5 p.m.
12	Mashpee	5 p.m.

End of Season

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

5	Nantucket	4:30 p.m.
6	Carver	6:30 p.m.
9	@ Harwich	6:30 p.m.
11	@ Hull	6:30 p.m.
12	@ Mashpee	6:30 p.m.

End of Regular Season

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

9	@ Harwich	5 p.m.
11	@ Hull	5 p.m.
12	@ Mashpee	5 p.m.

End of Season

WRESTLING

4	@Scituate	
7	@N.Bedford, Marsh., Norwood	10 a.m.

End of Regular Season

GYMNASTICS

5	Hingham/Scituate	7:30 p.m.
	@ Hanover Middle School	

7	@Pilgrim League Mt.	noon/ 3 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY

4	@Hull	
8	@ Mashpee	6 p.m.
11	Harwich-Provtwn.	5:40 p.m.

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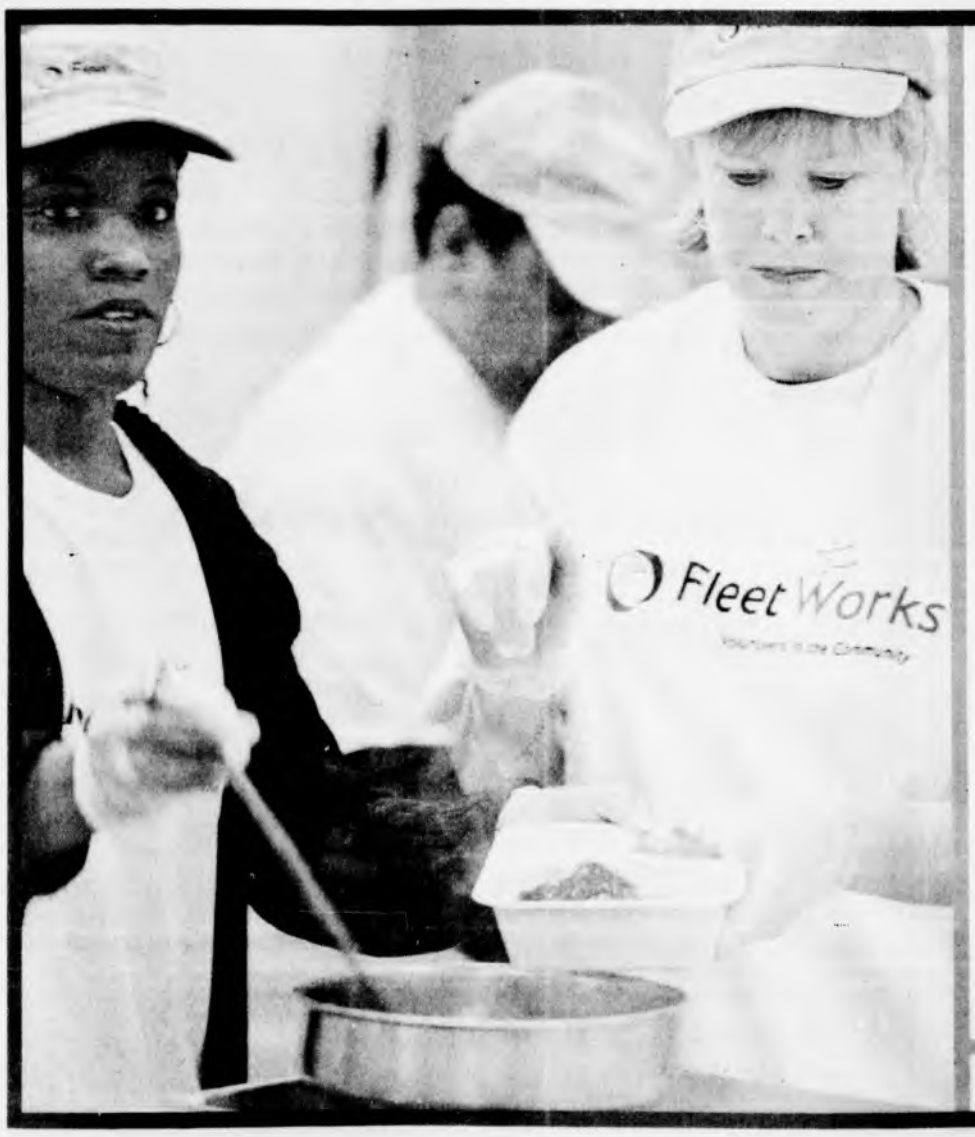
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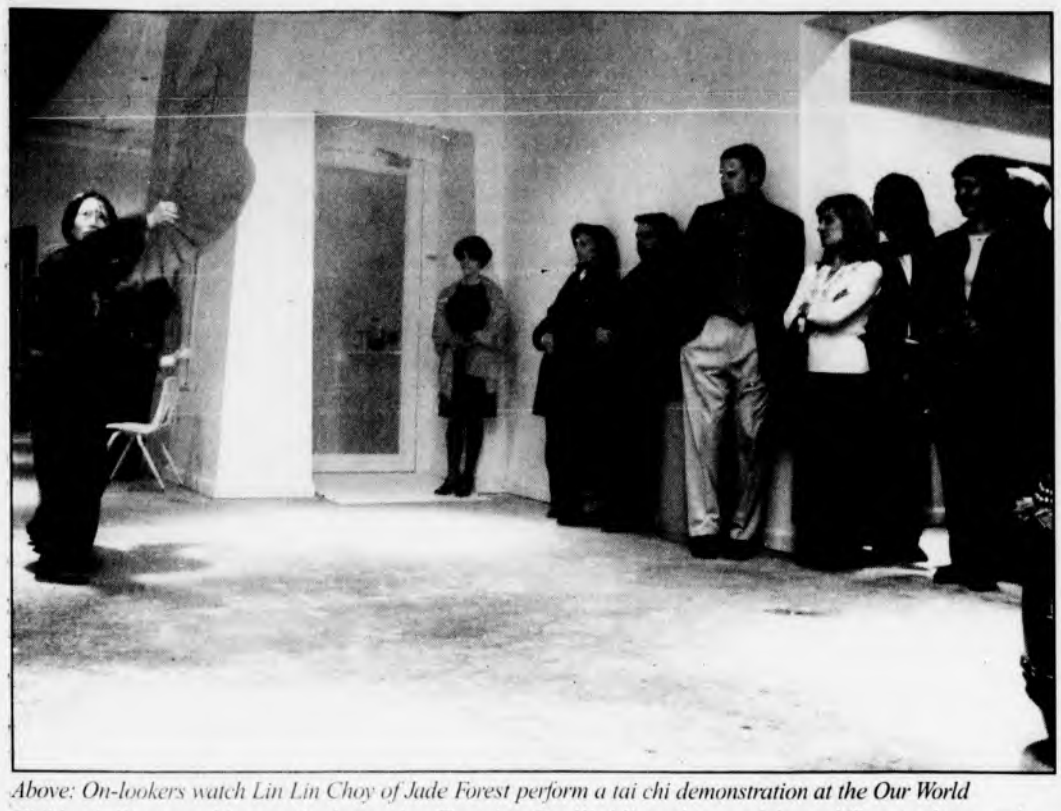
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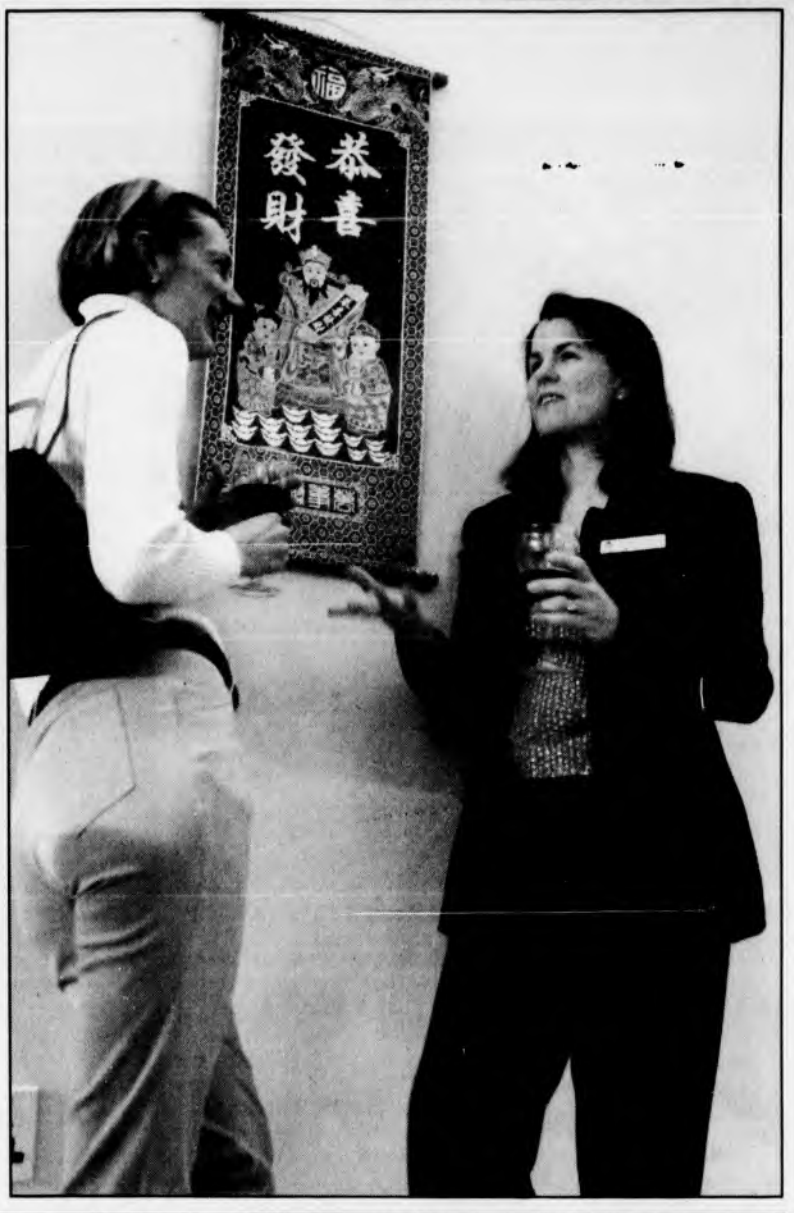
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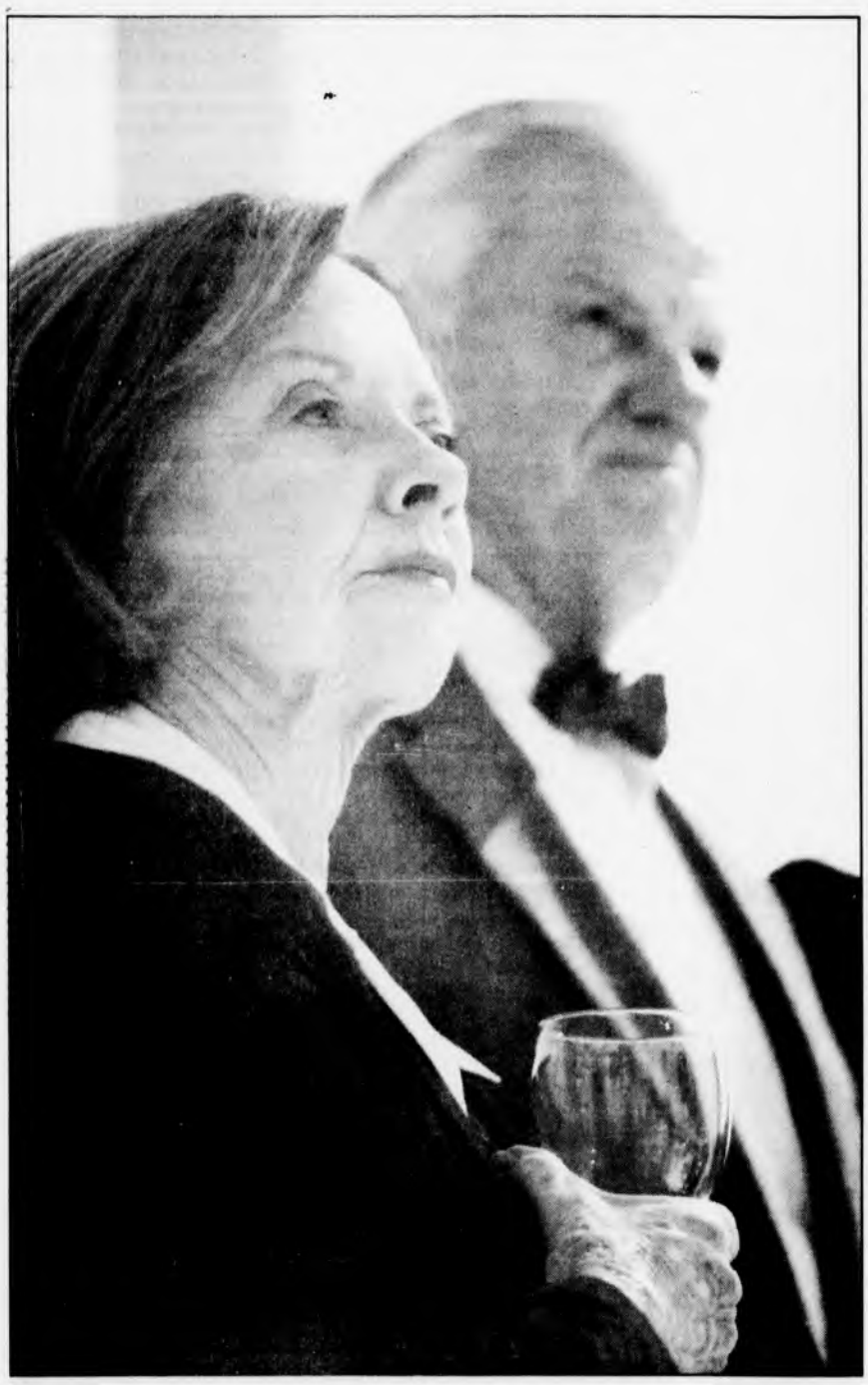
Our World hosts fund-raiser





Above: On-lookers watch Lin Lin Choy of Jade Forest perform a tai chi demonstration at the Our World Children's Discovery Museum fundraiser last Thursday. Our World's goal is to celebrate different cultures and focus on the similarities rather than the differences.

At right: Diane DeCaprio and Logan Bernstein, both of Cohasset chat underneath a Chinese banner during the fund-raiser for Our World.





Above: John Loupos, the chief instructor of Jade Forest in Cohasset, leads his lion through the crowd at the Our World Children's Discovery Museum off Ripley Road and Sohier Street. Loupos instructed the guests to touch the lion for good luck.

At left: Patsy Rabstejnek and her husband George, both of Cohasset, listen attentively to the presentation at the fundraiser at the museum which is in the wing to the back of the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library.



At right: Leah Taylor-Roy, co-founder and a trustee of the museum, talks about what the museum hopes to accomplish and asks for donations to help fulfill the vision.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK



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Donna Pratt of Cohasset listens as Chris Harrington discusses the benefits of College Gate at the Hingham Middle School.

Derby Academy Camp Fair draws a crowd

Derby Academy hosted its 13th Annual Summer Opportunities Camp Fair on Saturday, Jan. 24, welcoming more than 88 different programs from the New England area and the United States. Families from through out the South Shore came and collected information on opportunities for students of ages 4 – 18. Represented at the fair were: Day Programs; Traditional Overnight Programs; Adventure and Outward Bound Programs; Sports Programs; the Arts and Theater; and Academic Enrichment. Something for everyone!

The Camp Fair has become an annual event allowing families the chance to discover the wide variety of summer programs, local, regional and abroad, that benefit the growth and development of all interests and talents. Further information on programs that participated may be found on the Derby Academy Webpage: www.derbyacademy.org. To obtain an informational packet, contact the Fair Coordinator, Mardie Orshak at campfair@derbyacademy.org, or 781-749-0746, ext. 29.

Post prom party donations sought

Preparations are underway for the 2004 Cohasset High School Post Prom Party. The party will follow the Senior Prom, which is being held on the evening of Friday, May 28. The Post Prom Party 2004 will be held in the Cohasset Middle/High School. Traditionally, it's a magical evening with a surprise-decorated theme and includes music, entertainment, food and prizes. This event provides our seniors and their guests a night of celebrating together in a safe alcohol and drug-free environment and each year proves to be a huge and happy success with the majority of the seniors and their guests in attendance.

The 2004 Post Prom Party Committee needs the support of the Cohasset community as it relies on contributions to fund a major portion of the Post Prom Party expenses. Please consider making a donation of any size to this most worthwhile event and mail your check to:

2004 Cohasset Post Prom Party c/o **Irene Barry** 29 Lamberts Lane Cohasset, MA 02025

Hospital Friends offer scholarships

The Friends of South Shore Hospital, the hospital's 500-member auxiliary, will award four $1,000 scholarships to area public high school seniors who are planning a health-care career.

Applications will be made available on Feb. 16; eligible students must complete and submit a scholarship application by April 9. The applications can be picked up at the information desk in the main lobby of the hospital or by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: Scholarship Chairman, The Friends of South Shore Hospital, 11 Downing Street, Hingham, MA 02043. The applications may be returned to the information desk in the hospital's main lobby or to the scholarship chairman at the above address.

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Artist exhibit

Paintings by artist, Dianne Panarelli Miller, will be on display at the library through Feb. 29. Miller has achieved success as an oil painter and has recently received "Best of Show" at the Captain Forbes Museum in Milton and "Award of Excellence" at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. She has exhibited regionally at many galleries and museums and is a prestigious "Copley Artist" at the Copley Society in Boston. She has also exhibited nationally in New York at the Avenue Art Gallery and the Pastel Society and in California at the North Valley Art League. She is currently teaching at local art associations while maintaining her studio in Abington.

Story and craft time

Helping Children Have Success Now, A Community Partnership for Children, is sponsoring, a "Story and Craft Time". The event will be held at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 10-11:30 a.m.. Storyteller Diana Kane will be performing in the Meeting Room and crafts will be created in the Story Room. For further information or directions, please call Sharon Moody at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 781-383-1348 ex. 107.

Birthday card contest

In honor of the anniversary of Dr. Seuss's 100th birthday (March 2, 2004) we will have a birthday card contest. Create a colorful and creative birthday card for Dr. Seuss's 100th birthday and bring it to Mrs. Moody. The card may be any size, shape, or color. You may use anything and everything to decorate it. It must contain the number 100 and the words "Happy Birthday". On the back of the card include your name, age, and telephone number. The contest begins on Feb. 1 and ends on Feb. 23 and is open to students through age 12. Winners will be awarded a prize at the Dr. Seuss Birthday Party on Saturday, Feb. 28. More details to come!

Winter story hours

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library announces the Winter Story Hour schedule.

The Drop-In Story Time schedule will be:

- Monday, Feb. 23 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Drop-In Story Time is for all ages, lasts one-half hour, and does not require registration.

Story & Craft registration begins Thursday, Jan. 15. Story & Craft is for ages 3-6 years, lasts one hour, and requires pre-registration.

The Story & Craft schedule will be:

- Thursday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
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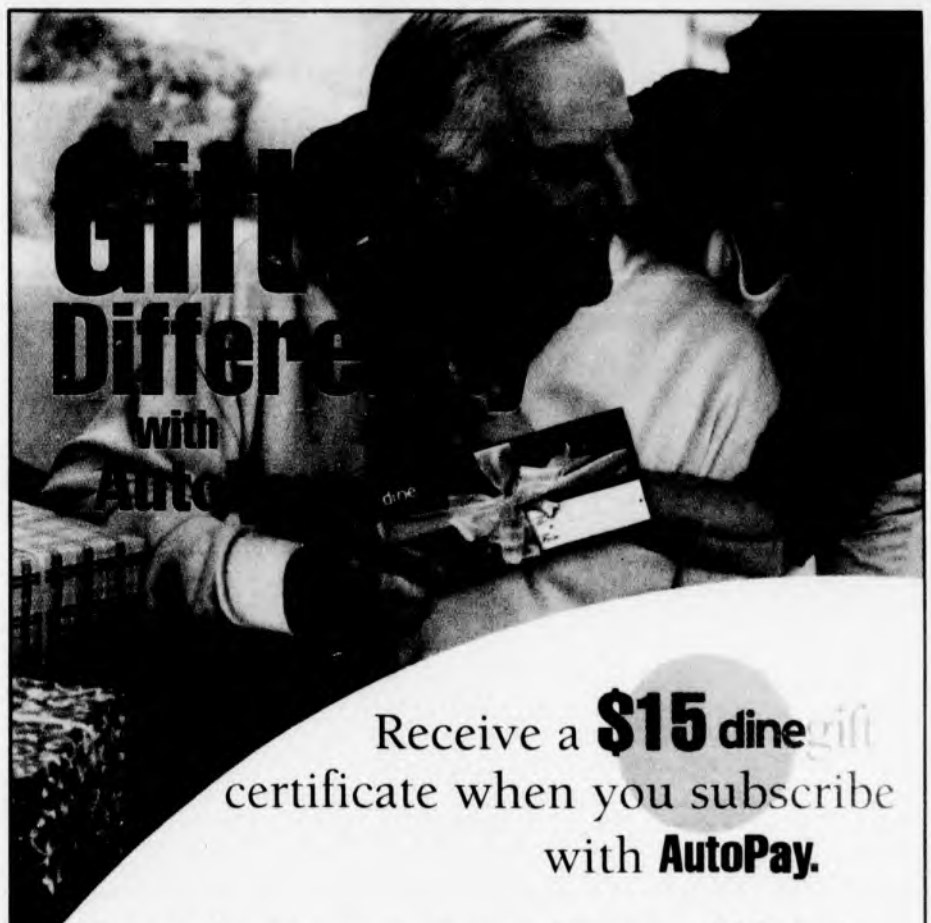
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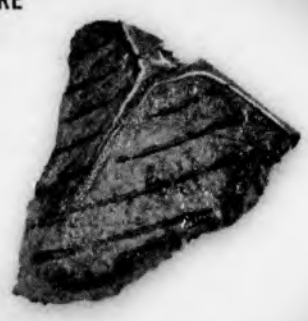
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Alexandra Weissman gets a lift from Watson Leffel across the Deer Hill schoolyard during fourth-grade recess.

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ASP meeting a must

There is a mandatory orientation meeting for all ASP (Appalachia Service Project) volunteers and parents on Sunday, Feb. 8 at the Second Congregational Church. If you cannot attend, please contact the Building Block leader or Center Leader.

Valentine Dance

South Shore ARC invites you to a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Cohasset Lightkeeper's House from 7 to 10 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Roger's Music Express. Tickets are $12 in advance or $15 at the door. For more information, call Katie Hanley at 781-335-3023 x2227.

South Shore ARC is a private non-profit agency located in Weymouth providing quality services and advocacy for children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families. It has been providing services to toddlers, teens and adults throughout the South Shore and Southeastern Massachusetts since 1951.

Garage dance

There will be a Dance at the Garage on Friday, Feb. 6, from 7 to 10 p.m. The dance is offered to all sixth grades and up, having a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be for sale.

Local educator to speak on Japan

Recently returned from Japan, Fulbright Memorial Fund recipient Patricia Bologna will speak about her overseas experiences to the Hingham area branch of the American Association of University Women at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main St. The director of library/media services at Notre Dame, Bologna spent three weeks in Japan. Her presentation, "Girl Talk: The Earth Has a Thousand Voices," will examine the learning climate of Japanese teenage girls and focus on her observations about Japanese culture. The program is free and open to the public.

The Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program (FMF) is designed to provide American primary and secondary school teachers and administrators with opportunities for fully funded short-term study programs in Japan. Its aim is to increase understanding of Japan among a crucial group of Americans who will be helping to shape and educate the next generation of leaders in the United States.

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Children's February art series is offered

The Children's Creativity Workshops is offering a variety of new and inspiring art programs for boys and girls.

During the February school vacation "Trinkets and Treasures " is a three-part work shop that takes place for ages 6 to 8 years, Feb. 16, 17 and 18, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Students will be creating miniatures from colored clays. For young artists interested in learning many basics of painting "Beginners Acrylic Painting" will be given. This series is designed for ages 9 to 14 years and will meet from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. four times, Feb. 16, 17, 18 and 19. Registration is now open.

For more information, call 781-749-5923. For a listing of winter workshops and to view the student galleries, visit the website at www.childrenscreativity.

Boating basics

A class will be held at Wompatuck State Park, Union Street (Visitor Center), on March 6 and 13, (both classes required), from 8:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m. Pre-registration required with MA Environmental Police at 508-790-9360 or 617-727-8760.

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Solo piano concert of Beethoven's Ninth

Boston pianist John Ferguson will present a performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, transcribed for solo piano by Franz Liszt, Feb. 8, at 3 p.m., at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset (16 Highland Avenue, 781-383-1083). Admission is free.

Ferguson a piano and violin teacher at community music schools in the Boston area.

Ladies' Night at Cohasset Tennis Club

On Friday, Feb. 27, from 6:30 to 11 p.m., at the Cohasset Tennis Club, 21Cedar St. Tenacity, a non-profit youth development organization that offers free tennis instruction, academic enrichment and important life skills to more than 2,500 Boston area youths.

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Five-week, educational program learning about the natural wonders of winter. Animal tracking and adaptations, bird watching, snow flake examining and more. Please pre-register. Members: $35 Nonmembers: $50

• February Vacation Nature Program — ages 6-10, Weir River Farm and Whitney and Thayer Woods,.

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Interpretive Walks

• Winter Ornamental Tree Identification, World's End Reservation, Hingham

Saturday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.

World's End Ranger, Ryland Rogers, guides participants along the trails of World's End offering hints on identifying ornamental trees by the bark, buds, and overall shape. Please pre-register. Members: free, Nonmembers: $4.50

Adult outdoor activities

• Snow days throughout the winter

Lessons for adults: Cross-country Skiing and Snow Shoeing, World's End Reservation, Hingham

Ranger, Gail Parks, an experienced athletic director, will provide cross-country skiing and snow shoeing lessons. Please pre-register. Participants will be called when there is enough snow. Members: Free Nonmembers: $4.50

• Introduction to Snowshoeing on Turkey Hill, Adults only; Turkey Hill. Hingham

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Audubon programs for children and families

Nature Stories are offered the second Friday of each month from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Mass Audubon's North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., (Route 3A) Marshfield

Friday, Feb. 13 the topic will be Harbor Seals. There will be a story, a craft, and weather permitting, a short nature walk related to the theme. Space is limited so please preregister at 781.837.9400. Admission is $6 or $4 for Mass Audubon members.

February Vacation Week Activities- Animal Habitats in Winter

Activities for children age 7-12. Wednesday, February 18 through Friday, Feb. 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meets at Mass Audubon's North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main Street (Route 3A), Marshfield. The fee is $45 per day or $40 for Mass Audubon members.

Moon and Star Gazing for the Family

Meet Bob Sturdy at Mass Audubon's North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main Street (Route 3A) in Marshfield. Friday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. He will share constellation myths and teach the group how to spot objects in the night sky. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Be sure to dress very warmly. Fee is $7 or $5 for Mass Audubon members.

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Hornstra marks months with history

Dairy delivers the old-fashioned way

By Carol Britton Meyer
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In addition to the usual eggs, milk, bread, and fresh-squeezed orange juice, Hornstra Farms customers received a unique history lesson in their milk boxes earlier this month.

For the first time since the 1970s, Hornstra Farms delivered calendars to some 2,500 customers in Hingham and other South Shore communities.

"Business has never been better, and this is our way of thanking our customers for their patronage," said John Hornstra, who runs the business. "I'm a history buff and thought using our photos would be fun and would educate people about how dairy farming used to be and what Hingham was like when it was a small town. We're trying to bring back some nostalgia."

Seeing old photos brings back memories from his own childhood. "I remember getting corn seed out of a big bin when Little Plain Hardware was in Hingham Centre," Hornstra said. Others recall seeing an occasional cow peek in a high school window when a class was in session.

"Some people today have never seen a cow," he said. "Sharing the photos through the calendar is a way of encouraging an appreciation for dairy farming and the hard work that went into a quart of milk and still does. That's not evident when you buy a gallon of milk at the grocery store."

Each calendar page shows a scene from the days when the Hornstras ran a working farm. As times changed, the milk production operation was moved from Union Street to the family farm in North Haverhill, N.H.

Historic scenes from the Hornstra Farms photograph collection which appear in the calendar include the fleet of milk trucks in the early 1950s; a herd of cows heading for the Union Street pasture where children now play soccer; John's great-uncle, also John Hornstra, delivering milk around 1920 along North Street in a milk "truck" pulled by "Governor," a horse formerly owned by Governor John D. Long; and John's father, Jack, readying the soil for another spring planting in the early 1940s. A couple of the farm scenes were photographed for Eleanor Roosevelt's World War II book, "This is America."



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The proud fleet in the early 1950s when Hornstra milk trucks were a common sight on the South Shore. Manufactured by Detroit Industrial Vehicle Company between 1926 and 1985, these trucks were famous for their "Step 'N Drive" design which saved times when stops were close together. (Photo from Hornstra Farms' February calendar page).

Besides milk, bread, cheese, and eggs, Hornstra Farms also offers many specialty items, including lasagna, Cape Cod clam chowder, American flat bread pizza, homemade pies, and lemon blueberry coffee cake — all delivered to customers' doors.

Hornstra Farms has an interesting history, spanning four generations. In 1912, Hornstra's great-grandparents and their six children left their home in Holland and headed by ship to America, "the land of opportunity." They eventually landed in Hingham, where they worked for a small Fort Hill Street dairy farm. The family purchased the property in 1915. Hornstra Farms has offered fresh milk in glass bottles since that time.

The family bought the much larger 100-acre Jordan Farm on Union Street when they outgrew their original dairy farm. The new barn could hold 85 cows. On moving day, the Hornstras walked their herd of 25 Holstein cows over New Bridge Street to Cross Street, then down High and Free streets. The Hornstra family has lived on the farm ever since.

A replica of the original barn, which burned down many years ago, stands on the property now. A new weather vane adorned with a gold-leafed rooster was recently installed on top of the barn to match the original.

"We hope people who drive by will enjoy seeing it," Hornstra said. "It's a reminder of yesteryears. It looks kind of cool when you drive by."

For more information about Hornstra Farms, visit www.hornstrafarms.com.

Saving Duxbury farm

Bond Printing Company in Hanover, which prints the Hornstra Farms order forms and also printed its calendar, liked the old photographs so much that he used them in the company's 2004 calendar. Those were distributed to some 1,000 customers and others. The photos were described as "disappearing historic scenes of farming and agriculture on the South Shore from the Hornstra Farms Collection, Hingham, Massachusetts."

"I love local history. Every year our calendar incorporates old postcards of the South Shore," said John Bond. "We liked the Hornstra Farms photos so much that this year we decided to use them. It was a nice cooperation that came about naturally."

The Bond calendar also included information about the fundraising efforts of The Wildland Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts to preserve the O'Neil Farm in Duxbury, which has operated continuously since 1710, as a working farm in perpetuity. The farm is the oldest in Plymouth County and the last working dairy farm in the South Shore coastal towns. The farm, with 140 acres of forest and pastureland, has a herd of 70 cows.

"The Wildlands Trust wants to save the farm so our children and grandchildren know what a cow looks like," Bond said.

The Trust needs to raise $4.3 million to buy a conservation restriction and hopefully an agricultural restriction to permanently protect the working farm. Nearly $1 million in private donations has already been raised. The Trust is also hoping for $1.7 million in state and town funding, which means they still need to raise an additional $1.6 million to complete the project.

The farm has been in the O'Neil family for six generations and would continue to be run by Carl O'Neil. The protected farm would become a charitable corporation run by a board of directors, including a member of the Wildlands Trust and O'Neil as chairman. The Trust would never own the farm.

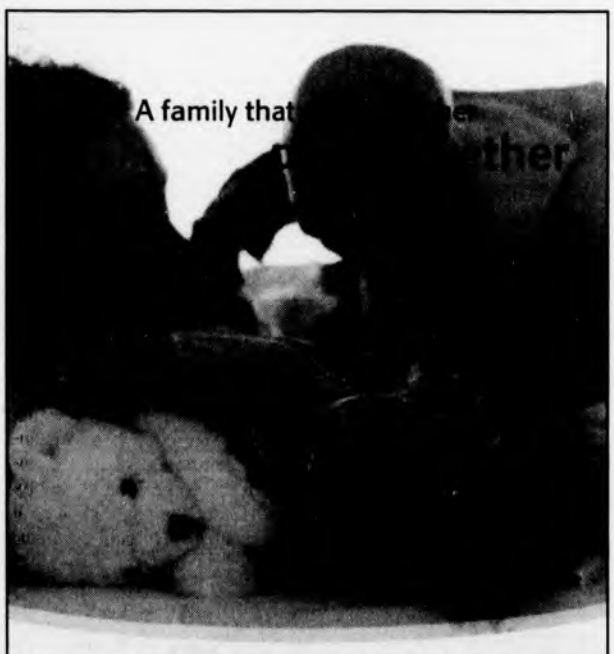
"The project involves historic preservation and preserving our agricultural heritage," said Pat Loring, who coordinates the Trust's Duxbury projects. "The great-grandfather of one of the young women who cares for the calves used to work on the farm."

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Cedarmere abutters petition Selectmen

By Samantha Brown
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While the Planning Board may have drafted the Senior Multi-Resident Overlay District bylaw, abutters to the proposed Cedarmere development think the board has set a dangerous precedent by granting a special permit without having plans that meet all the bylaw's necessary requirements.

In a letter dated Jan. 23, written to the Board of Selectmen, a group of 35 abutters asked the board, "Do whatever is in their power to thwart this approval which violates both the spirit and stipulations of the enacted bylaw."

The letter states, "Our major concerns are the lack of a proper sewage disposal plan, surface water run-off, the density of the project, (along with the massive size of the proposed manor house), the significant increase in local traffic, and the omission of betterments to the surrounding neighborhood (i.e. sidewalks, etc.). The Cedarmere Team was not required to make any concessions whatsoever to accommodate for their impact on the area."

One of the conditions of the special permit is that Cedarmere secure a solid wastewater plan. Currently, the project has neither plans for an on-site septic system, nor written proof from the Sewer Commission allowing the project to tie-in to the town's sewer lines. If the development team does not get one or the other, the project will not move forward because the Planning Board has said it will not approve the plan if all conditions have not been met. Developers are currently awaiting a decision from the courts, as they have filed an appeal against the Sewer Commission's decision, which denied their application to tie-in to the town's sewer lines.

Abutters also said they are concerned that the project, as originally proposed, included 105 housing units, and remains at 105 housing units. However, the bylaw has a special density component to help build incentive for projects, and specifically states, "The total number of dwelling units shall be limited to 10 units per acre," which means that at 41 total acres, Cedarmere could have built 410 units and still be in compliance.

The letter also mentions that the town's tax dollars are used to pay for the advice of Town Counsel, and that "The Planning Board has squandered our money by ignoring legal opinion."

The Planning Board has gone against the opinion of Town Counsel by granting the special permit to Cedarmere. The board had received a letter from Town Counsel, which stated, "In our opinion, Cedarmere is not eligible to receive the special permit because the project as currently configured does not satisfy the requirements of the bylaws regarding disposal of septic waste." The majority of Planning Board members chose not to heed that advice.

Although the Selectmen will not send forward Cedarmere's application for their affordable units, it is still unknown whether or not it will actually stop the project from moving forward. The Selectmen are currently in the process of setting up a meeting with the Department of Housing and Community Development, which will hopefully be able to shed some light on the situation. In the meantime, Cedarmere is moving ahead with plans, with or without the endorsement of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen say Cedarmere project plans are incomplete

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town sewer access by the Sewer Commission, Cedarmere filed an appeal with the courts and the final development plans will depend on how the case is ruled. The Cedarmere development will not gain ultimate approval from the Planning Board without a sewer plan in place.

"Applicants must show a plan for wastewater. We as the Board of Selectmen don't have a right to move that [project] forward," said Selectman Michael Sullivan, adding that without a wastewater plan, Selectmen won't approve the project, and if they don't approve it, it won't move forward.

"It sounds like the Selectmen are trying to take the place of the Planning Board," said Walter Sullivan, one of the attorney's for the Cedarmere team.

However, even though the board has said it will not file the application for the affordable units, Kelli Calhoun, one of the principals for the project, said plans for Cedarmere will go forward, because she and her partners have been given permission from the Planning Board to move forward. "The units won't count, but they'll be built," she said, adding it's a shame the town will have units that could have potentially counted toward its affordable housing stock. "It's unfortunate the Selectmen have chosen not to submit our application," she said.

Since early summer, the Cedaremere team, consisting of Kelli and David Calhoun of Sheldon Road and Tom Ragno of Lexington, and their consultants, have sought feedback from town boards and their consultants, as well as abutters, on the proposed senior housing development. The project is slated for 41-acres on the former Hayes Estate off Beechwood Street on the east side of 3A. Cedarmere would consist of 105-units of both affordable and market rate apartments and condominiums for seniors 55 and older.

Under the Senior Multi-Resident Overlay District bylaw, the project is required to include an affordable component. The Cedarmere team plans to construct its affordable building as a Local Initiative Program "units only" project. Currently, the town is trying to fulfill a 10 percent affordability threshold set by the state, and Cedarmere would help meet that requirement. However, the DHCD regulates all LIP projects, and as the highest elected official of the town, the Board of Selectmen is responsible for submitting the application to the state for approval.

While the Selectmen have said without their endorsement the project won't move forward, developers believe their project will satisfy the requirements of the town's bylaw even without Selectmen approval. They have interpreted the bylaw to read the Board's endorsement is a prerequisite only to the actual counting of the units by the DHCD and not to their eligibility to be counted. In other words, for the units to "count" the Selectmen need to send the application, but currently, without the board's endorsement, the units are eligible to be counted in theory, which is all Cedarmers says matters in order to build under the bylaw.

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, JAN. 26

11:56 a.m. Reservoir Road, medical aid, referred to other agency.

12:21 a.m. Pond St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pont St., traffic complaint, unfounded.

4:34 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

5:10 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave, MVA.

5:26 p.m. Black Rock Road, general services.

5:58 p.m. Ripley Road and North Main St., MVA.

6:26 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:24 p.m. Norfolk Road, vandalism.

TUESDAY, JAN. 27

2:20 a.m. Jerusalem and Black Rock Road, fire, log entry.

5:01 a.m. Linden Drive, assist citizen.

5:43 a.m. Jerusalem and Black Rock Road, fire, log entry.

7:20 a.m. Beechwood St., medial aid, removed to hospital.

8:55 a.m. Aaron River Road, fire, investigation.

9:46 a.m. Forest Ave and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2 p.m. King St. suspicious person.

8:56 p.m. Forest Ave and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28

8:59 a.m. Locust Road, assist other police dept.

9:55 a.m. Cedar and Hull St., MVA.

2:02 p.m. Stockbridge St., officer wanted.

3:51 p.m. Sohier St., missing person, returned to home or family.

5:21 p.m. Atlantic Ave, animal control.

6 p.m. King St., MVA.

10:39 p.m. Ripley Road, noise complaint.

THURSDAY, JAN. 29

12:46 a.m. Jerusalem Road, MVA, removed to hospital.

1:58 p.m. Atlantic Ave, fire.

2:53 p.m. Beach St., vandalism.

4:49 p.m. Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist motorist.

4:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

5:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:20 p.m. Howe Road, well being check.

9:05 p.m. Little Harbor Road, general services.

10:02 p.m. Highland Ave, open door/window, secured building.

FRIDAY, JAN. 30

7:27 a.m. Forest Circle, fire, investigation.

8:48 a.m. Smith Pl., animal control.

12:53 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:33 p.m. King St., wires down.

4:05 p.m. Beechwood St., power outage.

4:12 p.m. South Main and Beechwood Sts., well being check, unfounded.

5:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:31 p.m. King St., MVA.

7:34 p.m. Elm St., notification.

8:39 p.m. Deep Run, well being check, no police service necessary.

SATURDAY, JAN. 31

12:49 a.m. Cedar St., open door/window.

5:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:33 a.m. Lower King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:57 a.m. Howe Road, medial aid, removed to hospital.

10:19 a.m. Lamberts Lane, officer wanted.

10:38 a.m. North Main and Cedar Sts., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:08 a.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

7:24 p.m. Flintlock Ridge Road, fire, services rendered.

9:54 p.m. King St., officer wanted, peace restored.

11:16 p.m. Nichols Road, fire, investigation.

SUNDAY, FEB. 1

12:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, open door/window.

12:49 a.m. Flintlock Ridge Road, fire, log entry.

2:27 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:45 a.m. Beach St., assist other agency.

8:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MVA, removed to hospital.

Court grounds runway conflict

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Word of a United States Court of Appeals ruling upholding the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) approval of a controversial new runway at congested Logan Airport spread fast, causing disappointment among residents who have been fighting the proposal for a long time. The court dismissed opponents' arguments as "meritless."

The runway is expected to direct many thousands more flights annually over Boston Harbor, which would impact area towns, including Hingham, Cohasset, and Hull. The court case stemmed from claims by citizens groups that the environmental review of the project was flawed. Key issues include noise, air quality, and potential negative property value impacts.

Thomas Maloney of Main Street in Hingham objected to the use of the word "meritless" to describe community concerns. "Countless items in Massport's runway proposal have been found to be seriously flawed and blatantly untrue by a team of experts hired by residents and local communities, including Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset," he said. "I seriously doubt that the judge even opened the documents to make such a statement and ruling about this serious issue."

Massport spokesperson Jose Juves, on the other hand, said the court decision "reaffirms eight years of extensive environmental analysis and public process." He emphasized that this decision was not the one allowing the project to go forward. That was accomplished last year with the lifting of a decades-long injunction preventing the runway's construction. "This decision just removes a potential obstacle, which was an appeal of the FAA record of decision," he said. "One of the advantages of a court of law is that there is no room for rhetoric in the interpretation. This decision reiterates that a lot of the claims made by opponents are baseless."

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— Thomas Maloney, Hingham

Maloney called the entire process "a shame – nothing more. You can bet the judge who made this decision has never been awakened or kept awake even one night by jet noise, but we are supposed to accept this, every night, and be told by Massport that the noise does not even exist." Maloney also said it's obvious that those making decisions at Massport "have never experienced the disruptions and noise caused by their careless planning, which sends every runway configuration over the South Shore at this time."

Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, was disappointed but not surprised by the news. "I feel it's unfair that the runway construction plan will result in an inordinate amount of negative impacts," he said. "Unfortunately, we're a state legislature dealing with a federal agency."

Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, have been working with other state legislators — including one from Winthrop, which has been significantly impacted by Logan Airport for many years — to find ways to stop the runway or mitigate the impacts if it were to become a reality. Bradley and Hedlund have also joined efforts with the SSJPC and the regional CARE (Communities Against Runway Expansion) group.

"All along we've looked at safeguards in terms of when the runway would be used and tried to alter proposed flight paths," Hedlund said. "But it's been a David and Goliath situation even though a lot of the data indicates the new runway won't help with backlogs because of the runway's own limitations."

Hedlund and some other project opponents feel a regional approach is the way to go to take the pressure off Logan. "It doesn't make sense to close the Worcester Airport and then build a new runway at Logan," he said. "There's no coordination between Massport and the Providence and Manchester airports, either." Those airports are located close enough together to make a regional solution viable, according to Hedlund, "but that approach has been ignored all along."

Maloney emphasized that he feels it's important for residents and elected officials "to stand up and protect our communities. We have sat back for years, accepting all the added noise until we have reached this situation with Massport, hoping we would not notice. It's time to fight back and fight back hard."

Whether the runway gets built or not, Maloney said, "we should not bear the constant noise that we are already getting. On Sunday night there were two planes after midnight that were less than 2,000 feet over our homes. There is no reason this should be happening at all except for careless operations at Massport. They need to come forward to the communities and find some honest solutions to the current problems before they come at us with this proposal for a new runway."

A David and Goliath runway fight

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

The Washington, DC, Appeals Court ruled against Communities Against Runway Expansion, the South Shore Jet Pollution Council Trust and the City of Boston last week. If the court had ruled in favor of the communities, Massport would have had to start over to make a new case for runway expansion. A victory would have been great. The judgement was narrow. It ruled that the FAA had completed the steps of the required process. Nothing was granted by the court to the petitioners!

Citizens are so small in the political scheme. The forces for wholesale expansion of air transport are huge, but they are wrong, and they need to be turned around. "Jet pollution impacts don't belong on communities!" is the person-scale experience of the much wider truth. A recent study by a UK based firm, Trucost, that measures business impact on the environment concluded that the carbon from jet exhaust will account for 25 percent of global warming in a matter of a few years if all the airport and new runway expansion plans on the drawing boards are implemented.

The DC Appeals case is one of the places that proponents for quiet and clean air have looked for support. It is not the first place but maybe the hundredth or thousandth place, counting letters to the editor, Town Meetings, Public Hearings, presentations to Selectmen, state elected officials, the Garvey Panel, the post 9/11 Special Advisory Task Force on Massport, state development chief Doug Foy, Congressman Delahunt, Senator Kennedy.

I last wrote to this paper asking readers for donations to pay our lawyer in the DC Appeals Court case. I am glad to say the fundraising was successful, and credit goes to all of you who helped so generously. The FAA and Massport employed at least 10 lawyers. It goes without saying that in any one battle the odds are against citizens who challenge a big entity.

Our battle map is a wide, flexible, front of persistence. We are pursuing every route that brings our needs into the light. Jet pollution impacts are real. Reality gives strength to a long fight on home turf. We welcome your help in the long fight!

Mary Ann Frye is a member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council southshorejetpollution.org

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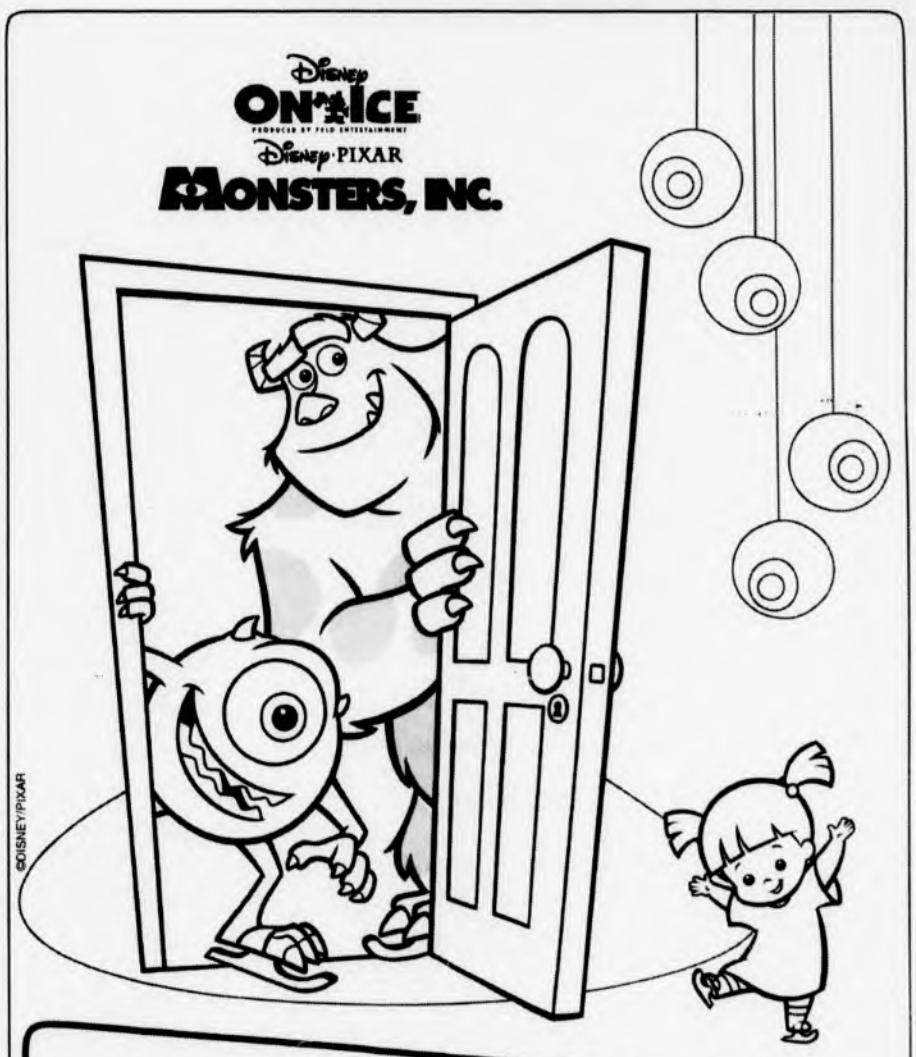
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CALENDAR

On the South Shore

FEBRUARY 5 - 13, 2004

Thurs. 5

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Animal Tails** Feb 5,12,26. Please specify morning class 9:30-11a.m. or afternoon class 1:30-3 p.m., $39 members, $48 non-members for each three week session. Join us for a special program featuring outstanding nature stories and activities for children ages 3-1/2 to 5 years. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Small Works and exhibit of work by watercolorist **Lilly Cleveland** will be showing at the James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell Feb. 5-March 3. The exhibit opens Feb 5 with a reception from 6:30-8 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull welcomes Leslie Silvia for an open forum and book signing Feb 5 at 7 p.m. Admission $3 museum members, $5 non-members. Light refreshments will be served. For more information contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or email lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net

Raffael's Restaurant, Quincy presents **"The Old Crooners,"** Easy to Remember- Ben & Brad Sing Bind, Fred & Bob on Feb. 4 and 5. All tickets $35 for the matinee series and $45 for the evening shows per person. Included are full course lunch/dinner, show, tax & gratuity. Lunch begins at noon and dinner 6:30 p.m. For reservations call Raffael's Restaurant 617-328-1600. www.jmproductionspresents.com

February Vacation Calendar

Registration Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the **Abington Public Library** for **the Music and Magic of Ireland**. Program will be held Thursday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m.. Abington children in grades K-6 are invited to attend. Space available for 75 children

The Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak St., Brockton, will offer **February Vacation Art Classes** Feb.16-20 for children ages 7-15. All materials are provided. To register contact the fuller Museum School at 508-588-6000, x125 or email: fmaschool@fullermuseum.org A complete schedule of winter classes and workshops can be found online www.fullermuseum.org

Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport!Blvd. Ste. 75, Boston, will **host World's Fair for Kids** Feb. 14-16th. VIP kick off event Feb. 13. www.wfkids.com Kids 3-13 $8, kids under 3, free. For more information call 617-573-0076 ext. 7315. **Seaport!Hotel** offers a special $150 overnight package. Call 877-SEAPORT!or visit www.seaporthotel.com

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers vacation week program Feb 17-20. Half day, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., $22 members/$26 non-members for each day. Full day, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., $36 members/$40 non-members for each day. Children in Grades 1-5. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston presents **Mikata, Rhythm and Movement from Africa and Beyond** Feb. 16 – Presidents' Day at 10:30 a.m. Performances are free and an adult must accompany children. Reservations are not necessary and space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information call 617-514-1646 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

The Purple Eggplant Cafe, 400 Bedford St. Abington Thursdays, **The New Blue Revue**, Open Mike blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

Adult Literacy and GED classes will be held at **Blue Hills Regional Technical School**, 800 Randolph St., Canton. The program is funded by Massachusetts Dept. of Education and is free of charge. For more information call 781-828-5800 ext. 325.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the **World to the White House**. Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

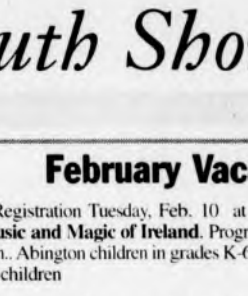
Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Jimbos Restaurant Braintree 5 Corners, Comedy night Feb. 5 at 8:30 p.m. featuring **Mike Donovan**. Admission, $10, appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., will exhibit Paintings, Drawings, Prints **by Lauren Harman** during January 2004. 781-934-2721.

The James Library & Center for Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents **The Secret Meaning of Life** exhibit by Laura Harvey, boxed assemblage, sculpture, 3D collage from Jan. 9 to Feb. 5.



Actor and Weymouth native Corddry has two small parts in the national tour of "The Graduate." At one performance during the show's current Boston run, however, Corddry will step in for the actor who plays the title role and get his own chance to play love scenes with Lorraine Bracco ("The Sopranos") on-stage in front of more than 2,000 people including his parents, friends and high school drama teacher.

"I probably won't sleep at all the night before," explained Corddry, 26, last week about plans for him to play the title character in "The Graduate" Feb. 4 at the Colonial Theatre. As understudy for Jonathan C. Kaplan, the actor who usually performs the role of the sexually frustrated Benjamin Braddock in the play's national tour, Corddry has gone on in the lead just a few times during his six months with the show. At most performances, his regular roles as "Bellhop" and "Man in Bar" place him further from the action.

"Jonathan offered to take a night off so that I could have the chance to play this role in front of my family and friends from high school," explains Corddry who graduated from Weymouth High School in 1995 and now makes his home in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Set in 1960s California, the stage version of "The Graduate" is adapted by Terry Johnson, from the novel by Charles Webb and the screenplay by Calder Willingham and Buck Henry. An iconic piece of American pop culture, "The Graduate" is a comedic coming-of-age story about an innocent college grad who is seduced by an older woman. The now classic 1967 film adaptation starred Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft, while the 2002 Broadway production featured Jason Biggs and Kathleen Turner. The current tour is being directed by Peter Lawrence.

"The Graduate" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, through Feb. 8. For tickets, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

- R. Scott Reedy

Fri. 6

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Moonlit Esker Hike** Feb 6 at 6:45-8 p.m. $4 members, $8 non-members per family of four. Join us for a special program featuring outstanding nature stories and activities for children ages 3-1/2 to 5 years. For more information on this class and others call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

The Turntables will perform Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6 & 7 at the **Bridgewaye Inn** in Humarock. Admission is $15 Shows begin at 8 p.m. Dinner reservations at 6:15, 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. are optional. For reservations call (508) 746-2939.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Fri. at 10:30-11a.m.. (except holidays and vacation weeks Free with admission. Join us for a half-hour of storytelling that will delight youngsters (and accompanying adults, too). Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

KIDSPOT presents **You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown** at St. Christine's Parish Hall, Rte.3A Marshfield Feb. 6 & 7 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $6 in advance, $8 at the door. To reserve tickets call 781-826-8550.

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents the 25th Anniversary Swing Concert and Food Drive, Billy Novick & Guy Van Duser, Feb 6 at 8 p.m. at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston Bring a donation for the Food Pantry. Admission is $13 members, $15 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052 or www.ssfmc.org

Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury, presents a performance of the **Art of Music Chamber Players with Timothy Roberts**, Artistic Director Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets $20, Seniors $15 and students $5. For more information call 781 837-2705

The Next Page, Broad St., Weymouth, **New Blue Revue**, Feb. 6 and 9 p.m. 781-335-9796. No cover.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Smokey Joe's Cafe at Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center presents **Tony-winning Motown** era musical review featuring hits of the '50s & '60s Feb. 6,7,14,15,21,22. Four course dinner and show $39.95, show only $20. Fri. and Sat. dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m., Sun. dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. For reservations and information call 781-843-5862.

Sat. 7

The South Shore Simmons Club will hold a luncheon at the **Red Sauce**, Route 53, Hingham, Feb. 2 at 12 noon. Guest speaker will be Kelly Cobble, Curator for the National Park Service at the Adams National Historical Park in Quincy. New members and guests are welcome. Luncheon $16. For reservations and information call 781-878-8443.

The Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology, Boston will conduct an **Open House** Feb. 7 from 10:30 a.m. ñ 1 p.m. For more information call 617-423-4630 ext. 121 or www.bfit.edu

The Dessert Club, at The First Parish Church, Taunton presents **Back Eddy Bluegrass** Feb. 7. Tickets $12 doors open at 7 p.m. and show starts at 8 p.m. For more information call 508-824-4143 or www.thedessertclub.com

Dominic Chianese from **The Sopranos** will appear in concert at **The Company Theatre**, 30 Accord Park, Norwell, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $35 and available at the box office or calling 781-871-2787.

A Black History Month Event presented at **The James Library & Center** for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. A one-woman show by actress **Marcia Estabrook**. Tickets are $10 at the door or in advance by calling 781-659-7100.

Borders, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, sponsors **Lasagna: The Art of Layered Cooking** Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. featuring cookbook author Dwayne Ridgaway for a book signing and cooking demonstration. Events are free and open to the public. For more information call Kelly Mullaly at 401-946-8771.

The North River Arts Society presents **Recent Paintings by Brooks Kelly** at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham starting Jan. 31 through March 26. Open Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Call library to confirm current hours, 781-741-1405. Opening reception Feb 2 from 7-9 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

JJ Mulligan's Sports Bar, 941 Washington St., S. Braintree, Feb. 7, **The Houserockers**, 9 p.m. No. cover. 781-849-7007.



BEST BET

A Black History Month Event presented at The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. features a one-woman show "Escape from Slavery," by actress Marcia Estabrook portraying the remarkable story of Ellen Craft. Tickets are $10 at the door or in advance by calling 781-659-7100.



BEST BET

The Turntables will perform Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6 & 7 at the Bridgewaye Inn in Humarock. Admission is $15 Shows begin at 8 p.m. Dinner reservations at 6:15, 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. are optional. For reservations call (508) 746-2939.

Sun. 8

I Will Remember You concert directed by **Kaylen Robson** to benefit **Hospice of the South Shore and Weymouth Concert Choir** will be presented at the Weymouth High School, 1051 Commercial St., E. Weymouth Feb 8 at 3:30 p.m. Tickets $5 per person and $10 per family. For more information call 781-331-1106.

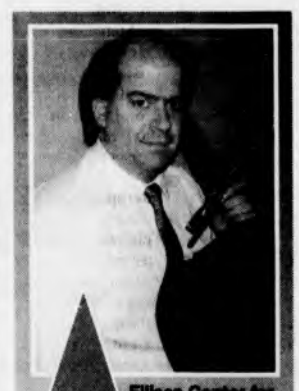
The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, 16 Court St., Plymouth, will present **Cartoon Classics for Kids . . of All Ages** Feb 8. For more information on time and tickets please call 508-746-8008 or visit www.plymouthphilharmonic.com

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BEST BET

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents the 25th Anniversary Swing Concert and Food Drive featuring Billy Novick & Guy Van Duser, Friday, Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston Bring a donation for the Food Pantry. Admission is $13 members, $15 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052 or www.ssfmc.org



BEST BET

Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury, presents a performance of the Art of Music Chamber Players with Timothy Roberts, Artistic Director Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets $20, Seniors $15 and students $5. For more information call 781 837-2705

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William Martin to speak as part of **Author Talk & Signing Series** at the **Duxbury Free Library's Merry Room**, Duxbury Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. For more information call 781-934-2128 or www.westwindsbookshop.com

Weymouth's Boy Scout Troop 92 will hold a **50th Anniversary Open House** Feb. 8 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 241 Broad St., Weymouth following the 10 a.m. annual Scout service. All former Troop 92 scouts, scout masters, adult leaders and any others involved with the Troop are invited to attend this celebration. Email: Troop92@beld.net if planning to attend. www.troop92.com

Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**, Broad St., Weymouth for children 41/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For more information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org

Sunday Tea at the JFK on Feb. 8, 15, 22, 29 at the **John F. Kennedy Library and Museum**, Columbia Pont. Enjoy tea, fruit scones, tea sandwiches, PBJs and dessert in the Smith Crescent Room between 1:30 - 3 p.m.. Tickets $14 children 12 yrs and younger, $17 for adults. Reservations strongly recommended 617-514-1586. For more information about the JFK Library and Museum call 866-535-1960 or www.jfklibrary.org

Old Ship Candlelight Concerts will host the **Solati Trio** at Old Ship Church, 107 Main St., Hingham, Feb 8 at 4 p.m. Concerts are free to the public. For more information call 781-749-5493.

Bristol Chamber Orchestra will perform at the First Universalist Society Meeting House, 262 chestnut St., Franklin Feb. 8 at 3:30 p.m. This concert will present String Trios and is presented by LiveArts. Tickets are adults pre-paid $17, at the door $20. Students $10, Seniors pre-paid $14, at the door $16. Call 508-238-6015 or www.bristolchamberorchestra.org/ticketorder.htm

Marshfield Ventress Library Sunday Concerts, presents two Valentine prerformances staring Boston based cabaret singers **Bobbi Carrey** and **Will McMillan** and **Doug Hammer** on piano Feb 8 and 29 at 2 p.m. Concerts are free. For more information call Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or cwoods@ocln.org

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will show together the text and illustrations from the Persian literary works: the Shah-nama, Khavar-nama, Khamza of Nizami and Hadith al Anbiya in the exhibition **Complex Tales: Persia** Feb.1-April 25. For more information call 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town members of the **Weymouth Art Association** will display at several locations in Feb and March. Paintings may be purchased. For more information call 781-335-4675

A Conversation About Stuff We Like/New Sculpture by Alan Klein and Mike Newby will be exhibited at the **Art Complex Museum**, 189 Alden St., Duxbury Feb. 1-April 4. Opening reception Feb. 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m. For more information call 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

Piranesi and His Contemporaries from the collection of Elizabeth Morse and Richard Wendorf. This collection of 18th-century old-master prints has been assembled over a 20-year period, with a focus on the work of Giovanni Battista Piranesi Jan. 9 through Feb. 22. **South Shore Art Center**, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset.. Accessible to all. 781-383-ARTS, www.ssac.org On Sunday, Jan. 25, 4 p.m. Gallery Talk: Living With Piranesi with Richard Wendorf-"The Stanford Calderwood Director and Librarian" The Boston Athenaeum. Free to the public.



BEST BET

Small Works and exhibit of work by watercolorist Lilly Cleveland is on display at the James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell from Feb. 5-March 3. The exhibit opens Feb. 5 with a reception from 6:30-8 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100.

South Shore ARC is offering its **Sunday Open Gym** through April 4, at the Cole School in Norwell from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. $10 fee. 781-335-3023 x2227.

The Interfaith Book Study Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for February, Siddhartha by H. Hesse (Buddhism); March, Palace Walk by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the oil paintings of Hingham artist **Judith Mehring** through the end of February. 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

"Single Executives Club" Sunday Singles Dance" every Sunday evening at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended.

Mon. 9

Blood Drive at the **Radisson Inn/Plymouth Harbor**, 180 Water St., Plymouth Feb. 9 at 1p.m.-6p.m. Anyone 17 yrs and older weighing over 110 pounds and in good health may be eligible to donate blood. Call 508-830-1620 for appointment. www.newenglandblood.org

The North River Arts Society presents **Feathers**, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, featuring photographs by Cindy Vallino, depicting birds in the landscape from local areas, and from the Bosque del Apache Bird Sanctuary in New Mexico, Jan. 3 to Feb. 28. The library is located in the Library Plaza, Marshfield. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30pm at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Westwinds Bookshop located at the Duxbury Marketplace, Duxbury, will be forming its Book Club and Writer's Workshop. If interested in joining either group, call 781-934-2128.

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical conceived choreographed and directed by **Twyla Tharp** and based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly, free, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Tues. 10

Weymouth Voice of the Faithful will meet at **St. Albert the Great Parish**, 1130 Washington St., East Weymouth, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. Fr. Lenny Tighe will lead a discussion regarding the role of the laity in the church. All are invited to attend. For information call 781-337-8778.

Fulbright Memorial Fund recipient **Patricia Bologna** will speak to **the Hingham Area Branch of the American Assoc. of University Women** at Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main St., Hingham Feb 10 at 7:30 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For more information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnolly@artsfirst.org

25th Annual USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild Exhibit at the **USS Constitution Museum**, Charlestown Navy Yard Feb. 1-March 6, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Admission is free and donations are encouraged. www.uss-constitutionmuseum.org

Partners Home Care presents the **16th Annual Great Chefs 2004** at the Sheraton Braintree Hotel Feb. 10. Festivities begin 6:30 p.m. with wine tasting, hors d'ouevres and music provided by 'The New Orleans Connection.' A live and silent auction will follow. Tickets are $75 per person, $750 for table of ten and can be purchased by calling 781-681-1229 or website www.partnershomecare.org

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a Hingham Luncheon at the Red Sauce Restaurant, Hingham, Rte. 3 to exit 14 toward Hingham, left on Rte. 53, Feb. 10. Sponsored by RBC Dain Rauscher. Pre-registration tickets $20 members, $35 nonmembers. At the door $25 members, $40 nonmembers. www.sswbn.org

Boston Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston, presents **The Graduate**, starring Lorraine Bracco, Jonathan C. Kaplan and Devon Sorvari Jan. 27 through Feb. 8. Tickets available at box office at the Colonial or at the Wilbur Theatre box office, 246 Tremont St., Boston, or by calling ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or ticketmaste.com

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. The book Breakfast at Tiffany's by Truman Capote is the reading for the Jan. 13 meeting. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250.

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.



The Old Crooner...Easy to Remember — Ben and Brad Sing Fred & Bob" as part of JM Productions Dinner Theatre season at Raffael's Feb. 4 and 5. Swift songs along with premieres of two unpublished George & Ira Gershwin songs. Their reputation as Gershwin performers was honored by the selection of their recordings to be part of the Interactive Kiosk at the new George & Ira Gershwin Room at the Library of Congress.

In addition to Berlin and the Gershwins, the pair also regularly perform shows saluting Richard Rodgers and Yip Harburg. Next week in North Quincy, Sears and Conner will perform "Easy to Remember," their homage to the music made famous by Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Fred Astaire." The show will include a special selection of Irving Berlin songs written for the films of Bing and Fred, with music from "Holiday Inn." "White Christmas," "Top Hat" and "Follow the Fleet." Also featured will be songs heard in the Crosby and Hope "Road pictures," as well as music long associated with Hope including "Thanks for the Memories" and "I Can't Get Started."

"The Old Crooner...Easy to Remember — Ben and Brad Sing Fred & Bob" will be performed as part of JM Productions Dinner Theatre season at Raffael's, One Enterprise Drive, North Quincy Feb. 4 and 5. For tickets and information, call 617/328-1600.

- R. Scott Reedy

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. Dave Thomas Band. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 11

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Parents and Tots** Session II Feb 4,11,25 at 9:30-10:45a.m.. $21 members, $24 non-members, per session. Additional family members are half price. Dress for the weather. Limit 8 children. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Winter Programs** every Wed. at 3 p.m. and Sat. at 10 a.m.. Free with admission. Come watch the naturalist on duty feed the animals. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 12

The Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak St., Brockton invites fans to hear **Shake Off the Cold**, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. Local poets can sigh up for open readings at 6:30 p.m.. Admission is $3. For more information call 508-588-6000 x.113

The Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 12, comedy night host Annette Pollack, comedians **Bob Niles, Pat Hicks, Jack Hurney, Eric Cannon** 8:30 p.m. Tickets $8. 781-335-9796.

Children's Valentine's Day Activity at the **Hull Lifesaving Museum**, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull Feb. 12 at 3:30 p.m. Children ages 4-12, accompanied by an adult are invited to drop by for activities and treats. $2 museum members, $4 non-members. Call 781-925-5433 to reserve a space. Email, lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net

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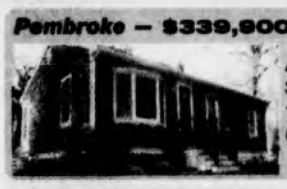
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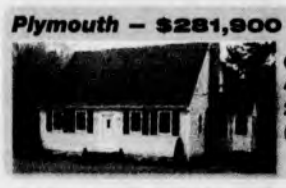
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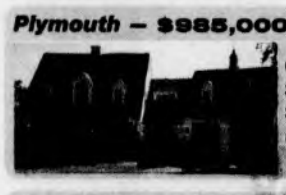
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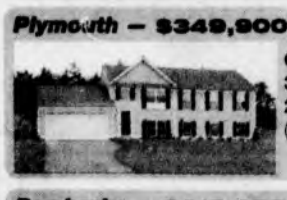
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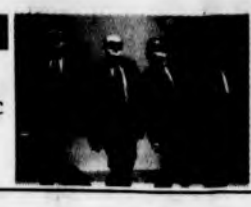
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Fired ACO wants job back

Murphy says his termination was unfair

By Mary Ford
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When Town Manager Mark Haddad cleaned house at the police department last Oct. 20 — swept out along with Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean — was animal control officer Paul Murphy, who had worked in town for five years.

Until now, Murphy, who is not protected by a union or Civil Service, has been silent about being forced out of a job he says he loved.

The Hingham resident is now speaking out, claiming he was fired for political reasons because he is a long-time family friend of Quigley's and the fact he refused to back the police chief in a meeting with Haddad last October.

To date, other than a terse, one-paragraph letter stating he was fired — Murphy said he has not been given any official reason for his termination.

Haddad and Chief Robert Jackson have declined to comment on the ongoing police matter. Neither returned phone calls to comment on the case involving Murphy.

In recent weeks, Murphy could be seen sitting quietly in the back of the selectmen's office during the first two days of the public disciplinary hearing involving allegations of police misconduct by the two police officers.

"It is obvious the charges are trumped up," Murphy says about the allegations against Quigley and McLean.

Murphy says he has retained an attorney and is considering fighting back and is poised to take legal action to "get my job and my reputation back." He says potential civil suits could involve discrimination and unfair termination. Murphy, 65, is a senior citizen and is blind in one eye due to an accident several years ago.

Haddad told the Mariner on Oct. 20 — the same day he placed Quigley and McLean on paid administrative leave — he fired Murphy due to numerous complaints.

But Murphy, who also works part-time as the animal control officer in Norwell, says he was never told of any complaints about his work or given any progressive discipline. In fact about two years ago, Haddad made Murphy "inspector of animals," a post previously held by Health Agent Joseph

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Juvenile's parents seek court action

'Legion arrests' on docket today

By Mary Ford
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Those who are following the ongoing police disciplinary hearings at Town Hall won't hear any more about one arrest and one protective custody involving a juvenile until after a hearing slated for 3 p.m., Feb. 25 in Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham.

At that time, Judge Isaac Borenstein is expected to decide whether to close parts of the hearing involving the juvenile. He said the press has the right to seek to intervene to keep the hearing open, and the Mariner is expected to exercise that option.

But at 9 a.m. today, testimony about the arrest of Keith Jackson, the police chief's son, and two others outside the American Legion Hall on Oct. 11 is expected to begin. The town (or prosecution) is continuing to present its case involving charges against Sgt.

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School board paints picture

Says override is requirement

By Samantha Brown
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It could be up to the town to decide the fate of the schools, as the School Committee has voted to present a budget which includes a $400,000 Prop. 2-1/2 override. If the override passes, the schools could see a total loss of three classroom teachers, but if it doesn't pass, the School Committee estimates more teachers would be cut to balance the budget.

"Obviously we need an override. We can't come up with a smaller number. This is the minimum we can afford to give up," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn.

"We can't come up with a smaller number. This is the minimum we can afford to give up."
— School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn

The School Committee, Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee met last night after the Mariner went to press to discuss the school budget. Selectmen must give the OK for an override question to go on the ballot.

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo said, "If the override doesn't pass, we're looking at possibly eight teachers," who will need to be cut. However, while the goal is to keep as many teachers employed as possible, when a large sum of money is needed, the only place that figure can be made up is by cutting teacher salaries, officials said.

Prop.-2/12 is the state law

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ICEBOUND

For more than a month, the town's lobster fleet was locked in the ice keeping local lobstermen from getting out to check their traps. This past Monday, thanks to the combined efforts of Selectman Fred Koed, U.S. Rep. William Delahunt's office, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley — an old Coast Guard boat (now owned by the State Police) came down and ran up and down the ice pack creating a wake that helped break up the ice and free the lobster boats.



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Shan Shan Nie, who is Chinese, is one of 50 METCO students in Cohasset.

The long road from China to Cohasset

METCO student makes an impact

By Samantha Brown
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Every day, Cohasset Middle-High School student Shan Shan Nie wakes up at her home in Dorchester at 5:30 a.m. in order to make it to the bus stop on time. She, along with 46 other students picked up along the way, ride the bus to the South Shore, making stops first at Hingham High School, then at Hingham Middle School, then finally in Cohasset, where she will spend her day until boarding the bus back to Dorchester in the afternoon.

As a student who participates in the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity, or METCO program, Shan Shan is one of 50 total students who commute to school in Cohasset every day. The program is intended to expand educational opportunities and reduce racial imbalance, by permitting students in certain cities to attend suburban public schools in participating communities, and if Shan Shan's experience is a gauge, the program is doing exactly what it set out to achieve.

Only four short years ago, Shan Shan moved from China, where she had lived all her life, to come to the United States. She had grown up with her father in Sichuan, a province in the southwest portion of China, but with college on the horizon, felt she would have more opportunities living in the states, and decided to pack things up and go live with her mother and stepfather.

"It's like going swimming. Either you drown or you swim, and I survived."
— Shan Shan Nie, METCO student

"I guess I just wanted to do something new and something different," she said.

With a flair for writing and language, Shan Shan spoke English very well when she arrived, but it was still her second language. She was completely immersed into the English speaking school system, which was a challenge at the beginning, but as someone who thrives on challenge, she had no trouble adapting.

"It's like going swimming. Either you drown or you swim, and I survived," she said.

Not only has Shan Shan survived, she has excelled in many different areas and has received much recognition for her efforts. She was inducted into the National Honor Society and serves as its secretary. She has also been named as student of the month at the high school and was featured in the "Who's Who" column of the Spinnaker, the Cohasset High School newspaper, for which she has served as the graphics and design editor for the past two years.

"I love art. I've been doing it since I was two or three years old," she said, adding she has a strong interest in architecture, and loves being creative.

Shan Shan's creativity has been showcased in a number of venues. She created the playbill cover for a student production of "The King and I," in which she also held an acting role, and the program for Diversity Day 2001. She also won first place for one of her pieces at the South Shore Art Center's Festival on the

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, March 9 , 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Council on Elder Affairs, Feb. 23, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Planning Board (public hearing), Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Feb. 23, 6 p.m.

Water Commission with Advisory Committee, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, Feb. 19, 8 p.m., King Street plant.

Zoning Board of Appeals, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Hedlund office hours

The February office hours for senator Robert Hedlund will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall on Thursday, Feb. 19, from noon to 1 p.m. on the second floor in the 2A vestibule.

Sen. Hedlund also maintains a district office at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments with the Senator.

The telephone number is 781-340-9866 or at the Statehouse 617-722-1646.

METCO program rally

On Thursday, March 18 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Statehouse, there will be a rally in support of the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) program. School Committee Vice Chairman Charlis Tebbetts asks anyone who is concerned about the program's future, which is unknown due to budget cuts state-wide, to come show their support. In addition, Tebbetts asks that anyone who has been involved with the METCO program at any point in time please contact her, as she is trying to set up a database of those who have participated in the program over the years. Many have come forward already and she encourages others to contact her as well. The state does not have a database, and Tebbetts hopes to collect names back to the program's inception.

Snow day reminder

Supt. Edward Malvey reminds students and parents, during inclement weather, school closings or delays will be broadcast on the major media outlets, including television stations 4,5, and 7 as well as WBZ 1030 AM and WATD 95.9 FM. While the fire department is notified as a courtesy by the school department in the event school is cancelled, it should not be called. The media outlets will be notified and will include Cohasset if school is cancelled, said Malvey, adding he notifies the stations of the schools' decision very early. "If we're not there [on the list], come to school, I didn't sleep late," said Malvey.

In addition, School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said he received a call from a concerned citizen who said it has become a "Free for all," at Osgood School when parents drop their children off in the morning. Flynn reminds parents to be courteous when dropping students off, keep order, and don't block the buses in the morning.

S.S. cycling website

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative has a new web site, which is under construction. Currently, the site has information on the different towns that participate, what to do with hazardous waste, and the fall 2003 and winter 2004 newsletters. To access the site, please visit www.ssrc.info.

MBTA ombudsman provides an update

Kristina Patterson, MBTA ombudsman for the town of Cohasset, said as of right now, it looks as if construction for the Greenbush line in town is far off. "It will be months. Definitely from three to six," she said. In Cohasset, all work is waiting for a wetlands variance, and only the two proposed sites at Pleasant Street and the station could begin construction without one.

For more information on the Greenbush project, contact Patterson either by phone at (781) 383-4129, by fax at (781) 383-0228, by e-mail at kpatterson@cohasset-greenbush.com, or through the inquiry form on her web site at www.cohasset-greenbush..com. In addition, letters can be sent to Patterson at Cohasset Town Hall - 2nd Floor, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset MA 02025.

While Patterson's office hours will not officially begin until construction commences, she will be checking for correspondence regularly and is available to schedule appointments.

Fire Department receives $77K grant

The Cohasset Fire Department was given $77,166 in federal homeland security assistance to enhance emergency response efforts. Cohasset will use the money to upgrade breathing masks, purchase automatic defibrillators, and enhance first responder training. The grants are part of the continuing public health and safety mission of the Department of Homeland Security, which includes the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the US Fire Administration. The funds come from the competitive National Assistance to Firefighters grant program, which awards one-year grants to upgrade the first response capability of local fire departments across the country. The towns of Weymouth and Barnstable were also given funding of $194,754 and $65,052, respectively.

Brush at the RTF

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CEA gets state grant

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, announced the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs is to be the recipient of $6,956 in a Formula Grant Award. The award is from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The money is intended to hire a part-time secretary and cover additional expenses for the council.

EOEA Formula Grants are calculated based upon the size of the town's elderly population.

Town Census for 2004

The Town Census for 2004 has been mailed to each household. Information obtained from the census is ultimately used to prepare the street list, annual registry of voters, school list, dog owner list, and jury list. It also establishes eligibility for resident's tuition at state colleges, for veteran reimbursement, for senior citizen programs and other benefits. The census provides valuable information to various departments throughout the town.

Dog forms are on a tear off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 2004. Dog forms need to be returned as soon as possible although you may have recently renewed your 2003 license. If you did not receive your census, contact the Town Clerk's office.

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Broken fence charge is still before Quincy District Court

By Mary Ford
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The good news for the three men charged with breaking spindles in the handicapped railing at the American Legion Hall Street during a wrestling match outside the barroom last Oct. 11 is that they don't have to appear in court for the next round.

The bad new is the felony charge of malicious destruction of property valued over $250 is still pending in Quincy District Court and the District Attorney's office is also appealing a judge's decision dismissing the charges of affray and disorderly conduct.

That October night Sgt. William Quigley arrested the men on the three charges. The arrests are now part of an ongoing disciplinary hearing at Town Hall involving allegations of abuse of police power by the sergeant.

In fact, the "Legion arrests" are next on the agenda at the disciplinary hearing which was scheduled to resume at 9 a.m. today in the selectmen's office.

During Monday's pretrial conference, Judge Robert Tochka waived the need for Keith Jackson, Jerry Cogill and Adam Thibault to be present for a status hearing slated for 9 a.m., April 6. Monday's proceeding was at least the third time the men have appeared in court on this matter.

Initially the men were slated to be arraigned on the charges Oct. 14, but then police prosecutor Rick Grassie didn't process the complaint at court because of a letter signed by the post commander that was presented to him by Keith Jackson's attorney, Ronald Rice, stating damage to the railing was preexisting. The District Attorney's office subsequently removed Grassie as prosecutor for not filing the complaint. Judge Mark Coven issued the malicious destruction charge following a Nov. 11 probable cause hearing, and the men were arraigned Nov. 20.

"Dismiss it now and save the Commonwealth the expense."
— Bill Bowling, attorney

Tochka said Monday he needed time to review the tapes of the Nov. 11 probable cause hearing conducted by Coven, who wrote the decision issuing the malicious destruction charge but dismissing the charges of affray and disorderly conduct. (The DA is appealing part of Coven's decision and is seeking to have the dismissed charges brought forward.)

It was at least the second time the tapes were raised. At pa retrial hearing on Dec. 6, assistant DA Michael Connolly argued before Judge Tochka that the hearing be continued until the DA's office had time to review the tapes of the probable cause hearing. The pre-trail hearing slated for Jan. 7 was continued until this past Monday, Feb. 9.

But Monday, Connolly said the tapes were not received in a timely manner and he did not know if they had been transcribed.

Tochka discussed procedural matters with the men's attorneys, Rice, Robert Cohen and Bill Bowling, as their three young clients stood behind them in the courtroom on Monday. Efforts to have Judge Coven, who was in a courtroom across the hall, conduct the hearing didn't materialize despite the urging of the attorneys because they said Coven was familiar with the case.

On behalf of their clients, the three attorneys had all filed motions to dismiss the malicious destruction charge. At Monday's proceeding, they argued the malicious destruction charge should be dismissed due to lack of evidence.

Tochka was concerned he was being asked to dismiss a charge that another judge (Coven) had found probable cause for and did not dismiss, hence the need for the tapes.

Cohen, who is representing Cogill, argued "willful malicious destruction" involves malice. He noted the facts show the men were "horsing around" and if they indeed damaged the fence, it was accidental and not intentional.

Bowling, Thibault's attorney, agreed saying even if it had been a real fight and the men "were really going after each other," property damage accompanying a violent crime doesn't make it malicious.

"There's no evidence of malice," Bowling said. "There's no evidence of anything close to malice."

The attorneys argued it did not make sense to bring this matter to trial. "Dismiss it now and save the Commonwealth the expense," Bowling said.

Rice said his client, Keith Jackson, may have been yelling at the others who were rolling around on the ground but did not cause any damage to the fence himself.

"Everything you've got before you is not enough for that complaint to issue," Rice said. "It's just not there and it should be dismissed prior to going to trial."

Assistant DA Connolly said Coven's written decision makes it clear there was probable cause for the arrest and charge of malicious destruction. He said at this stage the motions to dismiss are premature.

"The individuals were intoxicated and rolling around – whether there was malicious destruction is a trial matter," Connolly said.

Fired ACO wants his position back

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Godzik, who planned to retire. The additional duties increased his hours from 20 to 25 hours per week.

As part of his job as animal control officer — a post that pays about $15,000 a year — Murphy kept detailed records of every call and what action was taken.

"If there were complaints about my work," Murphy says, "then Haddad failed in his responsibility to call me in and tell me about them. Neither Haddad nor Jackson ever sat down with me to say 'we've had complaints – what's going on?'

"They never called me in – it was just a cold turkey termination and I was never been given a reason why."

But Haddad did call Murphy in around Oct. 14 to reprimand him for allegedly "bad mouthing" Chief Jackson to the merchants around town, Murphy recalls.

"During that meeting, Haddad demanded my 100 percent support of Chief Jackson and I told him I couldn't provide it because of problems at the police department," he says.

While Murphy admits he may have said something "off the cuff" that apparently got back to Haddad, "I do have freedom of speech," he points out.

Murphy categorically denied he was spreading malicious gossip. "It was like barroom conversation," Murphy recalls. "People would ask 'what's the latest? Is this true?"

Murphy says Jackson handed him the termination letter from Haddad at the police station on Oct. 20 in front of other police department employees. The terse one paragraph letter said he was fired and to turn in all is equipment.

To Murphy, who says he enjoyed years of praise and positive feedback under former Police Chief Brian Noonan, says his phone calls to Haddad asking why he was abruptly fired were not returned.

Before considering legal action, Murphy said he thought about "whether I want to spend $15,000 on attorney's fees to get a $15,000 job back."

"But I want to clear my name," he says. "I'm in good health and I want to work until I'm 70. I want to be reinstated and I want an apology from Haddad and Jackson."

Murphy described the charges against McLean and Quigley as a "political witch hunt."

"Bill and Jimmy have done nothing wrong," he says. "The three of us were just thorns in (chief) Jackson's side."

Juvenile's parents seek court action

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William Quigley.

The juvenile's parents sought an injunction in Superior Court to close the part of the hearings involving their child. Monday's court proceeding in Dedham postponed the continuation of the disciplinary hearing for the second time. Last Thursday's session at Town Hall was rescheduled to this past Monday to provide an additional attorney from Town Counsel's office time to prepare.

Public interest in the hearings is high. The Mariner office in Hingham received numerous calls asking why Monday's hearing did not take place.

During the first two days of hearings, Jan 28 and 29, efforts were made not to reveal the identity of the juvenile, who is under 17, and others whose arrests are the subject of charges facing Sgt. Quigley and Officer James McLean. Those arrested were supposed to be referred to only by the first initial of their last name such as "Mr. X" but the juvenile's last name and street address were inadvertently revealed during testimony.

Borenstein said he didn't issue a ruling but the attorneys involved have agreed on their own to hold off on that part of the hearing about allegations involving the juvenile until after Feb. 25. They are also preparing briefs for the judge.

Doug Louison, who is representing the officers, said the juvenile's family is asserting the privacy rights of their child trump the privacy rights of the officers. "We disagree," he said.

Louison said he didn't think "relative to criminal proceedings juveniles have over arching privacy rights."

The town has charged both Quigley and McLean with conduct unbecoming an officer for drinking on duty at the Rod & Gun Club. McLean faces charges of inappropriate activity in one arrest and three arrests and one booking procedure by Quigley are being questioned. The officers have been on paid administrative leave since Oct. 20 and did not learn about the charges until Jan. 13.

The officers, who asked their hearings be held in public, will present their side once the prosecution rests. Borenstein's ruling Feb. 25 will determine if part of their defense will have to be conducted behind closed doors.

Town Manager Mark Haddad, who is the hearing officer, will decide what punishment if any to mete out including possible termination. The officers have the right to appeal Haddad's decision to Civil Service.

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School board budget picture

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that limits the amount a town can raise its tax levy over the prior year without an override, which is first approved at Town Meeting and then by at the ballot box.

The school budget is increasing this year by 6.45 percent, or $723,753, for a total recommended budget of $11,942,050. However, of that increase, a large portion has to be set aside to fulfill contractual obligations.

"The salary requirements are 3.16 percent of our budget. Before we even start, it eats up a lot of our increase," Flynn said, adding that means right off the bat, $355,452 needs to be taken out of the budget. Flynn added the contracts were "negotiated in good faith three years ago," and the schools have to honor that agreement. At the time the contracts were signed, there was no crystal ball that would have predicted what the economic climate could have looked like a few years out, and the schools need to stand by what was agreed upon, he said.

The second most significant budget item is the $223,000 cost for utilities. The increase is due almost entirely to the renovations at the schools, and while the School Committee expected it would cost more to run larger buildings, the increase in the price of fuel coupled with the new heating system which is constantly heating up fresh air from the outside, has caused an expense the schools must address.

"We can't not pay our utility bills," said Flynn.

In addition to the salary requirements and utilities costs, the schools have some obligations that need to be fulfilled in terms of special education. In order to be able to provide the services needed for the current students in the school system, it was necessary to add one special education teacher at Osgood and one at the middle school, each at a salary of $42,000. There will also be a school psychologist added to the payroll at $45,000 and an increase in special education transportation of $40,000.

Significant Items in the Budget	**Cost $**
Salaries Less Retirements	355,452
Utilities	223,000
Special Education Teacher Osgood	42,000
Special Education Teacher Middle School	42,000
School Psychologist	45,000
Special Education Transportation	40,000
*Total Special Education Increase	*169,000
Middle School Admin./Curriculum Director	80,000
Substitute Teachers	75,000
Student Transportation	65,000
Supplies and Contracts	43,500
High School Math Teacher	42,000
Cleaning	36,000
Part Time Activity Aides	30,000
Software and Support	23,575
Tuition Reimbursement	22,000
Staff Development	10,000
Unemployment	10,000
Total	**1,184,527**

Significant Items Eliminated from the Budget	**Savings $**
Director of Physical Education and Health	85,322
Curriculum Director	77,792
Osgood Two Teachers	70,000
Eliminate Middle School Athletics	68,000
Business Manager to Clerk	45,356
Deer Hill Teacher	35,000
Deer Hill .5 Custodian	17,108
Osgood .5 Custodian	17,108
Deer Hill .4 Librarian	16,800
Head Custodian Stipends	15,288
Special Education Aide	9,000
Eliminate Varsity Swimming	4,000
Total	**460,774**

Supt Edward Malvey said while the school system currently has a great special education program, in the future, there is expected to be an increase in enrollment. That could impact the amount of students in the special education program, he said. Although the town is not able to fully anticipate what the needs of future students might be, based on current student's needs, it has been deemed necessary to add staff to the program or risk having Cohasset's students sent out of district to receive the help they need.

"We have a great special education program. However, if we can't meet the needs of the children, we will have to send them elsewhere," said Malvey, adding the schools pay for those children out-of-district services, including transportation costs. However, by doing the necessary upgrades to the program the schools currently offer, the schools will be better equipped to provide services in-house, Malvey said.

Tough decisions

But in order to accommodate for the increases, there have to be decreases, and the School Committee had some tough decisions to make. To begin, three elementary level teachers will lose their jobs to the tune of $105,000. Although the budget specifies it will be two Osgood teachers and one Deer Hill teacher who lose their positions, because of the pending grade shift which will take place next fall, it is not certain where the teachers will ultimately be taken from. In addition, the School Committee decided to eliminate the position of Director of Physical Education and Health, currently held by Michael Gill, to the tune of $85,322.

There will also be some positions in the schools which will change in scope, rather than be totally eliminated. Current Curriculum Director Ruth Fennessey will now serve not only in her usual job, but as the Middle School Administrator. When planning for the reorganization of the schools, it was decided an administrator was necessary to ensure the new renovations to form two separate schools under one building are in fact separate in all aspects. By allowing Fennessey to essentially serve as a place holder, the position can begin to take shape throughout the course of the year, and can be revisited as a full time position during the next budget talks. In the meantime, the principals for all three schools will have to help pick up some of the duties which Fennessey held this year. Fennessey's position currently pays $77,792, but with her split duties will be paid $80,000. While it is a wash in terms of funding, it will allow the position to begin at the middle school.

The position of Business Manager, currently held by Ivan Klimko will be changed to a part time clerk position, for a savings of $45, 356. The Middle School athletics program will also change from an interscholastic program to an intramural one which is self-sufficient in terms of funding, which will save the schools $68,000.

Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts said even if the override passes, it will still be a reduction from the increases of the past, and she is concerned people don't understand the ramifications of cutting programs.

"It's a lot easier to cut than it is to restore. If we had the right state and federal aid, we wouldn't have a problem. It's a pittance in the federal budget, but we're not getting it," she said.

All seats spoken for in Town Election

By Mary Ford
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Town Clerk Marion Douglas may get her wish. Every space next to a position on the ballot for the April 3 Town Election will have at least one name if all those who pulled papers return them by 5 p.m., Tuesday.

Nomination papers with the requisite number of signatures must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. Feb. 17. The last day to take out papers is today, Feb. 12.

Expected to add some spice to this year's election are three potential races: a four-person race for two seats on the School Committee; and races for one-year seats on the Planning Board and Housing Authority.

Nomination papers must be returned by 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Stuart Ivimey, who is an attorney and chairman of the Community Preservation Committee, and Joseph Nedrow, chairman of the Senior Housing Committee, have both pulled papers for the one-year remaining of Chris Ford's term on the Planning Board. Ford, who spends time in Florida, recently resigned.

Mike Wescott of River Road, who is a member of the Growth & Development Committee and head of the anti-Avalon group Cohasset Action, is running for the five-year Planning Board seat being vacated by Bill Good, who decided not to seek a fourth term.

Chris Allen, 21 Pleasant St., and Janice Rosano of 60 Elm St. have pulled papers for the one-year unexpired term on the Cohasset Housing Authority. The seat was vacated by Joanne Young, who moved away.

There is the potential for a four-way race for two seats on the School Committee. Incumbent School Committee member Pat Martin of Linden Drive plans to seek a third term while Adrienne MacCarthy of Doane Street, Jamie Williams of Surry Drive and Scott O'Grady of Sohier Street are hoping for their first. Incumbent Mark DeGiacomo is not seeking a third term.

School Committee member Rick Shea Margin Street, who was appointed to fill Jane Pescatore's seat in September, pulled papers for the one-year remaining of Pescatore's unexpired term. Pescatore resigned from the School Committee to accept employment with the school department.

Selectman Merle Brown of Beechwood Street, who is seeking a fourth term, and Rob Spofford of Heather Drive are running for two seats on the Board of Selectmen. Incumbent Selectman Tom Callahan is not seeking reelection.

Nathaniel Palmer of Little Harbor Road will run for the seat being vacated by Rob Kasameyer on the Water Commission and Elsa Miller of Reservoir Road is seeking reelection to the Board of Assessors. Steve Bobo of Jerusalem Road, chairman of the Board of Health, has taken out papers for a third term.

There are three seats and three candidates for the Board of Library Trustees: incumbents Sarah Pease of Sankey Road and Barbara Power of Beach Streeet; and Stacey Weaver, 44 Nichols Road, who is seeking her first term. Trustee June Hubbard is not seeking reelection.

Rick Grassie recently resigned from the Recreation Commission leaving a two-year unexpired term; Lisa LoJacona, 111 Nichols Road, pulled papers for that seat.

Recreation Commissioner Anthony Carbone is seeking reelection. Ann "Nancy" Barrett has pulled papers for reelection to a five-year term onf the Cohasset Housing Authority and Sewer Commissioner Sean Cunning is seeking another three-year term.

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The locals take over at Cohasset Harbor Resort

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From left, Michelle Scully, Joe Dooley, Joe Campbell and Ellie Andrews — shown here in Atlantica — are familiar, local faces at the Cohasset Harbor Resort.

For a business to do well, it needs to have the support of the surrounding community, but to celebrate real success, there needs to be local support from the inside out. Luckily for the Cohasset Harbor Resort, which includes the Cohasset Harbor Inn (formerly Kimball's), Atlantica Restaurant and the Olde Salt House, four key management positions are filled by town residents who have strong ties to the community, which allows customers to consistently be provided with the service they expect, as well as a friendly smile.

Director of Operations Joe Campbell, General Manager Joe Dooley, Functions Manager Michelle Scully, and Front Desk Manager Ellie Andrews are all essential parts of the operation at the Cohasset Harbor Resort. Because they know the community so well, they are able to anticipate the expectations of residents, as well as provide a welcoming environment for out-of-towners.

"It's exciting for them to bring in non-local people and show off their hometown," said Katie Howard, Director of Marketing and Sales for the Cohasset Harbor Resort.

Ellie Andrews has been working at the Cohasset Harbor Inn for the past 25 years. While she may have grown up in Rockland, Maine, she has been living in Cohasset for the past 30 years and knows the ins and outs of the town. Andrews began working as a waitress in the dining room, and over the years "kind of slid into the front desk," position, she said.

"She knew more about the property than anyone else," said Howard.

Andrews said one of her favorite aspects of the job is "the variety of people you run into and deal with on a day to day basis," which includes locals as well as out of town guests who arrive for various functions.

While a good portion of her job entails overseeing the front desk, which requires making reservations, checking guests in and out, and coordinating housekeeping and maintenance, she also plays a big part in making sure those attending functions who stay at the Inn are more than comfortable. In addition, Andrews is also overseeing the $1 million renovations to the Inn.

"She makes sure the rooms are up to standard, and makes sure the guests' stay is a pleasant one," said Howard.

Andrews also helps Functions Manager Michelle Scully during wedding preparations. She books the rooms and makes sure anything the bride and groom need in terms of accommodations are met, so both they and their guests have a positive wedding experience.

However, in the wake of all the preparation, it is ultimately up to Scully to make sure the festivities go smoothly, and while a good majority of functions the Resort hosts are weddings, Scully also plans wedding and baby showers, corporate functions, and family parties.

Scully had never anticipated becoming a functions planner, and had aspirations of becoming an elementary school teacher after graduating from Cohasset High School. However, when she came home during vacation from Northeastern University, she would work as a waitress at the former Hugo's (now Atlantica), which she continued doing after graduation. From then on, "I never left," she said, and couldn't be happier with her decision.

"My favorite part is getting to know the families, and the brides especially," she said, adding she feels very lucky she has come to know so many nice brides over the years. "We have had no bride-zillas," she said with a smile.

And over the years, some of those brides have been from the Dooley family, of which General Manager Joe Dooley is a part. As the General Manager, Dooley is in charge of myriad day-to-day operational tasks including scheduling and answering customer feedback.

Dooley is another proud graduate of Cohasset High School, and was a member of the class of 1974. He too had different aspirations after graduation and headed off to Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I., looking to receive a degree in accounting. However, after he took his first two courses, he knew accounting was not the route he wanted to take and switched his course load to pursue a degree in hotel and restaurant management.

"My first job out of college was working as the manager of a restaurant," he said.

Before coming to Atlantica, Dooley worked at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset Village. During his 13 years there, he served as everything from the bartender to the General Manager, "to the guy who mops the floors." When Dooley decided he wanted a change of venue, he began talking to Joe Campbell, Atlantica's Director of Operations, about possibly coming to work at Atlantica. He was offered a job and began working there the following week.

"Atlantica was a breath of fresh air," said Dooley.

But Dooley wouldn't have the job he does without the help of Campbell who is responsible for working on the business plans and business development for the restaurant, as well as working with the other managers in their areas of expertise.

"I'm a fiscal watchdog too," he joked.

Campbell has lived in Cohasset for 17 years and was working in Boston as the Vice President of Operations for Legal Seafood prior to his current job. After taking a summer off from working in Boston, he ran into Peter Roy, owner of the Cohasset Harbor Resort, who said he was looking for someone to run Atlantica. "One month later I got the call, and here I am," he said.

A common thread shared by all four employees, is the convenience of being able to work close to home.

"With my previous job, I did a lot of traveling," said Campbell, who added working close to home in Cohasset allows him to be around for his family, including wife Janet and children Alyssa, 14 who is a freshman at Cohasset Middle High School, and Ben, 11, who is in the fifth grade at Deer Hill. Dooley agreed and said not having to deal with a lengthy commute also allows him to spend more time with his family, including wife Kieli and two children, Jackson, 4 and Teagan, 1.

But Dooley said working locally has another advantage. "There are numerous people you know personally," he said, and with that comes a certain comfort level on the job. "This week, both my cousin and neighbor booked functions here," he said.

Campbell echoed Dooley's sentiments and said, "I do know most of the people who come in here," adding it gives the restaurant an almost an old-fashioned feel. In a time where large chain restaurants are abundant and managers stay for six months before they move on to something else, Atlantica has been able to maintain personal relationships. "We are able to help local organizations, and they reciprocate by helping us," which makes them a valued business in the community.

For more information on the Cohasset Harbor Resort or to make reservations, please visit its web site at www.cohassetharborresort.com or call the Cohasset Harbor Inn at (781) 383-6650, or Atlantica Restaurant at (781) 383-0900. The Olde Salt House is open late spring through Columbus Day.

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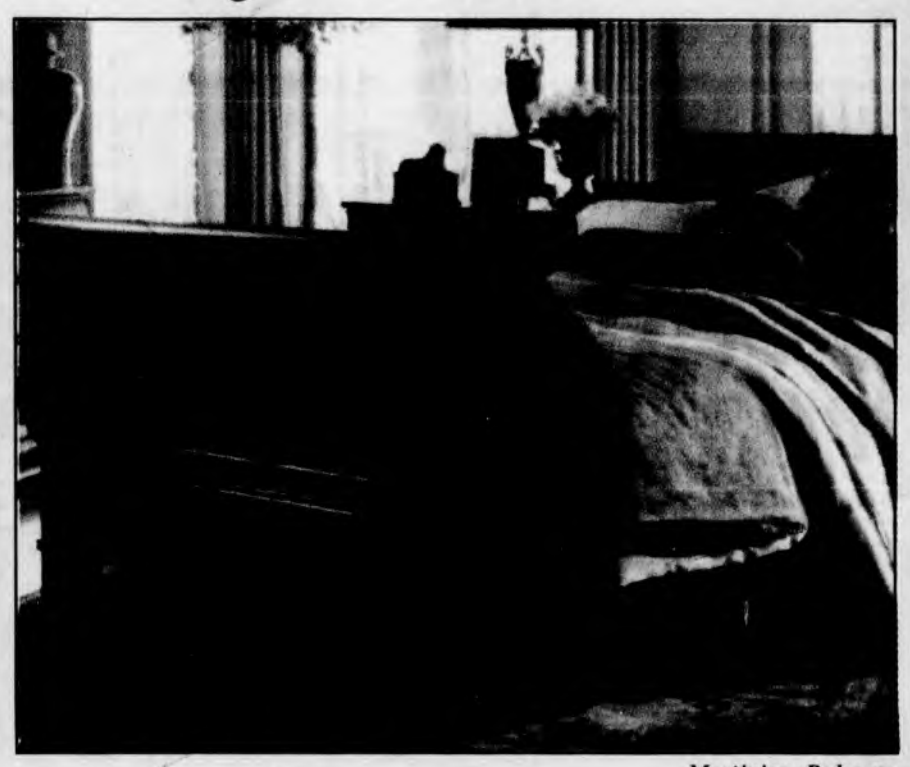
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DOUBLE DEGREE

Kudos go out to **David Longley** of Cohasset who recently graduated and was honored at Virginia Tech's Fall Commencement. David earned a bachelor science degree(*cum laude*) in computer science from the College of Engineering and a bachelor of science degree in psychology from the College of Science. Fantastic news, David. What a lot of hard work to get to this place but so worth it in the end.

NDA HONORS

The following Cohasset girls have been named to the President's List at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham: **Caitlin O'Connell**, grade 10, and **Margaret Pilczak**, grade 10. Named to the Principal's List were **Jacqueline Chase**, grade 11, and **Megan Stanley**, also grade 11. Super job to you all.

ANY WITNESSES?

A Scituate woman's car was damaged while she was at the hairdresser between 10:30 and 11:50 a.m., Thursday Feb. 5. She was parked along Ripley Road near the Post Office. The person who hit her car left a note saying he or she had insurance and had swerved to avoid another car, but

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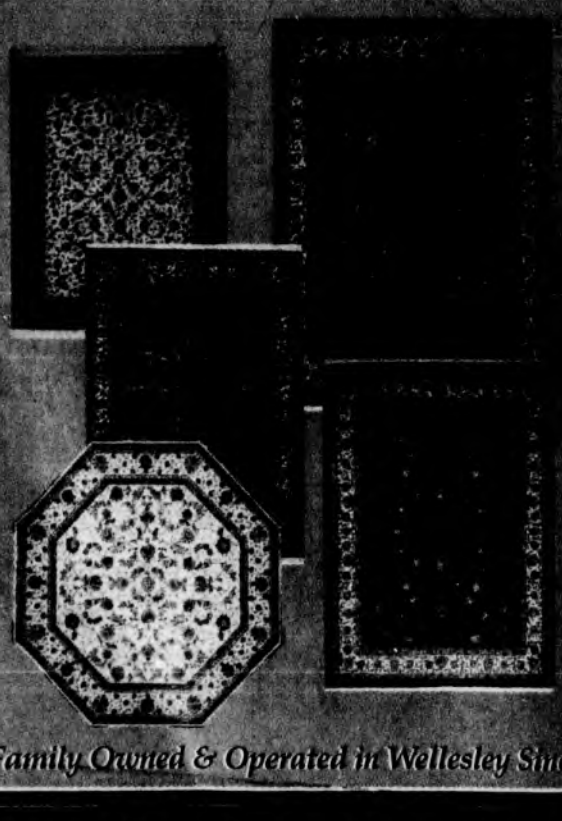
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no phone number was provided. Please call **Susan** at 781-545-9207 if you saw anything or have any information about the accident. Her side mirror was removed in the collision and there was damage to the side strips on the car.

NEW BABY GIRL

Congratulations to **Rachel Doty** and **Craig Miskovich,** who are the proud parents of a new baby girl, **Juliana Doty Miskovich**. Juliana arrived Jan. 13, 2004 at 4:27 a.m. Juliana tipped the scales at 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 20 ins. She has a big sister **Alexandra**. Her grandparents are **John and Linda Doty** of Jacksonville, Vt. and **Kathryn Miskovich** of Grand Rapids, Mich.

HOLY CROSS DEAN'S LIST

Katie Roche, a 2003 graduate of Notre Dame Academy, and a first-year student at Holy Cross has been named to the dean's list for the first semester. Katie is the daughter of **Adrian and Sarah Roche**. Great job Katie.

ONE WARM COAT DRIVE

Thank You Thank you to everyone who donated coats during the Girl Scout coat drive for the Home for Little Wanderers. Brownie Troop #4777 and Junior Troop #4772 collected, washed, and sorted more than 200 coats for children in need. The staff at HLW was very grateful. Thanks to all who participated!

NOBLE'S HONORS

Congratulations go out to **Kayvon Tehranian** of Cohasset who achieved academic honors for his first semester at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham. Kayvon received Class I recognition which is the Highest Distinction. Great work, Kayvon.

DEER HILL CLASS NIGHT

Hey sixth graders: Mark your calendar for the Spring 2004 Deer Hill Class Night to be held at the Deer Hill Cafeteria Fri. March 26 from 7-9pm. The theme is Karaoke and Pizza! Pizza will be sold for $1.00/slice and we will be asking each class to bring in drinks, snacks and paper products....stay tuned! Want to help or find out more? Please call **Adrienne MacCarthy** (383-[illegible]028) or **Susan Galligan** (383-[illegible]065).

FOURTH BABY FOR THE MOYS!

Big brother, **Benjamin,** and big sisters, **Emily and Jessica,** welcome their new baby sister **Abigail Samantha Moy.** She was born on Jan. 8, 2004 weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. to proud parents **Maggie and Jeff Moy** of 33 Sedgewood Drive. Mom and Dad have many enthusiastic volunteers at home to help care for baby Abigail.

POST PROM COMMITTEE

The Cohasset Post Prom Party Committee is holding its next meeting on Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school. All senior class parents are welcome to join and lend a helping hand! This annual project is big, but fun and participants who work together on it experience the pleasures of working on this special project while bonding with other parents. So please come and get on a committee – Support the CHS 2004 Senior Class



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IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to **Malcolm Bancroft, III** and **Heather (St. Onge) Nichols** on the birth their son, **Connor Bancroft Nicholls**. Connor was born on Jan. 31, 2004 just in time to watch his first Super Bowl game. Connor weighed in at 9 pounds, 12 ounces and was 22 inches long. Everyone is so excited to have this little guy here and in their lives, especially his mom and dad, along with his maternal grandparents, **Harry and Kathy St. Onge** of Cohasset and his paternal grandparents, **Malcolm and Mary Jane Nicholls** of Clinton, Conn. and **Sylvia and Abner Baker** of New Britain, Conn.. Enjoy your wonderful little guy.

DERBY HONOR ROLL

Derby Academy recently announced the honor roll for the fall semester and the following Cohasset students were on it. These students were awarded First Honors and earned an A-(90) or better average in all academic subjects.

From Cohasset they are: **Sarah Brown** (8th Grade); **Christopher Kuppens** (8th Grade); **John McKenna** (7th Grade); and **Sam Roth** (8th Grade). The following Derby students were awarded Second Honors and earned a B (84) or better average in all academic subjects.

From Cohasset they are: **Gina Giuggio** (8th Grade); **John Giuggio** (7th Grade); and **Caroline Saltonstall** (7th Grade). Great job to all of you.

COLLEGE HONORS

Meaghan C. Rizzotti of Cohasset has been named to the dean's lsit at Framingham State College for the fall 2003 semester. To be selected to the dean's list, a student must earn a quality point average of 3.25 or higher. Meaghan is a member of the Class of 2007. Fantastic news, Meaghan.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

There's a new sport in town looking for members and it sounds like a lot of fun. The Cohasset Recreation Department is running a six-week coed volleyball program for students in grades 5-8. Classes will meet at the Deer Hill gym, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:45 - 4:45 p.m.. Call **Jack Worley** at the Rec Department to register: 383-4109.

RELAY FOR LIFE

In anticipation of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset, the volunteer planning committee is hosting a Social on Thursday, Feb. 26 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Black Rock County Club in Hingham. Area residents wishing to learn more about the Relay For Life in Cohasset are encouraged to attend. The evening will feature hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and musical entertainment. For more information, please contact **Victor or Justine Vanderlugt** at 781-383-2956 or Mary Shepherd at the American Cancer Society at 508-584-9600, ext. 229 or Mary.Shepherd@cancer.org. Relay For Life is a community event bringing together teams of families, friends, churches, neighborhoods, and businesses all with the same goal of curing cancer in the new millennium. The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset is set for Friday, June 18 through Saturday June 19, 2004 at Cohasset High School.

ASP MANDATORY MEETING

Next mandatory Appalachia Service Project meeting is Sunday, March 7 at 8 p.m. at First Parish sanctuary.

Medical and permission forms are due March 7. Notaries will be available before meeting from 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful February vacation with their children and remember to stay safe. That is all for this week. Make sure to get all information to me no later than noon on Monday for next weeks paper

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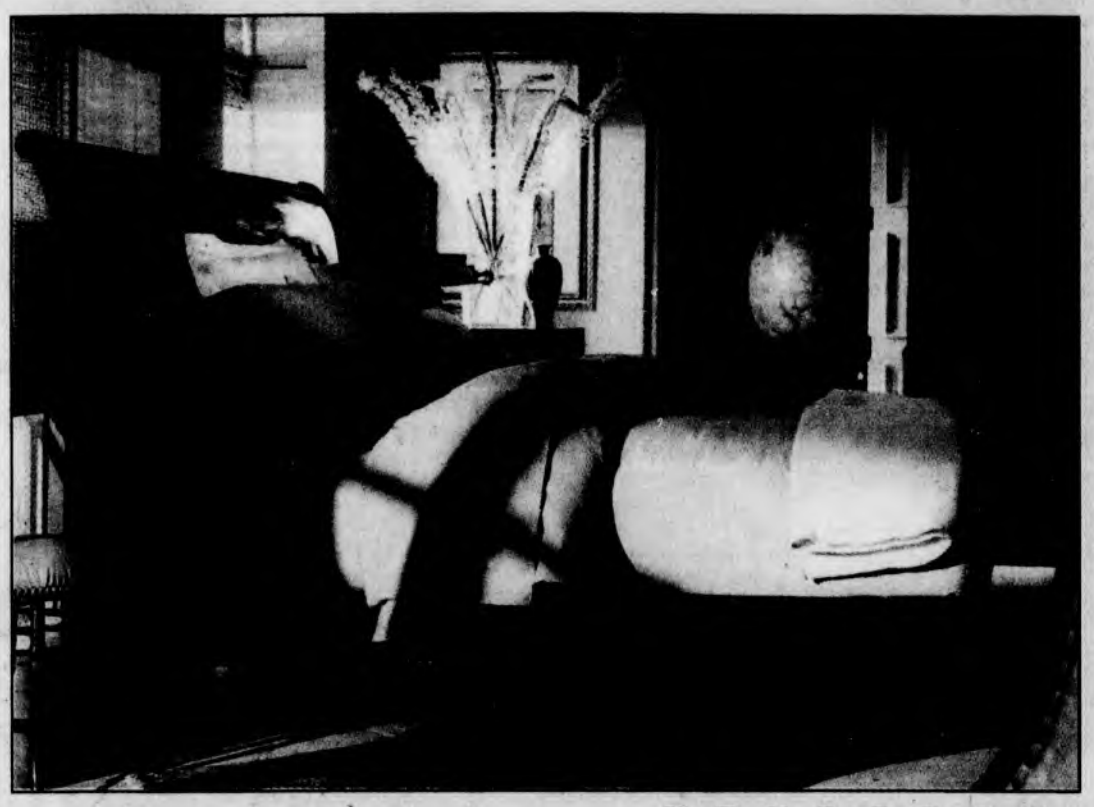
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Hoskin is instrumental in middle-high school music program

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset Middle-High School teacher Stephanie Hoskin keeps students after school on a regular basis and never hears any complaints. As the instrumental music teacher for students in grades seven through 12, Hoskin holds combined rehearsals in her classroom when the school day is done, and her extra time and effort has made a noticeable difference in the school's music program.

— TEACHERS WITH CLASS —

Hoskin came on board at the middle-high school in September of 2002, and in her short time on staff has generated an increasing amount of enthusiasm for the music program school-wide. Since last year, participation in the middle school band has climbed from 32 to 50 students, and the high school band has climbed from 23 to 35.

But what is most impressive, is the fact that in her first year on staff, Hoskin started a jazz band, in which 18 students participated. Cohasset hasn't had a jazz band since the 1980s, but the overwhelming response to the new program suggests it was long overdue. This year, the number of students participating in the jazz band has climbed to 27.

"I'm so passionate about music," she said, adding that throughout her own adolescence, through all of the ups and downs, music was always something comforting and fun for her, as well as rewarding. She credits much of her love of music to the numerous people who taught her along the way, and tries to be as influential in her student's lives.

"My middle school band director was inspiring," she said, adding when she walked into his classroom on the first day of fifth grade, she immediately knew she wanted to be the one directing the band someday. In fact, she went home and shared her new dream with her mother that same afternoon, and hasn't looked back since.

Growing up in Northborough, Mass., Hoskin played both the clarinet and saxophone throughout her middle and high school years. However, "If I could do it all over again, I think I'd be a trumpet player or a drummer," which she said is most likely because they are so different from the instruments she currently plays. After high school graduation, she went on to earn her bachelor's degree in music education from the University of New Hampshire.

Now that she is teaching in Cohasset, Hoskin directs the middle school concert band, the high school concert band, the jazz ensemble, the pep band, the jazz band, and a new flute choir, which "just got started," and she couldn't be happier with the way things are going.

"I absolutely love it here," she said.

In addition to conducting the bands, Hoskin co-teaches a general music class for middle school students with Chorale Director Bryan Marks. Students are taught the elements of music, including rhythm, melody and harmony, and are given the opportunity to compose some of their own music. The class ends with students learning how music plays a role in their everyday lives.

"Everyone is musical in some sense or another, it's just finding what that is," she said, adding there are many ways to appreciate and understand music without necessarily being an outstanding musician. At the beginning of the year, Hoskin had her students make a list of all the jobs that have anything to do with music, and they came up with very long lists, encompassing every occupation even remotely connected with music.



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Stephanie Hoskin, middle-high school instrumental music teacher, has helped increase band participation.

"I know the majority of my students will not major in music, but I want them to develop some sort of appreciation for it," she said.

In addition to rehearsals, Hoskin has been working with other members of the fine arts department to plan activities and concerts for students to participate in. This year, both the high school band and chorus will travel to a music festival in Toronto, Canada during which the students will have the opportunity to perform for judges who will then prepare both written and taped comments. Although seeing the judges "is the primary reason for going," Hoskin, along with Marks, have planned other activities, including attending a music festival and visiting the Toronto Zoo, for students to enjoy on their trip.

Hoskin said she has also been working with Steve Biagini, instrumental music teacher at Deer Hill, to coordinate a day of musical clinics and workshops for students in grades four through 12 on March 25, as March is "music in our schools," month. All 285 musicians who play with the bands in Cohasset are invited, and will work together to put on a combined performance at the end of the day.

"We work cooperatively all the time," said Hoskin, adding it's really nice for the younger students to get to know the older students, so they will have a friendly face when coming to the upper grades, which is especially helpful in light of the planned reconfiguration. This September, when the sixth grade moves from Deer Hill up to the middle-high school, band members will have already had some experience working together.

"With Steve's help, we hope to make the music program a familiar place for those kids," she said.

When Hoskin is not busy devoting her time to music, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, skiing, and baking. While she is currently not playing with a band herself, she said in the future she may go back to auditioning. However, for her first few years in Cohasset, "I want to be available to the students whenever they need me. I'm here a lot, but the payoff has been enormous. I have really amazing students and they're all really talented," she said.

If you know a teacher that should be featured in Teachers with Class, please contact Samantha Brown at 781-741-2935 or sambrown@cnc.com.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

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For more information, please call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

SPED speaker on MCAS

Parents Advisory Council for Special Education (PAC), invites South Shore parents and faculty to its meeting on Tuesday, March 2 at the Osgood Elementary School, 210 Sohier St., at 7:30 p.m.. A speaker from the Federation for Children with Special Needs will focus on MCAS.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 6 at the Osgood School at 7:30 p.m. when Isabel Phillips, Ed.D. will be featured. She has an extensive background in reading and language-based learning disabilities, assessment and intervention.

In 2001, PAC members from Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth joined to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. The South Shore Regional PAC goal is to meet informally throughout the year.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

'Be my Valentine'

The origin of Saint Valentine's Day is as unclear as a window pane smudged with children's fingerprints as the little ones proudly tape red and frilled paper hearts on the window for all to see.

There are two Saint Valentines who could be the inspiration for our day of candy hearts, mushy or silly poems, and long-stem roses.

There was St. Valentine, a third century A.D. Roman Christian who, according to legend, was martyred during the persecution of Christians by Emperor Claudius II. Another martyr named Valentine, who was bishop of Terni — a region in present-day central Italy — may also be the patron saint for the Feb. 14 holiday, according to the American Heritage dictionary. Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred, according to the History Channel Web site.

It is the third century Saint Valentine, slain by Claudius II, whose story is told at www.historychannel.com.

According to legend, when Claudius II outlawed marriage for young men because the Roman emperor believed single men made better soldiers, Valentine realized the decree was unjust and defied Claudius by continuing to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When his actions were discovered, Claudius ordered Valentine put to death. Another version of the story told on history.com is that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons.

Perhaps both stories are true. The man who loved so much that he braved death himself by performing forbidden weddings could very well be a man who would try to help others escape from imprisonment at the hands of brutal guards.

The story goes that the saint may have sent the first valentine himself. While in prison, Valentine is believed to have fallen in love with a young girl, perhaps his jailer's daughter, who visited him in his cell. Before his death, it is thought he wrote her a letter, which he signed, 'From your Valentine.'

While the truth behind the Valentine legend may be murky, history.com tells us, the stories certainly portray the saint as a sympathetic, heroic. and decidedly romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

The phrase, "Be my valentine," can be taken in two ways. One is the traditional entreaty for someone to be our sweetie. This simple expression tugs at the heartstrings, whether the sentiment is between parent and child or between lovers.

But maybe the recipient of the request should take it another way, and that is truly to "be my Valentine," to be romantic and sympathetic and heroic. Sympathetic means to notice and acknowledge another's troubles and sacrifices: "Little things mean a lot," as singers have often crooned. Romantic is easy, that's the flowers and candy routine. And, in these troubled times, many of us are more heroic than we realize.

Countless little heroic acts make up a loving relationship. There is a song about a suburban hero whose heroism shows in acts like taking his children down to see the floats at the Thanksgiving Day Parade when he wants to say home and see the Minneapolis Colts.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning penned, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and breadth and height my soul can reach."

To count some ways…

Cherishing a child's construction paper heart smeared with glue with clumsy letters as much — more! — than a dazzling number from a card shop.

Knowing the $5 bouquet from the grocery store holds as much love as the traditional dozen long-stems.

Remembering patience and gentle words are never out of season.

Sitting at the kitchen table and helping your three children laboriously address valentines to their class mates, making sure all names on the list get a card. (Let's do the math: three kids times cards for 22 classmates each equals… writer's cramp).

For a budget-conscious gift, a "ticket" tucked inside a card for something the recipient enjoys doing, like going for a wintry walk and enjoying coffee or hot chocolate afterwards or cooking a favorite meal.

For parents, a great gift from friends or relatives is to chip in for a dinner gift certificate with an offer to baby-sit.

Probably the best gift is that gift of spending time doing something fun.

We may never know all the facts behind the origin of St. Valentine's Day, and we don't need to. All we really need to know is that the celebration of love, sharing our love, should be every day, not just this Saturday.

There is a lot of meaning in those three simple words, "Be my Valentine."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Matos thanked for effort with schools

TO THE EDITOR:

In mid January, I received a letter from Cohasset Police Officer Lisa Matos. The letter informed me that she would no longer be able to serve as the Cohasset P.A.L.S. Officer (Police Assisting Local Schools). This cooperative program between the police department and the school's health education department was a unique initiative designed to bring police officers and teachers together to address some important issues. Lisa was trained in our various health education and prevention curricula along with several teachers. For many years thereafter, Lisa and Cohasset health educators and classroom teachers worked as a team providing instruction to elementary and middle school students in the areas of alcohol, drug abuse, and violence prevention, safety education, and child abuse prevention programs.

As the supervisor and evaluator of the program, I personally observed Lisa work with teachers presenting lesson plans to Cohasset youth. From the very beginning, Lisa's talent was obvious to me. She was a natural born teacher. There is no question in my mind that the hundreds, perhaps thousands of Cohasset students that she has worked with through the years have all benefited greatly from her. She will be dearly missed by the staff and the students.

I'd like to thank former Police Chief, Brian Noonan and present chief, Bob Jackson for their cooperation and for allowing us to benefit from Lisa's dedication and deep concern for Cohasset youth. Most of all, I want to thank Office Matos for a job well done.

Dr. Michael Gill
Health Education Coordinator
Cohasset Public Schools

Type of leadership is crux of the matter

TO THE EDITOR:

My friend Gabriel Gomez makes some good points in his letter, however, I think his conclusion is far reaching.

The original intent of the petition put forth by Lou Harvey was to get this matter out in the open. To have a hearing and let the chips fall where they may. It is clear that the selectmen, Haddad, and Jackson, mismanaged a personnel matter that was way beyond their capabilities.

I don't necessarily think that makes this a zero sum equation, i.e., ineptness on the part of those in charge does not equate to a ringing endorsement of the police in Cohasset. Gabe has used the words rigorous and proactive in his call to support the police and summarizes his letter by suggesting a new attitude "that enables a rigorous police force." Is the problem that culminated in a town hearing two weeks ago the result of a police force that was impeded from acting rigorously? I don't think that's such a clear conclusion. Is putting a charge to the police force to act rigorously necessary? Why can't they just act like policemen of a small, wealthy town that has little crime?

Why does providing some parental involvement in a teenage wrongdoing have to lead to criminals coming from out of town to ransack our homes? Would I expect the same kid to get chance after chance? No, I wouldn't, and there are always going to be parents who are unwilling to accept the fact that their child is in trouble through his own devices. Sooner or later, that parent realizes that their child is where he is because of the sum total of the choices he has made. A rigorous police force won't change that.

I don't believe we are at the crossroads of deciding between a "rigorous" police force and an accommodating police force. I don't see the two as mutually exclusive and think labeling them as such will lead to nothing but future problems for the people of this town. I would imagine, that given current events, the force is not high on morale. Rather than label them, let's focus on providing leadership that will instill in them the confidence they need to enforce the law while also using their discretion when appropriate.

Chris Allen
21 Pleasant St.

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Police policy is heart of issue

COMMENTARY

LOU HARVEY

Unfortunately, when both accommodation and rigor exist in the same police station, the result is a hostile environment.

The disinfecting sunshine on the discourse over Quigley/McLean has been enormously useful in crystallizing the core issue that has been in the background for years. Even though it has been in the background, this issue has produced hostility, conflict and resentment in police, Town government and citizens, with no debates to reach a resolution.

My careful examination of these matters for the last month, has led to the conclusion that the real issue is not whether Bill Quigley or Jim McLean are good cops or whether Bob Jackson is a good police chief or for that matter, whether Mark Haddad is a good Town Manager. These are the side debates of a more fundamental issue.

I have concluded that the core issue is the nature of police protection that the citizens of Cohasset desire. One choice is reflected by the approach of Chief Jackson and is an accommodating constabulary in which only severe crimes are prosecuted. The other choice is embodied in Sgt. Quigley and is a rigorous police force that applies modern methods to preempt severe crimes. Unfortunately, when both accommodation and rigor exist in the same police station, the result is a hostile environment.

Accommodating Constabulary

The policy of accommodation means that our police would be expected to await calls for intervention before taking action. Patrols, speed traps, stops and other preemptive measures are limited, while police wait at the station, ready to respond to 911 calls. There would be fewer arrests and fewer complaints about the treatment from police officers… Your kids are not arrested.

Rigorous Police

A policy of rigor would mean that our police are more proactive and attempt to anticipate and prevent anti-social or criminal behavior. Police would not wait in the station for citizens to report crimes but would be on the vigil to spot suspicious actions. With this policy there would be more arrests and consequently more complaints about the police… Your property is not trashed.

No Coexistence

With the recognition that the choice is between accommodation and rigor, it becomes abundantly clear why there is such difficulty in administering the Town's law enforcement. Chaos (as we have seen) is the only outcome when we expect our Town government to administer two conflicting policies. It is the proper duty and responsibility of the people of Cohasset to decide what policy to adopt.

Only after deciding what the policy of the Town should be, accommodation or rigor, can we expect our Board of Selectmen to administer it.

Let the debate begin.

Lou Harvey is the spokesperson for the citizens group that organized the petition to expose the evidence against three members of the Cohasset police department that were sanctioned on Oct. 20, 2003.

Cohasset Land Foundation formed

The Cohasset Land Foundation has been established to assist the Town in identifying, acquiring, and developing parcels of land of special interest in a manner consistent with the goals outlined in Cohasset's 2003 Master Plan. This foundation is based on the town of Lincoln's experiences on a similar program for meeting the challenges of protecting the environment, urban sprawl, and affordable housing.

The Foundation's objectives are to maintain the character of the town by providing Cohasset landowners with an environmentally sensitive and economically viable non-profit alternative to traditional development. The group will be focused on securing open space and 'developing what needs to be developed' in order to maintain open space by creatively matching funding and growth interests with the needs of the Town.

The Foundation hopes to acquire real estate at market rates and to build on it only as much as needed to recover costs. By eliminating the profit margin experienced in normal development, more open space can be preserved. Financing by mortgages on the real estate will be backed by a large number of personal notes signed by Cohasset residents (the same method used with great success in Lincoln).

The group will address the needs of Cohasset and its various constituents, including its land owners, Selectmen, the conservation commission, community preservation committee, open space committee, senior housing committee, housing partnership, as well as the Cohasset Conservation Trust.

Trustees of the Foundation represent a broad range of interests in Cohasset, and include: Richard Avery, Tom Callahan, Murray Campbell, Jack Keniley, Frank Neer, Chris Oddliefson, Glenn Pratt, Wayne Sawchuk, Donald Staszko, Rick Swanborg, Gary Vanderweil, David Weltman, and Michael Westcott.

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Principles

- The Cohasset Land Trust will succeed by adhering to these five principles (after Robert Lemire, Lincoln, Mass.)
- Broad recognition that the CLT must save what needs to be saved.
- Broad recognition that CLT must also build what needs to be built and that without integration of these two principles, it is often impossible to do either. Its values are needed to give shape to the built environment as well as protecting the character and resources of Cohasset.
- The need for full recognition of dollar value of landowners in their land. This recognition eliminates the otherwise inherent conflict between landowners and those who want to save or those who want to satisfy special development needs.
- The need for private sector as well as public sector participation in the land conversion process and to serve as a forum and watchdog in the community to make sure that open space plans, zoning, wetlands regulations, on-site sewage disposal enforcement and the like are fully up to date and implemented.
- The need for communities to reach out in both a public and private way to owners of land of special public interest instead of assuming a purely reactive public sector posture.

CLF activities

- To perform the traditional function of accepting gifts of land and other gifts that make possible the acquisition and proper management of special parcels.
- To perform the function of accepting and administering gifts and purchases of conservation restrictions.
- Work with planning, open space and conservation commission in the identification of land of conservation interest and its individual owners.
- Become a repository of information on the legal mechanisms that the community and planning approaches, and financial mechanisms that the community and landowners can apply in resolving land-use conflicts while serving their own financial and land-use interests.
- Provide a forum and resultant lobby for sound public sector land-use planning. A well-considered and shared position can exert considerable influence on the floor of town meetings.
- Develop an outreach program in concert with town committees so that owners of land of conservation interest are fully aware of their options, so that they know the community cares, and that the community has public sector and private sector resources to help them realize their dollar value in a responsible way.
- To develop the capability of land-banking special pieces coming on the market, so that adequate planning can be provided before such pieces are conventionally developed in ways that fail to save what needs to be saved, and so that, in special cases, needed development can be fostered.
- The CLF is actively seeking volunteers and members and can be reached by emailing: cohassetlf@earthlink.net. Or calling Richard Avery at: 383-6043.

Party girl gets birthday surprise

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE



JEANE DALY

I was invited to a surprise 50th birthday party for my friend Stephanie. Her two sons and daughter had been planning this party for months and wanted everything to be just perfect.

Her youngest son, Mark, was in charge of parking the guests' cars around the corner to insure the surprise factor. I've known Mark since he was a toddler and I must say I was a little reluctant to pass my car keys over to him, as I recalled all the skid marks he had left on the street outside my driveway.

Scott, her oldest son, had taken her out for a birthday dinner and when they arrived home, we all were to jump out and surprise her.

Everything went as planned and she was thrilled by the thoughtful gesture her kids had made on her behalf. Her daughter Kristin, who is quite a character, had something more in store than birthday cake and ice cream for her shy, sweet mother. She hired a male stripper to entertain.

About an hour into the festivities, the doorbell rang and the birthday girl answered the door. A huge man clad in hospital scrubs, mask, stethoscope, gloves, and all bounced into the room, carrying a blaring boom box. He sat the birthday girl down and began stripping to the pulsating rhythm of the loud music. The guests howled and hooted as he gyrated, swung, and grunted his way around the room. The birthday girl sat red-faced with her mouth hanging open, as her daughter doubled over with laughter.

The doc wiggled and pelvic tilted his remaining piece of outer wear to the floor and stood directly in front of Stephaney with a shiny, silver grape leaf draped over his . . . Stephaney, a nurse, has seen little bottoms and big bottoms, but this was too much! He squirmed, shimmied, dipped and bent, and did other remarkable movements with his muscular, tanned body.

The other gals, mostly 50-plus, myself, included, were cheering him on. The guest of honor sat with a bewildered glazed expression on her pale face, saying, "Oh, My God!"

I noticed the doctor smiled even more as he danced in front of the birthday girl, the reason being he was watching his own reflection in the mirror behind her chair. Great, he brought his own date to the party and it was obvious the two were madly in love.

Peeling off his silver leaf, he continued to bounce around the room, gyrating in front of all the hysterical ladies. They jammed bills down the remaining tiny gold fig leaf.

He wiggled back in front of Stephaney and shimmied up and down her shaking leg. I've never seen anyone look so miserable at their own party. I thought if this joker doesn't stop pretty soon, she's not going to make it to her 51st birthday.

She bent forward in her seat and in a kind, gentle voice said, "Does your mother know you do this, dear?" Everyone screamed with laughter. He told her he was a delivery driver for a national company in the daytime and his mother was proud of that. In a small voice, she replied, "Isn't that nice."

Now, every time I see one of those delivery drivers, I grin and wonder if his mom knows where he really is when he says he's working overtime.

Jeane Daly of Hingham is a dedicated student of humorous behavior and finds it everywhere she looks.

HEALTH NOTES

School nutrition is a major priority

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As a part of the Board's oversight of Town health matters, and considering the widespread epidemic of obesity in the U.S., the Cohasset Board of Health has decided to continue its initiative to provide better nutritional information to those responsible for our children's health. Accordingly, with the permission of Dr. Edward Malvey, the Superintendent of Schools, the first meeting of the Board's new Nutrition Advisory Committee for the Cohasset Public Schools was held at the High School on Tuesday Feb. 10at 9:30 a.m. in the middle-high school cafeteria.

For this first meeting, we invited the following participants: Board of Health Chairman Stephen Bobo; Board of Health member Margaret Chapman, R.N.; Jackie Fitts, parent; Michael Gill, school health education coordinator; Health Agent Joseph Godzik; nutritionist Jane Lanzilotti; Bob Levy, school food services manager; nutritionist Paula Pozniak; and School Committee member Chartis Tebbetts.

We sent letters to others who may have an interest in this important issue, and request that anyone having a viewpoint or ideas relating to student nutrition or would like to share in this important work, to please contact the Board of Health or one of those listed in the above list.

Many conflicting viewpoints exist about the issue of student nutrition, especially since schools are hard pressed to provide good education in the face of continuing massive financial pressure. The fact remains that it is possible to provide nutritious choices without resorting to the use of junk foods to enhance revenue. This has recently been demonstrated in the high school cafeteria.

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Every day, we see reports of new studies which show how important it is, early on, to develop good dietary habits. Students whose activities require the consumption of energy-supplying carbohydrates need to learn that when the activity level goes down, food consumption needs to be watched. Those who are careful about their weight need to guard against missing important food components necessary for health. These fundamental lessons must be learned and become habits. They are as necessary for later development as the other facets of their education.

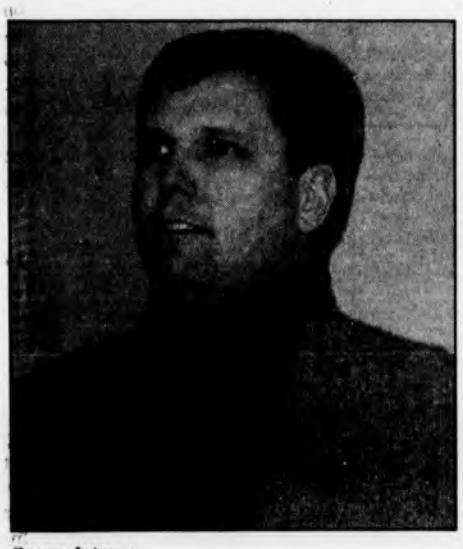
And the food nutrition picture is changing. There is currently much discussion about appropriate diets and the emphasis of specific food groups such as carbohydrates. There is just too much changing information available for those supplying the day to day services of caring for our students to keep up with the latest, most accurate information. So, the Board of Health has assembled a group of individuals whose responsibilities will hopefully be to deal with the various aspects of student food nutrition. The panel is strictly advisory, and has no power to require changes in menus or what's being served. Its purpose will eventually be to periodically provide useful and complete guidelines for diets necessary for the various food service operations within the school system. These will be discussed with those responsible for managing the operations of the various food service activities who have the responsibility for providing acceptable and appropriate meals for the students in all of our schools.

Again, we would urge anyone who has an interest in the issue of student nutrition to contact the Board of Health or anyone on the above list. We need your opinions as well as any facts and information relative to this important subject. After all, we have all eaten at a school facility at one time in our life. Also, we all eat. Perhaps we should give more thought about the best way to do it.

In a future article, we will provide an up date of our discussions at the first meeting.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

CANDIDATES CORNER



Stuart Ivimey

Ivimey announces Planning Board bid

Stuart Ivimey announced today his candidacy for the one-year term recently vacated on the Planning Board. "The unprecedented and virtually unchallenged development of over 400 housing units that are planned for this town will, in the absence of effective new leadership, forever and detrimentally alter the character of Cohasset." The greatest challenges facing this town are the need to create affordable senior housing and the preservation of the town's historic character. These challenges will define the town's character for generations. "I am running for the Planning Board to ensure that we meet our most important housing needs (those seniors with low and moderate incomes) as quickly as possible and do so in a manner that provides the greatest good for the largest number of these citizens. In addition, we must protect the town's character; respect the rights of our citizens who abut new construction; and protect the environment."

For the past three years Stuart has led the Community Preservation Committee as its chairman. These efforts resulted in the acquisition of the "Barnes Property", which added 35 acres to Wheelwright Park – at no cost to the town; created senior low income apartments in the old Paul Pratt Memorial Library (the only actual creation of senior housing that Cohasset has seen in decades); and helped fund the preservation of antique buildings including the former Pratt Library.

Despite the draft Master Plan's emphasis on creating affordable senior housing and the preservation of town character, our elected officials have turned a blind eye to urban sprawl that does not serve the needs of our low and moderate income senior neighbors, and which will destroy our town's character. Indeed, Town Hall has encouraged the development of these misguided projects. "The attitude of 'development at all costs' also erodes town character, ignores the rights of abutters, overburdens the tax base and sacrifices the environment.

Cohasset now has the opportunity to travel in a new and enlightened direction – one that provides housing for our seniors who lack the means to remain our neighbors due to one that benefits from proactive leadership to encourage smart growth, which respects the town's character and environment; and one that respects the rights of all its citizens. The town needs new and creative ideas. "The stakes are simply too high for a 'business as usual' attitude at Town Hall. If changes aren't made, we all stand to lose the beauty of this town without solving its most pressing housing needs." We in Cohasset simply do not want or need the 400 units of housing, the likes of which are planned today.

Stuart is a forty-year-old native New Englander who practices law in Pembroke where he is involved in commercial, real estate and family law matters. Prior to graduating from the University of Denver College of Law, Stuart served as a Naval Intelligence Officer, which included combat in Operation Desert Storm. Stuart is also a member of the Cohasset Rotary Club. For further information, please contact Stuart Ivimey at (781) 383-2604 or by e-mail at stuart.ivimey@verizon.net. Stuart and his wife, Christine Woodward, reside on Sankey Road.

Fogarty's campaign goes full speed ahead

The Fogarty campaign was marked by two successful events last week. On Tuesday over 60 enthusiastic supporters of Janet Fogarty, candidate for Republican State Committeewoman, attended a reception at the Hearth n' Kettle in Weymouth. Supporters applauded Fogarty's detailed plan for increasing Republican success in the District. "Janet's name and support is spreading like wildfire!" said Mary Ellen MacInnis of Weymouth.

On Thursday Fogarty took time out of her own campaign to host a successful fundraiser for Scott Brown, running for the State Senate seat vacated by Cheryl Jacques in the March 2 special election. The successful event was attended by local leaders such as Senator Bob Hedlund and Representative Daniel Webster.

"This was our most successful fundraiser outside of the district," stated Brown's Finance Director and former Mass GOP Political Director Vincent Errichetti. "Kudos to Janet and her leadership on this!"

For more information or to join Fogarty's campaign, contact Constituent Relations Director Elizabeth Rech at 781-740-4746.

Hilbert says state GOP missed opportunities

Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican President, observed, "a house divided against itself cannot stand."

Neither can a political party. Lincoln's simple lesson appears lost in some Republican circles. This party has had many opportunities to capitalize and build. For example, the Republicans could have recruited the Reagan Democrats in the 80s, but let the opportunity go by.

In the early 90s, the State Committee also did nothing to recruit disenfranchised Unenrolled and Democrats at the end of the Dukakis administration. On March 2, you will be voting for a state Committeewoman and man. This choice will either cause the demise of the party, or create the awesome task of rebuilding. One thing I will promise is that I will not play the game of divide and conquer. I will not get in the way of a Republican primary election against two or more Republicans. That is for the voters to decide.

Anne Hilbert, Candidate for Republican State Committee, 781-337-3743.

Logan called 'favorite Republican anywhere'

Calling Polly Logan "our favorite Republican, anywhere," Congressman Amo Houghton — R,NY and Cohasset summer resident — is appearing for the incumbent state committeewoman throughout the Norfolk- Plymouth district.

"Polly Logan has helped elect Republicans from conservatives to moderates — her selfless efforts have no false ideological boundaries that others may pursue," Houghton stated.

Logan was also acknowledged by Governor Romney's Secretary for Environmental Affairs, Ellen Roy Hertzfelder of Cohasset. Hertzfelder thanked Logan "for being an inspiration and for taking time and effort to guide my career."

Logan, trailblazer among women in politics, has a fund in her name at UMass, Boston providing scholarships for those pursuing government and public service.

"The reason the South Shore rallies around Polly," stated Kim Reynolds and Shawni Littlehale — current and previous chairs of the Norwell Republican Town Committee, "is that she never stops giving and she never stops fighting — for two-party government and for young people to get active."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The right kind of police force

TO THE EDITOR:

Lou Harvey writes today about a choice facing the town of Cohasset between a rigorous police force that proactively protects our citizens and an accommodating one that focuses on reacting to citizen complaints. Yet I would suggest that that choice has already been made. From parents' letters to the editor suggesting that their children's hangouts should not be patrolled to individuals' efforts to prevent police intervention, we have seen Cohasset residents stand up to thwart active policing methods. From police officers' own responses, we know that they feel this pressure acutely, not only from the citizenry but also from the senior levels of town government.

The policy of accommodating policing sends two strong messages, both of which threaten the well-being of Cohasset citizens. First and foremost, this policy tells our children that their actions are not being monitored. Although we trust that we have taught them so well at home that they would not violate the law, we know realistically that police presence can be a strong deterrent for young people who experience peer pressure to act up, damage property or put themselves at risk by using drugs or alcohol. An environment of accommodating policing gives our children a false sense of infallibility and puts them at risk when they leave our community. If they learn in Cohasset that they can do as they like and get away with it, they are due for a rude awakening; police elsewhere, especially in college cities, won't be nearly so understanding or gentle.

And let's not think that criminals won't also notice Cohasset's policy of accommodating policing. If our police are discouraged from investigating suspicious situations, how will they be able to stop criminal activity? If criminals know that law enforcement in Cohasset is relaxed, won't they head here instead of going to a nearby town where vigilance is greater?

The question we now face is whether we really are prepared to live with these consequences? Granted, we are a *village* — and many of us have chosen to make our homes in Cohasset because we want our children to have the informal security and room to make mistakes as they grow up that our small town should afford. However, the reality is that we live in a larger world — our children will need to learn how to live in this world and face the consequences when they break the law. Equally importantly, we all need the protection that our police can provide against criminals who might threaten our town.

To change from this policy of accommodation and instead enable our police to proactively protect our town, where do we look? The first place would, of course, be within ourselves as citizens providing support to our law enforcement professionals. But the policy of discouraging police intervention and thwarting proactive policing methods is well entrenched. Our police officers have spoken out against it, citing their frustration that efforts to protect and to serve are not fully appreciated. All indications are that the policy of "leaving well enough alone" is coming from the top. If this is so, then this is a conversation that concerned citizens need to have with Chief Jackson. Or perhaps this is a big enough issue to discuss with Chief Jackson's boss, Mark Haddad, who exerts absolute control over police matters. Yet ultimately the buck stops with the Selectmen and they must be the party to which we look for this kind of high-level town guidance. Whether or not it is appropriate for the Town Manager to exert absolute control over the police force is a debate for the future — and one worth addressing — but not one that absolves the Selectmen of responsibility in this matter.

I applaud Lou Harvey for raising the question of what kind of police force we want for Cohasset, and take it a step further to suggest that we've effectively already chosen. The debate now must center on whether or not we're willing to face the consequences of this choice. If not, it is our responsibility as citizens to work together with our town officials and town government to reverse this decision.

It strikes me that the solution is a new attitude for Cohasset, one that enables a rigorous police force. This would start with all of us as citizens embracing the security afforded by this police force and end with our elected and appointed officials committed to enforcing this policy at every level of town government and law enforcement.

Gabriel E. Gomez
53 Highland Ave

Scout dance help is much appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

A special thank you goes out to Joanie Meade and Principal Keith Gauley for the use of the Deer Hill gymnasium for our annual Girl Scout dance.

In addition, custodian Paul Bransfield went beyond the call of duty in helping us unlock doors, sand walkways, move tables, and dispose of debris at an event attended by more than 200 people. (We don't know how he maintained such a happy demeanor after having been on the job since 6 a.m.!)

We also appreciate the kind donation of three gallons of coffee by Starbucks of Cohasset: just the thing to keep our dancers full of energy on a cold Friday night!

Leesa Bleicken, Leslie Bryan, Kristin Norton and Annemarie Whilton

Money for hearings could be better spent

TO THE EDITOR:

I am Sergeant William Quigley's brother-in-law. Bill is the uncle of my four children, one of which is a teenager. I also know Officer Jim McLean and several other officers from the Cohasset Police Department. Recently, I attended Sergeant Quigley's disciplinary hearing. I listened intently to every word of each witness and one question came to mind — are the town officials joking?

Presumably the Chief of Police, over the past four months, has picked the most horrific violations to persecute. These violations are the worst of the worst, the ones that are the most shocking to the public's conscience. Again, are they kidding? These charges, which are the subject of the hearings, are related to closed cases — the defendants have pled out in a real court of law. The charges amount to semantics and paperwork snafus.

What I took away from the hearings is that there are no rules or standard operating procedures (S.O.P.s) in place to tell an officer or sergeant what report to file or when they should file it. There are absolutely no rules or S.O.P.s for handling evidence as demonstrated by the Chief's admission to storing blood evidence in the employee refrigerator. The Police Chief needs to get out from behind his desk a little more often and brush up on his search and seizure procedures.

The town's chief law enforcement officer explanations of his understanding of doctrines of law do not match the officer's or the court's interpretations of those same doctrines of law. The irony of this whole mess is that in one way or another, every police officer and every town

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CANDIDATES CORNER

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Cafferty campaign picks up supporters

John Cafferty has a vision for the Plymouth/Norfolk District, to rebuild the Republican Party.

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Election day is March 2.

Conley Ford focuses on future of state GOP

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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February 2-6



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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on six roll calls from the week of February 2-6. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

CHECK CASHING PRIVACY (S 63)

Senate 37-0, gave initial approval to a bill prohibiting banks and credit unions from requiring check-cashing customers to provide the institution with a credit card or any other personal identification information other than a name, address, telephone number and driver's license number or state identification card number. The measure allows the institution to verify the name, signature and expiration date on a credit card but does not allow it to record that information on the check without the customer's consent. Supporters said the bill would protect customers' privacy and prevent them from being required to provide unnecessary personal information while cashing a check. They noted that current law already offers these protections to consumers who are paying a bill by check and noted that this legislation simply extends that protection to them while cashing a check. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

HELMETS FOR SKIERS (S 1376)

Senate 36-1, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill requiring ski area operators to post a one square foot sign with the following exact words: "A helmet— it's a smart idea. For educational information on helmets, inquire at ticket office." The sign would have to be posted at the point of purchase for lift tickets. The measure requires the operators to make educational information on helmets available to skiers. It also mandates that skiers review the information, educate themselves on ski helmet use and make informed choices on the use of ski helmets for themselves and their children. Supporters said the intent of the bill is to encourage rather than mandate that both adults and children wear helmets. They pointed to tragic skiing accidents involving children and argued that the bill would save lives and prevent injuries. Opponents offered no arguments. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against the bill).

$5 MILLION FOR TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (H 4328)

Senate 31-6, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $5 million for the Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation (MTDC). Override supporters said it is important to fund this state-owned venture capital firm that invests in Massachusetts-based technology companies by providing grants for their start-up and expansion. They argued that these companies help the state's economic growth by creating jobs and generating tax revenue. Override opponents said the MTDC already has sufficient funding and argued that the state should not use taxpayers' money to fund risky ventures and compete with the private venture capital industry. They argued that the money should either be saved to help close the gap in a potential $2 billion deficit in the fiscal 2005 budget or spent on restoring cuts in local aid and human service programs. (A "Yea" vote is for the $5 million. A "Nay" vote is against the $5 million).

REIMBURSEMENT FOR KOSHER FOOD IN NURSING HOMES (H 4330)

Senate 36-1, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a section increasing by up to $5 per patient per day the Medicaid reimbursement paid to nursing homes that provide kosher food for their patients. Override supporters said that maintaining a kosher kitchen is expensive and noted that some cash-starved private nursing homes have indicated that they would stop providing kosher meals unless they receive this increase. They argued that without the funding, Jewish seniors who keep kosher would face the choice of eating non-kosher meals or kosher TV dinners of questionable quality. They said that federal law requires the state to provide these types of specialty needs for Medicaid patients living in nursing homes, prisoners and military personnel. Override opponents said the state cannot afford this increased reimbursement when it is facing a potential $2 billion deficit in the fiscal 2005 budget. They argued that the funding is unfair because it is too narrowly focused and does not include vegetarians or other people with dietary restrictions. (A "Yea" vote is for the increase of up to $5 per patient per day. A "Nay" vote is against the increase).

$600,000 FOR KOSHER FOOD IN NURSING HOMES (H 4330)

Senate 35-2, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $600,000 in funding for MassHealth Senior Care Plans. Override supporters said that the federal government would reimburse the state $300,000 of this $600,000 that would be used to fund the increased reimbursement of up to $5 per patient per day to nursing homes that provide kosher food to their patients. Override opponents said the state cannot afford $300,000 and repeated their arguments that the increased reimbursement is narrow and unfair because it does not include vegetarians or other people with dietary restrictions. (A "Yea" vote is for the $600,000. A "Nay" vote is against the $600,000)

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (H 4330)

Senate 33-4, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $1.727 million for a reserve fund to leverage a Help America Vote Act (HAVA) federal grant to Massachusetts for implementation of HAVA requirements including improving voting systems and machines, election administration, voter education and registration and accessibility for disabled voters. Override supporters said that HAVA was approved following the 2000 presidential election debacle and noted that the state is required to spend some of its own money in order to access $11 million in federal funds for these projects. They noted that it is irresponsible for the state not to leverage the federal funds because it is required to implement the changes even if it does not receive any federal dollars. Override opponents said this is only one of many opportunities the state has to leverage federal money for various programs. They argued that leveraging federal money still costs the state money and noted that perhaps cities and towns should follow the lead of communities like Springfield that have already made these improvements without the grant money. (A "Yea" vote is for the $1.727 million. A "Nay" vote is against the $1.727 million).ENERGY EFFICIENT PRODUCTS (H 1270)- The Energy Committee has recommended passage of a bill prohibiting many products from being sold in Massachusetts after January 1, 2006 unless they meet certain minimum energy efficiency standards. The products include commercial refrigerators, freezers and clothes washers, ceiling fans, torchiere lamps, portable air conditioners, traffic-signal devices and illuminated exit signs.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

Y	Y	
N	N	
Y	Y	
N	N	
N	N	
N	N	



LISTEN To Life

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FINDING THEMSELVES AT A LOSS

By some estimates, hearing loss affects up to 40 percent of adults aged 65 and older, but only a relatively small percentage of the cases of hearing loss are actually diagnosed. Part of the blame for this oversight is that primary care physicians may regard hearing loss among the elderly as an inevitable part of aging. As a result, the problem is often ignored. This is quite unfortunate because the most common kind of hearing loss among the elderly (sensorineural, or "nerve deafness") can be substantially improved with the use of a hearing instrument. Otherwise, the inability to properly decipher high-frequency information can significantly interfere with word comprehension. This leads to miscommunication and all the frustration that can bring.

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official in that hearing room thinks they are doing what is best for the town. I have heard the Chief is a decent man, who has served his country, state and town. However, in my opinion the Chief has allowed family business to interfere with town business.

After calculating some approximate numbers I came up with these figures: 4 police officers on overtime waiting to testify x 2 days = $2,000; 2 police officers on paid leave at $2,200 per week x 4 months = $35,200; 1 private investigator billed $17,000 thus far and $100 per hour thereafter = $18,000; Town Counsel (2 lawyers now) = $30,000.

The town has already paid about $85,200 for this chaos. Not to mention the fees for the stenographer ($75 per hour and $2.30 per page), medical exams, psychological exams, lawsuits and the pending appeal. Cohasset should use the money it will spend on the defense portion of this case to purchase and outfit all of the police cruisers with video cameras (now about $1,200 each). The installation of cameras in the police cruisers will provide certainty and replace any gray areas. Just pop the tape in and the answers will be there.

When the town rests its case next week, a brave Town Manager would accept a motion for a summary judgment and enter a finding of "dismissed" on all counts.

John V. Skerry Jr.
Pembroke

Pierson opinion fails to see the big picture

TO THE EDITOR:

Wigmore Pierson's eloquent exposition of the right and responsibility of "the people" to oversee government behavior (Commentary, The Mariner Feb. 5 2004) is indisputably correct in principle. However, a government elected freely has the responsibility to safeguard the public interest, and has the authority by virtue of its election to take the action it sees necessary to safeguard that public interest. Our system provides safeguards to rights that are more equitable in the long term than hashing it out in the village square.

In the police matter, the hearings are open to public scrutiny, and in addition there is an equally open process of appeal available to the officers if they are dissatisfied with whatever disciplinary action results. (If they were not under civil service, but employees of a private business, they could be dismissed at the whim of the employer, with recourse available only as afforded by statutes against racial, age or religious etc. discrimination). The officers are fortunate (or may be dismayed, depending on what is revealed) that the results of investigation and the resulting action are openly displayed for all to see. It's a painful and costly process, and it's hard to see why taxpayers should spend still more money to have an "independent investigator" develop his own description of the process already so starkly revealed for all to see. Stirring the brew again with a superimposed investigation isn't exactly the best way to "hasten to bring an end to this sad chapter …and begin the healing"!

Police officers, like anyone in positions of authority (customs officers, planning boards, receptionists, etc.) are subject to the occupational hazard of coming to enjoy that authority, and hence tempted to abuse it. It must be countered either by self-discipline and self-awareness, and/or by sophisticated supervision. Perhaps the officers are guilty of no more than having succumbed to that occupational hazard, or perhaps not even that, and perhaps the matter could have been dealt with in a less public manner. Nevertheless, if their superiors had the slightest reason to suspect wrong-doing, they would be remiss in their responsibility to the public they represent not to investigate and then lay such charges as seem warranted. Fortunately for the officers and the public, the matter is aired, with counsel representing both sides. Some among us seem to be incensed that the findings of the investigation were not dribbled to the public as they were developed, incensed that the selectmen made a statement explaining the issue only to the degree prudent at the time, and they are touched by the officers' claims that they didn't know why they were put on paid leave (the normal procedure in such cases). It's hard to believe that anyone could think the charges are because the chief suckered the selectmen and the town manager into a baseless investigation simply to further a feud related to the chief's family.

So what is Mr. Pierson complaining about? If the hearing isn't revealing enough, will an investigation of the investigators do more? Should the investigators have publicized their findings as they developed? Will the discussion at Town Meeting, prompted by the warrant article asking for money for an independent investigation of the town's behavior, be such as to honor the rights of all parties? Will that discussion "begin the process of healing and reuniting our beloved town"? Whatever the outcome of this matter, in future should our local government ignore allegations against town employees, or if not ignored, should the allegations and the findings of the investigations be distributed to the public as they are developed? When the issue seems too serious to be dealt with in private by administrative means, should the process be formal hearings supplemented by the availability of an appeals process, or should it be taken to the village square, or town meeting, or judged by whatever news and comment is published in the media?

Oh, by the way, it was P.T. Barnum, not Abraham Lincoln, that made the famous remark about not being able to fool all the people all the time.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Holiday closing

The library will be closed Monday, Feb. 16 in observance of Presidents' Day.

What should I read next? Do you have a favorite fiction author or favorite book and would like more suggestions of similar books to read? The library's new database, NoveList will help you and your children (grades K-8), find the types of books you enjoy reading. As well as finding books to read, users can learn more about books and authors through Author Read-alikes, Feature Articles, Book Discussion Guides, and Book Talks.

NoveList is available in the library from our website: www.cohassetlibrary.org

For help using NoveList or for more information, please see the Reference Librarian.

Books on display

This month's display reflects Black History Month, President's Day, and Valentine's Day. Books, books on tape/CD, videos, and kits are on the display cart next to the bank of children's computers.

Homebound delivery service is available

If you love to read but are unable to come to the library due to an illness or disability, we are very pleased to announce a new home delivery service. For those interested, a volunteer from the Friends of the Cohasset Library will visit you at your residence to discuss your reading preferences and take your requests for library materials. Selections will be delivered to you and picked up and returned to the library on a regular schedule. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in our program, please telephone the library and speak to Judy Simons at 781 383 1348.

Birthday card contest

In honor of the anniversary of Dr. Seuss's 100th birthday (March 2, 2004) we will have a birthday card contest. Create a colorful and creative birthday card for Dr. Seuss's 100th birthday and bring it to Mrs. Moody. The card may be any size, shape, or color. You may use anything and everything to decorate it. It must contain the number 100 and the words "Happy Birthday". On the back of the card include your name, age, and telephone number. The contest ends Feb. 23 and is open to students through age 12. Winners will be awarded a prize at the Dr. Seuss Birthday Party on Saturday, Feb. 28. More details to come!

Birthday bash!

We will be celebrating the anniversary of Dr. Seuss's birthday on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Birthday Card contest winners will be awarded prizes, Mrs. Moody will be reading her favorite Dr. Seuss stories, and light refreshments will be served in the Community Room. For more information call Mrs. Moody at 781-383-1348 x. 107.

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Cohasset character at heart of proposed zoning changes

Articles at the head of the pack

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Residents at the March 27 annual Town Meeting will have five zoning articles to vote on, and this time around, zoning items will be located toward the beginning of the Warrant, to ensure a there will be a good turnout when it comes time to make a final decision.

Currently, out of the 30 total articles, numbers nine, 10, 11, 13 and 14 all relate to zoning, three of which were discussed in depth at the Feb. 3 Board of Selectmen's meeting. Zoning articles include a large house site plan review, earth removal, non conforming uses, political signs, and an amendment to the senior multi-family residence overlay district.

The large house site plan review was modeled after a program adopted by the town of Weston. It will ensure any proposals for construction of residential buildings greater than 3,500 square feet or 10 percent of the lot area up to 6,000 square feet, will be subject to a site plan review process by the Planning Board. The intention of the bylaw is to insure abutters are notified if a "large house," is going to be built in a given neighborhood, and that houses are built in a manner consistent with the surrounding properties.

Selectmen Tom Callahan, who also sits on the Growth and Development Committee and has been heavily involved in the Master Plan, said the article was drafted as a response to the overwhelming concern that the town's character needs to be preserved, which is a main goal of the Master Plan. Some refer to the large houses being built as a "mansionization" of the town, and this bylaw would set up guidelines for regulation.

"These are guidelines the board can consider with every project, and they're waivable. They won't apply to every project," said Callahan.

Guidelines include:

- Consideration being given to abutting properties, protecting their privacy, access to sun and light, screening utilities and objectionable features, and preserving the integrity of existing vegetation that abuts or overhangs property boundaries.
- Use of building design and massing, building materials, and architectural techniques that place the building in harmony with the prevailing character and scale of buildings in the neighborhood.
- Selection of a location on the lot, including the use of setbacks greater than the minimum required, integration into the existing terrain and surrounding landscape, and building orientation, in such a way to avoid or mitigate any differences in architectural scale from that prevailing in the neighborhood.
- Avoidance of prominent on-lot automobile impact through location and orientation of garage entrances, curved driveway alignment and narrow width of driveways as they approach the street, and other means.

Selectmen Michael Sullivan said he did not think the bylaw was a good idea because "it becomes very subjective." He added that some of the most beautiful homes in Cohasset are "mansions" and it's not fair to subject homeowners to a lengthy set of regulations, just because their homes are larger.

"I don't think this bylaw by itself is causing any extra hassles to homeowners," said Callahan.

Earth removal

The article regarding earth removal, land clearing, and land alteration is based on bylaws from the towns of Andover and Plymouth. Its purpose is to protect the town of Cohasset by:

- Regulating clearing, grading, and earth removal activities associated with land development, and preserving as much as practicable existing trees, vegetation, and land forms.
- Preventing erosion and sedimentation of inland and coastal wetlands, ponds and other water bodies.
- Controlling storm-water runoff, minimizing fragmentation of wildlife habitat and loss of vegetation.
- Regulating alteration of natural topography
- Protecting drinking water supply.

It is also intended to protect specimen trees and forest communities from damage or removal during site development, encourage the use of best management practices which prevent and reduce non-point sources of pollution, and promote land development and site planning practices that are responsive to the town's scenic character without preventing the reasonable development of land.

"Earth removal and ledge removal aren't the only issues the town is seeing," said Callahan, which is why the bylaw needs to be changed. Because there have been cases of builders bringing in loads of fill in order to build a house higher up on a lot, for a better view without exceeding the 35 foot height requirement under the zoning bylaw, a standard needs to be set which restricts changing the grade of the land.

Non-conforming use

The Non Conforming Uses bylaw was written as a direct result of 3 Jerusalem Lane saga. Phil and Mary Anne Ayer bought the property and chose to raze the small ranch which existed, and began building a much larger home in its place. Building Inspector Bob Egan issued the building permit for the new home because it met all height and setback requirements. However, the Zoning Board then found the Ayers' home should not have been issued a building permit because it was on a nonconforming, or undersized, lot. The board said Egan's longstanding interpretation of the bylaws was incorrect and the Ayers must apply for a special permit to complete the home according to original plans, and construction was stopped, although 80 percent complete.

The new bylaw has been rewritten to clarify any uncertainties, and states, "Any expansion/extension/enlargement, reconstruction, or replacement of a nonconforming lot which results in a building or structure that exceeds the cubic area of the previous existing structure by more than 150 percent shall be presumed to be substantially more detrimental, and more injurious, dangerous, and hazardous. Such presumption shall be irrebuttable in the Residence A district and rebuttable in the Residence B and C districts."

Copies of the drafted Warrant are available at the library, Town Clerk's office, Planning Board office, and the Selectmen's office. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing to discuss the zoning articles in depth on Wed. Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the basement meeting room at Town Hall. The meeting will be televised.

Senior Overlay Bylaw helps town build 'friendly' projects

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The words "Chapter 40B" have taken on a life of their own in Cohasset, as many shudder to hear them due to what they have come to represent.

Under 40B, developers can come into a town and build senior housing complexes which skirt around local zoning regulations, and the state ultimately has the final say on what is built. In its defense, Cohasset drafted the Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw, allowing the town to build its own "friendly 40B" developments, putting the control back into the hands of the local boards.

The Senior Overlay bylaw was passed by voters at the November 2002 special Fall Town Meeting, after AvalonBay came to town with plans for its 200-unit senior housing development, filed under Chapter 40B.

Chapter 40B was enacted in 1969 to encourage communities to build more affordable housing and to comply, a community needs to have at least 10 percent of its permanent housing affordable to low- and moderate-income families. To help achieve that goal, the law authorizes comprehensive permits to be issued with some exemptions from local zoning regulations, provided one-fourth of the developed units are affordable.

For projects built under the Senior Overlay bylaw, that same 25 percent affordability requirement stands firm. Affordability regulations are written so that those residents earning less than 50 percent of the area median household income qualify as low income, those earning between 50 and 80 percent qualify as moderate income, and those earning between 80 percent and 120 percent qualify as median income. In Boston, the area median household income is $50,100 for a family of two. Affordable units must remain affordable for a minimum of 30 years.

Every developer who files under the Senior Multi-Family Residence Overlay District bylaw must submit plans in accordance with its guidelines before being granted a special permit by the Planning Board. This is an extensive approval process which begins when preliminary applications and plans are submitted, and are then reviewed by the Planning Board for approval or denial. If approved, the plans move on to the public hearing phase, during which abutters are legally notified of the hearings.

At the end of the public hearings, developers either leave with a comprehensive permit, or are denied and can choose to begin the process all over again, provided they want to go back to the beginning and file a preliminary set of plans and a new application.

If a special permit is granted, that still does not mean a project has been given the green light to move forward. Plans still must gain the approval of other boards as the details are worked out, and the Planning Board must grant the final approval for any changes made.

Plans for senior housing filed under the bylaw must be prepared by a professional architect, engineer, and landscape architect, and must include proposed location, bulk, and height of all proposed buildings. Applicants must include various site information as well — including an analysis of the site which maps wetlands, slopes, soil conditions, areas within the 100 year floodplain, trees over eight inches in diameter, and other natural features the Planning Board may request.

In addition, a summary of environmental concerns must be included as well as sufficient information including either plans for an on-site system for the disposal of septic waste, or written confirmation from the Sewer Commission detailing an agreement for a sewer connection. Any on-site systems must be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Cohasset Board of Health, as well as applicable state Department of Environmental Protection regulations.

Projects filed under the Senior Overlay District must be built on parcels of land of at least 10 acres. However, as an incentive to create new housing for seniors 55 and older, developers are allowed to build more densely than the town would normally allow under its zoning regulations. The total number of units in a development is limited to 10 units per acre.

Housing must be planned and developed to fit in with any existing or proposed development in the area around the site. All buildings in the plans must have convenient access to and from adjacent uses and roadways. Walking and biking paths must be provided within the site and as a means of connection to adjacent conservation lands and neighboring streets and sidewalks when possible.

Developments built under the bylaw must have a 50-foot perimeter buffer between it and abutting properties. Access roads and pedestrian paths may cross the buffers at the discretion of the Planning Board. The board may reduce the width of the buffer to no less than 30 feet at appropriate locations. The perimeter buffer shall remain in a natural state to preserve the visual character of the parcel being developed.

The bylaw states before acting on the application, the plans should be submitted to the Board of Health, Sewer Commission, Water Commission, Conservation Commission, Design Review Board, Police Department, Fire Department, and other boards and departments the Planning Board deems appropriate. Any board or agency may submit recommendations to the Planning Board on the project.

Changes to the bylaw

When the Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw was written, it was assumed that "multi-family" meant buildings housing two or more dwelling units. However, since then it has been determined the state says the definition of multi-family includes only those buildings housing three or more dwelling units. When the bylaw was originally passed, a condition was written which would allow it to "sunset" once 20 percent of the town's total housing stock was deemed multi-family, which would prevent further development. However, with the change in definition, many two-family dwellings which were previously thought to "count", did not, and the number of units the town would be able to approve increased.

Therefore, the Planning Board has drafted another article to be included on the Warrant at the annual Town Meeting to be held March 27, which will allow the bylaw to sunset, once it reaches 15 percent multi-family housing in town instead of the 20 percent as currently written.

Deputy Assessor Mary Quill said Cohasset now has 250 multi-family units. With the bylaw as it is currently written, with a cap of 20 percent, that 250 only represents 8.6 percent of Cohasset's total 2,891 dwelling units.


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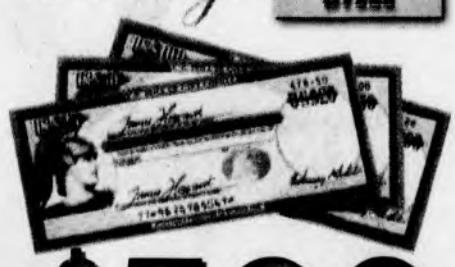
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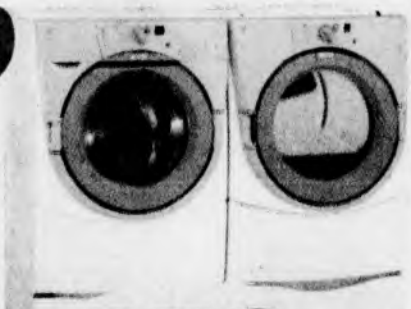
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Staying alive

Boys take first of three "must wins" to remain in postseason contention

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

One down, two to go.

The Cohasset boys basketball team needs a three-game sweep of its homestand this week to get to 10 wins and earn a spot in the state tournament. They got number one on Monday night with a 48-36 win over Harwich.

The Skippers needed a win last night against Hull and tonight against Mashpee to complete what would be a great season-ending run into the postseason.

It took a while for Cohasset to get off the ground against a game Harwich squad on Monday. Both teams were sloppy in the first half, Harwich with turnovers and Cohasset with missed shots and free throws.

The result was an unusually low-scoring first half. Fortunately, the Skippers were able to end it with some momentum.

With the score 18-16 in favor of Harwich with five seconds to go, Cohasset called a timeout to set up a final play. A perfect inbound pass from Jeff Brown went to Chris Bilodeau, who drove down the court, drew a couple defenders, and found a wide open Trevor Brady in the

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All revved up

Lady hoopsters prep for playoffs

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

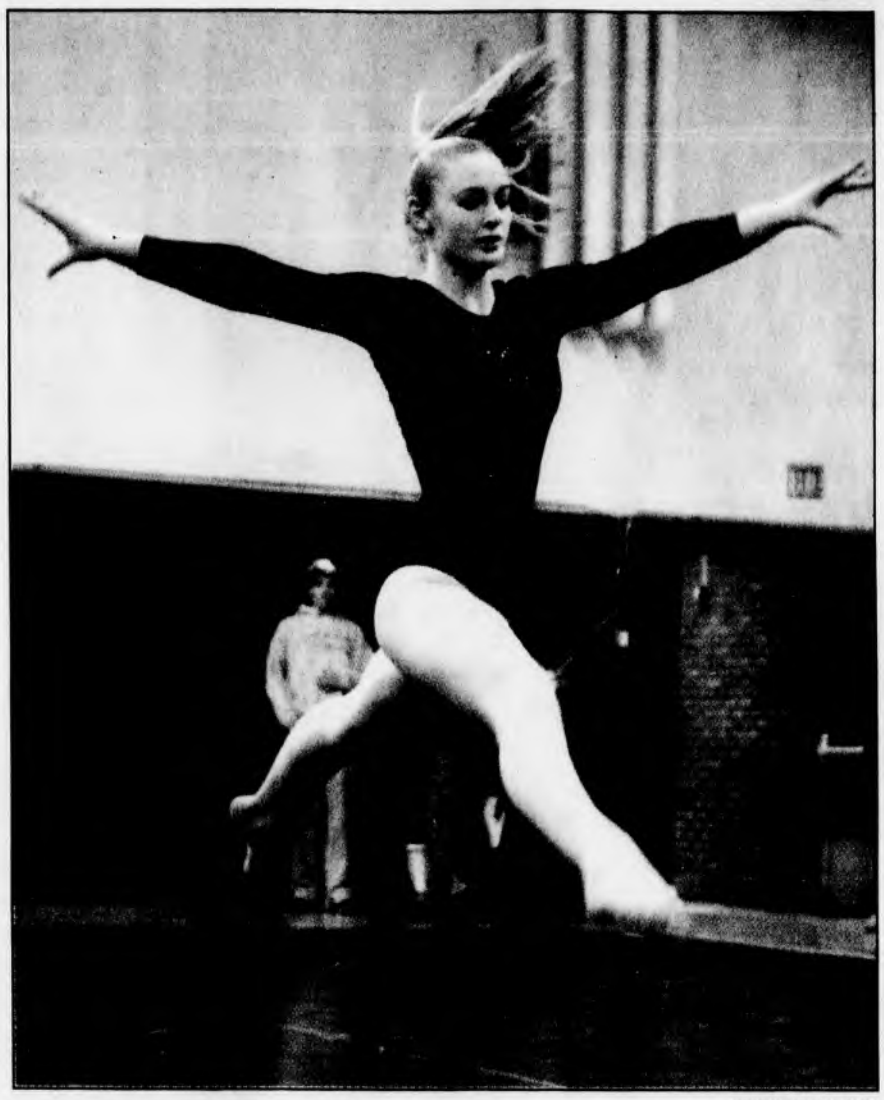
With a spot in the state tourney sewn up, a 12-6 record and the leader in points per game, the Cohasset High girls varsity basketball team is revving up its engines for postseason play.

After clinching a tournament spot with a home victory over Fenway, the Lady Skippers rode the bus down to Abington last Tuesday. Little did they know they were about to step into the hottest game of the season. In their prior showdown with the Green Wave, Cohasset lost by an overwhelming 26 points. This time the Lady Skippers came out with all cylinders moving. Towards the end of the game both teams swapped baskets and neither team showed any sign of letting up.

With only 30 seconds remaining on the clock and the score tied at 45, senior Danielle Pinkus tied up an Abington player and got possession of a jump ball. After moving the ball around the perimeter to wind down the clock, the Skippers found their shot. With only 1.5

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Nor-Coh's reign



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Norwell-Cohasset gymnast Erin Kelly performs her floor exercise during her team's South Shore League title clinching win last Thursday night over Hingham-Scituate at Hanover Middle School.

Gymnastics squad puts final touch on unbeaten season

By Mike Spellman
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The Norwell-Cohasset gymnasts wrapped up a perfect season on Thursday and then snared 11 medals at Saturday's annual South Shore League meet to pound home the point that they reign supreme in the SSL.

"It was a great couple of days," said coach Kara Connerty. "There was a lot of pressure on the girls, but they came though."

Now, as SSL champs, the Nor-Coh squad is setting its sites on Monday's South Sectionals at Foxboro High. The seedings for this event were expected to be released yesterday by the MIAA.

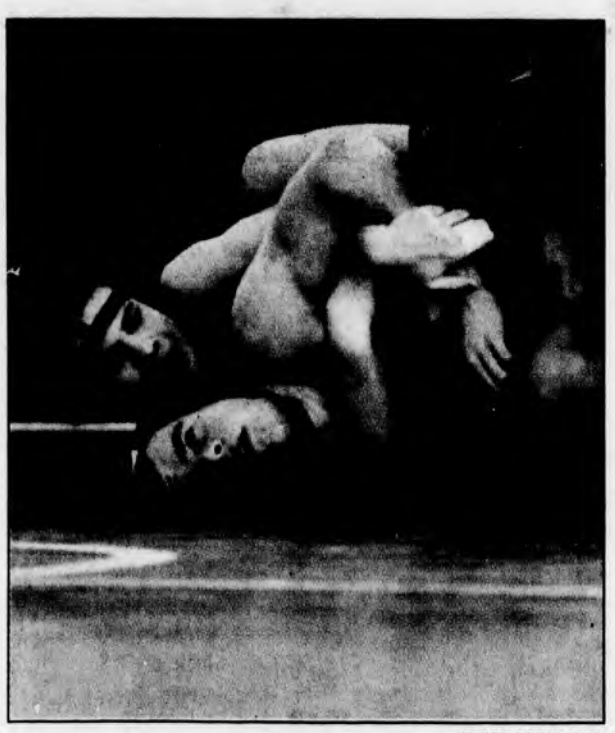
The 126.8-114.6 win over the joint Hingham-Scituate team on Thursday at the Hanover Middle School wrapped up a perfect 10-0 season for the locals.

Cohasset junior Nancy Durkin took first in the all-around competition with a score of 32.5 and teammate Samantha Rosen, a Norwell junior, was second with a 32.1.

Durkin took first place for her performances on uneven bars (7.7) and floor exercise (8.7).

Rosen won beam (8.2) and fellow NHS junior classmate

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's John Keniley (rear) certainly appears to have the upper hand (and leg) in this bout with Marshfield's Kevin Robinson.

Grappling for success

CHS wrestlers hope to advance several from Sectionals this weekend

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High wrestling team closed out the regular season this weekend by taking two of three matches at a quad meet at New Bedford High School to finish with a record of 17-5, one win short of tying last year's program best 18 wins.

The Skippers topped Marshfield, 60-18, and Norwood, 46-28, but were handled by the host Whalers, 40-19, a perennially powerful Div. 1 program.

The Skippers head into this weekend's Div. 3 South Sectionals at Foxboro High one of five teams with a realistic shot of vying for second place. The host Foxboro squad, with eight or nine number one or two seeds, is once again seen as the favorite. The two day event will kick off at 3 p.m. Friday, with most of the action to take place during a long day of wrestling on Saturday (10 a.m. start).

"It would be great if we could come out of here with seven, eight or even nine guys who get to wrestle at States in front of their hometown fans next week."
CHS wrestling coach Torin Sweeney

"I'd like to say we have a shot at first place, but I'm trying to be realistic," said CHS veteran coach Torin Sweeney, who directed his team to a second place finish behind Foxboro last year. "Foxboro is just loaded. But it should be a dogfight for spots two through six, with us right in the middle of it."

Sweeney figures Rockland, Carver, Duxbury and Mansfield—four teams the Skippers saw during the regular season—will give his team a run for its money.

The veteran coach figures he has three top one or two seeds who have a good shot at reaching finals in senior captain Phil Strazzulla (145 pounds), junior Joe Kehoe (140) and junior Matt Baroudi (215).

Kehoe lost a couple of tough matches to state top 10 ranked wrestlers over the past week. He fell 11-9 in overtime to Scituate's Steve Barry (the ninth ranked 135) in last Wednesday's 34-20 win for the Skippers, and then fell by one point to New Bedford's number two ranked 135, Jason Marsh, at Saturday's quad.

"Those were a couple of tough decisions for Joey that could have gone either way," noted Sweeney. "He's fading a little bit at the end of matches right now. That's something he's got to look at. I think he'll do very well at Sectionals, though."

Where Cohasset finishes in the top six will likely be determined by how high senior Matt Casey (160), sophomore Dave McKenna (135), junior Jon Littauer (130) and junior Kevin Dinsmore (125) place. Sweeney figures all four of these grapplers have an excellent shot at placing top six in the 23 team

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No going back

CHS icemen set standard of excellence in 9-5 win over Mashpee

By Mike Spellman
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There is no going back. The standard has been set.

The Cohasset High hockey team turned in its best performance of the season by far, Sunday night, with a decisive 9-5 win over South Shore League rival Mashpee at the Falmouth Ice Arena.

"This is the first time this season I can say we played good, hard hockey for 45 minutes," said first year Skippers coach Ben Virga, his team moving back over the all-important .500 mark (6-5-3) with six games remaining. "If we can sustain what we showed tonight, I have no doubt we can beat any team in our league. That's up to the kids, though.

"We have three games remaining this week, and they're all league games. 2-0-1 gets us into the tourney. We do that, and we can concentrate on getting ready for the tourney in the last three."

The Skippers were slated to host Harwich last night at Pilgrim Arena, a team they tied down in Orleans on Jan. 17, and will take on Mashpee for the second time in five days tomorrow night (6:50 p.m. at Pilgrim). Cohasset will close out the week on Saturday afternoon (3:50 p.m. start) versus SSL rival Carver at the Bridgewater Ice. The Skippers topped Carver the first time around by a 5-4 score.

"We're playing much better hockey right now than we were the first time around against those teams," continued Virga . "If the guys come to play in those games like they did (Sunday), I really like our chances."

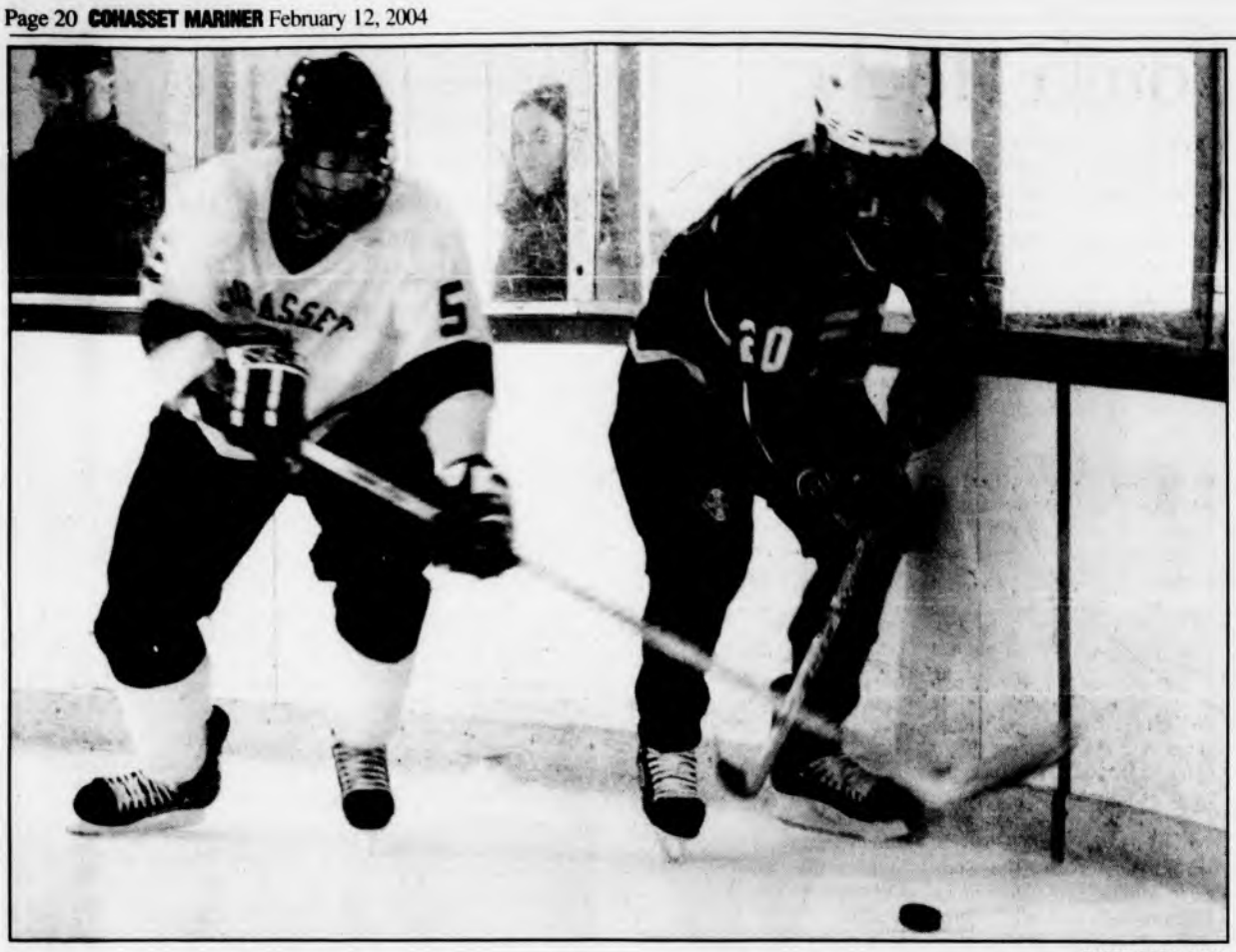
Sunday's game was not even as close as the score might indicate, as was witnessed by Cohasset's advantage of 50-19

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Cohasset captain and star defenseman Mike Devine (#9) lines up a check on Rockland forward who is getting a little too lose for comfort to Skipper netminder Stefan Parnell (#23) in recent non-league tilt.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset defenseman Crandon Leahy (#5) battles Abington's Bill Jones along the boards in recent SSL showdown won, unfortunately, by the league leading Green Wave, 1-0.

No going back

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in shots on goal. The Skippers ran off eight unanswered goals to take a 9-2 advantage into the late stages of the game. Mashpee star Trevor Fronius (three goals, assist) set up three scores against Cohasset deep reserves inside the final three minutes, scoring two himself and setting up the third with a beautiful forecheck steal and feed from in back of the Cohasset net.

The top Cohasset forward line of Rob Carpenter, Ted Straughn and Joe Durkin absolutely dominated play anytime they were on the ice in the early going, but simply could not convert on at least a half dozen legitimate chances in the opening frame.

This opened the door slightly for the host Falcons. After Cohasset sophomore Mark Bouchard finished on a beautiful centering feed from linemate Matt O'Connell 1:58 in, Mashpee's Nick Wagner answered it 41 seconds later with an unassisted tally.

The near unthinkable (based on the level of domination everyone was observing on the ice) happened at 4:58 of the opening period. With two Cohasset skaters in the penalty box, Fronius was able to prevent a weak clearing attempt just inside the Skippers blue line and swoop into the slot to beat Skippers sophomore goalie Stefan Parnell with a wrister high to his glove side.

O'Connell would get that back for the Skippers, though, tipping home a Mark Donovan slapper from the right point with the Skippers shorthanded. This equalizer featured some great hustle from both of these Cohasset players. O'Connell stayed aggressive on the forecheck after a Skippers clear, managing to collect the puck near the left corner and fire it around the boards toward the right point, where Donovan was able to race to it just ahead of a Mashpee player and fire off a slapper toward goal. By this point, O'Connell, who'd never stopped moving on the play, was cutting across toward the edge of the right circle and managed to just get a piece of Donovan's slapper and deflect it far side past Mashpee goalie Chris Kennedy.

"Thank God for Matty O'Connell in that first period," said Virga. "He was the central guy in both of our goals. We'd done a lot of good things up to that point, but Matt let us go into the first break tied. It would have been kind of depressing after outplaying them like we did to go in at the end of one down a goal or two."

It was all Skippers from there…at least in the part of the game that mattered.

Senior tri-captain Mike Rasmussen gave the Skippers the lead for good 1:21 into the second when an attempted dump around the backboards by a Mashpee defender took a funny bounce out toward the front of the net, where Rasmussen was able to tuck it away inside the left post past the surprised Kennedy.

Carpenter, the most dynamic player on the ice all night, set up Rasmussen for his second goal of the game on the power play with 4:45 remaining in the second, making it a 4-2 game. The senior centerman collected his own deflected slapper from the high slot in the right circle, quickly got around a Mashpee defender and took his time as he skated out from the backboards, waiting for Rasmussen to get in position by the far post before feathering the pass perfectly to set up a one-timer past the powerless Kennedy.

The Skippers would light the lamp five more times in the first 11 minutes of the third period to put the game way, WAY away. Junior Joe Durkin scored twice inside the first four minutes, with captain Straughn (two assists) and Carpenter notching assists. The third team captain, senior Mike Devine (goal, assist), would score on a pretty wrap-around move with 5:38 gone to make it a 7-2 game and officially kick off extended audition time for the Cohasset deep reserves.

Three freshmen teamed on the eighth Cohasset tally. Colin Smith scored his first high school goal with 8:30 to play by getting in the right place by the weakside post and poking home the rebound of a Conor Holway shot. Austen Lanzillotti put this play in motion with some nice digging in the right corners and a pretty centering feed to Holway.

Donovan completed the scoring for Cohasset with four minutes to play, finishing by the left post on a nifty behind-the-net feed from Lanzillotti.

Skippers 8, Hull 5

The Skippers appeared to be cruising in this one as well on Wednesday at Pilgrim Arena before allowing the host Pirates to cut the lead to 5-4 early in the third period with three unanswered goals against the deep reserves.

Fortunately, Bouchard and Carpenter put the game away with a late goals. It was the second tally of the game for both players. Straughn and Rasmussen also had two goals in the game.

Scit-Coh swimmers edged by Spellman

Seven team records, many personal bests highlight near win

By Becky Keys
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Scituate-Cohasset high school swimmers had their closet meet of the season against Cardinal Spellman, on Friday.

The Sci-Cohs swam hard, they swam fast, but it wasn't enough to walk away with the victory. The score was quite tight in the first half of the meet; the opportunity for a win was theirs. Unfortunately, it was not to be.

The team did walk away with the pride in seven records broken, however, and many swimmers accomplishing their personal best times.

Referring to Justin Damaso and Alyssa Rogers, head coach Jami Kearney boasted "two athletes really showed their stuff today."

Justin broke the record in the 200 freestyle and swam an extremely impressive race in the difficult 200 Individual Medley. "He really put in the extra effort today." Noted Kearney.

Alyssa's technique was likewise outstanding. She broke records in the 200 IM, the grueling 100 butterfly and was a part of the record breaking 200 free relay. The other members of that record breaking relay team were Maura Whalen, Liz Tierney and Becky Keys. Liz also broke the record for the 50 freestyle.

The diving event was especially exciting. Becky scored over the sectional qualifying total of 165 points at the meet. She needs to score over 165 one more time to sew up a spot at Sectionals.

"All of our driving down to Sandwich paid off today," said Scit-Coh Diving Coach Terry Duggan. "Becky was focused. She had great form and dove without a splash."

The team has a couple of meets left this week before the league championship on Saturday.

Cardinal Spellman Results:

Girls 200 yard medley relay- 2nd Place Maura Whalen, Jenn Noonan, Alyssa Rogers, Becky Keys

Girls 200 yard freestyle- 1st Place Maura Whalen

Boys 200 yard freestyle- 1st Place Justin Damaso, 2nd Place Brendan Harris

Girls 200 yard IM- 2nd Place Alyssa Rogers, 3rd Place Jenn Noonan

Boys 200 yard IM- 3rd Place Justin Damaso

Girls 50 yard freestyle- 1st Place Liz Tierney, 2nd Place Becky Keys, 4th Place Sarah Thibeault

Girls 100 yard butterfly- 2nd Place Alyssa Rogers

Girls 100 yard freestyle- 1st Place Lindsay Ralston, 2nd Place Alissa Jones

Boys 100 yard freestyle- 4th Place Bill Grace

Girls 500 yard freestyle- 1st Place Maura Whalen, 4th Place Sarah Thibeault

Girls 200 yard freestyle relay- 1st Place Maura Whalen, Alyssa Rogers, Becky Keys, Liz Tierney; 4th Place Jenn Noonan, Ashley Swanson, Lindsay Ralston, Jess Beck

Girls 100 yard backstroke- 4th Place Jess Beck, 5th Place Alissa Jones

Boys 100 yard backstroke- 1st Place Brendan Harris

Girls 100 yard breaststroke- 2nd Place Liz Tierney, 4th Place Jenn Noonan

Mixed 400 yard freestyle relay- 2nd Place Bill Grace, Justin Damaso, Sarah Thibeault, Ashley Swanson

Girls 1 meter diving- 1st Place Becky Keys

CHS Ski Team Report

The regular race season is finished for the Cohasset High Ski Team and four members of the team are training hard for State Meet at Mount Wachusett. This was the best year that Cohasset has had in the past four years. Four of the boy's team skiers placed in the top 20 rankings for the small school division. They are Andrew Busk, 3rd place, Prescott Busk, 7th place, Reed Dickerson 17th and Ryan Oftshun, 20th. Two girls placed in the top rankings. Jessie Guild, 6th place and Katherine Whorisky in 11th place were consistent contributors to the team's success.

Andrew Busk, Prescott Busk, Katherine Whorisky and Jessie Guild will all attend the state meet on February 25th at Mount Wachusett. This will be Andrew's third trip to the States and Jessie's second. Katherine and Prescott will be participating for the first time. Each racer will race twice, once in a GS format and once in slalom. Stay tuned to the paper for results.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

WRESTLING
4 beat Scituate, 34-20
7 lost to New Bedford, 40-19
beat Marshfield, 60-18
beat Norwood, 46-28
End of Regular Season
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BOYS BASKETBALL
Feb.
7 lost to Arch. Williams, 58-44
9 beat Harwich, 48-36
11 Hull
12 Mashpee 6:30 p.m.
End of Regular Season

GIRLS BASKETBALL
5 beat Nantucket, 42-29
6 lost to Carver. 43-37
9 lost to Harwich, 61-23
11 @ Hull
12 @ Mashpee 6:30 p.m.
End of Regular Season

GYMNASTICS
5 beat Hingham, 126.8-114.6
End of Regular Season
16 South Sectionals @ Foxboro High

SWIMMING
6 lost to Cardinal Spellman
End of Regular Season
13 @ BCC Diving Champs @ Massasoit p.m.
14 @ BCC Swimming
19 Girls Sectional @ Milford
21 Boys Sectional @ Quincy
27 Boys State @ Harvard
29 Girls State @ Harvard

ICE HOCKEY
3 4 beat Hull, 8-5
8 beat Mashpee, 9-5
11 Harwich-Provtwn

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Coastal Stars Youth Hockey

Mite C3

The Coastal Stars Mites C-3 team continued their winning ways with a 10-3 decision over the Eagles 3 Mites team. The win extends the teams overall season record to a perfect 17-0-0. While the score of the game appears lopsided the game actually featured two periods of tight skating by both clubs and some great saves by Stars net minder Sam Topham as well as the Eagles goaltender. The score of the game stood at 5-2 Stars at the end of the second period when the team exploded for five goals in the third period. The Stars goal scoring was again spread through all three forward lines. Center James Daley opened the scoring midway through the first period and finished the game with a "hat trick" netting a goal in each period. Multiple goal efforts were turned in by wingers Mark McGoldrick and Robert Gargano who each beat the Eagles goaltender twice. Rounding out the scoring were single tallies from center Ryan Davis and wingers Max Hemingway and Matt Tautkus. Forwards Curtis Golden, Jake Denton and Garrett Leahy all played solid "two way" hockey assisting the defensemen while creating pressure in the offensive zone allowing their line mates to shoot the puck in the Eagles net. Strong continued positional play by the Stars defensemen at both ends of the ice served to break up offensive rushes by the opposing team while creating offensive plays with accurate "break out" passes. Stars defensemen Declan Leahy, Jeffrey Powers, Hugh Healy and Ryan Melia controlled the flow of the action taking the "steam" out of many Eagles attempted scoring opportunities. Defensemen Bryan Bowman and Andrew Tautkus each played solid defense while contributing offensive assists with passes from the blue line to waiting forwards positioned in near the goaltender. Another great team effort with all mates contributing.

Mite A

Frank Lemieux scored a hat trick, Terrence Doonan added two goals, and Colin Whelan was nearly invincible in net as the Mite A Coastal Stars earned an 8-1 win against Milton. Doonan started the scoring at 11:31 of the first period when he lifted a Kevin McDougall feed out front halfway up in the right side of the net. Colin Whelan and the Stars defense was tested several times, but Jared McCrystal continued his strong positional play, and blocked a shot out front. Whelan stood tall and took a flurry of shots off the chest. And Jeremy Duchini showed some offensive flash on a rush that was saved. Lemieux put the Stars up by two with 3:10 left in the period on a blast from the left circle to the top right corner. About a half minute later, Andrew Geddes tucked the rebound of a Jonathan Spitz shot into the right side for a 3-0 lead at the break. The teams traded rushes during most of the second period. Chris Cohen made a nice block in front of his net and forechecked ferociously in the corners. Tommy Dixon won a face-off outside the Milton blue line, skated the puck to the right circle, and fired it to the right corner for a 4-0 lead with 4:54 left. Lemieux struck again a few moments later on a wrister from the left circle that found the five-hole. The Stars incurred a penalty with 1:52 left in the period, but Terrence Doonan, Will Golden, Brian Smith, and Ken Parnell successfully killed the penalty. Golden was robbed on a breakaway during the kill. Lemieux got the hat trick when he slammed the rebound of Dixon's shot from the right side home at 17:45 of the third period. Two minutes later, Kevin McDougall deftly rushed end-to-end, put a beautiful fake on the goaltender, and posited the puck in the left side for the 7-0 lead. After a sensational save by Whelan, Jeremy Duchini passed to Will DeCoste in the neutral zone. Decoste broke through center ice on net for a shot that hit the post. Terrence Doonan completed the Stars' scoring when he rebounded a Will Golden shot with 4:45 left in the game.

Squirt A

The Stars Squirt A hockey team has gone won two and lost one in their last 3 games. The loss came against a very strong Plymouth team 8-1 in which there were not too many highlights for the Stars. The loan goal came from Travers Craven assisted by Ryan Donovan in the third period that spoiled the shut out for Plymouth. The Stars were without two defenseman, Matt Entwistle and Will Schorle, and fell behind 4-0 quickly. Defense has been a strength all year and the Stars were certainly outmaned in this one.

The first of the two Stars victories was against Milton 5-3 in a game that featured many highlights for the Stars. Alex Evans looked like his Dad at the kitchen table as he cleaned up leftovers three times to record a hat trick. All of his goals came on rebounds as Alex drove to the net hard with his stick on the ice the entire game. Kevin Kelly was impressive in net and got great support from the defensive four of Pat Cull, Matt Entwistle, Brian Scott and Will Schorle. This past weekend the Stars beat Taunton 3-2. Ryan Donovan played perhaps his best two way game of the season as he was a force at both ends of the ice. He figured in on all 3 goals, 2 goals and an assist, and nearly completed the hat trick with the Taunton goalie pulled late in the game. Kevin Kelly was sharp again in net and was very happy to have all of his defenseman in the line up. Connor McLean scored the other goal doing a nice job of getting open in the slot while Travers Craven and Ryan Donovan cycled behind the net giving McLean time to get open. Jeff Durkin, John Collins, John Meehan and Tyler Martina were tenacious in the neutral zone especially in the third period with the Stars up by two goals. With the goaltender pulled and a power play Taunton narrowed the lead to one, but with just two seconds remaining the Stars were in control.

PeeWee C1

The Coastal Stars Pee-Wee C1 team dominated against the Norwood Nuggets on Sunday and came away with an impressive 10-2 victory. Mike O'Halloran debuted in net for the Stars for the first time this season and played very well - turning back a number of quality scoring opportunities. Every other member of the Stars' team earned at least one point during the outing. Justin Yeager scored four points including a hat trick. Chris Fazzina and Phil Murphy each collected a goal and two assists. Andrew Bell, Connor Ofsthun and Gordy Smith each had a goal and an assist. Mike Caira and Kevin O'Connell each scored goals while Brian Meehan, John Carrigg and Geoff Evans each earned assists. The Stars were clicking on all cylinders and controlled every aspect of the game. Highlights of the game included excellent fore-checking and hard body checking by the Stars.

Girls travel basketball report

The Cohasset sixth, seventh, and eighth grade girls basketball travel teams made their long trek to Rockland Sunday a worthwhile one, as all of the teams turned in stellar performances to come home with hard-fought victories.

The Super Sixers got the Blue & White victory train started with a 29-13 win over their Rockland hosts. Cohasset dominated the court at both ends with a tough man-to-man defense, strong rebounding, and a potent offense to grab a commanding 15-4 lead at the half. Although Rockland turned to an outside shooting game to try to offset the Cohasset strength underneath, it still proved no match for the Blue & White, which walked off the floor with a 29-14 triumph.

Cohasset benefitted from a cohesive team effort on offense which generated a well balanced scoring attack. Lindsay Allard led the Blue & White with five points, followed by Isabelle Franklin, Meredith Kelly, Tori Lehr, Erin Fontaine, and Mimi Mahoney with four points each. Lucy Noble and Olivia Sullivan also chipped in with a basket apiece. Amy Meikleham, Allard, and Franklin were immense under the boards, while backcourt mates Chelsea Sylvia, Samantha Crough, and Fontaine disrupted the Rockland offense with their ball-hawking defense.

The win kept the Super Sixers' unbeaten record intact at 7-0.

The seventh graders similarly remained unbeaten in Old Colony League play with a 30-20 victory over their Rockland counterparts. Maura Barnes was a force on offense, hitting for double figures to lead the Seventh Wonders in the scoring department with 11 points. Madeline Leahy and Grace Clougherty also were cited for their superb efforts.

The eighth grade squad had two tough acts to follow, but they turned in a masterpiece of their own with a 25-13 triumph. Meg Anderson, Gabriella Flibotte, and Sally Meehan each accounted for eight points as the Effervescent Eights improved to 4-3 on the year.

The fifth grade team (6-1 on the season) had the week off, courtesy of a forfeit because Rockland does not have a fifth grade girls team in the Old Colony League.

All of the girls teams have the next two weeks off during the holiday weekends. However, they will return to action with games on Saturday, February 28 (at Abington) and on Sunday, February 29 (home vs. Hanover). The home games start at 1:00 p.m. at Cohasset High – the games are fast-paced and fun to watch – so come on up to the CHS gym to root on your hometown favorites.

Grappling for success

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field and advancing to next week's Div. 3 state championships, which will be hosted at Cohasset. If one or two make it to the semi-finals, though, that could be the difference between three or four team placement spots.

Sweeney also figures he's got a few darkhorses in there who could challenge for a spot in the top six of their respective weight classes.

"It would be great if we could come out of here with seven, eight or even nine guys who get to wrestle at States in front of their hometown fans next week," said Sweeney.

The Div. 3 South Sectionals are scheduled for Feb 13 and 14 at Foxboro High.

Cohasset High will host the state divisional championships the following weekend, Feb. 20 and 21, something their brand new wrestling facilities have made possible. There are 57 Div. 3 teams in the state and there will be 240 wrestlers eligible to wrestle at CHS on the 20th.

"We're still working out the logistics and making deals with hotels," reported Sweeney. "It's a lot of work, but it should be a great time."

If any alumni are interested in volunteering their time to help out at the Divisional championships, they should call coach Sweeney at Cohasset High (781-383-6103). Also, any business or individual interested in making donations to help the effort should contact coach Sweeney.

Lady hoopsters prep for playoffs

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seconds remaining, Captain Jen Buckley sank a risky three-pointer giving Cohasset a very sweet victory.

"We attribute this win to our exceptional zone defense and tough rebounding," said junior Casey Anderson, who had 17 points in the game to go along with double-digit rebounds.

The league leader in points per game went on: "The teams were so evenly matched. We gave it our all and it paid off for us".

Two days later, the Nantucket Whalers cruised over to the Skippers home turf. Through their dependable defense, Cohasset managed to overpower Nantucket and put up a final score of 42-29.

Reflecting on the game, Coach John Levangie said, "Yes, we won, but the girls recognized their offense wasn't at its peak. Luckily, our tenacious 3-2 defense made up for our lack of shooting."

Unfortunately, the Skippers cold shooting carried over into Saturday night's showdown with Carver. Cohasset managed to contain the game to a close 43-37 final score. The 11-for-27 foul shooting proved too much for the Lady Skippers to overcome in this tight contest.

The win allowed Carver to move into a tie for second place in the South Shore League with the Lady Skippers behind league leading Harwich.

"Our well-built defense caused Carver a lot of trouble," offered senior Danielle Pinkus. "Yet, they sank some very painful outside shots."

Unlike the rest of the team, Pinkus played a masterful offensive game, getting most of her points on put backs.

"Our entire team played a solid defensive game," reported coach Levangie. "Our shots just didn't fall through the hoop. What a tough way to lose."

Rec. dept. personal training classes

The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold registration for personal fitness training classes for girls and boys, ages 8 to 15, by calling the recreation department at 781-383-4109.

In conjunction with Hypertone, located in Cushing Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, the recreation department is currently forming small, age-appropriate groups who will work twice weekly for a five-week session with a personal trainer at Hypertone.

Classes are scheduled to begin Monday, Feb. 9, and the fee for the 10-session opportunity is $75 per person.

Class will consist of eight age-appropriate participants meeting from 7 to 8 p.m., Monday evenings and again Saturdays from 3 to 4 p.m.

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Nor-Coh's reign

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Jen Guiney was tops on vault (8.3).

Hingham-Scituate, which also fell to host Hanover (117.9 points), wrapped up the season with a 7-3 record.

Hingham's Katie Donovan was third on vault.

The SSL league meet at Carver High on Saturday also featured a bundle of Nor-Coh highlights. Gymnasts were allowed to compete in only two of the five events at that meet, with the all-around counting as one event.

Durkin, still recovering from a sprained ankle, finished fourth in the all-around with a score of 33.2.

Rosen won on both vault (8.1) and floor (8.9), and Erin Kelly was tops on beam (8.4).

Guiney was second on vault (8.0) and bars (7.9). Cohasset's Kate Carpenter was third on beam (8.0) and Kiersten Shontz was sixth on vault (7.5).

This was the final tune-up for the South Sectionals. Only eight teams qualify for this event, and that includes league champions from the OCL, Pilgrim Conference, Hockomock League and Eastern Athletic Conference. The remaining teams will be selected based on the average of their top four scores.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Norwell High gymnast Samantha Rosen prepares for her dismount during the Nor-Coh's South Shore League clinching win last Thursday night over Hingham-Scituate at Hanover Middle School.

The Nor-Cohs have a top four score average of 129.5, which will likely put them right in the middle of the seedings pack.

Only two of the eight teams will automatically advance from Sectionals to the All-State championships, though there will be two more "wild card" teams chosen based on best score from the three Sectionals- - South, North and Central-East.

Staying alive

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corner for three. The shot was nothing but net, and the Skippers sideline was clearly pumped as they went into the locker room with a one-point lead.

Head coach Ron Ford said the play was executed to perfection.

"They ran the play exactly how we drew it up," he said. "That's the play of the game right there."

Senior point guard John Andrade agreed.

"That play was huge," he said. "It was a big momentum booster. But Trevor has been doing that all year."

Andrade started the scoring in the second half with a trey, starting a 7-0 run. It was Cohasset's game at that point, as the Rough Riders got no closer than six points the rest of the way.

The Skippers got another strong effort from guard Chris Bilodeau, who scored 26 points on 10-for-14 shooting.

The senior had sprained his ankle last Thursday in a win over Carver, and was on crutches as recently as Saturday during the team's loss at Archbishop Williams.

Ford praised trainer Jim Levenson for doing all he could to have his leading scorer ready for action. The coach also had plenty of praise for Bilodeau's effort.

"Chris was barely walking [before the game]," Ford said. "He's one of the toughest kids I've ever coached."

Defense carried the way for the Skippers against Harwich. The Rough Riders have some good shooters, and they were able to jump out to a 9-2 lead on three three-pointers. In the first six minutes, their perimeter passing seemed to be one step ahead of Cohasset's defense.

After a timeout at the 10:16 mark, however, that changed, as Cohasset put the long ball on lockdown. Harwich shot just 2-for-10 on threes for the rest of the game.

Should Cohasset pull it off and make the tournament, the team will have an advantage that their record otherwise may not indicate, said senior co-captain Sean Connolly.

"We started our tournament after the loss at Archies," said Connolly, who had six points and nine rebounds against Harwich. "We can't lose any more games. If we get in, we'll have that edge over other teams."

Hull, who is already in the tournament, has beaten Cohasset twice already this year. The last one came on the Pirates' home floor, as the Skippers could not overcome an early 20-5 deficit and lost, 63-58.

Ford was clearly looking forward to last night after the Harwich win.

"We're still alive for the tournament, and it's a game against our biggest rivals," he said. "You can't ask for anything more than that."

CHS spirit items for sale

Cohasset High Spirit items are for sale right now through the high school. Blankets are $50, flags $45 and beach towels $20. Purchases can be made through Athletic Director Ron Ford (781-383-6103). CHS is in session until Dec. 23.

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The long road from China to Cohasset

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"I didn't know I had won until I got there," she said, and was pleasantly surprised to her the news.

Shan Shan said in much of her artwork, she tries to build a bridge between the two cultures she has come to know. She tries to convey messages with her art and takes the time to make sure what she is trying to say comes through in her pieces. She said some of her writing has also been about trying to help people see the world from a different point of view. "I want to try to help people see a different culture and I want to see more of this culture," she said.

Shan Shan also volunteers for different organizations, and has been giving tours at the State House for the past two years, which was very challenging at the beginning because of the language barrier. In addition, she has been completing an internship at the Coalition for Asian Pacific American Youth, in Chinatown, where she has been putting her design skills to work. She is currently working on a brochure which she is translating into both Chinese and English.

The plethora of experience Shan Shan has gained is sure to be helpful in her college application process. "I want to go to college in America. There are lots of opportunities, and the ability to interact with people from all over," she said, adding as a senior, she is currently looking at schools in New England, and is interested in the Ivy Leagues. With the course load she has been carrying, any school could easily see she is a hard worker and very dedicated.

This semester, Shan Shan is taking mostly advanced placement classes, including AP Calculus, AP English, AP European History, and AP Chemistry. However, this is also her second year of classes as a senior, because she chose to voluntarily stay back last year. While she acknowledges many students her age would "think I was crazy" for wanting to stay an extra year in high school, she is glad she made the choice to stay.

"I think it's good to be prepared. In the long term, I'll have more experience and will be more mature to face any challenges. I'll be able to learn more and improve in my English. There is still some potential in me in terms of my language," she said.



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Shan Shan Nie, who is one of 50 METCO students in Cohasset, shares her story with the Mariner.

But Shan Shan said none of her accomplishments would be possible without the support of her family, especially her mother, Shan Zhuo Chen, and her stepfather John Belcher. "I have had lots of help and support from my parents," she said. But she has also had support from her Cohasset host family, the Genello's, who live on Pond Street, who have provided her with a home away from home if she ever needs to stay in Cohasset overnight.

For fun, Shan Shan said she enjoys hanging out with her friends. She said sometimes they will stay over her house and they will go into Boston and go shopping, or just watch movies and hang out. She said since the first day she came to Cohasset, everyone has been really friendly to her and she has made some great friends. She has really enjoyed becoming involved in Cohasset's community, and will continue to do so until June when she graduates.

"Cohasset has given me a lot both through the community and the school, so I'm trying to give back as much as I can," she said.

Full-day kindergarten next fall at Conservatory

South Shore Conservatory announces the introduction of a full-day arts-principled kindergarten program, which begins fall of 2004.

Similar to the Conservatory's popular preschool program, the new kindergarten program combines traditional components of kindergarten, such as learning readiness and letter/number recognition, with considerable performing arts exposure.

"Providing a South Shore Conservatory arts-principled kindergarten program is a vision we have held for many years," says Conservatory Director Jim Simpson. "We are very grateful that the new addition to our campus affords us the space and facilities necessary to fulfill this dream."

The kindergarten program has openings for 18 students, with a teacher and assistant teacher in the room full time, and a music specialist in the room part time. Students who turn five before Aug. 31 may register for South Shore Conservatory's kindergarten program, while students who turn five between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 may also register for the program to use it as a Pre-K readiness experience.

Specific goals of the program are to provide children the tools with which they can achieve age-appropriate academic competencies, acquire the focus and discipline necessary for task completion, and instill accountability and responsibility for their own learning. The kindergarten will serve as a nurturing outlet for creative expression, and as an extended outlet of the preschool. Arts components include vocal and instrumental music, dance, drama and expressive arts, all presented by South Shore Conservatory faculty members. Visual arts will be presented by outside artists.

In addition, children will learn respect for self and others, social skills, independent thinking, communication skills, and will gain confidence in learning and increase their self-esteem.

The proposed school day will run from 8:30 am to 2:30 p.m.

The $3.5 million addition to the Hingham campus, which allows space for the kindergarten program, is being funded by the current Building the Future campaign. This extra space allows for three new large classrooms, nine teaching studios and two gallery spaces. With this addition, South Shore Conservatory will be able to offer José Mateo's Ballet Theatre Young Dancers Program in the fall, a Music Therapy program, and extended summer offerings.

South Shore Conservatory has started accepting kindergarten registrations for next fall. Please call Kate Manchester at 781-749-7565, ext. 10 for more information.

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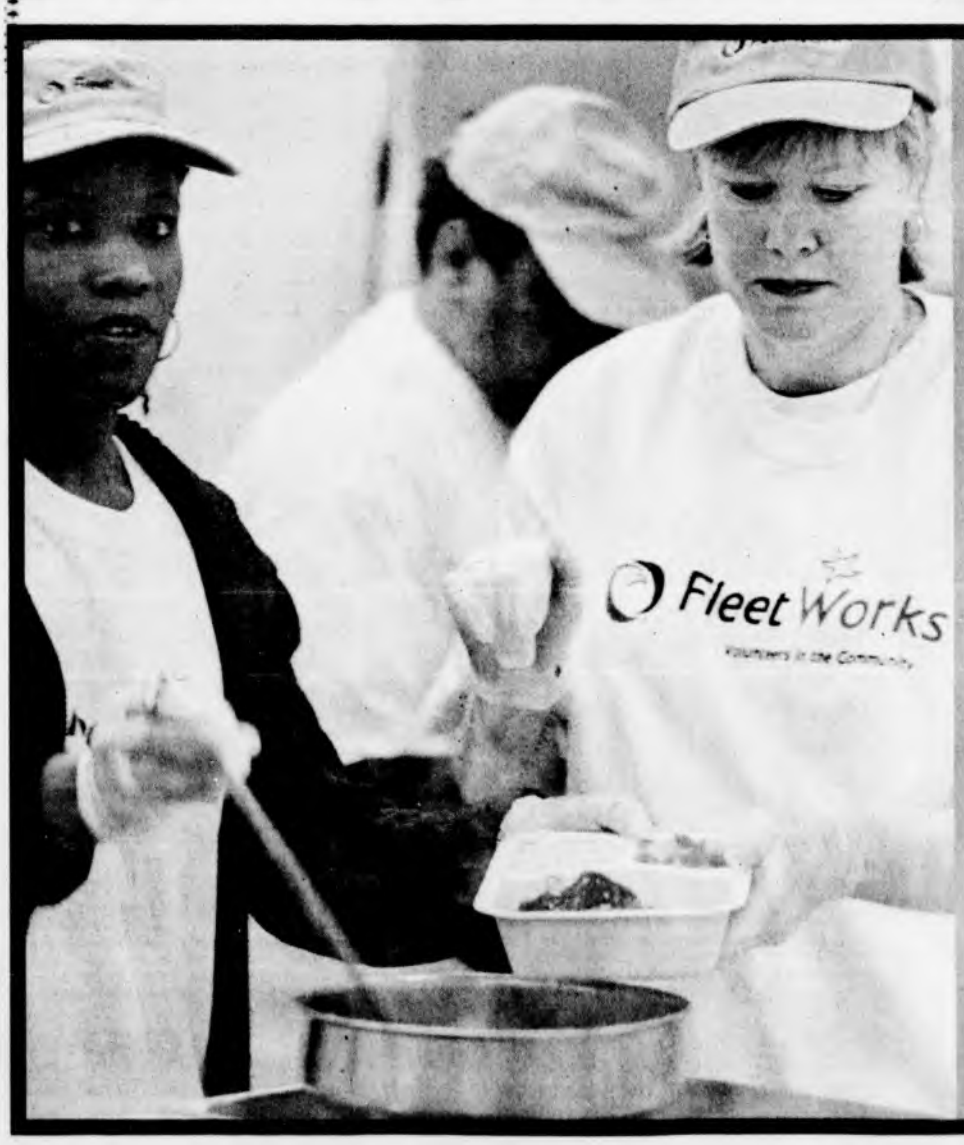
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Eaton it up

Local fudge maker shares sweet success story

By Seth Jacobson
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With Valentine's Day at our doorstep, South Shore Natural Science Center volunteer Dick Eaton is sure to be a busy man.

Eaton, 80, of Hanover, has been making fudge since he was a young boy. In fact, his fudge is famous around the South Shore among certain circles who know about it.

Eaton recently found time to demonstrate a couple of his classic fudge recipes to an audience at the Science Center.

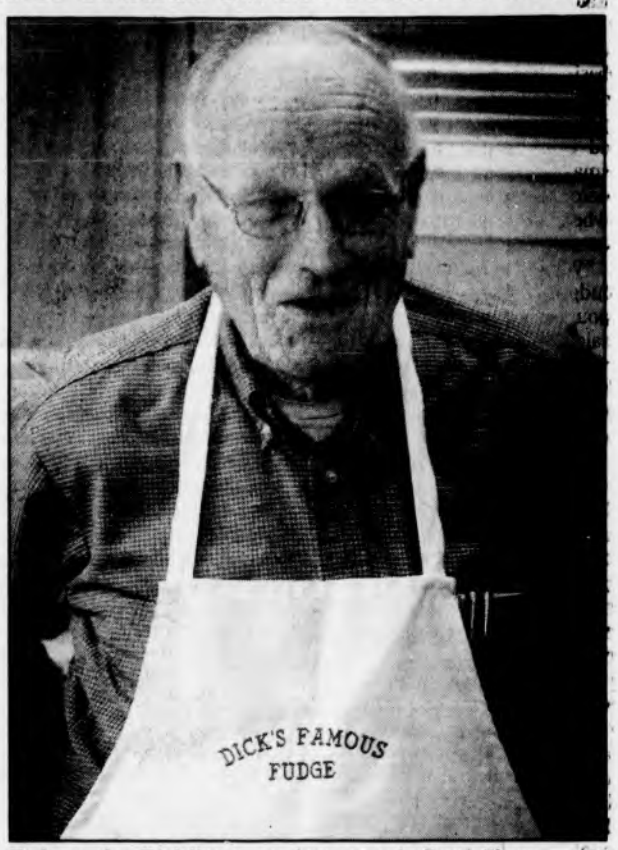
The first thing he told attendees was that he never sells his fudge for profit, but rather, donates it to causes around the South Shore he deems worthy.

"I donate loads of fudge to charities," he said.

Eaton described his way of making fudge as "fool-proof," using four main ingredients — sugar, butter or margarine, canned milk, and marshmallow fluff.

It's not just chocolate fudge Eaton enjoys making. He said he makes all kinds including penuche (fudge which uses white-chocolate chips), a chocolate and orange layered fudge, mint fudge, peanut butter and chocolate fudge, among

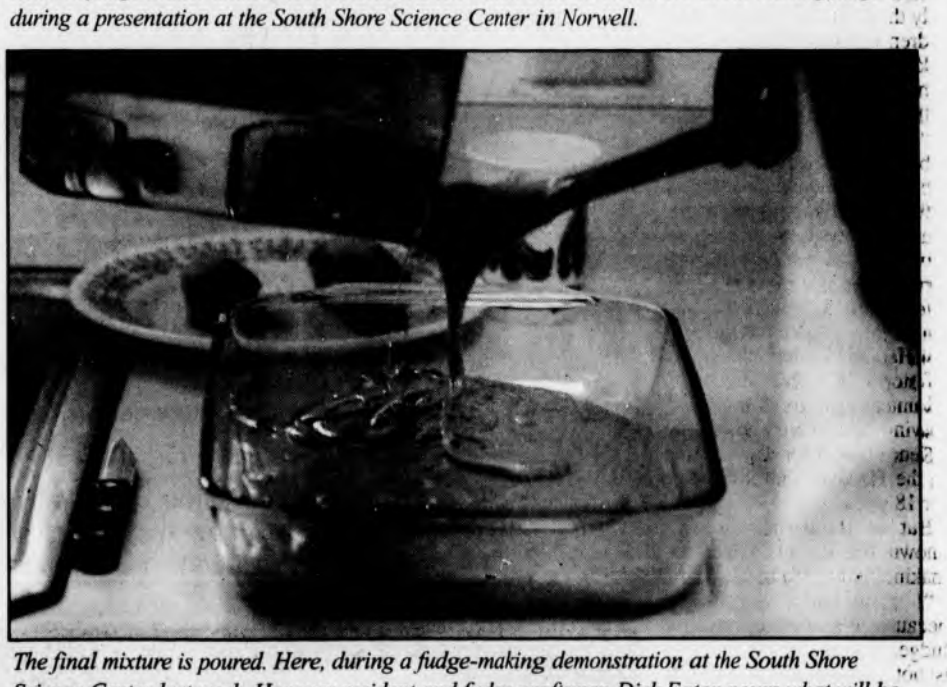
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Fudge-maker Dick Eaton, a volunteer at the South Shore Science Center for 31 years, gets ready to give a fudge-making demonstration at the center last week.



Renown fudge-maker and Hanover resident Dick Eaton talks to onlookers about making fudge during a presentation at the South Shore Science Center in Norwell.



The final mixture is poured. Here, during a fudge-making demonstration at the South Shore Science Center last week, Hanover resident and fudge craftsman Dick Eaton pours what will be the final product into a dish.



Dick Eaton of Hanover talks about making the best fudge to curious participants at a fudge-making workshop at the South Shore Science Center in Norwell last week.

Local fudge maker shares sweet success story

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others.

"People's number-one interest is the chocolate fudge," Eaton said.

During the Science Center event, Eaton demonstrated a basic chocolate fudge but also showed attendees how to make penuche. He carefully illustrated every step in the facility's small kitchen, as curious onlookers wandered over to see where the delicious smell was coming from.

"When I'm really into making fudge, I'll make about 40 pounds of it in one shot," Eaton said. "I just turned 80 and I want to stay as active as I can. I've always found it amazing how much people love homemade things."

Eaton said he never saw the value in having his own fudge business. He said he would always rather donate his fudge to charity. He explained some people he donates fudge to do sell it for profit and he advises them that each box costs around $6.

"I just started doing it for fun when I was a kid," Eaton said. "I got into it in high school. I always just fiddled around at that age and I always did a lot of baking. It got to the point where I had a deal with my mom. I'd cook things if she'd clean up after me."

Growing up in Raynham, Eaton said he was voted the number-one fudge-maker in town by the local women's club when he was about 16 years old.

Eaton said he went into the service from 1943-1946 and didn't make too much fudge during that time. He said he didn't do much cooking while he was in college, either.

But in 1954, he moved to Hanover and got back into it.

"I rediscovered my passion for making fudge during the 1950s," he said. "People around here got to like it. They started counting on it."

Soon, Eaton found himself donating most of the fudge he made to local organizations and discovered he loved doing that. And today, his principles remain the same as they were back then.

On Saturday (Feb. 7), Eaton attended a wine-tasting festival in Hull sponsored by Why Me Inc., an organization he described as "similar to the Ronald McDonald House." He said the organization is a charity that aims at helping sick children. He brought five different kinds of fudge to that event, and noted other vendors brought their own culinary specialties.

Every year, Eaton says he brings his fudge to various events. He brings it to the corn festival and the maple festival at the Science Center. He said when he can, he also donates fudge to the Main Spring homeless shelter in Brockton. He also frequently donates fudge to the Hanover Council on Aging.

Eaton said he has been doing volunteer work for a long time, serving as a volunteer at the Science Center for 31 years and at the Hanover Public Library for 18 years.

But of all the things he's known for, it's his knack for making the best fudge in town.

"I think mine is unique because it's a nice, creamy fudge," Eaton said. "The secret is not overcooking it and not undercooking it.

"People sometimes tell me, 'My fudge never comes out, why should I bother?,'" Eaton said. "But I have a fool-proof recipe which I've been using for a long time."

Need the recipe? Eaton said he's not listed in the phone book but noted people can find him at the Science Center volunteering at the front desk every Wednesday.

"People think I want to keep the recipe a secret," Eaton said. "But there's no secret. Just take out a piece of paper and a pen and I'll tell you."

Eaton said making fudge is definitely one of his favorite things to do, despite the fact that he doesn't make any money doing it.

"At least I'll die happy," he said. "Like I said, people love getting the gift of something homemade."



Fudge-maker and South Shore Science Center volunteer Dick Eaton gets ready to make his famous creamy fudge at the center last week during a demonstration.



The fudge mixture takes shape as fudge craftsman Dick Eaton of Hanover gives it a stir during a fudge-making demonstration last week at the South Shore Science Center.



At left: All the ingredients were in place last week for a fudge-making demonstration at the South Shore Science Center in Norwell. Veteran fudge-master Dick Eaton of Hanover led the workshop as onlookers looked on in awe.

At right: Elaine Campbell of Quincy tries the fudge made by Hanover resident Dick Eaton at the South Shore Science Center in Norwell last week.

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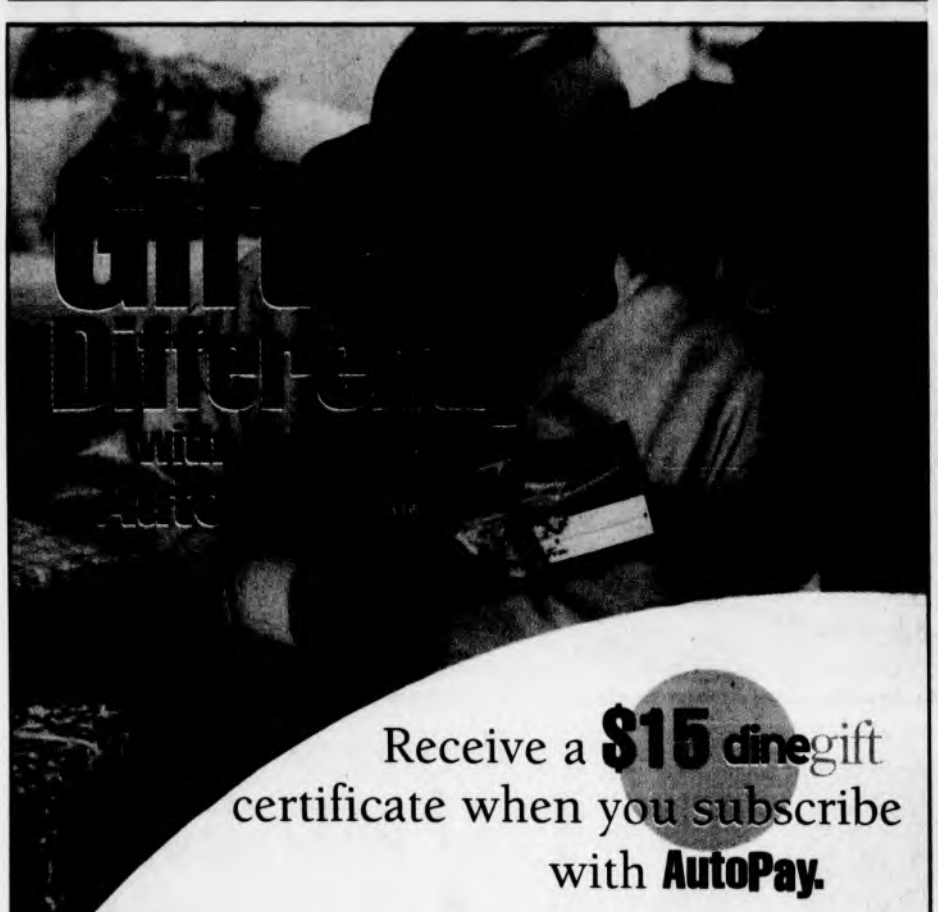
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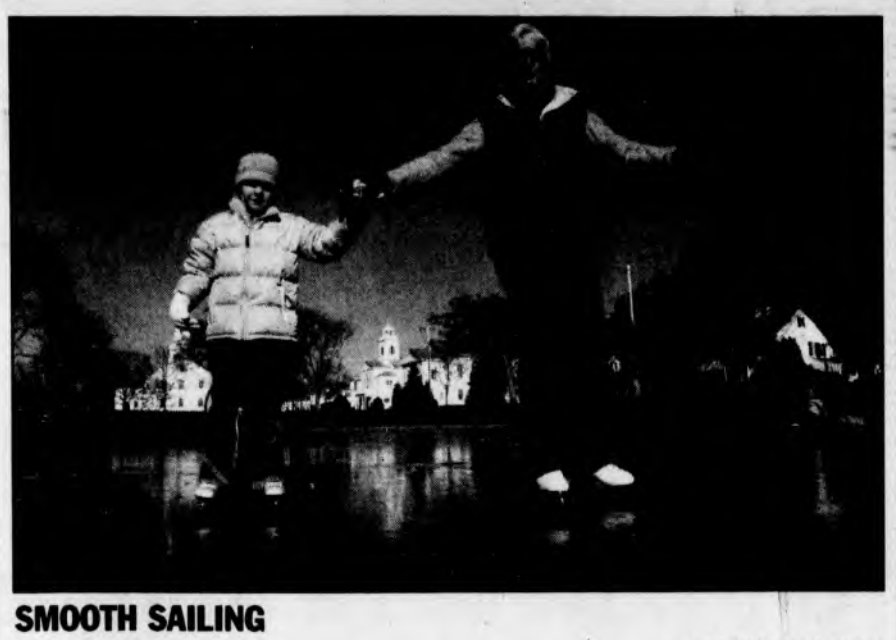


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Isabel and Maureen McCarthy glide across the duck pond on the Town Common back in January.

Museum chess club

On Wednesday Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. the Hull Lifesaving Museum will host the first meeting of our youth chess club. This is an informal gathering welcome to players, ages 9-18, of all ability levels. Snacks and chess sets will be provided. Join us for a fun and challenging afternoon. The museum is located at 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. This is a free event. For more information please call 781-925-5433 or email:

lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net

ASP mandatory meeting

Next mandatory Appalachia Service Project meeting is Sunday, March 7 at 8 p.m. at First Parish sanctuary.

Medical and permission forms are due March 7. Notaries will be available before meeting from 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

Valentine Dance

South Shore ARC invites you to a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Cohasset Lightkeeper's House from 7 to 10 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Roger's Music Express. Tickets are $12 in advance or $15 at the door. For more information, call Katie Hanley at 781-335-3023 x2227.

South Shore ARC is a private non-profit agency located in Weymouth providing quality services and advocacy for children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families. It has been providing services to toddlers, teens and adults throughout the South Shore and Southeastern Massachusetts since 1951.

Dramatic club stages 'Little Shop of Horrors'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club Presents "Little Shop of Horrors" at the Cohasset Town Hall, Highland Avenue.

Shows are Friday & Saturday March 5, 6, 12 & 13 at 8p.m., and Sundays March 7 & 14 at 2p.m. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased at Front Street Books in Scituate and Buttonwood Books & Springbrook Kids in Cohasset or by phone at 781-544-0304 and at the door.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, March 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone from Grades 6 and over is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Relay For Life event at Black Rock Feb. 26

In anticipation of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset, the volunteer planning committee is hosting a social on Thursday, Feb. 26 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Black Rock County Club in Hingham. Area residents wishing to learn more about the Relay For Life in Cohasset are encouraged to attend. The evening will feature hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and musical entertainment. For more information, please contact Victor or Justine Vanderlugt at 781-383-2956 or Mary Shepherd at the American Cancer Society at 508-584-9600, ext. 229 or Mary.Shepherd@cancer.org.

Relay For Life is a community event bringing together teams of families, friends, churches, neighborhoods, and businesses all with the same goal of curing cancer in the new millennium. The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset is set for Friday, June 18 through Saturday June 19 at Cohasset High School.

Relay For Life is the Society's signature activity taking place in more than 3,800 communities nationwide. This unique, community, overnight event remembers loved ones, inspires others and celebrates life. This year, more than 20 Relay For Life events are taking place throughout southeast Massachusetts. To find an event near you, please call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

NE Weather to warm crowd at Coffeehouse

Hingham's Coffeehouse off the Square presents New England Weather Saturday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. The show opens with singer-songwriter Eric E. Cornetta of Hingham.

New England Weather is a lively, engaging, group, which remains unpredictable, like our weather, but always enjoyable. During the course of the evening, the audience will experience varied approaches to songwriting and performing through high-quality solo, duo, and group performances, diverse styles and genres, and varied sad, funny, beautiful, and dramatic offerings. New England Weather also performs a variety of traditional songs.

Cornetta opens the evening with a polished blend of fluid guitar playing, imaginative and sensitive songs, rich voice, and irrepressible spirit. He has more than a quarter century of coffeehouse experience. The audience will enjoy uniquely flavored "old chestnuts" as well as never before heard lullabies.

The Coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. Admission is $10 at the door. An open microphone precedes the concert. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds go to the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For further information call Jim Watson, (781) 749-1767.

'Ladies Night Out' tennis benefit Feb. 27

On Friday, Feb. 27, the Cohasset Tennis Club will host "Ladies Night Out". The evening will include a sampling of some great food from local area chefs including Bernard's and Grapevine Caterers, and a selection of wines provided by Gabriel Meffre, a winery in the Rhone Valley. Jewelry, a weekend in Newport, and an evening of beauty are just some of the items that will be offered as part of the silent auction. However, the highlight of the evening will undoubtedly be a live auction with a chance to bid on a one-hour tennis lesson with one of Boston's most eligible tennis bachelors!

More than 15 tennis pros from the South Shore and Boston have agreed to donate their time and talent to support the efforts of Tenacity in this fundraising event Tenacity is a non-profit organization created to assist Boston's inner city youth by offering free tennis instruction and intensive after-school academic support. Through tennis and academic tutoring, Tenacity is currently offering over 2,500 children exposure to positive role models and the opportunity to build a sense of belonging, usefulness, self-worth, and competence.

"Ladies Night Out" will be held Friday, Feb. 27 from 6:30 – 11 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go toward the Tenacity organization. Tickets for the event are $55 and can be reserved by calling the Cohasset Tennis Club at 781-383-9533.

Alzheimer's support group meets Feb. 25

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will host Patricia Clark, RNCS, on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St. Her topic will be "What to Look for When Evaluating a Nursing Home for Someone with AD."

Clark is the former executive director of the Hingham Visiting Nurses, has served on the board of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and currently is a board member of the Alzheimer's Support Group of the South Shore. As a psychiatric consultant and therapist, she has worked with patients in many South Shore nursing homes. She will describe what makes a dedicated nursing unit for a dementia patient and what factors serve to keep the resident independent longer in a safe caring environment.

A question and answer time will conclude her program. This meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426 or JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417.

In the event of inclement weather, meeting cancellations will be aired on WJDA 1300 AM.

Summer Arts at Derby Academy

Summer Arts at Derby is beginning its 16 year at Derby Academy in Hingham. the five-week program is open to ages 8 to 15 and offers more than 100 courses in visual arts, drama, dance, writing, music, photography, video production, gymnastics and sports. There are also special offerings, such as cooking, yoga, chess, Tai Chi, and circus arts.

In addition to the regular classes, there is a non-time show and a free choice period with new offerings each day. On Friday, July 30, Summer Arts culminates in an Arts Festival featuring performances of theatre, dance, music, and gymnastics and several exhibits of clay, painting, furniture, mosaics, jewelry, and photography. Animated films and videos are also shown. Summer Arts produces a full-scale musical production as well.

The goal of Summer Arts is to offer a very high quality arts experience to children, with an atmosphere that is exciting and bursting with creativity. The children are from diverse racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds; twenty Massachusetts communities are represented. One of the main goals is to create a spirit of cooperation and respect, where the students feel supported and free to express themselves.

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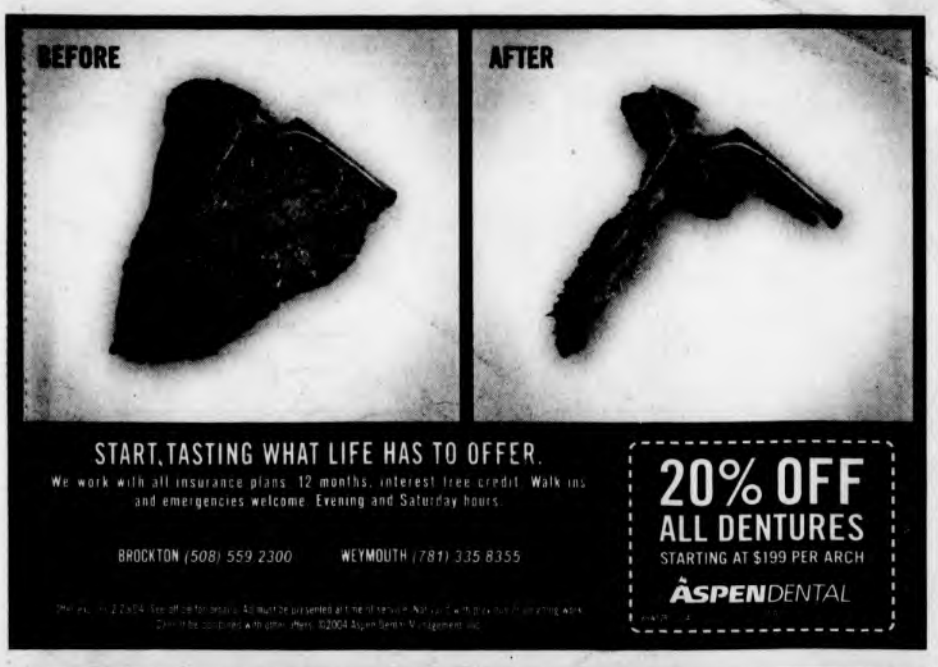
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Buttonwood hosts travel writer Feb. 26

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host Scott Haas, the author of "Are We There Yet? Perfect Family Vacations and Other Fantasies" (Plume Books, $14) on Thurs. Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.

Haas has written a witty travelogue chronicling his family's travel adventures at home and abroad. Haas, his wife, Laura and their two children have indulged their passion for travel since the children were very young.

They are avid hikers, love swimming andHaas' passion for food is immeasurable. His skillful writing and snappy dialogue about the lands they visit, the people they meet and meals they consume, guarantees a call to the travel agency.

Haas is a staff producer and on-air talent for "Here and Now," a nationally syndicated show broadcast from WBUR, an NPR affiliate. He also reports monthly for "The Splendid Table," syndicated nationally on Public Radio International. He has written for "Gourmet" and co-wrote "The Da Silvano Cookbook". In addition to being a writer, Haas is chief psychologist at a teaching hospital associated with Boston University Medical School. The Haas family lives in Cambridge. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwood-books.com

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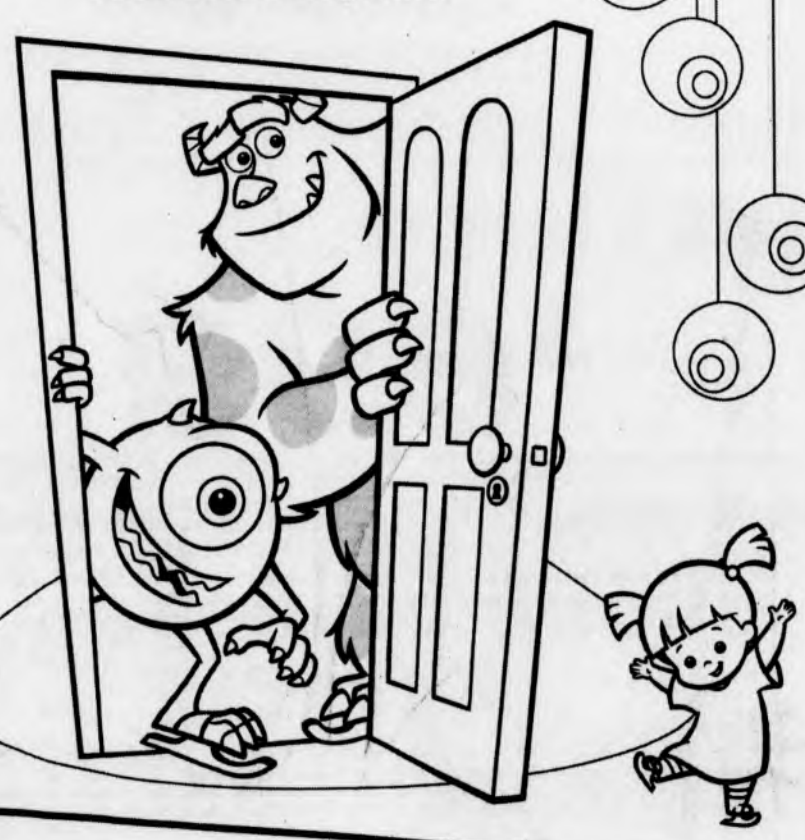
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Fr. Maheras elected VP

At its Jan. 21, Annual Meeting in Sudbury, the Massachusetts Council of Churches elected Rev. Father John Maheras of Scituate to serve as vice-president of its 40 member board of directors. In the process of nominating Father Maheras, Professor Priscilla Kelso of Newtonville cited his breadth of national and international experience in the ecumenical movement. Father Maheras serves as priest to Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Cohasset and is also Ecumenical Officer for the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston.

Now in its 102 year, the MA Council is an ecumenical partnership of 16 Orthodox and Protestant denominations in the state, including the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston. This year's meeting was hosted by Sudbury United Methodist Church.

Maheras is a graduate of Holy Cross Theological School, the Ecumenical Institute-Bossey in Switzerland and the Patriarchal Theological School of Istanbul, Turkey and holds other advanced degrees. In the mid 60's, he created the Youth Department for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese while simultaneously heading the Ecumenical Office. He worked closely with the National Council of Churches, and especially Church World Service, in relocating groups of displaced Greek Orthodox persons to New England. Father Maheras has represented the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese at various World Council of Churches conferences and other ecumenical gatherings. He was appointed to the Massachusetts Council of Churches by His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios and guided the entrance of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis into the MCC.

Maheras has written extensively in various fields, including developing the Guidebook for Orthodox Church Choirs, which is published annually, and authoring the Youth planbook for more than 20 years.

Maheras and his wife Susan live in Scituate. They have four grown daughters and three grandchildren.

Other offices elected for 2004 are: the Rev. John Stendahl, President (New England Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Newton Centre); Ms. Anne Nickerson, Secretary (United Church of Christ, Worcester); and Mr. Robert Sarly, Treasurer (Unitarian Universalist, Wellesley).

Shawl Ministry to offer workshop Feb. 21

People who enjoy knitting or crocheting are invited to a workshop on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 1 - 3:30 p.m. in Norwell. Janet Bristow and Vicky Galo, originators of The Shawl Ministry, will present a participatory afternoon workshop on the origins, stories, practices, and possibilities of knitting and/or crocheting with love, intention, and prayer for people in need of care.

Do you feel a spiritual connection with God and/or other people through your needlework? Do you like to knit/crochet for others? Would you like to express the love of God in a tangible way that brings comfort, presence, and hope? Then this is the workshop for you! Come and explore the opportunities, and enjoy the company of other knitters and crocheters. Knitters bring size 11 or 13 needles and three skeins of yarn. Crocheters bring a size M, N, or P hook and four skeins of yarn.

See www.shawlministry.com for suggested yarns.

Beginners are welcome! Bring a skein of smooth 4-ply "practice" yarn and needles or crochet hook as listed above.



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Jean Bristow and Victoria A. Cole-Galo witll lead a Prayer Shawl Workshop in Norwell on Saturday, Feb. 21.

Christ Church United Methodist of Hingham is the sponsor of this workshop, which will take place in the Gala Room of the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. See www.companytheater.com for directions. Not handicapped accessible Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 18 to (781)741-5030. If you have questions please leave a message and contact phone number. A Free Will Offering is requested to cover presentation costs.

OBITUARIES

Nicholas C. Lyons



Karen and Elliot Lyons of Norwell and Paula and William Walker of Barnstable; great-grandparents, Myriam Lyons of Quincy and Kenneth Clarke of Norwood; a girlfriend, Amanda Bergen of Hull; aunts and uncles, Kenneth and Jody Lyons and Erik and Rebecca Lyons, all of Plymouth, Sue and Dan Foley of Hingham, Kathleen Walker of Barnstable and William Walker Jr. of Florida; and cousins, Samantha Mae Lyons, Lacy Alina Lyons and Danny Foley.

Nicholas Christopher Lyons, 19, of Norwell, formerly of Hingham and Hull, died Feb. 2, 2004, in a motor vehicle accident in Hingham.

Mr. Lyons was a 2003 graduate of Hull High School and was employed by the Zildjian Cymbal Company in the shipping department. He formerly worked for the Cohasset Country Club for four years.

He enjoyed snowboarding and spending time with his friends.

He leaves his parents, Kristen Lyons of Plymouth and Michael E. Walker of Hull; grandparents,

A funeral service was held at South Shore Baptist Church in Hingham.

Arrangements were by the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, Hingham.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, South Regional Center, 1115 W. Chestnut St., Suite 301, Brockton, 02301.

Pro-life group hosts program

A free seminar, "Mastering the Art of Pro-Life Persuasion," will be offered on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 392 Hanover St., (Route 139), Hanover. Participants will learn how to simplify the abortion issue for those who think it is complex, how to defend the pro-life view scientifically and philosophically, and how to refute common objections.

The seminar is sponsored by Mass. Citizens for Life (MCFL). The featured speaker will be Scott Klusendorf, director of bioethics for Stand to Reason. A nationally known speaker and debater, Klusendorf has taught Priests for Life and American collegians for Life. During a three-day tour of Eastern Mass., he will also speak at B.C. High and several other locations. For more information, call MCFL at 617-242-4199.

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Remembering Nicholas Lyons

Family, friends grieve for teenager

By Carol Britton Meyer and Seth Jacobson
STAFF WRITERS

There's no doubt Nicholas Lyons was loved and will be missed.

Following an automobile accident in Hingham last Monday (Feb. 2) that claimed the life of the Norwell teenager, friends gathered Thursday night to express their love — and grief — for Nicholas, who was 19.

A memorial was set up on a telephone pole at the accident scene on Rockland Street across from the Weir Street extension. Flowers and a can of Pringles were placed around the base, and touching photographs and equally moving notes of affection were tacked to the pole. One read, "Nick, You were a wonderful friend and a beautiful person. I wish I could tell you how much you will be missed. We'll meet again someday. Save me a place, bro. Your friend forever, Rob."

"Nick, You were a great person and will be forever missed. I owe you everything for taking care of my best friend and keeping her happy. We all love you. CU later. Love always and forever, 'Fat Al' and Alice," another friend wrote.

Other messages to their friend were written on the sidewalk – "RIP, Nick" and "We miss you, Nick." On a nearby log were painted the words, "Captain Nick."

Nicholas, who enjoyed snowboarding and spending time with his friends, also worked at Cohasset Golf Club for four years.

Nicholas, a former resident of Hingham and Hull, graduated from Hull High School last year. He had just started working as a shipper for the Zildjian Company of Norwell, which makes cymbals. Nicholas, who enjoyed snowboarding and spending time with his friends, also worked at Cohasset Golf Club for four years.

Nicholas had been living with his grandparents, Elliott and Karen Lyons, in Norwell before he died. He had moved there to be closer to work.

Elliott Lyons said he has been so grateful with the outpouring of support from people around the area who knew his grandson.

"What I found through this tragedy was that (Nicholas) was so well liked," he said. "The funeral was Saturday and so many of his friends showed up. It just blew me away."

Elliott recalled what kind of man his grandson was.

"He was such a great kid," he said. "He would always help people out. He was very close with us and with the rest of the family. We're a very tight-knit family. There's a lot of personal memories I'll never forget."

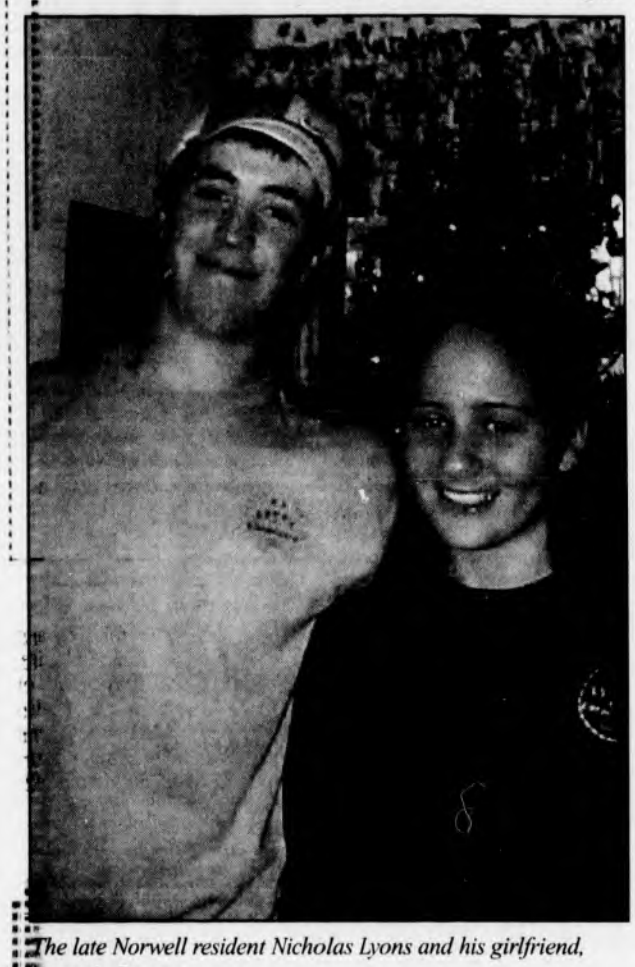
One thing Elliott recalled was how close Nicholas was with his two young cousins.

"My other children had two young kids and Nicholas always adored seeing them," he said. "And they lit up when they saw him. He was very close to them, even though there was 18 years difference in age. These are the things you appreciate. He was just a loving, caring person."

Elliott added he always confided in his grandparents and loved being with his girlfriend, Amanda Bergen.

"He always loved being around his family," Elliott said. "Like I said, we're very tight-knit. You don't always see that in this day and age. In times like this, that was always great to have and Nick was a big part of that."

The accident, which was reported at 4:45 a.m. on Feb. 2, is under investigation by the Hingham Police Department and the State Police Accident Reconstruction Unit.



The late Norwell resident Nicholas Lyons and his girlfriend, Amanda Bergen.

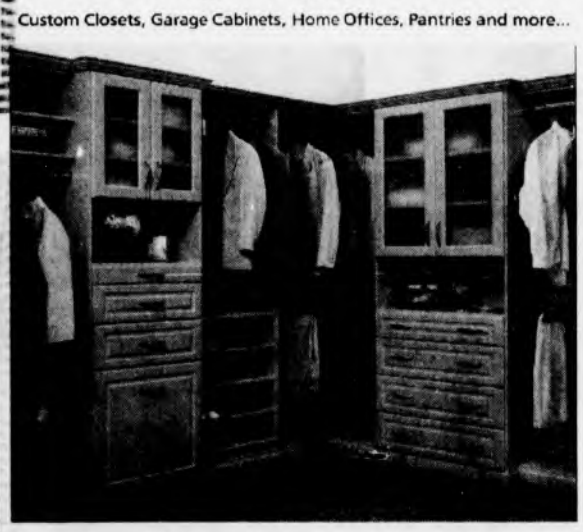


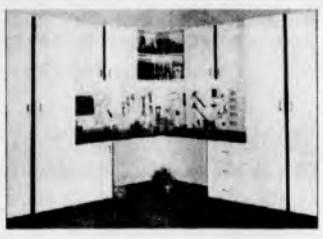
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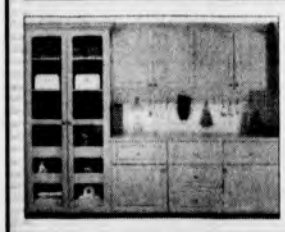
A roadside memorial pays tribute to Nicholas Lyons. The fatal accident occurred on Rockland Street across from the Weir Street extension.

Preliminary reports indicated the 1997 Pontiac Grand Prix Nicholas was driving was traveling northerly on Rockland Street from the area of West Corner toward the Hingham Rotary when it went out of control, hitting a stone wall and a utility pole.

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Getting the Most out of a Camp Fair
Snow is on the ground and icicles are hanging from the roof...so that means that
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It's hard to believe, as you cope with the below zero blues, that summer is coming and summer camp enrollments are filling up, but the American Camping Association of New England (ACANE) assures us that it's true. And Camp Fairs are a great way to get the ball rolling towards finding your child a camp that will be a good fit and a rewarding experience.

If camp is in your family's plan for Summer 2004, it's time to secure a spot at a camp for your child. Some camps are already full! If you haven't identified a camp yet, consider attending one of the many camp fairs taking place this season throughout New England to jump-start your search.

A Camp Fair is an excellent tool for parents to use to help reach the goal of finding the best camp for your child. These fairs exist so parents and prospective campers can explore several camp options at once. Look upon them as one-stop shopping! Attending one or two can be a real time saver, particularly if you approach the fair with an open mind and a willingness to do your homework. Assembling so many camps and prospective campers and their families in the same place at the same time is a real service to campers and families, and is a great opportunity to get to know the diversity that exists within the camp world.

Whether you are at the very beginning of a camp search (identifying your options and exploring what's offered) or you are deliberating among a few finalists, attending a camp fair can help. At a camp fair you have access to camp directors and other key administrators and the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. This sort of informal meeting is the next best thing to visiting the camp.

Every camp at a Camp Fair wants to show you as much as possible. No such thing as too much information! Many offer photos and slides of the camp, testimonials from campers, in-depth brochures, take-home videos, references…you name it. The information-gathering phase of a camp search can take weeks if not longer. Even with the ease of downloading camp information from the Internet, it's oftentimes necessary to wait for certain camp materials and forms to arrive in the mail. So, being able to pick up brochures and applications at a camp fair display can save a great deal of time! Look at each camp's display and you'll have an opportunity to collect information and see visuals that might not be available on the Web or elsewhere.

American Camping Association of New England's
TIPS FOR MAKING THE MOST OF A CAMP FAIR:

Make a list of what's important in your search.
- Day or overnight camp? Think about travel time.
- How many weeks?
- What are your goals?
- What are your child's goals?
- General program or specialty program?
- What is your budget?

Get a directory of camps represented at the fair (then you can still contact them if you miss their booth)
- Be strategic! Mark the camps that might fulfill your criteria.
- Set out to visit those camps' booths.

Keep your eyes open
- If a camp booth catches your eye or your child's, stop and check it out!
- Look carefully at display materials. Examine photographs, watch videos, slides and/or DVDs

Keep your ears open
- Take the chance to interview camp directors and other administrators.
- Listen to camp representatives talking with your child.
- Listen to conversations camp representatives have with other children and adults.

Save a tree!
- Only take printed material for camps that are real possibilities for your children. Arriving home with a big pile of brochures can be overwhelming (especially when you will end up recycling or throwing away most of them)!
- If you have a camp fair directory, you will have the contact information for all camps represented. You can visit their Web sites or request material at a later time if you want it.

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POLICE LOG

MONDAY, FEB. 2

1:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.

5:12 a.m. Rockland and Hull sts., assist other police department.

10:52 a.m. Holly Lane, larceny.

3:50 p.m. Holly Lane, larceny.

4:42 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:55 p.m. Elm St., MV crash, patient sign off.

8:48 p.m. North Main and Cedar sts., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

TUESDAY, FEB. 3

4:49 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

6:36 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

7:55 a.m. Training.

9:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

2:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV crash, investigated, report taken.

2:53 p.m. Cedar St., fire.

7:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disturbance, gathering.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4

1:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.

7:47 a.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, traffic complaint.

8:12 a.m. North Main St., MV crash.

8:57 a.m. Pond St., officer wanted.

11:11 a.m. Reservoir Road, animal control.

12:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

4:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:48 p.m. North Main and Cedar sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:30 p.m. Cedar Ledge Village, suspicious activity.

9:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, FEB. 5

4:36 a.m. Forest Notch, medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:34 a.m. Beechwood St., officer wanted.

9:58 a.m. Jerusalem Road, lost property.

11:07 a.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

11:33 a.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

1:30 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal control.

1:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

2:20 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Crocker Lane, medical aid, no fire service necessary.

5:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV crash.

8:52 p.m. Black Rock Road, annoying phone calls.

11:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.

Four arrests in January

January was a quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were four arrests, two for assault and battery, one for shoplifting, and one for larceny of motor vehicle, Police Chief Robert Jackson said.

During the month of January the police department investigated (21) vehicle accidents, six of which resulted in personal injury. There were (32) motor vehicle citations issued totaling $645 in fines. Additionally, there were (35) parking tickets issued for issued for $925 in fines.

Also in the month of January the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 813 calls for police services of those 106 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls, Jackson said.

Also in the month of January there was one Breaking & Entering of a building. Additionally there was five Criminal Complaints issued for the month.

Matos resigns as PALS officer

Officer Lisa Matos recently resigned as the PALS officer in Cohasset Schools, a post she has held for many years.

"I am disappointed that I can no longer be the schools PALS officer but because of some recent issues that have come to my attention I had to resign," said Matos, who did not elaborate. "I am confident that Mike Gill and Judy Wilson will continue to have a comprehensive health and safety program that addresses the risk factors of children using drugs and the physical and legal consequences of such dangerous behavior."

Gill wrote a letter to the editor that appears in this week's Mariner praising Matos' work with the schools.

OBITUARIES



Foster A. Cadose

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"Babe" Foster A. Cadose, 84, of Scituate died Feb. 3, 200, following a brief illness.

Mr. Cadose was a graduate of Cohasset High and New England School of Art.

He worked as a commercial artist for Ticknor Bros., later as a draftsman for D.S. Kennedy, Itek, Northrop Co. and Haemonetics Corp.

A gentle man and avid reader, photographer, he loved the woods, hunting, the ocean (built a boat "Lit'l Toot"), fishing, birds, wild animals, and gardening. He raised German shepherds for years, enjoyed his family and had many friends. He was caregiver to his wife and daughter, Bonnie.

Mr. Cadose leaves his loving wife, "Vonnie" Veronica; three daughters, Laurie Gonsalves of Andover, Bonnie Leone of Scituate and Gerry Henry of Cohasset; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a dear niece, Jeanne Bjorkgren; nephew, Jimmy Plett; and several other nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday Feb. 13, at 10 am , at St. Anthony Church, So. Main St., Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in his memory to the charity of ones choice

Gladys F. Pattison

Gladys (Frye) Pattison, 91, of Cohasset, died Jan. 26, 2004, at the Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home following a brief illness.

Mrs. Pattison was a resident of Cohasset for 20 years.

Born in Abington, she was daughter of the late Arthur and Mary Jane (Singleton) Frye.

A Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Pattison was a homemaker and also worked at Martin's Bakery in Abington for eight years.

Wife of the late John L. Pattison, she leaves four sons, Paul L. Pattison of Cohasset, Richard A. Pattison of Weymouth, Robert A. Pattison of Cohasset and Gerald L. Pattison of Pembroke; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was mother of the late John W. Pattison, for whom the town of Abington named a street.

A graveside service will be held Friday, Jan. 30, at 10 a.m. at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Abington. Visitation hours are omitted.

Arrangements are by the Quealy & Son Funeral Home, Abington.

Lawrence Larson

Lawrence Larson, 88, of Cohasset, died Feb. 4, 2004, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth following a brief illness. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y. he was educated in New York Schools. He was a Cohasset resident for 25 years.

Mr. Larson worked in sales for Kartee Transportation Co. and the Wagner Coffee Co., both in Brooklyn, for many years.

Husband of the late Bridget A. (Hannon), he leaves three sons: Robert Larson of Falls Church, Va., Kenneth Larson of Broomfield, Colo., and Donald Larson of Cohasset. He was also the father of the late Lawrence Larson.

One daughter; Mary Allen of Cohasset.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset.

Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers to The Children's Discovery Museum, 100 Sohier St., Cohasset, MA. 02025.

Glastonbury series features Buddhist nun

The Glastonbury Series 2003-2004, "Listening to Other Voices: Monastic Spirituality in the 21st Century," will feature Reverend Yifa.

Yifa's topic is "Benedict's Dharma: Monastic Dialogue Between Buddhism and Christianity."

The talk is Thursday, Feb. 26, at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center in Hingham.

Free will offering.

An ordained Buddhist nun since 1979, Yifa is Abbess of the Greater Boston Buddhist Cultural Center. She holds a Ph.D. from Yale, an MA in philosophy from the University of Hawaii and has worked with UNESCO and UNICEF. She is co-author of "Benedict's Dharma," and author of "Safeguarding the Heart — a Buddhist Response to Suffering and September 11." Her current area of research focuses on women's roles in Buddhism.

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On the South Shore

FEBRUARY 12 - 20, 2004

Thurs. 12

The North River Arts Society, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield, is pleased to announce the opening of the **16th Annual Members Show** Feb 6-15. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. ñ 3 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

The Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak St., Brockton invites fans to hear **Shake Off the Cold,** Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. Local poets can sigh up for open readings at 6:30 p.m.. Admission is $3. For more information call 508-588-6000 x.113

The Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 12, comedy night host Annette Pollack, comedians **Bob Niles, Pat Hicks, Jack Hurney, Eric Cannon** 8:30 p.m. Tickets $8. 781-335-9796.

Children's Valentine's Day Activity at the **Hull Lifesaving Museum**, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull Feb. 12 at 3:30 p.m. Children ages 4-12, accompanied by an adult are invited to drop by for activities and treats. $2 museum members, $4 non-members. Call 781-925-5433 to reserve a space. Email, lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Animal Tails** Feb 5,12,26. Please specify morning class 9:30-11a.m. or afternoon class 1:30-3 p.m., $39 members, $48 non-members for each three week session. Join us for a special program featuring outstanding nature stories and activities for children ages 3-1/2 to 5 years. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Small Works and exhibit of work by watercolorist **Lilly Cleveland** will be showing at the James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell Feb. 5-March 3. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Adult Literacy and GED classes will be held **at Blue Hills Regional Technical School**, 800 Randolph St., Canton. The program is funded by Massachusetts Dept. of Education and is free of charge. For more information call 781-828-5800 ext. 325.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the **World to the White House**. Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Jimbos Restaurant Braintree 5 Corners, Comedy night Feb. 5 at 8:30 p.m. featuring **Mike Donovan**. Admission, $10, appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300.

Fri. 13

South Shore Singles will sponsor a semi-monthly smoke free dance at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington, Feb. 13 with **The Emanon Orchestra** from 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission $7 SSS members/ $10 non-members. Proper dress required, no jeans or athletic shoes. For more information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

Love Songs Candlelight Tour of the **Captain Samuel Robbins 1820 Museum House**, 188 Main St., Feb. 13 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Admission by voluntary donation. For more information call 508-583-7616.

The Orpheum-Foxboro, 1 School St., Foxboro, invites you to Valentine's Day Weekend Movie, **Breakfast at Tiffany's** Feb. 13,14, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., Feb. 15, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. All tickets $10. For more information call 508-543-6330.

The Next Page, Broad St., Weymouth, **Keepin the Gruve**, Feb. 13 at 9 p.m. 781-335-9796. No cover.

JC Dee's Restaurant & Lounge, 312 Bridge St., No. Weymouth features **Comedy Night** with Paul Nardizzi, Annette Pollack, Glen Gordon, Erik Tynan, PJ Abruzzese, Sue Tracy and Joe List Feb. 13 at 9 p.m. Admission $10 at the door. Advanced tickets $8. Call 781-337-1020 for details.

The Singing Valentines will be delivered Feb. 13-14 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Feb. 15 from noon to 9 p.m. Each valentine will be presented by a chapter quartet dressed in tuxedos, who will arrive unannounced and search out the recipient. The cost for each Valentine is $50 and $10 extra for precise times or for each additional recipient. For further information and to place orders call Bill Fitzgerald 781-337-0227 or Pete Fitzgerald 781-341-1688.

Bodhi and Foundation's Vice will perform in concert at the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center**, Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level, Feb 13 from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are $8. For more information call 508- 747-1234.

The Rock & Roll of Smokey Joe's Café explodes onstage at **The Company Theatre**, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell Feb.13-22. Wed. and Thurs. at 7:30 p.m., Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m., and Sun. at 3 p.m. All seats $32. Tickets are available at the box office and by calling 781-871-2787.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Fri. at 10:30-11a.m.. (except holidays and vacation weeks Free with admission. Join us for a half-hour of storytelling that will delight youngsters (and accompanying adults, too). Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org



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Smokey Joe's Cafe at Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center presents Tony-winning Motown era musical review featuring hits of the '50s & '60s Feb.14,15,21,22. Four course dinner and show $39.95, show only $20. Friday and Saturday dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m., Sunday dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. For reservations and information call 781-843-5862.

The Next Page Café, Broad St., Weymouth, **New Blue Revue**, Feb. 6 and 9 p.m. 781-335-9796. No cover.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

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Sat. 14

The Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth**, The New Blue Revue, Matthew Stubbs Band**, 9 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Comedy Night** with **Paul Nardizzi** Feb. 14 at 8:30 p.m. Admission $15 with reservation and $20 at the door. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 781-834-1910

South Shore ARC invites you to a **Valentine's Dance** at the **Cohasset Lightkeeper's House**, Feb. 14 from 7 - 10 p.m. Tickets are $12 in advance or $15 at the door. For more information call Katie Hanley at 781-335-3023 x2227.

POETRIBE celebrates **St. Valentine's Day** at **the Universalist Unitarian Church of Brockton**, 325 West Elm St., Feb.14. Poetry workshop with **Michael McDonough** at 6 p.m. Open mic sign up at 7:30 and begins at 8 p.m. followed by featured poet, **Barbara Adler**. Admission is $3. For more information call 508-230-7967.

Valentine's Day Fine Art Sale & Silent Auction at the **Old Ship Church Fellowship Hall**, 107 Main St.,Hingham, Feb. 14 from 10-3 p.m. Silent Auction final bids at 2:45 p.m. www.hullartistsstudioconnection.org

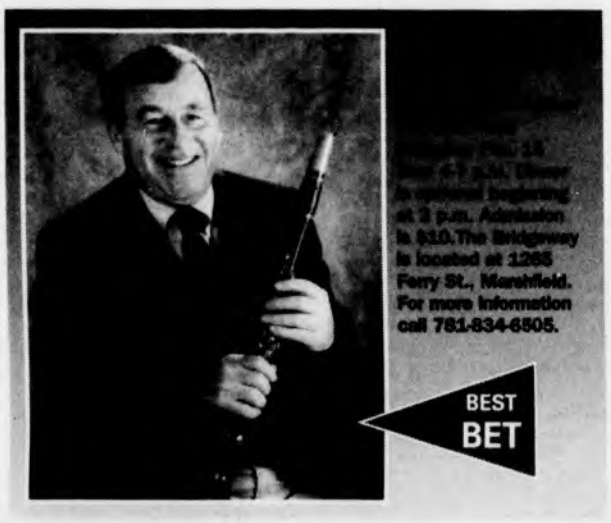
Valentine's Day Partner Yoga Class at the **Practice Studio**, 12 Union St., Columbian Sq., Weymouth Feb. 14 from 1-3 p.m. $35 per couple. For more information call 781-337-9495. www.thepracticestudio.com

Down East Dancers Country Western Dance will be held at the **Taunton Elks Club**, 119 High St., Feb. 14. Beginner dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. and couples at 8 p.m.-midnight. Smoke free, tickets $5. For more information 508-995-9496 or 781-925-9066.

6th Annual passion Plunge at **Nantasket Beach**, Hull is Feb. 14. Check out www.passionplunge.org for the details.

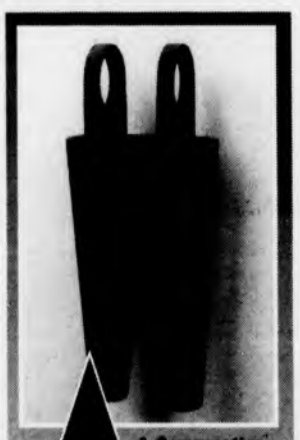
The North River Arts Society presents **Recent Paintings by Brooks Kelly** at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228,

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Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. Dinner is optional beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is $10. The Stagepway is located at 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield. For more information call 781-834-6505.



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JJ Mulligan's Sports Bar, 941 Washington St., S. Braintree, Feb. 7, **The Houserockers**, 9 p.m. No. cover. 781-849-7007.

Sun. 15

Dixieland Jazz Concert featuring **Pete Collinsí Jazz Band Ball** will perform at the **Bridgwaye Inn**, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield Feb. 15 from 4-7 p.m. Dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. Admission $10. For more information call 781-834-6505.

Open House Tours of the **Captain Samuel Robbins 1820 Museum House**, 188 Main St., Feb. 15 from 2 - 4 p.m. Admission by voluntary donation. For more information call 508-583-7616.

The Quincy Symphony Orchestra will present the **Second Classical Concert** of its **50th Season** in the Performing Arts Center, North Quincy High School, at the corner of Hancock and East Squantum Sts., Feb 15 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $17 adults, $12 seniors and students and $5 children 12 and under accompanied by an adult. For more information call 781-961-3790.

Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**, Broad St., Weymouth for children 41/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For more information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskating school.org

Sunday Tea at the JFK on Feb. 8, 15, 22, 29 at the **John F. Kennedy Library and Museum**, Columbia Pont. Enjoy tea, fruit scones, tea sandwiches, PBJs and dessert in the Smith Crescent Room between 1:30 - 3 p.m.. Tickets $14 children 12 yrs and younger, $17 for adults. Reservations strongly recommended 617-514-1586. For more information about the JFK Library and Museum call 866-535-1960 or www.jfklibrary.org

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will show together the text and illustrations from the Persian literary works: the Shah-nama, Khavar-nama, Khamza of Nizami and Hadith al Anbiya in the exhibition **Complex Tales: Persia** Feb.1-April 25. For more information call 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town members of the **Weymouth Art Association** will display at several locations in Feb and March. Paintings may be purchased. For more information call 781-335-4675

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Piranesi and His Contemporaries from the collection of Elizabeth Morse and Richard Wendorf. This collection of 18th-century old-master prints has been assembled over a 20-year period, with a focus on the work of Giovanni Battista Piranesi Jan. 9 through Feb. 22. **South Shore Art Center**, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset.. Accessible to all. 781-383-ARTS< www.ssac.org On Sunday, Jan. 25, 4 p.m. Gallery Talk: Living With Piranesi with Richard Wendorf-"The Stanford Calderwood Director and Librarian" The Boston Athenaeum. Free to the public.

South Shore ARC is offering its **Sunday Open Gym** through April 4, at the Cole School in Norwell from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. $10 fee. 781-335-3023 x2227.

The Interfaith Book Study Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for February, Siddhartha by H. Hesse (Buddhism); March, Palace Walk by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the oil ptintings of Hingham artist **Judith Mehring** through the end of February. 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

"Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance" every Sunday evening at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Dance music by DJ Joe Pet. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended.

Mon. 16

Starcreations Theater from the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc.**, Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level, presents the **musical Beauty and the Beast**, Feb 16,18,19,20 at 1 p.m. Admission $5. Reservations suggested. For more information call 508-747-1234.



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The North River Arts Society presents **Feathers**, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, featuring photographs by Cindy Vallino, depicting birds in the landscape from local areas, and from the Bosque del Apache Bird Sanctuary in New Mexico, Jan. 3 to Feb. 28. The library is located in the Library Plaza, Marshfield. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30pm at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical conceived choreographed and directed by **Twyla Tharp** and based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly, free, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Tues. 17

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For more information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnolly@artsfirst.org

25th Annual USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild Exhibit at the **USS Constitution Museum**,Charlestown Navy Yard Feb. 1-March 6, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Admission is free and donations are encouraged. www.ussconstitution museum.org

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250.

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. Dave Thomas Band. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 18

Allerton House, Hingham, offers **Nurture Your Spiritual Life** with **Rev. Rosemary MacKay**, Feb. 18 at 10 a.m. Seating is limited , call for reservations 781-749-3322.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Assoc., and **South Shore Natural Science Center**, and **Mass Audubon** present a series of free Wed. evening lectures now through March at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Lectures begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a **Plymouth Luncheon,** at **Dillinger's,** Rte 3 to exit 5 into the Home depot Plaza, Feb. 18 at 12-1:30 p.m. Luncheon is pre-registration, $20 members, $35 nonmembers. At the door $25 members, $40 nonmembers. For more information call 781-749-8883 or www.sswbn.org

Dateboarding Your Home is offered at the **Norwell Public Library,** 64 South St., Norwell, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Pam Bower-Basso of the Norwell historical Commission will offer advice and suggestions for researching your home.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Parents and Tots** Session II Feb 11,25 at 9:30-10:45a.m.. $21 members, $24 non-members, per session. Additional family members are half price. Dress for the weather. Limit 8 children. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Winter Programs** every Wed. at 3 p.m. and Sat. at 10 a.m.. Free with admission. Come watch the naturalist on duty feed the animals. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org



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Smokey Joe's Cafe serves up great music

With two separate productions of Smokey Joe's Cafe now being presented in Norwell and Quincy, it may seem to the casual observer that a new chain of restaurants has opened on the South Shore.

Indeed, the Quincy Dinner Theater offering even comes with a meal, it is great music, however, that is on the menu of both local productions of the long-running Broadway revue. Featuring the words and music of the legendary song-writing team of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, the musical is a high-energy celebration of two of the songwriters who helped define 1950s and '60s rock 'n roll, doo wop and blues with memorable hits like "Jailhouse Rock," "Poison Ivy," and "Stand By Me."

The Quincy Dinner Theatre is presenting "Smokey Joe's Cafe" Feb 14-15 and 21-22 at 1170 Hancock Street in Quincy. For tickets and information, call 781-843-5862 or visit www.quincydinnertheater.com. The show is also being staged by The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, Feb. 13-22. For tickets and information, call 781/871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com.

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Thurs. 19

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a **Network Office Brown Bag Seminar,** at the **Network Office,** Feb. 19 at 12-1:30 p.m. You bring lunch and we will provide beverages and dessert. $7 members, $10 nonmembers. For more information call 781-749-8883 or www.sswbn.org

The Braintree Art Association will meet at the **Council on Aging Building**, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree, Feb 19 at 7:30 p.m. Ron Brake will demonstrate painting in watercolor. For more information call 781-335-4675.

Fri. 20

South Shore Folk Music Club, The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, presents **Ryan and Ortolani** and **Lynn Feingold**, Feb 20 at 8 p.m. $5 members, $6 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052 or www.ssfmc.org

The 12th Annual Mardi Gras Ball will be held at the **Rhodes On The Pawtuxet Ballroom**, 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston, RI, Feb. 20-21. For more information on ticket prices and directions call 401-783-3926 or the website www.mardigrasri.com

Boston's Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., Bosotn, presents **Richard Dreyfuss in Sly Fox**, Feb. 20-March 7. Ticket prices range from $21- $88 and are available through Telecharge 800-447-7400 or online www.telecharge.com

Transportation Officials to speak at **Plymouth County Transportation Breakfast**, Radisson, Plymouth Harbor, Water St., Plymouth, Feb. 20 from 7:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Tickets are $15 per person/$120 per table of eight. Call 507-747-0100 by Feb. 17 for reservations.

Scarecrow Hill and Mind Fed Violence will perform at the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center**, Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level, Feb 20 from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are $8 per person. For more information call 508-747-1234.

February Vacation Activities

Starcreations Theater from the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc.**, Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level, presents the musical **Beauty and the Beast**, Feb 16,18,19,20 at 1 p.m. Admission $5. Reservations suggested. For more information call 508-747-1234.

Kids' Week at the **Pilgrim Hall Museum**, 75 Court St., Plymouth, Feb. 15 ñ 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Kids 17 and under are invited. Admission is free. For more information call 508-746-1620 ext. 7. www.pilgrimhall.org

The Orpheum-Foxboro, 1 School St., Foxboro, offers a tour of the most fabulous, magical candy factory, **Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory,** Feb. 16,17,18,19,20 at 1p.m. and Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. All tickets $7. For more information call 508-543-6330.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull is offering **Backyard Geology,** Feb. 17, 18, 19, 10 a.m. ñ 12 noon. Recommended for children 6-10 years. Advanced registration is required, $5 per day members/$7 per day/non-members. To register call Victoria Stevens, 781-925-5433.

The Hanover Mall, Center Court, Hanover hosts free **fun February School Break Events**. Face Painting with Sue, Feb. 16, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., Interactive South Shore YMCA sponsored event, Feb. 17 & 19, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., Ronaldís Magic Show, sponsored by McDonaldís, Feb. 18, 2 p.m., Balloons with BalLOUnist, Feb. 20, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. For more information call 781-826-7386, ext. 237 or www.hanovermall.com

Registration Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the **Abington Public Library** for **the Music and Magic of Ireland**. Program will be held Thursday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m.. Abington children in grades K-6 are invited to attend. Space available for 75 children.

The Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak St., Brockton, will offer **February Vacation Art Classes** Feb.16-20 for children ages 7-15. All materials are provided. To register contact the fuller Museum School at 508-588-6000, x125 or email: fmaschool@ fuller museum.org A complete schedule of winter classes and workshops can be found online www.fullermuseum.org

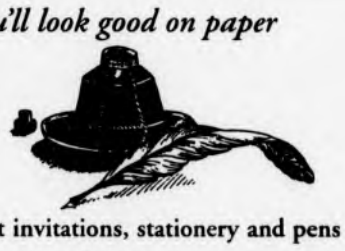
Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport!Blvd. Ste. 75, Boston, will **host World's Fair for Kids** Feb. 14-16th. VIP kick off event Feb. 13. www.wfkids.com Kids 3-13 $8, kids under 3, free. For more information call 617-573-0076 ext. 7315.

Seaport!Hotel offers a special $150 overnight package. Call 877-SEAPORT! or visit www.seaporthotel.com

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers vacation week program Feb 17-20. Half day, 9:30 a.m. ñ 12:30 p.m., $22 members/$26 non-members for each day. Full day, 9:30 a.m. ñ 3:30 p.m., $36 members/$40 non-members for each day. Children in Grades 1-5. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston presents **Mikata, Rhythm and Movement from Africa and Beyond** Feb. 16, Presidents' Day at 10:30 a.m. Performances are free and an adult must accompany children. Reservations are not necessary and space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information call 617-514-1646 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

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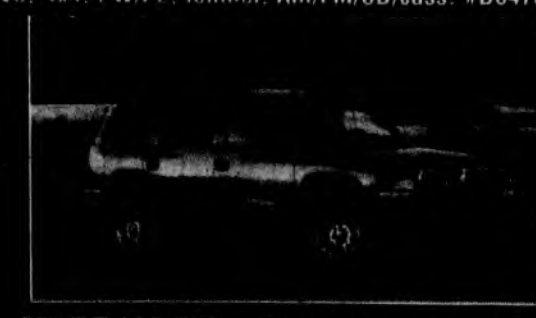
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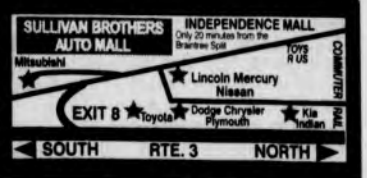
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Police hearing takes aim at Legion arrests

Defense expected to begin March 1

By Mary Ford
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Had Keith Jackson not made a wisecrack to Officer Frank Yannizzi, as the patrol officer tried to squeeze past him on the handicapped ramp outside the American Legion Post on a Saturday night last October, would we be here today?

Testimony at last week's "Day Three" of the ongoing disciplinary hearing involving Sgt. William Quigley whose police report states he responded to the Legion at about 10:30 p.m., Oct. 11 after a passing motorist said "fight, fight!" begged that question.

The verbal exchange between Keith Jackson, 25, and backup Officer Yannizzi — whose utility belt apparently brushed Jackson — was described as "sarcastic." Keith Jackson said something to the effect of "most people say excuse me" triggering Yannizzi to respond. The verbal clash apparently prompted Quigley to arrest Keith Jackson, who is the police chief's son, and two other men, Jerry Cogill, 25, and Adam Thibault, 22, that night.

The arrest of the chief's son has fueled speculation in town that it was the reason for Quigley's ouster by Town Manager Mark Haddad — who placed the sergeant and Officer James McLean on paid administrative leave 10 days later on Oct. 20 — pending the outcome of an investigation. In the weeks that followed, Haddad categorically denied the arrest of Keith Jackson had anything to do with his placing Quigley on leave.

But the "Legion arrests" took center stage last Thursday, as Day Three of the ongoing police disciplinary hearings got underway.

After responding to the Legion and followed there by Officer Shellee Peters and Yannizzi, Quigley apparently made the decision to arrest the three men, who had been wrestling on the ground and were all exhibiting the effects of alcohol, after hearing the verbal altercation between Keith Jackson and Yannizzi, according to testimony.

The arrests that included the felony charge of malicious destruction of property over $250 (broken handicapped railing) and two misdemeanors,

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Sgt. William Quigley, left, talks with his attorney Doug Louison, as Officer Shellee Peters testifies about the "Legion arrests" during the ongoing police disciplinary hearing.

Schools seek tax increase

Make case for $400K override

By Mary Ford
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The School Committee is doing what it is elected to do — lobby for the schools.

To the end, the school board took its case for a $400,000 override to the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee last week and made it clear the tax hike is sorely needed to close a gap in the school department's fiscal year 2005 budget.

If passed, the Prop. 2-1/2 override would add 23 cents per $1,000 to the tax rate. The owner of a $600,000 home has a property tax bill of about $7,134 this year. If the override passes, that bill would increase about $294 to $7,428 — $138 of which would be attributed to the override.

Another way of looking at the tax numbers is: the current tax rate is $11.89 per $1,000 of assessed valuation and the town is allowed to increase that rate next year by 26 cents under Prop. 2-1/2, the state law that caps the amount a municipality can raise its tax levy from year to year. If the override passes, another 23 cents would be added to the tax rate for a total of $12.38, according to Town Finance Director Michael Buckley.

The School Committee is



VERY VALENTINE

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Glynn McGlynn is all decked out for the Valentine's Day party sponsored by the Council on Elder Affairs at the Second Congregational Church last Friday. For more photos, see page 7.

Harvey and Dormitzer join selectmen's race

Two other contests also highlight ballot

By Mary Ford
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Voters will have a lot to think about come Election Day, April 3.

At literally the 11th hour, Ralph Dormitzer of Atlantic Avenue and Lou Harvey of King Street entered the Selectmen's race, creating another contest. There are also races for the School Committee and the Planning Board. The men pulled papers on Thursday, Feb. 12 – the last day they were available – and returned them Tuesday before the 5 p.m. deadline.

Harvey and Dormitzer are also running as a team, which is adding a new dimension to the race. In other words, they are going to ask voters to mark their ballots for both and if not, then for neither of them. The men are competing in a four-way race for two seats. Incumbent Merle Brown of Beechwood Street is seeking reelection and Rob Spofford of Heather Drive, who is chairman of the School Building Committee, is hoping to fill Tom Callahan's seat. Callahan is not seeking a third term.

"It's obvious the Selectmen are in need of help," says Harvey, who runs a multinational research company, DALBAR. "They are not up to the big issues. Ralph and I know how to deal with the big city lawyers, unions and can manage headstrong employees."

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— Lou Harvey, candidate

Harvey, as a member of the Committee on Town History, worked with the schools to tie Cohasset's history into the curriculum. He's lived in town 13 years and also participated in the acquisition of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library building for the historical society.

Dormitzer, who moved to town in 1967, served on the School Committee back in the 1970s. He is currently co-chairman of the Community Advisory Committee representing Cohasset and 28 other towns before Massport and the Federal Aviation Administration in an aircraft noise abatement study.

Dormitzer, a retired business executive, said he, along with Harvey, want to bring better leadership, communication and fiscal responsibility to Cohasset.

"Arguably, the town's greatest weakness, fiscal management, is the Harvey-Dormitzer team's greatest strength," says Dormitzer, adding other concerns include loss of open space, invasion of large multi-unit dwellings and a lack of civility in town government.

Spofford says he welcomes the competition.

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Water Department floats six articles

By Samantha Brown
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The Water Commission will have six articles on the Warrant this March, and members came before Selectmen last week to give an overview of what each entails. From land acquisition, to closing a right of way, to completing ongoing water related projects in town, it seems the commission has covered it all.

• Article 23 is a standard funding article, which asks for $2.5 million to carry out various water system improvement projects including improvements to the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, cleaning and lining water pipes, replacing water pipes, and capital maintenance. It will also fund other improvements to wells, storage tanks, and the water distribution system, including taking measures to acquire property to protect the town's drinking water supply.

Funding will also be used for current high priority projects, including improving insufficient fire flows on North Main Street, Gammons Road, Jerusalem Road Drive, and Haystack Lane, by replacing undersized water mains.

• Article 24 would authorize the borrowing of $20,880,000 at 2 percent interest under the State Revolving Fund, or SRF. The money would be used to rehabilitate roughly 10 miles of the water distribution system, to upgrade the Lily Pond Treatment Plant, and reactivate both the Ellms Meadow and Sohier Street Wellfields. It would also allow the town to borrow an additional $479,000 in 2 percent low interest SRF loans to implement non-point source pollution controls to reduce contamination of Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir.

"I think it's a great idea," said Town Manager Mark Haddad, adding he thinks the plan is a smart way to borrow the money, because it will not affect rates for the Water Department's customers.

• Article 25 would allow the Water Department to acquire parcels of land in the watershed of Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir, to prevent development in that area which could harm the town's drinking water supply. Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt said the land would comprise approximately 78 acres. By obtaining the parcels, it would help achieve the commission's overall goal to reduce nutrient loading into the town's drinking water supply.

• Article 26 would allow the town to accept a donation of land which would also help protect Lily Pond. Four acres have been donated by the Dustin Wheelwright family, for a parcel near the Aaron River.

"We're very happy to be receiving it as a gift," said Chairman of the Water Commission John McNabb.

• Article 27 would allow the area known as "Old Road," which was used as a public way in the 1670s when Cohasset was first settled, to be discontinued as a public way to help prevent possible development on the site. Pratt said currently on site, there is nothing there to indicate the land was every used historically, and by discontinuing it as a public way, there would be no chance of an old deed surfacing, and someone looking to build on it. "It's just there on paper, there's nothing discernable there," he said.

• Article 28 would allow the Water Commission to sell water to Hingham for 40 years. As of right now, contracts have been signed to sell up to 306,000 gallons of water per day to the Linden Ponds development in Hingham for the next 20 years.

"It makes it easier for them and it makes it easier for us," said Vice Chairman of the Water Commission Robert Kasameyer, because the development will need to be supplied with water for more than 20 years, and would like to sign a contract for 40. Because Cohasset has access to roughly seven times the amount of water the town uses, the Water Commission feels the contract can be signed at a low risk, which will provide Cohasset with needed funding, without affecting the Water Department's ability to provide a quality product to its customers.

Other land acquisitions on the docket

The Open Space Committee has also included an article on the Warrant which would authorize the town to acquire land to protect the town's water supply and preserve open space.

Debbie Cook of the Open Space Committee and Community Preservation Committee presented Selectmen with a summary of the proposed article, which would give the OK to purchase 11 parcels, totaling 70 acres of open land. The parcels are located to the west of King Street, and are bounded by Trustees of Reservations land, Wompatuck State Park, and Water Department land.

"This is a very rich biological area. It is on the state's bio map," said Cook, which means it has been recognized as a good sized parcel of land with a model wildlife habitat. She added it is probably developable, and could potentially accommodate roughly 50 homes, but the environmental ramifications would be devastating for the surrounding area, not to mention the loss of an environmentally abundant open space. The fertilizer from lawns alone in a development in that area would have a very harmful effect on Lily Pond, without taking into account stormwater runoff and wastewater.

While a deal will have to made with the various owners of the land as far as purchasing is concerned, the article would give the Open Space Committee permission from the town to take the next steps to acquire the land. The Community Preservation Committee also has an article on the Warrant which will include donating funding for the costs associated with the acquisition of the parcels. It is possible the wording of the article could be changed to include a condition that the land is never built on. Cook said the Trustees have already said they would be glad to hold the parcel of land to ensure it is kept as is, and would be willing to create trails on site.

Copies of the drafted Warrant are available at the library, the Town Clerk's office, Planning Board office and Selectmen's office.

COHASSET'S WEEK

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, March 9 , 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Council on Elder Affairs, Feb. 23, 9 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, March 10, 7 p.m.

Cook RFP Committee, Feb. 19, 25, 26 and March 3, 7 p.m.; Monday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee, Feb. 14, 7 p.m., Town Hall; Feb. 26, 7 p.m., middle-high school library

Selectmen, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Feb. 23, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Feb. 19, 8 p.m., King Street plant.

Zoning Board of Appeals, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Opening burning season has started

Cohasset residents may obtain permits on a daily basis through May 1 for open burning. Permits may be obtained by calling the Fire Department Dispatch Center at 781-383-6047 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Permits are valid for one day only.

Burning may be conducted during periods of good atmospheric ventilation and must not cause a nuisance. Adverse weather conditions (wind and drought) will impact permit issuance. Burning hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on days permits are issued. Decisions to issue permits are made daily at 9 a.m. Persons calling for permits before that hour will be advised to call back.

Open burning permits are issued for the disposal of brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris. Burning shall be conducted on land proximate to the place of generation. Burning shall be conducted at a distance greater than 75 feet from any dwelling. Select a safe area with no ground cover. While burning the fire must be attended until completely extinguished. Have a water hose, rake and shovel nearby for fire control.

Brush at the RTF

Residential brush will be accepted through April 30. No trees over 3 inches in diameter. No contractors please.

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Sun. 22	12:19	10.2	6:20	12:34	10.8	6:47
Mon. 23	1:01	10.2	7:05	1:19	10.3	7:29
Tues. 24	1:42	10.0	7:51	2:03	9.8	8:11
Wed. 25	2:24	9.8	8:37	2:49	9.2	8:54
Thurs. 26	3:07	9.4	9:25	3:37	8.6	9:39

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Nutrition advisory panel takes seat at the lunch table

Holds its first meeting at CMHS

By Samantha Brown
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Childhood obesity is running rampant across the country and is a topic the Cohasset Board of Health has become very concerned with. In light of that, the board has formed a Nutrition Advisory Committee, which has its first meeting last week at the middle-high school. The committee will share information with the schools, to help ensure students are given the healthiest lunch menu options possible.

Since the beginning of the school year, the board has been trying to form a committee to address the problem, and there has been communication with the schools to see if changes to both the vending machines and the everyday lunch menu can be made. The board had suggested the schools try having one "junk free" day at the schools as week, with no burgers, pizza, pasta, or fries.

Those present at the meeting included Health Education Coordinator Michael Gill, Food Services Director Robert Levy, Supt. Edward Malvey, School Committee Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts, Health Agent Joseph Godzik, Board of Health Chairman Steve Bobo, Board of Health member Peggy Chapman, and nutritionist Paula Pozniak who has children in the school system. At this preliminary stage, the meeting was meant to help set up the purview of the committee and a possible agenda for the future.

"We will always look for ways to cooperate with other boards," said Supt. Edward Malvey, but added because of the various state and federal regulations the schools have to abide by, he wanted to make sure the committee understood they are only to serve on an advisory basis.

Godzik said the board truly does look at the committee as being advisory, but added if the schools were doing something which was not in line with its standards, "We still have the power to impose some sort of nutritional standard."

However, Tebbetts said while it's not that she doesn't agree with whether the board should have that jurisdiction, "I'd like to see where it says that," she said.

Bobo said as the first step in working together, the committee should start by taking a look at the regulations set forth by the state in order to "see what you're faced with now." While the board would like to see changes made, members made it clear they are aware there are already restrictions in place.

However, Malvey did not seem comfortable with where the meeting was headed and said, "Our understanding is, this is an advisory committee. We're participating in this process for the good of the issue, and we have regulations we have to abide by."

He added while the board is providing a service to the schools by sharing information, which is appreciated, if its intention is to become involved in order to get a better idea of how food service works to then impose more regulations, that is not how he had envisioned the committee.

Godzik assured Malvey the board was only there to work together, and its members would provide information in a cooperative fashion.

"Information sharing is going to be a very important part of this committee," Godzik said.

Gill said once discussion begins, it is possible there could be much agreement on the different health issues at the schools. He suggested the effort become all-encompassing to carry the message back to the homes of students. Tebbetts agreed and said in her view, there are three different perspectives, all of which are equally important, that need to be considered when addressing the problem of nutrition in the schools, which includes the school district, Board of Health, and citizens of the town. "The citizens are the ones who pay the bills and elect us," she said, adding it is important to listen to what the people have to say, and she is glad the board took the initiative to start the committee.

Since school began, there have already been changes made to the school lunch program, which were under Levy's direction. He said the schools no longer offer ice cream for dessert and frozen yogurt and fat free popscicles have been put in its place. Water, 100 percent fruit juices, and milk are the only beverages available, and while snacks are still offered, the number of choices have been limited.

"We can't have nothing or the kids wouldn't eat anything or they'll bring it from home," Levy said.

In addition, Levy said every meal offered at the school has a fruit and vegetable component, and the schools now offer oven baked fries every day. Levy also said deli sales have gone way up, which is a much healthier alternative than burgers which the board was very pleased to hear.

The Nutrition Advisory Committee has scheduled a second meeting for Tuesday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. The Committee will continue to work on formulating an agenda, and the Board of Health will provide updates. It is expected the committee will formally meet three times during the school year, once it is established.

Developers line up for chance at Cook Estate project

Four finalists in the running

By Mary Ford
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Plans to develop the Cook Estate off Sohier Street into a mixed-income senior housing community took a big step forward last week when five developers submitted Request for Proposals, dubbed RFPs, that either met or exceeded the town's minimum price of $5.25 million.

Now over the next three weeks, a new citizen committee — appointed by Selectmen — will represent the community in advising the Board of Selectmen during the developer selection process, according to Town Manager Mark Haddad. The goal is to select a developer by March 8 and the town hopes to close on the property by the end of October.

Last fall's Special Town Meeting set the stage for the town to package an adjacent 9-acre town-owned parcel behind Stop & Shop with the 22-acre Cook Estate to build senior housing that would include affordable units.

The town will conduct simultaneous closings, so no town money will be spent on the Cook Estate valued at $4.5 million. In fact depending on which developer is selected, the town stands to make from $100,000 to $750,000 on the sale of the town-owned land.

A three-acre parcel across Sohier Street (between the Mobil Station and Fair Oaks Lane), which is part of the Cook Estate, will be retained by the town and kept as open space.

The RFPs that include detailed proposals — about everything from architectural renderings of the buildings themselves to break downs of type, style and location of units — range from a low of $5.25 million to a high of $6 million. Four of proposals include plans for 95 housing units, the maximum allowed in the bid proposal. One bidder proposed 87 units.

The project is the second proposed under the town's new Senior Overlay District Bylaw that permits higher density housing than would otherwise be allowed and requires a percentage of the units be affordable. Cedarmere, a 105-unit senior housing community off Beechwood Street, has also filed under the new bylaw.

RFPs were submitted by the following developers:

- Deer Hill Partners LLC of Braintree (in association with Coler & Colantonio, Inc., Ross Assoc. Architects, and Stockard, Engler & Brigham), $5.25 million
- Cohasset Residential LLC (c/o Black Rock Development of Hingham), $5.25 million
- Abbott Real Estate Development LLC of Boston, $5.35 million
- Northland Residential Corp. of Newton, $5.425 million.
- Baran-Keen (Baran Companies of Boston and Keen Development Corp. of Cambridge), $6 million

Steve Bobo, a member of the RFP review committee, said the group met Tuesday and eliminated Deer Hill Partners because the company didn't provide a specific price and proposed 24 units of affordable housing, four less than the 28 required.

The committee will meet from 7-9:30 p.m., tonight (Feb. 19) at Town Hall to go over the four finalists and come up with questions for bidder presentations slated to begin next Wednesday.

"There are some very innovative proposals," Bobo said. "There is great diversity in the options before us. We have a lot to choose from. Anyone of the four proposals, we'd be fortunate to have."

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris who also sits on the RFP Committee said she met with the Senior Housing Committee yesterday and the group was very happy about the proposals.

"They were really excited," McMorris said. "We've talked for years about something like this." She described the four proposals as "really good" and wanted the Senior Housing Committee to participate in the presentations by the developers.

McMorris said the RFP Committee that is made up of eight residents would likely present the advantages and disadvantages of each proposal to the Selectmen, rather than making a specific recommendation.

The town estimates property taxes from the site, once developed, would generate upwards of $375,000 a year. The project, which is for the 55-plus set, is not expected to add children to the schools.

The town released 75 RFPs for the project starting Nov. 25, 2003.

Jane Bancroft Cook, who passed away in 2002, was a great benefactor to Cohasset in her lifetime and her heirs continued that legacy by working with the town to provide it with this opportunity, selectmen said.

Haddad, who has explained the Cook site would likely be developed if the town hadn't stepped forward and perhaps in a less desirable way from the town's perspective, has said by combining the parcels, the town can reduce development impacts than if the two sites were developed separately. This plan also allows the town to take advantage of private sector creativity and expertise, he said.

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Police Disciplinary Hearings

Police hearing takes aim at Legion arrests



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Officer Rick Grassie is cross-examined by Attorney Doug Louison during last week's hearing about what happened at Quincy District Court the morning of Oct. 14, 2003.

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affray and disorderly conduct, set in motion a series of "machinations," according to the officers' attorney Doug Louison, that resulted in the District Attorney's office removing then Police Prosecutor Rick Grassie from the court.

The town is charging Quigley with illegally arresting the three men at the Legion post, that he filed a false police report to cover up the improper arrests and later told the Grassie to "get rid of the charges before arraignment," said Peter Berry, who is prosecuting the town's case along with Susan Henderson, who joined the town's legal team following the first two days of hearings Jan. 28 and 29.

But Louison described Quigley as an officer who makes arrests based on the laws that are on the books.

"These are lawful arrests," Louison said about the Legion and two other Quigley arrests being questioned by the town. "This officer rather than being dragged through the mud should be applauded for protecting the town and the law-abiding people in Cohasset."

The prosecution (town) essentially rested its case last Thursday. The officers are expected to begin presenting their side when the hearing is scheduled to resume March 1.

Over the course of three full-day hearings, the town presented testimony in three arrests and one booking procedure by Sgt. Quigley and one arrest by Officer James McLean.

The officers are charged with a pattern of abuse of police power, according to Berry, that includes illegal searches and seizures, violation of civil rights and in Quigley's case improper booking of a prisoner and filing of evidence. Both officers are accused of conduct unbecoming an officer for drinking on duty following weapons certification at the Scituate Rod & Gun Club last May 22.

Day Three last Thursday began with a heated verbal exchange between Berry and Louison.

Berry, who said the public was confused about the charges against the officers and the town's evidence to support those charges, asked to be able to provide a summary over the objections of Louison. The hearings have been covered in the newspaper and are shown live on cable-TV.

Berry explained the hearings were preliminary and informal to let the officers know the substance of the charges and give them the opportunity to respond. He said he wanted to "inform the public, whom the officers asked to review the proceedings, exactly why we're here."

But Louison argued Haddad, the hearing officer, is the only audience that matters statutorily. "While clarity in the public's mind is nice – it is not what is at issue. Doing a performance midway through the town's presentation of evidence is odd, procedurally incorrect and prejudicial," he said.

Haddad allowed Berry to continue with the summary that included evidence that the town had presented thus far through its witnesses.

But when Berry accused Louison of having threatened a witness to the Rod & Gun Club incident, Louison did not remain silent and rose out of his chair.

"I'm not going to stand here and listen to Mr. Berry say I'm threatening witnesses, that is baloney and he knows it," Louison shouted. "If you've got a case put it on, don't start talking about me threatening witnesses — that is inappropriate and you know it."

Berry, who was also standing, raised his voice and said, "this is the same type of brutish behavior the town is here for this morning to try and protect the citizens from, by these officers."

Haddad regained control of the hearing and Henderson, who is also representing the town and prepared Thursday's witnesses, called Officer Peters to the stand.

Routine patrol

Peters said she was on routine patrol the night of Oct. 11 when she received a radio transmission to meet Sgt. Quigley at the overflow parking lot across from the Cohasset Harbor Inn (formerly Kimball's), which is a few doors away from the Legion. [According to Quigley's police report, he planned to order Peters to stay on and work the midnight-8a.m. shift that night.]

Peters pulled into the parking lot, where Quigley was sitting in his cruiser facing the street, so the two cruisers were driver's side door to driver's side door. In other words, Peters was facing in toward the parking lot and Quigley was facing out toward the street.

Peters said Quigley asked if she'd heard "fight, fight" while turning his head in both directions. She said the conversation lasted about five seconds. She testified she had not seen or heard the passing motorist whom Quigley said alerted him to the incident. Under cross examination, Peters said it was chilly that night and she had her window rolled up as she was driving to the parking lot. She testified Quigley could not see the Legion from where he was parked. She said he pulled out toward the Legion in haste and she did a U-turn in the parking lot and followed him there, arriving about 20 seconds after he did.

Louison said something obviously alerted Quigley to the incident at the Legion.

"Quigley didn't have a crystal ball attached to his dashboard that night?" Louison asked Peters. "Something caused his attention to be drawn to the Legion where three individuals were horse-playing and a railing was broken, right?"

Peters said at the Legion she saw two men at the top of the handicapped ramp who were tilting their heads toward each other as if to hide a third person.

Peters said all the men were exhibiting the effects of alcohol although no one was sweaty, bleeding or had to be taken to the hospital from the wrestling match.

She said she heard Quigley mention getting a cab ride for the men. She said Quigley told her to get names and information from people so she went to her cruiser to get a notebook.

"As I did Officer Yannizzi came to the scene and he immediately passed by me and my cruiser and ran up the ramp," she said. Peters said she walked up behind Yannizzi and immediately started taking information from Thibault.

Then Peters said, "I heard a commotion that 'alright you're under arrest', so I said, 'do you want me to arrest this one too, Sarg'?'"

Peters said Quigley asked her to stand by while he took a photograph of the handicapped railing, in which one spindle was bent out and broken, and two or three other spindles were missing.

Then she transported Thibault, whom she described as polite and cooperative, to headquarters. She said Thibault, who admitted to having backed into the railing, said the men were just horsing around. He was very apologetic and said he would pay for any damage, she said.

Under cross examination, Peters agreed that those arrested often deny culpability in a crime.

"Most don't say, 'oh you got me again,'" Louison said. "They say, 'what did you arrest me for?'"

Louison said Peters did not know what Quigley, who had shone a spotlight on the three men, had initially observed at the Legion because she didn't arrive when he did.

"You don't know what he saw when he hit that light or what the individuals did in response to having the light put on them," he said. "You don't know if they were fighting or brawling."

Peters was apparently far enough behind Quigley not to see him make a U-turn in front of the Legion in his cruiser. When she arrived Quigley's cruiser was facing the opposite direction, Louison pointed out. Also at one point, Peters went inside the Legion to ask the bartender Donald McCormack to come outside.

When Henderson, one of the town's lawyers, asked Peters, who has worked on the 4 p.m. to midnight shift with Quigley for 1-1/2 years, if working with Quigley pleased her – Louison vigorously objected. Henderson suggested Quigley's actions had lowered morale at the police department.

"There are no charges saying Sgt. Quigley has lowered morale at the department," Louison said. "The morale is the responsibility of Chief Jackson. I suggest questions about morale be directed to him."

He described questioning as to whether a subordinate officer's pleasure or displeasure as to who her boss is as a "fishing expedition."

But Peters said she would resign if Quigley came back because she didn't like the way Quigley handled the public and the people around him inside the department.

Louison suggested she might have an ulterior motive. "Is that because you've now been a witness against him and if he comes back, he'll be your supervisor?" he asked.

Louison also suggested Peters, who had taken the sergeant's exam, might be waiting for an opening. That comment prompted a strong objection from Henderson, who said Louison was casting aspersions on the credibility of the witness.

But Louison pressed the issue, saying he should be allowed to probe exactly why Peters would resign if Quigley came back.

"I want to ask if there is some other animus this witness has toward her supervisor, such as (performance) warnings and discipline Quigley has given her in the past."

Under cross-examination, Peters agreed with Louison when he described Quigley as a strict supervisor that made sure officers were out patrolling and not watching TV while on shift.

"That wasn't a popular supervisory act by Quigley, correct?" Louison asked. Peters responded, "I guess not."

Louison asked Peters several questions about verbal warnings from Quigley on "certain performance deficiencies" one of which involved her not making an arrest on a domestic when Quigley thought she should have.

"The way I see it, if someone has a conversation with me and doesn't tell me it's a verbal warning then I take it as conversation," she said. "Many times Sgt. Quigley and I had conversations but in no way was I ever notified I was under any verbal warning."

But Louison pointed out that Quigley was her supervisor, who gave her orders. "Talking to you was not a discussion among equals, he was talking to you as your supervisor about your performance," he said.

Legion bartender

Donald McCormack, a Weymouth resident, was working at the Legion as the Saturday night bartender on Oct. 11. There were a total of about seven people left in the establishment when McCormack, who was standing in the kitchen, saw three men run out the back door. He knew Keith Jackson, who is a member of the Legion, but he did not know Thibault and Cogill, whom he described as the "sausage kid" because of the plate of sausages and sub rolls he brought that night. He described the three as playing "grab ass."

"Obviously, I went in hot pursuit," he recalled. When he got outside, he saw two men wrestling on the ground, laughing and giggling. He saw Keith Jackson pull Thibault up against the wall and say, "You can't be doing this here."

"At this point it was sufficiently ended in my mind and I went back inside," said McCormack, adding the next time he knew anything was going on was about five minutes later when Officer Peters came into the kitchen to ask him to come outside.

McCormack, who recalled saying he could call for a cab to take the men home, said when he went back outside Quigley had Cogill by the arm. McCormack remembered Quigley telling him there had been a telephone complaint about a fight at the Legion. He said Quigley asked him about how much the men had been drinking and then recalled something distracted the sergeant's attention to the end of the handicapped ramp.

McCormack said he heard Quigley say he's a "smart mouth and if he opens his mouth again arrest him." At about that time, Quigley shone his flashlight over the side of the railing to look for the missing spindles.

"I looked over myself and they were not there," said McCormack, adding the spindles had been missing for months and hadn't been replaced because the Legion planned to bring the ramp up to code.

McCormack said he could not definitely say whether the broken spindle was damaged that night.

"At that point, he (Quigley) took everyone away and I went back inside, closed the establishment and felt it necessary to write a statement which I did that evening," he said.

When asked why he decided to write a report, McCormack said he did so the Legion would not get a "bad rap." "I wanted to document the facts as I saw them," he said.

Under cross-examination, McCormack agreed that wrestling was not permitted at the Legion but said the incident had not elevated to the level where he needed to call the police.

However, Louison pointed out McCormack did not know what was going on outside during the five minutes between the time he said Keith Jackson broke up the fight to the time Officer Peters arrived in the kitchen and asked McCormack to come outside.

'Swing up here'

Officer Frank Yannizzi said he was at KoKo Island when he received a radio transmission from Quigley asking him to "swing up here." Yannizzi, who thought he had missed a radio call because he had stepped outside his cruiser, said he called dispatch and learned there was a fight at the Legion.

Yannizzi said he turned on the blue lights and drove to the Legion at a high rate of speed, having to swerve to avoid hitting a family that was crossing the street.

Once at the Legion, Yannizzi recalled Quigley motioning him to come up to the sergeant's location. Yannizzi said there wasn't enough room to fit through the male parties on the ramp and his utility belt rubbed up against one of the men, later determined to be Keith Jackson. Yannizzi recalled Jackson as saying "most people say excuse me" to which Yannizzi, who denied it was a hostile exchange, said he replied "most people get out of the way." Then Quigley advised Yannizzi that all the men were under arrest and Yannizzi handcuffed Jackson and escorted him to his cruiser.

Under cross-examination, Yannizzi said he liked working with Quigley who had always treated him fairly. He said when he arrived at the scene it didn't seem like a typical bar fight because "no one else cared and you usually can't keep people out of it." But he admitted he didn't know whether the bar was packed or empty at the time.

Yannizzi said the three men all smelled of a strong odor of alcohol. He said his exchange with Keith Jackson could be described as sarcastic in tone.

At the station, Yannizzi recalled Keith Jackson as saying "roger that, roger that" to questioning by Quigley and also heard him say, "call my father, he's on your speed dial." Yannizzi also said he had to hit the Plexiglas to tell Keith Jackson, who had crawled under the bed in the cell, to get out from under there because it was dirty.

Later that night Yannizzi said he met Officer Peters at the Town Hall parking lot to discuss the arrests. He asked her if she'd seen a fight and she said she hadn't. He also said he told her how upset he was about having almost hit a man and woman carrying two children on his way to the Legion.

Non-arraignment day

On Oct. 14, the day after the Columbus Day holiday, Officer Rick Grassie, who was the police prosecutor, said Sgt. Quigley with arrest folders in hand greeted him by the rear door of the station at about 7:45 a.m..

He said they had a short conversation and then went into the sergeant's office where Grassie recalled Quigley saying, "You're going to love this," as he handed him three arrest folders. "I had to arrest Keith Jackson, Jerry Cogill and a kid named Adam Thibault who is Kaitlyn Jackson's boyfriend at the Legion over the weekend." Grassie said Quigley then told him "I need you to do me a favor – I need you to get rid of these complaints prior to the arraignment."

Grassie said the request troubled

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Who's who in the Legion case

- **Sgt. William Quigley** — Cohasset police officer for eight years. Promoted to sergeant in April 2002, by Chief Robert Jackson, shortly after Jackson was appointed to the police chief's position. Commander of 4pm-midnight shift. Placed on paid administrative leave Oct. 20. Made the Legion arrests on Oct. 11, 2003.
- **Peter Berry** — The town's prosecutor, an attorney from the town's law firm Deutsch Williams .
- **Susan Henderson** – Town attorney, also with Deutsch Williams, brought in to assist Peter Berry with the prosecution.
- **Douglas I. Louison** – Attorney handling the hearing and potential Civil Service appeal by Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean. He is a partner at Louison, Merrick, and Costello LLC.
- **Officer Shellee Peters** – A 14-year veteran police officer with Cohasset Police. Assigned to the 4pm to midnight shift with Sgt. Quigley
- **Officer Frank Yannizzi** – Transferred to Cohasset PD from the Hull PD after 18 years of service in Hull. Assigned to the 4pm to midnight shift with Sgt. Quigley.
- **Donald McCormack** – Bartender on duty the night of the arrests at the Legion Post.
- **Officer Frederick Grassie** – At the time of the Keith Jackson arrest was the Cohasset Police Prosecutor. Grassie refused to sign the court complaint against Keith Jackson and others and was subsequently fired from the court prosecutor's job by Norfolk County 1st Assistant District Attorney Dennis Mahoney.
- **Officer William English** – Joined the Cohasset PD in 2002. Assigned to the 4pm-midnight shift with Sgt. Quigley. Appointed Cohasset police prosecutor effective Nov. 17 after Grassie was removed from the prosecutor's position.
- **John Dalton** – 1st Assistant Jury Clerk Magistrate, Quincy District Court. Police departments bring applications for complaint to Dalton, who signs the complaints along with the police prosecutor.
- **Arthur Tobin** – Clerk Magistrate, Quincy District Court.
- **Dennis Mahoney** – 1st Assistant District Attorney. Second in command of the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office. Fired Officer Grassie from the prosecutor's job at Quincy Court for not signing the complaint against the police chief's son and others.
- **Judge Mark Coven** – presiding judge at Quincy District Court.
- **Keith Jackson** — Police Chief's son, arrested by Sgt. Quigley at the American Legion Post on Oct. 11, 2003
- **Jerry Cogill** — Arrested at the American Legion Post on Oct. 11, 2003. Nephew of Cohasset Police Sergeant David Cogill.
- **Adam Thibault** – Arrested at American Legion Post with Keith Jackson and Jerry Cogill. According to police reports and testimony, Thibault's girlfriend is Kaitlyn Jackson, the chief's daughter.
- **Ronald Rice** – Attorney defending Keith Jackson against the charges stemming out of the Legion altercation. Rice is Chief Jackson's neighbor. Officer Grassie said during testimony that he is friendly with Rice and they shoot together at the Scituate Rod & Gun Club.

Police Disciplinary Hearings

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him because Sgt. Quigley had never before asked for him to get rid of any cases prior to an arraignment. Grassie asked Quigley, "wait a minute you arrested three people, charged them with three counts each, bailed these three people and now you just want this thing to go away prior to arraignment? and he said 'yeah Rick that's what I want.'"

[But according to Quigley's case notes that are part of the court file, Quigley stated he brought Grassie into the sergeant's office and said he had no problem with him disposing of the case that day and noted it was a routine practice for police prosecutors to clear minor cases at arraignment.]

Under questioning by Louison, Grassie said he understood cases are often dismissed after arraignment with the payment of court costs and that doesn't mean the arrests were unconstitutional. Grassie agreed an arraignment is the first presentation to the court of the defendant and the charges.

"And that very first step has to take place only after the application for complaint is signed and submitted to the court," Louison said. "In fact dismissals often take place but they occur after the application is filed."

Louison said it was illogical that Quigley would want his own arrests to go away. He asked Grassie if he'd asked Quigley "if you wanted these things to go away – why did you arrest them in the first place?"

Grassie recalled, "I just asked him if something was wrong with the arrests."

Louison suggested Quigley told Grassie he had to arrest the chief's son because "he was presented with something and he had to make an arrest. And he probably wasn't happy he had to arrest the chief son, right?"

Grassie said before going to court he went home to type up a few paragraphs about the meeting so he'd be covered if anything came out of the arrests.

Sometime after arriving at court, Grassie said Keith Jackson's defense attorney Ron Rice presented him with a letter on Legion letterhead from Post Commander Steve Wigmore stating that the damage to handicapped railing was preexisting.

Grassie said Rice cautioned him he might be exposing the town and himself to a frivolous lawsuit by signing the arrest complaint. Grassie said he then discussed the matter with Clerk Magistrate John Dalton, whom Grassie said also warned him about the potential of a "frivolous lawsuit" if he signed the complaint and had questions about the arrests. Grassie recalled that Dalton told him to talk to other police prosecutors at the court who had years of experience. "That's exactly what I did," said Grassie, who said the consensus was for him not to sign the complaint and have Quigley sign it because it was his arrest.

Grassie said he informed the clerk's office he was not going to sign the complaints and took the folders. He didn't recall if he made any comments to Quigley about what happened in court that morning.

Several weeks later, on the morning of Nov. 10. Grassie said he met with an assistant district attorney and Arthur Tobin, head clerk magistrate, at Quincy District Court. Grassie said Tobin told him that Judge Mark Coven was having a probable cause hearing with First Assistant District Attorney Dennis Mahoney that afternoon about the three Legion arrest cases because Grassie had refused to sign the complaint. At that meeting Grassie said he was told that Mahoney intended to fire him if he didn't sign the complaints.

"Later on we went into Judge Coven's courtroom for a session, they had the hearing and what was said was said, and what was done was done," Grassie said. [Coven found probable cause to issue the complaint of malicious destruction of property but dismissed the charges of affray and disorderly conduct.]

Several days later (Nov. 13), a Massachusetts State Trooper served Grassie with a notice that he had been terminated as court prosecutor for the town, said Grassie.

But Louison pointed out differences between Grassie's written report and Dalton's sworn affidavit in which Dalton said he was never presented with an arrest report or specific complaint.

"You wrote 'I requested he read an arrest report,'" Louison said. "He wrote 'I was never presented with among other things a statement for the reasons for arrest." Grassie responded, "he's wrong."

Louison also said it was irregular that Grassie would accept an "unsworn to, to-whom-it-may-concern letter" from a defense attorney."

"Did you understand that was out of the ordinary having the defense attorney give you evidence even before the case was presented to court before the initial arraignment?" Louison asked.

Overheard

Bill English, who replaced Grassie as police prosecutor, said he was in the conference room watching TV when he heard Quigley talk to Grassie in the hallway about the Legion arrests the morning of Oct. 14 before the men went into the sergeant's office and closed the door.

"I heard Quigley tell Grassie that Chief Jackson's kid got arrested and you have to do something with this," English recalled. He said the conversation seemed odd to him because it "wasn't Sgt. Quigley's 'MO' so to speak."

English said the conversation he heard was about dismissing the case at arraignment or prior to arraignment. "It was my understanding Sgt. Quigley didn't want to see the case go any further," he said.

But Louison noted that English had no way of knowing what Quigley felt.

"You don't know what his thought processes were," he said. "You had no way of knowing what his reasons were to make statements to Grassie." Under further questioning by Louison, English agreed it would not be an enviable position to be involved in the arrest or the prosecution of the chief's son.

English said Sgt. John Conte directed him to write a report on Nov. 12 that was due Nov. 14 about what he had overheard. Chief Robert Jackson sent English a letter dated Nov. 14 notifying him of his appointment as police prosecutor effective Nov. 17.

Henderson, the town's attorney, asked if English had made the arrests would he have sought to have them dismissed before arraignment. English replied he would not have. "You'd almost be setting yourself up – I'd leave it to the DA's office, wash my hands of it . . . and if called to testify, testify."

Louison said that is exactly what is now happening.

"Once it finally got to the DA's hands, it's going forward to trial or some other disposition," he said. "But the police prosecutor has to sign the complaint or it won't get to that process."

What happens next:

The hearings, which Officer James McLean and Sgt. William Quigley requested be held in public, are scheduled to continue at 9 a.m. Monday, March 1, in the Selectmen's office. At that time, it is expected the officers, who are represented by Attorney Doug Louison, will begin to present their defense.

The prosecution (or town) has presented its evidence in two charges against Officer McLean and Sgt. Quigley concerning drinking at the Rod & Gun Club and arrests at Tedeschi's. McLean is facing no other charges.

The town has also argued three more charges against Quigley regarding a juvenile he placed in protective custody, his handling of evidence in a booking procedure, and the Oct. 11, 2003 arrests at the Legion.

A hearing in Dedham Superior Court before Judge Isaac Borenstein is scheduled Feb. 25 to determine if part of the hearing that involves a juvenile (a person under the age of 17) will be conducted behind closed doors. The juvenile's name and address were inadvertently revealed during testimony of the town's case and the child's parents are seeking an injunction to close that part of the hearing. If that occurs, the officers' evidence about what happened in that incident would be closed to the public. The Mariner plans to seek to intervene to keep the hearing open.

Town Manager Mark Haddad, who is the hearing officer, will decide what punishment including possible termination of employment he will mete out to the officers. They have a right to appeal his decision to Civil Service.



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Town Attorney Susan Henderson looks over a document that is being entered into evidence. At the table are from left, Officer James McLean, Sgt. William Quigley and Attorney Doug Louison. In the background from left, are Town Finance Director Mike Buckley (who was operating the cable-TV equipment), Officer Rick Grassie, the court reporter, and Town Manager Mark Haddad.

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Hey **Jake Johnson**, hope you had a happy seventh birthday you big old guy! Jake celebrated his special day with his family on Feb. 16. Happy Birthday dude!

CHS SCHOLAR

Last week, **Dr. Michael Jones**, principal of Cohasset Middle-High School, received notice that **Tess Foley** of Cohasset, and a senior at the school, has been named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. This prestigious honor means that Tess scored in the top 1 percent of the 1.3 million juniors across the country, who took the College Board's PSAT test in October, 2002.

Further, after submitting some additional documentation, Tess was one of only 8,000 to become a finalist. A total of $32 million in scholarship money will be given to finalists.

If you see Tess around town, congratulate her on this wonderful honor. Tess, your family, friends and teachers are all so proud!

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

Hooray, the next piece will remind us all that spring and summer are coming soon! Splash into the summer of 2004! We would like to extend an invitation for applicants! Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards for the 2004 summer season. All applicants must be 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Letters of interest should be sent to Attn: **Darleen Koetsch**, Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net . Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

BC HIGH HONORS

Christopher P. Barber '05 and **Andrew J. Flynn** '05 of Cohasset achieved High Honors for the second quarter at Boston College High School. For High Honors a student must have at least a 3.80 quality point average. **Alexander G. Hunt** '07 achieved Honors, receiving a Q.P.A. of at least 3.2. Super work gentlemen, keep it up!

BASEBALL, SOFTBALL SIGNUPS

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball will hold its registration for the upcoming baseball and softball season on Saturday, March 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. outside both the Osgood and middle-high school gymnasiums. This registration is for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 as of July 31, 2004. This will be the only registration opportunity for the upcoming season for this age group. All parents or guardians who are unable to make this registration should register their child by obtaining the necessary registration forms by contacting **Nancy Froio** on 781-383-1897. Forms will be available via e-mail. All registrations received after March 6 will be subject to a $25 late fee.

A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a new player's registration forms. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the major league baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $100. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the minor league divisions for baseball (ages 7-11) and softball (ages 7-10) divisions will be $85. The registration fee for the farm league instructional division (ages 5-6) will be $65.

Please be advised that even if your child is currently on a major league team, he/she still needs to register. In addition, due to recent the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization, all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program. Questions regarding either player or coach registration may be directed to **Nancy Froio** on 781-383-1897 or **Anne Kearney** on 781-383-1451.



VALENTINE TEA

Maria Perroncello wearing a festive shawl enjoys last week's Valentine's Party sponsored by the Council on Elder Affairs. For more photos see page 7.

HEY SIXTH GRADERS

Mark your calendar for the Spring 2004 Deer Hill Class Night to be held at the Deer Hill Cafeteria Friday, March 26 from 7-9pm. The theme is Karaoke and Pizza! Pizza will be sold for $1 per slice and each class is asked to bring in drinks, snacks and paper products....stay tuned! Want to help or find out more? Please call **Adrienne MacCarthy** (383-1028) or **Susan Galligan** (383-0765).

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The Friends of Lydia Vigneau and WBZ-TV's **Scott Wahle** invite you to an evening of fundraising and good cheer at The Red Lion Inn on Friday, March 5 at 7 p.m. All proceeds raised from the event's activities will benefit 3 year-old Lydia, an adopted girl from China who has been battling lymphoblastic leukemia since November at Children's Hospital. Tickets are $20 and may be purchased the night of the event or in advance by calling 781-383-2129, emailing jdemurias@comcast.net, or mailing checks payable to The Lydia Vigneau Fund to 310 Beechwood Street, Cohasset MA 02025.

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I hope that everyone is enjoying the February vacation if they have one. That is all the news for this week.

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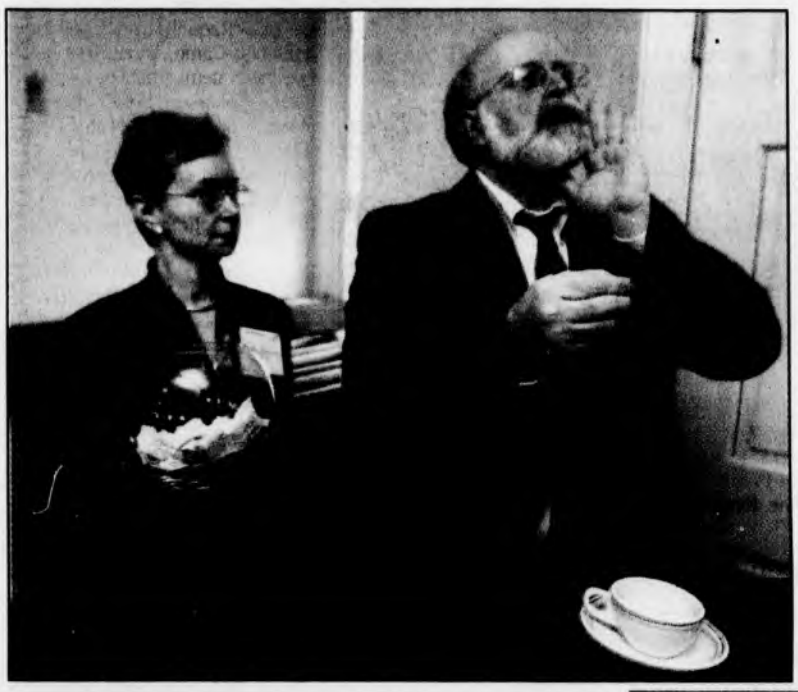
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Rosalie Kowalski chats with friends at the annual event celebrating Valentine's Day.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Hey **Jake Johnson**, hope you had a happy seventh birthday you big old guy! Jake celebrated his special day with his family on Feb. 16. Happy Birthday dude!

CHS SCHOLAR

Last week, **Dr. Michael Jones**, principal of Cohasset Middle-High School, received notice that **Tess Foley** of Cohasset, and a senior at the school, has been named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. This prestigious honor means that Tess scored in the top 1 percent of the 1.3 million juniors across the country, who took the College Board's PSAT test in October, 2002.

Further, after submitting some additional documentation, Tess was one of only 8,000 to become a finalist. A total of $32 million in scholarship money will be given to finalists.

If you see Tess around town, congratulate her on this wonderful honor. Tess, your family, friends and teachers are all so proud!

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

Hooray, the next piece will remind us all that spring and summer are coming soon! Splash into the summer of 2004! We would like to extend an invitation for applicants! Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards for the 2004 summer season. All applicants must be 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Letters of interest should be sent to Attn: **Darleen Koetsch**, Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net . Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

BC HIGH HONORS

Christopher P. Barber '05 and **Andrew J. Flynn** '05 of Cohasset achieved High Honors for the second quarter at Boston College High School. For High Honors a student must have at least a 3.80 quality point average. **Alexander G. Hunt** '07 achieved Honors, receiving a Q.P.A. of at least 3.2. Super work gentlemen, keep it up!

BASEBALL, SOFTBALL SIGNUPS

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball will hold its registration for the upcoming baseball and softball season on Saturday, March 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. outside both the Osgood and middle-high school gymnasiums. This registration is for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 as of July 31, 2004. This will be the only registration opportunity for the upcoming season for this age group. All parents or guardians who are unable to make this registration should register their child by obtaining the necessary registration forms by contacting **Nancy Froio** on 781-383-1897. Forms will be available via e-mail. All registrations received after March 6 will be subject to a $25 late fee.

A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a new player's registration forms. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the major league baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $100. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the minor league divisions for baseball (ages 7-11) and softball (ages 7-10) divisions will be $85. The registration fee for the farm league instructional division (ages 5-6) will be $65.

Please be advised that even if your child is currently on a major league team, he/she still needs to register. In addition, due to recent the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization, all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program. Questions regarding either player or coach registration may be directed to **Nancy Froio** on 781-383-1897 or **Anne Kearney** on 781-383-1451.



VALENTINE TEA

Maria Perroncello wearing a festive shawl enjoys last week's Valentine's Party sponsored by the Council on Elder Affairs. For more photos see page 7.

HEY SIXTH GRADERS

Mark your calendar for the Spring 2004 Deer Hill Class Night to be held at the Deer Hill Cafeteria Friday, March 26 from 7-9pm. The theme is Karaoke and Pizza! Pizza will be sold for $1 per slice and each class is asked to bring in drinks, snacks and paper products....stay tuned! Want to help or find out more? Please call **Adrienne MacCarthy** (383-1028) or **Susan Galligan** (383-0765).

LYDIA VIGNEAU BENEFIT

The Friends of Lydia Vigneau and WBZ-TV's **Scott Wahle** invite you to an evening of fundraising and good cheer at The Red Lion Inn on Friday, March 5 at 7 p.m. All proceeds raised from the event's activities will benefit 3 year-old Lydia, an adopted girl from China who has been battling lymphoblastic leukemia since November at Children's Hospital. Tickets are $20 and may be purchased the night of the event or in advance by calling 781-383-2129, emailing jdemurias@comcast.net, or mailing checks payable to The Lydia Vigneau Fund to 310 Beechwood Street, Cohasset MA 02025.

The evening will include both silent and live auctions, as well as music, appetizers, and a cash bar. Auction items include donations from the Red Sox, Bruins, and Cam Neely; rounds of golf at several top golf courses (Wannamoisett, Nashawtuc, Kernwood, Blackrock, Indian Pond); gift certificates to local restaurants (Jake's, Bernard's, Riva, Legal Seafood); children's activities (riding lessons from River Wind Farm, dance lessons from Raquelle's, Cohasset Baseball Camp, karate lessons); wellness items (pilates instruction, Cohasset Yoga classes, Vinette Spa gifts), jewelry (EK Designs, Goodnight Moon, Whitney Gordon); gifts (Sylvia's by the Sea, Welch Company, Tim Ryan Photography, Zulu's, Round Hill, Treasures, Paperscapes, Buttonwood Books) and over 100 other items. Local businesses wishing to help this special cause and contribute an auction item may use the above contact information.

I hope that everyone is enjoying the February vacation if they have one. That is all the news for this week.

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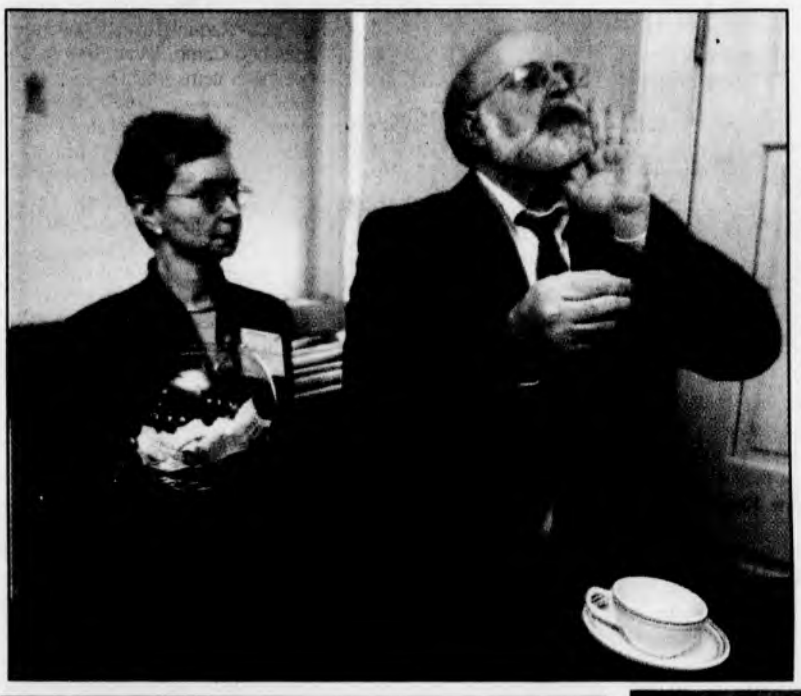
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Valentine party has heart

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Blanche Guzowski, Carmille Lombardi, Mary McNamara, Sophie Kizino and Mary Houde all wear red to the annual Valentine Tea at the Second Congregational Church.



At left: Pianist Thomas Boyer calls out the lucky raffle winner as Council on Elder Affairs Director Kathy Bryanton holds the fish bowl with all the tickets.



Rosalie Kowalski chats with friends at the annual event celebrating Valentine's Day.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Question of the Week

Races for Selectmen, the Planning Board and School Committee promise to perk up the April 3 Town Election.

Rob Spofford, Lou Harvey, Ralph Dormitzer and incumbent Merle Brown are competing for two seats on the Board of Selectmen.

Stuart Ivimey and Joe Nedrow have thrown their hats into the ring for the one-year unexpired term on the Planning Board.

And Jaime Williams, Adrienne MacCarthy, Scott O'Grady and incumbent Pat Martin are in a four-way contest for two seats on the School Committee.

As in keeping with our tradition, we will pose a Question of the Week to local candidates in contested races.

All candidates opposed or unopposed, who have not already done so, are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies.

Starting next week, we will feature candidates' answers to the Question of the Week. Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

The following is the first Question of the Week for the **School Committee** and **Selectmen** candidates:

• *Where do you stand on the need for a Prop. 2-1/2 override to help balance the fiscal year 2005 budget?*

For the **Planning Board** candidates:

• *Is the Senior Overlay District Bylaw more than the town bargained for?*

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fundraisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.



BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town hall:

Gilbert, Aaron and Mary, 38 Reservoir Road, addition mud-room and porch, $8,000; Kristiansen, Karl, 13 Doane St., re-roof 10 squares, $8,250; Remington, 13 Norfolk Road, woodstove, $1,600; Dugan, 100 Black Rock Road, remodel bathroom, $8,000; Piasecki, 183 Sohier St., remodel bathroom, $3,500; Donahue, Robert, 144 Linden Drive, deck and farmers porch, $18,000; Counihan, 597 Jerusalem Road, remodel kitchen and bathroom, $50,000; Grech, 16 Carbone Lane, remodel basement rooms, $25,000; Todd, William, 356 Atlantic Ave, remodel bathroom and divide wall, $30,000; McNamara, 150 Beach St., replace windows partial, $18,000; Bolster, Phillip and Linda, 15 Stockbridge St., woodstove, $1,000; Wilmarc, Charles, 282 Cedar St., replace windows/sliding, $15,000; Snowdale, Alan, 48 Mill Lane, gutter interior, remodel patio and chimney, $5,000; Lengyel, John, 306 Forest Ave, remodel kitchen, replace windows, $40,000; McMeekin, Mary and Bruce, 101 Nichols Road, replace bedroom with master bath, $30,000.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Two host families

TO THE EDITOR:

I am grateful for the opportunity to have been featured in the Thursday, Feb. 12 edition of the Cohasset Mariner. I feel fortunate that I was able to talk about my experiences traveling the "long road from China to Cohasset" and the support that I have received from the METCO program and the Cohasset community.

There is one oversight that I would like to call attention to. The article mentioned my host family, the Genellos and the home away from home they have provided. Actually, I have been blessed to have two host families. The Afshars opened their home and hearts to me and made me feel like I was a part of their family.

Thank you again for the wonderful article.

Shan Shan Nie
METCO student

Selectmen's efforts praised in police matter

TO THE EDITOR:

With reference to letters published last week from Messrs. Allen, Gomez and Harvey, I think all police departments have to cope with people who exercise the muscle of influence or of lawyers, and officers must struggle to minimize departure from ideal law enforcement and crime deterrence. This dilemma not the PD's fault, any compromises are just a realistic response to an imperfect world.

Of course, this burden shouldn't be countered by excessive zeal in dealing with those lacking influence or lawyers, nor on the other hand by lapsing into undue leniency across the board. In the last several years it seems to me that our Police Department has achieved a reasonable balance between ideal law enforcement and countervailing influences. Of course, that balance should be uniform, not differ from officer to officer. The current disciplinary hearings, though not initiated for that reason, seem to be revealing undesirable departures.

We letter writers aren't going to change the culture of the Town, nor influence how our police department responds to it. In any case, we should be grateful, rather than critical, of the Selectmen's attempt to preserve the quality of balanced behavior of the PD. Admittedly, the less-than-sparkling performance of the Town's counsel makes the attempt look weak, nevertheless the public interest would have been ill-served if the Selectmen had shirked their responsibility and failed to investigate and initiate corrective action.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

A sad day for the South Shore

TO THE EDITOR:

The recent decision by our court system to allow the new runway to go forward is very sad for the South Shore. Once again we are being dumped on to solve all of our regions problems. Massport has slowly diverted more and more jet noise over our area so that now every runway configuration sends air traffic over our homes. No other area around greater Boston has received this wonderful gift from Massport. One famous Massport spokesman actually tries to convince us that with the new runway in place we will hear less noise as planes will no longer have to circle over our houses waiting to land. He probably should have checked with the tower chief to know that none of the existing noise over our area is caused by planes circling waiting to land. This is just a made up Massport PR line to support the runway. It is amazing to listen to the consultants and professionals supporting the residents and towns on this issue list item after item of false

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Getting to know Sgt. Bill Quigley

COMMENTARY

JIM HAMILTON

Have you ever approached an accident scene and driven on by with eyes straight-ahead thinking this is not my problem? There's a mess unfolding at Town Hall and you can make the choice to disregard it and pretend it's not happening or you can take a long hard look. Three days into the police hearings, Town attorney Peter Berry presses on today with charges that two of our cops have acted improperly according to their boss Chief Bob Jackson and their boss' boss Town Manager Mark Haddad— who, incidentally, is sitting as the hearing officer on the case.

Anybody who watched the previous three days of hearings or read the papers, could see clearly that Peter Berry and Susan Henderson, so far, have not proven the Town's case against Bill Quigley and Jim McLean. But outside of the hearings around Town there's an undercurrent from people whose opinions we respect that goes like this: "I agree the Town has proven no case with their charges, but Quigley is a bad cop and he really should go". What makes for a bad cop? "Everybody knows he goes out of his way to arrest kids, he hangs around outside the Legion waiting for trouble. He wears night vision goggles looking for kids in the woods!"

Have you ever seen Sergeant Bill Quigley? He's big, really big. At a time where physical appearance means a lot — and slim is what people strive for — you wonder if anybody so big could be an effective officer in a little town. The impression is that anybody that big must be kind of dumb too.

Talk to the students that have gone through the school social studies curriculum that features a segment called Police Academy taught by Bill. He comes to the school and makes policing understandable; he talks to them in their language; he takes them to the station to show what happens during booking procedures. Ask teacher Jack Buckley who wrote a letter well before the hearings commending the work Bill does with these kids. Talk to people who know Bill, who respect his intelligence, his record keeping and the incredible dedication he brings to his job.

He didn't grow up in Cohasset but is not a stranger to our ways. He comes from South Boston and was bused to Hingham for his schooling. In 1987 — 17 years ago — he took the part-time job of Cohasset animal control officer and also worked in Boston as a security police officer. For his first five years in Cohasset, he got to know our town and then accepted a patrolman's job. He became a sergeant on the force a couple of years ago. Stripes aren't just given out in Cohasset or any police force, they're earned. He generally works the 4 p.m. to midnight shift, long after the Chief's gone home, when being sergeant on the desk puts him in charge of the department when there are higher incidences of unsupervised youths cruising around town with the likelihood of getting into trouble.

There are officers in Cohasset who would single Bill our as the one fellow officer they would trust implicitly in any situation that requires back up and quick decision making. Its because this big, smart cop not only knows how to handle a potentially ugly situation, but he knows cold the rules of arrest, search and seizure which protects him and the Town from potential lawsuits. Has there been any litigation involving Bill Quigley or the Town in his nine years on the force? Never. Have any of his arrests been overturned in Quincy District Court, any complaints filed by those arrested, any wrongful procedures cited by the district attorney's office? Nope. Nope. Nope.

If the Town gets through these hearings, can pick itself up from the damage done by unsubstantiated accusations and it has learned anything from this mess, it's don't believe everything you hear. Then don't pass on what you hear unless you have researched the facts and are dead certain of the sources. What you hear and pass on can only get uglier especially when it all bounces back to expose those who leveled the charges.

When it's over and Bill Quigley is still around Cohasset, take a minute to talk with him. You'll like what you hear. You'll like Bill.

Jim Hamilton lives at 298 King St.

HEALTH NOTES

Caucus to help students join forces in the South Shore pollution fight

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

At the last meeting of the Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR), it was pointed out that, in spite of having had a very successful summer supporting the Center's projects with more than 70 individuals participating in its various programs, in addition to five or so artists using the various studios upstairs, sponsored by the South Shore Art Center which pays the center rent for the space, the Hagerty building is underutilized in wintertime. The building could be even better used in spring and fall. Hence another of President Jack Buckley's ideas: the South Coastal Watershed Student Coastal Caucus.

According to Jack, "For those not familiar, CSCR plans to host a 'caucus' to give students involved (or those seeking to become involved) in water quality monitoring and research projects a chance to get in the same room together to meet each other and see that they are part of a bigger picture— make friends, perhaps, across school and town boundaries.

"The role of adults is to facilitate this gathering in determining how best to harness these efforts to produce collaborative efforts that are mutually beneficial to kids and programs, agencies and institutions, organizations, etc invested in environmental education, monitoring, etc."

As you may know the Board of Health uses Jack's students to gather water quality data for pollution monitoring purposes and a number of other related tasks as a part of the High School's public service program. We use the water quality data to make decisions in Town about growth, waste and storm water, and other planning critical to the Town.

We support the Center for Student Coastal Research(CSCR) in part because of its ability to interact with other assessment activities which give us a better picture of our environmental situation. The CSCR has a unique facility and state-of-the-art equipment to conduct environmental assessment tasks in the South Shore. The vision that Jack is offering is the ability for anyone in the watershed to use this resource for future environmentalists to do work in their areas of most concern and then coordinate their findings and data with others in the watershed who are doing similar work. Other work uses the Center's links with fishermen, research vessels, offshore research, and its bio- and chemical state of the art equipment, etc.

Pollution

But of more immediate interest is the fact that student's data disclosed a particularly disturbing reality which I fear will be with us for some time: evidence that pollution is increasing substantially in the Gulf River. Many know that Bassings Beach and Cohasset Cove were closed to swimming for most of last summer. Data from the students confirmed that bacteria levels were elevated in many locations, but were particularly high in the Gulf. Scituate is working on several initiatives to remediate pollution in some of its water bodies by considering sewering in North Scituate and nutrient flushing in Musquashicut Pond.

The CSCR is investigating grant opportunities to support Scituate in its remediation effort. Currently the Five-Star Restoration Grant application is open (with a due date of March 1).

According to Jason Burtner of the State's Coastal Zone Management Department: "Considering the program eligibility of the grant solicitation, it would seem as though the goals of the CSCR and the Student Coastal Caucus would be directly applicable" to the Grant Objectives. The CSCR is preparing a grant request for this program. It hopes to receive letters of support from the Gulf Association, the Towns of Scituate, Hull, and the Army Corps and others working on Musquashicut Pond remediation.

If the grant is received, the CSCR will be able to host students from other towns at the Hagerty building and provide more effective environmental oversight for Cohasset as well as many other communities in the South Shore. In this way, the Hagerty building will serve an even wider purpose

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

CANDIDATES CORNER

MacCarthy to run for School Committee



Adrienne MacCarthy

Adrienne MacCarthy is announcing her candidacy for School Committee. Adrienne and her husband John reside at 85 Doane St. with their three sons, who all attend the Cohasset Public Schools.

MacCarthy is not new to the campaign trail, you may recall her bid for a seat on the School Committee in 2001 when she lost by just two votes. Since then, she has remained steadfast in her commitment to serve Cohasset through its schools.

MacCarthy brings a proven record of experience, accomplishment and commitment to the race. For the past eight years, MacCarthy has served on the School Facility/Building Committee. During this time, MacCarthy has been involved in overseeing two of the largest school projects ever undertaken by the town-the 10 million/Osgood School and the current $42 million Deer Hill/Middle High School project. MacCarthy is proud of the commitment made by the Building Committee to bring these projects in "on time and on budget."

MacCarthy has also served the school community through her involvement in the PSO. She is currently serving as President of the Executive Board. It is through her various PSO experiences that she has gained an insight to the needs and issues of concern facing our schools on a daily basis.

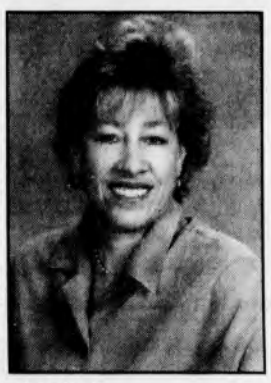
MacCarthy is also about accomplishments. Seeing a need and setting a goal, she spearheaded a grassroots committee called "The Friends of the Cohasset Public School Playgrounds." This committee fundraised, purchased and installed the playgrounds at the new Osgood school and at the Deer Hill School.

MacCarthy feels that it is her experience and her demonstrated commitment to improve the schools that are the essential assets she will bring to the School Committee. If elected, MacCarthy would like to work with the school Committee and the new Superintendent to refine and update its goals, to develop a strategic plan which will guide the schools in utilizing and maintaining our new facilities, and to encourage the Administration and Staff to seek out creative funding mechanisms such as grant writing and after-school/summer enrichment programs, to name just a few.

MacCarthy welcomes any questions or comments via e-mail: maccarthy5@aol.com.

Martin seeks reelection to the School Committee

Two term Cohasset School Committee Member Pat Martin has announced her intention to seek re-election. Having served in a tenure which has maintained a school system state recognized for excellence in education while guiding the district building reconstruction and the creation of a new administration team, she believes her experience will be valuable as the district once again moves forward to the challenges of indoctrinating a new superintendent and implemented grade reconfiguration while responding to increasing enrollment demands.



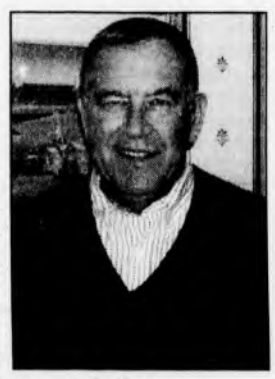
Pat Martin

According to Martin, "Cohasset is in need of continued guidance from an experienced leader who has demonstrated their ability to handle the challenges of managing a small school district while responding to the community's expectation for high academic achievement and student success." I feel it is important that we continue on the path that has led us to be recognized throughout the commonwealth for outstanding MCAS scores and college acceptance, small class sizes and specialized attention to all types of learners. As the school committee moves ahead into this new era it is important to know from where we have come as to keep the process moving forward toward further improvement. Our soon to be completed strategic plan of the past six years illustrates the many accomplishments I have successfully guided. I would like to bring this record of accomplishment and success ahead as the committee embarks on the creation of a new strategic planning process with the hiring of our new school chief. Successfully orientating the new superintendent next year while negotiating the new teachers contract will take seasoned skill and expertise in order to achieve what is desired by the town and required for our children."

Martin believes she has demonstrated her desire to focus on the needs of Cohasset's children while being sensitive to financial restraints of the town. "Providing a high quality education for our children is not an inexpensive endeavor. I have, however, been committed to the ideal that it is an investment in our children and in their future while providing a significant return to the community and its citizens. Ask anyone why they moved to Cohasset in the past six years and they will tell you; the schools."

Martin hold a BA degree from the University of Rhode Island and a Master Degree in Administration Policy and Planning from Rutgers University. A former educator herself she has three children within each of the Cohasset schools. Martin, her husband, Dan an assistant department head at MIT, and their three children have lived in Cohasset for seven years. Apart from the many committees Pat has served on within the schools, she serves as a Sunday School teacher at the Second Congregational Church and girls softball coach for CYSBA. She is currently employed part time as the Director of the Domestic Violence Intervention Program at Wellspring MultiService Center in Hull.

Nedrow announces Planning Board bid



Joseph R. Nedrow

Joseph R. Nedrow has joined the race for the one year seat on the Planning Board. This unique opportunity is the result of a currant member resigning from the board with one year remaining in his term. The election on April 3 is to fill this unexpired term.

Nedrow feels his educational background, work experience, and love of Cohasset will add a different and hopefully productive dimension to the boards deliberations and decisions.

A former White House executive during the Ford administration, Nedrow recently retired from General Motors Corporation after spending 30 plus years in a wide variety of executive assignments. For most of those years he was a registered lobbyist for the Corporation and responsible for articulating the company's position on a wide range of legislative and regulatory issues at both the state and federal level.

His education includes a bachelors, two masters and a doctorate degree. He has participated in numerous college forums and has taught at the college level as an adjunct professor. He was a founding member of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable, an active member of the New England Council, the Associated Industries of Massachusetts and the Harvard Club of Boston.

Nedrow's Cohasset endeavors include two terms on the School Committee (when their three children were in school), and most recently an active member of the Senior Housing Committee. Additionally he has served as a member of the executive committee at the Cohasset Golf Club and just recently became a proud member of Cohasset's "Old Goats." A veteran, he served a tour in Korea during the Cuban missile crisis, with the US Army, CID.

He and his wife Ruth, have been married 43 years and have three children who have graduated from Cohasset High School. Their son, Michael, lives in Texas, but both daughters, Jill and Margo own homes in Cohasset with their families.

Many decisions made by the Planning Board are not popular. Most of these decisions are dictated by state laws and local regulations. If elected Nedrow promises to devote whatever time is necessary to understand the issues, and encourage decisions to cause Cohasset to have the same appeal as a place to live for his grandchildren (there are seven) that there was for him and his children. It says a lot about a community when the children who grew-up here want to come back to raise their children. It's the challenge of every elected official in Cohasset to try and make that happen.

We're on the road again

TIMELINES
SMALL STEPS INTO YOUR FAMILY HISTORY



JACK MURRAY

Fred Timelines is on the road bringing his experiences and careful explanations of how he pieced together the story of his family. This has been prompted by the unusual number on inquiries received from the January column titled "Learning how to Join Them." Perhaps stating the statistics of the millions of Americans who are interested in finding out about their families and don't know how to start the process; as compared with a lesser number who are actively doing family research, has struck a cord with a surprising number of readers. More surprising were the libraries and other organizations who inquired about sponsoring an in-person program.

Timelines will 'go on the road' presenting a tailored seminar series condensed and extracted from the Spring and Fall curriculum that I teach at the Gerontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts Campus in Boston; and as an extension of the theme of the monthly column published in the community newspapers in many towns in Massachusetts.

In the event that you may nor be aware, Fred Timelines, who is portrayed in many of the "Timelines" writing, is a real person who has assumed the Non De Guerre of the Timelines family name to protect the privacy of his family. You may be assured that all of his experiences and events taking place in the Timelines story of his life are true.

The "Timelines-small steps into your family history" that is based primarily upon Fred's search for the history of his family, is as close as you could get to demonstrate the principals of Genealogy.

Genealogy is more than just family history, it is a matching up of historical events that are linked to us and to the lives of our ancestors, these are the small steps that I call Timelines when you connect them you will have developed a meaningful portrait of your family.

These principal, when applied to the Timelines approach to family history were related by Fred Timelines in our first interview when I asked him to tell me what he now knows about his family. His recollection formed the base for his research-it went something like this-(Please note that each element of this conversation is an important step along the way):

"Most of what I know about my family history has come from stories told to me by my parents and friends of the family, but let me start with what I know about myself and the events in my life. I was born in Newark, New Jersey on Feb. 17, 1892, the youngest of three children: Maude, Nell and then myself. Our home was on High Street, which was on a hill above the Commercial Park of the city with its' shops and other stores. I could see beyond the city to a manufacturing area called the Iron Bound section where my father worked in my grandfathers' tannery, it was a family business called "Timelines Brothers." The city was a hub of activity where people from the surrounding towns would come by horse and buggy or by trolleys to work and do their shopping.

I attended local schools and attended the Methodist Church where my grandfather Dickinson was the pastor, when I was very young my father was working for an insurance company in downtown Newark. It was about that time when we moved to Convent Station, a small town near Morristown in New Jersey.

I can remember how my father commuted each day on the Lackawanna steam train to Newark. On rare occasions, he would drive to Newark, but that was a long rip over roads that were not too well maintained.

My youngest sister, Ruth was born at the hospital in Morristown. We have many pictures of the reception in our home when my sister Maud married Ralph Chase and all my fathers brothers and their families were there for the big occasion."

This sample conversation with Fred brought out so many verifiable facts that went into the family group records, with dates and events that he was witness to. Now he has established links to search back through his family and started writing the family history.

If you take the time to collect all that you now know about your family and sign up for a seminar in the library or club when it is scheduled in your town, you will have the advantage of asking questions, getting answers, and you will learn how to find your family history.

The first of the two sessions "On the Road Series of Seminars" is scheduled for March 8 and 15, at the Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield. Since class size is limited, it is necessary to call the library for reservations.

Jack Murray, a Genealogist, is a Director and past president The South Shore Genealogial Society, and a facilitator for the Genealogy Program for The Gerontology Institute at U Mass Boston, he is a delegate to the federation of Genealogical Societies among other affiliations.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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and downright lies regarding Massport's documents on the new runway proposal and then have a Judge dismiss the issue as "meritless". I really doubt that the documents submitted by the South Shore were even reviewed before this decision was made. It is far from meritless. I guess the truth is not important. I guess it does not matter in the review process.

Residents of the South Shore, you cannot just sit back and hope others will take care of things. You need to get involved and find out what is really happening that affects your homes and quality of life everyday. It happens slowly, while we are all rushing around with our everyday lives. The people who do try to "take care of things", get burned out, discouraged, because they know what is happening, it is a long process, and they cant do it alone. This just helps Massport, who has endless supplies of cash and lawyers to defend them. The towns and residents have very limited resources, especially these days. It seems unfair that the State does not defend towns when they are faced with these huge issues. Something is not right here.

Maybe you might be lucky enough to not be affected by the noise as much as other residents in your town, but you still need to get involved. You may not be as lucky when the new runway creates double the traffic and two continuous rows of planes over our towns. Did you know that Massport has made a decision to send all overnight flights, every night, 365 days of the year over our towns. Did we ever get invited to have any input on this decision? This decision was made without even telling our towns. This seems fair? Did you know that residents to the west of the new runway have an agreement that no flights would arrive or depart on their side of the runway. What does this mean? We get both arrivals and departures from this new runway. Who is protecting us? There is no way the "meritless" comment from a Judge would be made if the documents were truly reviewed. I really doubt if everyone took the time, even for one day that these things would just slip by. People complain about issues all the time but when you ask, what have you done about it, the main response is, "Oh I am too busy right now." I hope people start to see all of these issues our towns are facing, especially what Massport is doing to our area with no control or thought for our towns at all and start taking the tim> to do something. Get involved, call our representatives, tell them to step up to these issues and protect our communities.

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Gay marriage debate puts Legislature in national spotlight

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Impressions from one of the most momentous weeks of the past several decades at the State House:

For and Against: On the surface, the issue is straightforward and by now, familiar. The Supreme Judicial Court said the current Constitution requires the state to issue marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples. An amendment to define marriage as between one man and one woman was debated in Constitutional Convention. A rejected modification of that amendment would have written "civil union" recognition of gay couples into the Constitution. Another disapproved amendment would have stipulated that while banning gay marriage, the Legislature intended to pass a civil union statute in the future. Ultimately, the quest to reconcile antithetical points of view failed a predictable outcome when two sides both believe compromise is not just unacceptable, but immoral.

Give and Take: Underneath the surface lay stratum upon stratum of struggle and complexity. Both House Speaker Thomas Finneran and Senate President Robert Travaglini were attempting to prove themselves masters of their own branches and they did, but the two chambers cancelled each other out. The governor was appealing both to party loyalty and conscience, and those two imperatives don't correlate predictably in cases like this. In all the party politics, intra- and inter-chamber politics, and personal lobbying, the governor and leaders of the Democratic Party were aware the whole country was watching them. Gay marriage has seemingly become the most important social issue of the presidential election, not to mention the many races in which the governor is trying to depose members of the House and Senate this fall. The White House was in regular contact this week with the Corner Office, leaving no doubt the GOP knows what use it can make of this issue against John Kerry. And it is to be remembered that the Legislature elected this fall must take the issue up all over again before 2006, so the lawmakers were carving out a litmus test issue that could cost some of them their jobs before all is said and done. Combined with the thousands of citizens who clashed and clamored in and out of the building all week, the political stakes and national attention ratcheted the pressure on and off stage to a level unparalleled in the experience of anyone involved.

Pushing and Shoving: The State House literally became the stage of a morality play, subject to absolutely polarized interpretations. And the two ends of the spectrum were in full view; as in physics, collisions between the antithetical parts produced explosive results. "My Pedophile Priest Supports Traditional Marriage" was a typical sign, so to speak, of the level of some of the citizen debate. So was the little girl who cried, "Burn in hell!" at gay activists. Invective flew. Fingers were thrust in faces. State troopers rushed to make sure scuffling did not devolve into something more. More than one person was reportedly spat upon. Yet there was a small, hopeful counter theme. One could hear little quips or see quick smiles exchanged between members of the opposing camps gathered to express their contradictory convictions about love and ethics. Such courtesies amidst the disrespect made an unforgettable sight.

House and Senate: Finneran and Travaglini were not only at odds with one another, but each other's membership. Both sought support for their individual points of view; both were denied that support, not so much by their own members as by a preponderance of the other branch. Travaglini's proposal, written with Senate Minority Leader Brian Lees, would write civil unions into the Constitution but make heterosexual marriage the only constitutionally-protected form of the institution.

Finneran offered an amendment saying gay marriage was banned, but that the Legislature promised to take up civil unions at some point in the future. The lack of advance notice of that amendment, and the sense among many lawmakers that it was a ploy to evade facing the civil unions issue at all, underscored Finneran's credibility gap among a minority in his own chamber and a considerable number in the Senate. The open dispute between the president and speaker was high-toned; it remains to be seen if it takes any toll on inter-branch relations, which took a dramatic turn for the better in 2003.

Leadership and Membership: For a long time it was said that Finneran was the most powerful person in state government. That status came into question when Romney took office; it is still a matter of interpretation. But whoever now is the most powerful, even with their strength combined, they could not get a majority of the Legislature to go along. The governor sent the speaker a personal note of appreciation for his amendment extraordinary for two leaders so committed to defeating one another in other arenas but still, Romney's Republicans and Finneran's Democrats were outnumbered, barely. Finneran's amendment lost 98-100. Likewise, the leader of the Senate put his influence together with the Republican leader in his chamber, and they came up short, 94-104. No one was more powerful than the democratic system. Just as the throngs outside were free to express their passion, the members inside were free to defeat their leaders after open debate in the torturous effort to find the path that best reconciled all points of view. For that and many other reasons this week the relative lack of physical violence, the high tone of most debate, the absence of ad hominem argument - amidst the rancor and frustration, believers in open debate had reason for cheer. Yet given the way the debate ended, and as the next long month of disagreement and maneuvering on the question began, the public can legitimately ask: is this the best democracy can do?

Other stories got short shrift last week:

• *Sprague will keep her vow to stay just three terms* — Bucking an unfortunate trend among modern politicians, Sen. Jo Anne Sprague, R-Walpole, said she was actually going to keep her promise to step down after a few terms. Sprague has served three, and told the Globe: "My word is important to me, and it has always been a bond between me and the people I serve." Democrats will be eyeing the vacancy in Sprague's seat; Republicans will be in defense mode.

• *Economy won't boom, but will at least start growing, economists agree* — Experts from Mass Development and Mass Insight agreed at a briefing that while jobs aren't being created at the clip most would like, the hardest economic times of this downturn are past and the signs continually point to a period of modest growth one that's already begun. That consensus was voiced the same week Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan delivered a similar mildly upbeat message to Congress in his semi-annual briefing.

• *Boston State Hospital will become affordable housing* — The flip side of robust home sales is short supply and high prices. State and city leaders Thursday announced plans to address that problem. After many years of controversy about how to redevelop the old Boston State Hospital site in Mattapan, about 500 units of housing and $150 million worth of other development will occur on 35 acres of the 55-acre site; the other 20 acres is already planned out. The new development will add to other investments on the grounds, including a 60-acre nature center, construction of new biologics laboratories on 20 acres, and 100 units of housing already under construction on 18 acres of the site.

• *2003 was record year for home sales* — Home sales in Massachusetts were up 15.8 percent in 2003, with the average single family home selling for $372,316, or 8.9 percent more than in the fourth quarter of 2002. That capped off a year the Massachusetts Association of Realtors declared the "best ever."

• *Case against "State House 18" dismissed in Boston court* — A Boston judge dismissed charges against the so-called "State House 18" on Wednesday, after the activists spent two days arguing the "necessity" defense before Boston Municipal Court Judge Thomas C. Horgan. The activists, who include Boston City Councilor Chuck Turner, were arrested at the State House June 30 for protesting budget cuts. The group argued that their actions were necessary to prevent further "harm to students, seniors and citizens of the Commonwealth" that would be the result of budget cuts.

• *Romney proposes T-bond to continue $400M a year for local road projects* — Saying the Big Dig has created a "giant sucking sound" (metaphorically) as it drains dollars away from needed improvements in other parts of the state, Gov. Romney unveiled a $1.15 billion transportation bond bill Tuesday that the administration billed as the next phase in the state's transportation development after so many years dominated by the Central Artery project. Reforms to state construction and bidding laws are proposed to save money and encourage development. The bond proposal comes as the administration works on a 25-year transportation strategy. Critics said the plan is short on vision.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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February 9-13



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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' and local senators' votes on three roll calls from the week of February 9-13.

All three roll calls are on versions of proposed constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriages in Massachusetts. All three versions were rejected and the constitutional convention adjourned until March 11. In order to become part of the constitution, any proposed amendment must be approved by this year's Legislature and then by the members of the 2005-2006 Legislature. The measure would then go on the ballot for voter consideration in November 2006.

BAN SAME-SEX MARRIAGES/CIVIL UNIONS OPTION (H 3190)

Constitutional Convention 98-100, rejected a proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages but allowing the Legislature to enact laws establishing civil unions as may be defined by the Legislature from time to time. Some supporters said that the Legislature must protect the tradition of marriage that has been the custom and tradition of every nation and society in recorded history and argued it is inappropriate and outrageous that the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) has tried to impose laws from the bench. Others said that the Legislature should approve the proposal in order to get it placed on the ballot so that voters can approve or reject it. Some noted that this proposal also ensures that the Legislature has the right to enact civil union laws to protect gays and lesbians. Some opponents said the state's constitution should not be amended to allow discrimination against one group of persons and argued that all citizens should be equal under the constitution. They noted that the SJC decision was right and just and would ensure that all citizens are afforded equal rights including the more than 1000 benefits afforded married couples. Others said that the section allowing the Legislature to enact civil union laws is meaningless and does not guarantee the enactment of these laws. They noted that the Legislature has had many years to enact narrow, less controversial domestic partnership bills and has never even done that. (A "Yea" vote is for the proposed constitutional amendment banning same sex marriages but allowing the Legislature to enact laws establishing civil unions. A "Nay" vote is against the proposal).

The exact language of the above amendment reads: "It being the public policy of the Commonwealth to protect the unique relationship of marriage, only the union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Massachusetts. This article is self-executing, but the General Court may enact laws not inconsistent with anything herein contained to carry out the purpose of the article, including but not limited to, the enactment of laws establishing civil unions as may be defined by the General Court from time to time."

Y	Y

BAN SAME-SEX MARRIAGES/NEUTRAL ON CIVIL UNIONS (H 3190)

Constitutional Convention 94-103, rejected a proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages and providing that nothing in the amendment shall require or prohibit civil unions in Massachusetts. Supporters repeated their arguments that this proposal would protect the tradition of marriage and give voters the right to vote on this amendment while allowing the Legislature to separately enact civil union laws. Opponents repeated their arguments that discrimination should not be inserted into the state constitution. They noted that the "neutral" section on civil union laws is meaningless and does not guarantee the enactment of these laws. (A "Yea" vote is for the proposed constitutional amendment banning same sex marriages and providing that nothing in the amendment requires or prohibits civil unions in Massachusetts. A "Nay" vote is against the proposal).

The exact language of the above amendment reads: "It being the public policy of this Commonwealth to protect the unique relationship of marriage in order to promote, among other goals, the stability and welfare of society and the best interest of children, only the union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Massachusetts. Nothing in this article requires or prohibits civil unions in Massachusetts."

Y	Y

BAN SAME-SEX MARRIAGES/ESTABLISH CIVIL UNIONS (H 3190)

Constitutional Convention 94-104, rejected a proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages but giving same-sex couples the right to form civil unions with all the same benefits, protections, rights and responsibilities granted to couples who are married. The proposal also provides that gays and lesbians who married prior to voter-approval of this amendment would have their marriages converted to civil unions. Some supporters said this fair compromise protects the institution of marriage while ensuring that gay and lesbians would have the constitutional right to form civil unions and be afforded all the protections of married couples. Others said that they are actually opposed to this proposal but voted in favor of it in order to block possible passage of other more heinous proposals that ban same-sex marriages but do not guarantee civil unions. Some of those supporters said that they would later vote against this proposal but noted that if a same-sex marriage ban eventually receives approval, they would prefer this one because it also guarantees civil unions. Some opponents said the proposal, despite mandating civil unions, still inserts discrimination into the constitution by denying gays and lesbians the right to marry and treating them as second-class citizens. They also noted that couples in civil unions would not be afforded all the benefits that married couples receive under federal law. Others said they support banning same-sex marriages but do not support civil unions or prefer to craft civil unions legislation as a general law rather than as part of the constitution. (A "Yea" vote is for the proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages but giving same-sex couples the right to form civil unions with all the same benefits, protections, rights and responsibilities granted to couples who are married. A "Nay" vote is against the proposal).

The exact language of the above amendment reads:

"Section 1. It being the public policy of this commonwealth to define the unique relationship of marriage, only the union of one man and one woman shall be valid as a marriage in the commonwealth.

Section 2. The people of the commonwealth adopt this Article to protect the unique relationship of marriage. The people also wish to establish civil unions to provide to same-sex couples all the benefits, protections, rights and responsibilities under state law as are granted to spouses in a marriage, while recognizing that under present federal law, same-sex couples in civil unions will be denied federal benefits available to married couples.

Section 3. Two persons of the same sex shall have the right to form a civil union if they meet the requirements set forth by law for marriage between a man and a woman. All laws applicable to marriage, including laws relating to dissolution of marriages, shall also apply to civil unions. Spouses in a civil union shall have all the same benefits, protections, rights and responsibilities under law as are granted to spouses in a marriage. To the extent that a law adopts, refers to or relies on a federal law that applies to the commonwealth, spouses in civil unions shall have access to the full legal, social, cultural and economic protections, benefits and obligations accorded to married couples in the commonwealth. As used in this section, 'law' means any law of the commonwealth, or of any of its political subdivisions, or of any entity established to serve a public purpose, whether defined by statute, agency or court rule or regulation, ordinance, by-law, policy, common law or other source of civil law. The appropriate agencies of the executive department shall take all necessary measures to provide civil union license forms as required by the laws governing equivalent marriage forms and to provide for the maintenance of records of all civil unions and the dissolution thereof. The procedures under law for issuing a marriage license shall apply to issuing a civil union license.

Section 4. Persons of the same sex who married before the effective date of this Article shall be considered instead to have formed a civil union under section 3.

Section 5. This Article shall be construed liberally to secure to eligible couples the option of a legal status with all the attributes and effects, benefits and protections of marriage.

Section 6. This Article is self-executing, but the General Court may enact laws consistent with this Article to carry out this Article's purposes.

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Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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CANDIDATES CORNER

Janet Fogarty receives $10,000 in donations

Janet Fogarty has received an unprecedented $10,000 in individual donations from local Republican activists. A candidate for Republican State Committeewoman, Fogarty's campaign to modernize the Republican Party on the South Shore has energized local activists and earned her the endorsement of many local party leaders. Endorsements include Cohasset's own Mary Jeanette Murray, fondly known as the 'Grande Dame' of South Shore Republicans.

"I'm humbled by the tremendous support fellow Republicans have shown me over these past two months," said Fogarty, the former chair of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee. The unprecedented level of support demonstrates the growing momentum behind Fogarty, a South Shore Republican activist who has helped candidates such as Senator Bob Hedlund and District Attorney Tim Cruz.

For more information about Janet's campaign contact Elizabeth Rech at 781-740-4746.

Hilbert is endorsed by Weymouth GOP

The Weymouth Republican Town Committee [WRTC] has endorsed Anne Hilbert of Weymouth in her race to unseat the incumbent Republican State Committeewoman, Polly Logan.

Both seats on the Republican State Committee representing Sen. Hedlund's district, committeeman and committeewoman, are being contested. The WRTC was addressed last week by candidates for both offices. John Cafferty, Conley Ford, and Ron Wheatley are competing to replace Tom Barry, who is not seeking reelection; Janet Fogarty and Anne Hilbert oppose Polly Logan who, because of a scheduling conflict, was represented by the State Committeeman from Brockton, Larry Novak.

Logan has groundswell of support district-wide

From Weymouth to Duxbury, the groundswell continues to return the Vice Chair of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee — Paula A. "Polly" Logan — to another term as Norfolk-Plymouth District State Committeewoman.

More than 400 have contributed volunteer time and money to the effort to date, including an unparalleled 28 current and former GOP Town Committee chairs. These include: Weymouth — Rick Coughlin, Brian Kain, Ken Karlberg, Vin Mina and Dana Toland; Hingham — Bud Watts, Alex Macmillan, Gloria Jantzen, Stuart VanTine and Charlie Black; Cohasset — Julie Guild, Bill Weeks, Lou Eaton, John Flanagan and Jill O'Donnell; Norwell — Kim Reynolds (current), Shawni Littlehale and Chad Forman; Scituate — John Clarkson and Conley Ford; Marshfield — Tim Peterson (current), Roz Jones (current), Sam Spencer and Otis Carney; Duxbury — Rita Strong (current), Audrey McDonald and Bill Basely.

"Outstanding," stated Logan chair Guy Conrad, "and what a great team for the future!"

Cafferty trumpets Murray's endorsement

As a prominent Republican lawmaker in Hingham, Cohasset and Hull for more than two decades, Mary Jeanette Murray, has become a major player in the race for state committeeman by endorsing John Cafferty above his opponents.

"John Cafferty is uniquely qualified with his experience on the Hingham Planning Board and the Hingham Housing Authority," noted Murray, who relied heavily on Cafferty to bring her to reelection several times. "He's a hard worker and knows how to look to building our party in the long-term — that's the leadership we need!"

"My goal is to show voters I am the only one in this race who has the experience and the vision to build our party in the long term — I think that message is resonating and the feedback I've received is incredible," Cafferty says. Please vote on March 2, 2004.

Conley Ford to create Republican tidal wave

Conley Ford, candidate for Republican State Committeeman, is telling voters across Bob Hedlund's eight-town district that it's "OK to be a Republican in Massachusetts."

"My message is resonating with hundreds of people, who are tired of having a one-party Statehouse," says Ford, who is a veteran and proud, lifelong Republican.

"I will hit the ground running on March 3 with my plan to recruit new Republicans from the ranks of the unenrolled," Ford says. "I'm committed to working full-time on growing the GOP base."

Ford's creativity, energy and tireless efforts to elect Republicans are well known.

"But too many good candidates lose because we don't have the votes," Ford says. "That's got to change. The future of our great state depends on it.

"The position of Republican State Committeeman is meant for me — I can make a difference.

"I ask for your vote, March 2."

Contact Ford at 781-545-0054 or cfordcon@comcast.net

Hedlund appointed to highway commission

State Senator Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, has been appointed to a newly created bi-partisan commission that will pursue reforms designed to achieve more efficient administration of our state's highways that could potentially lead to combining the responsibilities now divided by three different state agencies that oversee various state roadways.

"I am excited about being a part of this commission because we will be considering issues I have campaigned on and supported as ranking member of the transportation committee over the last several years, such as merging the Turnpike Authority with Mass Highway," Hedlund said. "This is an idea that is long overdue.

"We are talking about a cost savings of $20 million annually with that merger alone. Massachusetts is the only state that has three different departments overseeing various state roadways. I look forward to a serious consideration of this reform in a bi-partisan, direct manner."

The commission will also consider related issues such as the maintenance responsibilities for boulevards and parkways now under the control of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), formerly the MDC.

Chairing the new commission is Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas. Others appointed to the commission with Senator Hedlund include: Douglas Foy, Chairman of Commonwealth Development; Mass Highway Commissioner John Cogliano; Mass Turnpike Chairman Matt Amorello; Katherine Abbott, Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation; Steven Baddour, Co-Chairman of the Transportation Committee; Joseph Wagner, Co-Chairman of the Transportation Committee; State Rep. Marie Parente; State Rep. Lewis Evangelidis; Stephanie Pollack from the Conservation Law Foundation; and Greg Beeman from the Associated Builders and Contractors of Massachusetts.

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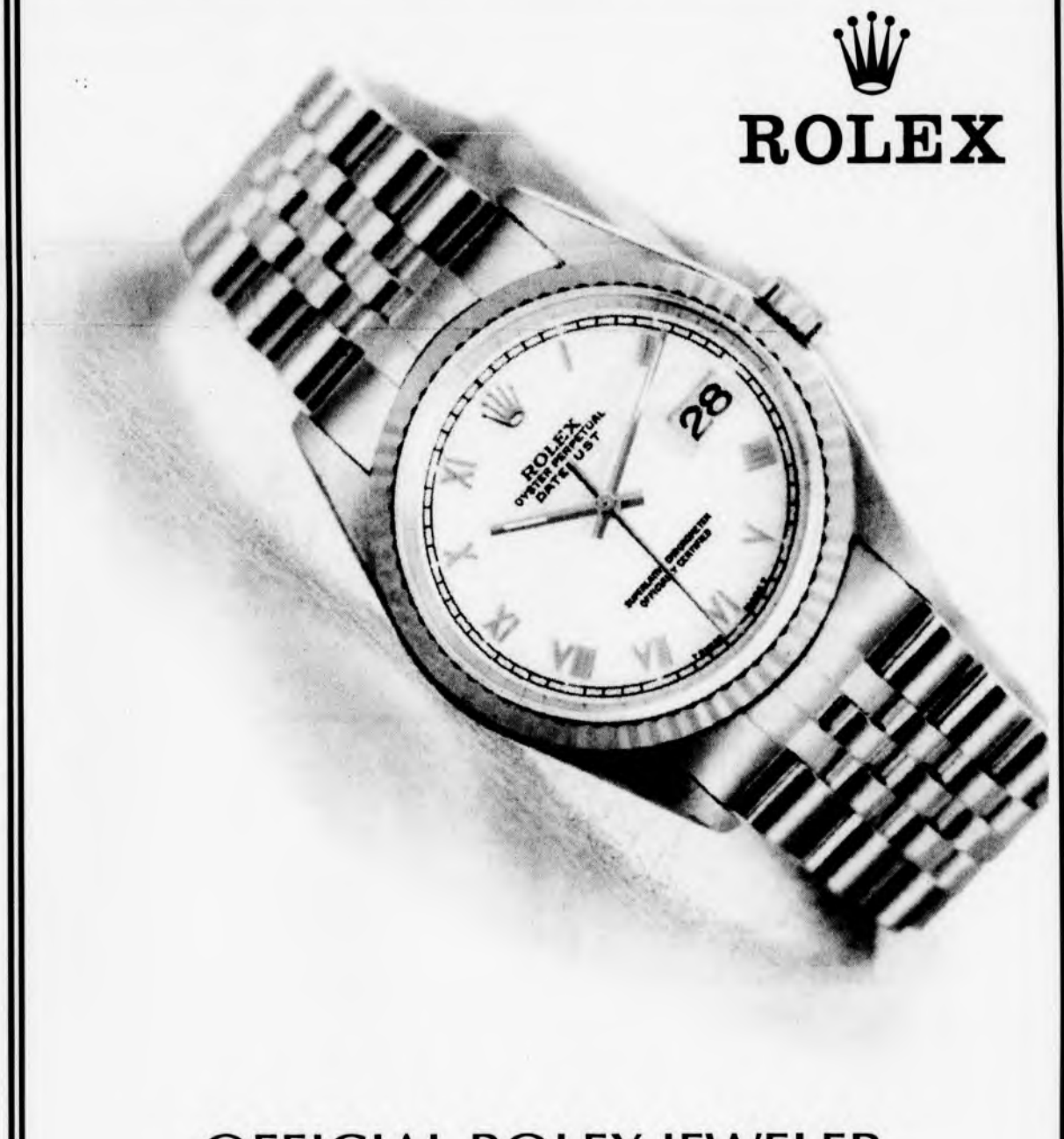
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Schools seek tax increase

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recommending a budget of $11.9 million which is 6.45 percent or $723,753 over last year. But during these tight fiscal times that are also facing the town side of the budget, that figure is about $400,000 more than Town Manager Mark Haddad has allocated for the schools next year.

If Selectmen agree to put an override on the ballot, it would be the second year in a row the town put a general override before the voters. Passing an override is a two-step process: first Town Meeting approves the budget contingent on the override and then a ballot question must pass by a simple majority at the polls.

Last year, voters approved a $350,000 override, 1271-1034 or with a 250-vote margin.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas said Tuesday there is still time to put an override question on the April 3 Town Election ballot.

If an override does go on the ballot and fails, it is not clear if the schools would shoulder the entire $400,000 cut from their proposed budget or if the town-side would also share the cuts. Haddad has proposed less than a 1 percent increase in the town side of budget or .68 percent over last year. The "town side" of the budget also includes school employee benefits and insurance and school debt service, according to Town Finance Director Michael Buckley.

With the $400,000 override added in, the entire proposed town budget including the municipal and school sides is $30,620,060, Buckley said.

School Committee member Chartis Tebbetts said if the town presented a united front, she was confident an override would pass muster on Election Day.

"With the support of the Advisory Committee and Selectmen, we feel very confident the community will support this," Tebbetts said.

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo said the committee would provide a list of cuts should the override fail, so the community will understand what's at stake.

Maureen Jerz of the Advisory Committee said if the community is asked to approve an override this year, it must be the lowest number possible.

"There needs to be assurance the School Committee has examined every single line item in the budget," she said.

DeGiacomo, who described the School Committee budget discussions as going through an "agonizing task," said the meetings have been televised.

"It's been a very difficult, grueling, and unpleasant task," he said. "The lower (the override) the better chance it will pass, everyone knows that."

Selectman Tom Callahan suggested the School Department not fund the third year of the teachers' contract. He said all contracts are subject to appropriation. Callahan noted that 80 percent of the school budget is salaries and strongly suggested the School Committee take a hard line in teacher contract negotiations.

"Overrides are not supposed to be annual events," he said.

Contracted salary hikes amount to $355,432 of the increase; the other big increase is $223,000 in utility costs for the newly renovated and expanded Deer Hill and middle-high schools.

At last week's joint meeting there was considerable discussion about why the schools are proposing the addition of two special education teachers and a school psychologist for a total of $129,000. But the School Committee explained those positions would actually save $50,000 because the school department could bring more special education services "in house" and save on expensive tuition and out-of-town transportation costs.

"There are no new initiatives in this budget," School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said. "We are trying to maintain as much as we have currently." He said the goal was to maintain class sizes as low as possible.

School Committee member Rick Flynn said enrollment in Cohasset has increased dramatically over the past five years, which is also driving the budget. Five years ago there were 478 students in grades 6-12; next year there are projected to be 735 students, he said. Next year Deer Hill, which will have grades 3-5, is expected to have 392 students and there will be 392 in grades K-2 at Osgood.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said yesterday plans were to have another joint meeting with the School Committee, Selectmen and Advisory Committee. "This was the first brush some had with the (override) request and we want to review the line items in the school budget," she said. McMorris said the boards would put their heads together to see if the $400,000 override figure could be reduced if even by only a few thousand dollars.

"In my mind any efforts to bring that number down are good," she said.

Harvey and Dormitzer join selectmen's race

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"When I pulled papers in early January I did so with an expectation that I would be running a campaign for a contested race," he says. "This is what makes the Town of Cohasset a special place where the citizens care about their way of life by wanting to be involved.

"I look forward to a lively discussion of the various issues over the next few weeks and how my proven experience and dedicated service to Cohasset, and in running my own business will continue to be of benefit to the Town."

Brown, who is seeking reelection, said competition brings out the differences among the candidates.

Brown is a former long-time conservation commissioner and current member of the recycling committee. H said he is running on his record and involvement in the town.

"I think I have shown that I am concerned about the town I love," he said. "I have been very involved over the years that I have been a selectman and if reelected, I will continue to do my best for the town and the people."

If three races weren't enough, there could also be a $400,000 Prop. 2-1/2 override on the ballot. The School Committee, Selectmen and Advisory Committee held a powwow last week to consider asking voters to increase their taxes to cover a shortfall in the fiscal year 2005 school budget. *(See related story page one).*

Overrides and election races tend to draw more voters to the polls.

"I think it's wonderful there is so much interest this year," Town Clerk Marion Douglas said. "It's great and with a potential override there could be two things to draw people out."

Adding even more spice to this year's election are a four-person race for two seats on the School Committee; and a two-person race for a one-year seat on the Planning Board.

Stuart Ivimey, who is an attorney and chairman of the Community Preservation Committee, and Joseph Nedrow, chairman of the Senior Housing Committee, are both running for the one-year remaining of Chris Ford's term on the Planning Board. Ford, who spends time in Florida, recently resigned.

Incumbent School Committee member Pat Martin of Linden Drive plans to seek a third term, while Adrienne MacCarthy of Doane Street, Jamie Williams of Surry Drive and Scott O'Grady of Sohier Street are running for their first. Incumbent Mark DeGiacomo is not seeking a third term.

Town Clerk Douglas got her wish this year, in that all spots on the ballot will have names next to them. The following candidates are unopposed.

School Committee member Rick Shea of Margin Street, who was appointed to fill Jane Pescatore's seat in September, is running for the one-year remaining of Pescatore's unexpired term. Pescatore resigned from the School Committee to accept employment with the school department.

Mike Wescott of River Road, who is a member of the Growth & Development Committee and head of the anti-Avalon group Cohasset Action, is running for the five-year Planning Board seat being vacated by Bill Good, who decided not to seek a fourth term.

Chris Allen, 21 Pleasant St., is running for the one-year unexpired term on the Cohasset Housing Authority. The seat was vacated by Joanne Young, who moved away. Janice Rosano of 60 Elm St. pulled papers for the seat but did not return them.

Nathaniel Palmer of Little Harbor Road will run for the seat being vacated by Rob Kasameyer on the Water Commission and Elsa Miller of Reservoir Road is seeking reelection to the Board of Assessors. Steve Bobo of Jerusalem Road, chairman of the Board of Health, is seeking a third term.

There are three seats and three candidates for the Board of Library Trustees: incumbents Sarah Pease of Sankey Road and Barbara Power of Beach Streeet; and Stacey Weaver, 44 Nichols Road, who is seeking her first term. Trustee June Hubbard is not seeking reelection.

Rick Grassie recently resigned from the Recreation Commission leaving a two-year unexpired term; Lisa LoJacono, 111 Nichols Road, is running for that seat.

Recreation Commissioner Anthony Carbone is seeking reelection. Ann "Nancy" Barrett is running for reelection to a five-year term on the Cohasset Housing Authority and Sewer Commissioner Sean Cunning is seeking another three-year term.

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(8)	Frame Store	
(9)	Gift Shop	
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(11)	Florist	
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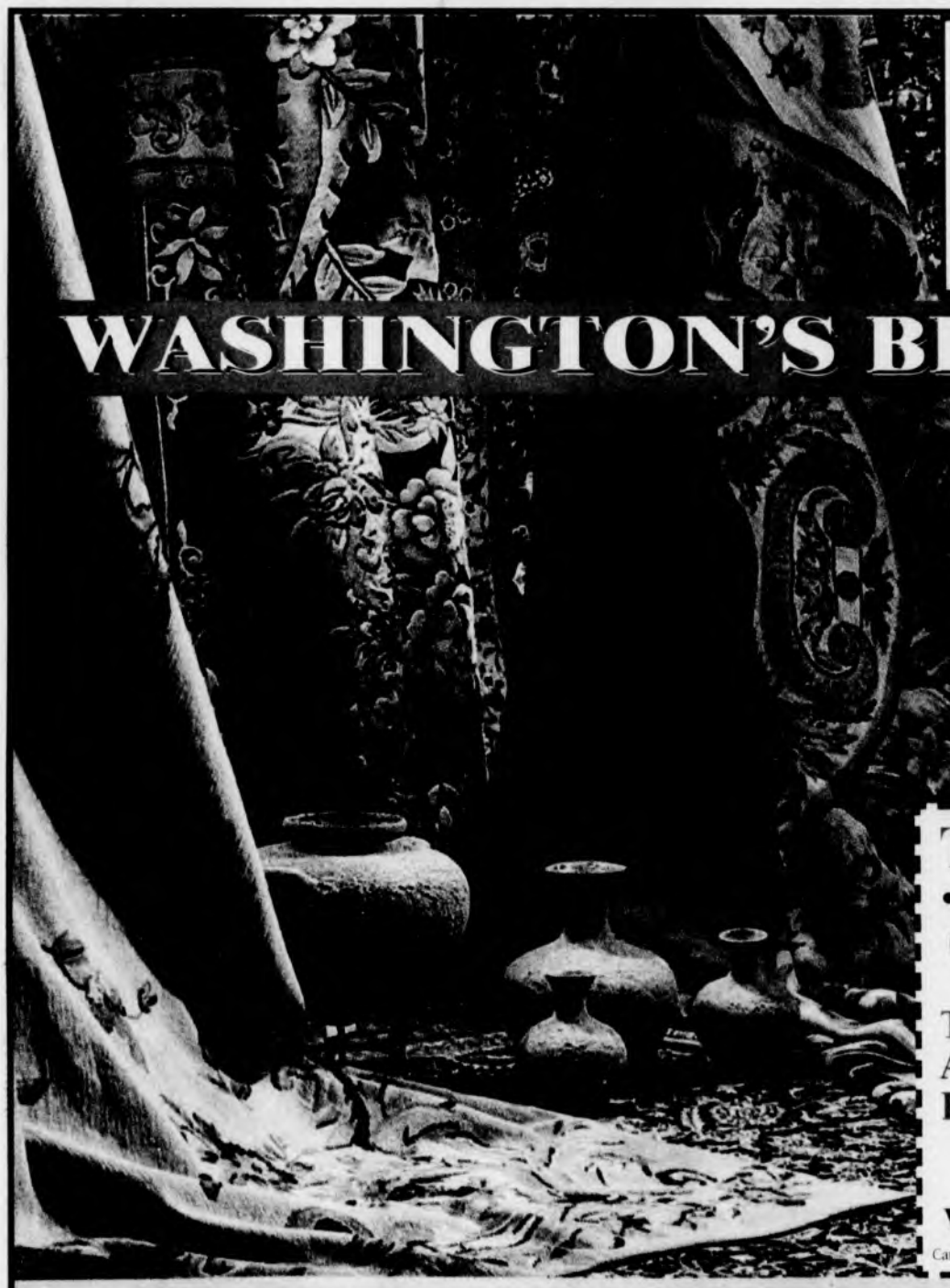


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They're in

Boys win final three games to clinch postseason berth

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

The catchphrase around the Cohasset boys basketball locker room last week included the words "backs to the wall."

With a 7-11 record after 18 games, the Skippers needed a sweep of last week's three-game homestand to reach the magic number of 10 wins. They did just that, defeating Harwich, Hull and Mashpee in the span of four nights.

And now, after having records at various points in the season of 2-5, 4-8, and 6-10, the blue and white await the seedings of the MIAA Div. 4 tournament that come out tomorrow.

The Hull contest was without a doubt the marquee game of the week. As if the Skippers-Pirates rivalry wasn't enough, the game had postseason implications for both teams. Cohasset's were obvious. Hull had already qualified for the tournament, but needed a win to regain some momentum and improve its possible seeding.

The starting backcourt of seniors Chris Bilodeau and John Andrade carried much of the load in Cohasset's 68-61 victory. Bilodeau had 23 points, eight rebounds and seven assists, while Andrade scored 19, highlighted by five daggers from three-point land.

One of those treys came with 12:20 left and gave Cohasset its first lead of the game, 39-36. After a lot of back-and-forth action, another Andrade bomb gave the Skippers an eight-point lead with six minutes to go, and the momentum established by the shot was too much for Hull to overcome.

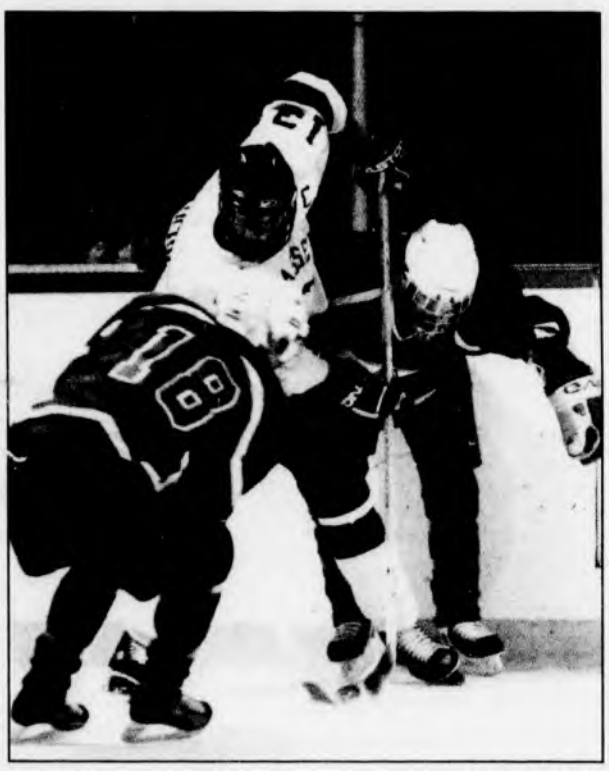
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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset hoop star Chris Bilodeau swoops toward the hold in recent South Shore League clash with Abington.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Ted Straughn battles a pair of Rockland skaters along the boards for control of the puck in non-league tilt earlier this month.

Sticking to the script

CHS icemen's six game win streak comes as no surprise to coach

By Mike Spellman
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We all know life does not follow a script...with the possible exception of Ben Virga, that is.

Indeed, it's almost scary to think how well the rookie Cohasset High hockey coach forecast what has happened over the last few weeks to his team.

After the Skippers dropped a 1-0 heartbreaker to South Shore League champion Abington-East Bridgewater way back on Jan. 31, Virga took a look at his schedule and told this typist there was no reason he could think of that his team (4-5-1 at that time) should not win the next five games in a row to sew up a state tourney berth, and then use the last three games to see if they were contenders or pretenders for a state title. He repeated this seemingly pie-in-the-sky call the next day at practice to his players.

Well, sure enough, here we are six wins and no losses later, and Ben Virga looks like he might be ready to make the jump from high school hockey to the Psychic Hotline.

"I just knew what this team was capable of," said the smiling Virga. "In the last six games, we've played some good hockey. There have still been a few bumps in there, but we're working to iron those out by state tourney time."

The Skippers closed out the foretold five game win streak, all over South Shore League rivals, with a 4-2 win over Harwich last Wednesday, a 2-0 win over Mashpee on Friday and a 11-6 win over an undermanned Carver team on Saturday, a game that saw Virga

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Going out in style

Nor-Coh gymnasts take sixth at Sectional meet

By Mike Spellman
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"All in all, it was a great year. We were really happy with the way we wrapped it up. Sixth place is a very strong finish."
Norwell-Cohasset gymnastics coach Kara Connerty

Considering they were seeded eighth going into Monday's South Sectional championships, the members of the Norwell-Cohasset gymnastics squad can't be all that disappointed with their sixth place finish.

"No, all in all, it was a great year," asserted Nor-Coh veteran coach Kara Connerty, whose team qualified for postseason competition by winning the South Shore League championship with a perfect 10-0 regular season. "We were really happy with the way we wrapped it up. Sixth place is a very strong finish."

Despite missing two key gymnasts, defending state champion Barnstable captured its fifth consecutive Sectional crown, scoring a 140.2 at Foxboro High to easily outpoint second place King Phillip (135.275). Both of these teams will move on to next week's state championships, along with the top two teams from the North (Masconomet and Andover) and East/Central (Reading and Framingham) Sectionals, and two wild card teams (Shrewsbury and Attleboro), as determined by high score.

Attleboro (131.35) placed third, followed by Canton (131.35), Somerset (130.25) and Norwell-Cohasset (126.025). Sharon (124.9 and North Attleboro (122.9) brought up the rear.

The 126.05 was well of the Nor-Coh's qualifying average of 129.475, but judging at the state level is much more critical, according to Connerty, a position supported by the fact that six of the other seven

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Defending home turf

CHS wrestlers advance eight to state championships this weekend at home

By Mike Spellman
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The ups seemed a little grander and the downs a bit less painful for the Cohasset High wrestling team at the Div. 3 sectionals this year, the knowledge that whichever Skippers finished top six in their respective weight classes would get the chance to wrestle in front of their home town fans this Friday and Saturday.

A total of eight CHS grapplers wound up placing top six in the 19 school field, not a bad tally at all, which no doubt had more than a little to do with veteran coach Torin Sweeney's ability to move quickly past his Skippers going 0-for-5 in the championship bouts Saturday at Foxboro High to finish and take home a third place prize.

"We figured going it that we'd be right there at sectionals in that second to sixth range, so third place isn't bad at all," said Sweeney, who is in his 21st year with the CHS program. "On the whole, we did about what I thought we could, with a few guys finishing higher than I thought and few guys lower. But that's the way these things are, lot of ups and downs."

For example, getting five wrestlers to the finals was a bit above expectations. Taking no championships, however, was a bit below.

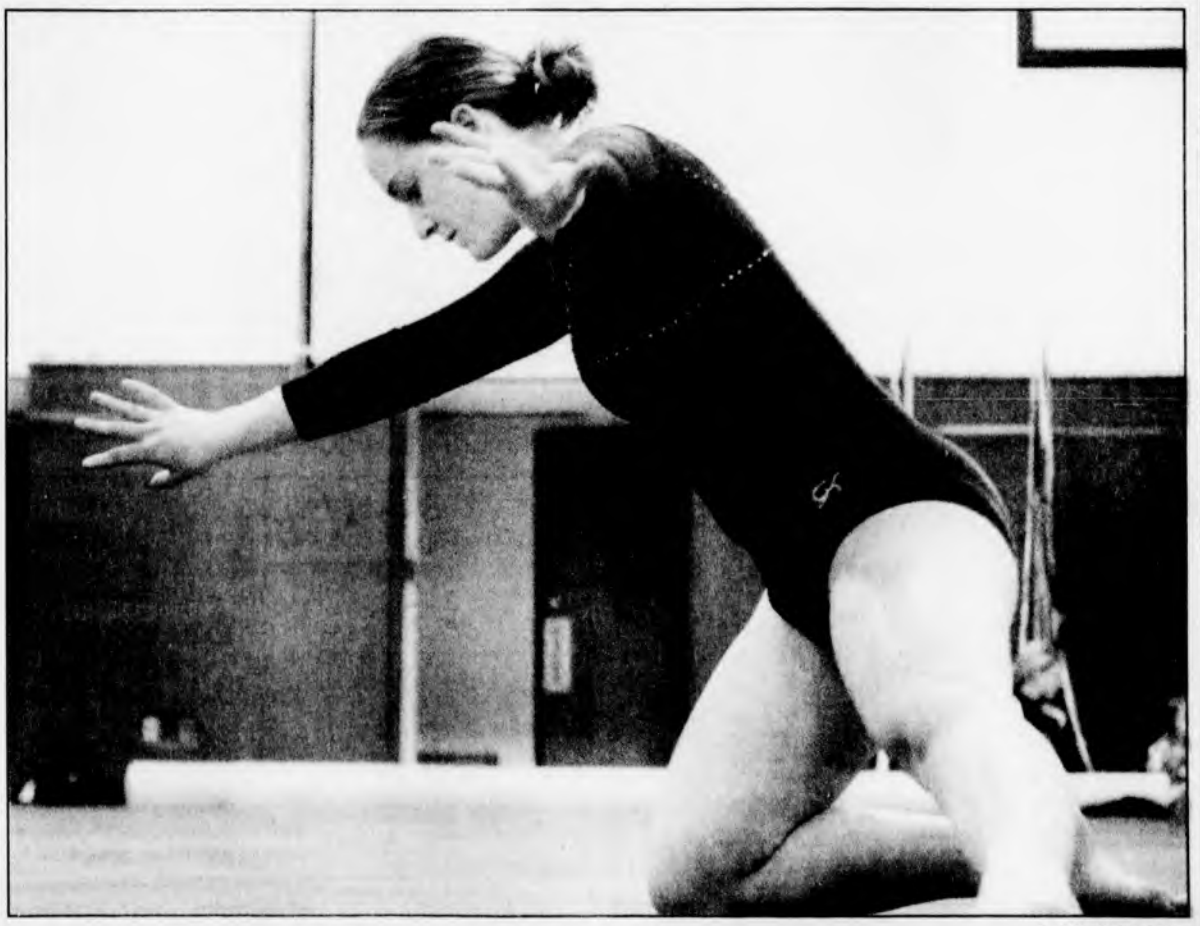
Reaching the finals with perfect records on Friday and Saturday were freshman Ryan McLellan at 103 pounds, junior Kevin Dinsmore at 125, junior Joe Kehoe at 140, senior captain Phil Strazzulla at 145 pounds and junior Matt Baroudi at 215.

McLellan and Dinsmore were underdog finalists, and lost to top seeds Dan Egan (Hanover) and Eric Rosado (respectively) in the end; no problem there.

Strazzulla, Kehoe and Baroudi, on the other hand, were expected to compete for their respective sectional crowns, and they all certainly did just that. Unfortunately, all three CHS stars came up short by the slightest of margins in the finals.

Kehoe took a 5-0 first period lead on Foxboro's Brian Dietzel, the top seed in the division, and appeared to be on the way to a possible pin when the match ref forced Kehoe to release, under the impression that Dietzel was being injured.

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Kate Carpenter and the her Norwell-Cohasset teammates took a solid sixth place at the state south sectional meet on Monday to close out their season.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset's Mia Lieb-Lappen (#43) tries to beat Holbrook's Samantha Beaudry to the ball in non-league action earlier this season, as teammate Jen Buckley (#22) looks on.

Going out in style

Lady hoopsters win final two games, await playoff seeding

By Evan Deutsch
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As the Cohasset Lady Skipper hoopsters move on to postseason play, they have kept their skills as crisp as the February air. They have capped their season with a highly respectable 14-6 record and show no sign of letting up.

In the final three matchups, all on the road, the Skippers first squared off in Harwich against the Rough Riders on a very cold Feb. 9the evening. Indeed the game proved a very rough ride for the Lady Skippers, as they fall 54-21. Ouch! The usually iron-fisted Cohasset defense could not stop the league leading and undefeated Harwich team.

Despite the blowout, the Lady Skippers quickly rebounded in their winning ways. Two days later, they showed up on Hull's doorsteps. The scrappy Pirates couldn't find any hidden treasures in their own playing strategies. The result: a 48-21 Cohasset victory.

Led by the starting five of Ashley Faber, Danielle Pinkus, Casey Anderson, Jen Buckley and Katie James, the Lady Skippers controlled the game and walked out with a commanding win.

"Brisk passing and good communication on the court earned us this victory," asserted sophomore Lisa Musto. "Hull tried to stop us with a very tough half court press but it did not work."

The very next day, the Skippers avenged their earlier Cape Cod loss by overcoming the Mashpee Falcons by a 51-26 score. Both the offense and defense clicked in very nicely.

Katie James, who forced two interceptions leading to fast-break layups, noted: "What a great way for our team to end the season."

The South Shore League honored Casey Anderson, Jen Buckley and Ashley Faber by selecting them to play in the all star game on Feb 13. Despite their losing to the Patriot League players, the Cohasset all star players can feel quite proud of their selection.

At this point, no one knows specifically who Cohasset will play in the playoffs. Two challenging candidates lie in Harwich and Carver. Whatever the outcome, the Lady Skippers can look back with great pride on a 14-6 record.

The CHS girls now await tomorrow's release by the MIAA of seedings and brackets for the Div. 4 state tourney, with preliminary round games likely to get underway on either Saturday or Sunday.

Cohasset sixth grade boys bouncing back

The Cohasset sixth grade boy' basketball team is more than halfway through their first season in the Patriot League Travel program. Through thirteen games, the boys have 6 wins and 7 losses, winning four of their last six games.

Although playing in the town recreation program for many years, the boys this year are stepping up their play in the very competitive Patriot League. Wins have come against teams from Bridgewater, Taunton, East Bridgewater, Quincy, Hanson and Pembroke, where they outscored their opponents by an average of 8 points a game.

Although losses against Halifax (Coh. 36, Halifax 39) and Taunton (Coh. 29, Taunton 30) proved to be exciting action packed games, with the Halifax game running into double overtime.

Coach Dee Davis characterizes the boys as quick, athletic and smart. The boys have come together as a team, playing off of each other's strengths. Turnovers early in the season plagued the team. A little more than halfway through the season, the team has pulled together by seizing offensive opportunities and reducing turnovers. Coach Davis is assisted by Bob McCunney and Ladd McQuade.

At point guard, Eamon Davis leads the team in scoring, averaging 7.5 points per game. Eamon's court sense have led contributed to many offensive opportunities. Power forward John Maher with 6 points per game, is dominating on the boards both offensively and defensively. Guard Robby McCunney, with quick hands and feet, plays a mean man to man defense causing opponents to turn the ball over. Chris Brown, Graham Stevenson and Dean Driscoll are the big men under the boards intimidating the opposition. Center Taylor McQuade, with eleven blocks this season keeps the opposing team out of the paint. Forward Brendan Doonan, is a scrappy player and drives hard to the basket. Will Wise, at guard, leads the team in assists and makes plays happen. Guard John Kearney hustles in every game and is a strong free thrown shooter. Ollie Forrer has great defensive hands and knows where to position himself on the floor. Ian Quinlan, gives it his all, with his quickness and desire to play.

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COASTAL STARS REPORT

The Coastal Stars Squirt A team deserved better than a 4-4 tie this week versus Hingham, but they will take it. Down 3-1 the Stars outworked Hingham and rallied to take a 4-3 lead late in the game. The team rallied behind goaltender John Collins, who filled in admirably for regular goaltender Kevin Kelly and earned a point as they battle for a playoff berth.

Ryan Donovan scored 2 goals, one unassisted, the other assisted by Travers Craven, and continued his strong play at both ends of the ice. He is one of the hardest workers at practice and when he plays hard he raises the level of play of everyone on the team. With the score 3-1 Tyler Martina got the Stars back in the game in the second period on a terrific shot following a battle for a loose puck. Jeff Durkin and Connor Mclean were credited with well deserved assists as they worked very hard to come up with the puck in the scrum in front of the Hingham net.

Will Schorle put the Stars ahead 4-3 in the third on a beautiful end to end rush that culminated in a Cam Neely like power move to the net and Gretzky like finish. Will, along with Matt Entwistle, Pat Cull, and Brian Scott played their best games as a group this year. They are the strength of the team and when they perform their jobs well the team has a chance against anyone. John Meehan, who assisted on Schorle's goal, and Alex Evans were also defensive standouts as they made several strong plays preventing scoring chances by Hingham. The Stars 11-6-4 are playing better and hope to be a part of the playoff picture.

Coastal Stars Youth Hockey sign-ups

The Coastal Stars Youth Hockey organization will be registering players from Marshfield and Cohasset for the 2004/2005 season on the following two dates:

Saturday, March 6th-St. Christines Parish Lower Hall, Marshfield from 12:00pm–4:00pm.

Saturday, March 13th-St. Anthony's Parish Center, Cohasset from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

The 2004/2005 Fee will be $625 if paid in full at registration. Parents should have child's hockey shirt size and desired shirt number. Registration for any new players that are 8 years old and younger will be announced at a future date. For more information see *www.coastalstars.com.*

Boston Bruins Alumni vs. Coastal Stars Coaches

The Boston Bruins Alumni Team will be playing the Coastal Stars Youth Hockey Coaches at Hobomock Arena in Pembroke on Sunday March 14th at 3:15 p.m. The Proceeds from the benefit game will go to support the Ace Bailey Children's Fund and Coastal Stars Youth Hockey. The Ace Bailey Children's Fund was established in memory of former Bruin Garnet "Ace" Bailey, who was aboard United flight 175 on 09/11/01. The proceeds raised by the fund go directly to improve the hospital environment for sick patients at The Floating Hospital for Children. A limited number of tickets will be available in advance and the day of the game. Ticket prices are $8 for adults and $5 for children. Please contact Bill Quackenbush at 781-319-1929 for tickets. There will be Bruins merchandise, photo opportunities and even more excitement on the ice.

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Defending home turf

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After the match resumed, Dietzel wrestled a very tactically sound match and managed to pull even with Kehoe at 6-6 in the third period. With under 30 seconds to go in regulation, Kehoe tried to pull off an escape to break the tie and wound up getting flipped onto his back and pinned.

Strazzulla's bout went past regulation, as he and Foxboro's Nick Avery fought to a 1-1 standoff through the allotted nine minutes. In the one minute OT frame, Strazzulla was taken down by the Foxboro wrestler to decide the match. This was just the third loss of the season for the team captain, against a team best 33 wins, but it appears he'll have a very tough road to hoe this Saturday with three top wrestlers in his bracket.

Baroudi, who is looking to get back to the New England championships this winter, came even closer than Kehoe and Strazzulla to the win at 215, as his match with Mansfield's Tom Creedon (who he'd previously beaten this season) was forced to a second OT period with the score knotted at 3-3. Creedon had scored first in the match, and thus was able to select position in overtime. He chose bottom to start the second overtime frame, and pulled off an escape with eight seconds left on the clock to earn the necessary one point for the win.

Fortunately, all five of these guys will get to take out their frustrations this weekend in front of the hometown faithful, as will junior Jonathan Littauer and seniors Matt Casey and Jake Berger.

Casey managed to take a fourth at 160 pounds, while Littauer (130) and Berger (heavyweight) each took fifths to qualify for the state championships.

The top four finishers in each weight category this weekend will advance to the All-State championships next weekend at Salem High, with the top two finishers there then advancing on to New England's in New Haven (Conn.) the weekend after that.

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Volleyball program grades 5-8

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting telephone registrations at 781-383-4109 for co-ed Volleyball for student's grades 5-8. The program, designed for fun, exercise and skill development will meet at the Deer Hill School gym on Tuesday's and Thursday's, from 2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., for 6 weeks, starting Tuesday, Jan. 27.

The fee for this unique opportunity is only $50 for the 6 week, twice weekly session. The program is designed to teach skills, exercise and fun. This program may be continued on a year round basis and include older and younger grades eventually.

For more information or to register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781383-4109.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse Looking for Coaches

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is looking for volunteer assistant coaches at all levels for its spring season, with a particular emphasis on finding coaches for its girls teams. Cohasset currently expects to field at least 10 teams this spring, although the growth in the number of participants could push that number even higher, provided there is adequate coaching available to protect and develop the youngsters involved.

In all, Cohasset will field boys teams at the 14 & Under (7th and 8th grade), 12 & Under (5th & 6th grade) and 10 & Under (3rd and 4th grade) levels, and girls teams at the 14-U and 12-U levels, plus a weekly clinic for girls players in grades 3 and 4.

The shortage of coaches is particularly acute for girls, where the current coaching staffs are so limited that roster sizes may be kept particularly small unless more coaches volunteer.

In the younger boys' age groups, more coaching volunteers could enable the program to add additional teams, keeping roster sizes smaller and more manageable, resulting in a better experience for all kids involved.

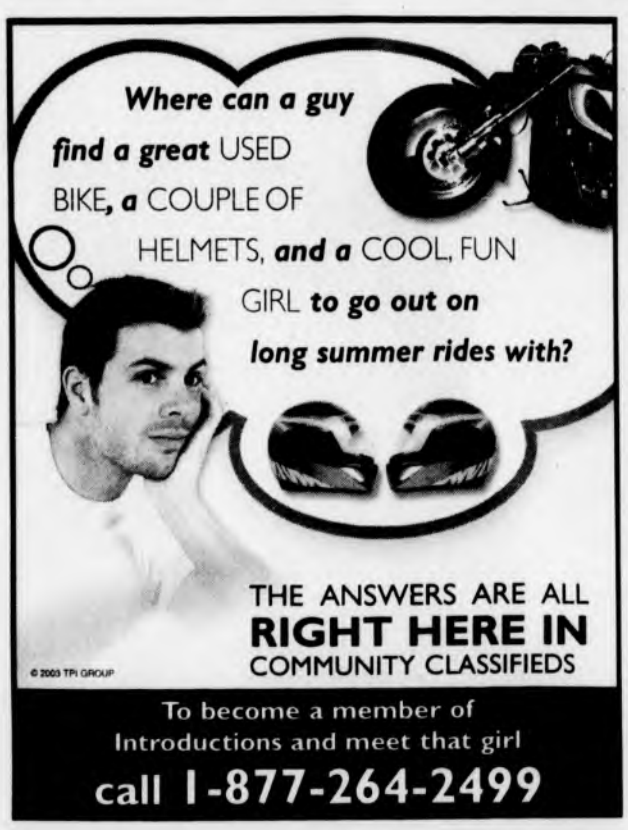
Cohasset Youth Lacrosse currently has head coaches at all age levels, but with the probability of more than 300 children spread throughout the program this year, increasing the size of coaching staffs is essential for player development.

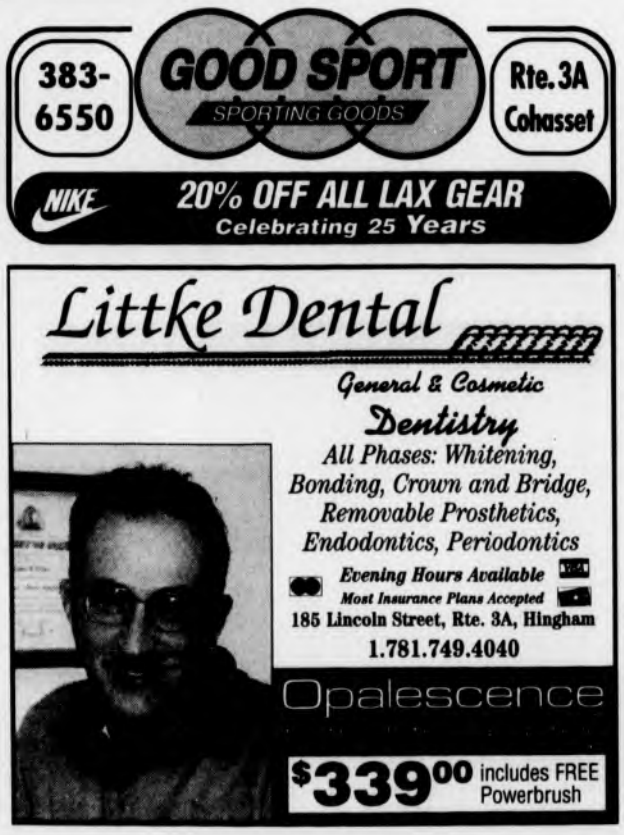
Through its nine-year history, the foundation of the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse coaching staff has been volunteers who do not have children on the teams involved. In seeking additional coaches, the program is hoping to get both community volunteers and parents whose children will play. Experience playing or coaching the game is desired, but not necessary; coaches must be able to throw and catch with a lacrosse stick in order to teach others and facilitate drills. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will pay registration costs to coaching clinics for those individuals interested in participating.

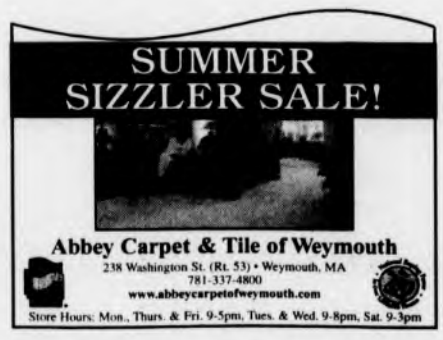
At all but the youngest age levels, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse holds two practices each week, and has games on Sunday afternoon. The youngest boys have one weekly practice, while the girls clinic program will be one weekly 90-minute session. Assistant coaches are not expected to attend every event, although they should be able to appear often enough to be perceived by the players as a team leader.

In addition to coaches, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is interested in developing referees who can work its games. Interested individuals will be required to take some officiating instruction classes during the winter, and may then be eligible to work games either with a partner or solo in the spring.

For more information or to express your interest in coaching or officiating, call Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of youth lacrosse, at 781-383-9858.









PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Eric Libby (#18) is knocked out of this race to the puck by a Rockland defenseman.

Sticking to the script

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empty the bench early in the second after his team had increased its lead to 9-2.

This got the Skippers to 9-5-3 on the season and locked up a tie for second place in the SSL as well as a third straight postseason berth for the program.

The so-called three game "pretender or contender" series also started well, on Tuesday, as the Skippers topped perennial Div. 3 state power Blue Hills, 3-2, at Ponkapoag Arena in Canton.

The win avenged an earlier season 4-4 tie for the Skippers to the Warriors and lifted the team psyche another notch heading into the annual Bourne Freeze-out Tourney to close out the regular season. The Skippers will open tonight versus Div. 2 playoff hopeful Stoughton (5 p.m. at Bourne's Gallo Arena) and then play annual Div. 3 heavyweights Bourne or Westwood in the consolation or championship game the following evening (6 or 8 p.m. start, respectively).

"If we can go down there to Bourne and finish strong, I'd say we're legitimate contenders for a state title," offered Virga. "I like the way the team has been playing recently, but the Bourne tourney will tell us if we're ready to compete at that next level."

Cohasset proved the better team almost from the opening drop Tuesday night, but the well coached Blue Hills players defended well in their own and then scored on their first shot of the game, capitalizing on a 2-on-1 break to go up 1-0.

"Blue Hills is as well coached a team as there is around," observed Virga. " They might bend, but they don't break a lot. They stick to their system, and then do a good job of capitalizing when their chances are there to score."

Cohasset sophomore Mark Bouchard got that first goal back a little more than two minutes later when he batted home the rebound of a Tim Pilczak slapper.

Team leading scorer Rob Carpenter (11 goals, 20 assists) gave the Skippers their first lead early in the second period when he converted off the carom of a Ted Straughn shot, but then he gave it back in his own end later I nthe frame, as his attempted clear around Cohasset's net got caught on the heel of his stick and slipped off his stick early and behind stunned netminder Stefan Parnell (20 saves).

"Rob's had a good touch around the net this year, but maybe we'll take one off his goal total for that," joked Virga.

Straughn made it a whole lot easier to laugh about that gaffe five minutes into the third when he got position in front of the Warriors net and deflected a slapper from fellow tri-captain Mike Devine from the right point past the Warriors netminder. This was Straughn's team best 15th goal of the season, and he is now just one point behind Carpenter for the team scoring lead. Fast emerging sophomore Brandon Smith notched the other assist on this tally, as he did a nice job of drawing in the defense before sliding a near perfect point-to-point pass to Devine.

This would be all the help the recently red hot Parnell would need.

The sophomore netminder also came up big in the win over Harwich on Wednesday, stopping 26 of 28 shots to backstop the 4-2 victory.

Virga also lauded the play of his four defenseman—Devine, Pilczak, Smith and Crandon Leahy—following this win.

Cohasset broke out in front with the game's first two goals. Devine scored from Durkin 1:45 in, and the lead went to 2-0 with five minutes to play in the opening frame when sophomore Matt O'Connell set up captain Mike Rasmussen for a one-timer, somehow finding him by the opposite post after splitting a pair of defenders.

"That was the type of play Matty has been making more and more of lately," said Virga of O'Connell, who has collected 12 points (five goals, seven assists) over the six game win streak after totaling just 10 (goal, nine assists) over the first 12 games. "He is really discovering his game now. You could see the talent was there from day one. He just needed the confidence."

Harwich scored late in the first to make it a 2-1 game, ,but Carpenter got the two goal lead back just 39 seconds into the second, with Pilczak and Straughn getting credit for the helpers.

Harwich would cut the lead back to one, again late in the period, but Straughn got the two goal lead back for good when he carved out some space in front of the Harwich netminder and batted home the rebound of a Bouchard shot.

The MIAA will release tourney seedings and pairing brackets on Sunday, with games expected to get underway on Wednesday.

The Blue Hills game saw Virga utilize a regular shifting third forward line for the first time this season. The newly constructed line-- featuring heady sophomore Ben Libby centering converted freshman defenseman Conor Holway and hard working junior Mark Donovan—did its job, according to the coach, while helping to keep the top two forward lines fresh down the stretch.

"Basically, we just want these guys to avoid being scored on, and they did a good job of holding the fort when they were in there," said Virga. "Those three will keep getting their chances because being able to keep those top six forwards fresh could be huge for us in the playoffs."

Three Skippers named SSL all-stars

Carpenter, Devine and Straughn were all named South Shore League all-stars by a vote of league coaches this week. Rasmussen also received a few votes for the honors.

Boys hoopsters win final three games to clinch postseason berth

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threes came off of a drive-and-dish from Bilodeau and Andrade sticking the shot from the corner. It is a two-man game that has been developing throughout the season.

"We have a little thing going with the catch-and-shot," Bilodeau said. "John is money in that situation. I expect him to make them."

The team's leading scorer was asked where the game ranked among all of the Cohasset-Hull games he has been a part of.

"This is definitely first for me," he said. "We needed it for the tournament. It was our last game against Hull, unless we see them in the tournament, so the seniors wanted to remember it."

The next night, last Thursday, was senior night. For the team's four seniors, Dan Tarpey, Sean Connolly, Andrade and Bilodeau, it was most likely the last time they would don the home whites. Even bigger than that, it was Cohasset's last hurdle in their run toward the playoffs, as they needed a win over Mashpee to qualify.

The Skippers got the job done, albeit not in the prettiest fashion, with a 50-41 win over a game Falcons squad who came into the contest with a 4-15 record.

The senior bigs stepped up for the Skippers, as Connolly had eight points and eight boards and Tarpey scored 11. It was a lay-up by Tarpey with five minutes left that put Cohasset up 10, effectively sealing the victory.

To the fans, that game seemed closer than it should have been, considering Cohasset's blowout of Mashpee earlier in the season. Tarpey said after the game, however, that the Skippers knew they were in for a fight.

"I think when we played them down there, they had an off night," he said. "We knew they were a tough bunch of kids."

The Falcons' toughness showed on the defensive end. They came out in a box-and-one, with senior league all-star Mike Fields matched up on Bilodeau, who was battling two bum ankles. Fields played arguably the best defense against the Cohasset guard all year, holding Bilodeau to 14 points, leaving him 16 shy of 1,000.

His team had to play through some turnovers and missed opportunities, but head coach Ron Ford said he would take the win.

"It was our fourth game in six days;" he said. "It's tough to play four good games in that stretch. I'm proud of the kids and how tough they were tonight."

Another thing for Ford to be proud of was the Skippers free-throw shooting. Something that they had struggled with all season, the CHS boys combined to make 43-of-62 freebies in their final two games, just a shade under 70 percent.

The coach was understandably content simply from the victory.

"I don't care who we play; we got in," Ford said.

Tarpey said the Skippers will be ready for tournament action next week.

"We've been playing with our backs to the wall, so we have that mental edge," he said. "When we're playing in the tournament, we'll be in a familiar situation."

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teams at Sectionals finished below their season averages.

The season is not yet over for all members of the Nor-Coh squad, however, with two gymnasts moving on to compete at the state individual championships at Beverly High School on Feb. 28.

Cohasset junior Nancy Durkin has qualified to compete in three events-- uneven bars, vault and floor exercise—and Norwell junior Jen Guiney has qualified on vault.

Norwell junior Samantha Rosen missed out of qualifying on both floor and vault by one-tenth of a point on her average scores in those events.

The Nor-Cohs appear to be in good shape to defend their South Shore League title next winter, as they lose only one of 20 roster members to graduation, that being Cohasset senior Shelly Carter, a team captain.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Nor-Coh gymnast Erin Kelly performs on the beam at recent South Shore League meet.

SPORTS NOTES

Rec. dept. personal training classes

The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold registration for personal fitness training classes for girls and boys, ages 8 to 15, by calling the recreation department at 781-383-4109.

In conjunction with Hypertone, located in Cushing Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, the recreation department is currently forming small, age-appropriate groups who will work twice weekly for a five-week session with a personal trainer at Hypertone.

Classes are scheduled to begin Monday, Feb. 9, and the fee for the 10-session opportunity is $75 per person.

Class will consist of eight age-appropriate participants meeting from 7 to 8 p.m., Monday evenings and again Saturdays from 3 to 4 p.m.

This unique program is especially designed for both the athlete and non-athlete, focusing on conditioning, weight control and nutrition, working with a certified personal trainer at Hypertone's new Cohasset facility.

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To register, call the recreation department at 781-383-4109. Classes will be limited in size, hence early registration is advised, also, registration will be ongoing for continuing classes and sessions.

CHS spirit items for sale

Cohasset High Spirit items are for sale right now through the high school. Blankets are $50, flags $45 and beach towels $20. Purchases can be made through Athletic Director Ron Ford (781-383-6103). CHS is in session until Dec. 23.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Pilgrim Skating Arena offers $5Kscholarships

Applications for nine $5,000 scholarships are available (starting Saturday, Feb. 14) at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive in Hingham.

This is the 31st consecutive year that the Pilgrim Skating Arena is awarding scholarships to area high school seniors planning to further their education.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application *in person* at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Monday, March 29.

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, please call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

SPED speaker on MCAS

Parents Advisory Council for Special Education (PAC), invites South Shore parents and faculty to its meeting on Tuesday, March 2 at the Osgood Elementary School, 210 Sohier St., at 7:30 p.m.. A speaker from the Federation for Children with Special Needs will focus on MCAS.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 6 at the Osgood School at 7:30 p.m. when Isabel Phillips, Ed.D. will be featured. She has an extensive background in reading and language-based learning disabilities, assessment and intervention.

In 2001, PAC members from Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth joined to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. The South Shore Regional PAC goal is to meet informally throughout the year.

Norfolk County scholarships offered

The Norfolk County Conservation District offers two scholarships of $500 to graduating high school seniors who reside in Norfolk County and who plan to continue their education in the fields of study that support the interests of the Norfolk County Conservation District. These interests include, but are not limited to: agriculture, horticulture, forestry, geography, wildlife management, environmental science and the physical sciences.

To receive more information and an application form, write or call the Norfolk County Conservation District, 400 Main St., Walpole, MA 02081, at 508-668-0995.

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, April 2.

Post prom party donations sought

Preparations are underway for the 2004 Cohasset High School Post Prom Party. The party will follow the Senior Prom, which is being held on the evening of Friday, May 28. The Post Prom Party 2004 will be held in the Cohasset Middle/High School. Traditionally, it's a magical evening with a surprise-decorated theme and includes music, entertainment, food and prizes. This event provides our seniors and their guests a night of celebrating together in a safe alcohol and drug-free environment and each year proves to be a huge and happy success with the majority of the seniors and their guests in attendance.

The 2004 Post Prom Party Committee needs the support of the Cohasset community as it relies on contributions to fund a major portion of the Post Prom Party expenses. Please consider making a donation of any size to this most worthwhile event and mail your check to:

2004 Cohasset Post Prom Party c/o **Irene Barry** 29 Lamberts Lane Cohasset, MA 02025

Hospital Friends offer scholarships

The Friends of South Shore Hospital, the hospital's 500-member auxiliary, will award four $1,000 scholarships to area public high school seniors who are planning a health-care career.

Eligible students must complete and submit a scholarship application by April 9. The applications can be picked up at the information desk in the main lobby of the hospital or by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: Scholarship Chairman, The Friends of South Shore Hospital, 11 Downing Street, Hingham, MA 02043. The applications may be returned to the information desk in the hospital's main lobby or to the scholarship chairman at the above address.

- Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:
- Be presently enrolled as seniors in a public high school
- Be residents of a community served by South Shore Hospital
- Have been accepted to study medicine, nursing or any other health-care related field at an accredited higher learning institution
- Demonstrate financial need
- Have good high school records
- Recommendation of guidance counselors
- Personal references.

The Friends of South Shore Hospital is an auxiliary whose members are dedicated to bringing together persons who will support and advance the good health of our region through the mission of South Shore Hospital. The specific goals of The Friends are to encourage volunteerism, generate financial support for the Hospital and to foster community goodwill and involvement. To join, call (781) 340-8520.

SCHOOL MENU

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY, FEB. 23

Chicken nuggets, dinner roll or turkey sub, oven fries, mixed fruit.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

Breakfast for lunch, pancakes with maple syrup, ham, potato tots, raisins.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

Pasta with meat sauce, dinner roll or turkey sub, corn, fruit.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

Meatloaf with gravy, dinner roll or bologna sandwich, mashed potato, applesauce.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

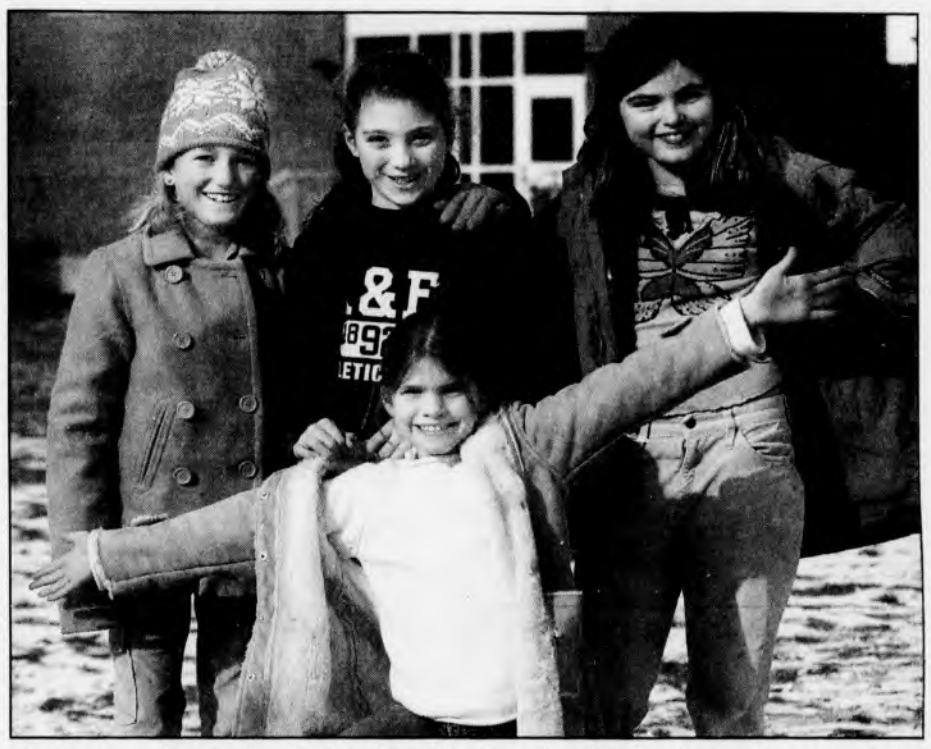
Pizza, cheese or pepperoni or fish fillet on a bun, veggie sticks, pears.



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RECESS RECREATION

Fourth-grade girls gather around Bob the Snowman during recess at Deer Hill. The girls are Whitney Jaffe, Olivia Franklin, Nicole Hajjar, Emily Stanislawzyk, Stephanie Jones, Kalya Orner, Elizabeth Hagearty, and Megan Green.



Fourth-graders Sage Stebbins, Sydney Water, Blair Darrell and Carly Schwantner (front) pose for during recess at Deer Hill.

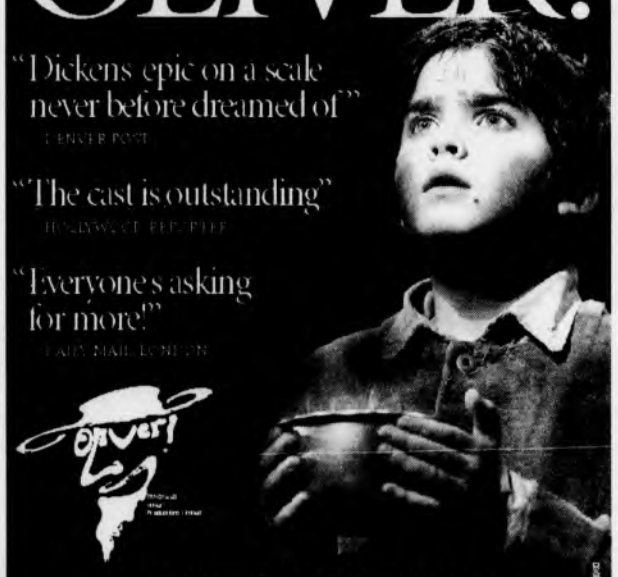
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Encaustic painting workshop is offered

Artist Tracy Spadafora will teach a two-day encaustic painting workshop at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. Through demonstration and hands-on participation, this two-day class will cover all aspects of the encaustic method. Spadafora is a painter who teaches drawing and painting and has given workshops in encaustic painting in museums and schools throughout New England, including the DeCordova Museum, the Worcester Art Museum and the Women's Studio Workshop. She has helped produce a comprehensive palette of colors and new equipment for R&F Encaustics.

The class meets Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 28 & 29, from 9:30 a.m. -4:30 pm Cost $215 ($195 for SSAC members) includes a $35 materials fee. To register or for more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Summer Arts at Derby Academy

Summer Arts at Derby is beginning its 16 year at Derby Academy in Hingham. the five-week program is open to ages 8 to 15 and offers more than 100 courses in visual arts, drama, dance, writing, music, photography, video production, gymnastics and sports. There are also special offerings, such as cooking, yoga, chess, Tai Chi, and circus arts.

In addition to the regular classes, there is a non-time show and a free choice period with new offerings each day. On Friday, July 30, Summer Arts culminates in an Arts Festival featuring performances of theatre, dance, music, and gymnastics and several exhibits of clay, painting, furniture, mosaics, jewelry, and photography. Animated films and videos are also shown. Summer Arts produces a full-scale musical production as well.

The goal of Summer Arts is to offer a very high quality arts experience to children, with an atmosphere that is exciting and bursting with creativity. The children are from diverse racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds; twenty Massachusetts communities are represented. One of the main goals is to create a spirit of cooperation and respect, where the students feel supported and free to express themselves.

The program is staffed by professional artist/teachers and together with the students, they create a special summer of artistic achievement, acceptance, and exuberant energy. For more information, call Thalia McMillion, Director at 781-740-4766.

ASP mandatory meeting

Next mandatory Appalachia Service Project meeting is Sunday, March 7 at 8 p.m. at First Parish sanctuary.

Medical and permission forms are due March 7. Notaries will be available before meeting from 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

Community Gardeners to meet February 24

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 9 a.m..

This month, Sally Avery, the club's President, will discuss landscaping techniques that entice birds by providing essential cover, nesting sites, food, and water. Her slides will show various shrubs, trees, and flowers and the birds they attract.

Listening to Sally and seeing her very informative slides should make a very enjoyable morning for all members that attend.

Recipes sought for dog shelter cookbook

Calling all cooks, volunteers, adopters, donors, friends, and sponsors! The Scituate Animal Shelter would like to include your favorite recipes in our Scituate Animal Shelter Cookbook. Recipe categories include appetizers, soups, salads, breads, side dishes, vegetarian goodies, meat/poultry/seafood main courses, pasta, and desserts. The Shelter is also seeking Cookbook sponsors to help underwrite the printing costs. Cookbooks will be available for sale in spring 2004. All proceeds will go to the no-kill Scituate Animal Shelter, serving the town of Scituate and the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, and Norwell on an as-needed basis. The recipe submission and sponsorship deadline is Feb. 29. Please send recipes to smillard27@juno.com. For more information, please call 781-544-0458.

Dramatic club stages 'Little Shop of Horrors'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club Presents "Little Shop of Horrors" at the Cohasset Town Hall, Highland Avenue.

Shows are Friday & Saturday March 5, 6, 12 & 13 at 8p.m., and Sundays March 7 & 14 at 2p.m. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased at Front Street Books in Scituate and Buttonwood Books & Springbrook Kids in Cohasset or by phone at 781-544-0304 and at the door.

Kitchen tour to offer a feast for the senses

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Advanced tickets may be purchased at the Center or by calling 781-383-0088. Tickets are $25 and $30 the day of the tour. Ticket sales are limited, so early purchase is suggested.

Funds from the Kitchen Tour 2004 will be used to support the programs of the South Shore Community Center. The Center, at 3 North Main St., Cohasset is a non-profit organization dedicated to a wide range of educational and enrichment programs for infants to seniors.

For more information about the Kitchen Tour or for a free course schedule call 781-383-0088.

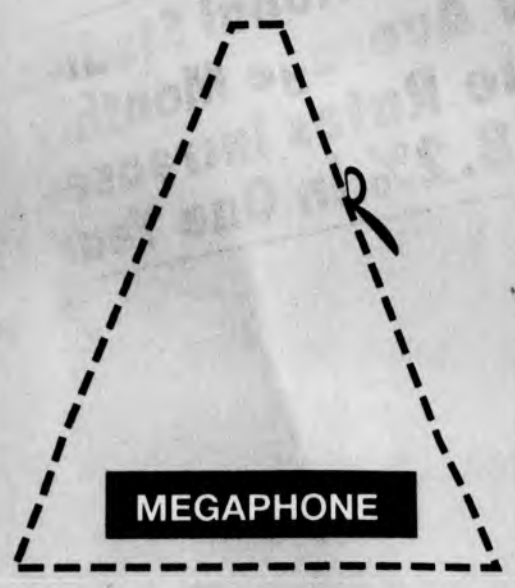
Banish winter blues with Encore!

South Shore folks looking to banish the winter blues can pack a picnic basket and join the fun at Norwell's Cushing Center as the Unicorn Singers and the Broad Cove Chorale present their annual pops style concert, Encore! on Saturday Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. and Sunday Feb. 29 at 3 p.m. This year's concert features an eclectic mix of music ranging from jazz and barbershop to light classical pieces and audience sing-alongs. Songs by Cole Porter from the musical "Kiss Me Kate" will be performed in costume with choreography as a grand finale to the concert.

Seating for Encore! is at tables, and audience members are encouraged to bring creative picnics. Individual tickets are $15. Tables of 10 receive a 10 percentdiscount. A Sunday special features $10 tickets for students and seniors. For further information and reservations call 781-331-4255.Checks and ticket orders can be mailed with a SASE to Diane Murphy 115 Park Ave. South Weymouth MA 02190

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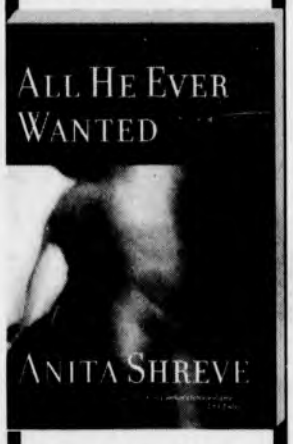
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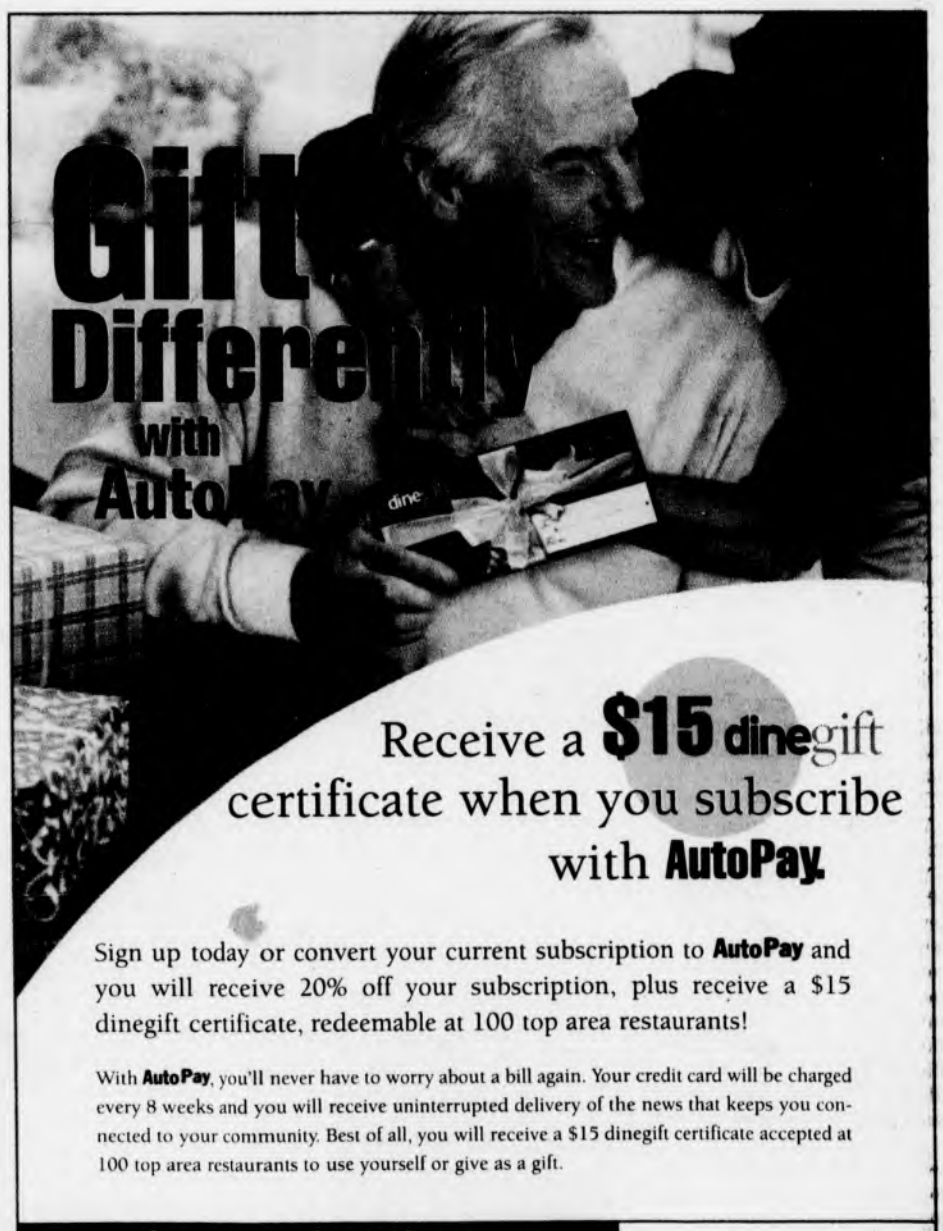
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Ladies' Night at Cohasset Tennis Club

On Friday, Feb. 27, from 6:30 to 11 p.m., at the Cohasset Tennis Club, 21Cedar St. Tenacity, a non-profit youth development organization that offers free tennis instruction, academic enrichment and important life skills to more than 2,500 Boston area youths.

Ladies Night, fundraiser, featuring Boston's most eligible tennis bachelors, where you can place your bid in an auction on private tennis lesson with Boston's most eligible tennis bachelors.

Enjoy wines, hors' d'oeuvres and desserts with your $55 per person donation, which is tax deductible, to Tenacity, c/o Cohasset Tennis Club, P/O Box 66, Cohasset Ma. 02025.

The committee for this fundraiser are: Mary McGoldrick, Kathy Anderson, Sue Sookiasian, Cynthia Chace and Elaine Cosseboom.

Buttonwood hosts travel writer Feb. 26

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host Scott Haas, the author of "Are We There Yet? Perfect Family Vacations and Other Fantasies" (Plume Books, $14) on Thurs. Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.

Haas has written a witty travelogue chronicling his family's travel adventures at home and abroad. Haas, his wife, Laura and their two children have indulged their passion for travel since the children were very young.

They are avid hikers, love swimming andHaas' passion for food is immeasurable. His skillful writing and snappy dialogue about the lands they visit, the people they meet and meals they consume, guarantees a call to the travel agency.

Haas is a staff producer and on-air talent for "Here and Now," a nationally syndicated show broadcast from WBUR, an NPR affiliate. He also reports monthly for "The Splendid Table," syndicated nationally on Public Radio International. He has written for "Gourmet" and co-wrote "The Da Silvano Cookbook". In addition to being a writer, Haas is chief psychologist at a teaching hospital associated with Boston University Medical School. The Haas family lives in Cambridge. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

Alzheimer's support group meets Feb. 25

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will host Patricia Clark, RNCS, on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St. Her topic will be "What to Look for When Evaluating a Nursing Home for Someone with AD."

Clark is the former executive director of the Hingham Visiting Nurses, has served on the board of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and currently is a board member of the Alzheimer's Support Group of the South Shore. As a psychiatric consultant and therapist, she has worked with patients in many South Shore nursing homes. She will describe what makes a dedicated nursing unit for a dementia patient and what factors serve to keep the resident independent longer in a safe caring environment.

A question and answer time will conclude her program. This meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426 or JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417.

In the event of inclement weather, meeting cancellations will be aired on WJDA 1300 AM.

NE Weather to warm crowd at Coffeehouse

Hingham's Coffeehouse off the Square presents New England Weather Saturday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. The show opens with singer-songwriter Eric E. Cornetta of Hingham.

New England Weather is a lively, engaging, group, which remains unpredictable, like our weather, but always enjoyable. During the course of the evening, the audience will experience varied approaches to songwriting and performing through high-quality solo, duo, and group performances, diverse styles and genres, and varied sad, funny, beautiful, and dramatic offerings. New England Weather also performs a variety of traditional songs.

Cornetta opens the evening with a polished blend of fluid guitar playing, imaginative and sensitive songs, rich voice, and irrepressible spirit. He has more than a quarter century of coffeehouse experience. The audience will enjoy uniquely flavored "old chestnuts" as well as never before heard lullabies.

The Coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. Admission is $10 at the door. An open microphone precedes the concert. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds go to the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For further information call Jim Watson, (781) 749-1767.

'Art Appraisal Day' at South St. Gallery

The South Street Gallery will once again offer its "Art Appraisal Day" Saturday, Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hingham resident Arthur Garrity, a professional fine art appraiser, will offer verbal appraisals at the Gallery at 149 South Street. Etchings, prints or original oil or watercolor paintings may be submitted for review. There is a fee of $10 per appraisal, with a portion being donated to the Hingham Library Fund. Garrity notes, "In the past, artwork has always been a hedge against inflation. Many wealthy families that once lost their fortunes during the Depression, for example, but held on to their art collections were able to rebound by selling their artwork years later."

Active in the collecting field of American and European art and antiques for more than 25 years, Garrity first began collecting art while a high school student in his native Salem, MA. Today, he lectures on collecting, collection development, investment portfolio diversification to include tangible assets. He does appraisals throughout the country, working with a network of attorneys, corporations, museums, banks and individuals, estate liquidation, authentication, conservation, proper framing of artwork and on occasion representing clients at auctions weather buying or acting as sales agent.

Kate Sotolova, Manager of the South Street Gallery, said, "This is an excellent opportunity for people to get a professional valuation of art that may have been in their household or family for years. Individuals may wish to know this information for any number of reasons, whether they want to sell, insure or just for their own knowledge."

The South Street Gallery, located at 149 South St., hosts events showcasing local artists and offers custom framing, art restorations and has an adjunct interior design service. The Gallery is open from 10 a. m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday or by appointment. For additional information, please call 781-749-0430.

Hadassah hosts Purim Celebration

The South Coastal Chapter of Hadassah invites the public to a Purim Celebration. "Vashti's Tea" will be held on Sunday, March 7 at 4 p.m. at 35 Franklin Rodgers Road. Rabbi Shira Joseph of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham will lead a discussion on: "Rebels, Romantics and Redeemers: The Women of Purim." The cost of the event is $18 per person. Hadassah members are encouraged to bring a friend to "Vashti's Tea" which promises to be fun and educational while also raising funds for Hadassah.

Hadassah is the largest women's group and the largest Zionist membership organization in the United States. Five main threads run through Hadassah's many programs and projects: health, Jewish growth and continuity, partnerships with Israel, social action and advocacy, and life skills.

For more information or to reserve a seat at "Vashti's Tea", please call (781) 749-6237 by March 1.

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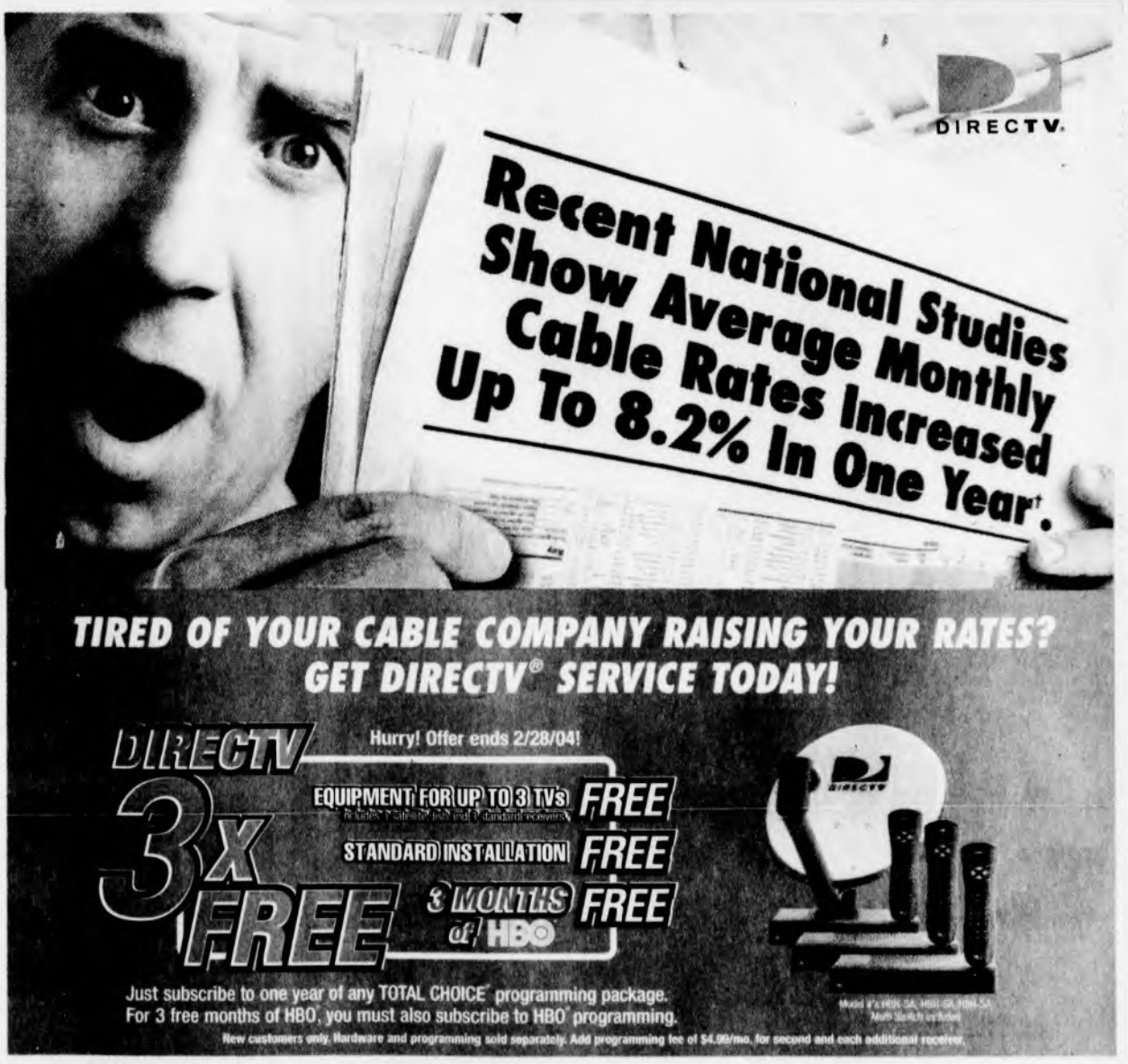
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As spring approaches, King Jewelers is pleased to announce its first year of participation in "Daffodil Days", an annual celebration which benefits the American Cancer Society. King's involvement in this program provides customers a convenient location to place orders for bunches of these blossoms right at the jewelry store, whether stopping by for a jewelry repair, or a special occasion purchase. Orders for these harbingers of the warmth and hope of the season represent the strength of spirit and courageous outlook of the countless individuals touched by cancer.

From now until March 5, anyone visiting the store may place an order for bouquet(s) of daffodils. Upon returning to Kings on March 24 or 25, customers may claim the flowers which will be delivered to the store freshly cut and bunched. Daffodils are $7 per bunch of ten stems. Payment may be made by cash or check (payable to ACS). All proceeds are donated directly to the American Cancer Society.

As a symbol of gratitude to all who choose to participate in this event at the store, King Jewelers is offering two lovely pieces of designer jewelry as prizes in a drawing to be held on March 24. The names of all who purchase daffodils during this preorder period will be included in the contest. Along with their daffodils, two fortunate participants will receive a beautiful bauble when their names are chosen randomly from the entries. (It is not necessary to be present at the store at the time of the drawing to be a winner.)

An ekdesigns hand tie necklace of silver, gold, crystal and exclusive hand blown beads created by Elizabeth Kissick of Cohasset has been chosen by King's as one of the donated gifts. This cheerful and stylish piece blends sophistication and taste with the beautiful softness of yellows, gold, and greens which appear as the earth is renewed by the sprouting flora.

A stunning gold brooch designed by the renowned Kurt Gutmann is the prize to be won by a second lucky customer. This piece is a striking and elegant interpretation of the awareness brooch and will be a timeless, versatile addition to any jewelry wardrobe.

While awaiting the approach of springtime, visit King Jewelers and consider participating in this event. Uses for these flowers are many. They are perfect to brighten your home, to give to loved ones, or to bring joy to those experiencing difficult times. A symbol of optimism and hope, Daffodil Days reminds everyone that spring is near and alive, as is the American Cancer Society and its works to help those affected by this devastating disease.

For more information please call King Jewelers: 781-383-1755. Kings is located at 380 Route 3a, Cohasset.

Relay For Life event at Black Rock Feb. 26

In anticipation of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset, the volunteer planning committee is hosting a social on Thursday, Feb. 26 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Black Rock County Club in Hingham. Area residents wishing to learn more about the Relay For Life in Cohasset are encouraged to attend. The evening will feature hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and musical entertainment. For more information, please contact Victor or Justine Vanderlugt at 781-383-2956 or Mary Shepherd at the American Cancer Society at 508-584-9600, ext. 229 or Mary.Shepherd@cancer.org.

Relay For Life is a community event bringing together teams of families, friends, churches, neighborhoods, and businesses all with the same goal of curing cancer in the new millennium. The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset is set for Friday, June 18 through Saturday June 19 at Cohasset High School.

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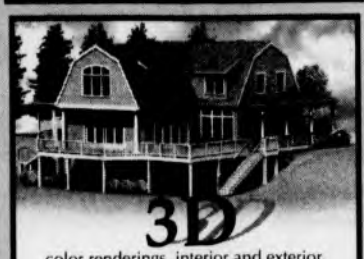
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New European-style tanning salon opens in Norwell

By Seth Jacobson
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You can now find a touch of Europe in Norwell — and pick up a great tan while you're at it.

Sun Factory Tanning Studio, which opened a month ago, is located on Washington Street in the same complex at the Beijing House.

The owners — Steve DiStasio and Peter Cappadona of Quincy — along with manager Bebe Smolarek, say the new salon models itself after salons located throughout Europe.

DiStasio said the Norwell salon boasts the best in new technological tanning equipment and noted the salon also features one of the most recent trends, spray-tanning.

DiStasio said he is in the restaurant-furniture business, but got into tanning because of observations he made over the years.

"I was always a seasonal tanner," he said. "What I found out growing up in Quincy was that a dozen or more places in the area were offering tanning, but they weren't convenient. You couldn't just walk in and do it, the service was sometimes rude, the equipment was dirty and people were inexperienced. I thought there was a need for a high-end place in the area."

DiStasio said he did some research and after that, he bought his first Sun Factory location in Quincy. He said there, he decided to get the best equipment and added that location was the first one in Quincy to offer spray-tanning. He explained spray-tanning is like a shower and takes minimal time to get the perfect tan.

The business turned out to be overwhelmingly successful and that led to his purchase and opening of the Norwell facility. DiStasio said like in Quincy, his establishment is the first in Norwell to offer spray-tanning.

"I think the spray-tanning brings in clientele that wouldn't normally come into a tanning salon," he said. "Most of the machines we have are made in Europe, because that's where tanning is predominant. Some people like to come in during the winter and just feel the warmth of the machines for 10-15 minutes."

DiStasio said the maximum time it takes to get a great tan at Sun Factory is 15 minutes. He explained some people need less time because of their skin type. He added different machines in the salon are geared toward people of different skin types and noted the staff there keeps an accurate computerized record of all its customers so everyone gets exactly what they want every time.

"In Europe, there are tanning salons on every corner."

— Bebe Smolarek, Sun Factory Tanning Studio manager

He said many of the machines have different features, such as air-conditioning, aromatherapy, fans and mist-making devices.

He said before any customer enters one of the tanning machines, they have to fill out a questionnaire so the staff can familiarize themselves with the customer's needs.

Smolarek, a native of Poland, concurred with DiStasio that tanning is predominant in Europe.

"There, tanning is routine," she said. "It's like getting a haircut. In Europe, there are tanning salons on every corner. I was shocked when I got to this country and couldn't find a tanning salon."

"European tanning equipment is faster, more powerful and gives you a tan faster without burning," DiStasio added.

DiStasio said another good thing about the salon is its reliable staff.

"We have monthly training sessions with our new employees, all of them have a handbook and we have weekly meetings," DiStasio said."

"All of our employees are certified," Smolarek added. "It's a very professional atmosphere."

DiStasio said all of the appointments at Sun Factory are generally walk-ins. He said he wanted to conduct the business so that anyone can get a tan anytime.

"We're just trying to make everything as convenient as possible," he said. "And we have different packages that allow a lot of flexibility for the customer." He added most of the packages do not expire for one year.

DiStasio said his future goal is to open more Sun Factory facilities, including one in Boston. But for now, he just wants the people on the South Shore area to see what they are missing.

"Tanning is a nice experience," he said. "It doesn't have to be tough. It's actually one of the nicest experiences you could have."

So far, DiStasio said people are discovering that.

"We've had a lot of customers in the last few weeks and they seem to like what we're doing," he said.

"There appears to be a lot of appreciation from the customers," Smolarek added.

"Give it a try," DiStasio said. "It's not only about tanning, it's about therapy and sanity."

For more information call Sun Factory Tanning Salon in Norwell at (781) 659-9800. The business is located at 454 Washington St. in the same complex as Beijing House. Check the business out online at www.sunfactoryusa.com.



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The staff at the new Sun Factory Tanning Studio in Norwell, includes co-owner Steve DiStasio, manager Bebe Smolarek, and co-owner Peter Cappadona.



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Basic camp search steps:
1. Determine your family's expectations and requirements of camp.
2. Identify appropriate camp options based on the goals and priorities you have set.
3. Choose a camp from the options that you selected.

How do we determine our expectations?
List the most important elements of your family's camp search, keeping in mind your child's personality. First and foremost, ask if your child is ready for a camp experience. Consider what type of camp experiences could round out or reinforce your child's school year experiences. Is your child ready to sleep away from home for several days or weeks? (This will help you select either a resident or day camp setting.) What are his or her interests and needs? Does he or she have any special dietary or physical needs?

The following definitions may be useful:

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Additional Considerations
- Do you have a maximum traveling time or distance? Will your child need transportation?
- What session length will appeal to your child and to your family plans for the summer? (1-8 weeks)
- What is your budget for camp tuition? Camp remains a very affordable option for most everyone. Fees can range from $15 to $180 per day, depending upon the choice of camp, the facilities offered and the camper's needs. Many camps offer financial assistance based on need.
- What size of camp community will make your child feel comfortable?
- What kind of scheduling method will make your child most comfortable? Will he or she feel comfortable about making activity choices every day? Once a week? Every two weeks?
- What level of competition suits your child?
- What activities or program would most interest your child at camp?
- Would a single sex or coed camp be most appropriate for your child?

How do we identify appropriate camp options?
Seek out camps that you think may meet your expectations by:
- Checking at your local library or exploring the camp section of your local newspaper.
- Attending camp fairs and expos.
- Asking friends, family, co-workers, teachers, coaches and doctors for recommendations.

Once you have identified appropriate options, contact the camps and request their marketing materials.

How do we choose one camp from the options we've selected? With your camp expectations in mind:
- Review the camps' brochures, Web sites, videos, DVDs, and CD ROMs with your child.
- Talk with directors and/or camp representatives.
- Request parent references and check them.

Questions you may wish to ask finalist camps include:
- How can I stay in touch with my child during camp? Does the camp allow phone calls or e-mail?
- Does the camp have parent visitation days?
- How will the camp meet my child's special dietary or physical needs?
- What training does the staff receive on safety, supervision, counseling, problem solving and other issues unique to working with young children?
- Is the price all-inclusive or are there extra charges for transportation horseback riding food service overnights group pictures field trips waterskiing T-shirts extended care camp uniforms registration
- If transportation is offered, what are the specifics?
- If before- and after-camp extended care is offered, who is with the children and what activities take place?
- Is an open house offered before camp starts so that you can tour the camp and visit with the director?

Keeping your child involved in the camp selection process is vital. Jointly review camp materials and the answers you find to the questions outlined above, consider the expectations you set at the beginning of the search process, and make an informed camp choice!

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On the prowl to solve coyote influx

Hedlund hosts meeting on issue

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Coyote pups take over the backyard of a duplex on Commercial Street in Weymouth.

A gray shadow glides through a Cohasset back yard. The next morning, Fluffy doesn't show up for breakfast.

The highly adaptable urban coyote was on the prowl.

The growing problem of coyotes in South Shore neighborhoods will be addressed in an information session hosted by state Sen. Robert Hedlund at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Whipple Center in the McCulloch Building, 182 Green St., Weymouth.

Chrissie Henner, a wildlife biologist with the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, will give a lecture and a multimedia presentation dealing with coyote encroachment and safety. Henner is a specialist in coyotes and other fur-bearing animals. She spends much of her time traveling the state giving presentations on coyote hazards and issues. She will explain why federal law limits the actions that the state and towns can take and how residents can still take personal measures.

Other invited speakers will further discuss what can be done to protect children and pets from coyote attack and why there are more coyotes than in past years. The common belief that the ban on leg-hold traps has contributed to coyote population increases will also be argued.

"Coyotes are becoming a part of life in Massachusetts. The best way for us to deal with the problem is to educate ourselves about its nature. This session will provide citizens with the knowledge they need to protect their families and pets," Hedlund said. Hedlund himself experienced the hazards coyotes pose when, last year, he had a cat killed by a coyote in his own yard.

Cats and small dogs are like candy to coyotes, according to Web site www.desertusa.com (type "coyote" in search box). DesertUSA is a monthly, Internet-based magazine by San Diego-based Multimedia.

Although small domestic animals are at risk of coyotes, the main staples of the coyotes' diet are mice, squirrels, rabbits, insects, reptiles, fruit, and carrion. The coyote, one of the most adaptable animals in the world, hunts both day and night, existing on whatever the area offers for food, according to desertusa.com.

Two hundred years ago, the coyote lived primarily in the northwest corner of the United States. Over the years, this member of the dog family has adapted readily to the changes caused by human occupation and spread throughout North America. The coyote can changed its breeding habits, diet, and social life to survive in a wide variety of habitats. Sightings are now common in New England. The near extermination of the Gray Wolf, the coyote's primary predator, has been largely responsible for the coyote's expansion across the American continent, according to the Web site. The coyote — *canis latrans*, meaning barking dog — is about as big as a medium-sized Collie dog.

Coyotes howl to communicate with other coyotes, saying, "I am here and this is my area. Other males are invited to stay away, but females are welcome to follow the sound of my voice. Please answer and let me know where you are so we don't have any unwanted conflicts." Coyotes also yelp, a sound often heard when pups are playing, bark to warn others away from its den or a kill, and make a huffing sound to call pups without making a great deal of noise, DesertUSA states.

While a coyote is similar to a dog in appearance, Snoopy or Lassie it's not.

"Coyotes are not your average dog. They are not to be messed with. They are smart, and they learn very quickly. They are dangerous, and, when it comes to urban coyotes, steps should be taken to avoid encouraging them to visit your neighborhood," desertUSA advised.

What these steps are will be one of the topics addressed at next week's meeting. For further information on the meeting, contact Hedlund's office at (617) 722-1646. All are welcome to attend.

OBITUARIES

John Miele



John "Sparkie" Miele

John "Sparkie" Miele, 74, of Scituate, a well known jazz musician for more than 50 years, died Feb. 13, 2004, at Health Park Medical Center in Fort Myers, Fla. Mr. Miele was born in Cambridge, and began studying music at the age of eleven. By the age of 16 he was playing in jazz clubs around Boston. After high school, he toured with a territory band in the Midwest. Mr. Miele was drafted during the Korean conflict. He toured with th G.H.Q. (General McArthur's Band) for 20 months.

After the Army he toured through the United States and Europe. He then joined a band and show that toured Europe and he met his wife Marjorie on that tour who was a singer. As a musician some of his venues have included, Toscas in Hingham, The Mill Wharf in Scituate and the Copley Marriott Boston. He also worked as a hair stylist and owner at Salon 53 in Pembroke and previously at Mr. John's Salon for Hair in Scituate Harbor.

Mr. Miele was the son of the late Vincenzo and Francesca (Brongo). He leaves his wife Marjorie A. Miele (Altman), his children; Chris Miele of N.Y, Lisa Fabiano and husband Jimmy of Westwood, Stan Miele of N.C., and Dan Miele and his wife Erin of Duxbury. Mr. Miele also leaves his six grandchildren (Joey, Tina, Anthony, Tyler, James and Charles) and by sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews and many friends.

A Funeral Mass. was celebrated at St. Frances X Cabrini Church, Hood Road North Scituate.

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The Glastonbury Series 2003-2004, "Listening to Other Voices: Monastic Spirituality in the 21st Century," will feature Reverend Yifa.

Yifa's topic is "Benedict's Dharma: Monastic Dialogue Between Buddhism and Christianity."

The talk is Thursday, Feb. 26, at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center in Hingham.

Free will offering.

An ordained Buddhist nun since 1979, Yifa is Abbess of the Greater Boston Buddhist Cultural Center. She holds a Ph.D. from Yale, an MA in philosophy from the University of Hawaii and has worked with UNESCO and UNICEF. She is co-author of "Benedict's Dharma," and author of "Safeguarding the Heart — a Buddhist Response to Suffering and September 11." Her current area of research focuses on women's roles in Buddhism.

Glastonbury Abbey is celebrating its 50th anniversary as a monastic foundation in Hingham. The monks and extended lay community are committed to interreligious dialogue and understanding.

Shawl Ministry to offer workshop Feb. 21

People who enjoy knitting or crocheting are invited to a workshop on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 1 - 3:30 p.m. in Norwell. Janet Bristow and Vicky Galo, originators of The Shawl Ministry, will present a participatory afternoon workshop on the origins, stories, practices, and possibilities of knitting and/or crocheting with love, intention, and prayer for people in need of care.

Do you feel a spiritual connection with God and/or other people through your needlework? Do you like to knit/crochet for others? Would you like to express the love of God in a tangible way that brings comfort, presence, and hope? Then this is the workshop for you! Come and explore the opportunities, and enjoy the company of other knitters and crocheters. Knitters bring size 11 or 13 needles and three skeins of yarn. Crocheters bring a size M, N, or P hook and four skeins of yarn.

See www.shawlministry.com for suggested yarns.

Beginners are welcome! Bring a skein of smooth 4-ply "practice" yarn and needles or crochet hook as listed above.

Christ Church United Methodist of Hingham is the sponsor of this workshop, which will take place in the Gala Room of the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. See www.companytheater.com for directions. Not handicapped accessible Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 18 to (781)741-5030. If you have questions please leave a message and contact phone number. A Free Will Offering is requested to cover presentation costs.

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LEGAL NOTICES

KULESZA ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P0246EP

In the Estate of KENNETH H. KULESZA

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death December 19, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that KRISTEN N. SHUTT also known as KRISTEN N. KULESZA of READING in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MARCH 17, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, February 6, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#437390
Cohasset Mariner 2/19/04

TOWLE ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P0208EP

In the Estate of HERBERT R. TOWLE

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death December 24, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CHRISTINE A. TOWLE of WAKEFIELD in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MARCH 17, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, February 3, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#438985
Cohasset Mariner 2/19/04

VICTORIA
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF COHASSET

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at 7:55 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2004 in the Selectmen's Meeting room, Cohasset Town Hall on the application of Cohasset Pizza Company, Inc., d/b/a Victoria, 790 Chief Justice Cushing Highway on their Restaurant Wine and Malt Beverages License for an alter to premises.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AD#441431
Cohasset Mariner 2/19/04

ZBA/224 SOUTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues., **March 9, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Robert H. & Joyce L Sturdy** seek to construct addition to a nonconforming dwelling at **224 South Main St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-01-28.

AD#437399
Cohasset Mariner 2/19, 2/26/04

ZBA/38 STOCKBRIDGE ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues., **March 9, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant. **Leila Tighe** seeks to construct addition at **38 Stockbridge St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-02-17.

AD#440663
Cohasset Mariner 2/19, 2/26/04

ZBA/392 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues., **March 9, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Variance** pursuant to 12.5 & 5.3 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Francis D. Buck & Janice L. Crowley** seek to maintain non conforming existing addition to dwelling at **392 Jerusalem Rd.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-02-06.

AD#437593
Cohasset Mariner 2/19, 2/26/04

ZBA/49 ELM CT.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues., **March 9, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Travis & Ann Quigley** seek to construct an addition to a nonconforming dwelling at **49 Elm Ct.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-02-03.

AD#437591
Cohasset Mariner 2/19, 2/26/04

ZBA/754 CJCH
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues., **March 9, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Variance** pursuant to 7 and **Appeal** of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Gerald C. Monaco, Jr.** seeks to appeal decision and request variance re parking at **754 CJCH** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-02-17a.

AD#440821
Cohasset Mariner 2/19, 2/26/04



CHIMNEY FIRE

PHOTO/ANTHONY W. LANIER

Cohasset firefighters investigate a chimney fire that got underway just before 4 p.m. last Wednesday (Feb. 11) at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St. According to Civilian Dispatch Supervisor Thomas Wigmore, there was black smoke pouring out of the building and the fire department was called to the scene. No injuries were reported.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, FEB. 6

8:31 a.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

8:50 a.m. Ripley Road, fire, investigation.

10:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

12:17 p.m. Norfolk Road, animal control.

12:43 p.m. South Main St., serve restraining order.

2:16 p.m. Pond St., serve restraining order.

2:47 p.m. Margin St., MV crash.

3:31 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:37 p.m. White Head Road, lost property.

7:59 p.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

9:34 p.m. Joy Place, suspicious auto.

11:40 p.m. Highland Ave., fire, investigation.

SATURDAY, FEB. 7

12:17 a.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

2:52 a.m. Crocker Lane, assist other agency.

7:31 a.m. South Main St., serve restraining order.

11:26 a.m. Sohier St., malicious destruction.

2:13 p.m. Highland Ave., disturbance, gathering.

2:36 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted, advised to contact police if repeated.

4:51 p.m. King and Pond sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., MV stop, verbal warning.

6:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:34 p.m. South Main St., general services.

7:35 p.m. Joy Place, general services.

7:41 p.m. Around town, general services.

7:57 p.m. Cedar St., animal control.

8:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

8:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

8:38 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:44 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:59 p.m. Gammons Road, officer wanted, protective custody.

11:11 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

11:47 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

SUNDAY, FEB. 8

1:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.

9:05 a.m. Elm St., transport.

9:47 a.m. Elm St., suspicious activity, no police service necessary.

1:05 p.m. South Main St., MV crash, investigated, report taken.

2:08 p.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

3:59 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, patient signed off.

8:56 p.m. Beechwood St., officer wanted.

MONDAY, FEB. 9

12:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, information general.

5:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:03 a.m. Atlantic Ave, assist citizen, referred to other agency.

7:25 a.m. Pond St., threats, investigated/report taken.

9 a.m. Spring and Pond Sts., well being check.

10:02 a.m. Jerusalem Road, property lost.

10:38 a.m. Kings St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:40 a.m. North Main St., abandoned auto.

2:19 p.m. Depot Ct., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:13 p.m. South Main St., fire, structure.

3:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:47 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, well being checked.

TUESDAY, FEB. 10

1:44 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.

10:35 a.m. Sohier St., larceny.

10:46 a.m. North Main St., illegal dumping.

11:44 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:19 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

2:05 p.m. Vautrinot Ave, fire, log entry.

3:32 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

4:46 p.m. South Main St., general services.

5:30 p.m. Jerusalem Road, larceny.

7:25 p.m. Ripley Road, general services.

7:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

8:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious person.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

12:28 a.m. King St., larceny.

2:56 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, patient sign off.

9:27 a.m. Parker Ave, traffic complaint.

10 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

10:14 a.m. Black Horse Lane, animal control.

10:28 a.m. Beach St., property lost.

11:31 a.m. Cushing St., fire, log entry.

11:45 a.m. Aaron River Road, animal control.

12:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

3:38 p.m. Brook St., officer wanted.

4:15 p.m. Windy Hill Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:37 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle crash.

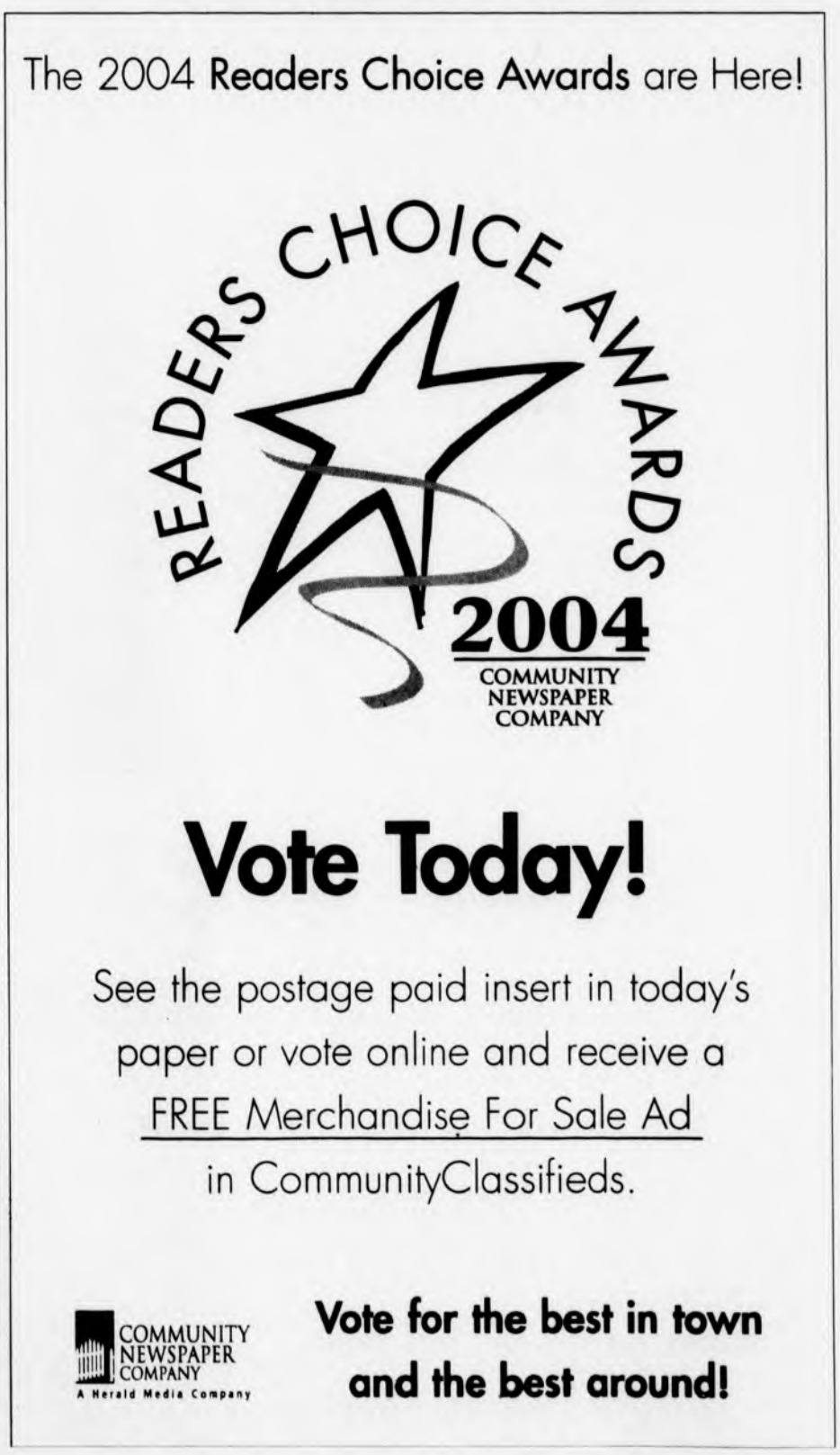
7 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle theft.

8:39 p.m. Lamberts Lane, message delivery, unfounded.

9:08 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, structure, fire extinguished.







CALENDAR

On the South Shore

FEBRUARY 19 - 27, 2004

Thurs. 19

Starcreations Theater from the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc.**, Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level, presents the **musical Beauty and the Beast**, Feb 16,18,19,20 at 1 p.m. Admission $5. Reservations suggested. For more information call 508-747-1234.

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a **Network Office Brown Bag Seminar,** at the **Network Office,** Feb. 19 at 12-1:30 p.m. You bring lunch and we will provide beverages and dessert. $7 members, $10 nonmembers. For more information call 781-749-8883 or www.sswbn.org

The Braintree Art Association will meet at the **Council on Aging Building**, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree, Feb 19 at 7:30 p.m. Ron Brake will demonstrate painting in watercolor. For more information call 781-335-4675.

Small Works and exhibit of work by watercolorist **Lilly Cleveland** will be showing at the James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell Feb. 5-March 3. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Adult Literacy and GED classes will be held **at Blue Hills Regional Technical School**, 800 Randolph St., Canton. The program is funded by Massachusetts Dept. of Education and is free of charge. For more information call 781-828-5800 ext. 325.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the **World to the White House**. Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

February Vacation Activities

Starcreations Theater from the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc.**, Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level, presents the musical **Beauty and the Beast**, Feb 16,18,19,20 at 1 p.m. Admission $5. Reservations suggested. For more information call 508-747-1234.

Kids' Week at the **Pilgrim Hall Museum**, 75 Court St., Plymouth, Feb. 15 - 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Kids 17 and under are invited. Admission is free. For more information call 508-746-1620 ext. 7. www.pilgrimhall.org

The Orpheum-Foxboro, 1 School St., Foxboro, offers a tour of the most fabulous, magical candy factory **'Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory'** Feb. 16,17,18,19,20 at 1p.m. and Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. All tickets $7. For more information call 508-543-6330.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull is offering **'Backyard Geology,'** Feb. 17, 18, 19, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Recommended for children 6-10 years. Advanced registration is required, $5 per day members/$7 per day/non-members. To register call Victoria Stevens, 781-925-5433.

The Hanover Mall, Center Court, Hanover hosts free fun **February School Break Events**. Face Painting with Sue, Feb. 16, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Interactive South Shore YMCA sponsored event, Feb. 17 & 19, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., Ronald's Magic Show, sponsored by McDonald's, Feb. 18, 2 p.m., Balloons with BalLOUnist, Feb. 20, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. For more information call 781-826-7386, ext. 237 or www.hanovermall.com

Registration Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the **Abington Public Library** for **the Music and Magic of Ireland**. Program will be held Thursday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m.. Abington children in grades K-6 are invited to attend. Space available for 75 children.

The Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak St., Brockton, will offer **February Vacation Art Classes** Feb.16-20 for children ages 7-15. All materials are provided. To register contact the fuller Museum School at 508-588-6000, x125 or email: fmaschool@fullermuseum.org A complete schedule of winter classes and workshops can be found online www.fullermuseum.org

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers vacation week program Feb 17-20. Half day, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., $22 members/$26 non-members for each day. Full day, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., $36 members/$40 non-members for each day. Children in Grades 1-5. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org



BEST BET

"Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" will be shown Monday-Friday, Feb. 16-20 at 1 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. All tickets are $7. The Orpheum-Foxboro is located off the rotary at 1 School Street. Tickets are currently on sale at the box office at 508-543-2787 (ARTS). You can also purchase tickets on-line at www.orpheum.org. The Orpheum is handicapped accessible.

Fri. 20

The Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Cindy Daley Band**, Feb. 20 at 9 p.m. 781-335-9796. No cover.

Woman's Heart Day Health Fair, Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, Boston, Feb. 20 from 8:30 A.M.- 2:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 617-681-1228

South Shore Folk Music Club, The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, presents **Ryan and Ortolani** and **Lynn Feingold**, Feb 20 at 8 p.m. $5 members, $6 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052 or www.ssfmc.org

The 12th Annual Mardi Gras Ball will be held at the **Rhodes On The Pawtuxet Ballroom**, 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston, RI, Feb. 20-21. For more information on ticket prices and directions call 401-783-3926 or the website www.mardigrasri.com

Boston's Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., Bosotn, presents **Richard Dreyfuss in Sly Fox,** Feb. 20-March 7. Ticket prices range from $21- $88 and are available through Telecharge 800-447-7400 or online www.telecharge.com

Transportation Officials to speak at **Plymouth County Transportation Breakfast**, Radisson, Plymouth Harbor, Water St., Plymouth, Feb. 20 from 7:45 a.m. Ò 10:15 a.m. Tickets are $15 per person/$120 per table of eight. Call 507-747-0100 by Feb. 17 for reservations.

Scarecrow Hill and Mind Fed Violence will perform at the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center**, Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level, Feb 20 from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are $8 per person. For more information call 508-747-1234.

The Rock & Roll of Smokey Joe's Café explodes onstage at **The Company Theatre**, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell Feb.13-22. Wed. and Thurs. at 7:30 p.m., Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m., and Sun. at 3 p.m. All seats $32. Tickets are available at the box office and by calling 781-871-2787.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Fri. at 10:30-11a.m.. (except holidays and vacation weeks Free with admission. Join us for a half-hour of storytelling that will delight youngsters (and accompanying adults, too). Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Smokey Joe's Café at Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center presents **Tony-winning Motown** era musical review featuring hits of the '50s & '60s Feb. 21,22. Four course dinner and show $39.95, show only $20. Fri. and Sat. dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m., Sun. dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. For reservations and information call 781-843-5862.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Dory**, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 21

New England Weather and Eric Cornetta will perform at Hinghamís Coffeehouse, Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham, Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. Admission is $10. For more information call 781-7491767.



BEST BET

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc., Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level, presents the musical Beauty and the Beast, Feb 16,18,19,20 at 1 p.m. Admission $5. Reservations suggested. For more information call 508-747-1234.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **The McLaughlin Brothers**, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

'The Deadly Game' will be presented at the **Community Center** lower level across from the Court House at the corner of Court & Brewster St., Plymouth, Feb. 21 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. Matinee Feb. 22 and 29 at 4 p.m. Tickets $18 including refreshments. For tickets call 508-746-1763.

Borders Books & Music, Independence Mall, Kingston will host chef and author Dwayne Redgaway Feb. 21, 2 p.m.

Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St. Plymouth hosts **'Wellness & Healthy Lifestyle Expo'** Feb. 21, 11a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 781-878-9533.

The **Weymouth Art Association** will meet at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 21 from 2-4 p.m. **Allan Chambers** will demonstrate painting in watercolors. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information call 781-337-1402 or 781-337-4513.

The Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **The New Blue Revue**, **Matthew Stubbs Band**, 9 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The North River Arts Society presents **Recent Paintings by Brooks Kelly** at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham starting Jan. 31 through March 26. Open Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Call library to confirm current hours, 781-741-1405. Opening reception Feb 2 from 7-9 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

Maverick and Combo Guy will perform in concert at the **South Shore Arts and Recreation Center**, Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level, Feb. 21 from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are $8 per person. For more information call 508-747-1234.

Sun. 22

Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St. Plymouth hosts **'Bridal Expo'** Feb. 22, 11a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call 781-878-9533.

Steve Marchena will perform at the Hingham Public Library Feb. 22 at 3:30 p.m. Admission is free

Fuller Museum Family Day, 455 Oak St., Brockton sponsors **Native American Arts Today**, Feb 22, from 12 Ò 5 p.m. $5 adults, $3 seniors, $2 children. For more information call 508-588-6000, ext 113.

Learn to Skate Classes at the Weymouth O'Connell Rink, Broad St., Weymouth for children 41/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For more information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org

Sunday Tea at the JFK on Feb. 22, 29 at the **John F. Kennedy Library and Museum**, Columbia Pont. Enjoy tea, fruit scones, tea sandwiches, PBJs and dessert in the Smith Crescent Room between 1:30 - 3 p.m.. Tickets $14 children 12 yrs and younger, $17 for adults. Reservations strongly recommended 617-514-1586. For more information about the JFK Library and Museum call 866-535-1960 or www.jfklibrary.org

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will show together the text and illustrations from the Persian literary works: the Shah-nama, Khavar-nama, Khamza of Nizami and Hadith al Anbiya in the exhibition **Complex Tales: Persia** Feb.1-April 25. For more information call 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town members of the **Weymouth Art Association** will display at several locations in Feb and March. Paintings may be purchased. For more information call 781-335-4675

A Conversation About Stuff We Like/New Sculpture by Alan Klein and Mike Newby will be exhibited at the **Art Complex Museum**, 189 Alden St., Duxbury Feb. 1-April 4. Opening reception Feb. 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m. For more information call 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

Piranesi and His Contemporaries from the collection of Elizabeth Morse and Richard Wendorf. This collection of 18th-century old-master prints has been assembled over a 20-year period, with a focus on the work of Giovanni Battista Piranesi Jan. 9 through Feb. 22. **South Shore Art Center**, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset.. Accessible to all. 781-383-ARTSã www.ssac.org On Sunday, Jan. 25, 4 p.m. Gallery Talk: Living With Piranesi with Richard Wendorf-"The Stanford Calderwood Director and Librarian" The Boston Athenaeum. Free to the public.

South Shore ARC is offering its **Sunday Open Gym** through April 4, at the Cole School in Norwell from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. $10 fee. 781-335-3023 x2227.

The Interfaith Book Study Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for February, Siddhartha by H. Hesse (Buddhism); March, Palace Walk by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036

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Mon. 23

The North River Arts Society presents **Feathers**, a new exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, featuring photographs by Cindy Vallino, depicting birds in the landscape from local areas, and from the Bosque del Apache Bird Sanctuary in New Mexico, Jan. 3 to Feb. 28. The library is located in the Library Plaza, Marshfield. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30pm at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical conceived choreographed and directed by **Twyla Tharp** and based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincy-toastmasters.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly, free, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Tues. 24

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a **Breakfast Meeting** at the Radisson Hotel, Rockland, Feb. 24 with **Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey** as guest speaker. For more information call 781-749-8883 or www.sswbn.org

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For more information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnolly@artsfirst.org

25th Annual USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild Exhibit at the **USS Constitution Museum**,Charlestown Navy Yard Feb. 1-March 6, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Admission is free and donations are encouraged. www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/jyl. 1-508-830-4250.

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. Dave Thomas Band. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 25

Weymouth and Quincy Elder Services offers **Capturing the Experience of Life** Wednesdays Feb. 25-March 24 from 1-3 p.m. at Four Seaport Dr., North Quincy. Advance registration and $55 fee are required. For program information and directions call 617-376-1506.

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will host **Patricia Clark**, RNCS at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St., Hingham, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Ruth Scully 781-740-2426 or JoAnn Mitchell 781-749-5417.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Assoc., and **South Shore Natural Science Center**, and **Mass Audubon** present a series of free Wed. evening lectures now through March at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Lectures begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Parents and Tots** Session II Feb, 25 at 9:30-10:45a.m.. $21 members, $24 non-members, per session. Additional family members are half price. Dress for the weather. Limit 8 children. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Winter Programs** every Wed. at 3 p.m. and Sat. at 10 a.m.. Free with admission. Come watch the naturalist on duty feed the animals. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 26

The Glastonbury Abbey, Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, Hingham will present **Reverend Yifa, Benedictís Dharma:Monastic Dialogue between Buddhism and Christianity**, Feb. 26 at 7:15 p.m. Free will offering. Call for more information 781-749-2155 ext.243

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shawís Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset, will host **Scott Haas** Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. For more information call 781-383-2665 or www.buttonwoodbooks.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington Thursdays, **Mr. Elmore James Jr.** and **Jimmy DiSpirito**, Feb. 26, 27,28 at 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents a colorful slide show by photographer **Charlotte Core** on wildflowers, Feb. 26, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Admission is $8 members/$10non-members. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Animal Tails** Feb 26. Please specify morning class 9:30-11a.m. or afternoon class 1:30-3 p.m., $39 members, $48 non-members for each three week session. Join us for a special program featuring outstanding nature stories and activities for children ages 3-1/2 to 5 years. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Cohasset, Black Rock Country Club, Hingham will host a social Feb. 26 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. For more information call 781-383-2956.

Fri. 27

The **'Open Your Heart'** event at **Lombardo's**, Randolph Feb. 27 will be hosted by **Gay Vernon,** Newscaster for Magic 106.7 FM. The Ovations, a 10 piece orchestra, and a Silent Auction. Tickets are $50 per person or $75 per couple and $400 for a reserved table of 10. Call 617-376-2255 or www.fatherbillsplace.org

Artist **Tracy Spadafora** will teach a two day **encaustic painting workshop** at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset, Feb. 28-29 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cost $215 ($195 for SSAC members) includes a $35 materials fee. For more information or to register call 781-383-2787 or www.ssac.org.

Beatle Mania Live is performing at the **Boston Marriot Quincy** Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $30 and be ordered at any Quincy school office or purchased at the Central Middle School, 1012 Hancock St., Quincy. 617-984-8725

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level, will present **Variety Show 2004** Feb. 27 and 28 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 29 at 4:30 p.m. Tickets, adults $10, children $5. For reservations and more information call 508-747-1234.



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The 12th Annual Mardi Gras Ball featuring performer Geno Delafose and others will be held at the Rhodes On The Pawtuxet Ballroom, 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston, RI, Feb. 20-21. For more information on ticket prices and directions call 401-783-3926 or the website www.mardigrasri.com



BEST BET

Kindness's Coffeehouse off the Square presents New England Weather Saturday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. The show opens with singer-songwriter Eric E. Cometta. The Coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA_s 220 bus line from Quincy Center. Admission is $10 at the door. An open microphone precedes the concert. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds go to the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For further information contact: Jim Watson (781) 749-1767

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LISTEN To Life

by John Klefeker, BC-HIS
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LISTENING TO SWEET TALK

If you whisper sweet nothings into your beloved's ear, you probably want to do everything in your power to make sure your sentiments are well received. If so, be advised that whispering into the left ear may give you an added advantage. Believe it or not, that was the conclusion reached by researchers who documented the responses of both men and women in whose ears lists of emotional and neutral words were uttered simultaneously. In the end, the subjects remembered more of the emotional words heard in the left ear. Why? Researchers speculate that messages that enter the left ear seem to be received more clearly by the right side of the brain, where passion and emotions are processed.

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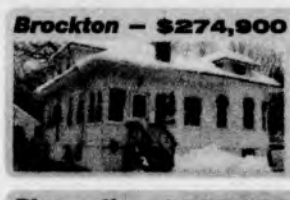
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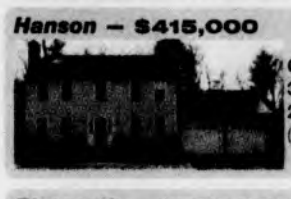
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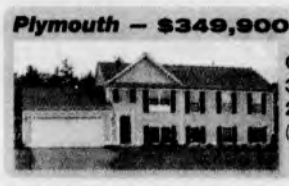
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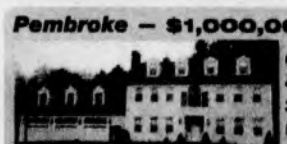
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Women with Cohasset ties to super up Tuesday's ballot

By Mary Ford
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Although the race for the Democratic nomination for president of the United States has been heating up between U.S. senators, John Kerry of Massachusetts, the frontrunner, and John Edwards of North Carolina, most prognosticators think Kerry will easily win his home state. So with a Kerry victory all but assured and President George W. Bush unopposed on the Republican side, low turnouts in the primary on "Super Tuesday" are being predicted state-wide.

But the election forecasters haven't been to Cohasset, where Town Clerk Marion Douglas is boldly predicting a turnout of 42 percent of the town's roughly 5,000 registered voters. Douglas said it may be the Republicans that draw voters to the Cohasset polls on Tuesday, but not necessarily just to vote for Bush.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Absentee ballots can be cast until noon, Monday when the Town Clerk's office will be closed to prepare for the election.

"It's the most exciting race to hit the Republican Party in this district in many a year."
— Kevin O'Donnell, Cohasset Republican Town Committee

The race for state Republican Committeewoman that features residents, incumbent Polly Logan and Janet Fogarty should be a big draw, Douglas said. Also in the race is Anne Hilbert of Weymouth, a regular columnist with the Cohasset-based Tiny Town Gazette, a Republican newspaper.

Fogarty, who is immediate past chairman of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, and Hilbert, who is a member of the Weymouth Republican Town Committee, each seek to unseat Logan from the post she's held for upwards of 30 years.

In primary elections, Republicans pull Republican ballots and Democrats pull Democratic ballots. So the Logan-Fogarty-Hilbert race could divide the 1,192 Cohasset registered Republicans. Unenrolled can choose any party's ballot, and could be the wildcard in this race. There are 2,716 unenrolled voters in Cohasset and 1,080 Democrats.

The race for Republican State Committeeman features two Scituate residents, Ron Wheatley and Conley Ford, and John Cafferty of Hingham. The men are each hoping to replace incumbent Tom Barry of

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School chiefs down to two

Decision is likely tonight

By Samantha Brown
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And then there were two.

The field has been narrowed to two candidates to fill the position of Cohasset School Superintendent.

School chief Edward Malvey announced in October he would be retiring at the end of this school year, and since then the School Committee has been busy receiving résumés, forming a screening committee for potential candidates, and participating in the interviewing process.

Last week, the School Committee interviewed five potential candidates for the position and chose Michael Malone of Taunton, currently superintendent for the Plainville Public Schools, and Denise Walsh of Plymouth, currently superintendent of the Middleboro Public Schools, to proceed to the final stage of the interviewing process. School Committee Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts and member Pat Martin were slated to make site visits to the districts each superintendent presides over yesterday.

The School Committee could vote to choose the new school superintendent tonight at 7 p.m. at the middle-high school library.

Malone has served as superintendent in Plainville since 1995. Prior to that, he served as principal for the Liberty Elementary School in Braintree from 1986 to 1995. From 1973 until 1986, he was a teacher in the Braintree Public Schools for students in grades five through eight.

Throughout his superintendency in Plainville, Malone developed an elementary world language program, a mentoring program, and a professional development plan for the schools. He also said he carried out a successful debt exclusion vote of $21.8 million for two new school building projects. He developed and implemented

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FEBRUARY THAW

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Linda Klier strolls down Cohasset's North Main Street with Julia and Joseph on a warm winter's day.



WRESTLING WONDER

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset High wrestler Joey Kehoe gets a big hug from coach Torin Sweeney after winning the Div. 3 state championship for his 140 pound weight class this past Saturday at Cohasset High. Joey was the first of three CHS wrestlers to capture state crowns on what turned out to be an historic evening for the program. See Sports for report, more photos.

A RADical approach to safety

Training offers self defense for females

By Samantha Brown
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For teenage girls who have grown up in a small, suburban town like Cohasset, heading off to college is a monumental event. It is usually the first time living away from home, and some attend school in the city or out of state.

But in the midst of the excitement of being on their own, girls may not recognize the potential dangers that await on college campuses as statistics show one out of every four college-age women are either raped or assaulted. That's why Cohasset resident Linda Keller got the ball rolling to begin the quest to offer Cohasset High School seniors a self-defense course.

"As I watched us send our children out into the world, I felt there was one important skill that was still needed: rape awareness and self defense."
— Linda Keller, parent

Through the combined efforts of the Middle-High School, Cohasset Police Department, and Social Service League, that idea will soon become a reality.

"Over the years, we have worked to provide age-appropriate health-oriented life skills to our students. As I watched us send our children out into the world, I felt there was one important skill that was still needed: rape awareness and self defense," said Keller.

She thought a perfect place to start would be to approach Middle-High School Health Education Coordinator Michael Gill about beginning a Rape Aggression Defense Systems, or R.A.D. Systems, self-defense program, and he came on board right away.

"When you look at the research, some say it's one out of every four, some say one out of every six, some say one out of every three," said Gill, of the number of women who are attacked. "We want to provide this course for our high school females before they go off to college."

As a result of the renovations to the Middle-High School, the building now has the facilities to be able to offer a program such as R.A.D. The "wrestling room" has padded walls, which makes for a safe environment to train in. But the room isn't of any use without an instructor, which is where the Police Department began making its contribution to the cause.

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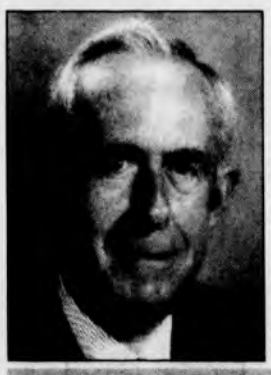
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Rick Shea presented enrollment numbers

In last week's override story, editor Mary Ford inadvertently typed Rick Flynn instead of Rick Shea when detailing school enrollment numbers. Shea presented the figures on enrollment at the Feb. 11 joint meeting with the School Committee, Advisory Committee and Selectmen. Coverage of that meeting appeared in last week's Mariner.

Override not finalized

Advisory Committee Chairman Susan Kent and School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn came before the Board of Selectmen Tuesday to give an update on progress made during budget talks. Kent said her committee needs more time to have questions answered before it will be able to make a recommendation and said a meeting is scheduled for tonight (Thursday). If a vote is not taken tonight, a vote will be made Monday night, Kent said. The Selectmen must vote to make its recommendation at next Tuesday's meeting, as it is the last meeting before the Warrant goes to the printer on March 4.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, Feb. 16, 7 p.m.

Board of Assessors, March 9 , 4 p.m.

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, March 10, 7 p.m.

Cook RFP Committee, Feb. 26 and March 3, 7 p.m.; Monday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee, Feb. 26, 7 p.m., middle-high school library

Selectmen, March 2, 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Production error noted on page one

The "jump lines" that tell readers where to find the continuation of the front-page stories were omitted on page one of last week's Cohasset Mariner. The computer glitch that caused the problem is being addressed. The omission was particularly problematic with the election story that ended at a period and therefore, may have led readers to think the story ended on page one when a significant amount of the story was continued on page 12. The Mariner regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused.

Planning Board nixes Great Neck proposal

The Planning Board voted unanimously last week to deny Ellen Morrissey's proposed plans for a new senior housing project, slated to be built off of Beach Street. Member Peter Pratt said the preliminary plans were not sufficient to move forward, because they lacked basic fundamental aspects, such as access to the property and through the property. There were also large retaining walls placed on property lines in the plans, which are not allowed under the bylaw. Based on reports given by the town's engineering consultant John Modelewski, and the fact that minimal changes were made to the plans even with his suggestions, the board voted 4-0 to deny the project. "We have certain standards that need to be met," Pratt said.

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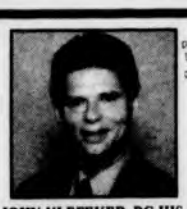
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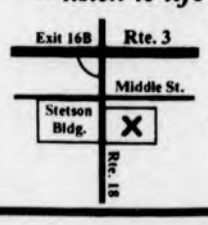


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Expenses climbing for police disciplinary hearings

By Mary Ford
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While the town is paying two police officers not to work — it's also paying for police overtime during the disciplinary hearings; Town Counsel's legal bills; the cost of the private investigator; and the cost of a court reporter — for an expected total of about $100,000, not counting the officers' salaries and overtime shift coverage.

The town has also spent close to $47,000 for overtime to cover 4.67 overtime shifts per week for two officers at $300 per shift, according to figures provided by Director of Finance Michael Buckley.

The disciplinary hearings for Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean are expected to resume Monday and Tuesday at Town Hall. The officers were placed on paid administrative leave Oct. 20 pending the outcome into an investigation of alleged misconduct.

Here is the breakdown of the cost:

- Deustch Williams, which is Town Counsel, is expected to cost about $65,000 including future hearings.
- Wood Court Reporting is billing $1,000 per hearing for a total of $5,000 after next week's two days of scheduled hearings, according to Buckley's figures.
- DiNatale Services, the private investigator hired by the town, has cost $22,851.65.
- Police overtime during the police hearings is projected to cost $4,320.29.
- Police overtime for shift coverage, $47,000.

On a related matter, Town Counsel, the officers' attorney Doug Louison, Attorney Richard Henderson, who is representing the juvenile's family, and a CNC attorney from Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP were expected to present briefs to Judge Isaac Borenstein at Dedham Superior Court yesterday (Feb. 25) after the Mariner went to press. CNC is the parent company of the Cohasset Mariner, which is seeking to intervene so the hearings will continue to be open to the public . The attorneys will argue why part police hearings involving the juvenile should or should not be conducted in open session.

The juvenile's name and address were inadvertently revealed during testimony of the town's case and the child's parents are seeking an injunction to close that part of the hearing. If that occurs, the officers' evidence about what happened in that incident would be closed to the public.

The officers, who asked their hearings be held in public, are expected to start presenting their side starting Monday. Borenstein's ruling will determine if part of their defense will have to be conducted behind closed doors.

After the hearings finish, Town Manager Mark Haddad, who is the hearing officer, will decide what punishment if any to mete out to the officers including possible termination. The officers have the right to appeal Haddad's decision to Civil Service.

Police, fire overtime costs are covered on the Warrant

By Samantha Brown
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While Town Manager Mark Haddad says overtime expenses are right on par with what they have been in previous years, voters at Town Meeting are going to be asked to approve $135,000 accrued by members of the fire and police departments.

Article 5 on the Warrant, which was discussed by Selectmen Tuesday, asks voters to allocate a total of $500,000 to cover various departmental budget shortfalls.

The article asks for $60,000 for police department overtime and $75,000 for fire department overtime. However, Haddad said while the police department has remained relatively even in terms of overtime costs from year to year, the fire department has accrued more overtime than usual because South Shore Hospital ended its ambulance service to the town. Because Cohasset and the surrounding towns now all provide their own paramedic services, the department needs to have two trained paramedics on every shift.

"South Shore Hospital's canceling their paramedic services was an unexpected event," said Selectman Chairman Ronnie McMorris.

The fire department is currently running on six-person shifts. On each shift, two members must be certified paramedics. Currently, there are only 10 certified paramedics on the department, so any time a paramedic takes time off for an injury or vacation, someone needs to be called in to take over on the shift.

"We have 10 [paramedics]. Until we have 12, we need to have overtime," Haddad said.

In addition to the fees for overtime, the Board of Selectmen needs $20,000 to cover telephone expenses and advertising. Haddad said advertising for the Cook Estate was an expensive process, and is included in the board's expenses. Various legal cases, which Haddad said includes 3 Jerusalem Lane, require the allocation of $125,000. Both the fire and police departments need $10,000 each to cover vehicle maintenance. The $200,000 to cover school utilities costs is also included in the article.

Haddad said there is an article similar to this year's article 5 each year because he would rather wait to see where the numbers are half way through the year than increase the budget from the start. However, members of the board wondered if there could be anything done to help cut back on the amount of overtime in the police and fire departments.

"This concerns me. Five hundred thousand dollars is a lot of money," said Selectman Michael Sullivan.

Sullivan said a position was added to the police department not too long ago in an effort to help with the overtime problem, but overtime costs have remained the same. The Selectmen asked Haddad if an analysis of overtime at the departments could be done, and whether hiring more personnel would help with the situation. Haddad said he would look into the matter.

Questions raised on removing Citizens Petitions

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the citizen's petition which would sell the Cook Estate property to the Cohasset Land Foundation, has been taken off the Town Meeting Warrant. The 10 residents, who signed the petition all signed a form asking the article come off the warrant because it is no longer needed.

"You can take it off at their request," said Haddad. "They were pleased we got five bids," he said.

The article, if passed, would have allowed the Foundation to construct 48-60 affordable senior housing units, while preserving the house and majority of land as open space. But the petitioners only put the article on as a safety net should potential developers of the Cook Estate not come forward. Four RFPs are currently being reviewed by an RFP committee.

However, Selectman Fred Koed said he had received an e-mail from someone, who wished to remain anonymous, who thought the only way to take a petition off the Warrant was through the Secretary of State's office.

Haddad said this is not the first time a group has wanted to take a petition off the Warrant and Town Counsel has approved it before. However, Koed said he wasn't sure Town Counsel is the final word on the matter.

Haddad said Town Clerk Marion Douglas spoke with the elections division of the Secretary of State's office and she was told the petition could come off the Warrant.

"There seems to be a dispute," said Selectman Michael Sullivan, who suggested the matter be looked into. Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said she would like Haddad to double check as well.

"The Secretary of State controls elections," said Haddad, adding with Town Meeting, Town Counsel has the final say. Sullivan said he would still prefer it if the matter was looked into.

Although Haddad agreed the matter would be double checked, he still did not see why it was necessary, if the residents who signed the petition also signed to say they would like to see it removed.

Brian McNiff, a spokesman for the Secretary of State's Office, said in a telephone interview Citizens Petitions cannot be removed. "There is no mechanism under state law allowing Citizens Petitions to come off the warrant prior to Town Meeting," he said.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said, however, removing Citizens Petitions is a common practice if all those who signed the petition agree and the article is removed before the warrant is signed off on by the selectmen.

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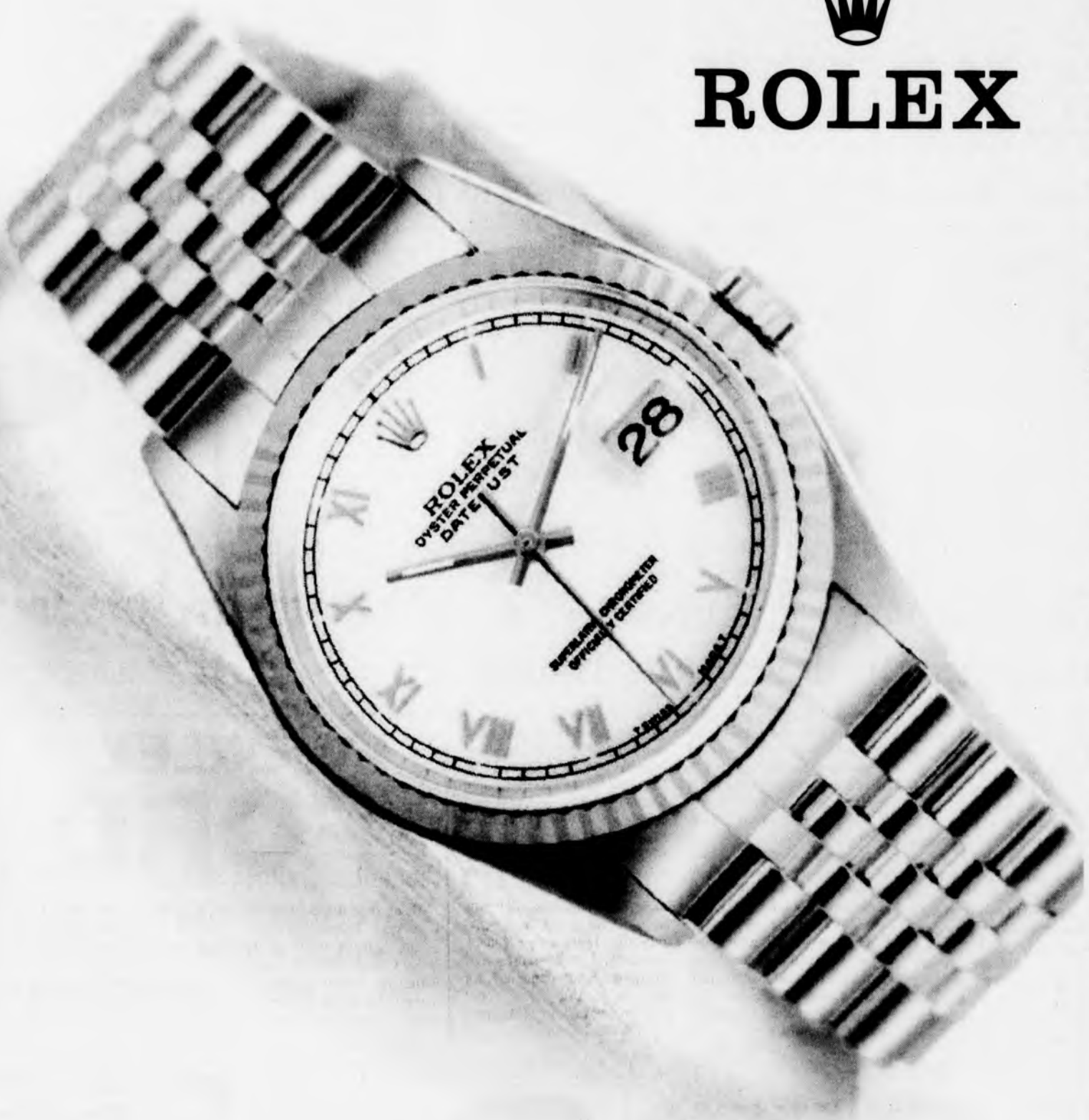
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State GOP races create excitement in Plymouth-Norfolk District

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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The Republican Party in Massachusetts is charting a new course, and there is a lot of competition to steer the ship.

In a three-way contest in the eight-town Plymouth-Norfolk District, John P. Cafferty of Hingham, Conley W. Ford of Scituate, and Ronald B. Wheatley, also of Scituate, seek the state committee man position left vacant when incumbent Thomas Barry chose not to run for reelection. A seventh candidate, Jack E. Robinson of Duxbury, dropped out of the race.

In the race for state committee woman, longtime incumbent Paula E. Logan of Cohasset faces challengers Janet R. Fogarty of Cohasset and Anne Hilbert of Weymouth.

Sate Sen. Robert Hedlund, a Weymouth Republican, has noted that the new vitality within the party, created by Gov. Mitt Romney, has people "clamoring" for positions on the state and town committees. In contrast, on the Democratic ballot for the March 2 presidential primary, the incumbents are unchallenged for state committee man and state committee woman.

Each of the contenders in the Republican state committee race credits Romney for their party's resurgence and has a plan to keep the party rolling.

"There is indeed a resurgence," Wheatley said. "There is one vacancy, and three of us are rushing in to fill it. I attribute this to the new leadership provided by Gov. Romney and Lt. Governor Healey, who are committed to energizing the party from the grass roots to Beacon Hill. They are charting a new course. I want to be part of his team, part of this resurgence."

Wheatley, a Scituate attorney who has lost three bids to win the state representative seat from Democrat Rep. Frank Hynes, said the "lopsided" Legislature, where there is just 13 percent Republican representation, needed to be corrected.

"Because of what is going on in the Legislature, the democratic process is short-circuited. Romney's budget bills are overridden and there is no debate. With bills that do go through, what I call 'night riders' are attached that have serious financial consequences," Wheatley said. He said there was a much greater base among the voters for Republican ideology than many people realized. He said it was important to reach out to both the unenrolled and to Democrats, and to educate young people on the importance of politics.

Ford said he had a plan to increase the party's voter base.

"Voters want to get back to a two-party system. We're not a one-party state, we're a one-party state house," Ford said. He stressed that without a voter base, Republican candidates could not do well.

"Nobody is focussing on the base. I'm the only candidate who has this message," Ford said. "Candidates are important, but we've got to grow that base. The future of the Republican Party depends on this. We can't just put up candidates and see them fail."

He said unenrolled voters in the state outnumbered both Republicans and Democrats.

"If each Republican enrolled 10 new voters for the party, we can get control back on Beacon Hill," Ford said.

"People want to do something," Cafferty agreed. "We have six candidates running for two state committee slots. That says something."

Cafferty said he has spent 26 years working on the grassroots level.

"That is where it all happens. You have to build from the ground up," Cafferty said.

He currently serves on the Hingham Planning Board and is in his second term on the Hingham Housing Authority, this time as the state appointee by Romney. He made an unsuccessful bid for Plymouth County Commissioner in 2000.

"I have the experience. I've run campaigns and held public office," Cafferty said. "There is no time for on-the-job training on the state committee. I am ready to go in and take the bull by the horns."

Cafferty said he was the only state committee man candidate endorsed by former state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, who served for 22 yeas on Beacon Hill. He said he is also endorsed by the Hingham Town Committee, as well as members of the Scituate Town Committee.

In the race for state committee woman, incumbent Polly Logan faces two challengers, but feels her experience will be recognized by voters. She has served as state committee woman for more than 30 years. She served as national committee woman for a dozen more

"Experience is always important. I do know people," Logan said. She hosted one of the first fundraisers for Andrew Card, who is now President Bush's chief of staff, and can get right though when she calls the White House. Logan said she knew how to build coalitions on the state level.

More than ever, state committee members have to reach out to voters, she said.

"Getting out the vote is very important. We have a new government and I want to elect people so he will have the power of veto. I want to help us get the farm team," Logan said. "I think there is a new surge of people who want to serve their country."

Anne Hilbert said she was a true activist

"All my opponents say they are activists, but they haven't done any work in the trenches," Hilbert said. "We have a 13 percent representation in the Legislature. I don't know what they have accomplished.

Hilbert said that right now the power of the party was concentrated in Cohasset and Hingham.

"I'm for the little people, for the everyday person who believes in limited taxation and a two-party system," Hilbert said.

She pointed to the recent passage of a bill in the House that weakens Proposition Two-and One-Half. Bill 45-19, passed by the Democrat-controlled House on a voice vote, exempts senior citizens with homes assessed at under $500,000 from paying additional taxes generated by an override of Proposition Two-and-One Half, thus weakening the proposition by making a group of voters unaffected by the outcome. It there was a stronger Republican presence, this would not happen, Hilbert said.

"Who is going to pay for this?" Hilbert said. "People who can just barely afford to pay for their homes. We need Republicans to stand up and speak out against this."

Fogarty also has a vision for rebuilding the party. She noted that Republican party members needed to go with a more grassroots approach when getting candidates to run and get elected.

Fogarty has been chairman of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee for five years and a member for more than 10 years. She said she has worked tirelessly to grow the party through her aggressive support of candidates for local and state offices. Fogarty's fundraising abilities are renowned throughout Republican circles, and she is viewed among present political leaders including District Attorney Tim Cruz and State Senator Robert Hedlund, as a top fundraiser on the South Shore, she said.

Women with Cohasset ties to super up Tuesday's ballot

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Duxbury, who is not seeking reelection. Jack E. Robinson, also of Duxbury, has withdrawn from the race although his name still appears on the ballot.

"It's the most exciting race to hit the Republican Party in this district in many a year," says Kevin O'Donnell, chairman of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, who is hoping for a strong turnout. "It's a very interesting election."

Democratic Town Committee Chairman Agnes McCann says despite the fact Kerry is the frontrunner, she thinks a lot of Democrats and unenrolled will vote Tuesday.

"I think people want to express themselves," she says. "There is so much interest in this presidential primary and replacing Mr. Bush. I think Cohasset and South Shore Democrats will be out in force."

Incumbents Democratic State Committeeman Fred Koed of Cohasset and State Committeewoman Karen DeTellis are unopposed.

Voters, who pull Republican ballots can also vote for the 35 members of the Republican Town Committee, as can the Democrats, who are fielding 25 with spaces for 10 write-ins for their Town Committee.

Cohasset has three voters registered in the Green Party and 11 registered Libertarians, both those parties are fielding candidates in Tuesday's primary.

Although Howard Dean, Carol Moseley Braun, Wesley Clark, Richard Gephardt and Joseph Liberman have dropped out of the Democratic presidential race, their names are still on the ballot. In addition to Kerry and Edwards, Dennis J. Kucinich, Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr., and Al Sharpton are still in the hunt for the Democratic presidential nomination and therefore, are still looking for votes.

Register to vote by March 5

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

The last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Meeting (March 27, 2004) and Annual Town Election (April 3) is Friday, March 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office. Mail-in registration forms, are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt memorial Library and must be postmarked on or before March 5.

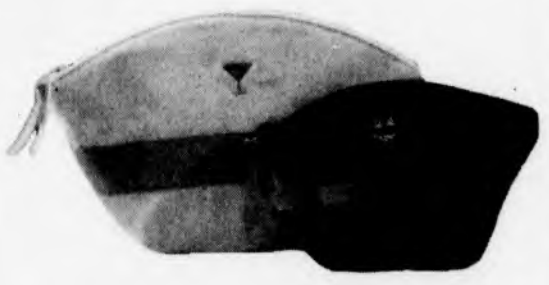
Absentee ballots available for Presidential Primary

Absentee ballots for the Presidential Primary on March 2, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, March 1, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

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Sewer Commission pushes for Little Harbor funding

By Samantha Brown
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The Board of Sewer Commissioners is staying on track in its efforts to keep the Little Harbor Sewer project flowing, and is asking the town to allocate $100,000 for the project. Chairman Ray Kasperowicz and member John Beck came before Selectmen Tuesday to present Warrant article 11, which would provide funding for phase two of the ongoing project.

Over the past two years, the Sewer Commission, along with Town Manager Mark Haddad, the Board of Health, and members of Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions, or CEES, have been working together to continue the preliminary design of the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue Sewer Expansion effort, as approved at the 2002 Annual Town Meeting. The sewer extension will help eliminate private on-site wastewater disposal systems, which are negatively impacting the water quality of Inner Little Harbor, Little Harbor, and Massachusetts Bay, resulting in the closure of area shellfish beds. It is intended to expand the wastewater treatment plant's capacity by 150,000 gallons per day, to allow the "Little Harbor Sewer District" and "Atlantic Avenue Sewer District" to be connected to the existing municipal sewer system.

The funding being requested at this Town Meeting, would help with phase two of the project, which includes costs associated with design and permitting. Construction costs are being deferred until a later date. When completed, the project will fulfill the last requirement of the Second Amended Final Judgement, which is a state requirement Cohasset needs to fulfill as a result of its violating the Clean Water Act in 1975. Through the first judgement and an amended second judgement, the town has been required to undertake a number of sewer projects to upgrade the sewer systems in critical areas of town.

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One of the key elements of the agreement was a plan to implement an on-site waste-water management plan for homeowners in environmentally sensitive areas of town. The key areas are a section around Lily Pond, and a triangular area where Nichols Road, Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue intersect. By completing the Little Harbor sewer project, the Sewer Commission says there will be no remaining capacity at the wastewater treatment plant.

"We've spent $230,000 on engineering and design work to date," said Kasperowicz, which was allocated from two prior Town Meetings. Town Manager Mark Haddad said the commission could have asked for $200,000 this year, however, Kasperowicz joked his board was able to "pare it down to a mere $100,000."

If the funds are allocated at Town Meeting, the Sewer Commission has an implementation schedule already in the works. This spring, collection system contract documents would be finalized, and solicitation would begin for grinder pumps. This summer, there would be an evaluation of additional regulation changes to control growth in future sewer expansion areas. Those regulation changes would be approved in the spring of 2005, and funds would be appropriated at that time for easements and takings, permitting, and wastewater treatment expansion design.

From spring 2005 to spring 2006, all legal research for easement acquisition would be conducted and granted easements would be solicited. Plans would be prepared, as well as specifications and contract documents for the wastewater treatment plant's expansion design. Permits for sewer expansion will also be submitted.

In the spring of 2006, the commission would seek construction funding for the project. At the same time, continuing into the summer of 2006, it will begin applying for funding from the state revolving fund. By the fall of 2006, the commission hopes to obtain approval for calendar year 2007 state revolving fund grants.

During the winter of 2006, construction contract(s) will go out to bid and a contract will be awarded in the spring of 2007. Construction of the wastewater treatment plant and sewer expansion will take place from the spring of 2007 to summer 2008, and private sewer service construction will take place from summer 2008 to summer 2009.

Copies of the drafted Warrant are available at the library, the Town Clerk's office, Planning Board office, and Selectmen's office. Town Meeting will be held Saturday, March 27 at 10 a.m. at the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium.

School chiefs down to two

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a technology plan, and also developed a new budget process.

Malone has been a member of M.A.S.S., a statewide finance authorization committee, since 2000. He has also served as board of directors chairman for the Bi-County Collaborative since 2003, and has been a member since 1995. The Bi-County Collaborative provides programs and services to students with low incidence special education needs for member communities, which includes Plainville, Attleboro, Wrentham, and Foxboro. Currently, Cohasset is not a member community.

Malone is also a member of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the American Association of School Administrators. He was also a member of the Plymouth School Committee from 1983 to 1996.

Malone received his bachelor's degree in education and history from Boston State College in 1970, which was followed by a master's degree in instructional technology from the University of Connecticut in 1973. He received his certificate of advanced graduate study in educational administration from Northeastern University in 1981.

Walsh has served as the superintendent in Middleboro since 2000. Prior to that, she served as assistant superintendent for the Silver Lake Regional School District in Kingston. From 1992-1997, she served as the principal of Dedham High School. She was also assistant principal at Hingham High School from 1986-1992, and worked as a teacher, department chair, and assistant principal at Sacred Heart High School in Weymouth from 1979 to 1986.

Walsh said she developed many special programs for the schools in Middleboro. She listed some of her successes as designing violence prevention policies, protocols, and programs through a memorandum of understanding with the police department. Programs included, "Words and not weapons," and "Safe schools," to train students and staff in conflict resolution and mediation strategies. Walsh also said she designed and presented system-wide professional development programs to deal with implementing standards in the classroom. She also developed a full-day kindergarten program.

Walsh also said she has extensive experience with school money matters. She counts among her achievements preparing and monitoring a $25 million annual school budget, and leading contract negotiations with six collective bargaining units. She coordinated and managed state and federal grants, and organized a town-wide economic summit, she stated. She also designed a school building assistance approved renovation project for an early childhood education center. In addition, she said she used her organizational skills to supervise and evaluate staff as well as 3,700 students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12, and led the strategic planning process to establish goals and objectives to "prepare all students to excel in life."

Walsh is affiliated with many professional organizations, including the American Association of School Administrators, the New England Association of School Superintendents, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Walsh received her bachelor's degree in psychology and history as well as a master's degree in education and certificate of advanced graduate study in school administration from Bridgewater State College. She received her doctoral degree from the University of Massachusetts in 2003.

In total, there were 31 résumés submitted for the opening, said School Committee chairman Rick Flynn, adding the applications were pre-screened and résumés which seemed to fit Cohasset's criteria were forwarded on to the superintendent search committee. The committee included School Committee representatives Rick Shea and Pat Martin; administrators Middle-High School Principal Michael Jones, and Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan; teacher representatives Middle School Physical Education teacher Torin Sweeney, Deer Hill fifth grade teacher Kathy Jordan, and Osgood third grade teacher Beth Owens-Rigby; parent representatives Beth Gilman, Sarah Porter, and Lucia Flibotte; community representative Wallace St. John; and student representative Christine Lovallo with Adam Haracz serving as her alternate.

After the search committee sorted through the résumés, the field was narrowed down to eight potential candidates. Of those eight, five came before the School Committee during televised interviewing sessions on Feb. 9 and Feb. 12. Of the five, one prospective candidate, Claire McCarthy, who Flynn said the committee really liked, decided to take a position with the Stoughton school district. The only current Cohasset employee included in the interviewing process was Karen Watts who currently serves as Student Services Director.

Flynn said the two finalists, "had the right answers," and the committee as a whole had a good feeling about both. While the committee said it is looking to find someone with strong educational leadership skills and plenty of budget experience, what it will come down to is an "overall chemistry" and which applicant the committee thinks will fit in best with the Cohasset school system, Flynn said.

Flynn said while it had been hoped a new superintendent could be decided on by March 11, he said it now looks as if the committee will vote to make a decision at tonight's 7 p.m. School Committee meeting, two weeks ahead of schedule.

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Bottom middle: Children's librarian Sharon Moody reads stories with an animal-themes to the kids at story hour.

Bottom left: Patty McInerney plays along with her son Will, during story time at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Far left: Quinn Havlicek gets an early start on reading.

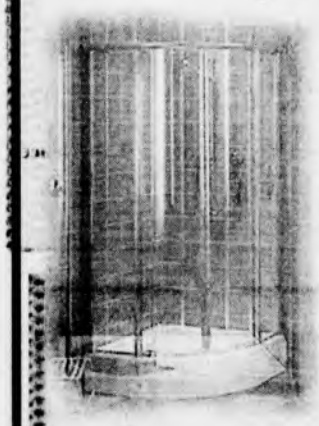
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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Kristen James, a senior, was Student of the Month for January at South Shore Regional Vocational-Technical High School in Hanover. The monthly award is given to the student voted by the staff at Vo-Tech.

Kristen is an electronics student, a member of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, a member of the Student Council and has completed her Gold Award in Girl Scouts. Kristen met with the Girl Scout council and had her award approved . Her project was "A Look at Non-traditional Vocations for Women" in which she used her school to help girls understand that you can go into any shop and vocation you want. At her school, South Shore Vo-Tech, she is among the less than 10 percent student body that is in non-traditional shop for girls. Her accomplishment there at that school and in the electronics field have helped her in the decision to attend Fitchburg State College in the fall majoring in computer science and possibly minoring in electronics.

She is very excited about the Gold Award, a major accomplishment because less than 3 percent off all scouts ever achieve it. This town is lucky to have it second recipient in two years. Kristen says after attending last year's gold award for **Rachel McElroy,** her scout mate, that she was impressed with this award. Kristen has not been active in scouting since receiving her silver award in ninth grade but thought she would pursue the gold as a great accomplishment to fill out her scouting year. She especially would like to thank **Mary McElroy**, who has been such a great leader and mentor over the years. Kristen, I know that your family, friends and Girl Scout family are all so proud of you.

IN THE US COAST GUARD

Wow, **Micheal Baird** has a lot to remember and continue working for. What an amazing accomplishment for you Michael and for your family and friends to feel so very happy and proud about. Michael's graduation from the US Coast Guard Academy. President Bush and Michael's older brother **Bill**, a captain in the Air Force and a 95 graduate of the US Air Force Academy presented Michael with his Commission as an Ensign in the US Coast Guard. The graduation was held last May and was also attended by Michael's grandparents, his brother **Dan** and his wife **Heather**, his brother **Tim**, who took a leave from his volunteer year with Americorp NCCC, and his proud parents **Pat and Bill Baird**. Michael is currently stationed on the US Coast Guard Cutter Steadfast out of Astoria, Oregon. Bill is a helicopter pilot currently stationed with his wife **Angela**, and two sons, **Tyler and Mason**, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. Dan and Heather live in Boston and Tim is a freshman at the University of Richmond, Va.

POPPIN' INTO SPRING

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This Spring presentation has been a tradition at First Parish for the past 15 years. The concert has a history of being a fun-filled evening of musical surprises and camaraderie as the multi-talented cast pull out all the stops to entertain. This year First Parish's own super-talents are coming together to create a musical presentation of Broadway hits, spirituals, song and dance routines, instrumentals, rounds, and audience sing-alongs. The Pops Extra surprise that's planned is too good to miss.

Returning will be the "Twisters", the well-know guitar/drums/keyboard trio brought back by popular demand. A jazz piano, harp, flute and clarinet all add to the diversity of the evening's entertainment. These two evenings' performances take place in Trueblood Hall in the Parish House, 23 No. Main St. on Cohasset Common. The evenings begin as a Social Hour from 7 – 8 p.m. with drinks and hors d'oeuvres, a displayed of the evening's Auction items, and a raffle sale. The Pops Concert begins at 8 p.m. Reservations are strongly suggested. Please call the First Parish office (**Sandy Bailey**) at 781.383.1100 or the Bloomfields at 781-383-1360. Tickets are $25/person or $50/patron. Full tables for 8 may be reserved at $200.

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Cohasset resident, **Gregory Smith**, a senior at Thayer Academy, earned honors for the first semester.

ANNUAL QUILT SHOW

The Second Congregational Church will hold its 11th annual Quilt Show & Luncheon on Saturday, March 6 from 10:30-2 p.m. Proceeds from this popular event benefit two children's charities: Boston Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust and Boston Medical Center Place's Reach Out and Read Program. Tickets are just $10 each and include the show and luncheon. For tickets, please call (781)383-0345. This is a fantastic event and a sure sign that Spring is on the way. The quilts are beautiful and the causes are tremendous ones.

'LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS'

"Little Shop Of Horrors" comes to Cohasset. A sweet, but nerdy hero! A demented dentist? A singing plant? Now that I have your attention, did you know that the South Shore is home to one of the oldest continuously active community theater groups in the United States? That's right, and it's right here in Cohasset — The Cohasset Dramatic Club! Coming this March, the Cohasset Dramatic Club proudly presents Little Shop of Horrors, a musical by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman (the same team which also created Disney's Beauty and the Beast, and Aladdin).

Join us as Seymour Krelborn, a lovable nerd, makes a Faustian deal with "a strange and interesting new plant", only to learn the high price he must pay.). This show is full of laughs and toe-tapping musical numbers and is a great way to spend an evening Parental guidance is suggested due to language and implied comic-book style violence. All shows are presented at the Cohasset Town Hall auditorium. Show times are Friday and Saturday nights, March 5, 6, 12 & 13 at 8 p.m., and Sunday afternoons, March 7 & 14, at 2 p.m.. Tickets are $12 and are available by calling 781-544-0304, or you can get them at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset or at the door.

WEBELOS FIELD TRIP

Cohasset's Webelo Cub Scouts and parents rode the commuter boat from Hingham to Boston. They met with architect **Keith Moskow**. The Webelos saw models and blue prints and toured the office. They drew sketches of rooms of their homes. Their participation and work helped them to earn their engineering badge requirements. They could view the removal of the old road overpasses from the Big Dig. They went to the top of the dome in the Boston Harbor Hotel and saw Boston's many views.

DEAN'S LIST AT ASSUMPTION

Kelly Ann Lordan, class of 2005, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Assumption College in Worcester. Kelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lordan who are so proud of her accomplishments.

ST. SEBASTIAN'S HONORS

Paul Cotter, a junior, has earned honors with distinction at St. Sebastian's School in Needham. Paul, whose parents are Dr. Paul and Margaret Cotter, maintained a B or above in all subjects to achieve this honor for the second quarter. Great work Paul.

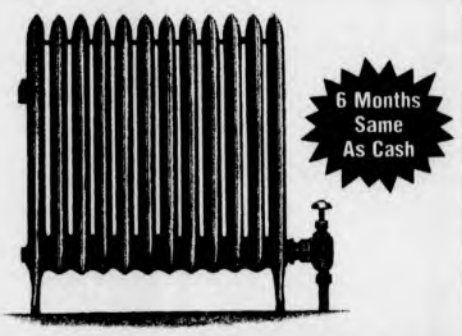
DEAN'S LIST AT GEORGIA TECH

David Howard Curry of Cohasset has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Georgia Tech with a 3.0 or high academic average.

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Webelos' trip helps earn engineering badge

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BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SIGNUPS

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will hold its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball season from now through March 6. Parents/guardians have two options for registration: CYBSA will hold a registration on Saturday, March 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., outside both the Osgood and high school gymnasiums. In the alternative, parents/guardians may register children by mail, provided that mailed registrations are postmarked no later than March 6. Registration forms are available by contacting **Nancy Froio** on (781) 383-1897. Forms will be available via e-mail. Registrations that are received or postmarked after March 6, 2004 will be subject to a per player $25 late registration fee. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated, as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order uniforms so that the organization is ready for opening day.

This registration is for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 as of July 31, 2004. A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a new player's registration forms. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the major league baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $100. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the minor league divisions for baseball (ages 7-11) and softball (ages 7-10) divisions will be $85. The registration fee for the farm league instructional division (ages 5-6) will be $65. Please be advised that children assigned to Major League teams are still required to register.

In addition, due to recent the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization, all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program. Questions regarding either player or coach registration may be directed to **Liam O'Connell** on (781) 383-9538 or **Nancy Froio** on (781)-383-1897.



SCOUT TRIP

The Webelo Cub Scouts on their recent trip to Boston include, Jake Moskow, Jonah Adkins, Tucker Oddliefson, Alec Hurd, Ben Pratt, David Williams, Adrian Dunne and Morgan McCarthy.

RENSSELAER HONORS

Congratulations to Nicholas G. Lesniewski-Laas who made dean's list for the fall semester at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. Nick is a sophomore majoring in electrical engineering and computer & systems engineering.

EVENING BENEFIT

The Friends of **Lydia Vigneau** and WBZ-TV's **Scott Wahle** invite you to an evening of fundraising and good cheer at The Red Lion Inn in Cohasset on Friday, March 5 at 7 p.m. All proceeds raised from the event's activities will benefit 3 year-old Lydia, an adopted girl from China who has been battling lymphoblastic leukemia since November at Children's Hospital. Tickets are $20 and may be purchased the night of the event or in advance by calling 781-383-2129, emailing jdemurias@comcast.net, or mailing checks payable to The Lydia Vigneau Fund to 310 Beechwood Street, Cohasset MA 02025.

The evening will include both silent and live auctions, as well as music, appetizers, and a cash bar. Auction items include donations from the Red Sox, Bruins, and Cam Neely; rounds of golf at several top golf courses (Wannamoisett , Nashawtuc, Kernwood, Blackrock, Indian Pond); gift certificates to local restaurants (Jake's, Bernard's, Riva, Legal Seafood); children's activities (Riding Lessons from River Wind Farm, Dance Lessons from Raquelle's, Cohasset Baseball Camp, Karate Lessons); wellness items (Pilates Instruction, Cohasset Yoga classes, Vinette Spa gifts), jewelry (EK Designs, Goodnight Moon, Whitney Gordon); gifts (Sylvia's by the Sea, Welch Company, Tim Ryan Photography, Zulu's, Round Hill, Treasures, Paperscapes, Buttonwood Books) and over 100 other items. Local businesses wishing to help this special cause and contribute an auction item may use the above contact information.

SPLASH INTO SUMMER

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Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

CALLING ALL SIXTH GRADERS

Hey sixth graders, mark your calendar for the Spring 2004 Deer Hill Class Night to be held at the Deer Hill Cafeteria Friday, March 26 from 7-9pm. The theme is Karaoke and Pizza! Pizza will be sold for $1/slice and we will be asking each class to bring in drinks, snacks and paper products....stay tuned! Want to help or find out more? Please call **Adrienne MacCarthy** (383-1028) or **Susan Galligan** (383-0765).

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Police study is called for

We think an independent study of the Cohasset Police Department is warranted. These studies that can be comprehensive, are not unheard of, and are not that expensive when compared to what the town is paying in legal fees and overtime costs as a result of the current woes at the police department.

In fact, a study — similar to those conducted in Leominster and Hingham — might lead to some positive changes and open the lines of communication in town.

High schools go through a reaccreditation process every 10 years that not only examines curriculum, but looks at the physical plant, teacher morale, school atmosphere and seeks input from parents to name a few. That process could provide a model for looking at other town departments, like the police.

The Town of Hingham commissioned a study of its police department in the late 1980s that was conducted by the Massachusetts Municipal Association and cost $23,500.

The study, which made extensive recommendations, numbered some 165 pages and looked at everything from community characteristics and changing demographics to internal relationships in the police department. It looked at the chain of command, order and discipline, communication, frequency of staff meetings, department morale and abuse of sick time. The study examined evidence control procedures and record keeping and recommended shift changes to cut down on overtime. The report looked at training, evaluating officers' performance on an annual basis, and the cruiser replacement policy. The study called for more delegation of authority by the police chief, with the establishment of a planning task force within the department to formulate long-range goals and policies.

The Leominster study was conducted in 1999 by New Hampshire-based EMS Consultants that used five consultants – all present and former police chiefs and police planners. The 162-page report with some 169 recommendations and cost about $23,600. While the report highlighted the positives, it noted employee morale was low and that management styles needed to keep pace with the times.

"The consultants came up with an extensive prescription for curing what they say ails the department," according to the report summary on the city's website. "They stressed the Leominster Police Department's problems are not numerous, but neither are they easy to solve, because they involve deep-seated feelings, strong personalities, and basically good people who cannot seem to agree."

The consultants interviewed members of the public, representatives from the school system, business community and social service agencies about the police to get a sense of the department's relationship with the community.

Although Cohasset is nothing like Leominster and its neighbor, Hingham, is three times its size – realizing that other municipalities commissioned studies of their police departments demonstrates that other places have been faced with police problems that were not easy to resolve.

Those places commissioned independent, objective studies to get to the heart of the matter. Many of the recommendations involved changing procedures that cost nothing.

While an independent, objective study may tell us some things we don't necessarily want to hear, it could provide a road map for some positive changes. Commissioning a study doesn't mean that any one individual has failed in his or her management style, rather it's a simple recognition that certain aspects of the police department are broken and need fixing.

A Cohasset police-fire station study committee recommended changes to the building, which have been made. Now it's time to put some time, energy and a little money into looking at what's going on inside the station. It's a win-win for the community, Town Hall and police.

— Mary Ford
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clarifying question posed in Legion story

TO THE EDITOR:

Your coverage of the Town's disciplinary hearings against Sgt. Bill Quigley and Ptl. Jim McLean has been fair and informative. However, in a recent article, Police Hearing Takes Aim At Legion Arrests, you posed a question that I thought might concern some of your readers. In the article you asked "Had Keith Jackson not made a wisecrack to Officer Frank Yannizzi, as the patrol officer tried to squeeze past him on the handicapped ramp outside the American Legion Post on Saturday night last October, would we be here today?" I think that by asking that question some readers may conclude that police officers' decisions to arrest are based on personality conflicts, or an officers dislike of a particular individual. In my 18 years of experience, working with many officers from both a city and small town department, that has never been the case.

Within the law exist several avenues of enforcement that an officer can take. The officer, generally, not always, has the discretion to make a choice between arrest, summons, monetary fine, or verbal warning. The enforcement option selected by the officer is often situational and determined by the facts and circumstances surrounding the particular incident. An officer may base their decision on many factors, including town liability, an increase of complaints about a particular problem, the past criminal history of the violator, if the violator has already received other attempts at corrective enforcement i.e. warning, any specific action or statements made by the violator and general attitude.

Individuals are not arrested because they are deemed "a smart mouth". They are arrested because the officer has probable cause to believe that the individual, at the time of arrest, is committing, or has committed the crime for which they are being arrested. When the officer has sufficient information to arrest is when they decide which level of enforcement is to be used.

Would an officer employ the most severe enforcement option if they were dealing with "a smart mouth"? I would, not because I was personally offended by what the violator said, or how they acted, but because their statements and actions showed disrespect towards the law. It is not about respect for the officer as individual, it is about respect for the uniform, which the officer wears. When I don my uniform, I represent all the good citizens of the commonwealth that enact and uphold the laws. If a violator exhibits disrespect for the office bestowed upon me by the people of the commonwealth should they be eligible for the most lenient enforcement options? It is not an abuse of police power to exercise my discretion and make a lawful arrest. Does it send a message? Hopefully, one that prevents the violator from committing more unlawful and disorderly acts.

What about the disrespectful violators future interaction with law enforeement officials? Will they be encouraged to become more sarcastic, disorderly and perhaps even assaultive if they are treated in the most lenient fashion?

Once the arrest is made it becomes the court's responsibility to address the issue. In most instances it is of little concern to me how the court chooses to dispose of the case. Naturally, some incidents concern me more than others. What matters does not pertain to the individual arrestee but pertains to their behavior.

As a police officer my mandate is not one involving character development. However, if the appropriate, and lawful use of my discretion causes a violator to take responsibility for their unlawful actions, if they swallow their medicine of their own accord, and change their behavior, perhaps a lesson is learned and the greater good is served.

Lisa Matos

Editor's note: Lisa Matos is a police officer with the Cohasset Police Department.

Open burning is a bad practice

TO THE EDITOR:

I see the Feb. 19 issue of the Cohasset Mariner announces: "Open Burning season has started". Last time the Mariner also ran a following informative piece that explained open burning contributes to global climate change by adding greenhouse gases, contributes to smog, and exacerbates breathing difficulties for those with asthma and other respiratory ailments (one in four in Massachusetts). On the other hand, brush piles offer wildlife habitat, and the brush quickly decomposes into earth-enriching compost, all while doing no harm — or the RTF accepts brush at certain times, and chips it for compost, aiding Earth and doing no harm.

I don't understand why the Mariner encourages a practice, which to me, is remarkably similar to smoking cigarettes. Society at large now recognizes the harm of smoking , and prohibits billboards advertising cigarettes, prohibits smoking in public places, etc. Yet the Mariner encourages a very similar activity. What is it that I'm not getting here?

Jim Shipsky
58 Doane St.

Time to rein in the school budget

TO THE EDITOR:

Again we are faced with the cries of the School Committee for an override because they cannot balance the budget. For years we have watched the school committee in our Town fail to reduce their budget even when the school population dropped from 2,000 to 1,200. This year I have watched them on TV and they cannot think out of the box.

Every year they seem to have a budget crisis and claim that they cannot balance their budget. This year the superintendent is leaving. We have a small school system, during his tenure he has built a dynasty in administration. Why don't we hire a part time superintendent and save half of that salary. We should also have only two principals for the system so we should be able to save about $200,000 in that part of the budget.

Recently the Town of Brookline told the City of Boston it would be happy to take some of their students into the Brookline system for $9,500 payment of tuition per student per year. We should tell the state that we will continue to take METCO students but they must pay the same as we pay for each of our students. A few years ago I reviewed the METCO reimbursement and found the Town was receiving approximately $800 to teach each student. If the state cannot pay then we should drop the program and save the costs we are paying and the subsidy we provide.

We should also change the School Committee membership. They have shown that education is not their main concern. We now have "pretty" buildings at an overall cost in excess of $50 million. The full impact of that cost has yet to be included in the tax rate, so I am told. The taxpayers in this Town have supported the schools year after year. What we have received in return are mismanagement, overstaffing, and a serious lack of vision.

Years ago at Town Meeting Mr. Tower stood before us on two canes and said, " Remember this is a small Town". We only have approximately 2,900 taxpayers in the Town and our burden increases yearly. It is time to say no. I urge everyone to go to Town Meeting and vote *no* on the school budget. I also urge everyone to go to the polls and vote for sensible leadership. We need some discipline in the budget process. The Town side appears to have control over their side of the budget and is even picking up a share of the school budget. The schools are out of control with their spending and must be brought under control. If an override is presented I urge you to go to the polls and vote *no*.

F. Roy Fitzsimmons
116 Doane St.

Biased school override story was off the mark

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a long time Cohasset resident who enjoys reading the Mariner for news and commentary. For commentary I am accustomed to reading "editorials" in a particular section of your paper. Imagine my surprise when your front-page article in the Feb 19 Mariner expressed your personal views and wishes and not news related to an override request that is still being formulated.

I take exception at your definition of the School Committee's duties in your opening sentence. Referring to Mass Law Chap 71 regarding the powers and duties of a school committee, I see nowhere that they are to, as you say, "lobby for the schools". The most effective and appropriate advocating or "lobbying" for the schools is done be concerned citizens, parents and the Cohasset school system's superintendent. A "lobbyist" for the schools would not typically take into consideration the limited resources of our town and the taxpayers that are footing the bills.

Although the School Committee has the oversight responsibilities for the school budget, it must and should work within the context of the needs and resources of our town as a whole. We are in this predicament, perhaps, because the School Committee has, in fact, been lobbying solely for the schools and not taking into consideration the other demands on our town's resources.

I would hope your editorializing would help promote the idea that the School Committee should be looking out for the interests and the welfare of not only the students and teachers, but taxpayers and the many town employees who both pay the bills and also have a stake in the town's financial condition.

Diane Benson
172 Forest Ave.

HEALTH NOTES

DEP cutbacks have local impact

Health officers forum conducted

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last Thursday, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Massachusetts Health Officer's Association held their annual winter conference in Wilmington to discuss various issues of general importance. This meeting is a time for the DEP to provide interpretations of their various rulings and tell us what's in store rule-wise for the future. It is also used by the various Boards of Health to swap news and ideas about what's happening in their respective towns.

For example, the Cohasset Board of Health had a good conversation with Bruce Capman, Health Agent for the Town of Hingham, in which he described his new software for keeping health records. Cohasset has the same system and we've had limited success with it. The difference seems to be in the relative size of the two towns. Hingham is about three times the size of Cohasset in terms of population, and processes a similar proportion of health transactions. Hingham's income from permitting is more than $1 million. Cohasset's is about 1/10 of that. The Hingham system links all the Town offices – Health; Conservation, Accounting, Assessors, Building, etc. electronically. The result is a much more efficient permitting transaction system and more income. Cohasset's records software is only available to the Board of Health. We are looking into the feasibility to change over, but there seems to be little enthusiasm for change because of the massive disruption it would cause. In a small town like Cohasset, it may not be worth the aggravation. Nevertheless, we'll be looking into it, since the cost for a complete town wide e-system for Hingham is 4 percent of fees, which gets them, free upgrades and system support.

There will be more presumptive approvals; that is, local boards will not have to seek state approval for a number of provisions for which state approval is now needed.

Other things, which happened at the MHOA meeting, was the summary of Title 5 changes, which should go into effect this summer. There will be a change in the way bedroom counts are made to determine septic system size, and small changes making it easier to install composting toilets. There will be slightly relaxed rules for percolation tests, and some changes to the use and approval regulations relating to so called 'innovative/advanced systems.

Edward Kunce told us that the DEP will have lost 25 percent of its staff by summer, and described how they would operate in the face of such cutbacks. There will be more presumptive approvals; that is, local boards will not have to seek state approval for a number of provisions for which state approval is now needed. Use of the web will be more widespread with a new web look coming soon, and almost all documentation including forms will now be available on line.

There will be increased surveillance of small water supplies, which serve fewer than 15 people. This in recognition that many small retail facilities may be using wells which may be contaminated by nearby sources of pollution like underground tank leakage. Several such scenarios have been reported to the DEP. This problem, for Cohasset can probably be addressed by adding additional questions to the already thorough procedure used by town food inspectors in their regular inspections of establishments serving food and beverages.

In all, the MHOA is a useful enterprise in which we get a bigger picture of the current health issues and what our colleagues are doing about them. Plus, it's a time to swap gossip and gab with those doing our job in other towns.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Land acquisitions could help local water supply

The Water Department and the Open Space Committee are proposing four articles at Town Meeting to protect the remaining open space in the Lily Pond watershed.

"The Water Department has changed its approach to protecting the water supply and has now decided to acquire as much open space in the watershed as possible," Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt said. "We used to try to place restrictions on uses, but recent studies have shown that existing development in the watershed has been taking a toll on Lily Pond.

"Nutrient loaded runoff from homes and businesses is causing the pond to become eutrophic, and lose depth and capacity. We think it is imperative that we minimize development as much as possible," he said.

One area the Water Department and Open Space Committee is trying to protect is a 70 acre area between Lily Pond and Whitney Woods, which they are calling the Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area.

"This is the most incredible place to walk," saysDebbie Cook, chairman of the Open Space Committee, who lives on the edge of this land. "There are trails that can take you from the Water Department all the way through Whitney Woods to Turkey Hill Reservation. You can also connect to Wompatuck State Park."

She noted two stream systems, including Brass Kettle Brook run through this property, which also has hemlocks, white pines, fantastic granite outcroppings, swamps, vernal pools, and plenty of upland for development.

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— Glenn Pratt, Water Commission

The Trustees of Reservations are currently doing a biological assessment of all the species that are in this 70-acre tract, and note that it is one of the only areas in all of Southeastern Massachusetts to be included on the state's Biomap. The Biomap was created by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to be a blueprint of biodiversity "hotspots" in Massachusetts – mapping the most important terrestrial and wetland ecosystems that support the state's diversity of life. From the state's perspective these areas are top priority to save from development.

Estimated to cost roughly $1.4 million, the land is divided into a number of parcels, many of which are owned by Cohasset families, who received the property through inheritance. In fact, most of the land is composed of historic woodlots that were granted several hundred years ago, so people could have access to wood for building and fuel. This land will be acquired over a period of time, working carefully with the landowners to ensure that it is a win-win proposition for everyone involved.

Funding will come from a number of organizations, which are partnering to raise the funds without additional taxes, including the Cohasset Conservation Trust, the Trustees of Reservations, the Water Department and the Community Preservation Fund (subject to Town Meeting approval).

"The Water Department believes the Brass Kettle Brook Conservation area, along with the other land purchases we hope to make, will protect our water supply far better than trying to regulate fertilizer and chemical runoff from the potentially great number of houses that can be built right in our watershed," said Pratt.

Friends of the Brass Kettle Brook Conservation area are meeting every Sunday afternoon, 4 p.m. at the First Parish House to save this land from development, and welcome anyone who is interested to join them. Also donations to help purchase these 70 acres are being accepted by the Cohasset Conservation Trust, P.O. Box 314, Cohasset, MA 02025. Donations are fully tax-deductible. Please note that the donation is for BKBC. For more information, call Debbie Cook 383-6313 or Glenn Pratt 383-0048.

Crows and ravens — a study in black

A BIRDER'S-EYE VIEW



JOANNE C. NORTON



American Crow, photo by Georgia John, website members.aol.com/cascadebirdwatch.

Crows and ravens are considered symbols of death, omens of bad luck, and messengers of evil. The term "crow's nest" for the high lookout seat on a ship's mast comes from the fact that crows nest at the top of tall trees. Edgar Allen Poe wrote a famous poem called "The Raven". Several of Aesop's Fables feature crows. Hitchcock used ravens and crows, I believe, in his movie "The Birds".

Crows and ravens are totally black birds. They have black feathers, black beaks, black eyes, and black legs and feet. Despite this they do not belong to the blackbird family. Instead they belong to the corvid family along with magpies and jays. In New England we have American Crows, Fish Crows and Common Ravens. Altogether there are four species of crow and two ravens found in North America.

Most people can recognize certain birds as being crows. Many do not realize that some of the crows they see may actually be Fish Crows, not American Crows (formerly known as Common Crows). These two birds look almost identical, the size difference not being a reliable tool for identification. The best way to tell the two apart is by their calls. The American Crow's most common call is a loud "caw, caw" sound. The Fish Crow has a much more nasal sounding "caah" or "ca-eh". Young American Crows sound a lot like Fish Crows, making identification by voice difficult for a few months of the year. Common Ravens have a deep croaking sound. When I hear it unexpectedly through the trees it reminds of a human in distress.

Corvids are generally considered to be among the most intelligent of birds. Crows cache food and can find it later, demonstrating memory. They use over 20 distinct calls to communicate among themselves. Crows use older siblings to help raise a new batch of young. This level of cooperation indicates some intelligence. They will work together to mob predators such as owls, their raucous activity usually resulting in the offender moving away. Juvenile crows and ravens take part in activities that look like play. Whether they are truly playing, or whether they are engaging in activities that will help them develop skills needed later in life is debatable. Crows and ravens can be taught to mimic, and ravens, especially, demonstrate definite problem-solving abilities. Experiments have shown some aptitude for counting. There are reports of the New Caledonian Crow making and using hooked tools from twigs.

Farmers tend to dislike crows, because they eat newly planted corn or other grains, also hen eggs, and even the occasional young chick. On the other hand, they also consume quantities of harmful insects, which should make them a friend of the farmer. The scarecrows put up in fields are probably of more interest to people driving by than a deterrent to crows. Crows and ravens, being scavengers and omnivores, will eat almost anything, including carrion, roadkills, and scraps picked up after picnickers or at landfills.

During the non-breeding season crows roost together in very large numbers. Hundreds of thousands or even millions of birds may fly late in the day to congregate in one area. A locally famous roost is near the Framingham Mall. The mess from droppings and the noise from so many birds is not a pleasant scene. Scientists still do not understood why crows gather to spend the night together in such large numbers.

Common Ravens are larger than crows and are our largest perching bird. They can be told from crows by the shape of their tail, which is wedge-shaped, not rounded. This is a good field mark in flight or when the bird is seen sitting upright on a branch. They are more apt to be found at higher elevations and usually prefer forests and wild areas to more populated places. In recent years, however, they have begun to turn up more often in settled areas. In Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, the Common Raven is the only bird species that has been reported on their Christmas Bird Count for at least the past 10 years. Coyotes and wolves are often alerted to potential prey by the calls of ravens. Ravens are then rewarded with a chance to finish off the carcass when the mammals have had enough.

A number of people have remarked to me that they are seeing fewer crows than in the past. This could be partly due to the mosquito-borne West Nile Virus, partly to the capping of the dump, and perhaps to other factors as well. The West Nile Virus first appeared in crows in New York City in 1999. Over 100 species of birds have been found since then to have the virus, but crows and jays seem to be particularly vulnerable. Time will tell whether their numbers will continue to decline, or whether they will rebound.

There is a lot more to learn about crows and their relatives. If you are interested in helping as an amateur birder, check out Urban Bird Studies Program run by Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Information can be found at www.birds.cornell.edu/. Under "Citizen Science Gateway", choose the project "Urban Bird Studies" to find out more.

Joanne Norton is an avid birder, is the Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center, and counts birds for Project FeederWatch.

Party girl gets birthday surprise

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE



JEANE DALY

I was invited to a surprise 50th birthday party for my friend Stephanie. Her two sons and daughter had been planning this party for months and wanted everything to be just perfect.

Her youngest son, Mark, was in charge of parking the guests' cars around the corner to insure the surprise factor. I've known Mark since he was a toddler and I must say I was a little reluctant to pass my car keys over to him, as I recalled all the skid marks he had left on the street outside my driveway.

Scott, her oldest son, had taken her out for a birthday dinner and when they arrived home, we all were to jump out and surprise her.

Everything went as planned and she was thrilled by the thoughtful gesture her kids had made on her behalf. Her daughter Kristin, who is quite a character, had something more in store than birthday cake and ice cream for her shy, sweet mother. She hired a male stripper to entertain.

About an hour into the festivities, the doorbell rang and the birthday girl answered the door. A huge man clad in hospital scrubs, mask, stethoscope, gloves, and all bounced into the room, carrying a blaring boom box. He sat the birthday girl down and began stripping to the pulsating rhythm of the loud music. The guests howled and hooted as he gyrated, swung, and grunted his way around the room. The birthday girl sat red-faced with her mouth hanging open, as her daughter doubled over with laughter.

The doc wiggled and pelvic tilted his remaining piece of outer wear to the floor and stood directly in front of Stephaney with a shiny, silver grape leaf draped over his . . . Stephaney, a nurse, has seen little bottoms and big bottoms, but this was too much! He squirmed, shimmied, dipped and bent, and did other remarkable movements with his muscular, tanned body.

The other gals, mostly 50-plus, myself, included, were cheering him on. The guest of honor sat with a bewildered glazed expression on her pale face, saying, "Oh, My God!"

I noticed the doctor smiled even more as he danced in front of the birthday girl, the reason being he was watching his own reflection in the mirror behind her chair. Great, he brought his own date to the party and it was obvious the two were madly in love.

Peeling off his silver leaf, he continued to bounce around the room, gyrating in front of all the hysterical ladies. They jammed bills down the remaining tiny gold fig leaf.

He wiggled back in front of Stephaney and shimmied up and down her shaking leg. I've never seen anyone look so miserable at their own party. I thought if this joker doesn't stop pretty soon, she's not going to make it to her 51st birthday.

She bent forward in her seat and in a kind, gentle voice said, "Does your mother know you do this, dear?" Everyone screamed with laughter. He told her he was a delivery driver for a national company in the daytime and his mother was proud of that. In a small voice, she replied, "Isn't that nice."

Now, every time I see one of those delivery drivers, I grin and wonder if his mom knows where he really is when he says he's working overtime.

Jeane Daly of Hingham is a dedicated student of humorous behavior and finds it everywhere she looks.

LIBRARY CORNER

Self-healing art

Saturday, March 6 at 1 p.m. in the Meeting Room, for an introduction to Qi Gong by Lin Lin Choy. Qi Gong is a Chinese self-healing art that combines movement and meditation. Together with natural breathing and focus, these exercises will improve balance, increase suppleness, strengthen bones, joints and tendons and promote general good health. Suitable for all ages, Qi Gong is particularly beneficial for those of middle age and seniors.

Artist reception

Stephanie Roberts' exhibit "Patterns and Pinhole" will be on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Cohasset from March 1 through April 30. The public is invited to a reception for the artist which will be held at the library on March 7 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The exhibit will feature woven mixed media works and sepia toned pinhole photographs. The woven cyanotype mixed media pieces are first printed from pinhole photography, cut into strips and woven together. Patterns are cut within them as well as painted and sewn. The photographic images reflect a memory or place and the patterning is a metaphor for the cycles in life.

The sepia toned pinhole photographs were taken on a trip to San Miguel Mexico this past October-November during their holidays "All Saints Day" and "The Day of the Dead." Festive gravesites and Ruins in Pozos will be featured. Stephanie has exhibited nationally and regionally and has won many awards and honors, including a residency at the Vermont Studio Center. Her work is included in public and private collections.

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CANDIDATES CORNER



Louis S. Harvey

Harvey to run for selectman

Louis S. Harvey has announced his candidacy for the Board of Selectmen.

Harvey recognizes the critical need to protect and restore the quality of life in Cohasset. "Protecting our quality of life requires major improvement in leadership, communication and fiscal responsibility on the Board and across all the component parts of Town government," Harvey says.

Reforming Town government, after decades of eroding "business as usual" politics, will take more than one person on the Board. Harvey has collaborated with Ralph S. Dormitzer to create a dynamic team of highly competent leaders that are dedicated to protecting and restoring the quality of life in Cohasset.

"Our Town will now have an opportunity to vote on whether it's time for fundamental change in the way the Town is run and secondly, if Ralph and I are the team to make the changes," Harvey says.

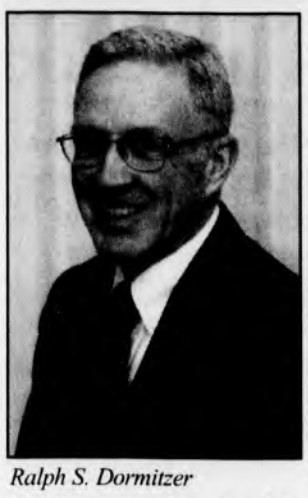
The fundamental changes that Harvey and Dormitzer will make include foresight to avoid expensive pitfalls, open and responsive dialog with the people of the Town, transparency in decision-making and active oversight of the various Town budgets to bring an end to escalating taxes and annual overrides. The need for foresight is exemplified by the past spending on school buildings without considering the funding needed for utilities and maintenance once the buildings are done.

"We must decide if the leadership skills, communication and fiscal controls that are in place today are adequate to manage our Town" says Harvey, adding "If Town government is not adequate, then you must further decide if Ralph and I are the team to bring it to an acceptable level".

Harvey's natural calm demeanor, sharp mind, articulate communication and ability to deal with people are complemented by his vast experience at the highest levels of business and the non-profit sector.

He has been a resident of Cohasset for 13 years and has participated in a number of local initiatives including the "Narrative History of Cohasset," acquisition of the old Paul Pratt library building for the Historical Society, development of educational materials for the school system, CP Harvey Jazz program.

Harvey is the chief executive at DALBAR, Inc. the nations leading financial services research company with operations in Boston, Toronto and London. He is trustee, treasurer and is chairman of the finance committee of Plimoth Plantation. He has held governance positions in private businesses, cultural institutions, academic institutions and the nations leading securities regulator.



Ralph S. Dormitzer

Dormitzer announces his bid for selectman

Ralph S. Dormitzer is pleased to announce his candidacy for one of the two open positions on the Cohasset Board of Selectmen. In a unique and interesting approach to the contest, Dormitzer and Louis S. Harvey, who is also a candidate for selectman, are running as a team with the same platform and will appear together in many of the scheduled campaign events. They are running together because they believe that the two of them together can be more effective than either one alone.

Both Dormitzer and Harvey believe that, above all, the people of Cohasset want assurance that the leadership of the town represents their interests impartially, with wisdom and effectiveness. Fundamental to these goals is the willingness to listen, to communicate, and to lead.

"We believe that the characteristics which have made the town such an attractive place are inexorably slipping away. Whether defined as quality of life or character of the town, these qualities go to the essence of why we love to be here and to extol Cohasset's virtues to our friends," Dormizter says. "The character of the town derives from the natural beauty of its geography, its open spaces and public places." Dormitzer and Harvey believe it is the town's obligation to preserve these.

Historically, the town has been hospitable to diverse groups of people, those who made their living in the town as well as those who commuted to work. And, when they retired from work they could afford to remain here. Those options must remain open to Cohasset residents today."

Cohasset has been the beneficiary of the talent, time, creativity and generosity of hundreds of individuals whose volunteer contributions surround us," Dormitzer says. "We continue to welcome your insights and help. Finally, families choose to live in Cohasset because it is an enriching and safe place for their children to grow up. It must continue to be so."

Dormitzer brings to the position a background both in business and in local community activities. Beginning in 1967, when he, his wife Jacqueline and sons Philip and Paul moved to Cohasset, he led Saint Anthony's Christian Education Program. He served on the Cohasset School Committee from 1973 to 1976 and was a member of the School Facilities Committee and the Sewer Site Selection Committee. He took a leadership position in the petition drive to protect the character of the village. Now he is the co-chair of the Community Advisory Committee representing Cohasset and 28 other towns in the greater Boston area before Massport and the FAA in a $3.1M aircraft noise abatement study.

Dormitzer has an extensive background in business. He has been an advisor and investor in several high-tech startups. He founded and was the president and CEO of NxtWave Communications. He was president and CEO of Asante Technologies and took that company public in a successful IPO. At Digital Equipment Corporation he managed several hundred people in the development and marketing of Digital's networking products, and as VP of Electro Powerpacs he managed the design, manufacture and sales of products used for medical and instrumentation applications.

Dormitzer has a BA degree from Harvard University. In addition to their two sons, Dormitzer and his wife Jacqueline have four grandchildren, two of whom live in the town and attend Cohasset schools.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE- BHRC records local senators' votes on one roll calls and local representatives' votes on three roll calls from prior sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$600,000 FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT (H 4330)

House 118-34, Senate 32-5, overrode Gov. Romney's $600,000 veto reduction (from $1.1 million to $500,000) in additional funding for the Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment (MOITI). This funding would supplement $169,390 that the Legislature approved for the office in May. Override supporters said MOITI boosts the economy and creates jobs by working to attract foreign companies to Massachusetts and increases exports by marketing Massachusetts businesses internationally. They argued that the full $1.1 million is necessary to ensure that MOITI has sufficient funds to do its job and noted that the reduction to $169,390 has devastated the functions of this office that was funded at $1.1 million last year. Override opponents said the reduction to $169,390 was made because of the state's deficit and budget cuts and argued that the additional $500,000 is sufficient for this office to do its job. They urged the Legislature to preserve the state's funds for fiscal 2005 in order to prevent drastic cuts in important programs and avoid tax hikes. (A "Yea" vote is for the additional $600,000. A "Nay" vote is against the additional $600,000).

$180,000 FOR CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION (H 4330)

House 133-22 (Senate has not yet voted), overrode Gov. Romney's veto of an additional $180,000 for the operation of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration. This funding would supplement $514,978 that the Legislature approved for the board in May. The board's function is to assist in negotiating collective bargaining agreements and resolve labor disputes in both the public and private sectors through fact-finding, mediation and arbitration. Override supporters said the additional funding is necessary for the operation of this board that plays an important role in resolving many disputes. They noted that the prompt settlement of these disputes is important to the economy because it saves time, money and jobs. Override opponents said the $514,978 is sufficient to operate this board. They argued that the state should not spend every surplus dollar it has when it is facing up to a $2 billion deficit in the fiscal 2005 budget. (A "Yea" vote is for the additional $180,000. A "Nay" vote is against the additional $180,000).

$3 MILLION FOR BROWNFIELDS INSURANCE (H 4328)

House 157-0 (Senate has not yet voted), overrode Gov. Romney's $3 million veto reduction (from $6 million to $3 million) in funding for the Brownfield Redevelopment Access to Capital Fund (BRAC). This funding would supplement $1 million that the Legislature approved for BRAC in May. The fund subsidizes environmental insurance for developers and lenders involved in the redevelopment of brownfields and protects them by reducing the risk of cost overruns, unanticipated environmental costs and unanticipated environmental liability. Brownfields are abandoned or underused commercial or industrial sites that are contaminated and hazardous. The state created a program in 1998 to offer financial and other incentives to developers who are willing to take a risk in developing these sites. Override supporters said the additional $3 million is necessary for BRAC to adequately subsidize this key environmental insurance that protects developers and lenders. They noted that many developers cannot afford this costly insurance on their own but many banks will only provide loans if the project is backed by this insurance. They argued that these projects stimulate the economy by developing underutilized sites, creating jobs and revitalizing surrounding communities. In his veto message, Gov. Romney said that he reduced this funding by $3 million in order to preserve limited resources. (A "Yea" vote is for the additional $3 million).

ALSO UPON BEACON HILL

SENIORS AND PROP 2 1/2 (H 4470)- The House gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a bill allowing cities and towns to exempt qualified low-income senior citizens 65 and older from paying additional taxes resulting from Proposition 2 1/2 overrides. The exemption applies to homes valued under $500,000 owned by single seniors whose annual income is less than $43,000 and senior couples with an income less than $64,000. The measure also makes a change in the state's current so-called senior circuit breaker law that gives up to a maximum $810 state tax rebate to qualified low-income seniors whose property tax bills exceed ten percent of their annual income. Under current law, the rebate is given to seniors who meet low-income guidelines and who own a home that is worth not more than $432,000. The bill would raise the allowable value of the home to $500,000. Supporters said that these increased tax breaks would help many struggling low-income elderly homeowners on fixed incomes remain in their homes. They noted that the exemption is a local option one that allows cities and towns to decide whether to implement it. Opponents said the proposal is craftily designed to discourage seniors from voting against overrides and warned that other struggling younger taxpayers would end up paying the exempt seniors' portion of the property tax hike. Opponents also objected to the bill being approved without debate and without a roll call vote at a sparsely attended informal House session during the February school vacation week.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For selectmen:
Where do you stand on the need for a Prop. 2-1/2 override to help balance the fiscal year 2005 budget?

SELECTMAN/ Rob Spofford

Although I wish it could be avoided, after careful consideration and deliberation I am convinced that an override this year is necessary. Continued reductions in state aid, increases in enrollment at our schools and the increased utility costs to maintain our new and substantially enlarged facilities all point to the need for an override.

The proposed operating budget of $30.6 million reflects fixed costs (contracted salaries, insurance, utilities and debt) of over 95 percent. While it will be important to implement strategies to help better manage these costs going forward, for this fiscal year these costs are set. After reviewing the remaining discretionary amount of less than 5 percent and considering the substantial cuts already made, including three teacher positions, I believe taking any additional action would directly impact our ability to deliver the core services that we as a community have determined are required.

A good public official knows that with their position comes a responsibility to understand the total financial implications of their decisions on every citizen. With this in mind, I am specifically concerned for our senior citizens and others on fixed incomes. My commitment as selectman would be to continue to pursue and explore additional ways to provide tax relief to those citizens needing it most. Based on my research, many other communities, facing similar situations, have more progressive programs that should be considered here in Cohasset and I will lead the efforts with our Town Treasurer to actively understand and pursue each.

Rest assured, that any future budget that comes before me as selectman will face the same level of scrutiny, discipline and questioning that I have demonstrated over the past 8 years to the fiscally responsible, on-time and budget, $52 million school renovation projects and which I do every day in running my own business.

SELECTMAN/ Lou Harvey

Town government is planning to spend more tax money than it expects to take in over the next year. The perennial answer from the Town is to hike your taxes.

I propose, instead, to deal with this problem in two fiscally responsible ways. The first is to set priorities for the expenditures that are most important to our Town. The second is to find the most cost-effective and efficient way to manage those priorities.

The top priority for our society is the education of its children. I propose making the schools' academic programs the top priority, followed by the protection services of police and fire and preserving the character of the Town. Other priorities include roadways, safety, sewer system, etc. After deciding on what priorities we can afford, we should adopt a fee for service structure for non-priority items so as not to impact our tax rates.

In this way we do not cut into the most important services while preserving the less important.

Setting priorities is not enough to meet the obligation to taxpayers. It is also critical we ensure that we get maximum value for each dollar spent. Spending a $1/4 million with waste such as leaving lights, heat and showers on at schools while not in use, needs to be stopped. Spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on police department discipline is a waste. Outsourcing cleaning services but retaining the janitors is a waste.

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For the School Committee:
Where do you stand on the need for a Prop. 2-1/2 override to help balance the fiscal year 2005 budget?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Adrienne MacCarthy

About a week and half ago, the School Committee had a joint meeting with our Selectmen and our Advisory Committee. At this meeting, the School Committee presented their fiscal 2005 budget highlights and they also present their complete budget book, for review. This is an important process.

I believe in a transparent budget process and in the cooperative sharing of ideas and concerns between the town boards. Then, we can feel confident through this process that the need to protect the integrity of our schools and our town services will be addressed. So ultimately, my decision to support this override is being based on this open process. I look forward to continuing to following the process, which is still underway.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Scott O'Grady

Some things we can control; some things we cannot. Two years of cuts in state aid to Cohasset are clearly out of our control. State and federal education mandates, many of which are unfunded or underfunded at those levels, are also out of our control. When faced with funding crises based on these issues, we have the option to increase property tax rates to cover budget shortfalls.

The current budget crisis in our schools, however, arises from issues over which we do have control. I believe that in two important areas, we together must reassess our decision making processes, and decide whether we can incorporate a principle of thrift into the assumptions that we bring to bear.

First, in contract negotiations, it appears to me that our incumbent leadership does not in principle accept the limitations of proposition 2-1/2. This is a critical area on which the town must achieve some kind of consensus. Working within 2-1/2 and the multiyear schedule that Mark Haddad has developed for periodic override requests, we can maintain a contractual equilibrium that will obviate the budget brinksmanship that forces us to choose between yet another override and the loss of teachers, activities, or services at our schools.

Second, in the issue of energy consumption, hindsight shows us that we failed to build modern energy efficiencies into our new schools. This is an omission for which we are all culpable, for failing to emphasize thrift as a priority.

Thrift is not stinginess. Sometimes, as in the case of energy efficiency, it means spending more now to save in the long run. It is a quintessential New England value, and one that I feel has not been a principle of the current school committee. For this reason I oppose the 2005 override.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Jamie Williams

I moved to Cohasset in 1992, drawn by a superior school system for my children. Overrides, then, occurred every three years. Today we face overrides every year. As a community, we can agree that maintaining quality schools has created a pattern of fiscal instability — seven overrides in seven years. This method of overspend/override budgeting must end.

I believe we must be fiscally responsible to meet upcoming challenges. We will be successful only if our goals and objectives are prioritized, communicated and managed. It is essential that we develop a master plan for the schools to prepare for future needs, anticipating the effects of rising enrollment and decreased state funding. A superior education cannot be safeguarded by relying on risky taxpayer overrides that may, or may not be passed.

The proposed override for the 2005 school budget is still a work in progress. Should an override go on the ballot and fail, the Town Manager stated that "it is not clear if the schools would shoulder the entire $400,000 cut...or if the town would share the cuts." While the situation is still unclear, as a taxpayer I disagree with this override and am alarmed at the lack of foresight that has brought us to this point. As a parent, however, I am backed into a corner and forced to weigh the threatened erosion of my children's education against another increase in my taxes. I breathe a heavy sigh of dissatisfaction that must be
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

When the citizens of Cohasset stand in the voting box on April 3 to decide whether this override should be passed, they will truly be deciding the future of the school system and the level of education it will provide to the children in years to come. This community decision comes at a difficult time for most people. Although the economy is supposedly improving, many are struggling with increased costs of living. The school budget is not unlike many personal financial situations of less money coming in and more money being required.

Over the past two years, the schools have received significantly less in state aid while the costs of providing an education

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examined can only be made by someone not fully facing the facts which are these. The School Committee can cut nor more without significantly affecting the quality of education provided. And, should the override fail, it is likely needed to make an additional $400,000 in cuts. This is without even considering the possibility of hinted further reductions in state aid again this year.

This is the decision the community will need to make. It is that simple and that scary. Knowing that an override failure will mean the loss of team sports and class sizes of 28 or more children. I will support the override and consider it an investment in both the future of my children and the town of Cohasset.

For the Planning Board:
Is the Senior Overlay District Bylaw more than the town bargained for?

PLANNING BOARD/ Stuart Ivimey

We need to strengthen the 'sunset provision' of the by-law. This will protect Cohasset's character from being destroyed by the unintended development of hundreds of new condominium/townhouse units.

The by-law sunsets (becomes void) once 20 percent of Cohasset's housing stock consists of multi-family units.

When Town Meeting approved the by-law, its proponents believed duplexes would "count" against the 20 percent cap; however, the town's attorney later ruled that "multi-family" buildings must contain three units. The town has 2,891 housing units — 250 are "multi-family" (8.6 percent). The by-law sunsets once 328 new units are permitted. This shortfall is already made up by Avalon (200), Cedarmere (104) and Cook Estate (90) – total 394.

The problem arises when we consider the impact of the lawsuits that are challenging Cedarmere and Avalon. These projects do not count against the 20 percent cap during the litigation; however, if they win, both projects will be built. In addition, any developer who files for a permit before the resolution of these lawsuits and receives one, will also build his project. This will result in the construction an additional 300 units, bringing the potential total of new condominium construction to over 720 units.

I fully support both the by-law change amendment on the warrant for Town Meeting this Spring, and an immediate effort to change parts of the Planning Board's regulations to limit new units in the permitting 'pipeline'.

We must protect the Cook Estate senior development from these proposed changes. The Planning Board must fast track the Cook Estate project to ensure that it is developed and its units are counted against the by-law's 20percent cap.

PLANNING BOARD/ Joe Nedrow

The short answer is no.

The creation of the Senior Overlay District was advocated by the Senior Housing Committee. They were concerned about the lack of housing options for neighbors and friends who no longer needed or had the ability to maintain large houses. The committee looked to see what other communities have done to solve this problem. Many felt the establishment of Senior Housing Overlay Districts were their most successful strategy in creating housing opportunities for the senior population.

Simply put, a senior overlay district modifies local zoning bylaws to allow for a higher density of housing units on a given parcel than regular zoning provides. Additionally in Cohasset, the bylaw only applies to parcels of land that are ten acres or more. All such parcels in town have already been identified by other town committees concerned about open space, growth, development, and conservation. Any attempt to develop any of these parcels would no doubt have vigorous and viable competition by open space advocates.

Even a worst case scenario where all available parcels were developed using the overlay regulations, a case could be made that the fiscal impact on the town would be better than if the same properties were developed under regular zoning bylaws. Again this is not a concept unique to Cohasset, but rather a program that has worked well in other communities and highly recommended by state agencies and housing advocates.

Next week's questions:

For the Planning Board: *What guarantees can you provide that the new Cohasset Master Plan won't just sit on the shelf and collect dust?*

For Selectmen: *Would an independent study of the Cohasset Police Department be beneficial?*

For the School Committee: *Are teachers' salaries the problem with the school budget?*

Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

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Spofford events planned

The Committee to Elect Rob Spofford is pleased to announce the following events will be held in support of Rob's candidacy for Selectman. Cohasset residents are invited to join Rob at any of the events listed. During each gathering, Rob hopes to hear from voters about their concerns, as well as speak on his own views of issues facing the town, his experience and commitment to Cohasset and its families.

Events will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 7 at the home of Michelle and Rob Skolnick; Saturday evening, March 13 at the home of Susan and Denny Meikleham; Thursday, March 18 at the home of Susan and Chuck Jaffe; Saturday evening, March 20 at the home of Linda and Tucker Glavin.

Anyone interested in helping elect Rob to the Board of Selectmen may call the number listed below to volunteer..

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Planning Board weighs in on five zoning articles

By Samantha Brown
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The Planning Board had its chance to weigh in on the proposed zoning articles for the Town Meeting Warrant last week, and voted to recommend only one of the five which came before it.

Up for discussion were article seven, which pertains to large house site plan review, article 8 regarding earth removal, article 9 regarding non-conforming uses, article 11 which deals with political signs, and article 12, which proposes changes to the current Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw.

Although the Planning Board is the sponsor of article 12, which would change the wording of the sunset clause of the Senior Overlay bylaw, the majority of the board did not vote to recommend it. With the resignation of Chris Ford from the board, there are now only four voting members, and three of them voted against the amendment. Peter Pratt was in the minority when he cast his vote in favor.

"I think we have a moral obligation to Town Meeting," said Pratt, adding because the definition of "multi-family" has changed drastically since the bylaw was originally written, the bylaw should be changed to reflect the new meaning.

When it was originally written, the bylaw was meant to "sunset," meaning development would stop once 20 percent of the town's housing stock is deemed multi-family residences. However, after the bylaw was passed, Pratt said Town Counsel determined the definition of a multi-family residence includes dwellings that can accommodate three or more inhabitants, not two or more as had been previously thought. Therefore, many apartments already existing in town that were thought to "count" toward the town's total affordable housing stock suddenly did not. Pratt said Town Counsel has therefore advised the Planning Board to change the bylaw from 20 percent to 15 percent, in order to help control the number of senior housing units that could come before the town.

"This is not an effort to shut out the Cook Estate," said Pratt, adding by changing the bylaw, it won't prevent any projects that are already in the pipeline from moving forward.

Although the Planning Board did not recommend the article, it will still move forward to be included on the warrant at Town Meeting. However, the Board of Selectmen discussed the vote at its meeting Tuesday and Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said she wondered if the Planning Board would want to keep the article on the warrant when the majority of the board does not support it. Pratt is slated to come before Selectmen next Tuesday and is expected to give that answer.

The board voted to indefinitely postpone article seven, which deals with large home site plan review, but that article will still move forward on the warrant. However, the board also voted to indefinitely postpone the earth removal and non-conforming uses articles, which will not move forward because their sponsor, the Growth and Development Committee, voted to have them removed.

The one zoning article the Planning Board unanimously chose to recommend was number 11, the political signs bylaw. Although the article was included on the fall Special Town Meeting Warrant, the meeting was dissolved for a lack of a quorum before it could be discussed. However, because the Planning Board had not taken action on the article previously, it was going to be dropped on the floor of Town Meeting anyway.

Selectman Fred Koed has been the driving force behind the political signs article from the very beginning. He said the reason Cohasset began to take a look at its political sign bylaw was because the town of Braintree has rewritten its bylaw when one similar to theirs was found to be unconstitutional. Because their bylaw treated political signs differently from other signs, changes were made so as not to inhibit free speech. Koed thought it would make sense for Cohasset to take a similar look at its bylaw to make sure it was not guilty of the same offense. Town Counsel reworked the bylaw for the fall Town Meeting, and the article has not changed since then.

The Town Meeting Warrant has been modified to reflect changes to the articles and the latest draft, dated Feb. 24, lists the zoning articles as follows: Article 7, large house site plan review, article 9, political signs, article 10, Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District.

Copies of the drafted Warrant are available at the library, the Town Clerk's office, Planning Board office and Selectmen's office. The Warrant will go to the printer on March 4. Town Meeting will be held Saturday, March 27 at 10 a.m. at the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium.

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Lords of the ring

Cohasset's Kehoe, Strazzulla and Baroudi win state wrestling crowns

By Mike Spellman
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It had all the appeal of a Rocky movie, multiplied by three…really.

Indeed, what happened Saturday evening on the wrestling mats inside Cohasset High was stranger than any fiction even Sylvester Stallone could have concocted.

Three Cohasset wrestlers—Joey Kehoe, Phil Strazzulla and Matt Baroudi-- all underdogs after taking second place in their respective weight classes at the previous weekend's South Sectional meet, first bucked the odds by getting back to the finals in a much more difficult statewide Div. 3 field, and then outright defied those odds by winning state championships in front of their home town fans—and, seemingly just to make it that much better of a story, all three won their state crowns in dramatic down-to-the wire fashion.

Better still (really), the wins for Kehoe and Strazzulla came over the same wrestlers who'd topped them the previous week for the Sectional crowns.

So now it's on to the All-State championships at Salem High School this Saturday for coach Torin Sweeney and his three champs. The top six finishers in each weight class here will qualify for next week's New England championships in New Haven, Conn.

"Unbelievable," seemed all the normally loquacious Sweeney could say moments after Baroudi became his third state champion on the night, pulling out a thrilling 8-6 win with a takedown of Southwick's Kyle Davidson in overtime.

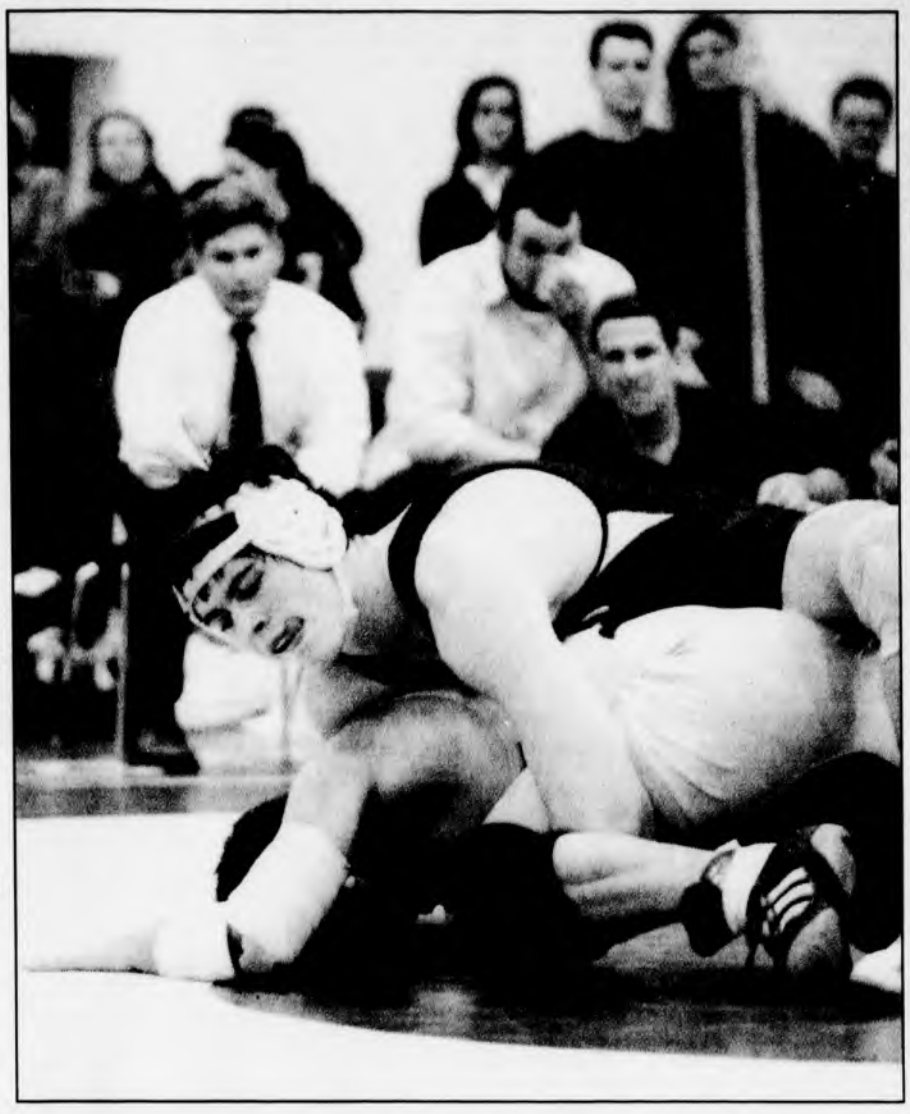
"Can we talk about it later on the phone?" the beaming coach finally requested, as people kept coming over to slap him on the back and shake his hand. No problem. Clearly, a little time was needed to absorb all that had taken place.

The evening, which is already being hailed from all precincts as the greatest in the short history of Cohasset High's Evie Dorr gymnasium, began with junior Joey Kehoe taking a 9-5 decision in the 140-pound state championship bout over top seed Brian Dietzel of Foxboro, the same wrestler who'd pinned him late in the Sectional title match a week earlier.

Kehoe scored first in this match with a takedown, but Dietzel answered that with 35 seconds left in the first period to

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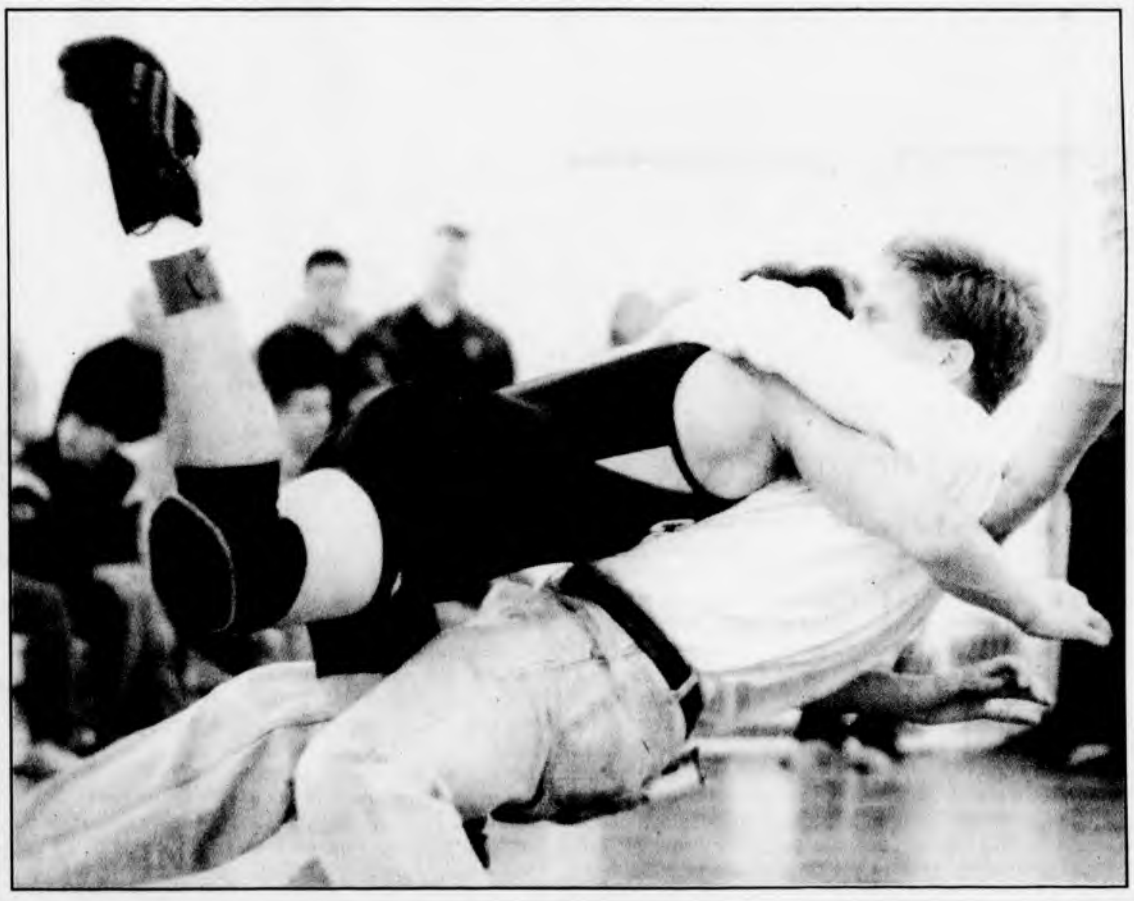




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(Clockwise from right): Cohasset's Joe Kehoe gets on top of Foxboro's Brian Dietzel to run out the clock in his state championship win, senior captain Phil Strazzulla scores a big takedown on coach Torin Sweeney moments after capturing the Div. 3 state championship at 145 pounds, Matt Baroudi (right) tries to pull Kyle Davidson's leg out from under him in the championship showdown at 215 pounds, Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney celebrates one of Saturday evening's many highlights for his team.





Jeckyl or Hyde?

Which CHS icemen will show up for the postseason?

By Mike Spellman
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So…which Cohasset High hockey team will show up for the postseason?

If it's the Skippers team that produced a 4-2 win over perennial state power Westwood in the consolation game of the annual Bourne Freezeout Tourney on Friday, local fans can probably count on a nice long run.

If, however, it's the team that fell by a 5-1 score to Stoughton in the Freezeout opener just 24 hours earlier, one and done would seem a far likelier scenario.

"Yeah, we've been a Jeckyl and Hyde type team for a lot of this season, and those last two games showed us at our worst and best," conceded first year CHS head coach Ben Virga. "We ended up with one of our best efforts of the season, though, and it's better to go into the playoffs off that type of game.

The Skippers will open the postseason at the same place they ended their 11-6-3 regular season, at Bourne's Gallo Arena, where they'll take on Blue Hills for the third time this season on Saturday (time not yet announced). The two teams skated to a 4-4 tie back in late December, but the Skippers prevailed in go round number two a week ago Tuesday, 3-2.

State Tourney hockey
Cohasset vs. Blue Hills
Saturday, 11 a.m.
Gallo Arena, Bourne

While the confidence gained by that win coupled with Gallo's big ice surface, which would seem to benefit the strong skating Skippers, would appear to give Cohasset a couple of noteworthy advantages, coach Virga insists Blue Hills is one of the handful of teams he was really hoping to avoid in the postseason.

"Blue Hills is a very well coached team, and they play with a lot of discipline," said Virga, a former assistant coach

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

It's hoped Cohasset goalie Stefan Parnell can carry his hot play of late into the postseason.

Lady Skippers roll

South Shore Christian no match for CHS hoopsters in tourney opener

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

The most wins in a single season by a Cohasset High girls basketball team over the last 16 years has been six. As of Tuesday night, a 9 can be added on to the six for the Cohasset team. For first year Cohasset coach John LeVangie, he can now add another win to his career total of 314.

The Cohasset girls brought its record up to 15-6 with a runaway 59-13 win over South Shore Christian in the first round of the Div. 4 South Sectionals.

The Skippers now move on to the quarterfinal round of the championship chace, taking on the winner of top-seeded Harwich (20-0) going against 16th seeded Cathedral (11-10) Thursday. Besides being undefeated, Harwich is also the defending Div. 4 champion.

Harwich drew a bye in the pre-

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Eye on the prize

CHS boys look to continue clutch play in postseason

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

The Div. 4 South sectional may have started last night, but Cohasset's tournament started two weeks ago.

Needing a sweep of their three-game homestand to get to 10 wins to reach the postseason, the Skippers did just that. Last night's game versus Millis will be the first test in seeing if that experience pays off, as the Cohasset boys face a tough challenge if they want to play beyond this weekend.

If they defeated Millis last night in a game that was played after the Mariner went to press, Cohasset would next travel to play number-one seed and undefeated West Bridgewater. If they get by that one, the Skippers

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Coastal Stars Youth Hockey

Mite C1

The Mite C-1's defeated Hingham 9-1 this week and the team played exceptionally well, but forwards Tommy Prendergast and Colby Comeau deserve credit for skating their best games of the season with both earning hat tricks. The game started quickly with Colby getting his first goal in the first two minutes followed a few minutes later by Tommy's first. With the confidence of a lead, everyone settled into their positions and the Team's hard work on passing was put to the test. The first line off the bench, with Pat Shea, Tommy Prendergast and Tucker Ambrose on offense, supported by Brodie Jackisch and Brendan O'Connell on defense, moved the puck around well and set up some great shots on goal. Brodie set up Tommy's second goal with a perfectly timed and placed pass, and Tommy's third came off a quick pass from Pat Shea at a faceoff, which Tommy took right to the net. The second line out, anchored by Charlie Blackington at center with Derek Benson and Colby Comeau on wing, worked smoothly with their defense, Jake Burchill and Adam Benson, and also passed well. Two very effective passes came from Adam who earned two assists when he put the puck first on Charlie's stick and then on Colby's, and both were able to score. Derek also had some good shots on goal and earned his own assist when he passed it in to Colby, who then scored his third. The last line out saw the most action from Hingham's offense giving Stars goalie Charley Michalowski a chance to show his stuff. Charley had several dramatic saves and was very sharp in goal. Good hustle from defensemen Brian Palmieri and Garret Leahy, as well as center Kevin Meehan, broke up several potential scoring bids by Hingham. In addition to good defense, the offense worked the puck well, demonstating their passing strength with winger Justin Fein setting up Kevin who scored a nice one. Moments later Winger Colin MacDonald had the goal of the game, which came from his stickhandling skills. Taking the puck away from the Hingham defense, he came around behind the net and tucked in a backhander, just like the pros. The Stars stepped it up for this one and did a good job using the skills they are learning.

Mite C3

Congratulations to the Coastal Stars Mites C-3 team for winning the 2004 Cranberry Cup Championship. After a week of hard fought victories the Coastal Stars were well represented in the final game which featured the C-3 team versus the Stars C-4 team. The C-3 mites emerged victorious with a 4-1 win after three periods of hard skating and quality scoring opportunities by both hockey teams. The Championship came as the result of an overall team effort and great goaltending by Max Hemingway who earned MVP honors. Additionally, the C-3 mites skated to their league leading 20th victory of the season with a decisive 6-1 victory over W/H/K. After a scoreless first period which featured spectacular saves by both Stars goaltender Sam Topham and the opposing W/H/K goaltender, center Andrew Tautkus opened the scoring in the second period. Andrew scored his first of two goals after receiving a pass from line mates Matthew Tautkus and Declan Leahy. Stars winger James Daley scored the second goal of the period breaking in on net after collecting a pass from fellow winger Mark McGoldrick and center Bryan Bowman. The third period started with Andrew Tautkus scoring his second goal of the contest carrying the puck from mid ice and beating the W/H/K net minder. Hard skating and aggressive play paid off for the forward line of Ryan Davis, Curtis Golden and Ryan Melia as constant offensive pressure led to a goal scored by Ryan Davis on a shot from between the circles. James Daley tallied the fifth Stars goal finishing on a series of passes from Mark McGoldrick and defenseman Garrett Leahy. Winger Curtis Golden concluded the Stars scoring with an exciting breakaway from his own blue line beating the goaltender to the stick side. The Stars defensemen led by Jeffrey Powers, Garrett Leahy, Jake Denton, Max Hemingway and Hugh Healey controlled the play in their own zone as well as the center ice area. A late flurry of quality shots by W/H/K was turned aside by Sam Topham in net to preserve the 6-1 Stars victory.

Squirt C2

The Stars Squirt C2 team got back on the winning track Sunday with an impressive 3-1 win over Hingham. Bouncing back nicely from a tough loss to Needham 3 the week before. The Stars took the ice with a purpose and began taking the play to Hingham right from the opening face-off. Kevin Friedland got things going in the first period with a nice one timer from the slot off a Charlie Coffman pass from behind the Hingham net. Hingham took a costly tripping penalty two minutes later when they couldn't keep up with the hustling Andrew Fontaine. Andrew converted the power play goal one minute into the penalty with Brian Craig and Pat Shay getting assists on the play. This line would continue with great passing and unselfish play the rest of the game just missing on several scoring chances. Kevin Quinn continued his strong play in net turning aside Hingham's early chances. The Defense of Ed Tobin, Dan Leblanc, Gerard Tierney and Jack Nelson really did a great job keeping the Hingham offense off balance through out the game, breaking up several odd man rushes. Hingham made things interesting when they scored late in the second period to make it 2-1. After the goal the stars forwards really picked up their fore checking with Ryan Bertone and Mattie Sullivan creating all kinds of havoc in the Hingham end of the ice. This set up several scoring chances but Hingham's goalie came up big. Jack Nelson ended the suspense early in the third period when he buried a pass from Kevin Friedland, scoring from just inside Hingham's blue line. The Stars completely shutdown Hingham's offense the rest of the way with solid defense and great back checking. The action really got wild when Hingham pulled their goalie with a little less than 2 minutes to go. Even though they had the extra skater Hingham could not get the puck out of their end with several stars players just missing the open net or the Hingham defensemen making big saves. Overall another great effort by Stars.

Squirt C3

Playing with a school break skeleton crew, the Squirt C3 hustled their way to a 4-2 win against Duxbury on Saturday. Despite many early scoring opportunities the Stars were stymied in the 1st period by a determined Duxbury netminder. After giving up the early lead at the end of the period, the Stars regrouped and turned up the pressure to begin the second. As has been the case so often this year, Mike Mascuilli opened the scoring for the Stars when he picked up a Ryan Foohey pass behind the Duxbury defenders, skated in unmolested and fired the puck just inside the left post. Just minutes later Sam Labo picked up another Foohey clearing pass up the right boards and fired a wrist shot from the right slot that caromed up into the left top corner off the goalies stick. After going down 2-1, Duxbury began to press hard for scoring opportunities. Goalie Alec Hurd robbed Duxbury of at least two goals with his glove, both times snaring laser-like wrist shots out of nowhere. Defensemen Mike Timcoe and Mike Foley also frustrated many Duxbury scoring chances, successfully thwarting numerous Duxbury breakouts. Forward Nick Craig also contributed to the defensive effort, catching the Duxbury puckhandler on a breakaway from behind and taking the puck into the corner with a heads up slide. The Stars continued their scoring ways to begin the 3rd period when Vinny Calorio fed Ally Ryan with a beauty of a pass. Ryan skated in uncontested and fired the puck by the Duxbury goalie's outstretched pads. Moments later Sam Labo scooped up the loose puck behind the Duxbury net and fed the puck to Mike Masciulli for a one-timer that was rejected with a beautiful kick save. Left winger Justin Henriksen swooped in and lifted the loosed puck high over the stretched out goalie for the Stars fourth and final goal. Duxbury scored again with seconds remaining and the outcome already decided. The Squirts C3 record now stands at 13-4. Way to go Stars.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Chasset High boys coach Ron Ford goes over strategy during a timeout at recent South Shore League showdown with Abington.

Eye on the prize

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would face a long road trip to either Provincetown or Nantucket, depending on who wins a first round game between those two Lighthouse division rivals.

Such is the life if you're a number-16 seed. But head coach Ron Ford wasn't worried about any of that Wednesday morning.

"Millis is all I'm worried about right now," he said.

Millis comes from the Tri-Valley League, a tough group of teams that placed six schools in the Div. 3 South sectional. Millis got in to the tournament with an 8-12 record that is probably not indicative of the caliber of team they are.

"They played in a good league. They're a legitimate tournament team," Ford said. "I expect them to come out and try and be physical with us. They've got some size. We just have to come out and play with the same focus and intensity that we did our last three games."

Conventional wisdom would have it that Ford's last point may be tough to accomplish. Cohasset has not played a game since Feb. 12, when a 50-41 win over Mashpee clinched a tournament berth. One might expect a team to be rusty and sluggish coming off such a long break.

That will probably not be the case, however, with the Skippers. In fact, the two-week layoff is exactly what the doctor ordered, pun intended. It has given the team some time to heal their various injuries.

Senior Chris Bilodeau was playing on two bad ankles the last week of the season, but Ford says his leading scorer has started to regain some of his explosiveness over the last several days. Point guard John Andrade has been battling a sore ankle all year, and center Sean Connolly also was a regular in the trainer's room after games.

"We needed [the break], we were so drained from where we were," Ford said.

Rest assured, the Skippers will be ready for postseason action. They know how they close they were to not making it at all.

"We've already played three tournament games," Ford said. "The fact that we've played those games in that situation can only help us."

SPORTS NOTES

Splash into the Summer of 2004

We would like to extend an invitation for applicants! Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards for the 2004 summer season. All applicants must be 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Letters of interest should be sent to Attn: Darleen Koetsch, Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net. Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

Coastal Stars Youth Hockey sign-ups

The Coastal Stars Youth Hockey organization will be registering players from Marshfield and Cohasset for the 2004/2005 season on the following two dates:

Saturday, March 6th-St. Christines Parish Lower Hall, Marshfield from 12:00pm–4:00pm.

Saturday, March 13th-St. Anthony's Parish Center, Cohasset from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

The 2004/2005 Fee will be $625 if paid in full at registration. Parents should have child's hockey shirt size and desired shirt number. Registration for any new players that are 8 years old and younger will be announced at a future date. For more information see *www.coastalstars.com.*

CYBSA signups for players/coaches through March 6

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will hold its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball season from now through March 6, 2004. Parents/guardians have two options for registration: CYBSA will hold a registration on Saturday, March 6, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., outside both the Osgood and High School gymnasiums.

In the alternative, parents/guardians may register children by mail, provided that mailed registrations are postmarked no later than March 6, 2004. Registration forms are available by contacting Nancy Froio on (781) 383-1897. Forms will be available via e-mail. Registrations that are received or postmarked after March 6, 2004 will be subject to a per player $25 late registration fee. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated, as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order uniforms so that we are ready for opening day.

This registration is for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 as of July 31, 2004.

A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a new player's registration forms.

The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the major league baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $100. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the minor league divisions for baseball (ages 7-11) and softball (ages 7-10) divisions will be $85. The registration fee for the farm league instructional division (ages 5-6) will be $65. **Please be advised that children assigned to**

Major League teams are still required to register.

In addition, due to recent the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization, all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time andsupply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program.

Questions regarding either player or coach registration may be directed to Liam O'Connell on (781) 383-9538 or Nancy Froio on (781)-383-1897.

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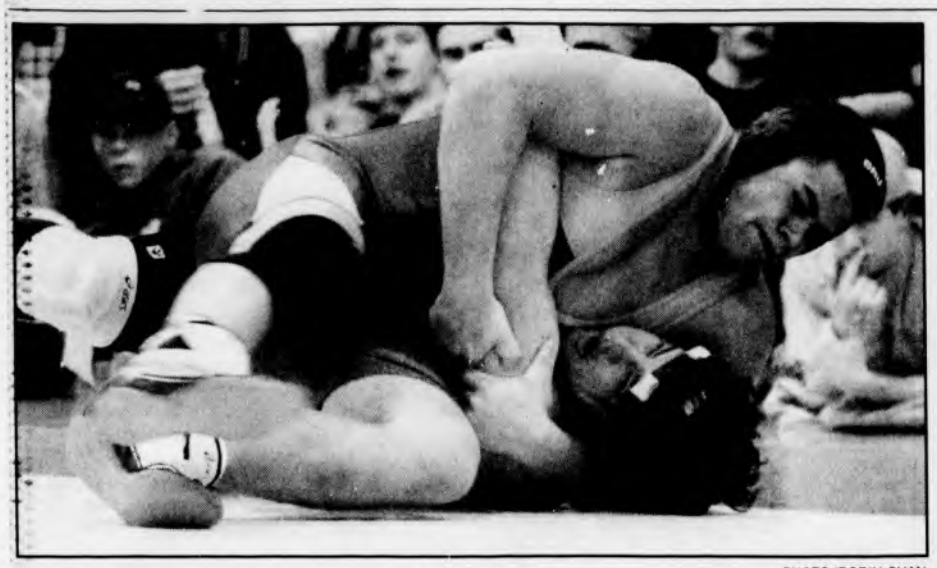
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Cohasset's Matt Baroudi (bottom) gets caught in a headlock by Southwick's Kyle Davidson late in regulation of Saturday's state championship match, but the junior battled back in overtime to win the state championship for the 215 pound weight class.

Lords of the ring

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send it into the second frame tied at 2-2.

Dietzel started on the bottom in the second and pulled off a quick escape to take his first lead. Kehoe answered with a nice takedown, getting behind the Foxboro wrestler and then hopping onto his back piggyback style and wrapping both his legs around Dietzel to get him over—a trademark move for Kehoe which he utilized very effectively in this match to stall and tire out his higher ranked rival.

However, a quick reversal by Dietzel inside the final 30 seconds sent him into the third period with a 5-4 edge.

A quick takedown put Kehoe back in front, 6-5, and he picked up another point a few moments later when Dietzel was penalized for stalling.

With Dietzel battling desperately for a takedown in the waning moments, Kehoe was able to counter that aggressiveness and spin Dietzel over for another two point takedown. Then came the image that has been left lingering strongest of all in this typist's mind: Kehoe pushing down with all his might to keep Dietzel's chest and face pressed into the mat as he stared up at the clock to count down the final seconds. The celebration that erupted after the buzzer was also something to behold, as Kehoe flew into the arms of coach Sweeney and was swarmed by his teammates and friends.

The emotion in Kehoe was still visceral a half hour after that win, as he told the story of how his recently deceased grandfather—Joseph F. Kehoe, the man who more or less raised him—had shared his grandson's dream of capturing a state championship.

"This is for him," said Joey quietly. "I said before this season started that I wanted to win a state championship for my grandfather, and now that I've done it, it just feels unbelievable."

Stepping on to the mat even as Kehoe and friends were still wildly celebrating was Cohasset senior captain Phil Strazzulla. Across from him was the wrestler who'd bested him in overtime for the South Sectional crown a week earlier: Foxboro's Nick Avery.

Avery came closest to scoring in the first period, but Strazzula barely rolled out of a fall that could have very easily been scored a takedown. Avery finally got on the board in this defensive showdown with an escape early in the second. With both wrestlers grappling from the mat late in that period, Strazzulla was somehow able to break free from a clinch and roll over on to Avery to score two points for a takedown.

That would be all the scoring this match would see. The third period featured an increasingly desperate Avery trying to get Strazzulla off his feet, but none of his kick-outs or wrap attempts worked. In fact, Kehoe came the closest to scoring in the third, but Avery twice bailed himself out by rolling out of bounds.

"Boy, he was tough," said Strazzulla of Avery moments after the match. "The key was I was able to hold him off without making it look too much like I was stalling. You can't make any mistakes against him."

He then added: "To be honest, I can't even remember a lot of what happened in that match right now."

Tough to believe, but this only set the stage for the real drama of the evening.

Baroudi was hoping to gain the same kind of revenge his teammates had in the finals. However, Mansfield's Tom Creeden, the wrestler who'd topped him in double OT the week before, lost in the semifinals to Southwick's Kyle Davidson.

Baroudi conceded later that this disappointment was perhaps a factor in what he considered a sub-par performance versus Davidson in the championship bout.

Baroudi scored first with a quick takedown, but Davidson wriggled free for escapes at the end of the first and second periods to send the match into the third tied at 2-2.

Baroudi chose bottom to start the third and scored one point for an escape and picked up another one a moment later when Davidson was fouled for stalling.

Davidson tied it right back up again wit h40 seconds to go in regulation, as the headlock move he'd been trying to slap all match on Baroudi finally worked and he pulled the Cohasset wrestler to the ground for a two-point takedown. With the crowd in a frenzy, Baroudi found a way to wriggle free and flip over onto Davidson for a reversal and a 6-4 lead.

The gritty Davidson was far from done, however, as he escaped that hold for a point, and then pulled off another escape in the final seconds, as a re-start saw him start from bottom and he just pulled free from Baroudi as the buzzer to tie it at 6-6 and send it to overtime.

Baroudi figured Davidson would go for the headlock again in OT time, and this time he was looking on it. Baroudi ducked under the expected high lunge of Davidson 20 seconds into OT, slipped behind him in one motion as he stuck his foot out for the trip and then used his opponent's forward momentum to take him over with a belly flop onto him, ending the match with a two-point takedown.

"I was ready for that move this time," confirmed a jubilant Baroudi moments later. "I shouldn't have fallen for it the first time. I didn't feel I wrestled my best, though, so I'm probably a little lucky to have won."

The host Skippers wound up taking fifth in the statewide field with 84 points, with 54 of the state's 58 Div. 3 teams represented at the meet

Quabbin, a bigger school than Cohasset that has no winter hockey program, won with 192.5 points, followed by Foxboro (150.5), Mansfield (105) and Burlington (98).

Finishing behind South Shore League champion Cohasset again were league rivals Carver (sixth, 69 points) and Rockland (8th, 60 points).

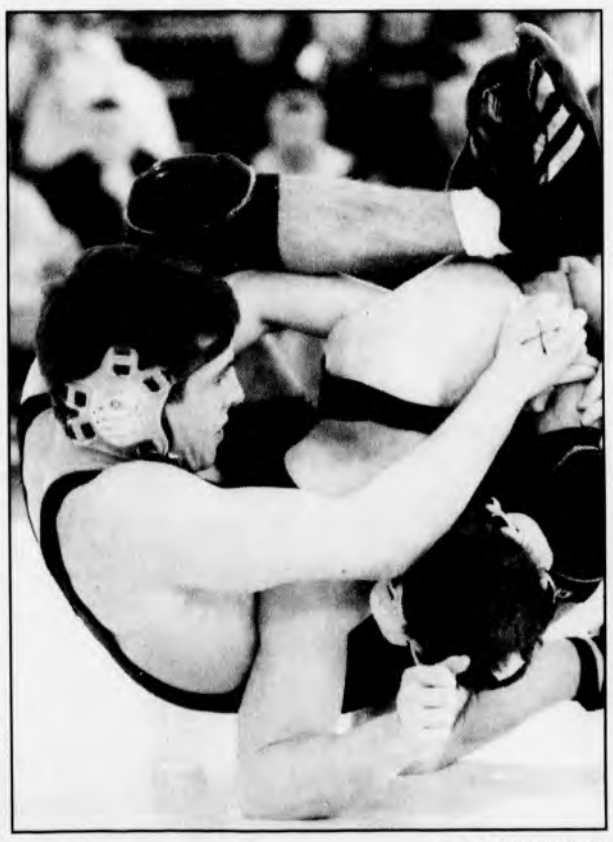
"To have even one wrestler win a state championship is fantastic, but I can't even describe what it feels like to have three do it," said Sweeney, a few days removed from the hysteria. "Everything has to go your way for that to happen. You have to be healthy, get the right draws, and even still you can't predict what's going to happen most of the time because, at this level, it just takes one mistake and it could be all over for your wrestler."

Also delivering points for Cohasset was plucky freshman Ryan McLellan, who took seventh/eight place points at 103 pounds. Wins were also record by CHS juniors Kevin Dinsmore (125) and Jonathan Littauer (130). Junior Matt Casey (160 pounds) and senior Jake Berger (heavyweight) also qualified to wrestle in the hometown State meet, which turned into a huge boon for the school and town. Cohasset organizers were initially concerned over whether or not they could handle the scope of the event, but they wound up pleasantly surprised by the way things went off, according to Sweeney.

"Originally, we proposed to hold the Sectional meet, but the people with the state came back and said they thought we had the facilities to host the State Meet," reported Sweeney. "I guess they knew what they were talking about. Of course, we had a lot of people who really stepped up and helped us pull this off."

Taking the night's festivities to yet another level, Sweeney was honored by his peers with the awarding of a plaque commemorating his 200th career coaching victory, notched earlier this season. The presentee then turned presenter, as Sweeney honored the Baird family of Cohasset for its selection to the Mass. Wrestling Hall of Fame. The commemorative plaque was presented by Sweeney to Bill and Pat Baird, whose four sons—Bill, Jr. (class of '91), Dan ('93), Mike ('99) and Tim ('02)--were all standout wrestlers for Sweeney coached teams.

"I don't think I could have written a much better script than this one," Sweeney concluded.



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Cohasset senior captain Phil Strazzulla (left) wraps up Foxboro's Nick Avery's with his legs and arms on his way to a dramatic 2-1 win for the state championship.

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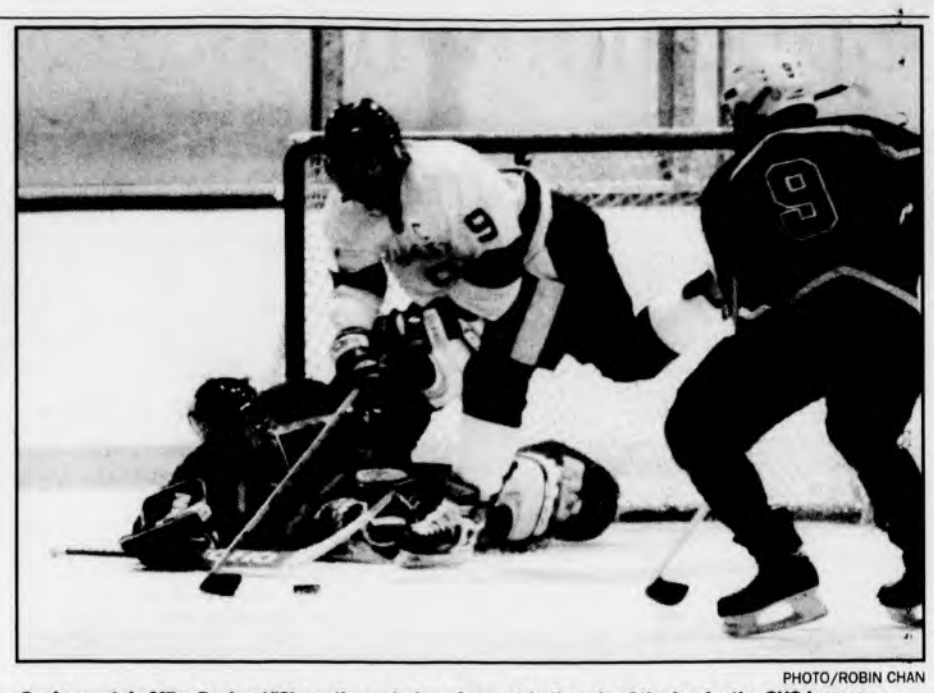
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Senior captain Mike Devine (#9) continues to be a force at both ends of the ice for the CHS icemen.

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at Milton and B.C. High. "We need to avoid mistakes because Blue Hills knows how to capitalize on those. "That's their game."

It won't get any easier should the seventh seeded Skippers get past the 10th seeded Warriors (10-7-3), as second seeded Bourne (17-3-2) awaits on Tuesday (time not yet announced) right back on Gallo ice.

"Bourne was the other team I was really hoping to avoid in the tourney," confessed Virga. "They've been as good as any Div. 3 team in the state the last few years. Getting them anywhere is tough, but getting them on their home ice is all the tougher."

Should the Skippers get to that point, Virga noted he'd probably look to play a Blue Hills style of game—i.e., holding the third forward back to protect against quick-hitting counter attacks.

"But I'm not even thinking about that game yet, and neither should any one of our players," stated the rookie head coach. "We can start thinking about Bourne if we're still alive after Saturday."

To go anywhere, Virga believes his players need to employ the same brand of physical play they did in Friday's win over Westwood—an effort that was led by captains Ted Straughn and Mike Devine and junior defenseman Tim Pilczak.

"I think we had the Westwood kids really thinking twice about going into the corners in the second and third period, and that was the key to our success," said Virga. "That's the style you need to bring to the tourney because everyone is going to be looking to play a little more physical, and a little more charge up."

Westwood's unwillingness to match Cohasset's physical play was clearly evidenced by the fact it had just six shots on goal combined for the second and third period, this after it fired 13 on Skippers goaltender Stefan Parnell in the first period, including the only two that got by him.

Those Westwood goals were the only points put on the board in the first period.

However, Skippers captain Mike Devine broke the ice and cut that lead in half a few minutes after the break, finishing on the power play off a nice pass from team leading scorer Rob Carpenter.

Red hot sophomore Matt O'Connell knotted the game up at 2-2 late in the second with a nifty unassisted effort.

Junior tri-captain Ted Straughn added to his team best goal and gamewinning goals totals in the third, with Carpenter again notching a power play assist.

Junior Joe Durkin added a late insurance goal, senior Mike Rasmussen assisting to join his fellow tri-captains on the score sheet.

One did not have to be at the game to discern the dramatic swing this game took between the first and second periods. After being out-shot 13-7 in the opening frame, the Skippers held the Wolverine to just three shots apiece in the next two frames while firing off a combined 22 of their own.

"I think the kids got mad," offered Virga when asked for an explanation. "We'd played a bad game the night before, and then we didn't play a great first period. We played two of our best periods of the year after that, though."

Now if only the coach can find a way to get his players good and riled before they get off the bus Saturday.

Virga juggled his lines for the Freezeout Tourney, trying to keep O'Connell hot by flip-flopping him with Durkin to move alongside team leading scorers Carpenter and Straughn.

The physical and hard-working Durkin is now skating a wing with the equally hard-working Rasmussen and Bouchard.

Of course, the four man defensive rotation of Devine, Pilczak, Brandon Smith and Crandon Leahy (all of whom were heavily praised by Virga after the Westwood win) continues to be untouchable.

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Lady Skippers roll

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liminary round, while Cathedral defeated Blue Hills, 45-35, in its preliminary round game.

The winner of Harwich-Cathedral will meet the Lady Skippers on Saturday at 1 p.m. Should the unthinkable—16th seeded Cathedral (11-10) topping Harwich—happen, the Skippers would host the game. If the expected happens, however, the Cohasset girls will be making a long bus trip to the Cape.

As for the Tuesday night win, the Skippers took the lead right from the opening shot and never looked back, running up a 27-0 lead before an opposing point was finally recorded.

"It was a one-sided start," noted Cohasset coach LeVangie. "South Shore missed a number of shots at the start while Cohasset scorers were right on target. The big lead put Cohasset in control and enabled the Skippers to dominate the game."

Cohasset's first tourney visit in 16 years was obviously a spectacular opener, led by Casey Anderson with 16 points. Casey, the South Shore's leading scorer, has averaged 16 points a game over the 21 games this season.

The leading scorer now has a total of 340 points for the season.

Other top scorers for Cohasset were Ashley Faber, Jen Buckley and Chelsea Grossman, all with eight points apiece.

"It was a very exciting game for the kids," declared the coach. "We had 11 of our 14 players score in the game."

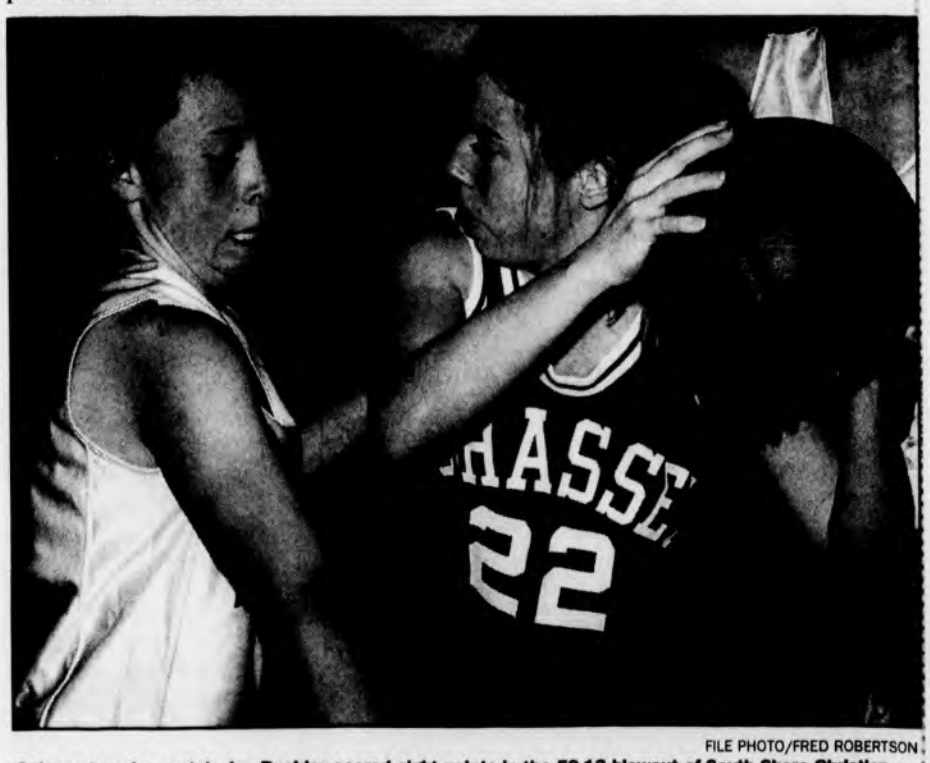
The coach added: "This has certainly been an exciting season for the kids and myself. Tuesday's win was just outstanding. I just can't say enough about the play of the kids on this team. They are among the best I have seen."

The coach has seen a lot of basketball in his time, having coached for 38 years. Along the way he has coached at Boston College High and Westwood High.

Harwich, Saturday night's probable opponent, has been a major problem for the Skippers this year, having beaten Cohasset twice in South Shore League play, once by a big margin, and just 12 points the second time out.

"Our kids looked pretty good against Harwich in the second game," offered Levangie. "They showed a big improvement and we are looking for even more improvement Thursday."

Cohasset entered the tourney seeded eight out of the 22 teams in Division 4. Harwich won the SSL with a 12-0 record, followed by Carver and Abington tied for second at 8-4, Cohasset at 7-5, Norwell 5-7, Hull 2-10 and Mashpee 0-12.



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Cohasset senior captain Jen Buckley scored eight points in the 59-13 blowout of South Shore Christian Academy, on Tuesday night, to move the Lady Skippers to the second round of the state tourney.

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Splashdown

Scit-Coh swimmers wrap up regular season

By Becky Keys
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Scituate-Cohasset Swim Team finished off their season with two dual meets versus Middleboro High School and the North Attleboro Red Rocketeers.

The Sci-Cohs may not win their meets, but what shines through is their team spirit. These dedicated swimmers make the practices and make the meets despite their lack of victories. One of the truly dedicated swimmers is CHS senior captain Delia Regan.

Fourth year Coach Jami Kearney says: "Delia has been a pleasure to coach from her freshman year through her senior year. She has really developed into an accomplished swimmer."

Another swimmer who had an outstanding season was SHS sophomore Jenny Driscoll. Driscoll was a vital link in both the 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle relay teams, and was a clutch swimmer when it came to her individual events.

Look for next week's article for a wrap-up with the Bay Colony Conference Championship meet and the Girls Central-South Sectional meet.

MIDDLEBORO

Girls 200 yard Medley Relay- 2nd Place Jenn Noonan, Jenny Driscoll, Liz Tierney, Becky Keys; 4th Place Sarah Thibeault, Kerry Sorensen, Sheelah Scott, Lindsay Ralston

Girls 200 yard Freestyle- 1st Place Maura Whalen, 2nd Place Alyssa Rogers, 5th Place Roxanne Tehrania

Girls 200 yard Individual Medley- 2nd Place Liz Tierney, 4th Place Sheelah Scott

Girls 50 yard Freestyle- 2nd Place Jenny Driscoll, 3rd Place Delia Regan, 6th Place Kerry Sorensen

Girls 1 meter diving- 1st Place Becky Keys

Girls 100 yard Freestyle- 2nd Place Jenny Driscoll, 3rd Place Becky Keys, 5th Place Delia Regan

Girls 500 yard Freestyle- 1st Place Maura Whalen, 2nd Place Sheelah Scott, 5th Place Sarah Thibeault

Girls 200 yard Freestyle Relay- 1st Place Delia Regan, Jenny Driscoll, Becky Keys, Liz Tierney; 3rd Place Kerry Sorensen, Lindsay Ralston, Alyssa Rogers, Roxanne Tehrania

Girls 100 yard Backstroke- 2nd Place Alissa Jones, 4th Place Jenn Noonan, 5th Place Sarah Thibeault

Girls 100 yard Breaststroke- 2nd Place Liz Tierney, 3rd Place Kerry Sorensen

Girls 400 yard Freestyle Relay- 2nd Place Maura Whalen, Delia Regan, Alyssa Rogers, Jenn Noonan; 3rd Place Alissa Jones, Sheelah Scott, Roxanne Tehrania, Lindsay Ralston

NORTH ATTLEBORO

Girls 200 yard Freestyle- 3rd Place Sheelah Scott

Boys 200 yard Freestyle- 3rd Place Bill Grace

Girls 50 yard Freestyle- 2nd Place Sarah Thibeault, 4th Place Jess Beck

Girls 100 yard Butterfly- 3rd Place Sheelah Scott, 4th Place Roxanne Tehrania

Girls 100 yard Freestyle- 3rd Place Alissa Jones

Boys 100 yard Freestyle- 3rd Place Bill Grace

Girls 200 yard Freestyle Relay- 3rd Place Lindsay Ralston, Sarah Thibeault, Alissa Jones, Sheelah Scott

Girls 100 yard Backstroke- 1st Place Sheelah Scott, 2nd Place Jess Beck

Girls 100 yard Breaststroke- 1st Place Roxanne Tehrania, 2nd Place Alissa Jones

SPORTS NOTES

CHS spirit items for sale

Cohasset High Spirit items are for sale right now through the high school. Blankets are $50, flags $45 and beach towels $20. Purchases can be made through Athletic Director Ron Ford (781-383-6103). CHS is in session until Dec. 23.

Boston Bruins Alums vs. Coastal Stars coaches

The Boston Bruins Alumni Team will be playing the Coastal Stars Youth Hockey Coaches at Hobomock Arena in Pembroke on Sunday March 14th at 3:15 p.m. The Proceeds from the benefit game will go to support the Ace Bailey Children's Fund and Coastal Stars Youth Hockey. The Ace Bailey Children's Fund was established in memory of former Bruin Garnet "Ace" Bailey, who was aboard United flight 175 on 09/11/01. The proceeds raised by the fund go directly to improve the hospital environment for sick patients at The Floating Hospital for Children. A limited number of tickets will be available in advance and the day of the game. Ticket prices are $8 for adults and $5 for children. Please contact Bill Quackenbush at 781-319-1929 for tickets. There will be Bruins merchandise, photo opportunities and even more excitement on the ice.

'The Ace Bailey Children's Fund was established in memory of former Bruin Garnet "Ace" Bailey, who was aboard United flight 175 on 09/11/01. The proceeds raised by the fund go directly to improve the hospital environment for sick patients at The Floating Hospital for Children.'

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse looking for coaches

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is looking for volunteer assistant coaches at all levels for its spring season, with a particular emphasis on finding coaches for its girls teams.

Cohasset currently expects to field at least 10 teams this spring, although the growth in the number of participants could push that number even higher, provided there is adequate coaching available to protect and develop the youngsters involved.

In all, Cohasset will field boys teams at the 14 & Under (7th and 8th grade), 12 & Under (5th & 6th grade) and 10 & Under (3rd and 4th grade) levels, and girls teams at the 14-U and 12-U levels, plus a weekly clinic for girls players in grades 3 and 4.

The shortage of coaches is particularly acute for girls, where the current coaching staffs are so limited that roster sizes may be kept particularly small unless more coaches volunteer.

In the younger boys' age groups, more coaching volunteers could enable the program to add additional teams, keeping roster sizes smaller and more manageable, resulting in a better experience for all kids involved.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse currently has head coaches at all age levels, but with the probability of more than 300 children spread throughout the program this year, increasing the size of coaching staffs is essential for player development.

Through its nine-year history, the foundation of the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse coaching staff has been volunteers who do not have children on the teams involved. In seeking additional coaches, the program is hoping to get both community volunteers and parents whose children will play. Experience playing or coaching the game is desired, but not necessary; coaches must be able to throw and catch with a lacrosse stick in order to teach others and facilitate drills. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will pay registration costs to coaching clinics for those individuals interested in participating.

At all but the youngest age levels, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse holds two practices each week, and has games on Sunday afternoon. The youngest boys have one weekly practice, while the girls clinic program will be one weekly 90-minute session. Assistant coaches are not expected to attend every event, although they should be able to appear often enough to be perceived by the players as a team leader.

In addition to coaches, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is interested in developing referees who can work its games. Interested individuals will be required to take some officiating instruction classes during the winter, and may then be eligible to work games either with a partner or solo in the spring.

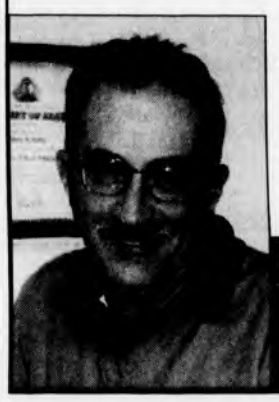
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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Kindergarten sign-ups are being conducted

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SPED speaker on MCAS

Parents Advisory Council for Special Education (PAC), invites South Shore parents and faculty to its meeting on Tuesday, March 2 at the Osgood Elementary School, 210 Sohier St., at 7:30 p.m.. A speaker from the Federation for Children with Special Needs will focus on MCAS.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 6 at the Osgood School at 7:30 p.m. when Isabel Phillips, Ed.D. will be featured. She has an extensive background in reading and language-based learning disabilities, assessment and intervention.

In 2001, PAC members from Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth joined to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. The South Shore Regional PAC goal is to meet informally throughout the year.

Making healthy choices focus of Deer Hill event

On Friday, Feb. 27 at 9 a.m., Cohasset fifth- and sixth-grade students will attend a fun and thought-provoking theatrical presentation designed to build positive body image and improve their ability to make healthy eating, exercise and lifestyle choices.

Sponsored by the PSO Curriculum Enrichment program, the award-winning "This Is Your Life" is a 50-minute show performed by two Boston area comedic actors who speak to teens through humor, skits and improvisational theater. Important issues from self-esteem, fitness, tobacco prevention, Osteoporosis, to media and peer group pressure are presented in a language kids can relate to.

The PSO Curriculum Enrichment program was created to enhance areas within current classroom study, as well as introduce topics that students may not be exposed to on a regular basis. The program is funded through general PSO fundraising efforts within the Cohasset community.

Pilgrim Skating Arena offers $5K scholarships

Applications for nine $5,000 scholarships are available (starting Saturday, Feb. 14) at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive in Hingham.

This is the 31st consecutive year that the Pilgrim Skating Arena is awarding scholarships to area high school seniors planning to further their education.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application *in person* at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Monday, March 29.

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, please call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

Hospital Friends offer scholarships

The Friends of South Shore Hospital, the hospital's 500-member auxiliary, will award four $1,000 scholarships to area public high school seniors who are planning a health-care career.

Eligible students must complete and submit a scholarship application by April 9. The applications can be picked up at the information desk in the main lobby of the hospital or by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: Scholarship Chairman, The Friends of South Shore Hospital, 11 Downing Street, Hingham, MA 02043. The applications may be returned to the information desk in the hospital's main lobby or to the scholarship chairman at the above address.

• Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

• Be presently enrolled as seniors in a public high school

• Be residents of a community served by South Shore Hospital

• Have been accepted to study medicine, nursing or any other health-care related field at an accredited higher learning institution

• Demonstrate financial need

• Have good high school records

• Recommendation of guidance counselors

• Personal references.

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Summer Arts at Derby Academy

Summer Arts at Derby is beginning its 16 year at Derby Academy in Hingham. the five-week program is open to ages 8 to 15 and offers more than 100 courses in visual arts, drama, dance, writing, music, photography, video production, gymnastics and sports. There are also special offerings, such as cooking, yoga, chess, Tai Chi, and circus arts.

In addition to the regular classes, there is a non-time show and a free choice period with new offerings each day. On Friday, July 30, Summer Arts culminates in an Arts Festival featuring performances of theatre, dance, music, and gymnastics and several exhibits of clay, painting, furniture, mosaics, jewelry, and photography. Animated films and videos are also shown. Summer Arts produces a full-scale musical production as well.

The goal of Summer Arts is to offer a very high quality arts experience to children, with an atmosphere that is exciting and bursting with creativity. The children are from diverse racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds; twenty Massachusetts communities are represented. One of the main goals is to create a spirit of cooperation and respect, where the students feel supported and free to express themselves.

The program is staffed by professional artist/teachers and together with the students, they create a special summer of artistic achievement, acceptance, and exuberant energy. For more information, call Thalia McMillion, Director at 781-740-4766.

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Basic camp search steps:
1. Determine your family's expectations and requirements of camp.
2. Identify appropriate camp options based on the goals and priorities you have set.
3. Choose a camp from the options that you selected.

How do we determine our expectations?
List the most important elements of your family's camp search, keeping in mind your child's personality. First and foremost, ask if your child is ready for a camp experience. Consider what type of camp experiences could round out or reinforce your child's school year experiences. Is your child ready to sleep away from home for several days or weeks? (This will help you select either a resident or day camp setting.) What are his or her interests and needs? Does he or she have any special dietary or physical needs?

The following definitions may be useful:

Resident Camp
Resident camps are generally for children, ages 7-15. Children stay for one to eight weeks and may sleep in cabins, tents, yurts, tepees, hostels or a variety of other types of accommodations.

Day Camp
Day camps generally serve children ages 3-13. Campers return home at the end of the day.

Specialty Camps and Programs (Day or Resident)
Specialty camps and specialty programs at general camps offer campers the opportunity to concentrate in specific areas such as horseback riding, the arts, wilderness and adventure tripping, travel, sports or computers.

Additional Considerations

• Do you have a maximum traveling time or distance? Will your child need transportation?

• What session length will appeal to your child and to your family plans for the summer? (1-8 weeks)

• What is your budget for camp tuition? Camp remains a very affordable option for most everyone. Fees can range from $15 to $180 per day, depending upon the choice of camp, the facilities offered and the camper's needs. Many camps offer financial assistance based on need.

• What size of camp community will make your child feel comfortable?

• What kind of scheduling method will make your child most comfortable? Will he or she feel comfortable about making activity choices every day? Once a week? Every two weeks?

• What level of competition suits your child?

• What activities or program would most interest your child at camp?

• Would a single sex or coed camp be most appropriate for your child?

How do we identify appropriate camp options?
Seek out camps that you think may meet your expectations by:

• Checking at your local library or exploring the camp section of your local newspaper.

•Attending camp fairs and expos.

• Asking friends, family, co-workers, teachers, coaches and doctors for recommendations.

Once you have identified appropriate options, contact the camps and request their marketing materials.

How do we choose one camp from the options we've selected? With your camp expectations in mind:

• Review the camps' brochures, Web sites, videos, DVDs, and CD ROMs with your child.

• Talk with directors and/or camp representatives.

• Request parent references and check them.

Questions you may wish to ask finalist camps include:

• How can I stay in touch with my child during camp? Does the camp allow phone calls or e-mail?

• Does the camp have parent visitation days?

• How will the camp meet my child's special dietary or physical needs?

• What training does the staff receive on safety, supervision, counseling, problem solving and other issues unique to working with young children?

• Is the price all-inclusive or are there extra charges for transportation horseback riding food service overnights group pictures field trips waterskiing T-shirts extended care camp uniforms registration

• If transportation is offered, what are the specifics?

• If before- and after-camp extended care is offered, who is with the children and what activities take place?

• Is an open house offered before camp starts so that you can tour the camp and visit with the director?

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Storm essays

The following essays were written by the students in Mrs. Wells' second-grade class at the Joseph Osgood School after a visit from Channel Five's meteorologist, David Brown:

Can people survive a tornado? It's happened. I saw a show called worst-case scenario and a family was having a barbeque and suddenly a tornado was heading their way! They went in the basement and they survived! Tornados are the most dangerous windstorms but not the most destructive. Hail is! Your house could be on the ground and your neighbor's house could be fine. Tornados only last 15 to 20 minutes. Tornados start out as funnel clouds and then it's a whirlwind of terror. I don't think it would be fun to be in one.

— Hannah Piasecki

A meteorologist needs tools to predict the weather.

You need a windsock to tell which way the wind is going.

You need a barometer to tell how fast the wind is going.

You need a satellite to take pictures of the world.

You need a hot air balloon to see what the clouds are doing.

You need a thermometer to tell what the temperature is.

I love weather!!!

— Kathryn Dunn

On Wednesday the weatherman came to school. The weatherman put on a movie. We watched it. It was about tornados, hurricanes, and blizzards. We watched how hurricanes blow down your homes and trees.

— Gabrielle Weissman

Which storm causes more damage, tornado or hail? Tornados and hail destroy land. Hail causes the most destruction per year. Tornados form over the land. They last for a short time. They are small. Tornados move fast over the land. A tornado's wind goes 250 mph. Tornados are worse than hail.

— Lexa Graz

BLIZZARDS!

Can we stand the cold? Blizzards are often bad. The one in 1988 was really bad. It had lots of WIND! And it needs SNOW! It also needs a cold temperature of 32 degrees or below. The snow sometimes covers doors. BEWARE OF BLIZZARDS!

— Emily Swanborg

On Tuesday the weatherman came to our school. He told us about the weather. Then he put on a movie. In the movie there was a hurricane and if you looked very closely in the hurricane you could see a pick up truck in the air, and then the hurricane dropped it. When it dropped, the pick up truck was destroyed. He told us about when the horrible storm came to school and it broke down a lot of houses. The blizzard was so bad that the people stayed in their cars, but then they got stuck all night long. It was a horrible story. It was a blizzard for a long time. It was a beautiful blizzard. The end.

— Carly Kinscherf

Hail! Hail!

Most of the storms are only hail! Hail is very dangerous! Hail is little balls of ice. Up in the clouds it is warm, but down in the clouds it is cold. So…Hail is cool!

— Callie Shanley

A meteorologist came to the Osgood School. Today I am writing about the differences about tornados and hurricanes. Hurricanes happen over water and tornados happen over land. Tornados happen for a short time and hurricanes happen for a longer time. Hurricanes happen over a longer area and tornados happen over a smaller area. Tornados are very different from hurricanes.

— Julien Geyer

Yesterday at 1:30, David Brown came in to teach us about the weather. Tornado's wind can go up to 250 mph. Tornados always start over land. There are many more tornados than hurricanes. Tornados can pick up cars, houses, and people. I would not want to be in a tornado.

— Ryan Davis

Do you want to know the most destructive storm? It is hail. Hail starts as a raindrop. Then a big gust of wind carries the raindrop up to the top of a cloud where it is below zero degrees. It starts to fall. While it's falling, little raindrops attach to it to make it bigger.

— Jack O'Brien

A meteorologist came to our school. We talked about anemometers that measure the wind power. A barometer measures the weight of air. He told us that hail was the most destructive storm. He showed us electricity in a bottle.

— Jared Pratt

Tornado's air is 250 mph inside. Yesterday a meteorologist came to our school. He taught us about tornados and other stuff, but he likes to stick with tornados. A tornado can suck up a person and throw it back out, and the person won't get hurt. It is so strong that it can pick up a truck. It is so strong that it could pick up a cow even. It causes a big destruction and destroys a lot of damage.

— Ryan McKeon

Yesterday a weatherperson came in. His name was David Brown. He told us about hail. Hail is very destructive. It can destroy lots of homes. It can knock out windows. It can cause more damage than a tornado because a tornado can't go as fast as hail is on a big piece of land. It can cause harm and destruction. Hail is so powerful.

— Matt Arnold

Yesterday David Brown came to our school. He taught us about storms. I learned about tornados. They are a windstorm. They are a lot like a vacuum. Do you know that the wind in a tornado can go over 250 miles per hour? There might be some good things, but I would still run for my life.

— Anna McCarthy

Yesterday a weatherman came in. His name was David Brown. He told us about hail. Did you know that hail is very dangerous? It can destroy lots of homes. If there were a lightning rod and another lightning rod, the lightning would only go to one. Did you know that hail is worse than a tornado? Hail only comes when it is less than 32 degrees. It is more powerful than a tornado. It is the strongest.

— Dylan Bomeisler

Yesterday at 1:30, David Brown came to our school. He talked about hurricanes and tornados. Tornado's winds can go over 250 mph. Tornados start on land. Hurricanes start over water. Hurricanes can go over 50 mph. They both start in cloudy areas, but they are both dangerous.

— Danny Tangherlini

Watch out for a tornado. It could blow your house down. Meteorologist David Brown talked to us about what one tornado can cause. A tornado's winds can spin up to 250 mph on the ground, but it only lasts up to 20 or 15 minutes while a hurricane can last up to 7 days! A tornado may be small but it can cause more damage than a hurricane and they both start from a cloud. That is why you should watch out for tornados.

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Boating lecture to benefit maritime studies

By Samantha Brown
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On Saturday, the town of Cohasset will be introduced to Douglas and Bernadette Bernon, a husband and wife sailing team that has traveled extensively in the Western Caribbean. The two will be giving a lecture at St. Anthony's Parish Center, sharing knowledge they gained throughout their travels, including how to navigate through reefs, anchor in hard-coral bottoms, how to get through customs, and the best side trips.

The Bernon's are coming to Cohasset as part of an annual lecture series sponsored by the Cohasset Yacht Club. For the past five years, lectures have served as a means of fund-raising for the Cohasset High School Maritime Studies Program and Summer Institute, a program which offers students in Cohasset and the surrounding area the opportunity to participate in an academic program, while taking advantage of the summer months outdoors.

"The lectures always benefit the Maritime Program and are always boat oriented," said Mary Whitley, one of the coordinators of the event. Past lecturers have included Tania Aebi, who at 18 years old was both the first woman sailor and the youngest person ever to circumnavigate the globe; and Cam Lewis, who along with four French sailors, navigated an 86-foot catamaran around the world in 79 days, setting a new speed sailing record.



The Bernon's sold their home to spend three years sailing in the Western Caribbean.

This year, the Bernons will travel to Cohasset to share in their lecture, "How to Voyage to the Western Caribbean," what it was like to sell their home, cars, and furniture to spend three years of their lives sailing on their Shearwater 39. They set sail in 2000, leaving their home port at Newport, Rhode Island, to sail up to Canada, then down to Cuba, Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Panama, the San Blas Islands, and Columbia. Whitley said already there are 50 people signed up to attend.

Prior to setting sail, Bernadette served as the editor-in-chief of "Cruising World" magazine from 1990 to 2000. She was also the editorial director of Cruising World and Sailing World magazines from 1997 to 2000. During her time with the magazines, Bernadette won national Folio and Ozzie awards from the publishing industry for editorial design excellence, as well as Boating Writers of America awards for technical writing and editing.

Bernadette also founded the Cruising World Safety At Sea Institute, which organizes a dozen day-long safety seminars with US sailing around the country each year. In addition, she developed Cruising World Adventure Charters which has sent more than 3,000 readers to destinations around the world, and has served on the Board of Directors of Sail America.

Douglas' experience with sailing includes an 18-month single-handed cruise in the late 7'0s aboard his 30-foot wood folk boat, Evora. He and Bernadette also owned a 24-foot Quickstep, Ruby, which they sailed with friends on ocean passages across the Atlantic and down to the Caribbean.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARY WHITLEY

Douglas and Bernadette Bernon soak up the sun on the deck of their Shearwater 39.

By profession, Douglas was a psychologist and psychoanalyst in private practice, treating adults and children, and maintaining an active forensic practice. He was a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at Brown University Medical School, and president of the Rhode Island Association of Psychoanalytic Psychology. He is also an accomplished photographer, and his work has appeared in Conde Nast Traveler and in Cruising World. He has lectured professionally on a wide range of subjects, including psychoanalytic profiles of Buster Keaton and Stephen King, childhood suicide, and forensic profiling. He is currently a Contributing Editor for Cruising World, where he writes a monthly column with Bernadette.

Bernadette and Douglas Bernon will give their lecture, "How to Voyage to the Western Caribbean," Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center, located at 129 Main St. For more information or to reserve tickets, please contact Mary Whitley at (781) 383-9708. Tickets will also be available at the door and cost $15 each. Children under the age of 12 are free. The lecture is open to the public and light refreshments will be served. More information on the speakers is available on the Cohasset Yacht Club's web site at www.cohassetyc.org.

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Cohasset members of Broad Cove Chorale are enjoying the medley from Sesame Street to be performed this weekend (Sat. at 8, Sun at 3) as part of ENCORE! at the Cushing Center in Norwell; tickets still available by calling 781-331-4255. (From left, Lisa Pratt, Betts Murray, Susan Cameron, Jo-An Heileman)

Banish winter blues with Encore!

South Shore folks looking to banish the winter blues can pack a picnic basket and join the fun at Norwell's Cushing Center as the Unicorn Singers and the Broad Cove Chorale present their annual pops style concert, Encore! on Saturday Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. and Sunday Feb. 29 at 3 p.m. This year's concert features an eclectic mix of music ranging from jazz and barbershop to light classical pieces and audience sing-alongs. Songs by Cole Porter from the musical "Kiss Me Kate" will be performed in costume with choreography as a grand finale to the concert.

Seating for Encore! is at tables, and audience members are encouraged to bring creative picnics. Individual tickets are $15. Tables of 10 receive a 10 percent-discount. A Sunday special features $10 tickets for students and seniors. For further information and reservations call 781-331-4255.Checks and ticket orders can be mailed with a SASE to Diane Murphy 115 Park Ave. South Weymouth MA 02190

Dramatic club stages 'Little Shop of Horrors'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club Presents "Little Shop of Horrors" at the Cohasset Town Hall, Highland Avenue.

Shows are Friday & Saturday March 5, 6, 12 & 13 at 8p.m., and Sundays March 7 & 14 at 2p.m. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased at Front Street Books in Scituate and Buttonwood Books & Springbrook Kids in Cohasset or by phone at 781-544-0304 and at the door.

ASP mandatory meeting

Next mandatory Appalachia Service Project meeting is Sunday, March 7 at 8 p.m. at First Parish sanctuary.

Medical and permission forms are due March 7. Notaries will be available before meeting from 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

Kitchen tour to offer a feast for the senses

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As individual as their owners, each of this year's six Cohasset kitchens reflects the vast and varied options available to today's homeowner when planning or decorating a kitchen as well as the individual style and flare of today's hostess.

Advanced tickets may be purchased at the Center or by calling 781-383-0088. Tickets are $25 and $30 the day of the tour. Ticket sales are limited, so early purchase is suggested.

Funds from the Kitchen Tour 2004 will be used to support the programs of the South Shore Community Center. The Center, at 3 North Main St., Cohasset is a non-profit organization dedicated to a wide range of educational and enrichment programs for infants to seniors.

For more information about the Kitchen Tour or for a free course schedule call 781-383-0088.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, March 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone from Grades 6 and over is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.



The production crew of "Poppin' Into Spring" is hard at work

'Poppin' into Spring' on stage soon

"Poppin' Into Spring" with a fling, a flare and a formal setting is under production at First Parish in Cohasset. Performance nights are Friday and Saturday, March 19and 20. Theater-goers will enjoy a full-fledged evening at the Pops including gourmet appetizers, fabulous desserts, and entertainment by this beautifully costumed and choreographed musical ensemble – tuxedos, glittering gowns, champagne and roses.

This Spring presentation has been a tradition at First Parish for the past 15 years. The concert has a history of being a fun-filled evening of musical surprises and camaraderie as the multi-talented cast pull out all the stops to entertain. This year First Parish's own super-talents are coming together to create a musical presentation of Broadway hits, spirituals, song and dance routines, instrumentals, rounds, and audience sing-alongs. The Pops Extra surprise that's planned is too good to miss.

Returning will be the "Twisters", the well-know guitar/drums/keyboard trio brought back by popular demand. A jazz piano, harp, flute and clarinet all add to the diversity of the evening's entertainment.

These two evenings' performances take place in Trueblood Hall in the Parish House, 23 No. Main Street on Cohasset Common. The evenings begin as a Social Hour from 7 – 8 p.m. with drinks and hors d'ouvres, a displayed of the evening's Auction items, and a raffle sale. The Pops Concert begins at 8 p.m.

Reservations are strongly suggested. Please call the First Parish office (Sandy Bailey) at 781.383.1100 or the Bloomfields at 781-383-1360. Tickets are $25/person or $50/patron. Full tables for 8 may be reserved at $200.

Jade Forest to host seminar on 'I Ching'

March 26-28, Professor Zhang Guangde will offer I Ching, Tai Chi, Health Preservation, and TCM at the Jade Forest, 130 King St.. Professor Zhang is one of China's most eminent Qigong scholars. He is founder of the Dao Yin Yang Sheng Gong Center in Beijing and Professor and Researcher at the Wushu Dept. of Beijing University.

The average person has been indoctrinated by books and media to think of Tai Chi as a beautiful fluid movement pattern. Yet, long before Tai Chi Chuan existed in its current form as a martial and wellness art comprised of movement patterns Tai Chi existed in the aftermath of Wu Chi (nothingness) as a "way of being" and as an expression of the I Ching. In this weekend Professor Zhang Guangde will teach about the role of the I Ching in Chinese cosmology, as well as its utilitarian aspects as guide for practical and healthy living. There will be several simple movement patterns taught, including the famous Ba Duan Jin (8 Brocades), and the Yi Jin Jing (Muscle Changing Classic).

The cost to attend is $300 ($270 ppd by March 15). Payable to Jade Forest, 130 King St, Cohasset, MA 02025. Please contact Jade Forest at 781-383-6822. www.jfkungfu.com. jadeforest@comcast.net.

Quilt Show & Luncheon is March 6



A view of some of the quilts featured in last year's show.

"There is no finer sleep beneath Heaven above than under a quilt handmade with Love" is the saying that appears on the back of the quilt being auctioned off at the 11 Annual Quilt Show and Luncheon at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset on Saturday, March 6. More than 55 of the South Shore's most beautiful quilts will be displayed from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets for the quilt show and luncheon are just $10 each. Proceeds support Boston's Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust and Reach Out and Read. Be sure to get your tickets early for this popular charitable event by stopping by the church office on Highland Avenue from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by calling 781-383-0345.





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Cedarmere abutters file appeal

By Samantha Brown
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Flint and Kennedy charge that the Planning Board should not have granted Cedarmere a special permit because of its lack of a wastewater treatment plan.

Prior to the Cedarmere development team's being granted a special permit by the Planning Board, abutter to the project Charles Flint said he would file an appeal should the permit be granted. The Planning Board did grant the permit on Jan. 15, and Flint has not gone back on his word.

Flint, 215 South Main St., and John Kennedy, 115 Beechwood St., filed a joint appeal in Norfolk Superior Court on Feb. 3, 2004, in an effort to not only annul the decision of the board, but to award the two their cost of suit, including attorney's fees, as well as grant further relief as the court deems appropriate.

The suit names the defendants as King Taylor LLC, King Taylor Cohasset LLC, and Planning Board members Al Moore, Peter Pratt, Bob Sturdy, Bill Good, and Chris Ford. Ford recently stepped down from his position on the Planning Board.

Flint and Kennedy charge that the Planning Board should not have granted Cedarmere a special permit because of its lack of a wastewater treatment plan. The suit quotes the bylaw, which states, "the applicant shall provide…sufficient information, including soil evaluation and percolation test data, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Cohasset Board of Health and applicable Department of Environmental Protection regulations, to make a determination that adequate provision is made for the disposal of septic waste or written confirmation from the Town of Cohasset Sewer Commission detailing an agreement to accept the proposed wastewater flow."

Because the Sewer Commission denied the Cedarmere team access to the town's sewer lines, and Cedarmere has not submitted an alternate wastewater plan for approval, the abutters say Cedarmere is in violation of the bylaw and their application is not complete. They believe without a complete plan, the Planning Board does not have the right to issue a special permit.

However, after Cedarmere was denied access to the town's sewer, developers decided to file an appeal. They are still awaiting a decision from the courts and believe they have a good chance of overturning the Sewer Commission's decision. In the meantime, they believe their wastewater plans fulfill the bylaw, and are aware the final approval of their project is conditioned on having a definitive wastewater plan.

The Cedarmere development team was granted a special permit by the Planning Board as a result of a unanimous vote on Jan. 14. The special permit was granted with a list of 67 conditions, and was filed with the Town Clerk's office on Jan. 15. When a special permit is granted, there is a 20-day period in which appeals can be filed before the plans can move forward. Flint and Kennedy filed their appeal on Feb. 3, stating the Planning Board's decision was "arbitrary, capricious, whimsical, and in excess of the authority of the board for several reasons."

In late July of 2003, Cedarmere developers applied for a special permit to build 105 units of senior housing on the 41 acre parcel of land known as the Hayes Estate, located off of Beechwood Street. The principals, Kelli and David Calhoun of Sheldon Road and Tom Ragno of Lexington, had planned on building under the town's Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw, which requires a special permit. As an incentive to build senior housing, developers who are granted a special permit are allowed to build more densely than would be allowed under the town's zoning regulations.

Throughout the entire public hearing phase of the approval process, Flint and other abutters have expressed their concerns regarding various aspects of the project, namely the density, whether affordable units will "count" toward the town's affordable housing stock, and how wastewater will be handled.

OBITUARIES

Rosilla T. Trott

Rosilla T. Trott, 100, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, died Feb. 19, 2004, at Southwood at Norwell Nursing Center following a brief illness.

Born in Cohasset, daughter of the late Arthur H. and Leorai (Young) Thayer, she attended Cohasset schools.

Mrs. Trott was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, a founding member of the Amateur Gardening Club of Cohasset and a member of the Historical Society.

Wife of the late Lloyd C. Trott, she leaves a niece, Nancy Thayer Tolman of Hingham and a nephew, Fredrick Thayer of Cohasset.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Feb. 29, at 2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset. The Rev. Gary A. Ritts will officiate. Interment will be private.

Visiting hours are omitted.

Arrangements are by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, 02025.

Daniel Davis

Daniel Davis, 51, of Concord, N.H., formerly of Cohasset, died Feb. 17, 2004, at Concord Hospital of injuries sustained from a motor vehicle accident.

Mr. Davis was born and raised in Cohasset. He was the son of the late Edward W. Jr., and Mary T. Davis.

Mr. Davis was active in community service and supported Ride for the Cure for the American Diabetes Association for many years.

He leaves his brothers Paul of Concord N.H., Tom and his wife Ann Boughton of Arnold M.d., Don and his wife Donna of Cohasset and Mark of Quincy and his sister Catherine and her husband Don Trisler of Cohasset.

Mr. Davis also leaves his fiancée, Betty Audet and her three sons; Carleton, Warren and Bryan all of Concord, N.H. He will be dearly missed by his nieces and nephews, Craig and Stephen Davis of Cohasset, Molly Davis Trisler of Cohasset and Gregory, Katie and Christopher of Arnold, Md. He leaves behind many caring aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother, Edward W. Davis III and sister, Mary Ann (Davis) Kelley of South Boston.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset.

A Memorial Service will follow in Concord New Hampshire at South Congregational Church at a future date.

Arrangements were handled by Affordable Cremations and Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, friends and family are asked to contribute to the American Diabetes Association and to practice random acts of kindness as Dan did throughout his life.

Mary F. Williams

Mary F. (Mulvey) Williams, 90, a retired employee of AT&T and resident of Cohasset for 40 years, died Feb. 21, 2004, in Boston following a brief illness.

Born in Boston, daughter of the late James and Delia Kelley, Mrs. Williams attended Boston schools.

She was employed by AT&T for 20 years.

Mrs. Williams was a member of the Telephone Pioneers.

She lived in Johnstown, Pa. for the past 15 years.

Wife of the late Lloyd Owen Williams and mother of the late Bruce Williams of Johnstown, Pa., she leaves two grandchildren, Ian Williams and Alison Williams, both of Brooklyn, N.Y.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. The Rev. John Mulverhill will officiate. Interment will be in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Visiting hours are 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks contributions be made to Malawi Children's Village, 20 Pond Park, Hingham, MA 02042.

Glastonbury series features Buddhist nun

The Glastonbury Series 2003-2004, "Listening to Other Voices: Monastic Spirituality in the 21st Century," will feature Reverend Yifa.

Yifa's topic is "Benedict's Dharma: Monastic Dialogue Between Buddhism and Christianity."

The talk is Thursday, Feb. 26, at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center in Hingham.

Free will offering.

An ordained Buddhist nun since 1979, Yifa is Abbess of the Greater Boston Buddhist Cultural Center. She holds a Ph.D. from Yale, an MA in philosophy from the University of Hawaii and has worked with UNESCO and UNICEF. She is co-author of "Benedict's Dharma," and author of "Safeguarding the Heart — a Buddhist Response to Suffering and September 11." Her current area of research focuses on women's roles in Buddhism.

Glastonbury Abbey is celebrating its 50th anniversary as a monastic foundation in Hingham. The monks and extended lay community are committed to interreligious dialogue and understanding.

BUILDING PERMITS

Morde, Richard, 11 Jerusalem Drive, support for hot tub (beams), $1,000; Victoria's Pizza, 790 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, expand prep station/walk in cooler, $2,000; McKay, John, 114 Beechwood St., restore to farmhouse style dwell., $125,000; Rosen, Michael, 39 Ledgewood Drive, addition and remodeling, $177,500; Gilbert, Aaron and Mary, 38 Reservoir Road, 2 additions/bath, update/kitchen remodel, $200,000.

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A RADical approach to safety

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Chief Robert Jackson was approached about possibly sending one of his officers to instructor training, and he thought it would be a great program for the department to become involved in.

"We thought this was a good way for the department to interact with the middle-high school students," said Jackson, adding he thinks it is a very worthwhile project because so many students will be leaving their small hometown for larger cities. "Hopefully through this program, they will be a little more aware of their surroundings," Jackson said.

The department had money from a grant which Jackson used to fund officer Michael Carini's three-day training course to become certified as an instructor. "He's got a master's degree, but he's also got a black belt," said Jackson, which he thought would make Carini a perfect instructor for the course.

Since the age of 10, Carini has been training in the martial arts, specifically Parker Kenpo, a type of karate.

But the Police Department only has so much to give in terms of funding, which is where the Social Service League has stepped forward to make the project financially feasible. "We were the last piece of the puzzle," said Program Committee Chairman Holly Hill. Because one of the last requirements to pass the R.A.D. course is taking part in a simulated attack, equipment is necessary to ensure all participating are protected. Both the instructor who acts as the "attacker," and the female who is being "attacked" wear some padding and protective gear. There are also instructional videos and other training items for the program, and the Social Service League picked up the entire $2,700 tab.

"We thought this was something we would be more than willing to help with," said Hill.

Everyone involved is working hard to get the program off the ground as soon as possible, and are aiming to offer a pilot program this spring in a selected physical education class of between 10 and 12 senior girls, which is the standard class size for the program. Gill said students currently take a 90-minute physical education class, and he hopes over a 12-week timeframe, a R.A.D. course could be taught for an hour of each class. In the future, he hopes to see a R.A.D. course offered for senior girls every quarter, as well as classes for those in the community.

While classes during school would be free for students, a "nominal fee," would be charged for those in the community. Hill said by offering the class to those in the community, it would allow students who attend private schools to take part in the course as well.

The R.A.D. program was started in 1989 and offers realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. It is a comprehensive program that begins by teaching awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, and progresses to the basics of hands-on defense training. The course does not offer training in the Martial Arts. Students are given a manual and workbook which outlines the program, and a free lifetime return and practice policy is offered for all R.A.D. graduates. Equipment has been ordered and Hill estimates it will arrive in time to begin offering classes this spring.

For more information, please contact the Social Service League at (781) 383-0821 or visit the R.A.D. Systems web site at www.rad-systems.com. Signup for classes will be advertised in the Mariner and will be coordinated by the Social Service League.

Sting tries to make smoking history

By Mary Ford
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You have to be 18 to buy tobacco products in Massachusetts.

In an effort to make sure local vendors who sell cigarettes comply with the law, the Hanover-based South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program in conjunction with area Boards of Health conducts tobacco stings periodically in area towns.

"The Cohasset Board of Health believes that stings are important because they help us to enforce the non-smoking law," said Steve Bobo, chairman of the Board of Health.

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On Jan. 19, two Cohasset retailers — CVS and Leo's Exxon — were found to have sold a pack of cigarettes to a minor.

After a Feb. 2 public hearing on the violations, the Cohasset Board of Health imposed a fine of $200 for CVS and $300 for Leo's Exxon. The board also suspended the tobacco sales permit at CVS for seven days and at the Exxon station for 12 days. The suspensions started Feb. 5.

This was CVS's second violation in a two-year period and the third for Leo's Exxon. The fine structure increases with each violation within two years, explained Tara Tradd, of the Cohasset Board of Health office.

Employees at both places are required to participate in an education program provided by the Collaborative.

The sting is part of an effort to enforce the state's tobacco sale, vending and distribution laws. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to purchase any type of tobacco product. However, there are no laws prohibit those under 18 from using tobacco.

"Our goal is to limit youth access to tobacco by holding vendors responsible for selling a controlled product," says Jim Wells, director of the Collaborative, which is funded through the Mass. Tobacco Control Program that operates under the Department of Public Health. "State law requires anyone who sells tobacco to check the ID of anyone who looks under 27."

During the sting, which is conducted quarterly, an underage person goes into a store and asks for cigarettes. If he or she is turned away, the store is ruled in compliance and nothing further happens. If the store does sell, the minor and an adult educator from the Collaborative file a report and submit it to the local town Board of Health.

Thirteen vendors in Cohasset were checked Jan. 19. KoKo Island was closed at the time of the sting and not checked.

The Cohasset Board of Health wants to congratulate those vendors who were in compliance, Tradd said. They include: Cohasset Food Mart, Tedeschi's, Cohasset Mobil, Walgreen's, Curtis Liquors, Cohasset News, Mary Lou's News, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Village Wine and Spirits and Cohasset Plaza Liquors.

Elm St. apartments may get new locks, stoves and fridges

By Mary Ford
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Someone forgot to tell Marilyn LeBlanc and Nancy Barrett that Christmas was two months ago.

But judging from the women's faces, the present they received Monday night was a like terrific holiday surprise.

"Thank you so much," said LeBlanc, who is director of the Cohasset Housing Authority, as she shook the hand of each individual member of the Community Preservation Committee.

The CPC, which is charged with making recommendations on spending from the Community Preservation Fund, will ask Town Meeting for some $70,000 for upgrades to 60 Elm St., an apartment complex run by the Cohasset Housing Authority.

If Town Meeting voters give the OK, the money will be spent on entry door security locks and an intercom system; a generator for the community room; 20 new refrigerators; 35 new electric stoves and to install door handles to replace door knobs, which are difficult for some frail seniors to turn.

The Harborview Apartment complex, located behind the police-fire station, consists of 64 units of subsidized housing in 16 buildings. The housing is for qualifying senior citizens 60 and older. There are also 12 units for the developmentally disabled. The complex was built with state funds back in 1974.

According to Taffy Nothnagle, who is the housing authority representative on the CPC, back in 1974, no one worried about security systems and locks. But times have changed, she explained.

She said state funding for capital upgrades has been long in coming. The complex has been waiting since 1996 for new sidewalks that were promised.

The community room generator is needed so there is a warm place for residents to congregate should they not have any family near by during power outages, Nothnagle explained. The apartments have electric heat. "There have been two power outages this winter so far," she said.

Many of the units still have the original refrigerators and stoves.

LeBlanc said the housing authority purchases through HUD (U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development), which provides the lowest prices. Barrett, who accompanied LeBlanc to the meeting, is chairman of the Cohasset Housing Authority.

The CPC makes recommendations to Town Meeting, where voters have the final say on whether to fund a particular project using money from the Community Preservation Fund.

Money from the Community Preservation Fund can be spent in three specific areas: open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation. Each year, the Community Preservation Committee must spend or bank 10 percent of its annual revenue on each of those areas.

Money for the fund comes from a 1.5 percent real estate tax surcharge and state matching funds. The town adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2001.

Alternatives to open burning

Open burning releases large amounts of carbon dioxide, other gases, and solid substances directly into the air, which can contribute to respiratory problems. Disposal of natural materials is never as good for the environment as using them again in a different form. Tree limbs, brush and other forestry debris can be chipped or composted into landscaping material. Check with the public works or highway department; many have chippers at their municipal recycling center or transfer station, and will process debris from homeowners.

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Docket No. 01P3223EP
Notice Of Fiduciary's Account

To all persons interested in the estate of Carolyn Sideman late of Cohasset Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the second account(s) of Jeffrey M. Sankey as Executor (the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before the **ninth day of March, 2004** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this twenty-seventh day of January, 2004

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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ZBA/224 SOUTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues., **March 9, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Robert H. & Joyce L Sturdy** seek to construct addition to a non-conforming dwelling at **224 South Main St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-01-28.

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ZBA/38 STOCKBRIDGE ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues., **March 9, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant. **Leila Tighe** seeks to construct addition at **38 Stockbridge St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-02-17.

AD#440664
Cohasset Mariner 2/19, 2/26/04

ZBA/392 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues., **March 9, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Variance** pursuant to 12.5 & 5.3 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Francis D. Buck & Janice L. Crowley** seek to maintain non conforming existing addition to dwelling at **392 Jerusalem Rd.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-02-06.

AD#437594
Cohasset Mariner 2/19, 2/26/04

ZBA/49 ELM CT.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues., **March 9, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Travis & Ann Quigley** seek to construct an addition to a non-conforming dwelling at **49 Elm Ct.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-02-03.

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Cohasset Mariner 2/19, 2/26/04

ZBA/754 CJCH
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues., **March 9, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Variance** pursuant to 7 and **Appeal** of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Gerald C. Monaco, Jr.** seeks to appeal decision and request variance re parking at **754 CJCH** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-02-17a.

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POLICE LOG

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

10:26 p.m. Jerusalem Road, threats.

10:52 p.m. Jerusalem Road, threats.

THURSDAY, FEB. 12

12:53 a.m. Rocky Lane, investigation.

2:23 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

10:34 a.m. King St., fire, investigation.

1:36 p.m. South Main St, motor vehicle theft.

1:45 p.m. North Main St., fire, investigation.

1:52 p.m. Red Fox Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, vandalism, investigated/report taken.

4:14 p.m. Summer St., disturbance gathering.

4:35 p.m. Elm St., disturbance gathering, unfounded.

4:46 p.m. Highland Ave, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medial aid.

9:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:45 p.m. Elm St., investigation.

10:18 p.m. Doane St., motor vehicle stop.

FRIDAY, FEB. 13

9:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist citizen.

9:22 a.m. Atlantic Ave, animal control.

9:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

10:11 a.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

3:27 p.m. Stagecoach Way, open door/window.

3:53 p.m. Summer St., animal control, no police service necessary.

4:54 p.m. Hull St., fire, outside.

5:27 p.m. Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:33 p.m. South Main St., disturbance, protective custody.

8:51 p.m. Hull St., well being check.

11:04 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious auto.

SATURDAY, FEB. 14

5:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., disabled auto, protective custody.

7:36 a.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

8:05 a.m. Buttonwood Lane, vandalism, investigated.

8:07 a.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

8:19 a.m. Pond St., larceny.

9:27 a.m. Lamberts Lane, investigation.

10:18 a.m. Cedar St., vandalism, investigated.

10:59 a.m. Lamberts Lane, assist other Police Department.

12: 48 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle theft.

4:44 p.m. Oak St., public service other.

SUNDAY, FEB. 15

6:42 a.m. Headquarters, power outage.

6:55 a.m. Summer St., vandalism, investigated.

9:21 a.m. Hillside Drive, fire, investigation.

9:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, removed to hospital.

10:02 a.m. South Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:34 a.m. Black Rock Road, general services.

3:09 p.m. Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

6:52 p.m. Atlantic Ave, notification.

MONDAY, FEB. 16

1:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

9:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

1:29 p.m. Border St., officer wanted.

2 p.m. Forest St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:34 p.m. Clay Spring Road and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

6:58 p.m. North Main St., suspicious auto, area search negative.

7:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

8:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

1:18 a.m. Pond St., vandalism.

3:16 a.m. Buttonwood Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:30 a.m. South Main St, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:20 a.m. equipment test.

11:17 a.m. King St., officer wanted.

11:52 a.m. Norman Todd Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:20 p.m. Training.

5:44 p.m. Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:32 p.m. Howe Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:41 p.m. Border St., animal control.

11:04 p.m. Highland Ave, suspicious, area search negative.

11:56 p.m. Ledgewood Drive, assist citizen.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18

3:09 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious auto, no police service necessary.

5:22 p.m. Whitney Woods Lane, general services.

6 p.m. Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:06 p.m. Atlantic Ave and Sheldon Road, power outage.

6:29 p.m. Atlantic Ave, medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:49 p.m. Nichols Road, animal control.

8:11 p.m. North Main St., fire, investigation.

9:29 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

9:36 a.m. Pond St., disturbance.

THURSDAY, FEB. 19

7:27 a.m. Cedar St., assist other agency.

11:30 a.m. Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

2:31 p.m. Forest Ave and Heather Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:18 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:32 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:05 p.m. Hull St., suspicious.

10:12 p.m. Highland Ave, open door/window.

11:06 p.m. Forest Ave, animal control.

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

12:57 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

7:10 a.m. Forest Ave and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:21 a.m. Red Gate Lane, parking complaint.

8:56 a.m. Sohier St., fire, investigation.

9:03 a.m. South Main St., suspicious auto, area search negative.

9:37 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:59 a.m. Hull St., suspicious person.

1:16 p.m. Jerusalem Road, transport.

1:56 p.m. Highland Ave, disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

2:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital.

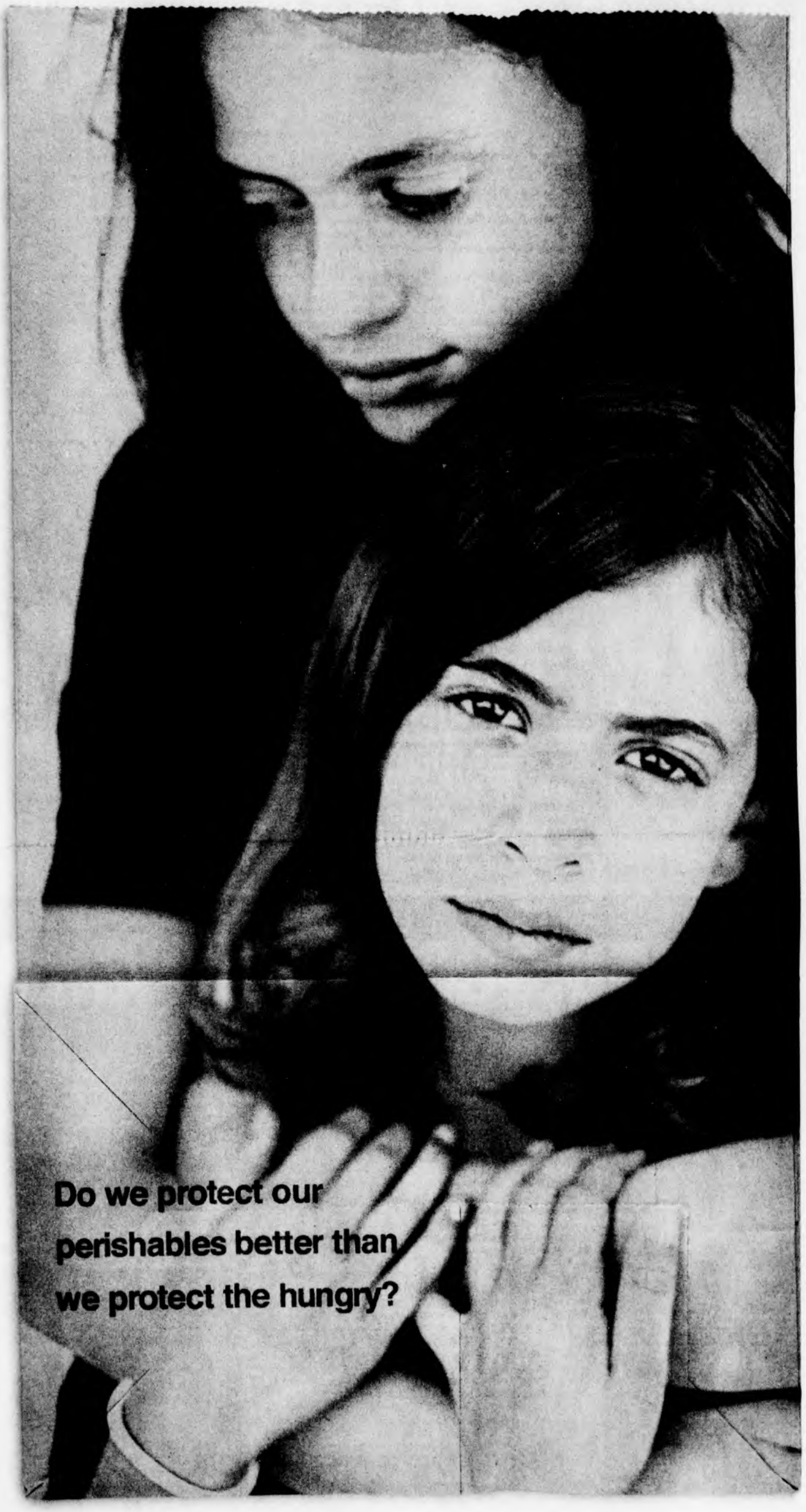
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Thurs. 26

Animal Caregivers Network meeting will be held at 231 Broadway, Hanover, Feb. 26 from 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. **Holly Dolben** will speak about Pet Stress and Animal Massage.

The GMs to perform at the **Ascari Lounge** at F1 Boston, 290 Wood Rd., Braintree, Feb. 8 -11 p.m. No cover. For more information call 781-848-2323.

Walk'n Mass Volkssport Club sponsors **Walk Scenic Sandwich** a year round 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) walk Jan 3-Dec. 31. The start point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, Stop & Shop Plaza, 65 Rte 6A, Sandwich. Start times are daily after 9 a.m. For more information call 508-291-1162 or www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass.

The Glastonbury Abbey, Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, Hingham will present **Reverend Yifa, Benedict's Dharma:Monastic Dialogue between Buddhism and Christianity**, Feb. 26 at 7:15 p.m. Free will offering. Call for more information 781-749-2155 ext.243

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset, will host **Scott Haas** Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. For more information call 781-383-2665 or www.buttonwoodbooks.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington Thursdays, **Mr. Elmore James Jr.** and **Jimmy DiSpirito**, Feb. 26, 27,28 at 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents a colorful slide show by photographer **Charlotte Core** on wildflowers, Feb. 26, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Admission is $8 members/$10non-members. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Animal Tails** Feb 26. Please specify morning class 9:30-11a.m. or afternoon class 1:30-3 p.m., $39 members, $48 non-members for each three week session. Join us for a special program featuring outstanding nature stories and activities for children ages 3-1/2 to 5 years. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Small Works and exhibit of work by watercolorist **Lilly Cleveland** will be showing at the James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell Feb. 5-March 3. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Adult Literacy and GED classes will be held **at Blue Hills Regional Technical School**, 800 Randolph St., Canton. The program is funded by Massachusetts Dept. of Education and is free of charge. For more information call 781-828-5800 ext. 325.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the **World to the White House**. Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Fri. 27

Nathan Gallery,152 Rockland St., Hanover presents **Full Circle** Feb. 27 - April 16. Gallery reception March 2, 5-7 p.m. Gallery hours Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-826-6500.

The Massasoit Theatre Co., Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd. Brockton, presents **On Golden Pond** Feb. 27, 28, and March 5, 6 at 8 p.m., Feb. 29 and March 7 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $13 general public, $11 w/Massasoit ID, seniors, students. All seats reserved, call 508-427-1234.

The **'Open Your Heart'** event at **Lombardo's**, Randolph Feb. 27 will be hosted by **Gay Vernon,** Newscaster for Magic 106.7 FM. The Ovations, a 10 piece orchestra, and a Silent Auction. Tickets are $50 per person or $75 per couple and $400 for a reserved table of 10. Call 617-376-2255 or www.fatherbillsplace.org

Beatle Mania Live is performing at the **Boston Marriot Quincy** Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $30 and be ordered at any Quincy school office or purchased at the Central Middle School, 1012 Hancock St., Quincy. 617-984-8725

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level, will present **Variety Show 2004** Feb. 27 and 28 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 29 at 4:30 p.m. Tickets, adults $10, children $5. For reservations and more information call 508-747-1234.

Boston's Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., Boston, presents **Richard Dreyfus in Sly Fox**, Feb. 20-March 7. Ticket prices range from $21- $88 and are available through Telecharge 800-447-7400 or online www.telecharge.com

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays and vacation weeks Free with admission. Join us for a half-hour of storytelling that will delight youngsters (and accompanying adults, too). Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

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Sat. 28

Norwell's Cushing Center presents **Unicorn Singers** and **Broad Cove Chorale** perform **Encore!** Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. Feb. 29 at 3 p.m. For more information call 781-331-4255.

Jordan Hospital Club holds **2nd Annual Jordan's Polar Plunge** a fundraiser to benefit the **Jordan Hospital Club Cancer Center**, Plymouth Beach Feb. 28. Registration 11 a.m. Plunge 12 noon. For information or to register call Catherine McKenna 508-746-0103 or www.jordanspolarplunge.com

Radisson Plymouth Harbor presents **A Killer Cabaret**, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner and show $45. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call 508-591-5007 or 877-500-0050 or www.radissonplymouth.com

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset offers an encaustic painting workshop with artist **Tracy Spadafora**, Feb. 28, 29 from 9:30a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cost $195/SSAC members, $215/non-members. To register call 781-383-2787 or www.ssac.org

The North River Arts Society, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield, offers a **Floral Artistry Workshop** with Betty Kelly, Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. $75 members/$95non-members, all materials will be supplied. To register call 781-837-8091.

Cindi Goodenough Welch, M.A., LADC author of **The Final Chapter:Unveiling Death's Deeper Meaning** will have a book signing at Borders Books, Independence Mall, Kingston, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.

The Joey Molland Band to perform at the Daytona Room at F1 Boston, 290 Wood Rd., Braintree, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. General Admission $18 in advance. For more information go to www.f1boston.com or www.virtuous.com

The Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **The New Blue Revue**, **Matthew Stubbs Band**, 9 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The North River Arts Society presents **Recent Paintings by Brooks Kelly** at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham starting Jan. 31 through March 26. Open Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Call library to confirm current hours, 781-741-1405. Opening reception Feb 2 from 7-9 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

Sun. 29

Flow Zone Café, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull, features licensed esthetician and professional make-up artist **Audrey Berman-Cassevoy** for an afternoon of skin care and tips from 2-4 p.m. For more information call 781-925-9499.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, welcomes herpetologist, **Michael K. Ralbovsky** of **Rainforest Reptile Shows**, Feb. 29 at 1 p.m. Tickets $6 members/$7 non-members. Tickets must be purchased in advance, call 781-659-2559.

Ventress Library Sunday Concerts presents jazz trio **Pieces of One** at the Marshfield Ventress Library, Feb 29, 2 p.m. Concerts are free. For more information call 781-834-5535 or cwood@ocln.org

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Elizabeth Berkley and Richard Dreyfuss in "Sly Fox."

BEST BET

"Sly Fox" brings Berkley to Boston

Elizabeth Berkley first gained fame on the television teen series "Saved By The Bell." Berkley left the Saturday morning sitcom in 1994, and a year later starred in the infamously awful feature film, "Showgirls." A lesser talent might have sunk under the weight of that movie's failure, but for Berkley things have only looked up since then. She has appeared in films like "The First Wives Club," "Any Given Sunday," and "The Curse of the Jade Scorpion" and just this week was named by "The New York Times" as one of eight "people to watch" on the New York theater scene thanks to her featured role in the new stage production of "Sly Fox." Now through March 7, prior to Broadway, the actress can be seen - alongside Richard Dreyfuss, Eric Stoltz, Rene Auberjonois and Bronson Pinchot - in the revival of the Larry Gelbart comedy, based on Ben Jonson's "Volpone" and once again being directed by Arthur Penn, at Boston's Shubert Theatre.

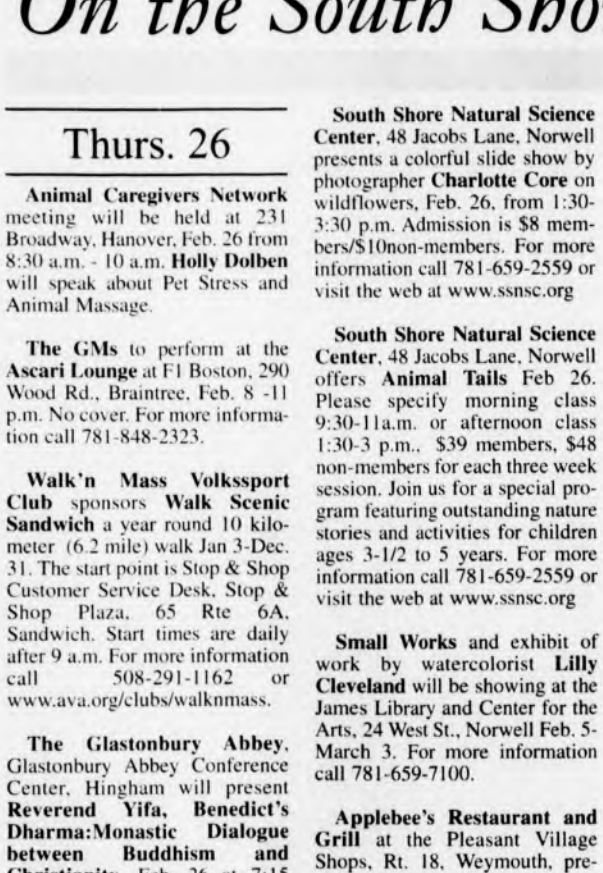
It doesn't matter that cable reruns of "Saved By The Bell" and a DVD version of "Showgirls" may mean that those projects live on forever, Berkley has no need to look back. "People can choose to live in the past, but I'm all about what's now," she explained last week during an interview in the Shubert lobby.

Berkley may be all about today, but "Sly Fox" is set at the dawn of the Gold Rush in San Francisco in the late 1800s and concerns a con man out to swindle as many people as he can before staging his own demise. Berkley plays the devoutly religious Mrs. Truckle, the only virtuous character amidst a range of rapscallions. "Sly Fox" may be a period piece, but Berkley sees much contemporary relevance in its story.

"As I see it, the theme of the play is very timely, because of everything that's going on today in corporate America. It holds up a mirror to many sides of our humanity including greed and lust. What's great is that it's all done within a comedy."

"Sly Fox" will be at the Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont Street, Boston, through March 7. For tickets and information, call 800/447-7400 or visit www.telecharge.com.

- R. Scott Reedy



BEST BET

The South Shore Conservatory Staircase Gallery will feature the oil paintings of Norwell artist Nancy Colella from March 1 through the end of April. The Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. Admission to the gallery is free. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday's from 9 a.m. to noon.



BEST BET

BearBones, a trio of musicians paying tribute to blues legends of the past will perform Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Hope Coffee House in Scituate. BearBones will be joined that evening by other local acoustic blues, folk and rock artists and there will be an open mic. The Mt. Hope Improvement Society building is located at the corner of Cedar Street and Clapp Road. For more information call (781) 544-3122.

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Attention all scrappers! Join an all day **'Crop and Swap'** at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Hanson, Feb. 29 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Door prize, hourly giveaways, lunch and snacks provided. $25 admission. Call 781-447-50004.

Winter railroad hobby show **'RAIL-A-RAMA XXXV'** at the Sheraton Braintree Hotel, 37 Forbes Rd, Braintree Feb. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets Adults $3, Children (5-12) $1 and under 5 free. For more information call 617-361-4445 or www.mysticvalleyrs.org

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum, JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Pont, Boston presents **The Common Sense of Ellen Goodman** and Boston Globe columnist **James Carroll**, Feb 29 from 2-3:30 p.m. For reservations call 617-514-1643.

Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**, Broad St., Weymouth for children 41/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For more information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org

Sunday Tea at the JFK on Feb. 22, 29 at the **John F. Kennedy Library and Museum**, Columbia Pont. Enjoy tea, fruit scones, tea sandwiches, PBJs and dessert in the Smith Crescent Room between 1:30 - 3 p.m.. Tickets $14 children 12 yrs and younger, $17 for adults. Reservations strongly recommended 617-514-1586. For more information about the JFK Library and Museum call 866-535-1960 or www.jfklibrary.org

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will show together the text and illustrations from the Persian literary works: the Shah-nama, Khavar-nama, Khamza of Nizami and Hadith al Anbiya in the exhibition **Complex Tales: Persia** Feb.1-April 25. For more information call 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town members of the **Weymouth Art Association** will display at several locations in Feb and March. Paintings may be purchased. For more information call 781-335-4675

A Conversation About Stuff We Like/New Sculpture by Alan Klein and Mike Newby will be exhibited at the **Art Complex Museum**, 189 Alden St., Duxbury Feb. 1-April 4. Opening reception Feb. 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m. For more information call 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

South Shore ARC is offering its **Sunday Open Gym** through April 4, at the Cole School in Norwell from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. $10 fee. 781-335-3023 x2227.

The Interfaith Book Study Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for February, Siddhartha by H. Hesse (Buddhism); March, Palace Walk by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the oil paintings of Hingham artist **Judith Mehring** through the end of February. 781-749-7565 ext.16.

"Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance" every Sunday evening at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Dance music by DJ Joe Pet. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended.

Mon. 1

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month Elva Proctor will exhibit her paintings for the month of March at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30pm at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.



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Radisson Plymouth Harbor presents A Killer Cabaret, Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner and show $45. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call 508-591-5007 or 877-500-0050 or www.radissonplymouth.com

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical conceived choreographed and directed by **Twyla Tharp** and based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincy-toastmasters.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly, free, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Tues. 2

Plymouth Memorial Hall , Plymouth presents **David Crosby** March 2 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Radisson Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth, online www.ticketweb.com, toll free at 866-468-7619 and all Strawberries outlets.

Do you have a legal question or are you confused about a legal issue? **The Bar Association of Norfolk County**, Quincy District Court March 2 6-8 p.m. For more information contact Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County 617-471-9693.

Cameron MacKintosh's new production of Lionel Bart's **Oliver!** at **The Wang Theatre,** Boston March. 2, 3,4,5,6, 7. For more information and times call 1-800-447-7400.

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For more information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnolly@artsfirst.org

25th Annual USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild Exhibit at the **USS Constitution Museum**, Charlestown Navy Yard Feb. 1-March 6, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Admission is free and donations are encouraged. www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org

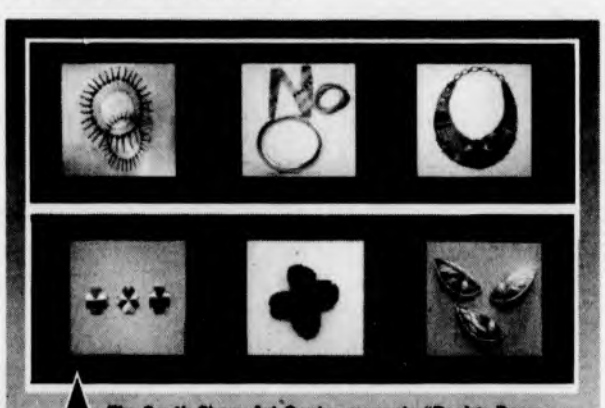
The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250.

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. Dave Thomas Band. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.



BEST BET

The South Shore Art Center presents "Design Down Under: Jewelry from Australia and New Zealand" on display from Feb. 27 - April 10. An opening reception will be held Friday, Feb. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. The South Shore Art Center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. For more information call (781) 383-2964 or visit www.ssac.org.

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Wed. 3

The North and South Rivers Watershed Assoc., and **South Shore Natural Science Center**, and **Mass Audubon** present a series of free Wednesday evening lectures now through March at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Lectures begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Winter Programs** every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. Come watch the naturalist on duty feed the animals. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 4

Raffael's Restaurant's 2004 Dinner Theatre , Quincy presents **Connie, Brenda, Patsy & Me** musical review March 4, 5. All tickets $35 for the matinee, lunch begins at 12 noon and $45 for the evening shows, dinner at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call Raffaelís Restaurant 617-328-1600.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, offers **Oil Painting for Adult Beginners** with Sue Charles Thursdays March 4,11,18,25, April 1,8,15,29. Classes are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is $110. For more information call 781-934-6634.

Cura VNA & Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, offers **The Young Widow and Widowers Support Group**, March 4 and meeting every other Thursday for eight weeks from 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m. To register call 508-746-0215.

Plymouth Chamber kicks off official **Business EXPO** at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor March 4 from 1:30 - 7 p.m. Exhibitor hours are 12 - 7 p.m. Exhibitors interested in participating need to contact 508-830-1620 or email info@plymouthchamber.com

Fri. 5

Curtain Call Theatre, Corner of Faxon and Commercial St., Braintree announces the production of Stephen Sondheim's **'Into the Woods'** March 5, 6, 7, 11. Shows are at 8 p.m. except for Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. For tickets call 781-356-5113. www.curtaincallbraintree.org

The Friends of Lydia Vigneau and Scott Whale invite you to an evening of fun and good cheer at a **Silent Auction** at the Red Lion Inn, Cohasset, March 5 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased by sending a check for $20 to The Lydia Vigneau Fund, 310 Beechwood St., Cohasset MA 02025 or calling 781-383-2129.

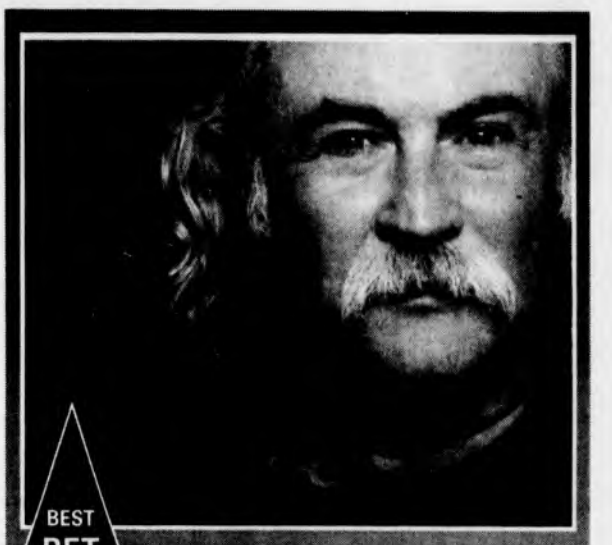
The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **'Little Shop of Horrors'** at the Cohasset Town Hall, Highland Ave., Cohasset, March 5,6,12 &13 at 8 p.m. and March 7 & 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12. For more information call 781-544-0304.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell **Spring Flower Show** March 5, 6, 7. For more information about time and cost call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org



BEST BET

Norwell's Cushing Center presents Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale performing Encore! Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 29 at 3 p.m. For more information call 781-331-4255.



BEST BET

David Crosby and son rock Memorial Hall

It's been a long time gone since Rock 'n Roll Hall of Famer David Crosby first laid down the soundtrack for a generation with tours of duty with The Byrds and Crosby, Stills, Nash (and sometimes) Y.

The music endures and so does Crosby, who is now on tour with his band CPR (featuring son James Raymond) and making a stop at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Tuesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. Audiences will be able to do a little time-trippin' with classic hits like "Ohio," "Wooden Ships," "Eight Miles High," "So You Wanna Be A Rock 'n Roll Star," Almost Cut My Hair," and more.

Tickets are available at the Plymouth Hall box-office, located at the Radisson Plymouth Hotel, 180 Water Street, online at www.ticketweb.com, by phone at 866-468-7619, and all Strawberries outlets.

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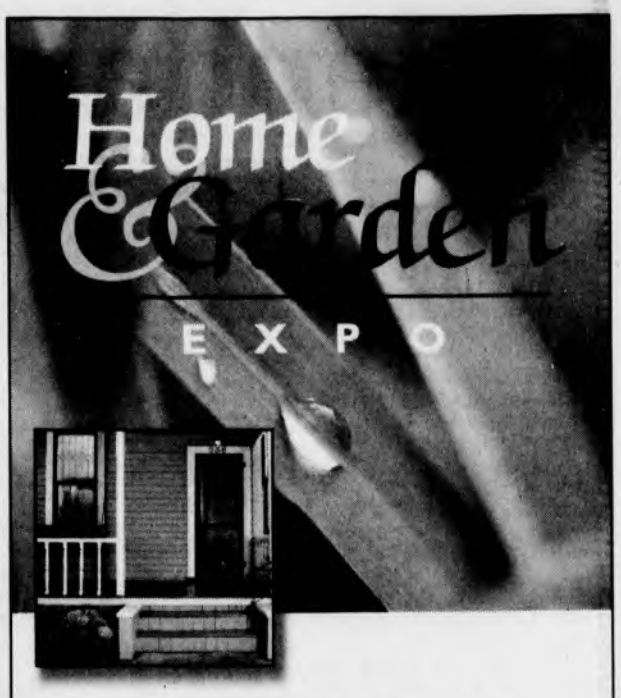
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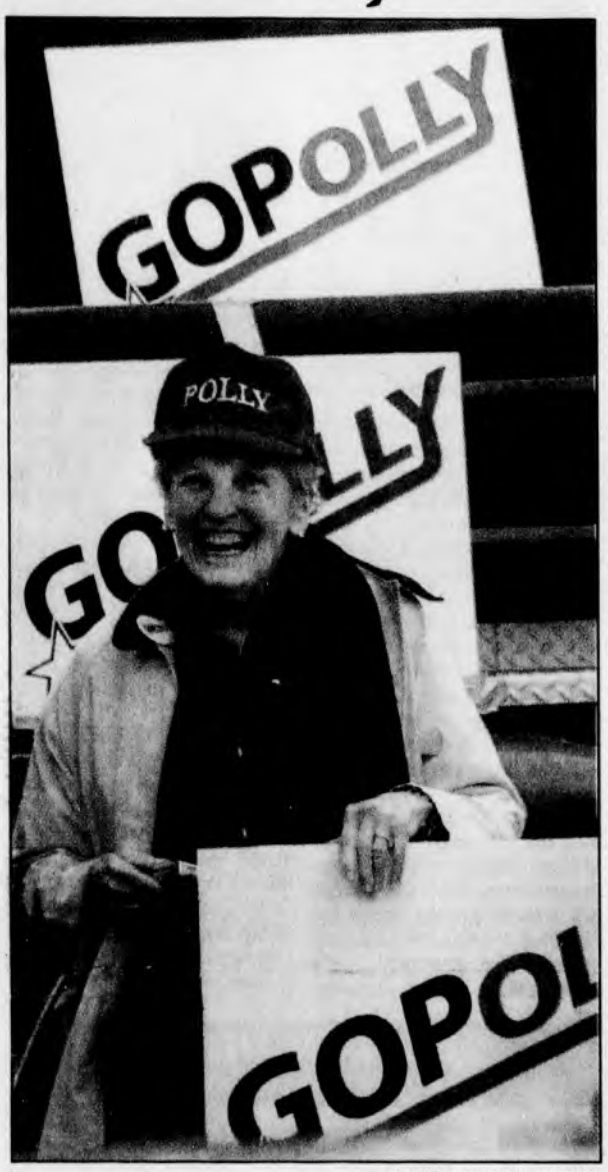
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Voters say GO – Polly!



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Polly Logan stands outside the polls on Tuesday. She won reelection to the Republican State Committee in a landslide.

Pledges to work on growing party

By Matthew J. Gill
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With John Kerry closing in on the Democratic nomination and Republican President George W. Bush running unopposed, the only hot race Tuesday in the eight-town Plymouth-Norfolk District was for seats on the Republican State Committee — for both men and women.

Voters in Weymouth, Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Norwell, Scituate, Marshfield, and Duxbury elected Hingham resident John Cafferty with 52 percent of the vote, while incumbent Polly Logan of Cohasset garnered 50 percent in the eight towns. Logan earned 2,087 votes district-wide, while Cafferty won 1,708 votes.

Both candidates earned about twice as many as their closest challengers.

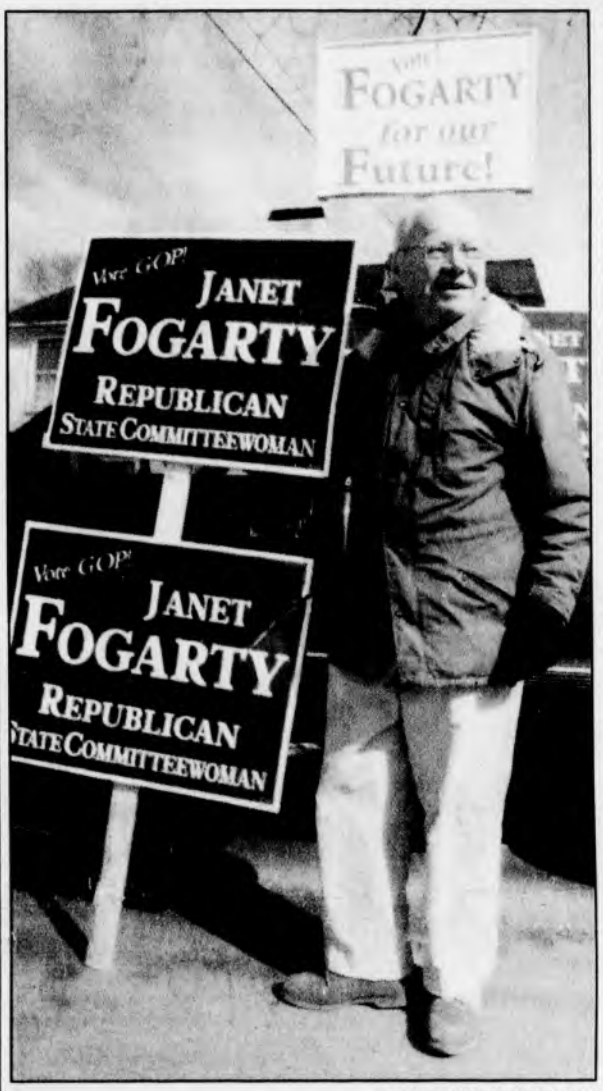
Logan the long-time incumbent, defeated Anne Hilbert of Weymouth and Janet Fogarty of Cohasset. And Cafferty defeated challengers Conley Ford and Ron Wheatley, both of Scituate. Incumbent Tom Barry of Duxbury did not seek reelection.

As expected by many, voter turnout throughout the district was low. Just over 19 percent of Hingham registered voters turned out at the polls, while 25 percent voted in Cohasset, 18 percent in Scituate, 15 percent voted in Marshfield, and only 5 percent voted in Norwell.

Following the election the winners shared thoughts on the race and goals for the party.

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Campaign workers line up along Cohasset's Election Row



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Dr. Edward Woods shows his support for Janet Fogarty along Election Row on Highland Avenue.

Sherry gesture lifts the spirits

By Mary Ford
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Although most registered voters opted to sit Super Tuesday out, for those devoted to politics, sign holding along "Election Row" on Highland Avenue is always an interesting affair.

In fact Eleanor Wheatley of Scituate, who arrived just after 4 p.m., liked the atmosphere. Wheatley's husband, Ronald, was in a tough three-way race for Republican State Committeeman in the eight-town Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes Cohasset.

"I'm usually campaigning only in Scituate and Marshfield," said Wheatley, referring to her husband's runs for state representative against Frank Hynes in the Fourth Plymouth District. Wheatley, holding a sign for her spouse, stood among the Janet Fogarty camp. "I'm enjoying being in Cohasset immensely," she said.

Then a fellow Republican offered Wheatley and all the sign holders along the street – Republican or Democrat – a small glass of cream sherry, literally lifting everyone's spirits.

The sherry gesture prompted Tom Fogarty, whose sister Janet Fogarty was trying to unseat incumbent Republican State Committeewoman Polly Logan, to suggest a real tail-gate would be nice. And others standing

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It's official: override to go before the voters

Town Meeting, polls must OK

By Samantha Brown
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Despite some reservations about the price tag, selectmen have agreed to place a $400,000 override for the schools on the Town Meeting Warrant.

Passing an override is a two-step process, which first requires Town Meeting to approve the budget contingent on the override and then a ballot question must pass by a simple majority at the polls.

"As much as I don't want to, I'm going to support this," said Selectman Tom Callahan, adding he feels the town has so many outside factors which are out of its control, it has been "boxed in" to making this decision.

However, he did put forth a few recommendations for the future, which included not hiring any more school administrators. He suggested instead of cutting back the position of school business manager to a part-time post, that it be eliminated altogether. Instead, he believes the town's director of finance should take over the duties on both the town and school sides. (Michael Buckley is the Director of Finance.)

If passed, the Prop. 2-1/2 override would add 23 cents per $1,000 to the tax rate. The owner of a $600,000 home has a property tax bill of about $7,134 this year. If the override passes, that bill would increase about $294 to $7,428 - $138 of which would be attributed to the override.

Another way of looking at the tax numbers is: the current tax rate is $11.89 per $1,000 of assessed valuation and the town is allowed to increase that rate next year by 26 cents under Prop. 2-1/2, the state law that caps the amount a municipality can raise its tax levy from year to year. If the override passes, another 23 cents would be added to the tax rate for a total of $12.38, according to Town Finance Director Michael Buckley.

"As much as I don't want to, I'm going to support this."
— Selectman Tom Callahan

The School Committee is recommending a budget of $11.9 million which is 6.45 percent or $723,753 over last year. But during these tight fiscal times that are also facing the town side of the budget, that figure is about $400,000 more than Town Manager Mark Haddad has allocated for the schools next year.

In addition to Selectmen, the Advisory Committee also voted to unanimously recommend the override, but not before first meeting with the School Committee one last time, in an effort to answer remaining questions. The Town Meeting on March 27 will act on the $400,000 request and then it will face a ballot box vote.

The Advisory Committee's main concern was whether the proposed budget was as low as it could possibly be. One of the first items to be discussed was whether the $169,000 set aside for special education requests couldn't be phased in over the course of the next two years. Member Pat Waters said he understood the additional special education teachers at both Osgood and the middle-high school, as well as the school psychologist, are preventative measures to help ensure future students who require special education will remain in Cohasset, rather than choose to be educated out of district.

However, the School Committee said based on the current students enrolled in the schools and projected enrollment figures, the additional staff will help save money in the long run because parents do have the option to seek help elsewhere if they feel their son or daughter's needs cannot be met in Cohasset. By making the additions to the in-house staff, the School Committee estimates the schools will save roughly $50,000. School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn added the budget does compensate for the special education additions by eliminating three elementary level teachers.

However, Advisory Committee member Maureen Jerz said no matter what improvements are made to the special education staff, "a parent could say that's not good enough," and reject what Cohasset has to offer.

There was also discussion between the boards concerning whether two full-time principals are needed at Osgood and Deer Hill when many towns have elementary schools that are kindergarten through fifth grade with only one principal presiding. However, Supt. Edward Malvey said with the amount of students in the schools, even if the entire elementary contingent was together in one building, "One person could not do it alone."

"We're not unique," in having two elementary school principals, said Malvey, adding most elementary schools that offer kindergarten through grade five in one building have a full-time assistant principal as well.

The Advisory Committee also

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OT is adding up to big expense

By Samantha Brown
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Article 5 on the Town Meeting Warrant will ask the town to appropriate $500,000 for various departmental budgets, $135,000 of which will be spent on overtime for both the police and fire departments.

At the behest of selectmen, Town Manager Mark Haddad provided them with more information Tuesday concerning the OT figures.

Haddad presented figures dating back to 1998 for both the fire and police departments. Currently, at $75,000, it is the fire department that is the worst overtime offender, which is a direct result of South Shore Hospital's terminating ambulance service to the town in December.

Sullivan suggested an in-depth analysis be conducted for both departments, which will outline why overtime is being paid.

The fire department is currently running on six-person shifts. On each shift, two members must be certified paramedics, now that the town must run its own ambulance service. Currently, there are 10 certified paramedics on the department, which means any time a paramedic takes time off for an injury or vacation, someone needs to be called in to take over on the shift.

Haddad said because the town does run its own ambulance service, it has generated more revenue. In fact, ambulance revenue has increased consistently every year since 1998. From 2002 to 2003 ambulance revenue increased by almost $60,000. However, overtime costs continue to increase as well, and because expended overtime for the fire department went from $145,000 in 2002 to $213,996 in 2003, the additional ambulance revenue doesn't seem to be making a difference.

"We're not quite breaking even," said Selectman Michael Sullivan.

But overtime costs are high due to on the job injuries as well. When someone cannot come in to work, an additional member of

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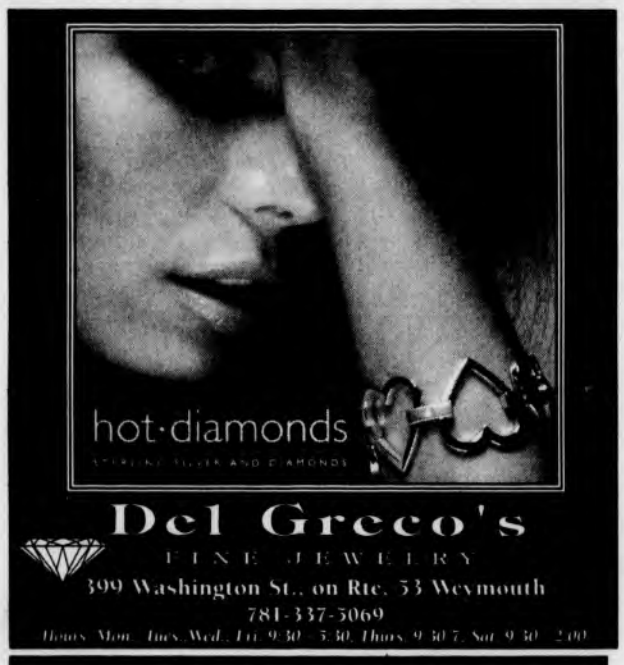
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Upcoming meetings

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Advisory Committee, March 4 & 11, 7 p.m.

Board of Assessors, March 9 , 4 p.m.

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, March 10, 7 p.m.

Community Preservation Committee, March 8, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, March 4 & 18, 7:30 p.m.

Cook RFP Committee, Monday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee, March 4, 7 p.m., middle-high school library

Selectmen, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, March 22, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Phone scam about selectmen's race

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he was contacted yesterday (Wednesday) by a town resident who had received a phone call from an individual conducting a town survey. One of the questions asked was who the resident was going to support in the race the Board of Selectmen, Haddad said. When the resident asked who authorized the survey, the resident was told the Town Manager had authorized it, he said. "This is completely untrue. In no way did I, nor any representative (of the Board of Selectmen) commission such a survey. It is illegal for the town to expend funds for such a purpose and residents should be aware of this hoax," said Haddad. A report of the incident has been filed by Town Counsel with the Office of Campaign Finance, he said.

Correction is noted

A story in last week's Mariner should have said Town Manager Mark Haddad said Town Clerk Marion Douglas spoke with the elections division of the Secretary of State's office and was told the citizen's petition on the Cook Estate could not come off the Warrant. The article incorrectly reported Douglas was told the petition could come off the Warrant. The Mariner regrets the error.

Union negotiations

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he has been working on contract negotiations with four town unions, and has reached a tentative agreement with two. He said both the Cohasset Clerical Association and the Cohasset Library Association have agreed to zero percent increases for fiscal year 2005, and 3 percent increase for FY 2006.

"I would like to thank the clerical union for working with the town and agreeing to go with the zero percent," Haddad told selectmen last week. "I would also like to thank the library association for its willingness to work with the town in these tight financial times."

Haddad went on to say the negotiations have brought about "two very favorable contracts for the town" and he is "very happy," to have settled the issue. As far as other union negotiations are concerned, an agreement will have to be made soon, or negotiations will have to be brought up again after Town Meeting. All contract negotiations must be settled 30 days prior to Town Meeting, Haddad said.

CEA has openings

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said Cohasset Elder Affairs is looking to fill both full and associate positions on its Board of Directors. She said in a time when many residents are campaigning around town, she would like to make a pitch for "the old-fashioned value of public service," and encourages people to come forward and lend a hand.

"It's a tremendous group, and they do a lot with very little funding," she said. "They're a great bunch of people." McMorris said the openings can be filled by anyone 18 or older.

For more information, please contact the Council on Elder Affairs at (781) 383-9112.

Victoria's to expand

The Board of Selectmen voted last week to grant an alter to premises for the restaurant wine and malt beverage license held by Victoria's Pizza of Cohasset. Ramin Doorandish, manager of Victoria's, located on Route 3A, came before Selectmen to give a brief overview of planned changes to the restaurant, which includes new floors and counters, as well as more space for staff working behind the counter. Doorandish said all abutters had been notified and the Building Inspector had approved the plans. He said the Board of Health will inspect the restaurant once renovations are complete. Doorandish said the changes will make the restaurant more friendly for patrons who wish to stay and dine in the restaurant. During renovations, Victoria's will have only minor changes to its regular operating schedule, closing early only one day, to be followed by a late opening the next. Otherwise, the restaurant will maintain a regular schedule.

LIP application process drafted

Town Planner Liz Harrington has compiled a step-by-step application process for local implementation of the Department of Housing and Community Development's Local Initiative Program. The material has been reviewed and has met the preliminary approval of the Planning Board. Harrington suggested the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board meet jointly to discuss the process before adopting any new procedure. Town Manager Mark Haddad said he will set up a meeting with members of the DHCD to review and discuss the information.

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Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

The last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Meeting (March 27, 2004) and Annual Town Election (April 3) is Friday, March 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office. Mail-in registration forms, are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt memorial Library and must be postmarked on or before March 5.

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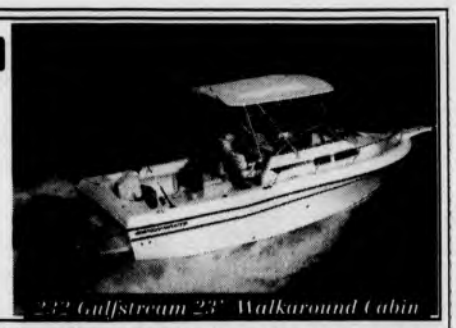
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Voters say GO – Polly!

FROM LOGAN, PAGE 1

If the Republican Party is to grow in Massachusetts, and create what many of the candidates were describing throughout the campaign as a "balanced" State House, Logan said people have to get more involved on a personal level.

An incumbent for more than 30 years, Polly Logan said she still enjoys the campaign process.

"I love it, I love to go door to door," she said. "That's the way we're going to have to do it, one by one."

Logan said the consistent goal of committee members is to continue to get more Republican candidates elected to the State House, and to continue to open up the Republican party to younger and unenrolled voters.

"We have to plan things that involve people who may be potential candidates."

Although she's been campaigning for years, during this campaign, Logan employed the use of a campaign Web site for the very first time, technology she said was helpful.

Not only does she want to sign up more Republican voters, but Logan said she wants to get more young people thinking about, and finding an appreciation and passion for politics in general.

"I think I can bring a lot to the table," said Cafferty, who has been involved in Republican party politics in Massachusetts for 26 years. "I want to make sure we're going down the same road. Hopefully we can get a plan that we can all agree on."

"The first thing we have to do is get organized," Cafferty said. "When we bring people in we have to show them we have a plan."

In recent years, Cafferty said Massachusetts Republicans have not been very efficient in spreading their message at the grassroots level, something he hopes to change during his term.

Cafferty was particularly impressed by his vote totals in Weymouth and Hingham, where he earned more than 500 votes each, or 71 and 84 percent respectively.

He said he wants to get new people involved in the party, and get candidates to run for different positions in town government — including school committee and the planning board.

"There's a new breed of Republican out there," Cafferty said. "And they need to have a plan. Young voters are interested if we have something to offer them."

Cafferty said in 10 years he would like to have more Republicans in his district than in any other district in the state. He said the low turnout didn't come as a surprise.

"We knew it was going to be a very low turnout. Most people don't know what state committee man or woman does."

Logan said she was disappointed that Scituate's Conley Ford lost the race for committeeman because the two campaigned together. She wants to continue to work with him to bring unenrolled voters over to the Republican side. "He just has to be kept involved," Logan said.

And despite the loss, Ford plans to do just that.

Ford, who won in his hometown and in Marshfield, said he appreciates the support he's received from voters throughout the district, and said the election and the entire campaign was a positive sign for Massachusetts Republicans.

Although Janet Fogarty came up short in her bid for State Committeewoman, she said she learned a lot from her first political campaign.

She said many young voters cannot relate to today's Republican party. "I've had a lot of people say they just can't identify with the party as it is right now," she said.

If the party is going to challenge the Democrats for supremacy in the Statehouse, Fogarty said there has to be party unity.

Campaign workers line up along Cohasset's Election Row

FROM ELECTION, PAGE 1

around noted hamburgers and hot dogs wouldn't be apropos, but scallops wrapped in bacon or canapés with caviar just might be.

All the talk wasn't about food, however. The Democrat contingent, confident of their candidate John Kerry's win, pontificated about who Kerry's running mate might be. Democrat activist John McNabb said it was a toss up between U.S. Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina and Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico, who held several important posts in the Clinton administration.

Although the predicted rain didn't materialize until after dark, only 1,232 of Cohasset's roughly 5,000 registered voters cast votes in Tuesday's presidential primary. Voting was steady but light. But the spring-like weather seemed to put everyone in a good mood.

"There have been lots of friendly faces," noted Agnes McCann, who is chairman of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, as she held Kerry signs outside the polls.

At the end of the day, incumbent Republican State Committeewoman Polly Logan with 351 votes, beat opponents Janet Fogarty (145 votes) and Anne Hilbert (21 votes). On the men's side, John Cafferty of Hingham with 163 votes, edged out Conley Ford (134 votes) and Ronald Wheatley (71 votes), both of Scituate.

President George W. Bush, who was unopposed in the primary, picked up 404 votes and Kerry received 485 votes to John Edwards' 165. Edwards, a Democrat senator from North Carolina, dropped out of the race the following day, virtually assuring Kerry of the Democrat nomination. Top vote-getter in Cohasset was incumbent Democrat State Committeeman Fred Koed, who got 524 votes. Koed is a selectman and former water commissioner.

Rob Spofford, who is running for Selectman, was out with his campaign signs along "Election Row" even though the Town Election is a month away.

"I'm getting an early start and getting my name out," Spofford said. "I feel it is a great opportunity to show our colors," he said referring to his red, white and blue signs.

Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, also had sign-holders out. Bradley will be seeking a third term in November.

Public airing of Cohasset police matter can continue

Hearing to resume March 15

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"The judge ruled appropriately on the law and the facts that the two officers' statutory right to an open hearing before the public is paramount as well as the press' right to report on it."
— Attorney Doug Louison

A Superior Court judge did not order the ongoing Cohasset police disciplinary hearing be conducted behind closed doors as the parents of a local juvenile had hoped.

In a hearing last Wednesday in Dedham Superior Court, Judge Isaac Borenstein denied the motion from the juvenile's parents to close the proceedings. The name and address of the juvenile were inadvertently mentioned during testimony during one of the sessions of the police disciplinary hearing at Town Hall, prompting the parents to seek the court action.

The hearing, which has been televised live on cable-TV and covered extensively in the press, has been the subject of considerable public interest.

The ongoing disciplinary hearing, which accused officers Sgt. William Quigley and patrolman James McLean asked be held in public, was slated to resume this past Monday but has been postponed to March 15. Attorney Richard Henderson, who is representing the juvenile's parents, indicated he may appeal Borenstein's decision, according to lawyers at the Superior Court hearing last week. Henderson did not return phone calls to the Mariner.

The hearing was postponed to March 15 to allow time for the appeal and for the parties to draft an agreement pursuant to the judge's recommendations. The parties have agreed to refrain from using any identifying information relative to the juvenile and his parents.

Judge Borenstein denied the parents' motion for an injunction to close the hearings during the Feb. 25 court proceeding. Reached by telephone, the judge declined to comment.

But according to lawyers at the hearing, Borenstein said the public interest outweighed the juvenile's right to privacy in an administrative hearing. In other words, the juvenile's right to privacy in this type of proceeding did not trump the officers' right to a public hearing.

"The judge ruled appropriately on the law and the facts that the two officers' statutory right to an open hearing before the public is paramount as well as the press' right to report on it," said Attorney Doug Louison, who is representing the two officers.

According to lawyers for Community Newspaper Company (CNC), the parent company of the Cohasset Mariner, which sought to intervene to keep the hearings open, there were less draconian measures available to insure the juvenile's right to privacy without completely excluding the public and the press.

The charges facing the officers include alleged violations of search and seizure procedures during the juvenile's arrest.

"The judge recognized that the rights asserted by the family of the juvenile are adequately protected without extreme measures," said Attorney Robert Dushman, of Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, which is representing the Cohasset Mariner.

"The judge was able to come up with a solution that provided adequate protection for the privacy interests that the juvenile and his parents asserted, while at the same time preserving the right of the press as the eyes and ears of the public to attend the hearing and inform the public of the activities of public officials," Dushman said.

There was discussion at the hearing if the juvenile's parents were called to testify and the hearing was televised, in a small town people might connect the dots, so to speak. Borenstein said he would address that issue if it ever arose, CNC lawyers said.

Officer McLean and Sgt. Quigley have been on paid administrative leave since Oct. 20, 2003. Town Manager Mark Haddad, who is serving as the hearing officer, will decide what punishment if any to mete out to the officers including possible termination. The officers, who maintain they have done nothing wrong, have the right to appeal Haddad's decision to Civil Service.

The town has charged both Quigley and McLean with conduct unbecoming an officer for allegedly drinking on duty at the Rod & Gun Club. McLean faces charges of inappropriate activity in one arrest and three arrests and one booking procedure by Quigley are being questioned. The officers did not learn about the charges until Jan. 13 and continue to deny all the allegations.

Louison is optimistic the officers will prevail.

"I think we've already won and this is the town's case. We haven't even presented the defense yet," he said. "Any outside view of the proceedings would come away with the sense the officers not only acted appropriately but are certainly not in any violation."

The town's attorney Peter Berry declined to comment.

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Supt. finalists' home turf visited

By Samantha Brown
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Now in the final stages of the interviewing process, School Committee Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts and member Pat Martin made site visits last Thursday to the school districts of both candidates vying for retiring Cohasset superintendent Edward Malvey's position.

Malvey announced in October he would be retiring at the end of this school year, and since then the School Committee has been busy receiving résumés, forming a screening committee for potential candidates, and participating in the interviewing process. The two finalists for the position are Denise Walsh of Plymouth, currently superintendent of the Middleborough public schools, and Michael Malone of Taunton, currently superintendent of the Plainville public schools.

During the site visit to Middleborough, Tebbetts and Martin met with roughly 25 of Walsh's co-workers, during the course of three and a half hours. Prior to their visit, 10 phone calls had been made to conduct short interviews with various individuals in her school department. In Plainville, the two met with roughly 19 of Malone's co-workers during two and a half hours, and prior to the visit, five telephone interviews had been completed.

"We spent time with teams of co-workers and it was a very productive meeting," said Martin, adding the meetings were informative and provided additional references the School Committee would like to pursue. "We'd like to take another week before we make our decision, to make sure we do all our homework," she said.

Because Tebbetts and Martin were not able to either meet or speak on the phone with every member of both school committees prior to their meeting, the two thought it was important to hold off on making a final decision until those contacts could be made. "I think it's important to talk to all of the School Committee members in the two communities and we've talked to the majority," said Tebbetts.

While Tebbetts and Martin were busy conducting their interviews, Malvey said the two candidates both paid a visit to Cohasset, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. "I think it was very productive for them," said Malvey, adding the two enjoyed their "tour of our beautiful new facilities." Malvey said he shared information with both candidates concerning the various punch-list items which will need to be completed in the future, as the renovation process winds down. Both candidates have experience with school construction and Malvey said both would be more than capable of carrying out the finishing touches.

Malone has served as superintendent in Plainville since 1995. Prior to that, he served as principal for the Liberty Elementary School in Braintree from 1986 to 1995. From 1973 until 1986, he was a teacher in the Braintree Public Schools for students in grades five through eight.

Malone received his bachelor's degree in education and history from Boston State College in 1970, which was followed by a master's degree in instructional technology from the University of Connecticut in 1973. He received his certificate of advanced graduate study in educational administration from Northeastern University in 1981.

Walsh has served as the superintendent in Middleborough since 2000. Prior to that, she served as assistant superintendent for the Silver Lake Regional School District in Kingston. From 1992-1997, she served as the principal of Dedham High School. She was also assistant principal at Hingham High School from 1986-1992, and worked as a teacher, department chair, and assistant principal at Sacred Heart High School in Weymouth from 1979 to 1986.

Walsh received her bachelor's degree in psychology and history as well as a master's degree in education and certificate of advanced graduate study in school administration from Bridgewater State College. She received her doctoral degree from the University of Massachusetts in 2003.

Tebbetts said the original deadline to select a new superintendent was set for March 11, and despite the fact that the committee has been working diligently on the budget, which has taken quite some time, it anticipated making a decision at their Thursday meeting on the night the on-site visits were completed — two weeks ahead of schedule. However, in light of the new contacts the committee would like to pursue, members have decided to take another week and make a decision March 4, one week ahead of schedule.

Override to go before the voters

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brought up the $223,000 cost to cover utilities, and Waters questioned whether the committee had over-budgeted.

"I'm glad you've funded as to what you expect, but have we gone too far?" he asked.

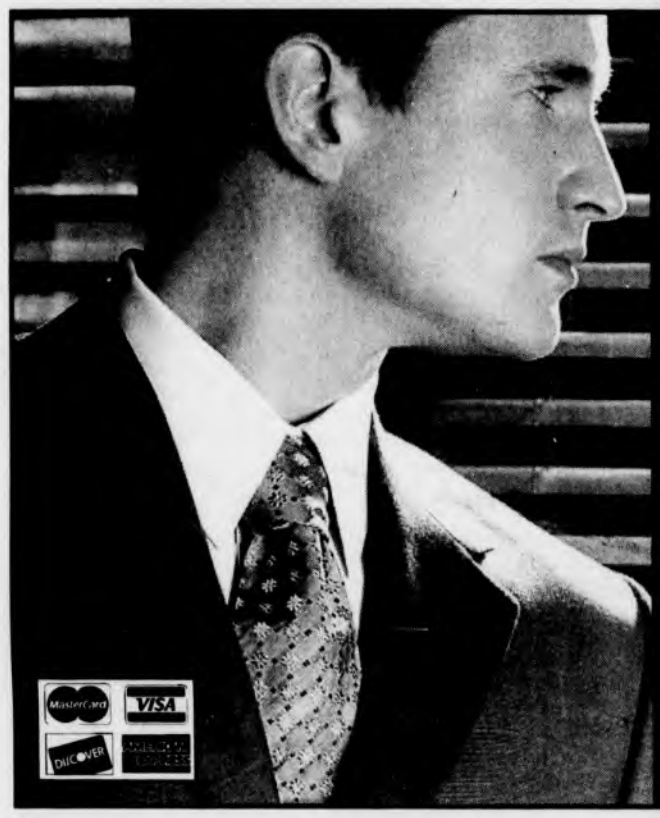
Waters said because the utilities costs are still unknown, it might make more sense to fund the budget at the actual 2003 expenditures, which could save around $50,000 up front. However, the School Committee said it has gone with a number it believes is the best estimate for an actual utilities cost, and it will continue to go with that number.

"We made our best guess based on last year and the year to date's numbers," said School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo, adding the schools could under fund the budget and reduce the override by $100,000, but it would be back again for that $100,000 later on.

"We have put all the expenses we think we're going to incur on the table," said Flynn, and the committee intends to stay with its original numbers.

Aside from questions pertaining to the actual budget figures, Advisory Committee chairman Susan Kent said she wished her committee had had more time to review the budget before having to make its decision. "We have to get the budget sooner," she said. "We understand it's an evolving process."

However, she said she would like to see the process done sooner in the future to give it all the attention it deserves without being rushed.



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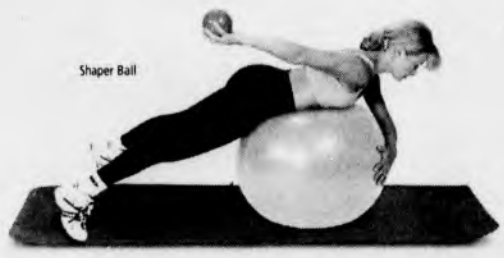
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the department has to be called in to cover the position, and the town is required to pay for the department member who is injured. If the injured party is a paramedic, that requires another paramedic to be called in, and the department currently only has a total of 10.

However, the fire department will soon be adding an additional paramedic to the staff, to take the place of a retiring firefighter. In the future, should any positions open up, Haddad said one additional paramedic will be hired for a total of 12 paramedics on the department.

"Our goal is to have 12," said Haddad, noting that the department runs on four shifts of 12 firefighters, and by having 12 paramedics in the department it will allow for three paramedics to be scheduled on each shift.

"If someone is out, we'll still have two," said Haddad, which he thinks could help cut down on overtime costs. The number of total firefighters, currently at 24, will not change.

The police department is having the same problems as the fire department in terms of on the job injuries adding to its overtime costs. In 2002, $271,928 was spent on police overtime, and in 2003 that total rose to $276,269. While the difference in cost between those two years is only a little more than $4,000, police overtime has been steadily climbing since 1998.

"Why do you think we were significantly lower in 1998 and 1999?" asked Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris. Without all the data before him, Haddad said he could only guess the department was running at full force at that time, and therefore overtime was not needed as much.

In 1998, total expended overtime was $128,476. That figure increased in 1999 to $146,027, and then had a jump of more than $70,000 for a total of $217,142 in 2000. From there, an additional almost $40,000 increase brought the department overtime up to $256,043 in 2001.

Sullivan suggested an in-depth analysis be conducted for both departments, which will outline why overtime is being paid. Figures will be broken down to highlight various overtime needs, including covering for vacation time, sick time, and injuries, to give the board a better understanding of why the costs have been so high and if anything can possibly be done to cut back. Recently, more officers were added to the police department payroll, which was expected to decrease overtime, but hasn't thus far, and Sullivan asked Haddad to look into that matter as well.

Police officer leaves opening in department

By Samantha Brown
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With Town Manager Mark Haddad looking into ways to help bring down costs associated with overtime, circumstances on the department aren't helping any. Haddad said another officer is now out on leave due to an injury he sustained while on the job. Haddad said to fill the position, one of the detectives will be put back in to cover shifts on the department, effective Monday.

Haddad said he believes the officer intends his absence to be permanent, but until he receives something from the town stating the officer is off the payroll, the town is required to pay his salary.

In terms of filling the position permanently, Haddad said he will be either be looking to fill the position through a lateral transfer or by contacting the Civil Service rehire list. However, he said by filling a position through the list, there is no guarantee the position will be filled quickly.

"Is there a point where overtime gets excessive?" asked Selectman Michael Sullivan, adding the officers will be extremely tired if they're constantly being asked to work extra shifts. Haddad said there is nothing that can be done by the town until he receives a letter stating the officer is off the department.

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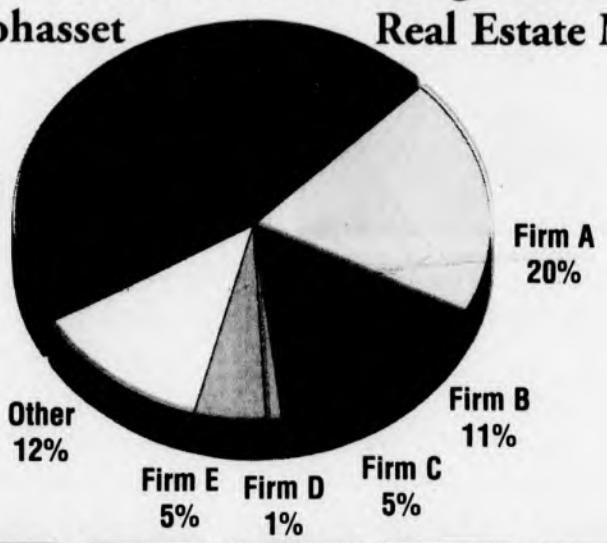
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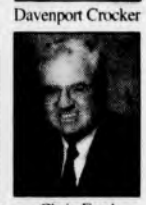

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Baird graduates from Coast Guard Academy

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

IN THE US COAST GUARD

Wow, **Micheal Baird** has a lot to remember and continue working for. What an amazing accomplishment for you Michael and for your family and friends to feel so very happy and proud about. Michael's graduation from the US Coast Guard Academy. President Bush and Michael's older brother **Bill**, a captain in the Air Force and a 95 graduate of the US Air Force Academy presented Michael with his Commission as an Ensign in the US Coast Guard. The graduation was held last May and was also attended by Michael's grandparents, his brother **Dan** and his wife **Heather**, his brother **Tim**, who took a leave from his volunteer year with Americorp NCCC, and his proud parents **Pat and Bill Baird**. Michael is currently stationed on the US Coast Guard Cutter Steadfast out of Astoria, Oregon. Bill is a helicopter pilot currently stationed with his wife **Angela**, and two sons, **Tyler and Mason**, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. Dan and Heather live in Boston and Tim is a freshman at the University of Richmond, Va.

UCONN DEAN'S LIST

Thomas Anderson, class of 2007, has been named to the dean's list at Connecticut College for the fall semester. Tom needed to maintain a GPA of 3.3-3.69 to achieve dean's list status. A lot of work for you Tom, keep it up.

EMORY STANDOUT

Karen McMorris, daughter of **David and Ronnie McMorris**, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Emory College, the liberal arts college of Emory University in Atlanta. Students must be in the top 20 percent of Emory College or have a GPA of 3.8 or higher for this honor. Fantastic news Karen.

TUFTS HONORS

Rebecca Moje, Allison Moje and **Jeffrey Garber**, all of Cohasset, have been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Tufts University. Way to go, guys! Thomas Chase of Cohasset, an eighth-grade student at St. Paul School in Hingham, has been named a recipient of the Boston College High School Fulton Scholarship. The Fulton Scholarship, named for Father Robert Fulton, was awarded to 27 students from a diverse and highly competitive applicant pool to the BC High Class of 2008. William was selected based on his outstanding work on the entrance examination, recommendations from teachers and his distinguished academic performance at St. Paul's. This is a great accomplishment Thomas, one your family and friends must be so proud of!

NATIONAL DEAN'S LIST

Thomas Bilodeau (Roger Williams University), **Caroline Carter** (Boston College), **Keri Dinsmore** (Laboure Junior College), **Katherine Ronan** (Roger Williams), and **Katherine Roth** (Massasoit Community College) are featured in the 26th annual edition of the National Dean's List, 2002-2003. The National Dean's List recognizes high achieving college students. Those selected are recommended by their college deans, registrars for honor society advisors and must be in the top 10 percent of their class, on their school's dean's list or have earned a comparable honor.

SCHOLARSHIP TO BC HIGH

William J. Kemeza, President of Boston College High School, is pleased to announce that **Thomas Chase** of Cohasset, an eighth-grade student at St. Paul's School Hingham, has been named a recipient of the Boston College High School Fulton Scholarship.

Each year, Boston College High School awards over $1.7 million in scholarship and financial aid to qualified students from all four class years.

The Fulton Scholarship, named for Father Robert Fulton SJ, was awarded to 27 students from a diverse and highly-competitive applicant pool to the BC High class of 2008. He was selected based on his outstanding work on the entrance examination, recommendations from teachers and distinguished academic performance at his present school. Chase will join the BC High Class of 2008.

"We have carefully selected the most qualified young men from a highly-competitive applicant pool to become part of BC High's over 140-year tradition of academic excellence, character development and service to others," said President Kemeza.

"At BC High, they will be challenged in a nurturing and supportive environment and will graduate as leaders marked by competence, conscience and compassion; leaders who will engage our Church and our world."



President Bush and Michael Baird's older brother Bill, a captain in the Air Force and a 95 graduate of the US Air Force Academy presented Michael with his Commission as an Ensign in the US Coast Guard.

DENIM TO DIAMONDS

The South Shore Art Center is raising funds for the expansion of its Educational Outreach Program with a special evening entitled From Denim to Diamonds...Dancing and Dessert at the River Club in Scituate, Saturday, April 3.

The Art Center's popular Outreach Programs: Looking at Art and Arts to Go bring school groups to the Art Center or artists into the schools to enrich arts education with hands-on creative art experiences tied to current Art Center exhibitions. While school systems are struggling to maintain art offerings, the work of the Outreach Program becomes more important than ever. This gala will help bring the programs to more area schools. Bellevue Cadillac, the renowned swing, jazz, and rock band with its get-up-and-dance repertoire guarantees a dance party not to be missed!

A raffle for a diamond necklace and earring set donated by King Jewelers, a silent auction of jewelry donated by jewelers and artists as well as denim jackets artfully embellished by local artists promises something for everyone. Volunteers working on the committee received an overwhelming response from area jewelers and artists eager to support this educational initiative. King Jewelers, Alpha Omega, Cohasset Jewelers, Longs Jewelers, The Lapis Tree, EK

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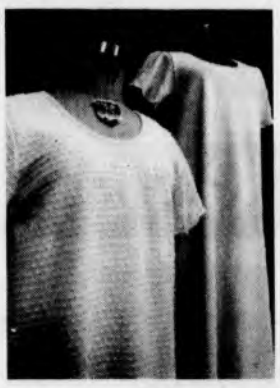
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Thomas Chase wins BC High scholarship

FROM AROUND TOWN, PAGE 6

Designs, Silver Storm and others have all donated exquisite pieces to the raffle and silent auction.

South Shore artists **Irma Cerese, Jo Anne Chittick, Nancy Connolly, Tanis Gray, Virginia Holloway, Margi Lortie, Qingxiong Ma, Janis Mattox, Kari O'Donnell** and **Tref Borden** are transforming blue jean jackets into one-of-a-kind wearable art pieces to be featured in the silent auction.

Guests are encouraged to dress in the denim to diamonds theme, and awards for creative attire will celebrate their efforts! The party begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are $45 for members of the SSAC, $55 nonmembers. To reserve a ticket call 781-383-2787.

XAVERIAN HONORS

Cohasset Junior **Mark Lewis**, attending Xaverian Brothers High School earned Second Honors with grades of 80 or above for the Second Marking Period. Super work, Mark.

POST PROM PLANNING

The Cohasset Post Prom Party Committee is holding its next meeting on March 16t at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. All senior class parents are welcome to join and lend a helping hand! This annual project is big, but fun, and participants who work together on it experience the pleasures of working on this special project while bonding with other parents. So please come and get on a committee – Support the CHS 2004 Senior Class!

NEW ADDITION

John and Alice Bellefontaine, along with big sister **Lauren** (almost 2 years old) are pleased to announce a new addition to our family. **Brandon Daniel Bellefontaine** was born on Jan. 24, 2004. Brandon was born 12 weeks prematurely. He is a little guy, but he is growing. He is currently receiving care at South Shore Hospital. We all look forward to his homecoming this spring.

POP INTO SPRING

Variety is spicing up the spring musical this March at First Parish, the Unitarian Universalist church on the Common in Cohasset. Their "Poppin' into Spring" musical takes place on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20. This year's musical is different from their past cabarets or "Spring Fever" of the past. A totally new approach, beginning with the opening number of their "pops concert", introduces new instrumentalists from their church community, a new repertoire, and includes a pops "extra" with the special flair of a "black tie" affair.

For every person performing on stage there are at least three people assisting with production. The extensive amount of time invested by the church's extended choir shows a willingness and determination to provide a full and varied evening's entertainment. These two evenings' performances take place in Trueblood Hall in the Parish House, 23 No. Main Street on Cohasset Common. Social Hour from 7 - 8 p.m. with drinks, hors d'oeuvres and a display of the evening's Auction items and a raffle sale - Pops Concert begins at 8 p.m. Reservations are strongly suggested. Please call the First Parish office (**Sandy Bailey**) at 781.383.1100 or the **Bloomfields** at 781-383-1360. Tickets are $25/person or $50/patron. Full tables for 8 may be reserved at $200.

QUILT SHOW

The Second Congregational Church will hold its 11th annual Quilt Show & Luncheon on Saturday, March 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds from this popular event benefit two children's charities: Boston's Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust (PACT) and Boston Medical Center's Reach Out and Read Program. Tickets are just $10 each and include the show and luncheon. For tickets, please call (781) 383-0345.

CYBSA REGISTRATION

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will hold its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball season from now through March 6. Parents/guardians have two options for registration: CYBSA will hold a registration on Saturday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., outside both the Osgood and High School gymnasiums.

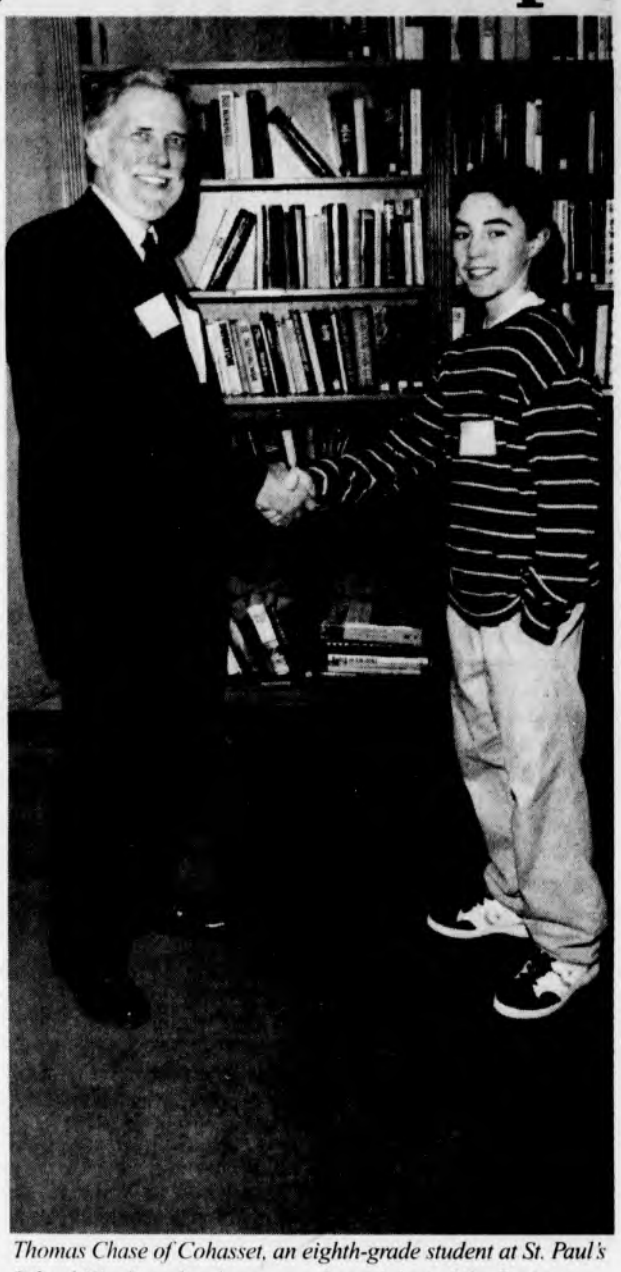
In the alternative, parents/guardians may register children by mail, provided that mailed registrations are postmarked no later than March 6, 2004. Registration forms are available by contacting **Nancy Froio** on (781) 383-1897. Forms will be available via e-mail. Registrations that are received or postmarked after March 6 will be subject to a per player $25 late registration fee. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated, as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order uniforms so that we are ready for opening day. This registration is for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 as of July 31, 2004. A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a new player's registration forms.

The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the major league baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $100. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the minor league divisions for baseball (ages 7-11) and softball (ages 7-10) divisions will be $85. The registration fee for the farm league instructional division (ages 5-6) will be $65. Please be advised that children assigned to Major League teams are still required to register.

In addition, due to recent the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization, all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program. Questions regarding either player or coach registration may be directed to **Liam O'Connell** on (781) 383-9538 or **Nancy Froio** on (781)-383-1897

Just a request to all of you who send news and information via email to always check for viruses before you click "send". Several emails over the last couple of months have come in infected and it wreaks havoc on whoever is the recipient of your email. I have definitely been on both ends and know what a pain it can be. Good luck to all! Make sure all news and information is to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Proposition 2-1/2

It's hard to believe but an entire generation of Massachusetts residents have been born since Proposition 2-1/2 became law some 20 years ago. Those future homeowners could take the property-tax cap legislation for granted because they won't have known life any differently.

So as Cohasset prepares for yet another override campaign, we think it's a good time to turn the clock back to the mid- to late-1970s, when Massachusetts was known as "Taxachusetts" and important industries and jobs were headed south to warmer climes and friendlier tax policy.

A taxpayer rebellion had been boiling just below the surface for some time when Citizens for Limited Taxation took the ball and ran with it. The grassroots group garnered enough signatures to get the tax-limitation question put on the November 1980 state ballot — on that same ballot Republicans Ronald Reagan and George Bush challenged President Jimmy Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale for the keys to the White House.

Today, some 24 years later, taxes have still gone up but clearly not at the same soaring rate they would have without the law.

However, under 2-1/2, for taxes to increase beyond allowed limits — the people have to be asked permission. Voters must approve "overriding" the 2-1/2 tax cap at the polls. This can be a cumbersome task and oftentimes, the resulting debate pits interest groups such as parents of schoolchildren and senior citizens against one another. But nevertheless, we think Prop. 2-1/2 is a good thing because it makes government fiscally accountable.

We also think, as citizens and homeowners, it is crucial that we understand Prop. 2-1/2 is not an enemy to government but a control mechanism.

Barbara Anderson, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation, puts it best.

"Before Prop. 2-1/2, government thought it was entitled to just take instead of ask," she says.

For many of us, a large portion of our hard-earned dollars pay for the privilege of living in our town. So it's incumbent on us to understand the laws that govern our property taxes, so we can make a fair determination when an override is needed.

In the weeks ahead, there will be a lot written about a potential Prop. 2-1/2 override to help cover a gap in fiscal year 2005 school budget. It is important to remember that Prop. 2-1/2 puts the choice whether to raise taxes beyond allowed limits clearly in the hands of the taxpayer, so we all need to pay attention so we can make the right decision come Election Day.

— Mary Ford
mford@cnc.com

Drama Club shines on stage

The Massachusetts High School Drama Guild is presently conducting The 73 Annual Massachusetts High School Drama Festival. Well over ninety high schools across the state participated in the Festival which commenced its Preliminary Level on Saturday Feb. 28.

Cohasset High School students, directed by Jenna Emmons, presented "Postponing The Heat Death Of The Universe." Cast members included Austin Breslow, Ali Earon, and Brenna O'Donnell. Crew members included John Keniley, Katharine Murphy, and Emily Savage. Stage managers were Nicole Durant and Krissy Watts.

In addition to Cohasset High School advancing to the Semi-Finals, all three cast members received All Star Acting awards! Catch the Cohasset Semi-Final performance at Duxbury H.S. on Saturday March 13.

Town Election Policy explained

All candidates opposed or unopposed, who have not already done so, are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies.

Candidates' Corner is limited to a few paragraphs (no more than 150 words per week), from *any* candidate — opposed or unopposed — who chooses to submit dates of coffees and fund-raisers. Candidates must observe the word limits; submissions that exceed the word limit will be cut from the bottom. Question of the Week is reserved for candidates in contested races and responses are limited to 300 words.

Candidates may send by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square.

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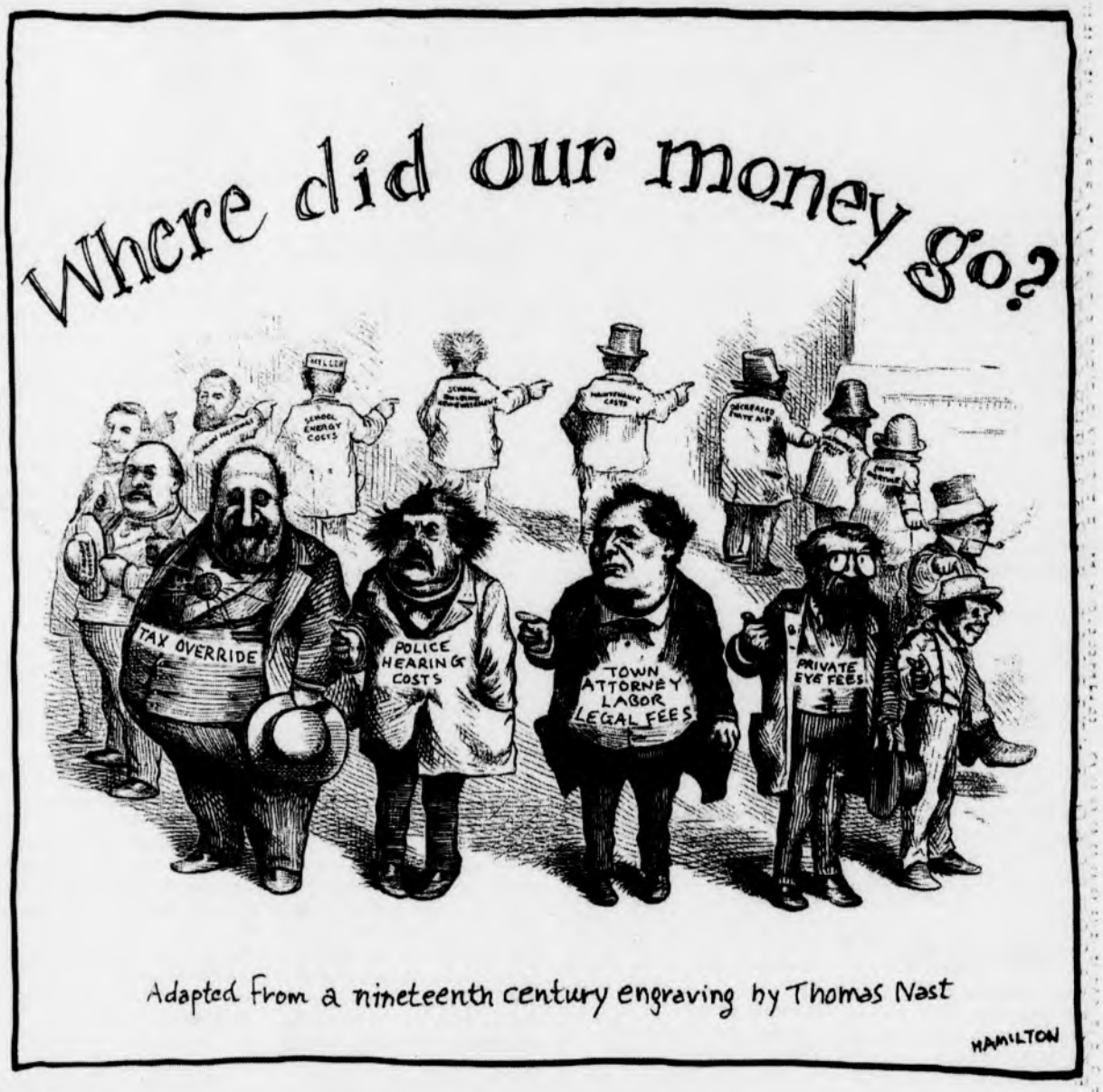
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open burning should be nixed

TO THE EDITOR:

We heartily endorse Jim Shipsky's complaint about outdoor burning expressed in his letter in your Feb. 26 issue. Coming here from out of state 15 years ago, we were amazed that this primitive practice was still in use in Massachusetts. It continues to appall us that people living as close to each other as we do in Cohasset would be permitted – even encouraged – to set backyard bonfires, wafting smoke and ash into their neighbors' eyes, noses, mouths and lungs. This, when there's an easy alternative: cart it to the RTF (which now accepts brush every open day).

Are there others out there besides Jim and us that feel this way? If so, let's hear from you. Maybe there are enough of us to persuade Massachusetts to let go of the 19th century and ban outdoor burning.

John and Mary Hartshorne
115 Border St.

Tax hikes are part of Cohasset's character

TO THE EDITOR:

In the next few weeks those that attend Annual Town Meeting will be asked as always to spend a great deal of money and pass some articles that will supposedly maintain the character of Cohasset.

Unfortunately nothing can be done now to bring back the character of the town that since the late 90's has seen a dramatic change. If someone were to return after being gone the last few years they wouldn't be able to tour the Lothrup House, enjoy the rotunda while checking out a book at the original Paul Pratt library, eat at the historic Red Lion Inn, stop on the Veteran's Memorial on Depot Court while crossing the street, volunteer for a day in a primary class at the old Osgood, climb the rock outside of the Deer Hill or walk in the woods behind Deer Hill on the way to Old Pasture Road.

And soon thanks to the Selectmen, the Cook estate is to be turned into a senior development with a possibility of up to 96 units. God forbid if the land was sold to a developer and turned into only 10 single-family homes, then the town would lose almost $200K in tax revenue. For the town it is the proverbial win/win with the increase of up to $375K in real estate revenue. For the taxpayers we get more congestion in the elementary campus area, more seniors selling their homes to families, which equates to more children in the school and bigger budgets.

The one thing that hasn't changed is the insatiable need for more and more taxpayer money to keep the wheels turning. The schools as usual want a bigger and bigger piece of the pie. One of the reasons they give is the vast increase in utility costs. What a surprise to the School Committee and the School Building Committee that after they built one school where the utilities quadrupled, they couldn't figure out with their soaring ceilings and much bigger spaces that utilities would surely greatly increase with the next two renovations.

Then there is the new carpeting needed at the new Osgood school, the $100K of maintenance required at the new high school field and before we know it the technology in the schools will be obsolete. After increasing the size of the fire department with the assurance of cutting the overtime, the costs are higher than ever. And this is just the tip of the iceberg.

With all of the budget woes it makes you wonder why the School Committee has decided one of their top priorities is to add a full time psychologist to the staff even at the cost of classroom teachers.

We have mansionized our schools rather than going for environmentally and taxpayer friendly green renovations. Now we are hearing from some sources against the mansionizing of the houses that are needed to pay the taxes to support all the spending the powers in charge can't seem to stop.

How many more times will we increase our taxes through overrides before we say enough is enough and demand that our town officials live within their budgets.

L.C. Jenkins
Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers
198 Jerusalem Road

School budget is out of control

TO THE EDITOR:

The School Committee members tell us that they are seeking a budget which is about 6.5 percent greater for FY 05 than this year's. But if you add in the staff and program cuts to the 6.5 percent increase, what the School Committee really is saying is that in order to provide the same level of services and staffing for our children as this year, the budget increase for FY 05 would have to be more than 10 percent above this year's budget – a figure which by any measure, compared to either the private or public sector, is way out of control.

Certainly, some of the budget items accounting for the increase were unforeseeable, such as the utility bill account. But Selectman Tom Callahan correctly identified the School Department payroll growth as the chief reason for the excessive increase in the school budget. One School Committee member said that he and his colleagues did not have crystal balls to foresee that the contract the committee agreed to two years ago would have put us into such a hole. But they certainly knew at the time they signed the contract, which provided for pay raises of 3 percent, 3.5 percent, and 3 percent (*plus* the step raises) for each of the three years of the contract (FY 05 being the third year), that this year was not going to be an every-three-years-override year for the Cohasset taxpayer. So where did they expect the money to come from, given that the pay raises and automatic step-raises combined represent almost three times the cost of living, three times the wage growth for other employees in the country, and more than twice the rate allowable under Prop. 2-1/2, all of which were known facts at the time they signed the contract? To be specific, how did the School Committee expect to fund a $533,000 increase in the School Department payroll (assuming level staffing) when the schools' share of the Prop. 2-1/2 annual allowable increase is only $250,000, thus leaving a budget gap of almost $300,000 in payroll alone? No business, public or private, would operate in such a fiscally irresponsible manner.

I realize it is easy to be a Monday morning quarterback from the peanut gallery, so here are two ideas to try to balance the budget and restore some of the cuts which have been made.

1) The School Committee should raise the athletic user fee by $100 for middle and high schoolers to raise the $68,000 to save the middle school athletic program, which means so much to so many of our children. Between this fee increase and help from all of the various booster clubs in our town, the middle school athletic program easily can be saved – if the School Committee members are willing to do so. Elimination of middle school interscholastic athletics will have a negative ripple effect as our children move into high school where they will be competing against high school athletes in other communities who have had the benefit of middle school sports programs. Increasing the fee to $175 for middle schoolers and high schoolers will work no hardship on parents who presently are paying as much or more than that per season for their children in grades K-6 for soccer, lacrosse, Little League, etc. Given the popularity of the middle school interscholastic program, especially for girls in sports as diverse as soccer and softball, I am disappointed in an attitude by our School Board members which in my view amounts to nothing less than a dereliction of duty on the part of every school board member who is so willing to dump this popular program without so much as even giving a thought of working to save it.

2) As Selectman Callahan suggested, the School Committee forthwith should demand to get back to the negotiating table with the teachers to see if there is any room to scale back the pay raise for FY'05. The Hingham teachers, for example, are taking a 0 percent (that's zero per cent) pay raise for FY'05, while keeping their step raises. State employees likewise have foregone pay raises while keeping their step raises. If the teachers gave back 1.5 percent of their 3 percent pay raises, about $150,000, they still would be in line to receive a very generous 4.5 percent collective salary increase in FY 05 (a 1.5 percent pay raise plus their step raises). This would be enough to save the jobs of the three elementary school teachers who are being laid off, and have a little bit of money left over to restore the relatively-puny stipends for the janitors, whose work, after all, keeps our schools clean and safe for our children.

And what if the teachers don't show some good faith effort on their part to maintain the integrity of the Cohasset school system which has been increasing their collective salaries at a rate far greater than inflation and

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Insider's view of school budget process

EDUCATION MATTERS

RICK FLYNN

Over the past few weeks there has been a lot of information and misinformation written regarding the School Department budget for Fiscal 2005. I am writing today in an effort to give an insider's view of this year's budget process and the thought process surrounding its outcome.

This year's budget process began for me in late October. A meeting was held with the Town Manager, Mark Haddad, Director of Finance, Michael Buckley, Chairman, Ronnie McMorris and Vice-Chairman, Merle Brown, of the Board of Selectmen and Donna McGee and Bernadette Faulkner of the Advisory Board. At this meeting Mark Haddad informed us that based on the current financial situation of both the town and the state we would be looking at a level funded budget from the previous year. Knowing that our contractual obligations would be somewhere in the range of $400K, before we even started looking at other budget additions, we were in a serious situation. Based on the schedule that the Town Manager was trying to follow of an operating override every three years, an override was not in his plans. Before that initial meeting adjourned I made it clear that an override needed to be considered

Two weeks later a similar meeting was held. Mr. Haddad and Mr. Buckley presented a revised budget where they had made adjustments to debt service and other budget components. The outcome was that they were able to come up with additional funds. At this meeting we were informed that the School Department could now expect an increase of $324K. This, for me, was welcome news, but I still knew there was a tough road ahead.

Prepared with this news I informed the School Committee and the School Superintendent where we stood, and we went to work. We knew we had specific items that needed to be funded, no matter what, and in order to do that significant budget cuts were necessary. The three major items to be funded were contracted salary obligations, increased utility and cleaning costs as a result of the school renovations and Special Education needs. Additionally, there were a number of budget items that needed to be increased so that they would be fully funded in this year's budget. Specific items in this category are substitute teacher costs, staff development, student transportation and contracted services. We did not want to be in a situation where we would have to come back to Town Meeting for items that are regular predictable costs which should be included in a responsible budget.

Teachers' salaries

With regard to teacher's salaries, we are entering the third and last year of a contract that was negotiated in good faith three years ago. This contract was considered very fair at the time and it was in line with the other union contracts the town had negotiated. At that time no one knew what the future would bring with regard to state aid and other monetary issues. The expectation that the teachers will not receive what they are due is wishful thinking. The teachers are highly valued for all they do for our district and should not be blamed for our budget shortfall. As a result of six teacher retirements the district will realize savings of roughly $175K in salary expenses. The total costs for salary obligations are $355,452. This is a 3.16 percent increase over last year.

With regard to utility and cleaning expenses, there are many misconceptions. On April 8, 2000 a Debt Exclusion Override vote was held asking for $41.8M to renovate and expand the Deer Hill School and the Cohasset Middle High School. The plans for this project called for an overall increase in square footage of roughly 65 percent, with state of the art HVAC and electric systems. As the campaign for the School Building override was taking place, it was made quite clear that these buildings would be more expensive to maintain. That anyone is surprised with these increased costs is hard to understand. The reality is that the old model of heating air and circulating it over and over is outdated. Today's codes and standards call for a healthier environment which is created by introducing new air into the system on a regular basis. There is no culpability here in employing wasteful systems. The reality is that it costs more money to operate larger buildings and we need to pay our bills. The vote count for this project was 1,537 to 887, a clear majority. We are budgeting an additional $223,000 for our utility line item, representing a 1.98 percent increase in our total budget.

With regard to cleaning expenses, we, as a School Committee, take our obligation to maintain these buildings very seriously. Part of the quid pro quo for these new buildings was that if we built them they would be properly taken care of. Once again, it takes more dollars to clean more space. Also, we have employed an outside vendor to try to do a better job of cleaning the schools. When this was undertaken, there was never a plan to do away with custodians altogether, as has been written elsewhere. There is a necessity to having custodians in the buildings. Last year we reduced our custodial staff from nine to six and this year's budget calls for further reduction to five custodians.

Our third major cost increase arises from Special Education demands. The FY05 increase is $169,000 or 1.5 percent of our total budget. We have to provide additional services for several students with severe needs. By spending this amount of money in house, we hope to avoid more costly outside placements. Special Education is an obligation we cannot shirk. We have had good success over the past few years in terms of containing costs. This is an example of an under-funded state mandated program that is placed on our doorstep. However, we do have an obligation to do the best we can to satisfy these needs.

Budget cuts

In order to fund the above items we found it necessary to cut $460,774 or 4 percent from the school budget. We have done our best to make cuts that will have the least impact on class sizes. To avoid any impact is impossible. The cuts proposed include the elimination of three teachers at the elementary level, elimination of interscholastic Middle School athletics, a reduction in the business manager's position to a business clerk position, and combining the Curriculum Coordinator position with that of Middle School Administrator, the savings of one full time senior position. We are also eliminating the Director of Physical Education and Health, one SPED aide and some library services. *The above mentioned reductions will be made regardless of the override and additional cuts will be unavoidable should the override vote fail.*

This is not an optimal solution, but as a committee we are trying to achieve a tenable balance in a tough year while also dealing with a continued increase in enrollment. At the elementary level some class sizes will be increasing from 20 to possibly 26 students, which we as a committee think is too high. Furthermore, we did not want to dismantle more of the school system to achieve a balanced budget. Making budgets cuts is the easy part of the process. The difficult part is reinstating services down the road. It has taken years to rebuild our system from the cuts made in the late eighties. The whole idea of a Proposition 2-1/2 override is to put the decision in the hands of the voters. We wanted the citizens of the town to have the right to cast their ballot for what they want for the future of the Cohasset School system in terms of the quality of their investment.

As a School Committee we are not trying to avoid making tough decisions, quite the contrary. We have been forced to justify all of our decisions more than ever. Throughout this whole process you should feel extremely confident in the scrutiny we been put through. Both the Board of Selectmen and especially the Advisory Board have gone through our budget line by line. They are exercising the authority and the responsibility they have been given to represent all the townspeople. We have been asked very tough questions and have had to justify all of our positions. After doing so, we have received unanimous support from both boards. I consider that a major validation in a year so clouded with negative news.

Please do not be confused by the claim of seven overrides in seven years. That is an apples to oranges comparison that must be clearly understood. In the past 10 years there have only been *four operational overrides*. Other overrides have come in the form of Debt Exclusions. Three have been for sewer construction and the others have been related to school building projects, where we will eventually receive a 60 percent reimbursement. The reality is that we have a town that is run very efficiently, we get a great value for our tax dollar, and we have a school system that is the envy of many other towns.

In a recent article in the Boston Business Journal, Cohasset was ranked sixth in the state for median housing prices at $710,000. Our home values continue to increase. Most of the new buyers are young families who are willing to pay top dollar to live here. As beautiful as this town is, if we had a second rate school system we could not and would not command these high property values. All of us on the School Committee are taxpayers and residents. We are proud of what we have to offer in terms of our academic environment and are fighting to maintain a top quality educational product.

I promise you that we as your School Committee do not take overrides lightly, but feel that at the end of the process a successful override will carry us forward to a better economic climate where we can enjoy some budgetary relief. I want to thank all of the town boards, town officials and citizens who have participated in this year's budget preparation. It has been undertaken in a healthy spirit of cooperation, while not taking anything for granted. Hopefully the outcome will be one we can all be proud of.

Rick Flynn is chairman of the School Committee.

Presidential primary election results

REPUBLICAN

Presidential Preference

Precincts	1	2	Total
George W. Bush	236	168	**404**
No Preference	43	23	**66**
Blanks	31	17	**48**
Write-ins	5	1	**6**

State Committee Man

John P. Cafferty	106	57	**163**
Conley W. Ford	73	61	**134**
Jack E. Robinson	16	12	**28**
Ronald B. Wheatley	40	31	**71**
Blanks	80	48	**128**

State Committee Woman

Paula E. Logan	224	127	**351**
Janet R. Fogarty	83	62	**145**
Anne M. Hilbert	6	15	**21**
Blanks	2	5	**7**

Town Committee

Christopher M. Allen	138	102	**240**
R. Murray Campbell	168	129	**297**
Raymond F. Colella	139	96	**235**
Terese D'Urso	164	112	**276**
Daniel S. Evans	191	112	**303**
David H. Farrag	149	111	**260**
Janet R. Fogarty	188	132	**320**
Edythe B. Ford	167	106	**273**
Martha K. Gjesteby	171	129	**300**
Gabriel E. Gomez	177	118	**295**
Juliette D. Guild	200	123	**323**
Peter S. Guild	177	122	**299**
Louis S. Harvey	181	128	**309**
Bruce A. Herzfelder	198	107	**305**
Stuart W. Ivimey	158	105	**263**
Leonora C. Jenkins	161	119	**280**
Raymond Kasperowicz	158	123	**281**
Alexander C. Koines	146	101	**247**
Paula E. Logan	238	141	**379**
Beth E. Marsden-Gilman	157	102	**259**
Alfred S. Moore Jr.	150	113	**263**
Kevin F. O'Donnell Sr.	154	128	**282**
Nancy O'Toole	160	110	**270**
Nathaniel G. Palmer	172	114	**286**
Douglas R. Peck	156	111	**267**
Robert B. Spoffard	181	115	**296**
Grace R. Tuckerman	175	115	**290**
Judith P. Volungis	158	115	**273**
Kenneth J. Roth	149	116	**265**
George B. Watts Jr.	166	103	**269**
Jamie G. Williams	165	104	**269**
Edward F. Woods	190	114	**304**
Thomas A. Fogarty	155	109	**304**
Matthew J. Grech	135	94	**264**
Richard J. Silvia	172	138	**310**
Group	124	91	**215**
Blanks	5161	3298	**8459**

DEMOCRATIC

Presidential Preference

Precincts	1	2	Total
Richard Gephardt	1	2	**3**
Joseph Liberman	6	3	**9**
Wesley K. Clark	0	1	**1**
Howard Dean	9	2	**11**
Carol Moseley Braun	0	0	**0**
John Edwards	76	89	**165**
Dennis J. Kucinich	11	4	**15**
John F. Kerry	237	248	**485**
Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.	3	0	**3**
Al Sharpton	2	5	**7**
No Preference	3	1	**4**
Blanks	3	1	**4**
Write-ins	1	0	**1**

State Committee Man

Frederick R. Koed	243	281	**524**
Blanks	106	76	**182**
Write-ins	2	0	**2**

State Committee Woman

Karen F. DeTellis	198	237	**435**
Blanks	151	119	**270**
Write-ins	2	1	**3**

Town Committee

Frederick R. Koed	200	263	**463**
Agnes McCann	162	213	**375**
Edwin H. Tebbetts	180	222	**402**
John K. McNabb Jr.	192	247	**439**
Susan Kent	154	201	**355**
Roseanne M. McMorris	179	244	**423**
Patricia A. Laugelle	171	224	**395**
Margaret R. Charles	174	227	**401**
Chartis L. Tebbetts	189	228	**417**
Kevin McCarthy	154	211	**365**
Gail J. Collins	163	212	**375**
Julie D. McNabb	171	222	**393**
Mary D. Richard	156	202	**358**
Carol A. Barrett	168	213	**381**
Thomas J. Callahan	172	218	**390**
Coleman F. Nee	158	210	**368**
Lisa H. Dick	163	207	**380**
Edward T. Mulvey	163	231	**394**
Donna P. French	159	207	**366**
James F. French	159	207	**366**
Maria A. Plante	174	226	**400**
Mary M. Goodwin	179	232	**411**

BUSINESS NOTES

New tissue tightening offered at Skin Center

The South Shore Skin Center 223 Chief Justice Cushing Highway announced it is the first South Shor dermatology practice to offer Thermage™ Tissue Tightening Procedure. This FDA-approved procedure for cosmetic dermatology uses the ThermaCool TC™ system to improve the appearance of skin around the eyes, tighten the skin around the jowls and neck, soften lines around the mouth, and lift the eyebrows and tighten eyelids.

The Thermage System is based on a new radio frequency-based device that tightens deeper tissue without requiring any needles or scalpels. The procedure requires no recovery time, enabling patients to return to normal activities the same day of treatment.

The South Shore Skin Center will hold an informational seminar on the Thermage Procedure on Tuesday, March 16 at 6 p.m. at its new Cohasset office at 223 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Rt. 3A), Suite 202. Call 508-747-0711 for more information.

Chamber sponsors dinner with humorist

The Cohasset Chamber is sponsoring "An Evening with Loretta LaRoche", Thursday, March 11, 6-9 p.m. at the Red Lion Inn. Come, laugh and learn from this humorous speaker, author, columnist and PBS personality. Tickets are $45 and include a buffet dinner at the Red Lion Inn. Order your tickets before they are sold out by calling 781 383-1616 or go on the chamber web site www.cohassetchamber.org for more information. Tickets will also be available at Pilgrim Co-op Bank (downtown and Rte 3A), Conlon Family Chiropractic, and Goodwin Graphics. Don't miss out on an evening with Loretta LaRoche. Tickets are limited.

Mark your calendars! The Chamber will also be hosting several events for its members and our community: Unity Dinner for Cohasset Candidates (May), Bill Cosby (August), Tri-Chamber Golf Tournament (September) and Christmas in Cohasset (December).

LIBRARY CORNER

Qi Gong presentation

Please join us on Saturday, March 6 at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Library, for an introduction to Qi Gong by Lin Lin Choy.

Lin Lin Choy, formerly a professional ballerina, has been practicing Tai Chi and Qi Gong since the 70's. She has studied intensively in China and the Far East and has been a teacher in England and the United States. She currently teaches at Jade Forest in Cohasset.

Qi Gong is a Chinese self-healing art that combines movement and meditation. Together with natural breathing and focus, these exercises will improve balance, increase suppleness, strengthen bones, joints and tendons and promote general good health. Suitable for all ages, Qi Gong is particularly beneficial for those of middle age and seniors.

Artist reception

Stephanie Roberts' exhibit "Patterns and Pinhole" will be on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Cohasset from March 1 through April 30. The public is invited to a reception for the artist that will be held at the library on March 7 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The exhibit will feature woven mixed media works and sepia toned pinhole photographs. The woven cyanotype mixed media pieces are first printed from pinhole photography, cut into strips and woven together. Patterns are cut within them as well as painted and sewn. The photographic images reflect a memory or place and the patterning is a metaphor for the cycles in life.

The sepia toned pinhole photographs were taken on a trip to San Miguel, Mexico this past October-November during their holidays "All Saints Day" and "The Day of the Dead." Festive gravesites and Ruins in Pozos will be featured. Stephanie has exhibited nationally and regionally and has won many awards and honors, including a residency at the Vermont Studio Center. Her work is included in public and private collections.

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview! Reserve your copy in advance by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "Deep Pockets," by Linda Barnes. Wilson Chaney, a Harvard Professor whose secret affair with a young student is about to be exposed by a blackmailer, hires Boston private investigator, Carlotta Carlyle. Searching for the blackmailer, Carlyle uncovers a suspicious death linked to Chaney. "The Game," by Laurie R. King. Mary Russell and her husband Sherlock Holmes are summoned to India to save the life of a missing British spy. "Can you Keep a Secret?" by Sophie Kinsella. Emma Corrigan's life is looking up until she confides her innermost secrets to an attractive stranger on a flight home from England and discovers the following day that he is the CEO of her company.

Placing a hold

TO PLACE A HOLD from home, start at our website www.cohassetlibrary.org. Go to CATALOG and search for the item you want. Click on HOLD. Enter your user ID from your library card (no spaces), your PIN (OCLN) and specify PICKUP LOCATION as Cohasset. Press HOLD. We will notify you when the book is available.

NoveList database

What should I read next? Do you have a favorite fiction author or favorite book and would like more suggestions of similar books to read? The library's new database, NoveList will help you and your children (grades K-8), find the types of books you enjoy reading. As well as finding books to read, users can learn more about books and authors through Author Readalikes, Feature Articles, Book Discussion Guides, and Book Talks.

NoveList is available from home and in the library from our website: www.cohassetlibrary.org. For help using NoveList or for more information, please see the Reference Librarian.

Homebound delivery

If you love to read but are unable to come to the library due to an illness or disability, we are very pleased to announce a new home delivery service. For those interested, a volunteer from the Friends of the Cohasset Library will visit you at your residence to discuss your reading preferences and take your requests for library materials. Selections will be delivered to you and picked up and returned to the library on a regular schedule. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in our program, please telephone the library and speak to Judy Simons at 781 383-1348.

POLITICAL NOTES

$3M Logan flight path noise study

Congressman Bill Delahunt, lauding the diligence and perseverance of South Shore activists, has announced an unprecedented commitment of federal and state resources to a $3 million study of noise associated with flight paths to and from Logan Airport.

Delahunt attributed the developments to the spirit of collaboration and consensus among local residents, the Massachusetts Port Authority and the Federal Aviation Administration.

That thought was echoed by Ralph Dormitzer, who with Sandra Kunz, co-chairs the Logan Community Advisory Committee, a citizens group that has worked tirelessly to help reduce Logan noise. "We would like to thank the people who have worked persistently for over two years to design and fund this study and look forward to outcomes that result in significant relief from aircraft noise," Dormitzer said.

The noise study is a requirement of a 2002 legal order by Jane Garvey, who was then Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. That decision authorized the construction of a new runway, 14/32, at Logan International Airport, but specified several mitigation measures to lessen the impact of aircraft noise on communities in the greater Boston area. The noise study in one of the more important mitigation steps, as it will address adverse noise impacts with the goal of diverting flight patterns from communities and redirecting them over Boston Harbor.

The study will consider noise generated by aircraft takeoffs, overflights and landings. The first phase of the study will consider procedures which can be implemented rapidly with safety and efficiency and do not have significant environmental impact. A second phase will further consider those procedures which have merit buy are deemed to have significant environmental impact.

SENIOR SCENE

The following activities are coming up at the Senior Center, 3 N. Maint St., Call 781-383-9112.

Upcoming in March; Book Club, monthly - Friday, Mar. 12 at 11 a.m.; Bridge-ACBL, weekly, Mondays at 12:15 p.m.; Bridge drop-in, weekly, Wednesdays at 1 p.m.; Bridge Learn-to-play, weekly, Fridays at 9:30 a.m.; Chair yoga, weekly, Thursdays at 1:15 p.m.; computer technology, weekly, Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.; Footworks, Wednesday, Mar. 10, by appt. Jean Reardon is back. Time is now Wednesdays.

Income tax prep, Thursday, Mar. 11 and 25, by appt.; Knitting with Edna, weekly, Fridays at 1 p.m.; Legal consultation, monthly, by appt.; Lunch at the center, every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 12 p.m.; Pancake breakfast, Wednesday, Mar. 3 at 9 a.m.

St. Patrick's luncheon, Thursday, Mar. 18 at 1 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish House. Entertainment - "The Irish Washerwoman and Her Gossip." $7 per person.

Stretch and strength, weekly, Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.; Walking club, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3 p.m.

Call the CEA office with questions and to sign up - 781-383-9112.

Lunch menu:

Tuesday 3/9: cream of broccoli soup, chicken piccata, rice pilaf, whole wheat roll and fresh orange; Wednesday, 3/10: baked scallops, rice pilaf, stewed tomatoes, bread and dessert; Thursday, 3/11: BBQ port ribs, whipped sweet potato, cauliflower w/cream sauce, multigrain roll, *butterscotch pudding and diet pudding;

Tuesday, 3/16: Minestrone soup, hot turkey sandwich, whipped potato, white bread, fresh banana; Wednesday, 3/17: Stir fry chicken and vegs, twice baked potato, spinach, bread and dessert; Thursday, 3/18 No lunch at center - St. Patrick's Luncheon at 1 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish House.

Tuesday, 3/23: cream of carrot soup, honey-glazed chicken, rice florentine, whole wheat roll and fresh orange; Wednesday,

Suggested donation: $2.50 per meal. * contains added sugar, #contains added salt, milk and margarine served with all meals.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Williams welcomes voters at gatherings

Voters are welcomed to meet Jamie Williams at coffee (9:30 a.m.) and evening receptions. Upcoming coffees are March 8, by Suzie Montgomery and Nora Speer, 21 Sanctuary Pond Rd.; March 9, Dorothy Green, 7 Linden Dr.; and March 12, Ann Czerkawski, 57 Old Coach Road. An evening reception, March 14, will be hosted by Paul & Maria Kennedy, 220 Jerusalem Road.

"I'm very excited that people are taking the time to meet me," said Williams. "Voters of all ages are concerned by the situation facing our schools. People are approaching this election with an open mind and as an opportunity for change. I'm confident that I can provide the planning, budgeting and negotiating skills necessary to meet the challenges we face."

For more information on gatherings, call Kellie Gaumer, 383-6343 or Christine Woodward, 383-2604. Visit the Committee to Elect Jamie Williams at www.votejamie.org.

Spofford events slated

Cohasset residents are invited to join Rob Spofford, candidate for Selectman, at several informal events. During each reception, Rob hopes to hear from voters about their concerns, as well as discuss his experience, commitment to Cohasset and its families and his views of the issues facing the town.

- Sunday, March 7, from 4-6 p.m. hosted by Michelle and Rob Skolnick, 26 Heather Drive.
- Saturday, March 13, 7 p.m. hosted by Susan and Denny Meikleham, 178 S. Main Street.
- Thursday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. hosted by Susan and Chuck Jaffe, 10 Wood Way.
- Saturday, March 20 hosted by Linda and Tucker Glavin, 107 Nichols Road
- Sunday, March 21, 4-6 p.m. hosted by Maryann and David Chase, 100 Pond Street.
- Wednesday, March 24, 9:30-11 a.m. hosted by Diane and Tom Shipp, 22 Norfolk Lane.
- Sunday, March 28, 4-6p.m. hosted by Agnes McCann, 104 Doane Street.

For more information about Rob's candidacy please call 781-383-9858.

Harvey-Dormitzer events are planned

The Committee to Elect Lou Harvey and Ralph Dormitzer, running as a team for the two selectman seats available in the April 3 town election, have scheduled the following receptions to explain their positions and take questions from townspeople:

- Kickoff party March 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the home of Muffy and Paul Antico, 124 Atlantic Ave.
- March 7 reception from 4-6 p.m. at the home of Suzanne and Christopher Bowen, 41 Church St.
- March 12 reception from 8-10 p.m. at the home of Lou Harvey, 465 King St. Co-hosts are Nancy Garrison, Susan Ceci, Roy and Judy Fitzsimmons.
- March 13 reception from 4-6 p.m. at the home of Michael and Barbara Lombardy, 27 Windy Hill Road.
- March 14 reception from 4-6 p.m. at the home of Anne and Gary Vanderweil, 500 Jerusalem Road. Co-hosted by Linda Wakeman.

Questions and/or comments can be sent to: Harvey-Dormitzer@DALBAR.com.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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Feb. 23-27



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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on three roll calls from the week of February 23-27. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

MEDICAL BOARD DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS (H 4538)

House 155-0, gave near final approval to a bill allowing a victim, family member or other representative to attend and submit an impact statement at the disciplinary hearing of the doctor who is the subject of the proceeding involving the victim. The measure does not allow the victims or their representatives to actively participate in the proceeding. Another provision allows them to be represented at the proceeding by an attorney at their own expense. Supporters said the bill, known as "Taylor's Law," is named after Taylor McCormack, a 13-month old girl who died while awaiting surgery in October 2000 at Children's Hospital. They noted that doctors testified at the closed hearing but members of Taylor's family were not allowed to present their side of the story and express their feelings on the matter. They argued that patients and their families should not be victimized a second time by being prohibited from testifying. The Senate has approved a different version of the proposal and the House version now goes to the Senate for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against the bill). **Y**

$99,925 FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY PROGRAM (H 4330)

House 135-20, (Senate has not yet voted) overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a provision earmarking $99,925 for Latinas y Ninos— a Boston-based residential treatment program primarily for Latino women recovering from alcohol and drug addiction. The funds would come from a $33.2 million Department of Public Health (DPH) budget item that provides for the expending of funds for Latinas y Ninos but does not specify a dollar amount. Override supporters said this would restore most of the $100,000 that was cut from this program's budget during this year's state budget-cutting fiscal crisis. They argued that this worthwhile program, including a 32-bed facility for 20 women and 12 children, is the first of its kind in the state to address the bilingual and bicultural needs of Latino women in recovery and help single women and mothers with children by allowing children to live with their mother at the facility. Override opponents said the state is facing budget cuts and up to a $2 billion deficit in the fiscal 2005 budget and should wait a few weeks to see the House Ways and Means Committee's proposed fiscal 2005 budget package before spending every surplus dollar available. In his veto message, Gov. Romney said he vetoed the earmarking because it unnecessarily earmarks the use of funds at the DPH. (A "Yea vote is for earmarking $99,925 for Latinas y Ninos. A "Nay" vote is against the earmarking). **Y**

VERY SMALL FIRMS ADVISORY COUNCIL (H 4328)

House 144-9, (Senate has not yet voted) overrode Gov. Romney's veto of the creation of a small business and very small firms advisory council to evaluate the current state system of delivering assistance to small businesses and to make recommendations to improve it. The measure defines a very small firm as one with fewer than 20 employees that is less able to tap traditional sources of business consulting, assistance and finance. Override supporters said this no-cost project would help guide these very small businesses through the bureaucratic maze and assist them in leveraging federal funds, private sector support and other grants and loans. They noted that firms with fewer than 20 employees create 90 percent of the state's jobs. Override opponents said the idea may be a good one but argued that this goal can be accomplished with existing agencies and personnel. In his veto message, Gov. Romney said he voted the proposal because there is no corresponding funding provided to establish the council. (A "Yea" vote is for the creation of a small business and very small firms advisory council. A "Nay" vote is against it). **Y**

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

SENIORS' PROPERTY TAX RELIEF- The Taxation Committee approved legislation proposing tax relief for senior citizens. The most controversial provision allows cities and towns to exempt qualified low-income senior citizens 65 and older from paying additional taxes resulting from Proposition 2 1/2 overrides. The exemption applies to homes valued under $750,000 owned by single seniors whose annual income is less than $43,000 and senior couples with an income less than $64,000. Supporters said this provision would help struggling low-income elderly homeowners on fixed incomes remain in their homes. They also acknowledged that it would also help cities and towns achieve Proposition 2 1/2 property tax overrides by discouraging seniors' opposition to tax hikes for which they would not have to pay. Opponents said there are better ways to provide tax relief for seniors and warned that hardworking families and the unemployed would unfairly be forced to shoulder the burden of these new taxes. Gov. Romney announced that he would oppose any provision that tinkers with Proposition 2 1/2. The package also makes a change in the state's current so-called senior circuit breaker law that gives up to a maximum $810 state tax rebate to qualified low-income seniors whose property tax bills exceed ten percent of their annual income. The change would qualify seniors who meet low-income guidelines and own a home valued at less than $750,000, rather than the current $432,000 standard. Other provisions include raising from $750 to $1000 the amount of property tax credit seniors can earn by doing volunteer work for their city or town; allowing communities to reduce the current eight percent interest rate seniors now pay if they qualify for a property tax deferral program and creating a program to inform seniors of tax breaks for which they qualify.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Would an independent study of the Cohasset Police Department be beneficial?

SELECTMAN/ Ralph Dormitzer

My answer to the Mariner's question is yes. The towns of Hingham and Leominster commissioned similar studies when faced with difficult problems. Cohasset could benefit from a similar study. In addition to examining the internal processes and morale in the police department, any consideration of the operation of the police department should take into account the views of the people of Cohasset about the kind of police enforcement they want. Ultimately the department will have to bridge the significant gap between people who want strong enforcement and those who don't. The selectmen can play a role by creating a forum for discussion of the issue and by seeking consensus.

The town has a history of tough-love enforcement. Hector Pelletier, chief from 1927 to 1967, would administer justice to a juvenile speeder by reading him the "riot act" and taking his license. Randy Feola, chief from 1967 to 1980, kept control with "a little brown book" which he used to record infractions. Life has gotten more complex since then, however. Teenagers have more occasion to break the law. It is more difficult for two working parents or single-parent households to supervise their children. Drug use is a new since the '60s, and people are more litigious.

Recently the Boston Globe published remarks by Kathleen O'Toole, Boston's new Police Commissioner. Ms. O'Toole said, "My choice is to be as transparent as possible, to get as much information out there as possible, to the media and to the general public." In addition she said, "I want people who have principles, who have high integrity, who are team players, who don't let their egos get in the way of the job, and who have demonstrated a great work ethic."

In addition to a study, Cohasset would benefit from a commitment to these ideals.

SELECTMAN/ Rob Spofford

I support the commissioning of an independent third party review of the police department. I think most people will agree that the recent public hearings have demonstrated that our Police Department and town would benefit from an outside review. A police department that reflects current best practices in community law enforcement is a value to all of us.

In my business, I often recommend and utilize this type of third party review for both private and public Board of Director clients. These reviews can be a useful tool if managed properly. I can apply my business experience to ensure that we hire the right agency at the right price to conduct the right kind of review. I have also found that these reviews can quickly get out of hand or be of little value when there is a specific agenda or desired outcome by the commissioning party. This must be avoided.

I will be sure that the parameters of the review are clearly articulated. Among the questions that must be asked are: What is the purpose and scope of the review? How will the findings be articulated to both those inside and outside the department? What governing body will have responsibility for implementation of recommendations? Timetables and milestones need to be set and a procedure must be in place for making any indicated changes so that the report, once paid for, does not sit on a shelf gathering dust.

My deliberative and decisive approach has served my clients and civic endeavors well. As Selectman this consistent approach will ensure that Cohasset taxpayers obtain the best possible review for their money.

SELECTMAN/ Louis S. Harvey

The evidence of the Quigley/McLean hearings made it abundantly clear that our police department is in chaos. Radically differing views of what constitutes appropriate practices created conflict. So does the in-fighting, low morale, officers threatening to quit. Visible side effects are that the police have abandoned the valued school initiatives of the Police Academy and PALS program. A $25,000 independent study is critically needed to address these problems that already cost $168,000.

Nonetheless these are not the most serious problems. The police department and certain officers in particular have been excessive in their law enforcement practices. Yet instead of taking routine disciplinary steps, the Town charged two officers with criminal behavior. The open wound caused by this action cannot be healed by a study. Many residents of the Town feel abused by the police. We need an understanding, a code of conduct, which has the support of both the Town's residents and its police.

These past experiences disqualify current leadership from overseeing an independent study. Instead, the Advisory Board should take control, including selecting experts to conduct the study, monitoring progress and releasing the results.

This study should include an assessment of the appropriate size for our police force. We currently have 18 police officers that made between 10 and 15 arrests per month. Since Sergeant Quigley and Officer McLean were put on leave last October, the number has dropped to under 5 per month. Do we have too many police or too few? What would be danger of a downsized police force? Are there any benefits to a larger force? Should we have more teachers and fewer cops? The study must also recommend the structural and procedural changes necessary to achieve a right-sized, functional and community-friendly police force.

SELECTMAN/ Merle Brown

No! I see no need to spend money on something like this. We have a very small Police Department and I feel very strongly that we can solve the problems without spending more of the town's money on a study that is not needed.

The article submitted by the citizens is, from what I understand, not binding if it should pass. The Selectmen are the only ones that can make this decision.

Are teachers' salaries the problem with the school budget?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Scott O'Grady

If it sounds like this week's question posits a zero-sum game between teachers and taxpayers, that only reflects the reality of our current property-tax based school funding structure. Teachers are underpaid because regressive property taxes can only be raised at the expense of lower and fixed income families, for whom rate increases create real financial hardships. The school committee's task is to negotiate a compromise between these competing interests. On the one side, teachers are right to press for salaries that reflect their professional status and increasing contributions to our schools. On the other side, local families and seniors are right to expect that property tax rates remain under control. Both sides are right, and both sides' personal family budgets are at stake in the negotiation.

The school committee's position in this compromise is defined by Prop. 2-1/2. To augment 2-1/2, Cohasset taxpayers have demonstrated their willingness to allow regular overrides every three years, which eases the 2-1/2 percent straitjacket enough to more realistically track inflation and cost of living. This is the best we can afford to do. No large gains in teacher pay are possible, but Prop. 2-1/2 is not to blame for this, nor are the taxpayers. The problem is structural, and there is no relief on the horizon.

We need to scrutinize every dollar not directed to teachers and classrooms. Turn off the lights. Fire the business manager. Discontinue the outside custodial contract. Investigate energy options. Employ volunteer activity aides. Hire only .5 superintendent. Teachers' salaries are not the problem. But teacher salaries are the largest item in the budget, and the school committee needs to recognize that increases in the budget are structurally limited to what the poorest family in Cohasset can afford to pay.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

The "problem" with the teacher's contract, which is moving into its third year of a three-year contract, is that it currently seems out of whack within the town's present fiscal realities. This incongruity was not the case, however, when it was negotiated and approved at Town Meeting two years ago. At that time the contract fit well within the percentage increases being given in prior teachers' contracts if not actually less in some areas. The "problem" now for many is there is no realistic way of going back in time so to speak to make the accommodations for inflation and cost increases that no one could possibly have foreseen. However, in facing the challenges of funding the contract within this year's budget constraints, the teacher's union and school committee recently sat down to examine areas that might possibly realize cost savings such as restructuring health plan offerings. They will continue to meet with this goal in mind over the next several months. While recognizing this budget pressure it should be noted, however, that the present teachers contract is lower in percentages in many cases than surrounding towns and some current union contracts on the town side.

Negotiating the next teachers contract will require seasoned skill from someone experienced in negotiating with Cohasset's teachers and the MTA specifically. It will be a significant challenge in the next negotiations in order to create a contract that is both affordable to the taxpayers and sensitive to what is required or mandated of teachers. If re-elected, I will be able to bring more than six years of experience negotiating in both good times and bad to the process. It is that exact perspective that will be necessary to achieve what is needed on both sides of the table.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Adrienne MacCarthy

In order to answer the question of the week "Are the teacher salaries the problem with the school budget?" I needed to look into how we pay our teachers in relation to our neighboring communities of Hull, Scituate, Norwell and Hingham. Based on the results of my research, my concise answer to the question is no, Cohasset teacher salaries are not the problem with the school budget. According to Massachusetts Department of Education figures for the fiscal year 2002, Cohasset teachers were paid an average salary of $45,977. During this same period, our neighboring communities reported the following average salaries: Hull - $43,756; Scituate - $51,898; Norwell - $54,551; and Hingham - $54,999. Out of the five communities, Cohasset reports the second lowest average teacher salary and is close to 20 percent below that of Hingham. Cohasset's average teacher salary even falls below the state's average teacher salary of $49,242.

Now with these salary comparisons in mind, we as a community need to ask ourselves, would we accept below average performance of our children on the state wide MCAS tests? The obvious answer is of course is no. Look at our MCAS results, the colleges attended by our graduates, their achievements once in college, and one has to realize our schools and the teachers who teach in them have been doing an excellent job educating our children. It is my opinion that our teachers, administrators and school system are truly an asset for the town. I believe that we can meet the challenges of the current budget issues if we work together as a community to look for solutions that maintain this asset.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE / Jamie Williams

Our children's education and their best interests should be at the heart of the budgeting process. The greatest investment we can make toward developing and furthering our children's education is our teachers.

Presently, the investment in our teachers comprises the largest portion of our $11,942,050 FY 2004-2005 school budget. And the largest component of this budget warrants thorough examination. The size of this component is the result of the last contract negotiation, when a 4.6 percent salary increase was awarded to the teachers in this, the final year of the contract. Considering Proposition -21/2 laws, this 4.6 percent increase automatically invokes an override, unless $250,783 (2.1percent) is raised or cut from somewhere else.

While I agree that teachers deserve good salaries, it is appropriate to expect more value for the salary investment. I was dismayed at the Union's unwillingness to partner with the town when the Deer Hill Principal asked teachers for 10 minutes to assist in the arrival and dismissal of students. In response, a grievance was filed which resulted in the Principal having to single-handedly escort 370 students to and from buses while our children have lost nearly an hour of academic time every week.

My experience in union negotiations will change the way we build a contract and avoid such situations while we partner with our teachers. Economic times have changed and all sides at the negotiating table must face this fact. A vote for me will initiate a policy of future planning and budgeting that prioritizes continuous improvement in student performance while delivering value for the entire community, including teachers, families and taxpayers.

What guarantees can you provide that the new Cohasset Master Plan won't just sit on the shelf and collect dust?

PLANNING BOARD/ Joe Nedrow

ED = Q+A — the formula for an effective decision (ED) takes an equal amount of quality (Q) plus acceptance (A). Often, more effort is expended to developing plans, regulations and programs for others, without devoting the same efforts in developing strategies to gain the acceptance and support of those who are impacted by these plans and regulations.

Most issues brought before town meeting have the quality(Q) side of the equation. Negative votes and lack of implementation occur when the acceptance (A) side of the equation is not given the same priority and effort as the quality side.

In terms of today's question, I can only guarantee my cognizance of the importance of acceptance and promote the education, explanation, and perhaps modification of plans and regulations to gain acceptance of Cohasset citizens. When the acceptance side of the equation is given the same effort as the quality side there will be very few plans gathering dust.

PLANNING BOARD/ Stuart Ivimey

My record as Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee clearly demonstrates a commitment to following the vision statement provided in the Master Plan. The Master Plan addresses the concern that Cohasset's natural resources, open space, and overall community character are threatened by increased development. The vision statement promotes the preservation of a beautiful residential community, whose citizens enjoy a high quality of life. The Master Plan will guide my actions on the Planning Board.

During my tenure as Chairman, the CPC followed the Master Plan's recommendations that the town adhered to "Smart Growth" development practices; reuse existing structures; and promote a vibrant downtown area. The CPC received overwhelming support at the March 2003 Annual Town Meeting to fund the Cohasset Historical Society's plan to convert the old Paul Pratt Library into low income senior housing. The conversion provides housing for our senior citizens and preserves the town's character by maintaining public access to a treasured landmark.

During the 2002 Special Town Meeting, the citizens unanimously approved the acquisition of the "Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary", which preserved 35 acres of critical environmental habitat adjacent to Wheelwright Park. This project demonstrated my commitment to preserve the town's environmental assets and proved that with effective leadership, major town projects are achievable without burdening the tax base.

The CPC also funded the Historical Society's renovation of the Wilson House/ Maritime Museum, located in the village. These projects demonstrate my commitment to preserving the historic character of the town.

At the upcoming town meeting, the CPC will recommend funding additional improvements for our senior citizens at the Elm Street condominiums.

As a member of the Planning Board, I will continue improving Cohasset. As part of these duties, I will frequently consult the Master plan because it is an excellent document and an invaluable resource.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

Editor's note: The Mariner made some typographical errors and omissions in typesetting Pat Martin's response to last week's Question of the Week. Mrs. Martin's corrected response to the question "Where do you stand on the need for a Prop. 2-1/2 override to help balance the fiscal year 2005 budget" is as follows::

When the citizens of Cohasset stand in the voting box on April 3 to decide whether this override should be passed, they will truly be deciding the future of our school system and the level of education it will provide to our children in years to come. This community decision comes at a difficult time for most of us. Although the economy is supposedly improving, many are struggling with increased costs of living. The school budget is not unlike many personal financial situations of less money coming in and more money being required.

Over the past two years, the schools have received significantly less in state aid while the costs of providing an education and operating its facilities have increased. This, coupled with increasing enrollment and new SPED services required, has the school committee legitimately requesting this override. The School Committee has already made $460,774 in reductions for 2005. This is on top of reductions that were made last year.

Declaring a need for improved fiscal management or reductions in areas already examined can only be made by someone not fully facing the facts which are these. The School Committee can cut no more without significantly affecting the quality of education we provide. And should the override fail, it is likely we will need to make an additional $400,000 in cuts. This is without even considering the possibility of hinted further reductions in state aid again this year.

This is the decision the community will need to make. It is that simple and that scary. Knowing that an override failure will mean the loss of team sports and class sizes of 28 or more children. I will support the override and consider it an investment in both the future of my children and the town of Cohasset.

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Next week's questions:

For the Planning Board: *Many residents are concerned about "mansionization" in town yet the Planning Board will ask Town Meeting to indefinitely postpone the Large House Site Plan Review article. Where do you stand on that article?*

For Selectmen: *With so little affordable housing for working families in town, is Cohasset in danger of becoming a haven just for the rich and therefore, losing all economic diversity?*

For the School Committee: *If the override doesn't pass, the School Committee says class sizes are going to jump. How can you convince the baby-boomers that big class sizes are a bad thing for education when they grew up with large classes themselves?*

Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fundraisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

Duffy provides a wealth of health knowledge

By Samantha Brown
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Walking into middle school teacher Maureen Duffy's classroom is the easy part for students. It's walking out and having the courage to use what she taught them that poses the challenge.

— TEACHERS WITH CLASS —

As the health education teacher for middle school students, which currently includes grades seven and eight, Duffy covers not only health issues such as being prepared to administer first aid and CPR during an emergency, and how to maintain relationships, but the topics associated with peer pressure, like tobacco, drugs and alcohol, sexuality and diseases.

"There is so much to discuss," she said, adding at an age where students are constantly changing, it is very important to help provide guidance in making good choices.

Duffy has groups of students for one quarter of a semester in the seventh grade and one quarter in eighth. She said her seventh grade students spend a good amount of time discussing relationships and how to get along. They participate in group work and have discussions on acceptable behavior and decision making. Groups are rotated frequently to allow all students to participate with others in the class.

"I always tell the students this is a safe place to discuss what they need to discuss and they must at all times be respectful," she said.

In eighth grade, students continue learning about relationships, but the lessons are modified to include discussion about hate crimes, harassment, and bullying. Students are also given drug education and are taught about sexuality and diseases such as HIV and AIDS. Eighth graders also spend some time working with nutrition, which allows them to do some cooking during class time. As a former home economics teacher, Duffy has much experience directing students in the kitchen.

After graduating from Rivier College in New Hampshire, Duffy began teaching home economics at Scituate High School. When she and her husband began having children, she took time off to stay at home with them. When the youngest of her four children went off to kindergarten, she began teaching again, and went on to earn both her certificate of teaching from Framingham State and her master's degree in health from

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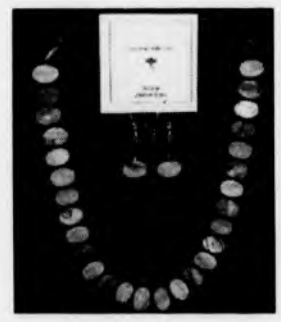


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Cohasset Middle School health education teacher Maureen Duffy teaches students about all facets of healthy living.



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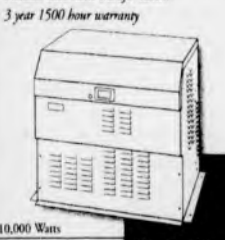
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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than all other workers in the nation these past few years?

Speaking as someone who has supported every override in my 10 years in this town, including all three questions when we had the three-tier option a few years ago, it seems to me that the time may have come for the taxpayers to put the brakes on our out-of-control school spending. Two recent charts in the Boston Globe showed that we already pay the eighth highest dollar figure in taxes out of all 350 communities in the state (that's right, 8 out of 350) and that 11 percent of our homeowners must spend 50 percent or more of their annual income toward their mortgage or rent, ranking us in the top third in the South Shore in that category.

Absent some cooperation from the teachers' union, it unfortunately may be that the only way for the taxpayers to send a message to our School Committee and teachers union that, "Enough is enough," will be to reject the proposed $400,000 override. We have lavished huge investments in our schools and have been very generous in recent years to our teachers, both in terms of pay raises and adding another step for long-serving teachers. But it is becoming more clear every year that the more money we give to the School Committee, the more they spend it —and then some — which is a trend which has to be brought to a halt sooner, rather than later.

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The problem is not Cohasset's teachers

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding Cohasset's teachers, let's get one thing straight. They are not overpaid. By any measure, relative to their peers in other South Shore districts, Cohasset teacher salaries are at or below the median. Here is the ranking for starting salaries for 2003-2004 (Step 1, Bachelors, from each town's salary schedule):

1.	Norwell	$37,232
2.	Marshfield	34,841
3.	Weymouth	33,897
4.	Duxbury	33897
5.	Hanover	32,687
6.	**Cohasset**	**32,492**
7.	Hingham	32,001
8.	Scituate	31,516

Here is the ranking for the highest salary obtainable for 2003-2004 (Top step, Doctorate, from each town's salary schedule):

1.	Norwell	$76,698
2.	Hingham	72,477
3.	Hanover	72,152
4.	**Cohasset**	**71,187**
5.	Scituate	70,384
6.	Duxbury	69,875
7.	Marshfield	65,824
8.	Weymouth	65,420

Perhaps the most meaningful statistic is the *average teacher salary for the entire district.* Here is the ranking, using the most recent data from the Mass. Department of Education:

1.	Norwell	$54,978
2.	Scituate	53,163
3.	Duxbury	52,584
4.	Hingham	52,012
5.	Hanover	51,269
6.	Weymouth	49,731
7.	**Cohasset**	**49,397**
8.	Marshfield	46,624

I would also add that the Cohasset teachers have consistently worked with the Administration and School Committee to implement educational initiatives such as block scheduling, the Middle School, to mainstream special education students into their classrooms, and to address budgetary issues which have resulted in reductions in aides, supplies, and professional development.

Why does Cohasset have one of the top-rated school districts in the Commonwealth, despite below-median teacher salaries? Why do quality teachers come to Cohasset when they could make several thousand dollars more in a neighboring district? Because Cohasset parents and the Cohasset community support quality education.

Let's continue to do so.

Rick Shea
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Duffy provides a wealth of health knowledge

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Cambridge College in Boston.

In addition to her role as a health educator, Duffy has been advising the middle school yearbook staff — an activity she began for the students roughly six years ago. "It's their book and they do the work," Duffy said, but she is always there to lend a helping hand. At the end of September, interested students gather to form the yearbook staff for that year. The group starts by meeting two times a month in the fall, and students are given their assignments. Everyone is given a set of pages they are responsible for, and are required to cover various school events, including sports, academic events, and productions, to ensure the yearbook has variety.

Duffy has two digital cameras for the students to use, and she downloads their photos to a computer for them. From there, the students are responsible for doing all cropping and editing of their photos, and they will make the ultimate decision as to what photos make it in the yearbook. While currently the pages are arranged manually, Duffy hopes as soon as next year the yearbook will be assembled on the computer.

Around Christmas, the group begins meeting weekly, and during the last two weeks of production, which the students are currently experiencing; they meet every day. The pages are sent off to be printed and will return to be proofread by students in mid-April. If an event has happened in the meantime, photos will be rearranged to update the pages.

"We try to update up to the last minute," she said.

Duffy not only advises students, she advises fellow teachers. As part of the mentoring program at the middle-high school, Duffy took a first-year teacher under her wing last year and made herself available to answer questions and provide guidance. While Duffy has been a mentor in the school for a number of years, the program only recently become state mandated.

"I give advice on how to run things, how to apply for field trips, and how to order supplies. You go through the training so you know how to handle different situations," she said. The schools match up mentors with new teachers in the same department, and the two set goals they would like to achieve during the course of the year. Duffy said even though the program is only required for first-year teachers, she has maintained her mentor relationship into this year as well.

For the past nine years, Duffy has also been an advisor to the Student Council. While she was the only advisor for a number of years at the high school level, she is now co-advisor of the middle school Student Council with math teacher Jonathan Fortin.

"We try to hold one activity a month," Duffy said, whether it be a dance or getting students involved in a cause such as Toys for Tots or the food pantry. Because fundraising to help pay for various class activities is a big part of what the Student Council does, Duffy makes sure each new seventh grade class starts off their school year on the right foot by electing Student Council representatives by the third week of school, beginning a magazine drive shortly thereafter.

"The kids really bond because they're working toward a common goal," she said.

When not in school, Duffy can be seen helping students on the golf course. Working part time at Widow's Walk golf course in Scituate, Duffy has been able to set up a six-week instructional course for middle school students. She, along with Kathy Womersley and an assistant pro, taught between 20 and 25 students the basics of golf last spring.

"Just this morning, the kids began asking me when we get to go back," she said, and Duffy is planning to hit the course again once the weather warms up.

"I always wanted to work with kids," Duffy said, and it shows in the amount of time she dedicates to teaching, not just in the classroom, but outside as well. "Everything I end up teaching I really enjoy."

If you know a teacher who should be featured in Teachers with Class, please contact Samantha Brown at 781-741-2935 or sambrown@cnc.com.

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CAMP JOBS CAN BE A POWERFUL RESUME-BUILDER!

With Spring Break approaching and college students arriving home, March is great time to think about summer work. Over a million college students will be working at camps this summer. In increasing numbers, college students are recognizing that camp jobs enhance their marketability to future employers.

More than half a million college students will find their way from campus to camp this summer to fill positions at approximately 12,000 day and resident camps.

A camp job can prepare young adults for many challenges in life, including how to budget time and money, how to deal with all types of people, and how to become a stronger leader. Business executives often note that experience as a camp counselor translates into excellent management and personnel skills. Regardless of the college major, camp experiences allow students to learn skills that will enhance job marketability. Working at summer camp can help students develop skills in relationship-building, risk management, decision-making, prioritizing, negotiating, leadership and group development and problem-solving-all very valuable skills in today's job market.

There is a camp and a position that fits every personality. Camp directors are starting to look now for people with a variety of ability levels and backgrounds. And, unlike so many jobs today, most camp positions for college students do not require a lot of prior camp experience.

Camp positions vary by camp but generally fall into four categories.

• Counselors interact personally with campers and lead them through activities. At some camps, counselors are activity instructors as well as cabin counselors. At other camps these duties are separated. Activity instructors teach specific activities, such as arts and crafts, music, drama, radio/TV, computers, rock climbing, nature studies and more.

• Specialty Staff hold special certifications and/or have specialized training to teach or lead particular activity areas. Certifications in aquatics, horseback riding, wilderness leadership & safety, archery and the like are especially desirable to camps. Specialty staff may also serve as camp counselors or administrative staff.

• Administrative Staff lead the camp and various camp activity and support areas. These positions include the director(s), assistant director(s), and program director(s) of the camp as well as those in charge of the waterfront, horseback riding, kitchen/dining facilities, maintenance, business office and the health center.

• Additional positions include food service personnel, cooks, building and grounds keepers, drivers, and office assistants.

Some students worry that a camp job won't be as financially rewarding as an office job. However, salaries for counselors or comparable positions generally range from $1,000 to $3,000 for the camp season and up to $4,000 for persons who are certified or trained for skilled positions. Since most resident camps provide room and board, students will not incur these added expenses.

College credit can sometimes be obtained from working at camp. Check with your college advisor to see if you qualify.

Job-seekers can check out internet camp job Web sites such as the one at www.acacamps.org/jobs/search.html <http://www.acacamps.org/jobs/search.html> or many others. Camp staff recruitment fairs, which are often held on college campuses, are a great opportunity to meet with camp professionals. Also check with college placement offices and local community newspapers.

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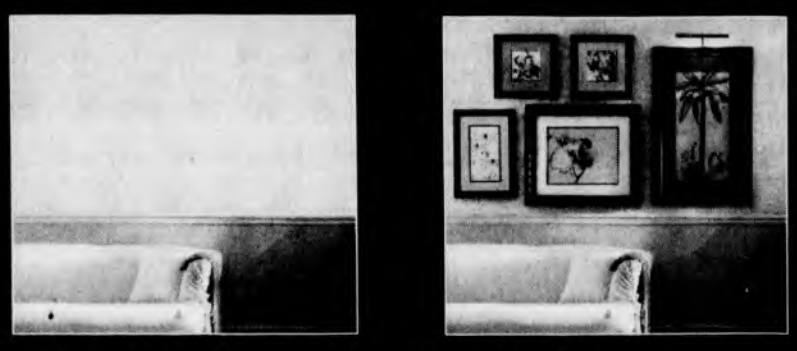
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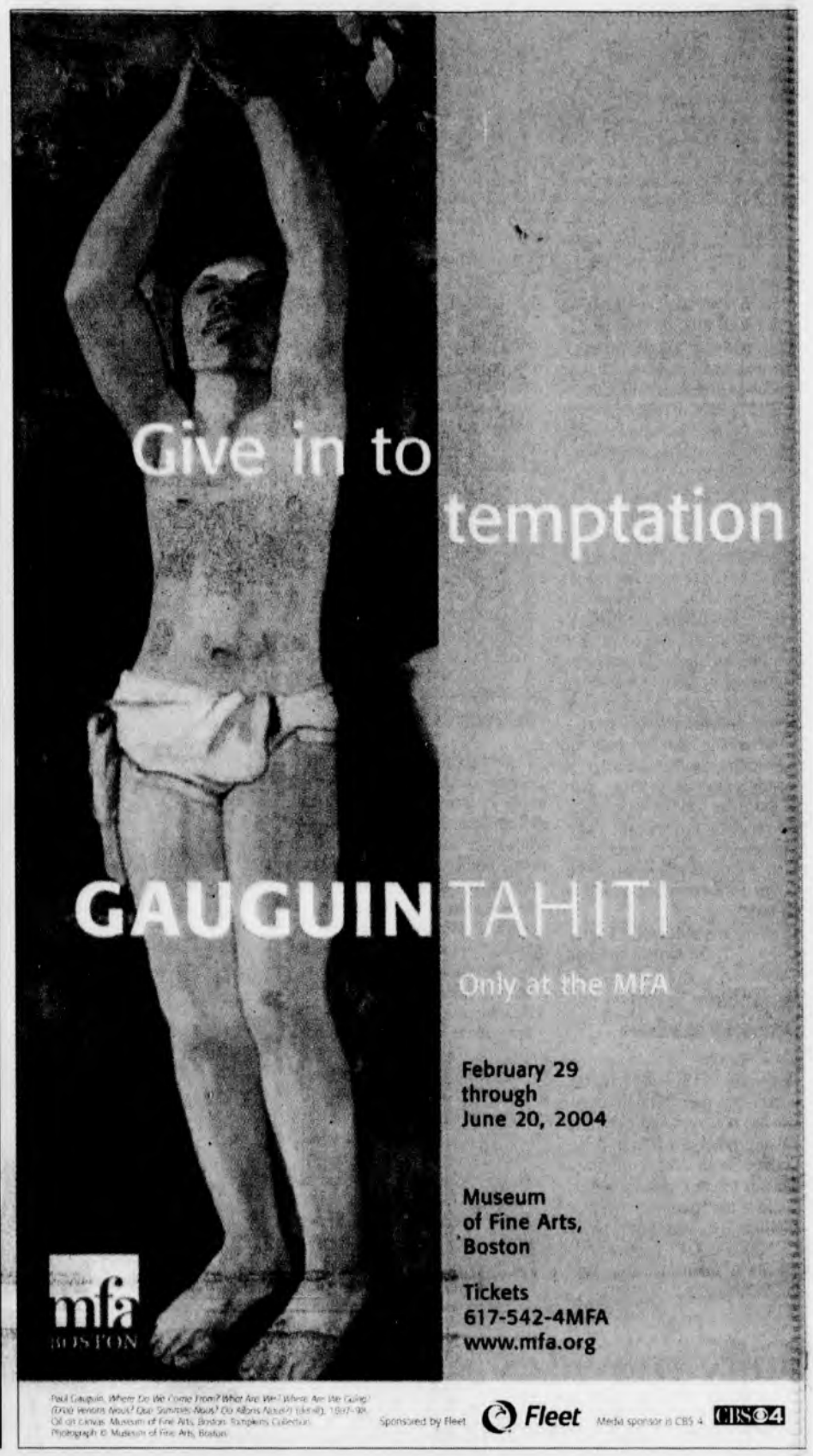
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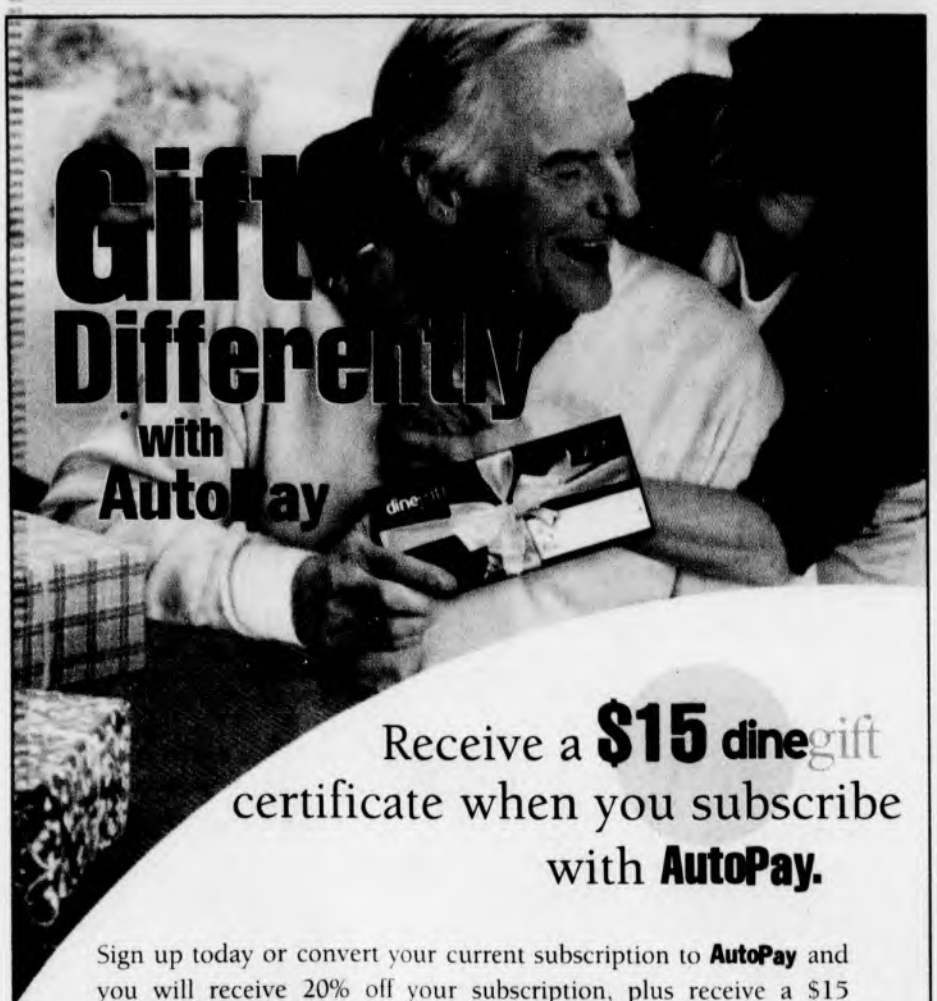
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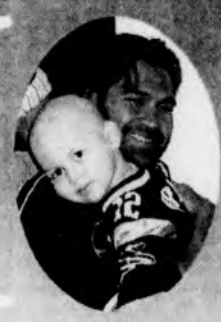


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Boys off target

Poor shooting costs Skippers in season ending loss to Millis

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

A team's record or tournament seed doesn't always tell the whole story.

It can be legitimately argued that Cohasset, after finishing 10-11 with a schedule laden with tournament teams in both Div. 3 and Div. 4, was better than the 16th best team in Div. 4 South. They had already beaten a number of teams in the same tournament.

It is an even safer bet that Millis is better than its 17-seed would show, as a majority of their 8-12 record came against six Div. 3 tournament teams.

The Mohawks strength showed last Wednesday, as they defeated the home Skippers 50-38 in the opening round, ending Cohasset's season.

It was a tough way to go out for the Skippers, who were riding high after ending the season with three straight wins to get into the tourney.

It was clear right from the get-go of this one, however, that the Skippers were in for a challenge. As head coach Ron Ford said before the game, Millis boasts some size, led by 6-4 center Dan Pearl and 6-2 forward Frank Dick. And another 6-4 center, junior Steve Micucci, came off the bench for the Mohawks.

The first half was a defensive struggle, as neither team broke 20 points going into the locker room. The Skippers made just two of their first 14 shots, but stayed in the game with some good defense. Big men Dan Tarpey and Sean Connolly were

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PHOTO/BERT LANE

Happier times. The Skippers celebrate their first goal in 3-1 win over Blue Hills at Bourne's Gallo Arena on Saturday.

Canalmen scuttle Skippers

Banged up CHS skaters put on ice by Bourne in second round shutout

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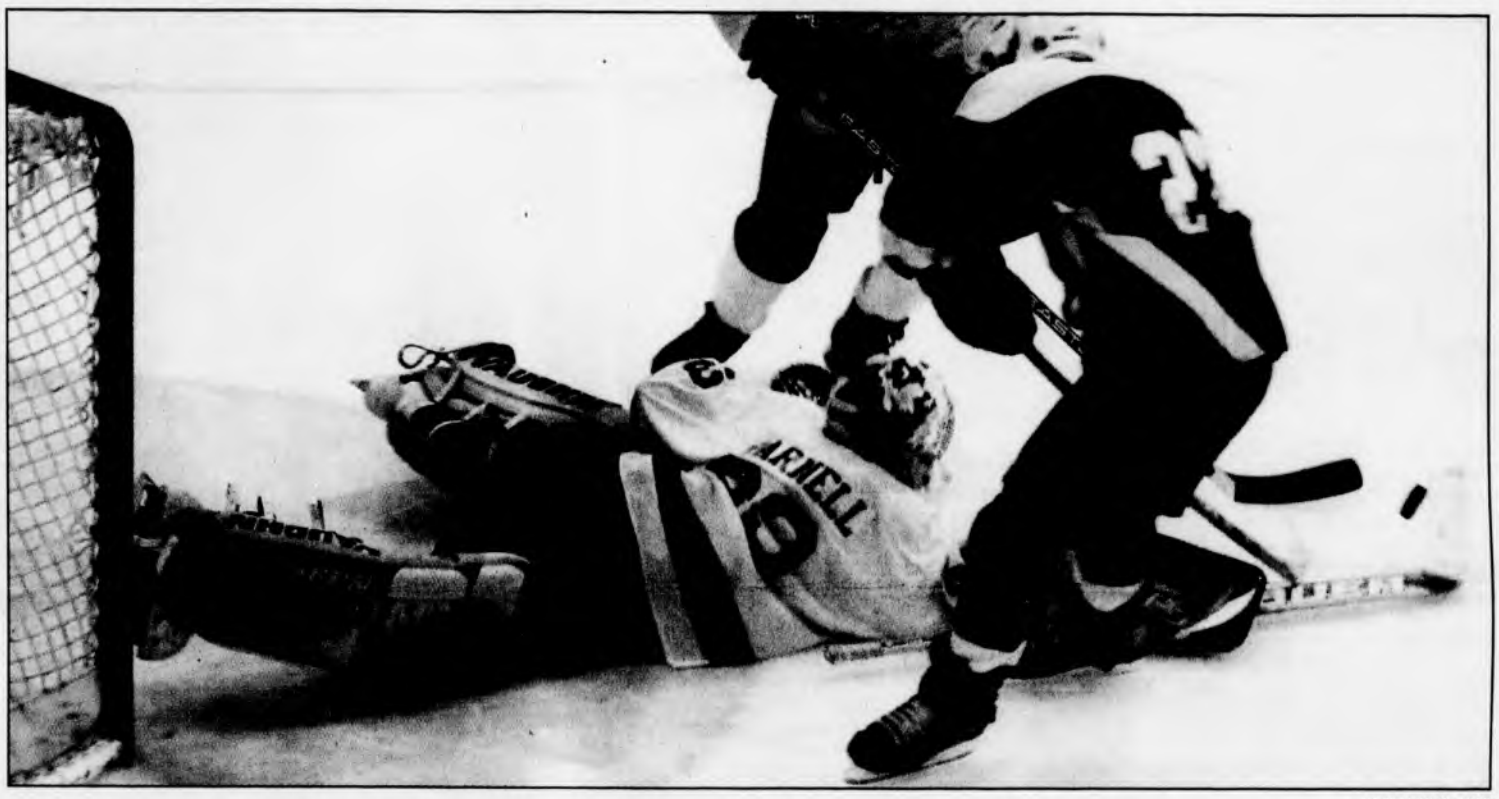
Ben Virga was a lot like that fabled Dutch boy who put his finger in the dike. Sure enough, the hole just kept bigger and bigger for the Cohasset High hockey coach, and the available means he had for plugging up that hole kept dwindling.

The Skippers were clearly a long shot heading into their second round playoff match-up with defending state champ Bourne, Tuesday night at the Bridgewater Ice Arena, and that was the pervasive feeling even before senior Rob Carpenter, the team's leading scorer, was rendered largely ineffective by a partially separated shoulder.

Still, the seventh seeded Skippers (12-7-3) trailed second seeded Bourne (19-3-2) by just one goal through two periods, the unveiling of a new neutral zone trap by the Cohasset skaters clearly crossing up the high flying Canalmen in the early going. However, when a second big hole plugger was washed away by a wave of bad fortune, there wasn't a whole lot Virga had left to stem the tide. Indeed, the loss of hard working senior captain Mike Rasmussen to a broken wrist late in the second period seemed to blow open the floodgates.

Bourne senior captain Jason Mazzola scored a pair of goals just 14 seconds apart to start the second period, essentially washing away the Skippers season. The Canalmen would wind up sailing off with a 4-0 win and a berth in the Div. 3 South semifinal game Friday night versus Bishop Stang on their home Gallo Arena ice.

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Cohasset goalie Stefan Parnell dives to poke the puck away from a Blue Hills forward during Saturday's 3-1 first round win for the Skippers.

Not a bad encore

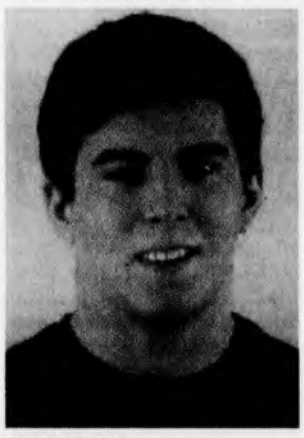
Three Cohasset state champs qualify for New England Wrestling Championships

By Mike Spellman
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It is amazing to think that some might actually view *this* as a let-down.

Indeed, that fact is perhaps the best measure of just how momentous an event the weekend before last's three state championship tally was for the Cohasset High wrestling program.

For there is certainly nothing wrong with those same three Skipper grapplers who took state Div. 3 titles on Feb. 21 taking a second and two fourths at this past weekend's All-State championships at Salem High, especially when you considerall three showings come with invites to this weekend's New England wrestling championships in New Haven, Connecticut.



Phil Strazzulla

"I'm absolutely thrilled with the way Phil, Joey and Matt wrestled on Saturday," asserted veteran Cohasset High coach Torin Sweeney. "They all wrestled well."

Senior captain Phil Strazzulla placed second in the 145-pound division, while juniors Joe Kehoe and Matt Baroudi took fourth at 140 and 215 pounds, respectively, to give Sweeney his most New England qualifiers since 1993.

"I'll be interested to see how all three of those guys do," said Sweeney. "So often at New England's, or really at any of the 'big' events, it really comes down to seedings. Matt and Joe will probably get a tough first draws because of where they finished. But you never know how things are going to work out. At this level, the difference between winning and losing is usually pretty small."

With just the top four finishers from each divisional championships wrestling, Strazzulla drew a first round bye and then beat Putnam's Gilberto Diaz, 10-7, to advance to the semifinals, a match that was not as close as the score might indicate.

Strazzulla then wrestled a defensive masterpiece in the semifinals to top Dracut's Jared Laganas, 3-0, riding a second period takedown and third period escape into the championship bout with defending All-State champ Tony Pallaria, of Central Catholic.

Pallaria would make it two All-State titles in a row, but not before the Cohasset captain pushed him to the edge. Strazzulla trailed 4-2 through two periods and gave up a quick escape to open the third to see that deficit grow to three.

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Too Rough a Ride for Lady Skippers

Hoopsters no match for unbeaten Harwich in second round ouster

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

The Lady Skippers basketball team ran into a season ending brick wall at Harwich on Saturday, losing by a 70-49 score. Going into this playoff game, the Harwich Rough Riders had notched 27 straight wins, including two lopsided victories against our home team.

At no time in the game did Cohasset take the lead.

"We moved the ball well and ran our unyielding defense perfectly," noted co-captain Danielle Pinkus. "Harwich just seemed to be a better team."

Now for some better news. League leading scorer Casey Anderson drilled an eye-popping 19 points. Ashley Faber followed closely with a highly-respectable 16 points but also got into some foul trouble along the way.

Coach John Levangie harbored no regrets about the loss, noting: "In my view, the girls had the most intensity of any game this year. Harwich had trouble penetrating into our 1-2-2 zone. Unfortunately, Harwich made up for it with their relentless outside shooting."

Despite the loss, this team can walk away with a great sense of accomplishment. Basketball coach John Levangie and his Lady Skippers treated us to a phenomenal 14-6 regular season record. The last time Cohasset High saw a girls basketball record the likes of this was 1988.

This season's journey inspired us all. The team came out like ganghusters with four straight wins. Then came the thorny part of their season when they suffered most of their losses. Rather than fold under the string of disappointments, the Lady Skippers toughened their game to finish the regular season with a solid 14-6 record.

Then they entered the single-elimination Div. 4 South Sectional tourney. In their first postseason playoff game in 16 years, the Skippers clocked their opponents, the South Shore Christian Academy. The loss to Harwich followed a few days later.

When asked how he motivated his players throughout the season, Coach Levangie responded: "These players displayed more intensity and self-motivation than any coach could have asked for."

The Lady Skippers learned a lot from this veteran coach. He emphasized the "triple- threat" of shooting, passing and penetrating. He also stressed the importance of maintaining an aggressive attitude and following through on play executions.

Senior Ashley Faber had more good things to say about the season. "Frankly, before the season started, I didn't have much hope. That feeling quickly changed. Now, I'm sad the season has ended."

Faber hopes to pursue her basketball in college next year, pos-

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Nor-Coh gymnastics star Nancy Durkin performs on beam.

Eye opener

Durkin and Guiney show well at state gymnastics championships

By Mike Spellman
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For Norwell-Cohasset gymnasts Nancy Durkin and Jen Guiney, this year's state individual championships were, first and foremost, about experience.

Neither high school junior, Durkin from Cohasset or Guiney from Norwell, placed in their events going up against the creme of the Massachusetts gymnastics crop at Beverly High this past Saturday. It is hoped, however, by coach Kara Connerty, that both gymnasts will use that experience as motivation

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Girls travel basketball report

The girls travel basketball teams for grades 5-6-7-8 hosted Hanover Sunday at the Cohasset High gym with mixed results.

The fifth graders, feeling the twin effects of a four week layoff (their last game was February 1) and an aggressive Hanover defense, dropped a 16-6 decision to the visitors. Though the Blue and White trailed by only a 6-4 margin at the half, they were unable to mount a sustained offensive attack after the intermission. Hanover hit a couple of long shots to pull away midway through the half from which Cohasset never recovered. The only Cohasset players who managed to tingle the twine were Carly Haggerty, Emma Musto, and Kate French, as the Fledgling Fifthers dropped to 6-2 on the season.

The sixth grade team similarly ran into an aggressive Hanover defense and ended up on the short end of a hard-fought 16-15 decision, the first loss of the year for the Super Sixers. Thanks to some long-range shooting by Erin Fontaine (six points on the game) and a tenacious man-to-man defense of their own, Cohasset stayed close at 10-8 after the first 20 minutes.

Both teams picked up the tempo even further on defense after the intermission, limiting scoring chances on both sides. With the Blue and White trailing 14-13, Meredith Kelly sank a clutch free throw to tie the score late in the game. Cohasset then had the ball with 40 seconds to play, but a Hanover steal of the inbound pass and subsequent long jump shot gave the visitors a 16-14 lead. Cohasset assaulted the basket with a furious flurry of shots and offensive rebounds in the waning moments, but could manage only a solitary free throw to leave the final score at 16-15.

In addition to Fontaine's six points effort, other point scorers for Cohasset, who now are 7-1 on the year, were Sam Crough, who sank a three pointer, Isabelle Franklin with four points, and Kelly with two points. The Super Sixers will have to wait for another day to avenge last year's loss in the playoff semifinals to Hanover.

The seventh grade girls also had a tough time with their Hanover counterparts, but managed to pull away in the final part of the second half for a 32-20 triumph to remain undefeated at 8-0.

Gabriella Flibotte led the way for the Seventh Wonders with a 12 point effort with Carly Salerno also hitting for double digits with 10 points. However, it was the "money shot" by Liz Tetreault which broke a tense, 20-20 deadlock which set the Blue and White on the road to victory.

The eighth grade team kept its playoff chances alive with a 27-23 win over Hanover.

All of the teams have two games on tap this weekend, Saturday evening at Weymouth and Sunday afternoon at home against Marshfield.



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Cohasset star Rob Carpenter (#11) carries up the boards before suffering a separated shoulder in win over Blue Hills Saturday, something he did not dare do in season ending loss to Bourne Tuesday.

Eye opener

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heading into next season.

"Nancy and Jen are very good gymnasts in our league," said Connerty, who directed the Nor-Cohs to a perfect 10-0 season this season that brought with it a South Shore League championship and a spot in the South Sectional team championships two weeks ago. "But the gymnasts we saw at Beverly High were just incredible. This experience was an eye opener."

It's not that Durkin or Guiney did not perform well. Durkin qualified to compete at state's in three events, and scored solid marks of 8.3 on the uneven bars, 8.2 on floor and 7.9 on vault. Guiney notched an 8.15 on vault.

"Both girls performed very well," said Connerty. "I'm proud of both of them."

Norwell junior Samantha Rosen missed out of qualifying on both floor and vault by one-tenth of a point on her average scores in those events.

The Nor-Cohs appear to be in good shape to defend their League title next winter, as they lose only one of 20 roster members to graduation, that being Cohasset senior Shelly Carter, a team captain.

Canalmen scuttle Skippers

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"We almost pulled it off there," noted Virga at game's end. "Even though Robbie (Carpenter) really couldn't do much out there, we were doing a good job with the trap, but that power play goal Bourne got was a killer and then to lose Mike (Rasmussen) a few minutes after that was just another big blow. I give our guys credit, though. They battled to the end."

The referred to power play goal was delivered by Kyle Kruse and finally put Bourne on the board 3:07 into the second period, 50 seconds after a questionable tripping call against Cohasset junior captain Ted Straughn. Chasing a dump-in pass behind the Bourne net, Straughn slashed the stick up by the hands of the Bourne player who charged to the puck just ahead of him, causing it to become entangled in his skates, thereby tripping him up.

"That was not a good call in my opinion, and it wound up hurting us," said Virga, "Of course, we'd gotten away with one or two that might have been called for penalties, so I guess I can't complain."

Bourne carried a shot advantage of 20-5 through two periods, but Cohasset sophomore goalie Stefan Parnell (29 saves) stopped everything he saw other than Kruse's man-up tally on a wrister from the left circle.

Some aggressive forechecking to start the third period would pay of for the Canalmen, as Bourne junior defenseman Kyle Taylor made a nice poke check just behind the Cohasset blue line, where Matt Gilbert picked it up and slid it quickly into Mazzula as he rushed into the left circle all alone. Mazzula was able to skate in on Parnell, get him down with a fake to the shortside and then roof it over his left shoulder just inside the crossbar to make it a 2-0 game 3:14 into the third.

Mazzula won the ensuing face-off, and charged the Cohasset zone with linemates Gilbert and Ryan Kent. Kent won the race for a dump-in to the right corner and then slid a centering feed to Mazzulla in the mid slot for a quick wrister that this time got over Parnell's right shoulder.

Kruse added his second power play goal of the game with 4:59 to play as he deflected home a left point slapper by Kent to knock home the final nail in Cohasset's coffin.

"There's no shame in losing to a team like Bourne," asserted Virga, whose team defeated Blue Hills in round one of the Div. 3 playoffs, 3-1, on Saturday at Bourne's Gallo Arena. "To be honest, I'd be shocked if they didn't win the South Sectional championship again. I think they're going to win at least a few more games. We just had the misfortune of getting them in our bracket early."

That said, it was not surprising to hear the coach bestow nothing but praise on those of his troops who were left standing at game's end, in particular his veterans.

Crandon Leahy, Mike Devine, Rob Carpenter, Ted Straughn, John Durkin, those guys showed what leadership and hard work are all about tonight," said Virga. "Brandon Smith, Tim Pilczak, Conor Holway, those guys played their butts off, and Stefan was big in goal. We gave it all we had."

The problem, of course, was a matter of depth. 17 of the Skippers 24 players this season were freshman or sophomores. Two of the team's three seniors were largely non-factors in this final game, Rasmussen being lost to the broken wrist and the gutsy Carpenter (arguably the most talented offensive player in the South Shore League this winter) a mere shadow of himself as he steered away from all possible contact and lacked the strength in his shoulder to shoot or even get off a hard pass.

The third senior team member, tri-captain Mike Devine, echoed his coach's sentiments a few moments after the final buzzer had sounded on his fine high school career.

"Bourne just kept throwing three good lines at us, and we didn't have the depth to keep up, especially with Rob being hurt and after Mike got knocked out," said the two time Mariner All-Scholastic defenseman. "We were exhausted at the end, but we never stopped going hard. That says a lot about this team."

Rasmussen was the offensive hero of the opening round 3-1 win over Blue Hills on Saturday at Gallo Arena.

The big and hard working centerman set up the game's first goal 2:32 in when he won a race into the right corner for a dump-in and made a pretty backhand feed to linemate Mark Bouchard in the low slot for a quick one-timer.

After a nice hustle goal by Joe Durkin made it 2-0 late in the first period, Rasmussen delivered a backbreaker to Blue Hills 48 seconds into the second when he charged up the left boards, circled out on goal while using his long reach to fend off his checker and then slipped the puck around the Warriors netminder.

Parnell stopped 18 of 19 shots, including a couple of legitimate testers in the third period.



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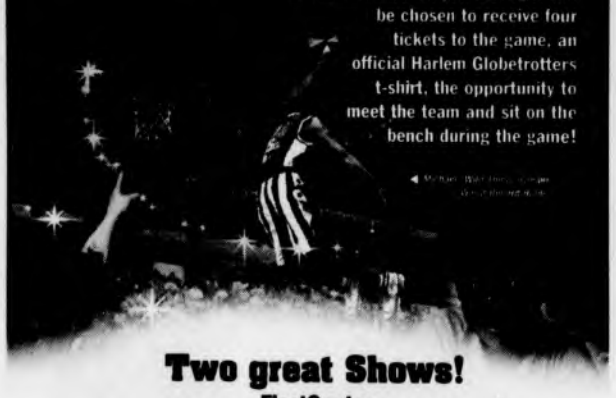
The Skippers celebrate their win on Saturday as Blue Hills player heads off the ice for the final time.

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Not a bad encore

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However, he got that point back an escape of his own less than 30 seconds later, at which point Pallaria went into his stall game to run out the clock.

"I really believe Phil is no worse than the second best wrestler in the state at this division," said Sweeney, who to support that assertion pointed to the fact both Diaz and Laganas won their consolation matches to take fifth and third, respectively. "I think he could do very well at New England's. It would be a great way for him to end a great career."

Kehoe also earned a first round bye, as did all of the state champs, and then lost to Greater Lowell's Matt Fuller in an 8-6 heartbreaker. The CHS junior showed a lot wrestling back after a four-point first period takedown, but simply ran out of time at the end.

In order to qualify for New England's, Kehoe was then faced with the challenge of having to win two consolation matches in a row. He won three—topping Mt. Greylock's Jeff Brodeure, 4-1, Gateway's Dan Plumadore, 6-1, and finally Somerset's Ed Michno in an overtime thriller.

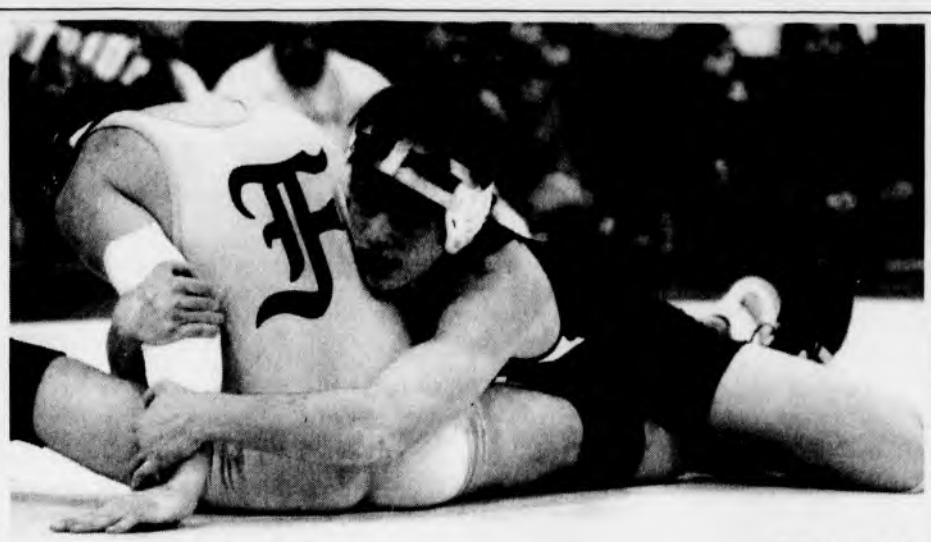
Neither Kehoe nor Michno scored in the regulation six minutes, but Kehoe scored a takedown with just 10 seconds left in the OT period, rolling over on top of Michno after very nearly being taken down himself.

Kehoe then lost to Chelmsford's Bruce Rich, 12-4, in the bout for third place, forcing him to settle for fourth.

Baroudi earned his second straight bid at New England's following almost precisely the same course as Kehoe.

After his bye, Baroudi lost a controversial overtime match to Leominister's Sean Griffin, 2-0.

Baroudi kept his New England hopes alive by pulling out a 4-3 double overtime win over Haverhill's Pat Menzi, as he held on to managed an escape in the second OT period to earn the final point.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Joey Kehoe (right) placed a solid fourth at the All-State wrestling championships on Saturday to advance to New England's this weekend in New Haven, Conn.

And Baroudi's New England tourney clinching win over Westfield's Matt Gaylord was just as dramatic, as he broke a 3-3 tie with an overtime pin.

The battle to advance to the third-fourth place bracket was a rematch of the previous week's state championship bout between Baroudi and Southwick's Kyle Davidson, won by Baroudi with an overtime takedown. This one was even more dramatic, as Baroudi had to hang on to Davidson for the entire 30 seconds in the double overtime period to notch the deciding point.

Tewksbury's Chris Bryne took third place with his 7-2 win over Baroudi, just his fourth loss on the season and the first that wasn't decided in either overtime or by one point.

The Cohasset travelling wrestling show will leave town Friday morning, with the athletes needing to get to New Haven by early afternoon. The wrestlers will spend Friday night in a hotel, assuming they qualify for the second day of action.

"It should be a good time," concluded Sweeney. "The kids will have to miss another day of school, but I'm sure they'll get over that."

Too Rough a Ride

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sibly at Connecticut College.

Coach Levangie encouraged a balance between performance and positive mental outlook. He cited Courtney Caron, Caitlin Gontarz, Ellen Tarpey, and Jen Dinger for their ability to motivate their teammates.

In terms of performance Coach Levangie felt Casey Anderson, Ashley Faber, Jen Buckley, Danielle Pinkus, Lisa Musto, and Nicole Whitney led the way.

Besides his players, Coach Levangie gave strong praise to the supportive parents and to his three assistant coaches-- Dave Gianferante, Jack Levangie, and Kay Long. The players received extraordinary personal attention and it paid off.

Fast forwarding to next winter, Coach Levangie hopes to return to Cohasset. Departing seniors include Gontarz, Caron, Faber, Pinkus and Buckley. Archrival Harwich will lose eight players to graduation. Stay tuned for the future match ups between these two teams.

Coach Levangie remains quite optimistic about next year. He has seen tremendous improvement in Johanna Hamilton, Chelsea Grossman, Mia Lieb-Lappen, and Katie James. They will all return next seasonl. Some names have also surfaced from the JV squad like Lara Novak and Lacey Richardson.

In the off season, they set their sights on outside shooting and rebounding skills. They will need all of their skills, especially when they square off against Carver, Harwich and Abington.

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Cohasset High Ski Team Members: Marissa Evans and Michelle LeMaire join race participants Kathryn Whorisky, Prescott Busk, Jessie Guild, Andrew Busk and Coach Jack Dane at the MIAA championships on 2/25/04.

CHS skiers close season in style

February 25th was a beautiful day at Mount Wachusett for the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association State Alpine Championships. Over 300 racers from across the state participated in the all day event, which included Giant Slalom and Slalom races. This is the culmination of the race season for most teams and the camaraderie and festive atmosphere made for a great event.

Representing Cohasset High School were Senior Co-Captains Andrew Busk and Jessie Guild and Sophomores Kathryn Whorisky and Prescott Busk.

Fourth year coach Jack Dane did a wonderful job of encouraging and overseeing the four racers competing on different courses.

Each of the Cohasset racers was able to place in at least one of their two races which is no easy feat on a course they had never skied before. Individual race results and times can be found at **www.ihigh.com.**

Sophomore ski team members Marissa Evans and Michelle Lemaire joined the parents in cheering the Cohasset racers on.

The team has a strong backbone of underclassman who will try to fill the void left by Andrew and Jessie as they move on to college.

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SPORTS NOTES

Splash into the Summer of 2004

We would like to extend an invitation for applicants! Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards for the 2004 summer season. All applicants must be 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Letters of interest should be sent to Attn: Darleen Koetsch, Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net. Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

Coastal Stars Youth Hockey sign-ups

The Coastal Stars Youth Hockey organization will be registering players from Marshfield and Cohasset for the 2004/2005 season on the following two dates:

Saturday, March 6th-St. Christines Parish Lower Hall, Marshfield from 12:00pm–4:00pm.

Saturday, March 13th-St. Anthony's Parish Center, Cohasset from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

The 2004/2005 Fee will be $625 if paid in full at registration. Parents should have child's hockey shirt size and desired shirt number. Registration for any new players that are 8 years old and younger will be announced at a future date. For more information see *www.coastalstars.com.*

CYBSA signups for players/coaches through March 6

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association will hold its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball season from now through March 6, 2004. Parents/guardians have two options for registration: CYBSA will hold a registration on Saturday, March 6, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., outside both the Osgood and High School gymnasiums.

In the alternative, parents/guardians may register children by mail, provided that mailed registrations are postmarked no later than March 6, 2004. Registration forms are available by contacting Nancy Froio on (781) 383-1897. Forms will be available via e-mail. Registrations that are received or postmarked after March 6, 2004 will be subject to a per player $25 late registration fee. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated, as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order uniforms so that we are ready for opening day.

This registration is for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 as of July 31, 2004.

A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany a **new** player's registration forms.

The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the major league baseball (ages 10 to 12) and softball divisions (ages 11 and 12) will be $100. The registration fee for boys and girls participating in the minor league divisions for baseball (ages 7-11) and softball (ages 7-10) divisions will be $85. The registration fee for the farm league instructional division (ages 5-6) will be $65.

Please be advised that children assigned to Major League teams are still required to register.

In addition, due to recent the child protection program instituted by Little League governing organization, all adults interested in coaching, managing or volunteering in any way, are required to register at this same time and supply a photocopy of a government issued identification. Individuals not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the CYBSA program.

Questions regarding either player or coach registration may be directed to Liam O'Connell on (781) 383-9538 or Nancy Froio on (781)-383-1897.

Boston Bruins Alums vs. Coastal Stars coaches

The Boston Bruins Alumni Team will be playing the Coastal Stars Youth Hockey Coaches at Hobomock Arena in Pembroke on Sunday March 14th at 3:15 p.m. The Proceeds from the benefit game will go to support the Ace Bailey Children's Fund and Coastal Stars Youth Hockey. The Ace Bailey Children's Fund was established in memory of former Bruin Garnet "Ace" Bailey, who was aboard United flight 175 on 09/11/01. The proceeds raised by the fund go directly to improve the hospital environment for sick patients at The Floating Hospital for Children. A limited number of tickets will be available in advance and the day of the game. Ticket prices are $8 for adults and $5 for children. Please contact Bill Quackenbush at 781-319-1929 for tickets. There will be Bruins merchandise, photo opportunities and even more excitement on the ice.

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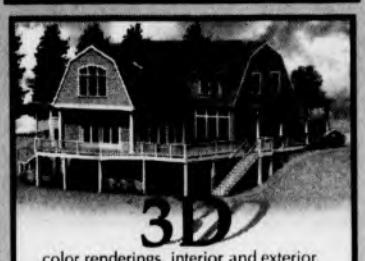
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Coastal Stars Youth Hockey

Mite C3

The Stars Mites C-3 team completed a perfect, undefeated Yankee League season at 21-0-0 with a decisive 9-1 win over the Eagles 1 Mites team. The season included a Cranberry Cup championship, during February school vacation, where the team went a perfect 6-0-0 over the week long tournament to take home the top prize. The success of the hockey club can be summed up in the phrase "team effort". Most games saw scoring contributed by all three forward lines and the defensemen, in fact 14 of the team's 16 players ended the regular season with multiple goal games. This was a very impressive stat to a team which stressed defense and strong positional play. All the team's players saw action at multiple positions, in goal, across the forward lines and on defense which was considered an "honor to play" on this club. The hockey team enters the Yankee League playoffs as the top seed from the Mites South Division. This weeks Coastal Stars win versus the Eagles came as the result of another solid team effort. A strong goaltending performance was turned in by Cranberry Cup MVP net minder Max Hemingway making many saves against some quality Eagles scoring opportunities. With several of the team's members scratched due to illness borrowed player Jeremy Archibald scored the games first goal and finished the contest with a "hat trick". Stars center Robert Gargano also "lit the lamp" three times as he collected a "hat trick" with first and third period tallies. Other Coastal Stars goal scorers included Garrett Leahy, Matthew Tautkus and James Daley. Stars wingers Jeffrey Powers and Andrew Tautkus along with defenseman Declan Leahy aided the scoring effort each contributing a pair of assists. Line mates Ryan Melia and Curtis Golden buzzed around the Eagles offensive zone all game only to be denied on several scoring chances with great saves from the opposing net minder. The game featured another strong defensive outing led by defensemen, Bryan Bowman, Sam Topham, Hugh Hersey and Jake Denton who broke up many Eagles rushes from mid-ice. Great goaltending, strong positional play, balanced scoring from all lines and a stingy defense should propel the team far into the Yankee League playoffs.

Mite C4

The Coastal Stars Mite C-4 team had a busy week, participating in the Cranberry Cup Tournament at Hobomock Arena in addition to its regular season games. The Tournament was a great success, as the C-4's went 4-0 in four games of round robin play. The Stars dispatched a gritty Seahawks team 5-0 in the opening tilt, as Jake Burchill backstopped the shutout with some sensational saves and Eric Weinstein almost single-handedly shut down the Seahawks offense with his stellar defensive play. Jeff Nagle and Tommy O'Brien led the charge offensively, with both notching pretty goals. After cruising to a win over Plymouth and getting by a tough Weymouth team 6-5, the Stars faced a difficult fourth game in the round robin against Braintree. Braintree attempted to capitalize on the speed of their forwards by positioning them outside their own zone for potential breakaways, but the Stars defense corps quickly identified the strategy and shut them down in their tracks. Mats Nelson, Liam McHugh, Ryan Cresta, Christopher Lund and Eric Weinstein did a spectacular job smothering the Braintree forwards, giving them little room to skate and frustrating them at every turn. The line of Michael Lund, Sam Rice and Tommy O'Brien contributed hugely on offense, moving the puck well down low in the zone, and springing many odd-man rushes. The line of Zack Coggins, Ryan McGovern and Jeff Nagle also had a big game, potting three goals in the tilt, which ultimately ended in a 7-2 Stars win, a score that was a little more lopsided than the actual play, which was quite even throughout the game. The Stars moved on the semi-finals where they notched a 5-1 win over another Seahawks team, setting the stage for an all Coastal Stars tournament finale against the Mite C-1's. This game was tight from wire to wire as every player on both teams brought their "A-game" to the rink. The tension was palpable and the pace of play furious with the C-3's ultimately prevailing by a 4-1 margin. It was a fitting ending to a great tournament, and the Coastal Stars should take great pride in their performance and showing in the tourney.

Mite A

The Mite A Coastal Stars pulled out a comeback, 4-3 win against Canton in a thriller that was in doubt until the final buzzer. The Stars jumped out front when Colin Whelan broke up a Canton rush inside the Stars' blue line. Andrew Geddes skated the puck down the right side and fired it past the Canton goaltender with 6:48 left in the first period. Canton knotted the score just before the 5:00 minute mark when Connor Maher made the save on a Canton break, but Canton banged the rebound home. Canton took the lead with 1:40 left on a point-blank shot from out front. Canton extended its lead with a power play tally at 8:25 of the second period. The Stars pulled within one when Will DeCoste flew coast-to-coast and found the five-hole with 3:30 left in the second. DeCoste's goal seemed to light a fire under the Stars. Colin Whelan made a rush that was saved. Jake McDonough's rush down the left side to the front of the net was also saved. Terrence Doonan and Ken Parnell dug ferociously for the rebound until the whistle blew. Jeremy Duchini hustled back to break up a couple of Canton rushes. The Stars picked up a penalty with 13:40 left. But Will DeCoste took the face-off from his own end, found daylight through center ice, and raced past the Canton defense for a shorthanded coast DeCoste that tied the score with 12:57 left. Frank Lemieux put the Stars ahead when Tommy Dixon and Chris Cohen broke up a play at center ice. Lemieux carried the puck down the left side and fired it into the right corner with 8:44 left. Canton came back hard, but Maher was his routinely sensational self, and the Stars' defense stiffened. The Stars picked up another penalty with 7:36 left. Kevin McDougall, Jared McCrystal, Will Golden, Brian Smith, Jonathan Spitz, Terrence Doonan, Ken Parnell, and DeCoste combined to kill the penalty. Canton pulled its goaltender with 1:00 left, but the Stars withstood the extra skater and left town with the win.

Squirt A

The Stars Squirt A Hockey team found out what can happen when they play a strong puck possession hockey game. For three periods the Stars cycled the puck down low and worked patiently for their scoring opportunities, which were plentiful. The first coming just 27 seconds into the contest as Alex Evans (2 assists) set up Ryan Donovan for the first of his 2 goals. Jeff Durkin then sent Connor McLean in on a breakaway on a nifty pass up the middle. Jeff was looking to dump the puck in deep as the Stars were trying to get fresh legs on the ice, but saw Connor breaking down the right side and slid it over to him before heading to the bench and Connor scored the first of his 3 goals with a beautiful finish. On the next shift Jeff Durkin put the Stars up 3-0 as he finished his own rebound after John Collins and Alex Evans traded passes behind the net giving Durkin time to get open in front. Will Schorle showed once again that he is one of the best two way defenseman at the Squirt level as he took care of business in the defensive end while adding to the offensive attack, scoring 2 goals and assisting on Mclean's second goal by making a touch backhand pass that sent Connor in alone for his second breakaway goal. Brian Scott also showed some offense (1 assist) making one spectacular rush out of his own end and raced down the left side and nearly beat the Hanover netminder with a hard shot to the five hole. The defensive four, Entwistle, Cull, Schorle and Scott are really making good decisions when it comes to getting involved in the offense. The Stars limited Hanover to just a handful of scoring chances on goaltender Kevin Kelly by protecting the puck all over the ice and not turning it over. The team has a good understanding of how important puck possession is and saw the positive results that come from it in this solid team effort.

Boys off target

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able to limit Millis' inside game, while guards Chris Bilodeau, John Andrade and Trevor Brady were quick to close out on Mohawks shooters.

Cohasset appeared to build some momentum at the 6:40 mark of the first half, when Bilodeau drove down the right side of the lane, made the basket and drew the foul. The three-point play gave the Skippers a 13-11 lead.

The home team would score only three points the rest of the half, however, as Millis played some stifling defense of its own. The Mohawks held Cohasset to 6-for-31 shooting in the half. The Skippers did their part by holding Millis to 8-for-26 shooting.

The visitors had the lead at the half, 19-16.

Unfortunately for Cohasset, the shooting trend continued for them in the second half. They made just nine out of 34 shots, including 2-for-12 on threes.

The Skippers appeared as though they would be able to take the ball inside after Pearl picked up his fourth foul with 13:27 left. Millis held a 22-20 advantage at that point. Pearl had just five points and five rebounds, mainly due to foul trouble.

Instead, it was Millis that stepped up and made some shots. Senior guard Tom Rae was especially troublesome for Cohasset, making four treyss in the second half, all of them daggers that silenced the Skippers crowd.

Cohasset simply could not buy a basket for most of the second half. The Skippers were able to force turnovers leading to fast breaks, and showed some good ball movement for open shots in the half-court set. Nothing was falling, however, and the Mohawks' lead grew to as much as 14 with 6:14 to go.

Cohasset made a late scramble to get back in the game, as sophomore guard Trevor Brady hit a couple of 3-pointers and Connolly got three baskets down low. It wasn't enough, however, as Millis had an answer each time, either with a Rae 3s or a basket from Dick down low.

Connolly led the skippers with 11 points and also pulled down seven rebounds. Brady had eight, while Andrade has six and Bilodeau five. Bilodeau also had seven rebounds and four assists.

Rae led all scorers with 18 points, and Dick had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

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Relay For Life kicks off



Lyn Pevite, Laurie Greenip, Justine Vanderhugt and LeeAnn DeVries all from Cohasset at the social event last Thursday that kicked off planning for this year's Relay For Life.



Committee members Emily Grebenstein and Alana Driscoll at the kick off event. Stay tuned to the Mariner for more updates about this year's Relay For Life, which is slated for mid-June at Alumni Field.



Paula Girouard-McCann, prinicpal of Hingham High School, and Jennifer Henricksen, an HHS teacher, at the Relay For Life event at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham.

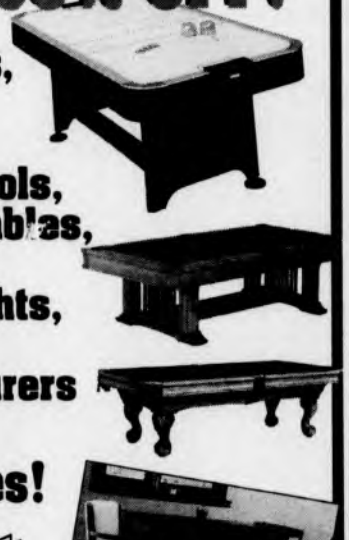
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Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, March 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone from Grades 6 and over is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Chili Cook-off! For Newcomers Club

The 10th annual chili cook-off is scheduled for Saturday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Scott & Carrie Peters, 27 Beach Plum Lane in Scituate. All club members are invited to bring a pot of their favorite chili in this flavorful competition. It should be ready to serve, including any additional fixings you wish to serve with it. Paper goods and silverware will be provided. Anyone not interested in entering a chili should bring an appetizer or dessert to share. There will be a charge of $5 per person collected at the door. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Heidi Blanchard at 545-8006.

ASP mandatory meeting

Next mandatory Appalachia Service Project meeting is Sunday, March 7 at 8 p.m. at First Parish sanctuary.

Medical and permission forms are due March 7. Notaries will be available before meeting from 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

CEA volunteer is being sought

Cohasset Elder Affairs is looking for a volunteer to assist one (or more) days a week as an Office Receptionist/Office Assistant. Currently, there is an opening on Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon as well as other time frames. Call Martha Horsefield, Volunteer Coordinator, at 781-383-9112.

Springtime House tour

"Opening Doors for Resurrection Youth Ministry" Resurrection Parish of Hingham would like to welcome you to its first annual House Tour & Boutique featuring Springtime Table Settings on Saturday, April 4, from noon to 4 p.m.

The goal of this important undertaking is to raise funds to send middle and high school-age students away this summer for a week of volunteer work. This year there will be more than 70 students traveling to Quincy, Worcester, San Francisco, Calif., and Gallup, N.M., to spend a week serving meals in soup kitchens, stocking food pantries, delivering meals to the homebound, visiting the sick and elderly, and doing home and building renovations.

Local shops, florists, decorators, and homeowners have worked together to create an exciting variety of table setting ideas in both the kitchens and the dining rooms of these South Hingham homes. Reflecting themes both casual and elegant, you'll enjoy seeing a French Fete celebration, a Kentucky Derby party, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Alice in Wonderland's High Tea, and a Springtime Renewal of Friendship gathering, to name a few. High school students planning to go on these trips will be staffing the homes on the Tour.

The Boutique, open from noon to 5 p.m., on Sunday, April 4, has 20 venders offering a superb variety of gift items for sale, such as handmade jewelry, knitted scarves, custom pottery, handbags, hand painted furniture and note cards. It will be located in Read Hall, the lower level of the Resurrection Church, adjacent to Notre Dame Academy, at 1057 Main Street in Hingham. Ten percent of the proceeds will benefit Youth Ministry. The Boutique will also have a Bake Sale, sponsored by Middle School students and a "Relay for Life" table with Luminarias available for a donation to the American Cancer Society.

Advanced tickets will be available for purchase for $20, beginning March 13, and can be purchased at any of the following locations. Resurrection Rectory, Treasures in the Square, Corson's Glass House, La Petit Maison, Olden's Pharmacy in Weymouth, Village Gardens in Norwell, the Hingham Public Library, and Noble's Camera Shop in Queen Anne Plaza in Norwell. Tickets for the House Tour will only be available at the Boutique on the day of the Tour and will cost $25.

Call the Resurrection Rectory at 781-749-3577 with any questions you may have about the House Tour and Boutique.

Spring Rec. Programs

Watch local news media for registration notices for a variety of Pre-K through grade 6 after school recreation programs, as well as April, school vacation Baseball clinics, Wrestling clinic and Safe boating course for children and adults. Details for these programs will be released soon. Call 781-383-4109 for more information.

Hadassah hosts Purim Celebration

The South Coastal Chapter of Hadassah invites the public to a Purim Celebration. "Vashti's Tea" will be held on Sunday, March 7 at 4 p.m. at 35 Franklin Rodgers Road. Rabbi Shira Joseph of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham will lead a discussion on: "Rebels, Romantics and Redeemers: The Women of Purim." The cost of the event is $18 per person. Hadassah members are encouraged to bring a friend to "Vashti's Tea" which promises to be fun and educational while also raising funds for Hadassah.

Hadassah is the largest women's group and the largest Zionist membership organization in the United States. Five main threads run through Hadassah's many programs and projects: health, Jewish growth and continuity, partnerships with Israel, social action and advocacy, and life skills.

For more information or to reserve a seat at "Vashti's Tea", please call (781) 749-6237 by March 1.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Poetry contest for middle school kids

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset is hosting its third annual poetry contest. All middle school students (grades 6, 7 & 8) are invited to participate. This will be a month long event to celebrate poetry month. Students may submit their entries directly to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Rt. 3A, Shaw's Plaza.

Students can enter one of four categories. 1. Free Verse 2. Rhyming 3. Form; any type, such as haiku, limerick, pantoum, tanka, sonnet. 4. Theme: Peace. The contest runs through April 12and the judges are local middle school teachers (Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate.) A $15 Gift Certificate will be awarded to each winner and there will be one winner in each grade per category. The winners will be announced at the Open Mike Event to be held on Thursday Apr. 29, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Cohasset. All contest participants are eligible to read at the Open Mike Event (reading is optional; however you must register in advance to read) by calling Buttonwood Books & Toys at 781-383-2665. Light refreshments will be served.

Entry Rules: 1.Entry heading requires name, address, phone number, grade, school and category. 2. Poem with an Original Title. 3. Length: One typewritten page. 4. One entry per person. (Poems without the above information will not be eligible for inclusion in the contest.)

Kindergarten sign-ups are being conducted

Kindergarten registration for 2004/2005 is being conducted daily, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Joseph Osgood School. Kindergartners must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2004 in order to enroll. Birth Certificates and proof of residence are required. Call the school if you have any questions at 781-383-6117.

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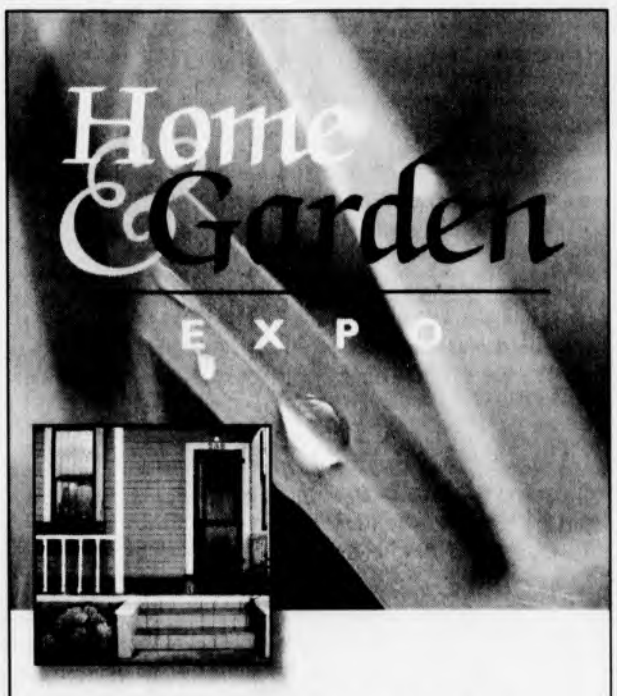
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Cohasset girls play von Trapp children in 'Sound of Music'

By Samantha Brown
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The hills are about to come alive at the Company Theatre in Norwell, as cast and crew prepare for their upcoming show, "The Sound of Music." With lines memorized and final touches being made to costumes in preparation for dress rehearsals, Cohasset residents Emily Baumgarten, 9 and Rebecca Dickinson, 12 are beginning to feel the butterflies in their stomachs.

Of the seven von Trapp children, Emily and Rebecca were chosen to play the roles of Marta and Brigitta, which is quite an honor considering more than 100 children auditioned to be a part of the von Trapp brood.

"The room was packed. You could barely move," said Rebecca, recalling what it was like auditioning.

However, the two Deer Hill students may have had an advantage even before they walked through the door, as both have previous experience with the show and the roles they auditioned for.

"We did 'The Sound of Music' at the Cohasset Dramatic Club," said Emily, adding she and Rebecca held the same roles in the Cohasset show as they do in the Company Theatre production. "It was a different version," Emily said of her former script, adding while many lines were almost the same, there were some new lines that needed to be memorized.

While "The Sound of Music" is the first Company Theatre production for Emily, Rebecca was a cast member in the theater's productions of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," and "A Christmas Carol." Because both girls share the same dream of one day making a career out of their talents, this play will surely not be the last for either.

"I want to be on Broadway someday," said Emily, to which Rebecca chimed in and said on Broadway, you have to be able to sing, act, and dance, which both girls will do in "The Sound of Music."

But of all three areas of talent, the girls say in "The Sound of Music," the singing aspect is the most difficult. "You need to get your harmonies down," said Rebecca, which has required much hard work not only individually, but with the other actors.

Fortunately, "All the children have great voices," said Emily, which makes the harmonies blend together very well.

When the curtain goes up, both girls said they will be "extremely nervous," not only because of the pressure to sing the right notes in harmony, but because they have a slew of lines that must be remembered. Rebecca said it's very important to remember lines and cues, because "If you miss a line, it throws the timing off completely."

Aside from what the audience sees on stage, problems can arise behind the scenes, as many costume changes are necessary throughout the show.

"We have our sailor costume, lonely goat costume, play clothes, and party outfits," said Rebecca, adding sometimes costume changes must be done on the side of the stage. Emily said because costumes need to be changed so quickly, the girls wear leotards underneath to speed the process along. Neither girl has seen all her costumes just yet, but with dress rehearsal beginning soon, they won't have to wait much longer.

Aside from being on stage, Rebecca said one of the best aspects of being in the show is being able to meet new people. "You become best friends and by the end of the show, they feel like family," she said. Emily agreed and said "We'll be sad once it's over."



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Emily Baumgarten and Rebecca Dickinson will play Marta and Brigitta von Trapp in the Company Theatre's production of "The Sound of Music."

When not on stage, Emily said she enjoys playing soccer and tennis, as well as participating in Girl Scouts. She also takes ballet lessons at the Boston Ballet school, right next to the Company Theatre. Emily takes figure skating lessons as well, and enters competitions. "I just won second place last weekend," she said.

Rebecca takes dance lessons, and is currently enrolled in a jazz class at a studio in Hingham. She enjoys playing sports, including soccer, tennis and swimming. Rebecca also likes hanging out with her friends and playing on the computer, as well as talking on the phone.

"The Sound of Music," tells the tale of Maria, a woman on the path to becoming a nun, leaves the confines of the abbey to discover her true calling, and becomes the governess for the von Trapp family's seven children. The widowed Captain von Trapp is a naval officer who disciplines his children as if they were military soldiers, and the children in turn act obedient under his watch, but have turned many governesses away with their antics. Maria wins the children over with her kindness and teaches them how to sing.

In addition to Emily and Rebecca, there are three other Cohasset residents lending their talents to the production. Peter Dupre will play the role of Captain von Trapp, his wife, Lori Dupre will play the role of a nun and Rebecca's father Reed Dickinson will play the role of Frans the butler.

"The Sound of Music" will open its curtains on Friday, March 12 and will run until Sunday, April 4. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the Company Theater at (781) 871-2787 or visit their web site at http://www.companytheatre.com. Tickets are priced at $23 for Wednesday (7:30pm) and Sunday shows (3:00pm); and $25 for Thursday (7:30pm), Friday (8:00pm) and Saturday shows (8:00pm). Tickets are also available at the box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell.

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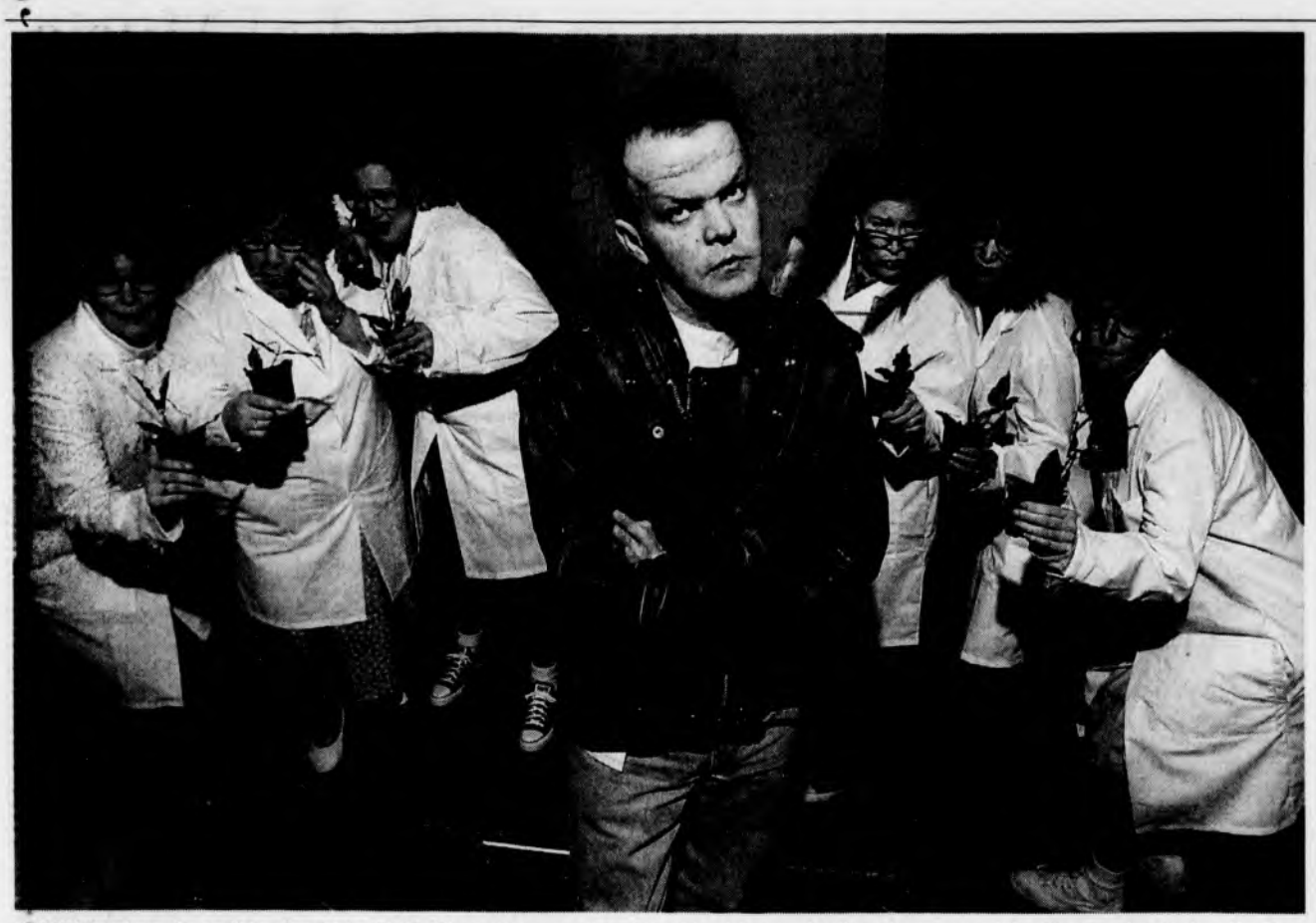
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Bill White plays the sadistic dentist in "Little Shop of Horrors" and has his girls march off to plant more of the blood eating Audrey IIs. The girls are, from left, Tina Cline, Jean DiGiacomandrea, Barbara Baumgarten, Jessica McDonald, Lisa Gates and Linda Indek.



At right: Chris Hetherington is the voice and Gary Ritts is the puppeteer for Audrey II in CDC's "Little Shop of Horrors." They are pictured here with the "little" Audrey II.

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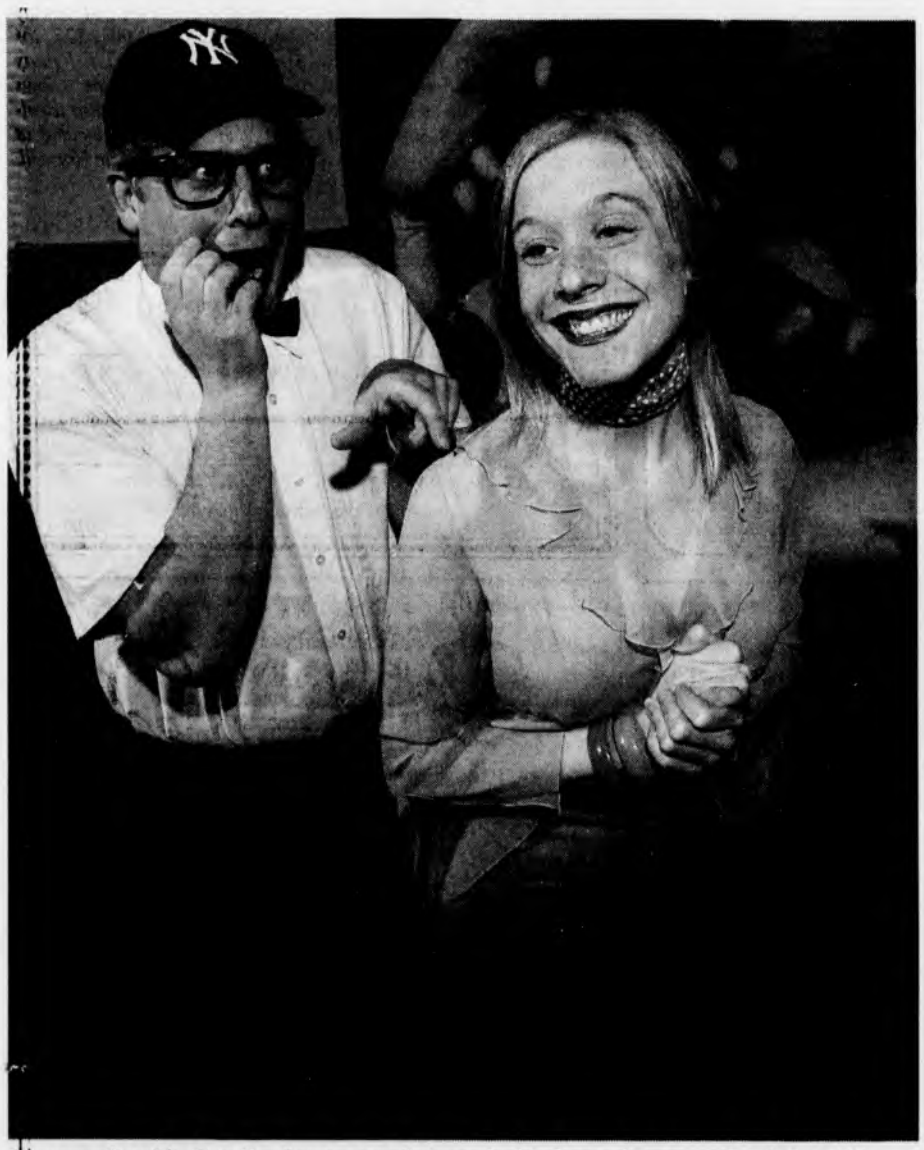
The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents "Little Shop of Horrors," a musical by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman (the same team which also created Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," and "Aladdin").

The plot revolves around Seymour Krelborn, a lovable nerd, who makes a Faustian deal with "a strange and interesting new plant", only to learn the high price he must pay.

The show is full of laughs and toe-tapping musical numbers and is a great way to spend an evening Parental guidance is suggested due to language and implied/comic book style violence.

All shows are presented at the Cohasset Town Hall auditorium. Show times are Friday and Saturday nights (Marcy 5, 6, 12 & 13) at 8 p.m., and Sunday afternoons (March 7 & 14) at 2 p.m.. Tickets are $12 and are available by calling 781-544-0304, or you can get them at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset or at the door.

Staff photos by Alan Chapman



Seymour, played by Eric Henderson, secretly longs for his flower shop co-worker Audrey (Ali Ritts) as his famous plant Audrey II, is ready to bite.



Shop owner Mr. Musnick (Mark Chason) gets all excited when the Audrey II makes his flower store famous. The alien plant is named by its caretaker Seymour for his girlfriend.

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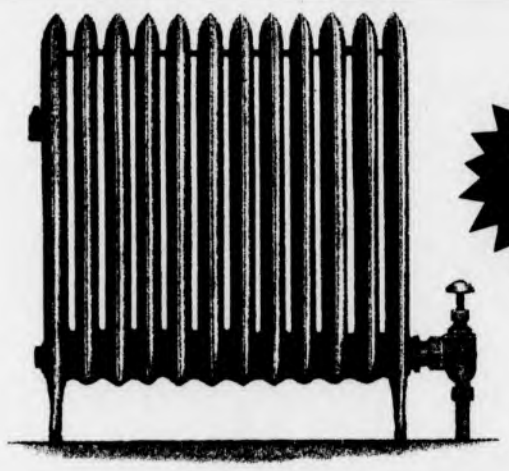
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OBITUARIES

Ruth Dorion Murphy

Ruth (Dorion) Murphy, of Cohasset, died March 1, 2004, at the Harbor House in Hingham.

A resident of Cohasset for forty-two years, retired school teacher down in Marshfield. Mrs. Murphy taught in the Marshfield school system from the 1960's through the 1970's. Born in Cambridge, raised in Arlington attended Arlington schools and was a graduate of Radcliffe College class of 1942, Magnum Cum Laude. Graduate degree from Harvard University and a Masters in Education. She was a member of the Harvard Club and the Cohasset Sailing Club; she was an avid Gardner and reader, traveled with her late husband Thomas F. Murphy through out Europe and Africa.

Mother of Susan Thornton of Ohio, Sarah Rennie of Hingham, Elizabeth Adomkaitis of Duxbury and Michael T. Murphy of Cohasset. Sister of Bette Cunningham of Texas, Marjorie Lander of Reading, Jean Pelosi of Scituate, Jane Mercer of Washington State, the late Anne Drew and the late brothers of Merrill and Paul Dorion.

Mrs. Murphy also leaves five grandchildren and four great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service will be held at the Bigelow Chapel at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Thursday at 12 noon.

Internment at Mt. Auburn Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Visiting Hours Omitted.

Arrangements made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

John E. Souther

John Elbert Souther of Cohasset, 77, died Feb. 28, 2004, at the Beverly Manor, Plymouth, following a long illness.

Mr. Souther was formerly a resident of Hingham for 10 years.

Born in Cohasset, son of the late David and Mable (Mackenzie) Souther, he was educated in Cohasset schools.

He was a self-employed carpenter and an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Souther was a life member of the D.A.V. and a past member of the National Rifle Association.

He was the brother of Donald Souther of New Mexico, Hatherly Souther of Maine, Elizabeth Dunn of Marshfield, Ardeth Hand of Pennsylvania and Ethel Gormley of Cohasset. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held at the Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

Remembering Herb Towle

Friends and relatives of Herbert Towle are cordially invited to share his memories on Saturday March 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's Residence, Government Island at Border Street.

WORSHIP NOTES

United Day Of Prayer at Glastonbury Abbey

Each year Fr. Thomas Keating and Contemplative Outreach designate a day for people throughout the world to gather together for prayer, silence, and sharing. Fr. Keating has prepared a special video presentation for people attending these sessions, and there will be opportunity for discussion after the video.

This year the South Shore and Cape conference will be held at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center in Hingham on Mar. 20 from 9:30-3p.m. In addition to the video by Fr. Thomas, there will be several sessions of centering prayer, a walking meditation, and the opportunity to attend noon mass at Glastonbury Abbey.

It is not necessary to belong to a Centering Prayer group to attend this day, but familiarity and practice with centering prayer would be helpful. This day provides an opportunity for the global community of Contemplative Outreach to bond in silence. Morning coffee and lunch are included in the $35 fee for the day.

Please call Rosemary Edwards at 781-749-5377 or Ed McDermott at 781-925-2707 to reserve a place or to answer questions about this program.

Buddhist Meditation

A Buddhist meditation group meets at the Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham at 7 a.m. Wednesdays, and at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays.

Call 781-749-1679 for information.

POLICE LOG

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

2:29 p.m. Sohier St., and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop/verbal warning.

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

1:49 a.m. South Main St., suspicious.

8:34 a.m. Pleasant St., animal control.

10:11 a.m. Spring St., fire, investigation.

10:49 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, annoying phone calls.

3:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, property found.

4:43 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:15 p.m. Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:26 p.m. Pond St., larceny.

7:08 p.m. Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:53 p.m. Oak St., assault.

SUNDAY, FEB. 22

8:03 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, property found.

4:22 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:41 p.m. Beechwood St., well being check.

8:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:58 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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MONDAY, FEB. 23

8:14 a.m. South Main St., traffic control.

8:23 a.m. King St., animal control.

9:55 a.m. Lamberts Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:27 a.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted, advised legal help.

3:09 p.m. Training.

4:24 p.m. Jerusalem Road, well being check.

4:49 p.m. Border St., general services.

5:06 p.m. Jerusalem Road, threats (bodily harm), investigated/report taken.

5:26 p.m. Sohier St. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:12 p.m. South Main St., well being check.

6:17 p.m. Beechwood St., transport.

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8:13 p.m. Norfolk Road, suspicious, investigated/report taken.

9:04 p.m. Jerusalem Road, threats (bodily harm), log entry information.

9:33 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:40 p.m. Middleboro Police, notification.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

1:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, open door/window, secured building.

6:47 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7 a.m. Forest Ave and Old Coach Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

7:55 a.m. Elm St., property found.

9:33 a.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:13 a.m. Sohier St., vandalism.

11:30 a.m. Sohier St., suspicious person.

2:10 p.m. Forest Ave and Heather Drive, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:18 p.m. Joy Pl., motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

5:45 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:54 p.m. Middleboro Police, serve restraining order.

6:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:44 p.m. Beechwood St., message delivery.

9:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

12:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

12:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other police department.

5:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:37 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:47 a.m. Chief justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:29 a.m. Headquarters, property found.

8:56 a.m. Border St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:06 a.m. Cushing Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:10 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:15 a.m. Highland Ct., disturbance family, arrest: Amyra A. Chase, 17, 17 Highland Ct., Cohasset. Charges: A&B.

11:27 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.

12:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:17 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:17 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:34 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

6:42 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious.

8:26 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

10:40 p.m. North Main St., suspicious auto.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

5:21 a.m. Border St., assist other agency.

5:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:13 p.m. North Main St., and Sohier St., fire, log entry.

2:29 p.m. Cedar St., animal complaint.

3:25 p.m. South Main St., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:41 p.m. Stevens Lane, animal control.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

4:05 a.m. Headquarters, assist other Police Department.

6:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:02 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:51 p.m. Elm St., animal control.

3:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, illegal dumping, good intent call.

4:50 p.m. Beach St., property found.

5:10 p.m. South Main St., serve restraining order, 209A served in hand.

7:45 p.m. Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

7:21 a.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:32 a.m. Gammons Road, fire, investigation.

9:39 a.m. Ripley Road, officer wanted, dispersed gathering.

10:26 a.m. Summer St., officer wanted.

11:33 a.m. South Main St., notification.

3:57 p.m. James Lane, officer wanted.

4:24 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:34 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

5:04 p.m. Forest Ave, officer wanted.

5:56 p.m. Forest Ave and Heather Drive, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:11 p.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:17 p.m. Black Horse Lane, suspicious auto.

10:23 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle crash, removed to hospital.

11:52 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

SUNDAY, FEB. 29

11:13 a.m. South Main St., missing person.

11:33 a.m. Forest Ave and North Main St., traffic complaint.

2:09 p.m. Pleasant St., fire, structure, fire extinguished.

5:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

5:46 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:06 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:30 p.m. Hull D.P.W. Cohasset/Hull Line, assist other Police Department.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Morde, Richard, 11 Jerusalem Drive, support for hot tub (beams), $1,000; Victoria's Pizza, 790 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, expand prep station/walk in cooler, $2,000; McKay, John, 114 Beechwood St., restore to farmhouse style dwell., $125,000; Rosen, Michael, 39 Ledgewood Drive, addition and remodeling, $177,500; Gilbert, Aaron and Mary, 38 Reservoir Road, 2 additions/bath, update/kitchen remodel, $200,000.

John Canney, South Main St., $16,000, remodel garage for family room/bath; Bigley & White, James Lane, $1,000, reconstruct greenhouse; Jonathan Arnold, Flintlocke Ridge Rd., $25,000, addition 16x20; John Nestel, Jerusalem Rd., $250,000, addition 2nd floor.



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Cura VNA & Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, offers **The Young Widow and Widowers Support Group**, March 4 and meeting every other Thursday for eight weeks from 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m. To register call 508-746-0215.

Plymouth Chamber kicks off official **Business EXPO** at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor March 4 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. Exhibitor hours are 12 to 7 p.m. Exhibitors interested in participating need to contact 508-830-1620 or email info@plymouthchamber. com

Raffael's Restaurant's 2004 Dinner Theatre , Quincy presents **Connie, Brenda, Patsy & Me** musical review March 4, 5. All tickets $35 for the matinee, lunch begins at 12 noon and $45 for the evening shows, dinner at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call Raffaelís Restaurant 617-328-1600.

Cameron MacKintosh's new production of Lionel Bart's **Oliver!** at **The Wang Theatre,** Boston March. 2, 3,4,5,6, 7. For more information and times call 1-800-447-7400.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.



BEST BET

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents New Black Eagles Dixieland Concert, March 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are $10. Dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. For more information call 781-834-6505.

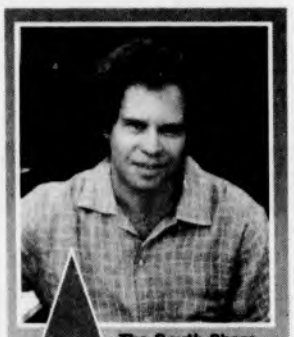
Adult Literacy and GED classes will be held at **Blue Hills Regional Technical School**, 800 Randolph St., Canton. The program is funded by Massachusetts Dept. of Education and is free of charge. For more information call 781-828-5800 ext. 325.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the **World to the White House**. Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Fri. 5

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The South Shore Folk Music Club celebrates their 25th anniversary season with a concert featuring David Roth at the **Beal House**, Route 106, Kingston, March 5 at 8 p.m. doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets $10 members and $12 non-members. For information call 781-871-1052.

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center presents **An Evening of Dreamchasing** a fundraiser at the Scituate Country Club, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $50 per person. Reservations are suggested 617-3044911 or www.dreamchasersthe-atre.org

The James Library & Center for the Arts presents **"All Things Denote There is a God," an exhibit of photographs by Michael Moran** of Rockland through March 31. An opening reception will be held Friday, March 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. For information and library hours call 781-659-7100.

The South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will hold a **youth dance for ages 9 to 13** on Friday, March 5 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Cordage Park Plymouth, Mill #1 Lower Level. Tickets are $6. For information call (508) 747-1234.

Curtain Call Theatre, Corner of Faxon and Commercial St., Braintree announces the production of Stephen Sondheim's **"Into the Woods"** March 5, 6, 7, 11. Shows are at 8 p.m. except for Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. For tickets call 781-356-5113. www.curtain-callbraintree.org

The Friends of Lydia Vigneau and Scott Whale invite you to an evening of fun and good cheer at a **Silent Auction** at the Red Lion Inn, Cohasset, March 5 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased by sending a check for $20 to The Lydia Vigneau Fund, 310 Beechwood St., Cohasset MA 02025 or calling 781-383-2129.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **"Little Shop of Horrors"** at the cohasset town Hall, Highland Ave., Cohasset, March 5,6,12 &13 at 8 p.m. and March 7 & 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12. For more information call 781-544-0304.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell **Spring Flower Show** March 5, 6, 7. For more information about time and cost call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Nathan Gallery, 152 Rockland St., Hanover presents **Full Circle** Feb. 27 - April 16. Full Circle is the second annual showing of artwork by the faculty and students from the Hanover Public School Art department (K - 12). Gallery hours Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-826-6500.

The Massasoit Theatre Co., Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd. Brockton, presents **On Golden Pond** March 5, 6 at 8 p.m., and March 7 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $13 general public, $11 w/Massasoit ID, seniors, students. All seats reserved, call 508-427-1234.



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Mother and son tour with "Oliver!"

The musical "Oliver!," adapted from Charles Dickens novel "Oliver Twist," tells the story of an orphaned boy who escapes to London from a bleak workhouse.

As Snake Man, Mattapoisett's Koby Williamson plays one of the apprentice pickpockets in the Fagin-led gang that takes Oliver under its wing. Williamson's own story could not be more different from his character. A sixth-grader at Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett, Koby is one of one only two New Englanders in the national tour of the musical — which plays at Boston's Wang Theatre through Sunday — with the other being his mother. Christine Williamson, an instrument teacher in the Mattapoisett school system, plays clarinet in the show's orchestra. With its familiar plot and a score by Lionel Bart that features songs "Who Will Buy?," "Food, Glorious Food," and "As Long As He Needs Me," "Oliver!" was first presented in London in 1960 and on Broadway three years later where it won several Tony Awards.

Cameron Mackintosh's new staging of "Oliver!" will be at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, through Sunday. For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.telecharge.com.

-R. Scott Reedy



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Boston's Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., Bosotn, presents **Richard Dreyfuss in Sly Fox**, Feb. 20-March 7. Ticket prices range from $21- $88 and are available through Telecharge 800-447-7400 or online www.telecharge.com

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays and vacation weeks Free with admission. Join us for a half-hour of storytelling that will delight youngsters (and accompanying adults, too). Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

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Sat. 6

The Turntables performing your favorite oldies from the 50's and 60's and beyond at the **Dinner Shows at Country Club** of Halifax, March 4. Tickets $40. **The Barker Tavern**, Scituate March 13. Tickets $45. Call 508-746-2939 or www.theturntables.net

The Third Annual Auction for the Arts at Christina's, Rte.1, Foxboro to benefit the Orpheum Theatre will auction a date with "Average Joe" **Dennis Luciani** along with many other items, March 6 starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets $40 with dinner or $10 Auction only. Call 508-543-2787 or www.orpheum.org

Starbucks Coffee Brewing Seminar to be held in Weymouth, 980 Main St. (Rte. 18) March 6 at 10 a.m.

South Shore Conservatory sponsors trip to NYC to see **Verdi's La Traviata**, with **Renée Fleming** at the Metropolitan Opera, March 6. Tickets are $290 per person and includes opera ticket, transportation, lunch and box supper. Call 781-934-2731, ext. 14.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell will feature its **7th Annual Flower Show** weekend

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The Hull Lifesaving Museum will hold the **24th Annual Snow Row**, Saturday, March 6 beginning at noon at the Windmill Point Boathouse, 185 Maine Street, Hull. The fee is $20 for racers, spectators are free. For more information call 781-925-5433.

The Children's Museum, Easton will kick off a year long celebration of the centennial **of The Old Fire Station** with a **Red Hot Party — A 100th Birthday Gala and Silent Auction** at the Martin Institute, Stonehill College Campus, Easton, March 6. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 508-230-3789.

25th Annual USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild Exhibit at the **USS Constitution Museum**,Charlestown Navy Yard Feb. 1-March 6, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Admission is free and donations are encouraged. www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org

The Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, **The New Blue Revue, Matthew Stubbs Band**, 9 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796.

The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will perform a concert celebrating the 10th anniversary of conductor Steven Karidoyanes and featuring the **2004 High School Choral Consortium** Saturday, March 6 at 8 p.m. A pre-concert talk will be given at 7 p.m. For tickets and information call 508-746-8008.

The North River Arts Society presents **Recent Paintings by Brooks Kelly** at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham starting Jan. 31 through March 26. Open Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Call library to confirm current hours, 781-741-1405. Opening reception Feb 2 from 7-9 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

Sun. 7

The South Shore Conservatory presents **pianist Mark Goodman** in concert, Sunday, March 7 at 7 p.m. in Cox Hall at the conservatory's Hingham campus. Admission to the concert is $10, conservatory students are admitted free of charge. The South Shore Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565.

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **New Black Eagles Dixieland Concert**, March 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets $10. For more information call 781-834-6505

The South Shore Arts and Recreation Center will hold **a "10 Bands for $10" Fund Raising Concert** to benefit Starcreations Theater/South, March 7 from 1 to 8 p.m. at Cordage Park Plymouth, Mill #1 Lower Level. Tickets are $10. For information call 508 - 747-1234.



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The Allegheny Trio will perform in **Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium**, 798 Washington St., Braintree, March 7 at 3 p.m. The concert is open to the public and admission is free.

Boating Skills and Seamanship Course classes to be held at **the Metropolitan Yacht Club**, 39 Vinedale Road, Braintree, March 7 to May 9, Sundays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. There is a $50 fee for the ten week course. Pre-registration is recommended. Call 781-848-2906.

Flow Zone Cafe, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull, features licensed esthetician and professional make-up artist **Audrey Berman-Cassevoy** for an afternoon of skin care and tips from 2-4 p.m. For more information call 781-925-9499.

The Boston Classical Guitar Society and the **Hingham Public Library present Alan Lee Wilson** performing Sunday, March 7 at 3:30 p.m. in the Hingham Public Library's Whiton Room. For more information call (781) 741-1405.

The Annual Model "A" Ford Club Flea Market will be held Sunday, March 7 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Brow Oil Company Building, 177 Adams Street in Braintree. For information or to reserve space call (508) 285-3211.

Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**, Broad St., Weymouth for children 41/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For more information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will show together the text and illustrations from the Persian literary works: the Shah-nama, Khavar-nama, Khamza of Nizami and Hadith al Anbiya in the exhibition **Complex Tales: Persia** Feb.1-April 25. For more information call 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town members of the **Weymouth Art Association** will display at several locations in Feb and March. Paintings may be purchased. For more information call 781-335-4675

A Conversation About Stuff We Like/New Sculpture by Alan Klein and Mike Newby will be exhibited at the **Art Complex Museum**, 189 Alden St., Duxbury Feb. 1-April 4. Opening reception Feb. 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m. For more information call 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

South Shore ARC is offering its **Sunday Open Gym** through April 4, at the Cole School in Norwell from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. $10 fee. 781-335-3023 x2227.

The Interfaith Book Study Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for March, Palace Walk by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036

"Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance" every Sunday evening at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Dance music by DJ Joe Pet. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended.

Mon. 8

The Complete Course in College Funding is a free seminar sponsored by the **College Advisors Group of Hingham**. It will be held at the Hingham Library, Hingham March 8, 22 at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Attendance is limited, call 781-740-1175 to register.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month Elva Proctor will exhibit her paintings for the month of March at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30pm at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical conceived choreographed and directed by **Twyla Tharp** and based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly, free, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Tues. 9

The Weymouth Voice of the Faithful will be held at **St. Albert the Great Parish**, 1130 Washington St., East Weymouth, March 9 at 7 p.m. For information call 781-337-8778.

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For more information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnolly@artsfirst.org

The South of Boston Knitters Guild will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Route 139 in Marshfield. New members welcome. For more information call 781-740-4961.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250.

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.



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South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. Dave Thomas Band. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 10

The North and South Rivers Watershed Assoc., and **South Shore Natural Science Center**, and **Mass Audubon** present a series of free Wed. evening lectures now through March at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Lectures begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Winter Programs** every Wed. at 3 p.m. and Sat. at 10 a.m.. Free with admission. Come watch the naturalist on duty feed the animals. For more information call 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.



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concert featuring music on the clarinet and piano by Elizabeth Leehey Sunday, March 7 at 4 p.m. The concert is free. The Art Complex Museum is located at 189 Alden Street. For more information call 781-934-6634.



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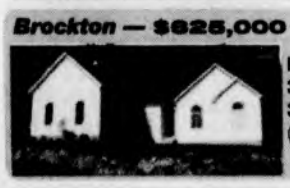
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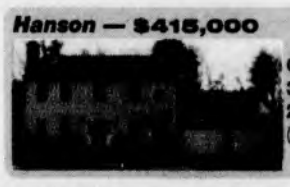
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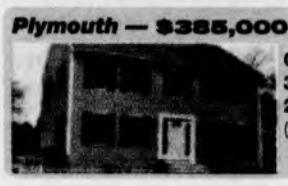
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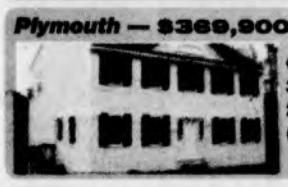
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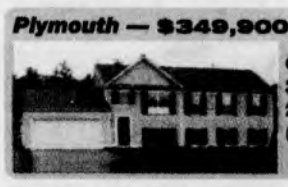
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Wareham — $329,900

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Plymouth — $349,900

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Marshfield — $279,900

Cape Cod
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1 bath
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Plymouth — $449,000

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Rockland — $305,000

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1.5 bath
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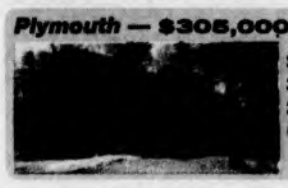
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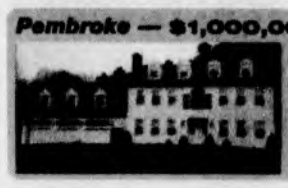
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Wareham — $369,900

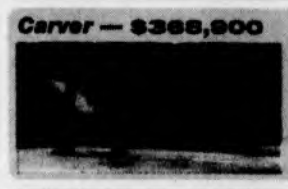
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Hanson — $635,000

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W. Wareham — $300,000

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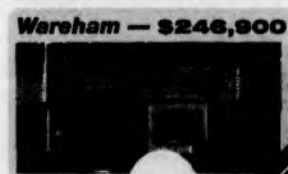
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Cook Estate plan on docket tonight

By Samantha Brown
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Members of the Cook Estate advisory committee held their last meeting Monday, and hoped to provide enough information to allow the Board of Selectmen to make a final decision Tuesday. However, it seems the group did its job so well, that consultants Drew Leff and Dave Fulton have requested more time to review information compiled, in order to follow up on questions and pursue a few more references.

"We've been wrangling with a few issues," said Leff, adding by taking an additional two days, it will not affect the overall schedule for the project. "I realize we're on a tight time schedule, but we still have some questions," he said.

Some of the questions remaining after discussions with the committee, were the likelihood the developers would be able to get permits from the Planning Board within the town's timetable, without any redesign, and the financial stability for each company. Because none of the proposals provided financial

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Gays upset with Garrett Bradley

Don't agree with his stance to put marriage on ballot

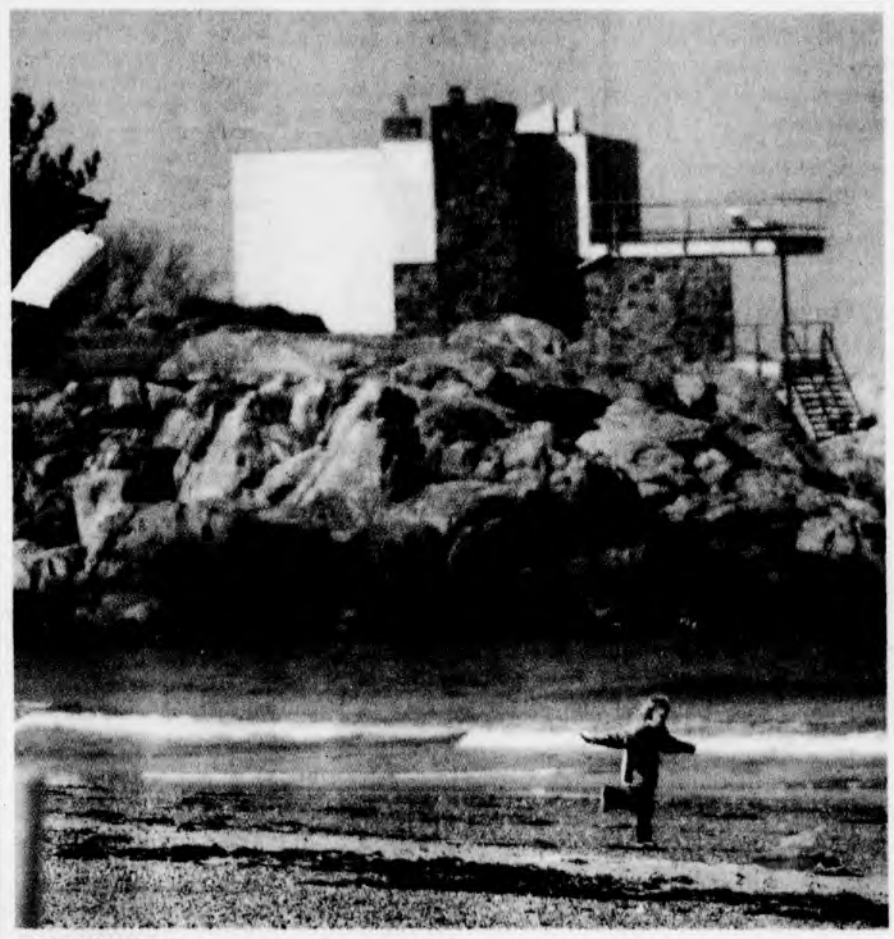
By Mary Ford
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It may have been one night when state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, wished he'd been a Republican.

Gay rights activists tend not to waste their energy on Republicans, whom they think would automatically oppose same-sex marriage.

But they say they expected more from the two-term Democrat, who was under fire Monday night from an emotional crowd of about 200 concerned citizens that invited him to the

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GROUNDED

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Cassandra Mahar runs along Sandy Beach to get her kite aloft last Sunday. The Walter Gropius House, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, is in the background.

'Lest we forget

Monumental plans to remember vets

By Samantha Brown
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At this time next year, the scenery could be changing at the Veterans Memorial Park on Cohasset harbor, thanks to the efforts of the Veterans Memorial Committee. Members have been formulating plans which would add monuments honoring Cohasset residents who served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars, which will be placed next to the Civil War and World War II honor roll walls which currently stand.

The new memorial will be made out of the same stone as the existing monuments and will have the same gray granite plaques, but will be smaller in height so as not to interfere with the view of the harbor. Currently, Glenn Pratt, member of the

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DA says Quigley did nothing wrong in series of incidents

Conducted investigation at chief's request

By Mary Ford
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The chief law enforcement office in the county has stated Sgt. William Quigley has done nothing wrong in a series of police stops and arrests Police Chief Robert Jackson has asked the District Attorney's office to investigate.

In a Feb. 24 letter to Chief Jackson, First Assistant District Attorney Dennis Mahoney stated "there is nothing in the material that by itself suggests that Sgt. Quigley has been involved in a pattern of improper police behavior that may be depriving citizens of constitutionally protected rights and has been filing false police reports."

The DA's office investigated 14 separate incidents that Jackson brought to its attention. The Cohasset Police Department hand delivered to District Attorney William R. Keating's Quincy office on Feb. 9 a package of police reports, fact sheets and narratives on the incidents.

Quigley, who was placed on paid administrative leave Oct. 20, is facing charges from the town of inappropriate activity in three arrests and one booking procedure. He is also accused of drinking on duty following a training exercise last May at the Scituate Rod & Gun Club. The charges were covered during the first three, day-long sessions of the police disciplinary hearing at Town Hall, when the town presented its case. The hearing is scheduled to resume Monday when Quigley and Officer James McLean, who is also on paid administrative leave for alleged abuse of police power and drinking on duty, are expected to present their defense.

"What is left to discuss? With all due respect to Mr. Haddad, he is not in a better position to make a determination than the DA has already done."
— Doug Louison, attorney

Both officers, who deny any wrongdoing, want to get back to work.

On Jan. 12, about two weeks before the officers' disciplinary hearing on the town's charges began, Jackson wrote to the DA's office asking for an investigation into Quigley's police conduct, according to correspondence obtained through a public records request. The officers learned of the town's charges on Jan. 13.

Quigley's arrest of the chief's son and two other men outside the Legion hall last Oct. 11 was not included in Jackson's request for an investigation, although the other two arrests and the booking procedure the town is alleging Quigley mishandled were.

In the letter to the DA, Jackson stated, he had "suspicions that Sgt. William Quigley was making arrests before developing probable cause and then was tailoring his reports to cover arrests."

It's not the first investigation the town has asked for. The town hired a private investigator who examined Quigley's arrest reports for the past three years. He also looked into Quigley's background and past employment. Quigley, who has been a full-time Cohasset Police Officer since 1995, has named both Jackson and Town Manager Mark Haddad in a civil suit for invasion of privacy and interfering with his employment as a police officer.

Haddad and Jackson have declined to comment on the police issue, as has Town

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ROW YOUR BOAT

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The Cohasset team of Karol Wilcox, Dan Allen, Brent Daly and Alice Bellon with Jon Liffman as coxswain row to the finish at Saturday's warm but windy Snow Row in Hull. For more photos see page 23.

Cohasset names its new superintendent

By Samantha Brown
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After what has been a very busy time for members of the School Committee, there is now one less item on its to-do list, as the group unanimously voted to offer retiring Supt. Edward Malvey's position to current Middleborough superintendent Denise Walsh.

Making the decision one week ahead of schedule, the board couldn't be happier with its decision and can't wait to begin working with the district's newest addition.

"So much of what makes a good appointment is the match," said School Committee Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts, adding Walsh has both the skills and a real passion for the issues Cohasset wants to address. Member Pat Martin agreed and said "I would say she is an excellent fit for what we're looking for."

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn called Walsh from his cell phone during the School Committee meeting, minutes after the committee chose to appoint her to the position. Flynn said he was a little worried at the beginning of the conversation as Walsh told him after a week of hearing nothing from Cohasset, it gave her time to seriously reflect on whether Cohasset was the right place for her to be. Flynn said she then told him she was very happy with the decision she made and that, "She's agreed very gleefully to come to Cohasset."

The School Committee has

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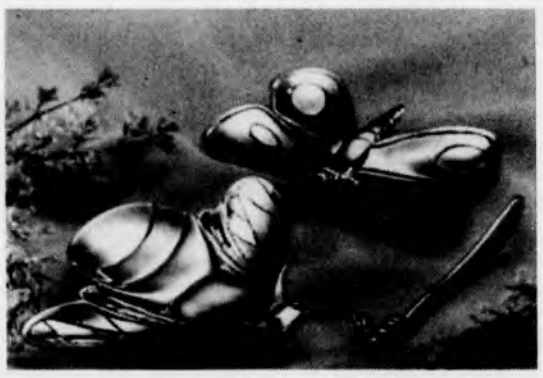
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This week in COHASSET

Theatre group to visit Deer Hill

Deer Hill has been awarded a grant from the Anti-Defamation League's No Place for Hate Program, which will be used to present "Doin' the Right Thing", a play that explores the cruel effects and consequences of teasing, bullying, and harassment. The play is being presented on Thursday, March 18 by an educational theater group, and all Deer Hill students and their parents are invited to attend.

The play is 30 minutes long, followed by a 30 minute group discussion led by the actors. Show times are from 8:50-9:50 for grade five, from 10:15-11:15 a.m. for grade four, and from 1-2 p.m. for grade six.

"Doin the Right Thing," was developed and produced by Deana's Fund, an organization dedicated to the prevention of violence. Last year the program was presented to the sixth grade, and very positive feedback was given by students, parents, and teachers.

With some help from the Cohasset Diversity Committee, funding will be provided by both an Anti-Defamation League "No Place for Hate" grant and matching funds from the PSO as well as funds from the town's Project Safeguard Committee.

For more information, please contact Betsy McGrath, Deer Hill's School Adjustment Counselor, at (781) 383-6115.

Wadsworth back on Historical Commission

After taking some time off, David Wadsworth has been appointed back on the Historical Commission. In a letter to Town Manager Mark Haddad, Wadsworth stated, "At the suggestion of the Chairman of the Cohasset Historical Commission, Noel A. Ripley, and with the encouragement of Commission members, I would like to apply for re-appointment to the Commission. I believe that I can assist the Commission in fulfilling its task as a part of the ongoing project of preserving the history of our town, and am willing to serve the Commission in that capacity."

Construction update

Construction is almost complete at the middle-high school, as canopies are being installed both in the front of the building over the main entrance, and by the superintendent's office. "The community area itself is coming together, and we hope to move meetings there in a few weeks," said Supt. Edward Malvey. Malvey said already he has held meetings in the small conference room which has been completed, and hopes the larger conference room can serve as the new meeting place for School Committee meetings very soon. Furniture for the larger conference room was received last week, but Malvey said the room will need to be outfitted with new cameras and microphones before it will be fit to hold meetings.

Streetscape meeting

The consultants from the Waterfield Design Group will hold an information meeting Wednesday, March 17, at 5 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall. All Village merchants and residents are invited to attend the meeting, which will discuss construction phasing for the upcoming streetscape and infrastructure project.

Changing fees for streetscape project

Town Manager Mark Haddad said an additional $55,200 will need to be paid by the town to the Waterfield Design Group in order to get the approved contract amounts in line with the work the company has both done and will need to do in order to finish the design portion of the Village Streetscape Project. The additional fees are the result of the group's being asked to go back to the drawing board a number of times to finalize plans. Even with the additional cost, "We are still within our overall budget," said Haddad. In addition to the $55,200, a letter from Craig Miller the town said it will need to pay an additional $3,400 for bid phase services, and printing costs for construction bid documents can be estimated at roughly $700, depending on how many contractors pull plans for the job when it is advertised.

Planning Board to be represented by counsel

The Board of Selectmen has agreed to appoint private counsel to represent the Planning Board during the appeal of its decision to grant Cedarmere a special permit. Abutters to the proposed development have filed an appeal of the Planning Board's decision, based mainly on the fact that the Sewer Commission denied the project a connection to the town's sewer lines. Because the Sewer Commission's decision is being appealed by Cedarmere, and the Sewer Commission is being represented by Town Counsel in that matter, the Planning Board thought it would be best to avoid a potential conflict of interest, and hire independent counsel to represent it. Town Manager Mark Haddad said he spoke with attorney Richard Henderson and he has agreed to represent the Planning Board at a discounted rate of $150 per hour.

Deer Hill gym dedication set

Supt. Edward Malvey presented the School Committee with a letter he received from the Dennis Kuntz Memorial Fund Committee, which asks if it would be possible to name the brand new gymnasium at Deer Hill School in his honor. Kuntz was a physical education teacher in Cohasset from 1964-1994, and his memorial fund would like to purchase an engraved plaque, to be mounted at the entrance to the gym, which would be paid for with funds from an account set up in his memory. The School Committee said it has had similar requests before, and will take it under advisement. The School Committee asks that if any community members have any thoughts on the renaming of the gymnasium, to please contact any members of the board.

Technology better at Registry of Deeds

Register William P. O'Donnell, D-Norwood, reported the Registry has completed implementation of upgraded technology for document processing, record management, and public research access. Backlogs and waiting times have been significantly reduced. The Registry has also added a customer service center, expanded real estate closing areas at the Registry, and adopted improved data security and disaster recovery plans.

Internet services have been greatly enhanced, O'Donnell stated, with redesign of the Registry website, www.norfolkdeeds.org, and introduction of Internet accessible online land record and title research.

"Online research has proven a significant benefit," O'Donnell stated, "reducing the need for customers to travel to the Registry and allowing them to obtain research information outside of regular business hours."

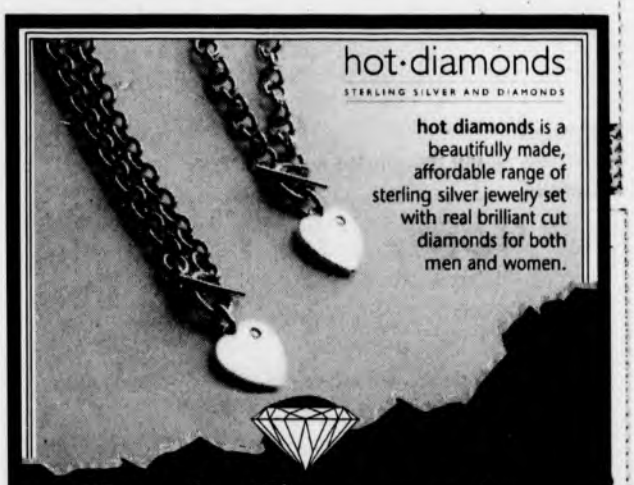
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Task force floated to create community-police dialog

By Mary Ford
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Police overtime may not be the only police issue to be discussed on the floor of Town Meeting.

A citizens petition asking for a task force to start a dialog between the police department and residents at no cost to the town got a warm response from the advisory committee last week.

The reworked citizens petition bears little resemblance to what is printed in the Town Warrant. The group decided to change the wording considerably, dropping the request for an "investigation of the police investigation," and opting to work toward a "code of conduct" to improve relations and understanding among police and the citizens they are sworn to protect.

The proponents were also agreeable to eliminating their request for $10,000 to hire a facilitator at the suggestion of the advisory committee, leaving open the option of returning to the fall Town Meeting if it is later determined the money is needed.

"Our view is the situation today is dramatically different than at the time when we filed the Citizens Petition," said Lou Harvey, spokesman for the group.

Harvey said the community and police need to talk to one another so both sides understand the type of police department that is expected.

"There's been a breakdown in communication," he said. "We're not here to affix blame but to create a dialog."

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— Lou Harvey, proponent

Advisory committee chairman Susan Kent suggested the proponents have handouts at Town Meeting explaining the request. She said the request presented to the committee was too vague and wasn't ready for "prime time."

"You have to ask for something and not just take the temperature of what the town thinks," she said.

Advisory committee member Roger Hill said there were two factions within the police department.

"They have to get on the same page or this won't work," he said. "There's a lot of old school and a lot of new school and that's where the problem lies.

"When someone is pulled over, they don't know which cop is behind that darkened window."

There was some discussion about how police handle incidents. Some advisory committee members suggested a code of conduct is more a management problem at the police department and Town Hall than something the community can address.

But Harvey said the police and community need to buy into the same set of rules so they understand one another. He explained police have a lot of discretion before an arrest is made.

Advisory committee member Pat Waters said he thought if the community supported the establishment of a task force then the selectmen would be on board.

But Selectman Merle Brown explained selectmen can't be forced to conduct a study of the police department. However, he said he had no problem with educating the town about how the police department runs. But Brown said any new policies have to pass muster with the police union.

"The union runs the system not management," he said. Brown said, for example, the union filed a grievance when the chief wanted to put a detective back in uniform to cut down on overtime. [Town Meeting voters will be asked to appropriate $60,000 to cover an overtime shortfall for the police department].

But Harvey said creating a dialog could open the door for change.

"The most important aspect of this proposal is to create a dialog among the parties," he said. "More people need to understand what the police are facing and visa versa."

Wigmore Pierson, another proponent of the article, said the situation at the police department will only get worse unless steps are taken.

"It's important to make an attempt to try a dialog and discussion rather than sit back and do nothing," he said.

Vote on police article is deferred

By Samantha Brown
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The Board of Selectmen has deferred making decisions on eight Warrant articles, in an effort to allow sponsors of the articles to come before the board and give a presentation. However, Article 6, which deals with the Citizen's Petition regarding the police investigation, was almost voted against, even before the proponents had a chance to present the article.

The original article proposed allocating $10,000 to hire independent counsel for the purpose of investigating the alleged misconduct, identify potential abuse of power, fraud, or deceit that may have taken place at the police department. However, the article has since changed and does not currently include allocating any funds and focuses on creating a dialog and not asking for an investigation.

"We do not recommend the article as it stands right now," said Selectman Merle Brown, adding he has no reason to have the citizen's group in to give a presentation. "We know what it is, and it's $10,000 we don't have," he said.

However, Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said she had heard the group had changed the article and had come before the advisory committee with a new version, and she would like to get an opinion from Town Counsel regarding the legality of the article before making any recommendation.

Selectman Tom Callahan made a motion to vote the board not recommend the article and Brown seconded. However, Selectman Fred Koed said if the board was going to wait for everyone else to present their articles, "Why are we treating them differently?"

Callahan asked why the citizens haven't come before the board before, and Town Manager Mark Haddad said he hadn't scheduled it yet. McMorris, Koed, and Selectman Michael Sullivan opposed taking a vote on the article at this time, and the vote has been deferred for now. Haddad said he will make an appointment with the proponents for them to come before the board with their article.

DA says Quigley did nothing wrong in series of incidents

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Counsel.

But the officers' attorney Douglas Louison says the DA's letter vindicates Quigley and the town should call off the hearing.

"In light of the correspondence, if the matter continues to go forward it smacks of bias and bad faith against Quigley," Louison said.

He noted Chief Jackson made incorrect assumptions about Quigley's handling of arrests and "handed arrest reports" to a private investigator and Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris, which led to the charges being brought forward. Louison described the investigator and McMorris as "non-qualified" to judge Quigley's handling of police matters.

The Cohasset Police Department hand delivered to District Attorney William R. Keating's Quincy office on Feb. 9 a package of police reports, fact sheets and narratives on the incidents.

"Quigley has been vindicated by someone who is knowledgeable," Louison said.

"What is left to discuss?" he asked. "With all due respect to Mr. Haddad, he is not in a better position to make a determination than the DA has already done."

Louison said he was also troubled that despite requesting all related documents on the police matter, the correspondence with the DA was not provided by the Town and had to be obtained through a public records request. He said when the hearing resumes, he plans to ask Jackson to testify about the correspondence with the DA.

Local powwow on Greenbush grade crossings is conducted

Pursuant to the Army Corps Hearing of Feb. 11 regarding four-quadrant gates along the proposed Greenbush Line corridor, delegates from the Town of Cohasset met with delegates from the MBTA and railroad administrators March 3 at three grade crossings in Cohasset. These include: Beechwood Street, Pleasant Street and King Street. The conclusion of the Army Corps Hearing was to follow up the Town's request for four-quadrant gates by putting together diagnostic teams to examine these crossings in greater detail and this request resulted in the March 3 site walk.

The Town of Cohasset was represented by: Fire Chief Roger Lincoln. Police Chief Bob Jackson, Carl Sestito of the Cohasset Department of Public Works and Cliff Carlson P. E., traffic engineer consultant to the town with Waterfield Design Group Inc. and Kristina Patterson, the Cohasset-Greenbush Ombudsman.

The MBTA was represented by an independent traffic consultant from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc. of Watertown, Derek P. Weldon Senior Railway Signal Engineer with the MBTA and Dan Breen Chief Engineer of Railroad Operations.

Although no decisions were made, many new questions were raised and some new solutions were put forth.

Also in attendance were members of the Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Railroad Administration and Project Conservator, Epsilon Associates.

A delegate, Eric Flemming, Deputy Program Manger for the Greenbush Project from the MBTA explained how the train was approaching and leaving at each road crossing and Patterson, the Cohasset-Greenbush Ombudsman, presented the town's case for four-quadrant gates at these locations. Following this, the members of the diagnostic team, attending group and abutters discussed the potential problems of safety access for fire and ambulance created by the current crossing designs and posed possible solutions. Other hazards discussed included, aesthetic and wetland impacts in historical and otherwise sensitive districts, general traffic and safety considerations and potential impacts to abutting residences.

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The diagnostic teams for each town planned to meet at the MBTA offices in Weymouth. At this time, the diagnostic teams will reach a consensus with regards to the crossing treatments that will be constructed for Beechwood Street, Pleasant Street and King Street in Cohasset.


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Cook Estate plan on docket tonight

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information, Fulton felt it was important to look into their past records. In light of that, he requested and had received some confidential financial documents from the companies, which he, Leff, and selectmen wished to review.

The RFP advisory committee is made up of citizens — appointed by selectmen, and can only make a recommendation to the board. However, if members have their way, selectmen will vote either in favor of the Blackrock/Northwest Cohasset LLC development, or the Northland Residential Corporation's The Village at Deer Hill. While the group as a whole said the four finalists all had positive qualities, these were the two that seemed to best meet Cohasset's expectations.

Members of the committee came up with a set of comparison sheets rating how well each development met the criteria it would like to see. Out of a possible 100 points, Northland had a total of 83, Blackrock/Northwest had a total of 77, Abbott Real Estate had a total of 73, and Baran/Keen totaled 72.

One of the most important aspects of the proposals, were the qualifications of the developer and the development team. Northland has many years of experience permitting projects in environmentally sensitive areas, which is extremely important for the Cook Estate project, as it is flanked by wetlands. The company has completed many projects comparable to what it has proposed for the Cook site, which shows it can manage a project of magnitude.

"We've had such good proposals, that's why it's been so hard."
— Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris

Northland has already built The Villages at Brookside, a senior housing community in Bourne, which many advisory committee members visited. However, Martha Horsefield said during her site visit, she did not see the same accommodations made for wheelchairs as she had seen when visiting a Blackrock development.

Blackrock spearheaded the Black Rock Country Club development in Hingham, which Horsefield and other committee members visited and liked. "The quality of Blackrock is very good," said Horsefield, adding she was most impressed with the fact that the doorways were all 36 inches wide, which allows plenty of room to accommodate for wheelchairs.

Northwest, which would work with Blackrock on the Cook development, has permitted and managed many comparable projects as well. However, while both Blackrock and Northwest have experience on their own, this would be the first time the two companies would work together.

Ava Heggie, who is on the RFP advisory committee as well as an abutter to the Cook property said she wanted to like the Abbott project which has plans to build the farthest away from her property, but in the end, she would prefer it if the town went with Northland. While she also liked the Blackrock proposal, she thinks the company "has too much going on right now," as it is still in the process of construction at the Country Club, and there is no way of knowing how that process will unfold.

However, many committee members think because Blackrock is owned by a Cohasset resident, there would be more of an incentive for the company to deliver a quality project. "Because he is a Cohasset man, there would be a sense of pride, and he would be more likely to make sure no mistakes are made," said Roger Pompeo.

On the other hand, Northland would work with the South Shore Housing Partnership in managing the affordable units after construction, which is an organization Selectmen Merle Brown said the town has worked with before. He said he was very impressed with its maintenance schedule because, "It shows they're not waiting until the building falls down," before repairs are made, he said.

The two developments are very comparable in terms of home price, which makes the decision even more difficult. Blackrock would offer sale prices of between $545,000-$650,000 and rentals between $1,200-$1,600 a month, with possible condo fees of $313 a month. Northland said its sale prices would be between $550,000-$650,000 and rentals would be between $1,000-$1250 a month, with condo fees of $280 a month.

Voters at last fall's Special Town Meeting approved packaging a 9-acre town-owned parcel behind Stop & Shop with the adjacent 22-acre Cook Estate, to build senior housing that would include affordable units. The town will conduct simultaneous closings, meaning no town money will be spent on the Cook Estate, valued at $4.5 million. Depending on which developer is selected, the town stands to make from $100,000 to $750,000 on the sale of the town-owned land.

"We've had such good proposals, that's why it's been so hard," said Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris.

The Board of Selectmen will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall. Selectmen Tom Callahan will not be able to attend the meeting and will therefore not cast a vote.

Sharing memories about Herb Towle

Friends and relatives of Herbert Towle are cordially invited to share his memories on Saturday March 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's Residence, Government Island at Border Street.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, April 2, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone from Grades 6 and over is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.



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Cohasset names its new superintendent

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been looking for a candidate with strong budgetary skills, and Walsh's past experience has proven she has exactly that. She counts among her achievements preparing and monitoring a $25 million annual school budget, and leading contract negotiations with six collective bargaining units. She has also coordinated and managed state and federal grants, and organized a town-wide economic summit, she said. Walsh also has experience with renovations, another plus for Cohasset, as she previously designed a school building assistance approved renovation project for an early childhood education center.

"Cohasset has spent the last six years on a plan to reorganize and restore our buildings. We have a brand new ship and we're ready for a new captain to bring us in a new direction," said Martin, adding Walsh is the person the Committee feels is best suited to take over at the helm.

Five candidates were interviewed by the School Committee, which had previously been sifted through by a superintendent screening committee comprised of two School Committee members, two school administrators, three teachers, three parents, one community member, and one student representative. There were 31 total résumés received. The search committee chose Walsh as their favorite candidate as well.

Walsh was the last of the five candidates to be interviewed for the position, and member Mark DeGiacomo said he knew who he would vote for even before the interview was completed. "All five were very good choices," DeGiacomo said, but added halfway into Walsh's interview, "I slipped Pat (Martin) a note that said, 'She's the one'."

Walsh has served as the superintendent in Middleborough since 2000. Prior to that, she served as assistant superintendent for the Silver Lake Regional School District in Kingston. From 1992-1997, she served as the principal of Dedham High School. She was also assistant principal at Hingham High School from 1986-1992, and worked as a teacher, department chair, and assistant principal at Sacred Heart High School in Weymouth from 1979 to 1986.



Middleborough Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh has been offered the superintendent's position in Cohasset.

Walsh is affiliated with many professional organizations, including the American Association of School Administrators, the New England Association of School Superintendents, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Walsh received her bachelor's degree in psychology and history as well as a master's degree in education and certificate of advanced graduate study in school administration from Bridgewater State College. She received her doctoral degree from the University of Massachusetts in 2003.

While all committee members are confident Walsh will be a terrific addition to the Cohasset school system, "It'll be a tough act to follow. There's a very big set of shoes she'll need to step into," said Martin, as Malvey will surely be missed. Walsh will come on board in Cohasset July 1, pending successful contract negotiations.

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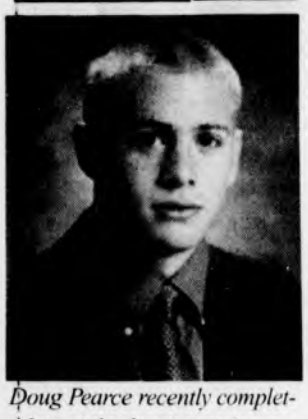
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Pearce completes winter mountaineering expedition

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Doug Pearce recently completed an eight-day mountaineering expedition.

MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITION

Gould Academy junior **Doug Pearce,** son of **Peter and Ansley Pearce** of Cohasset, recently completed an eight-day winter mountaineering expedition in the White Mountains of Maine and New Hampshire as a part of the school's Junior Four Point program.

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Sophomore student, **Isabelle Bertolami** of 95 South Main St., earned a place on the commended student list at Tabor Academy in Marion. Great work Isabelle, keep it up.

HALL OF FAME

Kim (Barba) Canney was recently selected for induction to the Braintree High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Kim who moved to Cohasset in 1988 grew up in Braintree and was a three-sport athletic star. During her senior year Kim was captain of the volleyball, girls basketball and girls track teams. Kim continued her athletic career at Assumption College where she was twice named MVP of the volleyball team. Currently the Osgood School PSO President, Kim will be honored at an induction ceremony at Braintree High School on May 2 where her plaque will be unveiled and permanently displayed at the high school gymnasium. Kim's children, **Julia** 9, **Evan** 6 and her husband **Paul are** extremely proud of their Hall of Famer as well they should be. This is a wonderful honor Kim, congratulations..

ATTENTION GIRL SCOUTS!

On Sunday April 4, the Cohasset Girl Scouts will sponsor their Mother & Daughter event: the Champions on Ice show at the Fleet Center in Boston. The show begins at 4 p.m., but buses will leave the Deer Hill School promptly at 2:15 p.m. and will return at approximately 7:30 p.m.. For more information, the Girl Scouts should contact their leaders. Permission slips have already been distributed and need to be returned to **Laure Becker Kimla** (with the $25 per person fee) no later than Monday, March 15. Limited tickets available, don't miss out!

ST. PAT'S DAY PARTY

On Saturday, March 20, St. Paul School will hold its second annual St. Patrick's Day Party from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. This year the event will be held at the Hingham Community Center. The food will be prepared by Just Food Catering Chef **Andrew Curley**. Music will be by **D.J. Sean O'Toole**, Irish step dancers, a bagpipe player and singing led by **Scott Wahle**. Tickets are $20 per person when purchased in advance and $25 at the door the night of the event. See you there!

ART SCHOLARSHIPS

The South Shore Art Center announces the 2004 Art Scholarship Competition for South Shore seniors attending public, private, or parochial schools who will graduate in 2004. Students who have been accepted by a school of fine arts or an accredited institution of higher learning which includes a fine arts curriculum are eligible to apply. The purpose of the awards is to encourage local students to further their art education. Three scholarships will be presented: one for $200, one for $500 and one for $1,000. And an additional $500 scholarship for an art center member who is returning to a field of visual art after an interruption. Portfolios and applications must be submitted on May 5, 9-9; May 6, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., May 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; May 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and May 9, 12-4 p.m.. Under no circumstances will portfolios be accepted after 4 p.m. on May 9. A panel of artists/educators will review the portfolios and applicants will be notified promptly by mail. Award money will be paid directly to the winners' schools to be applied toward tuition costs.

Awards will be presented during the awards ceremony at the South Shore Art Center Arts Festival on Cohasset Common, June 18. For more information please call the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or e-mail Heather Collins hcollins@ssac.org. with any questions.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENT

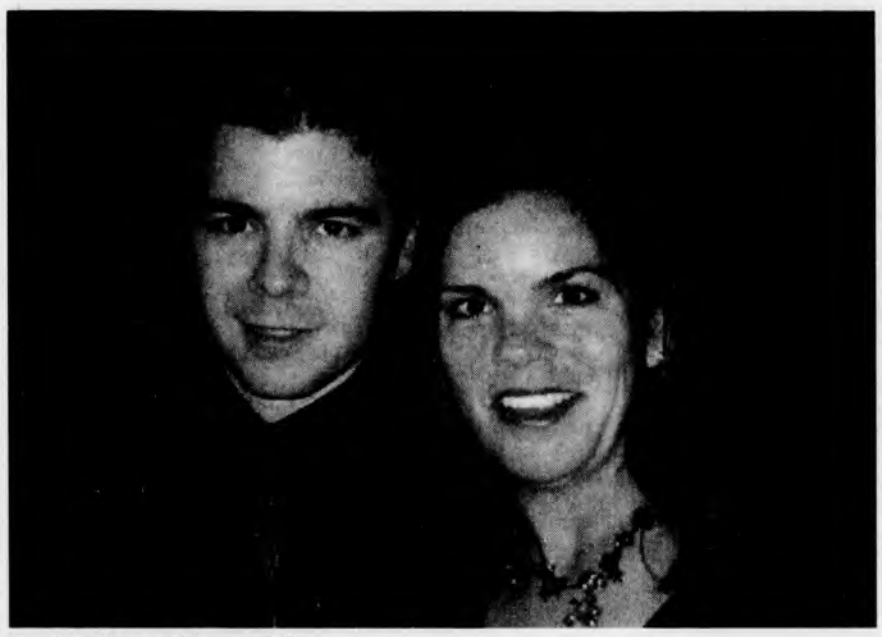
As part of its spring lecture series, the Cohasset Historical Society welcomes **Penny Myles** who will talk about "A Cohasset Woman at Sea: The Story of Drucilla Snow Percival." Penny will tell the story of this courageous 19th century woman who shunned the safety of shore, took her two small children and went with her sea captain husband on his voyages. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 17, at the Historical Society headquarters in the Pratt Building, 100 South Main St.. All programs are open to the public as well as Society members. There is no charge and light refreshment will be served.

DEAN'S LIST

Cornell University School of Architecture, Art and Planning has named **Caitlin E. Stansell** to the dean's list for the Fall 2003 semester. Caitlin is a fourth-year student in the College of Architecture and is currently spending a semester studying in Rome, Italy. Congratulations, Caitlin.

That is all for this week. All news and information should be to me no later than Mondays at noon.

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Sarah Culbert and Jeremy Williams

Culbert-Williams engagement

Mr. Andrew and Janie Culbert, of Scituate announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah, to Jeremy Williams. He is the son of Dr. Robert and Maria Williams of Cohasset.

Miss Culbert is a graduate of Scituate High School and Katharine Gibbs College. She is employed at State Street Corporation in Boston.

Her fiancée is a graduate of Cohasset High School and UMass Boston. He is employed as a IT Professional at Aztech Consulting Company in Boston.

A June 12, 2004 wedding is planned.

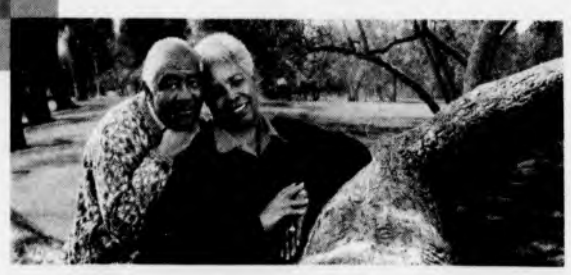
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'Walkie Talkies' get off on the right foot with new tops

By Samantha Brown
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Almost one year ago, the Council on Elder Affairs teamed up with the Board of Health to begin a walking club for senior citizens, and participation has been growing steadily since then. The group, led by Joe McElroy, gathers at Cohasset Middle High School each week to get some exercise and keep each other motivated, making it a real team effort. But in order to truly feel like part of a team, members needed "matching uniforms," and a bright idea from Ronnie Goodwin of Goodwin Graphics has made that possible.

"He said he wanted to do something for the group and it never occurred to me to make sweatshirts. It was the nicest thing in the world," said McElroy, and Goodwin said he was happy to be a part of the effort.

"I read about Joe in the Mariner and thought it was a great thing. I thought something should be done to encourage it," said Goodwin, adding he recently began his own regimen to get back into shape, and knows how beneficial exercise is. "Walking around a track isn't too glamorous," he added, but maybe by wearing their new team sweatshirts, it will help give another incentive to keep moving.

McElroy is familiar with the discipline it takes to start the habit of regular exercise, as it was at his doctor's request that he began participating in the walking club in the first place. After showing much interest in becoming involved with the walking club, McElroy was offered the position of team leader. Since then, he has been walking down a healthier path of life, while guiding others to do the same, much to the delight of the Board of Health.

"The National Institute of Health used to say you should walk two miles a day, now they've increased it to three miles a day," said Chairman of the Board of Health Steve Bobo. He added, walking is one of the easiest ways to get aerobic exercise and it's something almost everyone can do because of its low impact. "It's a pastime that doesn't hurt your body very much," he said.

"It's a pastime that doesn't hurt your body very much."
— Steve Bobo, Walkie Talkie

Because it is such a low impact activity, it can be done by a wide variety of people. "I am amazed at the diversity of people that walk in Joe's group," said Bobo.

McElroy said currently he has members that range in age up to 87 years old, and two of his regular participants are blind. Because of the many ranges of ability, walking courses are always hazard free.

"Some people walk the track and some people walk inside," he said, adding it depends on the weather and where people feel like walking. Because the group is very flexible, participants can even choose when they would like to participate.

The group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3 p.m. at the middle high school, but McElroy said there's no reason the group couldn't walk on Tuesday and Thursday as well. He said the group is very flexible and doesn't take attendance, and those who wish to participate can come as often as every day, or one day a week if they choose.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Members of the "Walkie Talkies" senior citizen walking group, sport their new sweatshirts, donated by Goodwin Graphics. The four in the front are: Carol Barrett, Rosalie Kowalski, Steve Bobo and Virginia Smith. In the back are, Herman Woermer, Jerry Barrett, Kent Smith, Ron Goodwin, David O'Connell and Joe McElroy.

Goodwin said he printed up roughly 36 sweatshirts for the group, which McElroy said should be more than enough — for now. Currently, there are around 20 names on the total list, and because not everyone walks three times a week, there are usually around 10 walkers participating daily. However, with the warm weather just around the corner, he hopes to gain even more participants. While the group meets all winter long, walking the halls of the renovated middle-high school, some people prefer getting outside in the fresh air, which McElroy hopes will boost participation even more.

The sweatshirts donated by Goodwin are navy blue with a white "Walkie Talkie's" emblem on the front. Goodwin said he chose the blue and white because they are the high school's colors as well. The group adopted their name because not only do they get out and get active, there is a social aspect as well, because they talk while they walk.

For more information on the walking club, please contact Joe McElroy at (781) 383-0505.

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Veterans Memorial Committee, said he has a list of 168 names to be placed on the Korean War wall and a list is being compiled for the Vietnam wall, which has roughly 200 names thus far. He expects the total count will be around 350 names.

"This war never seems to get the same status," as other wars, said Pratt, adding the Vietnam memorial will be the first time everyone who served in the war has had their name posted in Cohasset.

Because the Vietnam war spanned almost 15 years, many soldiers would put in their time and come home, Pratt said. Due to the heavy rotation of soldiers, Pratt said it has been difficult to compile a reliable set of names. Over the course of the next year, Pratt and the committee will be working diligently and looking for community support to ensure all names are included.

But the project cannot move forward without funding, and Pratt said the committee has already begun thinking of fundraising effort for the coming year. Members of the committee include Pratt, Police Chief Bob Jackson, Commander of the VFW Ralph Perroncello, Commander of the Sons of the Legion Tom Wigmore, David Hassan, Peter Wood, Tom Keating and Brian Keating.

"We will raise a big portion from private donations," said Pratt, adding residents will be able to contribute to the cause by purchasing granite paving bricks which will make up a memorial walkway on the site. He expects that even with extensive fundraising efforts, the committee will have to come before the annual Town Meeting next spring to help make up the difference.



Veterans Memorial Committee member David Hassan compiled this rendering of what the proposed memorial site will look like with the addition of the two new monuments, paying tribute to all who served in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Pratt said the committee will be also be contacting local groups who might be interested in becoming involved with the project, such as the Rotary Club, Senior Center, and different veterans groups. But even with the anticipated support it will receive, the project will still require Town Meeting approval.

"We need to go to Town Meeting and get the authority to build it, even though it will belong to the town once it is complete," Pratt said. Before that happens, he said various town boards will be contacted to make sure everyone has had the opportunity to provide input on the project and is in agreement about what it will entail.

While the memorial is being planned, the committee has much to keep itself busy as various other projects are currently being worked on around town. Curbing is being installed for Allen Keating Square, located on Summer Street, much like was done at Peter Cogill Square. "Because of the traffic pattern and cars cutting corners," Pratt said, it became necessary to install curbs.

In addition, the new Allen A. Buffum Corner, which was voted on at the fall Special Town Meeting and is located at the intersection of Beechwood and South Main streets, is getting a new sign. Pratt said what is unusual about the memorial site is that Buffum's parents, "Just so happened to live in the house on that corner for 55 years."

But Allen A. Buffum Corner isn't the only memorial in town which will receive a new sign. There are six other World War II memorial sites around town which will all have their signs replaced as well.

Norman Todd Park, located on Beechwood Street, is being spruced up to look more like it did when it was first dedicated in1948. Originally, the park had flowers and plantings and was beautifully landscaped, Pratt said. Over the years, it has been neglected and the committee has plans to "restore it back to the way it was," said Pratt. Already, some overgrown bushes have been removed and planting will begin once the weather warms up.

With all the work being done around town, the committee will also be getting its own web site up and running. Pratt estimates by June of this year, www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com will be ready for a cyber audience. He said many people have been working together very diligently to provide the most information as is possible on the site. By clicking on a soldier's name listed on the page's Honor Roll, site visitors will be able to receive a profile and military information.

The Veterans Memorial Committee currently has around 200 names compiled of those who served during Vietnam, but it expects the total number is closer to 350. The committee needs help to be sure no one is missed and asks that residents contact Glenn Pratt either via e-mail at gpratt@suburbancompanies.com or by mail at Cohasset Veteran's Memorial Committee c/o Glenn Pratt, 482 King Street, Cohasset, MA 02025 if they know of names that have been missed.. In addition to the list currently in progress, the committee would like to add the names of all who served in the Merchant Marine and the Public Health Service.



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Vietnam veterans from Cohasset listed

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Arcand, Thomas C.
Arcand, Wallace C.
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Barrett, John H.
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Casey, George E.
Cavanaugh, John F.
Chamberlain, Gary R. .
Churchill, Richard
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Cogill, David C.
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Cogill, John
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Cogill, Susan
Coletti, Paul C.
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Conant, Neil
Conley, William A.
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Davenport, Robert V.
Davis, Paul J.
Davis, Ted
Davis, Thomas P.
Dean, Charles W.
Delaney, Mark P.
Desantis, Frank C.
Devin, Paul W.
Dillon, Warren
Dolan, Charles
Dolan, Deborah
Dolan, Joseph, Jr.
Donovan, Jane A. (Lt.Col)
Donovan, William E.
Dooley, Richard J.

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Fisher, Ralph A.
Flint, Gordon A.
Fortier, Lawrence J.
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Libby, Kevin
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Logan, Francis, D.
Logan, Gregory
Low, Keith P.
Lyon, James W.
Lyon, John Paul
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Alzheimer's support meets on March 24

Attorney Brian Barreira will address the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore on Wednesday. March 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St., Hingham. His topic will be "Elder Law: What You Need to Know," new state and federal legislation that will affect financial planning for long-term nursing home or in-home care as well as the financial health of the well spouse. It will include information or wills, durable power of attorney, health care proxy and what Medicare and Medicaid do or do not cover. You will hear of issues and problems that can be avoided or reduced by adequate planning. A question and answer session will follow Barreira's presentation. Mr. Berreira specializes in estate planning, probate and elder law with offices in Plymouth and Hingham and is certified elder law attorney.

For more information, call Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426 or JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417 (eve,)

This meeting is free and open to the public. In the event of inclement weather, meeting cancellations will be aired on WJDA 1300 AM.

Rec. summer positions

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Also, the Recreation Department is accepting applications for a youth tennis instructor. Youth tennis lessons are a 7 week program meeting hourly between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 28 through Aug. 12.

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OPINION

Speak out on local issues that are important to you. Write to your editor.



Proposed land acquisition rich in ecological resources

At Town Meeting, voters will be asked to support the acquisition of the Brass Kettle Brook Conservation area. This area begins several hundred feet from Lily Pond and joins Whitney Thayer Woods, owned and managed by The Trustees of Reservations.

"Acquiring this area is extremely important to protect Lily Pond from the nutrient loading that comes from development," said Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt. "We have tried to protect Lily Pond by limiting uses in the watershed, but now we realize the best way to minimize further degradation to Lily Pond is to keep the land undeveloped."

He noted that the property would be acquired from several sources of funding, including the Community Preservation Fund, the Water Department, the Cohasset Conservation Trust, and The Trustees of Reservations, and would not require any money raised from general taxation.

The Trustees of Reservations has also offered to help the town to manage the property, including clearing existing hiking trails that will connect the Water Department land all the way to the top of Turkey Hill in Hingham. The Trustees also offered to do carry out a preliminary ecological assessment of the animal and plant species and important habitats found in this area.



Above: The hemlock pine forest on the Brass Kettle Brook property.



At right: A walking trail through the Brass Kettle Brook property.

The following are excerpts from the draft ecological assessment, prepared by J. Andrew Walsh, Southeast Regional Ecologist for the Trustees of Reservations:

"The proposed Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area is part of a large, forested matrix of mostly open space. The ecological values associated with large, unfragmented forest landscapes, particularly in the context of the rapidly developing South Shore region, cannot be overstated. The interior forest habitat located on the property and its natural surroundings support many important native wildlife species, some of which are rare or declining in abundance. Area-sensitive species (e.g., some Neotropical migrant birds) and species sensitive to disturbance (e.g., vernal pool wildlife) are afforded much needed refuge in large forested landscapes such as that provided by the property and its natural surroundings. Unfragmented forestlands also provide fewer opportunities for invasive (mostly non-native) plants and wildlife to encroach, favoring native plant and wildlife populations. In general, very few non-native plants were observed on the property."

The Natural Heritage Program has identified nearly the entire property as viable rare species habitat (i.e., core habitat). A small section of the property near King Street is classified as "supporting natural landscape", which are naturally vegetated areas that buffer core habitat.

Several high quality plant community types occur on the property including hemlock-pine forest, several patches of mature white pine, and extensive red maple swamp bordering Brass Kettle Brook. The area includes roughly 1300 ft. of Brass Kettle Brook and its associated riparian corridor. At least one vernal pool (a priority natural community) probably occurs on the property, with others probably located within wetlands elsewhere on the site.

In addition to supporting important habitat values, the proposed Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area provides numerous other free "ecosystem services", most importantly drinking water supply protection for Cohasset residents. The property significantly contributed to the protection of Lily pond, which along with the Aaron River Reservoir is the sole source of drinking water for more than 7,000 residents of the Town of Cohasset.

The proposed Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area, in its current natural vegetated state, serves as an important buffer to nearby protected open space (Whitney and Thayer Woods, Wompatuck State Park, Charlie Pape Reservation). The property also connects adjacent protected open space, allowing wildlife (and plant) species to disperse and other natural ecosystem process to occur across a large landscape.

Therefore, conversion of the existing, naturally vegetated state of the proposed Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area will not only compromise many of the property's most important values (e.g., interior forest habitat), but will damage the ecological fabric of surrounding protected open space. In addition, Lily Pond, the existing drinking water supply for many Cohasset residents risks further degradation if the naturally vegetated character of the property is altered (by potential development)."

Friends of the Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area are meeting every Sunday afternoon at 4p.m. at the First Parish House to save this land from development, and welcome anyone who is interested to join them. Also donations to help purchase these 70 acres are being accepted by the Cohasset Conservation Trust, P.O. Box 314, Cohasset. Donations are fully tax-deductible. Please note that the donation is for BKBC. For more information, please call Debbie Cook 383-6313 or Glenn Pratt 383-0048.



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CPC sets stage for large King Street land purchase

Town Meeting to have final say

By Mary Ford
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The Community Preservation Committee took a big step toward buying some 72 acres off King Street this week with a recommendation to spend $800,000 toward the purchase.

Town Meeting will have the final say on the proposal March 2 when the complex land purchase will be explained to the voters.

Glenn Pratt, a proponent, explained $1.4 million is needed to buy the land that includes 9.6 acres known as the James property which has frontage on King Street, and if sold to a builder could open up the rest of the land to development.

A purchase and sale has been signed for $850,000 for the James parcel; the rest of the money will be used to buy nine other parcels mostly old "wood lots" that have eight different owners.

The purpose of buying the land which is being called the Brass Kettle Conservation Area is to protect it from development and maintain it as open space, which would also help protect the water supply.

The Water Commission is chipping in $400,000 because of the land's proximity to Lily Pond, the town's drinking water supply. Cohasset Land Trust will provide another $100,000 and the Trustees of Reservations will contribute $50,000. The trustees have promised another $50,000 to help maintain the property that includes walking trails.

The Trustees will also hold a conservation restriction on the property. The land abuts Whitney and Thayer Woods, which the Trustees owns and manages.

The CPC will recommend borrowing $400,000 and spending $400,000 cash for the property. The debt service will be paid for out of the Community Preservation Fund until the bond is paid off.

The proponents had asked for $900,000 but the CPC thought $800,000 was what the fund could afford to contribute. The proponents may have to raise another $100,000 privately.

Debbie Cook said the land could support upwards of 30 homes – an eventuality the proponents don't want to see come to fruition.

"We're not trying to buy land just for land's sake but to protect the water supply," she explained. "Every survey we've done, the first thing people have said is to protect the water supply…they'd be ticked if we let this go by and let development in there."

CPC member Al Moore said he had no argument with the merits of the project but was concerned about the cost and depleting the community preservation fund.

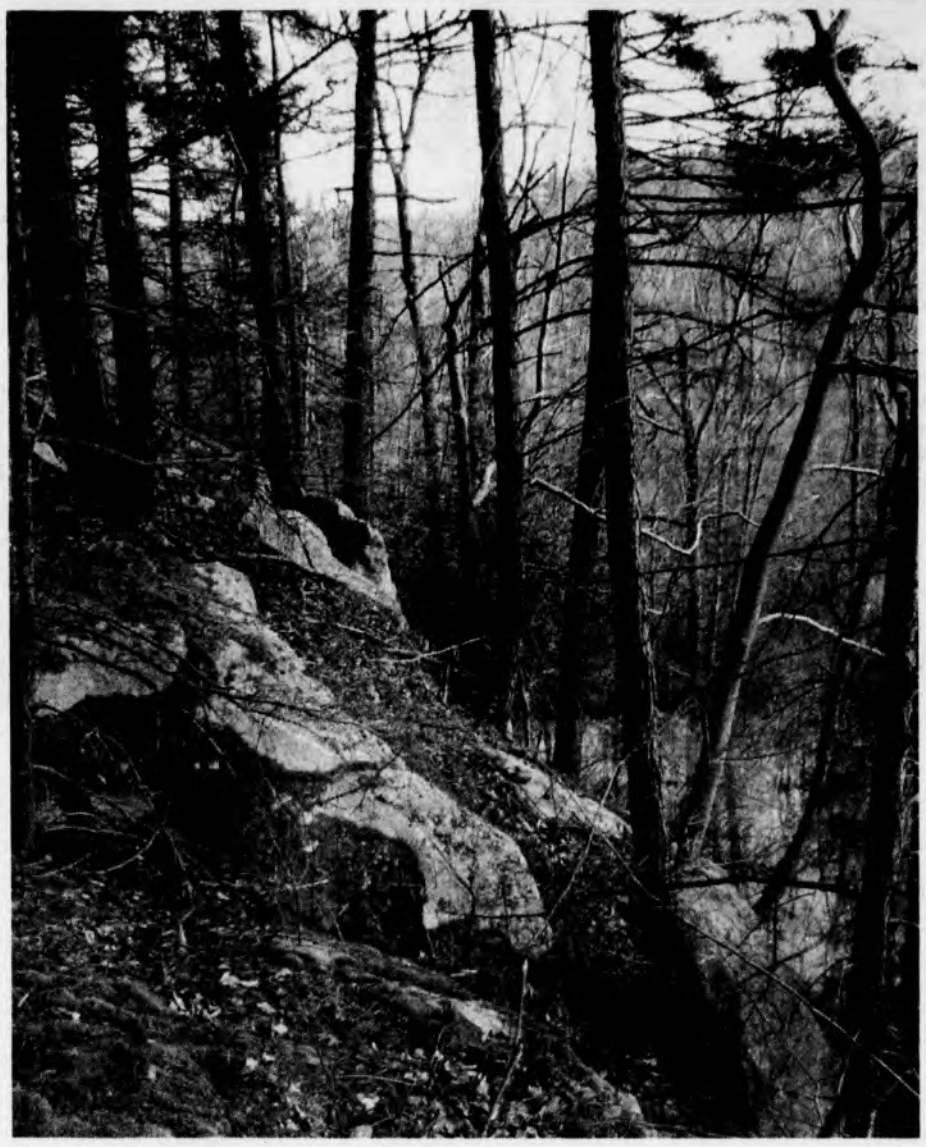
Pratt explained that apart from the James property, the other landowners were going to agree on a price per acre that would be the same for all. The landowners have formed a sub-committee to come up with a figure.

CPC member Jim Dedes said the property was important because of its "connectivity" to other tracts of open space such as Wompatuck State Park and Thayer & Whitney Woods.

The CPC makes recommendations to Town Meeting, where voters have the final say on whether to fund a particular project using money from the Community Preservation Fund.

Money from the Community Preservation Fund can be spent in three specific areas: open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation. Each year, the Community Preservation Committee must spend or bank 10 percent of its annual revenue on each of those areas.

Money for the fund comes from a 1.5 percent real estate tax surcharge and state matching funds. The town adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2001.



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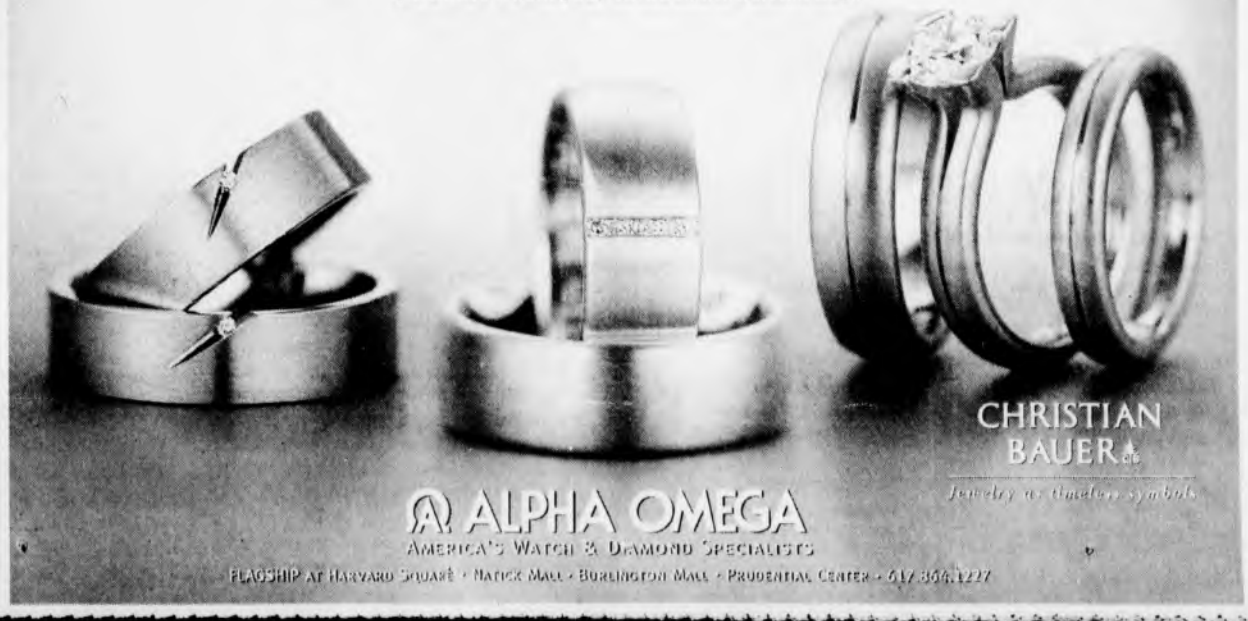
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Church closings not the answer

If corporations can be downsized, why not Catholic churches? What comes to mind is a quote from the British philosopher Alfred North Whitehead:
"The corporation hath no soul."

Eighteen Catholic churches on the South Shore, including St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in Scituate and Albert the Great Church in East Weymouth, are under consideration for closure. In Braintree, the scenarios are mind-boggling. Rather than close any of the three churches — St. Clare, St. Thomas More, and St. Francis of Assisi — the recommendation is to combine them in one parish. But, if one church must be closed, though, it should be either St. Clare or St. Thomas More. But if two churches are ordered to shut down, all three should close so that they can be brought together to form one parish in a newly constructed facility.

Each church building is filled with souls, parishioners who are blessed with a very special bond, that of their church family. Closing a church, or merging churches, disrupts this sense of family, with the tragic potential that more vulnerable parishioners such as the elderly may be cut adrift.

We understand the Boston Archdiocese is making a dollars decision, but this decision may lack sense.

The fate of the churches will be in the hands of Archbishop Sean O'Malley, who is expected to announce his decision in May. Last December, the cash-strapped Archdiocese of Boston directed 82 geographical clusters — each made up of four or five churches — to chose which church in their cluster should be considered for closing as Archbishop O'Malley reconfigures the archdiocese to accommodate demographic shifts and make better use of limited money and priests.

Short term, consolidating parishes to compensate for the dwindling number of priests and dwindling pile offering envelopes in the collection plate will subdue the crisis in the Archdiocese.

However, the crisis will again emerge if the underlying problems facing the Catholic Church in Boston are not remedied.

The Rev. Ronald Coyne, pastor of St. Albert the Great Church, firmly believes his church is not addressing the real issues.

"The real questions are, 'Why are people not going to church,' and 'Why are people not becoming priests.' Until we deal with these questions, the archdiocese will continue to close Catholic churches," the Rev. Coyne said.

Do we have the answers to these questions? Surely not. These problems go well beyond the scope of one editorial.

Yet disrupting church ties can only exacerbate these problems.

Perhaps the energy of the church hierarchy should be channeled into reestablishing the trust of the people.

We admire the spirit of the parishioners who are facing the closure or merging of beloved church homes.

The Rev. Coyne has affirmed that he and his parishioners will abide by the decision to be announced by Archbishop Sean O'Malley in about two months.

The voice in Braintree is similar. The Rev. Paul Sughrue, pastor of St. Claire Church, spoke about the upcoming reconfiguration in a March 5 interview with the Forum.

"This is really the ecclesiastical equivalent of corporate downsizing," he said. "It's a very difficult procedure, but the proposal we have presented represents the best we could come up with. We have an obligation, if the archdiocese can't sustain 357 parishes, to make decisions that are objective in order to make parishes smaller yet stronger. Naturally, from my perspective at this time, I think that it would make sense to keep all three of our vibrant churches going for the time being. I believe that they could survive just as they are, but I don't have the bigger picture of the archdiocese's situation in mind."

The process of parish closure is just beginning and is a lengthy one. The release of the cluster configurations is just the first step in a seven-step evaluation.

Now that parishes have done their work, their recommendations will be sent to regional vicars, who will add their comments and sent the information to regional bishops. Next, the bishops will send the material to the Archdiocese's Central Committee, which is composed of laity and priests.

After the Central Committee has made its comments, the information will be forwarded to Archbishop O'Malley for a first reading.

The material will then be sent to the Presbyterial Council for its comments before it goes back to the Archbishop for a final decision.

It is a lengthy and thoughtful process.

For those who might like to attend, the Hingham area Voice of the Faithful will meet Tuesday, March 16, to hear the Rev. James Rafferty, pastor of St. Paul Church, make a presentation on the process being employed throughout the Boston Archdiocese to evaluate all parishes regarding the possibility of reducing the number of operating Catholic churches.

Rafferty will also review the present status of this process. The meeting will be held at St. Paul's School hall at 7:30 p.m. and is open to all.

The Hingham affiliate of Voice of the Faithful is one of nearly 200 affiliates throughout the United States and was established in the summer of 2002. It serves Catholic parishes in Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Norwell.

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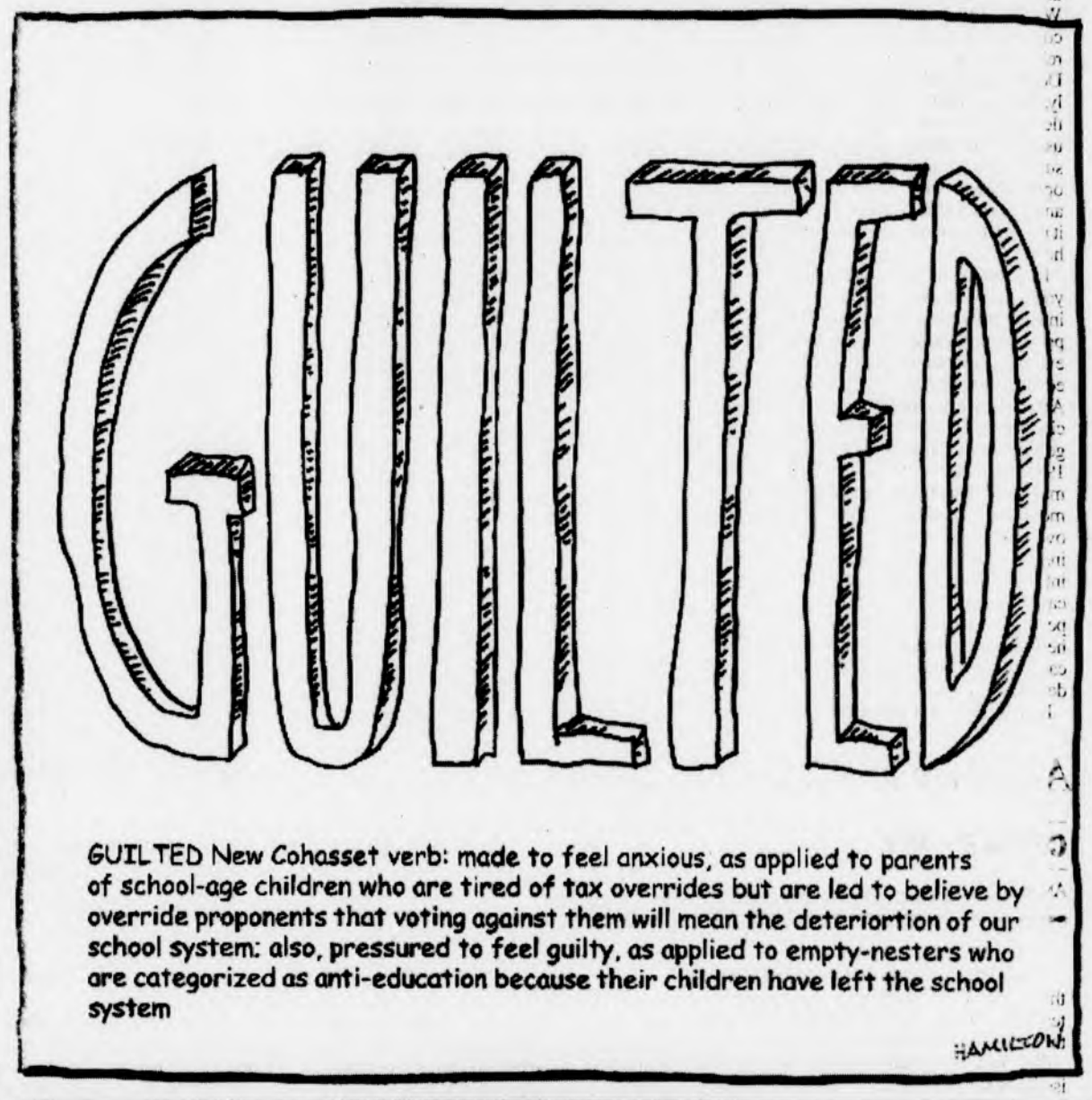
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Objects to approach on education funding

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to express my appreciation to Rick Flynn for his insider's view of the school budget process. As concerned citizens, we do rely on our town committees to convey the processes behind their decisions in accessible forums like the Mariner.

Still, I find myself increasingly unhappy with the generally accepted approach to education funding and overrides in Cohasset. After each new bit of information I read, I have the sneaking and uncomfortable feeling that I'm once again being "guilted" into paying more taxes to cover a shortfall in planning by the School Committee, the Town Manager, and the Selectmen.

My professional life focused on education. I have a Masters in Special Education and spent years teaching special education in North Carolina and in the Peace Corps. Further, education is the focus of my everyday life. For the past five years I have put aside my teaching career to focus fully on raising our 3 (soon to be 4!) children and to guide them through their early childhood education. My husband, Gabriel, and I moved to Cohasset not just for the peaceful setting but also because of the very high quality of the schools. My top priority is to ensure the best possible education for my children and to allow them all of the opportunities for which Gabriel and I have been so grateful.

I feel like I speak for many parents of Cohasset when I say that we'd all ideally like the schools to have all the money they need — even all the money they want. And I understand that every once in a while the budgeting process won't anticipate perfectly, potentially making an override necessary. However, it's the sustained trend of overrides that worries me. Rick Flynn points out that only 4 of the 8 overrides in the past 10 years have been operational. Isn't 4 too many? People certainly move to Cohasset for the quality of the schools, but this doesn't mean that they don't care about the level or uncertainty of their taxes. They simply don't think to ask about these things because other towns usually manage to stay within budget.

So then what is the solution, you say? Rick Flynn says that there isn't one — that the only responsible choice is an override. When do the overrides end? Do they end with the economic downturn, or when the economy improves do we find ourselves in the situation where school program funding has been disproportionately increased, or new buildings have been planned, and we're on the hook again? To me it's clear that we need to stop the trend of over-spending.

For these reasons, I won't support the override. As a parent and an educator, I wanted to speak out in support of young parents in Cohasset who support our schools but don't approve of this trend. Young parents feel the responsible vote is to vote no, yet they sense they will be wearing a badge of guilt if they dare to oppose the override. The way the override is presented, it's hard to say 'no' without seeming like you're saying 'no' to our schools and our children. We should not be feeling guilty for demanding a balanced budget; yet being told that there is no other way is unacceptable.

We all hope for an improving economy that will solve our funding problems; until then we'll need to find creative solutions. Have we examined all of our cost-cutting options? I am very troubled that we are facing these choices because of our expenditures on school buildings that we cannot afford to operate. However, I understand that these schools have already been built. My hope is that we can find other costs to eliminate that will not jeopardize the quality of our children's fundamental education. Last year several options were suggested involving outside programs and adult education courses that could pick up some of the slack in funding the operational costs for our new school facilities. Have we fully explored each and every one of these to see if they could provide us with some relief? I'm confident that most parents would rather pay a nominal fee for extracurricular activities than see critical teachers being fired because of a shortfall in financial planning. We need to be assured these ideas are addressed and taken into consideration by the School Committee, the Town Manager, or the Selectmen. We should not be left to feel guilty if we don't bail out these groups with the proposed override.

Once we've solved this year's problem, I'd propose that we refocus our priorities on the essential components of education. While I appreciate the increased comfort that our beautiful new facilities provide, as mentioned above, I am disturbed to see our town in the situation of cutting teachers and increasing class size beyond 25 in order to cover the costs of these facilities. Clearly the schools are already built and we are stuck with paying the operating costs. I would just hope that our future focus for educational priorities would be more purely on teaching.

In closing, I'd like to again say thanks to Rick Flynn for caring enough to lay out the School Committee's process in an accessible format — realistically we can't all make it to the Committee meetings, and we do rely on our elected officials to keep us informed. Yet as a concerned parent, a devoted Cohasset resident and an educator, I strongly object to the tax override. I'd request even more information regarding any and all ways that the School Committee could meet the needs of our children without inflicting yet another burden on Cohasset's taxpayers. We all love our schools, and we'd like to see creative thinking that takes away the need for the annual school-funding guilt trip.

Sarah H. Gomez
53 Highland Ave.

Heartfelt thanks to all who helped

LETTER TO EDITOR:

On behalf of the Friends of the Lydia Vigneau Fund, we want the families and businesses of the South Shore to know that we consider ourselves the luckiest people in the world to live in the same community as you.

We are awestruck and continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity, support, and encouragement we received during the past three months as we planned and executed last Friday night's silent and live auction at the Red Lion Inn. The event drew 300 people and raised a remarkable $33,000 for Lydia Vigneau, a three-year-old girl from Hull who is undergoing intensive treatment for leukemia.

To everyone who played a role in the event — from the Red Lion Inn who graciously donated the barn, the food, and wait staff — to Scott Wahle of WBZ-TV 4 who single-handedly cajoled $7,200 from the audience during the live auction — to deejay Jay McLaughlin of Birdsnack Entertainment who provided fabulous music — to the businesses in Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, and Scituate who donated over 150 auction items — and to the teachers and parents of Sandcastles Nursery School who gave of themselves tirelessly, please accept our heartfelt gratitude.

Most importantly, please know that you have played a special role in improving the life of a special little girl and her family. As the ancient Chinese belief states: An invisible red thread connects those who are destined to meet, regardless of time, place, or circumstance. The thread may stretch or tangle, but will never break. May God bless you, thank you again.

Jeanine Buckley Perrone, Jeannie de Murias, Kim Jackson, Kimberley Maury Albanese, Linda Resca, and Sara Sullivan

Valentines Dance benefit a success

TO THE EDITOR:

The Valentines Fund would like to thank all who helped put together and all who attended the Second Annual Valentines Fund Dance on Feb.28 benefiting the homeless of the greater Boston area through Bread & Jams, Inc. This year we raised over $9,000 and that will assure the clients of the availability of the shelter's services for the next few crucial months.

I would like to especially thank the Atlantica and all its staff for donating their resources, expertise and great food. Also thanks to Goodwin Graphics, Roger Hill, David Hassan, Mark Delaney, Artists For Humanity' Hingham Lumber and so many others on what we gratefully acknowledge as a list too long to complete. The Joe Micarelli trio, the Pemberton Hill Players, and Shaken not Stirred kept the dance floor hopping.

We will again put the fun in funding for the homeless next year, and show that we can have a great party and extend compassion at the same time.

Individually we can't do much about affordable housing in Cohasset, but together we can make an enormous difference in the lives of the homeless around us. Thanks again for the collective effort.

Peter G. Whittemore
47 Elm Court

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HEALTH NOTES

Water, gardens and links to cancer

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last Saturday, the Water Commission held a public meeting which was not well attended by the public, since I was the only outsider to attend. In their opening remarks, one of the Water Commissioners indicated that they were constantly receiving questions about cancer in relation to the quality of water in Cohasset. Doubtless, cancer groupings exist, but generally, there are just too many variables and too little data to put any credence to the statements used by the media to describe the reports of such events in our towns and cities. So, in my opinion, those who call the water department and complain of the taste of the water and link it to local cancer events are flailing at the wrong horse.

It would be far more appropriate to yell at your lawn care provider, since many of them introduce far more dangerous stuff onto your property than the Water Department does. For example, there are far fewer variables associated with the statistics from the Garden Club of America, which reports "the increase in pesticide use parallels the rise in cancer. The odds of getting breast cancer in 1968 were 1 in 20. In 1994, they were 1 in 8. The risk of canine malignant lymphoma doubles with four or more 2,4-D applications per year on a dog owner's lawn. Estrogenic pesticides are certain insecticides, herbicides and fungicides which interfere with the endocrine system. They can cause cancer and affect fertility. Chlorinated pesticides include fungicides, insecticides, and herbicides; they are neurotoxins that can cause cancer, liver and kidney defects, and birth defects."

Both the Board of Health and the Water commission regularly sample the condition of various elements of our environment. The water quality sampling done by the Water Department is extremely valuable to the Board of Health for planning and allocation of our resources to help fight threats to our health.

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Four important documents outline the overall plan for ensuring the safety of Cohasset's environment: The Water Department's Surface Water Protection Plan, and the Sewer Department's Facilities Implementation Plan. Embodying elements of both plans are the Board of Health's Townwide Onsite Wastewater Plan and the Townwide Stormwater Management plan. The Board of Health has never had a sufficient budget to implement a more comprehensive form of its plans. Instead, we have cooperated with both the Sewer Department and the Water Department in implementing necessary provisions of their plans for those areas covered by their mandate. In the case of the Water Department, coverage is defined by the Lily Pond and Aaron River Watersheds, together with the Sohier Street and Elms Meadow well fields. The Sewer facilities plan covers the North Cohasset and the Central Sewer District. The rest of the Town is monitored on an 'as needed' basis unless State mandates require specific monitoring such as taking beach and harbor water quality samples. These measures together with specific inspection procedures which cover restaurants, schools, public housing, etc., also State mandated, cover most of the towns concerns.

Wastewater committee

With the potential for substantial growth of population in the Town, the Selectmen appointed a Wastewater Committee to advise on the Town's general wastewater needs. The idea is to find an equitable solution for future wastewater needs and ensure the continued protection of our water and other natural resources. The eventual goal of this committee is to coordinate the provisions of the Water Department's plans with those of the Sewer Commission and the Board of Health so it fits into the Town's Master Plan. As the work of this body goes on, we will be providing updates on its progress.

There is little question that with increased population densities and new chemical compounds entering our environment, the incidence of many ailments is increasing. Peanut allergies, rheumatoid arthritis and many others now reach levels undreamed of in previous decades. But there are also better solutions to these problems. It should be reassuring to know that many important parts of Town government are working collaboratively, to ensure the continued safety and health of our citizens.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Another look at how Cohasset teachers' salaries measure up

COMMENTARY

ANDREW P. QUIGLEY

School Committeeman Rick Shea's letter to the editor (The problem is not Cohasset's teachers) proves the truth of the axiom that there are lies, damn lies, and statistics.

Mr. Shea incorrectly framed the principal issue facing the Cohasset schools and taxpayers when he wrote: "Let's get one thing straight: Cohasset teachers are not overpaid." That is not what the present debate regarding the school budget deficit is all about. No one is saying that our teachers are overpaid. Rather, what is at issue is the unsustainable rate of growth in the School Department payroll account which has been far exceeding the rate of inflation and which is the primary reason why we are cutting programs for our children, enlarging class size, and in need of a $400,000 override to avoid even more cuts.

Mr. Shea misleads us when he asserts that Cohasset has "below-median teacher salaries." He produced several charts, one of which purports to show that "the average teacher salary" in Cohasset for the current school year ranks seventh relative to other South Shore communities. Mr. Shea believes that the average salary chart is, "Perhaps the most meaningful statistic" when comparing school districts.

However, the average salary chart is actually the *least meaningful* of all of the charts he produced for this simple reason: Since the other charts he produced show that Cohasset's Step salaries are in line with everyone else's (and we are near the top at the highest Step, a Ph.D. with 13 years of experience), our lower average salary figure simply is a reflection of either (a) a lower percentage of teachers in our system with advanced degrees or (b) a greater number of younger teachers at this period of time in our system relative to other communities or (c) a combination of both. On an apples-to-apples, Step-to-Step comparison, the Cohasset school district is comparable to our neighbors. But if we have more teachers at Step 3, for example, than Community X, which has a higher percentage at Step 10, then obviously our average payroll costs will be lower. In short, Mr. Shea's analysis is an apples-to-oranges comparison and thus totally irrelevant.

Candidate Adrienne MacCarthy also relied on the "average teacher salary" chart for her assertion that for FY 2002, "Cohasset reported the second lowest average teacher salary and is close to 20 percent below Hingham's." Mrs. MacCarthy referred to a chart that is two years old. According to Mrs. MacCarthy, Hingham's average teacher salary in FY 2002 was $54,999. But according to Mr. Shea's figures for FY 2004, Hingham's average teacher salary is $52,012 — a decrease of almost $3000! Does this mean that Hingham is paying its teachers less today than two years ago? Of course not. What these numbers mean is that Hingham, as Cohasset, has seen a large number of older teachers who were at the top Step retire and be replaced with teachers at the entry salary Step, which of course reduces the mythical "average salary" figure.

The only truly relevant statistic when comparing teacher salaries among school districts is to look at the pay levels for the various Steps. Mr. Shea's other chart shows that Cohasset presently has a top salary level of $71,187, which ranks fourth in the area. Hingham, which is second on his chart, has a top salary level of $72,477. However, the statistics which Mr. Shea didn't include in his letter are these:

Hingham teachers will be getting a zero per cent pay raise this year and a 2 percent pay raise next year, while Cohasset's will be getting a 3 percent raise. Thus, Hingham's top salary Step will now become $73,926, while Cohasset's now will jump up to $73,322 which is virtually equal to Hingham's. Comparing apples-to-apples, it is obvious that Cohasset teachers are doing very well in relation to other communities.

The bottom line is that when the School Committee gave out a three-year contract with 3 percent-3.5 percent-3 percent raises (which are on top of the roughly 5-6 percent annual step increases which teachers receive as they move up the ladder), either (a) they failed to take into account the huge payroll increase which would occur by operation of the automatic step increases or (b) they were aware of the problem, but didn't bother to figure out where the money would come from to fund the increase in payroll for the current fiscal year. When the School Committee goes into negotiations for a new contract, it needs to be forward thinking and must analyze the projected payroll for future years before agreeing to pay raises, especially if those raises exceed the inflation rate by more than 50 percent.

I am not opposed to being asked to approve another Prop. 2-1/2 override. I have no anxiety about paying an extra $11.50 per month for the benefit of our children. (The $138 tax increase for the $400,000 override for the typical Cohasset homeowner, of which I am smack in the middle.) However, I do get upset when we are being asked to pay more, but now will be getting less (no middle school sports, larger class sizes, closed gymnasiums) because there apparently was no thought given to the full ramifications of these pay raises.

Andrew P. Quigley lives at 38 Jerusalem Road.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Put brakes on school budget

TO THE EDITOR:

I just finished reading Rick Shea's letter to the editor and his defense of the School Committee's overspending.

I have lived in Cohasset since 1968. My five children attended the Cohasset Schools, K-12. I don't think that the school budget has ever gone down in the years that I've lived in the Town. In fact school spending has almost always been excessive and they have always wanted more. Mr. Shea stated that the committee's budget had been closely reviewed by the Selectmen and the Advisory Committee. However, he never once mentioned the administration portion of the budget and the excess number of personnel managing the schools. The people of Cohasset must speak out and say enough. We were sold a bill of goods regarding the unrestricted and irresponsible spending to renovate our school buildings. Our budgets that are out of control must be reigned in. The Committee has allowed the superintendent to operate without tight controls.

We see budget problems on the State level due to overspending by the legislature and we have had it in our school budgets for years. The School Committee has to be made aware of the feelings of the tax payers that uncontrolled spending is not acceptable. The taxpayers of Cohasset have always supported the needs of the schools. The school committees have not closely monitored the spending. Years ago we approved $60,000 for new windows at the "old" Osgood School (now the library). The superintendent decided not to spend the money on windows and the issue of the windows became a part of the movement for a new school. Did the School Committee explain what had happened, I never heard an explanation, they just kept asking for more money.

We have to elect fiscally responsible people to serve the people and who will answer to the people. Our present committee's budgetary actions are a disgrace. We should attend Town Meeting and vote *no* on the school budget. We should also, if it comes to the ballot box, vote a resounding *no* to the override. Enough is enough and we must have responsible budgets in the future.

F. Roy Fitzsimmons
116 Doane St.

Ford reflects on the GOP campaign

TO THE EDITOR:

The race for Republican State Committeeman in the Plymouth-Norfolk District was my first time out of the gate, so to speak. Although I lost the election, I was proud to win the towns of Scituate and Marshfield.

I would like to congratulate the winner, John Cafferty. I also think Ronald Wheatley deserves applause for throwing his hat into the ring. The three-way race, along with the contest for Republican State Committeewoman, helped generate excitement in Republican circles in the March 2 primary election.

I feel my campaign was successful on several levels and without the support of many across the eight-town district that would not have been possible. I am grateful for all the encouragement, help, and votes I received.

Since the election, I've been gratified by the number of emails, notes and phone calls from people who connected with my message of tapping into the 2 million unenrolled voters in our state to grow the ranks of Republicans. I have a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm to increase the GOP base and restore a two-party system on Beacon Hill. I hope to stay involved with the Republican cause and look forward to working with John Cafferty and Polly Logan.

Remember: It's OK to be a Republican in Massachusetts! In fact the future of our great state depends on reinstating the two-party system here.

Conley Ford
Scituate

Magnanimous efforts are truly appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Recreation Commission would like to express its most sincere gratitude to Boston Form, Inc. and Tom Gruber for volunteer services printing its summer playground program brochure.

Via the donations of expertise, time and effort on our behalf we will be able to distribute our first playground program only, brochure via the March, 2004, tax bills.

Our many thanks go to Boston Form and Mr. Gruber for the magnanimous efforts on The Commission's behalf.

Jack Worley, Director
Recreation Department

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LIBRARY CORNER

Recommended titles

The following selections are excerpted from Kirkus Reviews' list of "under sung but richly deserving titles.": "The Blue Moon Circus," by Michael Raleigh. "With no safety net, Raleigh takes a spectacular high wire route over the dangerous bogs of metaphor and sentiment, making it all look easy in this captivating tale of a decent man in a very hard world. "The Final Confession of Mabel Stark," by Robert Hough. A marvelous debut…about the life and amazing adventures of the greatest female tiger trainer in circus history…Just about perfect. One of the most entertaining novels of the year. "Present Value," by Sabin Willett. ….manages to skewer our financial, political and social institutions with vicious glee while offering a nuanced portrait of his tragicomic hero…Remarkable: hilariously nasty, morally driven, sweetly romantic."

Homebound delivery

If you love to read but are unable to come to the library due to an illness or disability, we are very pleased to announce a new home delivery service. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in our program, please telephone the library and speak to Judy Simons at 781 383 1348.

Artist exhibit

Stephanie Roberts' exhibit "Patterns and Pinhole" will be on display at the library through April 30

The exhibit features woven mixed media works and sepia toned pinhole photographs. The woven cyanotype mixed media pieces are first printed from pinhole photography, cut into strips and woven together. Patterns are cut within them as well as painted and sewn. The photographic images reflect a memory or place and the patterning is a metaphor for the cycles in life.

The sepia toned pinhole photographs were taken on a trip to San Miguel Mexico this past October-November during their holidays "All Saints Day" and "The Day of the Dead." Festive gravesites and Ruins in Pozos will be featured. Stephanie has exhibited nationally and regionally and has won many awards and honors, including a residency at the Vermont Studio Center. Her work is included in public and private collections.

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CANDIDATES CORNER

O'Grady announces bid for school board

My name is Scott O'Grady, and I am pleased to announce my candidacy for School Committee. I am motivated to run at this time by my deep dissatisfaction with the current school committee's and school administration's approach to decision making. I worry that school committee members do not understand their relationship to the superintendent, and therefore do not adequately represent the community. I will bring to the school committee a respect for vigorous debate as a critical component of the decision making process. I will seek out and encourage divergent and creative approaches to problem solving. And I will fight relentlessly for openness and community input in the proceedings of the committee and the workings of the schools.

My goals are modest, and to an outside observer might seem like truisms. Debate, creativity, and openness are, in fact, the basis of any democratic process. Unfortunately, our school leadership during the tenure of Superintendent Malvey has been more authoritarian than democratic. The school committee has reinforced Malvey's hierarchical management style by discouraging debate and blocking community input. What results is an ironic situation – we propose to educate our children to become critical, responsible and innovative citizens of a democracy by subjecting them to the discipline of an authoritarian regime.

This has to stop. Everyone in the community has an important stake in the schools. Property owners fund the schools through their taxes, and their property values are directly impacted by the quality of the education provided. Parents of school age children commit that which is most precious to them to the care of the schools. School children find their futures shaped in countless ways by their daily experiences at school. These are the constituencies served by the school committee, and the voices to which the school committee must answer in shaping school policy. If you elect me to this position, you can be confident that I will represent the community to the best of my ability, putting the interests of our town, its residents, and its children ahead of the many groups competing for a share of the resources and attention that we invest in maintaining quality schools.

I am a ten-year resident of Cohasset. My philosophy education from the University of Notre Dame, and my years of experience as an outside sales representative, have trained me to be a skillful listener. My subsequent teacher training at Bridgewater State College, and experience as a High School English Teacher in Weymouth and Plymouth, have introduced me to the intricacies of Massachusetts' educational institutions. My three children, one in each of Cohasset's schools, ensure that my interest in the schools is more than academic. If you elect me to the school committee, you can count on me to listen, to understand, and to care about the many issues facing our schools and their impact on our residents and schoolchildren.

I will not raise or spend money on this campaign. If you have money to spend and are interested in our schools, I recommend that you make a contribution to the PSO. This organization funds quality educational experiences for our children, taking pressure off of our school budget for things like field trips and guest presentations.

I look forward to engaging in continuing conversation about the issues facing our schools, and I hope that concerned neighbors will contact me at ogradyscott@comcast.net.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Dormitzer-Harvey on government reforms

At receptions last weekend, selectman candidates Lou Harvey and Ralph Dormitzer criticized current town government and called for some specific reforms. Harvey said he wants to "re-empower" town boards. "I want a vote from the relevant town boards on matters brought before selectmen and I would request that the relevant boards 'advise and consent' to town hires."

Dormitzer wants to see some modifications to the Town Manager Act, now that the town has had several years to live with it. He also charged that the new school buildings are not "green"in that they are energy wasters and that their construction was not "environmentally friendly."

Upcoming receptions for Harvey and Dormitzer:

- March 12, 8-10 p.m., at the home of Lou Harvey, 465 King St. Hosted by Nancy Garrison.
- March 13, 4-6 p.m., at the home of Michael and Barbara Lombardy, 27 Wind Hill Road.
- March 18, 7-9 p.m., at the home of Marsha and Rich Silvia, 445 Beechwood St.

Meet Stuart Ivimey

Stuart Ivimey, candidate for Planning Board, invites all Cohasset residents to a St. Patrick's Day reception at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library (35 Ripley Road) from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17. Everyone is invited to meet Ivimey, exchange ideas about Cohasset's future, and learn about his experience and commitment to the town.

Ivimey announced his candidacy in February after collecting 150 signatures on his nomination papers. "I collected the maximum number of signatures in less than a week." Ivimey said. "I was very encouraged by the enthusiastic support for my candidacy."

For more information about Ivimey's candidacy please call him at (781) 383-2604.

Spofford's message gets warm reception

Rob Spofford's message of positive and progressive management for Cohasset was enthusiastically received at a weekend reception hosted by Michelle and Rob Skolnick.

Spofford outlined his action plan for Cohasset, discussing his views on the best way to handle key issues facing the town.

"Campaign rhetoric should not make us feel like Cohasset is a bad place to live," Spofford said. "Instead, we need to recognize the assets we have here and strive to maintain and improve them."

Rob will meet with residents throughout March to discuss their thoughts on Cohasset's most pressing issues as well as future direction. Voters can meet Rob this coming weekend and week at following events:

- March 13, 7 p.m. hosted by Susan and Denny Meikleham, 178 S. Main St.
- March 14, 4-6 p.m. hosted by Pat MacDonald, 80 Wheelwright Farm
- March 18, 7:30 p.m. hosted by Susan and Chuck Jaffe, 10 Wood Way.

Williams welcomes voters to upcoming gatherings

Voters are welcomed to meet Jamie Williams at a coffee and evening reception. A coffee is scheduled for March 12, 9:30 a.m., hosted by Ann Czerkawski, 57 Old Coach Road. An evening reception is planned for March 14, 4-6 p.m., hosted by Paul & Maria Kennedy, 220 Jerusalem Road.

"I am passionate about providing our children with a high quality education which will give them the competitive edge to be successful in today's world," says Williams. "I am meeting so many people who share this same attitude and who want to hear about new ways we can achieve this goal. It's exciting to share my ideas with them."

For more information on gatherings, call Kellie Gaumer, 383-6343 or Christine Woodward, 383-2604. Visit the Committee to Elect Jamie Williams at www.votejamie.org.

Meet MacCarthy at several events

The Committee to Elect Adrienne MacCarthy, a candidate for School Committee, has scheduled several opportunities to meet and share your thoughts with MacCarthy. They are:

- Tuesday, March 16 at the home of Claudia and James McKeon, 30 Schofield Rd., from 1-3 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 23 at the home of Susan and John Donohue, 3 Ledgewood Drive, from 7-9 p.m.
- Thursday, March 25 at the home of Sarah and David Murphy, 90 Old Pasture Rd., from 7-9 p.m.

MacCarthy looks forward to sharing, with you, her knowledge about your public schools and to listen to your thoughts and ideas.

For more information, e-mail maccarthy5@aol.com or call 383-2792

Meet Pat Martin at March 12 coffee

The Committee to Re-Elect Pat Martin to the Cohasset School Committee is announcing some of its upcoming opportunities for voters to meet Pat Martin and learn why supporting her means maintaining excellence in the schools. The Committee will have events throughout the next several weeks and encourages all to attend not just those with children in the schools.

According to Pat Martin "It is important for all citizens in Cohasset, not just parents, to understand why having schools noted for their outstanding achievement is significant to the entire community."

Groups that are interested in hearing about Pat Martin's work on the school committee and her goals for the future are asked to call Laura DeSisto, Hospitality Chair, at 781-383-6989 to schedule a time with Pat.

Hospitality Committee members Debbie Shadd, Alison Moscow, Suzanne Filbey, Judy St. Peter, Sherry Sturino, Mal McCunney and Laura DeSisto invite folks to come meet Pat and have coffee on Friday, March 12, at 10 a.m. at the home of Todd and Laura DeSisto at 50 Surrey Drive.

Commuter boat riders park free until March 31

From now until March 31, parking is free at the Hingham Shipyard for the Hingham Commuter Ferry passengers. The parking area can accommodate 1,500 cars.

Ferry operator, Boston Harbor Cruises invites area residents to take this opportunity to discover, or rediscover, the comfort, convenience and reliability of the Hingham Commuter Ferry.

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March 1-5



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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on five roll calls from the week of March 1-5. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

STRICTER DISCLOSURE OF TOBACO INGREDIENTS (S 2237) — **NV**

Senate 36-0, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill making changes in the current law requiring tobacco companies to disclose to the state the ingredients in their tobacco products. Provisions include requiring the companies to provide an annual report to the state disclosing the list of all added constituents in each brand of cigarettes, snuff or chewing tobacco and the identity and quantity of any known toxic constituents present in each brand. The disclosure information for cigarettes would include the constituents in the mainstream and second-hand smoke. The reports would become public records except for the portion that identifies added ingredients. The bill requires that portion to be protected as a trade secret. The Department of Public Health would review the reports and develop standards for manufacturers to reduce the risks associated with exposure to the ingredients. Supporters said the dangers of tobacco smoking are well known and noted that the bill would strengthen and expand current laws by forcing tobacco companies to disclose ingredients that they have refused to reveal for many years. They argued that the courts have struck down previous legislative attempts to force full disclosure and have sided with the companies' assertions that full disclosure is unconstitutional and would violate trade secrets. They noted that this new version of the bill meets these constitutional objections and would survive court challenges. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

$180,000 FOR CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION (H 4330) — **NV**

Senate 34-3, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of an additional $180,000 for the operation of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration. This funding would supplement $514,978 that the Legislature approved for the board in May. The board assists ig negotiating collective bargaining agreements and resolving labor disputes in the public and private sectors through fact-finding, mediation and arbitration. Override supporters said the additional funding is necessary for the continued operation of this board that otherwise will run out of money on May 1 and be forced to close. They noted that the prompt settlement of these disputes helps the economy by saving time, money and jobs. Override opponents said the $514,978 is sufficient to continue to operate this board. They argued that the state is facing up to a $2 billion deficit in the fiscal 2005 budget and should not be overriding the governor's fiscally responsible vetoes. (A "Yea" vote is for the additional $180,000. A "Nay" vote is against the additional $180,000).

$99,925 FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY PROGRAM (H 4330) — **NV**

Senate 34-3, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a provision earmarking $99,925 for Latinas y Ninos— a Boston-based residential treatment program focused on Latino women recovering from alcohol and drug addiction. The funds would come from a $33.2 million Department of Public Health (DPH) budget item that provides for the expending of funds for Latinas y Ninos but does not specify a dollar amount. Override supporters said this unique program, including a 32-bed facility for 20 women and 12 children, is the first of its kind in the state to address the bilingual and bicultural needs of Latino women in recovery. They noted the override would restore a $100,000 budget cut for this worthwhile program that helps single women and mothers with children by allowing children to live with their mother at the facility. Override opponents acknowledged that the program may be a worthwhile one but said the Legislature is being irresponsible in continuing to override the governor's vetoes in light of an up to $2 billion fiscal 2005 budget deficit. They argued that these overrides are becoming a power play by Democrats to upstage a Republican governor. In his veto message, Gov. Romney said he vetoed the earmarking because it unnecessarily earmarks the use of funds at the DPH. (A "Yea vote is for earmarking $99,925 for Latinas y Ninos. A "Nay" vote is against the earmarking).

VERY SMALL FIRMS ADVISORY COUNCIL (H 4328) — **NV**

Senate 34-3, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of the creation of a small business and very small firms advisory council to evaluate the current state system of delivering assistance to small businesses and to make recommendations to improve it. The measure defines a very small firm as one with fewer than 20 employees that is less able to tap traditional sources of business consulting, assistance and finance. Override supporters said this project costs nothing and would help guide these job-creating small businesses through the state's bureaucratic jungle and assist them in leveraging federal funds, private sector support and other grants and loans. Override opponents said the governor knows business better than most people and is already accomplishing these goals through existing agencies and personnel. In his veto message, Gov. Romney said he vetoed the proposal because there is no corresponding funding provided to establish the council. (A "Yea" vote is for the creation of a small business and very small firms advisory council. A "Nay" vote is against it).

$3 MILLION FOR BROWNFIELDS INSURANCE (H 4328) — **NV**

Senate 35-2, overrode Gov. Romney's $3 million veto reduction (from $6 million to $3 million) in funding for the Brownfield Redevelopment Access to Capital Fund (BRAC). Brownfields are abandoned or underused commercial or industrial sites that are often contaminated and hazardous. A 1998 state program offers financial and other incentives to developers who are willing to take a risk in developing these sites. BRAC subsidizes environmental insurance for developers and lenders involved in the redevelopment of brownfields and protects them by reducing the risk of cost overruns, unanticipated environmental costs and unanticipated environmental liability. The additional funding would supplement $1 million that the Legislature approved for BRAC in May. Override supporters said the additional $3 million is necessary for BRAC to adequately subsidize this insurance that protects developers and lenders. They noted that many developers cannot afford this costly insurance on their own but discover that their loans are turned down by banks that will only provide the loans if the project is backed by this insurance. They argued that these projects stimulate the economy by developing underutilized sites, creating jobs and revitalizing surrounding communities. Override opponents said the program is a good one but argued that the state cannot continue to spend like a drunken sailor. They argued that it is time to stop overriding funding in this supplemental budget from last year and begin to focus on this year's fiscal 2005 budget that is facing up to a $2 billion deficit. In his veto message, Gov. Romney said that he reduced this funding by $3 million in order to preserve limited resources. (A "Yea" vote is for the additional $3 million. A "Nay" vote is against the additional $3 million).

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

With so little affordable housing for working families in town, is Cohasset in danger of becoming a haven just for the rich and therefore, losing all economic diversity?

SELECTMAN/ Merle Brown

While it is clear that affordable housing for working families is important, keeping our senior citizens in Town is just as important. As a Selectman, I have worked extremely hard to provide affordable housing alternatives for Cohasset. Working closely with the Planning Board and the Senior Housing Committee, we were able to develop a Senior Multi-Family Resident Overlay District bylaw that requires affordable housing for seniors. The board is about to award a bid to a developer to build at least 28 affordable housing units on the Cook property. It is initiatives like this that are important to retain Cohasset's economic diversity.

Another bylaw change that will help protect diversity is the Accessory Dwelling Special Permit Bylaw (i.e. In-law apartments). By allowing this type of use, the Town is able to provide residents with the ability to rent portions of their homes, bringing in additional income to remain in Town.

The Local Initiative Program through the Department of Housing and Community Development is another tool the Town cam use to promote affordable housing. This "friendly 40B" process is a way for the Town to develop affordable housing that has the full support of the Town. I will continue to work with the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board to develop other bylaws and initiatives that create affordable housing so that Cohasset can retain its diversity.

SELECTMAN/ Louis S. Harvey

My unalterable goal in becoming Selectman is to preserve and protect the quality of life in Cohasset. This goal puts the education of our youth as the top priority that is followed closely by ensuring that citizens of our Town can live out their years without the undeserved stress of housing hardships.

The mere availability of affordable housing will not help the quality of life for our residents. If unrestricted, affordable housing will become a magnet that attracts new residents who will compete with our elderly population for a place to live and with our children for a place to learn. To date, the proposals for affordable housing have attracted far more newcomers into Cohasset than current resident seniors or working families.

The real threat to the elderly and working families is the perennially growing tax burden that forces us all to cut our personal expenses while our town government continues to spend on its own priorities.

The concern about becoming a haven for the rich is misplaced when associated with affordable housing. Economic diversity has existed in Cohasset from its early origins and continues today.

We must protect our senior citizens from being squeezed out of their lifelong homes into low-grade facilities. We must preserve the economic structure so that working families can continue to afford living in their town.

SELECTMAN/ Rob Spofford

The erosion of economic diversity is an issue that has concerned me for many years. Historically, Cohasset has been populated by families across the economic spectrum. This diversity attracted my wife's family to Cohasset three generations ago and has attracted many of our current citizens. It is one of the many characteristics that make Cohasset such an appealing place to live.

During the debate on the need for the new and refurbished schools I heard from many citizens concerned about their ability to remain in Cohasset in the face of rising real estate values and taxes. I took their comments and concerns to heart and under my leadership and initiative I brought together a broad spectrum of concerned citizens to explore the formation of a privately funded foundation that would provide financial support to help offset real estate taxes for any Cohasset resident that met certain criteria. I also researched a number of progressive programs currently utilized by various other cities and towns. Based on these early discussions, as Selectman I would propose creating a formal town committee to continue to pursue the kind of housing and tax relief initiatives that would sustain Cohasset's economic diversity. Also, having worked for years with our legislative leaders I feel well positioned to continue to work in promoting tax relief reform packages with Beacon Hill.

While such efforts offer much needed help they will not be a panacea. Only with a concerted commitment to fiscal restraint with regard to our operating budget will we be able to ensure the diversity of our community.

My demonstrated experience in prudently managing Cohasset's tax dollars along with my solution driven management style and deep rooted personal commitment to maintaining diversity within Cohasset will enable me to advance these initiatives for the benefit of us all.

SELECTMAN/ Ralph Dormitzer

Historically Cohasset has been hospitable to diverse groups of people, those who made their living in the town as well as those who commuted to work. And when they retired from work, they could afford to remain here. Today we are losing that economic and cultural diversity because working families and senior citizens can't afford to stay in their homes. Property taxes are making the town unaffordable.

The state mandated that we provide affordable housing via the 40B legislation and the town passed a Senior Overlay District bylaw in 2002 to accommodate senior citizens. These are alternatives for some.

However, if you are a family of two or three kids with a single-family home on a plot of land and can't afford the taxes and mortgage on the house you're living in, the Avalon 40B apartment complex is not going to be an attractive alternative. Going from owning to renting is a stretch, while giving up your land and the space for your kids is pretty unattractive. You're more likely to move to a town where the taxes are lower, housing costs are lower and you can own your home. Moreover, the senior overlay district housing doesn't help you since it is restricted to seniors over age 55.

The bottom line is that unless we get taxes under control, the town is going to lose its economic diversity.

If the override doesn't pass, the School Committee says class sizes are going to jump. How can you convince the baby-boomers that big class sizes are a bad thing for education when they grew up with large classes themselves?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Jamie Williams

Cohasset has done an excellent job keeping class sizes small. The student-teacher ratio has become a quantifiable measurement used to evaluate school districts nationwide. Any increase in this component should be viewed as erosion of our current educational standard, and will impact the community at large. The Cohasset Teachers' Association joins our community in recognizing "that class size is an important consideration in good education."

Small class size is essential in today's classrooms where "differentiated instruction" requires our teachers to educate students of all levels of achievement, learning styles and learning differences to their maximum level of competence. Consistent growth and achievement are required to attain current educational initiatives.

With the advent of MCAS, a new measurable dimension in student achievement was established. This state-imposed mandate was non-existent in the baby boomer school years. Today, it is a requirement for graduation and a measurement that defines the performance of a school district. Attaining high scores and state ranking are a priority. Cohasset has been fortunate to not only have the small class sizes necessary to meet this priority, but also the indispensable assistance of classroom aides to support teachers.

Small class sizes provide our children with a quality education often compared to that of private schools. It gives our students the competitive edge required to be successful in today's world. I cannot convince anyone that large class sizes are a good thing since I believe we must keep them small so that our children will benefit from the same quality education enjoyed by the class of 2004. We must continue to adapt to the changing world, while striving to become the standard by which other districts are measured. To accomplish this I feel it is imperative that we create a master plan, identify and measure quantifiable returns, and prioritize spending.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

Research conducted since the days of baby boomers being in the classroom has shown that the single most predictable measure of student success and achievement is low teacher to student class size ratios. These studies recommend and mount no greater than 22 to 1 for all grades except kindergarten where an 18 to 1 ratio is suggested for safety reasons. These studies take into account the current expectations, mandates, guidelines and frameworks placed upon today's classrooms and students by the state and federal government. One of these particular mandates passed in 1972 was the concept of inclusion put forward by Massachusetts law under chapter 766. This legislation required children with learning, physical, neurological and emotional disabilities to be mainstreamed into the classroom and moved out of their segregated spaces. The overall impact of this change meant teachers needed to instruct to a variety of learning needs. Coupled with advances in learning such as the research of Howard Gardener's Multiple Intelligence's suggested that many different approaches to instruction is necessary in order to ensure each child is taught according to his potential. The most effective way to provide this type of teaching is within a smaller classroom.

The one factor, probably most well known by baby boomers, requiring the need for smaller classrooms, is the expectation of accountability measured through MCAS testing where students, curriculum, classrooms and schools are measured and rated according to their performance. Cohasset has consistently done extremely well with MCAS's which has strengthened Cohasset's reputation for excellence in education. Given the fact that adhering to the research and following the practice of maintaining small class sizes has ultimately proven successful for Cohasset and its students, it is my belief that we must continue to keep class sizes small in order to ensure continued success.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Adrienne MacCarthy

Most of us would agree that times have changed both academically and socially since the school days of the "baby-boomer" generation. To use a phrase from these good old days, we have "come a long way baby" in the fields of science, medicine, technology and education. Progress made in these fields over the past 30 years has brought significant changes in our daily lives. Thirty years ago, we believed smoking was cool and sophisticated, polyester was the fabric of the future and the Japanese couldn't make a reliable car. Were we wrong? In hindsight, yes, but based on the information we had at the time, I would argue otherwise.

As for the field of Education, I remember class sizes approaching and in many cases exceeding 30 students were the norm, textbooks were shared, and classroom participation was limited to responding to the daily attendance roll call. The teachers did a commendable job considering, but we all know of a classmate that was "processed through" despite poor academic performance. In hindsight, this student may have had behavioral issues or some type of learning disability that went unnoticed.

The available research in the education field points to the fact that smaller classes equals a more effective educational experience for all. The smaller classroom size of today is an engaging environment using technology and hands on activities to bring the educational process to life. Our teachers today can and do give individual attention to their students and are better able to gauge their academic abilities and needs. Teachers today are also mandated to teach various abilities simultaneously.

Smaller class sizes are superior. I believe this is more a statement of fact than opinion. We have come a long way, and I see no advantage to rolling back the clock when we know better.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Scott O'Grady

Analyses of research on the effects of reducing class size on student achievement show measurable gains, but differing conclusions. One analysis points out that opinions split on party lines, "with Democrats generally favoring class size reductions and Republicans remaining hostile to them" (Biddle, Berliner 2002). This week's Question implies a generational divide on the issue. I propose that these divisions are largely artificial, a product of a superficial understanding of the larger issue of improving instruction and student achievement, and that the question of class size does not admit of a yes or no answer.

Lower student to teacher ratios in themselves do not guarantee improved achievement. We must take as our goal the maximization of individual instruction, because one on one is the only class size that unequivocally indicates academic success. To the extent that 20 to 1 helps to increase opportunities for teachers to engage students individually, it is an improvement over 30 to 1. Teachers use techniques such as team teaching and cooperative groups to help increase their one on one time with students. Our ongoing program of continuing teacher education addresses these instructional concerns and needs to be continually monitored for effectiveness. Structural changes, like block scheduling and reducing teachers' class loads, help to accommodate productive pedagogical techniques. Incorpo-rating specialists inclusively in the classroom changes ratios, as do pull-out programs for individual instruction.

This is not a for-it or against-it issue. Achievement advances connected to lower class size seem to require improved instruction. Some instructional techniques need to be supported by structural changes that may prove to be expensive. Smaller class size is a positive goal, but we must be careful to lay the groundwork for it to be successful, and not strip other effective programs to pay for it. The conversation must remain ongoing.

Many residents are concerned about "mansionization" in town yet the Planning Board will ask Town Meeting to indefinitely postpone the Large House Site Plan Review article. Where do you stand on that article?

PLANNING BOARD/ Stuart Ivimey

Concern over "mansionization" is well-founded. The Planning Board must recognize that building oversized homes on undersized lots is detrimental to Cohasset's character. We see examples where open space was stripped in order to make way for tightly packed groups of oversized houses. Also, modest size homes on small lots are being demolished in favor of unsightly oversized buildings. The Planning Board should endorse the Large House Site Plan Review ("By-Law") as a remedy to this modern-day problem. I saw mansionization destroy the character of two communities where I previously lived. We should not allow Cohasset to become the third.

The Planning Board improperly focuses on whether this type of development was a problem in the past; instead, its focus should concern Cohasset's future.

Mansionization is clearly one of the top concerns called out in the survey from the Master Plan — 75 percent of residents believe that we should limit house size relative to lot size. Current zoning laws actually allow homes of up to 16,000 square feet on the smallest lots in town without significant oversight. Developers consider Cohasset a "free-town", meaning a town with high property values, few regulations, and which allows construction of mansions almost on top of each other.

The By-Law provides general guidelines, based upon smart growth principles stressing development that is sympathetic to neighbors, community and the environment. The progressive nature of this bylaw encourages dialogue between developers and neighbors; maintains town character; and reduces litigation. The By-Law does not, as many believe, set forth an onerous list of rules that make it impossible to build large homes.

Leading community planners and towns have adopted this guidelines/process based approach for managing growth and resolving disputes. The town of Weston successfully implemented a similar by-law. The Planning Board must exercise leadership on this important issue.

PLANNING BOARD/ Joe Nedrow

I fully support the decision of the Planning Board to ask Town Meeting to indefinitely postpone the "Mansionization" article. I attended the public hearing on this article and observed the dialog between the proponents of the article and members of the Planning Board. It was obvious from the discussion, that the article as drafted, contained language that was ambiguous, subject to misunderstanding, misinterpretation and certainly potential litigation. Those members voting to postpone the article represent almost sixty years of combined experience as Cohasset Planning Board members. It's unfortunate these issues were not identified, discussed, and resolved during the drafting process. To promote passage of any article at Town Meeting without the input and concerns of other boards and committees is not only premature, but a disservice to all our citizens, more so, when the potential of litigation is almost certain. Additionally I am told the Zoning Board of Appeals (which I think represents even more years of combined experience than the Planning Board) have also recommended the article be indefinitely postponed. The current Bylaws, properly interpreted and enforced have the potential to adequately address the Mansionization issue.

I stand firmly behind the Planning Board's Decision to indefinitely postpone this article.

Next week's questions:

For the Planning Board: *Do you agree with the planning board's decision to give Cedarmere a special permit when the proposed condominium project didn't get the OK to connect to the town sewer?*

For Selectmen: *Are rising police and fire overtime costs, and town legal fees a management problem or a fact of life?*

For the School Committee: *Has the school committee's role diminished under the Education Reform Act?*

Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

League to host candidates' forum

The Hingham League of Women Voters will hold a forum among Cohasset candidates for local office on Monday, March 22 at the Cohasset Middle High School at 143 Pond St., at 7:30 p.m. The candidates and the public are invited to arrive at 7 p.m., at which time the League will discuss the ground rules with the candidates, and there will be informal mingling.

The LWV of Hingham is a nonpartisan, political organization that encourages citizens to take an informed and active role in government. Cohasset residents are welcome to become members of the Hingham League.

The forum will be conducted in a manner that allows candidates an equal opportunity to inform voters of their position on important issues. The moderator of the forum will be a non-Cohasset resident. The format for candidates for contested office is as follows:

- Opening statement — 2 minutes, each candidate
- Questions from the live audience — each candidate, up to 2 minute answer
- Closing statements — 2 minutes, each candidate

This format will be followed for candidates for Selectman, for School Committee, and for the One Year Term to fill an unexpired term on the Planning Board. The question period will accommodate between two and four questions, depending on the length of the replies. Candidates running unopposed will be invited to make a two-minute statement at the conclusion of the first part of the evening, which should be at 9 p.m.

In the event that only one candidate for a single contested race can appear, the sole candidate cannot participate in the debate according to Federal Election Laws but can make a two-minute statement with the unopposed candidates. The event will be televised on local cable Channel 22.

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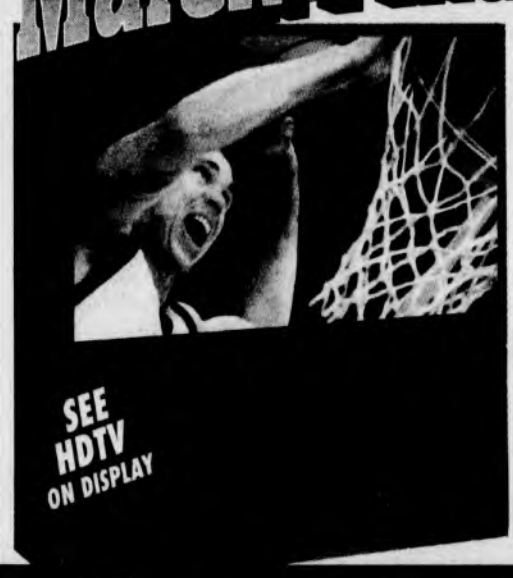
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Anderson a shooting star

Junior emerged as central figured in lady hoopsters run to postseason

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

She led the entire league in points per game. She made the All-Star Team. She helped bring the team into the state tournament for the first time since 1988. She's looking to play college basketball. And, believe it or not, Casey Anderson is only a junior.

Casey's enthusiasm for basketball dates back to the first grade when her father introduced her to the game. Her enthusiasm for athletics blossomed as she watched her older brother, Tom, excel in football, hockey and lacrosse. To this day, Casey thrives on the intensity, quick pace and the constant surprise basketball brings to her life

Entering into this past basketball season, however, she had no clue how the team would perform or even who would coach the team. Then along came John Levangie.

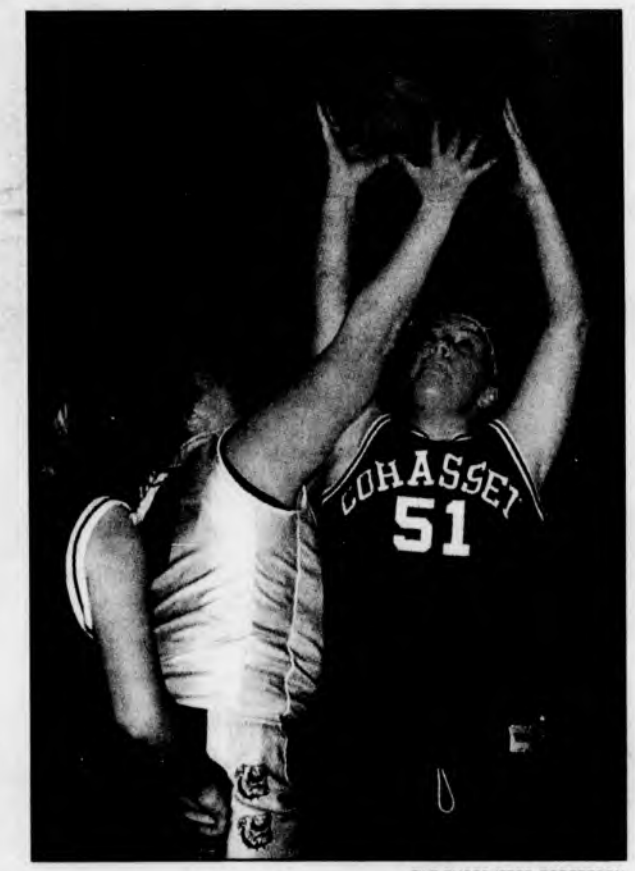
"Coach Levangie sparked an entire new energy to the team," said Anderson. "He provided the backbone of our team. The coach taught us how to win and protect our confidence."

When the Skippers shot off with a 4-0 start, the new coach connected with his players. However, the win-loss record worsened. Anderson's attitude and leadership helped pull her teammates through.

"All teams experience these slumps," observed Anderson. "We kept our confidence intact. We pulled through it and rocketed into tourney mode."

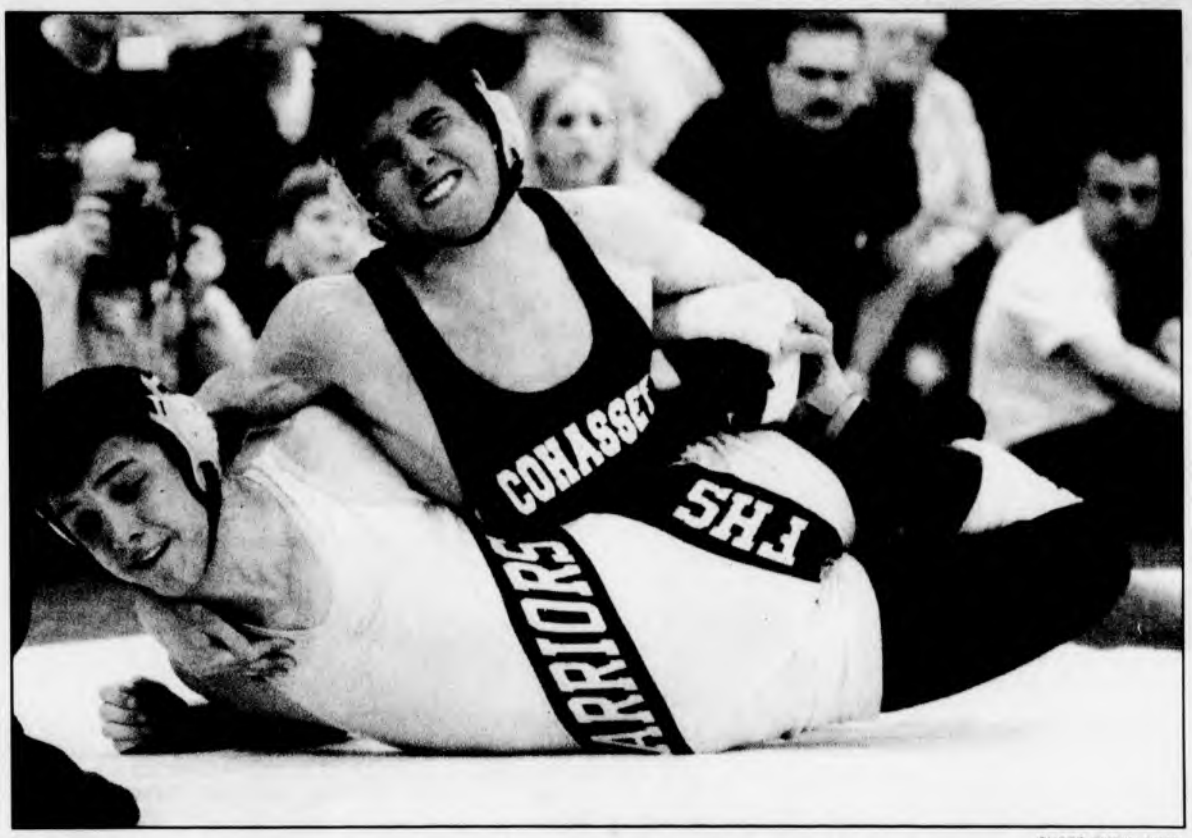
The Skippers subsequently clenched a spot in the Div. 3 South Sectional Tournament for the first time in 16 years. Two games into the tourney, however, the Skippers faced their ultimate challenge in a showdown with the Rough Riders of Harwich in Harwich's home gym.

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FILE PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset's Casey Anderson (#51) goes strong over Holbrook's Jen Lowe in early season non-league action.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Phil Strazzulla (top), a second year team captain, capped his superb career with a seventh place finish at the New England Wrestling Championships, winning two of four matches.

A fitting conclusion

Strazzulla and Baroudi place at New England's, while Kehoe just edged out

By Mike Spellman
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It's all a matter of perspective.

The three Cohasset High wrestlers themselves-- senior captain Phil Strazulla and juniors Joe Kehoe and Matt Baroudi—were clearly disappointed not to come out of the New England championships with a little more to show for their efforts, but coach Torin Sweeney could not have been much happier with the way his big three performed.

"A break here or there, and we probably would have had some higher placings, but all three guys wrestled well," appraised Sweeney. "All in all, I'm happy with how we made out at New England's and I'm ecstatic over the way the season went."

Phil Strazzulla, a second year team captain, capped his superb career with a seventh place finish in the 22 wrestler field at 140 pounds, winning two of his four matches.

"I know Phil was a little disappointed he didn't finish higher, but it was a great run for him and a great experience," said Sweeney, who has now completed 21 years of running the CHS wrestling program. "I'm happy for him."

After getting a first round bye, the reward for his second place finish at All-States a week earlier, Strazzulla opened with a 10-8 decision over Matt Phipps, of Manchester West High (N.H.), to advance.

The CHS captain was then pinned by Connecticut All-State champ Brian Crudden, of

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Reflections on a memorable season

CHS boys accomplished much to be proud of

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

This year was shaping up to be a lot like last year.

For the Cohasset boys basketball team, that was not a good thing. The 2002-'03 campaign saw a number of tough breaks and losses go against the Skippers on their way to a 7-13 finish.

Thanks to a solid group of seniors and a couple of young players stepping up, this year's team did not repeat their past performance. Despite having records of 2-5, 4-8, and 6-10 at various points in the season, the Skippers made it into the postseason.

There, they lost by 12 to a good Millis squad in the preliminary round. It was a frustrating night offensively for the Skippers, who had some good looks at the basket, but simply could not find the net. Head coach Ron Ford said his players did what they had to do against the Mohawks' box-and-one defense, but just could not get the shots the fall.

Although it was certainly a disappointment to lose, it was a worthwhile experience to make the tournament, considering where the team had to come from to do it.

"Only one team gets to end their season with a win," Ford said. "I'd much rather lose in the tournament than lose in the regular season and not make it at all."

The senior leadership of Chris Bilodeau, Sean Connolly, John Andrade and Dan Tarpey played a huge role in Cohasset's season. Bilodeau led the team in scoring, average over 21 points per game, and also got his fair share of rebounds and assists while playing tough defense.

Connolly, who along with Bilodeau was a four-year varsity player, was the Skippers' top low-post threat and also their leading rebounder. Andrade, who Ford says he remembers as a ball boy when his older brother played for him, was solid at point guard and made some big shots at key moments, particularly in a win over Hull the last week of the season that propelled the team

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Skippers on course

CHS icemen expected to vie for league crown, playoff glory in '04-'05

By Mike Spellman
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Ben Virga figures the South Shore League title and postseason glory will be there for the taking for his Cohasset High hockey team next winter…if enough of his players truly want it.

"We have a lot of talent in our freshmen and sophomore classes," said Virga, who led the Skippers to a 12-7-3 record in his first season at the helm, including a playoff win over Blue Hills followed by a loss last Tuesday to eventual South Sectional champ Bourne.

"If a good number of those guys lift weights, get bigger and stonger, and play some good caliber off season hockey, we could be a very good team.

"Of course, I can say same about Norwell. They have a lot of underclass talent too, and they could be very good. In the end, it may well come down to who wants it more."

This is not to say the Skippers won't feel the bite of graduation. The caps and gowns claim three league all-stars. Rob Carpenter (12 goals, 20 assists fro a team best 32 points) and defenseman Mike Devine (9 goals, 8 assists), a team tri-captain, were arguably the most talented overall players in the South Shore League this season, and Mike Rasmussen (13 goals, eight assists), another of the captains, was a gritty hard-working forward who led by way of a great example.

"No one player is going to replace a Rob Carpenter or Mike Devine or Mike Rasmussen, but, collectively, I think we have enough talent to take a step up as a team next year," asserted Virga. "We have a lot of players who have shown flashes who I think are quite capable of playing much bigger roles next season."

This sense of confidence begins with the four players who have been named captains: seniors-to-be Ted Straughn, Joe Durkin, Tim Pilczak and Crandon Leahy—all four of whom played key roles this season, the former two up front, the

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PHOTO/BERT LANE

Mike Rasmussen (#10) is one of three big time performers the CHS icemen will lose to the caps and gowns.

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into the tournament.

Tarpey really came on strong during Cohasset's stretch run, carrying the Skippers at times with his offensive rebounding and big baskets.

"I don't think I've ever had a kid improve over the course of the season like Dan Tarpey did this year," Ford said.

The coach said this group of seniors-- with Bilodeau, Connolly and Andrade as the co-captains-- went a long way in making this a worthwhile season.

"They showed a lot of great leadership this year," Ford said. "I had a lot of fun coaching this team. They made me want to work as hard as I could."

The character of this team was tested early and often, and they usually passed. The first test came after a game against Canton, in which Cohasset led by seven points with two minutes to go in the second overtime, but wound up losing. Although they lost their next three games, two of them against tournament teams, consecutive wins over Carver and Harwich got the Skippers back on track.

Cohasset played close to .500 ball over the next several games, but a second loss to Abington put the team at 6-10 with five games to go. The Skippers' only realistic hope would be to split a pair of road games at Carver and Archbishop Williams, and then sweep a three-game homestand the last week of the season.

And that is exactly what they did. The win of the year was Feb. 11 against Hull, the Skippers' ninth victory of the season. Led by incredible efforts from Bilodeau and Andrade, Cohasset beat a team that had already defeated them twice earlier in the season. Although they made things interesting in the season finale against Mashpee, the blue and white got the job done and qualified for the tournament.

Looking ahead to next year, the top returning players are guard Trevor Brady and forward Jeff Brown. Brady can play both guard positions and can light it up from behind the arc. Brown, a freshman who was in the starting lineup down the stretch, showed a Rodman-like tenacity on the boards and developed the ability to score as the season wore on.

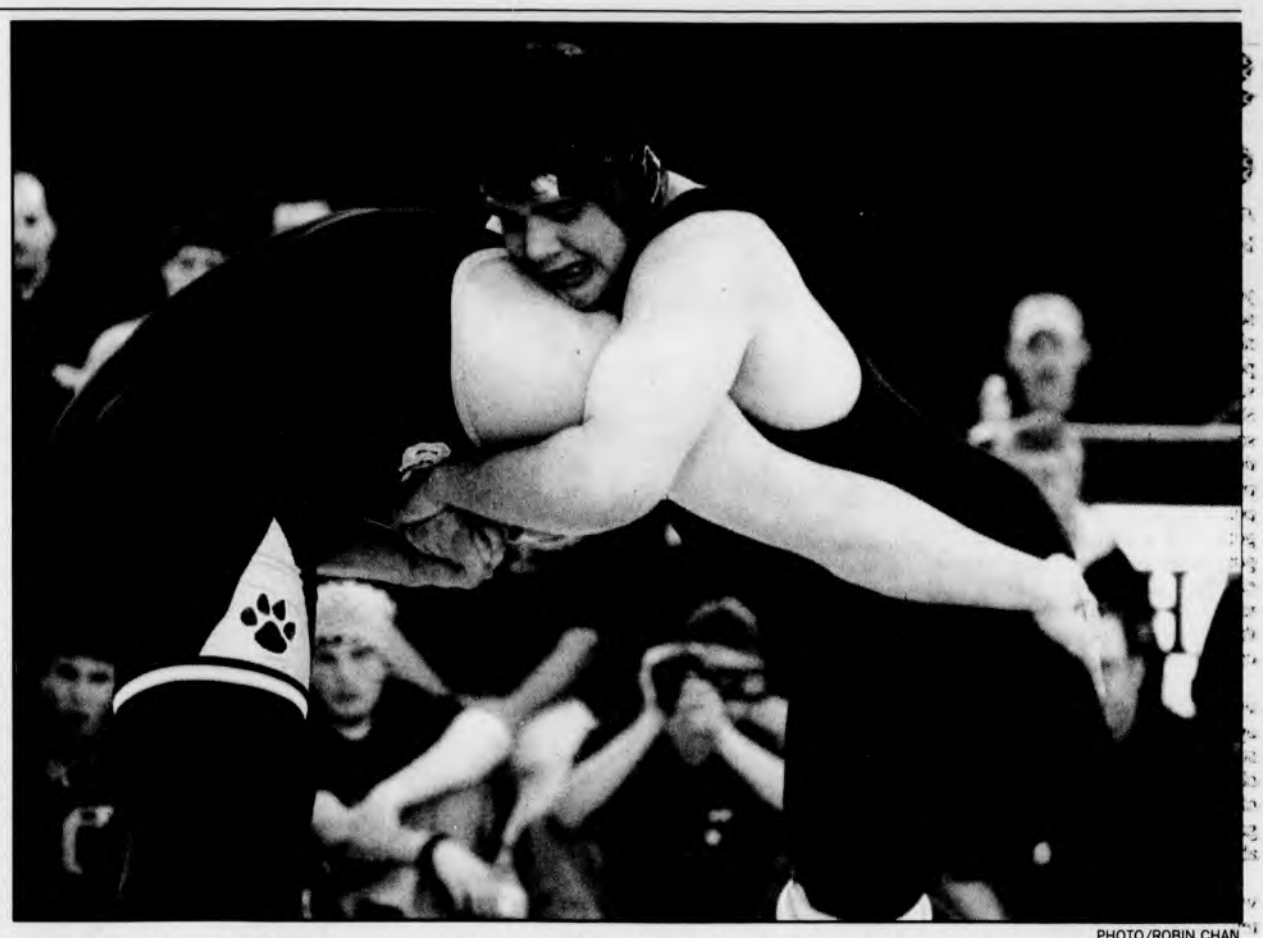
The 2004-'05 team, which will see players like Chris Ofthsun, John McCarthy and Nick Arment get more playing time, will not have any seniors. Contrary to what most would think, that is something Ford is looking forward to.

"It will be nice to have the same group of kids for two years," he said.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Sean Connolly (#4), the Skippers' top low-post threat and leading rebounder this season, will certainly be missed next season.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

CHS junior Matt Baroudi (right) took fourth place in his 215-pound weight class in his second trip to the New England Wrestling Championships this weekend, winning four of six matches.

A fitting conclusion

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Windham High, the fall completed just a heartbeat before the first period buzzer (or just after, depending on who you talk to), with the score tied at 2-2 at the time.

Phil, a four time sectional placer, then gained a measure of revenge over Sandwich's Jameson Sylvia, the lone wrestler who bested him during the regular season, with a decisive win that was not as close as the 8-5 score might indicate, a takedown in the final seconds by Sylvia accounting for two meaningless points.

This win pitted Phil against Vermont state champ Ken Volkner, of Mt. Anthony's, with the latter grappler eking out an 8-7 decision.

"When you get to the final eight or so wrestlers in each class, the difference between them seemed to be an eyelash," appraised Sweeney. "Phil just didn't get that break that could have kept him going."

Still, the coach considered this postseason a fitting ending to a great career for Strazzulla, a two year captain—second place finishes at Sectionals and All States sandwiched around a Div. 3 state title in front of his hometown crowd, all followed by his first ever appearance at New England's.

"Phil is without a doubt one of the best wrestlers I've ever coached," said Sweeney. "He'll be very tough to replace, not just for what he did on the mat, but for his leadership. He's one of the best captains I've ever had and one of the classiest kids I've ever been around."

The best Cohasset performance was turned in by Matt Baroudi. In his second straight trip to New England's, the junior notched four wins and finished fourth at 215 pounds.

After taking fourth at All-States the week before, Baroudi got a tough first round match-up, drawing Timberlane's Zach Zdrada-- ironically, the same wrestler who beat him in the opening round of New England's last year. The match was tied at 2-2 at the end of regulation, but Baroudi flipped Zdrada in OT and got him on his back for the 7-2 win.

Baroudi then stunned Vermont state camp Torey Rich, 3-1, a two point takedown after starting on top in the second period providing the decisive points in this one.

Baroudi then moved onto the semifinals, where he slapped a pin on Cumberland High's (RI) Jim Bridges just before the end of the second period.

The semifinals saw a first ever showdown for Baroudi with three-time defending Massachusetts champ Joe Fendone, of Central Catholic. Baroudi did not get out of the first period of this one, as Fendone finished off his pin 25 seconds before the end of the first period.

Baroudi showed some toughness by holding on at the end to pull out a 3-2 win over Quabbin's Will Thorng to clinch a finish no lower than fourth.

The CHS junior's day then came full circle, as he dropped a double OT heartbreaker to Zdrada, 2-1, the Timberland wrestler pulling off an escape for the win.

Had Kehoe gotten by his first round match, coach Sweeney feels confident he might also have placed. However, the junior could not recover all the way from a late first period five-point combination by Timberlane's Ty Sullivan in the pigtail opener, and wound up losing 6-5, despite taking the Rhode Island grappler down three times in the match.

"I honestly think Joey was a better wrestler," said Sweeney. "He rode (Sullivan) for like four and a half of the six minutes and had three takedowns, but he just couldn't get that last point. Had he won here, I think he would have had pretty favorable match-ups for the next couple of rounds."

Of course, in the final analysis, to take three wrestlers to New England's, the best CHS total in 11 years, including two juniors, constitutes a great capper to a great season, in Sweeney's mind

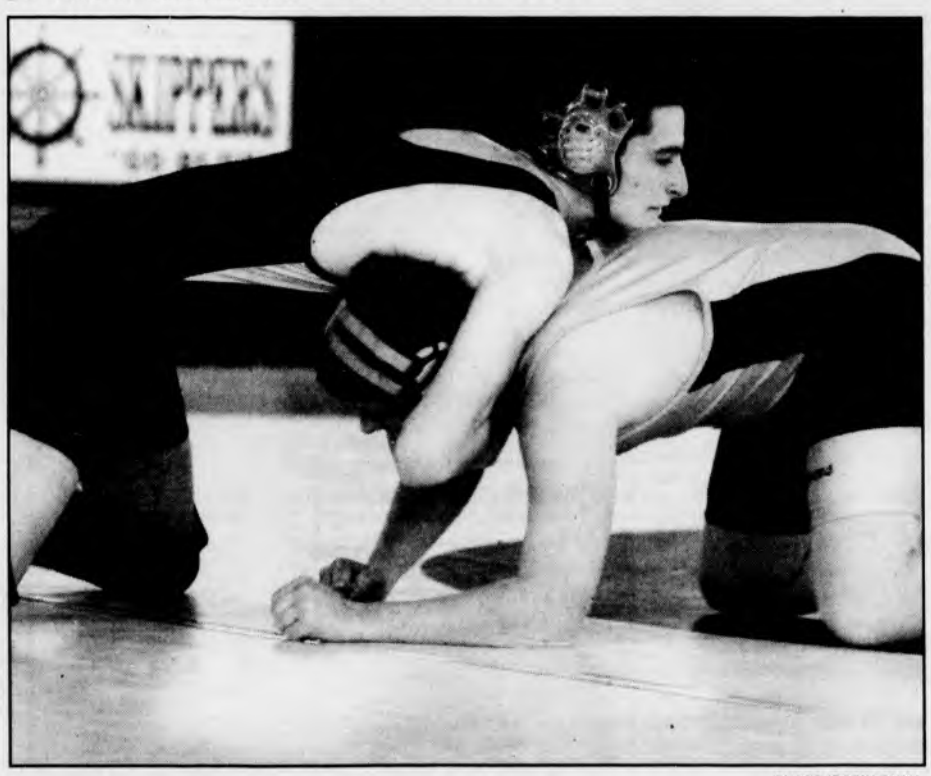
"I'm glad Phil was able to get chance to go New England's after four great seasons and, for Matt and Joey, that was a great experience that should only make them hungrier and smarter next year. Really, I'm thrilled."

Kehoe and Baroudi will lead a Cohasset team next winter that is favored to win a third straight league title and could also very well vie for a sectional crown.

Sweeney returns 18 solid wrestlers, with Strazzulla and heavyweight Jake Berger the only two mainstays being lost to graduation.

Juniors Matt Casey (160), Jon Littauer (130) and Kevin Dinsmore (125) and freshman Ryan McClellan (103) all placed at sectionals this season, helping the Skippers to a third place finish, and sophomore Dave McKenna likely would have as well if he had been wrestling at his ideal weight of 130 rather than 135. To this outstanding eight wrestler core, Sweeney expects have at least five other members from what he calls his "best freshmen class in a long, long time" in key roles.

"Next year could legitimately be our year to make a run at Foxboro," said Sweeney, issuing a challenge to the 11-time defending Div. 3 south sectional champions.



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Cohasset's Pat O'Brien (left) is just one in a large and talented cast of wrestlers who return next season.

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later pair on defense.

Of course, this will be the second year as captain for Straughn, who scored a team best 15 goals to go along with 16 assists to finish a point behind Carpenter in the team scoring race. Even though Straughn was *only* a junior this season, Virga felt he was the real emotional leader of his team, lavishing praise on both his work ethic and positive nature. In Durkin (six goals, five assists), Pilczak (three goals, eight assists) and Leahy, an excellent stay-at-home defenseman, the coach feels Straughn has three kindred spirits, not to mention comparable talents.

"Standing here right now, I'd be willing to put those four captains against any four captains in the state," said Virga. "These are four character individuals. That quality of leadership I know we're going to get already has me feeling excited about next year."

Another big advantage this team will have in year two of the Virga reign is the ability to hit the ground running…or hit the ice skating, so to speak.

"I think it took this year's players and myself about eight or so games to figure each other out," noted Virga, this assertion supported by a 4-5-3 start and a 7-1 finish to the regular season. "I came in with a new system, and there was an obvious adjustment to that, as well as my style of coaching. Those won't be issues next year.

"I've got a lot of players coming back who understand the way things work now, including 15 freshmen and sophomores. I think we have a chance to go on a nice little two or three year run here if we do things the right way."

From the large group of underclassmen, those who saw regular time this season included sophomores Mark Bouchard (10 goals, nine assists), Matt O'Connell (five goals, 13 assists), Brandon Smith, who emerged as another heady stay-at-home blueliner over the second half of the season, and, of course, second year starting goaltender Stefan Parnell.

"Each one of these guys has the potential to get better, and I think they will," said Virga. "Mark's a very good player. Matt had a huge second half and I look for him to continue that. Stefan finished strong. Brandon was an extremely pleasant surprise.

The coach continued on, throwing down the gauntlet: "We've got like an eight or nine player core there we can count on. But that's not enough. We saw what happened in the (playoff) loss to Bourne when Robbie (Carpenter) was playing hurt and then we lost Mike (Rasmussen to a broken wrist) in that game. We just didn't have the depth to stay with a team like Bourne. We need to develop that depth next year, because injuries are a part of the game."

Three players you know the coach is counting on for bigger and better things are forwards Mark Donovan, Ben Libby and Conor Holway, a junior, sophomore and freshman, respectively.

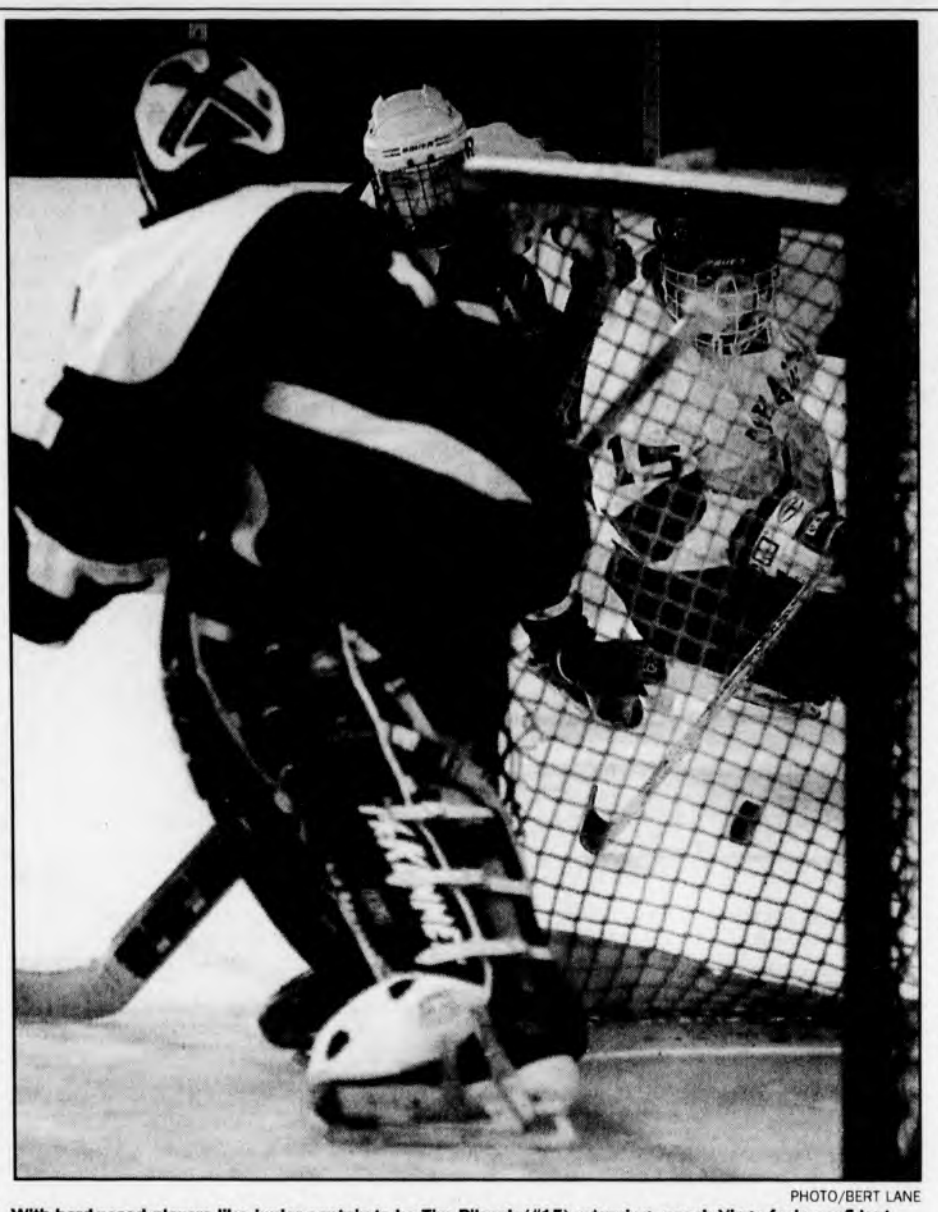
He used these three together as a third line down the stretch to relatively good results, with the trio seeming to compliment one another well: Donovan a hard-working digger, Libby a heady centerman who seemingly lacks only the size needed to be a top flight offensive producer, and Holway an extremely gifted albeit somewhat raw talent.

"I look at Conor as, potentially, another Teddy Straughn," said Virga, paying what in his mind is a huge compliment. "He's big, he can skate, he'll hit anyone and he's got a great shot."

Among the other players the coach figures have a real chance to jump into the mix next year are sophomore Brian Straughn (Ted's brother) and freshmen Austen Lanzillotti, Chris Davis, Corbin Faber, TJ Kennedy and Zach Murray.

Of course, he notes, he would not be surprised to see help come from someone he did not name.

"The players who work hardest to improve will stand out, and they'll get the first chance to play," said Virga.



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With hard-nosed players like junior captain-to-be Tim Pilczak (#15) returning, coach Virga feels confident his Skippers can make a run at a league title and postseason glory next winter.

Girls travel basketball report

The Cohasset girls travel basketball teams for grades 5-8 enjoyed a productive weekend with eight wins in eight game games on Saturday and Sunday against Weymouth and Marshfield respectively.

The Blue & White fifth graders won both of their games with relative ease to improve to 8-2 and move into sole possession of third place in the 15-team Old Colony League. On Saturday at Weymouth, Cohasset displayed its most balanced scoring attack of the season in a 25-16 triumph as eight of the Fabulous Fifthers got into the scoring column. Carly Haggerty led the point parade with six points, followed by Emma Musto and Lindsey Davis with four apiece, Rachel Fredey with three, and Emma Quigley, Kate French, Carly Martin, and Olivia Murphy with two points each.

On Sunday afternoon defense was the key to victory in a 14-9 triumph win over Marshfield at the CHS gym. The tight Cohasset 2-3 zone held the visitors, who came into the game tied with Cohasset for third place, scoreless through the entire first half and half of the second half as the Blue & White built up a 14-0 lead. Among those bolstering the staunch Cohasset D were Jen Curley and Colby Smalzel in the front court and Amy Costa in the backcourt. Although the Cohasset offense was not as prolific as in the Weymouth contest, it proved more than enough to get the job done. Musto led the way with six points, Haggerty had five (including two free throws), Fredey hit a free throw, and Logan Pratt iced the Fab Five victory cake with a 12 foot swisher from the side.

The sixth grade squad bounced back from its lone loss of the season last week to Hanover with a pair of wins to improve to a sterling 9-1 on the year. In a run-and-gun, 28-16 win over Weymouth, the Super Sixers showed too much firepower for the host team and controlled the play from the opening tap to the final buzzer. Meredith Kelly displayed her patented baseline power move to lead the Blue & White with six points, while Mimi Mahoney and Lindsay Allard hit for four points each. Allard in particular turned in a rugged game, but bounced back each time despite some very physical play by Weymouth. Lucy Noble contributed to the offensive effort with two key free throws.

On Sunday, the Super Sixers engaged in a defensive battle with Marshfield, but handily prevailed by a 13-6 final score. The stifling, man-to-man defense of Cohasset held the visitors to just two points in the first half. Allard was high scorer with seven points, of which five came on free throws, with Mahoney and Kelly contributing four each.

In contrast to the fifth and sixth graders, the seventh grade team faced its toughest test of the season at Weymouth on Saturday. However, with their unbeaten season on the line, the Seventh Wonders rose to the occasion to pull out a dramatic 21-18 victory. The Blue & White found themselves trailing with 1:20 to play, but their foul shooting practice paid off as Carly Zappolo, Gabriella Flibotte, and Sammi Lehr all tingled the twines from the charity stripe down the stretch to account for Cohasset's final five points in a scintillating 21-18 triumph.

After their hard-earned win Saturday, the Seventh Wonders cruised to a 28-12 win over visiting Marshfield. Tess Calorio led Cohasset with eight points, while Maura Barnes, who always plays hard-nosed defense, once again applied the defensive pressure (and without fouling out!)

The eighth graders completed the weekend sweep for the local teams with wins of 28-20 over Weymouth and 25-16 over Marshfield.

Coastal Stars Youth Hockey sign-ups

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EMass Senior softball league seeks players

The Eastern Massachusetts Senior Softball Association ("EMASS") will open its tenth season in May. This is the largest senior softball program in greater Boston, the second largest in New England, and is open to players age 55 and over.

In 2003 there will be over 200 players, organized into two leagues – a twelve team weekend league and a four (possibly six) team Tuesday morning league. The weekend league, which is more competitive, plays games on Saturday mornings (a few Sundays) at fields in Wayland, Framingham, Newton, Cambridge, Canton, Peabody and Tewksbury. The Tuesday morning league, primarily men who are retired, plays in Wayland, with some games possibly in Newton. Players have the option of playing in either the Saturday or Tuesday league or in both.

Each team will play a schedule of 20-30 games starting in May and ending in late August. (Usually two seven inning games are played.) For those who want to play even more, there is an assortment of tournaments and other games both during the regular season and in the fall.

Senior softball has been growing steadily for the past decade. It has long been extremely popular in retirement areas, as Cape Cod, Florida and Arizona, and is becoming more appealing for younger players all over the country, those in their fifties who still love the game but who have slowed a step or two and prefer to compete with people their own age.

Many EMASS players have been active in competitive softball leagues for a long time, while others have returned to the game after "retiring" a number of years ago. Although the competition is serious, the essential goal of the program is for all players to enjoy the experience. Players come from 58 communities all over eastern Massachusetts (and a few from New Hampshire), from Hingham in the south to Salem and Tewksbury in the north, Groton and Marlborough to the west and just about every city and town in-between.

The games are played according to national senior softball rules. A pitch must have a 6' arc and strikes must hit either the plate or a one foot extension behind the plate. There are 11 players in the field, and all players on a team (usually 12-14) are in the batting order. Games are seven innings, with a 12 run mercy rule after 4 fi innings.

EMASS Senior Softball is administered by a commissioner, a board of directors and the managers of the teams. The fee is for the weekend league will be $70 and for the weekday league $40. These fees cover the costs of equipment, uniforms, umpires (for weekend league) and rental of fields.

Every attempt is made to balance the teams in each league. Thus new players will be assigned to teams according to ability, positions to be played and, for the weekend league, openings on teams with home fields close to where they live. Pre-season practices and evaluation sessions are held in April and the games start the first week in May. There are no tryouts. Everyone who wants to play will be assigned to a team.

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Anderson a shooting star

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"We had absolutely nothing to lose," noted Anderson. "Harwich, on the other hand, had a title to defend." Cohasset, unfortunately, lost the game.

Over the entire season Anderson averaged 16.5 points per game with an astounding overall total of 360 points. Casey credits assistant coach Dave Gianferante with "tweaking" her shot.

Casey's close friend and teammate, Nicole Whitney, sees Casey as a "leader on and off the court and a great advice giver."

Teammate Katie James believes Anderson is "one of the most well rounded players in the league."

Between basketball seasons Anderson has carefully planned her sports schedule. She will captain the Cohasset softball squad and play in the highly competitive AAU basketball league.

Only days after this season ended she began thinking about how next year's basketball squad will shake out. With Ashley Faber's graduation the squad will lose a tall and talented individual. Cohasset will also lose a valuable point guard in Jenn Buckley. Casey believes Mia Lieb-Lappen and Lisa Musto will rise to the occasion. She thinks Lacey Richardson and Laura Novak will add depth to the bench.

When asked about arch rival Harwich, Anderson was optimistic. The Cape Cod team will lose eight players to graduation but still retain stars Dee Miller and Amanda Gonzalez. In short, she says Harwich can be beaten.

What happens after she graduates from CHS? Casey plans to attend a division three college, study nursing and continue her basketball. So this time next year Cohasset will say good bye to the second Anderson family star.

But have no fear. Meg Anderson, currently an eighth grader, will probably find her way into Cohasset sports stardom. Like her older sister, Meg can rack up some serious point totals on the court.

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COASTAL STARS REPORT

Mite C1

The Coastal Stars Mite C-1's defeated Weymouth this week by a score of 7-1 and thus clinched the Yankee confenrence with a record of 18-1-1. The Stars came out determined and persistent from the opening faceoff. They were aggressive on offensive and provided good protection on defense for Stars goalie Cameron Lamoureux. The first line off the bench, led by Pat Shea, Brendan O'Connell and Tommy Prendergast, with Tucker Ambrose and Brodie Jackisch on defense, grabbed the Stars their first goal in the first shift. They immediately had several good shots from each of the offense but it was Brendan who took a shot from the corner and got past Weymouth for the goal. The second line off the bench with Derek Benson, Justin Fein and Jake Burchill on offense, supported by Charlie Blackington and Adam Benson on defense, followed quickly and again the offense had several good shots on goal but the Weymouth goalie had the edge and all were denied. Cameron, the Stars goalie, was also tested and produced two strong saves. The third line off the bench came out flying. Center Colin MacDonald scored quickly on a breakaway and wingers Colby Comeau and Charley Michalowski followed the lead, digging for every puck and looking out in front for their own shots. Defensemen Kevin Meehan and Bryan Palmieri worked well keeping the puck in the Weymouth zone and keeping the pressure on. The Stars were rewarded with their third goal when Charley took a solid shot that proved too fast and too tough for Weymouth. The Stars earned their next four goals in the same fashion: persistence from the defense keeping the puck in the Weymouth end, good digging in the corner and in front of the net, and lots of shooting. The fourth Stars goal was scored by Tommy Prendergast when he broke up a potential Weymouth run and brought it back and dumped it in. The fifth and sixth goals came from Justin Fein who had several strong shots throughout the game. The seventh goal came from Derek Benson who had his best game of the season. Derek was solid on offense, digging for every puck and taking good, strong shots. His payoff came late in the third when he grabbed a deflected save and pushed it right past Weymouth and in for the goal. This persistence and determination kept Weymouth from having many scoring opportunities, but Stars goalie Cameron Lamoureux was tested and he showed his own determination and skill, stopping the puck all but once, with his best save being a fantastic glove save. Congratulations on a strong, well played game and on a solid season.

Squirt A

The Squirt A's scored early and often for the second week in a row as they make their run for the playoffs. Matt Entwistle (1 goal 1 assist) and Brian Scott (2 goals) registered their first goals of the season and played their typical stingy defensive games, as did Pat Cull and Will Schorle (1 goal). Jeff Durkin (2 goals) got things started just one minute into the contest banging home a one timer on a pretty feed from Alex Evans (3 assists). John Collins (1 goal 4 assists) also assisted on the play as he cycled the puck down low to Evans. Tyler Martina (2 goals 1 assist) played a very strong two way game at center. Other goal scorers in the game were Travers Craven (1 goal 3 assists) and John Meehan (1 goal 1 assist). Connor McLean (2 assists) made a very unselfish play assisting on Matt Entwistle's first goal of the season late in the third period and Ryan Donovan (1 assist) played a very disciplined puck control game. Kevin Kelly played well in net allowing just one goal that came early in the third period with the Stars in complete control.

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Boston Bruins Alums vs. Coastal Stars coaches

The Boston Bruins Alumni Team will be playing the Coastal Stars Youth Hockey Coaches at Hobomock Arena in Pembroke on Sunday March 14th at 3:15 p.m. The Proceeds from the benefit game will go to support the Ace Bailey Children's Fund and Coastal Stars Youth Hockey. The Ace Bailey Children's Fund was established in memory of former Bruin Garnet "Ace" Bailey, who was aboard United flight 175 on 09/11/01. The proceeds raised by the fund go directly to improve the hospital environment for sick patients at The Floating Hospital for Children. A limited number of tickets will be available in advance and the day of the game. Ticket prices are $8 for adults and $5 for children. Please contact Bill Quackenbush at 781-319-1929 for tickets. There will be Bruins merchandise, photo opportunities and even more excitement on the ice.

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SPORTS NOTES

Krupczak wins ODAC 55-meter crown

Brian Krupczak, a junior at Washington and Lee University in Lexington VA, competed in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) indoor track championships on Saturday February 28 at Lynchburg College. Krupczak earned top honors, All-ODAC recognition, with a first place finish in the 55 meter dash with a time of 6.67. Krupczak is a 2001 graduate of Cohasset High School.

April vacation baseball clinic

The South Shore Baseball Camp will provide an April vacation baseball clinic, beginning Tuesday, April 20, through Friday, April 23, at Barnes Field. The clinic runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. and this week-long program will cost $100 per participant. For more information, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Registration forms can be found at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall.

Spring wrestling clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces registrations for a spring wrestling clinic will be held at the Deer Hill School gym starting Monday, March 15.

The clinic will meet each Monday and Wednesday from 2:35 to 4:15 p.m. from March 15 through April 14.

The fee for the five-week program meeting for 10 sessions is $60 per wrestler. Phil Strazzuela and Jon Littauer will co-instruct this unique wrestling opportunity for grades 4 through 6.

Registration forms will be sent home via school, or you may register at 2:35 p.m. Monday, March 15, at the Deer Hill School gym. Should your child be staying after school for this program, send a note in to the teacher for the first class Monday, March 15.

Splash into the Summer of 2004

We would like to extend an invitation for applicants! Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards for the 2004 summer season. All applicants must be 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Letters of interest should be sent to Attn: Darleen Koetsch, Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net. Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse looking for coaches

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is looking for volunteer assistant coaches at all levels for its spring season, with a particular emphasis on finding coaches for its girls teams.

Cohasset currently expects to field at least 10 teams this spring, although the growth in the number of participants could push that number even higher, provided there is adequate coaching available to protect and develop the youngsters involved.

In all, Cohasset will field boys teams at the 14 & Under (7th and 8th grade), 12 & Under (5th & 6th grade) and 10 & Under (3rd and 4th grade) levels, and girls teams at the 14-U and 12-U levels, plus a weekly clinic for girls players in grades 3 and 4.

The shortage of coaches is particularly acute for girls, where the current coaching staffs are so limited that roster sizes may be kept particularly small unless more coaches volunteer.

In the younger boys' age groups, more coaching volunteers could enable the program to add additional teams, keeping roster sizes smaller and more manageable, resulting in a better experience for all kids involved.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse currently has head coaches at all age levels, but with the probability of more than 300 children spread throughout the program this year, increasing the size of coaching staffs is essential for player development.

Through its nine-year history, the foundation of the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse coaching staff has been volunteers who do not have children on the teams involved. In seeking additional coaches, the program is hoping to get both community volunteers and parents whose children will play. Experience playing or coaching the game is desired, but not necessary; coaches must be able to throw and catch with a lacrosse stick in order to teach others and facilitate drills. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will pay registration costs to coaching clinics for those individuals interested in participating.

At all but the youngest age levels, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse holds two practices each week, and has games on Sunday afternoon. The youngest boys have one weekly practice, while the girls clinic program will be one weekly 90-minute session. Assistant coaches are not expected to attend every event, although they should be able to appear often enough to be perceived by the players as a team leader.

In addition to coaches, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is interested in developing referees who can work its games. Interested individuals will be required to take some officiating instruction classes during the winter, and may then be eligible to work games either with a partner or solo in the spring.

For more information or to express your interest in coaching or officiating, call Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of youth lacrosse, at 781-383-9858.

Summer sports school/programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 2004, designed specifically and individually for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18 years.

South Shore Baseball Club will be held at Milliken Field Monday, June 28 through Friday, July 2, directed by South Shore Baseball Club, Frank Niles. For ages 7-12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., $175; ages 5-7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., $100.

South Shore Baseball Club (Week 2) to be held at Barnes Little League Complex Monday, Aug. 9 through Friday, Aug. 13, directed by South Shore Baseball Club, Frank Niles. For ages 7-12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., $175; ages 5-7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., $100.

South Shore Basketball School, ages 8-15, will be held at Cohasset High School Gym Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16, directed by Coach Ron Ford. Boys and girls ages 8-11, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., $100; ages 12-15, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., $100.

Lacrosse: Girls Clinic & Lacrosse: Boys Clinic will be held at Milliken Field, Monday, July 19 through Friday, July 23, directed by Chuck Jaffe. Grades 3-6, 8 to 10 a.m., $85. A few days will run longer than 10 a.m., director will advise.

Wrestling Clinic to be held at Cohasset High School Tuesday, July 27 through Friday, July 30, directed by Torin Sweeney. Grades 7-12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., $125; grades 3-6, 1 to 2:30 p.m., $55.

Soccer Squirts - South Shore Soccer Camp at Milliken Field Monday, July 28 through Friday, Aug. 1, directed by SSSC, Jon Anderson and Larry Shultz. Soccer ABCs, ages 4 and 5, 8 to 9:30 a.m., $85; 1/2 day program, ages 6 and 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., $125. Price includes ball and camp shirt.

South Shore Soccer Camp at Milliken Field Monday, Aug. 2 through Friday, Aug. 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., directed by SSSC, Jon Anderson and Larry Shultz. Boys and girls, ages 8-18, $245 ($20 discount for second child). Price includes a camp shirt.

All programs have individual application forms. To register for any of these programs call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109 or stop by the office, first floor, Town Hall. Programs are limited in size. To insure acceptance into a program, register as soon as possible. Family discounts are available for most programs. Sports camps are scheduled to meet regardless of weather conditions in most cases and should it be necessary to move into the high school, you will be notified at drop-off time.



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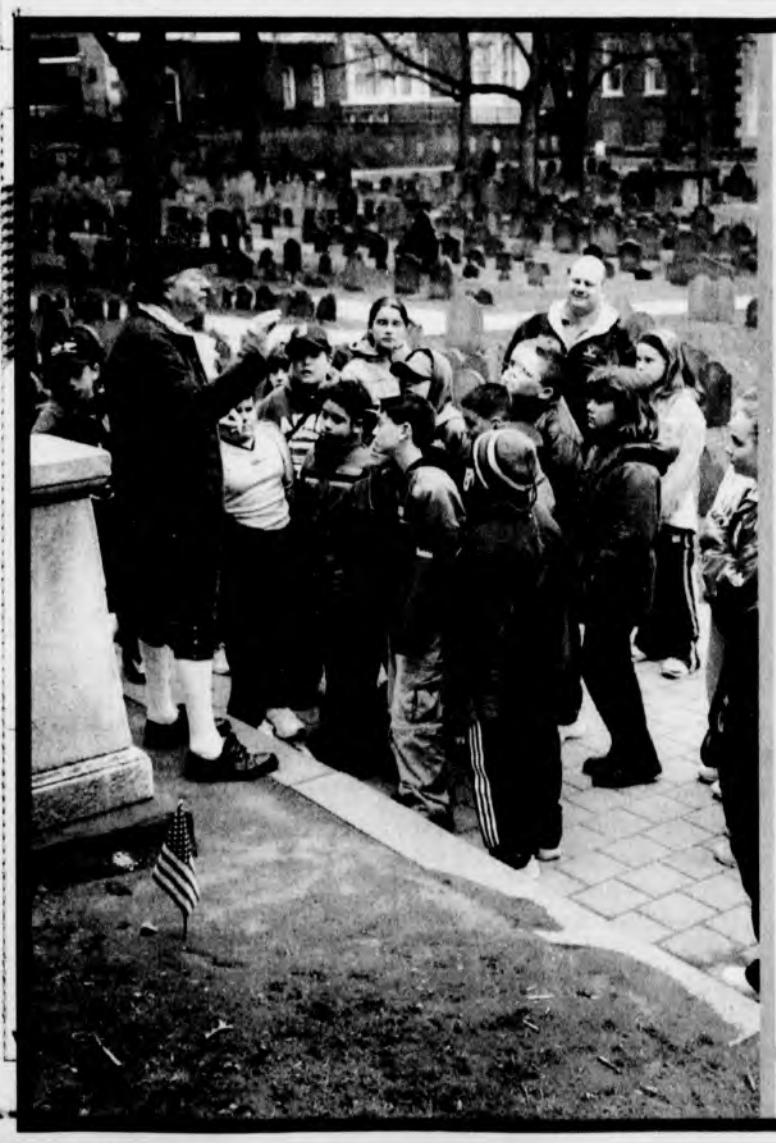
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Members of the Spinnaker staff at the middle-high school.

High school students put their 'spin' on the news

By Samantha Brown
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It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to put out a newspaper, which high school students on the Spinnaker staff are learning at a very young age. Blood, sweat, and tears are required to write stories, design graphics, find advertisers, edit contributing writers, and somehow compile, on deadline, a 44-page, polished publication, worthy to be read by the entire student body. But month after month, no matter what the challenges of the previous issue, the staff keeps coming back for more.

"It is so much more work than we thought it would be," said News Editor Ashley Faber, but it is work the staff seems to thrive on, as the paper has been fully staffed for the past two years. Although the journalism class taught by Christine Berman was offered to both juniors and seniors last year, interest has grown so much that it had to be limited to seniors only. What is even more impressive is the fact that the class was only offered first semester this year, and the paper still lives on, months into second semester.

"You do it because you want to do it," said Ali Earon, editor in chief, who along with the entire spring staff is taking an independent study to make sure the school continues to receive the news, even without a journalism class. "We all enjoy putting the paper together," she said.

The Spinnaker is roughly 44 pages, and includes news, features, sports, editorials, and a special section for middle school students. The paper has a consistent nautical theme running throughout, with columns titled, the "Scuttlebutt," "Fog Horn," and in the middle school section, "The Surf." The paper comes out four times during the school year, including a Halloween issue, Holiday issue, Valentine's Day issue, and a Senior Salute in May.

Because it is a school newspaper, the Spinnaker follows its own set of rules, which Features Editor Sarah McMorris said gives the staff a great deal of freedom when putting the paper together. "It's up to us how it comes out," she said. But Director of Advertising and Sales Brenna O'Donnell is quick to point out, "It's a privilege to be on the staff, but at the same time it's a lot of responsibility."

The staff said it has had to learn the importance of providing a balance between writing for entertainment and reporting the news. The paper does include gossip, and the staff said it's been hard to decide whether something is funny, or makes fun of someone. "It's a hard line deciding between whether it should be put in or not," said McMorris, adding above all, there has to be consideration for other people's feelings. As Features Editors she, along with Gillian Weber, have had some of the most difficult decisions to make in terms of what is printed. Something that could seem harmless on the computer screen can end up creating chaos in the high school once it's been published. However, Weber said "The most popular papers are when we've had the most controversy."

But it's not just the High School students who see their names in black and white. Middle school students have their own mini-paper called "In the Middle," which is located, conveniently, in the center of the Spinnaker. Kelly Hurley is the editor for the middle school paper, and as a senior in high school, isn't completely familiar with all the ins and outs of those in grades seven and eight. Fortunately, she has family she can rely on, as her younger brother, Pat, is on the middle school staff.

It takes funding to keep the paper going, and the Spinnaker staff said it relies mostly on advertisement sales. O'Donnell said it was very difficult to get advertisers at the beginning of the year, and she, along with Tess Foley and Kristin Howard, had to work hard to get their base started. "The three of us did a lot," said Howard, adding parents of students who have businesses have been very supportive, as well as the Cohasset business community. There are also some advertisements from Hingham and Scituate businesses. However, because it is a school paper, there isn't always someone in the office to answer the phone if an advertiser calls, which can make coordinating schedules difficult. But the Spinnaker still comes out on top as the most profitable student endeavor in school.

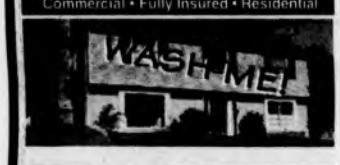
After the copy has been proofread and comes back from the printer, the Spinnaker staff does something most newspapers do not — they collate each issue themselves. Standing in a circle of desks, staff members pass papers around until they are ready to be stapled together. Spinnaker staff also include a lollypop with each issue as an added incentive to purchase the paper.

For more information on the Spinnaker, or to order a subscription, please call the Spinnaker office at (781) 383-6100 x253 or Adviser Christine Berman at (781) 383-6100 x256.

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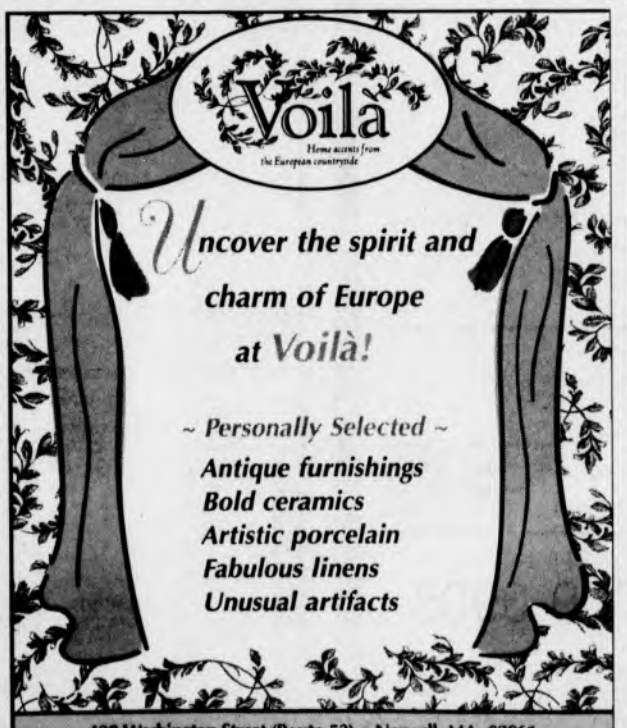
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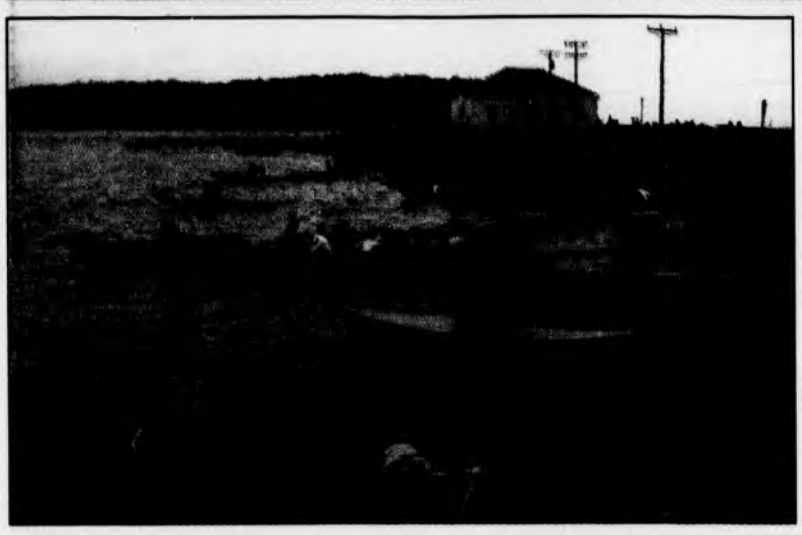
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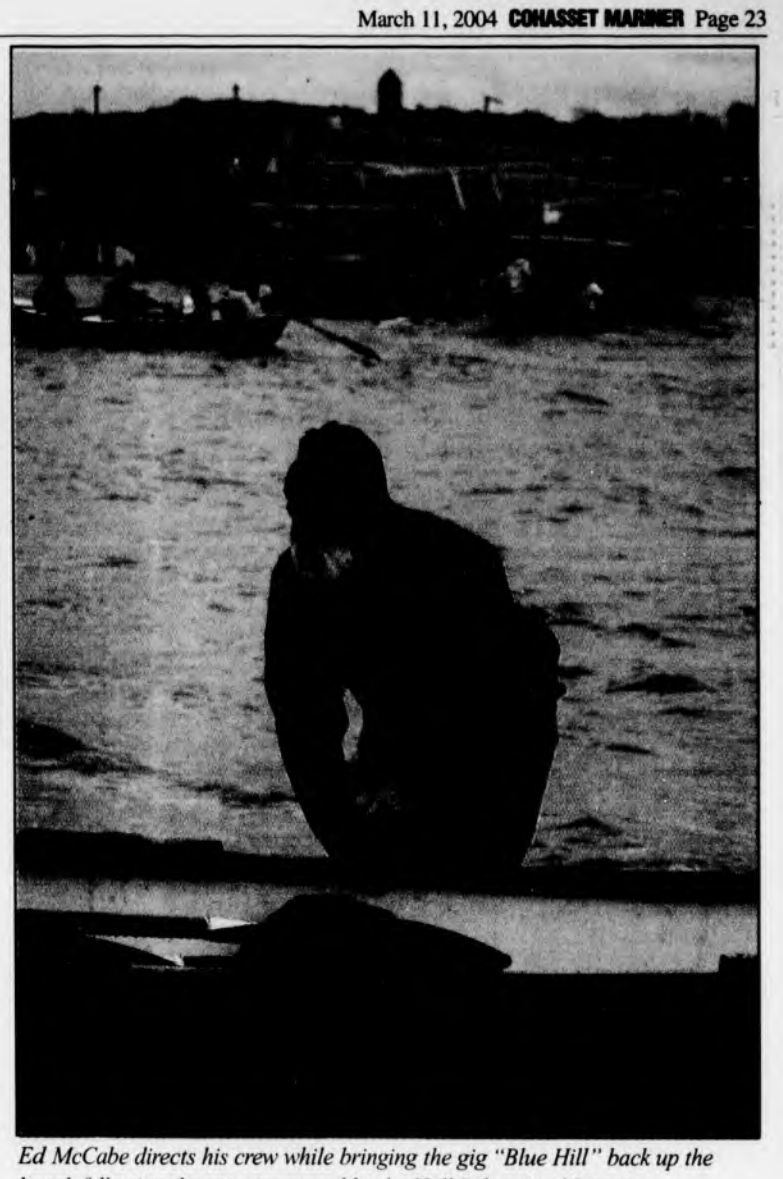
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Above: Land ho! Obie, the lab, came all the way from Vinylhaven, Maine to ride with Bill Alcoin and Del Webster in Saturday's race that draws hundreds of spectators.

At left: They're off! The start of the 2004 Snow Row at Windmill Point in Hull on Saturday. The race covers a 3-3/4 mile triangular course around Sheep Island, past the Peddocks Island day marker and back to shore.



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Bernard's cooks up success at benefit

When it comes to good food, Bernard's of Cohasset knows how to serve it and when it comes to raising nearly $60,000 to support cardiac care, Bernard's also knows how to help. The restaurant recently joined 18 other restaurants, caterers and bakeries at Great Chefs 2004, a charity event to benefit the cardiac programs and services of Partners Home Care (PHC).

Hosted by the Sheraton Braintree Hotel and sponsored by Roche Brothers Supermarkets, Critical Care Systems, Long's Jewelers, Hill Holliday, Sullivan Tire and American TeleCare, Great Chefs 2004 offered the sold-out crowd an opportunity to sample signature dishes from the area's top chefs while raising funds for the non-profit agency's cardiac services and programs.

Heart disease is the number one diagnosis for home health patients and PHC is a leader in providing sophisticated cardiac care at home — care that was once provided only in a hospital setting. "The technology available to patients at home is amazing," explains Kris Shorey, BSN, from PHC's Cardiac Specialty Team. "We even have some patients awaiting heart transplants who are being kept stable and at home thanks to the technology and care PHC provides."

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Dependable Cleaners was founded by Don Fawcett, Sr. and his wife, Marion, in 1944 with one shirt laundry. Today, with a continued commitment to quality and service, the company has 17 locations throughout greater Boston and the South Shore. The torch of ownership has been passed down twice through the generations, and with it, the family's commitment to maintaining the highest industry standards. Christa Hagearty has been president of Dependable Cleaners since 1996, when she succeeded her father, Don Fawcett. Hagearty's business philosophies and corporate reinvestment programs have fueled the company's overall growth. Hagearty's dedication to her employees, her customers and the communities she serves is reflected in the increases in same-store sales, the growing number of store locations and employee retention.

"There is no better way to celebrate our *Diamond Anniversary* than to give away sparkling gifts to our clients," Hagearty said. "We are happy to celebrate this landmark anniversary by giving back to the communities and individuals that support our business."

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Spanish immersion program in Cohasset

Su Escuela is a Cohasset based Spanish language training organization founded by native Spanish speakers residing in the South Shore. Su Escuela has a unique "community" approach in that the programs are custom designed for a particular community and the materials are developed and produced with the aid of experienced Spanish speech therapist professionals.



Children learning at the Spanish immersion center, Su Escuela.

At Su Escuela, the mission is to create an interactive, fun environment in which children learn Spanish naturally.

One's native tongue is not acquired through the structured study of grammar rules and vocabulary lists; instead, children learn their primary language through practical, engaging everyday interactions with their parents and their peers. It is through this exploration, interaction and fun that children learn best.

Su Escuela has recreated an environment that allows children to learn more naturally and to retain those language skills that enable them to speak Spanish fluently. Instead of rote memorization and drills, Su Escuela uses guided interactivity and tutoring to teach. The adventure stories, the variety of learning activities, and the simplified teaching methods are all designed to make learning friendly, interesting and fun, while building a foundation for fluency.

All children are born with an inherent ability to mimic the sounds heard in all languages; when placed in an environment where the sounds of the Spanish language are heard on a regular basis at a young age, children will acquire the ability to reproduce those sounds as well. The instructors are qualified, native Spanish-speaking professionals. Children will acquire not only the correct Spanish syntax, but will speak with a proper accent as well.

Students learn best when they hear and speak Spanish while engaged in diverse, fun activities, which include games and music. The play-based curriculum more closely mimics their initial language learning environment and accelerates their acquisition of Spanish. And, because the environment is play-based and not rigidly structured, like a classroom, different learning styles can be accommodated. Visual, tactile and auditory learners benefit from the variety of ways in which they can interact.

Su Escuela is located at 152 King Street (Rt. 3A) Cohasset , the Director Sandra Baldeón is a Hingham resident born in Chile who believes that every child should benefit from knowing a second language. Please contact Su Escuela at 617-513-8799 or www.suescuela.com for information or appointments.

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Now that's Irish! Bia Bistro plans week-long celebration

By Samantha Brown
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St. Patrick's Day comes but once a year, and Brian Houlihan, owner and chef at Bia Bistro in Cohasset Village, has made plans to celebrate all week long. For one week this month, Houlihan will be changing up his usual Mediterranean bistro fare to offer a menu of gourmet Irish cuisine. With dishes such as Kinsale style seafood stew, herb roasted pheasant, cured and cider glazed pork loin and Guinness braised beef, the menu is a far cry from the stereotypical Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage.

"Ninety-five percent of the time, when I go to a table, the first question I get is, 'You're Irish, how come you can cook?'" Houlihan said. Through his week long celebration, Houlihan hopes to change that assumption and introduce customers to the foods of his homeland, by offering traditional Irish cuisine with his own personal twist.

Houlihan grew up in Ballincollig, Ireland, a suburb of the southeastern city of Cork, which provided the opportunity for him to train under chefs in Kinsale, the gourmet capital of Ireland. After graduating from culinary school in Ireland in 1993, Houlihan moved to the United States, and he has been working as a chef in various Boston area restaurants for the past 10 years. While in training, Houlihan had the opportunity to cook in some of the most prestigious restaurants in Ireland, and he brought those authentic Irish dishes from the tables of Kinsale to the restaurants in the states.

"It's a fishing town a lot like Cohasset and Scituate," said Houlihan of Kinsale, adding its location and his experiences there played a big part in his being able to prepare many seafood dishes.

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Houlihan said he is hoping to include other Irish dishes on the menu, and has asked some Boston area Irish chefs if they would lend their culinary skills for a night or two and join him in the kitchen during the celebration. So far, Gary Hanlon, Executive Chef at Devlin's in Brighton, has agreed to give Houlihan a hand during the week, and Houlihan is waiting to hear from two other Irish chefs.

"St. Patrick's day is very busy for these guys," Houlihan said, but he's keeping his fingers crossed.

While Houlihan said he has been wanting to offer a week of Irish cuisine for years, there hasn't been a time in his career where it has been feasible. Now that he owns his own restaurant, he has more flexibility, and he decided the time was right.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration will kick off Tuesday, March 16, the day before St. Patrick's Day, and will continue until Sunday, March 21. After hearing about Scituate's ever-growing St. Patrick's Day parade, Houlihan thought his celebration would coincide perfectly. Houlihan will also be opening his restaurant early on Sunday, to offer both lunch and dinner at the conclusion of the parade.

Changes could be made to Houlihan's menu throughout the course of the week, "Depending on what I can get my hands on," he said. He has been working on making contacts companies that import authentic Irish cheeses and meats, and is waiting to see what he will be able to purchase and receive in time. "Because of customs, we might not be able to get Irish lamb," he said, but added he may be able to get New Zealand lamb instead, which is very similar. However, one of the most important contacts Houlihan has made so far is calling his mother in Ireland to get her recipe for rhubarb tart.

The word "bia" means food in Gaelic, and Houlihan said has every intention of demonstrating what the evolution of Irish cuisine has become through his special Irish menu. Menu items during St. Patrick's Day week include:

•Starters: Finnan Haddie and potato pie, oysters and Guinness, chicken liver paté, and traditional colcannon with boiled ham

•Entrees: mixed grill of lamb, pan roasted turbot, and Clifford's gourmet Irish lamb stew

•Dessert: stone fruit crepe with wild honey and crème, bailey's Irish cheesecake, oatmeal crusted apple crumble, and his mother's rhubarb tart with custard.

Houlihan said this celebration will hopefully begin what will become a monthly tradition, as he plans to begin offering special menus at least once a month. Upcoming events will be posted on the Bia Bistro web site.

Bia Bistro is located at 35 South Main Street in Cohasset Village. Houlihan's St. Patrick's Day celebration will run from Tuesday March 16 to Sunday March 21. For more information or to make reservations, please call (781) 383-0464 or visit their web site at www.biabistro.com.

Summer Playground

The Cohasset Recreation Commission announces Martha Equi will again be the director of the Summer Playground Program for children ages 31/2 to 12 years. Registration will be held the week of June 14 as follows: Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 17, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; and Tuesday evening, June 15, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Recreation Commission has also established fee charges for the 2004 playground program as follows:

- Full Day 5-12 year-olds: $350 for first child
- 1/2 Day 3-5 year-olds: $280 for first child
- $500 non-resident for either half or full-day program

ACTIVITY FEE

A $50 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover special in-house events and professional entertainment, arts and crafts supplies, swim walkers, T-shirts, etc. A separate check will be necessary.

- Limited enrollment has been set for each program
- Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis.
- All children must be toilet trained.

Programs meet at Osgood School, starting date is Tuesday, June 28.

The 5-12 year-olds, full-day program runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pre-school 31/2-5 year-old, half-day program runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Children must be born between Jan. 1, 1999 through March 1, 2001, to qualify.

Information regarding other summer programs: Drama Workshop, Youth Tennis, Teen Garage Activities, as well as adult programs will be forthcoming soon. Call 781-383-4109.

Mass. Architectural design gone to dogs

On March 21, designer doghouses conceived and built by Massachusetts architectural firms will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at Barkitecture 2004, a fundraiser for Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

The town of Cohasset, is home to some of the grandest of Massachusetts' mansions, but for one afternoon in the dreary days of March, it will also be home to 20 of the most palatial doghouses New England has ever seen. From 1 to 5 p.m., on March 21, Cohasset's Red Lion Inn will host a live auction of designer doghouses built and conceived by Boston-area architects to raise funds for Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

The event will also feature a cocktail reception and silent auction featuring the work of area artists, craftspeople and merchants.

Tickets are limited, and are $25 in advance and $30 at the door. For information, call 1-877-378-1195 or go to www.hsar.org <http://www.hsar.org/> for details.

Barkitecture is sponsored by Roberts Animal Hospital, Animal Care Center of Marshfield, Abington Savings Bank, McKee's Moving and Storage, and Petco and the Petco Foundation.

Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is a non-profit organization staffed entirely by volunteers, that rescues and places homeless animals, assists in the care and control of the local feral cat population, and raises funds to construct an animal shelter for the town of Hull. For information on HSAR, call 1-877-378-1195.

History symposium celebrates South Shore

The Back Roads of the South Shore, the collaborative organization that last year offered the first-ever seven-town, 13-site common free open house day in the history of the region now announces the organization of the first-ever South Shore History Symposium, to be held in the Mayflower Room of the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth, on Saturday, April 17, from 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m..

The symposium, titled "Views Fore and Aft," focuses on the region's maritime history, in anticipation of June's Maritime Heritage Trail Open House, which will include eight towns and nine maritime history sites. Five presentations – by David Ball and Fred Freitas of the Scituate Historical Society, Patrick Browne of the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society, John J. Galluzzo of the United States Lifesaving Service Heritage Association, Ben Cowie-Haskell of the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and more — will explore the region's shipbuilders and maritime traders, shipwrecks, lifesavers and more. Haskell, the keynote speaker, will update all on the most recent underwater research of the steamer Portland, lost in the gale of the same name in 1898.

The $35 admission price for the symposium includes lunch and coffee and snacks throughout the day. All Proceeds go to support future free programming of the Back Roads of the South Shore. Plymouth County historical organizations are invited to join in the day's events by bringing brochures and other handouts to share with the public.

For more information, or to make reservations, contact John Galluzzo at 781-724-7131 or Patrick Browne at 781-934-6106.

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As individual as their owners, each of this year's six Cohasset kitchens reflects the vast and varied options available to today's homeowner when planning or decorating a kitchen as well as the individual style and flare of today's hostess.

Advanced tickets may be purchased at the Center or by calling 781-383-0088. Tickets are $25 and $30 the day of the tour. Ticket sales are limited, so early purchase is suggested.

Funds from the Kitchen Tour 2004 will be used to support the programs of the South Shore Community Center. The Center, at 3 North Main St., Cohasset is a non-profit organization dedicated to a wide range of educational and enrichment programs for infants to seniors.

For more information about the Kitchen Tour or for a free course schedule call 781-383-0088.

Book discussion on 'Da Vinci Code'

Come to at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., starting March 17at 7:30 p.m. for the first of our three-part discussion of Dan Brown's controversial best seller 'The Da Vinci Code'

Participants can attend all three Wednesday night groups, or just one. A lot input will make the discussion that much better. Call 781-383-0345 to register for this free event.

Chili Cook-off! For Newcomers Club

The 10th annual chili cook-off is scheduled for Saturday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Scott & Carrie Peters, 27 Beach Plum Lane in Scituate. All club members are invited to bring a pot of their favorite chili in this flavorful competition. It should be ready to serve, including any additional fixings you wish to serve with it. Paper goods and silverware will be provided. Anyone not interested in entering a chili should bring an appetizer or dessert to share. There will be a charge of $5 per person collected at the door. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Heidi Blanchard at 545-8006.

Historical Society spring lecture series

The Cohasset Historical Society will offer a spring lecture series the third Wednesday of March, April and May at the Historical Society headquarters in the Pratt Building, 100 South Main St.

On March 17, the program will be "A Cohasset Woman At Sea; The Story of Drucilla Snow Percival," presented by Penny Myles. Myles will share the story of this courageous 19th-century woman who left the safety of shore, took her two small children and went to sea with her husband.

The April 21 program will feature David Wadsworth's slide and lecture on "Minot's Light: One Hundred and Forty-Four Years of Service." Wadsworth calls on his vast knowledge of local history to recount the story of this 114-foot granite tower, which is often shrouded in salt spray, fog and mystery.

Leslie Silvia will discuss her mother's book, "Once Upon an Island" by Matilda Silvia, at the May 19 meeting. Peddocks Island, a 188-acre bit of land on the outskirts of Boston Harbor, was home to Matilda Silvia's family from 1904 to 2001. Her memoir of life on the island is rich in both local and family history.

All presentations will begin at 7:30. These lectures are open to the public and are free of charge. Light refreshment will be served and all are invited to attend.

Pop into spring with flair with new musical

Variety is spicing up the spring musical this March at First Parish, the Unitarian Universalist church on the Common. Its "Poppin' into Spring" musical takes place on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20. This year's musical is different from its past cabarets. A totally new approach, beginning with the opening number of its "pops concert", introduces new instrumentalists from the church community, a new repertoire, and includes a pops "extra" with the special flair of a "black tie" affair.

For every person performing on stage there are at least three people assisting with production. The extensive amount of time invested by the church's extended choir shows a willingness and determination to provide a full and varied evening's entertainment.

These two evenings' performances take place in Trueblood Hall in the Parish House, 23 No. Main Street on Cohasset Common. Social Hour from 7 – 8 p.m. with drinks, hors d'oeuvres and a display of the evening's Auction items and a raffle sale - Pops Concert begins at 8 p.m.

Reservations are strongly suggested. Please call the First Parish office (Sandy Bailey) at 781-383-1100 or the Bloomfields at 781-383-1360. Tickets are $25/person or $50/patron. Full tables for eight may be reserved at $200.

Arts & Crafts Programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for grades K-3 Arts & Crafts programs by calling 781-383-4109.

Arts and Crafts for grades K-3 will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and will be held at the Joseph P. Osgood School.

The program will be 5 weeks in duration, costing $50 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin Monday, April 5, continuing thru 5 weeks thru Monday, May 10, (class does not meet 04-19-04).

For more information, details and registration, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109

Springtime house tour planned April 4

"Opening Doors for Resurrection Youth Ministry" Resurrection Parish of Hingham would like to welcome you to its first annual House Tour & Boutique featuring Springtime Table Settings on Saturday, April 4, from noon to 4 p.m.

The goal of this important undertaking is to raise funds to send middle and high school-age students away this summer for a week of volunteer work. This year there will be more than 70 students traveling to Quincy, Worcester, San Francisco, Calif., and Gallup, N.M., to spend a week serving meals in soup kitchens, stocking food pantries, delivering meals to the homebound, visiting the sick and elderly, and doing home and building renovations.

Local shops, florists, decorators, and homeowners have worked together to create an exciting variety of table setting ideas in both the kitchens and the dining rooms of these South Hingham homes. Reflecting themes both casual and elegant, you'll enjoy seeing a French Fete celebration, a Kentucky Derby party, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Alice in Wonderland's High Tea, and a Springtime Renewal of Friendship gathering, to name a few. High school students planning to go on these trips will be staffing the homes on the Tour.

The Boutique, open from noon to 5 p.m., on Sunday, April 4, has 20 venders offering a superb variety of gift items for sale, such as handmade jewelry, knitted scarves, custom pottery, handbags, hand painted furniture and note cards. It will be located in Read Hall, the lower level of the Resurrection Church, adjacent to Notre Dame Academy, at 1057 Main Street in Hingham. Ten percent of the proceeds will benefit Youth Ministry. The Boutique will also have a Bake Sale, sponsored by Middle School students and a "Relay for Life" table with Luminarias available for a donation to the American Cancer Society.

Advanced tickets will be available for purchase for $20, beginning March 13, and can be purchased at any of the following locations. Resurrection Rectory, Treasures in the Square, Corson's Glass House, La Petit Maison, Olden's Pharmacy in Weymouth, Village Gardens in Norwell, the Hingham Public Library, and Noble's Camera Shop in Queen Anne Plaza in Norwell. Tickets for the House Tour will only be available at the Boutique on the day of the Tour and will cost $25.

Call the Resurrection Rectory at 781-749-3577 with any questions you may have about the House Tour and Boutique.

UUA president to preach at Old Ship

This Sunday, March 14, the Rev. William G. Sinkford, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association, will be preaching at First Parish in Hingham (Old Ship Church), 107 Main St.. Sinkford, 56, was elected president of the UUA in June, 2001. As president of the UUA, he administers staff and programs that serve its more than 1,050 member congregations, and also acts as principal spokesperson for the Association. His has been a powerful voice in the national interfaith community on issues of racial justice, same sex marriage rights, civil liberties, peace, and global economic justice, among others. Sinkford's sermon this Sunday will be "In from the Margins."

This Sunday's service will also bring together in the Old Ship Meeting House the congregations, ministers, and choirs not only of First Parish in Hingham, but also Second Parish in Hingham, First Parishes of Cohasset, Scituate, and Norwell, and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Assinnippi. Second Parish and First Parish in Cohasset were both originally part of First Parish, splitting away in 1742 and 1721 respectively. The Scituate and Norwell congregations likewise share historical roots with one another.

The service this Sunday will be at 10:45 a.m.. Regular Sunday services are at 10:25, with a full program of religious education for children in the Parish House at 107 Main St., across from the Meeting House at the same time. All are welcome to worship at Old Ship. The Old Ship Meeting House, built in 1681, is the oldest wooden building in the nation in continuous use for worship. It is wheelchair accessible. For further information, call Old Ship's office at 781-749-1679, or go to the Old Ship web site at www.oldshipchurch.org.

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, MARCH 1

9:05 a.m. King St. and Beechwood St., animal control.

6:44 a.m. Reservoir Road, general services.

8:05 a.m. Sheldon Road, suspicious, good intent call.

9:07 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

9:19 a.m. Parking Way, motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

10:04 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

12:42 a.m. Pond St., animal control.

1:15 p.m. Beach St. and Highland Ave., traffic complaint.

2:18 p.m. Border St., fire investigation.

2:25 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, harbor Enforcement services, area search negative.

2:38 p.m. Border St., fire investigation.

5:09 p.m. Reservoir Road, animal control.

5:29 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

7:45 p.m. North Main St., suspicious auto.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

7:26 a.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

9:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious.

10:54 a.m. King St., lost property.

11:23 a.m. Howe Road, well being check.

2:45 p.m. Meadow Lane, general disturbance.

3:23 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

4 p.m. Headquarters, officer wanted.

4:41 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

6:38 p.m. Aaron River Road, animal control.

6:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

8:46 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious auto.

9:19 p.m. Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

12:12 a.m. South Main St., disabled auto.

1:52 a.m. Lambert's Lane, medical aid.

6:48 a.m. Headquarters, fire log.

8:44 a.m. South Main St., animal control.

8:50 a.m. Pond St., medical aid.

10:23 a.m. King St., suspicious.

10:27 a.m. Nichols Road, fire inspections.

10:29 a.m. Pond St., fire inspections.

11:17 a.m. Spring St., motor vehicle theft.

1:10 p.m. Bancroft Road, lost property.

1:11 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

2:22 p.m. Parker Ave., wires down.

2:58 p.m. Highland Ave., suspicious.

3:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious.

4:45 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

7 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

7 a.m. Parker Ave., fire, log entry.

7:06 a.m. King St, medical aid.

2:46 p.m. Ripley Road and Smith Place, suspicious. Cohasset male in protective custody.

7:03 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

8:10 p.m. Hull St., annoying phone calls.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

12:09 a.m. Grace Dr., suspicious.

5:13 a.m. King St., medical aid.

7 a.m. Spring St., officer wanted.

7:44 a.m. Spring St., serve restraining order.

11:12 a.m. South Main St., and Beechwood St., parking complaint.

12:54 p.m. Brewster Road, assist citizen.

4:21 p.m. South Main St., suspicious person.

5:51 p.m. Spring St., general services.

6:52 p.m. Spring St., general services.

9:33 p.m. Ox Pasture Lane, suspicious.

11:21 p.m. Cushing Road, suspicious person.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

8:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, well being check.

9:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, well being check, good intent call.

1:53 p.m. Highland Ave., officer wanted.

7:27 p.m. Highland Ave., officer wanted.

7:34 p.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

9:59 p.m. Highland Ave., fire investigation.

10:30 p.m. Black Horse Lane, parking complaint.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

2:38 a.m. South Main St., fire, investigation.

7:35 a.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Way, open door/window.

8:58 a.m. King St., officer wanted.

10:20 a.m. North Main St., traffic complaint.

11:07 a.m. Woodland Dr., medical aid.

11:58 a.m. Pleasant St., vandalism.

12:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, transport.

1:22 p.m. Elm St., animal control.

6:10 p.m. Beechwood St., assist citizen.

8:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

9:23 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

10:56 p.m. Parking Way, suspicious person, investigated/report take.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An open letter to Garrett Bradley

TO THE EDITOR:

The following letter was sent to state Rep. Garrett Bradley:

I slept tonight from 10:30 p.m. until 1:30 am, and now I am awake, sitting at the computer, trying to get down on paper some of my thoughts that are preventing me from getting back to sleep.

First of all, thank you for accepting the invitation to participate in a dialogue this past evening (March 8) with some of your constituents who urgently needed to know that you are aware of their thoughts and feelings about the constitutional amendment that you will be voting on in three days. You allowed yourself to be put in a difficult position, and it probably seemed to you that you would be given credit for that. I believe you *were* given credit for that by many in attendance.

What has kept me awake is the frustration I feel that you are not seeing the full impact of what you are intending to do by voting in favor of the Travelini amendment. Forgive me if I come across as "preachy" or arrogant. I certainly do not intend to in any way minimize the difficulty of this vote for you.

You are one of only 200 people who have an opportunity at this time to cast a vote. You tried to explain to us this past evening that you are concerned about the process, that you believe the voters will insist upon having a vote themselves on the issue — if not on a legislatively initiated amendment, then on an initiative petition amendment, which, as you explained, is harder to craft, and could well be more onerous than the one you will be considering.

However, your actual vote will be seen by your constituents as a statement about how you feel about the issue of equal civil and marriage rights for gays and lesbians, and, actually about non-discrimination in the Massachusetts constitution. Very few people will have the time or opportunity to know about the nuances you explained at the gathering last evening. This will be seen as simply a vote for or against writing discrimination into our constitution. And also a vote for or against gays — a group that continues to be unfairly treated, even hated, by many in our country.

When I ran for State Senate 12 years ago, I did so because I wanted to be the one with the power to cast just this type of vote, a vote that really mattered, that said something about justice, fairness, protection of the less powerful, and could be seen as a teaching or leadership moment.

I would like to remind you that most of your constituents look to you for leadership on the tough issues. You have often said that you vote for what you think is right, even if not everyone agrees with you. I'm afraid this is an opportunity where you are called upon to do that again. And it may be that the majority of your constituents would have a problem with your vote if you vote to defend the rights of a minority. But you also said this past evening that you believe it is right to uphold the constitution as interpreted in the Goodrich decision, and that you will vote at the ballot against whatever amendment is up for approval. As the holder of one of those precious 200 votes to set the tone of the debate, you can be consistent with this part of your tradition, and vote on Thursday for what you believe is right, by voting against any measure that would write discrimination into our Constitution.

As I was letting my thoughts creep in tonight, suddenly the words to a hymn came back to me, a hymn that I sang in my Episcopal church growing up, and then still in my Unitarian Universalist church where I worship now. I write them down for you to think about, to give you courage to do the right thing, to be reminded that there are moments when it really does matter to stand up for truth and virtue and good. The people that came to the meeting with you a few hours ago need you to be on their side now.

From James Russell Lowell, 1844: Once to Every Man and Nation

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side;
Then to stand with truth is noble, when we share her wretched crust;
Ere her cause bring fame and profit, and 'tis prosperous to be just.

Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold, and upon the throne, be wrong.
Then it is the brave man chooses, while the coward stands aside,
Till the multitude make virtue of the faith they have denied.

Chartis Tebbetts
Cohasset

WORSHIP NOTES

United Day Of Prayer at Glastonbury Abbey

Each year Fr. Thomas Keating and Contemplative Outreach designate a day for people throughout the world to gather together for prayer, silence, and sharing. Fr. Keating has prepared a special video presentation for people attending these sessions, and there will be opportunity for discussion after the video.

This year the South Shore and Cape conference will be held at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center in Hingham on Mar. 20 from 9:30-3p.m. In addition to the video by Fr. Thomas, there will be several sessions of centering prayer, a walking meditation, and the opportunity to attend noon mass at Glastonbury Abbey.

It is not necessary to belong to a Centering Prayer group to attend this day, but familiarity and practice with centering prayer would be helpful. This day provides an opportunity for the global community of Contemplative Outreach to bond in silence. Morning coffee and lunch are included in the $35 fee for the day.

Please call Rosemary Edwards at 781-749-5377 or Ed McDermott at 781-925-2707 to reserve a place or to answer questions about this program.

Voice of the Faithful meet on church closings

The Hingham area Voice of the Faithful will meet Tuesday, March 16, to hear the Rev. James Rafferty, pastor of St. Paul Church, make a presentation on the process being employed throughout the Boston Archdiocese to evaluate all parishes regarding the possibility of reducing the number of operating Catholic churches.

This matter has received considerable attention in the press and in the parishes throughout the Diocese. Rafferty will also review the present status of this process. The meeting will be held at St. Paul's School hall at 7:30 p.m. and is open to all.

The Hingham affiliate of Voice of the Faithful is one of nearly 200 affiliates throughout the United States and was established in the summer of 2002. It serves Catholic parishes in Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Norwell.

Shawl Ministry to meet March 27

The next monthly gathering of The Prayer Shawl Ministry sponsored by Christ Church United Methodist of Hingham will be on Saturday, March 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Gala Room of the Company Theatre. The Gala Room is on the second floor of the building to the left side of the theatre complex at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell. New participants are welcome and can be taught the needlework basics if necessary. Rev. Victoria Gaskell, pastor of Christ Church, will be the facilitator. Participants are welcome to create shawls for any person or project they desire.

For more information call the church office at 781-741-5030. Knitters should bring size 11 or 13 needles and 3 skeins of yarn. Crocheters need a size M,N, or P hook and 4 skeins of yarn. For suggested yarns and more information about The Shawl Ministry go to www.shawlministry.com. Directions to The Company Theatre can be found at www.companytheater.com. The Gala Room is not handicapped accessible.

OBITUARIES

Florence C. Hitt

Florence C. Hitt, a former resident of Cohasset, died Feb. 18, 2004, in Lacey, Wash. She was 88.

Mrs. Hitt was born in Tacoma, Wash., one of two daughters of hardworking Swedish immigrant parents. While attending the University of Washington, she met and married her husband John. His graduate studies in electrical engineering at MIT brought them to Massachusetts and eventually Cohasset in 1957.

Their connection to the Pacific Northwest resulted in a number of cross-country automobile trips in the '50s and '60s with their family. They also traveled to Europe several times with their children to visit relatives in Sweden.

After her husband's death in 1969, Mrs. Hitt continued to live in Cohasset until 1992 when she moved to Washington State.

She leaves a sister; a son, Peter Hitt of Gig Harbor, Wash.; a daughter, Sandra (Bruce) Young of Bowie, Md.; a granddaughter, Kathy; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial remembrances may be made to the First Parish Church in Cohasset.

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LEGAL NOTICES

KEHOE ESTATE

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 02P1203EP

In the Estate of JOSEPH F. KEHOE

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 5, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that SHIRLEY C. KEHOE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **APRIL 14, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, March 2, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#456424
Cohasset Mariner 3/11/04

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The Town of Cohasset is seeking bids for the construction of two senior apartments in the Cohasset Historical Society Headquarters Building (formerly the Paul Pratt Memorial Library) @ 106 South Main Street in Cohasset, MA.

Plans and specifications will be available at the Office of the Town Manager, Mark W. Haddad on March 11, 2004 @ 10:00 AM. A cost of $25/set. The Office is located at 41 Highland Ave. in Cohasset.

Sub-bids will be required for electrical and HVAC workdue 10:00 AM on Thursday 4/1/04. General Contractor Bids due @10:00 AM on Thursday 4/8/04.

All bids must be delivered to the Town Manager's Office. There will be a pre-bid meeting and walk-through @10:00 AM on Thursday 3/25/04 @ the site of the work on 106 S. Main St. Completion date is 7/16/03. The prevailing wage rate will apply.

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Voters should weigh in on gay marriage amendment

YOUR REP



GARRETT BRADLEY

As we reconvene the Constitutional Convention and continue to debate the issue of the Marriage Amendment, I wanted to share with you my thoughts on the process and the issue. I have spent many sleepless nights contemplating the issue and I have heard from numerous constituents who have expressed strong feelings on both sides of this debate.

While I have reviewed the arguments from all points of view and have factored in my personal feelings on this issue, I have also taken a step back to focus on the process, my role in this process as a member of the Legislature, and your role in this process as a voter. I have reviewed journals, debates, and proceedings from the 1820 and the 1917-1919 Constitutional Conventions for perspective on the amendment process and my role in this process.

During my discussions with constituents, many have asked why the Constitutional Amendment process is the only venue for this debate. The answer is simple: legislative inaction and judicial action leave only two options — same sex marriage or a Constitutional Amendment to make it unconstitutional. The question for me as your State Representative is who should decide this issue. Should it be decided by only 200 legislators at the Statehouse or should it be decided by the millions of registered voters in this Commonwealth? I believe that the process calls for such an important issue to be decided by the voters.

Our Constitution, principally written by John Adams, contained no provision for amendment. However, the Preamble states that the people have the right to alter government when necessary and Article Seven states in part "the people alone have an incontestable, unalienable and indefeasible right to institute government; and to reform, alter or totally change the same, when their protection, safety, prosperity and happiness require it". The process to change the Constitution was historically cumbersome. It called for a referendum question to be put to the people for them to vote on which asked if they wanted to call a Convention to revise or amend the Constitution. This required a two-thirds majority vote of the people.

The Constitutional Convention of 1820 changed this process when Article of Amendment IX was proposed and passed by the voters in 1821. This Article established a process by which a majority of the Senate and two-thirds of the House of Representatives could submit an amendment to the Constitution to the people for their approval or rejection. This Article fixed the most significant defect of the Constitution and helped to transform our State into a true democracy. As the years passed, this process proved too difficult because the political majorities in the Legislature could, and did, stop measures from reaching the ballot. A movement began to change the amendment process to give the people a greater role in it. The issue was addressed in the Constitutional Convention of 1917-1919 and the voters approved a change in the process in 1919. The voters reduced the role of the Legislature in the amendment process and the people also gained indirect initiative capability through Article of Amendment Forty Eight. This Article is the process that is still in place today, which calls for the issue of same sex marriage to be placed on the ballot and decided by the people. Article Forty Eight provides that the Constitution can be amended either by legislative petition or initiative petition. Legislative petitions for amending the Constitution can be introduced into the Convention by any member of the Legislature. If the petition receives a majority vote in two successive conventions, it is placed before the people for their acceptance or rejection. Initiative petitions for amending the constitution require a significant number of signatures of registered voters to be collected and certified. The petition is then placed before the Convention. Unlike legislative petitions, initiative petitions only require a 25 percent vote in two successive conventions to then be placed before the voters for their acceptance or rejection. Another significant difference is that legislative petitions only require a majority vote to be amended while an initiative petition requires 75 percent approval for any amendments. While we are currently debating a legislative petition, I strongly believe that if we do not act on this issue, signatures will be gathered and we will see an initiative petition, that could be much more divisive than the current petition, before the next Constitutional Convention. This is another reason that I believe this issue should be decided by the voters as soon as possible.

People power

In reviewing of the history of our Constitutional Amendment process, it is clear that the process has consistently evolved to take power away from the Legislature and return it to the people. The Legislature is not to be a rubber stamp on any proposed amendments to the Constitution. The Legislature should not, however, block from the ballot issues that are of great importance to a large number of people. The Legislature should schedule hearings, reject proposals of little importance, closely review amendments and advise their constituents whether to approve or disapprove an amendment when it reaches the ballot. While it has become clear to me throughout this process that people in the Legislature and outside of the Legislature disagree on our role in this process, we must continue to ask ourselves two important questions: (1) If an issue as important as this one should not go to the voters as the process provides, what issue should?; and (2) Should 200 people decide an issue as important as this one for the entire Commonwealth?

Since the Constitutional Convention began, I have voted for two Amendments that would place before you the issue of whether to define marriage in our Constitution as being between one man and one woman. I voted against one other amendment that also did this and spoke to civil unions, which I have long supported, because of what I saw as a defect in the amendment. The amendment contained a "reversion clause" which changed any same sex marriages that happen between May 17, 2004 (the date the court's ruling goes into effect) and November 2006 (should the amendment reach the ballot then and pass) into civil unions. I believe that such a clause would be constitutionally challenged. All three of these amendments failed to gain majority support. When we reconvene this week, I will continue to vote to place the issue of same sex marriage before the voters.

The reason for the lengthy amendment process, which will take a minimum of two and one half years on this issue, is to allow time for a healthy and vigorous debate. While I believe we should have that debate, I believe that it should occur over the next two and one half years as the issue makes its way to the ballot in 2006. As I explained earlier, I believe the issue will get to the ballot one way or another — either in 2006 by legislative petition or in 2008 by the initiative process (gathering signatures). Let us have a great debate, but let us make sure the voters are part of that debate. I have always been, and continue to be, a supporter of civil unions and the extension of the same rights, protections and responsibilities of marriage to same sex couples. Therefore, to me, this issue comes down to defining the word marriage and whether that should take place in our Constitution. When I go to the polls to vote on this issue in 2006 or 2008, I personally will vote against defining marriage in our Constitution. I do not believe a definition of marriage belongs in the Constitution. However, the Constitution is clear that every voter has a right to be heard on such an important issue. It has been said, and I believe it to be true, that the people are a safety valve in the representative process. I also believe that there will be no closure until the people are given the opportunity to exercise their right to vote on this issue.

As always, I look forward to your continued input as we move through this process.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley represents the Third Plymouth District that includes Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and one precinct in Scituate.

Gays upset with Garrett Bradley

FROM GAYS, PAGE 1

First Parish Hall across from the Old Ship Meetinghouse in Hingham to explain his stance.

Bradley, who does not oppose same-sex unions, supports putting the issue before the voters in the form of an anti-gay marriage amendment that could pass muster at the reconvened Constitutional Convention today at the Statehouse. The amendment is expected to define marriage as between a man and a woman and create civil unions for same-sex couples.

"I personally support same sex marriage rights but I believe the ultimate question of whether or not the constitution should be amended to prohibit it should be decided by the voters of the commonwealth," Bradley said in a telephone interview Tuesday. "That is why I have and will continue to vote when we reconvene in the Constitutional Convention to place this issue on the ballot as soon as possible."

Bradley's stance was confusing to those in attendance because he doesn't think marriage should be defined by the constitution. So he plans to vote against the amendment at the ballot box although he supports putting it there.

Bradley tried to provide a history lesson on the process of amending the state constitution Monday evening but it failed to sway the audience, which said civil rights is not something that should be left up to a majority vote at the polls.

"You don't put an issue on the ballot that allows the majority to take away the civil rights of a minority," said Laura Burns of Hingham.

A woman from North Scituate, who is caring for her same sex domestic partner suffering with ovarian cancer, said she didn't choose whom Bradley could marry.

"The state should not have a role in whom I can spend the rest of my life with," she said. "It is an issue of civil rights and we need your leadership."

The state Supreme Judicial Court in a recent 4-3 vote ruled there is no prohibition to same sex marriage in the constitution. Without intervention from the Legislature or a stay from the court, it will be legal for gay and lesbian couples to marry starting May 17.

MassEquality, a coalition of local and national organizations dedicated to ensuring the SJC's marriage decision is upheld and any anti-gay amendment to the state constitution is defeated, sponsored the Hingham forum.

Many speakers, who came from towns across the South Shore, urged Bradley to do nothing and hoped other legislators would follow suit, delaying putting the issue before the voters. They feel that the heterosexuals will adapt to same-sex marriage once it becomes commonplace. Some explained interracial couples faced similar discrimination 30 years ago.

Margie Peters of Hull urged Bradley to dispense with the process argument.

"You could be the guy who stood up and takes a stand for civil rights," she said. "You could be the guy to stand up and do it – I give you that chance."

One audience member asked Bradley if he'd be happy with a civil union.

The Rev. Ken Read-Brown of Old Ship said he expected to officiate at the weddings of same-sex couples in May and noted the world would not fall apart once those marriages begin to take place.

But Bradley said the ballot vote was the only way to bring closure to this issue.

"My position has upset those on both sides of the issue," he said, adding it wasn't about politics. "This is about what I think is right to do in the long run on this issue."

A man from Hull said, "the Supreme Judicial Court has already ruled it's OK for gay people to marry, we don't want to change it – leave it alone."

Max Pounder of Scituate said something is wrong with the process if it allows the constitution be changed to reduce civil rights.

Another Hull man told Bradley, "I think you are playing politics and passing the buck – take a stand one way or another."

Bradley said it wasn't his role to "choke off an amendment such as this."

Then a woman in the back stood up and said, "I'm ashamed we voted for you and you're a Democrat!"

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CALENDAR

On the South Shore

MARCH 11 - 19, 2004

Thurs. 11

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents **Patterns and Pinhole, Recent Mixed Media Works and Pinhole Photography** by **Stephanie Roberts** of Pembroke, through April 30. 781-383-1348.

The Braintree Art Association member **Edwina Caci** will be displaying her paintings for the month of March at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St, Braintree.

2004 Tourism Forum, Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor., March 11, from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. Keynote speaker, **Paul J. Sacco**, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism. $10 per person. 508-830-1620

Dedham Historical Society, 612 High St., Dedham, presents **Randall Holton** to lecture on **Rare Folk Art** on March 11, at 7:30 p.m. $5 non-members, no charge for members. 781-326-1385.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the **World to the White House**. Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection (1961-1963) through April 30, 2004. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Fri. 12

The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents "The Sound Of Music" as it's Spring musical, running March 12 through April 4.Tickets are priced at $23 for Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday shows (3 p.m.); and $25 for Thursday (7:30 p.m.), Friday (8 p.m.) and Saturday shows (8 p.m.). Tickets are available at the box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

The Art of Music Chamber Players performs on Friday, March 12, at 8 p.m. at the **Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury**. The program includes two romantic Piano Trios, one by English composer Frank Bridge, the other by Russian composer Anton Arensky. Also hear Beethoven's well known Sonata for Cello and Piano in A, Op.69. Violinist Olga Polonsky and pianist Lorena Tecu join Artistic Director/cellist Timothy Roberts for this concert. A reception following the performance; there is plenty of free parking. For tickets and more information please call 781-837-2705

American Pie on Memorial Hall menu



With 40 platinum and gold records to his name, Don McLean will always be known as a legendary singer-songwriter. Along with the anthem "American Pie" (ranked as one of the Top 5 greatest songs of the 20th Century), McLean has also seen 22 songs of his land on the pop, country and adult contemporary charts, including "Dreidle," "And I Love You So," "Castles in the Air," "Crying" and "Vincent (Starry Starry Night)". He is also the subject of Roberta Flack's #1 hit, "Killing Me Softly With His Song."

BEST BET

McLean will be in concert with his full band at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Saturday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at $38 & $33 are available at the box-office (located at the Radisson Plymouth Hotel), by phone at 508-747-0234, online at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com>, and all Strawberries.

Friday Night Live! is a benefit for the Scituate Education Alliance. Friday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. Scituate High School Auditorium Tickets:$10 ($5 for students, seniors and teachers) Ticket info: Lisa Fenton at 545-5004 or go to the Front Street Book Shop See Ed Tibbets and the rest of your School Committee in drag www.wcituate-sea.org.

Little Shop of Horrors at the Orpheum Foxboro. Presented by Bay Colony Productions "Little Shop" will be performed Friday, March 12 and 19 at 8 pm., Saturday, March 13 and 20, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 14 and 21, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $21 for adults; $18 for seniors; and $15 for those 18 and under. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Orpheum Box Office at 508-543-2787 (ARTS) or online at www.orpheum.org. Group rates are also available. Handicap accessible.

Grease starring **Frankie Avalon** arrives at the Wang Theatre March 12 through 14. Call Telecharge at 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.wangcenter.com or visit the box office at 270 Tremont St.

The music of Weymouth composer, Rich Jensen will be performed at the Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, South Weymouth on March 12, at 8 p.m. Tickets $5 at the door. 781-331-9545

The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents **Members and Friends of the BSO** in concert on Sunday, March 12, at 3 p.m. Tickets $20/$18 seniors/$10 students and are available in advance or at the door. 781-659-7100 or www.JamesLibrary.org

Curtain Call Theatre, Corner of Faxon and Commercial St., Braintree announces the production of Stephen Sondheim's **"Into the Woods"** March 11. Shows are at 8 p.m. except for Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. 781-356-5113. www.curtaincallbraintree.org

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **"Little Shop of Horrors"** at the Cohasset Town Hall, Highland Ave., Cohasset, March 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and March 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets $12.. 781-544-0304.



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Nathan Gallery, 152 Rockland St., Hanover presents **Full Circle** through April 16. Gallery reception March 2, 5-7 p.m. Gallery hours Mon. to Sat. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **Full Circle** is the second annual showing of artwork by the faculty and students from the Hanover Public School Art department (K-12). 781-826-6500.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays and vacation weeks Free with admission. Join us for a half-hour of storytelling that will delight youngsters (and accompanying adults, too). Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance March 12, with DJ music from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139, Marshfield, will feature **Ron Towers** on March 12 and 13. 781-834-1910, or www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

JC Dee's Restaurant and Lounge, 312 Bridge St., No. Weymouth. **Spike Tobin, Annette Pollack, Justin Fielding, E.J. Murphy, Sean Sullivan, Tom Flynn Jr., Mark Basch, and Larry Lee Lewis**. 9 p.m. Admission $10. Advance tickets available 781-337-1020.

Sat. 13

The Turntables performing oldies from the 50's and 60's and beyond at the **The Barker Tavern**, Scituate, on March 13. Tickets $45. Call 508-746-2939 or www.theturntables.net

The Third Annual Auction for the Arts at Christina's, Rte.1, Foxboro to benefit the Orpheum Theatre will auction a date with "Average Joe" **Dennis Luciani** along with many other items, March 6 starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets $40 with dinner or $10 Auction only. Call 508-543-2787 or www.orpheum.org

South Shore Conservatory sponsors trip to NYC to see **Verdi's La Traviata**, with **RenÉe Fleming** at the Metropolitan Opera, March 6. Tickets are $290 per person and includes opera ticket, transportation, lunch and box supper. Call 781-934-2731, ext. 14.

The Pembroke-based Jett Foundation is holding an "Evening in Monte Carlo" on March 13, at 7 p.m. at the Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston, to further their efforts to find a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The gala event will feature casino games, music, dancing and a chance to win prizes. Each person who buys a ticket receives $50,000 of funny money at the door. Call 781-293-2667 for tickets.

The 2004 New England Spring Flower Show begins on March 13 through March 21, at Boston's Bayside Expo Center. Call 866-468-7619 or visit www.masshort.org for ticket information.

The Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak St., Brockton, presents **Trivia Night at the Fuller** on March 13, at 7 p.m. Registration $30 non0members/$25 members. 508-588-6000 or wwwfullermusuem.org

The North River Arts Society presents **Recent Paintings by Brooks Kelly** at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham, through March 26. 781-741-1405 or .781-837-8091.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139, Marshfield, will feature **Michael Petit**, The Master of Voices and Impersonations, along with **Annette Pollack, Bill Ford, Phil Doyle** and host **Greg Boggis**. Admission $15 in advance/$20 at the door. Reservations recommended 781-834-1910, www.annettepollack.com or www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Down East Dancers Country Western Dance will be held at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton on March 13. Beginner dance lesson at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Paul DeMaria. Snacks, raffles, cash bar. Smoke free, $5. 508-995-9496; 781-925-9066.

The Hull Knights of Columbus is having a **St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance** on March 13, at 7p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 440 Nantasket Ave. A boiled dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Music for dancing will be provided by DJ Kelly and Bob. For reservations call 925-1712. The chargeis $12 per person. Everyone welcome.

Singer/songwriter **Don Mclean** will be in concert with his full band at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Saturday, March 13. Showtime is 7:30pm. Tickets priced at $33-38, are on sale at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office (180 Water St.), online at www.ticketweb.com http://www.ticketweb.com/, via phone at 866-468-7619, and at all Strawberries outlets. Plymouth Memorial Hall is located at 83 Court St. in Plymouth.

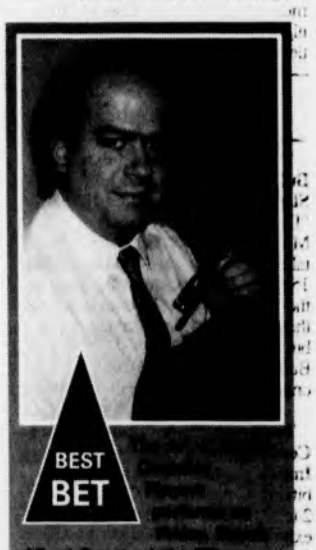
The Cambridge Society for Early Music, the first of its kind in the nation, continues its 23rd season of "Chamber Music by Candlelight" concerts in Duxbury with a performance of a program entitled "Special Blend: Music for a London Coffee House in Handel's Time - on Saturday, March 13, at 8 p.m., at the First Parish Church, Tremont St. (Rte. 3-1). Handicapped-accessible. Tickets $25 general admis-

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BEST BET

The Art of Music Chamber Players performs on Friday, March 12, at 8 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. The program includes two romantic Piano Trios, one by English composer Frank Bridge, the other by Russian composer Anton Arensky. Also hear Beethoven's well known Sonata for Cello and Piano in A, Op.69. Violinist Olga Polonsky and pianist Lorena Tecu join Artistic Director/cellist Timothy Roberts for this concert. A reception following the performance; there is plenty of free parking. For tickets and more information please call 781-837-2705

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Sun. 14

Hingham Symphony Orchestra will perform with one of the region's foremost choruses in HSO's Masterworks II concerts, on March 14, at Weymouth High School, 1051 Commercial St. Pre-concert talk with Jin and Joshua at 6:45 p.m. Dessert reception following the concert. $25 adult $20 senior $10 student. www.hinghamsymphony.org or www.zamir.org.

Greater Boston Antique & Collectible Toy Show, will be held at the Dedham Holiday Inn on March 14, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission $3.50 508-379-9733.

The Boston Classical Guitar Society and the **Hingham Public Library** present "The New Group" in a free concert at the Hingham Public Library on March 14, at 3:30 p.m. 781-741-1405 ext. 2600.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will show together the text and illustrations from the Persian literary works: the Shah-nama, Khavar-nama, Khamza of Nizami and Hadith al Anbiya in the exhibition **Complex Tales: Persia** Feb.1-April 25. 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

The South Shore Irish American Society is sponsoring its annual **St. Patrick's Scholarship Dance** on March 14, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Route 18, Whitman. Irish music provided by **Norman Payne** and **John Conneally**. Students from **Maureen Haley's School of Irish Step Dancing** will also perform. 5 to 9 p.m. Donation of $7 payable at the door. Open to the public. Proceeds go towards two scholarship. 508-583-6564 or 781-447-5304.

"Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance" every Sunday evening at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Dance music by DJ Joe Pet. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended.

Mon. 15

The Norwell Public Library and **Buttonwood Books** welcome author **Stephen Puleo** discussing his book "Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919" for a book talk and signing on Monday, March 15, at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the Norwell library. Free and open to the public. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

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The work of artist Qinqxion Ma, master of Chinese brush painting and his students will be on display at Mass Audubon's North River Wildlife Sanctuary at 2000 Main St. (Route 3A) in Marshfield from March 6 through 31 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month Elva Proctor will exhibit her paintings for the month of March at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical conceived choreographed and directed by **Twyla Tharp** and based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly, free, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Tues. 16

Audition Notice: "Moon Over Buffalo." A comedy by Ken Ludwig, directed by Jan Jones and Mike Webb. **Open auditions** for four men and four women age 17 to 70, on March 16, at 7 p.m. FMAC Gallery, 720 Park St., Stoughton. Performance dates June 4, 5, and 6.

Audition Notice: "Time of My Live," **Bay Players** Auditions, March 16 and 17, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Kingston Intermediate School. Performance June 2004. Parts available for three women and four men. 800-290-6590 or www.bayplayers.org

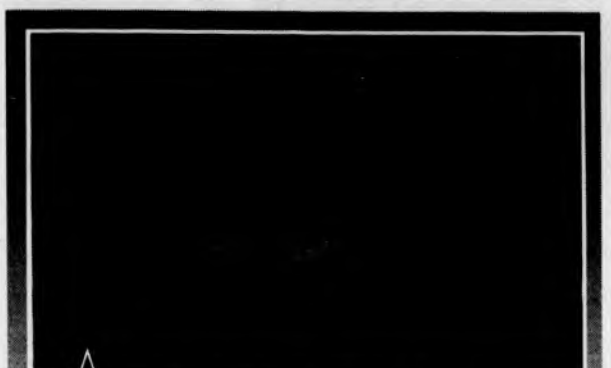
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The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/jyl. 1-508-830-4250.



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"Grease!" will be at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, March 12-14. For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.telecharge.com <http://www.telecharge.com>. - R. Scott Reedy



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The North River Arts Society presents "It Must Be the Altitude! Images of New Mexico," a new group exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery in Marshfield. The show includes work by Joreen Benbenek, Patricia Gray, Becky Haletky, Liz Haywood-Sullivan and Donna Rossetti-Bailey and will be on display through April 24. For more information call 781-837-8091.



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The music of Weymouth composer, Rich Jensen will be performed at the Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, South Weymouth on March 12, at 8 p.m. The Crossroads vocal ensemble presents "A Measured Passage: arrangements and original music by Rich Jensen." Tickets $5 at the door. 781-331-9545.

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Cllub. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

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Thurs. 18

Glastonbury Exhibit at Hingham Library, a historical and commemorative display of the 50 years of Glastonbury Abbey March 6, through April 1,

The Braintree Art Association will meet on March 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Heidi Caswell-Zander** will demonstrate oil painting. Free and open to the public.

The PACTV Gallery, 130 Court St., Plymouth will feature selected photographs of **Wesley Ennis and Zachary Ennis**, father and son, during the month of March. 1-508-830-6999 or www.pactv.org

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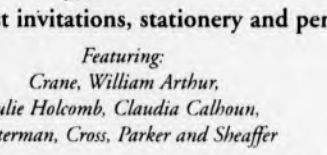
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Getting to root of the tree snafu

Island caregiver explains decision

By Samantha Brown
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When George Washington chopped down the cherry tree, all was immediately forgiven. But Town Manager Mark Haddad might have to work harder for the same outcome after allowing a tree to be cut down on the island at the intersection of Joy Place and North Main Street.

Two trees — one pin oak, located on the island located at the intersection of Joy Place and North Main Street and the other, a white ash located on town property next to Central Cemetery — have been cut down to nothing, causing an uproar around town. The tree on the island, which serves as a memorial for Capt. John Lyons, was reportedly planted in his memory.

Last summer, the board of selectmen asked members of the community to volunteer their time through the "Adopt an Island," program, in an effort to beautify the town. Volunteers would be responsible for general upkeep of the island, including planting throughout the seasons to enhance its appearance. Rob Kasameyer, who lives at 103 North Main St. and is a member of the water commission, was given permission to "adopt" the Capt. John Lyons memorial island, located across the street from his house.

Kasameyer said when he came to Haddad asking to take care of the island, Haddad asked him what plans he had in mind. Kasameyer said he told Haddad he would like to plant both low growing shrubs, so as not to impair the view for drivers, and some perennials. He said he also had plans to bring in an arborist to make recommendations for the tree on the island, which he said looked damaged and was tangled in the electrical wires overhead. Kasameyer consulted Bartlett Tree Experts who he said confirmed his suspicion that the tree was damaged, both from being cut back from the wires many times and from salt and sand from the road.

"It hadn't been very well taken care of," Kasameyer said. "The lines aren't very tall, and the tree was directly under them. I was told it was the wrong tree in the wrong place."

Kasameyer said the tree's proximity to the street would continue to impair its health. He decided to plant something else in its place, which would be more appropriate for the island.

While the Bartlett expert was

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

"Mr. Skipper" contestants ham it up for the Mariner. They are (names are not in order): Ian Hickey, Ryan Tufts, Rob Carpenter, Chris Bilodeau, Bill Carbone, Ben Libby, Aaron Bigley, Joe Durkin, Ted Straughn, Tim Pilczak, Sean Connolly, Scott MacArthur and Myles Collin-Wooley. Not shown are Andrew O'Keefe, Dan Roth and Dan Sullivan.

Mr. Skipper takes the stage next week

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset High's Mr. Skipper Contest puts the fun in "fundraiser," says senior class advisor Mike Gill.

The second annual all-mail "beauty" and talent competition steps off at 7 p.m., Friday, March 26 in the high school auditorium.

"What I love about it is that it brings the parents and kids together," says Gill, who is also the school health education coordinator. "There are really not that many events that kids and parents enjoy together and can just laugh and have a good time."

Tuesday the contestants met with Gill for a few minutes after lunch to go over the details of the event, which raises money for the prom and other end-of-year activities.

Mr. Skipper Night is a four-part pageant that features the guys in tuxedos, casual wear, a talent contest and answering a philosophical question.

Last year's event — which was the first-ever Mr. Skipper Night — raised $1,700, Gill said. This year, organizers hope between $2,000-$3,000 will be raised. Tickets are $6 and are available at the door.

This year there will be five judges: three faculty members, one student and the audience collectively. Ballots for audience members will sell for $1 each.

Adding the audience as the fifth judge is a great way to add to the revenue, Gill said.

Talent can range from singing and dancing to juggling. Last year there was even a unicycle, said Gill, who clears all the acts and outfits, which must be in good taste.

Tuxedos are being provided at no cost by Bernie's Formal

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Fixing large house bylaw

Flaws seen in current proposal

By Samantha Brown
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A zoning bylaw change drafted to prevent a situation like 3 Jerusalem Road from happening again in Cohasset, has too many flaws to be adopted as is, officials said.

The Large House Site Plan Review, article 7 on the March 27 Town Meeting warrant, does not have the support of the board of selectmen or the two boards most responsible for enforcing the bylaw. Members of both the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board said there were flaws in the current language of the bylaw revision.

With that input, Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris, as well as selectman Michael Sullivan, voted against recom-

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SUPER SPY

Alexa Bleicken examines a fossil from the crustacean era in a Fun With Science program at Osgood School. For more photos, see page 31.

DA's involvement in police investigation is made clear

By Mary Ford
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After reviewing documents provided by the Cohasset Police Department, the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office did not find a basis for belief that Sgt. William Quigley mishandled a series of 14 police stops and arrests that Police Chief Robert Jackson asked it to investigate.

However, the DA asked the town to provide more information in order to more satisfactorily respond to the chief's request for an investigation into the police conduct of Sgt. Quigley dating back to Jan. 1, 2001.

"The town needed to do whatever it could to investigate those complaints and to protect its citizens and the town."
— Town Counsel Peter Berry

A page-one story in last week's Cohasset Mariner was incorrect because it stated the DA's office had in fact conducted an investigation into the 14 incidents and determined Quigley was not guilty of any wrongdoing when the material supplied by the town was not sufficient for it to do so.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris was highly critical of the Mariner story.

"Clearly the story was inaccurate and wrong," McMorris said. "The Mariner should have checked the facts before printing the story. It is an important issue before the town and the readers were misled."

In a March 10 letter from Town Counsel Peter Berry to Quigley's attorney, Doug Louison, Berry stated the DA's office had not made any determination as yet and had not even begun a formal investigation, but was requesting further information to pursue the town's request for an investigation.

"The town will be following up with the DA," Berry said Tuesday. "We intend to continue to work with the DA and cooperate with that office in pursuing the investigation."

Berry explained the request for an investigation was launched because the town had complaints about Quigley's conduct from citizens and other police officers that the sergeant was abusing people's civil rights and falsifying reports.

"The town needed to do what-

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Town, officers call a cease-fire

The town and Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean released the following joint statement yesterday, March 17.

The Town of Cohasset, Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean have agreed to a cooling off period during which the parties will attempt to resolve their employment disputes through a structured mediation process.

The hearings have been suspended for 45 days.

To protect the necessary confidentiality of mediation, no further comments will be made to the press during the cooling-off period. The parties are committed to using good faith efforts to seek alternative resolution of their disputes.

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This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, March 22, 7 p.m., March 27, 9 a.m. Sullivan gymnasium.

Board of Assessors, March 23 , 4 p.m.

Board of Health, March 30, 7 p.m.

Board of Registrars, March 19, 8:30 a.m.

Conservation Commission, March 18, 7:30 p.m.

Historical Commission, March 27, 9:30 a.m., Sullivan gymnasium.

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, April 14, 7 p.m., at the library

Community Preservation Committee, March 8, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, March 18, 7 p.m., middle-high school library

Selectmen, March 23, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, March 22, 6 p.m.

Town Meeting, March 27, 10 a.m., Sullivan gymnasium, middle-high school.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Household hazardous product collection

Cohasset will have a joint hazardous waste collection day with Hull from 9 a.m.-1p.m., June 5 at a location to be announced.

Accepted materials include solvents, gasoline, motor oil mixtures and other automotive fluids, pesticides, photography chemicals, pool chemicals, acids and bases, thermometers, thermostats and poisons. Materials not accepted include industrial waste, radioactive materials, pathological and medical waste, pressurized gas cylinders, auto batteries and explosives. Paint, motor oil, propane tanks, fluorescent lamps and NiCd (rechargeable) batteries are collected regularly by many towns and may not be accepted at some collections. Latex paint is nonhazardous, and may be dried and disposed with trash. Bring chemicals in their original containers or labeled clearly as to their contents. Clean Harbors will conduct the collections.

Residents who turn in a toxic mercury thermometer or other mercury item may swap it for a digital thermometer. Visitors' mercury waste may be disposed but not swapped. Swaps sponsored by American Ref-Fuel at SEMASS or Mass. DEP.

For more detailed information and directions, call the South Shore Recycling Cooperative at 508-785-8318. Claire Sullivan, Solid Waste Planner.

New faces on the Conservation Comm.

Sarah Charron and David Farrag are the two newest members of the Conservation Commission. Charron, a licensed environmental engineer who moved to Cohasset last summer with her husband, has been appointed to the full-time position and Farrag, a practicing lawyer who grew up in Cohasset, will fill the associate position.

"I believe I have the interest and experience to help the town," Charron said, adding she has spent the last 10 years working with drinking water and wastewater projects.

Farrag said he has much experience with real estate law and has been before various Planning Boards quite a bit. However, he said he has also represented conservation commissions in the past, proving he has experience on both sides of conservation issues.

Both new members will soon be sworn in at the Town Clerk's office.

Graves will be sold back to town

Katherine Mayo, who currently lives in Hancock, Maine has decided to sell her two Woodside Cemetery lots, containing seven graves each, back to the town. Because the graves are located in an area that people wish to purchase, and they are all together, the cemetery department has valued the graves at $300 a piece. The graves are located in section B of the Woodside Cemetery and are numbered 110 and 120. For more information, please contact Carl Sestito, DPW Superintendent at (781) 383-0273.

Building permits

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall.

37 Willard, Stockbridge St., re-roof 16 squares, $6,700; Ogrodnik, Reservoir Road, renov. Breezeway, winds, wall, etc., $15,000; Monica Schlawinsky, Elm Court, remodeling two floors, $10,000; Black Rk. House Realty Tr., 555 Jerusalem Road, $350,000; Thomas Koncius, 56 Pleasant St., additions and renovations, $68,500; John Mulligan, 2 Linden Dr., shed 10 x 12 shed, $2,500; Bernie Cross, 355 Jerusalem Road, re-roof 40 square, $20,000, $124.

Rep. Garrett Bradley holds office hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D – Hingham, will be holding district office hours Monday, March 22, at Cohasset Town Hall from 6 -7 p.m. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment.

Brush at the RTF

Residential brush will be accepted through April 30. No trees over 3 inches in diameter. No contractors please.

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Senior housing deal is done

Northland Residential to build on Cook Estate

By Samantha Brown
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The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of allowing the Northland Residential Corporation to build its proposed senior housing project on the Cook Estate property, and has given the company the go-ahead to get started with its plans. If all goes as planned, development of "The Villages at Deer Hill" would be complete in December of 2006.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said she is very excited about the decision and the prospect of beginning a much needed senior housing project in town. She said she is very proud of Cohasset for taking the initiative to address the concerns of citizens who have been working on getting senior housing built in town for many years. "We're keeping valuable members of the community in town, and generating the funds needed to help pay the bills and educate our children," she said.

Voters at the fall Special Town Meeting approved the allocation of $4.5 million for the purchase of the 22-acre Cook parcel of land, located off of Sohier Street, which will be sold to the Northland developers with the adjacent 8.7 acres of town property. There will be a double closing, transferring the property from the Cooks to the developer, and therefore no money will be expended by the town.

At the closing, slated for October, the town will give the Cook heirs $4.5 million for their property, and Northland will give the town $5.425 million for both the Cook property and the town's parcel of land, leaving $925,000 for the town. The minimum bid price set by the town was $5.2 million for both parcels.

With the $925,000, Haddad said the town will spend between $125,000 and $150,000 to pay back its consultants, the Advisory Committee for funds it lent, and any other debts accrued during the process.

"It's a very good benefit for the town," said Haddad, adding there are no current plans in place as to where the rest of the money the town makes will go.

While plans are subject to change, depending on how the permitting process unfolds before the Planning Board, the project currently features 60 townhouse style attached condominium residences, spread throughout four duplex buildings , 12 triplex, and four quads. There will be two rental apartment buildings, one with 18 units and one with 17, for a total of 35 mixed-income rental apartments.

Plans also call for the development of 30 of the 35 rental apartments to be affordable to seniors who qualify at "moderate" income levels, meaning those who earn between 50 and 80 percent of the area median income. The town is currently trying to meet a 10 percent affordability threshold set by the state, and at least 30 of the 35 units will count toward meeting that goal. Developers said in their proposal, regardless of how the project is funded, 30 units will be able to count under the Local Initiative Program, but if financing is used from an approved federal or state program to create the affordable housing, all 35 rental units could potentially count.

About The Villages at Deer Hill

Some of The Villages at Deer Hill's specifications are:

Concrete foundations and floors

Exterior walls will be spruce clapboards and white cedar shingles with stain finish. Trim is pine with painted finish. Roof shingles are asphalt. Decks are pressure treated lumber.

Each residence will be heated and air conditioned by a natural gas fired air system. Hot water will be supplied by a 50 gallon insulated hot water heater.

All homes will be equipped with hard wired smoke detectors.

All homes will be prewired for television.

Kitchen sinks are stainless steel high/low bowl. Kitchen cabinets have a wood or plastic laminate finish. Countertops are Corian brand solid surface. Appliances are by General Electric and include dishwasher, disposal, gas range, microwave, and a top/bottom refrigerator/freezer.

Wall to wall carpeting and dense padding is installed over tongue and groove plywood, except in kitchen, baths and front entry. Other areas will be either ceramic tile or sheet vinyl.

The site plans take into consideration the target market for the development, providing amenities the active, 55-plus crowd wants. All units have a first floor master bedroom, one or two car garages, and loft spaces. There will be walking trails along the perimeter of the entire village, which could be linked with present or future "off-site" trail networks. The plans also include a common garden facility available for all residents, and the existing Cook residence will be renovated into a "village clubhouse" to be used for social events and gatherings.

Floor plans for townhouses will come in four designs. Three feature two bedrooms and two and a half baths, and the fourth has two bedrooms and two full baths. Square footage ranges from 1700-1950 square feet of living space.

During a "pre-sale" period, homes will be offered at a discount and only marketed to Cohasset residents. After the pre-sale period, townhouses will most likely be marketed for $575,000 to $585,000 and increase in value as the project progresses.

There will be two one-bedroom market rate apartments available, with rents of between $1,400 and $1,600 a month, and three two-bedroom market rates, with rents of between $1,700 and $1,900 a month. There will be 15 one-bedroom affordable apartments with rents between $800 and $1,253 and 15 two bedroom, with rents between $900 and $1,410. All one bedroom apartments are 700 square feet and all two-bedroom apartments are 1,000 square feet.

Northland has a team of experts assisting in the Villages at Deer Hill. Grazado Velleco Architects has teamed up with Northland on a number of 55-plus housing projects, and even redesigned three floor plans for Northland, after an original developer's plan for a senior housing community had failed.

Coler &Colantonio will also lend their engineering expertise to the project. The town hired C&C to carry out a hydrogeologic study on the property, prior to choosing Northland as a developer, as part of the due diligence process. Because town sewer is not available on the Cook Estate site, there will need to be a plan in place for on-site wastewater disposal, and the data C&C has already provided will help speed the process along.

Tom Ryan will be the landscape architect for the project, and has worked with Northland on their two most recent townhouse communities. Construction will be managed with Northland residential Construction LLC, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Northland Residential Corp., and specifically acts to provide construction management and construction related services on each of the company's projects.

Ball tossed to Town Meeting for $98K athletic field repair

By Mary Ford
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Town Meeting will have the final say whether monies from the Community Preservation Fund will be used to fix the drainage problems at Alumni Field at the middle-high school.

The Community Preservation Committee will recommend Town Meeting voters approve spending $98,500 to repair the field which is where most of the high school athletic games are held.

Town Manager Mark Haddad, middle-high school Athletic Director Ron Ford, DPW Supt. Carl Sestito and parks foreman Andy Swanson provided a joint presentation recently that persuaded the Community Preservation Committee the funds would solve the problem and prevent further deterioration of the sports field which was constructed on clay and has poor drainage.

If Town Meeting gives the go-ahead, work would start after the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, slated for mid-June. Volunteers at the annual 24-hour benefit pitch tents and camp out on the field overnight.

According to Quincy-based Foy & Letendre Landscaping, Inc., which provided the estimate for Haddad, the turf — about 56,000 square feet — would need to be stripped off the field. Slit trenches and related materials would have to be installed for drainage that would provide 10 times the current drainage capability. Work would also include repairing the existing irrigation system.

"I think we have a pretty good plan to keep it from turning into a mud bowl like last year," Haddad said. Last spring was one of the wettest in recent memory.

"Basically the clay has turned into cement."
— Ron Ford, Athletic Director

Ford, the athletic director, explained the popular field is strictly used for games with few exceptions such as football kicking practice.

"Last fall 45 games were held on the field over 30 dates," Ford said. Some 30 games are held on the field in the spring. The field is closed in the summer, except for the track which is used by the general public.

He said what has happened to Alumni Field where clay gets compacted and water can't drain is fairly common. In fact the clay is so compacted on the field it takes a jackhammer to break through it. "Basically the clay has turned into cement," Ford said.

CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey asked if the repairs were maintenance or capital improvements. Money from the preservation fund cannot be used for routine maintenance.

Haddad explained the drainage to be installed does not currently exist, taking it out of the realm of maintenance and into capital improvement.

Ford said the field is not overused and only the track team practices there and does not really use the inside of the field.

Lacrosse has the most impact on the field because of the games' concentration around the goals, but it's one of the school department's biggest sports and most successful programs, Ford said.

Haddad said he was confident the proposed plans would be a good solution to the problem. He said he has built a $50,000 line item into the annual budget to cover ongoing maintenance for all the town's fields so he didn't expect having to return to the CPC down the road for more money.

At a special election in May 1994, voters approved a $750,000 debt exclusion to pay for designing and constructing the new field, later named Alumni Field. The money also included repairs to the adjacent Milliken Field. That March, Town Meeting overwhelmingly voted (326-5) to go ahead with the project.

Part of the argument for the new field was Cohasset track teams could not host home meets because of the condition of the high school track that was built in 1938. Selectmen, the Advisory Committee and the School Committee wholeheartedly supported the project.

Cohasset schools get chemical grant

State Sen. Robert Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley joined together to applaud the School Chemical Management Grant of $5,000 that will help Cohasset schools clear out old, stockpiled chemicals and create a sustainable chemical management system, which will include the recycling of some chemicals.

"The removal of chemicals, some possibly hazardous, from our children's schools is a great step towards maintaining a healthier, more environmentally sound commonwealth. I am pleased to see government taking on this type of investment in recycling," said Hedlund.

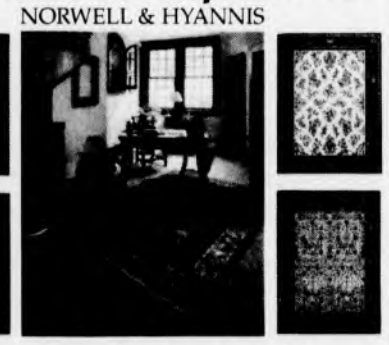
"I am pleased the state has recognized the importance of proper disposal of chemicals in our schools and has begun the process of distributing financial assistance," Bradley said..

The grant funds come from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and the Department of Environmental Protection as part of the overall Municipal Recycling Grant.

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DA's involvement in police investigation is made clear

FROM POLICE, PAGE 1

ever it could to investigate those complaints and to protect its citizens and the town," he said. "If the town is aware an officer is abusing his police power then the town has the obligation to take the appropriate steps to stop it or it would be exposing itself to liability."

Berry said the town hired a private investigator who reviewed past police reports and identified some that needed further review. The town asked the DA to begin the investigation of those 14 incidents because the town needed to get the resources of the DA's office involved in an investigation of that scope.

At the same time the town brought allegations forward in specific incidents including three arrests and one booking procedure that the town felt it had the most solid evidence," Berry said. Those incidents have been the subject of the ongoing police disciplinary hearing at Town Hall, which Quigley and Officer James McLean, who also is charged with wrongdoing, asked to be conducted in public.

In a Feb. 24 letter to Chief Jackson, First Assistant DA Dennis Mahoney stated the office had reviewed all the material that has been supplied and there was nothing in the material by itself that suggests Quigley was involved in a pattern of misconduct by filing false police reports and depriving citizens of their constitutional rights.

In that same letter, Mahoney stated, "Since your letter indicates your review goes back to Jan. 1, 2001, we are requesting any and all information that has been developed through your review and the independent investigation concerning arrests that led to both pending and disposed cases." Mahoney also requested any further information that has been developed on the 14 incidents the town already forwarded to the DA's office.

Mahoney stated the DA's office is taking the allegations very seriously. In his letter to Jackson, he said if there is wrongdoing that has affected past prosecutions that needs to be addressed.

"This office has the responsibility to not only address discoverable material in relation to pending matters," he stated. "But if there was indeed a past favorable prosecution, we need to review any new information about the underlying incident(s)."

Louison, the officers' attorney, said he stands by this statement that the DA's letter vindicated Quigley.

"I stand by my position that the DA reviewed all the information produced to him by the chief," said Louison, noting the chief was not limited in any way in what he could send to the DA.

"All the information sent is the foundation for these disciplinary charges," Louison said. "Based upon that information, the DA said in his letter that he found no evidence of wrongdoing on the part of Quigley.

"The DA simply said back to the chief, 'if you have any more information on these charges – please send it.'"

Louison said according to the testimony of the private investigator during the disciplinary hearing, "there is no additional information developed by this investigation and the investigation is based solely on the files the DA reviewed."

McMorris, the selectmen chairman, said she has not seen the packet of material Chief Jackson presented to the District Attorney and is not sure what he intends to present for additional information.

Town Manager Mark Haddad and Chief Jackson have declined to comment to the Mariner on the police matter.

Quigley, who has been on paid administrative leave since Oct. 20, is facing charges from the town of abuse of police power in three arrests and one booking procedure. He was not made aware of the charges until Jan. 13. He is also accused of drinking on duty following a training exercise last May at the Scituate Rod & Gun Club. The charges have been part of an ongoing police disciplinary hearing. Both Quigley and McLean deny they did anything wrong and want to get back to work.

The DA's office received a letter from Chief Jackson on Jan. 21 asking for an investigation of 14 incidents that includes two of the arrests and the booking procedure that town has charged Quigley with mishandling. However, Jackson did not ask the DA to investigate Quigley's arrest of the chief's son and two others outside the Legion hall last October. But Judge Mark Coven earlier determined there was probable cause for those arrests after Mahoney brought the case forward at Quincy District Court. The charge of malicious destruction of property facing the three men is still pending.

Why Monday's hearing was postponed

The Town's police disciplinary hearing was scheduled to resume Monday (March 15) but was postponed until parameters with a juvenile's parents' attorney can be worked out before having the parents testify, according to Town Counsel Peter Berry who is prosecuting the case for the town.

Berry said Tuesday the parties are taking advantage of this hiatus to enter into mediation and see if the matter can be resolved by agreement. (*See related press release page one*).

Berry explained Dedham Superior Court Judge Isaac Borenstein is out of town. Borenstein denied the juvenile's parents' request for an injunction to stop the hearings from being held in public. However, Borenstein wants to be apprised of the steps to be taken keep the parents' identity secret.

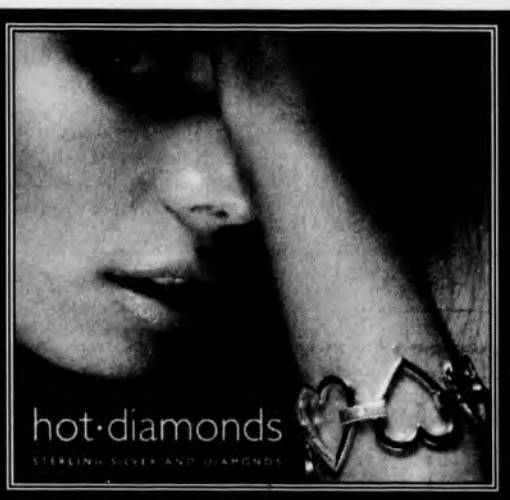
The juvenile's parents were upset because their child's name and address were inadvertently revealed during earlier testimony.

Berry said the town has not rested its case against Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean and needs to complete its case before the officers can respond.

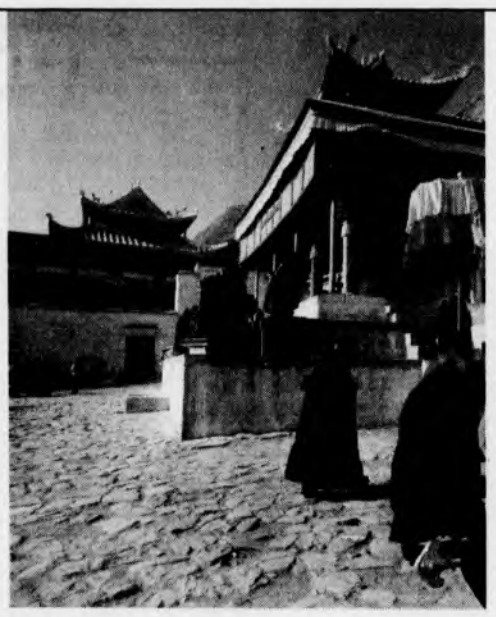
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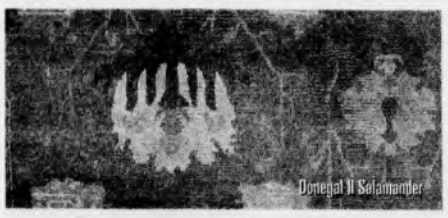
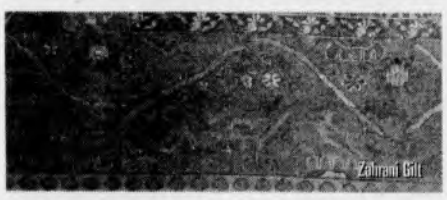
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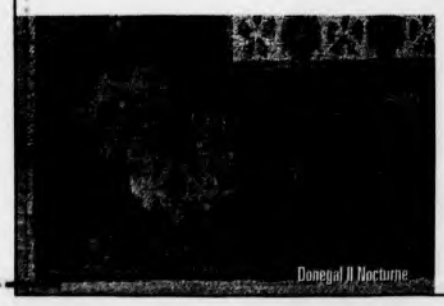
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Polly Logan eyes Rep. Bradley's seat

By Mary Ford
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Most people eat chicken soup when they have a cold, but not Cohasset's Polly Logan.

She drinks Gator Aid – a fact that wouldn't surprise her legions of friends and political acquaintances.

Logan, 78, is a Republican who doesn't necessarily follow the rules. When most septuagenarians are content to take it easy — Logan is just getting revved up.

After her March 2 victory in a three-way race for Republican State Committee in the Plymouth-Norfolk District, the Nichols Road resident is seriously considering a run against Hingham's Garrett Bradley. Bradley represents the Third Plymouth District that includes Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and one precinct in Scituate.

"It would be a lot of work, but I'm not afraid of that," says Logan, as she sipped Gator Aid for a nasty cold.

Logan, a former Hingham resident, is an avid supporter of Gov. Mitt Romney and says a run for state representative would help the Republican governor. She explained that Bradley's seat is one the Republican State Committee has targeted as "win-able."

Bradley, 33, who is seeking a third term, welcomes the competition.

"I like her very much personally, she's a very energetic woman," he says. "I'm looking forward to hearing what she says about the issues such as 40B, health care, education and the economy.

"I'm looking forward to the debate."

Kevin O'Donnell, chairman of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, said he's all for a potential Logan vs. Bradley race. "It would be a lot of fun and I hope she does do it," he says.

> **"It would be a lot of work, but I'm not afraid of that."**
> — Polly Logan

O'Donnell said the race would have "a novelty factor" to it that would draw the attention of the Boston press. "You usually don't see someone of Polly's experience running at this time of life."

O'Donnell noted Logan attracted a lot of out-of-district press in her race for reelection to the Republican State Committee, of which she is the vice chairman. He also said no one else has stepped forward to take Bradley on.

Don Hussey, chairman of the Hingham Republican Town Committee, described Logan as a real go-getter.

"She has boundless energy, loves politics and would be a formidable candidate," he says. "And she wants to do what she can to help Romney bring the balance back to Beacon Hill."

Logan said it wouldn't be hard to gear her campaign up. Her signs for the State Committee race say "GOPolly" and don't name an office, so they can also be used for the representative race. She also has a web site up and running.

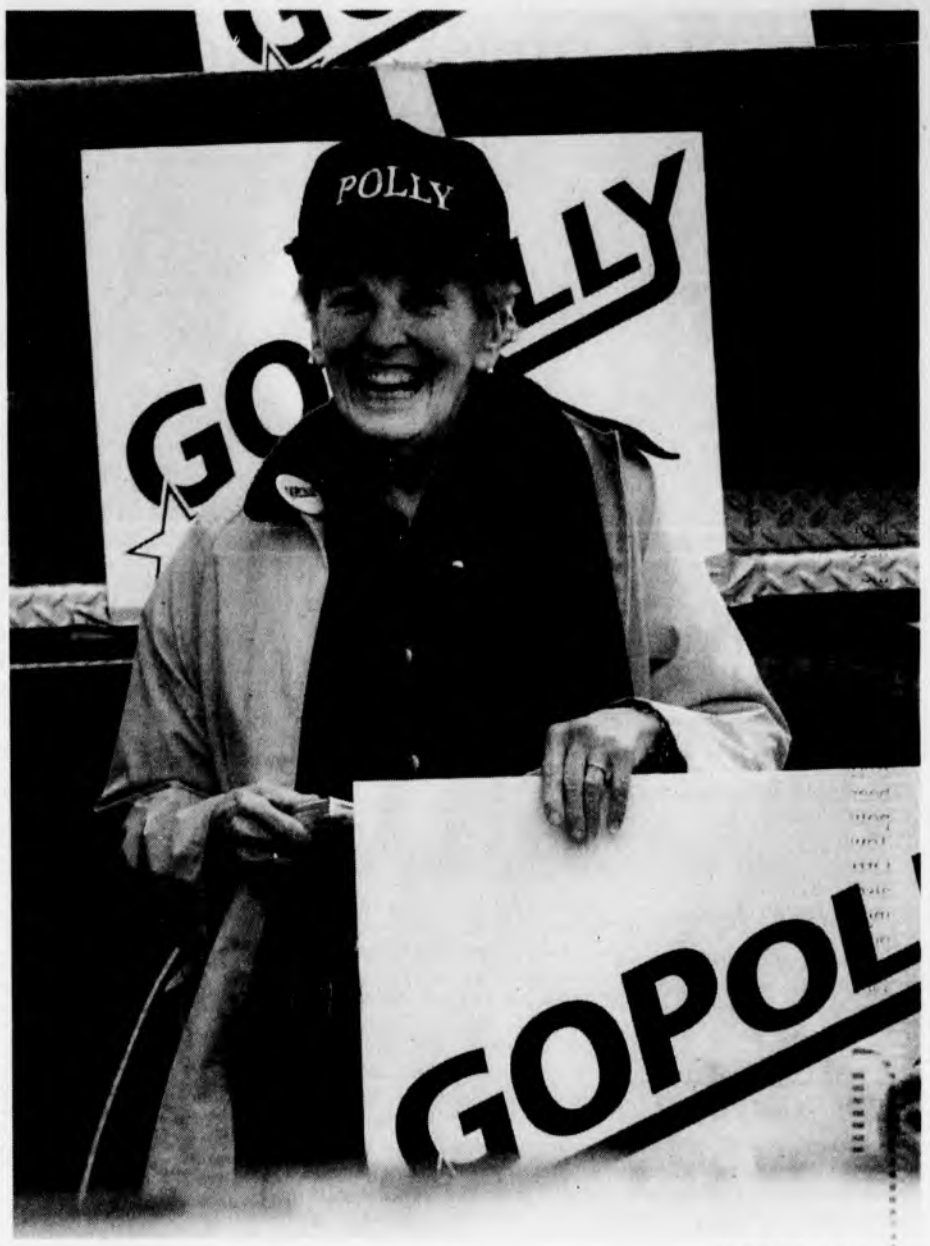
"If elected I wouldn't have any trouble finding my way around the Statehouse," Logan laughs. She is a founder of the Doric Dames State House guides, volunteers who provide tours of the building.

She said her recent campaign energized her even more.

"I loved going door-to-door," said Logan, who has not run for elected office other than for the State Committee.

She explained she's being encouraged to run for the Third Plymouth District and would have gladly done so earlier in life, but she was too busy with a 50-room house and lots of Logans to look after.

"I don't even have a dog right now, so it would be a good



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Polly Logan campaigns outside the polls on Super Tuesday, March 2. Energized by that race, Logan is considering a run for Rep. Garrett Bradley's seat.

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– Jim Hamilton

"Do we really have to sacrifice our seniors' homes to educate our kids? There has to be a better way." – Susan Ceci

"As the father of three young children, my number one priority in Town is the quality of education at the schools. I have absolute faith that Lou Harvey and Ralph Dormitzer will only do what's best for the schools and the Town of Cohasset" – Gabriel Gomez

"Our open green space is owned by all of us and we need strong leaders who can protect the environment from misuse." – Melissa Browne

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Lots of Cohasset students on their college's dean's list

AROUND TOWN



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SNOW BETTER THAN RAIN

Well, a storm is coming as I write this week's column and I am pretty excited. I know, how could I be but really, isn't it better to have snow in March than to have all that rain? It is so gross when all the mud is everywhere! At least the snow lasts only long enough in March to play in for a few days and then it is gone. Stay safe, have fun and take the time to play a bit if you can.

COMMUNITY GARDENERS

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall Tuesday, March 23 at 9 a.m.. This month, through slides and lecture, **Joseph Hughes** will address the types, history, and design elements of the Japanese Garden. Listening to Joseph and seeing his slides should make a very enjoyable and informative morning for all that attend.

PARENTS' FORUM

Parents of pre-teens and teens, mark your calendars! Parents' Forum, a popular non-profit group based in Cambridge, will present a 2-part seminar on Tuesday April 6 and 13 from 7-9pm at the Cohasset Library.

Focusing on effective parenting skills, the sessions will cover relationship-building, strategies for better communication, and finding balance. This workshop is sponsored by Project Safeguard, a community consortium that includes parents, clergy, health education professionals, the PSO, and the Cohasset Public Schools. To reserve a space, mail a check for $20 payable to "Project Safeguard", along with your name and phone number, to: Project Safeguard, c/o Cohasset Middle/High School, 143 Pond St., Cohasset 02025. For more information, call 781-383-6190.

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SEMESTER IN SOUTH AFRICA

Wow, what a lot of talented young men and women from Cohasset who have been recognized in the following areas. **Lauren M. Smith** of Cohasset, a junior at Colby College in Maine, is spending the spring semester in South Africa enrolled in a course of studies at the University of Cape Town and the Colby-Bates-Bowdoin Center in Cape Town. Lauren, a graduate of Thayer Academy, is the daughter of **William and Maureen Smith**. At Colby, Lauren is majoring in sociology and English with a concentration in creative writing. Lauren, if you have time to let Cohasset know how your are doing and what it is like in South Africa, please let us know.

DEAN'S LIST

Jason Richard Brown and **Charles W. Dean** have been named to the dean's list at Curry College in Milton for the fall 2003 term.

Vincent Gratta, sophomore management major, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2003 term at Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I.

Corinna Noering, a political science major in the College of Arts & Sciences, is on the dean's list for the fall 2003 semester at the University of Vermont.

Maura Duffy, who is majoring in nursing, has been named to the dean's list at Northeastern University where Maura is also an honors student.

On the dean's list for the fall 2003 semester at UMass Amherst are **Susan M. Dane, Elizabeth N. Hassan, Ashley E. Koed** and **Taylor A. Toth**. Congratulations to all of you on a job well done.



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QUILT SHOW

Brittany Mullaney stands by the "Wedding Ring" quilt her grandmother Pat Mullaney gave her. The quilt was on display at the annual Quilt Show at the Second Congregational Church on March 5.

IN WHO'S WHO FOR SPORTS

Congratulations to all of the following Cohasset students who have been recognized and honored. **John J. Andrade** and **Margaret O. Pilczak** are featured in the second annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Student — Sports Edition 2002-2003." The Who's Who Sports Edition honors outstanding student-athletes, who are nominated by coaches, teachers and sports organizations based on athletic achievement and participation in extra-curricular activities.

MORE WHO'S WHO

In "Who's Who Among American High School Students 2002-2003" are **Thomas Anderson, Elizabeth M. Condos, Jenna Fegreus, Curtis Kahn, Rachel Longley, Katharine P. Murphy, Brenna Elizabeth O'Donnell, Matthew T. O'Connell, Christen Reardon, Julie Shea, Kristen A. Watts, Jacqueline Chase, Scott Faber, Adam J.Haracz, Ross Lieb-Lappen, Allison Moje, Sarah Frances Noble, Taylor O'Brien, Margaret O. Pilczak, Julia G. Scribner** and **Christina M. St. Pierre**.

For this honor, students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academice achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

ELECTION SUPPER

The Annual Election Supper, a springtime tradition for decades, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church St. in Cohasset. Candidates for town offices and voters/diners are invited to get together to discuss politics before and after dinner on Thursday evening, March 25 at 6:30. Dinner will include stuffed chicken breast, dilled carrots, peas, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, cake and ice cream as well as beverages. Before dinner, all candidates will be introduced to those in attendance. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. To make reservations, call 781-383-1298.

TEAM CAPTAINS FOR RELAY

The Relay For Life in Cohasset planning committee is currently seeking local residents to serve as team captains and/or team members. Relay For Life teams raise money by gathering sponsors to support their participation in the Relay. Teams of walkers keep a continuous presence on a local school track throughout the overnight event, walking in shifts to raise funds for American Cancer Society programs of research, education, advocacy and local patient services. The first Team Captain's meeting is set for Wednesday, April 7 from 6:30 – 7:30pm at the Cohasset High School Cafeteria, Pond Street. Anyone interested in finding out more about Relay For Life and how to join is welcome to attend. The Relay For Life in Cohasset is set for June 18-19 at Cohasset High School.

ASP FESTIVAL

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project's third annual Appalachian Festival will be held on Saturday, April 3, at Cohasset Middle High School (143 Pond Street). This important fundraising event includes a southern, family-style dinner at 6:00 pm followed by an Appalachian Marketplace featuring a slide show, special Appalachian crafts, a quilt raffle and dessert. The festival concludes with a fun Blue Grass concert featuring local favorite: "Quarter Moon." Tickets are on sale now at St. Anthony's, St. Stephen's, First Parish and Second Congregational Churches and Buttonwood Bookstore, and are priced as follows: for Dinner and Concert: adults- $20; children - $8, family maximum - $50. For more information visit www.CohassetASP.org.

Please make sure to get all information to me no later than mondays by noon! I write the column on Monday evenings and it is very hard to have to accommodate all of the late arrivals that come in on Tuesdays!

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Osgood third-grade teachers are all about teamwork

By Samantha Brown
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Third grade is a time to learn about teamwork. Whether in school, on the field, or at home, cooperation is a lesson that is constantly being reinforced. Therefore, it only makes sense that the third grade teachers at Osgood School would follow the same principal, sharing ideas, materials, and strategies, to ensure the children in their care receive the best education possible.

Osgood third graders are divided between the six classrooms of Kathleen Hepp, Emily Fortin, Kristin O'Sullivan, Kelly Gately, Beth Owens-Rigby, and Jeanne Hanson. Special Education teacher Trish Baldwin works exclusively with third grade students as well. Together, these seven teachers have melded into one cohesive unit, turning the task of teaching a grade of students into an opportunity to form a united teaching front, full of exciting, diverse teaching concepts, which each child can benefit from no matter whose class they are in on a daily basis.

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While Hepp and Fortin are the newest teachers to the group, and are both in their first year of teaching in Cohasset, both brought many new ideas with them.

"Every time we get a new teacher, it helps even more," said Hanson, adding the more ideas, the better teachers they can all become.

Hepp said she taught in California for four years before she came to Osgood, and had taught for one year prior to that at another school in Massachusetts.

"I came from a school where there was only one teacher per grade," she said, adding with such a small school, there isn't the opportunity to bounce ideas off of other teachers of the same grade level, because they don't exist.

"It's so wonderful to be able to talk to other teachers," she said.

Fortin agreed and said having a large group of grade level teachers is very beneficial because of the added resources it provides.

For O'Sullivan, who had previously taught in New York, coming to Cohasset was actually downsizing, because there were a total of 15 teachers in her previous grade.

"I can't believe how small we are," said O'Sullivan.

O'Sullivan went on to say that, with more teachers, there are certainly more resources, but by having a smaller group of six classroom teachers, it allows them to get to know each other better.

The opportunity to get to know each other better exists through "extra curricular" activities as well, as many teachers participate in professional development events.

"The level of professionalism in the building, both through furthering education and professional development, is wonderful to see," said Fortin.

Owens-Rigby agreed and said a recent teacher study group was held on overcoming dyslexia and 26 teachers signed up to attend.

"A lot of parents and teachers have heard about it, and it affects all grade levels," she said, adding it's always nice to see teachers take the initiative to learn more about their profession.

But it's not just the professionalism the teachers say they like about their colleagues, it's the fact that everyone at Osgood, not just those teachers in the third grade, seems to have the same focus on putting the children's needs first.

"I like the whole feeling," said Hanson. "There isn't a competitive feeling of one teacher against another, and the whole school is child-friendly."

Gately agreed and said: "Everyone does their best to make accommodations for each individual child."

However, with the reorganization of the schools which will take place this fall, grade three will move up to Deer Hill, meaning the third grade teachers will find themselves leaving the community they have grown to love, to become members of a new one at Deer Hill.

"It's a paradox; it's not that we're not happy to go there, but we're very happy here," said Hanson, adding that moving up to Deer Hill will provide the opportunity to see former students as well as gain access to additional resources.



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Osgood third grade teachers (back row) Jeanne Hanson, Beth Owens-Ribgy, Kelly Gately, Trish Baldwin, (front row) Kristin O'Sullivan, Emily Fortin, and Kathleen Hepp show true team spirit.

"This is very much a primary school," she said of Osgood, adding the library at Deer Hill will have a wider variety of materials for students at the third grade level.

The teachers said they have been very involved in the discussions surrounding the reconfiguration, and have already begun to implement programs that will help ease the transition. Students in grade three have had older fourth grade "buddies" come down from Deer Hill to read books together and do other activities. When students make the move up to Deer Hill, they will already have made some acquaintances. Soon, the third grade students will make the trip up to Deer Hill to visit their buddies and become more familiar with their new school.

These seven teachers have melded into one cohesive unit...

Until the reorganization occurs, though, there will still be lessons to be learned and the third grade teachers have a variety of special activities they have planned to bring the lessons to life.

The third graders have one unit of study called "Among the generations," and part of that unit includes a trip to the Senior Center to have lunch with a senior citizen. Students conduct interviews with their partner, to find out what life was like when the senior was their age.

Students also learn about the solar system, and will visit the planetarium at the Museum of Science, and will learn about the history of Massachusetts, including immigration focusing on the Pilgrims.

No matter what lessons their students learn, the teachers said they continue to learn from each other and support each other in any way they can. For the rest of the school year, the third grade will continue to make adjustments to get ready for the transition next fall, which with all the support, will no doubt be a smooth one.

To learn more about Osgood School, please visit its web site at www.ssec.org/cohasset/OSschool/default.htm.

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Getting to root of the tree snafu

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on site, Kasameyer said he asked if he would look at an additional tree, just feet from the island that he thought looked decayed. Kasameyer said he was told that tree did have decay throughout it, and had been damaged at the base, most likely by a car hitting it. He said he was told that tree should be removed as well.

Kasameyer said he then went to Haddad to let him know Bartlett's recommendations. Kasameyer said he asked Haddad if he should proceed and have both trees taken down, but Haddad said he only recalls having been asked about the tree on the island.

"I don't want it to be a point of contention, but I don't remember him asking about the second tree," Haddad said. "He may have, and if he says he did, I'm sure he did — Rob doesn't lie — but I honestly don't remember him asking about the second tree."

However, Kasameyer said he spoke with Haddad about the recommendations from Bartlett and told him he planned to take both trees down, plant junipers in the center of the island in that tree's place, and surround the new bushes with daffodils. Kasameyer said Haddad told him the plan sounded fine, and he could move forward with it.

Haddad said regardless, after speaking with Kasameyer, "I should have said go to the tree warden," but he gave his permission and admits, "It was a mistake."

Swanson said if a resident in Cohasset would like to cut down a tree on town property, they must inform him first. He will make a site visit and determine the condition of the tree and whether it needs to be removed. If removal is necessary, he will be responsible for making those contacts. However, if a resident wants to remove a tree because it's a nuisance and there is no threat if it remains, there must be a shade tree hearing, which is advertised in the newspaper and posted for two weeks, Swanson said. Shade tree hearings are conducted by the Board of Selectmen.

Kasameyer said he became involved with the "Adopt an Island" program to help beautify the town, and thought he was following what the program was set up to do, and would have changed his plans if necessary.

"I checked with the town every step of the way," he said, adding he only did what he was given permission to do. "I would have done whatever the town said."

Haddad said he apologizes for the mistake and assures residents, "This was not done maliciously," adding he is doing the best he can to work with residents and members of the Central Cemetery Committee to remedy the situation surrounding both trees.

As far as the rumor that the tree was a memorial to Lyons, Glenn Pratt, who is on the Veterans Memorial Committee said it's false. "It wasn't a tree that was planted in memory of Captain Lyons," said Pratt, adding as far as he knows, the island was turned into a memorial site in 1996. Peter Laugelle said he planted the pin oak in 1982, at the request of Edward Tower, former President of the Central Cemetery Committee, and confirmed it is not a dedicated tree. Any tree in town that has been dedicated to someone has a bronze plaque designating it is a dedicated tree, and the pin oak on the island was planted only as an ornamental tree, not in Capt. Lyons' memory.



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Residents are upset that a pin oak tree was removed from the island at the intersection of Joy Place and North Main Street. Rob Kasameyer adopted the island, located across the street from his house.

Kasameyer said because his house is located across the street from the island, having the trees removed "does improve my view. My house looks at Joy Place." However, he said his view to date has been of a diseased tree that had obviously not been very well taken care of and was unhealthy. While he said most people may not have noticed the condition of the trees, he can see them every day from his yard and noticed their poor condition. Kasameyer added, "We had a view of the water before," and the tree removal hasn't made much of a difference.

However, arborist Garry Barrow and Swanson both said the pin oak on the island was not in bad shape, and was only in need of some structural pruning. Neither one recalls the condition of the white ash by the cemetery and both said they didn't have the opportunity to take a look because the trees were removed so fast.

Local environmentalist Jim Shipsky said he worries from everything that has transpired, it will set a precedent for other citizens. "If a private citizen can take down a tree because they want to, what else will they begin to do?" Shipsky added what has happened "shows a tragic misunderstanding of the proper relationship between humans and nature. Humans think they can do anything to nature and there won't be any consequences. That attitude is destroying this planet."

All affected parties were invited to a meeting with Haddad yesterday morning to discuss possible remedies to the situation. While neither tree can be brought back, Haddad hopes an agreement can be made to plant something in their places. Shipsky said in the end, he hopes the ultimate outcome of the incident is that is will serve as "the catalyst that could prevent other tragedies in the future."

Trees will be replaced

Roughly 15 concerned residents were in attendance for the meeting held by Town Manager Mark Haddad on the two trees removed from the corner of Joy Place and North Main Street, and an agreement was made that both would be replaced.

Rob Kasameyer who removed the trees, will be responsible for a portion of the costs to replace the pin oak, formerly located on the island, with another pin oak, and the white ash with another tree, possibly of a different variety.

Anne Montague, president of the Cohasset Central Cemetery Committee said at the meeting she would like to see either another white ash or something very similar to it planted on the cemetery side. Because the cemetery is listed on the National Register as a colonial, rustic cemetery, it is only fitting to keep the trees in the area simple and rustic as well, and not flowering. She said because the island is at the entrance to the cemetery, she would be happy if all that was planted there was a new tree as well.

"Junipers are nice and daffodils are nice, but daffodils will be dead by the Memorial Day parade," she said.

The ideal time to plant a tree is in either the spring or fall, said Tree Warden Andy Swanson, adding once the weather warms up, it will be the perfect time to plant the trees. Swanson will be responsible for making sure the new trees are watered and taken care of after planting.

Haddad said he is waiting to receive quotes as to what it will cost to buy and plant two new trees, as well as grind the stumps of the two former trees. "When the bills come in, we'll split the cost. I'll personally contribute to it as well," he said.

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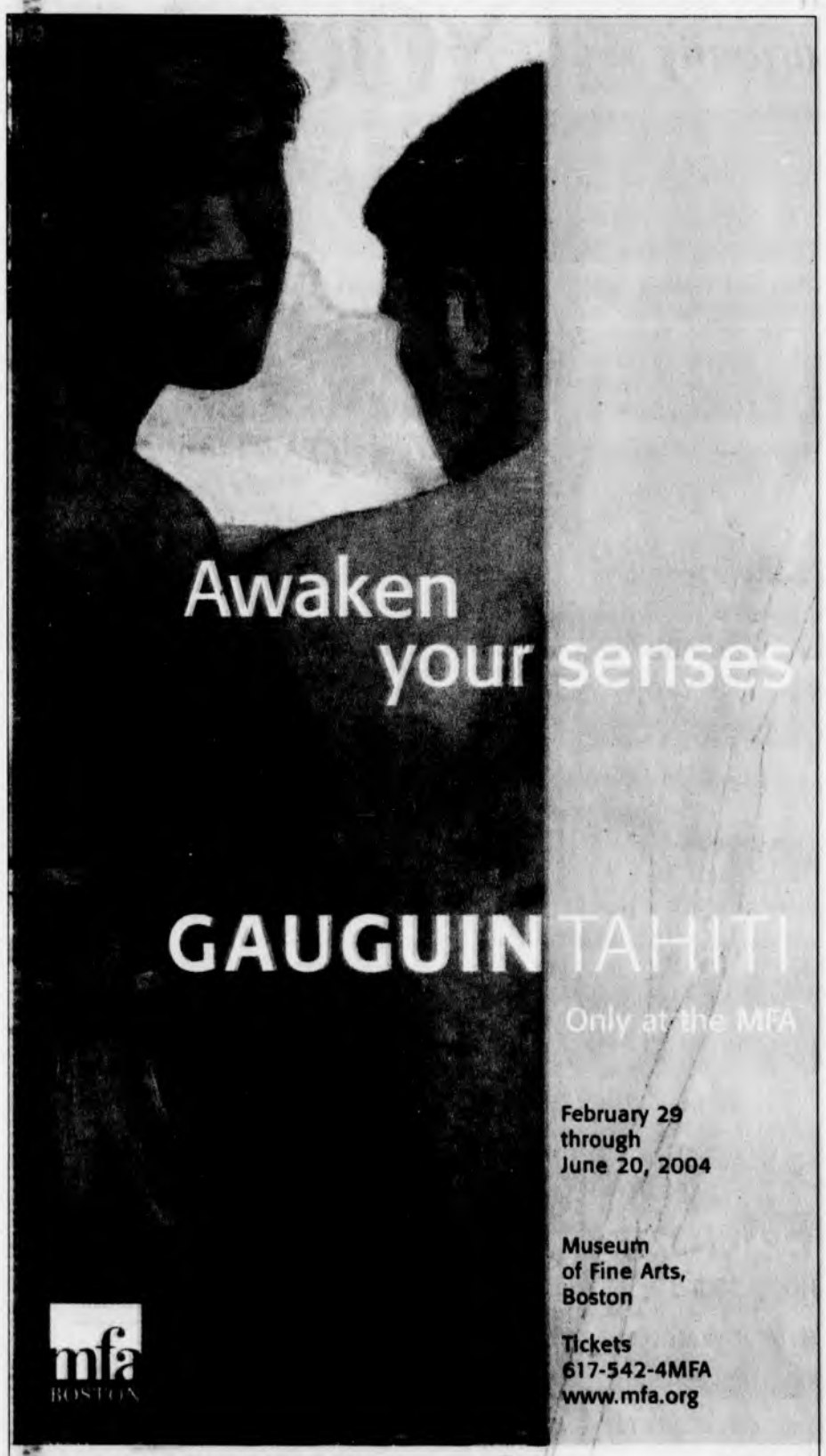
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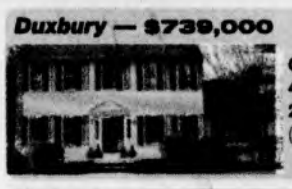
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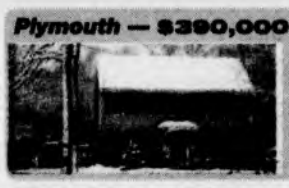
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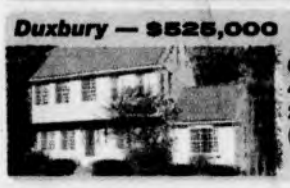
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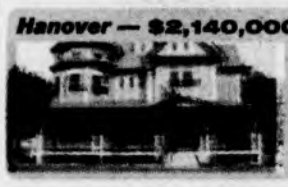
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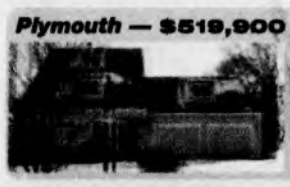
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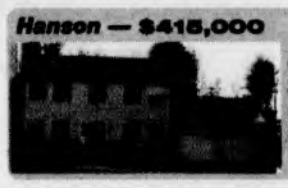
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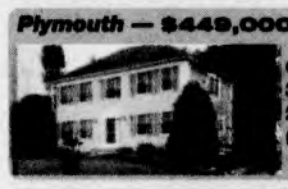
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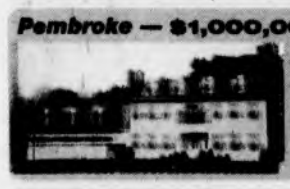
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Fixing large house bylaw

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meeting the article. Selectman Fred Hoed said he did not feel comfortable voting at all until more questions can be answered, and with Merle Brown and Tom Callahan in favor, the vote was split.

This year will be the third year in a row the Growth and Development Committee has tried to bring its bylaw before Town Meeting. Member Mark DeGiacomo said 3 Jerusalem Lane "is the poster child" for the bylaw, and would set up a peer review process when a home is over a certain size, which will ensure the town doesn't face similar problems in the future.

The owners of 3 Jerusalem Lane had obtained a building permit and construction was 80 percent complete, when they were ordered by the ZBA to stop work on their home. Neighbors had complained that Building Inspector Robert Egan had erred in issuing a building permit without the homeowners first obtaining a special permit because they were building on a non-conforming lot, and the ZBA agreed.

Bob Sturdy of the planning board said because 3 Jerusalem Lane was issued a building permit illegally, the same kind of problem is not likely to happen again. By imposing the new bylaw, "It gives abutters the right to endless appeal," and if an abutter has a beautiful view from their home they don't want interfered with, theoretically they could tie the property up for years.

But chairman of the Growth and Development Committee, Rick Swanborg, said the bylaw is intended to put a subjective process in place for the Planning Board, so the town will have some control over large houses, much like is done in commercial zoning.

"We thought this would be a better way to do it, rather than tweak setbacks mathematically," to control development on sites, he said. He added that the bylaw is not only based on a bylaw adopted by the town of Weston, which was approved by the Attorney General, but it has been looked over and been changed by many people in Cohasset over the last few years and at this point, he believes it's the best the committee can do to control large houses. "It adds a little bit more of a peer review process, and at this point, we'd just like to have the town vote on it," he said.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt, who was the lone vote against indefinite postponement on his board, said the bylaw would provide guidelines for both the homeowner and abutters, and help catch what neighbors see as "mansionization" in their own back yards, before it is too late. If there had been a bylaw such as the one proposed, 3 Jerusalem Lane might not have become an issue because abutters would have been notified and problems could have been worked out before construction began.

Sullivan asked whether under the bylaw, a homeowner could be told what size their house should be, to which Swanborg said as he interprets the bylaw, "sure." DeGiacomo said he wasn't so sure he would interpret the bylaw the same way, and thinks the size of the house could be conditioned, and criteria would be applied to deal with the location and preserving open space, but a homeowner wouldn't necessarily be told what size the house had to be.

"Zoning articles are dangerous things," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, adding he thinks the bylaw as currently written is flawed. "I have no problem letting the people vote, but I'm going to vote too and I'm voting against it." He said he feels the bylaw infringes on people's rights and makes them jump through hoops.

"This is a big brother article," said Sturdy, adding it sets up specific criteria like only allowing homeowners to landscape with plants that are indigenous to the area. "Half of all the things I plant are not indigenous," he said, adding, "I might want a redwood tree, but I couldn't have one, but I could plant the entire property with poison ivy because that's indigenous."

Sullivan said, "The Planning Board and the ZBA say the bylaw is flawed and they're the ones that are going to be dealing with this. You're handing it to two boards who are saying 'We don't think this is right.' Al and Bob have been on the Planning Board a long time, and I don't think it's fair to bring this to the community."

The large house site plan review was modeled after a bylaw adopted by the town of Weston. It will ensure any proposals for construction of residential buildings greater than 3,500 square feet or 10 percent of the lot area up to 6,000 square feet, will be subject to a site plan review process by the Planning Board. The intention of the bylaw is to insure abutters are notified if a "large house," is going to be built in a given neighborhood, and that houses are built in a manner consistent with the surrounding properties.

Selectman Callahan, who also sits on the Growth and Development Committee and has been heavily involved in the Master Plan, said the article was drafted as a response to the overwhelming concern that the town's character needs to be preserved, which is a main goal of the Master Plan. Some refer to the large houses being built as a "mansionization" of the town, and this bylaw would set up guidelines for regulation.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held Saturday, March 27 at 10 a.m. in the Sullivan Gymnasium at Cohasset High School.

Water quality survey sent to all customers

The Water Commission has mailed a Taste & Odor Questionnaire to all of its customers in Cohasset to find out what people think about tap water quality.

"We want to hear from all of our customers about any concerns they have about the taste, odor, and appearance of their tap water," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "We urge everyone to fill out the questionnaire an return it to us soon."

"Our tap water meets or exceeds all applicable health standards," said McNabb, "but taste and odor are not regulated. We are going beyond the requirements of the state and federal government to make every possible improvement not just to the quality of the water but to the aspects which are also very important to people – how the water tastes and smells."

The questionnaire is part of the Water Commission's overall program to improve drinking water quality which will include testing of the tap water in a representative sample of locations in Cohasset. The Water Commission's consultant, Norfolk Ram, took an initial round of 12 tap water samples in November, and will take the first round of expanded sampling of at least 40 locations later this Spring.

"Taste and odor issues can come from any and all components of the water system," said McNabb, "including the water mains that deliver water to the home, the storage tanks, the treatment plant, and the source of the water, Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir. We are currently closely examining all of these areas to see what we can do to improve drinking water quality."

Completed questionnaires should be returned to the Cohasset Water Department, 339 King St.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Shooting the messenger

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, we take great pride in our editorial pages. In fact, year after year the Cohasset Mariner receives more letters to the editor than any of its sister Mariner newspapers with the exception of the Hingham Journal, even though Cohasset is one of the smaller towns.

We're also proud of our readership. We reach more than 80 percent of the households in town, a circulation penetration that is unheard of with most newspapers whether weekly or daily and is one of the highes among all Community Newspaper Company papers

The Cohasset Mariner — your hometown paper — has become the means through which the vast majority of residents find out what's going on in town. We sit through endless meetings to bring you the latest news and we spend hours on the telephone and in interviews to get background for "non-meeting" news and feature stories. This is all done with one-half of an editor, one-quarter of a photographer, one-sixth of a sports editor, a reporter, a cartoonist, an around town columnist, and a high school sports correspondent.

We have never tried to win any popularity contest but have endeavored to present a balance of stories with balanced, comprehensive coverage. We are determined to report the news, both good and bad and won't be intimidated from that mission. With that being said, some of our readers, at times, think we haven't been as fair as we should have on a particular issue and we can accept that criticism. However, we always strive for fairness.

In these turbulent times in Cohasset, it's important for all of us to remember what a treasure a local paper is. Few towns in the country have a weekly newspaper totally dedicated to covering their town alone; most local papers are regional publications including a cluster of communities.

Those of us currently at the helm of the Cohasset Mariner are its stewards and hope the publication continues to thrive well past our time. We understand that our readership has high expectations of us – but they are no higher than those we have of ourselves. We wouldn't have won five New England Press Association General Excellence awards without high standards.

But we're disturbed about the current negativity around town directed toward the paper. We realize not everyone is happy when we print letters for the override and not everyone is happy when we print letters against the override, but we are providing ample space for both sides. Cohasset letter writers are almost always verbose and our fellow editors continually say we should cut the letters and limit the length. But we respond, "This is Cohasset – it's different here."

Lately we've either witnessed ourselves or heard about certain town boards and town officials "trashing the Mariner" either because they didn't like a particular question of the week, letter, commentary or news story.

We heard rumors that some people objected to the Mariner editor sitting on the panel for the upcoming Selectmen's debate at Town Hall because of a perceived bias on the police issue. At it turned out, none of the candidates had a problem with the Mariner editor's participation.

We accept justified criticism; we make typos, we make errors and occasionally we make mistakes in judgment. If you don't like a headline or the tone of a story we welcome your comments; if you don't think we're being fair, let's air that out. We're easily reached by telephone or email.

But at the same time, love and support your Mariner, as we do. An awful lot of hard work and dedication goes into to producing your hometown paper week in and week out.

— Mary Ford
mford@cnc.com



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Haddad apologizes for the removal

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to the residents of Cohasset for an error that I made in carrying out my duties as Town Manager.

Last year, the Board of Selectmen instituted an "Adopt an Island" program that encouraged residents to help the Town maintain public locations. This program has been very successful as many residents have stepped forward to assist the Town by maintaining public property. One such public location, the island located at the intersection of Joy Place and North Main Street, was "adopted" by resident Rob Kasameyer.

Mr. Kasameyer volunteered to maintain the island and enhance its appearance. In early February he contacted me to request permission to remove the tree located in the center of the island due to its condition and his proposed plan for the island. At this time, I should have directed Mr. Kasameyer to the Tree Warden and the Board of Selectmen for a hearing to determine whether or not the tree should be removed. I did not do that and approved his request to remove the tree.

For this, I apologize to the residents. Mr. Kasameyer and I are in the process of working with neighbors and other interested residents to correct this mistake. I appreciate your patience and will make sure that this does not happen again in the future.

Mark W. Haddad
Town Manager

Tree removal meant to help adopted island

TO THE EDITOR:

After the Selectmen enacted Cohasset's version of "adopt an island," I asked Mark Haddad if the Town would mind if I take care of the triangle where Joy Place meets North Main Street. He asked what I had in mind. I indicated that I would like to plant some perennials, perhaps some low shrubs and that I would bring in an arborist to make recommendations on what should be done about the tree which was tangled in the electric wires and had been chopped back in several places over the years. Mark said that would be fine.

I have planted about 100 daffodils and brought in a professional arborist. The arborist indicated it was the wrong tree in the wrong place. He stated that it would always interfere with the low hanging electrical lines directly above, and its proximity to the street would continue to take a serious toll on its health. He recommended taking the tree down and planting something more appropriate in its place.

I also asked the arborist to look at a nearby tree on town land outside the cemetery. The arborist indicated this tree had been damaged at the base apparently by a car hitting it, and had quite a bit of decay throughout the tree. He recommended this tree also be taken down.

I talked with Mark about the arborist's recommendations. Mark asked about my plan in more detail. I proposed to take the trees down, and plant about five junipers in the center of the island following the general shape of the island. The junipers would be hardy enough for the location but remain low enough so as not to obstruct the driver's view of Main Street. The junipers would be surrounded by the daffodils.

Mark indicated that sounded fine and I could proceed.

I did. I am discussing how best to improve the island with the neighbors including the Cohasset Central Cemetery, as well as Carl Sestito, head of the Town's DPW, and am incorporating their thoughts in the plan. I believe we will have an attractively landscaped island in the spring.

Rob Kasameyer
103 North Main St.

'As lovely as a tree'

TO THE EDITOR:

The last line of the famous Joyce Kilmer poem reads, "Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree." To think a greater fool would remove a tree for the pleasure of his view, and an even greater fool would give permission for such an act. I cannot comprehend. Being a Vietnam combat veteran drives the hurt even deeper. One of the trees removed for this selfish gesture was a tree planted to honor the wonderful Cohasset boys that died in that cruel war.

The world being what it is, we must gather and enjoy every bit of life we have. The laughter of children, the sound of the surf, birds in flight, the buds of spring, and the beauty of trees. The death of the 30 plus year old trees can not be reversed and our young brave veterans that gave the ultimate sacrifice can only be remembered. This Memorial Day as we pass by the spot where those once stood. Joy Place on our way to honor our dead, my heart will feel sadder that in past years.

..."A tree that looks at God all day, And lifts her leafy arms to pray."...

John F. Morgan
24 Bow St.

Let the voters decide on same-sex marriage

TO THE EDITOR:

The right to vote!

In last week's Mariner Garrett Bradley's column explained his support for initiatives that would give Massachusetts citizens the right to vote on civil unions and same-sex marriage. Rep. Bradley is courageous to stand up to those who would pre-empt the desire of many to be heard on this important issue.

Appearing opposite Bradley's column was an "open letter" to Bradley urging him to let stay the decision of the Supreme Court. The author, Chartis Tebbetts of Cohasset, lamented that as a democrat candidate for the legislature 12 years ago, she hoped that she would have "the power to cast just this type of vote...that truly mattered" of course, Ms. Tebbetts is entitled to her beliefs, just as am I. I believe that the "power" should be with the voters, and clearly should not reside with anyone who believes I am not enlightened or otherwise incapable of making an appropriate decision on an important issue.

We should praise Rep. Bradley for seeking to preserve the voice of the voters. I believe we are seeing that people do want to be able to have a say on many issues — statewide and in Cohasset — and they do not want to be dictated to or be under the guardianship of a select few.

Diane Benson
172 Forest Ave.

Headline wrong, story misleading

TO THE EDITOR:

I was extremely disappointed with your misrepresentation of the March 8 meeting evening that involved Rep. Garrett Bradley and 200 of his constituents. The vast majority, if not all, of those attending were his constituents, not from "towns across the South Shore". And the page one headline was wholly incorrect. The people who were upset were not "gays". The only way you could have accurately used that word was if you also included the word "straights", as there were a mix of both — and people do not go out to meetings wearing pink or blue or whatever to show our sexual orientation. The four people you quoted by name are all straight! By your headline, you have contributed to the propaganda that the issue of same-sex marriage is a "gay" issue, rather than one of civil rights for all persons, equality under the law, and the integrity of our Constitution.

The meeting with Rep. Bradley was co-sponsored by the No Place For Hate Committees of the four towns that Garrett represents, along with MassEquality. The ADL, from which the NPFH effort sprung, is part of MassEquality.

I, along with many of his constituents, have also met with Sen. Robert Hedlund, a Republican, to discuss his stance on this issue. When you believe in equality, justice, and individual rights, you certainly have an interested audience in the Republican Party. We who are concerned about same-sex marriage rights do not feel that we "waste our energy on Republicans".

You owe everyone there an apology. Please educate your readers about the nature of this issue and the actual complexity of the event. Headlines matter, and this one was terrible.

Chartis Tebbetts
9 Jerusalem Road Drive

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HEALTH NOTES

What you should know about Hepatitis A

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

You probably know that Hepatitis A has been in the news recently. A few weeks ago, a teacher at the Osgood School was diagnosed with the virus. The teacher was from Marshfield, and that town is conducting a thorough investigation to determine the source of the infection and its extent. In Cohasset, letters were sent to parents giving information about the disease, and the excitement faded when most people realized that spread of the disease was very unlikely in a school setting, and that the recent outbreaks probably originated from transmissions in the January time period. Nevertheless, the news still contains information about outbreaks all over New England. It's therefore probably appropriate to give some facts from the Center for Disease Control, which may give you some idea about the probability of contagion for those in Cohasset.

Hepatitis A is a liver disease caused by hepatitis A virus, which is spread from person to person by putting something in the mouth that has been contaminated with the stool of a person with hepatitis A. This type of transmission is called "fecal-oral." For this reason, the virus is more easily spread in areas calling for a high level of sanitary conditions or where good personal hygiene is absolutely essential. For example, in food service establishments such as those involved in recent New England reports of the virus. The likelihood of spread in a school environment is highly unusual. Most infections result from close contact with a household member or partner who has hepatitis A. Casual contact, as in the usual office, factory, or school setting, does not usually spread the virus.

Children with hepatitis A virus infection may not have any signs or symptoms of the disease. Adults almost always have symptoms of a varying degree. If symptoms are present, they usually occur abruptly and may include fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, nausea, abdominal discomfort, dark urine, and jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes). Symptoms usually last less than two months; a few persons are ill for as long as six months. The average incubation period for hepatitis A is 28 days (range: 15–50 days).

Hepatitis A is a liver disease caused by hepatitis A virus, which is spread from person to person by putting something in the mouth that has been contaminated with the stool of a person with hepatitis A.

A blood test (IgM anti-HAV) is needed to diagnose hepatitis A. Talk to your doctor or someone from the Board of Health, if you suspect that you have been exposed to hepatitis A or any type of viral hepatitis.

Always wash your hands after using the bathroom, changing a diaper, or before preparing or eating food.

Two products are used to prevent hepatitis A virus infection: immune globulin and hepatitis A vaccine.

Here are some facts about Immune globulin: Immune globulin can be administered during pregnancy and breast-feeding.

Immune globulin is a preparation of antibodies that can be given before exposure for short-term protection against hepatitis A and for persons who have already been exposed to hepatitis A virus. Immune globulin must be given within two weeks after exposure to hepatitis A virus for maximum protection.

Hepatitis A vaccine has been licensed in the United States for use in persons 2 years of age and older. The vaccine is recommended (before exposure to hepatitis A virus) for persons who are more likely to get hepatitis A virus infection or is more likely to get seriously ill if they do get hepatitis A. The vaccines currently licensed in the United States are HAVRIX® (manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline) and VAQTA® (manufactured by Merck & Co., Inc).

Here are some facts about the Vaccine: Although data on long-term protection are limited, estimates suggest that protection will last for about 20 years. Protection against hepatitis A begins four weeks after the first dose of hepatitis A vaccine. A second dose is necessary for long-term protection.

Hepatitis is not life threatening, but it's not pleasant, so use good hygiene and wash your hands.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Budget situation not unique to Cohasset

COMMENTARY

COLEMAN NEE

As a parent and a taxpayer, I am supporting the upcoming Proposition 2-1/2 override on the next election ballot.

First off, no one likes higher taxes, including me. However, the situation Cohasset finds itself in is not unique or uncommon for these trying times. The reality is that we, as a commonwealth, are facing a severe budget crisis and our economy is stagnant. The tough choices facing Cohasset are the same ones facing public officials in Milton, Concord, Great Barrington and Orleans.

Unfunded mandates, rising expenses and needed infrastructure improvements are causing all of our cities and towns to make difficult decisions. Fortunately, thanks to proper budgeting and the hard work of dedicated volunteers and officials, our economic situation is in much better shape than many of these other municipalities.

We could find ourselves in a worse kettle of fish. Recently in Winthrop, 500 of the high school's 600 students walked out of school to protest budget cuts that will eliminate all school sports and drastically reduce other programs. Their protest was in response to the town meeting's rejection of a $6 million Proposition 2-1/2 override. This vote will probably mean teacher layoffs, fewer electives, possibly the end of advanced placement classes and cuts to other town departments in that community.

Last January, School Committee members in the town of Westborough adopted a $30.4 million budget for fiscal 2005 that was then $820,000 over the levy limit and called for the elimination of 16 staff positions, including 13 teachers. Without additional funds, school officials argued they would have to cut 36 staff positions, including 31 full-time teachers.

Our situation is much better. Cohasset's override is for $400,000 (a relatively small figure compared to many other areas) and School Committee President Rick Flynn deserves great kudos for his detailed and expansive explanation of how the Committee arrived at this figure. Teachers' salaries are under contract and not negotiable. The costs of maintaining the schools have gone up universally. And, the federal and state governments are continuing to push unfunded mandates on cities and towns for items such as special education.

At the end of the day, neither feeling guilty nor being a school parent should be a factor on which you make a decision regarding the override.

Do we cut our core services to make up this shortfall? That is an option, but it is, in my opinion, a pennywise and pound foolish approach. Also, as some have suggested, there may be creative ways to raise more revenue for our school operating budget. These concepts should be explored in full over a reasonable period of time. Perhaps those interested in finding alternative funding sources could create a committee to evaluate and analyze the benefits and costs associated with each idea. However, at this late stage in the game, statements such as "Maybe if we did this..." should not be used as excuse to deprive our students of a first-class education today or to negatively impact every homeowner owner in Cohasset who has realized huge gains in the value of their property due to our school system's outstanding reputation.

At the end of the day, neither feeling guilty nor being a school parent should be a factor on which you make a decision regarding the override. I believe you should ask yourself two questions: "Are we doing the best we can in budgeting for the schools and other vital town services?" and "Are we willing to cut at the heart of things that makes this town so special in order to avoid making the more difficult choice?"

I know how I will answer those questions, and I don't feel the least bit guilty about it.

Coleman Nee lives at 12 Short St.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Straits Pond flushing clarified

TO THE EDITOR:

My name is Bill McNamara. I was born and brought up in Hull and have lived on Straits Pond, located in Cohasset and Hull, for 65 years. I have been the tide gate manager and consultant for the Pond since the mid-90s when Town manager, at the time, Phil Lemnios, contracted me to be the Pond consultant to the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen.

As tide gate manager, I am concerned about false information spread by certain State and Town officials and other individuals that the Pond is not flushed according to the required flushing schedule in my contract. I fill out the Straits Pond gate records each time that I flush the Pond, when I free the gates (for emergency) when they are frozen in the winter, during predicted storm floods, part of the 2001-2002 ENSR flushing study, and bridge condition inspections.

Here is the wording of the records that I fill out — average 18-24 pages of forms turned in per month.

1. This form must be completed for each open/close gate operation.

2. Forms must be turned in to the Town Manager's Office monthly.

3. Pond to be flushed at least 3 times weekly year round.

4. Failure to comply with Straits Pond flushing policy will result in disciplinary action.

Date, Time of arrival, Height of water when you open the gate, Time leaving, and any other observations or comments.

All records are public records and are available from the Town Manager's office.

As you can see from the contract and Pond flushing records, the Pond is flushed 3 times weekly or every other day and times of flushing occur according to the tide schedule. Under contract the flushing was done every other day since 1995 to 2001 from April to October. Since 2002 the flushing schedule was changed to year round. When there are people skating, snowmobiling, or ice boats on the Pond, as they were this year, the flushing schedule is altered. The schedule is also altered when there are storm events predicted.

This same flushing schedule was also recommended by a 2001-2002 ENSR flow study as flushing every fourth tidal cycle.

I have been telling Town officials about the poor condition of the West Corner bridge for 4 or 5 years. Gas, water and sewer pipes run under the bridge and through the culvert. During this winter more damage to the bridge occurred. In my estimation there should be no 24-hour flushing, as planned for this Spring, until the Bridge and culvert have been replaced.

Future restoration to the Pond, after the new bridge and culvert is replaced, includes 24-hour flushing schedule which according to studies would create a smaller and less deeper Pond surrounded by marsh areas along the edges. In my opinion, the residents of both Towns should be notified and have a say and be involved with any changes that are being planned.

For those who are concerned and who want more information about the future of Cohasset's and Hull's Straits Pond call me at 781-925-1988.

Bill McNamara
Richards Road
Hull

P.S. As of this date, no plans have been made public about controlling the algae and midges for 2004.

Professional police study makes sense

TO THE EDITOR:

Your recent editorial suggesting that Cohasset should follow the lead of some other towns and have an independent study of the police department makes sense. It seems that there are organizations in place, staffed by experienced police chiefs and other knowledgeable people, available to do this work. That would be more effective than a committee of residents, who may think they understand the mores of their own town better than strangers would; but who would lack experience in how police departments operate in other towns, and uninformed as to how they should operate within the morass of regulations and strictures that is the world of law enforcement.

Of course, a professional study costs something, probably $20,000, but would be well worth it if it reveals how to reduce police costs while improving its service to the town.

It's good that the proponents of the citizens' article have realized that investigating the investigation is like examining a situation by looking at it through the wrong end of a telescope, and now recommend a broad study. However, I contend that the study should be done by professionals with relevant law enforcement experience, not by amateurs.

The record shows that one of my ancestors, John Rogers of Marshfield, was fined for missing town meetings in 1651 and 1652. Served him right! Why did we stop fining people for shirking their civic responsibility? Could we institute a system by which chronic non-attendees have their attention stimulated by a 10 percent surcharge on their taxes? And maybe an additional 10 percent for uttering lame excuses like "what difference does my vote make against the organized voting groups", "it's all rigged" and similar inanities?

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

No sense of guilt in voting for override

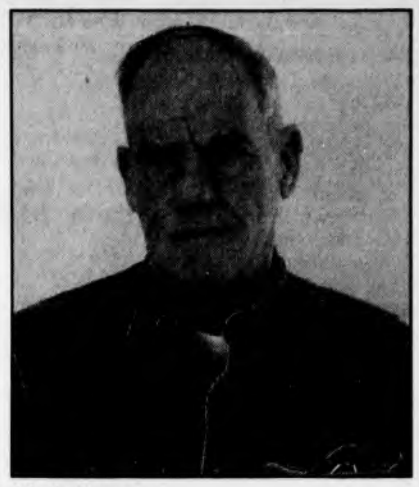
TO THE EDITOR:

The voters of Cohasset are being asked to vote on another override. I have lived in this town for the past 14 years and will have five children in the school system next year. I am voting in favor of the override. I read a letter in last week's paper from a Sarah Gomez in which Ms. Gomez professes that her "top priority is to ensure the best possible education for my children..." yet she does not support the override. I can and do respect the opinions of the override opponents. I do however object to some of the statements made in Ms. Gomez's letter that minimizes the efforts and achievements we have accomplished as a community over the past 10 years.

We have undertaken many capital improvement projects over this time, any one of which would have overwhelmed many other towns. We have built and/or renovated all of our schools, constructed a new public works building, a new town library, and installed an extensive sewer system over this time period. A debt of gratitude is owed by many for the countless hours many have volunteered to complete these projects. The Building Facilities Committee put in hundreds of hours of time over an eight-year span to deliver a new school and the major renovations of the other

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CANDIDATES CORNER



Merle Brown

Brown announces reelection bid to BOS

Merle recaps some of his many accomplishments during his tenure as selectman.

From the very being as a selectman, Merle pointed out the importance of communication between the Board of Selectmen and all other boards and committees, elected and appointed. One of his first actions in this direction was meeting with the chairman of the School Committee to develop a better working relationship with the schools. This relationship has increasingly become very successful over the years.

Another indication that increased communication is doing well is the very successful round table discussion held last year. This was possibly the first time in the town's history that so many people involved with town government came together in one room. Merle is looking forward to developing more of this cooperative effort.

Merle attends many of the advisory board meetings to listen and give his input when requested. Merle feels that continuous interest and involvement with other boards and committees helps him to learn and understand what their concerns are.

Merle's work with other boards and committees set-up the new master plan and digitized the maps of the town. All the different boards that use the town mapping can now work from the same plans. Merle would like to thank Rick Swanborg and the Growth and Development Committee for their hard work in making this possible.

Due to Merle's commitment to working with fellow selectmen and other people of the town, the Town has consolidated the Highway, Tree & Park Departments and the Recycling Transfer Facility (RTF) into the Department of Public Works (DPW). The result of this move has led to a more efficient department with the ability to accomplish their requirements. Merle would like to thank Harold Litchfield for stepping up to the plate to be the first appointed supervisor of the new DPW.

Merle was also instrumental in changing the Town Accountant and Treasurer positions from elected positions to appointed ones. Merle felt that in today's complex municipal government, the finance of the town requires highly qualified people in these positions. He believes we meet these requirements in Mike Buckley and Joe DeVito.

Merle has worked hard to set-up a Maintenance Department as part of the DPW. The Maintenance Department is responsible for all of the Town buildings; schools, fire/police station, Town Hall, library, RTF and the DPW. If Merle is reelected, one of his goals would be to continue working with the DPW to set up a computer program that would track all building maintenance. This would include daily maintenance tasks such small repairs i.e. door knobs and light bulb replacement to long term maintenance projects such as inside/outside painting and repairing or replacement of major items as necessary.

Merle was at the forefront of the Town's adoption of the "Pay As You Throw" system (PAYT) in place at the RTF. Through his efforts, the town received a substantial grant from the State to implement the program. The PAYT system not only increased our recycling rate (this year at 44 percent), but in the first year alone, we saved over $116,000.00 in trash removal. The Town was also able to reduce the sticker fee for the RTF by a large amount from $85 the first year to $50, the next year $50 to $35 and then down to $30. The town then made the sticker an "All Facilities" sticker for the one price, once again saving money in handling and bookkeeping costs.

Merle is not just a one night a week selectman. He is totally committed to the town he loves and the people in it. Merle is proud to tell new people he meets that he is from Cohasset. The response is almost always the same "Cohasset is such a great town". Merle looks forward to continuing to work for the Town and do whatever he can for the benefit of all its citizens.

If you would like to donate to Merle's reelection, please send your donation to: The Committee to Re-Elect Merle Brown 546 Beechwood St. Cohasset, MA 02025

March 25 election supper is planned

The annual Election Supper, a springtime tradition for decades, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street. Candidates for town offices and voters/diners are invited to get together to discuss politics before and after dinner on Thursday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m.. Dinner will include stuffed chicken breast, dilled carrots, peas, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, cake and ice cream as well as beverages. Before dinner, all candidates will be introduced to those in attendance. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. To make reservations, call 781-383-1298.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Spofford platform

"Public service is about committing yourself and your principles for the long haul. I believe in Cohasset and I believe I've demonstrated my commitment to serving this community over the last nine years," said Rob Spofford at weekend events.

In his remarks, Spofford noted that Cohasset was facing a number of pressing decisions.

"It's imperative that we work to protect all that distinguishes us as a community: Our schools, our natural beauty, our socio-economic diversity and the character of our neighborhoods.

"As a fiscal conservative I believe we must balance expenditure against need," added Spofford. "My approach as a Selectman will be to listen, qualify and make informed and independent decisions."

Voters can meet Rob at the following receptions:

Sunday, March 21, 4-6 p.m., hosted by Maryann and David Chase.

Wednesday, March 24, 9:30-11 a.m., hosted by Diane and Tom Shipp.

Thursday, March 25, 9:30-11 a.m. hosted by Kathy and Rich Ofsthun.

Harvey-Dormitzer events

The following events, open to all townspeople, have been scheduled for the Lou Harvey-Ralph Dormitzer campaign for the two available selectman seats in the April 3 election:

March 18, 7-9 p.m., at the Silvia home, 445 Beechwood St.

March 19, 6-8 p.m., at the O'Donnell home, 72 Old Pasture Road.

March 20, 3-5 p.m., at the Gomez home, 53 Highland Ave.

March 21, 4-6 p.m. at the Oddleifson home, 25 River Road.

March 23, 1-3 p.m., senior tea at the Lightkeepers' House, Government Island.

March 24, 7-9 p.m., at the Pierson home, 123 Atlantic Ave.

March 26, 7:30 p.m., town-wide dance at the Red Lion Inn Barn.

March 28, 3:30-5:30 p.m., at the LoJacono home, 111 Nichols Road.

For information about any of the events, call Nancy Garrison at 781-383-0571. Questions and comments for the candidates can be sent to harvey-dormitzer@DALBAR.com.

Williams meets voters

Voters are welcomed to meet Jamie Williams at coffees on:

March 23, 9:30 a.m., hosted by Leila Hill, 40 Atlantic Av.

March 29, 9:30 a.m., hosted by Renate Devin, 140 Lamberts Lane.

Williams will also be attending the March 22 candidates' forum hosted by The Hingham League of Women Voters, 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Middle/High School.

"I've lived in Cohasset for 12 years and am a parent of two children in our public schools," said Williams. "I am happy to be meeting with others who are interested in my views about planning, fiscal stability and quality education. As a member of the school committee I will deliver results for our children."

For information, call Kellie Gaumer, 383-6343 or Christine Woodward, 383-2604. www.votejamie.org.

MacCarthy events set

Just fresh from a coffee at the home of Claudia McKeon, Adrienne MacCarthy talked about her accomplishments thus far and her plans to bring that same level of commitment to the School Committee, if elected. Adrienne feels energized about the upcoming week ahead. The following events are scheduled next week:

Monday, March 22, Hingham League of Women Candidates night, at Cohasset High School. Candidates will have time to present their platforms and field questions from a moderator. This will be on your Community Television channel 22.

Tuesday, March 23, 7-9pm, coffee at the home of Susan and John Donohue, 3 Ledgewood Drive.

Thursday, March 25, 7-9pm, coffee and dessert hosted by Anna Abbruzzese and Sarah Murphy At this event, you will also be able to meet Joe Nedrow, candidate for Planning Board, and Nancy Barrett, incumbent for the Housing Authority.

For more information on any of the above events, please call 383-2792 or email maccarthy@aol.com

Meet Pat Martin

Committee Members Stephanie Noble and Kathy Ofsthun invite citizens to come meet Pat Martin and hear why a vote for Pat means maintaining excellence in our schools on Friday, March 26, at 10 a.m. in the home of Stephanie and Howie Noble, 8 Stanton Road.

Pat Martin will also be participating in the upcoming Hingham League of Women Voters Candidates Forum on Monday, March 22, at 730 p.m. within the CHS Library. The public is invited to attend to hear points of view, discussion and debate. The forum will be televised on channel 22 as well. The Committee to re-elect Pat Martin encourages voters to tune in to become informed to the issues and the impact this election could have on our schools. As Pat Martin recently noted, "There is a lot of misinformation being circulated, please join us at the forum to distinguish fact from fiction."

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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March 8-12



Senator
Robert L. Hedlund
(R-Weymouth)
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Room 413F



Representative
Garrett J. Bradley
(D-Hingham)
(617) 722-2120
Room 472

QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Cohasset Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on five roll calls and local senators' votes on four roll calls from the week of March 8-12.

BAN SAME-SEX MARRIAGES/ESTABLISH CIVIL UNIONS (H 3190)

Constitutional Convention approved 129-69, 136-62 and 121-77, the Travaglini-Finneran amendment sponsored by Senate President Robert Travaglini (D-Boston) and House Speaker Thomas Finneran (D-Boston). This proposed constitutional amendment bans same-sex marriages but gives same-sex couples the right to form civil unions with all the same benefits, protections, rights and responsibilities granted to couples who are married. It also allows the legislature to enact laws that are not inconsistent with the amendment in order to carry out the purpose of the amendment.

The convention then recessed until 10:00 a.m. on March 29 at which time the entire process opens up again. The Travaglini-Finneran amendment will be on the agenda and can be replaced by other proposals, amended, approved in its current form or rejected. Any amendment agreed to at the end of the next round is the one that would go on the 2006 ballot if also approved by the members of the 2005-2006 legislature. The process in the 2005-2006 session is a simple one. The measure can no longer be amended and is simply voted up or down on one roll call vote.

The three roll calls in this week's report were all on the identical Travaglini-Finneran amendment but many legislators did not vote the same way on all three. Representatives and senators on various sides of the gay marriage debate switched their votes for strategic reasons on one or two of the roll call votes.

Here's where it get a little technical. The first two roll call votes were on substituting the Travaglini-Finneran amendment in place of the original Travis amendment. The Travis amendment bans same-sex marriages and prohibits any other relationship other than marriage from being recognized as a marriage or its legal equivalent. The third roll call was on ordering the Travaglini-Finneran amendment to a third reading which basically means giving it initial approval).

The vast majority of same-sex marriage supporters devised and participated in a strategy to hold their noses, vote for the amendment on the first two roll calls even though they do not support it and then to vote against it on the third roll call in order to defeat it. Under complicated convention rules, only the defeat of the amendment on the third roll call would result in no more anti-gay marriage amendments to the constitution being allowed for consideration this year. If they had voted against the amendment on either of the first two roll calls, they feared that the amendment likely would have been defeated and under the rules, the convention would then be open to harsher anti-gay marriage amendments including the Travis one. They also took some comfort in the fact that even if their strategy failed, the Travaglini-Finneran amendment was the lesser of several evils and they would still have another session at the end of March at which they could work to defeat that amendment and prevent other more heinous ones from being approved.

The strategy might have worked but key opponents of gay marriage developed and implemented their own counter-strategy. They voted against the Travaglini-Finneran amendment on the first two roll call votes because most of them do not favor legalizing civil unions in the constitution. However, if they voted against the amendment on the third roll call, the strategy of same-sex marriage supporters likely would have worked, the amendment would have been defeated and the convention would be barred from considering any other anti-gay marriage amendments this year. Faced with this dilemma, gay marriage opponents decided to hold their noses and vote for the amendment on the third roll call. They decided that this was the only way to get at least some anti-gay marriage question on the ballot, live to fight another day and perhaps secure the votes at the upcoming March 29 convention session for an amendment banning gay marriages without the guarantee of civil unions.

Here's a look at a breakdown of the three basic voting blocks on the roll call votes on the Travaglini-Finneran amendment from last week's session. Most legislators fall into one of these blocks.

Block 1: These legislators, led by Travaglini and Finneran, said the amendment is a reasonable compromise that protects the traditional institution of marriage while ensuring that gay and lesbians have the constitutional right to form civil unions and be afforded all the protections of married couples. This group also includes legislators who are not enamored of the amendment but are determined to put a ballot question in front of voters. This group of legislators generally voted "yes" on all three roll call votes.

Block 2: These legislators either strongly support same-sex marriage and/or oppose placing a ban on gay marriage in the constitution. The voting pattern of this block broke down into two groups. The first group simply voted "no" on all three roll call votes. The second group participated in the strategy to vote "yes" on the first two roll calls and then to switch their votes to "no" on the final vote in their unsuccessful attempt to defeat the proposal and bar consideration of any more anti-gay marriage amendments this year.

Block 3: These legislators said they support banning same-sex marriages but do not favor civil unions or prefer to craft civil unions legislation as a general law rather than as part of the constitution. They participated in the strategy to vote "no" on the first two roll calls and then to switch their votes to "yes" on the final vote in their successful attempt to keep any anti-gay marriage proposal alive.

(On all three roll calls, a "Yea" vote is for the proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages but giving same-sex couples the right to form civil unions with all the same benefits, protections, rights and responsibilities granted to couples who are married. A "Nay" vote is against the proposal).

The exact language of the Travaglini-Finneran amendment reads:

"It being the public policy of this Commonwealth to protect the unique relationship of marriage, only the union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Massachusetts. Two persons of the same sex shall have the right to form a civil union if they meet the requirements set forth by law for marriage. Civil unions for same sex couples are established hereunder and shall provide entirely the same benefits, protections, rights and responsibilities that are afforded to couples married under Massachusetts law. All laws applicable to marriage shall also apply to civil unions. This article is self-executing, but the General Court may enact laws not inconsistent with anything herein contained to carry out the purpose of this article."

Y/Y/Y **Y/Y/Y**

PLACE LETTER IN OFFICIAL JOURNAL (H 3190)

House 70-125, rejected an order requiring that the recent letter about the Travaglini-Finneran gay marriage amendment sent to legislators by Senate President Robert Travaglini (D-East Boston) and House Speaker Thomas Finneran (D-Boston) be reprinted in the state's official journal that describes the proceedings of the constitutional convention. The letter describes the amendment in detail and urges legislators to support it. Another part of the letter states that the two leaders believe that the amendment would not require religious institutions to conduct same-sex marriage or civil union ceremonies. It goes on to say that Travaglini and Finneran's unequivocal intent is that their amendment shall not abridge, inhibit or restrict the "free exercise of religion or the teachings or doctrines of any religion or religious institution and does not place any religious institution at risk of losing tax-exempt status, academic accreditation, media licenses, and other privileges, or of facing charges of violating human rights codes or hate speech laws." Supporters said it is important to place this letter in the journal so that future legislatures and the courts will clearly understand the intent of the sponsors and the legislature. They cited past cases in which a constitutional convention was unclear as to the intent of the action of a prior convention. Opponents said it is unfair to only include a letter from two supporters of the amendment and argued that opponents of the amendment should be allowed to include their thoughts and positions. They also argued if this procedure is allowed for the Travaglini-Finneran amendment, it should also be allowed for all other amendments. (A "Yea" vote is for the order to include the Travaglini-Finneran amendment in the official journal. A "Nay" vote is against the order).

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PLACEMENT OF BABIES (H 4325)

House 137-21, gave initial approval to a bill allowing parents to leave their baby under the age of seven days at a police or fire station or hospital emergency room. The baby would then be placed into the state's foster care system. The measure requires the worker accepting the baby to make every effort to solicit identifying and background information from the parents. It also mandates that the state begin the process of terminating parental rights but stipulates that this voluntary abandonment does not constitute an automatic termination of these rights. Other provisions require the state to publicize the new law, teen pregnancy prevention programs and adoption information. The law would expire on June 30, 2008 unless renewed by the Legislature. Supporters said more than 40 other states have similar laws and argued that the measure would save lives and give young, scared mothers a choice. They argued that without this new law, unsafe abandonment or even the killing of babies would continue. Opponents said this misguided bill sends the wrong message by legalizing child neglect and abandonment for the first seven days of a baby's life and questioned its effectiveness in other states. They noted that the state already provides ample opportunity for these parents to work with adoption agencies to safely give up their babies and noted that even without this proposed law, many babies are already safely dropped off at hospitals. They argued that the should strengthen and adequately fund existing programs to help these parents. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against the bill).

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Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Are rising police and fire overtime costs, and town legal fees a management problem or a fact of life?

SELECTMAN/ Louis S. Harvey

The handling of the police and fire departments and excessive use of legal services is symptomatic of the leadership void that how exists in town government.

Overtime costs and legal fees are only one of the many consequences of the lack of leadership, communication blackouts and fiscal irresponsibility.

When the town's Selectmen decided to endorse the severe action of charging police officers with criminal actions instead of using appropriate discipline, they released a series of events that has enormous financial implications. These events have polarized residents into two camps, one for the cops and the other against.

When our town's Selectmen decided that it was acceptable to maintain a hostile relationship with police and firemen's unions, they released a series of events that has inexorably led to higher costs, more waste and poor relationships.

Strong leaders would end this management by crisis and reestablish civility in relationships among the town officials, employees and unions and offer solutions that bring residents together instead of ripping us apart. Strong leaders use attorneys for legal advice, not to make decisions for them.

Open communication would respect the superior role of residents and it would meet the obligation of keeping the public informed of the actions being taken. It would also means that town governors listen to the voice of the people and consider the advice that is offered.

Fiscal responsibility would recognize the downward spiral of these bad situations and the consequential upward spiral of the costs that displace the proper education of our children.

As long as we accept the current quality of leadership, we can expect that runaway spending and the overrides to fund them will remain a way of life.

SELECTMAN/ Rob Spofford

Legal fees and overtime costs for public safety workers are both a management problem and a "cost of doing business" for all municipalities. These costs can't be avoided completely, but I believe the Selectmen have a responsibility to ensure they are kept to a minimum, and to budget realistic amounts for these items so that we are not continuously seeking funds to cover shortfalls.

As a professional liability insurance expert, I counsel corporate and municipal clients on how best to protect their interests in the most cost-effective manner possible. Cost-effective protection is precisely what Cohasset needs.

With a $30 million budget, Cohasset must project reasonable amounts for legal fees while recognizing that all municipalities are susceptible to increased costs. No one can eliminate those unexpected events that push costs beyond budget restraints.

I believe the key is to know what we are paying for and why. We must review our fee arrangement with town counsel annually to be sure we are getting appropriate legal representation. Negotiations should include the amount of the retainer, the services it covers, and a negotiated hourly rate for additional services, all in conjunction with a clearly articulated set of guidelines for engaging counsel. Cohasset's retainer was $54,000 last year, but actual legal costs totaled $250,244. Selectmen must look hard at the current agreement with an eye towards restructuring provisions.

Controlling police and fire department overtime starts with negotiating contracts that combine reasonable manning standards and appropriate overtime provisions. We must be sure our police and fire employees miss shifts only when absolutely necessary. Finally, we must constantly balance the cost of additional employees against the price of overtime.

Given my business and municipal experience, I believe I can balance fiscal conservatism with the realities of running a government that sufficiently provides for the community's needs.

SELECTMAN/ Ralph Dormitzer

Overtime for the policemen and firefighters is deeply rooted in the system. The costs are driven by minimum manning requirements in union contracts, by contractual sick leave provisions, by hourly minimums, and by the salary expectations of our public safety employees. Today, overtime can add as much as 30 percent to the salary of a policeman or firefighter. Reversing the practice will be enormously difficult in view of current collective bargaining agreements and the current expectations of our police and fire employees. I believe that we will need to persuade our pubic safety employees that it is in their interest and that of the town that these services be made more efficient and that adjustments be made to the union contracts to satisfy both the town and the employees.

Legal expenses are incurred for Cohasset by the selectmen, by the other elected boards, and in categories such as labor matters and litigation. There is no consistent pattern of spending for legal support by these entities and, in fact, among them it is quite varied year over year. What is consistent is that it always seems to add up to approximately $250,000 each year. With a single board up one year but down the next, it is difficult to predict that any specific solution will result in an overall reduction in spending. A few things might help: agree on those issues which deserve to be litigated, make sure we have the facts right so we only take legal action when we have a high probability of success, cut your losses if you are clearly losing, and seek the best advice from the best counsel in advance.

SELECTMAN/ Merle Brown

Rising police and fire overtime costs and Town legal fees are neither a management problem nor a fact of life. It is the cost of providing important and vital services to the Town. As Town officials we are in the business of delivering services. This is not a money making proposition. As a Selectman, I have worked hard to provide the best services in a most cost efficient manner. As a member of the Board of Selectmen we created a paramedic program within the fire department. In order to provide this service, two paramedics must be on duty at all times. This, sometimes, has the tendency to create overtime. However, by providing this service, the Town is able to recoup some of these costs. While it does not completely pay for itself, it does provide additional revenues to help offset this cost.

In the Police Department, the Town has long had a minimum manning clause in the Union Contract that requires at least three uniformed police officers on duty at all times. In order to cover vacations, sick time, personal time and injured on duty time, overtime is necessary. We are currently in the process of determining if hiring more officers would be a more cost effective way to address this issue as it was for the Fire Department. I will continue to work towards controlling these costs.

Legal fees are just as important. As a Selectman, I must make decisions with my fellow Selectmen to protect and defend the Town in all kinds of litigation; This Town has spent over $500,000 protecting the Water Supply fighting the Cohasset Heights Landfill and many more dollars to defend our zoning bylaw. It is important to spend the necessary legal fees to protect the character and integrity of the Town.

Has the school committee's role diminished under the Education Reform Act?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

I find it sadly ironic that some of the problems the Educational Reform Act of 1993 was put in place to correct more than a decade ago are once again haunting school districts across the Commonwealth.

In the early 1990's when the state began the reform initiative, districts were in need of assistance with both their power structures and funding mechanisms. A recession on top of inequitable school funding had left many districts in dire straits. Education reform increased state aid to districts to help them implement mandates and ease economic woes.

Districts, like ours, have since adapted to the structural changes of Ed Reform which placed the administration of the schools into the hands of school administrators, mandated site-based management and focused school committee responsibilities on budget development and policy-making.

However once again, Cohasset, like districts across the Commonwealth, is struggling to provide mandates in a fiscal crisis while the state, this time, reduce financial aid. When state aid was suddenly and unexpectedly reduced last year, we cut approximately $350,000 out of our budget. This year, with more cuts promised, we cut an additional $460,000 out of our budget. And so, with increasing enrollment on top of new SPED and utility costs this year, we need a $400,000 override just to maintain our current level of service. These reductions in state aid, more than anything else I believe, have diminished the power of the school committee to even budget or plan for what is needed for our children. The "power" has now been placed in the hands of the voter to determine what is best for our district and our children. It is my profound hope that they will become educated to the facts and decide in favor of our schools.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Adrienne MacCarthy

My nnswer to the question is yes; the school committee's role has been diminished under the Education Reform Act. This was one of its primary objectives. This Act was passed in order to give the principals and the superintendents throughout Massachusetts more control over the operation and management of their respective schools. In short, it was designed to place the primary responsibility for educating our children in the hands of the educators. Until the legislature passed this act in 1993, a town or city's school committee essentially had unlimited power over the daily operations of the school system. And while this act did put more authority in the hands of the educators, it also holds this same group responsible for the performance of their schools through the implementation of a statewide series of tests (the MCAS).

It is only logical that the role of the Cohasset School Committee has also been diminished as a result of the Educational Reform Act. This however, is not to imply it does not fill an important role in the administration of our schools or the quality of the education our schools deliver. The School Committee's role is to set general policies and guidelines for the schools, hire/fire the Superintendent, negotiate contracts with the respective unions, and oversee the school budget process. School Committee members also provide an additional avenue for parents and/or citizens of the town to voice their opinions or seek information regarding the issues facing our schools. It is my belief that an effective and responsive school committee remains an essential element to the continued success of our schools.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Scott O'Grady

Make no mistake, the Education Reform Act of 1993 sharply and deliberately curtails local school committees' power to intervene in the operations of schools. Today, our school committee's powers and duties consist solely in hiring and firing the Superintendent, reviewing and approving the school budget, and establishing educational goals and policies. Education Reform reversed the relationship between the School Committee and the Superintendent, creating a strong Superintendent and a weak School Committee. The State's rationale included the desire to put educational matters in the hands of licensed professionals, and to remove the interference of amateur School Committee members from the decision making of those professionals. Through the strong Superintendent, the State could hold professional administrators accountable for school performance and conformity to State laws and regulations.

The unfortunate effect of this aspect of reform has been to put decision making in the hands of one professional in each district, and to marginalize not only the voice of the local community but of teachers and administrators subordinate to the strong Superintendent. What history has shown about the dangers of concentrating too much power in the hands of an individual applies to school districts. The challenge to the weak School Committee is to represent the community in effecting leadership in a system that is not, ultimately, answerable to it.

We can debate the desirability of the state's undermining of local control, but education reform clearly concentrates power over school operations in the hands of the Superintendent, who is answerable to the state as much as, if not more than, to the local school committee. The only decision of a Superintendent subject to review by the local community is in budgeting. On all other matters, the community has no input into the Superintendent's decisions short of the threat of termination.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Jamie Williams

I do not believe the role of the school committee has been diminished. The Education Reform Act of 1993 seeks to enforce accountability by better defining the role of school committees. It has decentralized the authority of the school committee by focusing it on policy making and oversight, giving the responsibility of Chief Executive Officer to the superintendent, and extending more authority to principles.

School committees are responsible for planning the direction the system takes and determining criteria for results. The committee's primary objective is to establish and review educational goals and policies in accordance with state law, which calls for higher student achievement and curriculum standards. The act also mandated statewide testing to give clear, concise, measurable standards for student and school achievement, resulting in the institution of MCAS testing.

The act designates three major categories of committee responsibility; 1) Collective bargaining, 2) Appointment and oversight of the superintendent, 3) Approval of a budget that ensures a balance is maintained between needs and resources.

Rather than seeing this as diminishing committee responsibilities, I believe they have been clearly defined. No further energy should be spent complaining about what cannot be done. The School Committee must resolve to do a better job of what it should and can do. My vision for our schools is to provide the highest quality education for our children. This can be realized through a master plan with a clear mission and objectives, a prioritized budget, results-oriented collective bargaining and a dynamic superintendent.

We must act in accordance with state law but we cannot continue to jeopardize our children's education through risky overrides. I have the experience in union negotiations, planning and budgeting that will deliver results and value for your tax dollars.

Do you agree with the planning board's decision to give Cedarmere a special permit when the proposed condominium project didn't get the OK to connect to the town sewer?

PLANNING BOARD/ Joe Nedrow

The only input I have to respond to today's question is what I have read in the Mariner over the past couple of months.

There appears to be an honest difference of opinion between the Sewer Commission and Selectmen and that of the Planning Board regarding the Cedarmere Development permitting process.

The resolution of these differences will probably be decided in the legal arena. According to news reports, much needed Cohasset tax dollars will be spent to argue both sides of this issue. Logic suggests the prevailing opinion will ultimately be the town's official position on this issue. Unfortunately our town's position will probably by the basis for a new round of litigation involving the developer and or abutters.

If chosen to represent you on the Planning Board, I can assure you I will work diligently to foster a better understanding and working relationship with other town Boards and Committees. We need to promote a unified and supportive consensus on important issues facing our community.

PLANNING BOARD/ Stuart Ivimey

The Planning Board's approval of Cedarmere followed months of intense review through hundreds of documents, hearings and countless hours of testimony. Despite this diligence by the Board, Cedarmere never proposed a feasible sewer or septic treatment plan. The senior overlay district zoning by-law clearly requires such a plan. The Board should require Cedarmere to satisfy this material provision of the by-law.

In considering any project involving sewering, the town must be mindful that for years many residents in priority areas have waited and been promised town sewer access. The town must honor on this commitment.

It is often wise for the Planning Board to grant conditional permits. Conditional approval places the burden upon the applicant to resolve outstanding issues; prevents the Board from deciding issues beyond its jurisdiction; and better positions the town if litigation arises. In Cedarmere's case, dozens of appropriate conditions were imposed upon the developers. Cedarmere's special permit, however, was issued before it resolved a fundamental material requirement — sewering. The Board should enforce all portions of the zoning by-laws with equal weigh when those portions are material to a project. It should not pick and choose which material portions to enforce when reviewing proposals.

The success of the Cook Estate project, which I fully endorse, may hinge on the ability of town boards to issue conditional approvals (given the September purchase deadline) because it will allow boards to act quickly. It is unlikely that sewer issues will delay this project because the town has already provided an engineering feasibility study for an on-site septic system. I look forward to the expeditious review of this project.

As a Planning Board member I will carefully consider all aspects of a project and devote full attention to all by-laws plus the concerns of residents (especially the abutters).

Next week's questions:

For the Planning Board: *Avalon was approved over objections from the Planning Board. Should the Planning Board have more of a say in the Chapter 40B comprehensive permit process?*

For Selectmen: *The new review of the Town Manager Form of Government suggests the town has too many elected officials and recommends having the selectmen appoint the boards of assessors and health, and the recreation, sewer and water commissions. Do you agree?*

For the School Committee: *Is it time to revisit the METCO program in light of budget restraints and reduced state aid?*

Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

League to host candidates' forum

The Hingham League of Women Voters will hold a forum among Cohasset candidates for local office on Monday, March 22 at the Cohasset Middle High School at 143 Pond St., at 7:30 p.m. The candidates and the public are invited to arrive at 7 p.m., at which time the League will discuss the ground rules with the candidates, and there will be informal mingling.

The LWV of Hingham is a nonpartisan, political organization that encourages citizens to take an informed and active role in government. Cohasset residents are welcome to become members of the Hingham League.

The forum will be conducted in a manner that allows candidates an equal opportunity to inform voters of their position on important issues. The moderator of the forum will be a non-Cohasset resident. The format for candidates for contested office is as follows:

- Opening statement — 2 minutes, each candidate
- Questions from the live audience — each candidate, up to 2 minute answer
- Closing statements — 2 minutes, each candidate

This format will be followed for candidates for Selectman, for School Committee, and for the One Year Term to fill an unexpired term on the Planning Board. The question period will accommodate between two and four questions, depending on the length of the replies. Candidates running unopposed will be invited to make a two-minute statement at the conclusion of the first part of the evening, which should be at 9 p.m.

In the event that only one candidate for a single contested race can appear, the sole candidate cannot participate in the debate according to Federal Election Laws but can make a two-minute statement with the unopposed candidates. The event will be televised on local cable Channel 22.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No sense of guilt in voting for override

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building "on time and on budget." For Ms. Gomez to write that "we are stuck with paying the operating costs" is an insult. Would Ms. Gomez send her children to a high school that was so decrepit that it had buckets in the classrooms to catch the rainfall from the ceiling? Is it her contention that the facilities constructed or renovated were not necessary? I take offense to those who criticize what they do not know. As Benjamin Disraeli noted in one of his speeches, "How much easier it is to be critical than to be correct"

I have always tried be an informed voter and to this end, I make the time to attend both fall and spring town meetings. I do agree with Ms. Gomez in one sense when she claims that "education is the focus of my everyday life," I too value education. As such, I have always made the effort and found the time to keep up to date with the issues involving my children's education. It is not always easy with five children but I have been involved with the PSO over the years working with others to raise thousands of dollars that go directly into our children's classrooms. I have also served on a number of boards and committees for other organizations throughout the town. One of the benefits of living in a small town is that one person or group can make a difference. If there is an issue that has the potential to impact the quality of my children's education, I will make the effort to become an informed and involved citizen. When you make the commitment, you also see the efforts put forth by our town's elected committees. They do not take an override vote as lightly as Ms. Gomez would like us to believe. I watched the school committee review the school budget line by line, not the most exciting process ever, but it demonstrates how closely the budget items are reviewed. I am confident that the committee has exhausted all possible sources of revenues, budget cuts and any other options before looking to another override.

The budget process for the school is linked to the overall budget of the town. The budget process has been another target of criticism and there is the perception that our town's finances are not managed as well as they should be. I am not a CPA or a financial expert in the field of municipal financing so I went to the State's website (Mass.Gov) and researched our town. The one indicator I came across was the bond rating for each town as reported on the Department of Revenue page. Over the past five years, the bond rating for the town of Cohasset has improved three times. We are currently rated double A. From what I gather, the bond rating is directly tied to the investment communities evaluation and opinion of many items, including the town's financial management capabilities. Again, what is the fact versus the perception. Outside rating agencies have improved the bond rating for Cohasset three times over the past five years, yet Ms. Gomez doesn't want us to feel guilty if we don't bail out these groups (groups in Ms. Gomez letter refers to the School Committee, the Selectmen, and the Town Manager). We need the override. For those who are on the fence regarding this issue, I implore you to take the time to gather the facts concerning the school budget. Talk to the School Committee members, the selectmen or the advisory committee. They are your neighbors, your friends and residents of this town.

In closing, since Ms. Gomez letter made a number of references to the sense of guilt, let me add this from Voltaire on the subject of guilt, "Every man is guilty of all the good he didn't do."

Lucia Flibotte
27 Summer St.

Potential for cost savings was ignored

TO THE EDITOR:

How could we get ourselves into such a financial fix? There are many answers to that question going back into the 90's when certain factions were determined that we needed new schools with an elementary campus funded by pipe dreams of never ending state funds. The guilt mongers were successful in stirring up the populace through divisiveness and fear.

Bigger was better and we ended up with a 65 percent increase in our physical plant in administrative offices, meeting rooms, health clubs, soaring ceilings and very little new academic areas. The building committee leadership listened almost exclusively to their architects who were paid over $3.5 million by the Cohasset taxpayers. Very heated discourses were held over tax saving innovations e.g. normal height ceilings in the primary school rather than cathedral, using dual fuel burners rather than the architects' preferred very expensive natural gas and installing energy efficient lighting systems. No thought was given to the environment or the taxpayers.

As we can see from the burgeoning costs at the schools, they are turning out to be the maintenance nightmares and utility pigs they were built to be. Our leadership turned aside advice from experienced citizens who attempted to offer free cost saving suggestions. How much we could have had for academic programs if the schools adopted a 'lights out' policy after the opening of the new Osgood and were able to choose oil over gas with dual fuel burners. Our savings alone this year would have been shockingly substantial, in the tens of thousands.

Still our elected and appointed officials have managed to skew the truth and pump up the guilt. In addition to the discrepancies pointed out by Andrew Quigley last week, school committee member Rick Shea in his 3/04/04 letter on teachers' salaries indicated that only teachers with a Ph.D. receive the top salaries. FYI, the 1999-2002 contract dropped the Ph.D. requirement and amended Column IV to read "Column III plus 30 credits approved by the superintendent" (Column III = a Master's + 30 credits).

There is also the $1000/yr longevity payment Cohasset teachers receive starting their 15th year. Norwell has done away with longevity and early retirement incentives and other towns like Hingham ($500) and Hull ($400) offer considerably less for their longevity payments starting the 15th year.

For FY05 the school budget is finally reflecting a fully funded number for utilities. Analyzing the figures in Rick Flynn's 3/04/04 column the school needs an increase of $959,774 to fund *just the increases* in salaries ($355,452), SPED ($169K), utilities ($223K) and cleaning ($212,322). It has an additional

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$324K from the town, $175K in salary savings from retirements and $460,774 cuts in other items to meet these $959K increases.

The most stunning statement in Mr. Flynn's column was that proposed teacher and athletic department cuts will still be necessary even with the $400K override. It is simply amazing that an almost $1 million increase in their budget is not enough to stop teacher cuts.

When the school committee decided on the full time business manager instead of adding the duties to the town CFO we were told it would be a cost saving in the long run. Unfortunately this position which, according to the Town Report, paid $93,724.04 for 2003 has been a drain in more ways than one. Two small examples are the lunch and childcare programs. For FY02 and 03 lunch had a deficit of $50K and is currently in deficit. An outside audit in 1997 pointed out to the schools that it illegal to run fee for service programs at a deficit and after all these years they still are unable to do it right.

The taxpayers are also unknowingly subsidizing a fee for service childcare business. It provides before and after school care on the school grounds and only covers the cost for supplies, salaries and benefits with the taxpayers picking up the tab for the rest.

In the last few years it would have been so easy to save several hundred thousand with no impact to the educational programs. But our officials haven't been interested even in turning out unnecessary lights throughout the night. What advantage is there when they can continually come and cry at the trough for more money 'for the children'.

L.C. Jenkins
Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers
198 Jerusalem Road

Keep small class sizes

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to comment on the issue of school class sizes. As a 7 grader in the Middle/High School, I agree with the Cohasset School Committee on the importance of small class sizes. A small class size is one of the greatest learning tools you can give to a student. It provides the student with an environment he or she and the teacher can do their best work, which is the most important factor in a student's education.

We sometimes get wrapped up in the importance of the MCAS. Doing well on the MCAS is an important goal, but it is not the most important goal. The most important goal of any school, in my opinion, is to educate the individual student. If we educate the individual and prepare the student for the real world then we can succeed in standardized testing. In large class sizes it becomes increasingly difficult to meet this goal. More time is spent taking care of the class in general than actually teaching. Quick learners feel slowed down and slow learners feel rushed. No one wins in a large class situation. As a student I feel that I can do my best in a small class, where the teacher can focus on the needs of each individual student. Cohasset currently does a great job of educating the individual student. It would be a shame if the override does not pass and Cohasset loses one of its great strengths.

August Oddleifson
69 Summer St.

Prop. 2-1/2 overrides and character

TO THE EDITOR:

It is disturbing to hear calls for "No more overrides!" Proposition 2-1/2 provides an alert to taxpayers that taxes are being proposed that exceed a benchmark (a complicated formula but essentially 2-1/2 percent of the increase in the tax base). It was not intended that overrides are "bad things."

Preserving the character of Cohasset is one of the community's top priorities; this means that Cohasset will continue to be a small town with a very high proportion of its tax base remaining residential. If those two factors are combined with cost-of-living raises and salary increases that exceed 2-1/2 percent, it means that override proposals have been, are and will be inevitable from time to time. Overrides are part of our checks-and -balance system and provide a healthy chance for taxpayers to consider recommendations to increase taxes.

We have just read the introduction to the Town Warrant and we are impressed that both the Municipal and School sides of the FY2005 budget have been filtered through ever-finer screening to try to maintain services, but little more. In the case of the schools, however, one can only assume that cuts *already taken* in teaching and administrative personnel will take their toll. With five grandchildren in Osgood, Deer Hill and the Middle High School, we have observed excellent teachers and a thorough and imaginative educational program. Cohasset must preserve its good schools.

Both the FY2004 and FY2005 budgets have been hostage to significant reductions in State Aid and mandated, but underfunded, Special Education requirements. With unfortunate timing, increases in operating costs for our beautiful new schools have kicked in. It is frustrating to find that those forces beyond our control will affect our pocketbook – about $129 more for the average tax bill for the override. But it would be foolish, we think, to express our frustration with a vindictive rejection of the override.

We urge that Cohasset voters support the recommendations of the Selectmen, School Committee and Advisory Committee to vote in favor of the FY2005 Operating Budget at Town Meeting and for the override in the April 3 Town Election.

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All in the family

Bilodeau tradition of excellence at CHS continues

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

Over the last several years, the Bilodeau name has been a pretty popular one in Cohasset athletics and in these sports pages.

It makes sense, because for the last seven years, the boys basketball squad and at least one other team has had one of the three oldest brothers, T.J., Matt and Chris.

The Bilodeau brothers, including the youngest, Mike, who will be a freshman at CHS next year, have built a competitiveness level rarely seen at the high school level. That is in large part thanks to the frequent battles they have had with each other on the basketball court, says head coach and athletic director Ron Ford.

"If you can survive a Bilodeau backyard battle, you can pretty much survive anything," he said.

Chris, who is coming off a successful season in which he ranked second in the South Shore League in scoring, says he can recall being four or five years old when his father, Tim, put in a basketball court next to their home.

"That got interesting because we could play all the time," Chris said. "I think I built a lot of toughness because of it."

That toughness was tested this year, when he sprained an ankle at Carver on Feb. 6. Chris missed the next night's game at Archbishop Williams, but played through the injury during the team's final three games. Needing a win in all three to make the tournament, Cohasset was led by Chris' 63 combined points, including 23 in the team's "win of the year" against Hull.

In addition to that physical toughness, Ford says Chris brought a sharp mental edge to each game.

"This year, I felt like I had another member of the coaching staff on the floor," said Ford, who credited T.J. and Matt with teaching their younger brother some of the tricks of the trade. "He threw the team on his back and carried us this year."

Chris says he felt a certain responsibility to take a leadership role with the team after Matt graduated in 2002. He said both his older brothers, and Matt in particular, helped to prepare him for that position.

"I felt like I had to step up my game and my leadership," Chris said. "[Matt] was the point guard for two years. Whenever there was some pressure, we looked to him. I wanted to put that on my shoulders."

One of the most unique things about the Bilodeaus' high school careers is that all three captained two teams, each. T.J. was a captain for basketball and baseball, while Matt did the same for soccer and hoops. This year, Chris was a co-captain for basketball and football, where he excelled as a wide receiver and defensive back.

A lot of the brothers' success and leadership skills can be attributed to their parents, Tim and Kathy. It is beginning to become more and more commonplace to see parents coddle their kids and spoil them with success.

Not so with the Bilodeaus, Ford says, and he commends the parents for it.

"Their character is a credit to their parents," he said. "They never complain; they let the kids learn on their own. They're not afraid to let them fail and learn from those failures."

One place where the brothers will not be failing is in the classroom. The three that have passed through high school have done so with excellent academic performance. T.J. is currently attending Harvard, where he plays on the JV basketball team. Matt is now playing soccer at Williams.

Chris says he is still waiting to hear from several schools, including Babson, Bowdoin, Bates and Colby. Babson has recruited him from basketball, and Chris says he has been in touch with the football coaches at all of the schools.

Again, Tim and Kathy are a large part of academic success.

"My parents have always pushed us to do well in school," Chris said. "Everything we do on the court is an extension of what we do in the classroom. Getting an A is just like winning a game."

Chris says he tried to incorporate parts of his older brothers' basketball game into his own. While Matt was a quick, slashing type player, he said, T.J. was more of a shooter. Chris certainly did well at both this season, averaging over 21 points per game and falling just shy of 1,000 for his career.

And, as if the backyard games weren't enough, all three played varsity basketball together in the 2000-01 season. T.J. was a senior, Matt a junior and Chris a freshman, and Ford said that things could get a little intense at times.

"Our practices were pretty spirited," the coach said. "They had to be separated sometimes, no question."

And, as for young Mike? When asked to assess his younger brother's game, Chris said he is a great shooter who could be in for a great career at Cohasset if he continues to hone his skills year-round.

"I think he can be the best out of all of us," Chris said.

Perhaps that is an older brother trying to talk up his younger sibling a little bit. But if it turns out to be the truth, Cohasset can expect four more years of good things to come.



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This is as good as it gets

EXTRA POINTS



MIKE SPELLMAN

Dan Shaughnessy, Tony Massarotti, Gerry Callahan ...I would not trade places with any of them, not for three times what I'm making, which, come to think of it...

Nah, still wouldn't do it...really.

As far as I'm concerned, I've arrived at the pinnacle of sportswriting.

Flat out, there is nothing better than covering high school sports. This is a personal feeling that becomes crystallized all too clearly every postseason. Getting to not only watch, but report on the manner in which these high school athletes put absolutely everything they have on line to represent their school and their town— all the while dealing with the reality that the next loss will signal the end of an era, the final time they will be playing with individuals they've called friends and teammates dating back to their earliest memories— is a profoundly moving honor.

This kind of athletic backdrop can never be duplicated or come even close to being matched.

In terms of volume, it's difficult to imagine anything matching the widespread fervor this region experienced over

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Cohasset boys win MaxLax title

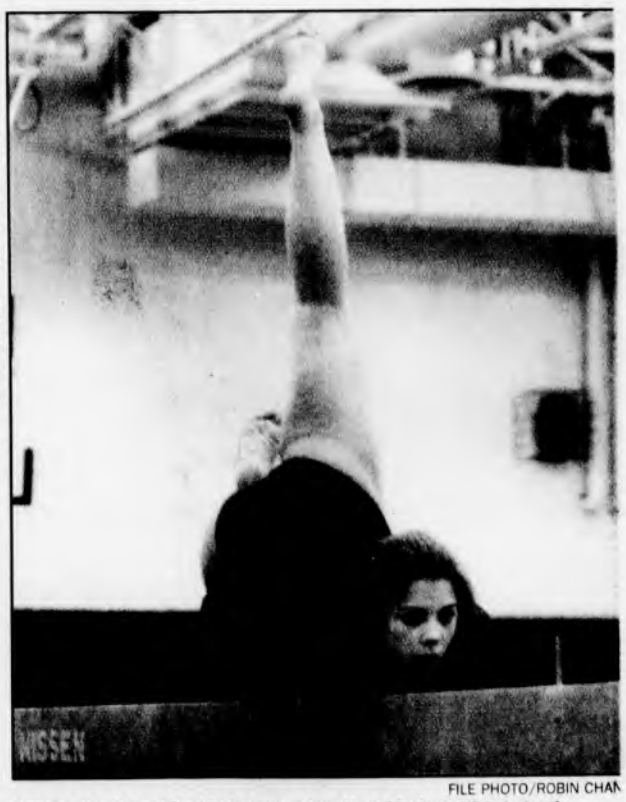
After being the "bridesmaid" to powerhouse teams from Hingham and Scituate over the first couple of sessions of indoor lax, the Pro Division "Wompers" (Cohasset 7th and 8th graders) were determined to make the last session of the MaxLax indoor program one to remember. After completing a regular season undefeated in their bracket, the Wompers lost in Sudden Victory OT in the division finals to a tenacious Vipers team that was made up of top players from Hingham, Scituate, and Marshfield. However, their performance was good enough to earn a berth in the ***Champion's Series***, which pits the top two teams in each division from each MaxLax location, against each other in a full day of spirited competition.

In their first game against a tough Dover-Sherborn group (the winners of the Norfolk location), the Wompers held off a surging D/S squad by putting together a dominating 2nd peri-

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The MaxLax champs



FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Nancy Durkin is now a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection.

Mariner All-Scholastic gymnastics team

Cohasset's Durkin named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

We decided to add boys to our team this year, probably a year too late, as the Braintree High boys wrapped up their second consecutive state championship this winter. All three of the all-around performers from that Wamps team—Dave Ellis, Matt Tocchio and Gene Ellis—were deservedly recognized with All-Scholastics honors.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

After consulting with area coaches, though, we do feel secure that we chose the top 11gymnasts in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Kelly Longo - Sophomore
All-Around- Silver Lake

Two years of high school

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Mariner All-Scholastic gymnastics team

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Kelly Longo

gymnastics and already a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic ... improved in just about all events this season to lead the Lady Lakers to a 13-3 season and second place overall in the Old Colony League (behind unbeaten state champ Barnstable)...scored a personal best 34.6 in the all-around in win over OCL rival Marshfield...top four average scores this year were 34.15 in the all-around, 8.85 on floor exercise, 8.425 on uneven bars, 8.6735 on vault and 8.575 on beam... took fifth in all-around event at OCL meet (32.5)...qualified to compete in all four events at the state individual championships, her best score an 8.3 on floor...Pembroke resident will attend Pembroke High School the next two years...serious year round gymnast since the age of three who's achieved a USA Level 9 grade...after training for years at the soon to by closed GymPlus in Pembroke, she is now looking for a new gym...also does spring track at Silver Lake, specializing in discus and shot put throwing...a A student...hopes to carry on her gymnastics career in college...Silver Lake coach Lindsay Leigh-Consolati: "Kelly is a very committed year-round gymnast. She wants to be the best, and you see that in her work ethic and devotion to the sport. When she's challenged by someone, she really digs down for a little more."

Emily Farley - Junior
All-Around- Braintree


Emily Farley

Emily earns her second straight Mariner All-Scholastic selection...the third year gymnast improved in virtually all areas this season to help lead the Lady Wamps to a 10-2 overall record, including 7-2 in Bay State Conference competition, good for a second place tie...qualified for the All-State individual competition, and wound up with a personal best score of 35.1, which included a personal bests of 8.7 on bars and 8.875 on vault, to go along with an 8.8 on beam and 8.725 on floor...also set personal bests on floor (9.2) and beam (9.0) this season...Bay State Conference All-Star in the all-around competition...runs spring track at BHS...Honor Roll student...also play violin in the school orchesra...has been involved in gymnastics since the age of five, and performing year round since the fifth grade at the Ellis School of Gymnastics in Braintree...a level 9 gymnast...may attempt to continue gymnastics career in college...leaning toward majoring in journalism or law hopes to be a gymnast at the college level...Braintree coach Debbie Duprey: "Emily has a lot of natural gymnastic talent and ability and is elegant to watch."

Amy Caldwell - Freshman
All-Around- Braintree


Amy Caldwell

Two high school athletic seasons, two Mariner All-Scholastic selections, and now she has her sights set on spring track...the frosh phenom provided the second half of a dynamic one-two punch this season, along with junior Emily Farley, to lift the Lady Wamps to a 10-2 record, including 7-2 in Bay State Conference competition, good for a second place tie...had personal best scores this season of 9.0 on floor and vault, 8.55 on bars, 8.75 on beam and 34.85 in the all-around...Bay State Conference All-Star in vault...trains year round at her family's own Ellis Gymnastics School...a USA Level 8 gymnast...not bad, considering gymnastics are her number two sporting passion; soccer is number one...in fact, she has missed many gymnastics competitions due to her year round soccer commitments to the South Coast Scorpions club team and the Olympic Development Program (ODP) soccer league ...led the BHS lady booters to a Bay State Conference championship this past fall, scoring a team best 22 goals to go along with 10 assists, to earn her first Mariner All-Scholastics selection... is expected to quickly become a standout sprinter for BHS track team this spring...Honor Roll student...older sister Andrea, a senior who earns Honorable Mention accolades here, has also been a standout gymnast and soccer player at BHS...Braintree coach Deb Duprey: "Amy is an energetic and powerful gymnast who is fun to watch. She demonstrated a lot of talent as a freshman this year."

Casey Quinn - Sophomore
All-Around - Weymouth


Casey Quinn

With one of its standouts injured, Quinn bore the brunt of the pressure to perform on the Lady Wildcats squad this season and once again, she answered the call...Quinn shined at this year's Bay State Carey Championships, finishing fourth in the All-Around with a personal best score of 35.7...The sophomore also took second on the vault (9.05)...The BSC All-star broke a WHS record with her high score of 9.1 on the vault in a meet against Ashland/Holliston... Once fellow sophomore Jenn Lamm returned midseason, she and Quinn paced the Lady Wildcats in winning 8 of their last 9 dual-meets to finish with an 8-3 record and third place in the BSC standings...A year-round gymnast, Quinn still has two more seasons at Weymouth.

Jenn Lamm - Sophomore
All-Around - Weymouth

The Lady Wildcats suffered a big setback when Lamm injured her knee early in the season, but her return midway through the year sparked a comeback that saw the Weymouth gymnasts win 8 of their last 9 meets to take third (8-3) in the Bay State Carey standings...Lamm teamed with fellow sophomore Casey Quinn in providing one of the most effective one-two punches on the South Shore...The BSC All-star won the beam at the League Championships and also finished second on the bars...Her efforts this season also landed her a spot competing at the State Individual Championships...A year-round competitor, Lamm will return to the WHS squad next season.

Nancy Durkin - Junior
All-Around - Cohasset


Nancy Durkin

Responded to the challenge of moving into the number one all-around spot for the Nor-Coh team, following the graduation of three time Mariner All-Scholastic Meredith Bixby, to lead the joint school team to a perfect 10-0 record, a South Shore League championship and a berth in the state sectional championships...now a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic...qualified for state individuals in three events and scored an 8.3 on bars, 8.2 on floor and 7.9 on vault...South Shore League All-Star in all-around...trains year round at the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset...had achieved a USA level 8 rank, but now is a member of AAU Gymnastics...top scores this season were 8.9 on floor, 8.9 on vault, 8.5 on bars and 8.5 on beam...started in gymnastics at the age of three, and has been training year round since the age of eight with former...sister of former Mariner All-Scholastic hoceky and lacrosse player John Durkin...Cohasset/Norwell coach Kara Connerty: "Nancy really helped fill a huge void for us this year, and improved in just about all areas. She's very committed to gymnastics, and we'll be looking for even bigger things from her down the road."

Keri Gerrish - Senior
Bars - Hanover


Keri Gerrish

A standout on the Hanover squad throughout her four-year career, Gerrish was named a Pilgrim Conference All-star again this season...The senior competes in the All-Around, but has been a standout on the bars, making a trip to State Individuals on the event...Last year, she was a member of a Lady Indians squad that won the PC title (10-0), finished 12-0 overall, and took sixth at the South Sectionals...A three-time All-Scholastic, Gerrish is a three-sport athlete at HHS, also competing on the field hockey and softball squads.

Mollie Fanning - Junior
All-Around - Hanover


Mollie Fanning

Now in her third year performing on the Lady Indians squad...Fanning has been one of the program's top performers during her three-year stint with the team and that continued this season in the All-Around, where she was one of the Pilgrim Conference's best with a 34.0 average...Last year, Fanning competed on the beam at the State Individuals...Her performance last year helped Hanover land a PC title (10-0) and a sixth-place finish at the South Sectionals...The team was 12-0 overall...Fanning competes year round and will be a top returnee next season.


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Norwell's Samantha Rosen received Honorable Mention recognition after a strong junior campaign.

Boys

Dave Ellis - Sophomore
All-Around - Braintree


Dave Ellis

Quickly emerged as the Wamps top gymnast to lead them to a second straight state championship this winter... stepped into the huge shoes of Greg Monaco, Massachusetts' 2003 male gymnast of year and now a gymnast on scholarship at Purdue University...led the Wamps to a 7-0 regular season by winning the all-around competition in all seven dual meets...finished first in all but three individual events this season, with his second place finishes coming to teammate and fellow all-scholastic selectee Matt Tocchio...took second in the all-around competition at the state championships with a score of 50.1, finishing second to Stanford bound Jason Shen, of Newton North...broke BHS school record for floor exercise this season with a 9.5 score...had highs of 51.9 in the all-around competition, 9.0 on pommel horse, 9.2 on vault, 8.65 on high bar and 8.4 on rings and parallel bars ...trains year round at his family's own Ellis Gymnastics Center in Braintree...also a soccer player at BHS...Honor Roll student...Class representative...father Dave was a member of BHS's first state championship team...Braintree coach Dick Seibert: "Dave is just a very hard working, very committed gymnast. He made some nice gains from his freshman year and should only continue to get stronger and better the next two years. It's very exciting."

Matt Tocchio- Junior
All-Around - Braintree


Matt Tocchio

An all-around performer since his freshman year who has played a huge role in consecutive state championships, as well as the second place state finish in 2002...the only gymnast to defeat teammate Dave Ellis in dual meet events this season, doing so four times...finished third in the all-around competition at state championships with a score of 47.55, behind only Ellis and Stanford bound Jason Shen, of Newton North...at states, placed third on parallel bars (8.15), fourth on floor (8.85), pommel horse (8.2) and high bar (7.5), and fifth on vault (8.55)...personal best in the all-around is a 51.0...a year round gymnast who trains at the Ellis Gymnastics Center in Braintree...Level 2 gymnasts...plays Braintree Babe Ruth baseball...Honors Student...hopes to be a college gymnast...Braintree coach Dick Seibert "Matt has competed somewhat in the shadow of gymnasts like Greg Monaco and Dave Ellis, but he's been a huge part of our success. He's pushed those guys. When you can get that type of first or second place production it's just fantastic. He's also a great competitor who's always risen to the occasion when we've really needed it."

Gene Ellis- Senior (Capt.)
All-Around- Braintree


Gene Ellis

The captain and leader of the two-time state champion Wamp squad... took third place in the all-around competition at the State Coaches Invitational and fourth in the all-around at the Salem (NH) Invitational...was an all-around performer for the Wamps in his sophomore and senior years, but stepped down gracefully as a junior from that role to make room for Dave Ellis...took third in vault at the state championships with a sukahara move he'd worked on to perfect, scoring a personal best 8.65, along with a fifth on floor (8.7) and sixth on rings (6.65)...has personal bests of 44.8 in the all-around, 8.7 on floor, 8.6 on vault, 7.7 on parallel bars, 7.1 on pommel horse, 7.0 on rings and 6.3 on high bar...battled through a shoulder injury to perform well on vault and floor as a junior to help the BHS squad to a state championship... will represent Massachusetts at going to National Gymnastics championships in Texas in May...Honor Roll student...not a year round gymnast, but does work out frequently at Ellis Gymnastics Center...may try gymnastics in college...looking at Salem State, Bridgewater Staate, UMass-Lowell and UMass-Boston...undecided on major...Braintree coach Dick Seibert: "Quite honestly, I've never worked with a tougher kid than Gene. Even though he's not a year round gymnast, Gene has consistently given us scores that counted towards our wins in the last three unbeaten season (in dual meet competition). His abilities will really be missed, but so will his leadership and commitment to the team."

Honorable Mention:

Francesca Samuelson- Sr. (Capt.)- Braintree
Andrea Caldwell- Sr. (Capt.)-Braintree
Katie Donovan - Hingham
Amanda Dirksmeir Marshfield
Jen Guiney- Jr.- Norwell
Samantha Rosen- Jr.- Norwell
Hillary Labonte- Soph- Silver Lake
Amy Antonowicz Weymouth

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Cohasset boys win MaxLax title

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od to cap off a rousing 13 – 10 victory to advance to the finals. Key to this win was the defensive prowess of **Jake Cuneo, PJ McCaw, Justin Connors,** and **Wes Ulmer** who shut down the D/S offense in the home stretch behind a solid goaltending performance by **Nathan Porter**. The Wompers offensive arsenal was clearly in play with points being scored by all of the regular starters including some collegiate level ball movement by **Logan Chase** and **Teddy Galligan**. However, it proved to be just a warm up for the scoring wizardry that they would exhibit in the Championship game to follow.

As fate would have it, the championship round would also give the Wompers a chance to avenge their only loss of the season, as the Vipers also advanced to set up a rematch of the previous week's game for "all the marbles". But on this day, the Wompers would not be denied their place at the podium. Throughout the first half, relentless defense on both sides, was matched by the precision passing and scoring opportunities that each team choreographed as they traded the lead 5 times to end the first half with the Wompers up by a single tally, 6-5. The scoring tandem of **Mark Flibotte, Chris Mills, and Mike Grimm** accounted for the majority of the points in the first half, aided and abetted by solid midfield play on both sides of the ball by **Pete Ernst and Sean Silvia**

The 2nd period opened with an energized Vipers team putting on a furious shooting barrage on goalie **Nate Porter** (MVP Honorable Mention), who stuffed several "sure things" to keep the game notched at a one point differential well into the last period. On the offensive end, **Grimm** turned it up a notch, accounting for 2 of the next 3 goals with the last one coming on a leaping dive and backhanded shot to beat the Vipers goalie on the weak side. *In every game, there are usually a few dominant moments that decide the outcome.* In this game, the last five minutes of play could have easily filled an ESPN Top 10 spotlight film. With the score 9 – 8 in favor of the Wompers, the Vipers used a man-down situation to tie the score on a beautiful feed from behind to beat **Porter** top shelf. On the next possession, a no-look feed from **Chris Mills** found **Mark Flibotte** cutting from behind, and he did his best "Bobby Orr" impression - dodging several defenders and finding the net after jumping across the crease to free himself to make the shot while still in the air. 11 – 10 Wompers with less than a minute to play.



MaxLax championship series MVP Mike Grimm.

The Vipers called a key timeout to set themselves up for the last possession and a replay of the previous week. **Flibotte**, who has developed into an unstoppable face-off specialist, won the ensuing possession and drew the ball to **Grimm** who swept in from the wing position. With the Vipers swarming over **Grimm**, he again showed why he earned the MVP honors, by pretending to be killing the clock as he set up his 7th point (5G/2A), which was a sniper shot from the top of the box the split the net and secured the championship 12 – 10 as time ran off the clock. The Wompers walked off with the Champion's Series trophies, but more importantly, both players and fans from both sides walked away with broad smiles and some incredible lacrosse memories. These guys are ready for Spring . . .

MaxLax Lacrosse wrapped up its 2004 indoor season with this Champion's Series. Next up for the MaxLax ProShots (Cohasset 8th grade select travel team) is participation in the **Brown University Youth Invitational** on April 3rd where they will compete against several RI and CT teams in the morning and then conduct an exhibition at the half-time of the Brown v Syracuse game. For more information on MaxLax summer programs – girls and boys instructional camps, clinics, and tournaments – please visit our website at www.maxlax.net.

This is as good as it gets

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the Red Sox last fall and the Patriots this winter. However, if it's pure unadulterated pride and passion from a sports following you want, the Sox and Pats have nothing on…say, what the Scituate High boys basketball team experienced over the last few weeks, turning a 13th seed in the Div. 3 south sectionals into a semifinals berth. Ditto for what the Norwell High boys team, the Braintree High hockey team and the Cohasset High wrestlers were treated to during their historic postseason runs.

I love the Sox and Pats as much as anyone. I was literally shaking as I watched the eighth inning of game seven with the Yanks last October, as I also was when Adam Vinatieri was lining up his second Super Bowl clinching kick several weeks back.

Still, in my quiet and reflective moments, it's pretty difficult to ignore how absurd these emotions are. In this age of the professional athlete, with salaries and free agency run amok, all we're really rooting for is laundry and corporate entities.

It is also in these quiet and reflective moments that I realize just how lucky I am to be doing what I'm doing.

And I have tasted life on the other side. I covered the Celtics for five years, 1990 through '95, the end of the Bird Era— a pretty exciting time, to say the least. I've also covered the Red Sox, done interviews with Roger Clemens, Mo Vaughn and Nomar Garciaparra, to name a few.

Yup, it was loads of fun. I was living out a boyhood dream.

But, you know, I never felt honored to be doing that. In fact, I never even felt much appreciated. Those were jobs. OK, pretty cool jobs, but jobs still the same. And the longer I did them, the more they felt that way. There were always four or five other reporters there, looking to tell pretty much the same story I was. And if I wasn't there, someone else would have told it. And it's not like the athletes I was covering really thought all that much about what I was writing or the work I was putting in to frame things just so.

Conversely, in my current capacity, I stumble into a sense of honor on an almost weekly basis. I'm chronicling treasured personal histories, something I'm reminded of frequently by readers who feel I've dropped the ball or come up short of the mark. But even that's cool. It's great to know people care.

I felt honored to be there when the Scituate High boys team fell this past Wednesday to top seeded Norwell, just as I felt honored exactly two years earlier when the reverse scenario played out. The range in genuine, unrefined human emotion alone made it so in both cases.

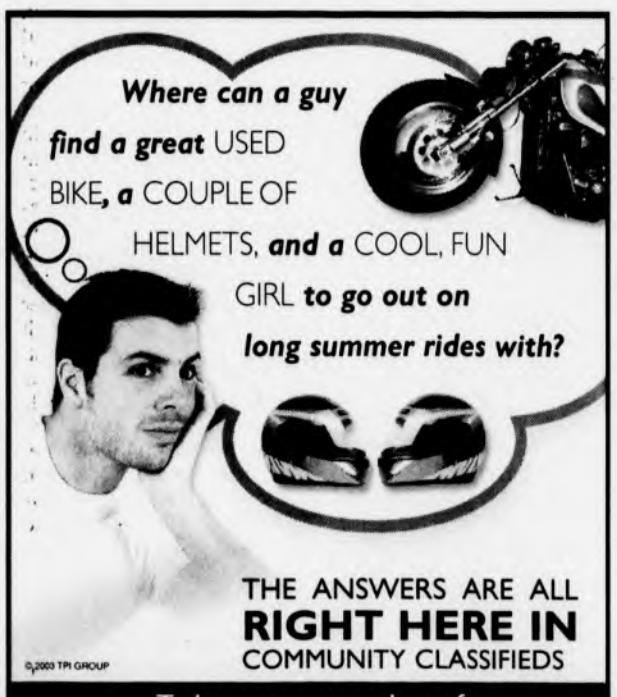
I felt honored to cover the 2001 Norwell High hockey team that stunned us all by barely squeaking into the postseason and then marching all the way to the sectional semifinals, where it became the only team to truly throw a scare into Hanover on its unbeaten drive to a state championship.

I felt honored to cover the 2003 Braintree High boys lacrosse team, a program in just its fourth year that made it all the way to the state Div. 1 semifinals before falling to eventual state champion Beverly. I was also honored to cover the Braintree High boys gymnastics team that won its second straight state championship this past winter season.

I could go on an on and on…the 2002 Cohasset High hockey team that went unbeaten, the 2003 Scituate High hockey team, with all those great personalities, that made it to sectional semifinals, the 2003 Silver Lake boys soccer team that broke a school record for wins in the final year before Pembroke left the SL region, the three Cohasset High wrestlers (Matt Baroudi, Joey Kehoe and Phil Strazzulla) who won state championships in front of their hometown fans in dramatic fashion three weeks ago…

Of greater honor still has been the position I've been placed in to observe the individual growth and development of young athletes, both on and off the field of competition…

Thomas Talden, Kiel Milliken, Morgan Coyne, Sarah Cox, Gerry Corcoran, Ben Spitz, Chris Conroy, Garrett Bates, Jesse Cole, Jason Connelly, Steve McDevitt, Greg Levin, Hannah Rapalee, Peter Krzyzewski, Steve Barry, Jeff Ciulla, David Ingber, Jason Brown, DaviAnn Brown, Chris Camerota, Matt Henry, Jen Buckley, Kristin Sheerin, Terry Baroudi, Rob Himberg, Nick McDonough, Rob Weber, Kyle Simpson, Frank Granara, John Chappell, Meg Wiley, Mike McAteer, Brad Barnard, Bob Savoy, Matt Hall, Mike Noonan, Max Schenkein, Joel Racicot, Aquila Judge, Curt Alpert, Tim and Joe Duggan, Tom and Kiely Cuddihy, Greg and Matt O'Connell, Ted and Tim Straughn, Mike and John Mohan, Brian and Jared Krupczak, Emily and Margaret Tansey, Sam and Sara Bitetti, Ryan and Heather Nicotri, Bryan and David Butterworth, Adam and Jason Grier, Christian and Anthony Vercollone, TJ, Matt and Chris Bilodeau…and Brendan MacDonald…to name too few.





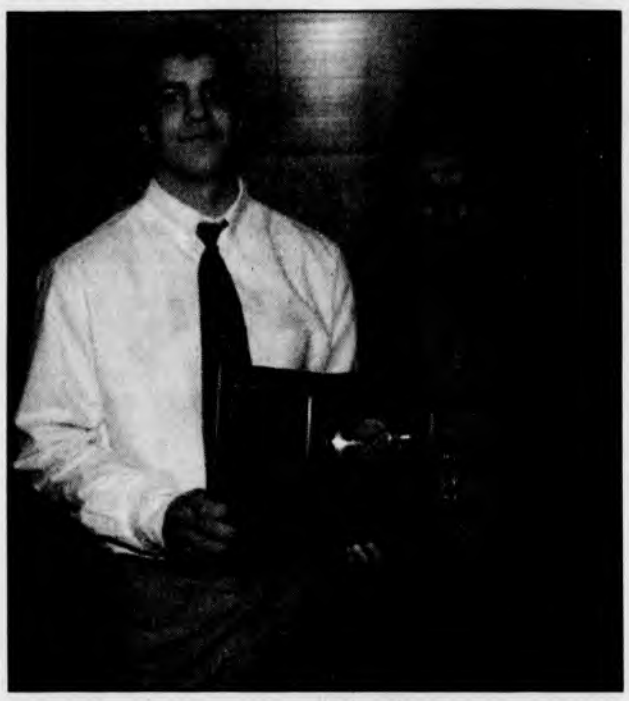


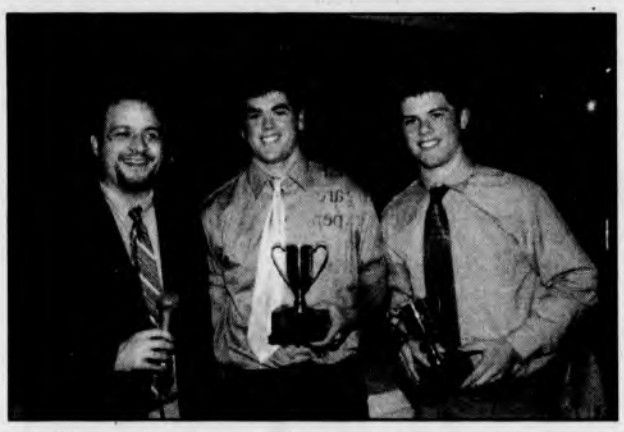




Graduating senior hockey players received engraved memento watches from the members of the hockey team. (L to R) Head Coach Ben Virga, Mike Rasmussen, Rob Carpenter, Mike Hajjar, Mike Devine, Ryan Tufts and Asst. Coach Ryan Murray.







Above right, Devine was also the proud recipient of the "Norman Delaney Student Athlete" Award which is awarded to the graduating senior hockey player who exemplifies the dedication and hard work of the committed athlete while maintaining the highest GPA. Mr. Delaney's wife Helen is pictured with Mike.
Right, coach Virga presented leading scorers Straughn and Rob Carpenter with the Varsity Hockey Team co-MVP awards. Above, Coach Vrga presented jniordefensemen Crandon Leahy with the "Barney Robinson Unsung Hero" award.

Girls travel hoop teams playoff bound

The Cohasset girls travel basketball teams for grades 5-8 concluded their regular seasons in fine fashion last weekend and now are looking ahead to their own version of March Madness this weekend, with the 5th and 6th grade teams hosting the preliminary playoff rounds.

The fifth grade team clinched third place in the 15-team Old Colony League with a victory over Abington Friday evening. Defense once again proved to be the key ingredient for the Fab Fives, as they held Abington to just three points en route to an easy victory. Although the Blue & White dropped their season finale to Hanover on Saturday, their 9-3 regular season record earned them the third seed in the playoffs. The Fab Fives will play sixth place Bridgewater Saturday at 1:00 p.m at Cohasset High in the quarterfinal round and, if successful, will proceed to the semifinal at 3:00 against the winner of the Braintree-Scituate contest.

The sixth grade squad capped off their highly-successful season with a pair of victories to end up with a sterling 11-1 mark and a first place ranking in their division. The Super Sixers will embark on their playoff journey Saturday morning at 10:00 in a quarterfinal matchup with Marshfield at Cohasset High. The Blue & White then will face the victor of the Whitman-Hanover game in the semis at 2:00 if they beat Marshfield.

The seventh graders completed a clean sweep of their opponents with a pair of wins over the weekend to end up with a perfect 12-0 record and the top seed. The Seventh Wonders will travel to Whitman for their playoff battle with Marshfield in the quarterfinals at 1:00. If they win that contest, they will face the winner of the Bridgewater-Duxbury game at 5:00.

The eighth grade team also completed a fine season with a record of 7-5. Although this qualified the Effervescent Eights for fifth place and a playoff spot, scheduling conflicts for team members will mean that they will have to forego their playoff encounters.

"The Cohasset teams have enjoyed a great season thus far," commented Cohasset coordinator and seventh grade coach Matt Salerno. "All four teams had winning records, two of our teams finished in first place, and their combined records were 39-9. We're looking forward to the playoffs and excited that Cohasset will be hosting the fifth and sixth grade preliminary rounds."

The championship games in all divisions will be played on Sunday at Bridgewater at times to be determined.

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SPORTS NOTES

Kahns shines in college lax openers

This was quite a weekend on the lacrosse field for Cohasset's Kahn siblings.

Jackie Kahn , a senior at Swarthmore, was named a honorable mention for Player of the Week honors in the Centennial Conference after scoring three goals to go along with an assist in a win over Trinity. This performance also included five ground ball pickups and three draw controls.

Little brother Curt, a 2003 CHS graduate and two-time Mariner All-Scholastic in lacrosse, enjoyed a memorable debut at Trinity, to say the least. He had four goals, including the game-winner one minute into the second overtime, to lead Trinity to a 9-8 win over Bates in New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) men's play.

Kahn scored the clincher with a rocket shot from 15 feet away on an assist by senior captain attackman James Skiff, after the Bobcats had forced the game into extra frames with six unanswered goals in the fourth quarter. Trinity had taken an 8-2 lead after three quarters with six goals of its own in the third, after the teams had played to a 2-2 tie in the first half.

For these heroics, Curt was named NESCAC co-player of the week along with Tufts junior Brian Griffin.

Post 118 baseball workouts

Candidates for the 2004 Post 118 Legion baseball team are welcome to attend light workouts each of the next three Thursdays— March, 11, 18 and 25—at the St. Francis Gymnasium in Scituate, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.. There will be some throwing and light baseball workouts, with pick-up basketball games to follow.

Questions should be directed to coach Scott Arnold (781-545-1896).

Cohasset Soccer Club spring season starts April 3

The Cohasset Soccer Club's spring season will start Saturday, April 3rd, weather permitting. All players registered for the fall season are automatically registered to play in the spring. All players should receive a call from their coaches the week before play begins identifying the schedule for the spring.

The tentative schedule for the spring season is Boys Under 10 @ 9:30, Boys Pre Kindergarten @ 10:15, Boys Kindergarten @ 11:00, Boys 1st Grade @ 11:45, and Boys 2nd Grade @ 12:30.

The tentative girl's schedule is Girls Under 10 @ 8:30, Girls Pre Kindergarten @ 1:15, Girls Kindergarten @ 2:00, Girls 1st Grade @ 2:45, and Girls 2nd Grade @ 3:30.

The Under 12 and Under 14 Boys and Girls travel teams will also begin play in the Coastal League on Saturday, April 3rd, while the Under 16 and Under 18 teams will start on Sunday, April 4th.

Any players who wish to play soccer this spring who have not yet registered can obtain registration forms at the Town Hall.

Cohasset Soccer Club Coaches Meeting

The Cohasset Soccer Club will be holding a mandatory coaches meeting for all new and returning coaches for the spring season at 7:30 Tuesday, March 30th at the Teen Center. Schedules, coach and player training, and program updates will be discussed. For additional information please call Mark Richardson @ 781-383-0998.

Registration for youth football and cheerleading

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2004 fall season on Saturday, April 3, 2004 from 9am to 12 pm at the equipment facility located at the back of Scituate High School.

Rosters must be submitted to the league by May 1st. Any players not signed up on April 3rd will not be guaranteed a position on a team. if unable to attend this signup, please call:

football questions, call bob mcquaid at (781) 545-0963

cheerleading questions call lorie neil at (781) 545-4526

registration fees: football $145.00*, cheerleading $125.00*

*Maximum charge per family is $290.00. Fees are non-refundable.

minimum age: must be 8 by 12/31/04

maximum age: cannot turn 15 in 2004

First year players and players that did not play last year must bring a copy (originals will not be accepted) of their birth certificate that the league will keep on file

Basketball boosters meet on March 23

The Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will meet on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 P.M. in the Cohasset High School library. All those interested in being involved in supporting basketball programs in the town are encouraged to come.

We will review our successes this past season and plan for the needs of next year. With the elimination of Middle School sports, due to budget cuts, the CBBC would like to have a discussion on what can be done to keep basketball available for all students next year.

The CBBC runs the town wide youth basketball program for children in grades one through 6. Don DeMichael has coordinated the very successful recreation program with Jack Whorley and many parent volunteers. The boys 6th, 7th, and 8th grade travel teams have been under the leadership of Tim Bilodeau and the girls 5th through 8 grade travel teams have been lead by Matt Salerno and many dedicated coaches.

We are very grateful to our community and local businesses for their sponsorship and advertising in our basketball program book. Scholarships will be awarded to many of our senior basketball players at Senior Night in June with money raised from this fundraiser.

If you have any questions about the Cohasset Basketball Boosters or the March 23rd meeting, please contact Betsy Connolly at 383-1246.

Splash into the Summer of 2004

We would like to extend an invitation for applicants! Cohasset Swim Center is accepting applications for Lifeguards for the 2004 summer season. All applicants must be 16 years of age and hold current Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications. Letters of interest should be sent to Attn: Darleen Koetsch, Cohasset Swim Center, P.O. Box 132, Cohasset, MA 02025 or e-mail cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net. Anyone interested in employment and enrolled or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard and/or WSI are encouraged to apply. Employment will depend on successful completion of the course.

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Post-prom party has become an annual tradition

By Mary Sheppard
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

For many high school seniors and their families, senior year is bittersweet. In addition to the heavy homework expectations and rigorous classroom schedules, there are SAT exams to take, early admissions to enroll for, college campuses to visit, and college essays to write. Then, maybe the second round of SAT exams and regular admission to apply for. Being a senior today means another year to keep your head down, continue to work hard, and keep your fingers crossed that a college of your choice accepts you. It is no longer a year given to ease up, relax and have fun before the next stage of your life begins.

Without the assistance of the parents, the junior class parents, the merchants and vendors, police and fire departments, the party couldn't happen.

There are events to look forward to as a senior, however, one of them is the senior prom, taking place this year on Friday, May 28. Following the prom, for the seventh straight year, a post-prom party at Cohasset High School will be in honor of the graduating seniors. For many students who have passed through the high school doors and experienced prom night, this party is the best part of that evening.

Post-prom party began seven years ago, when two mothers with graduating seniors felt the advantages of organizing and hosting a post-prom event would allow the seniors to spend that one last evening together as a class and be in an environment that was not only inclusive and fun, but safe.

"It made sense for them to have a destination after the prom," said Margaret Tufts of Woodland Drive. "They spend so much time and effort getting ready for that evening. After dinner and several hours of dancing, it's over. With the all night party at the school after, the night isn't over plus they're not dispersing in a million directions. It's an evening to make memories, one last time as a graduating class."

That first year, Margaret and Diane Dooley of Buttonwood Lane had to gain permission of the seniors to have the party before they began.

"It wasn't an easy sell," said Diane. "Each year, the seniors just did what they wanted, what they individually had planned whether it was a house party or two or just driving around in cars and hanging out. So, the seniors and their parents were very skeptical that this post-prom party idea would work because it seemed to them like we were telling them how to spend prom evening. We had to convince them that we were doing it for them, but we needed them to let us do it. A big part of that was convincing them that it was all about them — starting with photos of them growing up."

The two mothers weren't going to give a party and have no one show up. Through meetings with the seniors and vote sheets that were sent around, asking the seniors what they would like to see at a party for themselves, they eventually gained the trust and confidence of all involved, including the school administration and teachers.

"Curt Collins was principal then and he was very supportive of our idea. We had also engaged Hingham and Scituate high schools' ideas to see what worked and what didn't so we pretty much had an idea of what we wanted to do," Margaret recalled.

Nonetheless, the two mothers spent hours at a time for days and weeks, trying to configure space at the school.

"Each year there's a theme and decorations, entertainment and food. In addition to needing the space for all of that, we had to raise money, donations, and volunteers," said Diane.

That first year was hair raising, as doing something for the first time always is. Decorating the gym was still going on when the seniors left on prom night to go to dinner.

"We waved goodbye to the kids," smiled Diane, "then tore back to the school to finish everything."

"We hoped we could," added Margaret. "Next thing we knew, here come all these parents and friends, and just people popping in to take a look. Everyone stayed, pitched in and helped."



Margaret Tufts, left, and Diane Dooley, co-chairs of the 1998 Post Prom Party at CHS.

"One woman came in, looked around, and said 'I don't think you're ever going to be done', laughed Diane Dooley. "I followed her gaze and thought to myself, 'you know, she just might be right! But we finished with an hour or so to spare."

Post-prom party that first year was a resounding success. The proof was not only in the great time the seniors and their dates had that night, but the next day while putting the spaces back to their original form, the 'clean up committee' received many visit from the seniors themselves. They stopped by to take one last look at the party venue and to thank the two mothers who started it all.

"One junior asked me if we would do it the following year for his class," said Diane. "I thought to myself, what better reason to keep this party going each year."

The biggest challenges in pulling this party together is getting the entertainment from midnight 'til 5 a.m.

"Getting entertainment isn't difficult," said Margaret. "Getting entertainment is expensive."

Through fundraising efforts and ticket sales, the team put on a fun, creative show.

"Everything about the party, especially the theme and the entertainment, had to be a secret," said Margaret, "That's a big part of the fun. We couldn't let it slip even to our kids."

"Food is also a big challenge. The local merchants are always great with their donations of food and drinks," said Diane. "We couldn't do it without them."

Margaret said Stop and Shop upon learning what they were organizing gave her a shopping cart and told her to just come in and fill it up, aisle by aisle, and take whatever she needed.

"That was a great help," she said. "I filled the basket with things like cold cuts and rolls."

Post-prom party becomes a community event each year. Without the assistance of the parents, the junior class parents, the merchants and vendors, police and fire departments, the party couldn't happen.

"Being able to do this for high school seniors each year is something big in a small town, where everyone knows each other. Being able to count on help from willing and generous town resources and businesses is also big. But knowing how much the seniors appreciate the effort and the idea that they are so cared about is huge," said Diane.

In a bittersweet year of beginnings and ends, a memory like their post-prom party is a good thing for high school seniors to take with them as they begin the next stage of their lives.

"When I see the same level of anticipation and excitement to put on a perfect evening again this year for the seniors, I get excited. I never would have believed seven years ago that it would still be going on, "said Margaret. "It's really a feel good event because everyone gets involved, everyone bonds, and at graduation, there are so many parents you see and smile at because you share the memory of working on post-prom together. It becomes a wonderful memory for you too."

Mr. Skipper takes the stage

FROM MR. SKIPPERS, PAGE 1

Wear in Quincy and Mr. Tux at the Hanover Mall.

Sean Connolly, a senior, is competing for the first time. "It's a good time and the girls really put a lot of pressure on you," he said.

Ryan Tufts, a senior, is back again. "I'm going to be a lot sexier, a lot hotter and fresher," he said.

Ian Hickey and Scott McArthur are going to compete as a duo and will sing "Summer Loving" from Grease.

There are 16 contestants in all. Tony Rolfe, social studies teacher and football coach, will serve as emcee.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

'The Thin Line' today at middle-high school

"The Thin Line" A one woman show on coping with eating disorders will be presented at the Cohasset Middle High School on March 18, at 11:15 a.m. in the Middle School auditorium. The Thin Line is a 30-minute story of one girl's struggles with her eating disorder and the struggles of those close to her in their efforts to understand and to help. The program provides compassion, understanding and the means to seek action against the deadly disease of eating disorders.

"The Thin Line" has been touring nationally to colleges, high schools, middle schools and conferences since 2000. This program weaves together the voices of four characters-a girl who is struggling, her internal negative voice, her mother, and a friend- showing how the disease affects not only the individual struggling, but also how it impacts his or her surrounding family and circle of friends. Following the performance there will be panel discussion and the audience will have a chance to interact with area resources and local counselors and medical experts.

This program is sponsored by the Social Service League of Cohasset and the Cohasset Middle High School. Middle School students will attend and the public is invited.. For more information call the Social Service League office at 781-383-0771.

'Raising Teens' workshop April 6 & 13

Parents of pre-teens and teens, mark your calendars! Parents' Forum, a popular non-profit group based in Cambridge, will present a 2-part seminar on Tuesday April 6 and 13 from 7-9pm at the Cohasset Library. Focusing on effective parenting skills, the sessions will cover relationship-building, strategies for better communication, and finding balance. This workshop is sponsored by Project Safeguard, a community consortium that includes parents, clergy, health education professionals, the PSO, and the Cohasset Public Schools. To reserve a space, mail a check for $20 payable to "Project Safeguard", along with your name and phone number, to: Project Safeguard, c/o Cohasset Middle/High School, 143 Pond Street, Cohasset 02025. For more information, call 781-383-6190.

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Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area is a woodland treasure

By Marylou Lawrence
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

At Town Meeting, voters will be asked to support the town's acquisition of about 70 acres of open land situated west of King Street in the vicinity of Lily Pond. Brass Kettle Brook winds through the property, thus giving it its name, the Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area. Whitney and Thayer Woods, 824 acres of open space owned and managed by the Trustees of Reservations, is located immediately northwest of the property; private residences border the northern edges; Wompatuck State Park and an extension of Whitney and Thayer Woods border the southwest margin. The Town of Cohasset and the Water Department own most of the land between the property and Lily Pond.

Lily Pond, along with nearby Aaron River Reservoir, is the sole source of drinking water for more than 7,000 residents in Cohasset. Purchase of the Brass Kettle Brook land will protect this crucial watershed and establish an important conservation area between Wompatuck State Park and Whitney and Thayer Woods. In addition to offering many miles of walking trails, the National Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) has identified almost the entire property and much of its surroundings as core habitat for rare species.



Certified arborist Gary Barrow points out bittersweet.



The straight stonewall extending from Wompatuck State Park to King Street.

Early one morning last week, Gary Barrow led a small group of interested Cohasset residents along the trails that border Lily Pond and wind through portions of the Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area. From an old Cohasset family, Gary is a certified arborist; he knows the property as a professional but also holds boyhood memories of its trails and scents and seasons recalled by a buckshot-pocked tree, hidden vernal pools, and the sound of a great horned owl. Trailing Gary through these forests may be somewhat like touring with Michelangelo through Florence 500 years ago.

More than 70 species of trees and plants inhabit these properties. Groves of pussywillows, red osier, dogwood, forsythia, and bittersweet create a border between the parking lot at the Water Department and Lily Pond's edge. Heading west out of the parking lot, the main path leading into the Robert S. Pape Reservation is lined with honeysuckle, wintercreeper euonymus, and dense thickets of bittersweet nestled under tall, stately red and white pine, black walnut, shag bark hickory, and white ash trees.

Around the sludge-holding area on the left of the path grow young pin cherry, sweet birch, and American elm surrounded by native buckthorne, elderberry, viburnum, arrowwood, and clethra. Walking towards the pond, off path, Eastern hemlock and American holly lead to a clearing which reveals the remains of an old foundation, origins of one of the pond's three icehouses. Historians might want to refer to Burt Pratt's interesting description of ice cutting in Cohasset in his "Narrative History of Cohasset, 1898-1950, Volume II," republished by the town in 2002. Page 16 shows a photograph of the Souther icehouse at Lily Pond.

About one half mile from the entrance to the reservation, surrounded by buttonbush and loosestrife hugging the shoreline, the old pumping station signals the end of the main path. A narrow trail, heading northwest, forks off the main path into the Brass Kettle area. Countless walking paths traverse the property, eventually leading the walker into Wompatuck or as far as Turkey Hill. A unique "codominant" birch and beech tree stands on the right side of the path, just before it forks off to Whitney Woods; one trunk rises smooth and gray, the other rough and mottled, while both root systems encircle each other like two old spouses.

Eastern red and white oak tower gracefully over witch hazel, alternate-leafed dogwood, and pink-flowering swamp azalea, which line the path as it nears an old spring where water once ran pure and sweet. Though the month is March, the American beech still wears its leaves, dried and whispering in the wind alongside quaking aspen and maple leaf vibernum. Liverwort and snake fern blanket the granite outcroppings, which stand sentry over low bush blueberries—a special treat for birds and hikers in late summer. Fiddlehead ferns wave their fronds over a large patch of teaberries, and locked arms of sweet birch, pignut hickory, and beaked hazelnut hug one length of the corridor.

Sassafras, black and red oak, speckled alder, gray birch, and tupelo reluctantly give high bush blueberries their spot in the sun. Large gatherings of princess pine softly carpet the ground while dense greenbrier keeps dogs and hikers on the trail. Moss covered stonewalls — some set perfectly straight, while others seem to amble at random — mark original property lines dating back to the 19th century. One wall is so

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Liverwort grows on rocks.



Marks left by buckshot many years ago.

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straight, one would think it was built using a surveyor's sight line from Wampatuck Park to King Street. These grids were built when the landscape was kept clear of trees, and pasture covered the entire area. Only in the last 100 years have relatively young forests laid their claim to the soil.

Just to the side of a trail leading to the cart path that crosses Brass Kettle Brook, a vernal pool, edged with pulpy leaves, invites pause. A single layer of snowflake films its surface on this winter day. When the ice melts, the pool is a haven for riparian life and ducks can sometimes be heard quacking in the early morning. Indian pipes, spotted wintergreen, lady slippers, and winterberry add to the rich textures of sleeping winter life. On this gray 28-degree morning, there was no birdsong, but the habitat likely supports similar breeding populations as those recorded in contiguous conservation areas. Certainly grouse and partridge make the heavily wooded area their home and deer can be flushed next to the trail to Wompatuck.

To save this land from development, Friends of the Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area are meeting every Sunday afternoon at 4 PM at the First Parish House. We welcome anyone who is interested to join us. Donations to help purchase these 70 acres are being accepted by the Cohasset Conservation Trust, P.O. Box 314, Cohasset. Donations are fully tax-deductible. Please note that the donation is for BKBC. For more information, please call Debbie Cook 383-6313 or

Historical Society spring lecture series

The Cohasset Historical Society spring lecture series continues the third Wednesday of April and May at the Historical Society headquarters in the Pratt Building, 100 South Main St.

The April 21 program will feature David Wadsworth's slide and lecture on "Minot's Light: One Hundred and Forty-Four Years of Service." Wadsworth calls on his vast knowledge of local history to recount the story of this 114-foot granite tower, which is often shrouded in salt spray, fog and mystery.

Leslie Silvia will discuss her mother's book, "Once Upon an Island" by Matilda Silvia, at the May 19 meeting. Peddocks Island, a 188-acre bit of land on the outskirts of Boston Harbor, was home to Matilda Silvia's family from 1904 to 2001. Her memoir of life on the island is rich in both local and family history.

All presentations will begin at 7:30. These lectures are open to the public and are free of charge. Light refreshment will be served and all are invited to attend.



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Local DAR good are citizens honored

By Rebecca Bates-McArthur
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Sunday the Col. Thomas Lothrop-Old Colony Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honored local recipients of the DAR Good Citizen Award. Sponsored through the chapter, the winners recognized were Andrea Anne Bechen from Whitman-Hanson High School; Ashley Elizabeth Lundgren of Rockland High School; Elizabeth Mazzilli of Weymouth High School; and Daniel Tarpey and Nicole Turgiss, both of Cohasset High School.

The DAR Good Citizen Award is given annually to members of the senior class of accredited high schools. The students are selected by the faculty and voted on by members of the senior class. They must have the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The program is also recognized by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.



PHOTO/BERT LANE

DAR Good Citizen Award winners are Andrea Bechen of Whitman, Elizabeth Mazzilli of Weymouth, Dan Tarpey of Cohasset and Nicole Turgiss of Cohasset.

Andrea Bechen of Whitman-Hanson High School is the daughter of Gerald and Carmela Bechen of Whitman. In school, she has been involved with the drama club, the chorus, plays the flute, fundraising coordinator for the Citizens' Scholarship Fund, and is a member of the National Honor Society. She has received awards in journalism, historical writing, theatre arts and the VFW/American Legion Essay Contest and received the Middlebury Book Award for excellence in writing and literature. Outside of school, she is involved with her church, has volunteered in a nursing home and also works after school. Next year, she will be attending the University of Maine at Farmington with a major in creative writing.

Elizabeth Mazzilli of Weymouth High School is the daughter of Nick and Marianne Mazzilli. In school, she is the treasurer of the National Honor Society, member of the Student Senate and thee Family Career Community Leaders of America and tutors math to two freshmen. She has received both a Latin and American History Award. Her community activities in clued tutoring, teaching CCD and volunteering at a local food pantry. She is a production manager at Melville Candy. She is interested in business management and will be attending Babson College in the Fall.

Daniel Tarpey of Cohasset High School is the son of Daniel and Elizabeth Tarpey. He is a member of the National Honor Society, business manager of the school newspaper, and has plays football, basketball and baseball. He has received an MCAS Award for perfect score in English and the Williams College Book Award. Outside school, he volunteers at church activities, participated in the Student Police Academy program and a member of the "Students in Government Council". He works for the Trustees of Reservations at the Weir River Farm in Hingham and ushers at the South Shore Music Circus. Dan is unsure where he will be attending school next year.

Nicole Turgiss of Cohasset High School is the daughter of Robert and Susan Turgiss. She is vice-president of the Student Council, a peer leader and member of the National Honor Society. She is captain of the varsity lacrosse team. In the community she participates in the Appalachia Service Project, has tutored at the local elementary school and initiated the high school monthly "Pizza with the Police" for seniors. She baby sits on a regular basis and has been a lifeguard at Sandy Beach. Next year, Nicole will be attending Colby College.

Unable to attend the meeting was Ashley Elizabeth Lundgren of Rockland High School. She is the daughter of Henry and Deborah Lundgren of Braintree.

At the ceremony, each student received certificates and pins from the National Society of the DAR. Their parents were also congratulated on their achievements. State Rep. Garrett Bradley and Sen. Robert Hedlund also presented citations from the House and Senate and a note was read from State Rep. James Murphy of Weymouth. Each student also received a small gift and a flag from the local chapter.

Poetry contest for middle school kids

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset is hosting its third annual poetry contest. All middle school students (grades 6, 7 & 8) are invited to participate. This will be a month long event to celebrate poetry month. Students may submit their entries directly to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Rt. 3A, Shaw's Plaza.

Students can enter one of four categories. 1. Free Verse 2. Rhyming 3. Form; any type, such as haiku, limerick, pantoum, tanka, sonnet. 4. Theme: Peace. The contest runs through April 12and the judges are local middle school teachers (Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate.) A $15 Gift Certificate will be awarded to each winner and there will be one winner in each grade per category. The winners will be announced at the Open Mike Event to be held on Thursday Apr. 29, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Cohasset. All contest participants are eligible to read at the Open Mike Event (reading is optional; however you must register in advance to read) by calling Buttonwood Books & Toys at 781-383-2665. Light refreshments will be served.

Entry Rules: 1.Entry heading requires name, address, phone number, grade, school and category. 2. Poem with an Original Title. 3. Length: One typewritten page. 4. One entry per person. (Poems without the above information will not be eligible for inclusion in the contest.)



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Cohasset's Brittany Novak wins $30,000 college scholarship

By Samantha Brown
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Brittany Novak can see herself as a doctor one day, and the $30,000 Henry David Thoreau Scholarship she was recently awarded will help her follow that dream.

As the fourth senior from Cohasset in four years to win the award, Novak is continuing the tradition of having brilliant scientists graduate from Cohasset High School.

"I'm thrilled we've had four students in four years win," said David Magnussen, chair of the high school science department, and he gives much credit to the science department staff, which he said has made a commitment to offering a very broad range of courses, which Novak has taken advantage of.

"Brittany has gone very far," he added.

For a student to be considered for the scholarship, he or she must show interest in environmental studies and Novak has been involved in a number of projects on the South Shore. She has been very active with the Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR), located in the former Hagerty building off Parker Avenue. In the summer of 2002, she conducted salinity tests on Cohasset Harbor through the Summer Institute program. She conducted salinity tests all summer long, rowing to between six and eight different areas of the harbor, taking surface readings and readings seven feet under.

Novak also studied fecal coliform levels of various waterways in town, collecting samples and bringing them back to the lab at the CSCR. Her reports have been used by many town organizations, including the Board of Health, a board Magnussen said has been "the driving force" behind many of the projects Cohasset students carry out.

This past summer, Novak was involved with a different branch of the CSCR and worked with children in grades four through six who participated in the Seaside Adventure class. There were three two-week sessions, during which Novak and her students made and maintained aquarium tanks and explored along the marsh to find "creepy crawly" aquatic life to live in them. She also gave her students "informal rowing lessons," but above all made sure their students' two weeks were educational and fun.

"Lots of kids are planning on coming back this year," she said.

But Novak doesn't just devote her summers to the environment. This fall, she worked with the Hingham Trustees of Reservations on the Damde Meadows Salt Marsh Restoration Project at World's End Reservation. Damde Meadows was originally a salt marsh extending east to west from Hingham Harbor to the Weir River, separating Cushing's Neck from Planter's Hill and World's End. In the 1600s, settlers constructed two dams, one at the Weir River side and one at Martin's Cove, restricting natural salt water flow. Two new culverts were recently put in place, which are designed to allow enough water to flood the approximately 18-acre site and restore the salt marsh, while allowing the large pond area to drain at low tide. Novak studied the area vegetation and took surveys of the fish to see if there was any indication the culverts are working.

"This was a true scientific survey," said Magnussen, adding Novak was working with a real scientist and her 30 page report on the findings has been published as scientific data, and distributed to local and federal agencies.

With all her ecological work, it would seem Novak would want to pursue a degree related to environmental science. However, at the National Youth Leadership Forum on medicine she attended last summer in Washington, D.C., she said she got her first taste of medicine and is very interested in pursuing it as a career.

"I didn't get to see a surgery," she said, adding she would have really enjoyed doing so. She did, though, get the opportunity to attend different conferences on ethics, and learned more about the different branches of medicine she could pursue.

As a requirement for the scholarship, 25 percent of her coursework will have to environmentally related. If she had to choose right now, Novak said she would want to specialize in the human body. Because she recently had surgery on her ACL, she has been even more interested in the process of surgery.

"I read the report of my MRI and understood all of it," she said, adding her doctor was more than willing to answer all her questions and guide her through what the entire procedure would entail.

She said she would love to perform surgeries herself and is eager to start learning more about the human body and the way it works.

"I love devoting myself to things and, by being a doctor, I can help other people too," she said.

The scholarship, now in its fifth year of existence, provides $30,000 over four years to college students pursuing interests in the environment. All high school seniors in Massachusetts are eligible to apply. According to Northeast Educational Services, the organization that grants the scholarship, 10 to 12 scholars are chosen from a pool of about 200 applicants each year.



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Brittany Novak, shown here at Cohasset Harbor, is the fourth senior in four years to win an environmental college scholarship.

Novak will follow in the footsteps of three other Cohasset High students; Ross Lieb-Lappen, now a first year student at Middlebury College in Vermont, Charlie Anderson, a sophomore at Bowdoin College in Maine, and Chris Golden, a junior at Harvard.

Like Golden, Novak applied to Harvard and was accepted. However, she said she is still waiting to hear from Yale before making her final decision.



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Cohasset schools to hold instrumental music day

By Samantha Brown
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It will be a concert unlike any other Cohasset has ever seen, as all 280 students who participate in the band at both the Deer Hill school and middle high school will collaborate for the first time during a concert to be held Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m.

As part of "All School Instrumental Day," coordinated by middle-high school instrumental music teacher Stephanie Hoskin and Deer Hill instrumental music teacher Steve Biagini, students in grades four through 12 have been invited to take part in musical workshops and clinics during the day, rehearsal, then a performance by all to demonstrate what they learned during the day.

"Steve and I have been trying to work together to increase the size of the music program as a whole," said Hoskin, adding this combined performance will be the perfect opportunity to not only educate other students about what those in band have accomplished, but members of the community as well. This will be the first time the bands have performed together, which Hoskin said will be a wonderful experiment.

Starting at 9 a.m., all students will first attend a small concert, followed by workshops and clinics. Students will then be broken up into homogenous instructional groups, and those in grades seven through 12 will teach lessons to those in grades four through six, which will be followed by another performance. Hoskin said her students have been very diligently "preparing lesson plans and activities" in preparation. After the lessons, students will participate in a discussion about what they all learned throughout the course of the morning. After a lunch break, all band members will begin rehearsing for their evening concert.

The day has been funded through an educational grant, in an effort to help promote the value of music education in public schools, and to celebrate March as "Music in Our Schools Month."

The day has been funded through an educational grant, in an effort to help promote the value of music education in public schools, and to celebrate March as "Music in Our Schools Month." Hoskin said Curriculum Coordinator Ruth Fennessey deserves a lot of the credit for the program coming together, as she did a lot of the behind the scenes work, including applying for the grant.

In addition to promoting the value of music education, the day will also serve as a way for the younger students to become familiar with what goes on with the middle-high school music program, which will be especially helpful with the planned reorganization of schools in the fall. When students head back to class in September, those in grade six will attend the middle-high school rather than Deer Hill, and students from the third grade will leave Osgood to take their place.

"It will take some of the mystery out of what goes on up here," said Hoskin of the program, adding she hopes the day will help foster relationships and that her students will be able to serve as mentors for the younger students to make the music department a familiar place.

Hoskin said the program is a "collaborative experience," which both she and Biagini are proud to be a part of. She said bringing all 280 students together to perform will be a first for Cohasset, and she anticipates a positive end result.

The "All School Instrumental Day" concert will be held in the High School Gymnasium on Thursday, March 27, and will begin at 7 p.m. The concert is open to all friends and family, free of charge. Donations on behalf of the Cohasset music department are always gratefully accepted.

Mass. Architectural design gone to dogs

On March 21, designer doghouses conceived and built by Massachusetts architectural firms will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at Barkitecture 2004, a fundraiser for Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

The town of Cohasset, is home to some of the grandest of Massachusetts' mansions, but for one afternoon in the dreary days of March, it will also be home to 20 of the most palatial doghouses New England has ever seen. From 1 to 5 p.m., on March 21, Cohasset's Red Lion Inn will host a live auction of designer doghouses built and conceived by Boston-area architects to raise funds for Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

The event will also feature a cocktail reception and silent auction featuring the work of area artists, craftspeople and merchants.

Tickets are limited, and are $25 in advance and $30 at the door. For information, call 1-877-378-1195 or go to www.hsar.org <http://www.hsar.org/> for details.

Barkitecture is sponsored by Roberts Animal Hospital, Animal Care Center of Marshfield, Abington Savings Bank, McKee's Moving and Storage, and Petco and the Petco Foundation.

Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is a non-profit organization staffed entirely by volunteers, that rescues and places homeless animals, assists in the care and control of the local feral cat population, and raises funds to construct an animal shelter for the town of Hull. For information on HSAR, call 1-877-378-1195.

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Advanced tickets may be purchased at the Center or by calling 781-383-0088. Tickets are $25 and $30 the day of the tour. Ticket sales are limited, so early purchase is suggested.

Funds from the Kitchen Tour 2004 will be used to support the programs of the South Shore Community Center. The Center, at 3 North Main St., Cohasset is a non-profit organization dedicated to a wide range of educational and enrichment programs for infants to seniors.

For more information about the Kitchen Tour or for a free course schedule call 781-383-0088.

Historical Society indoor yard sale

Sunday, March 28, at the Pratt Building, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. an indoor yard sale will be held. Heads Up! When doing spring cleaning, keep it in mind. Saleable items: antiques, good used furniture, collectibles, jewelry, prints, paintings, etc. No clothes or magazines, please.

Drop-off, beginning Monday, March 22 through Friday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call 781-383-1434 for more information or for any questions.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, April 2, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone from Grades 6 and over is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Girls Night Out!

The Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers' Club is having it's monthly girls night out at 7 p.m. on Thursday March 25, at the home of Cathy Minich, 140 Turner Road in Scituate. Get ready to roll the dice and spend the evening with a group of friends playing BUNKO! Don't worry if you have never played before, there will be lots of first time players. Check out www.bunkonet.com if you want to learn more about the game. Everyone is asked to bring an appetizer or beverage. RSVP to Cathy Minich at 545-6424.

Pop into spring with flair with new musical

Variety is spicing up the spring musical this March at First Parish, the Unitarian Universalist church on the Common. Its "Poppin' into Spring" musical takes place on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20. This year's musical is different from its past cabarets. A totally new approach, beginning with the opening number of its "pops concert", introduces new instrumentalists from the church community, a new repertoire, and includes a pops "extra" with the special flair of a "black tie" affair.

For every person performing on stage there are at least three people assisting with production. The extensive amount of time invested by the church's extended choir shows a willingness and determination to provide a full and varied evening's entertainment.

These two evenings' performances take place in Trueblood Hall in the Parish House, 23 No. Main Street on Cohasset Common. Social Hour from 7 – 8 p.m. with drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and a display of the evening's Auction items and a raffle sale - Pops Concert begins at 8 p.m.

Reservations are strongly suggested. Please call the First Parish office (Sandy Bailey) at 781-383-1100 or the Bloomfields at 781-383-1360. Tickets are $25/person or $50/patron. Full tables for eight may be reserved at $200.

Team captains sought for Relay For Life

Every lap counts at the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset. Join a Relay For Life team and take part in a celebration of cancer survivorship. Local residents are encouraged to join with their community and take steps to raise the vital funds needed to help find a cure for cancer.

The Relay For Life in Cohasset planning committee is currently seeking local residents to serve as team captains and/or team members. Relay For Life teams raise money by gathering sponsors to support their participation in the Relay. Teams of walkers keep a continuous presence on a local school track throughout the overnight event, walking in shifts to raise funds for American Cancer Society programs of research, education, advocacy and local patient services. The first Team Captain's meeting is set for Wednesday, April 7 from 6:30 – 7:30pm at the Cohasset High School Cafeteria, Pond Street. Anyone interested in finding out more about Relay For Life and how to join is welcome to attend.

The Relay For Life in Cohasset is a community event bringing together teams of families, friends, churches, neighborhoods, and businesses all with the same goal of curing cancer in the new millennium. Residents from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate and other surrounding towns are encouraged to attend. The American Cancer Society'eighth annual Relay For Life in Cohasset is set for June 18-19, 2004 at Cohasset High School.

Last year, 13 events were held in towns across southeast Massachusetts raising close to $2.7 million for American Cancer Society programs of research, education, advocacy and local patient services.

For more information about Relay For Life in Cohasset or to find out how to volunteer, please contact Justine Vanderlugt at 781-383-2956 or the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Artistic evening for art education

The South Shore Art Center is raising funds for the expansion of its Educational Outreach Program with a special evening entitled "From Denim to Diamonds"...Dancing and dessert at the River Club in Scituate, Saturday, April 3. The art center's popular Outreach Programs: "Looking at Art" and "Arts to Go" bring school groups to the art center or artists into the schools to enrich arts education with hands-on creative art experiences tied to current art center exhibitions. While school systems are struggling to maintain art offerings, the work of the Outreach Program becomes more important than ever. This gala will help bring the programs to more area schools.

Bellevue Cadillac, the renowned swing, jazz, and rock band with its get-up-and-dance repertoire guarantees a dance party not to be missed! A raffle for a diamond necklace and earring set donated by King Jewelers, a silent auction of jewelry donated by jewelers and artists as well as denim jackets artfully embellished by local artists promises something for everyone.

Volunteers working on the committee received an overwhelming response from area jewelers and artists eager to support this educational initiative. King Jewelers, Alpha Omega, Cohasset Jewelers, Long's Jewelers, The Lapis Tree, EK Designs, Silver Storm and others have all donated exquisite pieces to the raffle and silent auction. South Shore artists Irma Cerese, Jo Anne Chittick, Nancy Connolly, Tanis Gray, Virginia Holloway, Margi Lortie, Qingxiong Ma, Janis Mattox, Kari O'Donnell and Tref Borden are transforming blue jean jackets into one-of-a-kind wearable art pieces to be featured in the silent auction.

Guests are encouraged to dress in the "denim to diamonds" theme, and awards for creative attire will celebrate their efforts. The party begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are $45 for members of the SSAC, $55 non-members. To reserve a ticket call 781-383-2787.

Rec Summer Playground

The Cohasset Recreation Commission announces Martha Equi will again be the director of the Summer Playground Program for children ages 31/2 to 12 years. Registration will be held the week of June 14 as follows: Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 17, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; and Tuesday evening, June 15, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Recreation Commission has also established fee charges for the 2004 playground program as follows:

Full Day 5-12 year-olds: $350 for first child

1/2 Day 3-5 year-olds: $280 for first child

$500 non-resident for either half or full-day program

ACTIVITY FEE

A $50 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover special in-house events and professional entertainment, arts and crafts supplies, swim walkers, T-shirts, etc. A separate check will be necessary.

Limited enrollment has been set for each program

Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis.

All children must be toilet trained.

Programs meet at Osgood School, starting date is Tuesday, June 28.

The 5-12 year-olds, full-day program runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pre-school 31/2-5 year-old, half-day program runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Children must be born between Jan. 1, 1999 through March 1, 2001, to qualify.

Information regarding other summer programs: Drama Workshop, Youth Tennis, Teen Garage Activities, as well as adult programs will be forthcoming soon. Call 781-383-4109.

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Banner day is planned for 1058th homecoming

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The 1058th is coming home.

Although no official date is set, family members and friends expect the Massachusetts National Guard unit to be back in the U.S.A. in weeks rather than months.

"You won't have trouble finding me – I'll be the hysterical Velcro mom stuck to the front of the bus when it arrives."

— Marion White, 1058th support group

And what a homecoming is planned!

The 1058th support group will hang "Welcome Home" banners on every overpass along the Mass. Pike for the 135 troops who will be bused from Ft. Drum, N.Y. to Hingham with a state police escort. Then on each utility pole along Route 228 from Route 3 to Central Street, there will be an outline of a truck with a photo of a soldier inside. The Armory will be a sea of yellow ribbons.

"We are looking forward to this in a big way," says Marion White, president, or more affectionately "head mother" of the support group. "You won't have trouble finding me – I'll be the hysterical Velcro mom stuck to the front of the bus when it arrives."

The support group held a shed sale at the Armory on Central Street on March 6 to raise money for a welcome home dinner and party for the troops and their families slated for a few weeks after they return.

"We are so proud of them and everyone should be proud of the job they've done," said White, whose daughter is Specialist Kathleen White, 29.

The 1058th Transportation Company left in February 2003 for Ft. Drum and was deployed to Iraq a few weeks later.

White explained when the 1058th got to Iraq there were no barracks, no showers, no phones, and no basic comforts for the troops. Today that has changed, so soldiers now headed to Iraq will have an easier time when it comes to living arrangements thanks to units like the 1058th that built the camps.

"No one will have to do that again – they've laid the groundwork for those who will replace them," White says

She said the job of the 1058th changed dramatically. "They went over as truck drivers (for supplies) and ended up driving gun trucks supporting convoys.

"Massachusetts should be so proud of them – these are weekend warriors and they stepped up to the plate. They are an inspiration to all and did it with honor."

White said it hasn't been an easy year for the families who are often on an emotional roller coaster.

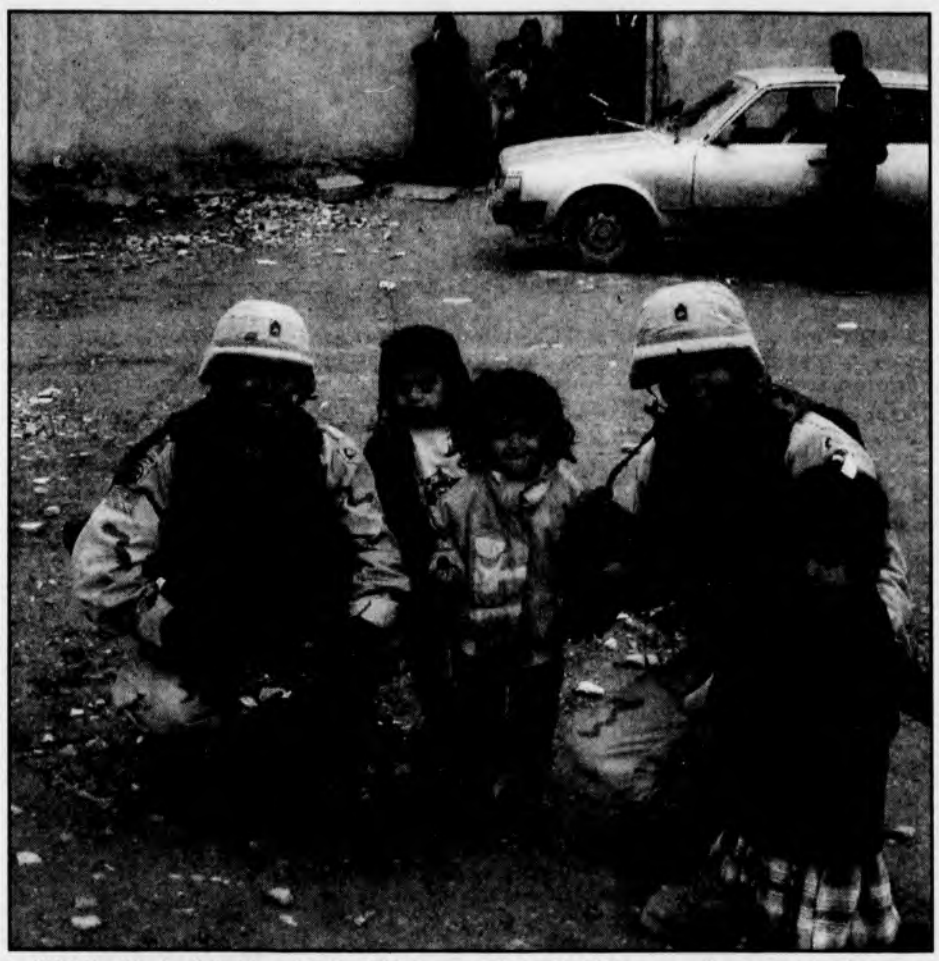
"People ask, 'Isn't the war over?'" she says. "And I say, 'Of course it's not – my daughter is over there.'"

Duxbury resident Ruth Hearson's 27-year-old son, Specialist Michael Hearson is with the 1058th. She said her 24-year-old son, Stephen, often wears Michael's old T-shirts to feel closer to his brother. Michael has started sending boxes home rather than her sending care packages the other way, a sign the 1058th tour of duty is winding down.

Bob Fournier, who serves as the armorer at the Armory, said he is getting the building shipshape for the troops' return. Fournier served as a platoon sergeant with the 1058th in Operation Desert Storm in Iraq during the first Gulf War.

"They've done something we vets of the first Gulf War wanted to do and didn't get to do," he said, about overthrowing Saddam Hussein's regime. "We realized in '91 that at some point we'd have to go back.

"I have no qualms that it was the right thing to do – but if we'd done it in '91 they wouldn't have had to do it today."



SFC Jim "Smitty" Smith and SFC Bill Chiano with local children in a village outside Tikrit, Iraq. The soldiers are serving with the 1058th Transportation Company providing security for the 4th Infantry Division. The 1058th could return to Hingham as early as April.

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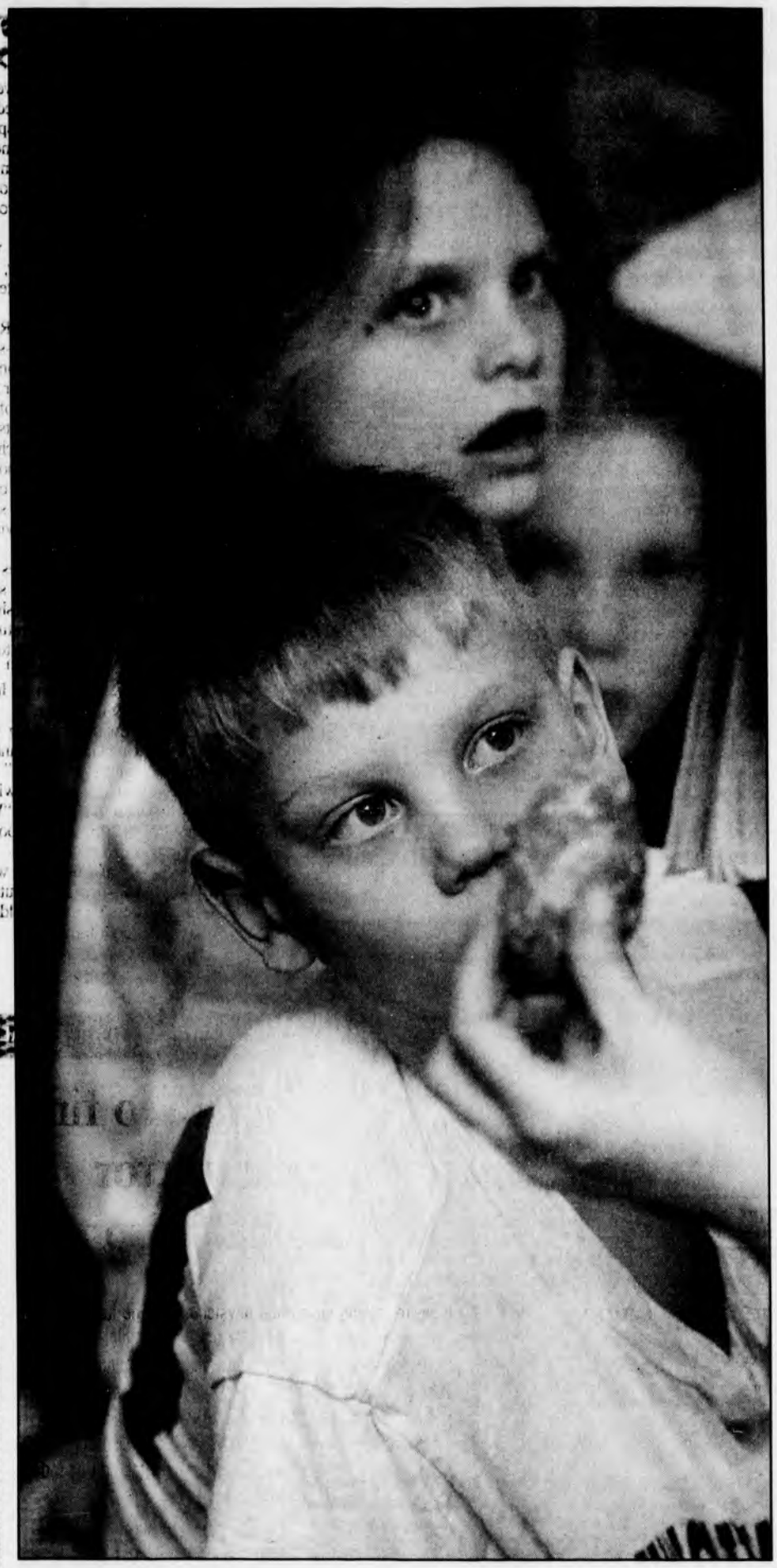
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Clockwise from top left, Harry Seraikas and Emily Livingston get a close up look at a fossil during the special Fun With Science Program at Osgood. Patrick Federle, Harrison Martin, Erin Driscoll and Ben Buckley pay rapt attention to a fossilized dinosaur jaw. Isabel McCarthy holds a fossilized dinosaur egg. First-graders focus on Paulette Morin who is showing them a fossil. Paulette Morin, wearing a pith helmit, is an intrepid fossil hunter who shares her enthusiasm with Osgood first-graders.

WORSHIP NEWS

Irish harpist at Celtic Eucharist

Irish harpist Aine Minogue will provide the music for a Mothering Sunday Celtic Eucharist on March 21, at the 10 a.m., worship at Saint Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave. She will perform for the prelude and postlude of the service. During the worship she will sing Kyrie, Alliu Eanai, and Christe Redemptor. Her voice has been described as crystalline and mystical. At the conclusion of worship all are invited to gather round Aine and her harp to ask questions and watch her play.

The Celtic Eucharist is an annual celebration at Saint Stephen's. Some of the Celtic prayers used for the service date back to before the 14 Century. The Celtic Saint David offers a focal point in the worship for the church's commitment to support Saint David's Mission in Halifax. Saint Stephen's has pledged $50,000 over five years to help redevelop the Episcopal Church's ministry in that area.

Aine Minogue was born in Borrisokane, County Tipperary in Ireland. She has been featured on public radio and has produced six solo recordings. The LA Times said of Ms. Minogue that she "proves beyond reasonable doubt why the harp is indeed the instrument of angels." All are welcome to celebrate a Celtic Eucharist at Saint Stephen's Church on March 21.

United Day Of Prayer at Glastonbury Abbey

Each year Fr. Thomas Keating and Contemplative Outreach designate a day for people throughout the world to gather together for prayer, silence, and sharing. Fr. Keating has prepared a special video presentation for people attending these sessions, and there will be opportunity for discussion after the video.

This year the South Shore and Cape conference will be held at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center in Hingham on Mar. 20 from 9:30-3p.m. In addition to the video by Fr. Thomas, there will be several sessions of centering prayer, a walking meditation, and the opportunity to attend noon mass at Glastonbury Abbey.

It is not necessary to belong to a Centering Prayer group to attend this day, but familiarity and practice with centering prayer would be helpful. This day provides an opportunity for the global community of Contemplative Outreach to bond in silence. Morning coffee and lunch are included in the $35 fee for the day.

Please call Rosemary Edwards at 781-749-5377 or Ed McDermott at 781-925-2707 to reserve a place or to answer questions about this program.

Shawl Ministry to meet March 27

The next monthly gathering of The Prayer Shawl Ministry sponsored by Christ Church United Methodist of Hingham will be on Saturday, March 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Gala Room of the Company Theatre. The Gala Room is on the second floor of the building to the left side of the theatre complex at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell. New participants are welcome and can be taught the needlework basics if necessary. Rev. Victoria Gaskell, pastor of Christ Church, will be the facilitator. Participants are welcome to create shawls for any person or project they desire.

For more information call the church office at 781-741-5030. Knitters should bring size 11 or 13 needles and 3 skeins of yarn. Crocheters need a size M,N, or P hook and 4 skeins of yarn. For suggested yarns and more information about The Shawl Ministry go to www.shawlministry.com. Directions to The Company Theatre can be found at www.companytheater.com. The Gala Room is not handicapped accessible.

Benedictine value of hospitality at Abbey on April 1

The Glastonbury Series presents "Listening To Other Voices: Monastic Spirituality in the 21st Century" featuring Lonnie Collins Pratt and Fr. Dan Homan, OSB.

They will speak on "Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love" on Thursday, Apr. 1 at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, Hingham. Free will offering.

The Benedictine value of hospitality is "The answer to modern alienation and injustice and a path to a deeper spirituality." Lonnie Collins Pratt is a Benedictine Oblate and Fr. Dan Homan is a Benedictine Monk. They have collaborated on four books, one of which is "Radical Hospitality."

Glastonbury Abbey is celebrating its 50th anniversary as a monastic foundation in Hingham. The Monks and extended lay community are committed to inter-religious dialogue and understanding.

Palm Sunday organ recital


G. Frederick Guzasky

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church presents organist G. Frederick Guzasky in a recital on Palm Sunday, April 4, at 3 p.m. Guzasky is on the faculty at Bridgewater State College and an Affiliated Artist at M.I.T. in Cambridge. He is author of the "Gregorian Chant Handbook" and composer of a series of Russian Orthodox choral anthems distributed by the Musica Russica publishing company.

The program will be played on the church's 58 rank Aeolian-Skinner organ, built in 1964 - noted for its vast tonal resources and unusual placement around the church.

On the program, Guzasky will play the Bach Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, Rheinberger's Sonata in E Minor, and various selections of American organ music, a program he will present later this year in St. Petersburg Russia. The church is located at 16 Highland Ave and plenty of parking is available at the village or car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call 781-383-1083.

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BOLLES ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 96365
Notice Of Fiduciary's Account

To all persons interested in the estate of Mary Kendall Bolles late of Cohasset Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the fifty-third account(s) of Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co. and John S. Howe (deceased 12/18/98) and the first - fifth being the fifty fourth through fifty-eighth) accounts of Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company as Trustee (the fiduciary) under Article ten of the will of said deceased have been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before the **twentieth day of April, 2004** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this tenth day of March, 2004

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#461895
Cohasset Mariner 3/18/04

BRENNAN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P0397EP

In the Estate of ARLINE BRENNAN

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 14, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JUDITH BRENNAN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **APRIL 7, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, February 23, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#458941
Cohasset Mariner 3/18/04

GORMLEY ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 97P0903EP

In the Estate of JEANNE T. GORMLEY

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death January 3, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that THOMAS GORMLEY JR. of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **APRIL 14, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, March 5, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#461755
Cohasset Mariner 3/18/04

SEL/VICTORIA
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF COHASSET

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2004 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Cohasset Town Hall on the application of Cohasset Pizza Company, Inc., d/b/a Victoria, 790 Chief Justice Cushing Highway on their Restaurant Wine and Malt Beverages license for an alter to premises.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AD#461894
Cohasset Mariner 3/18/04

ZBA/114 BEECHWOOD ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., April 6, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **The McKay Construction Co.** seeks to construct addition at **114 Beechwood St.**, according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-02-26.

AD#461467
Cohasset Mariner 3/18, 3/25/04

ZBA/23 ELM COURT
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., April 6, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.9.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **James G. Kearns/Breda A. O'Sullivan** seek to add decks in excess of lot coverage at **23 Elm Court** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-02-26.

AD#461469
Cohasset Mariner 3/18, 3/25/04

ZBA/80 SUMMER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues., **April 6, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7.8 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Gordon E. Jones** seeks to enclose existing porch in flood plain at **80 Summer St.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-03-15.

AD#461891
Cohasset Mariner 3/18, 3/25/04

ZBA/860 A/K/A 850R CJCH
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., April 6, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 8.9.2 of the Zoning ByLaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Ledgewood Estates, Inc.** seeks to appeal use of auto towing and storage at **860 a/k/a 850R CJCH** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-03-10.

AD#461753
Cohasset Mariner 3/18, 3/25/04

ZBA/860 CJCH
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., April 6, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 4.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Arthur S. Logan** seeks to run Inside Dog Care Center at **860 CJCH** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-03-08.

AD#461751
Cohasset Mariner 3/18, 3/25/04

OBITUARIES

Edith M. Ford

Edith M. Ford, 84, of Marshfield, died March 9, 2004 at Harbor House Nursing Home in Hingham. Born in Boston, she lived in Marshfield for 44 years. She was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Newton.

She was a secretary in the town of Marshfield Water Department for 24 years, retiring in 1995. She had previously worked as a legal secretary in Boston and was a former nurses' aide at the Carney Hospital. Edith also assisted the Boston Red Sox travel department during the 1946 World Series.

Wife of the late Charles Ford, she leaves four sons, Charles Ford Jr. and Francis Ford of Marshfield, Paul Ford of Halifax and Thomas Ford of Whitman; two stepdaughters, Barbara Guerard of Dorchester and Patricia Ahlstedt of Florida, 32 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She leaves her brother George Cronin of Wellesley; three sisters, Rosemary McCarthy of Weymouth, Catherine Caruso of Cohasset and Patricia Marcotte of Weymouth.

Stepmother of the late Dorothy Shea and sister of the late Francis Cronin.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of the Assumption. Interment was in Couch Cemetery, Marshfield.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 36 Cameron Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140-1102 or The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244.

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, MARCH 8

6:37 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

6:54 a.m. Parker Ave., fire.

2:33 p.m. North Main and Cedar sts., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:21 p.m. Hill St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:31 p.m. Pond St., lost property.

7:07 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:08 p.m. Border St., general services.

7:11 p.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

3:26 a.m. Parker Ave., general services.

5:07 a.m. General services.

6:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

7 a.m. Parker Ave., fire, log entry information.

7:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:18 a.m. Jerusalem Road, vandalism.

12:21 p.m. Briarwood Lane, animal control, referred to other agency.

5:58 p.m. Diab Lane, officer wanted.

10:51 p.m. Lily Pond Lane, medical aid, no Fire service necessary.

11:32 p.m. North Main St., burglary, breaking and entering.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

3:28 a.m. Parker Ave., general services.

6:40 a.m. King St., assist citizen.

6:44 a.m. Parker Ave., fire, log entry.

9:14 a.m. Jerusalem Road, animal control.

10:04 a.m. Linden Drive, medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:07 p.m. Black Horse Lane, fire, investigation.

4:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

4:53 p.m. Cedar St., public service.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

1:28 a.m. King St., suspicious MV.

8:20 a.m. Elm St., notification.

9:06 a.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:20 a.m. Elm St., notification.

11 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Black Rock Road, traffic complaint, no police service necessary.

11:24 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, MV crash, patient sign-off.

1:05 p.m. Black Horse Lane, fire, investigation.

5:35 p.m. Black Horse Lane, fire, investigation.

6:22 p.m. Pleasant St., animal control.

6:26 p.m. King St., assist citizen, peace restored.

8:36 p.m. Doane St., assist other police department.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

5:54 a.m. King St., MV stop, verbal warning.

Noon, King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:55 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

2:31 p.m. Cedar Acres Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:42 p.m. Lamberts Lane, assist citizen.

3 p.m. Norfolk Road, animal control.

3:04 p.m. Rustic Drive, animal control.

3:11 p.m. Summer St., officer wanted.

3:11 p.m. Ripley Road, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

5:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:24 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:14 p.m. Jerusalem Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

7:37 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, MV stop, vehicle stored, impounded. Summons issued for Brockton man for MV lights violation and operating MV with expired license.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

12:21 a.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint, area search negative.

1:10 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, verbal warning.

1:56 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

6:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

6:50 a.m. Cedar and North Main sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:11 a.m. Town parking lot, abandoned auto.

10:29 a.m. North Main St., general services.

1:28 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

3:10 p.m. King St., vandalism, investigated, report taken.

3:10 p.m. Town parking lot, general services.

5:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV violations.

7:29 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:51 p.m. Pleasant St., larceny, investigated, report taken.

8:51 p.m. Pleasant St., investigation.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

8:29 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

8:46 a.m. Sohier St., general services, referred to other agency.

9:07 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:18 a.m. Black Horse Lane, vandalism.

10:42 a.m. Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:02 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.



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CALENDAR

On the South Shore

MARCH 18-26, 2004

Thurs. 18

Glastonbury Exhibit at Hingham Library, a historical and commemorative display of the 50 years of Glastonbury Abbey March 6, through April 1.

The Braintree Art Association will meet on March 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Heidi Caswell-Zander** will demonstrate oil painting. Free and open to the public.

The PACTV Gallery, 130 Court St., Plymouth will feature selected photographs of **Wesley Ennis and Zachary Ennis**, father and son, during the month of March. 1-508-830-6999 or www.pactv.org

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents **Patterns and Pinhole, Recent Mixed Media Works and Pinhole Photography** by **Stephanie Roberts** of Pembroke, through April 30. 781-383-1348.

The Braintree Art Association member **Edwina Caci** will be displaying her paintings for the month of March at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St, Braintree.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.



BEST BET

Nathan Gallery, 152 Rockland St., Hanover presents Full Circle through April 16. Gallery reception March 2, 5-7 p.m. Gallery hours Mon. to Sat. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Full Circle is the second annual showing of artwork by the faculty and students from the Hanover Public School Art department (K-12). 781-826-6500.

Fri. 19

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South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, Performing will be **Scott Alarik** as well as **Steve Lamb.** The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door. The show starts at 8 p.m. doors open at 7:30 p.m. $5 members and performers, $6 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on the Common in Cohasset. Presents "Poppin into Spring" musical, March 19 and 20. Social hour from 7 to 8 p.m. Pops concert begins at 8 p.m. The performances will take place in Trueblood Hall in the Parish House, 23 No.' Main St. 781-383-1100 or the Bloomfields at 781-383-1360 Tickets $25/person or $50/patron. Full tables for eight may be reserved at $200.

Country and Swing Dance: March 19. 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Dedham VFW, 84 Eastern Ave., Dedham. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by a Ziti dinner with salad, rolls, cake, and coffee. $10. 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937; 401-861-3114

The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents "The Sound of Music" as it's Spring musical, running March 12 through April 4.Tickets are priced at $23 for Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday shows (3 p.m.); and $25 for Thursday (7:30 p.m.), Friday (8 p.m.) and Saturday shows (8 p.m.). Tickets are available at the box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

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The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield, will feature **Bill Downes** on March 19. 781-834-1910, or www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Sat. 20

Hiingham's Coffeehouse off the Square at the Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., presents **Robbie O'Connell** on March 20, 8 p.m. Admission $10.

The Weymouth Art Association will meet on March 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth **David Curtis** will demonstrate painting in oils. Free and open to the public. 781-337-1402.

The Garden Club of Duxbury have selected paintings in a wide range of media to interpret their own floral designs in **Blooms at the Complex,** on March 20, and 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. Free and open to the public 781-934-6634 or www.art-complex.org

Duxbury Village Antique Show and Sale, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and March 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Duxbury High School, Duxbury. 781-934-9489.

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BEST BET

The South Shore Conservatory presents pianists Margaret and Edwina Li in concert Saturday, March 20 at 3 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. The program includes selections from Dvorak, Janacek and Smetana. Suggested donation is $10 for the performance, conservatory students are admitted free. The Ellison Center is located at 64 St. George Street. For information visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

The 2004 New England Spring Flower Show March 13 through March 21, at Boston's Bayside Expo Center. Call 866-468-7619 or visit www.masshort.org for ticket information.

The North River Arts Society presents **Recent Paintings by Brooks Kelly** at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham, through March 26. 781-741-1405 or .781-837-8091.

Fontbonne Academy's Good Fountain Players presents **Footloose** March 19, and 20, at 8 p.m. March 21, at 2 p.m., March 25, at 7 p.m. an March 27, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are $10/person in advance $12 at the door, or $9/person for groups of 20 or more attending a single performance. Call 617-696-3241 x3015.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreations Center presents the musical **Little Shop of Horrors** on March 20, 27, April 2 and 3, at 7 p.m. and March 21, 28, April 4 at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, lower level. Tickets: Adult $10/child $5

Quincy Dinner Theater, Masonic Building, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy. March 20, 21, 26, 27, 28; April 2 and 3. **Norman Is That You?** Dinner and show $39.95; tickets for show only are $20. 781-843-5862

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Sun. 21

The South Shore Affiliates of Voice of the Faithful are sponsoring guest speaker **Father Tom Doyle, speaking on "Understanding the Sexual Abuse Crisis: Clericalism and the abuse of power"** on March 21, at 2 p.m. at St. Albert Church, Weymouth.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will show together the text and illustrations from the Persian literary works: the Shah-nama, Khavar-nama, Khamza of Nizami and Hadith al Anbiya in the exhibition **Complex Tales: Persia** Feb.1-April 25. 781-

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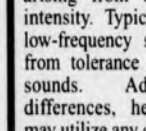
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John F. Kennedy Library Forums March 21, 2 to 3 p.m. **Writers on War – Sean Hemingway**, grandson of Ernest Hemingway, discusses Hemingway's writings on war. Sean Hemingway is the editor of **Hemingway on War.** Call 617-514-1643 for reservations and information.. Speakers' schedules may change, call 617-929-1247 to confirm all forums before coming to the library. Free and open to the public. For more information visit www.jfklibrary.org

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, Dixieland Concert featuring **Jeff Hughes' "Hot Toddies"** from 4 to 7 p.m. dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. $10 admission. 781-834-6505

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Mon. 22

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Cura Visiting Nurse Association and Cranberry Hospice is currently seeking new volunteers for its hospice program. The next training session begins March 22, and will last for nine sessions. Sessions will be held at 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Women In Leadership Forum featuring **State Senator Therese Murray, Dr. Margaret A. Hanson, Chief Operating Officer of Cape Cod Healthcare amd Dr. Brunetta R. Wolfman, Professor Emerita of Educaiton at George Washington University and former president of Roxbury Community Collage in Boston**, will take place at Cape Cod Community College, March 22, at 7 p.m. in the Main Theater of the Tilden Art Center .Fee and open to all.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell presents **Botanical Images**, a scanner photography exhibition by artist Andrea Kemler, March 2 to 31, in their Vine Hall Gallery. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to an artist's reception on Sunday, March 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 off Route 3. 781-659-2559 or visit us on the web at www.ssnsc.org.



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The work of artist Qinqxion Ma, master of Chinese brush painting and his students will be on display at Mass Audubon's North River Wildlife Sanctuary at 2000 Main St. (Route 3A) in Marshfield from March 6 through 31 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month Elva Proctor will exhibit her paintings for the month of March at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical conceived choreographed and directed by **Twyla Tharp** and based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincy-toastmasters.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly free meetings, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Tues. 23

The Scituate Clergy Association will be having an interfaith discussion of the movie, "The Passion of the Christ", at Harbor Methodist Church, 55 First Parish Road, on Tuesday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. The panel of local clergy will discuss the movie itself and the issues raised by its release. All are welcome to participate in this event.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250.

Registration for the **Aqua-Dux Swim Club** will be at Percy Walker Pool in Duxbury on March 23, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Aqua-Dux Swim Club will be starting the spring session on Tuesday, March 30, at the Percy Walker Pool in Duxbury. The children age 9 and older will swim from 4 to 5 p.m. and age 8 and unders will swim from 5 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program is 10 weeks long and will end on June 10.For information, call Susan Littlefield at 781-934-7353.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.



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The Banner at **The Hotel Thomas**, Rockland, every Tuesday night. **Dave Thomas Band**. 7:30 p.m. No cover. 781-878-8717.

Wed. 24

Alzheimer's Support Group of the South Shore – Attorney Brian Barreira will speak on "Elder Law: What You Need To Know," new state and federal legislations will affect financial planning for long-term nursing home or in home care as well as the financial health of the well spouse. Call 781-740-2426. Free and open to the public.

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The North and South Rivers Watershed Assoc., and **South Shore Natural Science Center**, and **Mass Audubon** present a series of free Wednesday evening lectures now through March at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Lectures begin at 7 p.m. March 24, **Critter Crossings -Landscape Based Wildlife Conservation** The reforestation of Massachusetts over the past 150 years has resulted in the recovery of traditional wildlife, turkey, black bear, fisher and moose. Scott Jackson, Program Director for the UMass Extension Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Program will discuss the biodiversity of wildlife found in Massachusetts, and the strategies for long-term conservation of species and ecosystems. A primary focus of this approach is land conservation targeted at protecting natural wildlife communities and maintaining large interconnected blocks of undeveloped land (wildlife corridors, safe critter crossings) that can sustain populations and ecological integrity over time. Admission is free. For information call 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.



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Anonymous tactics try to torpedo Harvey campaign

By Mary Ford
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With the Town Election less than two weeks away, Lou Harvey says his candidacy for selectman has shaken up the establishment to the point where someone is trying to undermine his campaign.

Harvey, 465 King St., who is running as a team with Ralph Dormitzer, 111 Atlantic Ave., now finds himself having to respond to a four-year-old lawsuit accusing him of sexual harassment rather than addressing the issues that prompted him to run for office in the first place. The case was settled out of court last April.

An anonymous letter postmarked March 15 was sent to the Cohasset Mariner that included a photocopy of a lawsuit filed in December 1999 by a female employee fired from Harvey's company, Dalbar, Inc. A similar packet was either mailed to or dropped off at the Patriot Ledger, which published a story on the former employee's allegations on Saturday.

"There's little doubt there's a direct relationship to my campaign, otherwise what would the relevance be?"
— Lou Harvey, selectman candidate

The packet sent to the papers included a cover sheet printed in large font in italics stating: "This man thinks he should be a selectman in Cohasset, Massachusetts. Do you agree?"

Speculation about who sent the packets to the newspapers has been the subject of much talk around town all week.

Attorney Leonard H. Kesten of Brody, Hardoon, Perkins and Kesten represented the terminated Dalbar employee. Kesten is also retained by the town's insurance company, MIIA (a self-insurance pool of the Massachusetts Municipal Assoc.) to represent the interests of the town and Town Manager Mark Haddad, who is named in a civil suit launched by Sgt. William Quigley. Quigley, who has been the focus of an ongoing disciplinary hearing at Town Hall, is suing for invasion of privacy and interfering with his employment as a police officer. [Kesten said he is not representing Chief Robert Jackson who is also named in Quigley's lawsuit].

Kesten attended Day Three of the hearings Feb. 9 in the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall. Harvey, who is a critic of the way the town has handled the police matter, was also in attendance that day and the two men acknowledged one another.

"I walked in and I recognized him and he recognized me,"

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SPRING IN THEIR STEP

Deer Hill fifth-graders Colby Smalzel, Carly Martin, Emma Musto, Mimi Condon, Olivia Murphy, Amy Costa and Emily Toomey shed their jackets to celebrate spring during recess.

Money matters

Dollars are focus of Town Meeting

By Samantha Brown
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There's a lot of money on the line at this year's annual Town Meeting and it's up to voters to decide what will be spent. Between the override, water department projects, sewer projects, and repairs, it seems funding is at the heart of many of the major issues to be taken up this year.

The meeting will start promptly at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 27, at the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium. Discussion will focus on 27 articles, which are items of business detailed in the Town Warrant, mailed to all households. Extra warrants will be available at the

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Sixth-grade projects make the grade

Students research topic of their choice

By Samantha Brown
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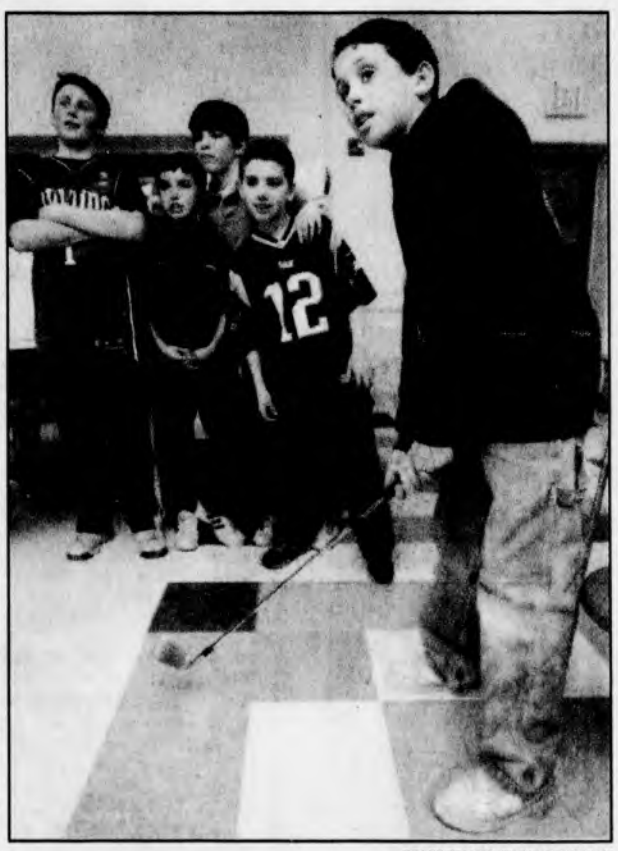
With topics ranging from constellations and chocolate to Jacques Cousteau, Deer Hill sixth graders exhibited a diverse and interesting range of topics — each important to the student that chose it — as they displayed their Independent Study Projects to friends and family yesterday morning.

Each year, sixth graders are allowed to pick a topic and run with it, writing a research paper, and developing poster boards to display all they've learned through their independent study. This year's wide variety and in-depth study show the sixth graders will be more than ready to make the academic move to the middle-high school at the end of the year.

Taylor McQuade chose a topic very close to his heart. He said he decided to research the topic of breast cancer because his mother is a breast cancer survivor. "I learned a lot about the types of cancer and the types of treatments, and the way they find it," he said. Taylor's poster showed the different kinds of cancers as well as the different kinds of surgeries to remove tumors.

He talked about the difference between chemotherapy and radiation therapy, both of which his mother went through. He explained the difference between a mastectomy, where the entire breast is removed, and a lumpectomy where only the mass is

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Deer Hill sixth-grader Phillip Galligan gets set to tee off on his independent study project on the history of golf.

Local office seekers strut their stuff for cable-TV camera

League hosts candidate's forum

By Mary Ford
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Audience members wrote questions on index cards provided by league members. In addition to fielding questions, the candidates provided opening and closing statements.

Although it may not translate into votes and has nothing to do with the override and other issues — pharaohs and Cohasset genealogy provided a few light moments in Monday's candidate's forum at the high school library.

Selectman Merle Brown's family is about the closest to pharaoh status in Cohasset dating back to 1812 with a long tradition of public service. Brown, who proudly detailed his family tree during his opening remarks, is seeking a fifth term.

And political newcomer Scott O'Grady, who is running for school committee, didn't have the genealogy — but his son set him straight when the importance of preparing for the forum was weighing on his shoulders.

"I realized I had more questions than answers," said O'Grady, who felt discouraged and turned to his seventh-grade son, who was working on his social studies homework. "I said, 'son – how did I get myself into this? I am fully unqualified to tell people what to do.'" O'Grady said he son looked at him mortified and said, "What do you think you're running for – pharaoh?"

The candidates' forum was sponsored by the Hingham League of Women Voters, an organization that is also open to Cohasset residents. The event drew about 60 people and was televised live on cable-TV. Audience members wrote questions on index cards provided by league members. In addition to fielding questions, the candidates provided opening and closing statements. Unopposed candidates were allowed to introduce themselves and state their reasons for running at the end of the event.

Selectmen were on the hot seat first, following by school committee candidates and then by the two men running for a one-year unexpired term on the planning board.

The planning board contest for a one-year unexpired term provides one of the sharpest contrasts, with Joe Nedrow, a retired businessman and long-time resident and former school committee member, and Stuart Ivimey, a 40-year-old attorney, who's been in town five years. Nedrow chaired the senior housing committee that helped bring the plans for the Cook Estate, a senior housing development, to fruition and Ivimey has led the Community Preservation Committee for the past three years.

Ivimey said he grew up in a small town and watched that get destroyed by development and also lived in Colorado where he watched urban sprawl wreck the area. He said Cohasset was embarking on an era of unprecedented development. He didn't want to see Cohasset also be destroyed.

Ivimey described himself as a fair person who would do what is best for the town while being

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, March 27, 9 a.m. Sullivan gymnasium.

Board of Health, March 30, 7 p.m.

Board of Registrars, March 19, 8:30 a.m.

Conservation Commission, March 18, 7:30 p.m.

Harbor Committee, April 13, 7 p.m.,

Historical Commission, March 27, 9:30 a.m., Sullivan gymnasium

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, April 14, 7 p.m., at the library

Community Preservation Committee, March 8, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, March 18, 7 p.m., middle-high school library

Town Meeting, March 27, 10 a.m., Sullivan gymnasium, middle-high school.

Zoning Board of Appeals, April 5, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Tree taken down was not memorial

The tree taken down on the island at the intersection of Joy Place and North Main Streets, also known as John Paul Lyons Square, was not a memorial tree and was not dedicated to anyone. The Mariner reported last week that former tree and park Supt. Paul Laugelle, who planted the pin oak in 1982, said it was not a dedicated tree. Since then, Glenn Pratt of the Veteran's Memorial Committee has been doing some research of his own, and has again confirmed the tree was not a memorial to Capt. Lyons, who the island is named for.

"I have personally spoken to Johnny Lyons' brother and sister and they both state that the only memorial to their brother, who was voted 'most athletic' by his Cohasset High School Class of 1962, is the plaque that was authorized by the town meeting and placed by the Veterans Memorial Committee in 1996," he said.

Pratt went on to say that the rumors being spread around town that the tree was planted in memory of Capt. Lyons, without being confirmed with the Veterans Memorial Committee, "Were irresponsible on the part of whomever made those statements. The discussions and press coverage has put the family through an unnecessary event, complete with neighbors leaving notes on the family home's door."

Last minute changes to the Town Warrant

Article 7, the Large House Site Plan review has been reworked by the Growth and Development Committee, and it will finalizing the article this week. It has had much language taken out which will change it from being a requirement to a discussion with guidelines.

Article 8, the Demolition Delay bylaw has not been taken off the Warrant as of yet, but it could be. Town Counsel believes the bylaw would require the Building Inspector to go against state law by allowing a building permit to be halted for 6 months, when there is a 30-day limit. However, other towns have adopted the same bylaw, and there has been no problem. Discussion will continue until Town Meeting.

Article 10, which deals with amending the Senior Multi-family Overlay Residence District bylaw, has had a wording change, which will preserve the Cook Estate property. Because Town Meeting voted in favor of the Cook project, and the 15 percent cap would have prevented the project from moving forward. The Planning Board did not want to present an article that would have gone against what the town approved.

Article 17, which will appropriate $3 million for Water Department projects will be presented after Article 11, in order to place it before other Water Department requests which rely on that money being allocated.

Article 22, which deals with the James Lane easement may be withdrawn, but it will depend on whether George Roukounakis accepts the town's offer for his 1,310 square feet. If he does not agree to the town's appraised price, the article will not move forward.

Citizen's petition on the police matter

The way Article 6 is currently written, it requests $10,000 to hire independent counsel to investigate the investigation of the police department and the alleged misconduct, actions taken to remedy the misconduct, and identify any abuse of power, fraud, or deceit that may have taken place.

However, Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said as the board understands, that wording has been changed, but it has seen nothing in writing as of yet.

She believes the new intent of the article will be for selectmen to set up a committee to review the code of conduct for the police department. Given the fact that the board is currently in the midst of a 45-day "cooling off" period from the police matter, "It touches very much on what the board has said it will not discuss," said McMorris. Based on that, she said it would be her recommendation that the board vote to recommend indefinite postponement of the article.

The agenda item to discuss the Citizens Petition with its proponents was cancelled on the advice of Town Counsel, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Cook project moving forward

Town Manager Mark Haddad said "things are progressing very nicely," with regards to the Cook Estate, and preliminary meeting with the Planning Board was very positive. Members of the Senior Housing Committee met to discuss the accepted Northland Residential development proposal, and have come up with some ideas they would like to see discussed.

Steve Bobo, Chairman of the Board of Health and Senior Housing Committee member, said he has some ideas for possible wastewater and storm-water management. He also said if it's at all possible, including drying rooms in affordable units where clothes could be air dried rather than in an electric dryer, could be a good way to conserve energy. He said his group also discussed possibly incorporating the Bancroft name into the name of the development, to pay tribute to the woman who made the project possible.

Bobo said a waiting list for the development is in high demand, and should be started soon, if possible. "None of these are hard and fast, and none need to be considered," he said, but added they are ideas that are important to the community and it would be nice if some could be incorporated.

Police overtime study is floated

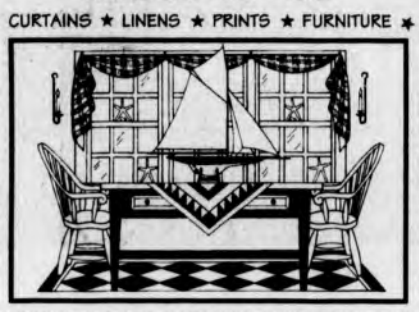
Members of both the police and fire departments presented figures to the Board of Selectmen regarding overtime figures. The overwhelming numbers for the fire department are a result of South Shore Hospital eliminating paramedic service to the town, which has required the Cohasset department to take over that responsibility.

However, while the police department's figures are not as large as those of the fire department, is not as clear why overtime there is a continuing issue. Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris suggested the police department undergo the same kind of overtime review study as the fire department has, to see what changes can be made to help remedy the situation.

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Water report sent to residents

On Monday, March 22, the Cohasset Water Commission mailed its 2004 Water Quality Report to all Cohasset residents. EPA requires all water suppliers to prepare and distribute this report by July 1 each year.

"We are pleased to report, again, that in 2003 Cohasset drinking water was in compliance with all applicable water quality standards," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission.

"We urge all Cohasset residents to review this Report," said McNabb. "We have revised our watershed map to focus on the watershed area in Cohasset, so Cohasset residents can more easily determine if they live in the watershed, with tips on what residents can do to protect the water supply."

"In 2003, we continued to take many significant steps to preserve and protect the quality of Cohasset's public drinking water supply," said McNabb, "including the annual flushing of the distribution system, the rehabilitation of about 1.3 miles of water mains by replacing undersized mains, and by starting a taste & odor study to identify the taste & odor issues so we can take measures to improve the quality of our tap water."

EPA regulations require all water suppliers to report all regulated contaminants which are detected in the drinking water. Check your report for details of what contaminants were detected in Cohasset; they were all within compliance of applicable water quality regulations, McNabb said.

"We are also making progress in our comprehensive systems improvement program, based on our long range capital improvement plans for the distribution system and treatment plant, and our Surface Water Supply Protection Plan," said McNabb. "Our aggressive system improvements program will continue after the March 27 Annual Town Meeting, where we expect to get authorization (Article 17) to borrow $3,000,000, which we are able to do without raising water rates, for the next phase of the improvements program in 2004. Also, we have qualified for a low interest 2% loan from the state Drinking Water SRF program, which if we get authorization from Town Meeting (Article 18) will allow us to borrow up to $23,000,000 over the next 5 years to continue our system improvements program at a lower cost to ratepayers."

Copies of the 2004 Water Quality Report are available at Town Hall, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, and on the Water Department web site, www.cohassetwater.org.

Habitat welcomes new homeowners

South Shore Habitat for Humanity invites you to join them on April 3, at 43 Elm St., for a House Dedication Ceremony to celebrate the Ahrens family's new lives as Habitat homeowners.

Friends, family, volunteers, neighbors, and supporters of South Shore Habitat for Humanity will join Robert and Diane Ahrens at their current home in Cohasset, which they share with their three children, Caitlin (12), Casey (10), and Corianne (6). The ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. at 43 Elm St., with refreshments to follow at St. Stephen's Church.

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The Ahrens family has an especially unique Habitat story. They were selected out of 12 Cohasset families to become South Shore Habitat's 37th Family Partners in August 2003. Instead of building their own home, the Ahrens bought and immediately moved into an existing condominium in Cohasset that South Shore Habitat re-purchased from the previous owners.

Even though their home was already built, the Ahrens family was still required to complete 500 hours of "sweat-equity," which many families spend constructing their own homes. The Ahrens completed most of their hours working in Marshfield and Norwell on Habitat homes for other families. "Their energy, hard work, and positive spirit at Habitat's work sites make the Ahrens family great neighbors," says John Seavey, Family Selection Chair and Board Member. The strong partnerships the family has developed with different towns and volunteers truly embodies the spirit of Habitat for Humanity. Executive Director Cynthia Hargrove explains, "South Shore Habitat's mission is to build more than just houses; we also strive to build communities and lives." The Ahrens' Dedication Ceremony in April celebrates the completion of their "sweat-equity" hours and the beginning of official Habitat homeownership.

South Shore Habitat for Humanity uses a comprehensive evaluation process to select families based on need, income, and willingness to partner with Habitat. The Ahrens have purchased their home from South Shore Habitat and will pay for it through a long-term no-interest mortgage. South Shore Habitat recycles the monthly mortgage payments through a *Fund for Humanity*, which aids in the construction of additional homes.

South Shore Habitat for Humanity, a Habitat International affiliate founded in 1986, is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian ministry dedicated to building simple, decent homes in partnership with families in need. Together with families, volunteers, churches, and community and business leaders, South Shore Habitat builds on the vision of making basic housing a reality for families in need. South Shore Habitat for Humanity serves 32 cities and towns south and southwest of Boston. Projects are currently underway in Braintree, Norwell, Marshfield, Easton and Hingham.

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"...all of us involved in this process are parents, taxpayers and homeowners. I stand by the fact that we've invested every dollar the town has entrusted to us in quality education and we have seen the results. We have been subject to the scrutiny and oversight of the selectmen, the advisory committee, the department of education, as well as outside audits. There is 100% agreement on the budget we're recommending. Our key challenge will not be met by making promises, but by finding effective ways to respond to increasing enrollment and shrinking state aid.

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"...because we have made cuts totaling over $700,000 in the last two years. If we cut any more, we start to compromise on the core deliverable, which is quality education for our kids. I believe our job is to present the town its legitimate choices. To me, this override asks the citizens of Cohasset to make the decision regarding what they are willing to support.

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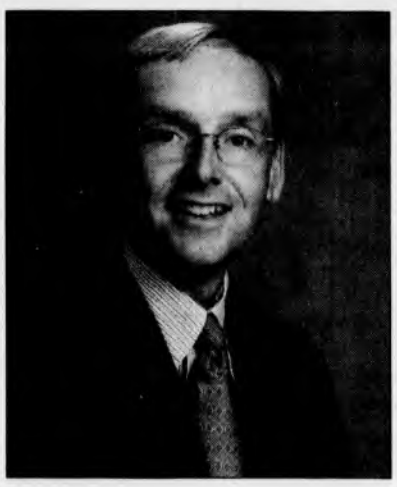
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Anonymous tactics try to torpedo Harvey campaign

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recalls Kesten, adding they exchanged a perfunctory greeting. At the time, the room was full of town officials and interested citizens there to attend the hearing. Kesten said he recalled responding to someone who asked, "How do you know him?" by simply stating "I know him professionally," he said. "I never told anyone about the lawsuit." Kesten doesn't recall who asked him how he knew Harvey.

The town's handling of the police disciplinary matter that also involves Officer James McLean was one of the reasons Harvey and Dormitzer got into the Selectman's race. The men pulled nomination papers on Feb. 12, joining incumbent Selectman Merle Brown and candidate Rob Spofford in a four-way race for two seats on the board.

Sgt. Quigley and Officer McLean have been on paid administrative leave since Oct. 20 amid allegations of abuse of police power and conduct unbecoming an officer. They deny any wrongdoing and want to get back to work.

Harvey said alerting the press to the lawsuit was a deliberate attempt to sabotage his campaign.

"There's little doubt there's a direct relationship to my campaign, otherwise what would the relevance be?" said Harvey. "It is disappointing the depth to which some people would sink."

Harvey said the Harvey-Dormitzer campaign is about advocating for change. Those who want to maintain the status quo obviously feel threatened, he said.

Although it did not come up in the form of a question at Monday's candidates' forum sponsored by the Hingham League of Women Voters, all the selectmen candidates disavow the 11th-hour tactics demonstrated by dredging up the lawsuit.

In his opening remarks at the forum, Selectman Merle Brown, who is seeking a fifth term, said he had nothing to do with the anonymous packet. "I don't believe in that type of thing, it's a terrible thing to do," he said.

Selectman candidate Rob Spofford said Tuesday the voters of Cohasset deserve better than the negative campaigning that has recently occurred in the race for selectman.

"I have and will continue to run a positive campaign that focuses on my strengths and ideas for helping our town and preserving the high quality of life that we enjoy in Cohasset," Spofford said. "I hope that we have seen the end to accusatory politics so that voters can best judge us on things that matter, such as our records and accomplishments."

Dormitzer said the incident illustrates why he and Harvey decided to run. "This goes to the heart of what Lou and I think is wrong about this town," Dormitzer said. "Respect, civility and decency — those are the things that have begun to erode."

Kesten said the lawsuit received some Boston press at the time it was filed; the lawsuit is a public document and is available at Middlesex Superior Court and on the Internet, he said. Neither he nor Harvey would disclose the terms of the settlement citing a confidentiality agreement.

Harvey emphatically denies the allegations of sexual harassment. Kesten says it is undeniable that his client was fired within 48 hours of Harvey learning she was making a sexual harassment complaint against him. The parties agree since the case never went to trial, a jury never decided who was telling the truth.

"My client is fully prepared to waive the agreement so the public knows the terms of the settlement," said Kesten, who has written to Harvey's lawyers to that effect. He described his client, who was identified in the Ledger story, as distraught because she thought she was all behind her.

Kesten said neither he nor his client had anything to do with sending the packets to the press. He said it is none of his business who gets elected in Cohasset.

"I have no beef with Harvey," he said. "The lawsuit was resolved amicably. It is not my fault or my client's fault that someone found it."

"If Harvey is elected, I look forward to working with him," Kesten said.

Selectmen are mum on issue

By Samantha Brown
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Selectmen were not quick to respond to questions this week regarding the recent unveiling of sexual harassment charges from the 1990s against selectman candidate Lou Harvey.

After reading an article in a local paper Saturday which stated Harvey had been previously sued for sexual harassment, Russ Bonetti, a Harvey/Dormitzer supporter who lives at 20 Parker Ave, asked the board if it had a stance, "On what is obviously an attempt to influence the election." Selectman Fred Koed said perhaps that question should be posed toward the newspapers, including what their intent was in publishing the articles.

At the time, the Mariner had not printed any story about the incident. Koed mentioned that Selectman Merle Brown, who is running for re-election for his seat on the board, had made a statement the night before at a panel discussion regarding the issue.

Bonetti said he understood Brown had made a statement, but "I'm asking again, in an open meeting," whether the board has taken a stance.

"I think there's some responsibility for the newspapers to back off," said Koed, adding he doesn't know whether the press "sat on" the information to bring it out just before the election.

Bonetti said the board to date has responded very openly on what they perceive to be unfair press about the ongoing police matter, and asked again whether it would make a statement about the charges against Harvey.

"We have no control over it," said Selectman Michael Sullivan, to which Bonetti said no one was suggesting that is the case. "I don't know why they did it, and you're asking me to put myself into the mind of another person," said Sullivan. "What do you want us to say?"

Bonetti said he would have expected the board to make a statement saying this sort of tactic is unacceptable, or that it would expect people to be more civil. However, Sullivan responded by saying, "I don't know who did it."

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said the whole tone of this year's election is much different than it has been in the past. "It's unfortunate to see the tone the election has taken. It's unprecedented in the time I've been in Cohasset," she said.

Bonetti asked again if the board had a collective statement on the issue, to which McMorris said she had made her statement and moved to adjourn the meeting.

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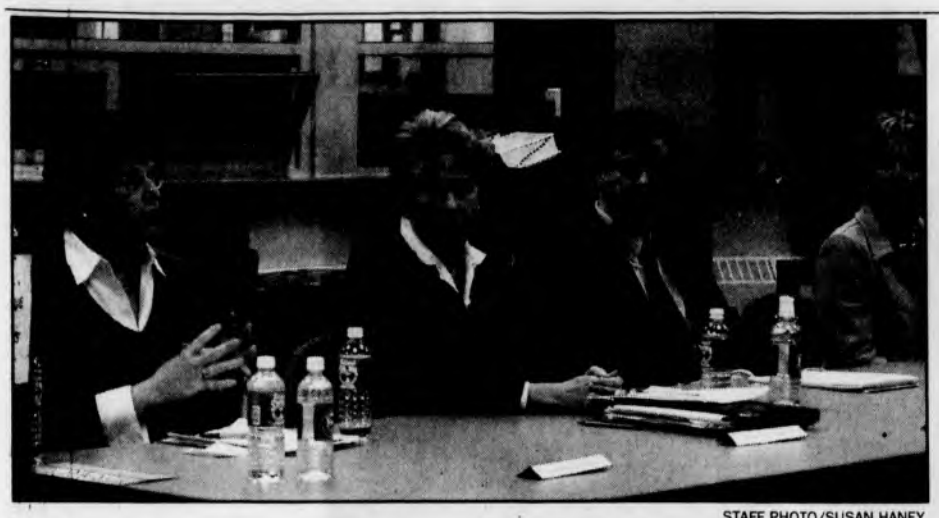
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School committee candidates, from left, Adrienne MacCarthy, Pat Martin, Scott O'Grady and Jamie Williams field questions from the audience at Monday's forum.



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Cohasset candidates for selectman face off at the forum sponsored by the Hingham League of Women Voters at the middle-high school library Monday. From left, are Merle Brown, Ralph Dormitzer, Lou Harvey and Rob Spofford. All the candidates say they disavow the 11th hour tactics demonstrated by the dredging up a of lawsuit that was sent anonymously to the press in an apparent attempt to hurt Harvey's campaign.

Office seekers strut their stuff for cable-TV

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mindful of the rights of abutters and developers.

Nedrow, who said he has a proven track record on the school committee during difficult times in the '80s, wants to serve on the planning board to see the Cook Estate senior housing project to fruition.

Both men think existing homes should have priority to hook up to the town sewer before new developments. With Avalon, the Cook Estate and Cedaremere on the horizon, both candidates are also concerned about the influx of new housing in town.

Nedrow said he was concerned about rental housing because renters can be more transient and not feel as connected to Cohasset.

Ivimey said if all three projects come on line, the town would see a radical change in a short period of time

O'Grady, one of four school committee candidates for two seats, noted that everyone from parents with children to senior citizens has stake in the schools. He said he would fight for openness and community input.

Incumbent Pat Martin, who is seeking a third term, says she is proud of the work she's done and thinks experience in light of the challenging budgetary times is what the board needs. There are no easy solutions, she said.

Candidate Adrienne MacCarthy touted her experience on the School Building Committee and her long record of volunteerism in the schools, including service on the PSO. She said maintenance of the town's $52 million investment in new school buildings would be a priority.

And Jamie Williams, who is also seeking a first term, said she wants those in kindergarten to have the same quality of education in Cohasset as those in the class of 2004. She said although she thinks there is little waste in the budget, she would unravel the line items and look for efficiencies.

Although their approach, decisions and priorities may differ, the school committee candidates all said they didn't want to see any further erosion in the schools and said a Cohasset education is top notch.

The candidates in the four-way selectman's' race — comprising Brown, Rob Spofford, Lou Harvey and Ralph Dormitzer — all touted their background and experience in both the business world and community service.

Spofford, as chairman of the school building committee, said he was proud of being able to bring the school building projects in "on time and on budget."

Harvey said it was time to look at the budget process differently. He said the town needed to look ahead and should have a grasp on next year's budget before this year's is complete.

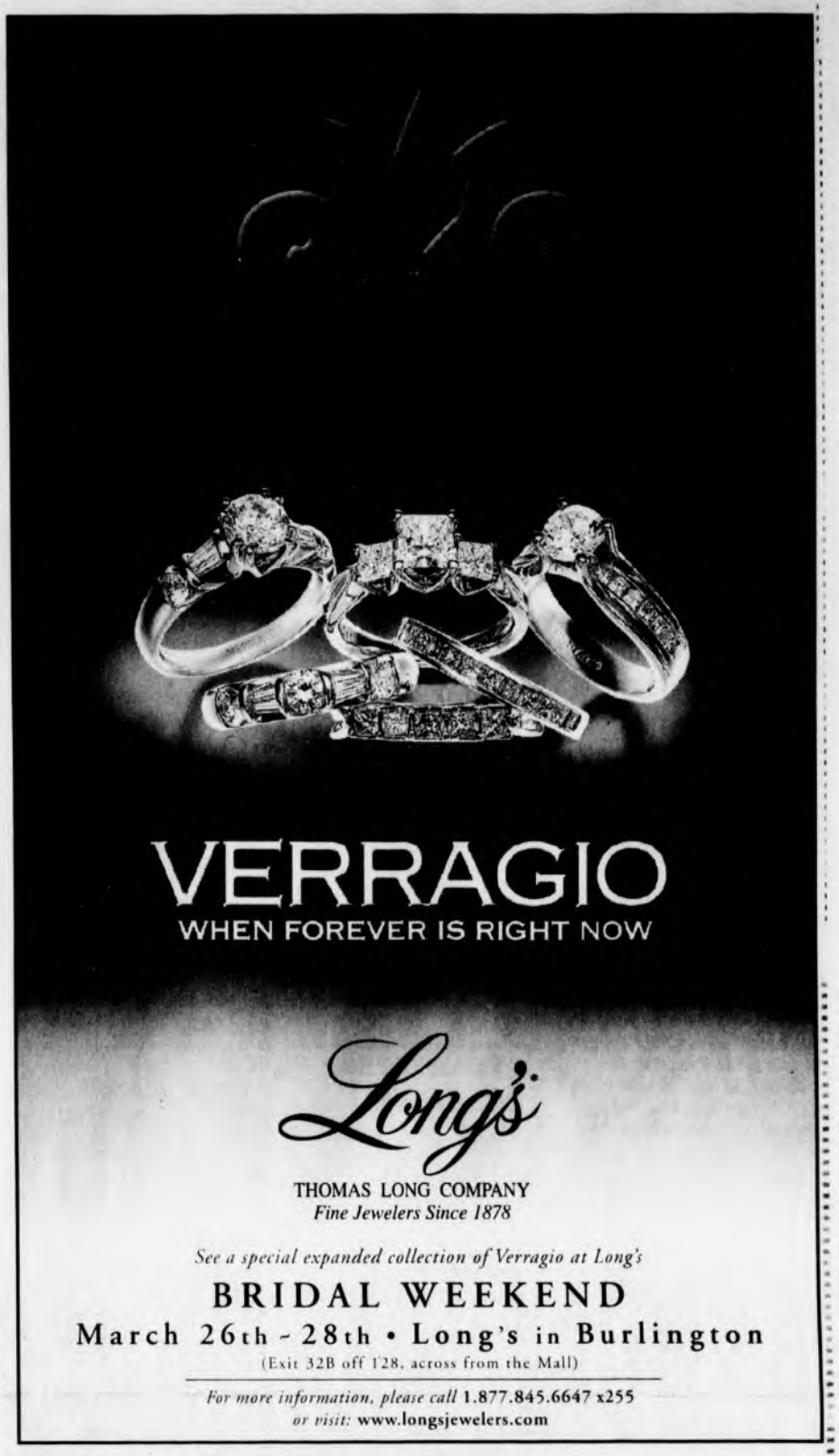
Dormitzer said the town had to bring down its rate of budget increase — which he said is out of line with towns like Duxbury and Norwell — through a consistent long-term approach.

Brown said there wasn't a lot that could be done to bring down the budget increases because Cohasset is a small town with little commercial tax base.

The selectman candidates were also asked about the school projects, affordable housing and controlling growth and the draft report on the Town Manager form of government.

Unopposed candidates at the forum included Tracy Weaver (library trustee), Nathaniel Palmer (water commission), Mike Westcott (planning board, 5-year term) and Rick Shea (school committee, one-year term).

The election is April 3. Watch for candidate profiles next week.



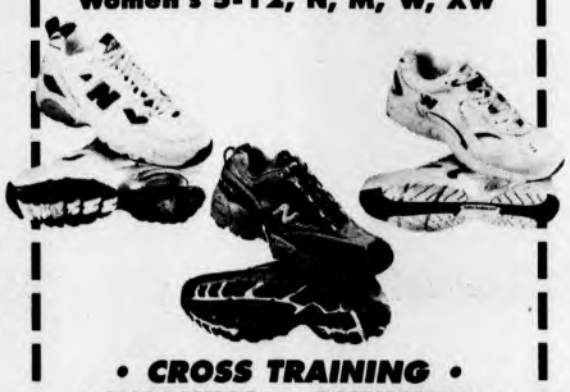
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AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP

Hey Cohasset, Spring is slowly sneaking into our surroundings and weather, it feels really good to hear 50's being mentioned on the weather. It also reminds me to encourage all of us to take the time to stop and "smell the flowers" as the saying goes. Between school, the MCAS testing that happens between now and May for many of our children, the many sports and activities that are starting, work and just plain life, we all forget at times to just plain stop and enjoy what is here. I am sure that so many of you feel like I often do at the end of the day, "I wish I had more time to do.....". Maybe we all just have tore-prioritize some things and make that time happen. I know that I do.

MAKING DEADLINE

On that note, I need to make a general plea to everyone who sends, emails or calls in items for the column(thank you to each and every one of you) is to please make sure it is to me no later than Mondays by 5 p.m.! I write the column on Monday evenings and will no longer be accepting anything on Tuesdays due to my time constraints and being able to get it into Mary Ford in time for deadline. I am not able to check all my messages on Tuesdays and try to re-format everything as it then means more work and space is needed, etc. If I receive your items after 5 on Mondays, it will appear in the following week's column.

TABOR HONORS

Zoe Murray, daughter of **Richard Murray** and **Deborah Meehan**, and **Isabelle Bertolami**, daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. John Bertolami** have been named to the honors lists at Tabor Academy for the first semester. Zoe, who achieved honors, is a senior and Isabelle, who earned commendation, is a sophomore at the four-year private school in Marion, Mass. Congratulations to you Zoe, this is fantastic news.

PLAYGROUND BRICKS

Project Playground, a committee Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum continues to sell engraved bricks and granite pavers. All funds raised by the Brick by Brick program will help build the playground which is being built adjacent to Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Bricks are $100 engraved and Quincy Granite 15 in. x 15 in.; pavers are $500 engraved. This is a creative and enduring way to honor families, children, grandparents, teachers or members of the community. To participate in the Brick by Brick program, please call **Debbie Kuppens** at (781) 383-6399.

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REMEMBERING BARBIE

On Friday, April 30 from 7p.m. to 12a.m., a tennis tournament will be held at the Kingsbury Club in memory of **Barbie Gurnis**. Proceeds from the event will be used to support the Duxbury Bay Maritime School's "Crossroads for Kids' Maritime Adventures" program. Maritime Adventures takes campers from Crossroads for Kids at Camp Wing in Duxbury and exposes them to sailing, rowing and marine ecology.

Perhaps more importantly, the program also exposes them to the life-long lessons of responsibility and respect that are gained through these activities. According to **Ingrid Drago**, "Anyone who knew Barbie knows that she was an incredible athlete. She had many passions and sailing was always at the top of her list. Teaching sailing to kids who might not otherwise have that opportunity would have been something she felt was important. We are happy to have this positive way to remember a special friend."

The round robin style of play will be from 7-9p.m. and a reception will be held from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.. Players of all ability levels are welcome and encouraged to play. Food, dancing and a silent auction will also be part of the evening. Tickets for tennis and the reception are $75 per person; tickets for the reception only are $50 per person. Tickets are available at The Kingsbury Club, the Duxbury Bay Maritime School or through **Karen Butcher** (934.7135), **Ingrid Drago** (585.8976) or **Jamie Therrien** (934.3223). For more information or to donate silent auction items, please call Karen, Ingrid or Jamie.



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Austin Breslow as Nick mopes around after losing a scholarship while Brenna O'Donnell as Stacey tries to call and console him in the CHS Drama Workshop production "Postponing the Heat Death of the Universe," which is in the finals of the State Drama Festival. For more see page 23.

ROTARY ROAD RACE

Need a spring running goal? Spring forward! The Cohasset Rotary 10K Road Race By-the-Sea is an inspiring spring racing target for all runners in the northeast. This race runs a magnificently beautiful shoreline loop that will motivate every runner. The 28th annual Cohasset Rotary 10K will spring into action on Sunday, April 4 beginning at 1 p.m. Starting and ending at the historic Cohasset Common, this race is a symbolic and practical beginning of the spring racing season for several reasons, including the date — the first day of Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

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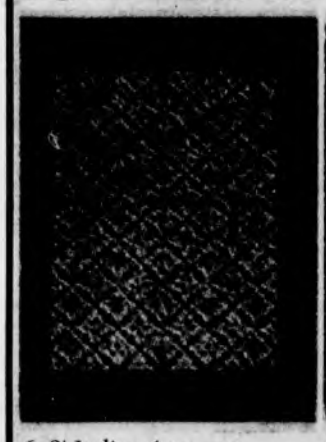
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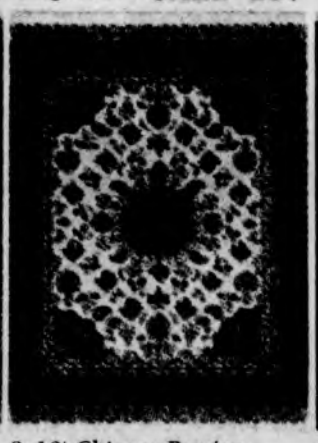
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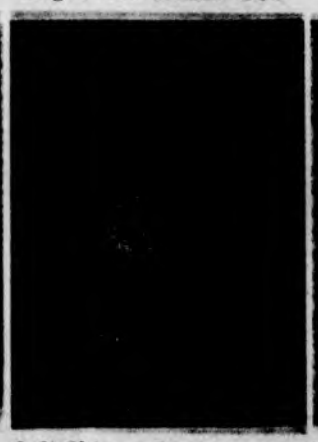
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Goodwin Graphics knows how to make a message stick

Local business is homegrown

By Samantha Brown
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Ron Goodwin, Phyllis McCormack, George Ayoub, Pam Colley and Carrissa Ayoub look out the window of Goodwin Graphics on Route 3A.

Ronnie Goodwin is a man who leaves his mark all over town. Whether at Hingham Lumber, Cohasset Collision, Cohasset House of Pizza, JJ's or Good Sport — over the years, Goodwin Graphics has helped local businesses advertise themselves via their T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and other company garb.

Goodwin Graphics at 164 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) has been "naming" clothing since 1976. Over the years, many businesses and town organizations have used Goodwin Graphics, which helped turn a late-night T-shirt venture into a lucrative graphics business.

While working as a carpenter in the 1970s, Goodwin began selling T-shirts on the side.

"At the time, there were only one or two print shops in the area," recalls Goodwin, who wondered if there was a way he could print the T-shirts himself and make more of a profit. He began experimenting with inks in his parents' basement, and through much trial and error, started printing T-shirts, which eventually grew into the business he owns today.

Currently, Goodwin has 251 different accounts with various businesses in Cohasset and his customers usually place orders for more than one item.

"We have a pretty diverse customer base," he said, adding at one time, Bank Boston was one of his biggest clients, before it merged with Bay Bank. He printed between 20,000 and 40,000 T-shirts for the company — one for each employee, which were packed up and shipped all over the world. He said Merrill Lynch was also a good customer; and at one time had company jackets printed that were sent to the far east.

But Goodwin said he focuses on smaller businesses these days and has branched out over the past two years to include "non-wearable" items. Through a partnership with the Advertising Specialty Institute (ASI), he began selling items such as rulers, pens, and coffee cups with printed logos, which are great marketing tools for his clients. Those items are shipped to him from the ASI, but he still prints all his wearable items in house.

"We can put together really creative programs for customers," said Goodwin, adding having logos on merchandise and clothing are one of the best forms of advertising. In fact, he said having wearable merchandise is almost like investing in a walking billboard.

But it's not just his clients that benefit from his business. Goodwin donates to many groups around town, and has scrapbooks full of cards and letters thanking him for his help.

Over the past 25 years Goodwin has become an expert in the methods of printing. He uses two different techniques to apply graphics, the first of which is called spot color printing, where each color is printed separately from the others. The second, process color printing, uses four specific colors: cyan, yellow, magenta, and black, which are printed as layers of dots that combine to look as if another color has been printed. For example, a design may look like it has a solid purple flower, but if the image was enlarged, it would look like cyan and magenta overlapping dots.

Goodwin said 10 years ago, people in the printing business would have said the four-color process was impossible. Even now, "I'll bet 80 to 90 percent of the other businesses would say they can't do it," Goodwin said, adding, "It gives us a competitive edge."

The ink Goodwin uses is plastic based, and not water based, which means it does not dry out easily. In fact, the only way to dry the ink is to heat it at a high temperature. Items are placed on a conveyor belt and run under a heater which reaches between 315 and 375 degrees.

By heating the ink, it bonds to the fibers of the material, ensuring the graphic won't peel off, explained George Ayoub who has worked at Goodwin Graphics for eight years. He said many other companies do not use the same method and after one trip through the washing machine, inks begin to peel at the edges.

After working in the printing industry for more than 20 years, Ayoub is very familiar with what it takes to ensure a quality print job. Ayoub was formerly employed by Sears and Roebuck, and with such a large retail store, it's necessary to sometimes print thousands of shirts an hour. He said he printed a good number of children's apparel items, especially those featuring Care Bears and Strawberry Shortcake. He said he still remembers the number of the color blue used to print Grumpy Bear. "It stays with you," he said.

Ayoub also used to work for Reebok, and printed the shirts for the 1996 Olympics held in Atlanta. He also used to print for the Boston Red Sox and said he printed shirts for the 1986 World Series against the New York Mets, that the team unfortunately never got to wear. "I still have one though," he said.

Goodwin and Ayoub said roughly 80 to 85 percent of all print jobs that come through the door are done by hand rather than by machine. Ink is squeezed through a screen onto the fabric and Ayoub places the item by hand onto the conveyor belt to be heated. However, with larger jobs, or where deadlines are a concern, they will use the machine, which allows the production of about 100 shirts in 17 minutes. However, "Even if you're only printing a dozen, they all have to look good," Ayoub said, adding the best way to ensure a clean print is to make it by hand, and that's what keeps customers coming back.

For more information on Goodwin Graphics, please visit their web site at http://goodwin.mybulletline.com or call (781) 383-6355.

Spring has sprung, so put those winter doldrums away

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on Saturday, April 3 at the Cohasset High School This important fundraising event includes a southern, family-style dinner at 6 p.m., followed by an Appalachian Marketplace featuring a slide show, special Appalachian crafts, a quilt raffle and dessert. The festival concludes with a fun Blue Grass concert featuring local favorite: "Quarter Moon". Tickets are on sale now at St. Anthony's, St. Stephen's, First Parish and Second Congregational Churches and Buttonwood Bookstore, and are priced as follows: for Dinner and Concert: adults- $20; children — $8, family maximum — $50. For more information visit www.CohassetASP.org.

ART SCHOLARSHIPS

The South Shore Art Center announces the 2004 Art Scholarship Competition for South Shore seniors attending public, private, or parochial schools who will graduate in 2004. Students who have been accepted by a school of fine arts or an accredited institution of higher learning which includes a fine arts curriculum are eligible to apply. The purpose of the awards is to encourage local students to further their art education. Three scholarships will be presented, ranging in value from $1,000 to $500. Portfolios and applications must be submitted on May 5, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; May 6, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., May 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; May 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and May 9, 12-4 p.m. Under no circumstances will portfolios be accepted after 4 p.m. on May 9. A panel of artists/educators will review the portfolios and applicants will be notified promptly by mail. Award money will be paid directly to the winners' schools to be applied toward tuition costs.

Awards will be presented during the awards ceremony at the South Shore Art Center Arts Festival on Cohasset Common, June 18. For more information please call the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or e-mail **Heather Collins** hcollins@ssac.org. with any questions.

That is all for this week. Make sure to have all items to me no later than 5 p.m.(NEW DEADLINE) on Mondays in order for your information to appear in that weeks column.

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REC NOTES

Rec Summer Playground

The Cohasset Recreation Commission announces Martha Equi will again be the director of the Summer Playground Program for children ages 31/2 to 12 years. Registration will be held the week of June 14 as follows: Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 17, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; and Tuesday evening, June 15, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Recreation Commission has also established fee charges for the 2004 playground program as follows:

Full Day 5-12 year-olds: $350 for first child

1/2 Day 3-5 year-olds: $280 for first child

$500 non-resident for either half or full-day program

ACTIVITY FEE

A $50 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover special in-house events and professional entertainment, arts and crafts supplies, swim walkers, T-shirts, etc. A separate check will be necessary.

Limited enrollment has been set for each program

Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis.

All children must be toilet trained.

Programs meet at Osgood School, starting date is Tuesday, June 28.

The 5-12 year-olds, full-day program runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pre-school 31/2-5 year-old, half-day program runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Children must be born between Jan. 1, 1999 through March 1, 2001, to qualify.

Information regarding other summer programs: Drama Workshop, Youth Tennis, Teen Garage Activities, as well as adult programs will be forthcoming soon. Call 781-383-4109.

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Discounted tickets must be purchased in person at the Museum box office and are subject to availability. Offer valid for showings March 1 through April 30, 2004 only. Limit 1 ticket per cardholder. Not to be combined with any other discounts. Fleet Bank member FDIC. Fleet and the Fleet logo are registered marks of FleetBoston Financial Corporation. © 2004 FleetBoston Financial Corporation. All rights reserved.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Negative campaigning

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena."
— Theodore Roosevelt

We all owe the Hingham League of Women Voters a debt of gratitude for hosting Monday night's candidates' forum.

It was encouraging to see a good-sized crowd of about 60 at the event itself and to see all the candidates for contested seats in one place.

One had to come away with a sense of pride in Cohasset knowing there are so many qualified individuals willing to throw their hats into the ring and risk possible defeat.

The forum provided the vehicle for the public to size up the candidates. We hope Monday's forum and our Question of the Week will help Cohasset voters make an informed decision at the polls.

It takes guts and a good dose of courage to run for election and expose oneself to potential potshots.

Here in Cohasset it is sad someone — and we are *very* comfortable in our belief that it was not one of the opposing candidates or a member of their campaign teams — decided to sling some serious mud at the 11th hour of the election season. The effort aimed at discrediting one of the selectman candidates was cowardly and unwarranted.

We may not all agree on how to approach the issues, but if Monday's forum proved any thing: it is abundantly clear that each candidate — whether opposed or unopposed — loves Cohasset and wants to insure it continues to be a wonderful place to live.

There is no place for dirty politics in a Town Election after which we all need to go back to being neighbors and friends once the ballots are counted.

Please note, the selectmen will debate tonight at 7:30 p.m., which will be shown live on cable-TV. Call-in questions will also be accepted. Be sure to tune in.

And don't forget to attend Town Meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Sullivan gymnasium at the middle-high school. It's where a lot of important issues that have a direct affect on your quality of life will be discussed.

— Mary Ford
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Absentee ballots available

Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election on April 3, are now available at the Town Clerks office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Friday, April 2, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
Physical disability.
Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by April 3, 2004 to be counted.

The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the OVAL to the right of your choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check in tables. The ballots can be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc., and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application, for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

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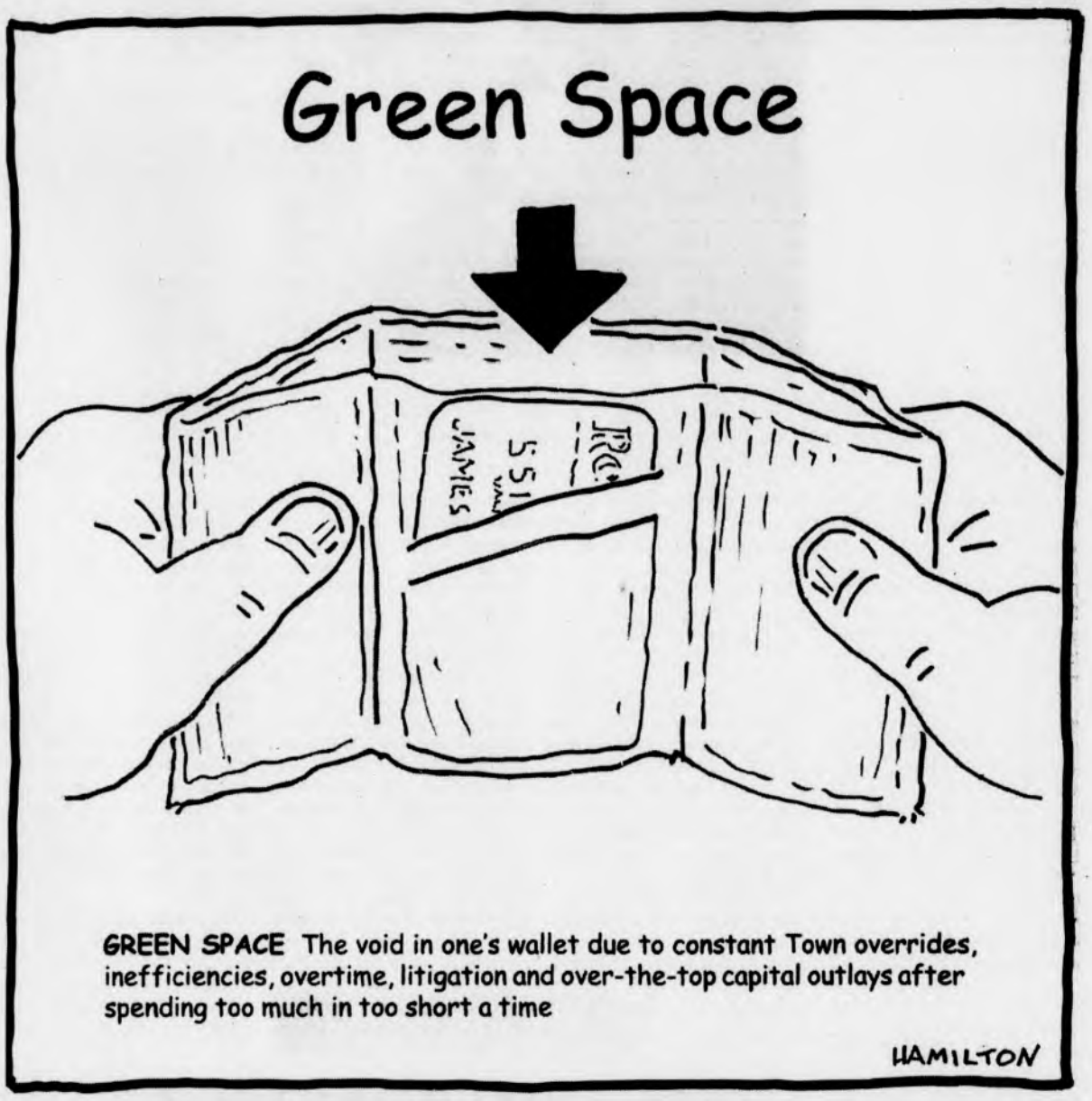
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town boards do an excellent job

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is in response to the many letters over the past few weeks that have clearly taken the opportunity to attack our Selectmen and School Committee on their, incorrectly perceived, lack of fiscal responsibility of budgeting for 2005. I firmly believe that every person is entitled to their own opinion. I also firmly believe that if you are bold enough to stand up and publicly criticize people like our Selectmen and School Committee members, who each essentially volunteer their time and efforts to the betterment of our wonderful town at the expense of spending this valuable time with their families, then you should also be brave enough to stand up and offer your own self and your own time to these committees rather than just sitting by on the sidelines criticizing from afar those who have dedicated themselves and their own personal time to help run our very special town.

My wife, Linda, and I moved to Cohasset because we think this is one of the most beautiful places we have ever seen, and because of the high quality schools and the commitment the town has made to the schools. We fully plan on raising our children here and having them attend the Cohasset school system when they finish up with nursery school. I, too, do not want to pay more taxes but I clearly understand that normal increases in costs, combined with the lack of $436,000 of previously committed State aid, have significantly impacted our annual budget for 2005. The simple truth of this matter is that the School Committee has already illustrated its action of fiscal responsibility by making cuts to the school budget of $400,000. These cuts will happen no matter what and are not impacted whether you vote No or Yes on the Override. Due to normal economic conditions, annual costs are rising. Proposition 2 1/2 has been in place since 1980. Therefore, over the last 23 years we and every other town in Massachusetts have had over twenty years of time to find the "hidden fat" left in our town budgets each year. We should consider then that there is probably no "hidden fat" in our budgets and that we are probably running our town on the most cost conscious and leanest of budgets with very little room for error or loss of any level of committed State aid.

Back to the situation at hand with the Override Vote. The School Committee, Selectmen and Advisory Board have each independently voted unanimously to Vote Yes on the Override. Each of these committee persons are your neighbors, friends and/or relatives who have spent the most amount of solid quality time reviewing, analyzing, and debating these issues on our behalf , and they have all decided unanimously for a recommendation of a Yes Vote on the Override. Think about it. If you have not had the opportunity to spend the countless hours, days, weeks and months at nightly meetings studying, analyzing and debating each and every single line item of the 2005 budget, why would you now second guess your trusted neighbors, friends and/or relatives who have spent the time doing this and are entrusted with Cohasset's best interest at heart.

Tucker Glavin
107 Nichols Road

Energy systems at new schools

TO THE EDITOR:

As the school construction project nears completion, the School Building/Facilities Committee would like to share with residents some thoughts about energy costs and steps our committee took to design and implement energy efficient systems at Deer Hill and the Middle High School

High energy costs are an issue for everyone. We do not have to remind the public what is happening to fuel prices. This is one of the factors contributing to increased operating cost at our schools. Additionally, the size of Deer Hill School has increased by over 65 percent, and the Middle High School has more than doubled in size.

Air quality is an important concern. The Building Committee, through its architects and engineers, installed an efficient, modern fresh air system for the buildings, providing students and staff with. a healthy environment.

Our decision to convert from oil to gas was based on economy, concern for the environment, and lower maintenance costs.

All building systems - including lighting, heating, and air conditioning, were designed with the optimum energy-saving technology available. During the building process, resident construction professionals reviewed the plans, added helpful commentary, and supported the design. The state School Building Assistance Program allows for a flat rate per square foot within the project for construction and renovation costs. Cohasset's proposal was at the minimum limit. The Building Committee applied for and received a grant under the National Grid Design 2000 Program, which. reimburses schools for installing better, more efficient lighting and mechanical systems. The town of Cohasset received more than $50,000 in reimbursements and now benefits from continuous savings in energy as these systems operate.

Both Deer Hill School and the Middle High School had exceeded their 50-year life expectancy. The town of Cohasset is fortunate to have initiated a building renovation and construction program when it did. "Had we waited, Cohasset would possibly qualify for only a 40 percent reimbursement, rather than the 60 percent reimbursement we are now receiving.

Members of the School Building/Facilities Committee are proud of the new schools we have built for the town of Cohasset, which have been completed on time and within budget.

Scott Collins, Vice Chairman,
School Building/Facilities Committee

More teachers should be top budget priority

TO THE EDITOR:

Classroom student-teacher ratio combined with a rich curriculum is the principal determinant of a quality education. While it is easy to point to the $40 million that the town spent on school buildings over the past two years as evidence of the level of Cohasset's commitment to the quality of our schools, the truth is that buildings make an infinitesimally smaller contribution to the quality of education than classroom student teacher ratio and curriculum. In order to know the best way to reach an individual student, the teacher must know each student. Ted Sizer, a former dean of the Harvard School of Education and founder of the Coalition for Essential Schools has studied class size extensively with his colleagues and found that in the K through 9th grade levels the ideal class size is 12 to 15 students with an upper limit of 20 students.

In the current school year, the classroom student teacher ratio is 20:1 in the Osgood School and 23:1 in the Deer Hill School. These ratios are already too high: at or above the upper limit and well above the optimal range. Despite increased enrollment, next year's budget — assuming that the override passes — actually calls for cutting 3 teachers in Osgood and Deer Hill Schools! This would increase the classroom student teacher ratio up to 26:1. To put this decision into context, in a $12 million school budget this move saves $105,000 or approximately $36 per taxpayer — less than the price of a dinner for two at The Red Lion. School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn stated two weeks ago in his article "At the elementary level some class sizes will be increasing from 20 to possibly 26 students, which we as a committee think is too high." Yet he and the school committee did nothing to prevent this; in fact they voted it into the Budget! If the schools need more money in their Budget to fund their core educational mission, they should communicate their value proposition directly to the people of the town and ask for more money rather than just cut costs at the expense of educational value and present it to us as a "fait accompli".

Should the override fail to pass, the decisions which the schools are likely to make could include catastrophic cuts in homeroom, art, music, computer, library, physical education, math and English teachers. These cuts could result in a classroom student teacher ratio of up to 30:1. Furthermore, these cuts by the school could mean the complete elimination of activities that they classify as "enrichments" but any reasonable person would consider the core and most memorable part of the educational experience. Already there is neither drama nor foreign language instruction until seventh or eighth grade. Can you imagine kindergarten through sixth grade without music, art, drama, foreign languages or physical education?

Going forward, it is critical that every item in the school budget be considered in the context of achieving the greatest educational value for the dollar. Let us look at a couple of school expenditures that were approved within the last two weeks. In the last school committee meeting, with no debate mind you, a motion was approved to purchase a new bus for $60,000. The old school bus needed frequent repairs and if we had one less bus students would have a slightly longer ride. However, did anyone ask the question what is the relative educational value of one bus versus approximately two full-time teachers?

At another point in the last two weeks, there were teacher meetings. While a half-day of meetings was scheduled as a half day of school, for the full day before, all of the second grade teachers had an additional teacher's meeting and all of students in the second grade— 6 classes — had substitute teachers. Obviously

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A yes for sewer money for Little Harbor/Atlantic Ave.

COMMENTARY

RICHARD E. T. BROOKS

At Town Meeting on Saturday, March 27, we will vote on an article with significant potential impact on the entire Town, and especially on the 450 homes in the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue Sewer District. The article, sponsored by the Sewer Commission, requests a relatively small amount of money for continuing the ongoing planning and engineering of a future sewer system for that area.

We must vote *yes*, or the probable adverse financial impact on the Town and the residents of those homes would be substantial!

By way of background, in response to a longstanding Superior Court consent order against Cohasset by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for significant and ongoing violations of the Federal Clean Water Act, the Town planned to install a sewer system in the Little Harbor area to correct the escalating pollution of the harbor and sections of waterfront, including the decades-long ban on harvesting shellfish from Cohasset's waterfront areas. The Atlantic Avenue homes were added later, because the problems there were similarly serious.

The pollution arises from increased home building, runoff of ground pollutants from fertilizer and roads, and, most notably, the substantial aging and failure of perhaps hundreds of existing on-site septic systems. These systems were built 40 to 60 years ago, in an area where impervious ledge and outcroppings are dominant features of the terrain A few of the properties still are serviced by ancient cesspools, usually at or near the shoreline, and leach directly into Little Harbor and the shorefront, as do many of the failed, aged septic system leach fields. Further, many of these old, small summer cottages were replaced or expanded prior to Title V with much larger homes-indeed, "mansions" as they are now referred to!

Under current regulations, designed to protect all bodies of water and the beautiful coastline, these old leach fields could not today be located close to the water being susceptible to flooding during exceptional high tides and storms.

The sewer system plan was developed in 1997 by the Town, partly in response to the concerns of a group of Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue residents known as "Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions" (CEES). The plan avoided imminent action by the Massachusetts DEP, under the 1975 court consent order, to levy fines against the Town, as well as an order for mandatory, immediate Title V inspections of all septic systems in the area. These inspections could have forced costly replacement of non-compliant systems, whether or not the house was to be sold or expanded. This would have cost many homeowners between $25,000 and $100,000, depending on location, ledge, proximity to the water, size of lot, etc. A significant number of people would have had to build new systems or face possible loss of occupancy permits.

It is difficult to contemplate the noise and disruption caused as a result of blasting away huge amounts of ledge to excavate new leach fields for hundreds of homes within a short period of time.

If the Town votes to continue progress towards the sewer system, the current hiatus on mandatory septic system inspections will most likely continue. If the Town fails to vote for continued progress on this future sewer system expansion, in effect reneging on the 1997 agreement with the state DEP, continuing with the Clean Water Act violations, and continuing to ignore the court consent order, all heck is going to break out since the patience of the federal and state regulators has been exhausted.

I know something about the cost and disruption of installing a new septic system. When I bought my house in 1998, the sellers had to install a new "FAST" system that came with a price tag of $85,000. Some of the neighbors said that the blasting seemed endless and, of course, the noise carried great distances via the solid, expansive ledge!

While my system would readily pass a current Title V inspection, I support the planned area sewer system because it is a permanent solution to wastewater disposal-not an interim solution. Further, it is clear that most, if not all, harbor and shoreline fronting properties would need to install a "FAST" or equivalent type of treatment system for the wastewater in order to comply with the rigorous Town, state, and federal regulations which also require that these systems be inspected/tested four times per year by a qualified third party firm under an owner-paid contract.

Note that a large portion of the cost of these systems is the underground piping and pumping systems to direct the treated effluent to a, usually, newly located and built leach field that is at least 100 feet distant from the water.

As a CEES member, as are many of the residents in the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue area, I urge all voters to come to Town Meeting and help achieve an overwhelming approval of the Sewer Commission's article. This very modest funding will keep the project moving and demonstrate the Town's good faith regarding the 1997 agreement.

While it is most critical for the residents of Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue, it is in the best interest of everyone in Cohasset who values clean waterways, an evolving wastewater management plan that eventually should extend to all citizens, and healthy communities where the risk of illness from exposure to untreated sewerage is permanently eliminated. CEES members, over 100 families, have all contributed funds in support of implementation of the 1997 agreement with the state. From our fellow townspeople, we solicit only your concern, your understanding, and your vote for the Sewer Committee's article at Town Meeting.

Concerning the recent lawsuit filed against the Sewer Commission, the developer contends that any available treatment plant capacity should be granted to the 100-plus proposed new homes to be built at Cedarmere, off Beechwood Street. The Commission turned down the developer's application primarily because the actual capacity of the central plant has not yet been verified, and because the development is not located in the Central Sewer District which is a criteria for eligibility.

Common sense dictates that (1) the Town honors its agreement with the Commonwealth, and (2) the focus of the Sewer Commission be on alleviating the long-term pollution problems of existing homes. It is distressing that local developers do not seem to care if the Town is fined for noncompliance with an outstanding Superior Court judgment and consent order. Nor do they care about an equitable wastewater management plan or if hundreds of their neighbors are forced to replace their septic systems within a very short period of time with major disruption to their finances and the surrounding environment.

Existing problems and commitments clearly should take highest priority, as should serving the needs of the many hundreds of existing residents who have been waiting their turn for some years for this much needed sewer system expansion, and all the while paying the highest in taxes in support of prior sewer system expansions and other priority needs of the Town. Only then, as sewer capacity allows, should we turn our attention to proposed new home developments and the future new residents who as yet have not had the "opportunity" to contribute financial support (taxes) and sweat equity for the benefit of all the existing residents of our great Town.

Please save the date of Saturday, March 27, to come to Town Meeting. Vote to continue the progress of an equitable wastewater management plan that was forged in prior Town Meeting votes by the Sewer Commission, concerned citizens' groups, and all Cohasset residents.

Richard E. T. Brooks, Ph.D., P.E., lives on Nichols Road

HEALTH NOTES

The facts about Medicare benefits

By Steve Bono
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Recently, many people received a short pamphlet in the mail alerting us about provisions of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003. There has also been much rhetoric about how good or bad it is by those seeking to make a point. Nevertheless, it's here, and since it affects many of us, we should understand its provisions and know something about it.

According to Medicare's excellent web page http://www.medicare.gov/ MEDICARE is an essential health care program for people age 65 and older, people with certain disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease. At the outset, it should be said that if you are happy with the Medicare coverage you have, you can keep it. Or, you can choose to enroll in new options described below. No matter what you decide, you are still in the Medicare program.

Beginning in June, 2004, Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Cards will be available which may help save on prescription drugs. Medicare will contract with private companies to offer new drug discount cards until a Medicare prescription drug benefit starts in 2006. In May 2004 continuing through Dec. 31, 2005, Medicare will send you information with details about how to enroll. You should compare prices you pay for current prescriptions with your present plan and see if there will be a saving.

Also, in 2004, Medicare rules and payments may give more health plan choices and better benefits. Implementation is said to depend on location. Call your existing plan provider to find out about changes your location.

Generally, new preventive benefits will be covered, including:

- A one-time initial wellness physical exam within 6 months of the day of enrollment in Medicare Part B.
- Screening blood tests for early detection of cardiovascular (heart) diseases.
- Diabetes screening tests for people with Medicare at risk of getting diabetes.

These benefits add to the preventive services that Medicare already covers, such as cancer screenings, bone mass measurements and vaccinations.

In 2006 Prescription Drug Benefits will be added to Medicare. These plans will be prepared by local healthcare providers who will be advertising in our area. All people with Medicare will be able to enroll in plans that cover prescription drugs. Plans might vary, but in general, this is how they will work:

- You will choose a prescription drug plan and pay a premium of about $35 a month.
- You will pay the first $250 (called a "deductible").
- Medicare then will pay 75percent of costs between $250 and $2,250 in drug spending. You will pay only 25 percent of these costs.
- You will pay 100 percent of the drug costs above $2,250 until you reach $3,600 in out-of-pocket spending.
- Medicare will pay about 95 percent of the costs after you have spent $3,600.
- Some prescription drug plans may have additional options to help you pay the out-of-pocket costs.
- Those with incomes no more than $12,569 for a single person, or $16,862 for a married couple, might qualify for a $600 credit on their discount card to help pay for your prescription drugs. Many don't qualify because of their enrollment in plans which exempt their participation.

Medicare plan choices will also be expanded in 2006 to include regional preferred provider organization plans (PPOs). Regional PPOs will help more people with Medicare have multiple choices for Medicare health coverage. PPOs may help save money by choosing from doctors and providers on a plan's "preferred" list, but usually don't require you to get a referral. PPOs are among the most common and popular plans right now for working Americans. All of these options are voluntary. You can choose to remain in the traditional Medicare plan you have today. If you already have prescription drug coverage through your current health insurance, or you already get discounts on your prescriptions, review your coverage closely to see if you may be able to save money on your prescription drugs by enrolling in a Medicare-approved drug discount card.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

Spring story hour

The Drop-In Story time schedule is:

- Monday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- CLOSED Monday, April 19 for Patriot's Day
- Monday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Drop-In Story time is for all ages, lasts one-half hour, and does not require registration.

Story & Craft registration begins Thursday, April 1.

Story & Craft is for ages 3-6 years, lasts one hour, and requires pre-registration.

Story & Craft schedule is:

- Thursday, April 15 at 10 a.m. or 1p.m.
- Thursday, April 22 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, April 29 at 10 a.m. or 1p.m.
- Thursday, May 6 at 10 a.m. or 1p.m.

Computer help

Do you need help using the library's computers? Would you like to learn how to search the online catalog or reference databases? Sign up for a one-on-one tutorial with our Reference Librarian Judy Simons. Call the library to schedule a session.

Meeting space

Would you like to hold your next meeting here? The library permits Cohasset organizations and individuals to use the meeting rooms free of charge. For more information or to reserve a room, please call the library at 781 383-1348.

Artist exhibit

Stephanie Roberts' exhibit "Patterns and Pinhole" will be on display at the library through April 30.

Homebound delivery

If you love to read but are unable to come to the library due to an illness or disability, we are very pleased to announce a new home delivery service. For those interested, a volunteer from the Friends of the Cohasset Library will visit you at your residence to discuss your reading preferences and take your requests for library materials. Selections will be delivered to you and picked up and returned to the library on a regular schedule. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in our program, please telephone the library and speak to Judy Simons at 781 383 1348.

Web sites

Check out these useful sites on the Internet: www.epicurious.com This database for cooks and food lovers, contains over 16,000 recipes, each with comments and ratings from users. Store your personal favorites in your own recipe box that you create. www.nationalgardening.com For tips on gardening and expert advice on flowers and bulbs, lawns and landscaping and, garden care and pests, this site covers it all. www.diynet.com This site is for "do it yourself" projects in many categories from arts and crafts to home improvements. Take an online workshop, chat with others, or subscribe to the newsletter.

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when a teacher is ill there needs to be a substitute, but do we need them on so many other days as well? Did anyone ask the question what is the relative educational value of using substitute teachers to the tune of $121,500 in the 2005 Budget versus approximately four full-time teachers?

The number of children in special education in grades K-6, while it has risen and declined in between, is basically unchanged from 1996 (100 in 1996 and 106 for 2005 in the official School Budget forecast). In spite of the fact that it is the only enrollment number that hasn't changed, the special education budget has increased by 24 percent in the past two years and, in next year's budget, the school is adding two special education teachers and a second school psychologist at a cost of $129,000. The argument is that by spending this money, more special education students will be encouraged to stay in the school system as opposed to using outside services and that the psychologist, in particular, will save $95,000 which, while estimated, is not included as a credit in the budget. Perhaps if class sizes were smaller, the school would need fewer psychologists and many of the children currently requiring special education could actually receive a better education than they are with the existing approach! Did anyone ask what is the relative educational value of spending $129,000 for a psychologist and two additional special education teachers versus approximately 4 fulltime regular teachers? If we accept the school's logic that hiring a school psychologist will save $95,000 in outside services, shouldn't this savings be included in the budget to keep the 3 fulltime regular teachers?

In its current budget, the school committee has included over $323,000 in items that were under funded in every budget prior to this year. $100,000 of this $323,000 figure is comprised of the $75,000 additional amount included in the aforementioned substitute teacher category and smaller amounts in staff development categories. Furthermore, heating and electricity costs are increased by $223,000 in the 2005 Budget based upon this year's overrun. While some of this increase in energy expenses can be attributed to the larger school buildings, it is likely that much of this increase is due to the fact that many of the buildings were heated this year while they were open to the outdoors during construction and due to the record-high energy prices this winter. Even Osgood, which was not expanded in the past year, saw a jump in heat and electricity costs from $13,500 to $33,500 and we have all seen it in our heating and electricity bills. Certainly for the good of our economy and our wallets any reasonable person would expect energy prices to moderate by next year! I am not going to criticize a desire to be honest in budgeting. However, it would have still been prudent and accurate accounting to include a percentage of these previously under funded amounts in the budget as opposed to including the entire worst-case scenario. Did anyone ask the question what is the relative educational value of including these previously under funded items and worst-case scenarios in the budget this year for the very first time versus firing three fulltime teachers? In a $12 million budget isn't it likely that less than 1 percent could be found for three teachers by being a little less aggressive in estimating worst case scenarios for energy costs?

On the town side of the budget we are spending $400,000 to refurbish Alumni Field and an additional $110,000 to refurbish and add sprinklers to the Beechwood Ballpark and Town Common. While these are in the capital budget, is it appropriate to be spending $510,000 on landscaping when we are firing three teachers to save $105,000? In the operating budget we have overruns of $125,000 in Legal Expenses, $175,000 in public safety overtime and who knows how many $100,000's to cover the officers on administrative leave, the legal battles and the police hearings. Is it appropriate to be spending this money when we are firing three teachers?

I believe that there is a need for a fundamental change in the way that decisions are being made about our schools. There is a need for a strategic vision, a long-range plan, proactive decisions and some critical thinking. Supporting the override is the least that our community can do but this alone is not enough. There is a need to focus on improving the student-teacher ratio and improving the curriculum. Every expense needs to be placed in the relative context of how it will contribute to the central mission of our schools: educating our students. I am sure that by placing our decisions in this context that we can find room for at least three teachers in an amended budget for 2005, perhaps more. If you agree that teachers are needed, come to Town Meeting to support the amendment of Article 3.

Alfred E. Slanetz, Ph.D.
14 Nichols Road

Drama workshop and override vote

TO THE EDITOR:

Okay, I admit it. This letter began as a way to acknowledge an extraordinary group of Cohasset High School students: The Cohasset H.S. Drama workshop and its rise to the 2004 Massachusetts Drama Festival State Finals. What I found myself realizing was the striking parallel between their story and the implications of the upcoming Proposition 2 1/2 override.

Perhaps the difficulty with getting one's teeth around yet another override "sandwich" is not just how we still seem to be hungry when we've finished, but how very abstract it all seems. We speak of quantities of text books, maintenance, and number of 7th grade teachers etc... I see *real* faces, *real* students, whose accomplishments are palpable.

No matter that Cohasset's Drama students were underdogs in an unequal playing field of better funded schools. What does matter is that they had the opportunity to be in the field at all (we see that they took care of the rest themselves). The Cohasset Arts Boosters is primarily to be thanked for this. If we are unwilling to try to mitigate the financial gap between the reality of what things cost and the truth of what we have, I am afraid the result will trickle down to these real faces. By shouldering our financial burdens collectively, citizens would continue to be able to individually sponsor invaluable Booster organizations such as the Arts, Sports etc.

After each Festival round, judges provide "notes" to each participating school. One of Cohasset's Semi-Final notes concluded with, "No flash, no gimmicks... *just some real people*. Never fails." I invite the entire Cohasset Community to take a bow. These students' achievement is our collective achievement. It is not just theirs that I speak of. But of each real face, each real student that we help enter the broader community we call society. As with all aspects of life, seldom can one do everything. But we can try to do what we can. To this end, it seems invaluable that we support an override that will enable these very real faces the opportunity to excel.

Oh yes, to Jenna Emmons (Director), Austin Breslow, Ali Earon, Brenna O'Donnell, John Keniley, Katharine Murphy, Emily Savage, Nicole Durant and Krissy Watts — we are so very proud of you.

Elaine Breslow
714 Jerusalem Road

Anonymous mailer should come forward

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding the anonymous packages to the Mariner and the Patriot Ledger containing documents pertaining to a nuisance corporate lawsuit filed against Lou Harvey 5 years ago, I think it's a shame to see these kind of tactics used in a small town election for several reasons.

First, our town is as close as we get to direct democracy, with town meeting and a five person Board of Selectmen. Our goal should be to have the greatest possible participation in town politics. From anonymous attacks such as that of last week to ranting personal letters to the Mariner and the strong-arm tactics that we've seen in the police scandal, this year Cohasset has seen more than its share of attempts to discourage involvement. Second, in such a small town we are not only neighbors but also friends and parents of children who play together — who would wish such a divisive culture on our happy home?

It would be nice to believe that the person who assembled and forwarded the documents simply wanted an explanation. If that's the case, let me say that I am

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CANDIDATES CORNER

Harvey-Dormitzer campaign events

Lou Harvey and Ralph Dormitzer, running for the two available seats as selectman in the April 3 election, would like to meet and talk with as many townspeople as possible!

Two campaign events remain, both open to all: March 26: Dance at the Red Lion Inn Barn featuring King Ludwig's Bavarian Band; 7:30 p.m., complementary hors d'oeuvres, cash bar. March 28: 3:30-5:30 p.m. reception at the home of Lisa LoJacono, 111 Nichols Road.

For information about the events, call Nancy Garrison at 781-383-0571. For questions and comments about the campaign, email harvey-dormitzer@dalbar.com.

MacCarthy coffee and dessert tonight

What a week! Adrienne MacCarthy would like to thank the Hingham League of Women Voters for providing Cohasset Candidates with a great night to present there platforms and field questions from the audience. This event offered a great opportunity for the voters of Cohasset to get to know the candidates.

Tuesday evening, Adrienne was out there again, meeting with new faces at the home of Susan and John Donohue. Again, Adrienne talked about her accomplishments, so far, and the level of commitment she plans to make to the school committee, if elected.

Thursday, March 25, 7-9pm, Adrienne will attend a "Coffee and Dessert," hosted by Anna Abbruzzese and Sarah Murphy, 90 Old Pasture Road. If you haven't met Adrienne, please join us.

Spofford to visit neighborhoods

In an effort to hear the concerns of Cohasset citizens and to share his message of positive change and public service, Selectman candidate Rob Spofford will spend the last week of the campaign going door-to-door through many Cohasset neighborhoods.

"Public service is about committing yourself and your principles," Spofford says. "It's imperative that we work to protect what distinguishes us as a community, and part of that is how we interact as neighbors. I want to meet as many Cohasset voters as possible. It's another way of carrying through on my commitment to this town and its residents."

Voters can also meet Spofford at a reception hosted by Agnes McCann, Sunday, March 28, 4-6 p.m.

"As a fiscal conservative, I believe we must balance expenditure against need," adds Spofford. "My approach as a Selectman will be to listen, qualify and make informed and independent decisions."

O'Grady to host library reception

Scott O'Grady has arranged for an informal gathering, with refreshments, at the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library, in order to continue the conversation begun at the candidates' forum. Please join O'Grady and other interested voters on from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, in the library meeting room. O'Grady looks forward to meeting people who share his interest in the continued excellence of our schools, and discussing how best to meet the challenges of the future. Please feel free to contact O'Grady with comments or questions at:

ogradyscott@comcast.net.

Meet Jamie Williams at upcoming events

Jamie Williams encourages voters to meet her at the following events:

March 25, 6:30 p.m., Annual Election Supper, Beechwood Congregational Church

March 29, 9:30 a.m., Diane Benson & Trish Morin, 172 Forest Ave.

March 30, 11:30 a.m., Candidates' Luncheon hosted by Elder Affairs, South Shore Community Center

March 31, 7-9, Grace Evans, 76 Howard Gleason Road

April 2, 7-9 p.m., Paula & Reed Dickinson, 225 Fair Oaks Lane

"I'm appreciative of the many citizens of Cohasset who have taken time to meet with me," says Williams. "If I am elected to the school committee I will work to unravel the school budget, determine the effectiveness of programs, prioritize funding, plan for future growth, advocate open and honest communication, and work cooperatively with others to deliver quality education for our children."

For information, call Kellie Gaumer, 383-6343 or Christine Woodward, 383-2604. www.votejamie.org.

Martin events planned

Committee members Stephanie Noble and Kathy Ofsthun invite folks to come meet Pat Martin at 10 a.m.,

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

beaconhill@aol.com

March 19

QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on four roll calls and local representatives' votes on three roll calls from prior sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.



Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) (617) 722-1646 Room 413F



Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) (617) 722-2120 Room 472

$300,000 FOR "FROM THE TOP" CLASSICAL MUSIC PROGRAMS (H 4330) — Hedlund: **DNV** Bradley: **Y**

House 131-25, Senate 31-6, overrode Gov. Romney's veto earmarking $300,000 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council's (MCC) budget in order to fund From the Top— a Boston-based, non-profit organization. The group's projects include producing a nationally syndicated PBS radio show taped in concert halls across the nation and featuring performances by and conversations with pre-college age classical musicians. The group also conducts cultural leadership workshops and training to help these musicians act as role models and to work in their local schools and communities across the nation encouraging other young musicians, promoting interest in music and making their own local radio shows similar to the PBS one. Override supporters said these projects are highly successful and often help underserved, inner city students. They noted that the $300,000 was previously funded through the now-defunct Education Capital Trust Fund and said this earmark simply provides the same amount of funds through the MCC. Override opponents said the legislature should not earmark MCC funds and noted that From the Top has already received an $8930 grant from the MCC this year. They argued that these decisions should be left up to the council's unbiased panel that reviews grant applications and said that it is unfair to give From the Top a $300,000 grant when other arts projects are being denied much smaller grants. (A "Yea" vote is for earmarking $300,000. A "Nay" vote is against it).

$300,000 FOR MASS. CULTURAL COUNCIL (H 4330) — Hedlund: **DNV** Bradley: **Y**

House 138-18, Senate 32-5, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of an additional $300,000 for the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC). Override supporters said this $300,000 is additional money to fund the earmark that would be given to From the Top. They noted that it is important to provide this additional $300,000 for the MCC so that the $300,000 earmarked for From the Top would not come out of existing funds that provide grants for other projects. Override opponents again said it unfair to circumvent the grant process by providing $300,000 to From the Top while other organizations and communities are required to go through the entire grant process to request funding for much smaller projects. (A "Yea" vote is for the $300,000 for the MCC. A "Nay" vote is against the $300,000).

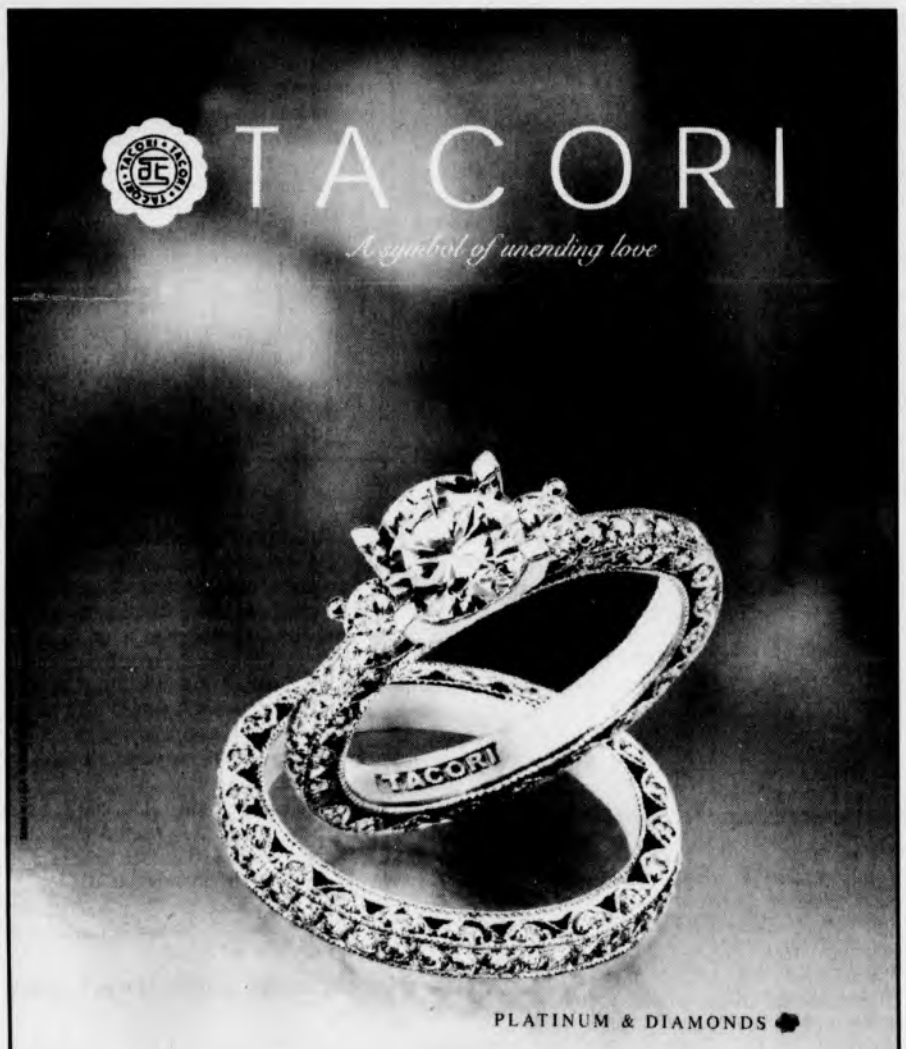
$419,000 FOR RECOVERY AND SELF ESTEEM PROGRAMS (H 4330) — Hedlund: **DNV** Bradley: **Y**

House 114-43, Senate 34-3, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $320,000 for Gavin House, a substance abuse recovery home and $99,000 for Self Esteem, an organization that provides self-esteem education to high-risk, underserved populations and the professionals who serve them. Override supporters said this funding is essential to operate these highly successful Boston-based organizations that serve people from many areas of the state and have made a major difference in many people's lives. They noted that the Gavin House has been holding bake sales because it desperately needs money. Override opponents said the professionals in the Department of Health's Division of Substance Abuse Services should decide which projects receive funding and argued that the legislature should not interfere by earmarking funds. (A "Yea" vote is for the $419,000 earmark. A "Nay" vote is against it).

$7.4 MILLION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP (H 4330) — Hedlund: **N** Bradley:

Senate 26-12, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a section earmarking $7.4 million from a $700 million environmental bond package from 2002 that allows the state to borrow funds to finance various environmental projects. The $7.4 million would be used to ensure the cleanup of all contamination on the site of Norfolk's former Pondville Hospital. Override supporters said that many years ago the state dumped hazardous materials on this formerly state-owned property that is now privately owned. They argued that the state has a legal and moral obligation to clean up the site and noted that the private company is likely to create jobs and help seniors by developing the land and constructing assisted living facilities or senior housing. Some override opponents said the legislature should not earmark these funds and should leave these decisions up to the professionals in the executive branch. Others argued that this override has all the characteristics of a sweetheart deal that benefits private developers and urged the Inspector General to look into the matter. Some said the override is a futile action because the executive branch has the final authority to issue bonds and actually fund these projects and has done so for very little of the $700 million. The House already overrode the veto of the earmarking. (A "Yea" vote is for earmarking the $7.4 million. A "Nay" vote is against earmarking it).

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The new review of the Town Manager Form of Government suggests the town has too many elected officials and recommends having the selectmen appoint the boards of assessors and health, and the recreation, sewer and water commissions. Do you agree?

SELECTMAN/ Rob Spofford

While I am willing to listen to arguments of proponents of the recommendation, at this early stage in the discussion process, I do not feel such a change is in the best interest of the Town. The idea that members of the currently elected Boards of Health and Assessors along with the commissioners of Water, Sewer and Recreation be appointed by the Selectmen is based on the consultants' view that this change will lead to better "coordination of finances, administrative practices and general Town policies". If this recommendation were adopted, it would mark a significant change in how the Town is run and consolidate substantial power with the Board of Selectmen.

Coordination among our Boards and Commissions is very important and to a large degree is achieved with our current structure. Where improvement is needed, I would prefer to see us work on enhancing communication among our Boards rather than take away the right of the voters to elect candidates for these offices. As someone who believes in the power of democracy, I feel that we should only remove the role of the electorate to choose their representatives when there is a vital need in doing so. In my mind, this is not the case in Cohasset.

The complex challenges that Cohasset is dealing with are not the result of the Selectmen not having enough power over other Boards and Commissions. We are fortunate to have many qualified and talented people who are willing to volunteer their time to the Town. I believe voters should be able to decide who among these volunteers should represent them on the Water, Sewer and Recreation Commissions as well as the Boards of Assessors and Health.

SELECTMAN/ Ralph Dormitzer

In 1997 Cohasset voted to change its governing structure to the town manager form. This change significantly reduced the power of the selectmen and advisory board by vesting budget responsibility, general management, and personnel matters in an appointed town manager, retaining for the selectmen only the right to hire and fire the manager and to set policy.

This town manager act resulted in an extraordinary concentration of power in the hands of a single individual, one who has no direct accountability to the voters. For all practical purposes, the town voted for a corporate form of government but without mechanisms to protect against abuse of power.

What was retained was the right of the voters to choose selectmen, sewer and water commissioners, planning board, school committee, board of health, assessors, library trustees and others. These positions have been good for the town. Almost without exception, the independent boards have made the most important contributions to the town — our water supply system, our innovative sewer system, our new schools, our new library, independent judgment, etc, etc.

The just released draft review of the Mass Municipal Association of the town manager form of government in Cohasset, however, would abolish most of these boards, leaving only the selectmen, school committee and library trustees elective. I do not support this recommendation. Not only would it concentrate power still more, it would strip some of our most effective boards of the responsibility and authority for the functions they manage.

My personal view is that we should do just the opposite of the MMA recommendations, re-empower the boards and examine how to make town government more directly responsive to the people, not less. When and if the MMA recommendations come up at town meeting in the future, I hope you will vote against them.

SELECTMAN/ Merle Brown

The new review of the Town Manager form of Government suggests the town has too many elected officials and recommends having the selectmen appoint the boards of assessors and health, and the recreation, sewer and water commissions.

The report to which you refer was conducted by the MMA Consulting Group, Inc., a professional organization that has considerable expertise and experience in these matters. Their report was based on their review of the Town Manager Form of Government as it exists in Cohasset today. The report mentions that the Town of Cohasset is a well run Town with a minimum amount of employees.

The review recommends that a board, commission or official whose primary responsibility it is to perform a planning and administrative function should be appointed and not elected. The report goes on to say that taking this action requires careful consideration by the Town. I have to agree. To answer this question without first having a formal discussion with all affected would be inappropriate. I would have to listen to each member of the board, and commission before I could make any intelligent decision on this. As a Selectman, I would want to discuss this in great detail with other members of the Board of Selectmen as well as the advisory board. I would also like to hear from the Committee to Survey Structure and Functions of Town Government. It is after this in-depth analysis I feel a proper decision could be made.

SELECTMAN/ Lou Harvey

Absurd!

The recommendations to unelect the boards of assessors and health and the water and sewer commissions are based on fatally flawed research and should not even be considered.

The absurd report on Town government does not deserve the respect usually afforded to research reports. Absurdity permeates the fundamental tenets of this research: methodology, findings, conclusions and recommendations.

Absurd methodology. The data collection was introspective but the results are intended for external use. This is like asking a student to grade his own paper and using these grades to judge his performance.

Absurd findings. These findings would not have passed the most accommodating standards for reliability and reasonableness. Basic research requires that findings be compared to independent sources to assess that they are in line with reasonable expectations.

Absurd conclusions. The central conclusion of the report is that concentration of Town government power is desirable. There is no basis for this conclusion in the research performed and it belies the success of our constitutional government and assumes that a despotic system is preferable because it is more efficient.

Absurd recommendations. Robbing the residents of Cohasset of their right to hold officials accountable through the ballot box is irrational. Ultimately what is proposed will prevent residents from registering their displeasure with a member of a board or commission by voting him/her out of office. Resident's actions will be limited to the board of Selectmen, which amounts to throwing out the baby with the bath water.

This report is wrong and should simply be discarded.

Is it time to revisit the METCO program in light of budget restraints and reduced state aid?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Scott O'Grady

Metco is a voluntary grant program designed to expand educational opportunities and reduce racial imbalance. It has broad community support in Cohasset, where our schools have participated since 1972. The Cohasset PSO sponsors a Host Family Program that matches Boston students with a local classmate. Boston students attend at every grade level in Cohasset, and they and their parents, I think, should be considered members of our school community.

The program delivers on its goal of expanding educational opportunities — Metco students are more than 20 percent more likely than their Boston educated neighbors to attend a four-year college, and equally more likely to succeed on the MCAS exam. Metco also delivers, in a small way, on reducing racial imbalance. I know that my children have confronted diversity issues at school, and they and their classmates from Boston, with the help of caring teachers, have grown to become more sophisticated, less provincial, citizens of a diverse world.

The problem with Metco is money. State funding for Metco has actually decreased since 2001, with a corresponding drop of $15,000 in Cohasset's grant for FY 2004. The State Board of Education has since agreed to restore funding to 2003 levels, but the State's continuing commitment to the program remains questionable.

We need to make it clear to the State that funding cuts to Metco jeopardize Cohasset's continued participation in the program. This is the kind of worthwhile program that can only be funded at the state level, not through local property taxes. It is unfair for the State Board of Education to continue to shift spending burdens onto the towns — Metco, because it is a voluntary program, is very likely to become a casualty to this trend.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Jamie Williams

Since 1968, Cohasset has participated in the METCO program which is designed to expand educational opportunities and reduce racial imbalance. Since METCO offers an invaluable opportunity for an ambitious student, a unique experience for host families and added diversity to the community, the program should not be judged solely on budgetary factors.

The question "is it time to revisit the METCO program" is worthy of consideration by the school committee with community input. I advocate we undertake a review of METCO to determine the results of this voluntary program as a whole, its long-range affect on enrolled children and the value of diversity it offers our community. In addition, I believe that all special programs, including Before and After School Programs, KEDS and the South Shore Collaborative, be evaluated to determine effectiveness *and* potential for new revenue streams.

Currently it is difficult to identify the specific dollar amounts allocated to METCO (and other special programs) because expenses are spread across various budget line items. We need to unravel the school budget, and unbundle expenses and funding in order to evaluate these programs. Once we have concrete program and budgetary facts we can weigh them against the approximately $300,000 of additional funding Cohasset contributes.

I don't believe we can consider METCO as expendable purely because of our own fiscal crisis. We must be informed citizens in order to justify effective programs and fund them appropriately. A vote for me will initiate a plan of prioritized goals and objectives. Working in partnership with the community, our teachers and our various town boards and officials, we will focus on the education of our children as top priority. The School Committee is assigned the responsibility of *visionary* for our schools. We need to continue those programs that provide value for our students.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Adrienne MacCarthy

I believe it is the responsibility of the school committee to revisit each line item in the budget during the drafting of each new fiscal year budget, regardless of fiscal restraints and/or levels of state aide. I believe one of the committee's primary obligations to the town is to ensure each budget item is justified, adds value to the educational process, and that we are acting in a fiscally responsible manner.

The METCO (Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity) program has been in our town for 33 years. The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for diversity in public education. METCO enables students of various cultural and ethnic origins to attend schools in a variety of host communities bringing new learning experiences and creating fresh insight for both urban and suburban students. I believe in the value of the METCO program. I think that many in our community would agree that Cohasset's ongoing participation in the METCO program continues to fulfill the program's mission statement. The METCO program is not the issue; rather it is how the State funds this program that creates problems for the METCO host communities.

Funding for this program has always been provided for by the State. However, METCO students are the only students in the Commonwealth funded at a rate that is below the State's mandated per student minimum. How the State can dictate a funding level and then fail to deliver this same level of funding is an issue that needs to be addressed by all communities participating in the METCO program. We can and should be pressuring the State to address this inconsistency. As I previously stated, I am for operating our schools in a fiscally responsible manner, but I also think this should apply to the State as well.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

To me, the METCO program is one of the many things that make the Cohasset school system special. It provides diversity and enrichment to our students and families as well as the community. It has served this purpose for over 30 years and provided countless youth with the opportunities afforded to those with an excellent education, Along with diversity, METCO brings revenue into the Cohasset school district. As part of its state funding, we receive "tuition" for each student sent to us. This money funds our METCO Coordinator, an aide and transportation that we share with Scituate. Some remaining money is apportioned toward teachers salaries. If we were to lose METCO, our budget would need to make up the shortfall of funds put towards teachers salaries. Many, however, still point out the inequity regarding the $2,456 amount we receive for each METCO student and the much higher per pupil cost for Cohasset residents.

Recently, thousands of METCO supporters, including a group from Cohasset, descended on Beacon Hill to ask legislators to increase funding for METCO. METCO has been cut or level funded by the state the last 8 out of 10 years. We have yet to hear whether the program will receive the additional money it requires. It is our fear that the state will follow its current path of providing less than necessary support and once again leave communities to grapple with the difficult choices confronting public education.

With only a 7 percent commercial tax base in Cohasset, our choices are that much more difficult. Currently, we need a $400,000 override just to maintain programs. Should the override fail, everything will need to be revisited. The question will then become, "What is more important; art, music, sports, technology, small class sizes or METCO?" Are you ready to decide?

Avalon was approved over objections from the Planning Board. Should the Planning Board have more of a say in the Chapter 40B comprehensive permit process?

PLANNING BOARD/ Joe Nedrow

Four of the last five questions asked of the Planning Board candidates involved decisions made by the Planning Board that were opposed by other Boards or Committees. These were decisions regarding the Master Plan Draft, Senior Overlay District, Mansionization, Cedarmere, and this week's question regarding Avalon. These differences of opinion, and lack of a united town position, send mixed signals to those individuals involved in the issues discussed. These actions encourage third-party remedies either through the legal system, or confusing debates with conflicting recommendations at Town Meeting.

Many of these differences can be attributed to misunderstanding and confusion resulting from the differences between the statuary responsibilities and authority of the elected Planning Board and the role and authority of appointed committees. These appointed committees are made up of mostly self-initiated individuals who have an interest and or experience in a given area. This process works well for our town, and we all have benefited from the contributions of our fellow citizens time and talents.

Problems seem to occur when the elected bodies, whose decisions are mostly driven by statutory and regulatory guidelines, conflicts with appointed committees whose decisions are driven by individual and group interest and/or commitment to specific goals or objectives.

As a town we need to develop a process where these differences are subjected to a "second effort" to resolve before going to Town Meeting or issuing a final decree on behalf of the town. The Avalon situation is just another example of the need to work more diligently for a united position.

PLANNING BOARD/ Stuart Ivimey

The Planning Board must be proactive whenever the town faces a 40B application. Its ability to impact a 40B application is, however, limited by the statute, which vests sole authority to approve or reject a 40B application with the Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA"). A 40B applicant is not required to obtain the Planning Board's approval before the project can move forward.

Despite these limitations the Planning Board should conduct its own careful site plan review of the proposed project and critique it. The Planning Board should then prepare a written report for the ZBA which sets forth the Planning Board's conclusions, recommendation and concerns. This report should focus on whether the proposed development improves Cohasset or whether it is a detriment. In addition, the report must recommend the various conditions that the ZBA should incorporate into its decision.

By acting in this proactive manner the Planning Board make valuable contributions to the 40B application process. The assistance and expertise that the Planning Board is able to provide the ZBA is unmatched by any other town board.

If I am elected to the Planning Board, I will act as an advocate for protecting the town's character and recommend only those projects that improve Cohasset.

Next week: Candidate profiles

This was the last week for Question of the Week. Candidate profiles for those in contested races will appear next week.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

CANDIDATES CORNER

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Friday, March 26 at the home of Howie and Stephanie Noble, 8 Stanton Road. Find out why a vote for Martin means maintaining excellence in our schools.

Jim and Derry Schwantner invite parents and non-parents alike to meet Pat Martin at 4 p.m., Sunday, March 28 at 169 Linden Drive. Find out how voting for Martin insures a quality education.

March 25 election supper is planned

The annual Election Supper, a springtime tradition for decades, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street. Candidates for town offices and voters/diners are invited to get together to discuss politics before and after dinner on Thursday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m.. Dinner will include stuffed chicken breast, dilled carrots, peas, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, cake and ice cream as well as beverages. Before dinner, all candidates will be introduced to those in attendance. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. To make reservations, call 781-383-1298.

March 25 debate for selectmen candidates

Again this year, Cohasset resident Noel Collins will moderate a 90-minute televised debate among the four candidates for two seats on the board of selectmen.

The debate will get underway at 7:30 p.m., tonight (Thursday, March 25) in the selectmen's office at Town Hall and will be televised live on cable-TV. Town Manager Mark Haddad will run the camera and Roger Hill will take phoned-in questions.

Candidates Robert Spofford, Merle Brown, Lou Harvey and Ralph Dormitzer have confirmed their intentions to participate.

In addition to questions from the audience and those called in by TV viewers, a panel of journalists from the Cohasset Mariner, Patriot Ledger and TinyTown Gazette will also pose questions to the candidates.

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well aware of how frequently this type of lawsuit occurs, and I've seen the distracting and expensive effect that it can have on businesses. Anyone who has run a company recognizes the threat that a former employee can pose, and lawyers will tell you that they recommend settling such lawsuits to minimize their impact on the business.

Then I find myself wondering aloud who could possibly have been behind the anonymous mailing last week—who would take the time and expend the effort to assemble such documentation and mail it to the newspapers? Who would be such a coward as to send the documents anonymously, disrupting the peace of our political process without revealing his/her name for debate?

So whoever the anonymous mailer is — step forward, let us know your concerns so that they may be addressed in a public forum, and revive the positive nature of Cohasset's political process.

Gabriel E. Gomez
53 Highland Ave.

Heartfelt thanks for Beatles event

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter should have been printed weeks ago, but was delayed due to technology problems at the Mariner.

Many of you may not have realized that the Beatles were in town on Saturday, Feb. 7, playing at the Red Lion Inn! I would like to thank John, Paul, George and Ringo — a.k.a. Rick, Vic, Jim, Peter, John and Lenny — for their fabulous performance and one of the most fun parties in Cohasset ever! Most importantly I would like to thank Gitte Shea for inviting folks all over Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate to dance the night away while contributing to a cause very near and dear to my heart.

As many of you may not know, my beloved brother-in-law Jack Pickett, avid sportsman and chef-owner of the Blue Moon Cafe in Stowe, Vt. and his friend Todd Owens, Appalachian Mountain Ranger were burned over 85 percent of their bodies this fall when a propane hot water heater exploded in Jack's new home. They were both air-lifted to Mass General Hospital where they were kept in comas in sterile bubbles for eight weeks.

After undergoing over 15 grafting surgeries apiece, both Jack and Todd are back in Vermont continuing with extensive outpatient therapy. The generosity of Cohasset folks, most of whom don't even know my brother-in-law, is simply overwhelming to me and I can't thank you all enough. It's so true that we all "can get by with a little help from our friends." Thank you, Cohasset.

Jane Lanzillotti
41 North Main St.

Cohasset basketball coverage appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to the Mariner for the excellent coverage of Cohasset basketball this year. Mark Goodman did a fine job reporting each game as did all of your sports writers. They provided exciting details of the boys and girls games and athlete profiles. It was the first time since 1988 that both teams qualified for post season tournament play and the Mariner helped spread the thrill through the community.

Betsy Connolly
Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club

No place for dirty politics in election

TO THE EDITOR:

The weekend(March20-21)Patriot Ledger published a story based on material received "anonymously" which noted that an employee of his Company had accused Lou Harvey, a candidate for selectman, of harassment.

Coincidentally, the accuser's lawyer currently represents the Town of Cohasset in the Police Department controversy swirling around officers Quigley and McLean.

Four qualified candidates are running for two openings on the Board of Selectman. We should consider their position on the issues and vote accordingly. There should be no place for dirty politics in a Cohasset election (or any election for that matter).

Joseph R. McEroy
59 Windy Hill Road

Yes vote is urged for large land acquisition

TO THE EDITOR:

As a member of the Open Space Committee and resident of Cohasset, I am writing to encourage the citizens of Cohasset to support Articles 12 and 13 to acquire the Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area to help protect the town's water supply. The land area is between Lily Pond and Whitney Thayer Woods on King Street. Funding has been pledged by the Community Preservation Fund, Cohasset Water Department, Cohasset Conservation Trust, and the Trustees of Reservations. and there will be no impact on resident's taxes.

The town's water supply is in jeopardy. A recent limnology study found that the pond is in eutrophic state, and if not managed and improved it will cease to be of any use as a water source within a few decades. Eutrophication is when excess nutrients from fertilizers, pesticides, and other pollutants cause an increase in plant and animal biomass. Increased amounts of phosphorous, in particular, causes algae blooms to occur. Algae blooms deplete the water of oxygen, which is required by microorganisms in the decomposition of organic matter. In short, the reservoir is filling in with organic matter. The average depth of the pond is now less than 6 feet and getting shallower each year, thus reducing the storage capacity.

Human activity in a watershed can lead to a number of changes in the landscape which can be detrimental to the water supply including 1) conversion of natural land cover to urban use 2) changes to soil infiltration, compaction and erosion rates, and 3) alteration of hydrologic pathways. Forested riparian zones act as a buffer, which help diminish excessive runoff of water and pollutants such as fertilizer, pesticides, and other chemicals. When forests are removed, the potential for flow of pollutants into streams in greatly increased. Fertilizers, pesticides and other pollutants can be transported into streams that flow through or very close to agricultural or urban land more easily than streams that flow through forest

Undeveloped land around a reservoir and tributaries is essential to preserving the water supply. In 1989, New York City was faced with funding an affordable way to comply with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. With an estimated cost of $8 billion to build the necessary filtration plants, due to degradation of the water supply, and the eventual dredging of several reservoirs, the city proposed a comprehensive watershed protection program. One of the primary elements was the Land Acquisition and Stewardship Program. Over the next 10 years, the city spent approximately $280 million to acquire undeveloped land near reservoirs, wetlands and tributaries. Many of these parcels would be opened for hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing enhancing the recreational value of the area. The entire watershed protection program cost the city approximately $507 million, a substantial savings compared to the cost of a filtration system and dredging of reservoirs. An added benefit is that the watershed ecosystem gained long-term protection. Similar programs have been adopted in other areas such as Los Angeles, and Georgia.

Like the citizens of New York, Cohasset residents will also benefit from the Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area. The trustees of Reservations will be developing walking trails so that residents will be able to walk/mountain bike from Lily Pond to Turkey Hill in Hingham.

Protect our water source and vote yes to Articles 12 and 13 on Saturday, March 27.

Mary Michel
77 Jerusalem Road

Thoughts on town management report

TO THE EDITOR:

Floating around town is a consultants report on town management which gives generally high marks for effectiveness of management and cost control. Also being floated is a citizen's critique of the report; a critique which implies that our departments and commissions are at odds with each other, management ineffective, costs out of control and similar exaggerations of the realities.

Are costs really "out of control" just because we have voted several overrides, and because our taxes keep increasing? Would they have been magically decreased if the various elected and appointed officials had been replaced, or will they be magically decreased if replaced in the future? Probably not, because the root causes remain. Some of them are:

(1) The culture of the town, which is to want quality services, and to support that wish list by voting positively.

(2) Lack of an industrial and significant commercial base to assume some of the tax burden.

(3) Lack of truly constructive alternatives (and/or alternatives acceptable to the majority of voters). The perennial critics have ever-diminishing influence because of their tiresome negativity.

Concerning efficiency of management, certainly problems which used to fester for ages now are addressed promptly and effectively (sometimes a shade too precipitately, but the trade-off is way on the positive side). In days of yore, whether to replace the horse trough or the three-holer at the schoolhouse might have been the large issues. Nowadays municipalities are burdened with mandates, rules, union negotiations, legal challenges etc such that a full-time manager is essential. And he or she had better be decisive and well-trained if the work load is to be handled. It's a job that requires a combination of determination and diplomacy, but it's not a job for pussy-footers!

We have various elected boards that act independently of the selectmen, rather than being appointed and hence somewhat more likely to be receptive to centralized direction (sort of like dancers around a maypole without any ties to the pole). The management report suggests that more be appointed instead of being elected. Why would this be less democratic, as the critique asserts, when the selectmen still serve at the pleasure of the electorate? Or, if less democratic, isn't that offset by better-focused town management? Exercise of democracy shouldn't result in needlessly counter-productive inefficiencies in serving the public.

Perhaps the management report takes a too sunny view of us, but the critique's implication that we are bankrupt of inter-department civility, of responsible representatives, of fiscal common sense, etc. is much further from the reality.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Bernard's thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

A much appreciated annual event took place recently at Bernard's Restaurant in Cohasset. Bernie O'Neil is Chef/owner of Bernard's in Cohasset Village and each year he offers a cooking class and donates 100 percent of the proceeds from the class to the South Shore Community Center. As always, the evening was a big hit and the South Shore Community Center would like to thank Bernie for his generosity and continued support of the Center.

Helene DeVfin
South Shore Community Center

Sad about loss of tree

As a resident of Gammons Road and a frequent user of Joy Place, I was unpleasantly surprised to see the red oak at the top of Joy Place cut down.

It appeared to be very healthy, this is no rot, and it was a size that was at this time appropriate for its location. It did not obscure views either exiting or entering Joy Place.

After a meeting at the Selectmen's office it has come to light it was an Adopt and Island Program that precipitated some ones actions to destroy this specimen. Are there not specific rules and regulations that are defined in this program? And is there not a responsibility of the adoptee so follow rules and regulations that define this program, if such exists. And are adoptees not held responsible to follow the rules in this program? And where is this program described?

Is this another example of acting and then thinking an apology is sufficient?

Isn't it too bad that such a simple and worthwhile community program could cause so much confusion and expense because of personal interests gone astray.

Martha Hurtig
58 Gammons Road

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The latest BuZZ...

The Town needs Lou and Ralph's commitment to fiscal discipline. Equally important is their appreciation of Cohasset's character, our tradition of respect for all citizens, and open government. Sadly, these attributes are under unprecedented assault." – *Peter Pratt*

"Lou and Ralph know this Town and know its needs. More importantly, they are highly accomplished and know how to prioritize. With their leadership, the effects of perpetual misbudgeting will no longer burden our schools." – *Matt Grech*

"We need two pair of steady hands to take over the reins of our runaway spending." – *L.C. Jenkins*

"A vote for Lou & Ralph is a vote for accountability." – *Barbara Bowman*

"The Selectmen's office needs to work for the citizens of the Town on an active, independent, and professional basis. Long-term planning is imperative. Lou & Ralph can do the job." – *Eric Oddleifson*

"We need leadership that will get out ahead of problems, not just react to them." – *Monique Armstrong*

"My back isn't strong enough for anymore overrides. Seven in seven years is enough." – *Polly Logan*

"It is time for the citizens of Cohasset to stop the override mania and take control of Town government. Lou & Ralph are the Team to head this change with their proactive common sense approach to Town management." – *Mark Alves*

"Harvey and Dormitzer will bring to our Board of Selectmen the respect, maturity, openness and organizational skills which are desperately needed in a democracy that should be working openly, in 'all' of its citizens and employees best interest." – *Rich Silvia*

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Remember, there are two positions open for Selectman. Please cast one of your votes for Lou Harvey and one for Ralph Dormitzer.

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Vote yes on override

TO THE EDITOR:

After reading Mrs. Gomez's letter to the editor in the March 11, Mariner. I am troubled by Mrs. Gomez's comments that indicate that she and many of her friends believe this override wouldn't be necessary if the School Committee and other public officials had done their job(s). Mrs. Gomez's letter is well written and polite, which sets it apart from most letters on this issue, but the bottom line is the same. We wouldn't be in this pickle if we had done things differently.

To Mrs. Gomez's comment that other towns do not have overrides, I beg to differ. Cohasset is not the only town caught in a vicious cycle of overrides. That doesn't make overrides okay, it does tell you that other towns that value education are grappling with the same issues. How often the overrides occur and the amount of the overrides is largely dependent on the composition of the tax base, which for anyone who has successfully avoided this ongoing saga, is and will continue to be a very real problem for Cohasset.

Parents of pre-school age children can vote no this year with the knowledge that the fall out won't immediately impact them. It will also send a "message" to our public servants who, some feel, are over spending, under performing and unable to "think outside the box." Her reasoning, however, is based on the erroneous assumptions that there are "creative solutions" that have not been pursued and that no one has bothered to try to boil the budget down to "educational priorities" that would be based "more purely on teaching." Anyone truly interested in the course of public education in Cohasset would do well to gain an understanding of the impact state budget cuts have had on Cohasset's operating budget and compare these cuts with the myriad of costly state reforms and initiatives that impact the operating budget. The legacy of mandates never funded or at best under-funded, is regrettable. One might also want to tune in to a School Committee meeting and learn a bit about the nuances of running a school district. The more one knows, the more one realizes that the situation is a complex one, deserving of something more than empty rhetoric and a "throw the bums out" campaign cry. And should you have clear, quantifiable ideas that balance educational excellence with cost containment, be forewarned. Cuts that seem reasonable to you and your like minded friends are unimaginable to your next-door neighbor.

However you decide to vote, please do not base your decision on information provided by citizens who perpetuate destructive myths about the competency and trustworthiness of our public servants, the dedication of our teachers, and the current condition of our schools. Speaking as a substitute teacher, our schools are acceptably clean. Speaking as a parent of children in each of our three schools, our faculty is dedicated and competent. Speaking as a former school committee member, our current school committee is an intelligent, fiscally seasoned group who make tough decisions with no little or no public support.

While I am not thrilled to pieces with yet another override, I do understand why we are asking for one and no one is forcing my hand or making me feel the least bit guilty. I am simply unwilling to cavalierly place blame and jump on the bandwagon of candidates who have yet to go beyond rhetoric and offer specific, quantifiable alternatives to the override. Until such time as an intelligent alternative is presented, I will vote yes. I consider it money well spent.

Stephanie Noble
8 Stanton Rd.

Promote what we have

TO THE EDITOR:

We have attended meetings regarding the revitalization of Cohasset. We have heard discussions about the revitalization of the Village. We're told that the Village and the Harbor need to be connected so that tourists and visitors can find their way around from place to place in our village/town. We're told that our sidewalks, streets and intersections need to be redone - that our parks need to be renovated - that our overhead wires should be buried - all these plus many more improvements to be done so the tourists and visitors will feel welcome.

Is this what the tourists want? We think they'd like to see Cohasset as Cohasset - an ex shipbuilding port - an ex port of call for schooners carrying lumber and freight of various sorts - and currently a very active fishing and lobstering port. Yes We think they'd like to see Cohasset as it is - a small, active, liveable, bustling quaint New England Town.

We have a lot to offer the tourist/visitor who chooses to stop along their way off the beaten path. We have a carillon that is world famous. We have a long history that includes Captain John Smith and his discovery of Cohasset. We have, off our shore, Minot's Ledge Light. A lighthouse known as "the most dangerous lighthouse in the United States." And along with this we have the history of its construction which is fascinating. We have historical churches - the First Parish that goes back to the break between Cohasset and Hingham - the Episcopal Church noted for its history, beauty and the carillon. And other churches with their own contribution to the town's history. We have our Maritime Museums - our "Captains Walk" which takes the tourist/visitor from the Village to and around the Harbor. This walk, ably handled by the towns curator, delves into 10 different historic landmarks around the Harbor. And there's more, lots more.

So let's exert our efforts to promoting what we have and through our own Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, DPW and other boards make improvements, cosmetic or other, needed to spruce up Cohasset as we choose. We don't need an outside source to tell us what we should do. We've lived here and know the town.

Ham and Shirley Tewksbury
81 Elm St.

SENIOR SCENE

Cohasset Elder Affairs events, programs, shopping and transportation are open to all Cohasset residents age 60 and over. Most events are held at the CEA Senior Center, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset. Must call the CEA office at 781-383-9112 .for sign up/questions.

Events in March include:

Thursday, March 18 – Our Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Thurs., March 25 – by appointment – Income Tax Preparation

Tues., March 30, 11:30 a.m. Candidates Luncheon

Lunch at the Center every Tues., Wed. & Thurs.

Offered weekly:

Bridge,

Chair-Yoga – Thurs, 1:15 p.m.

Computer Class for Seniors – Tues., 2:30 p.m.

Escorted Grocery Shopping – Tues., 1:15 p.m.

Exercise and Stretching Classes

Knitting, with Edna – Fri., 1 p.m.

Offered weekly are:

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Getting in swing

Defense, hitting need to improve for CHS nine to make playoff run

By Mike Spellman
MSPELLMAN@CNC.COM

To date, in terms of weather patterns in these parts, this spring has been pretty comparable to the 2003 edition: generally lousy. And preparations for the spring sports seasons have, subsequently, again taken a big hit.

As far as Al Gallotta is concerned, however, the difference between this and last spring is night and day.

"I know the kids and they know me, and that puts me light years ahead of where I was a year ago at this time," said Gallotta, who begins his second season as the Skippers' skipper. "We have a veteran group, so I think that translates well to us being able to hit the ground running pretty quickly."

Gallotta was hoping to get his baseball hopefuls out of the Cohasset High gym this past Tuesday for just the second outdoor workouts since camp opened last Monday.

While acknowledging the inherent difficulties in trying to evaluate players in a confined gymnasium, the second year CHS head coach has taken note of a number of positive developments.

"We've got some players who definitely look bigger and stronger," reported Gallotta. "The arm strength appears better for a number of last year's varsity players, and I can see a few players from last year's JV team who look ready to make the move up."

It seems safe to assume Gallotta, also a math teacher at Cohasset High, is not all that surprised by much of what he is seeing. After all, he's spent the last six months or so personally tracking the progress of his athletes. Less than two years removed from his retirement as Athletic Director at Archbishop Williams, a post he held for 25 years, the single sport coach is enjoying his new life off the sidelines and in the stands.

"I watched a lot of football, soccer, hockey, basketball and all the last several months," said Gallotta, who also served as a baseball coach at Archies for 27 years. "It was nice just being able to sit back and take it in as a fan. It was also fun watching the way a few of my baseball

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PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset fifth grader Olivia Murphy (left) blows past Bridgewater's Reilly Lindsay during this past weekend's championship game at Cohasset High. See page 18 for report, more photos.



FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The double play combo of Mike Dooley (left) and John Andrade is back for the Skippers this spring.

Hey parents, give it a rest

EXTRA POINTS



MIKE SPELLMAN

In this ever changing, increasingly complex world, it seems the number of absolutes are dwindling quickly. Ergo, it can be quite heartening to, every now and then, stumble onto one.

Question: When is it proper to openly second guess your kid's coach?

The answer: never. Nothing short of abusive behavior should be second guessed.

Your kids not playing enough, your kids not being used properly, the strategy needs re-thinking: these are opinions. We're all entitled to those. For the good of everyone, though, PUH-LEAZE, keep them to yourself.

The reason I bring this up at this time is I have just made it through a winter season of listening to a heretofore unprecedented level of parental griping and sniping. Fortunately, the majority of the time, I was just another face in the crowd, so I did not have to hear it directly.

Please, folks, the job these coaches have is hard enough. Just getting a large group of teenagers to listen to them is a Herculean challenge, and that becomes infinitely more difficult when Janey or Johnny is hearing at home that the coach doesn't know what he/she is talking about.

I think we can all agree that the kids of today are, in general, far more disrespectful and dissatisfied than their counterparts of, say, a decade ago. Hearing what I do in the stands these days, this gradual decline of civility in our youth becomes quite a bit easier to comprehend.

Maybe not all of you are repeating what you're saying in the stands, but just putting the word out there is not only hurtful, but potentially harmful to all con-

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Mariner All-Scholastic hockey team

Cohasset's Carpenter, Devine and Straughn, named among area's elite

The size of this All-Scholastic hockey team—28, the biggest team we've ever had outside of football-- is testament to how difficult this selection process was.

What can we say? It was a banner season on the ice in *Marinerland*, with nine of the 12 teams we cover qualifying for the state tourney. The highlights also included Hingham, for the third year in a row, qualifying for the Div. 1 A "Super 8" Tourney, Braintree marching all the way to the Div. 1 South Sectional finals and Abington completing an unbeaten season in South Shore League play.

Honestly, several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement. We would have loved to have added many of them, but we had to cut things off somewhere.

In the end, we limited ourselves to a team of just 28, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the most deserving hockey players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

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FILE PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's two leading scorers this season, Ted Straughn (#13) and Rob Carpenter (#11), were easy choices for All-Scholastic honors.

Youth movement

Boys tennis future looks bright with nine freshmen, fast emerging sophs

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

If this year is any indication, the Cohasset boys tennis program is in for a bright future.

Nine freshmen have come out for this year's team, and three of the four spots that head coach Kent Parrot has already confirmed in his lineup belong to sophomores.

Leading the way at number-one singles will be one of those sophomores, Nils Sceery. He is coming off of a strong freshman campaign, and the coach is looking for even bigger things this season.

"Last year, he emerged as a pretty formidable number two or number three player," Parrot said. "Not just for us, but for the league in general, he'll probably dominate. I think he can make the individual tournament this year."

Norwell coach Jay Swartz, who has directed his Clippers to 10 consecutive South Shore League titles and a mind numbing 104 straight league wins, agrees with that assessment. He's already called Sceery "easily the best player in our league this year."

Number-two singles will be played by Danny Sullivan, another sophomore, while number-one doubles will probably see the duo of senior Andrew Wise and sophomore Chris Pescatore. Wise will serve as the team's captain this season.

"He's the only senior we have," Parrot said. "He has two seasons of experience. We're going to look to him to lead us and do a good job."

The other spots are up for grabs, according to the coach. He said it is going to be a challenge to pick his number-three singles and number-two doubles, particularly the latter.

"Doubles have a lot to do with chemistry," Parrot said. "I have 10 to 12 kids to choose from, and it will be a real challenge to find the right combination. It should be a very interesting selection process."

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28th annual Cohasset Roadrace By-The-Sea and roadwalk

Need a spring running goal? Spring forward! The Cohasset Rotary 10K Road Race By-the-Sea is an inspiring spring racing target for all runners in the Northeast. This race runs a magnificently beautiful shoreline loop that will motivate every runner.

The 28th annual Cohasset Rotary 10K will spring into action on Sunday, April 4 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Starting and ending at the historic Cohasset Common, this race is a symbolic and practical beginning of the spring racing season for several reasons, including the date—the first day of Eastern Daylight Savings Time. This 10K makes an ideal motivational tool for those who want to get into racing shape for the season. It is especially friendly for beginning runners and veterans alike, sporting a very flat and scenic course.

The race will benefit the many local, regional, and international charities for which Rotary Clubs are famous; and this type of racing will give your heart rate and your heart a lift.

The race is sanctioned by USATF-NE. Beautiful long sleeve T-Shirts are guaranteed for the first 800 registrants to check in. There will be free refreshments for all registered runners. The Road Walk (Fun Walk 5K or 10K) starts at 10:00 AM from Sandy Beach.

Register to run or walk or check for more information at http://roadracebythesea.com/ or www.coolrunning.com . Online registration is $15.00 or print out applications from the website and mail-in registration is $16.00. Mail-in registrations must be post marked by March 27, 2004. On site registration at $18.00 will be held at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset, MA on Saturday April 3rd, & Sunday April 4, 2004, 9 A.M till Noon.

Pre-registration is strongly recommended.

For Race questions call 781-383-9030 or send email to info@roadracebythesea.com

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

Boys-Girls Track

April
5 Norwell 3:30 p.m.
Head Coach: Al LaFountain
Assistant Coach: Lisa Mullen
All home meets played at Alumni

Varsity/JV Baseball

31 Holbrook 3:30 p.m.
Miliken BB
1 V @ Norwell 3:30 p.m.
JV @ Norwell 3:30 p.m.
Coach: Al Gallotta
Asst Coaches: Damian D'Angelo and Bob Rogers

Boys Tennis

1 @ Norwell
2 @ Sacred Heart
Head Coach: Kent Parrot
All home matches at 3:30 p.m. unless other stated
All home matches played at Milliken TC

Varsity/JV Softball

31 V @ Holbrook 3:30 p.m.
31 JV@ Holbrook 3:30 p.m.
1 V Norwell 3:30 p.m.
Freedom
1 JV Norwell 3:30 p.m.
Barnes
Head Coach: Deb Bostwick
JV Coach: Deb Beal

Girls Tennis

1 Norwell 3;30 p.m.
Milliken TC
Head Coach: Gigi Meehan
Assistant Coach: Kathy Prevett

Varsity/JV Boys Lacrosse

7 V Martha's Vineyard 3:15 p.m.
Alumni
7 JV Martha's Vine 3:15 p.m.
Milliken
Head Coach: Stew Curran
Assistant Coach: Mike Lang

Varsity/JV Girls Lacrosse

March
30 V @ Sandwich 4 p.m.
30 JV @ Sandwich 5:30 p.m.
1 V @ Norwell 3:30 p.m.
1 JV @ Norwell 5 p.m.
Head Coach: Torin Sweeney
Assistant Coach: Jackie Gruosso

SPORTS NOTES

Post 118 baseball workouts

Candidates for the 2004 Post 118 Legion baseball team are welcome to attend light workouts each of the next three Thursdays--March, 11, 18 and 25—at the St. Francis Gymnasium in Scituate, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.. There will be some throwing and light baseball workouts, with pick-up basketball games to follow.

Questions should be directed to coach Scott Arnold (781-545-1896).

Silvia tabbed for MHSFCA Hall

CHS's Bilodeau chosen for Shrine Game

The Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association will put seven new members into its Hall of Fame.

The seven coaches are Jerry Pastner (Assabet Valley), Vin Hickey (Blue Hills), Charles Stevenson Sr. (Canton), Bob Rosmarino (Greater Lawrence), Frank Tudren (Northampton), Brad Gottchuck (Littleton) and Dick Corbin (Milford). In addition, six assistant coaches will be honored: George Cook (West Boylston), Joe Foley (O'Bryant), Larry Spiller (Acton-Boxboro), **Bob Silvia (Cohasset),** Mike Milo (Everett) and Mickey Voutras (Assabet Valley).

The MHSFCA also announced the rosters for the 2004 North-South Shrine game. The South unit features 19 All-Scholastics including John McCoy and David Paine (Bishop Feehan), Mike Hinkley (Cardinal Spellman), **Chris Bilodeau (Cohasset)**, Jeff Hibbard (Dedham), Chris Harris (East Boston), John Sperrazza and Brian Kiley (Mansfield).

Youth outdoor lax practices start this week

All Cohasset youth lacrosse players (boys and girls) will begin outdoor practices this weekend. There will not be any further indoor practice sessions. please check the email address that you provided at registration for times and locations or contact Curt Mills at 383-0640 (boys) or Chuck Jaffe 383-9858 (girls). See you out on the fields and cross your fingers for warm weather.

Cohasset Soccer Club spring season starts April 3

The Cohasset Soccer Club's spring season will start Saturday, April 3rd, weather permitting. All players registered for the fall season are automatically registered to play in the spring. All players should receive a call from their coaches the week before play begins identifying the schedule for the spring.

The tentative schedule for the spring season is Boys Under 10 @ 9:30, Boys Pre Kindergarten @ 10:15, Boys Kindergarten @ 11:00, Boys 1st Grade @ 11:45, and Boys 2nd Grade @ 12:30.

The tentative girl's schedule is Girls Under 10 @ 8:30, Girls Pre Kindergarten @ 1:15, Girls Kindergarten @ 2:00, Girls 1st Grade @ 2:45, and Girls 2nd Grade @ 3:30.

The Under 12 and Under 14 Boys and Girls travel teams will also begin play in the Coastal League on Saturday, April 3rd, while the Under 16 and Under 18 teams will start on Sunday, April 4th.

Any players who wish to play soccer this spring who have not yet registered can obtain registration forms at the Town Hall.

Cohasset Soccer Club Coaches Meeting

The Cohasset Soccer Club will be holding a mandatory coaches meeting for all new and returning coaches for the spring season at 7:30 Tuesday, March 30th at the Teen Center. Schedules, coach and player training, and program updates will be discussed. For additional information please call Mark Richardson @ 781-383-0998.

Hey parents, give it a rest

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cerned. Too many seeds of discontent are being planted. Who knows which of, and to whom, your words are being repeated.

Besides that, chances are you're wrong.

The coaches you see before you have impressed a superintendent, an entire school committee and, generally, a screening group made up of sports parents, enough to be hired. Are they always right? Of course not. But they're almost certainly better qualified than any one of you sitting in the stands to evaluate what's really pertinent. And, even if you don't agree with that premise, there's no denying they're in a better position than you to do so.

We all want desperately to believe our son or daughter is one of the best. I'm speaking as one of you now; I've been guilty of it too. Obviously, though, we can't all be right—there can only be so many "bests".

Coaches spend literally hundreds of hours evaluating the talent they have, and they're not just looking at abilities to do this or that with a ball or some other sporting apparatus. They're considering matters such as team chemistry, blending of talents, attitude and work ethic. In other words, they're looking at not only issues most of us can't see, but issues most of us aren't equipped to see.

So is it arrogance, impudence or simple stupidity that compels so many on the sidelines to speak?

I'll go with my stock answer: a little bit of all of the above.

Getting in swing

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players have developed as athletes."

Gallotta said he was no where near ready to make personnel decisions at the time of our conversation, but figures things will come quickly into focus, the hope being that the team will spend most of this week outdoors. Still, he'll probably be somewhat under the gun, with the first game slated for next Wednesday, a hosting of Holbrook at Milliken Field (3:30 p.m.) for a non-league tussle. The Skippers will travel to Norwell High the next afternoon for their South Shore League opener.

"You're right," he noted. "There's not a lot of time left to get ready."

Fortunately, he feels he's got some good people around him to help with those decisions.

Bob Rodgers—yes, the one of NESN fame—takes over the junior varsity program this season, allowing last year's JV coach, Damien D'Angelo, to become an assistant with the varsity team. Rodgers was head coach at Silver Lake, a Div. 1 program, for 11 years before increased demands from his job as NESN's studio host for Red Sox telecasts forced him to give that up. And D'Angelo, a teacher at a Cohasset elementary school, was a head baseball coach at a Connecticut high school for three years.

"Those are a couple of other good sets of eyes I've got now," said Gallotta, who thanks the boosters, as well as his players, for raising the funds needed for the third hire. "The kids playing baseball should feel very fortunate to have these two coaches aboard. They should both be a tremendous benefit to the program."

The team lost five seniors to graduation, with captain Mike Snowdale, the team's lone all-star, and Chris McKenna, a sensational defensive centerfielder who wound up leading the team in hitting after a strong finish to the season, seemingly leaving the biggest holes.

Fortunately, none of the five lost to the caps and gowns were key contributors to the pitching staff. Coach G believes pitching will be an area of strength this spring that might help the Skippers improve on last year's 7-13 finish and possibly even qualify for the state tourney for the first time in recent memory.

Junior Ted Straughn, looking bigger and stronger and coming off an All-Scholastic hockey season, is back to reclaim his role as staff ace. The fireballing righty struck out 60 hitters through 40-2/3 innings last season and had an ERA of 3.36. Inconsistency of control was a problem for Ted, however, as was reflected by his 48 walks.

"Ted has the potential to be a very good pitcher; he just needs to throw strikes more consistently," said Gallotta last spring. "But he was just a sophomore. There's reason to believe he'll get better."

Senior John Downing finished second on the team in innings pitched last season. He was particularly effective in the early going, mixing a good breaking pitch with very good control. He struggled a bit down the stretch, but, as with Straughn, it is expected he'll only improve.

Gallotta might have discovered a couple of new pitchers in the final two games. In a 3-2 win over Holbrook in late May, then-freshman Chris Bryan threw a complete game two-hitter, striking out eight to earn the win.

Senior tri-captain Mike Dooley, back for his third season as starting shortstop, took to the mound for his first varsity start in last season's regular season finale, and he too wound up going the distance to lead the way to an 8-4 win over Millis, striking out five while scattering six hits.

Gallotta admitted later that perhaps he should have given Dooley his pitching shot earlier, but claimed his reluctance had much to do with concern over what might happen if he removed Dooley from shortstop, the busiest defensive spot on the field. The coach feels he has more options at short this spring, among them sliding over senior captain John Andrade from second base, so Dooley could very well wind up in the regular pitching rotation.

"At this time, after Teddy, the pecking order is really up for grabs between Mike Dooley, John Downing and Chris Bryan. If Chris is ready, that would probably give us a big lift defensively, because it would let us solidify our defense.

With Bryan on the mound, Dooley would be free to play at short, allowing Andrade to remain at second, Downing would likely play third base and Straughn, a very good defensive outfielder, could be used in either center or left.

Junior Matt Casey, coming off a very good season of wrestling, could start in either center or right, depending on how Straughn is used. Gallotta felt Casey was the best player on last year's JV team, and likes the progress he's made to date.

The third outfield spot, at least for now, appears to be junior Tim Pilczak's job to lose, and senior Dan Tarpey could also see time here or at DH. Pilczak, who like Straughn, is coming off a big season on the ice at CHS, has also played second base, so he could see some time there when Dooley or Downing take the mound.

The team's third tri-captain, senior Jeff Barrett, is expected to take over the first base reins. Junior Jim DeGiacomo is expected to back him up.

Junior Louis Blanco returns for his third year of varsity service behind the plate, with junior Jack Caroll the favorite to spell him on occasion.

Consistency is the first key to this season, in Gallotta's mind. After what his team went through last season, that seems understandable.

The Skippers started and ended the season on a strong note, but really struggled in between, losing all but one in a 12-game stretch before ending the season with consecutive wins.

"We had five or six guys hitting over .300 over the first six or seven games, and then reality seemed to set in," said Gallotta. "We didn't face as many tough teams and top pitchers in the early part of our schedule. And then, I think we saw a lot of really good pitchers once we got into our league play."

The team batting average wound up being .217, with McKenna leading the way with a .302 average.

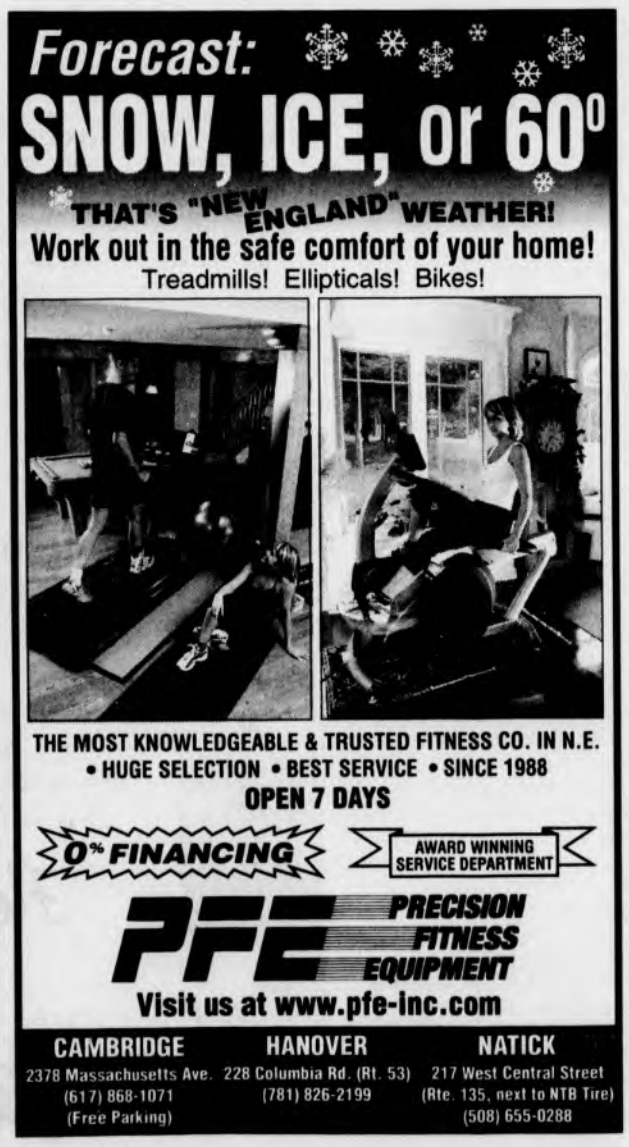
Dooley was a rarity on this team. He started the year slowly at the plate, but came on strong at the end, finishing second to McKenna in the team batting race. Straughn (.283) and Blanco were the only other Cohasset hitters to finish on the right side of .200.

The South Shore League graduated a good deal of top pitchers last year, though. And that, combined with the high number of returning varsity players the Skippers feature and the switch-back to aluminum bats, has Gallotta feeling pretty confident that his team will light up the scoreboard a lot more in '04.

Beyond that, though, he makes no promises or even predictions.

"I can understand that people looking at us from the outside in might figure we should get to the state tourney this year," said Galotta, who took many Archbishop Williams teams to the tourney, "but I've always approach a season just trying to make sure the kids are ready to give 100 percent and play every day. If they can do that, the other goals you have generally take care of themselves."

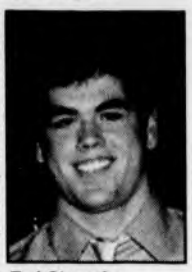




Carpenter, Devine and Straughn, named among area's elite

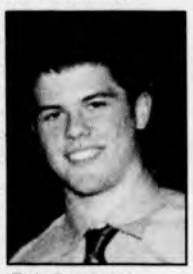
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Ted Straughn - Junior (Capt.)
Wing - Cohasset


Ted Straughn

Was named team co-MVP after a sensational 31 point season (15 goals, 16 assists) for the 11-6-3 Skippers…a big, aggressive, strong skating and extremely hard working player…had two hat tricks this season…not bad considering baseball is his first love and he plays little off season hockey…South Shore League all-star…a three year varsity regular…played the last few weeks of the season with undiagnosed mononucleosis…also a standout baseball and football player at CHS…President of his junior class…good student…was the starting fullback for SSL champion football team this past fall…was top pitcher and run producer for baseball team last spring…played AAU baseball the last several years a member of the South Shore Seadogs and was also a member of the Cohasset-Scituate American Legion team since his freshman year…hopes to play Cranberry League baseball this summer…hopes to play college baseball…brother of former Mariner All-Scholastic hockey and baseball player Tim Straughn, now a sophomore at UMass-Amherst… Cohasset coach Ben Virga: "Ted is the consummate leader. He's as good a team captain as I've ever been around. He works so hard and is such a positive influence with everything he does. He leads by example and words. He's a coach's dream. And he's not a bad hockey player either. Imagine if he played the game year round like most of your top players."

Rob Carpenter - Senior
Center - Cohasset


Rob Carpenter

Returned to Cohasset from doing his junior year at BB&N prep school to lead the Skippers in scoring with 32 points (12 goals, 20 assists) and into the postseason in what many thought would be a rebuilding year…shared team MVP honors with Ted Straughn…a sensational skater and puck handler in the open ice who could finish, but was even better at finding the open man…South Shore League all-star…suffered a partial shoulder dislocation early in the first round playoff win over Blue Hills but still played in the season ending loss a few days later to eventual state champion Bourne…a Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention as a sophomore after a 28 point season… also a standout in football and lacrosse at CHS…Honor Roll student…Peer Counciller…enjoys playing bocce ball…hopes to play college hockey…Stonehill is his number one choice…Cohasset coach Ben Virga: "Getting him back this year was like a team in the NHL trading for a 50-goal scorer. I think, without a doubt, he was the most talented forward in the South Shore League. Whatever college coach gets him is going to be extremely happy, because I see him just getting better and better. He handled his return very well. He was a senior and a leader, but he never stepped on anyone's toes. He was a had worker in practice, very unassuming and a positive influence with the whole team."

Mike Devine - Senior (Capt.)
Defense - Cohasset


Mike Devine

This two-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection is just a superb all-around hockey player…an electrifying skater and puckhandler and a force at both ends of the ice…made good use of his hard, accurate slap shot…was much more physical than his wiry frame implied…two time South Shore League all-star…finished wit h17 points (9 goals, 8 assists)… made a brief jump to forward this season to jump start the offense, but coach Virga quickly realized how indispensable he was on the blue line…four year varsity regular…was far and away the 11-6-3 Skippers leader in ice time…winner of the coveted CHS Norm Delaney Award…also a standout in golf and lacrosse at CHS…National Honor Society member…plays hockey year round as a member of the South Shore Dynamos…hopes to play college hockey…looking at Stonehill, St. Anselm, Babson and Bentley…leaning toward majoring in Business…Cohasset coach Ben Virga: "If ever a hockey player deserves to have his number retired at Cohasset High, it's Mike. He played at least every other shift, and there were some long shifts in there, but I can honestly remember just one mistake he made all year. To me, that's just amazing. The best word I have to describe him is a warrior."


FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Mike Devine (#9) eams his second All-Scholastic selection after another stellar year on the blueline for the Skippers.

Jesse Ferraro -
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Hanover

Was a big part of a Hanover offense that was feared by many on the South Shore this season…Ferraro is making his second appearance on the All-Scholastic squad…Playing on the first line, Ferraro was second in scoring for the Indians (16-5-2), tallying 39 points on 18 goals, 21 assists…Helped the independent Hanover team reach the semifinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney, where they fell to a tough Franklin team…Was a two-year captain on the Indians team.

Greg Leary - Senior
Forward - Hanover

An Honorable Mention to the All-Scholastic squad last season, Leary is making his first appearance on the team…One part of a talented offensive Indians squad, Leary led the team in scoring with 49 points on 28 goals, 21 assists…His presence on the ice was undeniable as he was part of an offense that scored 106 goals this season…Helped lead the Indians back to the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney after a year's absence…There, the Indians reached the semifinals before falling to Franklin.

Brendan Mulligan - Senior
Forward - Hanover

Another talented forward on the Indians team, Mulligan is making his first appearance on the All-Scholastic squad after receiving an Honorable Mention last season…Mulligan was a strong skater on Hanover's (16-5-2) talented first line and often got the attack started…Also a talented lacrosse player at HHS, Mulligan was named to the All-Scholastic team last spring.

Mike Genovese - Junior
Forward - Hingham

Was among the leading scorers on the Hingham squad this season, playing on the first line…Genovese put up 26 points on 13 goals, 13 assists this year, helping the Harbormen reach the Super 8 tourney for the third-straight season…Was stellar in all three games against Duxbury this season, scoring a total four goals, 2 assists against the Green Dragons…Had a goal and an assist in the team's Super 8 victory over Duxbury…Just a junior, Genovese is the third in his family to be named to the Mariner All-Scholastic team. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "He was our most consistent scorer this season and always played big in big games. He's a very smart player and very good with the puck."

Tommy Curtis - Senior
Goalie - Hingham

An Honorable Mention last season, Curtis is making his first appearance on the All-Scholastic squad…Curtis was among the best goalies in the area this season posting three shutouts and recording a goals against average of 1.6…A two-year starter in the net, Curtis did not allow more than four goals in a single game this year…His performance in the net was instrumental in the Harbormen's return to the Super 8 tourney, where they went 1-2…Curtis has played at Hockey Night in Boston and in the Bay State Games in the off-season…He plans to attend prep school next year and continue his hockey career. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "He came up big in a lot of key games. It was his hard work and dedication in the off-season that helped him improve so much. He did a terrific job."

Alex Olson - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Hingham

This captain's speed on the ice was something to be admired…This talented center on the Hingham's first line tallied 11 points on 7 goals, 4 assists…Came up big in several games this season, particularly in the early-season victory over St. John's Prep in which he scored a pair of goals in a 4-2 victory…His work on the line helped the Harbormen get back to the Super 8 tourney for the third-straight season…There, the team went 1-2…Olson plans to attend prep school next season and has aspirations of continuing his hockey career in college. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "He has a great forecheck and was a good penalty killer. We were a low scoring team because of the quality of our schedule, but his consistency and hard work helped us immensely."

Bryan Wilbur -
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Hingham

Another talented forward on the Hingham squad, this captain racked up 22 points on 13 goals, 9 assists…Was a big-time player for the Harbormen, putting in a hat trick against Chelmsford and a pair of goals and three assists in the team's 8-0 slashing of Duxbury in the Super 8 tourney…His work on the line at center helped Hingham get back to that elite tourney, their third-straight appearance…Was involved in all of Hingham's power plays…Also a captain on the HHS lacrosse team, Wilbur plans to attend either college or prep school in the fall and hopes to continue playing hockey. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "He's very fast and is a hard forechecker. He's also a great defense player and just worked hard."

Pete Wilson- Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Marshfield

A two-year captain on the MHS (13-8-3) squad, Wilson was the Old Colony League's leading scorer this season with 24 goals, 30 assists for 54 points…Wilson capped his four-year varsity career with 168 points (68 goals, 100 assists)…A three-year OCL All-star, Wilson is making his third appearance on the All-Scholastic team…Strong, fast, and skilled, Wilson caused fits for opposing defenses…His success on the first line helped the Rams to a 13-7-2 record and appearance in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney…Wilson also plays baseball at MHS. Marshfield coach Dan Connolly: "Pete is one of the premier forwards in the area. Whenever we needed a big goal, Pete would rise to the occasion. He was a great leader for our team, helping everyone stay focused and showing them what needed to be done."

Tim Bonham -
Senior (Capt.)
Goalie - Marshfield

A two-year captain at MHS, Bonham was one of the premier goalies on the South Shore…A four-year varsity player, Bonham led the Old Colony League in goals against average at 2.25 for the Rams (13-8-3)…He was second in the OCL last season…A two-year OCL All-star, Bonham also had seven assists this season…A talented pitcher on the MHS baseball squad. Marshfield coach Dan Connolly: "Tim had a great senior year. He was one of the main reasons we had a successful year this year. He handles the puck so well and helped change other teams game plans. He also helped our offense, assisting on 7 goals."

Gordie MacFarlane - Junior
Forward - Marshfield

This standout forward was third in the Old Colony League in scoring for MHS (13-8-3), tallying 40 points on 18 goals, 22 assists…An OCL All-star, MacFarlane's greatest strength on the ice was his skating ability…He teamed with fellow All-Scholastic Pete Wilson to form one of the best 1-2 combos on the South Shore…The junior scored a lot of big goals for the team, including a pair in the team's tourney win over Cambridge R & L in the Div. 2 South Sectional…He will be a top returning player next season. Marshfield coach Dan Connolly: "Gordie is a smart player and a great skater. He was a key to our success this season."

Matt Sulmonte - Senior
Forward - Abington/EB

A standout forward on the Abington/EB team for several seasons, Sulmonte is making his first appearance on the All-Scholastic squad…His performance on the first line helped the Green Wave capture its first South Shore League title in several years going an almost perfect 11-0-1 in league…He was the leader on a balanced attack that scored more than 70 goals this year…Their 14-2-2 overall record earned the squad the top seed in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney…There, the squad defeated Foxboro before falling to eventual finalist Bishop Feehan team in the quarterfinals.

Tom Dion - Senior
Forward - Abington/EB

Strong and tough, this talented forward helped lead the Green Wave's balanced offensive attack, putting up point totals in the high teens…The senior's performance on the first line helped Abington/EB capture its first South Shore League title in several years (11-0-1) and helped them earn the top seed in the Div. 3 South Sectional (14-2-2)…There, Dion netted a hat trick in the team's victory over Foxboro in the opening round, before falling to eventual finalist Bishop Feehan in the quarterfinals…Also a talented football player at AHS, Dion made our All-Scholastic team last fall.

Steve O'Brien - Senior
Forward - Rockland

With the team's best offensive weapon out with an injury, this former defensive standout was asked to make the jump to the first line…O'Brien agreed and Rockland reaped the benefits…Making the move midway through the season, O'Brien put up an impressive 25 points on 11 goals, 14 assists… His work on the front line sparked a late-season surge that saw Rockland qualify for postseason play for the second-straight year…He helped the team win 8 of its last 11 games to finish at 10-9-1 and earn a berth in the Div. 3 South Sectional…There, the squad defeated Avon/Holbrook, 4-2, before falling to Wareham in the quarterfinals. Rockland coach Jim Cassagrande: "He got everything he did because of his hard work on the ice. He always gave 100 percent effort out there and never gave up. He was the spark plug on the team and got everyone playing better."

Matt Murray -
Senior (Capt.)
Defenseman - Weymouth

Playing on a very young team, this veteran player was the anchor of the Wildcat defense…Murray was named to the first team of the Bay State League All-star squad, quite an accomplishment considering the strength of the league…Was a main reason why Weymouth was in just about every game they played as 10 of the team's 20 games were decided by three or fewer goals…Paced his team to a strong fourth-place finish in the BSC at 6-9-2, while going 7-11-2 overall…Murray plans to attend college in the fall.

Nick McDonough - Senior
(Capt.)
Defense - Norwell

A varsity starter on the blue line since his freshman year who made steady improvement throughout his four seasons…a physical defenseman who did a very good job in the defensive end, but was also a strong skater who did not hesitate to go end-to-end with the puck and join the attack…finished among the team scoring leaders with nine goals and eight assists…won second "Coaches Award" this season… plays hockey year round, and has played this past year in Hockey Night in Boston, Junior Hockey camps, Hockey Unlimited and the NECDL…also a multiyear varsity regular for the NHS football and baseball teams…will run track rather than play baseball this spring…Honor Roll student…works as a fry cook at a local eatery…hopes to play college hockey, but will attend a year of prep school in the hopes of drumming up more college interest…looking at Tilton, Deerfield and Pomfret Academies as prep possibilities…plans to major in Architecture…Norwell coach Paul Hurley: "For Nick and Robbie (Weber) to come in as freshman and step right into a defensemen jobs still amazes me. Our strength the last few years was our defense, and they set the tone for us there. We didn't give up too many rebounds because Nick and Rob were always there to knock guys going for the puck on their butts. And they never complained once in four years. They both did whatever I asked without a word. They made my life real easy."

Rob Weber - Senior (Capt.)
Defense - Norwell

Tom Sullivan - Senior
Goalie - Norwell

Chris Travis - Junior (Capt.)
Center - Scituate

Sean Meany - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Avon-Holbrook

Ed Kamel - Senior (Capt.)
Wing - Avon-Holbrook

Bob Cusack - Junior
Center - Braintree

Pat Bamberry - Senior (Capt.)
Wing - Braintree

Pat Sampson - Senior
Goalie - Braintree

Tim Shea - Junior
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Dave Barnard- Senior (Capt.)
Defense - Silver Lake

Honorable Mention:

Bryce Beauregard - Sr. - Abington/EB
Bob Stevens- Jr.- Defense- Avon-Holbrook
Mike Gallagher- Soph- Forward- Avon-Holbrook
John Simmons- Soph- goalie- Avon-Holbrook
Mike Rasmussen- Sr. (Capt.)- Center- Cohasset
Joe Durkin- Jr.- Defense- Cohasset
Crandon Leahy- Jr.- Defense- Cohasset
Tim Pilczak- Jr.- defense- Cohasset
Todd Olsson - Sr. - Goalie - Hanover
Jack Rafferty - Sr. - Forward - Hanover
Kevin Devine - Sr. - Defense - Hingham
Ryan Warsofsky - Soph. - Defense - Marshfield
Curt Alpert- Sr.- Center- Norwell
Ryan Laffin- Sr. (Capt.)-Center- Norwell
Paul Snell- Jr.- Forward- Norwell
Chris Garofalo - Sr. - Goalie - Rockland
Sean Kelliher - Sr. - Forward - Rockland
Andrew Elsmore- Sr. (Capt.)- Defense- Scituate
Steve Sullivan- Sr. (Capt.)- Forward- Scituate
Mike Noonan- Sr. (Capt.)- Forward- Scituate
Jamie Lamas- Sr. -Goalie- Silver Lake

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Cohasset fifth grader Carly Martin (left) makes her move on Bridgewater player in this past weekend's championship game at Cohasset High.

Two Cohasset hoop squads are champs

Sixth, seventh grade girls win titles; fifth graders reach finals

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

This past weekend proved to be a memorable one for the Cohasset girls travel teams in the Old Colony League. The Blue & White seventh and sixth grade girls basketball teams brought home titles in their respective divisions with victories Sunday in the championship contests held at Bridgewater, while the fifth grade team made it to the final round.

The Seventh Wonders capped off an undefeated season with wins in the quarterfinal and semifinal games at Whitman on Saturday before taking all the marbles on Sunday.

The Super Sixers, who also entered the playoffs as the top seed in their group with an 11-1 record, similarly swept past their playoff opponents to earn the coveted Old Colony League championship hardware. The Blue & White sixth graders handily earned a spot in the finals with wins on the Cohasset High court in the semis and quarters on Saturday. Full details of the victory march for both the sixth and seventh grade teams were unavailable at press time and will be published at a later date.

The fledgling fifth grade quintet almost made it three Old Colony League titles for Cohasset teams, but fell short in the championship game with Hull to settle for the runner-up finalist trophies. The Fab Fives, who were seeded third thanks to a 9-3 regular season record, breezed through their quarterfinal and semifinal contests in impressive fashion Saturday in the Cohasset High gym with wins over sixth-seeded Bridgewater and second-seeded Braintree. The Blue & White consistently executed their offensive sets, while playing stifling defense at the other end. Cohasset had been concerned about their expected meeting with Braintree, a team which Cohasset had not seen during the regular season and which had earned the second seed with an 11-1 record. However, after spotting Braintree an early 6-4 lead, the Fab Fives assumed control of the game, jumping out to an 11-6 lead at the half and cruising thereafter to a 17-10 win. Carly Haggerty led the way with 11 points while Emma Musto added six. Jen Curley tossed in a bucket and Lindsay Davis added a free throw.

Sunday's title game with Hull proved a contest worthy of the two top teams in the league, with furious up-and-down action for most of the game. Cohasset jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead on hoops by Musto and Haggerty thanks to solid passing directed at the top by the backcourt tandem of Emma Quigley and Rachel Fredey. The Cohasset defense also shut down the potent Hull offense for most of the first half. The Cohasset backcourt combos of Quigley, Fredey, Kate French, and Olivia Murphy protected the ball in the face of the Hull half-court trap, which resulted in far fewer turnovers of the sort which had proven the Blue & White's undoing in their regular-season loss to Hull.

Despite missing many other fine scoring opportunities which could have widened their lead, the Fab Fives still were sitting pretty with a 5-1 advantage midway through the first half thanks to their tight 2-3 zone defense. However, in a sign of things to come, Hull struck for three buckets principally on some long-range shooting to take a 7-5 lead at the intermission.

Both teams continued to exhibit hard-nosed, stingy defense at the outset of the second half, but Hull once again managed to tingle the twine from the 12-15 foot range to open up a 13-5 lead. After a propitious Cohasset time-out, the Blue and White struck back with an over-the-top-of-the- defense pass from Quigley to Haggerty, who hit a cutting Musto inside for a bucket, which soon was followed by another bucket on a Davis-to-Haggerty combination to chop the lead in half to four, 13-9, with 18 minutes to play.

However, Dame Fortune was not to be with the Cohasset Fives this Sunday morning. Hull responded with two long heaves from beyond the foul line which found the range to rebuild their lead to eight, 17-9, with the clock showing under nine minutes to play. The Blue & White were unable to mount a challenge after that and Hull earned a hard-fought and well-deserved victory to take home the winner's trophies.

"We had a truly amazing season," said Matt Salerno, the coordinator for the girls teams and coach of the seventh grade squad. "All four of our teams made the playoffs (the eighth grade team did not compete in the post-season because of scheduling conflicts for most of the girls), two teams were champions, a third team made it to the finals, and our combined record for the season in all age groups was 47-10."

Salerno said he hopes to schedule a break-up gathering to cap off what has been the most successful season ever in Cohasset's participation in the Old Colony League.



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Cohasset sixth grader Terra Donahue (right) tries to knock the ball away from Whitman's J. Monroe on a drive to the hole in this past weekend's championship game at Cohasset High.



The Cohasset fifth grade travel team completed a highly successful season in the Old Colony League. The Blue and White girls finished in third place with a 9-3 record in the 15 team league and then went on to win their quarterfinal and semifinal playoff games to advance to Sunday's championship game at Cohasset High versus Hull.
Seated (L-R): Emma Quigley, Amy Costa, Jen Curley, Logan Pratt, Olivia Murphy, Rachel Freedy and coach Steve Fredey.
Standing (L-R): Lindsay Davis, Emma Musto, Carly Haggerty, Colby Smalzel, Carly Martin and Kate French.

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Softballers make their pitch

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

It's time for the varsity softball players to dust off the winter's snow and oil up their gloves for their second season of play. The girls gathered at the new Freedom Field on North Main Street for their first practice on Monday, March 15. Led by Coach Deb Bostwick and her assistant, Deb Beal, the girls wasted no time in getting to the fundamentals.

A total of 22 girls showed up to display their throwing skills, work on base running, and recover ground balls. Compared to other teams in their league, the Lady Skippers lack experience. Many of the Cohasset girls are underclassmen. Also, 2004 represents only the second season in the team's existence.

"We must compensate for our lack of experience," senior Rachael Doyle pointed out. "We need to pump up our hitting skills to keep up with talented teams like Abington."

Shortstop Danielle Pinkus also sees the need for improvement. However, she expresses optimism: "We have more players this year, giving us a better starting lineup."

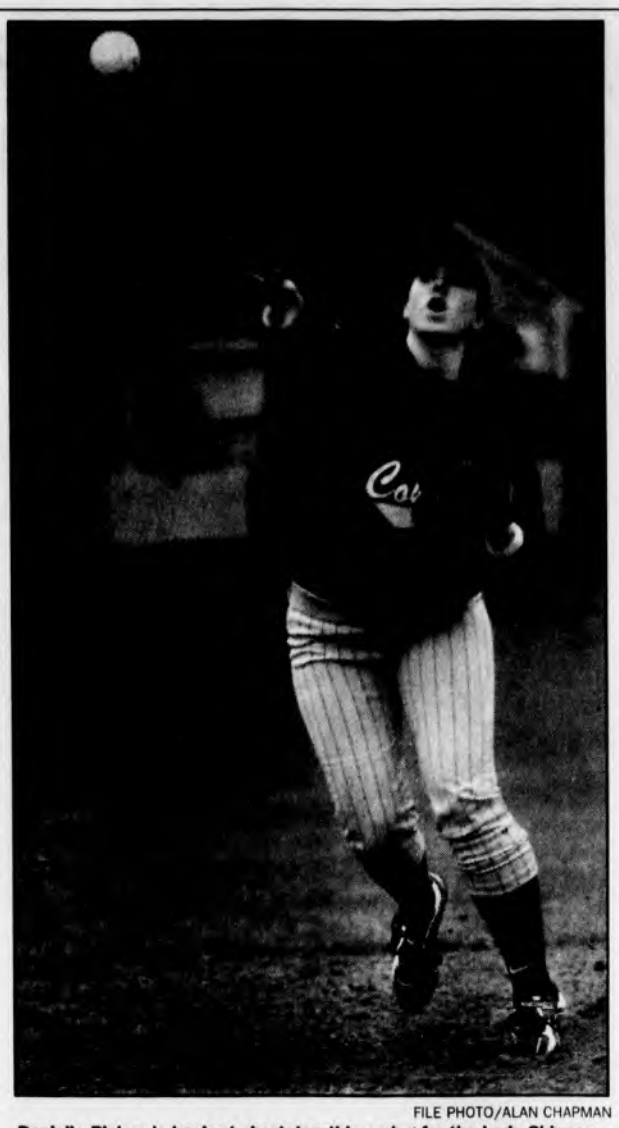
A pivotal influence to the success of the team will be the leadership provided by Coach Deb Bostwick. Bostwick played high school softball herself in Marshfield. She then went on to play at the collegiate level at Keene State where she earned the New England MVP award. She carries her enthusiasm for softball into her coaching role.

"With some fresh and exceptional attitudes, we hope to win several games this spring," states Coach Bostwick. She cites pitchers Virginia Spofford and Christina Pinkus as displaying promise.

Also, Bostwick has adopted a new strategy with respect to her lineup. She plans to give the more experienced players greater playing time.

The girls will open at Holbrook on Wednesday with a non-league clash.

"The girls looked very enthusiastic," observes Coach Bostwick. "The freshmen coming up have apparently been well prepared by the town leagues. They seemed to fit in with the team as if they had been on the squad their whole lives." Only time will tell the outcome."



FILE PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN
Danielle Pinkus is back at shortstop this spring for the Lady Skippers.

Youth movement

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The fact that he has so many kids to choose from is probably what excites Parrot the most. In 2002, his first year at Cohasset, he had eight people come out for the team. Last year, it was seven. Of course, since you have to play seven, that meant he had no reserves.

This year is a totally different story. Parrot said he has had 16 kids at try-outs, including that influx of freshmen. The veteran coach gave credit to middle school coach Michelle Murphy for getting kids excited and ready to play high school tennis.

"It's been a wonderful demonstration of getting people into the game," Parrot said. "That's where the growth and development comes from. She's fed me nine new players, and she should be acknowledged for that."

It is looking to be a great year for Cohasset tennis all-around. Parrot said that 25 kids have signed up for the girls team, which is coming off an undefeated, state championship season. Parrot said he is emulating his coaching counterpart, Gigi Meehan, in trying to get everyone on the team involved, whether it be charting matches or simply getting water for teammates.

The boys coach commended Meehan for being able to keep so many kids into the matches, and he is hoping to do the same for his team.

"I have the luxury of having 16 kids this year, and I tell them that they will all have a role," Parrot said.

Both coaches should get help in that regard this year, as the South Shore League will be organizing exhibition matches for the athletes who don't get to play in the official matches.

"Everyone is going to get some match play experience," Parrot said.

In each of Parrot's first two years at Cohasset, his team has made the state tournament. If the young players continue to step up as they have in the past, another appearance this year should be in the bag.

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Sixth-grade study projects make the grade

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removed. He had a sample MRI of a tumor, which he found on the internet. Taylor also had an informative crossword puzzle available to hand out to other students.

Abigail Perkins' project focused on social injustice. She said from studying about the Holocaust in school, she knew it was a topic she was very interested in. She had also done some research on her own about the Titanic, and couldn't believe out of 2,313,passengers, only 705 survived. She thought she could tie the two historical events together, and decided to add the Great Fire in as well.

"The people were all treated differently back then, either like trash or royalty," she said. She said she learned the injustice of the events grew over time, with the Great Fire being the smallest, then the Titanic, and finally the Holocaust.

Jackson Dean said he has always liked submarines, and didn't know much about them. He said his uncle used to be a submarine driver, which originally sparked his interest. He visited Battleship Cove in Fall River and had great pictures of himself inside the submarines.

He explained the differences between the two kinds of submarines still in existence — diesel electric submarines and nuclear submarines. He also said he learned submarines can be much more dangerous than he ever thought and a fire can be deadly, not only because of its ability to burn, but because it can suck up all the oxygen in the submarine, making it impossible for the crew to breathe.

With her Irish background, Johanna Regan said she was interested to learn more about the immigration of the Irish to Boston. "All my great-grandparents were immigrants, and I never really thought that much about it before," she said. She said she learned about how hard it was for the Irish to succeed in a new country because they were treated so harshly. "They couldn't even get jobs," she said. Johanna went around Boston and took pictures of the various memorials which honor the Irish, and learned how important their immigration was to the city.

Andrew Littauer has gone blue fin tuna fishing since he was six years old. "It's a very powerful fish, and it's a very expensive sport," he said. He explained that a person needs a license to go tuna fishing, and commercial fisherman have another set of rules for bringing the big fish home.

He said when a tuna is caught for commercial use, it needs to be gutted on the boat and weighed. It is then packed in ice and salt to keep it cold, even on the boat. He said keeping it cold is very important for the Japanese, who eat it raw as sushi. He also talked about the Tsukiji fish market in Japan and had photos of the tuna ready to be sold. Prices range from $10 to $115 a pound, depending on the fish.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Thommie Jaffe, left, performs with Chelsea Sylvia and Hillary Bryan in front of her independent study project on dance.

Andrew goes fishing with his father, and sometimes Mike Davis, who is a commercial tuna fisherman. He said when they go out on the boat, cloudy weather is ideal. "Tuna are smart," he said, and they can recognize when a lure is fake, so cloudy weather impairs their vision.

Abby Faulkner's project uncovered the mystery behind the Big Dig, and she conducted interviews with both Peter Lalas who designed the Ted Williams Tunnel, and Ellen White who is head of one of the divisions of the project. "I always thought it was kind of a huge mess," Abby said, but after doing her research, said she understands how the project will look in the end. She said she was very lucky to speak with Lalas and White, and that she found out information not printed in any of the books she read.

All the projects reflected an enormous amount of work and effort on the part of the students. Other topics included the United Nations, K2, medicinal herbs, tornadoes, the Heisman trophy, the life cycle of sea turtles, Pompeii, Renaissance architecture, the Marines, and Thomas Edison.

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Area runners gear up to hit the road

By Samantha Brown
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It's that time of year again as runners and walkers of all ages are preparing to lace up their sneakers and hit the road, for the 28th annual Cohasset Road Race By the Sea.

Sponsored by the Cohasset Rotary Club, the race will take place on Sunday April 4, when a roughly six-mile stretch of road, a good portion of which overlooks the beautiful Cohasset seascape, will be closed to traffic, as runners will take to the streets to participate in what has become a Cohasset tradition.

"It's been quite a successful event," said Race Chairman Brad Goodwin, adding depending on the weather, he expects to see between 800 and 1,000 runners and walkers participate this year. "The response has been phenomenal," he said, adding many participants use the race as training for the Boston Marathon.

Goodwin said while this is his first year heading up the coordination of the race, he has heard much wonderful feedback over the years. "It has a fabulous reputation with runners in New England. It's a beautiful course and because runners like to go places where they have a good time and the people are friendly," there has been a growing turnout every year, he said.

Goodwin said this year, between 30 and 40 percent of the runners are new. So far, he has runners signed up which represent each of the six New England states, as well as one runner from California, one from Indiana, and one from Canada. Because many runners wait to sign up until a few days before the event, in order to keep and eye on the weather, there could be even more surprising participants that come forward.

Cohasset residents have been wonderful in making visitors feel at home, which could be why the race has such a great turnout. "Runners like to be appreciated," said Goodwin, adding many residents with homes on the route will set up their own water stands and cheer runners on as they go by. He also said the support from the town, and the understanding shown when roads are closed for the day, has been wonderful.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Runners head down South Main Street into the village at the beginning of the Cohasset Road-Race-by-the-Sea last year. The 10k event, which is sponsored by the Cohasset Rotary Club, attracted about 650 runners.

Traditionally, the race is held on the first Sunday in April, and has a start time of 1 p.m. to minimize disruption to church services. However, for those who prefer to take things a little slower, or want to start their day a little earlier, the Rotary Club also holds a "fun walk" which takes place at 10 o'clock on the morning of the race. That course begins at Sandy Beach, and ends at Sandy Beach, covering roughly 3 miles.

One of the nicest aspects of the entire race day, is the fact that most of the help throughout the day is given by volunteers, Goodwin said. "There are a number of people who help with traffic control," he said, adding those who will participate in the Appalachia Service Project usually run water stops throughout the course.

In addition to volunteers, the race could not be carried out without the help of local businesses that serve as sponsors for the race. Their logos appear on the T-shirts, printed by Goodwin's brother, Ronnie Goodwin, owner of Goodwin Graphics, for a little free advertising as the runners sprint by.

> **"Runners like to be appreciated."**
> - Brad Goodwin, Race Chairman

"Ronnie does the T-shirts for the race at a considerable discount and the runners collect the shirts. When people signed up this year, they wanted to know what the design on the shirts would be," said Brad Goodwin.

Garelick Farms has also donated more than 2,600 pints of spring water for the event, which Goodwin said has been done for a number of years. Reebok has also provided the Rotary Club with gift certificates to be used as prizes for the racers.

If all goes well, Goodwin expects the Rotary Club will raise between $5,000 and $8,000 from the event. Proceeds from the event will go toward various charities the Rotary Club donates to, including these organizations: Cohasset Appalachian Service Project, Boy and Girl Scouts, Board of Health, Historical Society, Recreation Department, the Harborview Tenant's Association, the South Shore ARC, Wellspring in Hull, Father Bill's Place, and the American Cancer Society.

Proceeds also go toward the Post Prom Party, as well as the Cohasset Rotary Club scholarship program, which has provided thousands of dollars in scholarship money to Cohasset students over the years.

There are also Rotary International programs, which receive support from the Cohasset Rotary Club, including the Rotary's Polio Plus program, which works toward making the world polio-free by the year 2005. In addition, the Cohasset Rotary Club is also working to provide safe, clean water to all areas of the world.

"It's a great event, I'm very excited about being involved in it," Goodwin said.

Cohasset Road Race at a glance

Date: Sunday, April 4
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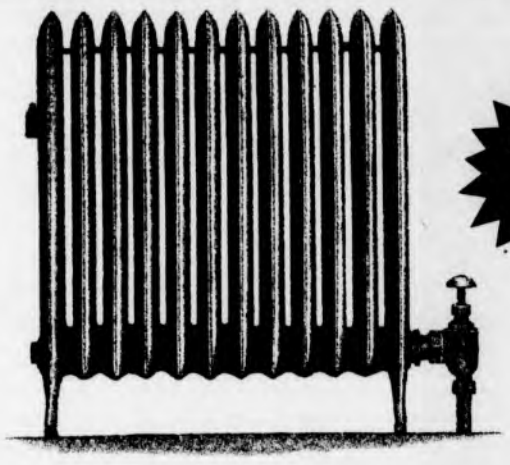
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Sara Sullivan, Anne Sexton, Jeanine Buckley Perrone (rear), Laura Vigneau, Kim Jackson (rear), Linda Resca, Jeannie deMurias, Kimberley Majury Albanese at the Friends of Lydia Vigneau auction evening hosted by the Red Lion Inn.

The Red Lion Inn hosted the Friends of Lydia Vigneau at an auction evening that raised in excess of $30,000 to assist the Vigneau family in meeting the expenses that have accrued since 3-year-old Lydia was diagnosed with Leukemia in November 2003.

Scott Wahle was the auctioneer for premier golf packages, an autographed Tom Brady football and vacation lodging that were all generously donated. Local restaurants, businesses, the Patriots, Cam Neely Foundation, South Shore families and others provided more than 200 silent auction and raffle items. The Red Lion Inn kindly donated the spacious Lion's Den, wait staff, and appetizers for the 300 people who arrived and made the evening so successful.

The Friends of Lydia Vigneau want to express thanks to the many caring friends that have helped financially and personally in recent months. Lydia has been responsive to the aggressive chemotherapy treatment and after more than 50 days of hospitalization has begun a two-year out-patient chemotherapy treatment program. With a weekly schedule that includes trips to Dana Farber, at-home treatments from visiting nurses, and $250 co-payments for emergency room visits, The Lydia Vigneau Fund is still accepting donations; contributions may be sent to: 310 Beechwood St, Cohasset, MA 02025.



Scott Wahle, Greg Albanese and Rick Woodland feature the autographed Tom Brady football with photos offered in the live auction.

IT'S HAPPENING

Jazz concert April 7

The Cohasset Public Schools Jazz Band in conjunction with the C.P. Harvey Jazz Scholarship Fund will welcome the Mark Greel Jazz Band for a performance on April 7, at 7 p.m., at the Cohasset Middle High School.

The Cohasset Jazz Band was created last year under the leadership of instrumental music teacher, Stephanie Hoskin. During the same year, Louis Harvey of Cohasset established the C.P. Harvey Jazz Scholarship Fund as a memorial to his father who was an avid jazz enthusiast. It was decided to utilize the memorial fund to invite a professional jazz group to work with the students during the day and perform for the community in the evening.

Last spring, The Aaron Thurston Trio, a jazz group from Manhattan, was invited to perform with the Cohasset jazz musicians. The event proved to be a great success.

This year the Mark Greel Jazz Band was selected as the group to work with Cohasset students and entertain school and community members with a 7 p.m. performance at the Cohasset Middle High School.

Mark Greel attended the New England Conservatory in Boston. Selected as lead trumpet and soloist, Mark performed and recorded at Symphony Hall under the direction of world renowned jazz educator, Herb Pomeroy. Mark, later became a scholarship student at the Berklee School of Music majoring in arranging and composition. In 1984, Greel established the Mark Greel Band. The group has performed in Germany, Austria, Italy, and China. They have been featured in the Boston Globe Jazz Festival, the Hatchshell and performed at noted hotels and clubs in the Boston area. In 2002, the Mark Greel jazz CD "What'll I Do" was released.

Tickets for the Mark Greel Band engagement can be reserved by calling the Curriculum Office at Cohasset Middle High School at 781-383-3031. Adult tickets $15, students $8.

Appalachian Festival is Saturday, April 3

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project will be sponsoring its fourth annual Appalachian Festival on Saturday, April 3 at the Cohasset Middle High School (143 Pond St.). A unique blend of Appalachian traditions will be presented to help awaken more folks to the culture that all of the ASP volunteers have come to appreciate so much.

The festival will begin at 6 p.m. with a family-style, sit-down dinner featuring Appalachian cuisine, followed by an Appalachian Mountain Marketplace with authentic Appalachian arts & crafts for sale, a quilt raffle, an ASP slide show, and dessert.

The evening with conclude with some foot stompin', hand clappin' entertainment provided by a local favorite Blue Grass group: "Quarter Moon."

Cost for the event will be: adults - $20; children - $8; with a family maximum of $50. Tickets may be purchased at St. Anthony's, St. Stephen's, First Parish and the Second Congregational churches or at Buttonwood Books. Please purchase your tickets by March 31 so that plenty of "vittles" can be prepared!

Proceeds to benefit the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project's 17th trip, this year with 150 teenage and 68 adult volunteers traveling to West Virginia and Kentucky to repair and improve some 30 homes. Call (781) 383-0345 or visit our website at *www.CohassetASP.org* for more information about the project.

Palm Sunday organ recital

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church presents organist G. Frederick Guzasky in a recital on Palm Sunday, April 4, at 3 p.m. Guzasky is on the faculty at Bridgewater State College and an Affiliated Artist at M.I.T. in Cambridge. He is author of the "Gregorian Chant Handbook" and composer of a series of Russian Orthodox choral anthems distributed by the Musica Russica publishing company.

The program will be played on the church's 58 rank Aeolian-Skinner organ, built in 1964 - noted for its vast tonal resources and unusual placement around the church.

On the program, Guzasky will play the Bach Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, Rheinberger's Sonata in E Minor, and various selections of American organ music, a program he will present later this year in St. Petersburg Russia. The church is located at 16 Highland Ave and plenty of parking is available at the village or car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call 781-383-1083.

CHS Drama Workshop is in the limelight — again

On stage in finals of the state festival

By Mary Sheppard
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Lightning rarely strikes twice, but in an unusual decision made by judges in the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival competition, individual acting awards were handed out to each of the three cast members of "Postponing the Heat Death of the Universe," Cohasset High School Drama Workshop's production by playwright, Stephen Gregg.

For Austin Breslow, Allison Earon, and Brenna O'Donnell, winning individual awards at the preliminary level in February, then at the semi-finals in March in the respected annual drama competition was much more than they ever dreamed would happen. And now for the second time in two years, Cohasset High has been chosen to compete in the finals this weekend in Boston.

"Recognizing the entire cast individually with acting awards is practically unheard of," said Jenna Emmons, director. "Granted, there are only three cast members, but it really says something about these kids in this particular play. One judge told me in Duxbury that there was something special about this production. I'm not one to argue. They're doing a great, great job, and we're going to finals again!"

But, director and cast are also quick to embrace the crew of "Postponing the Heat Death of the Universe," comprised of stage managers, Nicole Durant and Krissy Watts, and John Keniley, Katharine Murphy, and Emily Savage, who also understudies.

"We have an awesome crew," says Allison. "We really could not have come this far without them. They're the unsung heroes of the production, but anyone who knows theater knows that without a good crew, the cast and the play are nothing."

Emmons nodded in agreement. "Our crew is unique because it's not a situation where everyone has his or her job. Everybody pitches in and does what needs to be done, regardless," she says.

"Nicole Durant is in charge of lighting this year. She's never done it before and has had a short period of time to learn the lighting set at each school in these competitions," Emmons says. "Lighting is so important because it makes or breaks the play. If mistakes are made, not only could it throw the cast off their lines, it also makes the audience suddenly aware that they're watching a play, not witnessing something real going on.

"Then, the magic of theater, that of a really good play being performed, is gone," she says. "That hasn't happened obviously, but it's because we have the backup, the stage management, the technical crew that we have. Nicole has done a wonderful, professional job, as has our entire crew."

With a bare-bones set comprised of bricks, a bed, and a phone, it was the combined acting talent of Austin, Allison, and Brenna that helped whisk Cohasset into the winners line-up at both competitions where the drama club performed against seven other schools each time. More than 100 public, private, and parochial schools initially began the competition at sites located around Massachusetts. Facing many schools that were much larger than their own, some had casts and crews big enough in size to match the number of those graduating this year from CHS.

Austin, a freshman who plays the role of Nick Olmsted, felt a bit daunted at the onset of this drama competition. This was his first experience and he wasn't sure Cohasset had a chance of winning that first day.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Katharine Murphy, Allison Earon and Krissy Watts show off the Drama Workshop's Festival 2004 Semi-Finalist trophy.

"My first impression when we arrived in Attleboro and got out of the van was seeing everybody in matching T-shirts, with the name of their schools and plays on them," he recalls. "I thought 'wow, these kids are really into this'. Then, I saw their costumes, sets and props and realized they were really, really into it. Suddenly, I felt like underdogs and didn't have a lot of hope of winning."

"One judge told me in Duxbury that there was something special about this production. I'm not one to argue. They're doing a great, great job, and we're going to finals again!"
— Jenna Emmons, director

But Cohasset did win that day and then went on to Duxbury, and won again. In addition to receiving acting awards, Cohasset was given the nod to join the ranks of the 14 other finalists that will compete March 25-27 at John Hancock Hall in Boston. Cohasset is scheduled to go onstage at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Two winners and an alternate will be chosen in this final round.

The Drama Festival is familiar ground to actors Allison and Brenna as it is to Emmons, and stage managers, Krissy and Nicole. Allison, Krissy, and Nicole went to festival two years ago with Emmons. Allison's first experience with festival was as a sophomore in a five-actor play called "Act III, Scene 5."

"Coming from the small drama program at Cohasset, I was extremely overwhelmed the first time I experienced festival," says Allison, a senior. "Everyone was so friendly and outgoing even though it was a competition. I'm constantly impressed by the amazingly supportive atmosphere at each site. The people are definitely what make festival so much fun."

Brenna's first-time at festival was as a freshman and under the directorship of Ron Emmons, Jenna's father, who was CHS drama director at the time. Brenna said she had just a small part, but "it was cool because I got a taste of festival." She wanted a part in "Postponing the Heat Death," but wasn't sure she'd get it because so many others auditioned. She was excited to be chosen by Jenna Emmons and had hoped from the beginning to win a place at finals. When asked what the best part of the competition has been so far, Brenna responded with a laugh, "Oh, the awards ceremony has been nice! Getting an acting award felt like getting an Oscar! Coolest thing ever!"

Brenna added that her brother, Kevin O'Donnell, who is now 27, has been involved in theater work since high school and also competed in festival with Ron Emmons as director. Brenna said Kevin is very proud of all the cast and crew.

"What's cool is that when I called and told him about our wins, it wasn't like telling a friend who didn't know what it was about, but was happy for you anyway. Kevin had been there and he knew! He said, 'isn't going to festival the greatest feeling?' He totally understood my excitement!"

Both Allison and Austin got their start in theater at the Company Theater in Norwell. Both were young — 5 and 6, respectively. Allison since then auditions for whatever theater is available and can fit in with the rest of her busy life. Austin has performed at the Top Hat in Randolph in addition to his stage work at the Company Theater. Allison and Brenna were both involved in the musicals offered by Cohasset Plays by the Sea, a theater group that ran for several years under the steerage of Ron Nicynski, Sharon Weber, and Mary Earon. Two of their successful productions were "The Wizard of Oz" and "Annie."

Austin likes his character, Nick Olmsted, because he's not afraid to show that he's smart. But there's a lot of challenge in this role as well.

"I've always done physical theater and in this play, where I have to spend most of it propped up in a bed, it's been a challenge because I've been forced to really concentrate on delivering my lines and projecting more. It's been fine," he said, "except when the headboard fell over."

Allison explained. "It was in Attleboro, our first competition. We only had five minutes to set up for the show. There is a timer and if we go over, we are disqualified. Our timer that day was really pressuring us, and so we were rushing like mad to get every thing in place.

"Unfortunately, we didn't spend enough time setting up the bed's headboard so that it was really unstable," she recalls. "At one point in the play, I have to lay down on the bed next to Austin and stretch out. When I leaned my head against the headboard, it fell over with a loud crash. Of course, we couldn't act like anything happened, so for the next 25 minutes Austin and I had to hold ourselves up by stomach muscles alone and keep acting. It was the most painful thing, and Austin actually had to do it for a longer time." Despite the headboard falling over, however, the cast never missed a beat with their lines and they were a winning production.

The thrill of winning individual awards and going on to state finals couldn't happen to three nicer kids, it seems. They all feel that in so many ways they've already won in the number of new friends they made, the experience alone of competing, and the fun they've had in getting to know each other. They had no expectations of getting this far.

"One thing I've learned about competing in Festival," says Emmons. "Nothing is predictable. So much depends on what the judges like and don't like, what mood they're in. You can't see a great show and assume it's going to finals. Nor can you see a bad show and think it's curtains. You just never know. Cohasset's been a favorite this year. I have no idea what will happen in the finals this weekend. I'm just happy we've gotten as far as we have."

Give theater a try

The cast of three describe the theater experiences in their lives as positive and encourage others to try theater if they're even slightly curious about it.

"A lot of kids do sports at school because theater isn't something you hear a lot about," Austin says. "But this is the perfect place to do it because it's a place you're familiar with and it's just a few minutes away, no commute, and you're doing it with friends. Kids shouldn't be worried about how other kids look at you if you act. Theater is a good thing. It helps with memorization, especially in school, it's a different way to be artistic, and it teaches you to speak comfortably in front of people. Plus, it's a lot of fun!"

Brenna agrees. "I haven't been regularly involved with theater because I'm really into ski team," she says. "I injured myself though and couldn't do ski team this year. But I could do theater. You have to go with what's offered to you. You can't always go with what your plans are. If you think you want to play sports, but it doesn't work out, there is so much else to check out. I think it's always good to break out and try different things."

Allison advises freshmen to not wait until they're juniors or seniors to check out the theater. "Don't have any regrets," she says. "If you're curious, why not try it. You never know — you could be missing out on something that you would love."

Emmons would also like to see seventh and eighth graders get involved in theater. Currently, the program is not open to the middle school. She hopes that changes in the future.

"I think the younger you are exposed to the stage, the better. You're less likely to have protective mechanisms in place, I think," she says.

She also remains hopeful that the Drama Workshop someday will receive the support and attention it deserves from the school administration

"Theater, as part of the arts, is not on this school's list of priorities, as it is in other schools," she says. "There is a lot of talent in this school and theater is a great creative outlet. It'd be nice to see the kids who are interested and involved in theater be supported more. These are the results and rewards. The kids deserve it."

The final competition of the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival begins Thursday evening, March 25, and continues through Saturday afternoon, March 27, at the John Hancock Hall at the corner of Berkeley Street and St. James in Boston. Cohasset High School will perform "Postponing the Heat Death of the Universe" at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 27.. This event is open to the public. Tickets for the competition are $7; tickets for Saturday evening's Award Ceremony are $5. All tickets may be purchased at the door.



Members of the Cohasset Drama Workshop with director Jenna Emmons, lower left.

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Haddad crunches budget numbers

Explains where money is going

By Samantha Brown
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One of the most important decisions before voters at Saturday's annual Town Meeting is the proposed budget. But in order to make an informed decision, it is important to know where the money comes from, where it goes, and why the town is asking for an override this year, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Haddad, who is the town's chief financial officer, came on board in August of 1997. He said from fiscal year 1999 to FY05, the average increase for the total operating budget is 9.2 percent, having gone from $20,051,154 in FY99 to $31,120,060 in FY05.

While that number may seem high overall, Haddad says it shouldn't be taken at face value because there are factors the town cannot control which affect the increase.

The town's operating budget has a total of 12 categories: general government, public safety, education, public works, Board of Health, sewer, human services, culture and recreation, debt, benefits and insurance, water and other.

Although sewer and water are included in the operating budget, Haddad said they should not be included in the figures because they are self-sufficient. Rate payers cover their costs, and therefore they have no impact on the tax rate. If those two items are taken out of the operating budget, the average total increase automatically drops down to 8.89 percent.

Haddad also said the town has no control over the debt category, because Town Meeting votes to approve the projects which are included under that heading. The North Cohasset and Central Cohasset sewer projects, and the renovations to Osgood, Deer Hill and the middle-high school, all fall under the debt category.

"Town Meeting decided it wanted to fund all those projects," Haddad said. "That to me, is money we have no control over."

Haddad said the town also has no control over benefits and insurance because they are items the town is required to pay. If the health insurance company decides to increase a premium, there is nothing the town can do to stop it. "Could we control the number of employees? Sure, but not the rates we have to pay," he said.

In addition, Haddad said the "other" category contains state and county charges, as well as retired teacher health insurance, MBTA assessments, and charter school assessments, which are also out of the town's control.

So, what is in the town's control? Haddad said of the 12 categories, seven are completely at the discretion of the town.

Haddad said general government, which has increased from $1,314,872 in FY99 to $1,535,735, or about 2.8 percent, has gone up based on the cost of living. "There's no fat in this building," he said, adding three positions have been eliminated over the seven years he has been on board, and he thinks the way Town Hall has been running has been very efficient.

> **"There's no fat in this building."**
> — Town Manager Mark Haddad

Public safety has gone from $2,541,376 in FY99to $3,649,618 in FY05, an average increase of 7.27 percent. "In FY00, we added four firefighters to the department to expand our paramedic services. We made the decision to add services for our residents," he said, adding the choice to provide better emergency care for the town was a smart one. "Town Meeting agreed with us," he said.

When Brian Noonan was police chief, Haddad said he requested adding another police officer to the force. "The additional police officer has helped with some manning issues," Haddad said.

Education has increased from $8,639,438 in FY 99 to $12,203,038 in FY05, for an average increase of 6.87 percent. "We have increased the size of the buildings, which has increased utility costs, and the school-age population is increasing, which is why it was necessary to increase the size of the schools. That's the cost of doing business," Haddad said.

Public works has increased the most, at an average of 13.74 percent. Haddad explained when the town took over maintenance for the schools, that cost was absorbed by the town. In addition, the town hired two employees to maintain the town's parks and new buildings. "We increased the amount of people we have working, but we had more to take care of," he said.

The Board of Health has increased from $91,667 in FY99 to $159,222, for an average increase of 8.52 percent. However, Haddad said because the Board of Health has taken on a new employee, who used to be paid through the general government fund, the same money is being spent, but it is now in a new category.

Human services has increased by 10.28 percent, and the Council on Elder Affairs is the recipient of all the funding in that category. "We have made a commitment to deliver services to the seniors in town," said Haddad, adding $14,000 of the total $159,222 appropriation for FY05 will go toward paying rent to the South Shore Community Center for the CEA. The CEA also has a new outreach coordinator, and while many van drivers are volunteers, they needed to be certain there would always be someone available, which has required a paid van driver position.

Culture and recreation has increased by 5.89 percent, which is due partially to the new library facilities. The other major factor is salary increases, and Haddad said the most recent contract negotiations for both the library and clerical unions have resulted in a zero percent increase the first year and a 3 percent increase the second, "which is not extravagant," he said.

Taking those seven categories into account, Haddad said the average increase has been 7.04 percent. On the whole, Haddad said all the increases in the operating budget were made to improve the level of services provided in town, and all have been good, sound business decisions.

Tax overrides are common occurrence in Cohasset

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset voters are no stranger to overrides.

The "O" word has been the subject of campaign rhetoric, referred to in letters to the editor, depicted in cartoons, and described in news stories.

If the proposed $400,000 Prop. 2-1/2 override passes muster with the voters at Saturday's Town Meeting and again at the ballot box April 3, it would be the fourth operating budget override approved since 1997.

Prop. 2-1/2 is a state law that caps the amount a municipality can raise its tax levy from year to year. Voters can "override" that tax cap through a majority vote at the ballot box.

If passed, the override would add 23 cents per $1,000 to the tax rate. The owner of a $600,000 home — the average home price in Cohasset — has a property tax bill of about $7,134 this year. With an override, that bill would increase about $294 to $7,428 — $138 of which would be attributed to the override.

Some are saying this year's override would be the seventh in seven years. Town Manager Mark Haddad points out, it is important to explain the difference between a general override for the operating budget – like the one proposed this year – and debt exclusions.

Debt exclusion overrides are passed by a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting and a majority vote at the ballot box. Debt exclusions are used solely to cover special projects.

"The money is used specifically to pay a debt, and once it's paid back, the tax goes away," Haddad said. Cohasset passed debt exclusions in May of 1997, December of 1998, and April of 1999 specifically for sewer construction. Combined, those debt exclusions totaled $24,363,600.

In December of 1999 and April of 2000, debt exclusions were also passed for the school renovations for a total of $42,440,000.

Operating budget overrides permanently increase taxes, and since 1997, the town has passed three. In May of 1999, an operating budget override of $380,000 was passed. That year, voters had an option of three different overrides to vote on, and both the $612,895 and $509,554 figures failed.

The second operating budget override for $300,000 was passed in April of 2001. That was followed by a third operating budget override of $350,000 in April of 2003.

"The Commonwealth of Massachusetts decreased state aid to Cohasset by $436,000," in 2003, Haddad said, adding "We only asked for a tax increase of $350,000."

Cohasset has been compared to other neighboring towns, which have not had the same override history. For example, the town of Hingham, which is going for an operating budget override of $753,682 this year, has only passed two operating budget overrides since 1990. However, Haddad said there are a lot of factors that come into play, which make the two towns incomparable. "You can't compare Cohasset to other communities because there are different issues," he said.

For example, because the formula for state aid is based on property value per capita, Cohasset does not receive as much as Hingham. In FY90, Cohasset's net state aid figure was $1,096,139. In FY04, that figure was $1,103,142, meaning the town has received an increase in state aid of only $7,000 over the past 14 years. In Hingham, the net state aid figure in FY90 began at $2,575,838. That figure increased to $3,543,959 in FY04. Their starting figure in FY90 was more than $1 million over what Cohasset had to work with, and that town has experienced an increase of 38 percent since then, while Cohasset has increased only 1 percent.

In addition, Hingham is experiencing consistent new growth over the years, most of which is commercial. "Ninety-eight percent of our new growth is residential," said Haddad, adding every new home built in Cohasset brings in roughly $10,000 in tax revenue, but if that home brings children with it, one child being added to the school system almost negates the money which was brought in from the home.

Haddad said initially he did not include an override in the fiscal year 2005 proposed budget. However, after many hours with the school committee, advisory committee, selectmen, Supt. Edward Malvey, and Director of Finance Michael Buckley, he felt every line item had been scrutinized, and made the decision to include the override as a means of "maintaining what we have."

Selectmen agreed and voted unanimously to recommend the budget with the override on the Town Meeting Warrant, as did the advisory committee.

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AD#46477
Cohasset Mariner 3/25/04

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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., April 6, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **The McKay Construction Co.** seeks to construct addition at **114 Beechwood St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-02-26.

AD#461468
Cohasset Mariner 3/18, 3/25/04

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TOWN OF COHASSET
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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues., **April 6, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7.8 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Gordon E. Jones** seeks to enclose existing porch in flood plain at **80 Summer St.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-03-15.

AD#461892
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ZBA/860 A/K/A 850R CJCH
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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., April 6, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to 8.9.2 of the Zoning ByLaw and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Ledgewood Estates, Inc.** seeks to appeal use of auto towing and storage at **860 a/k/a 850R CJCH** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-03-10.

AD#461754
Cohasset Mariner 3/18, 3/25/04

ZBA/860 CJCH
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., April 6, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 4.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Arthur S. Logan** seeks to run Inside Dog Care Center at **860 CJCH** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #04-03-08.

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Teachers, athletics are on the chopping block

School board eyes cuts if override fails

By Samantha Brown
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Should the town vote down the $400,000 override, the school committee said the two most likely places cuts will be made are in the form of teachers and/or the athletic program.

Should the override fail, it is likely the town and schools will split the cost, with the schools absorbing 70 percent, or $280,000. The school committee said because the athletic department and teachers salaries receive the most funding of any other line items in the budget, they will be considered as places to turn to make up some of the money needed.

"If you reduce full-time teachers, you get the best bang for your buck," said Supt. Edward Malvey. However, full-time teachers can come in the form of either classroom teachers or specialists, and the schools would be adversely affected either way, he said.

Malvey said if it comes down to either eliminating a classroom teacher or a specialist, it might make more sense to keep the classroom teacher who provides the core elements of education for the students, rather than the specialist. But school committee members did not wholly agree at last Thursday's budget meeting.

Member Pat Martin said by eliminating a specialist, it's going to negatively impact all classroom teachers. Because the schools are required to provide planning periods for their teachers — time when students had previously been with specialists would now have to be spent in the classroom. Teachers would be required to prepare more curriculum to fill that time period in the class, but with less preparation time. "If specialists are eliminated, it will put more time in the hands of the classroom teachers," said Martin, adding because of contractual obligations, the teachers could say they either can't or won't be held responsible during that time.

Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said he wants to stay away from making cuts that would affect student instruction, and that means keeping as many teachers on board as possible. Because the athletics budget is another key source of funding, he suggested Malvey work with Athletic Director Ron Ford to come up with a list of costs and revenues for the department, broken down by sport, to see if any cuts could be made there.

However, Flynn noted how important it is for students to participate in sports, not only from a teamwork standpoint, but because it can help them get into college. While eliminating junior varsity sports was floated, member Mark DeGiacomo said "it would be ridiculous to only have varsity sports." However, Malvey said the question of "Are we brains or are we brawn," may have to be considered.

The school committee had originally recommended a budget of $11.9 million which is 6.45 percent or $723,753 over last year. However, during these tight fiscal times, which are also facing the town's side of the budget, that figure is about $400,000 more than Town Manager Mark Haddad has allocated for the schools next year, which has resulted in the need to include a Prop. 2-1/2 override on the Town Meeting Warrant. Passing an override is a two-step process: first Town Meeting approves the budget contingent on the override and then a ballot question must pass by a simple majority at the polls on April 3.

To date, the school department's proposed fiscal year 2005 budget has already been cut by $460,000, which will result in the loss of middle school athletics, three elementary level teachers, and a special education aid. Other positions have been downsized from full to part time, and there will be no salary increases for administrators. These reductions are taking place whether the override passes or not, school officials said.

However, in addition to looking at cutting teachers and athletics, the school committee is taking another look at lists compiled by the three Cohasset principals that outline other possible reductions. If the override doesn't pass, the school committee said there is a good chance a majority of the items on the lists will be cut from the budget, but it still wouldn't be enough to rule out cutting teachers or sports.

"If we cut everything off all these sheets, it's only $173,000. We're still $107,000 short," said DeGiacomo.

Some proposed cuts from Osgood principal Janet Sheehan include eliminating a technology instructor at Osgood for $28,139; and reducing to a .2 physical education teacher, which would mean first graders would only have physical education one time per week rather than two. She also suggested that the general supplies account be reduced by $7,703 and professional development by $2,550.

At Deer Hill, Keith Gauley's suggestions include eliminating one instructional aide to the tune of $15,500; a reduction in purchase of classroom supplies by 40 percent, which would yield $5,000; and the elimination of $5,700 for after-school MCAS tutoring.

At the middle-high school, Michael Jones said eliminating an English teacher would be the most significant cut at $42,167. However, eliminating that one teacher would cause that team of teachers to dissolve. Because teams each include a science, social studies, English and math teacher, losing the English teacher would free the rest of the team to move up to the high school level, which would help with enrollment issues there, but affect students in the middle school. "The middle school will have larger class sizes, and the teachers will have to teach five classes, but it'll function," he said.

Member Rick Shea pointed out that any reductions made now should take into consideration, there is no way to know if the money would be available again in the near future. Once a position is cut entirely, it's not easy to bring it back, he said.

Flynn said he agreed and thinks the schools should be formulating a plan for the next two years.

DeGiacomo said aside from the proposed cuts on the list, it would make sense to revisit the additions made to the budget. The high school math teacher was added at a cost of $42,000; three part-time activity aides were added at Deer Hill for $30,000; and a school psychologist was added at $45,000.

The School Committee will not make any final decisions on cuts until after the town votes on the override.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held Saturday, March 27 at 10 a.m. in the Sullivan Gymnasium at Cohasset High School.

Dollars are main focus of Town Meeting

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meeting as well as the Town Manager's recommended motions.

A quorum of 100 registered voters is required before Town Meeting can get underway. Once a quorum is determined at the start of the meeting, the presence of a quorum is presumed to continue unless it is challenged and a count shows a quorum is not present. Without a quorum, the meeting will be adjourned.

However, Town Manager Mark Haddad said he doesn't think meeting a quorum will be an issue. "On the first day of the annual Town Meeting, a quorum is never a problem," he said, and expects there to be between 400 and 500 residents in attendance.

"I think this year the turnout will be very high," he said, because the budget and the budget process is such a huge focus, as the town is looking to approve a Prop. 2-1/2 override. "There are a couple of zoning articles like the large house site plan review, which is important to debate, as well as land purchases to protect the water supply," which should also draw a crowd, he said.

While the fall Special Town Meeting is traditionally held on a Monday night, the annual Town Meeting is held on a Saturday. Haddad said depending on the number of articles left on the warrant, at around 5 o'clock the Moderator may look to adjourn. "If it looks like there are only one or two left," and they can be wrapped up quickly, the meeting will continue a little past five to eliminate the need for the meeting to carry over to another day, Haddad said. However, if there are several issues left to be addressed, Haddad said the meeting will be adjourned and carried over to Monday night at 7 p.m.

Articles will be addressed as listed on the warrant with one exception. Article 17, which requests $3 million for the water department to complete various projects, will be presented after Article 11. Because Article 12 and subsequent articles require that the money be approved in order to carry them out, it has been advised by Town Counsel that the article be moved up. Haddad said he has spoken with Glenn Pratt of the water commission and he agreed to the move.

Here is some of what voters can expect:

- Vote on the FY2005 budget with a $400,000 Prop. 2-1/2 override.
- Add a "Large House Site Plan Review" section to the current bylaws, to limit construction of a building or structure so as not to exceed the greater of 3,500 square feet or 10 percent of the area of the lot, up to a maximum of 6,000 square feet.
- Decide whether to impose a "Demolition Delay" bylaw, which would empower the Cohasset Historical Commission to advise the building inspector with respect to the issuance of permits for demolition. The bylaw would only apply to buildings which reflect or constitute distinctive features of the architectural, cultural, economic, political or social history of the town.
- Amend the Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw to reduce the number of multi-family dwelling units that may be built from 20 percent of the total housing units in town, to 15 percent of the total housing units in town.
- Spend $100,000 for the purpose of developing engineering documents, specifications and corresponding cost estimates for the purpose of building a sewer collection and treatment system in the Little Harbor sewer district and the Atlantic Avenue sewer district.
- Spend $1.4 million for the purchase of 70 acres of open land to the west of King Street, bounded by Trustees of Reservations, Wompatuck State Park, and water department land, to protect the water supply and provide additional open space in town. The land is in the Brass Kettle Brook watershed, which is a direct tributary to Lily Pond.
- Spend $3 million to complete various ongoing water department capital projects, and for high priority projects, including those that would remedy insufficient fire flows on North Main Street, Gammons Road, Jerusalem Road Drive, and Haystack Lane by replacing undersized water mains.
- Authorize the town to sell water to the Linden Ponds development in Hingham for a period of 40 years.
- Spend $25,000 to pay for Cohasset's share of the engineering costs associated with the repairing and/or replacing of the West Corner Culvert, located at the Hingham/Hull/Cohasset town line. The expense will be shared equally with the other two towns.
- Authorize the board of selectmen to spend $64,200 to acquire an additional easement in James Lane, the road between the Red Lion Inn and the Citgo gas station on South Main Street.
- Authorize the town to spend $25,000 for engineering, design and development of bid specifications for improvements to the sea wall between the Mill River Marina and the Atlantica Restaurant on Border Street.
- Authorize the board of assessors to raise the maximum asset and income eligibility levels for the Elderly Tax Exemption, allowing more residents over the age of 70 on fixed incomes to qualify.
- Adopt an article which would allow town officials to deny, revoke, or suspend most licenses and permits when the applicant or landlord's fees, taxes, or other municipal charges remain unpaid for more than 12 months.

To keep the meeting moving along, Town Moderator George Marlette states in his moderator's message, "No one may speak on any subject for more than 10 minutes in total. No one may speak a second time on any subject for longer than five minutes. No one may speak more than twice on any questions unless all others who have not spoken on the question shall have spoken if they desire to do so." Other reminders on speaking procedures can be found in the Moderator's message, beginning on page 44 of the Warrant.

Haddad encourages all residents to come out and vote because it allows the whole town to become involved in town government. "Everyone should participate," he said.

If you have any questions regarding procedures at Town Meeting, please contact Moderator George Marlette at his office (508) 586-2123 or home (781) 383-6809, or see him prior to the start of Town Meeting.

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Thurs. 25

Glastonbury Exhibit at Hingham Library, a historical and commemorative display of the 50 years of Glastonbury Abbey March 6, through April 1,

The PACTV Gallery, 130 Court St., Plymouth will feature selected photographs of **Wesley Ennis and Zachary Ennis**, father and son, during the month of March. 1-508-830-6999 or www.pactv.org

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents **Patterns and Pinhole, Recent Mixed Media Works and Pinhole Photography** by **Stephanie Roberts** of Pembroke, through April 30. 781-383-1348.

The James Library & Center for the Arts presents **"All Things Denote There is a God," an exhibit of photographs by Michael Moran** of Rockland through March 31. 781-659-7100 or www.JamesLibrary.org

A Conversation About Stuff We Like/New Sculpture by Alan Klein and Mike Newby will be exhibited at the **Art Complex Museum**, 189 Alden St., Duxbury Feb. 1-April 4. 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

The Braintree Art Association member **Edwina Caci** will be displaying her paintings for the month of March at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St, Braintree.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Fri. 26

Bay Players present **The Children's Hour** at the Kingston Elementary School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on March 26 and 27, and April 2 and 3. Tickets are $12 for seniors and students; $14 general admission. Tickets may be purchased at the door or reserved by calling 1-800-290-6825. www.bayplayers.org

Duxbury Art Association, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. **2004 Young Artists Celebration** – Students age 18 and under are invited to display their art in the Young Artist Celebration, an exhibition of works in all mediums, crafts included, running this April in conjunction with the Duxbury Art Association's Annual Winter Juried Show. Art work can be registered on March 26, and 27, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Major Judah Alden House on the Art Complex Museum Campus. For further information call 781-934-2731x4 or visit www.duxburyart.org

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance March 26, with **DJ Dave Joubert** from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents "The Sound of Music" as it's Spring musical, running March 12 through April 4.Tickets are priced at $23 for Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday shows (3 p.m.); and $25 for Thursday (7:30 p.m.), Friday (8 p.m.) and Saturday shows (8 p.m.). Tickets are available at the box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

Nathan Gallery, 152 Rockland St., Hanover presents **Full Circle** through April 16. Gallery hours Mon. to Sat. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **Full Circle** is the second annual showing of artwork by the faculty and students from the Hanover Public School Art department (K-12). 781-826-6500.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays and vacation weeks Free with admission. A half-hour of storytelling that will delight youngsters (and accompanying adults, too). Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Sat. 27

North and South Rivers Watershed Association sponsors second annual **Kayak Expo**, March 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Norwell Cole Elementary School.. Donation Adults $5 and $3, 12 years and younger. 781-659-8168 or www.nsrwa.org

South Shore Mothers of Multiples, Luau Fundraiser, March 27, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Weymouth Lodge of Elks, Route 53, Weymouth. Tickets $25 per person includes DJ, dancing and buffet dinner. 781-340-1404. Call 781-340-14043 for tickets or to donate to the silent auction.

Comedy Nite and Silent Auction, March 27, **Temple Beth Emunah**, Torrey and Pearl sts, Brockton, featuring **Johnny Lampert, Rob Weinstein and Moody McCarthy.** Cocktails and silent auction begin at 7:15 p.m. with dinner and show starting at 8 p.m. 508-583-5810.

17th Annual Hingham Antiques Show and Sale, March 27, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 41 exhibitors, several new dealers. Admission $5, sponsored by the Hingham South Elementary PTO. 781-749-9981.

Learn about vernal pools in a program for Moms, Dads and Kids on March 27, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the **South Shore Science Center**, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. To register call 781-659-2559.

The North River Arts Society presents **Recent Paintings by Brooks Kelly** at the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, Route 228, Hingham, through March 26. 781-741-1405 or .781-837-8091.

Massasoit College will hold **Blue Reggae Sun Splash** featuring **The Borderland All Stars and Reggae Band Dub Station** on March 27, at 8 p.m. at The Berkley Performance Arts Center, One Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. Tickets $12/$10 seniors. 508-427-1234.

Fontbonne Academy's Good Fountain Players presents **Footloose** March 25, at 7 p.m. and March 27, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are $10/person in advance $12 at the door, or $9/person for groups of 20 or more attending a single performance. Call 617-696-3241 x3015.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreations Center presents the musical **Little Shop of Horrors** on March 27, and April 2 and 3, at 7 p.m. and March 21, 28, April 4 at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, lower level. Tickets: Adult $10/child $5.

The Symphony Swing Band of the Plymouth Philharmonic and **The Snug Tones** team up for Swing Into Spring!" March 27, at 8 p.m. at PartyLite Headquarters, Plymouth. Tickets $40 and may be ordered at 508-746-8008.www.plymouthphilharmonic.com www.snugtones.com

Quincy Dinner Theater, Masonic Building, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy. March 26, 27, 28; April 2 and 3. **Norman Is That You?** Dinner and show $39.95; tickets for show only are $20. 781-843-5862

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Fat City Band**, March 27. Show begins at 10 p.m. $8 admission. 781-834-6505

Sun. 28

Vocalist Nancy Carr will perform "Hits of the Female Singers of the 40's and 50's at the Hingham Public Library on March 28, at 3:30 p.m. Seating will be limited to 70 for this free concert. Advance tickets available at reference desk. 781-741-1405.

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

The South Shore Model Railway Club Open House, 51 Bare Cove Park off Fort Hill St., Hingham, will be held on March 27, and 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **The Model Railroad Show** with more than 150 dealer tables, white elephant table, food service and multiple operating layouts will take place March 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Weymouth High School, 1051 Commercial St., E. Weymouth. Admission $4/adults; $2/seniors (65+) and children age 6 to 12. Tickets good for both days. 781-740-2000, www.ssmrs.org

Circle of Song, Revels touring ensemble, presents "An American Journey," a family program about American immigration to the Boston area. Free and handicap accessible. Children accompanied by adults and seniors are especially welcome. Call 781-749-5943 or 781-749-1679 for reservations.

The Ventress Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield presents poetry reading by **Faye George**, author of "Back Roads" on March 28, 2 p.m. Free and open to the public. 781-834-5535.

Sunday Night Blues at JC Dee's Restaurant, No. Weymouth, featuring **Shovelhead**, March 28, April 4, and April 11. No cover charge 781-337-1029.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will show together the text and illustrations from the Persian literary works: the Shah-nama, Khavarnama, Khamza of Nizami and Hadith al Anbiya in the exhibition **Complex Tales: Persia** Feb.1-April 25. 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

"Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance" every Sunday evening at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise

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Mark your calendar

The national touring company of "Late Nite Catechism" comes to Cushing Auditorium at Cardinal Spellman High School on Saturday, April 3, at 8 p.m., as a benefit to raise funds for Cardinal Spellman High School. The show is being presented by the Cardinal Spellman Parents Connection. Tickets for the show are priced at $35, and proceeds will benefit Cardinal Spellman High School. The show will take place at the High School's Cushing Auditorium, located at 738 Court Street in Brockton. Tickets are available at the High School (in person or by phone at 508-583-6875), as well as online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling toll-free 866-468-7619.

To pay tribute to its namesake, Tosca restaurant in Hingham is offering guests *Tosca*^{2} — a special evening of dining and opera Sunday, April 4. As part of the Boston Lyric Opera's *Italian Season*, The Shubert Theatre is featuring Puccini's famed *Tosca* - a tragic love story between a jealous opera singer, her convicted lover, and a scheming politician.
Tosca in Hingham invites guests to enjoy a special Prosecco reception at 1 p.m. prior to the opera, transportation to and from the Shubert Theatre, dress circle seats at *Tosca* and a special dinner prepared by Executive Chef Kevin Long back at Tosca restaurant following the opera at 5:30 p.m. The all inclusive cost to attend *Tosca*^{2} is $200 per person. For more information or to make reservations, please contact Chris Sugrue or Errol Joseph at 781-740-0080.



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9th Annual South Shore Interfaith Seder, 3 p.m. on March 28, at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139, Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Mon.29

The North River Arts Society presents **It Must be the Altitude! Images of New Mexico,** a new group exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, featuring original work by Joreen Benbenek, (oils), Patricia M. Gray, (oils/pastels,) Becky Haletky (watercolors), Liz Haywood-Sullivan (pastels, and Donna Rossetti-Bailey (pastels). This show runs through April 24. Cal North River Arts Society at 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, in Norwell presents **Botanical Images**, a scanner photography exhibition by artist **Andrea Kemler,** March 2 to 31, in their Vine Hall Gallery. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org.

The work of artist Qinqxion Ma, master of Chinese brush painting and his students will be on display at Mass Audubon's North River Wildlife Sanctuary at 2000 Main St. (Route 3A) in Marshfield from March 6 through 31 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month Elva Proctor will exhibit her paintings for the month of March at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly free meetings, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Tues. 30

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250.



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The Aqua-Dux Swim Club will be starting the spring session on Tuesday, March 30, at the Percy Walker Pool in Duxbury. The children age 9 and older will swim from 4 to 5 p.m. and age 8 and unders will swim from 5 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program is 10 weeks long and will end on June 10.For information, call Susan Littlefield at 781-934-7353.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.



BEST BET

The Talking Information Center in Marshfield TIC will hold its annual auction broadcast over WATD 95.9 FM live March 23-24.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

Wed. 31

Life Line Screening, Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., Hingham, on March 31. Appointments begin at 9 a.m. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-710-1902. Preregistration is required.

Food Allergy Group of the South Shore meeting March 31, at 7 p.m. at South Shore Hospital (Emerson Conference Room). Meeting topic will feature Quincy allergist Dr. Zuhayr Hemady, M.D. and allergy specialty nurse Elisabeth Stief, R.N. who attended a recent national conference of asthma and allergy specialists and will report on the latest research. Free and open to the public. 617-965-7771.

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Cllub. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.



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Thurs. 1

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Raffael's Restaurant in North Quincy presents **Anything Goes** a musical journey through the Big Band Era, The Golden Oldies, to Broadway and back again. April 1 and 2. Tickets $45 for the evening shows and $35 for matinees. Ticket includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Call 617-328-1600.

The Glastonbury Series: Listening to Other Voices: Monastic Spirituality in the 21st Century, Lonnie Collins Pratt, Fr. Dan Homan, OSB, Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love, April 1, at 7:15 p.m. Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, Hingham. Free will offering. 781-749-2155 x 243 www.glastonburyabbey.org

Fri. 2

James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents "The Dance of Being," an exhibition of mixed media abstract expressionist paintings by **Cohasset artist Sydney Burroughs** from April 2 through May 5. An opening reception will be held April 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-6569-7100 for further information.

Quincy Symphony Orchestra will present the fourth concert of its 50th season on April 2, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of the North Quincy High School, 316 Hancock St. Tickets $17 for adults $12 seniors and students, and $5 for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. 781-961-3790.

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, presents **All About Values,** a collection of oil paintings by artist **Anna Gail Campanelli of Norwell** on April 2-29 in Vine Hall Gallery. Opening reception April 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Single Executive Club Singles Dance, April 2, at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland. Dancing music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. For single professionals age 35 and over. A non-smoking event. Proper business attire and party finery for women. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club. 781-446-0234 www.se-4u.com

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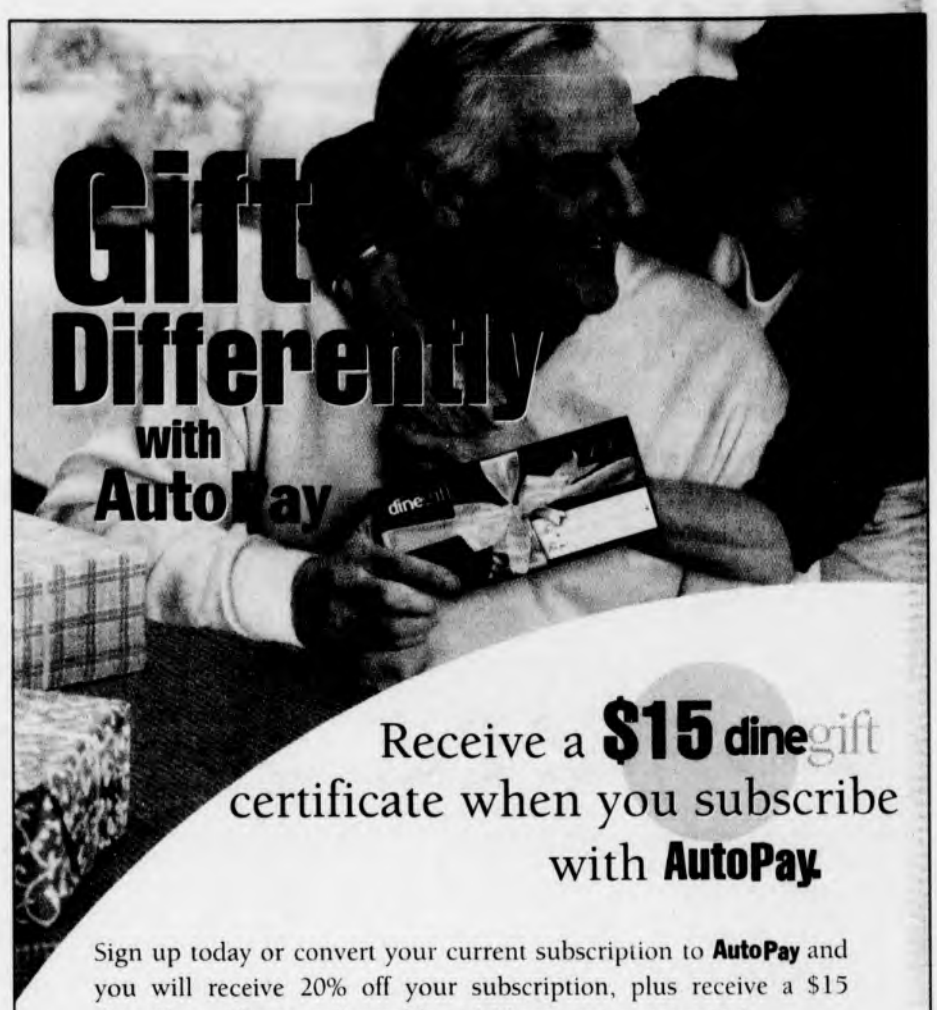
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Healthy turnout expected at Saturday's Town Election

Override is on the ballot

By Mary Ford
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If you like suspense and going out on Saturday night, hold onto those movie tickets for another week.

Just after 6 p.m., Saturday, April 3 — Town Hall is the place to be when the town election results will start rolling in.

The polls are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Town Hall. With the town's "Accu-Vote" optical scanning system, it doesn't take long for the numbers to be tallied and usually a crowd gathers inside the auditorium by 6:15 p.m. to see who won and who lost.

Town Moderator George Marlette will be on hand to read the results and he likes to wait until all the write-ins are counted.

"I don't remember an election with this much excitement in 25 years," Marlette said. "I'm overwhelmed by the number of people who always vote but have not been involved politically before — with signs endorsing candidates in their yards."

Town Clerk Marion Douglas is estimating 50-55 percent of the town's 5,006 registered voters will participate in the election, but word around town is the turnout might be even higher.

"I don't remember an election with this much excitement in 25 years."
— Town Moderator George Marlette

"That would be fantastic," Douglas said. By Tuesday more than 100 voters had cast absentee ballots. Those who want to vote absentee may do so until noon Friday at the Town Clerk's office.

This year there are four-way contests for two seats on the board of selectmen and school committee, and a two-way race for one seat on the planning board.

There is also an override question on the ballot asking voters to give the town the OK to assess an additional $400,000 in real estate and property taxes to make up a shortfall in the $29.4 million operating budget that was approved at Saturday's session of the annual Town Meeting.

"Town Meeting adopted a budget that requires an override of $400,000," Town Manager Mark Haddad said. "The ballot question has to pass in order to balance the budget."

The override requires a majority vote to pass. If it passes, the override will add 23 cents per $1,000 to the tax rate. The owner of a $600,000 home has a property tax bill of about $7,134 this year. With the override, that bill would increase about $294 to $7,428 — $138 of which would be attributed to the override.

If the override fails the budget will be out of balance by $400,000 and the selectmen will have a couple of options, Haddad explained. He said they can call another Town Meeting before July 1, the start of the new fiscal year, to reduce the budget. If they decide to do this, the selectmen and school committee have agreed to reduce the school budget by 70 percent of the override or $280,000 and the municipal budget by 30 percent or

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Town Meeting sticks to the budget script

Attempts to revisit line items fall short

By Samantha Brown
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While voters ultimately approved the town's proposed fiscal year 2005 operating budget of $29,378,494 — which includes a Prop 2-1/2 override of $400,000 — it was not without much debate, as three last minute changes were floated at Saturday's Town Meeting.

Although the school committee, board of selectmen, and advisory committee all backed the override, some in attendance were not convinced every alternative had been explored and shared their thoughts on how money could be transferred between departments to help ease the burden on the schools.

The marathon-long budget discussion took up much of Saturday morning – the first session of the annual Town Meeting, which continued Monday night. Over the two sessions, voters tackled some 27 articles ranging from the fiscal year 2005 budget to amending the political sign bylaw to setting the stage to sewer the Little Harbor area.

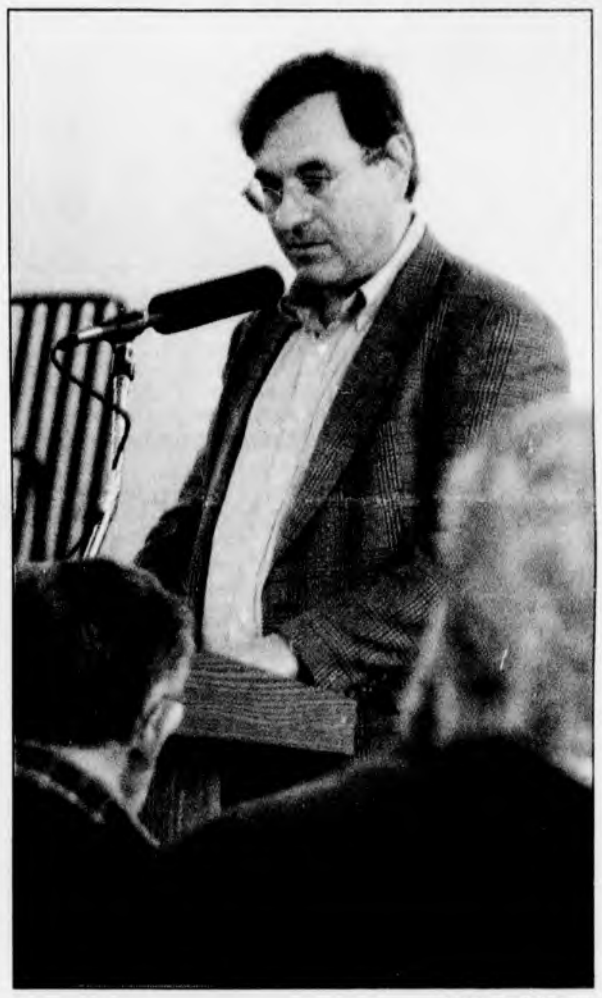
Alfred Slanetz, 14 Nichols Road, asked to transfer $105,000 from the police department budget to the school budget to retain the three teachers the elementary schools will let go. The teachers are being cut whether or not the override passes at the ballot box. Cutting those teachers, "will raise class size to as many as 26," Slanetz said, adding more than 20 students in a class is above the ideal range. "The only way we as a town can retain these teachers is to shift money," he said.

Slanetz said there has been more than $100,000 spent on overtime and legal expenses in the police budget, "for a current controversy within our police department which seems to have no end in sight." He said by reducing the police budget, it would encourage an amicable settlement between the town and the officers (on administrative leave), as well as save three elementary teachers. "This motion is an attempt to make two wrongs a right," he said.

But Town Manager Mark Haddad said to take $105,000 out of the police department budget would require laying off three officers. Under minimum

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Above right, Alfred Slanetz proposes a budget amendment to transfer money from the police department to the schools. Above left, police officer Bill English inspects the Town Warrant after Slanetz offers his amendment.



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Teacher Jessica Neira works with spider puppets during a Spanish lesson with, from left, Lexi Manning, Devon Fitzpatrick, William Fitzpatrick, Nina Swett and Tess Lenihan.

¿Dónde está Su Escuela? Aquí, say preschool-age children

Spanish immersion starts with youngest

By Samantha Brown
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Five students sit around a semi-circular table pasting pom-pom noses on paper cut-out clowns. They have yarn for hair and tissue paper for mouths — a typical craft for preschool-age children. However, what is not typical of this scene is that every child around the table has been brought up speaking English, but are all responding in Spanish, and none are over the age of five.

Su Escuela, a Spanish language training center, opened its doors at 152 King St. (Route 3A) in Cohasset in February, and has begun what Director Sandra Baldeón hopes will start a trend on the South Shore. "We invest a lot of time in activities like playing piano, or hockey," but there is an empty space for language which the schools aren't filling at an early age, she said. In Europe, it's very common for children to not only speak two, but sometimes three languages, and Baldeón said there is no reason children on the South Shore shouldn't have the same advantage.

"When a child comes here, they are in another country."
— Sandra Baldeón, Su Escuela

All children are born with the ability to mimic the sounds heard in all languages, Baldeón said. She added, new verbal skills are most easily acquired not by studying the rules of language in a typical classroom setting, but by using practical language in everyday interaction. That is why Su Escuela uses the "mother's method," which focuses on teaching children to effectively communicate in Spanish through play and creative activities, a method which can be started much earlier than lessons in grammar and vocabulary. Through repetition and complete Spanish immersion during their classroom time, children not only learn words they are taught, but are also hearing what it sounds like every time they are told to wash their hands, or sit in their chairs.

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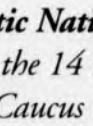
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This week in COHASSET

Brown helps town get state grants

The Mass. Department of Environmental Protection recently awarded Cohasset and the South Shore Recycling Cooperative two technical assistance grants. Cohasset's grant, requested by Selectman Merle Brown, will allow work to continue on a school chemical clean out and management program. Most chemicals have already been removed from the school labs, shops, art rooms and custodial closets, including 75 lbs. of mercury, so this phase will focus on policies and procedures for their future purchase and management.

The other grant will provide assistance to are towns and event committees in setting up recycling systems at local events. Inspired by the success of the program at the Lowell Folk Festival, South Shore Recycling Cooperative Director Claire Sullivan saw the annual 10-day Marshfield Fair and several other South Shore festivals and fairs as untapped opportunities to divert waste materials, and educate area residents on waste reduction.

The Mass. DEP awarded the 15-town Cooperative up to 100 hours of dedicated staff time through June, plus a subsidy for the purchase of containers and signs. Cohasset Selectman Merle Brown, who is also the Chairman of the SSRC, has requested that resources from this grant be used to set up a recycling program at the Cohasset Festival on the Common Festival in June.

"This grant will provide the South Shore Recycling Cooperative with another opportunity to reach out into the communities and show residents and organizers how to conserve resources at public events," Brown said.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, April 1, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, April 1, 7:30 p.m.
Harbor Committee, April 13, 7 p.m.,
Paul Pratt Library Trustees, April 14, 7 p.m., at the library
Planning Board, April 7, 7 p.m.
Selectman, April 6, 7:30 p.m.
School Committee, April 1, 7 p.m., middle-high school library
Zoning Board of Appeals, April 5, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

RTF Easter hours

The Recycling Transfer Facility will be closed on Sunday, April 11, in observance of the Easter Holiday.

It will re-open on Wednesday, April 14, the DPW said.

Winter wreaths

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Household hazardous product collection

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$120,000. Selectmen could also call for a special election to attempt the override again. They could also wait until the fall special town meeting to see what the town's free cash position is and balance the budget at that time before the tax rate is set, Haddad said.

The combination of election contests and an override ballot question usually translates into a higher voter turnout than might otherwise be the case. Last year's election, which featured a three-way race for one seat on the board of selectmen and an override ballot question, drew about 46 percent of the town's registered voters, Douglas said.

Marlette, the town moderator, said he will wait for all votes to be tabulated including write-ins before announcing the results. He could also swear in the winners at that time but would also be willing to attend the respective victory parties to administer the oath of office for the candidates in front of their family and friends.

In the selectman's race, longtime incumbent Merle Brown is seeking a fifth-term and Rob Spofford, Lou Harvey and Ralph Dormitzer are each hoping for their first. Selectman Tom Callahan is not running for reelection.

Incumbent Pat Martin hopes to win a third term on the school committee. She faces competition in the four-way race for two seats from Adrienne MacCarthy, Scott O'Grady and Jamie Williams. School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo is not running for reelection.

Stuart Ivimey and Joe Nedrow are competing for the one-year remaining of a five-year term on the planning board. Chris Ford resigned from the planning board this winter.

In Cohasset, the election is actually a continuation of the annual Town Meeting. At the close of Town Meeting, the moderator adjourns but does not dissolve Town Meeting for the limited purpose of electing the town officers. After the votes are in Saturday night, Marlette will entertain a motion to dissolve Town Meeting.

Marlette said he admires anyone who runs for office. "I have tremendous respect for people who run whether they win or lose," he said. "They are all trying to do something positive."

Annual Town Meeting sticks to the budget script

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manning, there have to be at least three officers on each shift. Making cuts would require calling another officer in to cover that position, which would require the town to pay more overtime, he said.

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said while his committee appreciated the request, "we're all in this together, and at this time it would not be appropriate for us to take money from other town departments." The amendment, which did not receive support from the school committee, selectmen or advisory board, failed to muster a majority vote at Town Meeting.

Then Roy Fitzsimmons, 116 Doane St., moved to reduce the school department's budget by $400,000, which would eliminate the need for an override. He suggested reducing the superintendent to a half-time position and said there were too many principals. "Do we really need four or five, or do we need two to three?" he asked.

Flynn pointed out the schools currently have three principals, one at Osgood, one at Deer Hill, and one at the middle-high school. He said there is an assistant principal at the middle high school. Flynn added when speaking to representatives from the MMA consulting group, which completed a recent report on the Town Manager form of government, "they were horrified we were able to get by with what we do. We're not fat when it comes to administration." Flynn said when the school committee interviewed candidates for the position of superintendent, some "bowed out" when they found out how little administrative support Cohasset schools have.

Patricia Facey, 4 Woodland Drive, said although she and her husband are both retired, on a fixed income, and have medical expenses not covered by insurance, they support the school budget request. "We moved here 42 years ago because of the school systems," she said, adding many families move here today for the same reason. "If we do not fund our schools, we'll be doing a disservice to the community."

Leonora Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, said there is waste in the school budget. She said she heard consolidation efforts, such as bringing the responsibilities of the school business manager under the umbrella of the town director of finance couldn't be accomplished because the business manager also has to run the bus schedule. "What's our busing manager doing?" she asked. Jenkins also said the schools are provided with funding for special education every year. In FY01, there were 237 SPED students, and that number has decreased to 187 this year but, "We're always giving more and more support," she said.

Fitzsimmons' motion to reduce the school department's budget by $400,000 was ultimately defeated by a majority vote of Town Meeting.

While Andrew Quigley, 38 Jerusalem Road, agreed money should be transferred within the budget to cover school costs, he thought Slanetz's motion misidentified the line items that should be cut. Instead, Quigley moved to eliminate the position of a new maintenance person at $40,000, which was an addition to this year's budget in light of the new construction around town and the need to maintain those buildings, and reducing the advisory committee reserve fund by $65,000, which would free up $105,000 to pay the salaries of the three elementary teachers.

"I know the advisory committee would love to have the $65,000 up front, but it's a rainy day fund. It's already a hurricane in the school department," Quigley said. He said the money could be returned in the fall, but the teachers could not, because the school year would be well underway.



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Coleman Nee, left, talks with Paul Queenan during Town Meeting while Paul's children, Maggie (4), and Brendan (9), keep themselves entertained with games on the cell phone. Brendan is a student at Osgood, which along with the other schools in town is targeted for cuts should Saturday's override fail.

However, Haddad said once the reserve fund that is supposed to cover unanticipated expenses starts covering line items in the budget, it becomes harder every year to replenish it.

Rob Spofford, 14 Heather Drive, of the School Building Committee, said the reason a maintenance person is so important is because the operating systems for the buildings are technical. The maintenance person will not be someone who sweeps the floors or fixes the lights, but will be someone with a technical background who will work on the computer systems that run the buildings.

Roger Whitley, 11 Cedar Lane, a Paul Pratt Memorial Library trustee, said eliminating the maintenance position will only hurt the library. "We're desperately in need of that maintenance man — none of the trustees are engineers," he said.

Slanetz then chose to amend Quigley's amendment, to take $40,000 out of the legal budget. But Haddad said legal expenses are hard to determine because it's impossible to predict who will sue the town, which is why it is always an issue again at the fall Town Meeting. "We don't know what our legal expenses are going to be. We need to be able to fight the cases," he said, which includes matters pertaining to all town boards. The Slanetz amendment was voted down by a majority vote.

The discussion was then brought back to Quigley's original amendment, which would free up $40,000 from the DPW budget, by eliminating a maintenance person, and $65,000 from the reserve fund.

Leonora Jenkins asked whether there has been any thought given to cutting back on the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity, or METCO program, perhaps by eliminating participation in grades one through five. "It might give those poor METCO children who have to spend so many hours on a bus each day at such a young age a break as well," she said.

Flynn said currently there are 54 METCO students spread throughout the grades. In terms of funding for the program, it has been cut, "but what we get from the METCO program, you can't measure on a dollar basis. METCO brings way more than it takes."

Quigley's motion to eliminate the position of maintenance position at $40,000 and transfer those funds and $65,000 from the reserve fund over to the school department side was voted down, and the original motion for the budget was passed by a two-thirds vote.

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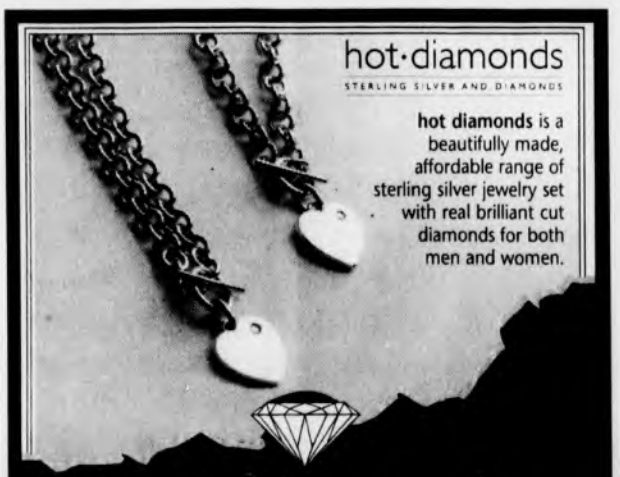
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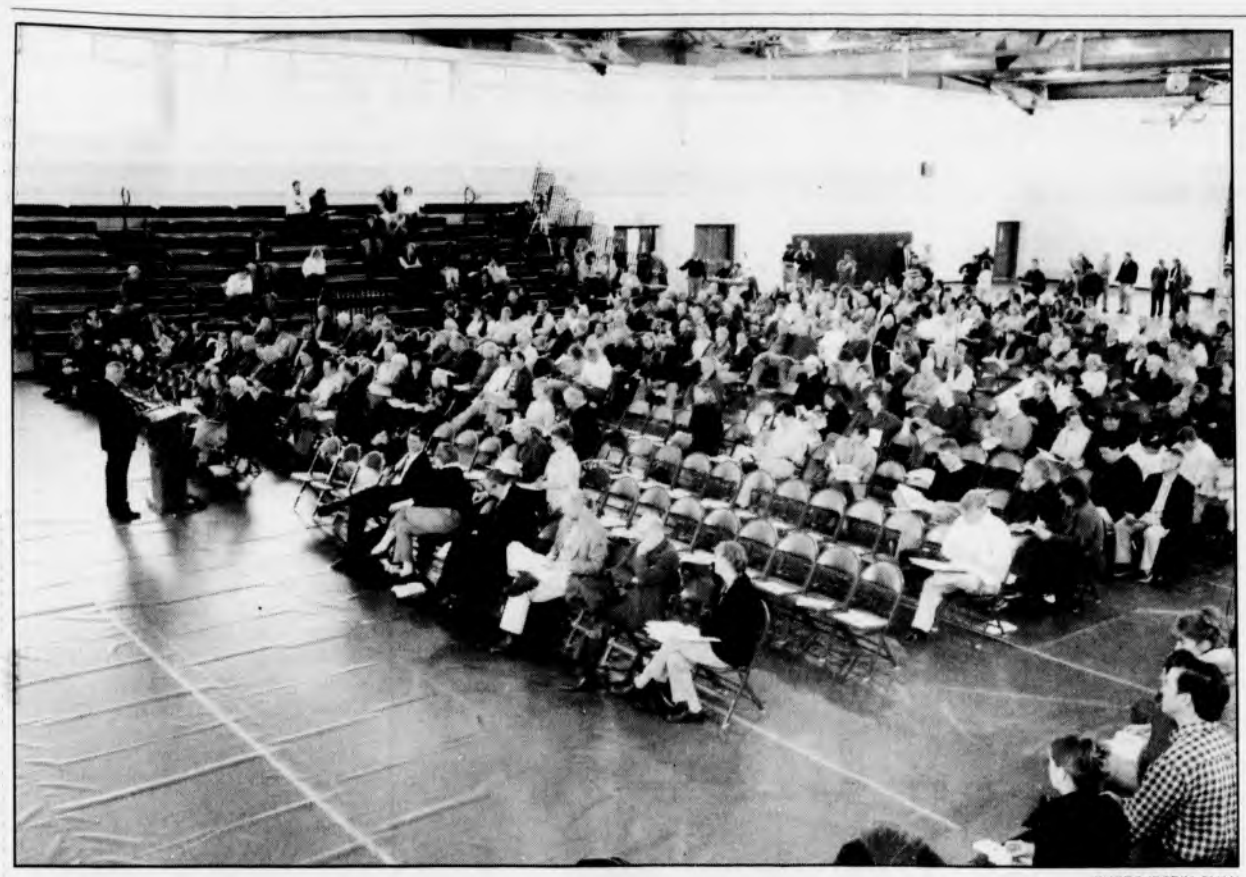


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Selectman Merle Brown leads off the budget discussion at Saturday's annual Town Meeting.

Voters opt for large houses with a (re)view

Bylaw addition adds new layer to approval process

By Samantha Brown
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For the past three years, members of the Growth and Development Committee have been trying to present their Large House Plan Review article to voters at Town Meeting. Last Saturday, the committee finally had its chance, and after such a long wait, were rewarded with the adoption of the addition to the zoning bylaw by a two-thirds vote.

The large house site plan review was modeled after a bylaw adopted by the town of Weston. It will ensure any proposals for construction of residential buildings which exceed the greater of 3,500 square feet or 10 percent of the lot area up to 6,000 square feet, will be subject to a review process by the Planning Board. If a home is under the size requirements, the bylaw will have no effect on any building plans. While the original motion included the word "site" the motion presented at Town Meeting was strictly a Large House Plan Review.

The intention of the bylaw is to insure abutters are notified if a "large house," is going to be built in their neighborhood, and that the Planning Board holds a public hearing to air any concerns on both sides.

Rick Swanborg, chairman of the Growth and Development Committee, has been heavily involved in the Master Plan, and said the article was drafted as a response to the overwhelming concern that the town's character needs to be preserved. Some residents refer to the large houses being built in town as "mansionization", and this bylaw would open up a dialogue prior to any construction.

"This will provide a transparent process. It does not allow the Planning Board to stop a large house if it meets all zoning criteria. This is how Boston does it," said Swanborg. He added his committee feels if 3 Jerusalem Lane had gone through a process like the article suggests, the town may have avoided conflict and litigation. Swanborg said currently, even though the town has setbacks from lot lines, without any review, a developer can tear down a house and build a new10,000 square foot house in Zone A.

"Has anyone seen 3 Jerusalem Lane?" he asked. "That's only 6,000 square feet."

The owners of 3 Jerusalem Lane had obtained a building permit and construction was 80 percent complete, when they were ordered by the ZBA to stop work on their home. Neighbors had complained that Building Inspector Robert Egan had erred in issuing a building permit without the homeowners first obtaining a special permit because they were building on a non-conforming lot, and the ZBA agreed. However, the ZBA did eventually issue the homeowners a special permit.

Those living near 3 Jerusalem Lane seemed to be in favor of the article. Steve Daly, 322 Jerusalem Road, said he has been living "in the shadow" of the home, and said the Growth and Development Committee has been working hard over the past three years to "protect our property." He believes the bylaw will provide a forum that will allow both sides of housing issues to be brought to the table, and people will be involved in a forum "that treats others as we would like to be treated."

However, Don Evans, 72 North Main St., didn't think the article was fair because it singles out homes of a particular size. "If a neighbor is building a house next to you, whether large or small, you may be just as interested," he said; but that doesn't mean it makes it right to judge a home by its size. "We usually don't judge by the size of our pocketbooks."

Wayne Sawchuk, 432 Beechwood St., had a different concern with the article, which was shared by many in attendance. He said he was very concerned with the changes to the article up to the last minute. Because the Warrant, which was mailed two weeks prior to Town Meeting, was completely different from what residents were expected to vote on, "What was the sense of mailing something out two weeks ago if you're going to have us vote on something completely different? We can't possibly digest this in 30 minutes," he said, and many in the audience applauded.

Bob Sturdy, 270 Jerusalem Road, a member of the Planning Board, said he apologized for the fact that, "The article is totally different from the Warrant," as printed. He said his board originally recommended indefinite postponement, but the other boards didn't go along with it. "We were forced to make changes we were OK with, right up practically to this morning," he said. As re-written, the article is only advisory and leaves the ultimate decision whether to issue a building permit up to the building inspector.

Tucker Glavin, 107 Nichols Road, said he too "was shocked" to hear the article had been changed at such a late date, and called Growth and Development Committee member Mark DeGiacomo to ask him about the article. He said after speaking to DeGiacomo at length, he still didn't agree with the article. He said it doesn't make sense to have a board responsible for a process the building inspector should handle. "It sounds like we're only doing it because with all due respect, there was a mistake by the building inspector," he said.

Woody Chittick, 98 South Main St., the chairman of the Zoning Board, said the article doesn't take any of the building inspector's responsibility away, but will give him more information.

Firearms license added to Article 26

Article 26 was adopted unanimously at Monday night's session of Town Meeting, but not without a small amendment. Because the article allows town officials to deny, revoke or suspend most licenses and permits when the applicant or landlord's fees, taxes, or other municipal charges remain unpaid for more than 12 months, one resident was concerned whether that applies to firearms permits as well.

Kevin O'Donnell, 248 King St., said if someone has a firearm permit and it is revoked and the person is not properly notified, that could result in jail time. "I think the article serves a good purpose," he said, but added the penalty for carrying a firearm after a permit has been revoked is a year in jail. Because there were some exceptions made where fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses are concerned, O'Donnell thought it made sense to include firearms permits as well.

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Now what?

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What would you improve?

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...the truth is we need all the people we can get throughout the year... we need second opinions, not second guessing only during the campaign season...

I'd like to institute a stronger community outreach component so those with ideas and solutions can feel welcome and can participate at any time."

What have you learned?

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Prospect for 40-year water sale dries up

By Samantha Brown
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While the Water Commission has a signed contract to sell water to the Linden Ponds development in Hingham for the next 20 years, an article which would have allowed a contract for the sale of water to be increased to 40 years was indefinitely postponed at Monday night's session of Town Meeting.

After much discussion, Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt moved the article be indefinitely postponed, as many questions had been raised by residents at the meeting, which hadn't been previously considered.

"The last 45 minutes brought up a lot of issues we hadn't thought of until now," said Pratt, adding the only prudent option for the board would be to postpone any decision making until a later date.

In 1998, Town Meeting adopted an article which gave the Water Commission the ability to sell water out of town. However, some residents think over the years, the Water Commission has been given too much jurisdiction over the sale of water, and want to see the decisions put back into the hands of the voters.

Gary Vanderweil, 500 Jerusalem Road, said while he thinks the Water Commission has done a phenomenal job, especially with its coordinating the land purchases that will protect the water supply, he said he didn't like the article because it gives the board too much authority. He suggested amending the motion to include Town Meeting approval for any contracts signed. "We need to return environmental and economic policy making to the town rather than leave it up to three men on the Water Commission," he said. As proposed, he felt the motion gave, "carte blanche to allow Cohasset to give water to any town who needs it. It's our only natural resource," he said, and felt the decision to give that resource away should be made by the residents.

"This is way beyond reasonable," Vanderweil added, and said the town, should be limited to providing water only in emergency situations for other towns that have a water shortage. While he is not against the town's selling water, he said he would rather see a town like Brockton, "which has a dire water shortage," benefit from the resources Cohasset has, rather than Hingham which has no shortage.

Water Commissioner John McNabb said the town essentially already approved what this year's article is trying to achieve, by allowing the commission to sell water to private entities out of town in 1998. He said by coming to Town Meeting with the article this year, the commission is seeking out the town's approval for the 40-year contract, and the decision is ultimately in the hands of voters.



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Roger Lowe looks over a map diagramming where Cohasset's drinking water comes from before heading into the Sullivan gymnasium for the annual Town Meeting on Saturday.

Julie Guild, 365 Jerusalem Road, said she was more concerned with the length of the contract, and whether the town could get out of it should a water problem arise. She asked what would happen if there ever was a drought, and would the revenue which was brought in be worth risking having no water.

Water Commissioner Rob Kasameyer said a drought is highly unlikely because of the amount of water the town has. "Right now, Cohasset residents use 710 gallons a day, on average. Some days it's more, some days it's less," he said. Based on figures given by the Department of Environmental Protection, he said Cohasset is able to safely pump 5.2 million gallons a day, which is seven times what the town needs. "It's a significant excess," he said.

Kasameyer added he believes the town could run for two years on the water it has. He said the last time Cohasset had a water restriction was back in the mid 1990s, and the restriction was due to a distribution problem, not a lack of water. "If there is no rain for a year and a half to two years, we'll still be able to operate," he said.

Kasameyer added while the amount of revenue will vary from year to year depending on how much water is used, he expects the town will receive $600,000, or 38 percent more revenue annually.

McNabb said it is not uncommon for towns to sell water across their borders, and because the town has an abundant resource, to sell part of it will generate more revenue and keep Cohasset water rates down. "You've got to think of this as a good thing," he said.

While some residents shared Guild's concerns about the length of the contract, the overriding concern was the authority it would give the commission. Robin Lawrence, 15 Beach St., said giving the power to any committee when it should be in the hands of the people is a real issue and he would not support the article for that reason.

Pratt said if Vanderweil would withdraw his motion, the Water Commission would move to indefinitely postpone the article, and would try to work with him to come up with a plan that would be more accepted by the town. Although Vanderweil said he would not withdraw his motion, ultimately voters decided it was best to indefinitely postpone any decisions.

McNabb said the decision at Town Meeting will not affect the 20 year contract the Water Commission currently has with Linden Ponds, and the board will talk about how to move forward at their meeting tonight.

Stage set for large land purchase

The town is well on its way to acquiring a significant amount of land which will help protect the quality of water in Cohasset as well as preserve open space, as Articles 13,14, 15, 16, 18 were all adopted unanimously at Monday night's session of town meeting.

Article 13 authorized the town to purchase 70 acres of open land in the Brass Kettle Brook watershed, which is a direct tributary to Lily Pond, and will allow the town to protect open space. However, before it passed, Wayne Sawchuk, 432 Beechwood St., and an owner of one of the parcels of property the town is trying to acquire, made a plea for the current landowners. He said while there is a general willingness of the current landowners to work with the town, he was chosen as a representative for the collective group, to explain the affects this article will have on them. One current landowner has a piece of property that has been passed down for at least four generations and he would like to keep it in the family. While he had always hoped to retire in a home built on his land, Sawchuk said by adopting the article, it will be taken by eminent domain.

Article 14 authorized the town to purchase roughly 58 acres in the Lily Pond watershed and the Aaron River Reservoir, contiguous to the 70 acres of land in the Brass Kettle Brook watershed, which will also help protect the town's drinking water supply.

Article 15 allowed the town to accept a donation six acres of land, donated by the Wheelwright family.

Article 16 authorized the town to acquire a public way known as "Old Road" which was laid out in the 1670s and has never been paved. Because it could be used in the future as a way into the land the town acquired in the previous articles, the Water Commission felt it was better to acquire it and ensure it was never developed.

Article 18 allowed the town to borrow a total of $20,880,000 at 2 percent interest through the State Revolving Fund program, to rehabilitate 10 miles of the water distribution system, upgrade the Lily Pond treatment plant, and reactivate both the Ellms Meadow and Sohier Street wellfields. Water Commissioner John McNabb said the article would save the town between $3 million and $4 million in borrowers fees over the next 20 years, which is the term of the loans.

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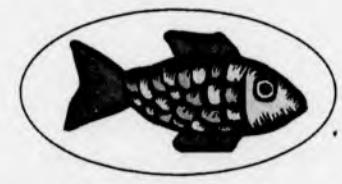
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Legal fees spark debate on first day of Town Meeting

Police matter expenses surface

By Samantha Brown
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Money is always a huge issue at Town Meeting and this year was no exception. But most of the money articles or items of business have to do with anticipated spending if fiscal year 2005, which starts July 1.

But a $500,000 request to cover a shortfall in various town departments — although ultimately approved by the voters — caused a bit of an uproar during Saturday's session.

Of the $1/2 million request — the $125,000 deficit in legal fees caused the most consternation.

Selectman Michael Sullivan explained the excess legal expenses covered various cases, including the Avalon and Cedarmere lawsuits, and the ongoing police hearings.

Currently the Water Commission is appealing the Zoning Board of Appeals' decision to grant the 200-unit Avalon project a comprehensive permit, and developers of the proposed 105-unit Cedarmere project are appealing the Sewer Commission's decision to deny the project access to the town sewer lines.

However, legal fees surrounding police matter caught the most attention.

Since Oct. 20, two Cohasset police officers have been on paid administrative leave, pending the outcome of an investigation into alleged misconduct. The town has been paying the two officers not to work, as well as police overtime during the disciplinary hearings, Town Counsel's legal bills, the cost of the private investigator, and the cost of a court reporter.

Andrew Quigley, 38 Jerusalem Road, asked how much of the $125,000 legal bill was directly related to the police issue, and Sullivan said roughly $100,000, which includes all bills to date. Sullivan said there will hopefully be very little added to that amount, as the town and the two officers have agreed to a cooling-off period, during which the parties will attempt to resolve their employment disputes through a structured mediation process. The hearings have been suspended for 45 days. [Andrew Quigley is no relation to Sgt. William Quigley, one of the officers].

When asked about who hired the private investigator, Sullivan said while the board was involved, the Town Manager has the overriding authority to hire. Sullivan said the board did not vote on the matter.

"Town Counsel hired the investigator and we were aware of that," he said, adding the selectmen appointed Town Counsel and the board utilizes his expertise. If Town Counsel feels it is appropriate, he can recommend another attorney in his firm with a particular expertise for a case, or hire outside help when necessary, Sullivan explained.

Quigley asked why the discussion hadn't been conducted in the open, to which Sullivan said some business had to be conducted in executive session because it involved a legal issue. Sullivan also said any legal strategy and legal decisions about strategy involve the Board of Selectmen, and executive sessions for that purpose are permitted under the Open Meeting Law. However, Quigley said at the point the investigator was hired, there had been no lawsuit filed, and at that time there was no need for an executive session.

"I think Mark has been a very good Town Manager, and the Selectmen have done a wonderful job," Quigley said, but he felt the citizens of the town should not be asked to pay for a process that has been "botched from the beginning." He added it would only be appropriate to vote down the legal expense line item. "We need to give the message to Town Counsel that it was bad advice," he said.

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Town Manager Mark Haddad talks about the rationale behind the town's budget's recommendations at Saturday's session of Town Meeting at the middle-high school.

However, Stuart Ivimey, 7 Sankey Road, said as an attorney, he realizes the town has been billed for services rendered, and "It's unfair to send a message to a law firm," rather than the board that took his advice. "It's simply wrong not to pay the bill."

Overtime costs

In addition to the $125,000 in legal fees, the police and fire departments had a combined overtime shortfall of $135,000. While the fire department has an overtime shortfall of $75,000, which is greater than the $60,000 shortfall for police, some residents saw the police overtime figure as having a direct correlation to the ongoing police matter. "We should be negotiating and not litigating," said Lee Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road.

Sullivan said the overtime at the police department has not been solely related to the controversy, as there have been three police officers out with injuries in addition to the two officers on paid administrative leave. He added the fire department currently has four members out. "We haven't had a very lucky year in terms of injuries," he said.

Sullivan pointed out the positives in the budget request in the article, as part of the Board of Selectmen expenses were related to the Cook Estate. "We'll own it for about an hour, and in that hour, we'll gain about $925,000, as well as get a senior housing project for the community," he said. "We're clearly going to get back for what we expend." [The town plans simultaneous closings with the Cook heirs, the developer and the town].

Tom Gruber, 8 Pratt Court, asked how the $900,000 for the Cook Estate will figure into the budget, and if it could be used to help offset the override in any way. Sullivan said because the town does not have the money yet, and will not have it in hand until the closing in October, any potential use is only speculation at this time.

Town Meeting rundown

Article 1 — Town report: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 2 — Town committee reports: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 3 — Operating budget: ***adopted by a 2/3 vote***

Article 4 — Unpaid bills: ***withdrawn***

Article 5 — Departmental budget appropriations: ***adopted by a majority vote***

Article 6 — Citizen's petition on police department investigation: ***indefinitely postponed***

Article 7 — Large House Site Plan Review: ***adopted by a 2/3 vote***

Article 8 — Demolition delay bylaw: ***indefinitely postponed***

Article 9 — Political signs: ***adopted by a 2/3 vote***

Article 10 — Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw amendment: ***adopted by a 2/3 vote***

Article 11 — Little Harbor sewer engineering: ***adopted by at 2/3 vote***

Article 12 — Community Preservation Committee Recommendation :
A: ***adopted unanimously***
B: ***adopted unanimously***
C: ***adopted unanimously***
D: ***adopted by a majority vote***
E: ***adopted unanimously***
F: ***adopted by a majority vote***

Article 13 — Brass Kettle Brook watershed land acquisition: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 14 — Lily Pond watershed land acquisition: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 15 — Accepting the gift of land from Wheelwright family: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 16 — Acquire "Old Road" public way: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 17 — Ongoing Water Department capital projects: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 18 — Allocating $23,000,000 for Water Department improvements: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 19 — Forty year contract to sell water: ***indefinitely postponed***

Article 20 — Funding for West Corner Culvert improvements: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 21 — "Newtonville" engineering costs: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 22 — James Lane easement: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 23 — Mill River Marina sea wall improvements: ***adopted unanimously***

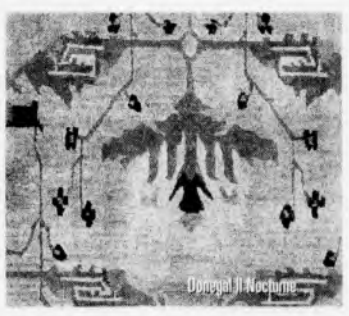
Article 24 — Change in gross receipts limit: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 25 — Bonds for school construction: ***adopted by a majority vote***

Article 26 — Denial of licenses for back taxes: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 27 — Amendment to building permits : ***adopted unanimously***




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Demolition delay bylaw razed

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A proposed bylaw that would discourage the demolition of historic buildings in town didn't pass muster with Town Meeting voters, who opted to shelve the measure.

Although proponent Noel Ripley of the Cohasset Historical Commission, which sponsored the article, assured those in attendance the bylaw would only protect structures of historic, cultural or architectural significance — some were concerned its scope was too broad.

Julie Guild, 265 Jerusalem Road, questioned whether the bylaw that sought to protect buildings 50 years or older included too many structures and suggested 75 years or older be used.

"Fifty years is not that long," she said. "It includes raised ranches and split levels."

Ripley said a majority of the houses 50-years-old would not be protected but a few like the Walter Gropius House off Atlantic Avenue, which is listed on the National Register, would be.

Lee Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, said protected homes need to be compiled on a list so it is clear which homes would be protected by the bylaw.

But Planning Board member Peter Pratt said it would be a shame to lose some homes with significant architectural styles, such as those designed by noted architect Royal Barry Wills, while a list is compiled — a time-consuming process.

Chartis Tebbetts, 9 Jerusalem Road Drive, questioned who would determine whether a house was historically significant and how that might affect the sale of a small house with a water view.

"A deck house was recently demolished between Little Harbor and the ocean and many felt is was a shame to see it go down," she said. "It was unique and had some architectural significance to some people."

Her husband Ned Tebbetts said because, in some cases, land is worth much more than the house, the bylaw could affect the value of an estate left to heirs.

Again Ripley stressed that qualifying structures would have to be associated with an important or famous architect or builder, be historically or architecturally significant to qualify to protection under the bylaw.

If adopted, the general bylaw would have required a home-rule petition from the Legislature to clarify the roles of the historical commission and the building inspector, who issues demolition permits.. A home rule petition would not have been be difficult to obtain, officials said. But ultimately voters decided to indefinitely postpone the article.

About 100 towns in the state have demolition delay bylaws, Ripley said.

Sunsets on Senior Overlay

The Senior Overlay District bylaw has been amended so it "sunsets" when the total number of multi-family homes in town reaches 15 not 20 percent, as it was initially drafted.

To encourage the development of housing for senior citizens, the Senior Overlay permits more density for projects limited to those 55-and-older than would otherwise be allowed by existing zoning.

When the bylaw was passed in the fall of 2002, voters thought multi-family meant two or more units but it has subsequently been determined multi-family means at least three units in a building which expands the number of units allowed under the bylaw.

"We don't want to get too much of a good thing and need to set the cap in the bylaw at 15 percent," Planning Board member Peter Pratt said, adding the Cook Estate senior housing project would be exempt from the new count.

Cedarmere, another senior housing project, would be grandfathered if it prevails, Selectman Tom Callahan said.

The change means a reduction of 144 potential units in town.

The bylaw change does not affect the cluster development bylaw and therefore would not preclude a complex like 100 Pond St. from being developed down the road, Pratt said.

Stage set for sewer extension

Engineering and cost estimates will move forward on the proposed 450-home Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue sewer extension thanks to $100,000 appropriated at Town Meeting. The town is under a court order to solve its wastewater woes that include solving the pollution problems in the Little Harbor area and along part of Atlantic Avenue. The project that would include expanding the capacity of the sewer treatment plant off Elm Street from 300,000 to 450,000 gallons per day within its existing footprint is estimated to cost $10 million. The timetable includes constructing the sewer in 2007-08 and hooking the homes up the following year. The cost of the project would be repaid to the town through sewer revenues, Sewer Commission Chairman Ray Kasperowicz said.

When asked, Kasperowicz would not speculate if the taxpayers would be asked to pay 50 percent, as it did with the North Cohasset and Central Cohasset sewer extension projects.

He said sewer capacity would be reserved for existing homes.

Community Preservation Fund commitments

Voters OK'ed monies from the Community Preservation Fund to pay for the repair of drainage problems at Alumni Field ($98,500); about $80,000 for new appliances, locks and security systems at 60 Elm St., the affordable senior housing project behind the police/fire station; and $15,000 toward the construction of a new $120,000 community playground behind the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The rest of the money for the playground is being raised privately. Community Preservation Committee chairman Stuart Ivimey said the playground would be controlled by the town and constructed of low-maintenance synthetic material. It would also not increase the amount of money the town spends on insurance, he said.



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Former Town Moderator William Weeks was honored during Saturday's Town Meeting for his years of service to Cohasset.

No override could mean severe cuts

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"These are just recommendations."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

While the town may have adopted a budget which includes a $400,000 override, that doesn't mean voters will ultimately give their approval at the ballot box this weekend. While there has been much discussion surrounding the major cuts the school department will have to make to come up with its 70 percent share, or $280,000, Town Manager Mark Haddad said his recommendations could be just as devastating for the town's side.

To make up the town's $120,000 share should the override fail, Haddad said he will recommend eliminating one position on the Department of Public Works at $35,000. He said currently, he is not sure which branch of the DPW will be affected.

Haddad floated the elimination of the call fire firefighters, who respond on an as-needed basis, which would free up another $15,000 in the budget, as well as the Conservation Commission's consultant at $25,000. However, Haddad said after speaking to Paul Shea and Debbie Cook of the Conservation Commission, they said the loss of their consultant would be disastrous and would take their commission back 10 years.

Haddad also said the special summer police officers might be cut, which would yield $14,000. Those officers patrol on bicycles near the beach, harbor and bridges.

The suggestion that caused the most distress for the Board of Selectmen is the proposed $29,000 cut to the library budget. If that cut is made, it will cause the Paul Pratt Memorial Library to have to cut back its hours, and it will lose its Old Colony Library Network accreditation, which allows it to be a part of the 27 member library association. Residents who have an OCLN card in Cohasset can use the services of any other OCLN library on the South Shore.

"These are just recommendations," Haddad said, but added these are decisions the board will need to start thinking about.

On the school side, making up $280,000 will not be easy. While nothing has been set in stone, there has been talk about turning to the athletic budget or cutting additional teachers. While it is still not clear whether teacher reductions would come in the form of classroom teachers or specialists, the School Committee said either way, it will greatly impact the schools.

Each of the three principals has also come up with lists which recommend possible cuts that could be made, which would allow the schools to still function, although services would be reduced.

With or without the override, the School Committee has already reduced its budget significantly, by taking three elementary teachers off staff, eliminating the middle school athletic program, eliminating the position of director of physical education and health, eliminating a special education aide, eliminating one custodial position, reducing the curriculum director position from a full to half-time position, reducing the full time business manager position to a half-time clerk, and it has not given salary increases to any administrators.

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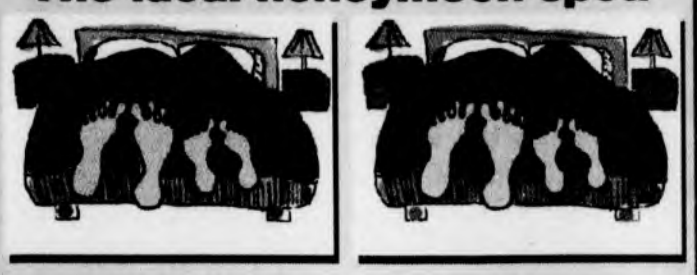


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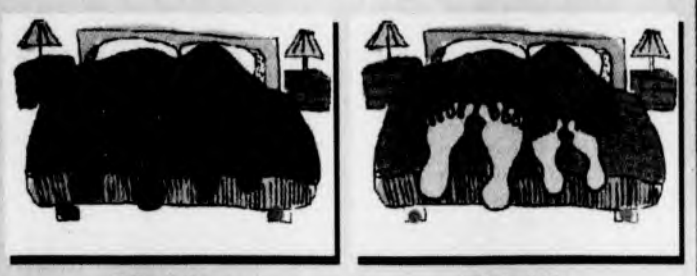
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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

BIRTHDAY WISHES

A special birthday wish to a wonderful young lady. Happy 14th birthday to **Jessica Yourell** from her parents, brother **Jimmy**, sister **Jacqlyn** and grandparents **Ruth Yourell** of Hingham and **Margaret DeCouto** of Cohasset.

PARENTING TEENS WORKSHOP

Parents of pre-teens and teens — whether happy and healthy, somewhat troubled, or somewhere in-between —are invited to attend a special two-part evening workshop: "Raising Teens" being held on Tues, April 6 & Tues, April 13 from 7 - 9pm at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. **Eve Sullivan**, a popular speaker affiliated with the Parents' Forum in Cambridge, will lead the seminar. "Raising Teens" will address the strong feelings and inevitable conflicts that arise in parenting adolescents. The workshops help participants assess their parenting skills and offer immediately relevant information on habits of communication and conflict-resolution skills.

This seminar is sponsored by Project Safeguard, a non-profit community group that includes parent volunteers, health education professionals, clergy, and representatives from the PSO and the Cohasset Public Schools. Reservations should be made in advance by mailing a check for $20, made payable to "Project Safeguard," to: Project Safeguard, c/o Cohasset Middle/High School, 143 Pond St., Cohasset 02025. (This is a sliding scale fee based on ability to pay; you may pay a reduced amount or confidentially request the fee to be waived.) For more information, call 781-383-6190. Hope to see you there!

APPALACHIAN FESTIVAL

Cohasset ASP's fourth annual Appalachian Festival & Bluegrass Concert will be held on Saturday, April 3, at Cohasset Middle High School (143 Pond St.). This fun fundraiser includes a southern family-style dinner at 6 p.m. followed by an Appalachian Marketplace featuring a slide show, special Appalachian crafts, a quilt raffle and dessert. The festival concludes with a foot stompin', hand clappin' Blue Grass concert featuring local favorite: "Quarter Moon." Please buy your tickets in advance at St. Anthony's, St. Stephen's, First Parish or Second Congregational Churches, Buttonwood Bookstore or the Front Street Book Shop in Scituate Harbor. Tickets for the dinner and concert are just $20/adult and $8/child — with a family maximum of $50. For those interested in just the marketplace, concert and dessert (starting around 7:15 p.m.), tickets are just $10/adult and kids are free. For more information visit www.CohassetASP.org

RELAY FOR LIFE MEETING

A Relay For Life Team Captain meeting is taking place on Wednesday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cohasset HS cafeteria. New teams are always welcome so we encourage anyone who is interested in forming a team to come to this meeting next week.

DEAN'S LIST

Nicholas A. Lavigne and **John Considine**, both of Cohasset, have achieved dean's list status at Westfield State College for the fall 2003 semester. Nicholas is an art major and John is majoring in sociology. Nice work gentlemen!

THAYER HONORS

The following Cohasset students who are attending Thayer Academy Middle School achieved academic honors: **Leigh C. Collins**, 6th grade, earned Honors in achievement; and **Anna E. Blanken**, 7th grade, earned High Honors in achievement and High Honors in effort. Congratulations to both of you on this recognition.

BUTTONWOOD BOOK FAIR

Deer Hill's annual spring Book Fair, featuring a selection of books from Buttonwoods, kicks off today, Thursday, April 1, and continues through Wednesday, April 7. Students will attend the fair during their regular library class time. Parents may attend with them, or visit the fair anytime during school hours. All proceeds will support the Deer Hill School Library.

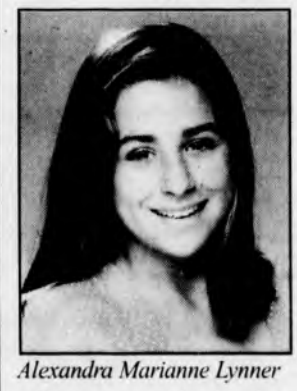
PRINCIPAL'S LIST

The following students were named to the Principal's List at St. Paul's School in Hingham: **Thomas Chase** - Grade 8 - son of **Mark and Laura Chase; Eric Vanderpool** - Grade 7 - son of **John and Gerry Vanderpool**; and **Katherine French** - Grade 6 - daughter of **Jim and Donna French.** Great job to the three of you!

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ENGAGEMENTS

Lynner - Gilbert



Alexandra Marianne Lynner

Marianne and Stephen Lynner of Cohasset, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alexandra Marianne Lynner to Joseph Thomas Gilbert, the son of Tim and Sharon Gilbert of Summit, N.J.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Canterbury School in New Milford, Conn., and Villanova University, Villanova, Pa.

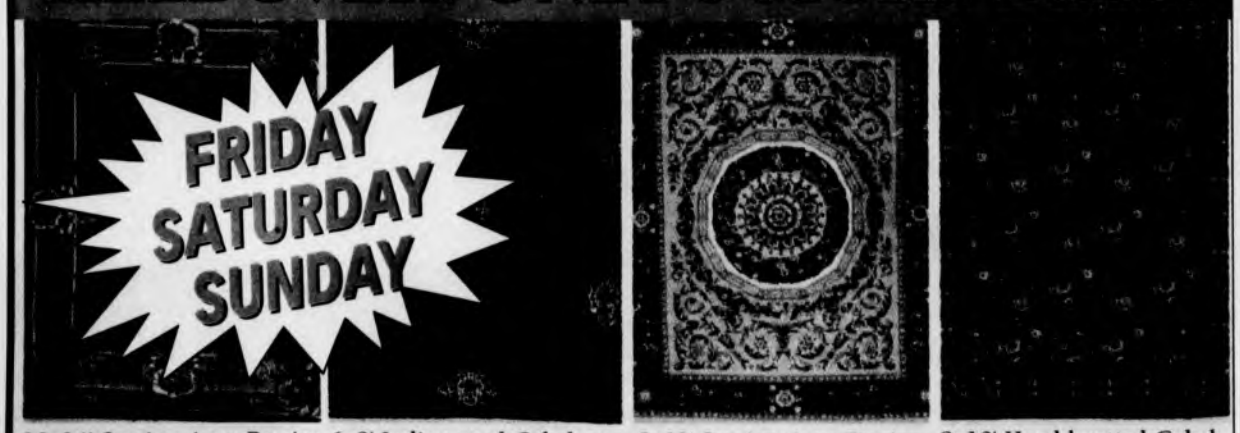
She is employed in the fashion department at Glamour Magazine, Conde Nast, in New York City, N.Y.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Oratory, Summit, N.J. and University of Virginia, Charlotteville, Va.

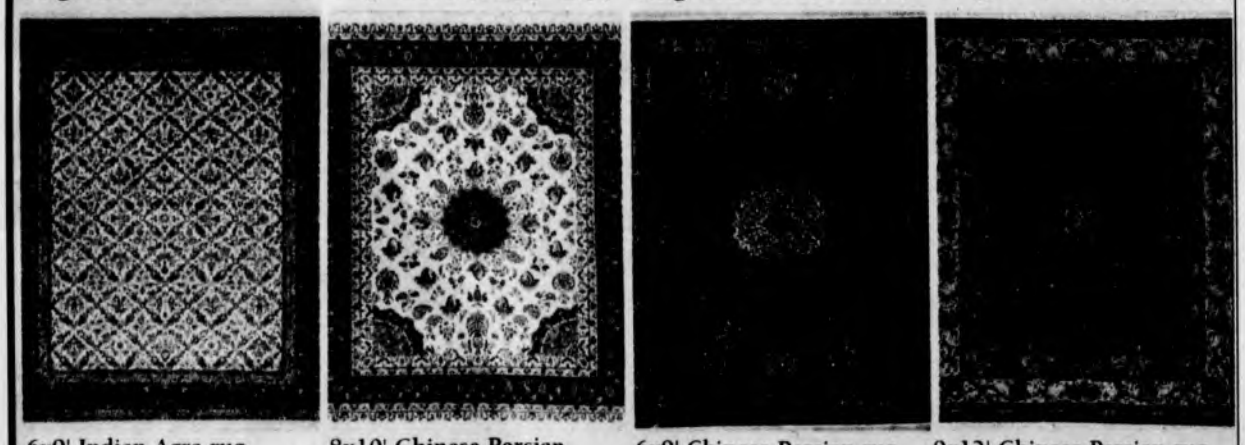
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Annual Kitchen Tour is Friday, April 2

The South Shore Community Center is sponsoring a tour of some of the most unique kitchens in Cohasset on Friday, April 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each of this year's six kitchens reflects the many options available to homeowners when planning or decorating a kitchen. Added to this will be the artistry of the homeowners or design professionals who will offer table settings in the kitchens and dining areas of each home. Hors d'oeuvres, finger sandwiches, pastries and sweets prepared by some of the area's best-loved caterers, restaurants, and bakeries will be available at reach of the homes and at the Community Center.

Advanced tickets may be purchased at the Center at 3 North Main St., or by calling 781-383-0088. Tickets are $25 when purchased before April 1, and will be $30 the day of the Kitchen Tour.

Funds from the Kitchen Tour 2004 will be used to support the programs of the South Shore Community Center.

The Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to a wide range of educational and enrichment programs from infants to seniors.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Lauren Koncius, shown here with her dog Tucker, will host one of the stops on this year's Kitchen Tour to benefit the South Shore Community Center.

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KITCHEN TOUR

Anyone who is interested in the South Shore Community Center's Kitchen Tour 2004, being held tomorrow, Friday April 2 from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. should call 781-383-0088 to find out the availability of tickets.

If you call today, the tickets are $25 and you may also buy them at the door for $30. The ticket allows you to visit six fabulously unique kitchens and homes in Cohasset that have been designed by professional interior designers and homeowners, taste some yummy foods throughout the tour and welcome spring in with this yearly tradition. This is a big hit every year and if their are still any available tickets, try to take this one in.

MAINTAINING RESPECT

Don't forget to come and vote this Saturday, April 3 at the Town Hall. Everyone has an opinion and the voting rights are yours if you wish to use those rights. One thing I want to mention is that even though we all have our own opinions as to what should or should not happen in our town, with our schools etc. we al l need to remember that after the voting is said and done, we are all still here in this town with each other. It seems that when people start to share their views and they are not exactly the same views as someone else's, we forget to remember that the other person is still a neighbor, friend or a member in this town. Life goes on when all is said and done and whether your issues win or lose, you still would like to have people to be friendly with you or at least I would. It is a wonderful thing to be able to share and have the right to your opinions, thoughts and ideas and it is even a better thing to be able to share all of those in a way that people respect.

That is all for this week. Make sure to have all your items to me no later than Monday afternoon by 5 p.m.

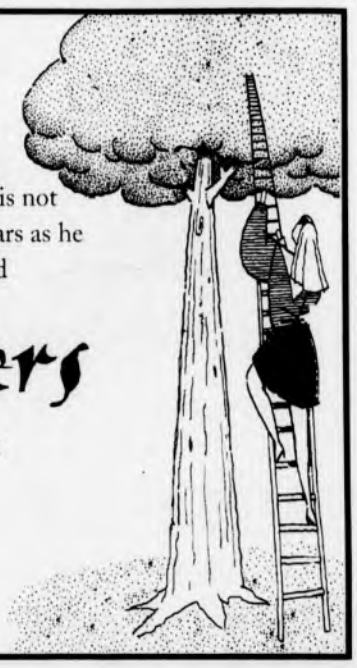
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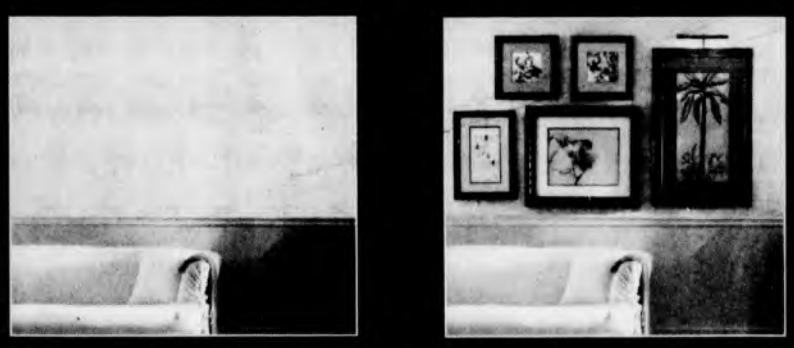
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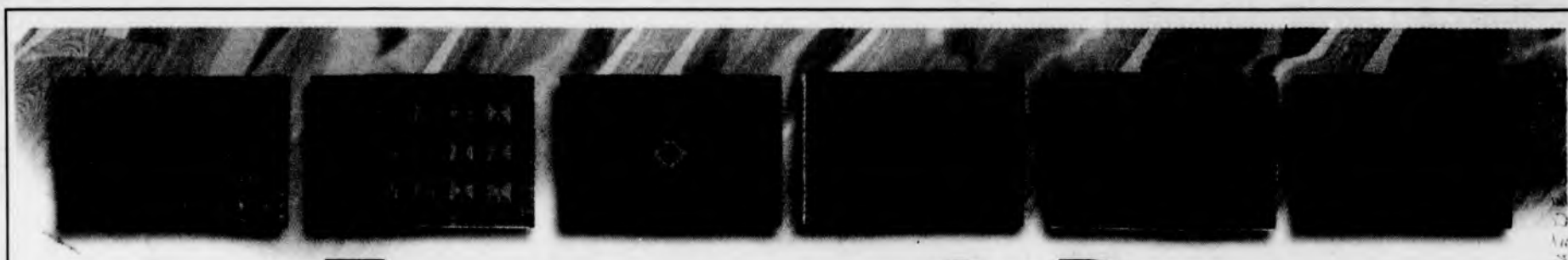
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Antone, Abraham J Jr
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Bergstrom, Reinhold F
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Pina, Joseph
Plummer, Mary C.
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The Cohasset Fire Department Advanced Life Support Service

To the Citizens of Cohasset,

The residents and visitors of Cohasset should feel comfortable and secure with the high standard of care that our Paramedic Service is providing. At the recent candidate's night Ralph Dormitzer, candidate for Selectman, expressed his opinion that the Town of Cohasset would have been better served by a hospital based Advanced Life Support system and questioned the competency of your present Paramedics.

To this concern we provide the following educational points:

- The Paramedics of the Cohasset Fire Department have an average of 6.2 years of experience in Advanced Life Support Emergency Medicine
- Our Paramedics are currently working in Emergency 911 Advanced Life Support Medical systems statewide such as: Boston, Brockton, Quincy, Everett, Chelsea, Taunton, Weymouth, Malden, Brookline, Newton, Waltham and Dedham
- All our Paramedics have completed thousands of hours of instruction and practical training and are certified through the State Office of Emergency Medical Services
- Through our affiliation agreement with South Shore Hospital all of our Paramedics receive training from the physicians of the emergency department on a regular basis
- Our Paramedics have received training in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Neo-Natal Advanced Life Support and are highly trained in Advanced Airway Management procedures. In addition, many of our Paramedics hold Instructor-level Certifications in these disciplines and teach them to health care professionals on a regular basis

The Town of Cohasset thoroughly investigated the options and benefits of community based Advanced Life Support versus hospital based Advanced Life Support and then decided on the present system. Additional benefits to the citizens that are provided by your Firefighter-Paramedics:

- Massachusetts Firefighting Academy trained and certified
- Rapid Advanced Life Support response times
- Familiarity with the residents and intricate knowledge of the town
- Tripled the revenue the town receives through billing for ambulance services to more than $300,000 annually
- Secured $77,166 Federal Grant Funding for Homeland Security and Defense
- Dedicated career professionals

We strive to continually improve this critical service and would like to thank Chief Lincoln, the present Selectmen, Town Manager, Town Officials, and all who have supported us in our efforts. We encourage anyone who has experienced the care provided by your Paramedics to contact all the candidates. If you have any questions, feel free to call us (781) 383-0616 or drop by the station at 44 Elm Street.

Thank You,
Cohasset Professional Firefighters, Local 2804

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Comfort level

Saturday's election is one of the most heated in recent memory. We've covered many tough override fights before – whether for general overrides like Saturday's $400,000 ballot question or debt exclusion votes for school buildings or sewer projects.

But this year's election isn't just about raising your taxes. It's also about deciding who can best represent you at Town Hall on the board of selectmen and planning board, and at the school department on the school committee.

We urge you to think carefully about your vote and decide which candidates you are the most comfortable with.

As reporters we cover endless hours of meetings during which we listen while jotting down notes in front of various town boards that are seated at a large desk or table. It can be intimidating sitting in front of a board, asking questions and getting the straight scoop about what's going on. But that's part of our job, we're used to trying to get information even when it's not popular for us to do so. We take our job as the eyes and ears of the public seriously.

We always think government should be open and accessible. We think town officials should always err on the side of the public's right to know. We think documents, correspondence and reports should be readily available, even in draft form. We're sticklers for both the Public Records and Open Meeting laws.

Because we're so close to Town Hall and the school department, it's not always easy for us to judge what you think and how you feel about your government. But we do know that you shouldn't feel the least bit uncomfortable calling any elected town or school official at home, even at dinnertime or on a weekend; attending a meeting; or going to town hall with an issue, question or a complaint.

No one forces anyone to run for office and although bureaucracy can be a bear, you — the members of the public — need to ensure that your government is approachable and welcoming.

For the record, we know and personally like all the candidates for selectmen, school committee and planning board. We're familiar with their records, we've seen them in action, listened to them on the campaign trail, and we respect their willingness to volunteer long hours for what can often be a great big headache. We think each one is passionate about the quality of life in Cohasset and wants to do what's best for the town, schools and you, the citizens. It's a tough choice.

Cohasset is on the brink of change. With large multi-unit housing projects on the horizon the town is faced with unprecedented growth.

Overrides — and we agree this one *is* needed — could be on the verge of becoming annual events. Yearly overrides are not good for the town because override battles tend to be divisive and property taxes are getting more and more onerous. We've followed all the meetings and listened to discussion about this year's override. We know selectmen put Question One the ballot only after coming to the conclusion there was little alternative.

Your vote Saturday is important. It will take intelligence, courage and a good dose of commonsense to lead our town over the next decade. Think hard about which candidates you think have the right mix of experience, determination, energy and conviction to make a difference. Casting an informed vote is your responsibility.

— Mary Ford
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Cohasset Democrats launch new website

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee officially announced the unveiling of its new, redesigned website. The site, located at www.cohasset-dems.org, will provide information on the Massachusetts Democratic Party, as well as upcoming events, contact data for elected officials, candidate information, The Chairman's Message, news sources, links to related sites and a photo album of recent Democratic events.

In addition, the site will also feature links to a Web Log and Town Bulletin Board for all citizens of Cohasset to post messages and read local opinions on a variety of topics and current events.

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee is comprised of registered Democrats in the town of Cohasset. Its mission is to work to promote the ideals and platform of the Massachusetts Democratic Party, recruit candidates and volunteers, and to help elect Democrats to public office. Persons interested in joining the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee should contact Agnes McCann at 781-383-0222.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Override is in town's interest

TO THE EDITOR

In the 70s, I taught high school science, spending the last four years in Hingham. I left teaching to work in product development at Gillette. I left a Step 5 / Master's position making $13,500 a year for a Senior Chemist's job making $17,000 a year – about a 25 percent raise for me.

Today in Cohasset a Step 5 / Master's teacher makes $43,215. According to the American Chemical Society, the average Master's degree Chemist in New England made $67,000 in 2001– a difference of 55 percent, which is probably even higher now. Looking only at the relative difference, the salary gap between teaching and industry grew by more than double.

We could perform similar comparisons with Cohasset and other occupations — I used chemists because that was the employment choice I had to make at the time. The point of this illustration is to raise a few questions: have shave cream chemists become proportionately more valuable to society than teachers? Are teachers less vital to a quality education than they were? Is the educational program we have come to expect and depend on in Cohasset, worth less today than it was in the past?

The town of Cohasset now faces an override for the schools. This override won't do anything to close the widening salary gap I described. Hopefully, it can keep the compromises to school programs to a minimum. We elected our School Committee to make tough choices, and our Selectmen and Advisory Board to challenge those choices. Based on countless hours of discussion and debate, those three boards are unanimous in supporting the override. That recommendation comes after carefully considering the impact of higher taxes on the citizens of the town.

There is no question that these tax increases are a real hardship for some and difficult for others. The alternative, however, is to lose one of the strongest forces maintaining the value of our homes: the quality of Cohasset Schools. Hard as this override may be, it is truly in the best interests of Cohasset.

Jim Kirk
254 South Main St.

'Sponsor' an island

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter was sent to selectmen.

I only became aware of the "Adopt an Island" program in Cohasset as a result of the recent press coverage dedicated to the trees at the intersection of North Main Street and Joy Place. I have confidence that all parties concerned will reach an equitable solution to the issues that were raised...well taken down really, at that particular location. However, I do feel that I must voice a concern with regard to the "Adopt an Island" program itself, with which I agree whole heartily in theory, if not in name.

I am mother of a 10-year-old daughter who was joyfully welcomed into our family through the process of adoption. Over the years I have glanced uneasily at signs designating "Adopt a Highway" and "Adopt an Intersection," but it was not until last summer, when my daughter read one if the signs in another town and questioned the wording, that I was forced to contemplate their meaning specifically she, asked: "Mom, why do they call it that? It's not the same."

She is right. The definition of adoption: "To take into one's family and raise as one's own child," is full of dry words that cannot describe the love, caring and all encompassing fulfillment brought on by the act of absorbing a child into a family. And while certainly the word is used in other ways, such as in "adopting a resolution," arguably, its primary meaning is the one that our family has come to know and cherish. This same connotation seems to be the one that is reflected in the spirit of countless programs fashioned to ensure the upkeep of various plots of land in towns across the United States.

And while I applaud and in fact am grateful to those who are willing to accept the responsibility of maintaining and beautifying sites around our town, I cannot fathom that the time and effort involved can remotely mirror the dedication and emotional investment required to raise a healthy, happy, adjusted child. A few hours week, verses a lifetime of commitment? As my daughter so clearly articulated, it is not the same.

In this world where "political correctness" appears to involve redefining, every other word in the dictionary for what, sometimes seem like trivial ideologies; I am sensitive to the eyebrows that my comments may raise. But my daughter, who innocently asked me her question, has no political agenda, and only voices her own truth.

So today, I speak for my daughter and perhaps for the many other adoptees in our town as well, as I respectfully request that the Town of Cohasset change the name of this worthwhile program from "Adopt an Island" to "Sponsor an Island."

Liza Carens Salerno
477 King St.

Vote yes for your children's benefit

TO THE EDITOR:

To the citizens of Cohasset:

Do you realize that even if the override passes on Saturday, three teachers at the elementary level will be cut next year? That's right, three teachers will be cut, even if the override passes. That means that class sizes will likely increase to 26 in three grades at the Osgood and Deer Hill schools. If the override does not pass, another $400,000 will be cut from the already bare-bones budget. That is the equivalent of another eight to 10 teachers. Which dozen teachers in total would you like to see cut and not replaced?

How many of you remember the override that was defeated by one vote in the not too distant past? Do you realize how important it is that you go the polls on Saturday or get your absentee ballot in? I urge you to get out and vote! And vote yes for this override. Your child's education depends on it.

Barbara Buckley
272 N. Main St.

No drag racing on Bancroft Road

TO THE EDITOR:

The signs are here that spring has at last arrived. Birds are building nests, green shoots are appearing, evenings are lighter - and the sounds of cars roaring down Bancroft Road and tires spinning in the dirt fill the air. Yes, the boys of summer are back on Miliken Field.

There is something wonderful about living opposite Miliken Field. We get to watch 4 years olds to 18 year olds put aside their game boys and DVDs to pick up soccer balls, baseball gloves and lacrosse sticks. We hear laughter, encouragement and the sound of competition and camaraderie. But more often than not at the end of a high school practice we worry about the safety of our children and the safety of those young men who race down the road as only teenage boys with too much horse power can do. Big boys were once small boys. I would like my 3 year-old son, and the other children that live on our street, to live to acquire their driver's licenses.

Please boys, show your prowess on the sports field and not drag racing down a residential road where you are risking the lives of young children. Coaches please remind your athletes to be considerate citizens. Finally, I ask the police department to take notice of the speeding that occurs in particularly vulnerable areas.

Rue Wilson
39 Bancroft Road

Time to turn the tide on state budget cuts

TO THE EDITOR:

Now that the Operating Budget for FY2005 has been approved at Town Meeting, we need to all vote for the override on April 3 to offset the impact of state cuts in funding education.

A recent study (12/03), "The Impact of State Government Fiscal Crises on Local Governments and Schools" identifies Massachusetts as the state with the greatest cut in state education aid per pupil from 2002 to 2004.

During the past two years Massachusetts has cut education aid by 14.3%, four times the national average. Nationally, Massachusetts is rated 43rd in aiding cities and town with per pupil educa-

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HEALTH NOTES

Pain in the back need not be a pain in the butt

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As we try to age gracefully, the process is sometimes hindered considerably by back pain which makes us look and feel older than, perhaps, we should. For my back, I consulted a web page: http://www.Spine-Health.com . After checking credentials of the creators of the web page, and satisfying myself that they seemed to be more interested in providing a service than selling something, I received the following information:

Back pain is as much a part of the human condition as the common cold. In fact, eight out of 10 adults will experience an acute episode of back pain at some point in their lifetime. Back pain is the second most common cause of missed workdays due to illness and the most common cause of disability. Fortunately, 90 percent of back pain sufferers recover completely within 6 weeks. However, for the 10 percent of patients who do not recover within a few weeks, back pain can be a painful, prolonged, costly and frustrating experience.

The severity of pain from lower back injuries is often unrelated to the extent of physical damage present. Muscle spasm from a simple back strain can cause excruciating back pain that can limit one's ability to walk or even stand, whereas a large herniated disc can be completely painless.

Sources of back pain

Many structures in the lower back can cause severe pain. These include: muscles, ligaments, tendons, bones, joints, discs (which can be a source of significant back pain due to a rich nerve supply and tendency towards injury) There is a great deal of overlap of nerve supply to all of these structures making it nearly impossible for the brain to distinguish between injury to one structure versus another. For example, a torn or herniated disc can feel identical to a bruised muscle or ligament injury.

Axial back pain represents the most common type of pain, and it is completely non-specific with regards to the injured structure. The most common type of axial back pain is "mechanical." It is characterized as:

- Pain that gets worse with certain activities and position changes
- Pain that is relieved by rest (which means that it is most likely benign and mechanical in origin)

If the pain wakes you up from deep sleep, it may be more serious than axial back pain.

Exercises are typically necessary to rehabilitate the spine and help alleviate pain. Importantly, a regular exercise routine provides the means to help avoid recurrences of low back pain, and helps reduce severity and duration of potential future episodes of low back pain. Generally, an exercise program for low back pain should encompass stretching (such as hamstring stretching), strengthening (such as dynamic lumbar stabilization exercises), and low impact aerobic exercising (such as walking, bicycling or swimming).

Stretching

Almost everyone can benefit from stretching the soft tissues—the muscles, ligaments and tendons — around the spine. The spinal column and its contiguous muscles, ligaments and tendons are all designed to move, and limitations in this motion can accentuate pain. Patients with chronic pain may find it takes weeks or months of stretching to mobilize the spine and soft tissues, but will find that meaningful and sustained relief of low back pain follows the increase in motion.

The hamstring muscles seem to play a key role in low back pain, as patients who have low back pain tend to have tight hamstrings, and patients with tight hamstrings tend to have low back pain. It is not known which comes first, but it is clear that hamstring tightness limits motion in the pelvis and can place it in a position that increases stress across the low back. Therefore, it follows that stretching the hamstring muscles typically helps decrease the intensity of a patient's back pain and the frequency of recurrences.

A hamstring stretching routine should include applying pressure to lengthen the hamstring muscle for 30-45 seconds at a time, one to two times each day. The pressure on the muscle should be applied evenly and bouncing should be avoided, since a bouncing motion will trigger a spasm response in the muscle being stretched. The hamstring muscle may be stretched in a number of different ways. Stretching exercises include:

The most common technique is to simply bend forward at the waist, with legs relatively straight, and try to touch the toes and hold this position.

One of the least stressful techniques is to lie on the floor and pull the leg up and straighten by holding onto a towel that is wrapped behind the foot. One leg at a time may be stretched.

With time the hamstring muscle will gradually lengthen, reducing stress to the low back. Stretching should not be linked to other exercises, since those exercises may not be done on a daily basis. In order to make stretching a part of one's daily regimen, it is best to stretch every morning when getting up and before going to bed. Think of it as good back hygiene.

For my back, the recommended exercise is working, but if you have back pain and exercise doesn't work, by all means see your doctor.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Same-sex marriage not just a gay issue

COMMENTARY

MARY KISSIDAY

Common theme: Civil rights for all

More than 75 people gathered Sunday night for a vigil in support of gay marriage at the Old Ship Church (First Parish Unitarian) in Hingham. This was only one of many that took place last weekend. Supporters were both straight and gay, young and old, and all with stories to tell. It was a gathering of people from many communities on the South Shore. Although all did not say where they were from, some people identified themselves as being from Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Braintree, Rockland, Marshfield, Weymouth and Quincy.

The vigil open with song and was followed by a few words from the Rev. Ken Read-Brown, minister at the Old Ship Church; Rabbi Shira H. Joseph, one of 100 rabbis in Massachusetts who signed a statement of support of gay marriage; and Abby Diamond, a member of the Old Ship congregation. The event was sponsored by the Welcoming Congregation Committee of Old Ship Church and South Shore Civil Marriage for All, an affiliate of Mass Equality.

Those who spoke shared the common theme of the importance of civil rights for all and of the struggles that many go through in times of change.

Read-Brown spoke of the discrimination that existed in the history of his church when a child was refused baptism because both parents were not of the correct religion. But after only a few days, it was recorded that the child was indeed baptized. The Old Ship Church became a place where others from near and far, came to be baptized. After a while it was no longer necessary for these journeys to take place, as the strongly held belief in the rigid rule, no longer existed.

This is the hope of those in favor of gay marriage: after people see there is nothing to fear from allowing gays to marry — contrary rigid beliefs will no longer exist and the Legislature and the people of Massachusetts will agree discrimination of any kind does not belong in the state Constitution. Gays and lesbians are a part of the human race and deserve their civil rights.

Rabbi Joseph, who also attended the No Place for Hate Interfaith Passover Seder at the Temple Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham earlier in the day, spoke briefly of Passover, the Jewish people and of the fact that they know discrimination firsthand and can relate to the struggles of the gay community. She also read the text of the statement that was issued by rabbis in support of Gay Marriage.

Other highlights of the evening were the passionate words of those who spoke of being affected by discrimination. Abby Diamond minced no words in describing how she wants equality. She spoke of wanting, "not almost, not maybe, but equal," as she raised the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) flag — featuring a blue background with a large gold equal sign. Other gays and lesbians spoke of coming to the South Shore more than 10 years ago and being told they would not be welcome. Others spoke of finding pockets of acceptance but realized it was only a small pocket of safety in what could be a hostile environment. This was evidenced by the fact that of the 20 legislators on the South Shore, only two were in support of gay marriage at the last Constitutional Convention.

But hope was in the air, as many straights spoke of their support and dedication to the cause of civil rights for gays and lesbians. They realized how unjustly gay and lesbian couples are treated and what straight couples take for granted is blatantly denied to gay and lesbian couples. Supporters of gay and lesbian civil rights have been an invisible constituency but are now they are coming out and making a difference. The mix of gays and straights at Sunday's event showed that this is not just a gay issue, but a human and civil rights issue.

The evening closed with a challenge for gays and straights alike to come out in support of gay marriage and to tell their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers that they support gay marriage and the civil rights of gays and lesbians. Those in attendance sang as they left the church and gathered for a short time outside in song and conversation.

Because the vote on the amendment banning gay marriage passed at the Constitutional Convention on Monday, you can bet that there will be more gatherings like this in the future.

Mary Kissiday is a Computer Professional who has lived with her partner in Hull for almost 14 years.

LIBRARY CORNER

'Raising teens' workshop offered

Parents of pre-teens and teens are invited to attend a two part evening workshop "Raising Teens" which will be held on April 6 and 13 at 7 p.m. in the library. Eve Sullivan, a speaker affiliated with the Parents' Forum in Cambridge, will lead the seminar, which is sponsored by Cohasset's Project Safeguard. She will address the strong feelings and inevitable conflicts that arise in parenting adolescents. The workshops will help participants assess their parenting skills and offer immediately relevant information on habits of communication and conflict-resolution skills.

A donation of $20 for two sessions goes to support Project Safeguard and its work with children and families. Reservations should be made in advance by sending a check made out to "Project Safeguard" and sent to Project Safeguard, Cohasset Middle/High School, 143 Pond St., Cohasset, MA 02025 or by calling 781 383-6190. Donations will also be accepted at the door.

Artist exhibit

Stephanie Roberts' exhibit "Patterns and Pinhole" will be on display at the library through April 30.

Web sites

If you worry about online safety and security for your family, check out www.getnetwise.org. The site, GetNetWise, is provided as a public service to protect Internet users from the risks they face online. Information includes: Keeping children safe online, Stopping unwanted e-mail and Spam, Protecting your computer from hackers and viruses and, Keeping your personal info private.

Homebound delivery

If you love to read but are unable to come to the library due to an illness or disability, the library announces a new home delivery service. For those interested, a volunteer from the Friends of the Cohasset Library will visit you at your residence to discuss your reading preferences and take your requests for library materials. Selections will be delivered to you and picked up and returned to the library on a regular schedule. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in our program, telephone the library and speak to Judy Simons at 781 383 1348.

Computer help

Do you need help using the library's computers? Would you like to learn how to search the online catalog or reference databases? Sign up for a one-on-one tutorial with our Reference Librarian Judy Simons. Call the library to schedule a session.

Spring story hour

The Drop-In Story time schedule is:

- Monday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- CLOSED Monday, April 19 for Patriot's Day
- Monday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Drop-In Story time is for all ages, lasts one-half hour, and does not require registration.

Story & Craft registration begins Thursday, April 1.

Story & Craft is for ages 3-6 years, lasts one hour, and requires pre-registration.

Story & Craft schedule is:

- Thursday, April 15 at 10 a.m. or 1p.m.
- Thursday, April 22 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, April 29 at 10 a.m. or 1p.m.
- Thursday, May 6 at 10 a.m. or 1p.m.

House finches — both adaptable and vulnerable

A BIRDER'S-EYE VIEW



JOANNE C. NORTON

The place was Long Island, New York. The year was 1940. Pet store owners opened cages and set free some little songbirds. These birds were House Finches being sold as "Hollywood Finches". Dealers imported the wild finches from California and marketed them as caged pets. Bright red plumage and an interesting song made the birds a popular item. The problem was that trapping, exporting, importing, and selling wild birds is strictly illegal under the Migratory Bird Act of 1918 and local New York laws. The authorities quickly cracked down. Learning of a potential raid, some dealers decided to get rid of their birds rather than pay a fine.

House Finches are not native to eastern United States, only to the western part of the country. Look in any early field guide for the eastern region of the United States, and you will not find House Finch listed. The House Finches set free in New York not only survived, but rapidly spread throughout eastern United States, and are now a common bird at feeders. In 1941 they were seen at Jones Beach, and two years later a nesting pair was recorded in Babylon, Long Island. The western and eastern populations are now meeting in the middle of the country. *(See map)*

There are differences between the two populations. Eastern birds have larger bills than western. Scientists are also discovering that Montana House Finches have evolved to produce females that are larger than males, while Alabama House Finches have evolved to produce males that are larger than females. This has all happened in less than 30 years. The first egg laid is the first one to hatch and tends to produce the largest chick. In Montana these first-born are usually females and in Alabama they are usually males. Scientists do not understand how this works.

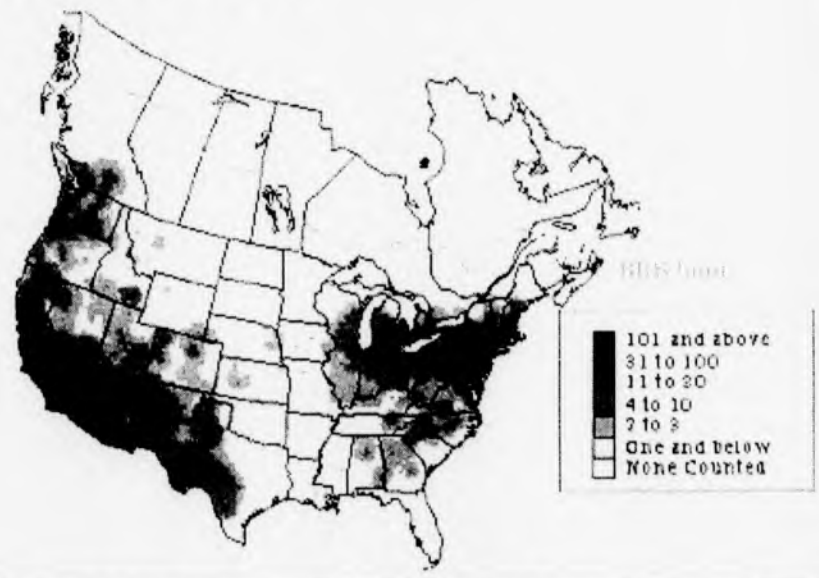
House Finches are sparrow-sized birds with conical bills. The males have red heads, breasts and rumps. The females are brown and streaked, but have no red color. Most of the year finches eat seeds. During July and August, while they are molting, they change their diet to include berries and fruit rich in carotenoids. It is the carotenoid content of these foods that determines what color the new feathers will be. There are many different carotenoid pigments in nature. The color variation between individual birds is enormous, ranging all the way from dark red, to orange, to pale yellow. At first it was thought the amount and type of carotenoids eaten were the only factors that determined color. Recent studies indicate a more complicated picture. Stress, parasite infestation, and disease may influence how well a bird metabolizes carotenoids, thus having an influence on feather color. House Finches introduced into Hawaii in 1870 are known as "papaya birds", because papayas are a favorite food. Hawaiian finches are yellow, not red.

Does the color of the male really matter? If you are a female House Finch, the answer seems to be "Yes!" There is evidence that females think redder is better. Brighter males appear to be healthier and more disease free, more attentive about feeding the female while she is sitting on the nest, and better at defending territories. A paradox is that drab males during the non-breeding season tend to be dominant over brighter males when competing for food. As usual, more research is needed.

The remarkably successful distribution of House Finches across the United States in recent years has met an obstacle. A parasitic bacterium called *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* is usually found in chickens, but a variant began to affect House Finches in 1994. People in Maryland were the first to notice that birds on their feeders had closed, swollen or crusted eyes. Mycoplasmal conjunctivitis began to spread northward and eastward. Project FeederWatch participants in Cornell's Bird Population Study program mobilized quickly to track this disease through the House Finch Disease Survey. By 1997 all 30 eastern states reported birds with the disease. In 2000, it was estimated that the eastern population had fallen from about 300 million birds to 180 million. House Finches are the hardest hit, but some other species develop conjunctivitis as well. Just in the past two years there have been reports of infected finches in the west.

House Finch *Carpodacus mexicanus*

Summer Distribution Map



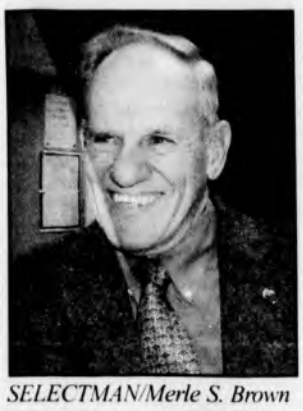
There are three finches in the *Carpodacus* genus: House, Purple and Cassin's. Cassin's is only found in the west. The other two both occur in Massachusetts, although Purple Finches are less common. These two finches look very similar to each other. Females are easier to tell apart than males. Both are brown and streaky, but female Purple Finches have a noticeable white stripe over the eye. The males in both species are similar in coloring, but Purple Finches tend to be a more raspberry red than orange red, have larger, less flat heads, show some reddish coloring on their backs, and exhibit less distinct streaks on the breast. Their songs are both warbles, but the House Finch ends with a couple of harsh, blurry notes.

House Finches, as the name implies, are quite comfortable in populated areas and often nest right near a house. Favorite nesting spots are in door wreaths, or in a hanging planter. They particularly like to eat sunflower seeds at feeders. To reduce the chance of spreading disease among these birds that like to feed in flocks, it is good to keep your feeders clean. If you are interested in helping to document conjunctivitis in House Finches, check out <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/hofi/abtsurvey.html >

Joanne Norton is an avid birder, counts birds for Project FeederWatch, bands birds at Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, and until recently has been the Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center.

Town Election 2004

SELECTMAN — VOTE FOR TWO



SELECTMAN/Merle S. Brown

NAME: Merle S. Brown
AGE: 71
ADDRESS: 546 Beechwood St.
FAMILY: Married to Joan; two children, Marcy and Jeffrey.

Four grandchildren: Christian, 4; Elizabeth, 3; Kathleen, 1; Audrey, 9 months.

YEARS IN TOWN: Born in Cohasset

EDUCATION: Graduate of Cohasset schools, graduate of Northeastern University, Mechanical Engineering.

OCCUPATION: Retired

CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: Selectman, 12 years; Conservation Commission, 11 years; Recycling Committee, 22 years; Boy Scouts of America, 30 years; Appalachia Service Project, 7 years.

BIGGEST CONCERN OF VOTERS: Taxes.

REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: Having been a selectman for the last 12 years, I have strived to make town government more efficient and friendly while keeping the cost down.

These are some of the cost savings programs I have been responsible for:

"Pay-as-you-throw" — saved over $116,000 in the first year alone and was able to reduce the sticker fee at the RTF from $85 to $30 ($15 for seniors) a savings for all citizens. The new "one sticker for all" saves the town on administrative cost. I was instrumental in consolidating the departments of Tree & Park, Highway and the RTF under the DPW. I was at the forefront of having the maintenance of all Town buildings, including schools, under the DPW.

I was influential in the improvements at town hall that have made life easier for citizens; new signage in front of the building setting aside parking for town hall business; creating a new conference room on the lower floor for larger meetings; enlarging the selectmen's office to encourage more attendance at our meetings.

Being there for the people of the town, knowing I will always take the time to listen. As shown above, I have the experience and leadership to continue to make Cohasset a better place to live.



SELECTMAN/Ralph S. Dormitzer

NAME: Ralph S. Dormitzer
AGE: 65
ADDRESS: 111 Atlantic Ave.
FAMILY: Wife, Jacqueline; sons , Philip and Paul; granddaughter, Emily; grandsons, Jeremy, Henry, Justin
YEARS IN TOWN: 37
EDUCATION: BA Harvard
OCCUPATION: Retired
CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: St. Anthony's Christian Education Program; Cohasset School Committee — 1973-1976; School Facilities Committee; Sewer Site Selection Committee; Advisor to Village Renaissance re: town pump; Co-chair - Community Advisory Committee to Massport.

BIGGEST CONCERN OF VOTERS: Taxes and tax overrides

REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: I am running for the office of selectman because I believe that I can make a positive contribution to Cohasset. I am running to preserve its culture of civility and to protect its extraordinary beauty. I am running because I believe that the people of Cohasset want assurance that the leaders of the town represent their interests impartially, wisely and effectively. I am running because townspeople want their leadership to be open to divergent points of view and to give a respectful and fair hearing to citizens concerns.

I believe that we must curtail the growth in expenditures and taxes. Historically, Cohasset has been hospitable to diverse groups of people, those who made their living in the town as well as those who commuted to work. We can protect that diversity only if we slow the rate of spending.

Cohasset has benefited from the talent, time, creativity and generosity of hundreds of individuals whose volunteer contributions surround us. I propose that we enhance, not reduce, the tradition of public participation.

Finally, Cohasset has always been an enriching and safe place for children to grow up. I strongly support the many institutions that have made this possible.



SELECTMAN/Louis S. Harvey

NAME: Louis S. Harvey
AGE: 61
ADDRESS: 465 King St.
FAMILY: Daughter, Shelley-Ann
YEARS IN TOWN: 13
EDUCATION: BS -Physics
OCCUPATION: CEO
CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: Created CP Harvey Jazz Scholarship; led initiative to create Cohasset history timelines for schools; led initiative to save library building for Historical Society; chair of finance at Plimoth Plantation; served on Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Council; served World Bank in study on privatizing of Social Security; served on Cohasset Committee to Write Town History; served on board of Bentley College Graduate School; served on key committee of NASD; served on board of Handel Haydn Society; expert source for financial press and regulators; frequent speaker at leading national financial forums

BIGGEST CONCERN OF VOTERS: Threat to the quality of life posed by aloofness of Town government, threat to education and elderly, uncontrolled growth, lack of environmental concern, fiscal irresponsibility and insular decision-making.

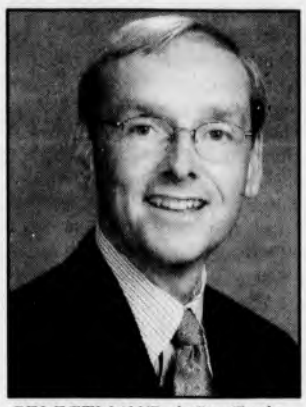
REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: My primary objective is to protect and preserve the quality of Cohasset life from the downward trend in the ability to lead the Town government, lack of communication to and from residents and inadequate fiscal policies.

Cohasset has the choice of making a distinct change from the comfortable practices that have served the Town in past decades to one of dynamic leadership with the strength to protect the Town from the growing challenges of today and tomorrow. Ralph Dormitzer and I represent the strong leadership choice.

While well intentioned efforts to gain control of the Town's long and short term fiscal policies have been attempted, it is necessary to introduce strong leadership to successfully implement policies that assure the best use is made of the taxpayers' dollars.

Central to the change represented by Ralph Dormitzer and I, is a new and highly visible culture of open communication in which residents. Residents will have open dialog with the Town government without a fear of retaliation for holding opposing points of view.

My intention is to introduce a standard that all Town communication must be calculated to be understood by Town residents and that all residents have the opportunity to respond at a time of their choosing.



SELECTMAN/Rob Spofford

NAME: Rob Spofford
ADDRESS: 14 Heather Drive
AGE: 46
YEARS IN TOWN: 11
FAMILY: Married to third-generation Cohasset resident Susan Woods Spofford and father of four daughters: Virginia, 14; Jennifer, 12 and twins Robin and Meredith, 9.
EDUCATION: Northeastern University, B.S. in Finance
OCCUPATION: 1995-Present, Founder and President of The Spofford Group. Based in Hingham. The Spofford Group is a corporate and municipal specialty insurance brokerage firm.
CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: 1997-2004 Chairman, School Building and Facilities Committee; 1995-1997 Member, School Building and Facilities Committee. Tenure as chairman of saw $52 million in new construction and renovation projects done on time and on budget.Construction and renovation projects included: Building of the new Osgood Elementary School and renovation of the Deer Hill and Middle/High Schools.

2000 member, SPED Director Search Committee; 2002 Citizen member, Chief of Police Search Committee; 2000-2003 Board of Directors Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association —helped re-establish Cohasset's softball program. Currently serve as Softball Program Coordinator

VOTERS' BIGGEST CONCERN: There are three concerns that I have heard repeatedly throughout this campaign. How do we balance community desire for excellence in education, appropriately staffed and supplied public safety services, and well maintained public spaces with the reality of ever decreasing state aid and a limited tax base? Two, in light of community needs, tax burden and outside pressures how do we maintain the character and socio-economic diversity of Cohasset? And third, are our town and school administrations proactive enough in how they plan for the future so that the citizens can be confident that every measure is being taken either to save or maximize the tax dollars we do have.

REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: When I kicked off my campaign in January, I talked about how commitment to community service has always been important to me. I want to take my experience of working with numerous town committees and state officials on the school projects and other civic matters and put it to further use in serving the community going forward. Never has my commitment to this community been stronger than it is today. Saturday's town meeting illustrated that people are concerned about what's going on in this town and want to participate in the decisions that are made. As a consensus builder, I believe in listening to people and in finding solutions when confronted with challenges. It is this kind of thinking and energy that I will bring to the Board of Selectmen. May campaign commitments are: Preservation of Cohasset's character and natural resources; strong fiscal management; excellence in education; maintenance of our outstanding bond rating; and continued focus on maintenance and upkeep of our public facilities.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE — VOTE FOR TWO



SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

NAME: Pat Martin
AGE: 44
ADDRESS: 169 Linden Drive
FAMILY: Husband, Dan; son, Dan Jr., 13; daughter, Carly, 11; and son Harrison, 7.
YEARS IN TOWN: seven
EDUCATION: BA in psychology from University of Rhode Island, master's degree in administration, policy and planning, Rutgers University.
OCCUPATION: Domestic violence intervention program director, Wellspring Multi-Service Center, Hull

Civic/municipal experience: Two terms on Cohasset School Committee; liaison to the PSO; Osgood and Deer Hill School Councils; Special Ed PAC; Secretary and Teachers Contract Negotiation Bargaining Unit; Transportation Subcommittee; Superintendent Search Committee; as well as numerous administrator search committees; CYBSA softball coach; Second Congregational Church Sunday School teacher; Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee.

BIGGEST CONCERN OF VOTERS:

Voters want to maintain the excellence of the Cohasset school system yet have their tax dollars and resources managed to the highest and best possible use. They understand this is a challenge as state aid continues to shrink and student enrollment continues to rise yet would like to see additional management and program efficiencies as well as avenues for creative solutions enhanced or increased.

REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE:

These are challenging times for the Cohasset school system. We are seeing increasing need to do what is best or mandate for our children with a limited amount of financial resources. Cohasset has an excellent school system which I would like to see maintained. Success will only be achieved by keeping the needs of our students at the center of our focus while managing our resources to the highest and best use.

Our system will soon be under the direction of a new superintendent as well as moving into the realities of grade reconfiguration. I believe the school committee needs a steady hand seasoned with the experience necessary to continue moving us forward during this time of transition. In addition, I would like to continue working on the initiatives that I have begun such as finding busing efficiencies and moving start times back at the middle/high schools. I am proud of the community's commitment to education and the work that has been done on their behalf. I believe that we offer a quality education to each student in our system regardless of their learning styles and that this should be maintained.



SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Adrienne MacCarthy

NAME; Adrienne MacCarthy
AGE: 41
ADDRESS: 85 Doane St.
FAMILY: Husband, John; Sons: Eric (14), Sean(11), and Ryan(9)
YEARS IN TOWN: 10 Years
EDUCATION: Graduate Milton High School and Aquinas Jr. College, Milton; attended Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston
OCCUPATION: Mother and volunteer
CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: Current President of the Cohasset Parent School Organization(PSO); Former Deer Hill Representative to the PSO; Member Superintendent's Communication Forum called "Links"; Parent member of the Osgood/Deer Hill Reconfiguration Task Force; Volunteer: Cohasset Swim/Dive Team, South Shore Arts Festival and Cohasset Swim Center. Municipal: eight-year Member of the School Building/Facilities Committee; Organizer of the "Friends of the Cohasset Public School Playgrounds, which designed, fundraised and installed the Osgood and Deer Hill Playgrounds .
VOTERS BIGGEST CONCERN: Voters biggest concern seems to be the override. Some fear the failure of the override and the affect on town/school services, while others worry about the passage of the override and the affect on their taxes.
REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: This is not my first time seeking office, I would like to remind every one of my bid for a seat on the school committee three years ago; I lost by just two votes! My desire to make a difference in our town through my commitment to our schools, has not changed. I feel confident that I will be an asset on the school committee. I will bring my experience from the school/facilities committee to this office, by seeking to work collaboratively with the Town to develop a strategic plan for the maintenance of our $52 million investments. I feel that I am, uniquely, qualified for this position due to my six-year commitment to the Cohasset PSO. Through this experience, I have been able to gain insight to the day to day workings of our schools. I know this insight will be invaluable as we discuss budgeting, collective bargaining and policies. I am prepared to make the same level of commitment to the school committee as I have to every other project I have undertaken.



SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Scott O'Grady

NAME: Scott O'Grady
AGE: 42
ADDRESS: 115 Sohier St.
FAMILY: Wife: Laura O'Grady. Children: Christopher, 13; Maggie, 10; Bridget, 7
YEARS IN TOWN: 10
EDUCATION: BA Philosophy from the University of Notre Dame; Post Baccalaureate Teaching Certificate through Bridgewater State College
OCCUPATION: Worked as an independent sales representative covering Iowa and Nebraska, representing Etonic, Inc., and Nicklaus Golf Equipment. Taught High School English at Weymouth High School, Weymouth Evening High School, and Plymouth South High School.
VOTERS' BIGGEST CONCERN: Voters have expressed to me that their concerns over a variety of issues have not been taken seriously by the school committee. A number of people have complained of a dismissive attitude on the part of school committee members, and of a perceived unwillingness to engage in open discussion.
REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: I am motivated to run at this time by my deep dissatisfaction with the current school committee's and school administration's approach to decision making. I worry that school committee members do not understand their relationship to the superintendent, and therefore do not adequately represent the community. I will bring to the school committee a respect for vigorous debate as a critical component of the decision making process. I will seek out and encourage divergent and creative approaches to problem solving. And I will fight relentlessly for openness and community input in the proceedings of the committee and the workings of the schools.



SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Jamie Williams

NAME: Jamie Williams
AGE: 48
ADDRESS: 60 Surry Drive
FAMILY: Bob, husband married for 25 years – David (9), Colby (7). Two dogs, Penny and Chino.
YEARS IN TOWN: 12
EDUCATION: University of Massachusetts, Amherst – Political Science and Community Relations; Suffolk University – Advanced Study, Finance & Accounting; Babson College — Corporate School for Executive Development; Bell Labs- Advanced study in fiber technology and the Ethernet
OCCUPATION: Parent. Prior business experience includes: NYNEX & AT&T, Sales and Marketing Management; IBEW Union Installation & Maintenance; AT&T Supervisor, Long-range planning staff, Negotiator-New Products.
CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: Classroom volunteer; Osgood School Council — Advisory Board, School Volunteer; Cohasset Parents Advisory Council— Vice President and Co-President; Cohasset PSO — President's Council Liaison; Center for Student Coastal Research-Fundraiser; Paul Pratt Memorial Library — Board of Directors, Friends of the Library; Cub Scouts of America; South Shore Woman's League — Treasurer.
BIGGEST CONCERN OF VOTERS: Why are teaching jobs always at risk?
REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: I am running for school committee because I am passionate about maintaining a superior standard of education in Cohasset. I will work to change the administration of our schools to one of planning and prioritizing, not jeopardizing, our children's education.

It's essential that we develop a master plan to *prepare* for future school needs — anticipating the affects of rising enrollment and decreased state funding. Relying on risky taxpayer overrides cannot safeguard a superior education. I will support the override this Saturday because I am currently unable to prevent the threatened erosion of our children's education. I am, however, *opposed* to perpetuating a cycle of annual overrides. If I am elected to the school committee, I will work to unravel the budget, determine the effectiveness of programs, prioritize funding and plan for future growth. I will advocate open and honest communication, listen and work cooperatively with others to bring new, creative solutions to light.

As a parent, a school volunteer, an experienced businesswoman and a 12-year resident of Cohasset, I have the fortitude and skills to lead our schools to success. I believe that our children are our first priority and our best investment. Please vote for me on April 3.

Town Election 2004

PLANNING BOARD — VOTE FOR ONE



PLANNING BOARD/ Stuart Ivimey

NAME: Stuart Ivimey
AGE: 40
ADDRESS:7 Sankey Road
FAMILY: Wife – Christine Woodward
YEARS IN TOWN: 5
EDUCATION: B.A. – History, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Penn., University of Denver Law School
OCCUPATION: Attorney
CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: Chairman – Cohasset Community Preservation Committee 3 years Cohasset Rotary Club.
BIGGEST CONCERN OF VOTERS: The need to preserve the town's character.
REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: Cohasset needs a new Planning Board member who is dedicated to controlled and balanced growth, preservation of town character and environmental protection. We need fresh ideas to plan for modern challenges presented by an aging population, escalating property values, increased development pressure and the need to provide housing for seniors who lack the means to remain in town. We need a Board member with the integrity and independence to resist special interests and development pressures that threaten to transform our wonderful town into suburban sprawl. I will be this member.

As the Chairman of Cohasset's Community Preservation Committee, I have already delivered positive results for Cohasset — created moderate income apartments in the old Pratt Library; upgraded the 60 Elm Street apartments; preserved the "Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary", which added 35 acres to Wheelwright Park – at no cost to the town; created the Brass Kettle Book Conservation Area, which protects our drinking water; and funded the preservation of antique buildings including the former Pratt Library located in the village.

If elected to the Planning Board, I pledge to be an advocate for Cohasset and its residents. Most importantly, I will seek a balance between the need for growth and the preservation of our quality of life.



PLANNING BOARD/ Joseph R. Nedrow

NAME: Joseph R. Nedrow
AGE: 66
ADDRESS: 21 Fair Oaks Lane
FAMILY: Wife, Ruth (of 43 years); three grown children, son, Michael , and two daughters, Jill Zimmermann and Margo Doherty; and seven grandchildren.
YEARS IN TOWN: 27
EDUCATION: Bachelor's, master's (2), doctorate.
OCCUPATION: Retired
CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE: Twenty-five-plus years of community involvement. Former chairman of the School Committee, board member Cohasset Elder Affairs, and most recently chairman of Senior Housing Committee. Also served on Selection Committee for South Shore Habitat for Humanity.
BIGGEST CONCERN OF VOTERS: Most people's concerns, as it relates to the Planning Board, is the importance of trying to maintain the history, character and tradition of our beautiful town. Balancing the inherent rights of property owners with the community's desire to maintain its character is not an easy task. I will work to make sure every applicant is aware of the town's goals and encourage their support of the spirit as well as the letter of the law.
REASON FOR SEEKING OFFICE: I've always enjoyed my involvement in community activities. Over the years I have met and worked with some wonderful people I would not have known otherwise, I am amazed at the amount of talent in our town and the willingness of people to share these gifts. Over the years, my commitment to family and career limited my participation. As a retiree, I now have the time and interest to devote whatever it takes to understand the issues. This one-year term is an unique opportunity for both myself and the town to evaluate my contributions before either of us makes a commitment for the full five-year term.

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
COHASSET, MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 3, 2004

Marion L. Douglass
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTMEN
For Three Years — Vote for not More than TWO
MERLE S. BROWN — 540 Underwood 56 out — Candidate for Re-election
RALPH S. DORMITZER — 111 Atlantic Ave.
LOUIS S. HARVEY — 885 King Street
ROBERT B. SPOFFORD — 4 Heather Drive
(Write-in)
(Write-in)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
For Three Years — Vote for not More than TWO
PATRICIA C. MARTIN — 169 Linden Drive — Candidate for Re-election
ADRIENNE MacCARTHY — 85 Beech Street
SCOTT F. O'GRADY — 155 Sohier Street
JAMIE G. WILLIAMS — 60 Berry Drive
(Write-in)
(Write-in)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
For One Year to Fill An Unexpired Term — Vote for ONE
RICHARD P. SHEA — 52 Margin Street
(Write-in)

TRUSTEES PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
For Three Years — Vote for THREE
SARAH R. PEASE — 1 Sankey Road — Candidate for Re-election
BARBARA M. POWER — 24 Beech Street — Candidate for Re-election
STACEY V. WEAVER — 44 Ledgelands Road
(Write-in)
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ASSESSOR
For Three Years — Vote for ONE
ELSA J. MILLER — 66 Dunwoody Road — Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in)

BOARD OF HEALTH
For Three Years — Vote for ONE
STEPHEN N. BOBO — 292 Jerusalem Road — Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in)

COHASSET HOUSING AUTHORITY
For Five Years — Vote for ONE
ANN BARRETT — 60 Elm Street — Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in)

COHASSET HOUSING AUTHORITY
For One Year to Fill An Unexpired Term — Vote for ONE
CHRISTOPHER M. ALLEN — 21 Pleasant Street
(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD
For Five Years — Vote for ONE
MICHAEL R. WESTCOTT — 15 River Road
(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD
For One Year to Fill An Unexpired Term — Vote for ONE
STUART W. IVIMEY — 7 Sankey Road
JOSEPH R. NEDROW — 21 Lancaster Lane
(Write-in)

RECREATION COMMISSION
For Five Years — Vote for ONE
ANTHONY J. CARBONE — 72 Church Street — Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in)

RECREATION COMMISSION
For Two Years to Fill An Unexpired Term — Vote for ONE
LISA L. LOJACONO — 151 North Road
(Write-in)

SEWER COMMISSION
For Three Years — Vote for ONE
SEAN C. CUNNING — 45 Jerusalem Road Drive — Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in)

WATER COMMISSION
For Three Years — Vote for ONE
NATHANIEL G. PALMER — 2 Little Harbor Road
(Write-in)

QUESTION

Question 1

Shall the Town of Cohasset be allowed to assess an additional $400,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of meeting the operational expenses of the Town Government and School System for the fiscal year beginning July 1 Two Thousand Four?

YES
NO

Absentee ballots available

Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election on April 3, are now available at the Town Clerks office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Friday, April 2, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by April 3, 2004 to be counted.

The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the OVAL to the right of your choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check in tables. The ballots can be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc., and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application, for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

Polls open 8am-6pm, April 3 at Town Hall

It was a year that put 'community' into accomplishments

STATE OF THE TOWN

RONNIE MCMORRIS

Mrs. McMorris gave the following State of the Town address at Town Meeting.

Good Morning and thank you all for attending this morning. I am pleased to deliver the Report of the Board of Selectmen on the state of the town. Unlike the traditional "state" addresses at other levels of government, this is not about the accomplishments of any particular individual or any administration. Rather it is about what we as a community — a community of volunteers, of taxpayers, and of professionals have accomplished this year. It is a year that we can all be proud of, marked by the completion of so many projects that have been in the works for years.

First is the completion of the Town Master Plan, the first in over 40 years. Back in the Fall of 1998 the Board of Selectmen established the Growth & Development Task Force and charged the group with guiding and overseeing the process of developing a comprehensive master plan for Cohasset as we entered the 21st century. The Selectmen set forth our town mission — to maintain the special character that makes Cohasset such a desirable place to live. This committee spent years meeting with neighborhood groups, town boards and committees and surveying residents' opinions. They drafted articles and a newsletter and ultimately formulated the Statement of Cohasset's Vision for the Future. With funds appropriated by the town meeting a consultant was hired, and by January of 2004 a 150 page document including maps was in print. By articulating the values and goals of the community we have been able to focus on a unified vision for the future and develop the strategy necessary to turn that vision into a reality.

Implementation of the master plan is the task before us, but today we should acknowledge each and every citizen who participated in this process. Thank you for voicing your concerns and your suggestions. To the members of the Growth & Development committee we are especially grateful to have volunteers who are willing to commit the countless hours needed to do the research, debate the issues and compile the findings. Although the issues and policies continue to be debated, please be assured that all of your work is greatly appreciated. As always, leadership is the key to the successful accomplishments of enormous tasks, and it was the leadership provided by Rick Swanborg over many years that I ask you to acknowledge. Thank you Rick.

New committees

Now let's go back to the year 1999. The Board of Selectmen established two new committees. The first was to study the present and future needs of the police and fire departments as they related to space at the Elm St. facility; and the second group, the Senior Housing committee was to look at the housing needs of the 55+ population. So many seniors who had contributed so much to this community were moving out of town in search of affordable alternatives to their larger family homes.

A study of the public safety facility quickly determined that the space was inadequate to serve the needs of each department Following the town meeting vote to postpone the building of a new police station plans were developed to renovate and expand the existing facility. The fire dept. moved to temporary quarters and this year, under the guidance of the Police/Fire station committee that work has been completed. The interior is now functional because of the generous donation of office furniture from a local businessman. Like every other project, we could only have accomplished this badly needed work with the financial support of the community, with the dedication of volunteers; with the cooperation of town employees, and with the leadership of a busy, (and it's always a very busy person), George McGoldrick. Thank you all. I encourage you to stop by the station and see what we have all done. I know you'll be pleased.

The development of a senior housing project for Cohasset residents; this was perhaps the most elusive of all the town's goals. There wasn't a building to be refurbished or a site to be built on. Yet week after week for years this committee pushed forward in search of a solution. As we all know, we are now eagerly anticipating the development of senior housing on Sohier St. after years of investigation, frustration and study. The town meeting authorized the purchase of the Cook estate and that combined with the: town's adjacent parcel provides a unique opportunity to develop a community which will be home to Cohasset seniors of all income levels for generations to come. We look forward to working with the Northland Residential group on that development, but it is the residents of Cohasset who deserve credit for supporting this creative project.

I especially want to thank each and every person who contributed their skills to make this a reality, including our Town Manager, Mark Haddad. We thank the Advisory Committee for their all-important support, the family of Jane Cook; and the two men who committed themselves to this issue and provided the leadership needed to get it done — Jim Lagrottaria and Joe Nedrow. Gentlemen, we are grateful for your work.

Amazingly, this past year was also marked not only by the rededication of the beautifully refurbished Deer Hill School, but also by the completion of construction here at the Middle/High School. Once again, the residents of this community should acknowledge themselves for outstanding civic responsibility. Our school buildings are now all safe, healthy places where we are happy to send our children each day. The exceptional service performed by the members of the school building facilities committee, many of whom served during the Osgood school 9 project, is gratefully acknowledged. As we admire the finished product it is important to focus on the countless hours spent by these volunteers, people with families and jobs and other activities. Each and every detail was given the time and the attention it deserved; and each project was "on time and on budget." Thank you all.

Downtown work

In addition to the completion of these major projects, we have finalized plans for the revitalization of the downtown. Again after years of discussion we can anticipate spending the million plus dollars the Town of Cohasset was able to secure for this purpose. We will be pleased to see our years of planning taking shape in this project.

The good working relationship between the town and the MBTA continued this year, as plans for the restoration of the Greenbush line proceeded. Kristina Patterson was brought on board to act as the ombudsman for residents and progress continues on many fronts, including the use of quad gates.

For the first time we hosted a forum involving all boards, committees and officials. With George Marlette moderating the discussion it was a great opportunity to brainstorm various town issues.

As we focus on the accomplishments of our community this past year, it is clear that we have undertaken almost all of the major capital projects that needed to be done, and that we have, in fact, completed the lion's share. It is also clear as we focus on these achievements that Cohasset is more than just a geographical area defined on a map. It is all of us working together as a community, taking responsibility for ourselves, for our neighbors and for our children. It is people guided by the values that they share, by a tradition of volunteerism and by an work ethic that involves rolling up your sleeves and digging in. It is no wonder that Cohasset is such a wonderful place to live! We are at our best when we come together as a community and do what needs to be done. So as we face the challenges of the coming year, and the debates ahead of us today, please be reminded that we are first and foremost friends and neighbors working towards a common goal.

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tion expenditures. Thus, federal and state mandates and the cost of education continue to burden local governments without relief in sight.

We need to let the Governor and our legislature know that this is not tolerable. The MTA is calling on all citizens to "Reverse the Course" the Governor's budget is taking.

During the past two years education has suffered tragic cuts. According to the MTA they include: $265 million cut from preK-12 education funding; $222 million cut in non-education local aid-half of which funds local public schools; the cut of $148 million from Chapter 70 - state aid to local school districts;$40 million from MCAS remediation funds;$29 million in funding for early childhood education; and $7 mllion cut from early literacy programs.

State financial reimbursement, under Circuit Breaker legislation, for educating our most severely disabled students, has been cut in half. This short fall has caused significant budget problems for all school systems in Massachusetts.

Additionally, the Governor's budget for FY2005 recommends the elimination of the class size reduction program and the elimination of the reimbursement for school transportation. This is not a path we should be supporting.

We need to send a message to our state government to "Reverse the Course" of cutting public education funding. It is hurting community spirit and our children. Please vote on April 3 in favor of the override to support all our municipal services.

Betsy and Ed Connolly
1 Lily Pond Lane

Book found on Highland Ave.

TO THE EDITOR:

If someone out there is missing his/her paperback copy of Brian McGrory's second novel "The Nominee"...having read it through Chapter 33...I have it and would be happy to return.

I found it on March 25, lying open on Highland Avenue, Cohasset, in front of the Second Congregational Church, with no specific indication of ownership. Hope to hear, tel. 781-383-0493.

Osborne F. Ingram
274 Beechwood St..

It's okay to say 'no'

TO THE EDITOR:

Does it ever strike you as strange that when some people say *no* that it is not considered negative.

When we wanted to renovate the old Osgood into a K - 2 and build a brand new Deer Hill, the School Committee and School Building Committee adamantly said *no*. Instead they demanded a campus which resulted in destroying a pristine wooded open space and gave us a hard to get to primary school that has no access for an emergency vehicle to drive around and no play fields.

When we wanted low maintenance and energy efficiency as top priorities in the renovations the school group again said *no*. Instead they chose to ignore the suggestions of resident professionals in the community because as was said at Saturday's Town Meeting they "did all they had the money to do". Unfortunately their budget did not include such items as dual fuel burners or heat recovery systems. Those two items alone have cost us extra energy dollars in just this year that would have paid for more than one classroom teacher. And how many more teachers will it cost us in the next 50 years? Plus the R factors in the ceilings range from 24 -29 when the industry standard in this region is 30.

When we requested that they reconsider hiring a full-time business manager a few years ago, they said *no*. Instead we lost the salary of one teacher a year with the increase costs of the full-time position and we still have realized losses in the lunch program that would have paid for another teacher.

While street lights were turned off around town, we asked them to turn off the lights in the late 90s and stop having the school parking lots resemble beacons throughout the night, they said *no*. Over the years since Osgood was opened and with the new lights added at Deer Hill and the Middle/High the increased energy costs have taken money away from teacher salaries and academic programs.

We noticed that from FY01 to FY05 the school figures show a 25 percent increase in budget, a 20 percent decrease in SPED enrollment (237 -191), and a 10.5 percent increase in total school population (1339 -1480). This figure includes a 12.5 percent student increase in the voluntary METCO program that has just received additional state cuts. When we asked on town meeting floor to consider scaling back METCO that is costing us money for needed teacher salaries and academic and sports programs, they again said *no*.

We have been threatened that our housing values will go down if we don't continuously give the schools more and more money because their scores will drop. Well, with the more money we gave them the MCAS ratings have been consistently dropping in the last few years and now as the March 7 Boston Globe showed us we fell to the second tier. Our home prices still continue to soar.

When they can ignore the big picture and consistently say no to us who are paying the bills it should be OK for all of us to say no to them and their irresponsible spending.

L. C. Jenkins
Cohasset Concerned
Taxpayers
198 Jerusalem Road

Vote 'no' on override

TO THE EDITOR:

When the Selectmen, Advisory Committee and School Committee unanimously supported the $400,000 Override Question, my worst fears were realized. After years of working at it, Town Government officials have replicated themselves as clones who all think the same and support bigger(budgets) as better regardless of the pressure they put on many residents.

It has been suggested that $400,000 is only about 1.25 percent of the Town budget and that we ought to be able to "pare down" the override to a less onerous number. Remember a few years ago, when town officials gave the voters four override choices: zero/low/mid/hi? The voters chose the "low" number and the Town and School District made necessary adjustments without Armageddon. In my view, since our elected officials have no confidence in us to vote intelligently; we have no choice but to send a message: "No, put the brakes on out-of-control spending."

Do you realize that from FY02(actual) to FY05(budgeted):

a. School utilities have gone from $254,427 to $512,479(+101 percent)

b. Custodial Services from $404,218 to $548,780(+35.8 percent)

c. SPED "unreimbursable expenses" from $2,064,509 to $2,629,459(+27.4 percent)(despite a SPED enrollment decline of -19.4 percent)

d. According to School District calculations, METCO "unreimbursable expenses" will be $176,360 for FY05(budgeted 50 students). I am positive that the aforementioned figure is grossly understated, but whatever the correct number is: the School District needs to be reimbursed. METCO is a great program, but we may have to "pare it down" if costs remain out of control.

e. The new Osgood School is approximately double the square footage of the old Osgood while it now houses only K-2 versus K-3, previously. The Deer Hill/Middle-High School square footage increased by 65 to 75

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CANDIDATES CORNER

O'Grady event tonight

"I would like to thank the Beechwood Congregational Church for inviting the candidates for town office to their church supper, and the Cohasset Council for Elder Affairs for their candidates' luncheon," says Scott O'Grady, a candidate for school committee. "Both events provided opportunities for communication between candidates and voters that will help us all, as voters, to make better decisions on Election Day."

O'Grady would also like to remind voters that he will hold an informal gathering tonight, 7-8:30 p.m., in the meeting room at the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library. "I invite all Cohasset voters to attend," he said. Refreshments will be served.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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March 22-26

QUESTIONS



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MEDICAID AND SENIORS' HOMES (H 4330)

House 154-0, Senate 36-1, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a controversial provision delaying until July 1 an expansion of the state's power to collect the costs of medical and nursing home care from the estates of state-subsidized Medicaid recipients following their death. Prior law allowed the state to only collect from assets that were owned solely in the recipient's name and allowed couples to protect their assets simply by owning the property jointly or with a family member. These assets include homes, bank accounts, insurance and other personal property. The new provision allows the state to expand its collections to assets owned jointly with others including spouses and family members. Under the expanded powers, the state would place a lien on the home or other asset and collect the deceased recipient's share of it when the asset is sold. The expanded recovery powers were approved as part of the fiscal 2004 state budget and have actually been in effect since July 1 of last year. The state has already collected money and placed liens on properties and it is unclear what happens to the money and the liens now that the delay has been implemented. Override supporters said it is unfair to change these rules in the middle of the game and argued that the new rules effectively destroy the estate planning of many senior citizens. They noted the legislature needs time to look at the potentially devastating effects of the expanded recovery powers on the surviving spouses of deceased recipients and said that a state lien on a home would make it difficult for the surviving spouse to take out a home equity loan for improvements or living expenses. They also argued that if the surviving spouse sells the home, he or she would forfeit a substantial sum of money to the state. Override opponents said the expanded powers would ensure that all Medicaid recipients are on an equal playing field rather than favor those who do estate planning to avoid allowing state recovery. They noted that the state must rein in skyrocketing Medicaid costs and has a right and obligation to recover the deceased recipients' share of assets before taxpayer dollars are spent. They argued that the state would not force a surviving spouse to sell the home and pointed out that the state has indicated it is willing to waive or subordinate its claim if there is an undue hardship including the need for the spouse to take out a home equity loan. (A "Yea" vote is for delaying the expanded recovery powers until July 1. A "Nay" vote is against the delay).

Y Y

$500,000 FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE CORP. (H 4328)

House 139-14, Senate 31-5, overrode Gov. Romney's veto $500,000 veto reduction (from 1 million to $500,000) in funding for the Massachusetts Community Development Finance Corporation (CDFC). This quasi-public investment corporation provides financing for small businesses, real estate projects that offer a clear public benefit and community development programs across the state. Override supporters said the additional $500,000 is a worthwhile investment in this corporation that stimulates the economy and creates jobs. They noted CDFC also has programs to assist minority and women contractors, minority-owned businesses in urban areas and firms that are unable to meet their capital requirements in the traditional finance markets. Override opponents said that $500,000 is sufficient for this program and noted the state is facing up to a $2 billion deficit in the upcoming fiscal 2005 budget. They urged the Legislature to preserve funds for fiscal 2005 in order to prevent drastic cuts in important programs and avoid tax hikes. (A "Yea" vote is for the additional $500,000 A "Nay" vote is against the additional $500,000).

N Y

EXPAND CIVIL COMMITMENT FOR SEX OFFENDERS (S 1005)

House 144-9, gave near final approval to a bill expanding the state's current civil commitment law that allows a judge to determine that some sexually dangerous prisoners convicted of specific sex crimes be kept locked up in treatment centers for one year to life after they complete their prison sentences. The measure adds new crimes to the list of offenses for which the offender could be civilly committed including child pornography, kidnapping, forcing children into prostitution, open and gross lewdness and any other offense in which the facts suggest a sexual motivation. The House removed the offense of indecent exposure that was included in the version passed by the Senate in October. The proposal also subjects an offender who is in prison for a non-sex-related crime to civil commitment if he previously served time in prison for one of the sex-related crimes on the list. Supporters said current law includes too many loopholes by omitting many sexual-related crimes from the list and argued that this expansion would help protect the public by ensuring that more incurable, sexually dangerous predators are kept behind bars and do not go out and commit additional sex crimes. Opponents said they opposed expanding the list of crimes because they believe the civil commitment law itself is too restrictive and ties the hands of judges. They noted that they supported an amendment giving judges the option of imposing either civil commitment or commitment to an intensive parole sex offender's program. The Senate later approved the House version of the bill that now needs final approval in each branch prior to going to Gov. Romney. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against the bill).

Y

ALLOW INTENSIVE PAROLE FOR SEX OFFENDERS (S 1005)

House 21-133, rejected an amendment allowing judges the option of either sentencing dangerous sex offenders to civil commitment in a treatment center or commitment to an intensive parole sex offender's program. Amendment supporters said this would give judges another option and noted that one very intrusive and strict intensive parole program in Framingham has a zero recidivism rate and includes 24 hour electronic bracelet monitoring and lie detectors tests. They argued that very few offenders are actually civilly committed and said the intensive parole option prepares offenders for eventual release and would be used for many offenders who otherwise would simply go free after they serve their regular prison sentences. Some amendment opponents said the amendment is a step backwards and argued that civil commitment is the only reliable way to keep these dangerous sex offenders out of society. Others said the intensive parole option might be a good one but expressed concern that the amendment was not in the Senate version and that House adoption of the amendment would delay passage of the bill or even prevent it from being approved by the Senate. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment adding intensive parole as an option. A "Nay" vote is against the option).

N

TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS (H 4519)

Senate 36-0, gave near final approval to a bill providing tax relief for senior citizens. The measure changes the state's current so-called senior circuit breaker law that gives up to a maximum $810 state tax rebate to qualified low-income seniors whose property tax bills exceed ten percent of their annual income. The change would qualify seniors who meet low-income guidelines and own a home valued at less than $600,000, rather than the current $432,000 standard. Other provisions include raising from $750 to $1000 the amount of property tax credit seniors can earn by doing volunteer work for their city or town; allowing communities to raise the income level at which seniors can qualify for a property tax deferral program and reduce the current eight percent interest rate seniors pay on the deferred taxes; allowing communities to adopt a new low-income senior property tax exemption equal to up to 20 percent of a community's average assessed value of property and creating a program to inform seniors of tax breaks for which they qualify. Supporters said this targeted tax relief would help thousands of senior citizens living on fixed incomes and noted that most of the provisions are local option ones that leave the decision up to local communities. They noted that it is important to offer the circuit breaker tax relief to seniors who live in $600,000 homes because the recent skyrocketing of home values has not put money in senior's pockets but rather has excluded them from this popular and helpful tax break. The House approved a different version of the bill on a voice vote in February. The major difference is that the House draft also exempts qualified low-income senior from paying additional taxes resulting from Proposition 2 1/2 overrides. The Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

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percent when the Deer Hill already had adequate space and the Middle-High School was underutilized.

f. Enrollment in the Cohasset School District has increased only 10.5 percent from FY01(actual 1339) to FY05(budgeted 1480).

g. Some have justified building the new Osgood School within 400 feet of the Deer Hill School because they(you can guess who) wanted a "campus" environment. Let's get real, since when did youngsters in Kindergarten through the fifth grade need a "campus." Well, it's payback time as we now have two small schools with separate administrative staffs, HVAC, custodial, maintenance and utilities requirements, not to mention poor traffic patterns, inadequate parking and a lack of adequate playing fields. All of these shortcomings could have been avoided if the new Osgood was not built and the Deer Hill was expanded to handle K-5 or K-6.

h. The Town has shifted maintenance costs and major repairs such as resurfacing Alumni Field to the Municipal side of the budget, but the School budget is still skyrocketing. Almost 20 percent of Cohasset residents send their youngsters to private or parochial schools, which should be, a "windfall" for the School District budget, but it does not seem to help. Maybe that is because the School District thinks that paying more is a guarantee of better performance. For calendar year 2003:

1. The Superintendent was paid $134,872.

2. The "clerk of the works" was paid $58,558 for CY01 and enjoyed a 61 percent raise to $94,134 for CY02 and $93,942 for CY03.

3. The School's business manager earned $93,742 in CY03. Some of his duties could have been done by a clerk, for example scheduling buses. His pay was almost $10,000 more than the Town's Director of Finance.

4. The Schools have now established four administrative levels: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 & 9-12 in a very small School District. Nearly all of the other approximately 350 school districts have only three levels; typically, K-5 or K-6, 6-8 or 7-9, and the High School.

The best MCAS result Cohasset has enjoyed was the first year of testing when none of the students had relocated to the new Osgood or the renovated Deer Hill/Middle-High School. Yes, we neglected the maintenance of schools until the point it had become a crisis, but we could have done the renovations for approximately $30,000,000 rather than $52,000,000. Next year our debt service will jump by $1,000,000 and will probably continue at that level for several more years. The likelihood of more overrides is great. By not looking forward, we put our money into bricks and mortar rather than our teachers. Town officials have left us no choice but to "pare down." The override must be defeated and we need to start acting with fiscal responsibility.

Joe McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

Energy systems at new schools

TO THE EDITOR:

There was a typesetting error in Mr. Collins' letter that ran last week. The corrected letter appears below.

As the school construction project nears completion, the School Building/Facilities Committee would like to share with residents some thoughts about energy costs and steps our committee took to design and implement energy efficient systems at Deer Hill and the Middle High School

High energy costs are an issue for everyone. We do not have to remind the public what is happening to fuel prices. This is one of the factors contributing to increased operating cost at our schools. Additionally, the size of Deer Hill School has increased by over 65 percent, and the Middle High School has more than doubled in size.

Air quality is an important concern. The Building Committee, through its architects and engineers, installed an efficient, modern fresh air system for the buildings, providing students and staff with. a healthy environment.

Our decision to convert from oil to gas was based on economy, concern for the environment, and lower maintenance costs.

All building systems — including lighting, heating, and air conditioning — were designed with the optimum energy-saving technology available. During the building process, resident construction professionals reviewed the plans, added helpful commentary, and supported the design. The state School Building Assistance Program allows for a flat rate per square foot within the project for construction and renovation costs. Cohasset's proposal was at the maximum limit. The Building Committee applied for and received a grant under the National Grid Design 2000 Program, which. reimburses schools for installing better, more efficient lighting and mechanical systems. The town of Cohasset received more than $50,000 in reimbursements and now benefits from continuous savings in energy as these systems operate.

Both Deer Hill School and the Middle High School had exceeded their 50-year life expectancy. The town of Cohasset is fortunate to have initiated a building renovation and construction program when it did. "Had we waited, Cohasset would possibly qualify for only a 40 percent reimbursement, rather than the 60 percent reimbursement we are now receiving.

Members of the School Building/Facilities Committee are proud of the new schools we have built for the town of Cohasset, which have been completed on time and within budget.

Scott Collins, Vice Chairman,
School Building/Facilities Committee

Override actual dollars at stake

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is neither for nor against the proposed Cohasset $400,000 override to be voted on at the polls in a few days. The data on the financial impact of the override presented in the Town Warrant is, perhaps, incomplete and may be confusing to the average voter — and does not include data that presents an objective, quantitative assessment of the actual costs of the override and other non-override increases to a Cohasset homeowner who pays for the override in perpetuity in his/her real estate tax bill. To explain, a general override, once approved by the voters, is not a one-year, one-time increase, as some believe. Rather, it remains in the base real estate tax rate forever. It is paid every year, year after year after year, etc.

So ... what is the actual, real cost of the proposed fiscal 2005 override to the homeowner? A reasonable presentation of this cost would be to calculate it for, say, the 30 years a homeowner might reside in his or her Cohasset residence, perhaps having purchased the residence with a typical 30-year mortgage. Another reasonable assumption used is that the taxpayer could earn an average 5 percent per year investment return on these finds if they were not paid out in increased taxes each year, or save 5+ percent per year over many years by using the funds to pay down the mortgage rather than paying the tax increase.

Thus, the actual total cost for a 30-year period for the proposed $400,000 override, for a residence with an assessed valuation of $725,000 is $11,720. For a residence assessed at $950,000, the cost is $15,360. For a residence assessed at $1,450,000, the cost of the override is $23,440. For the residence example used in the Warrant write-up, assessed at $560,000, the cost of the override is $9,050 over the 30-year occupancy period assumed.

For your further information, note that a general override was also voted in 2003, and it is clear that another override will most likely be presented in March of 2005 for fiscal 2006. An additional override of at least $400,000 since the apparent principal cause of the overrides, the employee pay contracts, has another year to run after fiscal 2005. Thus, these three sequential overrides, if approved by the voters (note the override of 2003 for fiscal 2004 was already voter-approved last year), will have an actual dollar cost over 30 years to the homeowner of (a) $33,120 for a home assessed at $725,000; (b) $43,400 for a home assessed at $950,000; and (c) $25,580 for a home assessed at only $560,000.

As is noted later, all of the preceding numbers are only for the override increased taxes. These numbers actually more than double when the already approved tax increases up to the 2 1/2 percent limit are included.

These override costs to the taxpaying homeowner are significant sums of money. These are the reasons that the Massachusetts citizens, via a ballot initiative, voted Prop 2 1/2 into law about 20 years ago. Prop 2 1/2 gives the individual homeowner/voter a chance to assess the value of what he/she is buying vs. the costs to be paid. Prop 2 1/2 was primarily intended to instill financial responsibility and, especially, financial accountability in all public officials, as well as in the taxpaying citizens.

It might be useful if, for future proposed budget overrides, the Town provided the actual total, longer term costs of an override to the voters. Perhaps the Advisory Committee may want to adopt this function. Transparency on these tax increase costs is necessary.

The reality is that this one override for fiscal 2005, which may or may not be justified or acceptable to voters, will cost the taxpayers of Cohasset at least $12,000,000 over the next 30 years, and actually cost almost $28,000,000 over that period under the reasonable assumption that, on average, the taxpayers could earn 5 percent per year during that period if the money was not paid out each year in taxes. These numbers merit thoughtful evaluation of the pros and cons of the override.

The sum for all three overrides discussed in this letter, covering fiscal 2004-2006, adds up to a minimum cost to taxpayers for the 30-year period of $34,500,000, or over $80,000,000 assuming 5 percent per year could be earned, on average, if the funds were not paid out in taxes. These numbers do not include any "debt exclusion" overrides nor do they include the annual increases in taxes up to the 2 1/2 percent increase limit which do not require a Town-wide ballot vote approval. These tax increases up to the 2 1/2 percent limit are in the budget and are real and must be paid. If the overrides are approved, then the numbers above are more than doubled!

As example, just for the fiscal 2005 year, the "allowed" 2 1/2 percent increase in taxes, which are in the budget, approximate $500,000. Thus, coupled with the proposed $400,000 override, the total 2005 increase is $900,000 which is $27,000,000 in minimum cost to taxpayers for the 30-year period and a cost of $63,000,000 assuming the average 5 percent could be earned if the dollars were not paid out in taxes.

I trust that the data presented in this letter is informative, if not also useful. Voting for or against an override is a serious fiduciary responsibility that Prop 2 1/2 places on each taxpayer. When you consider the magnitude of the dollars involved over a period of time, it is easy to understand why some cities and towns avoid proposing overrides and/or vote them down, and the use of overrides is reserved for rare, unusual situations where an override is justified, such as a large, one-time capital project.

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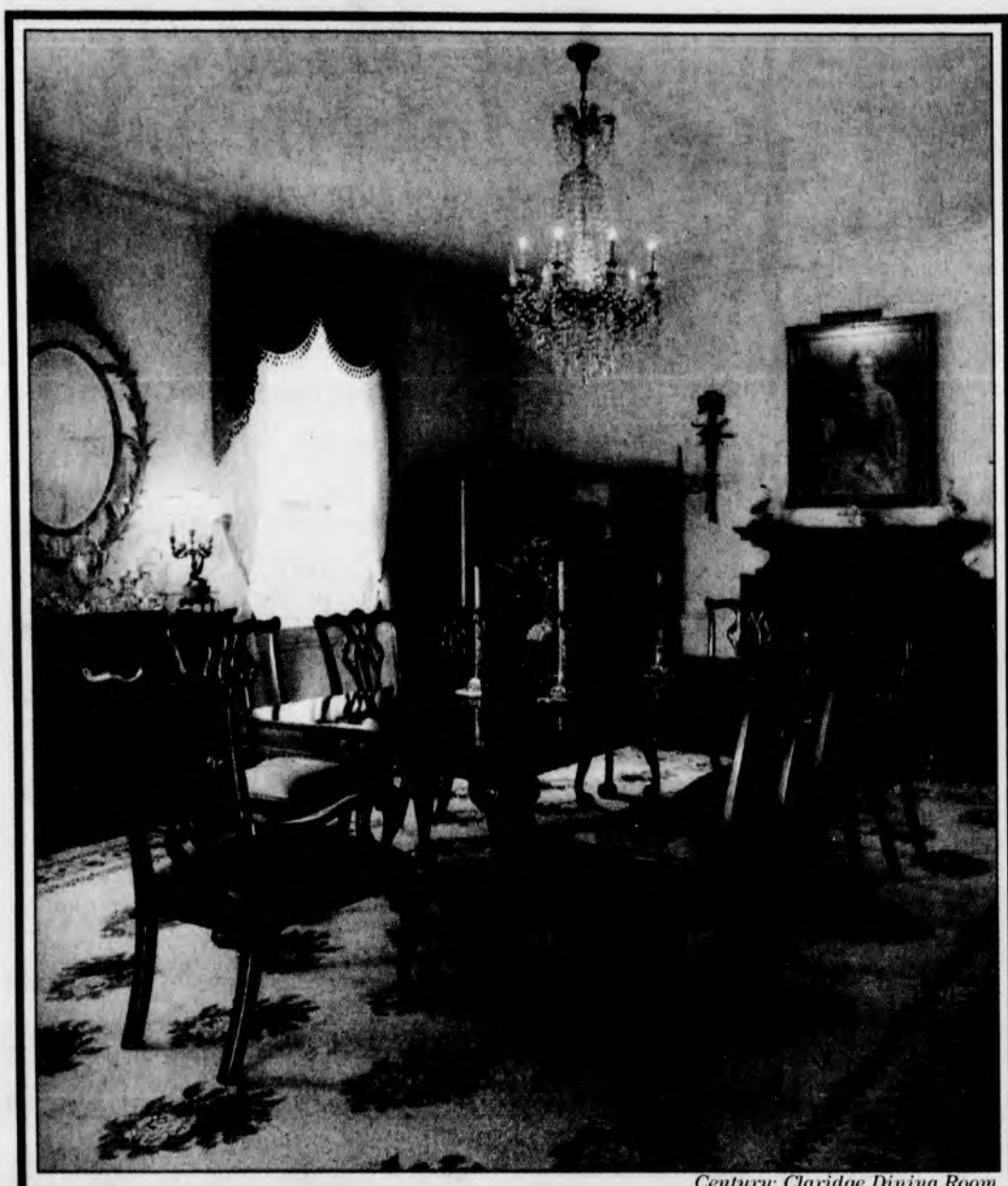
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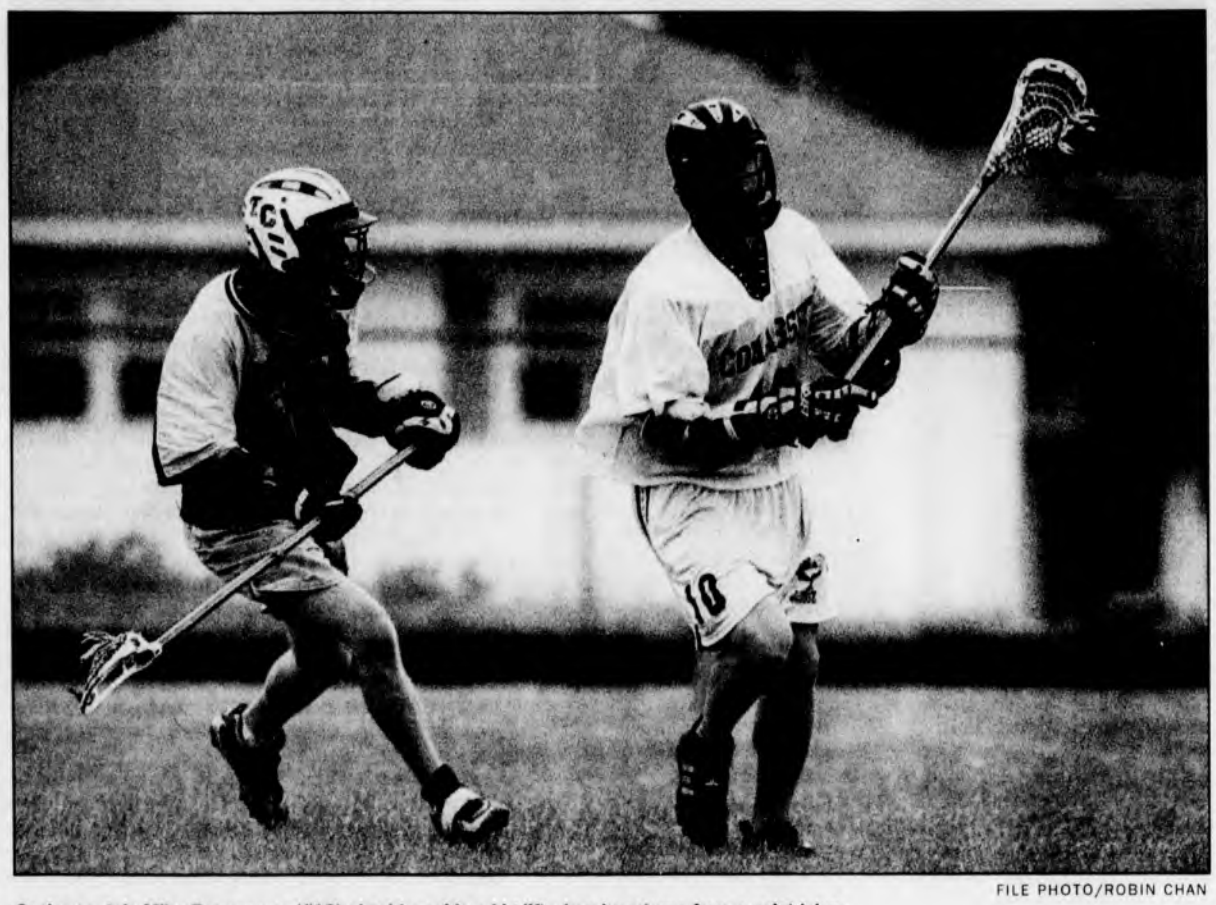
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Senior captain Mike Rasmussen (#10) should provide a big lift when he returns from a wrist injury.

Seizing the reins

New coach hopes to keep CHS laxmen in state's elite class

By Mike Spellman
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By all accounts, the hiring of Stu Curran to take over the Cohasset High boys lacrosse team was a very popular one.

The Hull native certainly has the track record -- having coached successfully at both the college and high school levels previously and earned respect as a referee as well-- and is well known and liked by many in the Cohasset lacrosse community. Whatsmore, he knows a lot of the Cohasset players from his involvement in youth lacrosse and the Bay State Games.

"He's a great fit for so many reasons," notes Cohasset Athletic Director Ron Ford.

"Yeah, but as soon as I lose two or three in a row, someone will be calling for my head," countered Curran with a laugh. "That's what happens when you take over a program as successful as Cohasset's."

Yeah, he's having us on, but this is Stu's way of acknowledging the high expectations that come along with assuming control over a program that has posted a .750 winning percentage over the last three years. He insists, though, that he wouldn't have it any other way.

"I expect to compete very well in our conference and by the end of the year be in good position to go deep in to the tourney," said Curran, 51, a former head coach at Babson College, Emerson College and Brookline High.

Bold statement, especially taking into account what the Skippers lost to graduation.

Graduation 2003 claimed eight seniors-- Robert Hickey, Tom Anderson, Evan Pestone and Ben Lynner, John Durkin, Nick Spirito, Curt Kahn and Matt Davis—all of them multi-year starters, the latter four Mariner All-Scholastic honorees.

"These eight guys were mainstays since the day I took the job," said Curran's predecessor,

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No re-lax-ing on laurels

CHS girls face steep challenge to extend postseason streak to four

By Mike Spellman
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Torin Sweeney isn't being cagey when he say he has no idea how things might shake out for his Cohasset High girls lacrosse squad this season. He means it.

"At this point, I really have no idea what to expect," said Sweeney, who will officially kick off his third season at the helm when the Lady Skippers travel to Sandwich on Tuesday. "For starters, we're in a very competitive league, so it's tough to say right now where the strength might lie in the league. I'd say we have a more balanced attack this year than we did last, but we've got a lot of questions on defense, especially now that we've lost Libby for the year."

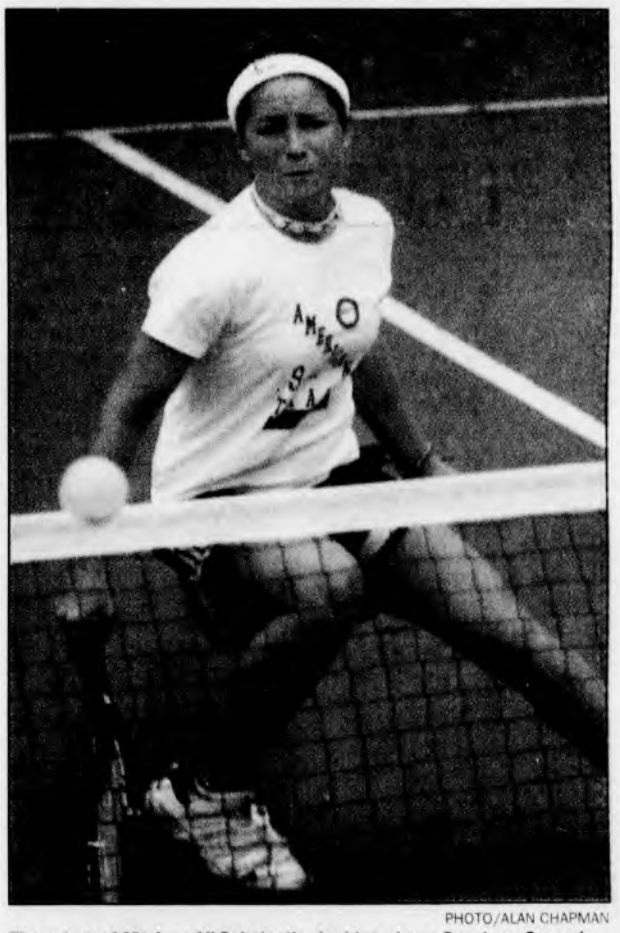
Libby Meikleham, a senior co-captain, was expected to anchor a young defense this season, but a torn ACL suffered last month playing indoor lacrosse has put the kibosh on her final high school athletic season.

"That leaves a huge hole for us," said Sweeney, who was already looking to fill voids left by the graduation of defensive standouts Nell Brewer, Catherine Coyne and Julie Lordan, the latter two captains and four year starters.

This increases what already looked to be a huge load on the shoulders of the other senior co-captain, Ashley Faber. Faber will play third home and is expected to quarterback both the defense and attack this season.

"Ashley is a huge two-way player for us," said Sweeney.

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PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

The return of Mariner All-Scholastic doubles player Courtney Caron is just one of the reasons the Lady Skippers feel good about their chances to contend for another state title.

All-Scholastic Wrestling team

Cohasset's Baroudi, Kehoe and Strazzulla named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one. There was an abundance of wrestling talent on the South Shore this season. Making the most noise, however, were those from Weymouth. The Wildcats completed a 23-2 season, captured their seventh-straight Div. 1 South Sectional title, and finished fourth at the Div. 1 State Championships. The squad also won their 14th Bay State League title in 15 seasons and won the Whitman/Hanson tournament and their own.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 18, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top wrestlers in *Marinerland* for this honor:

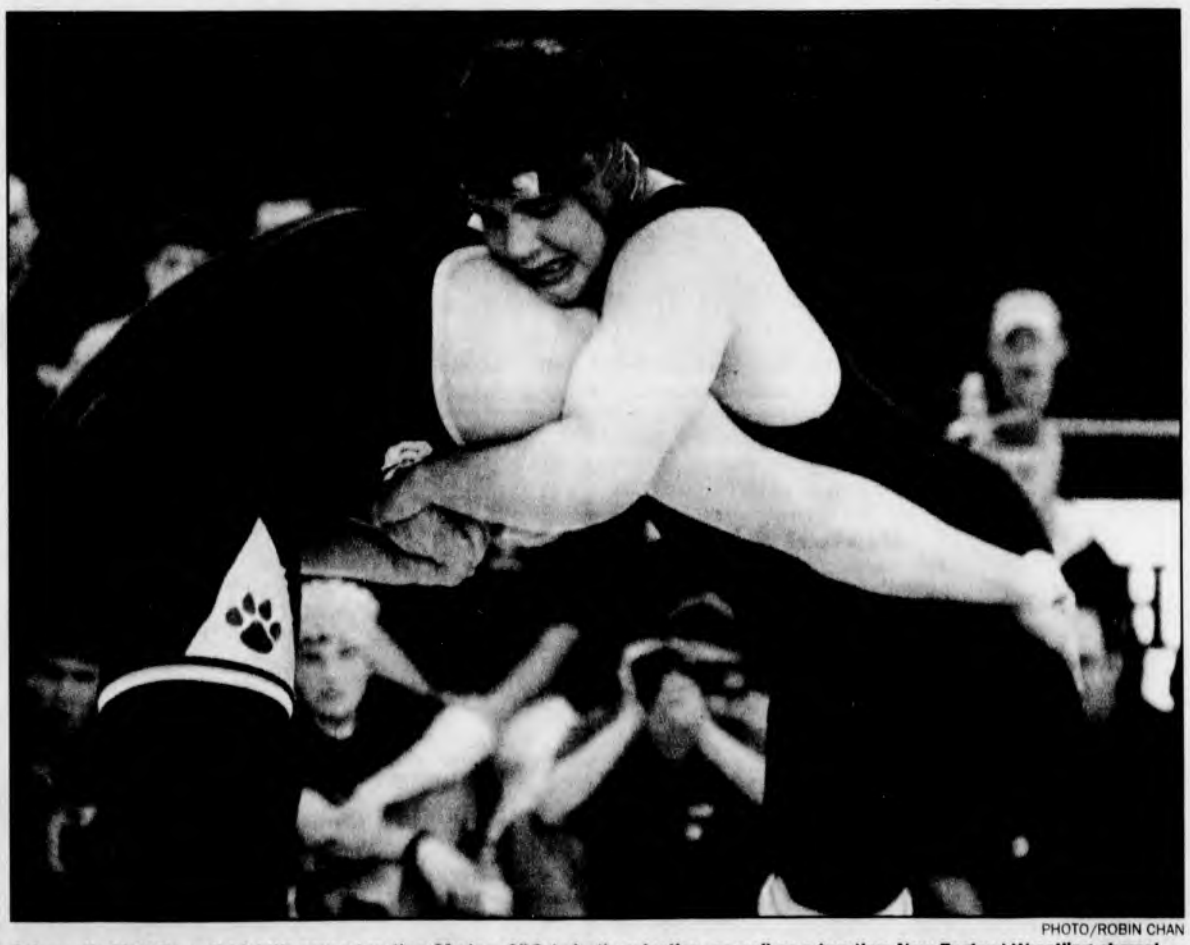
Phil Strazzulla - Senior (Capt.)
145 - Cohasset

Phil makes his second appearance as an All-Scholastic selectee…this two-year captain wrapped up his spectacular career by placing seventh at the New England Wrestling championships… won the Div. 3 state championship this year, topping the same wrestler who'd beaten him the week before at



Phil Strazzula

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Matt Baroudi (right)is now a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection, as well as a two-time New England Wrestling championship qualifier.

Can they say repeat?

CHS girls tennis team kicks off run toward state title defense today

By Mike Spellman
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Can they say repeat?

The defending state champion Cohasset High girls tennis team kicks off what its members hope will be another season of glory this afternoon when South Shore League arch-rival Norwell comes to town.

"These girls are ready to play," reports veteran CHS coach Gigi Meehan. "This is the most comfortable I've ever felt going into a season with my team's level of preparedness. A lot of these girls have worked hard in the winter, and that's really showing right now."

Meehan's confidence is also helped along by the fact that five of the seven members from last year's team return, including star first singles player Elizabeth Stone, a junior.

Stone put together a superb 16-2 sophomore season, her only two losses coming in the postseason to top ranked New England players at a time when she was playing through an ankle injury.

The losses to graduation of Lindsay Grossman and Julie Shea -- last year's second singles standout and half of a sensational first doubles team, respectively--will certainly be felt. Reports are, though, that several of the girls who have been waiting in the wings are primed to step it up this spring.

Senior Holly Graham is also back for her third year of singles play, and will likely flip flop for now between the second and third spot with sophomore Chelsea Grossman (Lindsay's sister). Chelsea got some playing time last year when Stone was injured, and is among those coach Meehan considers "much improved."

"Chelsea is one of the girls who's really surprised me with how much she's improved," said Meehan. "I've actually got another four or five girls who look like they are ready for playing time."

One of these up and comers will team with senior Courtney Caron, Shea's partner at first dou-

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Cohasset's Baroudi, Kehoe and Strazzulla named among area's elite

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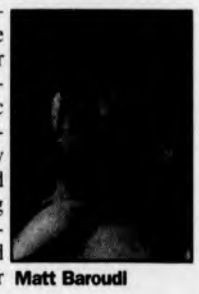
Sectionals (Foxboro's Nick Avery) in the title bout...also took seconds at the Div. 3 South Sectional and All-State championships...put together a 35-4 season, which included only one regular season loss, and he avenged that loss at All-States...season highlights included a victory over defending state champ Jared Laganas (Dracut) at All-States...finishes his career with the third highest wins total in the storied history of Cohasset High wrestling (111)...21st year CHS coach Torin Sweeney calls him the most "technically adept wrestler" he's ever had... went 33-3 regular season as a junior and took third at Sectionals and fourth at the States that year...played soccer his freshman year at CHS, but decided to concentrate on wrestling after that...one of the few two-year captains the CHS wrestling program has ever had...wrestles for Orange Crush in the off-season, and has also attended several wrestling camps, including a nationally lauded camp in Pennsylvania the last two summers...trained on weekends in-season at Harvard with elite high school wrestlers from all over the state... Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...member of the Cohasset crew team in the fall...National Honor Society member...has a 3.9 GPA and takes a couple of AP courses...Student Council Member...former class President and Treasurer...hopes to wrestle in college...B.C., University of Miami and NYU are his top three choices...teaches youth wrestling and hopes to continue doing so in the future... Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "Phil is just a student of wrestling. He took the time to learn everything he could. He was a perfect leader on and off the mat. He's a great kid— classy, very smart, extremely committed academically."

Joey Kehoe - Junior
140 - Cohasset


Joey Kehoe

The Div. 3 state champion this year, topping the same wrestler who'd beaten him the week before at Sectionals (Foxboro's Brian Dietzel)...qualified for New England's, but was knocked out in a first round one-point loss...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...finished second at Sectionals for the third year in a row...took fourth at All-States...was 25-3 in the regular season and 39-8 overall... placed sixth at Div. 3 states as a sophomore and earned a Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention...a three year varsity starter who has advanced to states all three years...has a chance to move into Cohasset High's all-time top five wins list... also plays football for CHS...trains in off season with former Scituate High wrestling star Joe Hayes...wrestles for Orange Crush in the off-season... made Honor Roll last term ...a motorcycle enthusiast...would like to wrestle in college...leaning toward majoring in Engineering...Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "Joey can take down anyone. He's extremely powerful double leg. He started just about every match with a quick two point lead with a takedown, and then he's a dominant wrestler when he gets on top because his legs are so strong.."

Matt Baroudi - Junior
215 - Cohasset

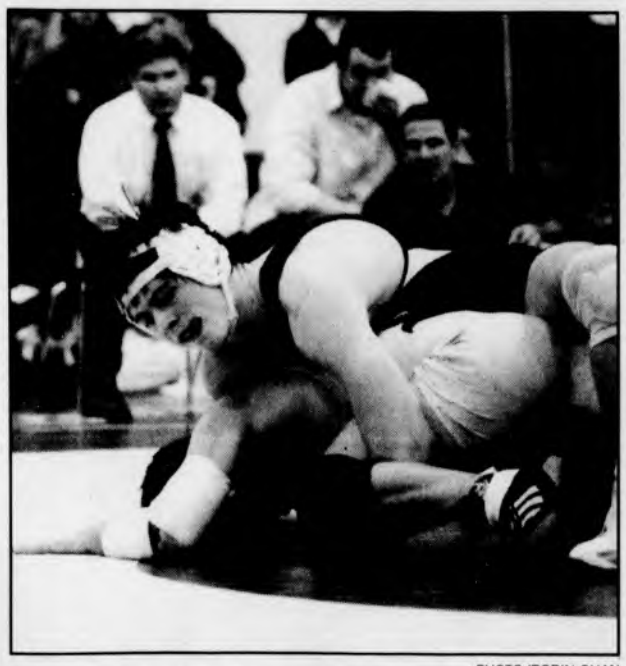

Matt Baroudi

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic and two-time New England Wrestling qualifier...closed out junior year by taking sixth at New England's...the Div. 3 state champion...also took second at Sectionals and fourth at All-States...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...overall record this year was 39-6...three year varsity wrestler is expected to top 100 wins for his career and may move onto Cohasset High's all-time top five list...considered state championship win and first win at New England's the highlights of his season... also plays football and lacrosse at CHS...wrestles year round with Orange Crush...would like to wrestle in college...little brother of former CHS wrestling star Terry Baroudi (another two time Mariner All-Scholastic and New England's qualifier)...Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "Matt is big, strong and tough, and his athleticism and quickness set him apart at his weight class. He wrestles year round and that's made a big difference too."

Andrew Keefe - Senior
171 - Weymouth

One of a host of talented wrestlers, Keefe finished a strong fifth at the New England Championships, where he wrestled four state champions...Along the way, Keefe finished second at the Div. 1 South Sectionals, second at the Div. 1 States, and sixth at All-States...During the regular season, Keefe won the Whitman/Hanson tourney...His performance this season helped the Wildcats finish at 23-2, win the Bay State League title and their seventh-straight Div. 1 South Sectional Championship. Weymouth coach Kevin Mackin: "He finished among an elite group at New Englands as the top three have Div. 1 scholarships. He's a tremendous worker and just a great all-around kid."

Dennis Jones - Senior
112 - Weymouth


PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Joey Kehoe (top) was a state champ and New England championship qualifier.

Another standout for the Wildcats, Jones also made the trip to the New England Championships this season...Along the way, Jones won the Div. 1 South Sectional, finished third at Div. 1 States, and fifth at All-States...During the regular season, Jones won titles at the Whitman/Hanson, Weymouth, and North Attleboro tourneys, while finishing a strong fifth at the Lowell tourney...His contributions resulted in the Wildcats winning the Bay State League and Div. 1 South Sectional titles. Weymouth coach Kevin Mackin: "He's wrestles with a lot of finesse and technique. He's great at the top position where he is likely to turn his opponent and score points on tilts."

Mike Chicchese - Senior
119 - Weymouth

This talented middle-weight is making his second-straight appearance on the All-Scholastic team following another strong year...Chicchese won the Div. 1 South Sectional title for the second-straight year, finished second at the Div. 1 State Championships and went on to All-States...Chicchese also won titles at the Whitman/Hanson and Weymouth tourneys, while finishing second at North Attleboro and fifth at Lowell...The Wildcats (23-2) won the South title and were third at Div. 1 States. Weymouth coach Kevin Mackin: "Mike is very good on his feet, but has really made a name for himself with his cradles."

Sid Reeves - Senior
215 - Weymouth

After a solid regular season, Reeves continued going strong into the postseason before injuring himself at the Div. 1 State Championships...Reeves still managed a third-place finish in that meet, qualifying him for the All-States...A week earlier, Reeves finished second at the Div. 1 South Sectionals, helping Weymouth (23-2) capture the title for the seventh-straight year...Won titles at the Whitman/Hanson and Weymouth tourneys, defeating Cohasset standout and 4th in New England Matt Baroudi in the process...Also a standout football player at WHS. Weymouth coach Kevin Mackin: "He's extremely polished, which is a rarity among big guys. He's really made a name for himself."

Darren Burke - Senior
135 - Weymouth

As one of Weymouth's more versatile wrestlers, Burke competed in a trio of weight classes this season, all with great success...In addition to competing at 140 and 145, Burke made his mark in the 135 class...Here, Burke took second at the Div. 1 South Sectional, which Weymouth (23-2) won, and went on to take fourth at the Div. 1 State Championships, qualifying him for All-States...During the regular season, Burke won a title at the Whitman/Hanson tourney, defeating Div. 3 State Champ Cohasset's Joe Kehoe. Weymouth coach Kevin Mackin: "He was dangerous because he pins a lot. We bumped him all over the place and he did a great job."

Scott Keeley - Junior
160 - Weymouth

Brought home a Div. 1 South Sectional title, helping the Wildcats win the championship for the seventh-straight season...From there, Keeley finished fourth at the Div. 1 State Championships, qualifying for All-States...His efforts helped the Wildcats capture the Bay State League Championship and finish third at the Div. 1 State Meet...During the regular season, Keeley won a title at the Whitman/Hanson tourney...Also a standout football and lacrosse player at WHS. Weymouth coach Kevin Mackin: "He's a tremendous athlete and he carried that athleticism onto the mat."

Ross O'Toole - Freshman
103 - Weymouth

The new kid on the block, O'Toole made quite a name for himself this season...Racked up 31 wins in the 103 class this year...Won the title at the Div. 1 South Sectional, helping the Wildcats capture their seventh-straight title...He went onto compete at the Div. 1 State meet and has caught the eye of several of our area coaches...Also took the top spot at the Whitman/Hanson tourney and broke several WHS freshmen records...His performance as a lightweight helped Weymouth win the Bay State League title...O'Toole will obviously be a top returnee next season. Weymouth coach Kevin Mackin: "Ross is very aggressive. He had a goal to be the best freshman wrestler at WHS and pretty much shattered every record we had."

Paul Robinson - Junior
112 - Rockland

After suffering a heartbreaking setback by not making weight at last year's Div. 3 South Sectionals, Robinson returned in style with a trip to the New England Championships... Finished second at the Div. 3 South Sectional, was fourth at the Div. 3 State Meet, and a strong sixth at the All-State Championships...Made the jump to 112 this season after wrestling at 103 the last two years and is one of the better lightweights on the South Shore...A three-time Patriot League All-star, Robinson also plays football and track at RHS.

Bryan Sforza - Senior
130 - Rockland

Following the strong wrestling tradition in his family, Sforza capped his career with a solid season...The senior was the runner-up at the Div. 3 South Sectionals this season and went on to finish a strong fourth at the Div. 3 State Championships...Competed at the All-State Meet...Was named a Patriot League All-star this season and helped the Bulldogs to a third-place finish in the final standings...Also a football player at RHS.

Jim Egan - Junior
103 - Hanover

It was a breakout year for this talented lightweight...Egan won his first Div. 3 South Sectional title this season and went on to finish third at the Div. 3 State Meet...Egan competed at the All-State Championships as well...His performance this season earned him a spot on the Patriot League All-star team and he helped the Indians capture second in the PL standings...Set a new HHS record for pins in a single season with 26...Egan will obviously be a top returnee next season. Hanover wrestling coach Bill Dunn: "Egan is one of the hardest workers on the team. He works on his sport continually. Jim plans to keep working on his skills and continue the hard work right through the summer months and into the next school year."

Guy Matisis - Junior
189 - Hingham

A standout on the Hingham team for the last two seasons, Matisis won his second-straight Div. 2 South Sectional title this year and went on to the Div. 2 State Championships...Was a key member of the Harbormen team that won the Sectional title in 2002...Matisis racked up 38 wins this season and was named co-wrestler of the year by teammates...Also a standout running back on the HHS football team, Matisis is making his second appearance on our All-Scholastic squad...He will be a top returning grappler next season.

Stephen Barry - Junior
135 - Scituate


Stephen Barry

This is the third All-Scholastic honoring for Barry... wrapped up his marvelous high school career by capturing the Div. 3 South Sectional crown, and then lost by just one point the following week, 8-7, in the Div. 3 state championships, his first loss of the season after 27 wins...also won a match at the All-State championships the following week to finish his season with a 28-3 record...had a big regular season win over New England Championships qualifier Joe Kehoe, of Cohasset...was ranked top 10 in his weight class for most of the season...hopes to wrestle in college...a year round wrestler who has attended several renowned wrestling camps, including the Jay Robinson Clinic in Minnesota...has also done Orange Crush and Grizzly Wrestling camps...is being recruited by coaches from Bridgewater State College and Roger Williams...leaning toward majoring in Criminal Justice with an eye toward a career law enforcement ...Scituate coach Greg Ranieri: "Steven is a very talented wrestler and was an outstanding leader for our very young team. He was undefeated in the regular season action and dominated his competition right through the 135-pound sectional championship. I am proud to have coached Steven and appreciate the hard work he put in for our program."

Christian Vercollone - Junior
130 - Silver Lake


Christian Vercollone

Another two-time Mariner All-Scholastic ... Pembroke resident became the first Silver Lake wrestler to qualify for New England's since 2001 after placing sixth at All-States...won the Div. 1 South Sectional championship, then took second at States before his sixth place finish at All-States...lost his only match at New England's...posted a 23-2 regular season record, his only two losses coming in late December at the Marshfield Tourney...unbeaten in dual meets...the fifth Vercollone to star in multiple sports at Silver Lake...also the fifth of 11 children...one-year older brother Anthony is also a member of this

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Coastal Stars versus Coastal Stars, South versus North. This past weekend featured a Yankee League playoff game between the Stars Mites C-3 team winners of the South Division against the Stars C-1 team winners of the North Division. The Mites C-3 team emerged victorious with a 6-1 win after a hard skating, action packed contest, which pit two teams that had only one regular season loss between them. Stars C-1 applied tremendous offensive pressure during the first period only to be stymied by superb goaltending by Max Hemingway, who made several acrobatic saves. Some late period offensive rushes by the C-3 forwards were equally denied by C-1 net minder Burchill. The first period ended in a scoreless tie. The C-3 team found their skating legs in the second period picking up the intensity and controlling the flow of the play. James Daley finally got the C-3 team on the scoreboard netting his first of four goals early in the second period on a behind the net feed by winger Mark McGoldrick. Stars wingers Curtis Golden and Hugh Healey had several quality scoring opportunities on feeds from center Ryan Davis. The C-3 defensive pairing of Sam Topham and Garrett Leahy and gritty play of winger Bryan Bowman forced the play in the offensive zone and allowed James Daley to rifle two more blistering wrist shots past the opposing goaltender. The second period ended with a 3-0 score. The third period saw C-3 defensemen Ryan Melia, Declan Leahy, Jake Denton and Jeffrey Powers skate hard and break-up several opposing rushes while killing off two C-1 power plays. Center Robert Gargano and wingers Andrew Tautkus and Matthew Tautkus attempted to convert on several offensive thrusts only to be denied with solid shot blocks from the C-1 defense. The C-3 team scored their fourth tally on a brilliant pass play from James Daley to Sam Topham who "one-timed" the puck past the goalie. After a goal scored by the Stars C-1 team James Daley scored his fourth goal by lifting the puck over the fallen goaltender. Garrett Leahy concluded the scoring late in the third period scoring on a rebound from in front of the crease on a shot from Mark McGoldrick. Stars C-3 goaltender Max Hemingway played solid throughout the game and turned away many opposing quality shots to preserve the victory. A great skating contest by two playoff caliber teams. Best of luck to both clubs as they advance in the playoffs.

Mite A

The Mite A Coastal Stars finished an excellent regular season with a spirited, 2-1 win against a tough Braintree team. Will Golden got the Stars the early lead on a gritty, end-to-end rush with 11:08 left in the first. After skating past the defense, Golden beat the goaltender with an impossible fake and tucked a backhander into the left side of the cage. Braintree went hard at Connor Maher and the Stars defense, but Maher was impenetrable and racked up nine saves in the period. Kevin McDougall used his speed to break up several rushes, and Jeremy Duchini stepped up for a key steal. Jared McCrystal was solid in front of his net and at the blue line. With just over seven minutes left in the second period, Ken Parnell won the fight at the blue line to keep the puck in the zone and passed to Will Golden on the left side. Golden fed Terrence Doonan in the slot, and T-Dog one-timed a wrister to the five-hole for the 2-0 lead. The Stars pressured Braintree consistently and had several close chances, as Jake McDonough, Tommy Dixon and Chris Cohen buzzed the net, Jonathan Spitz' shot from the left side was saved, and Will DeCoste was robbed on a backhander set up by a nice feed from Colin Whelan. The Stars picked up a penalty with thirty seconds left in the period. Braintree capitalized with the power play goal with 16:40 left in the third. Connor Maher then made a fantastic glove save on a shot headed to the top right corner, and a kick save on a tipped shot through a crowd, to preserve the lead. Brian Smith and Andrew Geddes were instrumental in keeping Braintree at bay with their tight, steady defense. The Braintree netminder kept his team in the game with larcenies against Will Golden and Will DeCoste. Frank Lemieux beat the defense to the puck, bulled his way to the front of the net, and was denied point-blank. Braintree pulled its goalie for the man advantage with 1:03 left in the game, but the Stars were the team that applied the pressure and maintained its lead for a satisfying end to its regular season.

All-Scholastic Wrestling team

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All-Scholastic team and brother Luke (now playing soccer with the New England Revolution) was also a sectional champ…went 21-3 in his sophomore regular season…not bad, considering this is his second favorite sport…Christian is a serious year round soccer player who starred for the OCL champion Lakers this fall and has played on both the state and regional Olympic Developmental Program soccer teams …obviously, an exceptional athlete…was named a Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention for soccer the last two years…hopes to follow older brothers Luke and J.P. and play Div. 1 college soccer…Silver Lake coach Matt Sheridan: "I can't say enough good things about Christian. He's a great wrestler, obviously. But I got to know him during our weekend at New England's, and he's a great kid too. This kid has a bright future in and out of athletics."

Anthony Vercollone-Senior
140 - Silver Lake



Anthony Vercollone

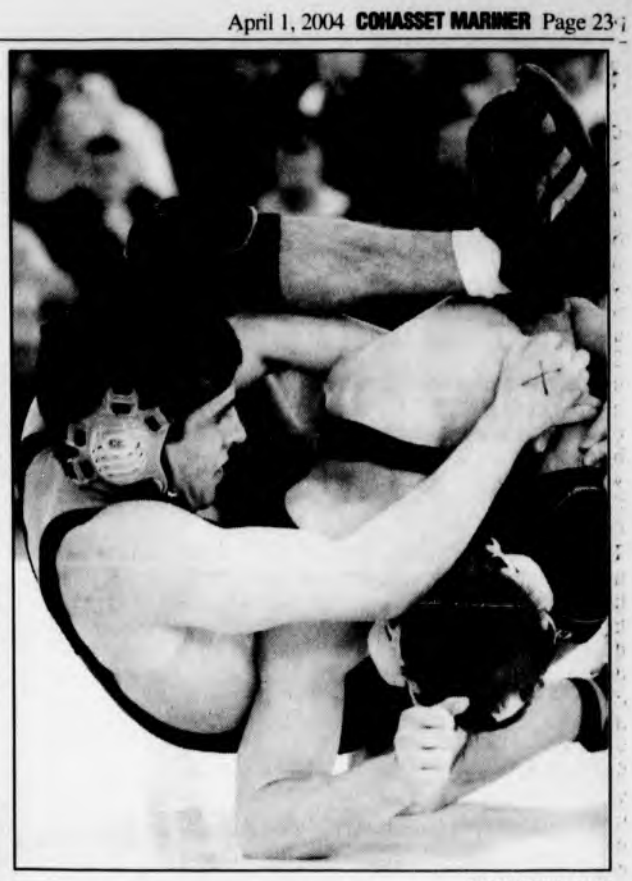
What a senior year…this is the second Mariner All-Scholastic honoring in three months for Anthony, as he also made our soccer team after playing a huge role this fall in leading the SL team to an Old Colony League championship…won the Div. 1 South Sectional championship…at State's the following week, he missed by one spot of qualifying for All-States in a very tough weight class…put together a 15-3 regular season, with losses to three top opponents (including one to fellow All-Scholastic Joey Kehoe of Cohasset)…also earned All Eastern Mass. and OCL all-star honors for soccer this fall…an accomplished vocalist who performs in a barbershop quartet and was the lead in the recent school musical production of "Snoopy"…exceptional athlete… the fourth Vercollone to star in multiple sports at Silver Lake…also the fourth of 11 children…one-year younger brother Christian is also a member of this All-Scholastic team and brother Luke was also a sectional champ…3.1 GPA…leaning toward attending St. Anselms College and majoring in Communications…Silver Lake coach Matt Sheridan: "Anthony was a game day guy. He had so many activities outside of wrestling, but when the match came I always knew just what I was going to get out of him. He has a lot of talent and a lot of athleticism."

Joe Alfano- Senior (Capt.)
125- Braintree



Joe Alfano

Closed out an excellent four year career by placing sixth at the Div. 2 state championships, losing his last two matches by one point to fall just short of qualifying for All-State championships…placed fourth at Sectionals in an extremely tough weight class…posted a team best 30-8 record, with several of his losses coming to top wrestlers, to help the Wamps to a winning season…also a standout for the BHS lacrosse team…finished with over 60 wins for his career in three season of varsity wrestling…wrestled at a lauded off season camp at the U.S. Naval Academy…has also wrestled off season in the Weymouth Grizzly program…Honor Roll student last semester…also a standout lacrosse player at Braintree High… played BHS soccer his freshman year…hopes to play college lacrosse…Western New England and UMass-Dartmouth are his top two choices…plans to major in Business…Braintree coach Mike Bochman: "Joe was a selfless wrestler. He'd go wherever he was needed, even bumping up to wrestle a top opponent, and that's where a lot of his losses came from. He was a team first guy and a good leader."



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Phil Strazzulla is now a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection.

Honorable Mention:

Chris O'Brien- Sr. (Capt.)-140- Braintree
Mike Arki- Sr.- 189- Braintree
Ryan McLellan- Soph.- 103- Cohasset
Kevin Dinsmore- Jr.- 125- Cohasset
Jonathan Littauer- Jr.- 130 - Cohasset
Matt Casey- Jr.- 160- Cohasset
Nick Riordan - Sr. (Capt.) - 189 - Hanover
Craig Montgomery - Jr. - 152 - Hanover
Mike Finneran - Sr. - 112 - Hingham
Mike Hathaway- Sr. (Capt.)- 145- Holbrook
David Cavanaugh- Jr.-135- Holbrook
Kyle Bowers- Sr. (Capt.)- 189- Holbrook
Adam Giacomozzi - Sr. - Marshfield
Mark Olsen - 130 - Marshfield
Ted Kleber- Soph- 215- Norwell
Gerry Good- Jr.- 135- Norwell
Dan Sklut- Sr. (Capt.)- 171- Scituate
Karl Gumpwright- 103- Soph- Silver Lake
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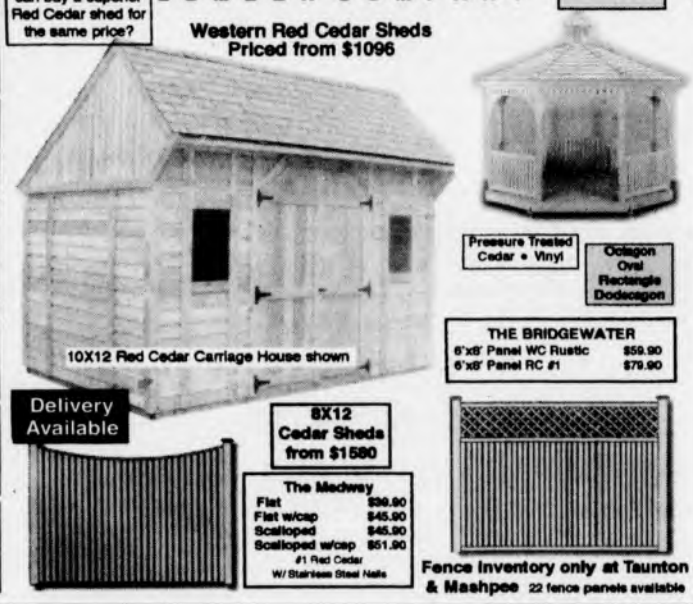
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Cohasset sixth grade traveling team player Lindsay Allard (#23) covers Whitman player during playoff action last weekend at Cohasset High

Seventh grade hoopsters win OCL title

It doesn't matter if it is the National Basketball Association, or girl's seventh grade weekend basketball, if your team has speed, height, plays great defense, and has an explosive fast break, you will win most of the time. In the case of The Cohasset 7th Grade Girls Old Colony League team, you will win all of time. Well, 15 times in a row anyway.

This year's squad brought an unwavering determination to show the league powerhouses Bridgewater & Whitman, just which team was going to be the one to beat, and take home the League title. Ending the regular season at 12-0, Cohasset was the top seed as the playoffs begun. Many of the girls from last year's team remembered how quickly and disappointing it can be to get knocked out by a lower seeded team as they fell to Marshfield in the first round of last years playoffs.

As fate would have it, Cohasset faced Marshfield again this year in the first round.

Same team, same gym, same time, different year—different story. Cohasset won, and advanced to play defending Champions Bridgewater in the semi-final game.

Cohasset jumped all over Bridgewater using the half court trap and fast break to send last years champs home with a 30-19 defeat. Bring on Whitman!!

Let's just say that the game was, um, physical. If you are up in the middle of the night watching cable, you can occasionally catch a game of Australian football on one of the sports channels. The Cohasset vs. Whitman game looked something like that.

Although the game wasn't pretty, winning the championship game 21-14 was a thing of beauty. And the 13 smiling faces holding trophies—a work of art.

Introducing the 15-0, 2004 Seventh Grade Girls Old Colony League Champions:

Maura "that wasn't a foul" Barnes

Natalie "somebody get me a scrunchie" Beukers

Tess "can't miss from the corner" Calorio

Grace "can I be captain?" Clougherty

Gabriella "I want that Jacket" Flibotte

Natalie "lefty" Hunt

Madeline "I have a question" Leahy

Samantha "this is more fun than soccer, just don't tell Mr. Coggins" Lehr

Rachel "no height—no problem" McMorris

Carly " I'm open!" Salerno

Marissa "I only look nervous" Tangherlini

Liz "big plays from the high post" Tetreault

And last but certainly not least..

Carley "Hey, Mr. Salerno watch this" Zappolo

Great season girls. You are going to look good in those jackets.

No re-lax-ing on laurels

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"She has the ability to make things happen at both ends of the field, and that's what we'll be looking for from her."

Another veteran defender who will have more responsibility heaped on her as a result of the Meikelham injury is cover point Christen Reardon, one of six senior returning seniors with extensive varsity experience.

"We don't have a lot of experience on defense," said Sweeney, who has directed the CHS lady laxers to a 7-7 record last year, clinching his second state tourney berth in as many years at the helm. "Christen is just one of the girls we'll be looking to to step it up even more with Libby no longer in there."

And sophomore netminder Joanna Hamilton is another. She steps into the big shoes of two-year starter Gia Petrakis, another 2003 casualty to the caps and gowns and a Mariner All-Scholastic honorable mention.

"Joanna has looked pretty good so far," said Sweeney, also CHS's golf and wrestling coach. "She went to goalie camp this summer, so she's taking this seriously. She's working hard."

Fortunately, Sweeney has reason to hope his defense will face less pressure this spring than it did last year, believing his team will be stronger in the midfield and up front.

Last year's team relied heavily on senior captain Maura McKenney, a two time Mariner All-Scholastic who scored a career total 118 goals, including a team best 40 last season. Sweeney feels, though, he has several girls poised for breakout seasons who should help produce a more balanced assault in 2004.

Senior Nicole Turgiss emerged as a noteworthy complimentary threat to McKenney last spring, and actually finished just behind her in the team scoring race, netting 38 goals on the season. She's one of the fastest players in the Pilgrim Conference and also possesses a big shot.

Fortunately, Turgiss is also an adept passer and reads the field well. So, when the double downs come on her, and they will, Sweeney expects she'll have good options on both sides of the net in senior wingers Meghan Marr and Jessie Guild.

"Nicole will draw a lot of attention, so Meghan and Jessie should get their opportunities to score," said Sweeney. "I think they're both ready to take that next step."

Experience will be a strong suit in the middle of the field with key returning starters Lauren Rizzoti and Lisa Spirito, as well as senior playmaker Kara Flint.

Rizzotti, a third year junior starter, was the third leading scorer last year with 25 goals and much of the offense will go through her, as she also has strong playmaking abilities. Spirito, a sophomore and a top notch athlete, closed out her freshman year strong to finish with 15 goals.

"I'm hoping for another .500 season or better," concluded Sweeney. "I feel we have some nice pieces of the puzzle. It's just tough to say at this point how it's all going to come together."

Can they say repeat?

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bles the last two seasons. Junior Rachel Garber appeared to have that spot sewn up for today's opener, but Meehan indicated that little about her lineup beyond today is cast in stone...that is other than Stone.

Junior Emma Grinnell and sophomores Amelia Shea (Julie's sister), Susan Curry and Katie Bolger are also making a strong bid for varsity court time.

The second doubles tandem will remain, for now, the senior duo of Emilie Sullivan and Corey Evans, partners since their freshmen years.

"I'd like to think we have the talent to make a run at another state title," said Meehan. "But, even if we do, I know it's going to be that much harder because everyone is gunning for us now. Every ne of our players is going to have to work even harder if we're going to have a chance at that."

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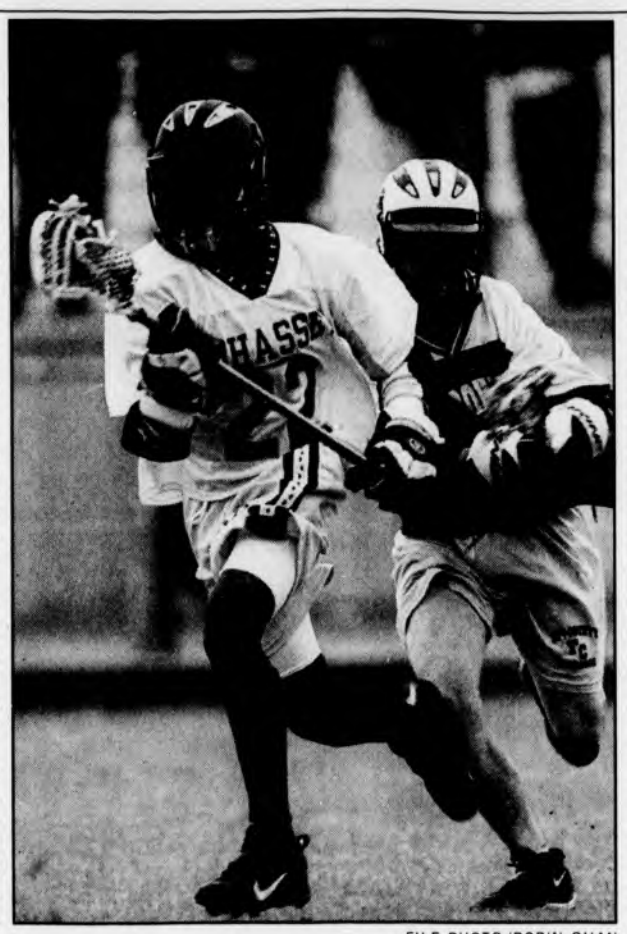
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"We've still got some questions right now, but you can say that about a lot of teams," concluded Curran. "I do like the potential of this team, though. By the end of the year, I think we'll be in good position to make some noise in the playoffs."

The Skippers will open the season next Wednesday, April 7, at home versus Martha's Vineyard (3:15 p.m. start), and will travel to Falmouth the next day (4 p.m. start) for their Pilgrim Conference opener.

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GRADE 12
SECOND HONORS

Jefferson Barrett, Christopher Bilodeau, Jennifer Buckley, Robert Carpenter, Shelley Carter, Jonathan Downing, Allison Earon, Andrea Keating, Meghan Marr, Christen Reardon, Julia Scribner and Andrew Wise.

GRADE 11
FIRST HONORS

Dominique Asnault, Jack Carroll, Cecelia Chapman, Allison Dean, Rachel Garber, Jonathan Grimm, Christine Lovallo, Toby Norman, Molly Ogrodnik and Elizabeth Stone.

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Two-part workshop on raising teenagers

Parents of pre-teens and teens — whether happy and healthy, somewhat troubled, or somewhere in-between — are invited to attend a special two-part evening workshop: "Raising Teens" on Tuesday, April 6 and April 13, from 7-9 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Road.

Eve Sullivan, a popular speaker affiliated with the Parents' Forum in Cambridge, will lead the seminar. "Raising Teens" will address the strong feelings and inevitable conflicts that arise in parenting adolescents. The workshops help participants assess their parenting skills and offer immediately relevant information on habits of communication and conflict-resolution skills.

Parents' Forum was incorporated in 1992 as a practical, solutions-oriented nonprofit program for parents, guardians and grandparents.

This seminar is sponsored by Project Safeguard, a non-profit community group that includes parent volunteers, health education professionals, clergy, and representatives from the PSO and the Cohasset Public Schools. Reservations should be made in advance by mailing a check for $20, made payable to "Project Safeguard," to: Project Safeguard, c/o Cohasset Middle/High School, 143 Pond St., Cohasset 02025. (This is a sliding scale fee based on ability to pay; you may pay a reduced amount or confidentially request the fee to be waived.) For more information, call 781-383-6190.

SPED speaker at regional PAC meeting

Parents Advisory Council for Special Education (PAC) invites South Shore parents and faculty to join them Tuesday, April 6, at the Osgood School at 7:30 p.m. Isabel Phillips, Ed.D. will be joining the group. Dr. Phillips has an extensive background in reading and language-based learning disabilities, assessment and intervention.

The Osgood school is located at 210 Sohier St. in Cohasset. Osgood shares a common entrance way with the Deer Hill School which can be seen from Sohier Street. The Osgood is located behind the Deer Hill School.

In 2001, PAC members from Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth joined to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. The South Shore Regional PAC goal is to meet informally throughout the year.

Poetry contest for middle school kids

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset is hosting its third annual poetry contest. All middle school students (grades 6, 7 & 8) are invited to participate. This will be a month long event to celebrate poetry month. Students may submit their entries directly to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Rt. 3A, Shaw's Plaza.

Students can enter one of four categories. 1. Free Verse 2. Rhyming 3. Form; any type, such as haiku, limerick, pantoum, tanka, sonnet. 4. Theme: Peace. The contest runs through April 12and the judges are local middle school teachers (Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate.) A $15 Gift Certificate will be awarded to each winner and there will be one winner in each grade per category. The winners will be announced at the Open Mike Event to be held on Thursday Apr. 29, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Cohasset. All contest participants are eligible to read at the Open Mike Event (reading is optional; however you must register in advance to read) by calling Buttonwood Books & Toys at 781-383-2665. Light refreshments will be served.

Entry Rules: 1.Entry heading requires name, address, phone number, grade, school and category. 2. Poem with an Original Title. 3. Length: One typewritten page. 4. One entry per person. (Poems without the above information will not be eligible for inclusion in the contest.)

Scholarships for a future in health arena

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be high school seniors or residents in the towns of Cohasset, Hull, Hingham, Scituate, or Norwell, who intend to begin or further their studies in nursing, social work, or allied health fields. One scholarship in the amount of $2,000 or two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded for the 2004-2005 academic year. Applications are available at the League office, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 12 :30 p.m. or in each town's high school guidance office. Applications, which should be returned to the League office, must be received by April 30. For more information, call 781-383-0771 or e-mail socialservice@rcn.com.

Kindergarten sign-ups are being conducted

Kindergarten registration for 2004/2005 is being conducted daily, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Joseph Osgood School. Kindergartners must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2004 in order to enroll. Birth Certificates and proof of residence are required. Call the school if you have any questions at 781-383-6117.

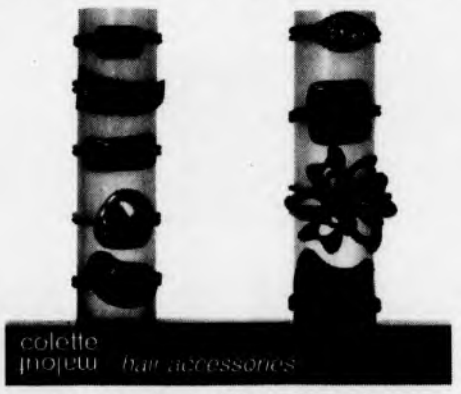
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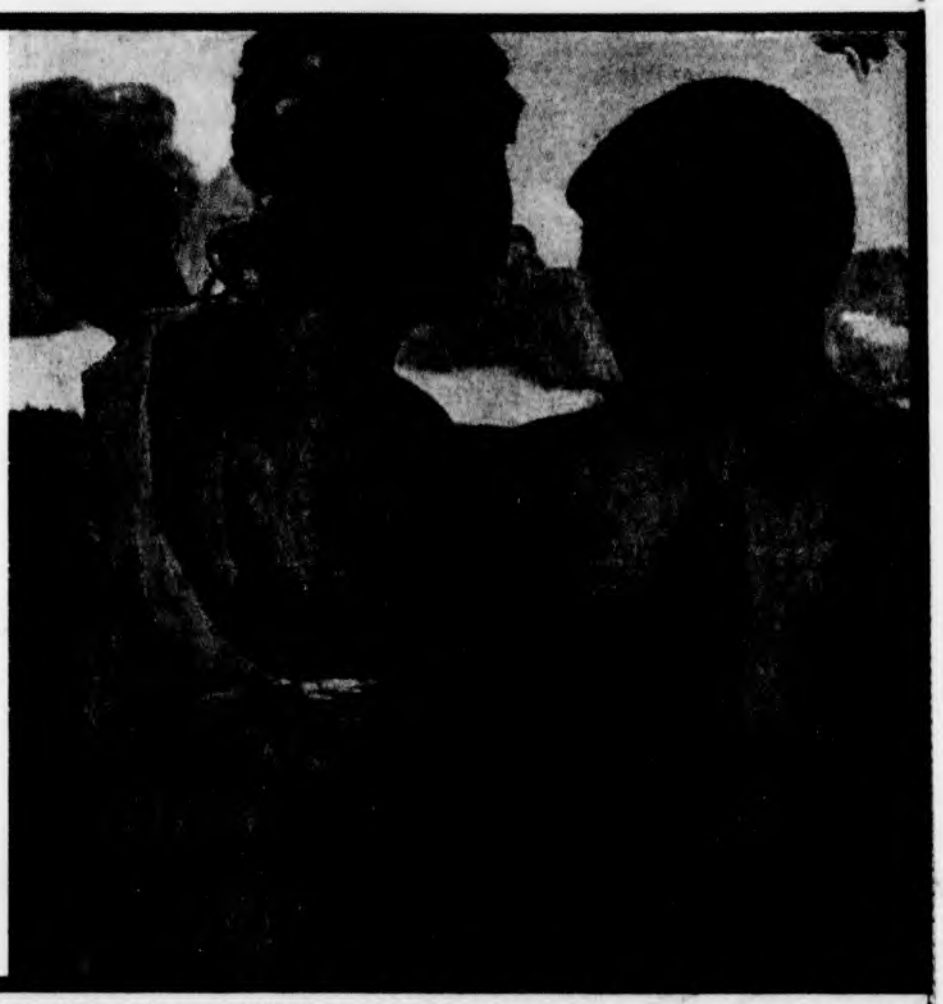
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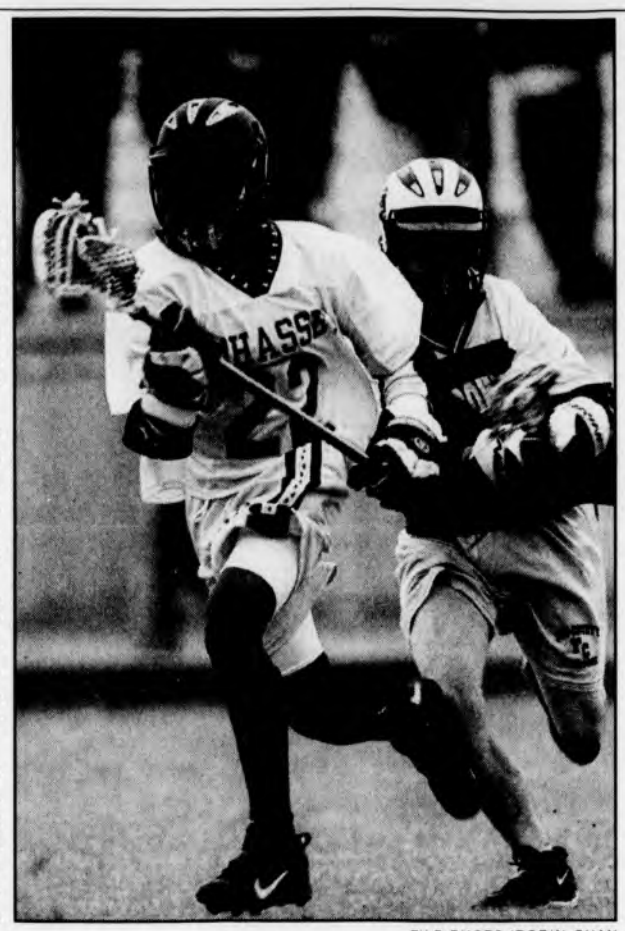
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Most believed the big and athletic Rasmussen was likeliest to emerge as the primary compliment to Previte up front this spring. His injury, though, has forced the onus onto others.

Senior Ryan Tufts has impressed coach Curran in he early going, as have sophomores Aidan Buick and Trevor Brady. Junior John Grimm would also appear a strong candidate to step into a prime time scorer's role this season now that he is almost completely recovered from a broken leg suffered this past fall during the soccer season.

"We've still got some questions right now, but you can say that about a lot of teams," concluded Curran. "I do like the potential of this team, though. By the end of the year, I think we'll be in good position to make some noise in the playoffs."

The Skippers will open the season next Wednesday, April 7, at home versus Martha's Vineyard (3:15 p.m. start), and will travel to Falmouth the next day (4 p.m. start) for their Pilgrim Conference opener.

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Two-part workshop on raising teenagers

Parents of pre-teens and teens — whether happy and healthy, somewhat troubled, or somewhere in-between — are invited to attend a special two-part evening workshop: "Raising Teens" on Tuesday, April 6 and April 13, from 7-9 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Road.

Eve Sullivan, a popular speaker affiliated with the Parents' Forum in Cambridge, will lead the seminar. "Raising Teens" will address the strong feelings and inevitable conflicts that arise in parenting adolescents. The workshops help participants assess their parenting skills and offer immediately relevant information on habits of communication and conflict-resolution skills.

Parents' Forum was incorporated in 1992 as a practical, solutions-oriented nonprofit program for parents, guardians and grandparents.

This seminar is sponsored by Project Safeguard, a non-profit community group that includes parent volunteers, health education professionals, clergy, and representatives from the PSO and the Cohasset Public Schools. Reservations should be made in advance by mailing a check for $20, made payable to "Project Safeguard," to: Project Safeguard, c/o Cohasset Middle/High School, 143 Pond St., Cohasset 02025. (This is a sliding scale fee based on ability to pay; you may pay a reduced amount or confidentially request the fee to be waived.) For more information, call 781-383-6190.

SPED speaker at regional PAC meeting

Parents Advisory Council for Special Education (PAC) invites South Shore parents and faculty to join them Tuesday, April 6, at the Osgood School at 7:30 p.m. Isabel Phillips, Ed.D. will be joining the group. Dr. Phillips has an extensive background in reading and language-based learning disabilities, assessment and intervention.

The Osgood school is located at 210 Sohier St. in Cohasset. Osgood shares a common entrance way with the Deer Hill School which can be seen from Sohier Street. The Osgood is located behind the Deer Hill School.

In 2001, PAC members from Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth joined to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. The South Shore Regional PAC goal is to meet informally throughout the year.

Poetry contest for middle school kids

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset is hosting its third annual poetry contest. All middle school students (grades 6, 7 & 8) are invited to participate. This will be a month long event to celebrate poetry month. Students may submit their entries directly to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Rt. 3A, Shaw's Plaza.

Students can enter one of four categories. 1. Free Verse 2. Rhyming 3. Form; any type, such as haiku, limerick, pantoum, tanka, sonnet. 4. Theme: Peace. The contest runs through April 12and the judges are local middle school teachers (Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate.) A $15 Gift Certificate will be awarded to each winner and there will be one winner in each grade per category. The winners will be announced at the Open Mike Event to be held on Thursday Apr. 29, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Cohasset. All contest participants are eligible to read at the Open Mike Event (reading is optional; however you must register in advance to read) by calling Buttonwood Books & Toys at 781-383-2665. Light refreshments will be served.

Entry Rules: 1.Entry heading requires name, address, phone number, grade, school and category. 2. Poem with an Original Title. 3. Length: One typewritten page. 4. One entry per person. (Poems without the above information will not be eligible for inclusion in the contest.)

Scholarships for a future in health arena

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Kindergarten sign-ups are being conducted

Kindergarten registration for 2004/2005 is being conducted daily, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Joseph Osgood School. Kindergartners must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2004 in order to enroll. Birth Certificates and proof of residence are required. Call the school if you have any questions at 781-383-6117.

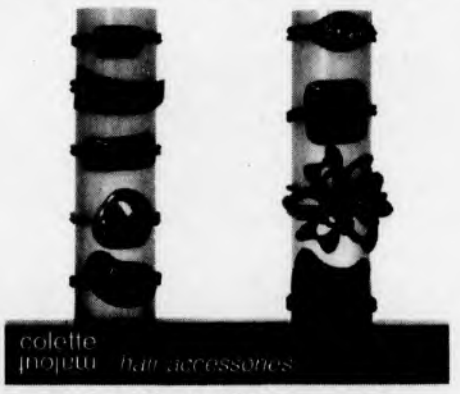
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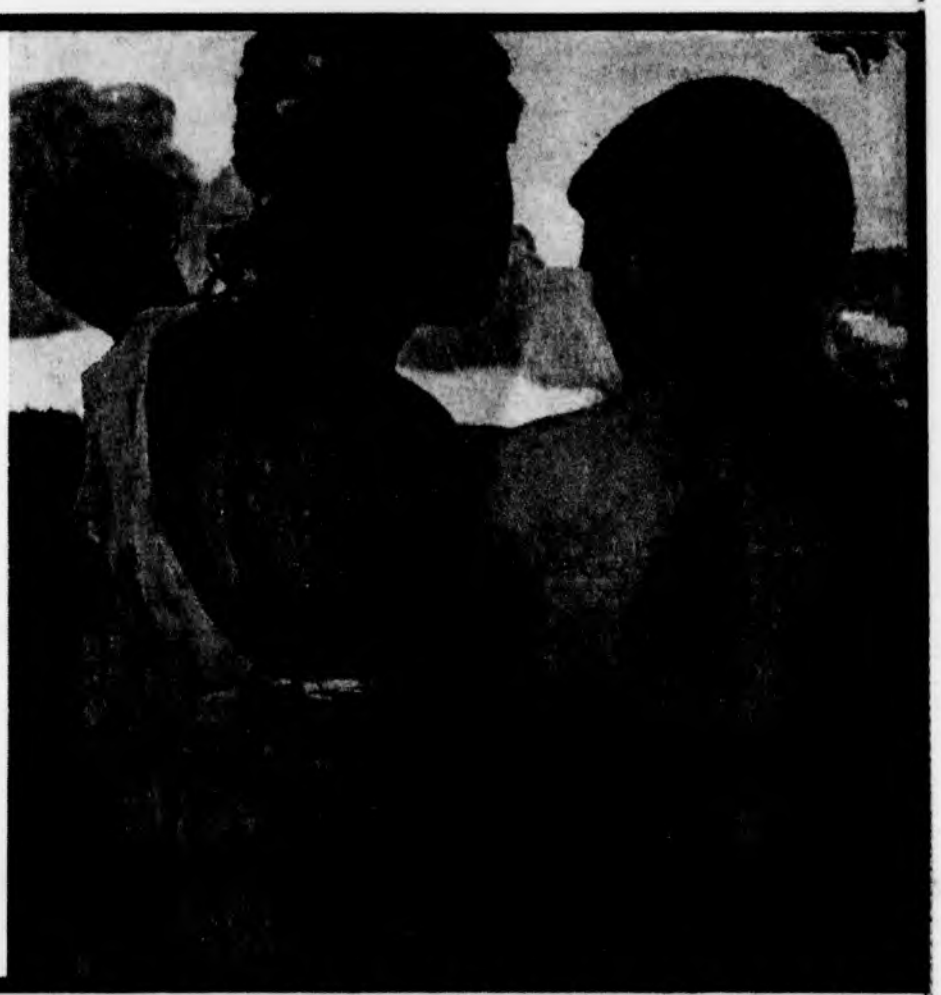
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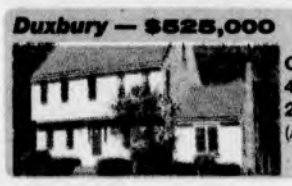
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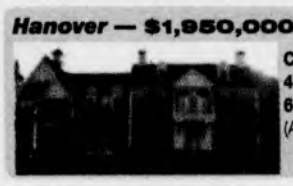
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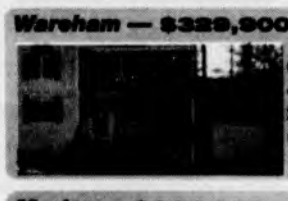
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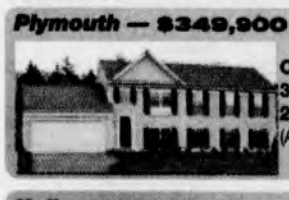
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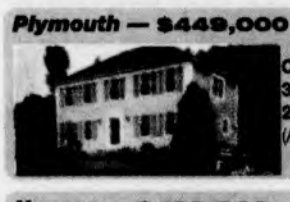
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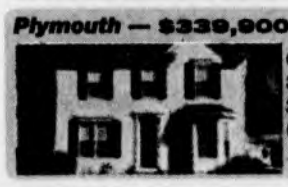
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¿Dónde está Su Escuela? Aquí, say preschool-age children

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"At the end of 16 weeks, the child may not say 100 words, but they are building the language center of the brain," Baldeón said, which allows them to recognize and understand Spanish words even if they cannot vocalize them.

What makes Baldeón's program unique, is the fact that all her instructors speak Spanish as their native language. In fact, Baldeón said she is the only instructor who can speak English. She said there are two advantages to having all native Spanish speaking instructors. First, children will not learn to speak Spanish with an American accent. Growing up in Constitucion, Chile, Baldeón has always spoken Castellano, a dialect of Spanish which is pure and without any regional accent, which is almost the equivalent of Oxford English. That is passed on to the children, who very accurately mimic what she and the other Castellano speaking instructors say. The second advantage is that the children have to use their Spanish in class, because the instructors do not speak English. Their primary language cannot be used as a "crutch" and the student and teacher must work together to communicate.

Baldeón has incorporated many facets of her culture into the classes taught at Su Escuela. "When a child comes here, they are in another country," said Baldeón, adding everything down to the crafts, which sometimes use beans and lentils, as Chilean children would use, has a hint of her heritage. Su Escuela even has its own library of books written in Spanish, including the children's favorites, "Goodnight Moon," "Green Eggs and Ham," and "Rainbow Fish," which students are allowed to take out for a week at a time. Instructor Jesica Neira records audio tapes of herself reading the stories that the children can take home with their books.

Because she was raised in Chile, Baldeón knows all too well the importance of being immersed in a language that isn't your native tongue in order to learn it quickly. While attending college at the University of Connecticut, she completely immersed herself in the English language, and was able to overcome a significant language barrier. Now, she feels being bilingual is essential for a complete education.

Busy schedules

Baldeón said she understands the busy schedules children have these days, as she has three of her own. She and her husband Victor live in Hingham with sons Sebastian, 4, Elias, 6 and Adrian, 14. "We are all bilingual," she said, adding Adrian is actually trilingual as he also speaks French. But even with all the activities, she said if her children weren't already bilingual, she would see learning another language as a priority, as it will prepare them for the world of the future.

Su Escuela currently offers three levels of classes — beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Each level has three phases for children to progress through. Classes are taught for 16 weeks at a time, except for the summer sessions, and classes are limited to seven students. Classes are currently offered for children between the ages of four and nine, but because of the high demand Baldeón has seen for Spanish classes, even in the first couple of months Su Escuela has been open, she said she is going to be looking to expand her curriculum to include children as young as three and up to age 11. Once the program gets going, and children begin completing all levels Su Escuela currently offers, programs could be started to allow students to continue in their studies. Ho any changes will most take place next fall, as Ba would prefer to start th gram off slowly, in order t time to make necessary ch as classes become establish



Jessica Neira works with Tess Lenihan as Nina Swett looks on at Su Escuela, a Spanish langu doors at 152 King St. (Route 3A) in Cohasset.

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OBITUARIES



Henry W. Ainslie, Jr., when he served on the Board of Selectmen in 1982.

Henry W. Ainslie, Jr.

Henry W. Ainslie, Jr., 85, died March 25, 2004, at the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth after a brief illness.

Mr. Ainslie, a Navy veteran, served on numerous town committees and boards, includi[redacted] sewer commissioner an[redacted] so[redacted] fr[redacted]

from the moon and his antennas are still being used for tracking the space shuttles, receiving signals from Mars and Luna landing crafts, and other aerospace programs. After completing a successful career in private industry Mr. Ainslie served for 28 years as Director of Operations for Norfolk County retiring in 2000 at the age of 81.

He leaves his wife of 62 years, Winifred T. (Connell) Ainslie; a daughter, Marie J. Bell of Plymouth, three sons; Wayne H. Ainslie of Plymouth, David L. Ainslie of St. Heilers, Auckland, New Zealand, and Gary E. Ainslie of Norwell, three daughter-in-laws; Debra, Doreen and Toni, a brother; Lawrence D. Ainslie of Cohasset and a sister; Sylvia G. Towle of Cohasset. He was the brother of the late Verna L. Day. He also leaves eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; four nieces and two nephews.

Graveside services were at Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Always and Forever Memorial and Honor Program, American Diabetes [redacted]ssociation, P.O. Box 2680, [redacted]th Canton, Ohio 44720.

[redacted]rangements were by [redacted]Tamara-Sparrell Funeral [redacted]. in Cohasset.

[redacted]ry A. Doyle

[redacted]y A. Doyle, 80, of [redacted]sset, formerly of Woburn, [redacted]March 28, 2004, at Life [redacted]South Shore in Scituate.

[redacted] and raised in Woburn, she [redacted] graduate of St. Charles [redacted] School in Woburn and lived [redacted]West Roxbury, Milton and [redacted]hasset for the last 30 years.

She leaves two brothers Thomas G. Doyle of Bellvedere, Ill. and Rev. William F. Doyle SJ, Sr.; two sisters, Grace M. Doyle RC Cenacle Retreat House Ronkonkoma, N.Y. and Ruth T. Johnson of Naples, Fla. She was the sister of the late James T. Doyle, Annette M. Doyle and Sr. Elizabeth of Trinity OCD.

Visiting hours will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset, (across from St. Anthony Church).

A Funeral Mass will be held in St. Anthony Church, Cohasset, on Friday, at 9 a.m. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery in Woburn.

Anna M. Kugler

Anna M. (Waldbuesser) Kugler, 97, of Cohasset, died March 19, 2004, at Life Care of the South Shore.

She was born in Philadelphia and worked as a secretary in a main-line law firm. She loved to tell stories of when she was about 23 years old and dad brought her a "hutmobile." She and a girlfriend drove it to Tennessee and had the grand adventure of a lifetime. In midlife, while living on Long Island, she became a door-to-door saleslady selling Avon products, vacuum cleaners and cemetery plots. Although she didn't drive she outsold the men salesmen who did. She spent the last two years at Life Care of the South Shore and was a spirited participant in all of their activities, bus rides and music programs and bingo games. While there, she made many good friends, who were a great support. Until a few months ago she enjoyed good health and visited at her daughter's house 2 or 3 times a week.

Wife of the late Leonard L. Kugler, Sr., mother of Leonard L. Kugler, Jr., of San Pablo, Calif., Arthur Robert Kugler of Vacaville, Calif., and Marianne White and her husband Matthew B. White of Cohasset.

She leaves seven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Activities Director, Life Care of the South Shore, 309 Driftway Rd., Scituate 02066.

William A. Litchfield

William A. Litchfield, 87, formerly of Boston, died March 18, 2004, at the Queen Anne Nursing Home in Hingham. He was a retired carpenter.

Mr. Litchfield was born in Cohasset and spent his early years there before moving to Boston many years ago. During his younger years, he enjoyed horseback riding and breeding, and raising beagles. Some became champions.

He leaves three sons; Donald M. Litchfield, Sr., of Scituate, William A. Litchfield Jr., of Jeffersonville, Vt., Richard Litchfield of Ruther Glen, Va.; and two daughters, Frances Cipullo of Marshfield and Diane Mello of Cohasset. He also leaves 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A private burial will be held at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Sciutate.

Arrangements by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

WORSHIP NOTES

Great Vigil of Easter at St. Stephen's

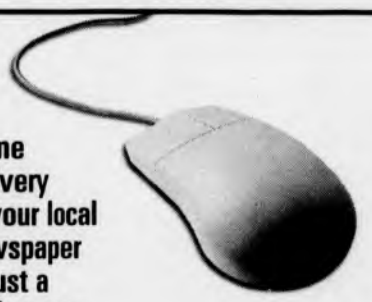
Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter, a candlelight service on Saturday, April 10, at 7 p.m. with baptisms and first communion. The worship is dramatic, beginning with the church in darkness. Candles are lit and at the moment when resurrection is proclaimed the lights are turned on signifying that the resurrected Jesus is the light that no amount of darkness can overcome.

Worship Easter morning, Sunday, April 11, will be at 8 a.m. with quartet and brass and 10 a.m. with full choir and brass. This worship finds women, followers of Jesus, at the empty tomb enjoined to "Go and tell" Christ is risen. Both services, Eucharist with sermon, will be in the church.

Prior to Easter, there will be worship in the church on Maundy Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m. This Eucharist commemorates the last supper and the importance of community for the church's life together in Christ. Following the Eucharist will be a simple meal of foods typical of Jesus' place and time - bread, cheese, olives, nuts, fruits and milk and honey.

A 24 Prayer Watch will begin on Maundy Thursday at 3 p.m. Parishioners sign up for an hour throughout the day to be in church to read, pray, just to be quiet, or meditate. It recalls Jesus' words at Gethsemane, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?" and the words of Psalm 130: "my soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning." It is a powerful experience of prayer each minute throughout the day bringing the church into Good Friday.

Good Friday worship begins at noon on April 9, with an hour of quiet. The Prayer Book liturgy begins at I p.m. A service for children takes place at 2:30 p.m. and ends the traditional three hours of worship while Jesus was on the cross. A number of parishioners will participate in the 20 mile Good Friday walk raising money to assist economically poor areas of the south, particularly in rural Mississippi.



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2 Before making the call, make sure your child is ready for overnight camp. Make sure he or she has gone on at least one sleepover date and successfully stayed away from home for the night if you plan to send them to an overnight camp.

3. Clarify exactly what your child wants and needs from camp. Is your child athletic and loves sports? Make sure to say that and look for a camp that meets this criteria. Loves theatre and the arts in general? Doesn't do well in an extremely structured environment? Has a weight problem? There are camps that meet every one of these criteria...know exactly what you're looking for.

4. Start immediately - there are still fine camps with some spaces available.

5. Contact the camps you are interested in - they might have an opening for a camper who is the precise sex, age and grade as your child

6. A number of camps - primarily agency camps do not open their registrations until February/March.

7. You might need to be more flexible regarding your first choice - perhaps enrolling for a different number of weeks than you originally planned for or for different weeks in the month

8. There is no harm placing your name on a camp waiting list - however, you should not bank on it and must continue your search; ask the camps director the likelihood of getting in based on where you are on the list - while they can make no guarantees, they can usually make estimates based on previous seasons

9. If you do not get into your first choice - find out from the director when you can apply for the next summer

By Bette Bussel, Executive Director of the ACA of New England

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"Spring was in the air" at King Jewelers on Wednesday, March 24 as "Daffodil Days" were celebrated to benefit the American Cancer Society (ACS). The store blossomed with hundreds of the bright yellow flowers while members of the community arrived to claim their bouquets.

King's had taken orders for daffodils for several weeks preceding this celebration. The fight against cancer is a particularly meaningful one to this independent jeweler, as members of the King family, staff and countless customers have been touched directly by the disease.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Vicky King of King Jewelers holds a basket of raffle tickets as Shelly Donze and Laurie Berlinguet from the Road to Recovery choose the winners. In the background are Blanche Clark and Michelle Termin.

All participants in "Daffodil Days" who had placed advanced requests for the flowers were entered into a drawing for two lovely pieces of jewelry donated by King's.

Laurie Berlinguet of Hingham and Shelly Donze of Cohasset, co-coordinators of the "Road to Recovery" program of the South Shore were present to select the names of the winners of an ekdesigns sterling silver and hand blown bead necklace, and a Kurt Gutman gold awareness brooch.

"Road to Recovery", a program in which volunteer drivers transport cancer patients to and from medical appointments is one of the services offered by the ACS and supported by the proceeds from Daffodil Days. Kings was honored to have Berlinguet and Donze at the event to represent this volunteer service and the many community members who give time and talent so generously to assist cancer patients and their families.

King's hosted a Spring Jewelry Preview throughout the day as a gesture of gratitude to all who supported this event. Guests were treated to a display of spectacular Jarretiere jewelry; a collection of gold, diamond and colored stones used in innovative designs. Jarretiere is the winner of Town and Country's "Best in Gold" Award. Also on view was the colorful and elegant Spring 2004 collection of ekdesigns, distinctive estate jewelry, and an assortment of magnificent fancy yellow diamonds. This blend of flowers and jewels, in the fresh, joyful colors of springtime reflected the hope and courage of those battling cancer, the kindness of those who support them and the anticipation of the beauty and warmth of days ahead.

"It has been an honor to be involved in Daffodil Days", said Vicki King, graduate gemologist at the store. "It is great to see so many people supporting others. Welcoming spring like this creates an atmosphere of optimism; I hope this tradition continues and grows. " *For more information, please call King Jewelers:781-383-1755, Road to Recovery:781-749-2535, American Cancer Society:1-800-ACS-2345.*

Sea Chest Consignments opens Monday

Shoppers with tastes in fashion, fine jewelry and home decor will be interested to know that Sea Chest Consignments in Cohasset, is scheduled to open for business on Monday, April 5.

The Sea Chest's two managers, Andrea (Andi) Merrill and Colleen Roth — formerly with the Cohasset Consignment Shop — have spent years building a reputation among Cohasset, Norwell, Hingham and Scituate residents for providing apparel for men and women, as well as children. With the opening of Sea Chest Consignments, Merrill and Roth are confident their blend of quality merchandise, low prices and customer commitment will allow them to further expand their base of loyal customers and volunteers who have been awaiting the store's opening.

"We are absolutely thrilled to be part of such a wonderful organization."

— Andi Merrill, Sea Chest Consignments

Sea Chest Consignments is owned and operated by Road to Responsibility, Inc. (RTR), a human services organizations. Based in Marshfield, RTR provides residential, recreational, day habilitation and employment programs for adults with disabilities, including mental retardation. While the store provides job opportunities for disabled adults, sales revenues also help support Road to Responsibility's entire slate of services.

"We are absolutely thrilled to be part of such a wonderful organization," said Merrill. "With Sea Chest Consignments, not only can Colleen and I continue to work in a business we enjoy, but with the direct connection to Road to Responsibility we can also do something positive on a much more fundamental level." Merrill went on to say that a more formal and festive grand opening celebration is planned for early May.

Conveniently located in the Dwyer's Building on Route 3A in Cohasset (next to Lapel's Cleaners), Sea Chest Consignments will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sundays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. The store's phone number is 781-383-2293.

Habitat welcomes new homeowners

South Shore Habitat for Humanity invites you to join them on April 3, at 43 Elm St., for a House Dedication Ceremony to celebrate the Ahrens family's new lives as Habitat homeowners.

Friends, family, volunteers, neighbors, and supporters of South Shore Habitat for Humanity will join Robert and Diane Ahrens at their current home in Cohasset, which they share with their three children, Caitlin (12), Casey (10), and Corianne (6). The ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. at 43 Elm St., with refreshments to follow at St. Stephen's Church.

The Ahrens family has an especially unique Habitat story. They were selected out of 12 Cohasset families to become South Shore Habitat's 37th Family Partners in August 2003. Instead of building their own home, the Ahrens bought and immediately moved into an existing condominium in Cohasset that South Shore Habitat re-purchased from the previous owners.

Even though their home was already built, the Ahrens family was still required to complete 500 hours of "sweat-equity," which many families spend constructing their own homes. The

The ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. at 43 Elm St., with refreshments to follow at St. Stephen's Church.

Ahrens completed most of their hours working in Marshfield and Norwell on Habitat homes for other families. "Their energy, hard work, and positive spirit at Habitat's work sites make the Ahrens family great neighbors," says John Seavey, Family Selection Chair and Board Member. The strong partnerships the family has developed with different towns and volunteers truly embodies the spirit of Habitat for Humanity. Executive Director Cynthia Hargrove explains, "South Shore Habitat's mission is to build more than just houses; we also strive to build communities and lives." The Ahrens' Dedication Ceremony in April celebrates the completion of their "sweat-equity" hours and the beginning of official Habitat homeownership.

South Shore Habitat for Humanity uses a comprehensive evaluation process to select families based on need, income, and willingness to partner with Habitat. The Ahrens have purchased their home from South Shore Habitat and will pay for it through a long-term no-interest mortgage. South Shore Habitat recycles the monthly mortgage payments through a *Fund for Humanity*, which aids in the construction of additional homes.

South Shore Habitat for Humanity, a Habitat International affiliate founded in 1986, is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian ministry dedicated to building simple, decent homes in partnership with families in need. Together with families, volunteers, churches, and community and business leaders, South Shore Habitat builds on the vision of making basic housing a reality for families in need. South Shore Habitat for Humanity serves 32 cities and towns south and southwest of Boston. Projects are currently underway in Braintree, Norwell, Marshfield, Easton and Hingham.

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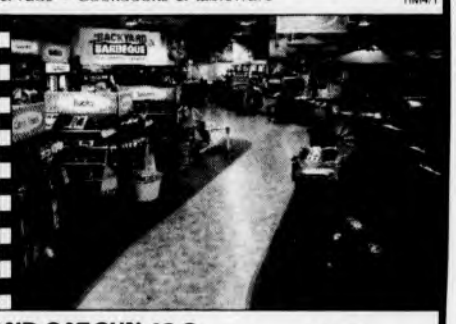
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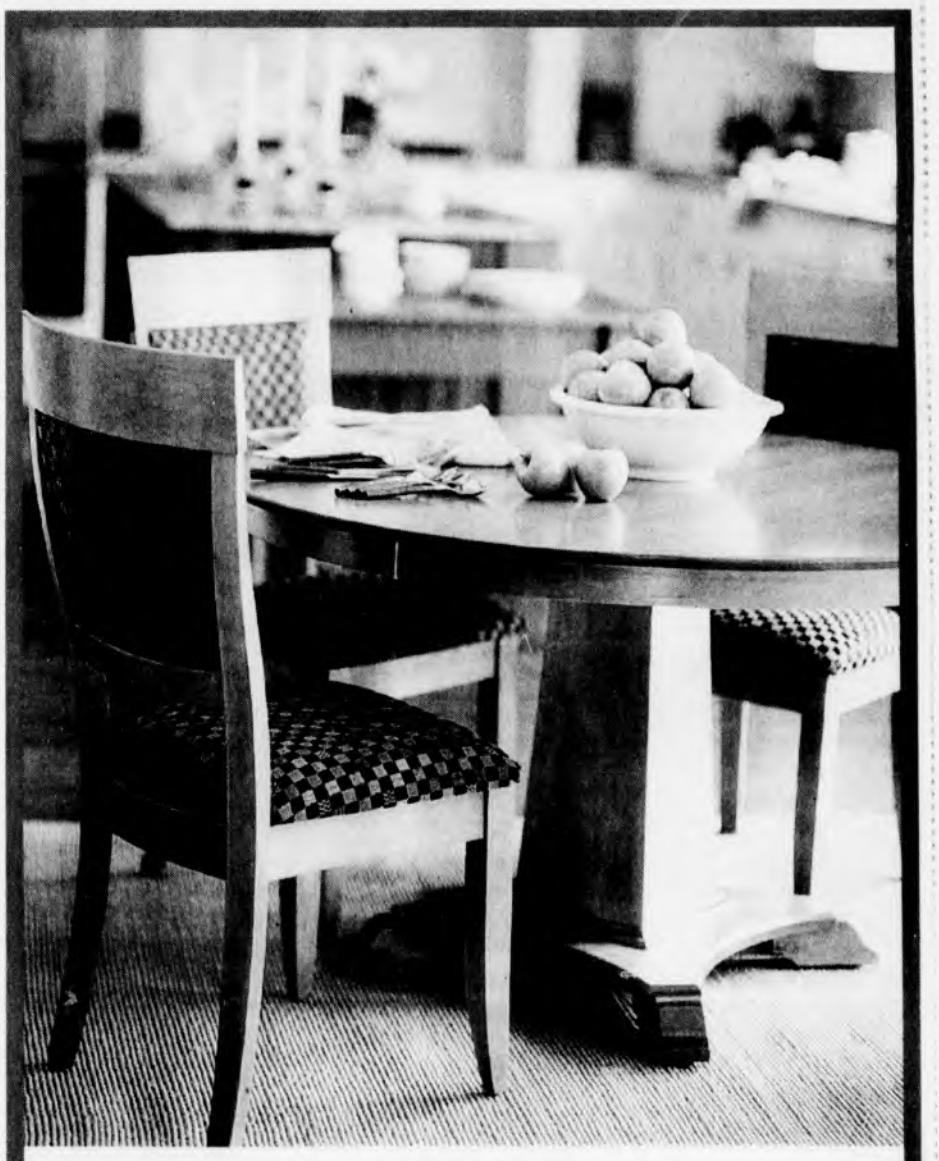
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1:12 a.m. Beach St., general services.

5:23 a.m. Pond St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:39 a.m. Jerusalem Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

6:50 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation.

7:26 a.m. Border St., general services.

7:33 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

5:03 p.m. Hull St., fire, investigation.

5:46 p.m. Hull St., medical aid, patient sign off.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

6:50 a.m. Lamberts Lane, by-law violation.

7:06 a.m. Rustic Drive, animal control.

7:07 a.m. Jerusalem Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

8:28 a.m. King and Sohier sts., assist motorist.

9:20 a.m. Linden Drive and Jerusalem Road, animal control.

10:17 a.m. Stagecoach Way, larceny.

11:07 a.m. Hobart Lane and Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.

2:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.

2:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint.

4:08 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious person, area search negative.

6:53 p.m. Beechwood St., MV crash.

8:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint.

11:39 p.m. Beechwood St., traffic complaint.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

8:16 a.m. Jerusalem Road, building checks.

1:15 p.m. Aaron River Road, animal control.

4:18 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:20 p.m. North Main St., general services.

4:24 p.m. Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle crash, investigated, report taken.

5 p.m. Parker Ave., general services.

5:50 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:41 p.m. Parker Ave., general services.

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8:48 p.m. Jerusalem Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

3:57 a.m. Cedar St., assist motorist.

6:16 a.m. Parker Ave., general services.

2:58 p.m. Ripley Road, parking complaint.

3:12 p.m. Elm St., animal control.

4:52 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest St., general services.

6:04 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.

6:12 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:22 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:18 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious auto.

8:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

5:59 a.m. Black Horse Lane, open door/window.

6:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

7:09 a.m. Cedar St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:05 p.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted.

4:56 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

5:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity, investigated, report taken.

6:59 p.m. Hill St., vandalism, investigated, report taken.

10:04 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:15 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

1:15 a.m. Sohier St., open door/window, secured building.

2:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

4:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

5:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person.

5:09 a.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:35 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

9:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.

10:32 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

10:51 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

11:32 a.m. Windy Hill Road, assist citizen.

3:20 p.m. North Main St., traffic complaint.

4:34 p.m. Pleasant St., general services.

5:40 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

9:12 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

1:07 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

2:27 p.m. Black Rock Road, suspicious activity.

9:48 p.m. Bow St., fire, investigation, fire extinguished.

MONDAY, MARCH 22

1:25 a.m. Grace Dr,. general services.

5:10 a.m. Parker Ave., assist citizen.

6:41 a.m. South Main St., general services.

6:45 a.m. Parker Ave., fire.

6:55 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

7:14 a.m. Forest Ave,. motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

10:04 a.m. Ripley Road and North Main St, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

10:52 a.m. Pleasant St, annoying phone calls.

11:20 a.m. Howe Road and Jerusalem Road, traffic complaint.

1:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid. removed to hospital (ALS)

1:34 p.m. Beach St, animal control.

2:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

3:20 p.m. Parker Ave,. fire, log entry.

3:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

5:20 p.m. Whitney Woods Lane, lost property.

6:30 p.m. Stanton Road, animal control.

8:15 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation.

8:44 p.m. Holly Lane, medical aid, rescued.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

12:59 a.m. King St., suspicious.

7:17 a.m. Pond St., suspicious activity.

8:46 a.m. Parker Ave., fire investigation.

9:32 a.m. Black Rock Road, animal control.

10:56 a.m. Brook St., burglary/breaking and entering., investigated report taken.

11:16 a.m. Church St., medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

12:35 p.m. Diab Lane, suspicious.

2:17 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:38 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. traffic citation, warning.

4:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

5:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation, warning.

5:40 p.m. Border St., general services.

6:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop.

6:08 p.m. Windy Hill Road, animal control.

6:31 p.m. King St., larceny.

6:39 p.m. Police parking lot, assist motorist.

6:46 p.m. King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

6:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Sohier St., assist motorist.

7:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway officer wanted.

8:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Sohier St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

9:47 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

9:07 a.m. Black Rock Road, notification.

9:32 a.m. Pleasant St., lost property.

10:49 a.m. Clay Spring Road and Arrowwood Road, found property.

11:36 a.m. Beach St., wires down.

1:54 p.m. Nichols Road, general services.

5:58 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

6:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violations.

8:15 a.m. Brigadoons, suspicious.

8:31 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

6:29 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

6:37 a.m. Parker Ave., fire.

10:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway medical aid, patient sign off.

10:36 a.m. Elm St., breaking and entering, investigated/report take.

10:55 a.m. Beechwood St., fire.

10:59 a.m. South Main St., vandalism, investigated.

4:53 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:03 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:12 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:20 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

6:24 p.m. Stagecoach Way, suspicious, investigated.

6:31 p.m. Border St,. motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

6:55 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

8:29 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop. vehicle stored/impounded.

8:57 p.m. Black Rock Road, suspicious activity.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

5:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St,. motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

6:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

6:40 p.m. Parker Ave., fire.

6:48 a.m. Headquarters fire.

9:11 a.m. Little Harbor Road, suspicious.

11:07 a.m. Beechwood St., illegal dumping.

11:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

12:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Road, animal control.

1:07 p.m. Ripley Road, suspicious.

1:31 p.m. Main St., violation restraining order.

1:39 p.m. Forest Ave. and Spindrift Lane. motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

4:07 p.m. North Main St., violation restraining order. Arrest: Seanian I. Ohara, 21, 354 North Main St., Cohasset. Chrgs. Violate abuse prevention order.

4:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, shoplifting. Arrest: Jennifer Poor, 23, 75 Central Ave., Hull. Chrgs. Shoplifting over $100 by concealing merchandise, larceny over $250. Arrest: James Tilden, 530 Willard St., Quincy. Chrgs. Shoplifting over $100 by concealing merchandise, larceny over $250.

5:15 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, patient sign off.

5:58 p.m. Border St., family disturbance. Arrest: James O. Watson, 101 Border St., Cohasset. Chrgs. Domestic assault and battery.

7:35 p.m. Elm St,. transport.

8:51 p.m. Sohier St., missing person, returned to home or family.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

8:56 a.m. Rustic Dr., medical aid.

10:43 a.m. Hull St., suspicious.

12:31 p.m. South Main St, disturbance gathering, area search negative.

1:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

2:05 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

3:53 p.m. Bancroft Road, assist motorist.

4:51 p.m. Hugh Strain Road, public service.

5:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

5:36 p.m. Diab Lane, fire investigation.

7:57 p.m. Wood Day, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

9:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway officer wanted, dispersed gathering.

10:03 p.m. Brewster Road, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

10:17 p.m. King St., medical aid, rescued.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

7:51 a.m. King St., medical aid, patient sign off.

8:19 a.m. King St, medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

9:43 a.m. Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road, animal control.

12:55 p.m. King St., medical aid. removed to hospital (ALS)

1:24 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist other agency.

2:55 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

4:35 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

5:34 p.m. South Main St., property found.

6:19 p.m. King St., officer wanted, services rendered.

8 p.m. King St, officer wanted, services rendered.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Roy Fitzsimmons, 116 Doane St., remodel bathroom, $13,500; Therese Joslin, 465 Jerusalem Rd., repair fire damage, $30,000; Carl Sestito, 51 Hill St., remove/reconstruct porch, $15,000; Dana Cushing, 271 Beechwood St., reconfigure bedrooms, $15,000; Samuel Morse, 78 Forest St., entry addition and int. work, $84,000; James Hughes, 100 Pond St., #10, addition 10 x 8, $16,000.

Opening burning season has started

Cohasset residents may obtain permits on a daily basis through May 1 for open burning. Permits may be obtained by calling the Fire Department Dispatch Center at 781-383-6047 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Permits are valid for one day only.

Burning may be conducted during periods of good atmospheric ventilation and must not cause a nuisance. Adverse weather conditions (wind and drought) will impact permit issuance. Burning hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on days permits are issued. Decisions to issue permits are made daily at 9 a.m. Persons calling for permits before that hour will be advised to call back.

Open burning permits are issued for the disposal of brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris. Burning shall be conducted on land proximate to the place of generation. Burning shall be conducted at a distance greater than 75 feet from any dwelling. Select a safe area with no ground cover. While burning the fire must be attended until completely extinguished. Have a water hose, rake and shovel nearby for fire control.

Alternatives to open burning

Open burning releases large amounts of carbon dioxide, other gases, and solid substances directly into the air, which can contribute to respiratory problems. Disposal of natural materials is never as good for the environment as using them again in a different form. Tree limbs, brush and other forestry debris can be chipped or composted into landscaping material. Check with the public works or highway department; many have chippers at their municipal recycling center or transfer station, and will process debris from homeowners.

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CALENDAR

On the South Shore

APRIL 1 - 9, 2004

Thurs. 1

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Tickets go on sale beginning April 2 and April 3, for its 2004 season. Children's programs go on sale April 1. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com

"It's a Mystery to Me" Sisters in Crime authors Kate Flora, Judy Copek and Donna Montalbo will discuss the mystery novel from idea to finished book at the Thayer Public Library on Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. Questions from the audience follow. Free and open to the public. Upper Level Program Room, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-848- 0405.

Menopause The Musical - Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St., Boston. March 31 to May 9. 800-477-7400

Raffael's Restaurant in North Quincy presents **Anything Goes** a musical journey through the Big Band Era, The Golden Oldies, to Broadway and back again. April 1 and 2. Tickets $45 for the evening shows and $35 for matinees. Ticket includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Call 617-328-1600.

The Glastonbury Series: Listening to Other Voices: Monastic Spirituality in the 21st Century, Lonnie Collins Pratt, Fr. Dan Homan, OSB, Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love, April 1, at 7:15 p.m. Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, Hingham. Free will offering. 781-749-2155 x 243 www.glastonburyabbey.org

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents **Patterns and Pinhole, Recent Mixed Media Works and Pinhole Photography** by **Stephanie Roberts** of Pembroke, through April 30. 781-383-1348.

Braintree Art Association members **Ron and Sharon Brake** will be displaying their paintings for the month of April at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

A Conversation About Stuff We Like/New Sculpture by Alan Klein and Mike Newby will be exhibited at the **Art Complex Museum**, 189 Alden St., Duxbury Feb. 1-April 4. 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by Bob "Satch" Romano. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Fri. 2

Bay Players present **The Children's Hour** at the Kingston Elementary School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on April 2 and 3. Tickets are $12 for seniors and students; $14 general admission. Tickets may be purchased at the door or reserved by calling 1-800-290-6825. www.bayplayers.org

South Shore Folk Music Club 25th Anniversary Traditional Concert featuring **Priscilla Herdman**, April 2, at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. The show starts at 8 p.m. $13 members $15 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents "The Dance of Being," an exhibition of mixed media abstract expressionist paintings by **Cohasset artist Sydney Burroughs** from April 2 through May 5. An opening reception will be held April 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-6569-7100 for further information.

Quincy Symphony Orchestra will present the fourth concert of its 50th season on April 2, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of the North Quincy High School, 316 Hancock St. Tickets $17 for adults $12 seniors and students, and $5 for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. 781-961-3790.

Single Executive Club Singles Dance, April 2, at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland. Dancing music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. For single professionals age 35 and over. A non-smoking event. Proper business attire and party finery for women. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club. 781-446-0234 www.se-4u.com

The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents "The Sound of Music" as it's Spring musical, running March 12 through April 4. Tickets are priced at $23 for Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday shows (3 p.m.); and $25 for Thursday (7:30 p.m.), Friday (8 p.m.) and Saturday shows (8 p.m.). Tickets are available at the box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St. Quincy Center. **"Norman Is That You?"** April 2 to 3. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations and information.

Nathan Gallery, 152 Rockland St., Hanover presents **Full Circle** through April 16. Gallery hours Mon. to Sat. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **Full Circle** is the second annual showing of artwork by the faculty and students from the Hanover Public School Art department (K-12). 781-826-6500.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays and vacation weeks Free with admission. A half-hour of storytelling that will delight youngsters (and accompanying adults, too). Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers.** 781-834-1910 www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

"Country and Swing Dance Friday, April 2,. at Dedham VFW, 84 Eastern Ave., Dedham - 7:30 dance lesson; 8:30 to 11:30 dance. DJ Paul DeMaria. Cold cuts, coffee, cake, cash bar. $10 admission. 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937; 401-861-3114.

The Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **New Blue Revue**, April 2. 9 p.m. 781-335-9796.

Sat. 3

Big Apple Circus, Bayside Expo Center, April 3 to May 9. Call Ticketmaster at 1-800-922-3772 or visit www.ticketmaster.com for tickets. For information call 800-922-3772.

Seth and the Intervention Band are hosting **Concert With A Cause** on Saturday April 3, at 7 p.m. at Plymouth Memorial Hall. The concert is open to people of all ages, and it will provide a positive place for people to start talking about tough issues like drugs, alcohol, and depression. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are $17.50 and can be purchased by calling Ticket Web at 866-468-7619 or by ordering online at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com/>. For more information log onto www.recoverymusic.com <http://www.recoverymusic.com/>, or call Plymouth Memorial Hall at 508-747-0234

Weymouth Recreation presents Diane Purdy's Children's Theatre Workshop, Inc. productions of" Hansel & Gretel….More Or Less" Saturday, April 3, at 7 p.m. Performances to be held at the McCulloch Building/Whipple Center 180 Green St., North Weymouth (off Rte 3A) Tickets on sale now and at the door. $7adults and children over 12/$6 seniors and children under 12. For information or tickets call 617-472-9233 or email jpq442@yahoo.com Visit www.playsplus.com

The national touring company of "Late Nite Catechism" comes to Cushing Auditorium at **Cardinal Spellman High School** on Saturday, April 3, at 8 p.m., as a benefit to raise funds for Cardinal Spellman High School. The show is being presented by the Cardinal Spellman Parents Connection. Tickets for the show are priced at $35, and proceeds will benefit Cardinal Spellman High School. The show will take place at the High School's Cushing Auditorium, located at 738 Court St., in Brockton. Tickets are available at the High School (in person or by phone at 508-583-6875), as well as online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling toll-free 866-468-7619.

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, presents **All About Values,** a collection of oil paintings by artist **Anna Gail Campanelli of Norwell** on April 2-29 in Vine Hall Gallery. Opening reception April 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreations Center presents the musical **Little Shop of Horrors** April 2 and 3, at 7 p.m. and March 21, 28, April 4 at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, lower level. Tickets: Adult $10/child $5.

Quincy Dinner Theater, Masonic Building, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy. April 2 and 3. **Norman Is That You?** Dinner and show $39.95; tickets for show only are $20. 781-843-5862

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Dixieland Concert, Blue Horizon Jazz Band** from 4 to 7 p.m. dinner beginning t 3 p.m. $10 admission. 781-834-6505

The Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **DJ Joe's last stand**, April 3. 9 p.m. 781-335-9796.

Sun. 4

The Brockton symphony Orchestra and **The Children's Museum in Easton** presents **the 11th annual Classics for Kids** at the West Junior High School, Brockton. For more information call 508-230-3789 or 508-588-3841 or visit www.childrensmuseumineaston.org or www.brocktonsymphony.org

Weymouth Artist of the Month, Jean Doran will exhibit her paintings for the month of April at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

The Dianne DeVanna Center, invites the community to share in their annual remembrance of Massachusetts children who have died as the result of child abuse or neglect and those who have survived it. The memorial vigil will take place April 4, at 2 p.m. at All Soul's Unitarian Universalist Church, 196 Elm St., Braintree. **The Braintree Choral Society** and the **Braintree South Middle School Concert Choir** will perform the musical selections.

The Ventress Library Sunday Concert Series presents the **Choral Art Society of Scituate** on April 4, at 2 p.m. Entitled "A Night at the Opera", the concert is a free preview of the society's full program to be presented on Saturday, April 24, at 8 p.m. at Furnace Brook Middle School in Marshfield. Choruses and solos from the great operas will be featured. As an added treat, the Ventress concert will include Bach chorales from the chorus's repertoire. For more details visit www.choralartsociety.org. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served at a post-concert social hour. No tickets are required. For more information, contact librarian Chris Woods 781-834-5535 or cwoods@ocln.org.

Opening Doors for Resurrection Youth Ministry of Resurrection Parish of Hingham, will hold its first annual House Tour & Boutique featuring Springtime Table Settings on Saturday, April 4, from noon to 4 p.m. The Boutique, open from noon to 5 p.m., is located in Read Hall, the lower level of the Resurrection Church, adjacent to Notre Dame Academy, at 1057 Main St., in Hingham. Call the Resurrection Rectory at 781-749-3577 for information.

Weymouth Recreation presents "The Enchanted Fluffatoo" Sunday, April 4, at 3 p.m. Performances to be held at the McCulloch Building/Whipple Center 180 Green St., North Weymouth (off Rte 3A) Tickets on sale now and at the door. $7adults and children over 12/$6 seniors and children under 12. For information or tickets call 617-472-9233 or email jpq442@yahoo.com Visit www.playsplus.com

Tosca restaurant in Hingham is offering guests Tosca an evening of dining and opera Sunday, April 4. As part of the Boston Lyric Opera's *Italian Season*, The Shubert Theatre is featuring Puccini's famed *Tosca* - a tragic love story between a jealous opera singer, her convicted lover, and a scheming politician. Tosca in Hingham invites guests to enjoy a Prosecco reception at 1 p.m. prior to the opera, transportation to and from the Shubert Theatre, dress circle seats at *Tosca* and a special dinner prepared by Executive Chef Kevin Long back at Tosca restaurant following the

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URBAN ANGST

If you live in an urban environment, you may have more reason than most to have your hearing checked. According to screenings for over two decades of 100,000 older New Yorkers by the League for the Hard of Hearing, the rate of hearing failure in men between ages 60 and 69 increased 15%. Among women in the same age range, it increased 25%. Among men and women between ages 70 and 79, rates of hearing failure rose by 40% and 50% respectively. Hearing experts attribute this trend largely to environmental noise pollution. A survey of restaurant noise levels at dinnertime ranged between 74 and 98 decibels. Prolonged exposure to 85 decibels is considered hazardous to hearing.

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opera at 5:30 p.m. The all inclusive cost to attend Tosca is $200 per person. For more information or to make reservations, contact Chris Sugrue or Errol Joseph at 781-740-0080.

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

Circle of Song, Revels touring ensemble, presents "An American Journey," a family program about American immigration to the Boston area. Free and handicap accessible. Children accompanied by adults and seniors are especially welcome. Call 781-749-5943 or 781-749-1679 for reservations.

Sunday Night Blues at JC Dee's Restaurant, No. Weymouth, featuring **Shovelhead**, April 4, and April 11. No cover charge 781-337-1029.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will show together the text and illustrations from the Persian literary works: the Shahnama, Khavar-nama, Khamza of Nizami and Hadith al Anbiya in the exhibition **Complex Tales: Persia** Feb.1-April 25. 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

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Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139, Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Mon. 5

Norwell Visiting Nurse Association's next **Diabetes Support Group.** The meeting takes place on Monday, April 5, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the South Shore Baptist Church, located at 578 Main St. in Hingham. Guest speaker Lori Ann Mahoney, RN will discuss "Making Sense of your Diabetic Lab Reports." Attendees will learn about the importance of a variety of lab tests, including those that measure heart, liver and kidney function. Free and open to the public. Pre-registration is not necessary. Light refreshments will be provided. Free, handicapped accessible parking. For information, visit www.nvna.org, or call 781-659-2342 ext. 351.

The North River Arts Society presents **It Must be the Altitude! Images of New Mexico**, a new group exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, featuring original work by Joreen Benbenek, (oils), Patricia M. Gray, (oils/pastels,) Becky Haletky (watercolors), Liz Haywood-Sullivan (pastels, and Donna Rossetti-Bailey (pastels). This show runs through April 24. Cal North River Arts Society at 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincy-toastmasters.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly free meetings, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Tues. 6

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at **Stoughton District Court** on April 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For more information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

Parents Advisory Council for Special Education (PAC), would like to invite South Shore parents and faculty to join them on Tuesday, April 6, at the Osgood at 7:30 p.m. Isabel Phillips, Ed.D. will be the guest speaker. Dr. Phillips has an extensive background in reading and language-based learning disabilities, assessment and intervention. The Osgood school is located at 210 Sohier St. in Cohasset. Osgood shares a common entrance way with the Deer Hill School which can be seen from Sohier Street. The Osgood is located behind the Deer Hill School.

Westwinds Bookshop and the Duxbury Free Library will welcome **Jodi Picoult** on Tuesday, April 6, as she presents her newest novel, *My Sister's Keeper*. The event is being held in the Library's Merry Room and will begin at 7 p.m. After a brief presentation by the author, she will be on hand to answer questions and sign books which will be available for sale that evening courtesy of Westwinds Bookshop. Due to the anticipated large crowd and the room's limited seating, advance tickets are required for this event. The free tickets will be available only at the Library beginning Tuesday, March 23.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.book-browser.com, BookSpot www.booksspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/jyl. 1-508-830-4250.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

Wed. 7

The Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents **"Youth Magnified,"** a photography exhibit by the **Duxbury High School Photography Club**, through April 24. Free and open to the public. 781-934-0640

Lynn Griffin, Scituate Author: "The Promise of Proactive Parenting**."** Ms. Griffin will discuss her book which will be for sale. This program is held in conjunction with the Scituate Library Foundation and the Scituate Town Library. At the Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch Street. Free and open to the public.

Biographer and author **Bill Nowlin** will present a **"Ted Williams Lecture"** followed by questions and answers at the Thayer Public Library on Wednesday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. Bill Nowlin has written numerous books and articles on Ted Williams and the Boston Red Sox. For the last five years he has been editor of publications for the Ted Williams Museum. Upper Level Program Room, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-848-0405.

Quincy Department of Elder Services presents **Between the Lines: Capturing the Experience of Life** This writing workshop welcomes far-reaching interests and varied points of view in a stimulating and inspiring atmosphere. No previous writing experience is required, only curiosity and a pen. Try something new or dust off some old interests — and amaze yourself. Wednesdays, April 7 to May 5, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Four Seaport Drive, North Quincy (wheelchair accessible). Advance registration and $55 fee are required. For program information and directions, call Quincy Department of Elder Services, 617-376-1506 or e-mail journalguru@yahoo.com



Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Cllub. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 8

The Dante Club will be the next book discussed by the **Front Street Book Shop Book Club**. Join them Thursday April 8, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Front Street Books, 88 Front St., Scituate Harbor. All are welcome, event is free. Call 781.545.5011 visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com for more information.

The First Herring Brook Watershed Initiative is holding a Vernal Pool Workshop on Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in conservation land off Old Gannett Road in North Scituate. Vernal Pool hunters Andy Walsh, Garry Van Wart, Shan Morrissey and Linda Bornstein will teach participants about the mini-watershed environment and fascinating inhabitants of vernal pools which are teeming with creatures in the spring and are a vital and often neglected part of our ecosystem. The program is suitable for all ages. The suggested donation is $3. Meet at Old Gannett Road off Border Street. For information, check the website: www.fhbwi.org

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by Bob "Satch" Romano. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.





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Quad gates still open

Beechwood St. crossing is up in the air

By Samantha Brown
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A diagnostic team for the town of Cohasset said it will recommend four-quadrant gates for at least one of the three grade crossings it was asked to review.

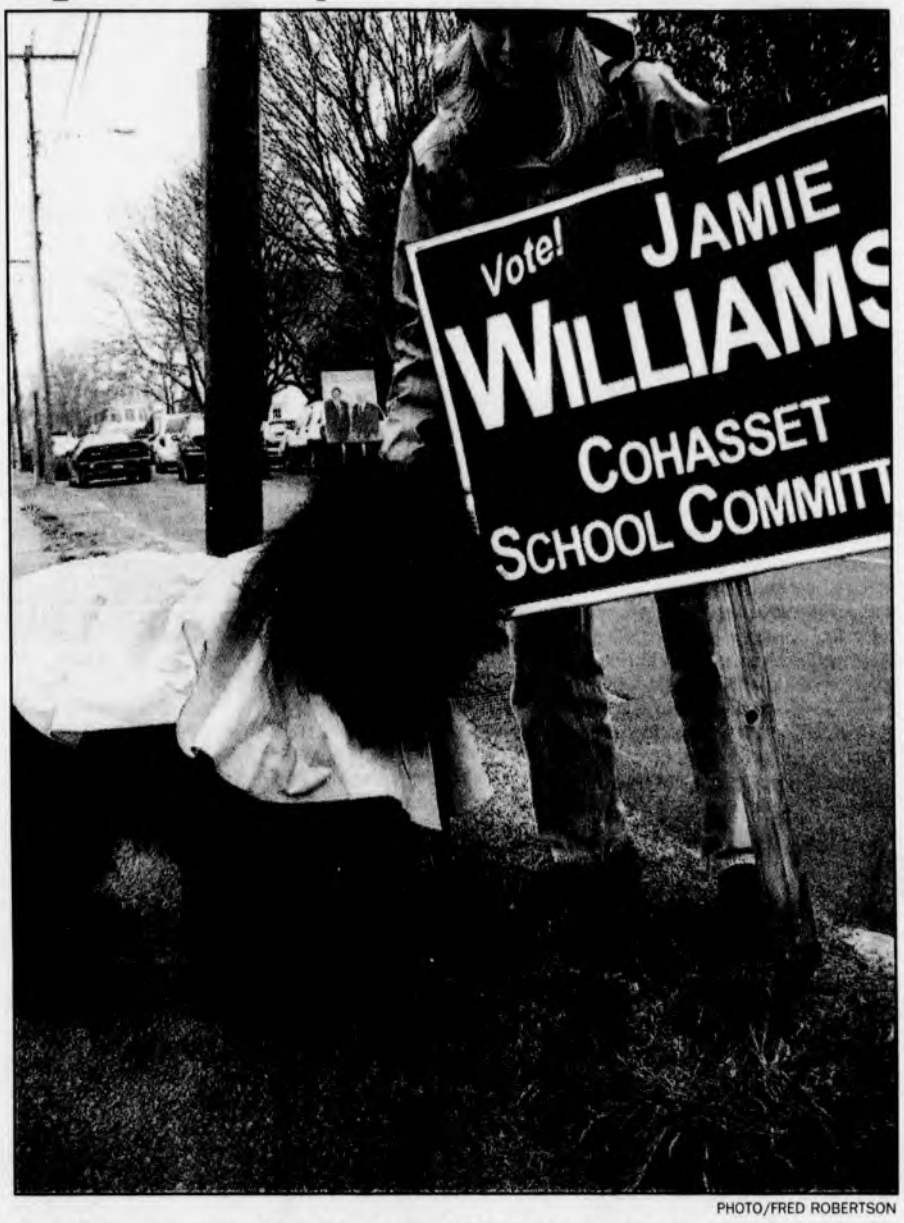
Crossings at lower King Street, Pleasant Street, and Beechwood Street were examined by the team, which consisted of representatives from the MBTA, the town — including both the fire and police chiefs — and MBTA/Cohasset ombudsman Kristina Patterson.

While the experts agreed standard grade crossings with median barriers would be best for King Street due to two residential driveways in close proximity to the crossing and four-quadrant gates at Pleasant Street, discussion will need to continue for Beechwood Street. The team feels there are still issues that should be worked out with abutters before it will feel comfortable making a recommendation.

Eric Fleming of the MBTA explained the difference between the two types of crossings. Standard grade crossings have two gates, located in front of the tracks, only on the side of

QUAD GATES, PAGE 4

Spofford, Dormitzer win selectman seats



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Jamie Williams' supporter Kim Mulchahy and "Hilda," a Newfoundland, are decked out for the drizzle that continued all day long during Saturday's election.

Williams, MacCarthy for school committee; Stuart Ivimey on PB

By Mary Ford
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It was a mixed message. While opting to increase their taxes through an override that was supported by town and school officials — voters also decided it was time for a "changing of the guard," so to speak, on the board of selectmen and school committee.

Saturday's town election was one of the hottest in recent memory with three races that also included the planning board and a $400,000 ballot question. When all the votes were counted — 2,687 of the town's 5,006 registered voters or about 54 percent went to the polls.

No sooner had the polls closed at 6 p.m. then upwards of 75 people jammed in like sardines at the front of the Town Hall auditorium waiting for the results.

Rob Spofford, 14 Heather Drive, and Ralph Dormitzer, 111 Atlantic Ave., finished first and second respectively in the four-way race for two seats on the board of selectmen. The men edged out Dormitzer's teammate Lou Harvey, 465 King St., and incumbent Merle Brown, 546 Beechwood St., who was seeking a fifth term.

For complete results see page 11.

Jamie Williams, 60 Surry Drive, and Adrienne MacCarthy, 85 Doane St., beat incumbent Pat Martin, 269 Linden Drive, who was seeking a third term, and political newcomer Scott O'Grady, 115 Sohier Street, for two seats on the school committee.

Stuart Ivimey, 7 Sankey Road, emerged as the victor over Joseph Nedrow, 21 Fair Oaks Lane, in a two-way race for a one-year unexpired term on the planning board.

Highland Avenue, part of North Main Street and Robert E. Jason Roads were a sea of political signs Saturday as dozens of campaign workers stood in the cold drizzle rooting for their candidates as voters drove by. It was almost like the wave at Fenway Park, when a car turned the corner onto Highland Avenue – teams of campaign workers greeted each passing vehicle with a ripple of waves along the stretch of roadway.

No sooner had the polls closed at 6 p.m. then upwards of 75 people jammed in like sardines inside the back of the Town Hall auditorium waiting for the results.

Town Moderator George Marlette read the override ballot question results a few minutes later to a mix of cheers and a few loud boos. The override, which needed to win a simple majority, passed with a 151-vote margin (1379-1228) – which was enough for school committee Chairman Rick Flynn.

"We're happy that it passed," Flynn said. "We think it's a win

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Look what's hatching at Deer Hill

Lessons learned about lifecycles

By Samantha Brown
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Ten little brown eggs sit in the warmth of an incubator on a table in Deer Hill teacher Suzi Corkhum's classroom. For just over four weeks, students have been patiently waiting to hear the tiny peeps that will indicate the baby chicks are ready to begin breaking out of their shells.

For students, the project is filled with excitement, as each day that passes brings them one day closer to the time the babies will emerge, but for teachers, it provides a wonderful vehicle to teach a lesson on lifecycles and development, which is sure to be unforgettable.

"This is our second year doing the project," said Corkhum, who is one of three fourth-grade teachers hatching chicks. Because students switch classrooms for science and reading, Corkhum, along with Kayne Beaudry, and Pamela McNamara have been teaching life science to students in their homerooms as well as those of Lauren Paquin, Joan Cassiani, and Jennifer Clark, making it a true fourth-grade activity.



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

The newest addition to Suzi Corkhum's fourth-grade class.

"We're learning a little more each year," Corkhum said.

Corkhum's class currently has 10 healthy looking eggs. Chickens typically have a development cycle of 21 days, and Monday night, at day 21, the first baby began working its way out. The class had two dozen fertilized eggs at the outset of the project, but during the development process, it was determined some were not going to hatch.

Development was monitored by "candling" the eggs. By shining a light on one side of the egg, it allows students to see through the shell to the embryo inside. Any opaque space indicates a baby is growing. At the very beginning, the eggs which did not progress beyond a yolk were discarded. From there, the developing embryos were routinely checked to monitor their growth.

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Sign of spring comes to life

4-H program visits school

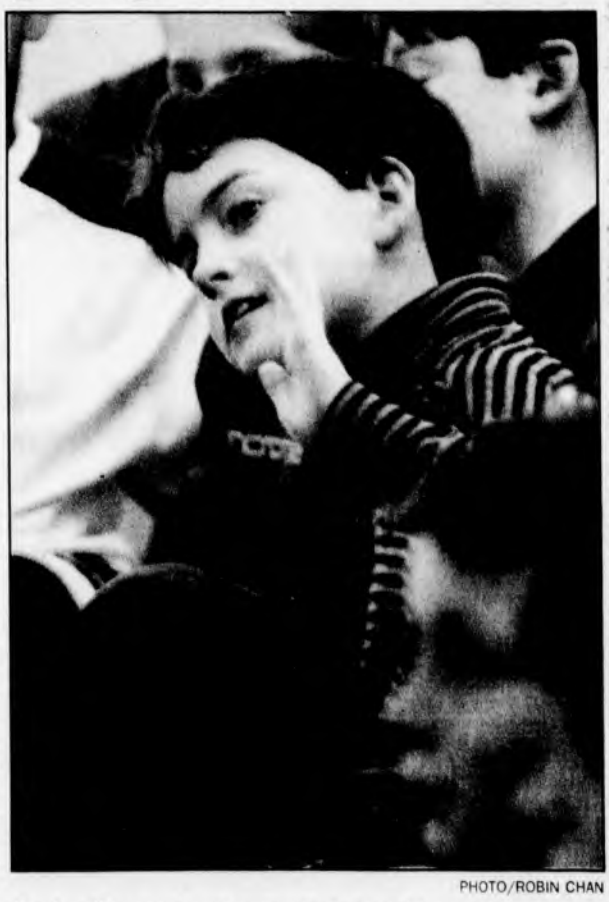
By Samantha Brown
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Though the weather might not be a strong indication spring has sprung, there are clear signs of new life at the Deer Hill School as baby chicks in three fourth-grade classes have begun to poke their way out of their shells and into the world.

For Michael Koski, extension educator of 4-H Youth and Family Development, who provided many of the resources needed to hatch the eggs in the classroom, it is an event he looks forward to every year. He said he works to bring lessons to life through the educational programs offered through 4-H.

"We offer a lot of science-based programs," said Koski, which includes life science, physical science, and life skills programs. The embryology program, which is currently taking Deer Hill students through the development of chicks, is one of six life science options, and fits perfectly with the fourth-grade curriculum. Other life science programs focus on plants, entomology (the study of insects)

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Stephen Bumstead waits patiently to have his question answered during the 4-H presentation at the Deer Hill School.

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Health, April 20, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, April 15, 7:30 p.m.

Harbor Committee, April 13, 7 p.m.,

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, April 14, 7 p.m., at the library

Planning Board, April 7, 7 p.m.

Recycling Committee, April 10, 10 a.m., DPW garage

Selectman, April 13, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, April 13, 7 p.m., high school library

Sewer Commission, April 26, 6 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Gill to replace DeLorenzo as assistant principal

Current Middle-High School Health Education Coordinator Michael Gill will be appointed to fill the position of Assistant Principal at the school when Jack DeLorenzo retires at the end of this school year. "We feel Mike Gill is the right person for the job, he knows the kids and knows the school. We're very pleased," said Supt. Edward Malvey. School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said his board feels Gill is the appropriate choice for the position as well. "He's got the institutional knowledge and has spent a lot of time with Jack, which is an excellent combination," he said.

Supt. Contract voted last week

The School Committee voted to offer incoming Supt. Denise Walsh a flat rate contract with a salary of $120,000 a year. Current Supt. Edward Malvey was paid $134,872.04 during calendar year 2003, which was the highest salary paid in town.

DeGiacomo bids adieu

After six years of serving on the School Committee, Mark DeGiacomo said farewell to his fellow committee members last Thursday night. During a term which saw much change in the schools, including two new superintendents, three new principals, and the opening of the new Osgood school, DeGiacomo said he has enjoyed being a part of some very important decision making over the years.

"I first ran six years ago because I thought it was going to be a very exciting time," he said. "I'm not always right, but boy was I right about that," adding he was School Committee Chairman when the town passed the Deer Hill and Middle-High School override, and was glad to be able to follow the schools as they went through construction and renovations, and their re-opening once more. "It has been a privilege for me to be on the committee and work with everyone to make these changes occur," he said.

DeGiacomo said in the past few weeks, many people have approached him to thank him for his service throughout the years, and "I very much appreciate it."

He said while he's leaving the schools in good — not great, financial shape, he hopes his successor will not have to face making more cuts at their first School Committee meeting.

DeGiacomo, who did not seek reelection, said he wishes everyone on the board the best, and even though he won't be a board member, offered his help in the future. "If you ever do need me, I'll always be here."

School calendar

The School Committee is in the process of finalizing next year's school calendar. Input from the Teacher's Union is being collected, and the calendar will be approved soon. Two drafts of the calendar are being floated, each with a different start date — one before Labor Day and one after. The first option has a start date of Thursday, Sept. 2, and the last day of school would be Friday, June 17. The other option would be to start Wednesday, Sept. 8, and end Wednesday, June 22. Dates for the last day of school could change, depending on the number of snow days.

This year, the official last day of school including snow days to date, is Thursday, June 24.

New board chair

The Board of Selectmen unanimously voted in favor of appointing Michael Sullivan to the position of chairman. Former chairman Ronnie McMorris will serve as vice chairman.

Town could get snow and ice grant

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the town submitted a grant application to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, to receive funds for the Dec. 6 snowstorm, which was declared a snow emergency. If the town receives the grant, that could mean an extra $34,000 to help offset the snow and ice deficit.

New 15-minute parking spaces

Due to the success of Bia Bistro, the owners of Village Wine & Spirits requested two parking spots in front of their store be designated as 15-minute parking, only on Friday and Saturday nights from 6-11 p.m. The Board of Selectmen approved the request, because the same courtesy was provided for Tedeschi's when business from the Red Lion Inn began parking at its storefront. The change will take place soon, and residents are urged to pay attention so as not to receive a parking ticket.

Alumni Field repairs

Town Manager Mark Haddad said with the Relay for Life scheduled for the third week in June, improvements to Alumni Field will have to begin the week of June 21. He said it will take until approximately Sept. 10 to complete improvements, and the sod will have two weeks to "take" before the first soccer game needs to be played on the field. Because it will be the first soccer game, Haddad said it will be possible for the Cohasset team to swap schedules with the other team, and play the first game away and the second game in Cohasset, should the field need more time. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said from his experience, he thought it would take more time for the sod to take than a couple of weeks, and Haddad said he was told it was athletic sod, which could make a difference.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said in light of the improvements, it would make sense to have someone appointed to make the decision when the field can and cannot be used. If it's too wet, or if the field has been torn up, there should be a point person that makes the call. Haddad said someone will be appointed to make the decisions.

RTF Easter hours

The Recycling Transfer Facility will be closed on Sunday, April 11, in observance of the Easter Holiday.

It will re-open on Wednesday, April 14, the DPW said.

Winter wreaths

Winter wreaths and baskets must be removed from all town owned cemeteries by April 15, the DPW said.

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Sun. 11	4:24	10.8	10:55	5:12	9.1	11:11
Mon. 12	5:27	10.4	11:59	6:19	8.9	——
Tues. 13	6:36	10.1	12:17	7:28	8.9	1:06
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Legion arrests wending their way through court process

By Mary Ford
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Lawyers for three men who stand accused of breaking the handicapped railing outside the American Legion Hall during an alleged fight last Oct. 11 were back in court Tuesday before yet another judge.

This time the appearance of their clients — Keith Jackson, Jerry Cogill and Adam Thibault — was waived so the three, 20-something men did not have to appear themselves.

The matter was continued again until May 25 for a pre-trial conference when attorney Ron Rice, who is representing Jackson, said he will ask the judge to consider his motion to "sever." If granted, that means Jackson's alleged involvement in the incident would be handled separately from the other two men. All three face the charge of malicious destruction of property valued over $250 for allegedly breaking the railing during a wrestling match that October night.

The case has captured interest because it involves Police Chief Robert Jackson's son, Keith Jackson. Also, the incident is included among several arrests the town has charged Sgt. William Quigley with mishandling. Quigley, who denies any wrongdoing, has been on paid administrative leave since Oct. 20 and could be a witness in a potential trial.

The arrests are part of an ongoing disciplinary hearing at Town Hall involving allegations the sergeant abused police power. In mid-March, the hearings were put on hold for a 45-day "cooling off" period, while both sides attempt to resolve their employment disputes through a structured mediation process. The parties also agreed not to make any comments to the press during this time period.

So far three judges at Quincy District Court have heard various motions as the Jackson-Cogill-Thibault matter wends its way through the legal process: They include Judge Mark Coven, Judge Robert Tochka and Judge Diane Moriarty.

At the last hearing, Feb. 9, the men's attorneys asked Tochka to dismiss the charge of malicious destruction of property. The judge took the matter under advisement.

In an interview Tuesday outside the courtroom, Rice said Tochka did not agree to dismiss the charge and he will ask him to reconsider.

Rice said the evidence shows Keith Jackson did not take part in the alleged fight. Keith Jackson also did not make any statements to police about damage to the railing that night, as the others allegedly did, he said.

Rice said it is likely that this case will go to trial.

"Unless they dismiss it, this is going to trial," Rice said. "The only way it won't is if the defendants admit guilt and that's not going to happen in this case."

The three attorneys, who also include Robert Cohen and William Bowling, have described the altercation to the court as "horsing around" and if the fence was indeed damaged, it was accidental and not intentional.

In a related matter, a Superior Court Judge Robert J. Cordy has upheld Judge Coven's decision not to issue the charges of affray and disorderly conduct, which Sgt. Quigley also charged the three men with that October night. The district attorney's office had appealed Coven's decision not to issue those charges.

Coven did find probable cause to issue the complaint of malicious destruction of property, and Tochka has upheld that decision. However, Rice hopes Tochka will reconsider.

Sandy Beach has a sea of issues

On selectmen's agenda April 13

By Samantha Brown
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Throughout the year, the Board of Selectmen receives many letters and phone calls from residents concerned about Sandy Beach. From closing the entrances to problems with trash, the board hears it all.

In light of that, the selectmen have asked President of the Sandy Beach Association Robin Lawrence to participate in a public discussion, Tuesday, April 13, where residents and the town can come together to work out some of the issues.

One of the issues sure to be taken up is what to do with the entrance points. Over the years, Sandy Beach has had its northern entrance closed and reopened a number of times. Lawrence said most recently, monitoring has only been done at the south end, closest to Cunningham Bridge, and that has been working out well. It has kept down the number of residents trying to enter without a sticker, and slowed down traffic in the parking lot because there is only one opening to enter and exit through. The land the fire hydrant is on has almost formed a natural rotary for cars, which Lawrence said is also working out well.

However, Lawrence said there are line of sight issues when exiting, although to his knowledge there has not been an accident at that spot in roughly 20 years. He said he would like to see measures taken to improve safety, which could include the installation of parabolic mirrors on two telephone polls on either side of the entrance, and perhaps the trimming of some beach grass to help improve visibility.

While the alternative of moving the entrance to the middle of the parking lot has been floated as a way to help improve visibility, Lawrence said he is not in favor, as there will still be visibility issues due to the curves in the road, and the telephone polls are too far apart at that point to install parabolic mirrors. In addition, changing the entrance would require removing part of a dune, and once it's gone, "You've destroyed that forever." Sand from the beach would also very likely blow through the open space during the winter, he said, bringing it either onto Atlantic Avenue or clear across the street into Little Harbor.

Another problem facing Sandy Beach is the amount of trash that needs to be picked up regularly. Town Manager Mark Haddad said it's costing overtime for the Department of Public works, and trash is piling up anyway. Lawrence said the beach had its own dumpster a few years ago, and wondered if that could be a viable solution.

Beach stickers will also be discussed, as many residents have asked about being able to purchase a one-day pass for visiting friends or relatives. In addition, raising sticker fees by a minimal cost could be discussed as a way of maintaining services at the beach. Because the Sandy Beach Association is responsible for much of the upkeep of the beach, and only 20 percent of residents contribute to the Sandy Beach Association, there may need to be an increase in fees to keep the beach clean.

All concerned residents are asked to attend the Selectmen's meeting Tuesday, April 13 at 7:30 to discuss Sandy Beach issues.

Disabled veterans to meet at Glastonbury

The Lt. Ralph Talbot Disabled American Veterans Chapter 65 is sponsoring an information-sharing meeting to be held on Saturday, May 1, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and not lasting more than about one hour at the new Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center.

Chapter 65 "Serves Those Who Served" in the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth. They perpetuate the memory of fallen comrades, assist members and their families who are in need and keep the membership advised of their benefit entitlements. Of particular note is the role the National Service Officers play in providing free representation for those who need help in presenting disability claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DAV membership eligibility is open to anyone wounded, injured, or disabled during honorable service or while engaged in extra-hazardous service under conditions simulating war.

The DAV hopes that the meeting will result in added memberships and more active participation in the local Chapter so that they can continue to help those who have suffered from the horrific wounds of war. A National Service Officer from the JFK Federal Building, as well as veterans' agents from the six towns have been invited.

The Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center is on the left-hand side of Rte 228, about / mile beyond the intersection of Rtes 228 and 3A. As you near the Abbey, the road splits and you should bear left toward Hull(not Cohasset), take the first left after the main driveway. The Conference Center is handicapped accessible with parking.

Hedlund backs bill to ease tax burden for senior citizens

Seniors caught in the middle of spiraling real estate values and state budget cuts stand to get a break on their property tax bills thanks to legislation the State Senate passed on Thursday. The bill makes easier for the elderly to qualify for state tax credits and allows communities to offer them property tax exemptions and lower interest rates on taxes they can defer paying until the home is sold.

"This bill offers a ray of hope for many senior on fixed incomes who face skyrocketing property tax bills as communities cope with budget cuts and factor in escalating property assessments," Hedlund said. "The tax breaks and credits to which they would be eligible could mean the difference in holding on to the their homes or being forced to sell."

The legislation contains several initiatives in which seniors can realize savings on one of their biggest household expenditures:

- Property Tax Exemption – a local option to offer a new property tax exemption equal to 10 percent of the average assessed value of the property in a city or town. Communities could also increase this exemption up to 20 percent.
- Property Tax Deferral – allows cities and towns to set a lower interest rate on any property taxes a senior might postpone paying until the property is sold. Currently, the statutory rate is 8 percent. Communities could also adopt higher qualifying income levels to become eligible for the property tax deferral option.
- Increase Work-off Limit – increase the limit on the amount of property taxes that may be "worked off" by seniors through volunteering in the communities, from $750 to $1,000.
- Increase Circuit Breaker Eligibility – Seniors living on fixed incomes are eligible for a state income tax credit that is triggered when property taxes exceed 10 percent of their income. The eligibility limit for the credit on assessed property values will rise to $600,000 from $432,000. Beginning Jan. 1, 2005, the new assessed property value will be indexed to housing values rather than inflation.

"The Circuit Breaker program alone is credited with helping more than 31,000 senior citizens last year, saving them nearly $8.5 million on their property taxes," added Senator Hedlund. "We want to insure that they know this help is available to them."

The legislation, which now goes to the House of Representatives for further approval, also calls on the Secretary of State to create a statewide program to inform seniors of available tax relief programs.

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Spofford, Dormitzer win selectman seats

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for the town. Asking for an override is something that we didn't want to have to do but the money was the absolute minimum needed.

"We're still cutting three teachers with that override," he said.

Once all the write-ins were tabulated, Marlette read the rest of the results, starting with the selectmen's race.

Spofford said he was overwhelmed by the support he received in both voting precincts.

"We ran a positive campaign and feel the community responded well to my message as well as all my hard work," said Spofford, who served nine years on the School Building Committee. "Given the turn of events I'm sorry I will not have the opportunity to work with Merle Brown, who has served the town so well for the past 12 years as selectman."

Dormitzer said while he's happy to have won, he's disappointed that the other half of his team, Lou Harvey, did not

"I would have preferred to have Lou (Harvey) on board with me because we are philosophically closer," Dormitzer said. He said getting three votes on the board on controversial issues will be "tougher now." Challenges facing the board are getting a handle on the budget, the ongoing police issue and access to the town sewer system.

Williams, like the others, was trying to warm up after nearly 10 hours outside the polls.

"I am so thrilled and so proud will serve the community to the best of my ability," said Williams, who was the top vote-getter in the four-way school committee race. "I thank everyone so much for their support."

MacCarthy said she is excited to have been elected to the school committee, which does "important work."

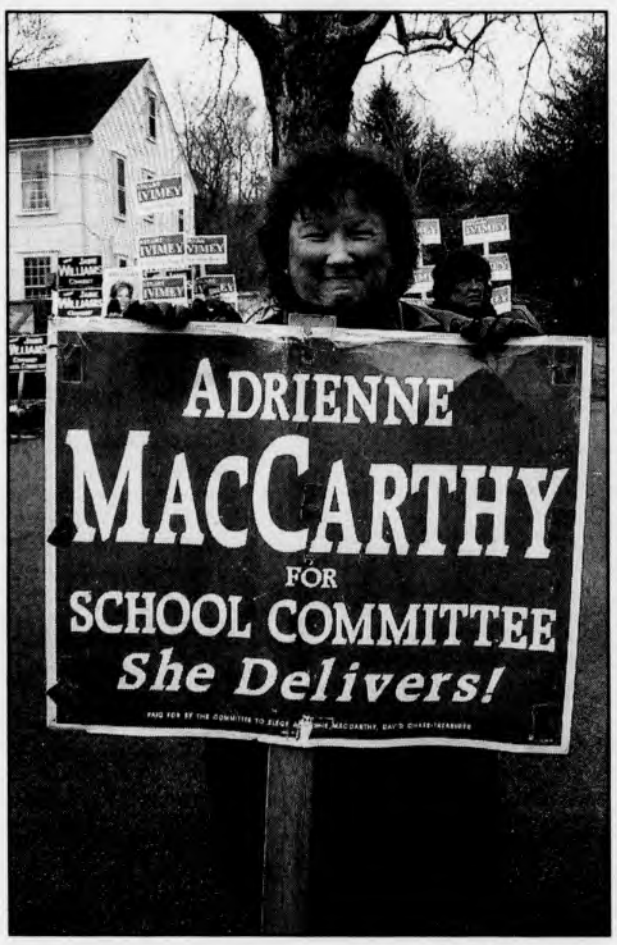
"I'm happy to step up to the plate," she said. "A lot of people have put their trust in me and I hope to do a good job."

Ivimey, who said he will continue to serve on the Community Preservation Committee, was pleased with his victory.

"I'm very happy and I have a lot of people to thank for that," Ivimey said. "I'm looking forward to working with the planning board in moving the town forward."

The last time there was a brand-new face on the board of selectmen was five years ago when Fred Koed was elected.

But Monday morning, change was in the air — the nameplates on the selectmen's desk for Tom Callahan, who did not seek a third term, and Brown — were temporarily covered over with hand-made cards with the names Spofford and Dormitzer written in magic marker.



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Mary Simonds makes no bones about who she was rooting for in Saturday's town election.



Lou Harvey, left, who was half of the Harvey-Dormitzer team running for selectman, and supporter Russ Bonetti stand by a life-sized photo of the two candidates.

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Joseph Nedrow, candidate for the planning board, chats with Spofford supporters along Highland Avenue.

Quad gates issue is still open

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the street where a driver stops. The gates extend only to the yellow line on both sides. In the event a driver makes it through the gate before it comes down, the other side is open, and the driver can exit with no obstruction. Because a whistle provides a certain amount of safety value, and Greenbush will be a whistle-free zone, the addition of median barriers at standard crossings will be implemented. With a median barrier in the center of the road, which resembles a traffic island, it becomes more difficult for drivers to sneak around the gates.

With four-quad gates, the first set of gates come down in front of the tracks in front of the driver, and then a delayed second set is lowered on the exit side of the tracks. One of the problems with four-quad gates is the issue of being trapped in between. "People don't act rationally. These are like toll booths, you can drive right through the gates," said Fleming, but many people freeze on the tracks.

Greenbush towns have been unanimous in seeking four-quad gates rather than standard grade crossing treatments with median barriers. The towns feel four-quad gates are safer and eliminate the need for median barriers that divide the roadway and could negatively impact neighborhoods.

The diagnostic team believes a standard crossing will be the best alternative for the Beechwood Street crossing, because as a major road in town, the least amount of time it is blocked, the better. Four-quad gates will delay traffic for longer than a standard crossing gate would, and with emergency vehicles frequenting the street, any delay could affect public safety.

However, the driveway at 39 Beechwood St. runs parallel to the tracks at the Beechwood Street crossing, which is causing some of the discussion over which gates are more appropriate. While the diagnostic team wants to implement a standard crossing, residents who live in the five-unit condominium building at 39 Beechwood St., say they would prefer four-quad, which would eliminate the need to redirect their driveway, as standard gates would require.

Pamela Palmer, one of the residents at 39 Beechwood St., said while the residents want to work cooperatively, and realize it is a difficult crossing, they would like to see the driveway kept in tact because the layout as currently proposed will require a sharp curve in their driveway, which will make plowing difficult in the winter as well as affect the aesthetics of the front yard. Residents say they are already being affected by living next to the train and would like to see their property stay the same wherever possible. With four-quad gates installed, there would be no need to redirect the driveway. "We really are concerned with public safety issues as well as 39 Beechwood Street issues," she said, adding residents are eager to come to a compromise.

However, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said currently, the department is averaging a four-minute response time to some of the homes on the farthest areas of Beechwood Street, and having a delay at any point in that road will be a hazard to public safety. "I can't live with three additional minutes. Quadrant gates don't work there for me," he said.

"I think we have a problem," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, adding while he understands the concerns of abutters, when a team of experts all say a standard crossing is the way to go, and that public safety will be affected with four-quad gates, "How could we vote against that."

The diagnostic team said it will take more time to work with the abutters to see if any creative solutions can be devised, and that it will come back before selectmen in the near future with a recommendation for the site.

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Casey Ahrens, 11, might have a future in real estate. The fifth-grader proudly describes his new home at 43 Elm St., noting the number of bedrooms and baths to anyone that asks.

It's a place where he and his two sisters, mom and dad, and dog Buffie have called theirs for the past seven months.

Not being able to afford a home at today's market-rates, the Ahrens family moved from rental to rental over the past few years, most recently living in Marshfield and Hull. But they never gave up their dream of home ownership — one that South Shore Habitat for Humanity has helped make a reality.

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Saturday afternoon, the Ahrens' home was formally dedicated in a special ceremony organized by Habitat, a non-profit ecumenical, Christian ministry formed in 1986 in Massachusetts that is affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International.

Robert Ahrens' eyes welled with tears more than once as the program got underway.

"We went through such a hard time," said Robert, who is the chef at The Cove, a Hingham restaurant. "But our family stayed close…we have a whole new life and it's the greatest thing in the world."

The Ahrens' home is in the former Bates Hall that the town "sold" to Habitat for $1 after Town Meeting endorsed the idea in the early '90s. Shortly thereafter, a small army of Habitat volunteers from all walks of life turned the historic structure — which housed Philander Bates' bootmaking shop in the 19th century — into a duplex with two affordable units for two needy families.

The Ahrenses are the second Habitat family to buy the downstairs unit. To qualify for housing, a family must show a severe housing need; must meet Habitat income guidelines; and provide 500 hours in "sweat equity" toward their home.

Homes are paid for through 20-year, zero-interest mortgages financed through Habitat. Mortgage payments are "recycled" as an on-going fund to help build more Habitat homes, which are constructed through donated labor. Materials are either donated or obtained at cost. A perpetual deed restriction maintains the affordability status of each home.

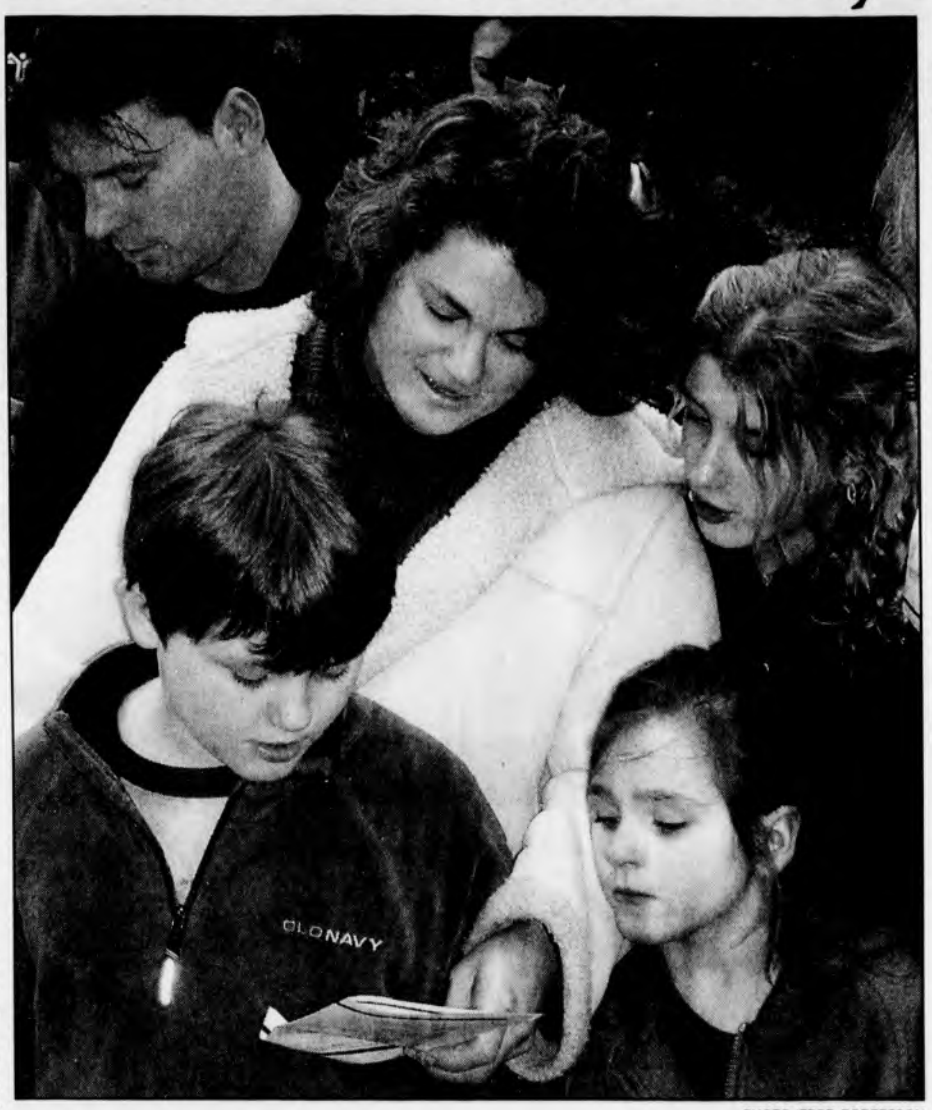
Habitat bought the condo unit back from the prior owner, Lynda Kearns, who paid about $48,000 for it back in 1993, for the amount she had in equity plus a cost of living index per year, plus the cost of some improvements she made. Habitat sold the home to the Ahrenses for $69,500 that included the cost of repairs made by Habitat and replacement of some appliances. Families qualifying for Habitat homeownership in Cohasset must have a minimum gross income of $23,000 and a maximum for $39,000 for a family of six or more. Habitat's income guidelines are 25-50 percent of the area's median.

John Seavey, a Cohasset resident, who is chairman of the family selection committee, said the Ahrens family performed their sweat equity on Habitat houses being built in Marshfield and Norwell; they also helped out at the organization's office in Braintree.

Diane Ahrens, who works as a waitress at the Silver Spoon on South Main Street, said the family feels right at home in Cohasset.

"The people here have been so friendly," she says. "We couldn't be happier — we feel like we belong."

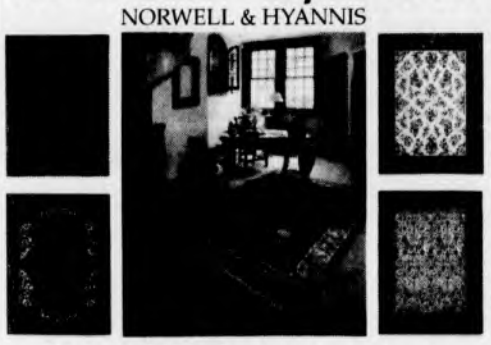
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Robert and Diane Ahrens and their children, Casey, Corianne and Caitlin, sing "Amazing Grace" at the Habitat dedication of their new home.

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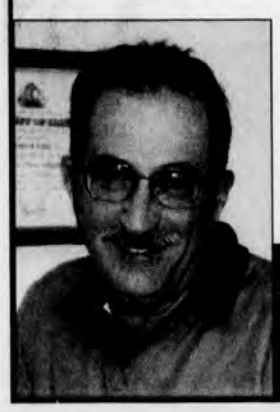
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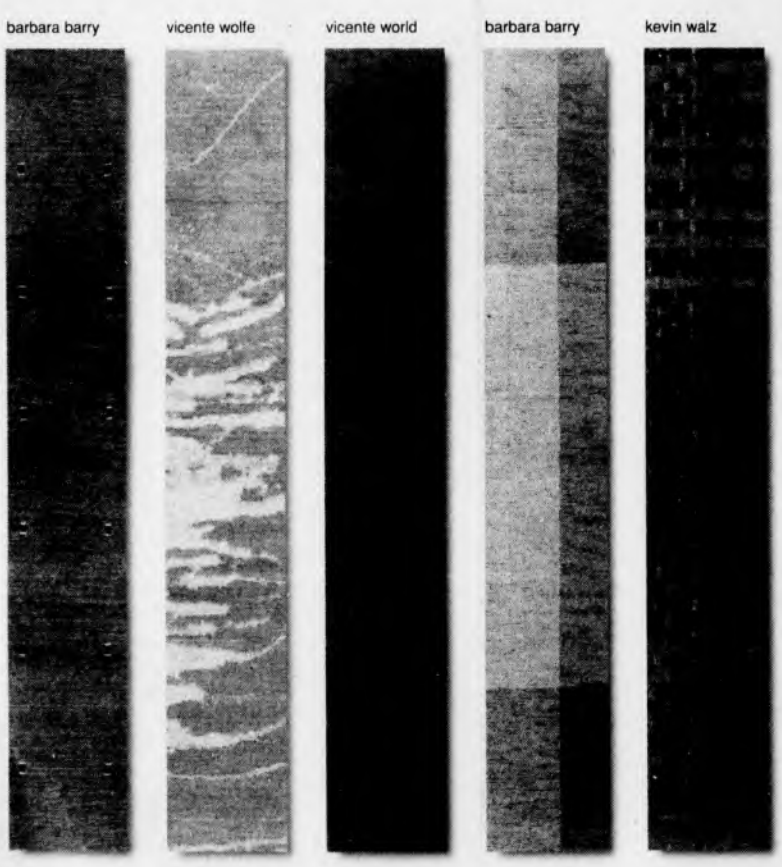


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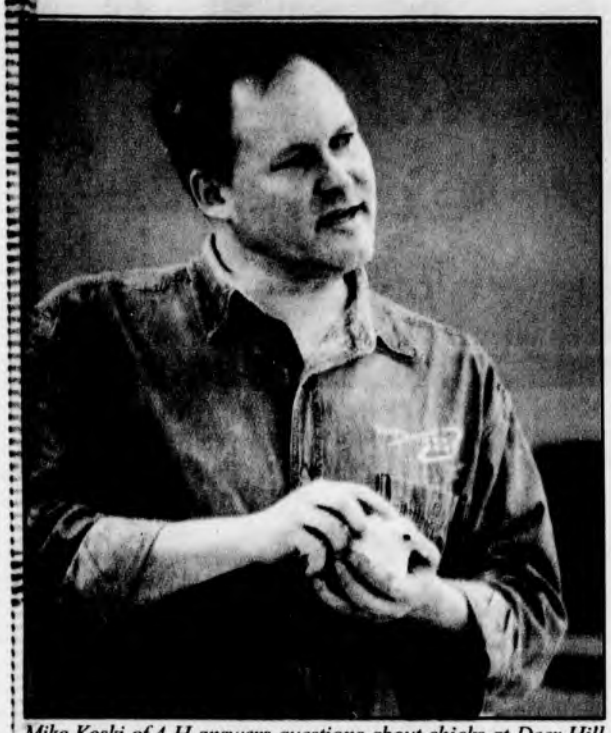
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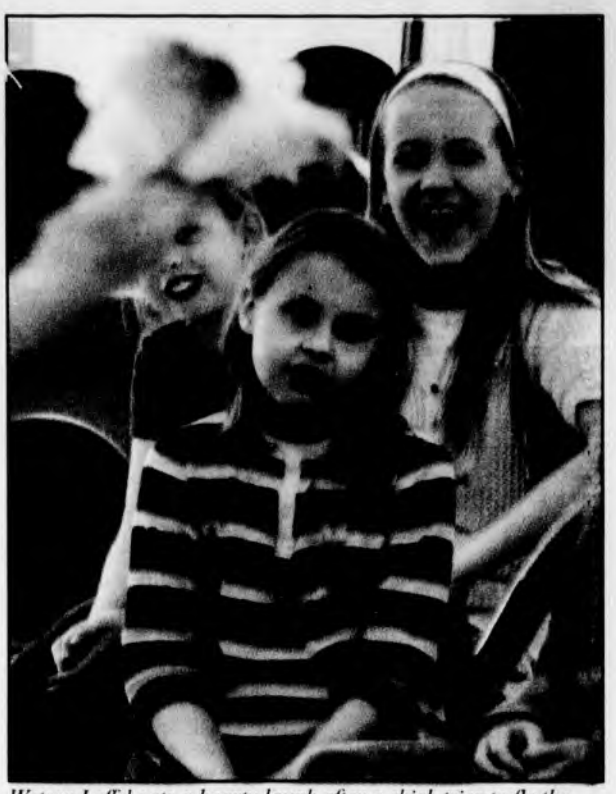


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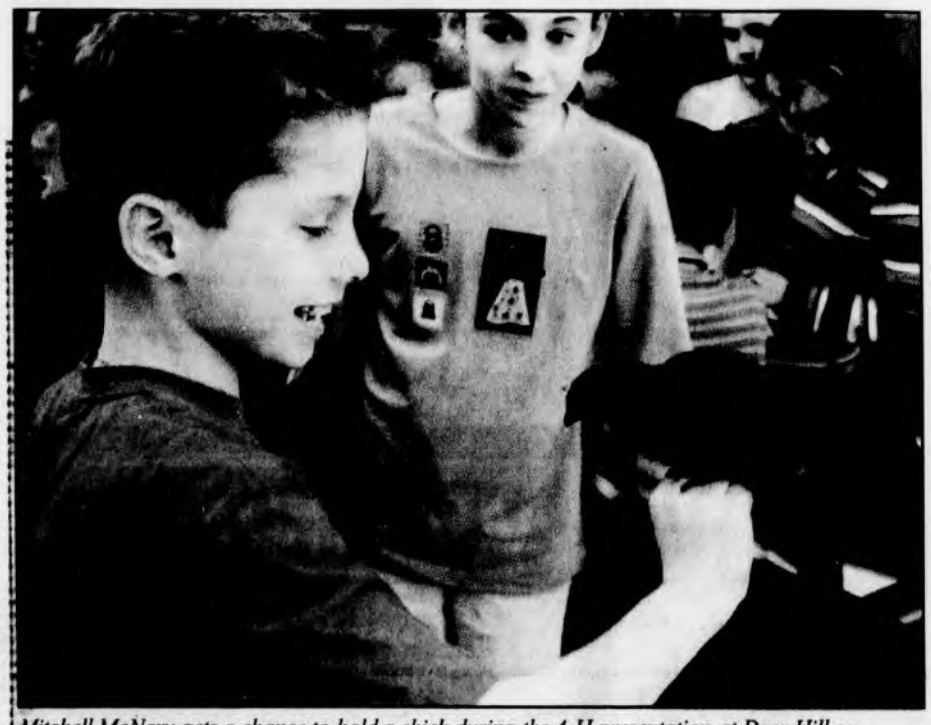


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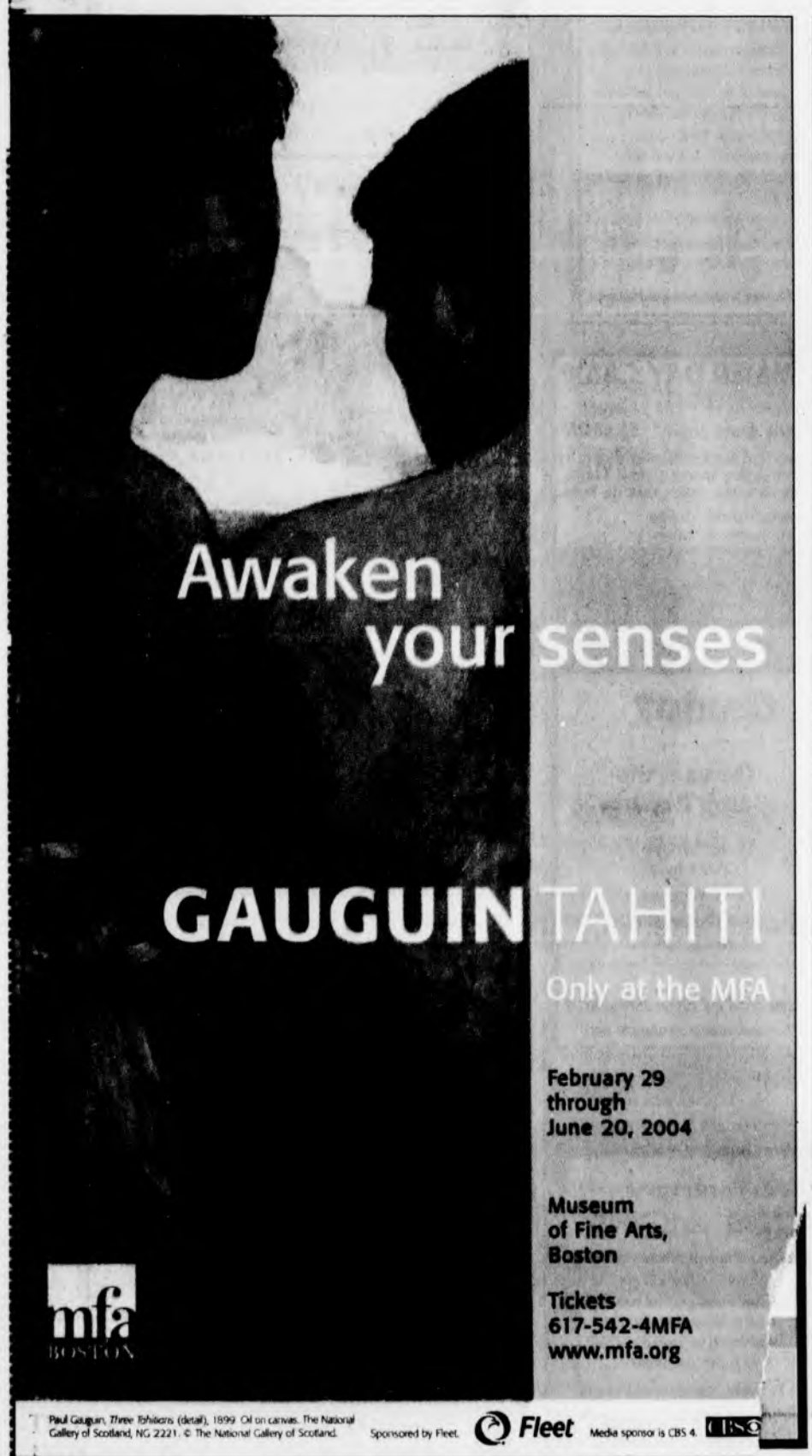
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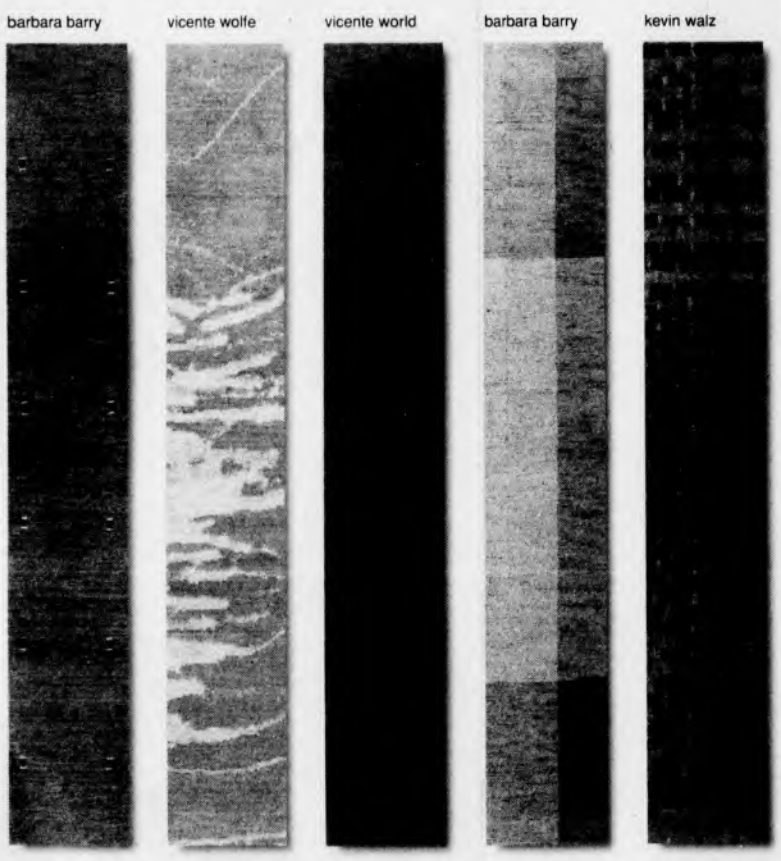


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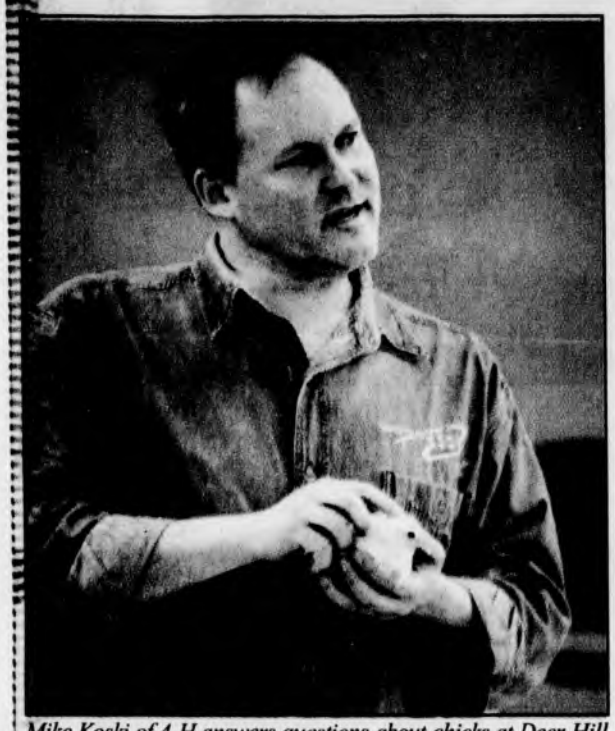
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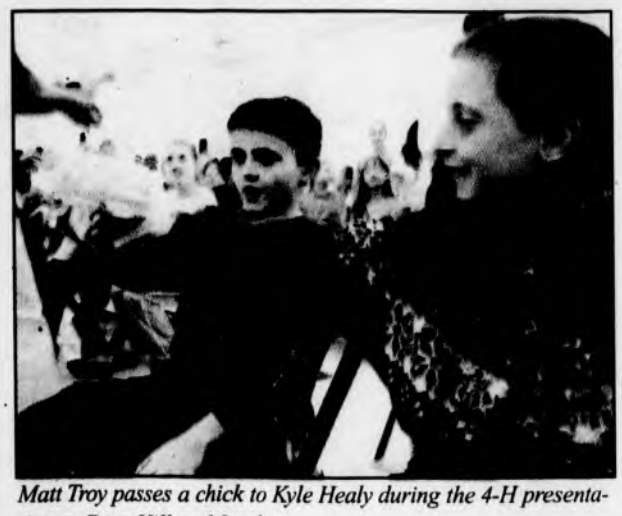
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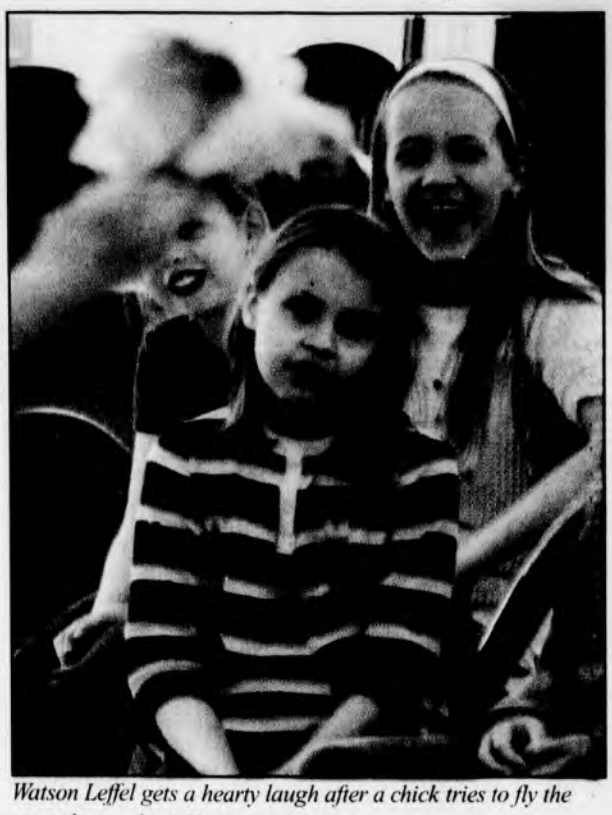


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Thank heavens for little girls.... Three beautiful baby girls have joined us here in Cohasset. **Calliope Katherine Lanier** was born March 23, 2004 at 9:36 p.m. She weighed 5 pounds and 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. The delivery was at the Brigham and Woman's Hospital in Boston. The parents are **Anthony and Carlene Lanier.** Calliope has an older sister, **Alexandra**, who will be 5 years old in June.

Tucker and Megan Hansen are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, **Sophia Louise**, on March 18, 2004. Sophia's grandparents are **Char and Larry Hansen** and **Suzanne and David Terry**, all of Cohasset. Enjoy Miss Sophia with lots of hugs and kisses!

Brooke Elisabeth Evans joined big brother **Alex** and big sister **Caroline** at home on Jan. 15, 2004 weighing in at 7 lb. 6 oz. and was 19-1/2 ins. long. **Rich and Lisa** (mom and dad) are thrilled with their new addition and everyone is just loving this little girl to pieces. Grandparents **Anne and Frank Evans**, who live on Cape Cod, and **Bob and Eileen Ferreira** who live here in town are equally delighted. Congratulations to you all on your sweet new baby girl.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

A few Happy Birthday wishes are being sent out to some pretty special people.

John Mello is turning 80 years young tomorrow and to take a look at him, you would never know. Johnny's wife **Diane**, along with **Tom, Barbara, Bobbi** (she flew in from Florida for the celebration), **Bill, Maryanne, Rick** and **Betsy** all surprised Johnny last Saturday by having a limousine for the evening and enjoying each other and a birthday meal at Siros restaurant. Happy Birthday to you John and many, many more!

This next message is being sent to a special mom from her four wonderful kiddos. "Dear Momma, you are pretty. I like it when you hug me and play with me. Have a happy birthday and yummy cake. Love, **Kyle.**" "Hi Momma, can I open your presents? Happy Birthday, Love **Davie.**" "Momma, you are my best friend. I am your little girl and I don't need binkies anymore. Happy Birthday, Love **Bridget.**" **Joshua** is too little to say the words but his smiles and adoration shows each time he sees you. Have a very happy birthday **Anne** from your children, family and friends.

SKILLS COMPETITION

Elyse Portonova, a student at South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School, recently participated in the Skills USA-VICA competition against other schools. Each student took a written test of trade-related questions and a test with measures their employ-ability skills. Elyse will compete in the job interview contest on the state level later this month. Elyse, keep up all the hard work and you will continue to go far. Congratulations.

ST. SEBASTIAN'S HONORS

Paul Cotter, a junior, earned honors with distinction for the third quarter at St. Sebastian's School in Needham. Paul is the son of **Dr. Paul and Margaret Cotter**. Great work, Paul.

COACHES CLINIC

Attention all Cohasset Baseball and Softball coaches and parents: There will be a mandatory coaches' clinic for all individuals interested in coaching in the Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association program. To accommodate each of our busy schedules, interested individuals have the option of attending one of two required scheduled clinics. Parents who are interested in learning appropriate baseball / softball instructional techniques are also welcome to attend these sessions. Even the most astute coach always picks up a pointer or two. These meetings are scheduled at the Cohasset High School gym on either Saturday, April 10 from 9 to 10 a.m. or Thursday, April 15 from 7:30 to 9:30p.m..

The CYBSA is fortunate to have **Lou Rettman**, minor league scout and local baseball instructor, conducting both sessions. In addition, we're also lucky to have **Al Galotta**, the CHS varsity baseball coach attending the Saturday session and **Frank Niles** of South Shore Baseball attending the Thursday session.

Immediately following the Saturday, April 10 clinic, there will be player drafts for the softball, minor league baseball and farm league divisions. In addition, divisional schedules, Little League and local CYBSA rules and other helpful coaching material will be distributed on that day. Little League now requires background checks on all league volunteers to ensure the safety of the children entrusted to its care.

Should you be interested in coaching and have not already done so, please bring a photocopy of your license to the clinic where you will be asked to fill out the necessary forms. Individuals, however well intentioned, not complying will not be allowed to coach. Questions regarding this requirement may be confidentially directed to **Liam O'Connell** on (781) 388-9538. Any questions concerning these coaching sessions may directed to **Mark Chase** on (781) 383-9122. Questions regarding the League draft may also be directed to Liam on (781) 383-9538.



Cohasset resident Claire M. Cahill, RN, received an award recognizing her years of service to patients at Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center of Boston.

BENEFIT YARD SALE

"Help Our World by cleaning up your world. On Saturday, April 24, at the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum an indoor/outdoor yard sale will be held (9a.m. to 4p.m.). The museum needs your quality used items to sell. Your dona-

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CAMP, SCHOOL AND ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY

PREPARING FOR SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE WITH YOUR CHILD

"Summer camp is more than a vacation for children," says Bruce Muchnick, Ed.D., a licensed psychologist who works extensively with day and resident camps. "As a parent, there are a few things to consider to increase the opportunity for a rewarding camp experience for your child." Some helpful suggestions provided by Dr. Muchnick and the American Camping Association of New England include:

Consider camp as a learning experience.
This is an opportunity for your child to explore a world bigger than his/her neighborhood and a chance for you and your child to practice "letting go." Letting go allows children to develop autonomy and a stronger sense of self, make new friends, develop new social skills, learn about teamwork, be creative, and more. This time also allows parents an opportunity to take care of themselves so that they will feel refreshed when their child returns home.

Prepare for camp together.
Decisions about camp — like where to go and what to pack — should be a joint venture, keeping in mind your child's maturity. If your child feels a part of the decision-making process, his/her chances of having a positive experience will improve.

Talk about concerns.
As the first day of camp nears, some children experience uneasiness about going away. Encourage your child to talk about these feelings rather than acting on what you think his/her feelings may be. Communicate confidence in your child's ability to handle being away from home.

Have realistic expectations.
Camp, like the rest of life, has high and low points. Not every moment will be filled with wonder and excitement. Encourage your child to have a reasonable and realistic view of camp. Discuss both the ups and downs your child may experience. Your child should not feel pressured to succeed at camp, either. The main purposes of camp are to relax and have fun.

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Three beautiful baby girls make their debut in town

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tion is tax-deductible and all proceeds go directly to the museum. Drop your items directly at the museum on Tuesdays April 13 and April 20 between 9a.m. and noon, and Thursday April 15 between noon and 6p.m. The museum is located in the back wing of the new Cohasset Library at 100 Sohier St.. For more information or for directions please call the museum at 781-383-3198.

TOP NURSE

Cohasset resident Claire M. Cahill, RN, who has worked as a nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit for 10 years, recently received an award recognizing her years of service to patients at Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center of Boston.

Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center of Boston is a major academic medical center affiliated with Tufts University School of Medicine. Areas of medical excellence include cardiology and cardiovascular research, neurology, women's health, high-risk obstetrics, hematology/oncology, bone and joint health, pulmonary medicine and gastroenterology.

ON STAGE

Kate deLima, of Cohasset and Cambridge, stars in the Turtle Lane Players production of the musical "Nine" deLima has appeared in the national tour of Meet Me In St. Louis, as well as playing leads in My Fair Lady and Camelot, at Florida's Golden Apple Dinner Theatre. Locally she has appeared with the Showstoppers Dinner Theatre.

"Nine" opens April 23, and plays through May 30, at Turtle Lane playhouse. tickets are $22 Thursday - Saturday, at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., Thursday. Seniors $15, Friday students $15. Reservations may be made by calling 617-244-0169.

That is all for this week. Make sure to get me all your information no later than Mondays by 5 p.m.

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Chamberlain honored with award

"Modern Healthcare," the nation's only healthcare business news weekly, honored Cohasset's Doug Chamberlain, Chairman of the Franciscan Hospital for Children's Board of Trustees and Founder/President of Appleton Partners, with its 2004 Trustee of the Year award.

Chamberlain, founder and president of a local investment management firm, Appleton Partners, joined the Franciscan Hospital for Children Board of Trustees in 1987.

Since 1987, Chamberlain has helped the hospital through two turnarounds, a name change, and a substantial increase in endowments. Chamberlain became board Chairman in 1995 and led the efforts of the Board of Trustees to restore the fiscal health of the Hospital at a time when its survival was at risk and the potential discontinuation of services a reality.

Since he took over as Chairman, the Hospital has added 35 services which helped raise the operating budget to $37.5 million by 2002. As a result of these improvements, the American Hospital Association honored the Hospital in 1997 with the "Turnaround Hospital of the Year Award" for its financial soundness, pursuit of mission and responsiveness to community.

In September of 2002, the Franciscan Hospital for Children honored Chamberlain during the Hospital's annual Community Leadership Award Dinner for his many years of commitment and support.

In addition to his service to the Hospital, Chamberlain is involved with the Boston Academy of Music and several national historical organizations. He is a member of the Advisory Board of Boston University's Graduate Management program and received the Alumni of the Year Award from the University in 2002.



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Paula Meallo works diligently for every one of her clients and customers. Paula specializes in families needing to relocate. She places particular interest on the needs of each member of the family to ensure the smoothest transition possible. In appreciation of her professionalism and her sincerity, past clients will continuously refer business to Paula.

Erica Rice, the Manager of Coldwell Banker's Cohasset office, is pleased to announce that Paula Meallo is the top selling broker in 2003. For professional assistance with all of your real estate needs, including her below listing, please call Paula Meallo at our Cohasset office, (781) 383-9202.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Split decision

Saturday's election will no doubt go down as one of the most interesting in recent memory.

Those of us who are energized by the political process will be analyzing this one for some time to come. It makes you wish you were a guest on one of those Sunday morning talk shows where those on both sides and in the middle put their spin on the results.

While the override passed by 151 votes — considering the large turnout — it's clear the town was split on the tax hike. There's no question the town is well managed financially and that Town Manager Mark Haddad and Finance Director Michael Buckley are great "number-crunchers." But Haddad and Buckley both work for the town and are ultimately going to do what the voters and elected officials decide. In other words, they can work and rework the numbers but those who set priorities and policy are going to have to ultimately determine where any efficiencies, consolidations and savings can be made. We don't know what the answers are, but we do know that overrides should not be an annual event because, apart from the tax increase, they are too divisive.

Voters also opted for some new faces on town boards. We want to congratulate the winners who ran in contested races: selectmen Ralph Dormitzer and Rob Spofford; school committee members Jamie Williams and Adrienne MacCarthy and planning board member Stuart Ivimey. They all fought hard to win.

We don't believe the "changing of the guard" was a reflection of the jobs incumbent selectman Merle Brown and school committee member Pat Martin were doing on their respective boards. We think voters wanted change on those two major boards, and it would have been difficult for any incumbent to have won in their position. We've covered Brown and Martin for years and found them dedicated, direct and hard working.

However, the baton has been passed and as, MacCarthy says, a lot of trust has been placed on the winners.

The planning board is also going to be interesting to watch in the months ahead. Ivimey is not the only new member; Mike Westcott, who led the fight against Avalon, ran uncontested for a five-year term.

The winners and those who lost this time around, all deserve our thanks for getting involved. We'd also like to congratulate all the candidates who ran unopposed and wish them well on their respective boards, committees and commissions.

Our sincere hope is that any "war wounds" from the recent campaigns will soon heal. In the end, we are all neighbors who all share the same love for Cohasset.

— Mary Ford
mford@cnc.com



BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Adams, Paul, 108 Atlantic Ave., replace deck, $18,000; Golz, Erik, 25 Wood Way, kitchen addition, $30,000; Hatfield, Cushing Rd., siding and gutters, $8,500; Carroll, Joseph, 384 Beechwood St., re-roof 9 squares, $3,990; Cohasset Swim Center, Sohier St., awning 3 season, $9,800; Lepori/Kefallinos, 203 Fairoaks Lane, bedroom to bath, bedroom attic, $35,000; Dubiel, 31 Atlantic Ave., sidewall, $5,000; Parker, 76 Redgate Lane, remodel 2 bathrooms, $29,000; Sheps/Russell, 433 King St., remodel/renovate int. roof siding, $95,000; O'Brien, 20 Schofield Rd., farmer's porch 8 x 26, $9,500; Rousseau, 44 Little Harbor Rd., addition 2 story, int. renovations, $160.000.

POLITICAL NOTES

Republicans launch website

The website, www.cohassetrepublicans.com, that Peter Guild, Nathaniel Palmer and Ken Roth have been working on for the Cohasset Republican Town Committee is now up and carrying a lot of information pertinent to area Republicans.

On the Home Page is a direct link to Bush-Cheney '04 News. Through the website there is a membership list and candidates sites including President Bush, Governor Romney and Senator Hedlund and Congressional candidate Mike Jones. There is also a link to the White House, the National and State Committees, and Citizens for Limited Taxation. All of the scheduled monthly meetings held at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's Cottage are located on the events page.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Brown resigns from boards he served on

TO THE EDITOR:

Merle Brown provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter to the Board of Selectmen.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark Haddad, the Board of Selectmen and so many of the town employees for the many wonderful years I have had serving with them. The Town of Cohasset has a lot of wonderful employees and I would like to go on record as whole hardly supporting them. I would also like to thank the citizens that have supported me over the years. I hope I have helped in some way to continue to shape Cohasset into one of the most desirable places to live.

During my 23-plus years of volunteering for the town, I have met so many wonderful people. I wish there would be space on this letter to name them all. There is no question that I will miss being involved but the people of the town have spoken loud and clear that it is time for change. I hope the promises of change will be kind to all of Cohasset's citizens regardless of their age and economic status.

With that being said, I hereby tender my resignation from the following Boards: the Recycling Committee, the South Shore Recycling Co-Op, the Wastewater Committee, the Zoning Advisory Committee, the Norfolk County Advisory Board and the MMA Policy and Transportation Committee.

I hope the Town, as a whole, and the Board of Selectmen continue to support Mark Haddad as Town Manager. I have worked with Mark over the last 7 years and because of him, our transition from a Town Administrator to a Town Manager type of government has brought all town departments together. During the campaign, comments were made that there needs to be some control taken from the town manager position. I hope before there is any change that those at the helm look closely at what they want to change (if needed) to be for the very best interest of the entire town. As stated in the MMA Group report, the employees, and the many boards, and committees have worked very hard to keep Cohasset the great town it is with the minimum amount of employees. I would like to suggest that the Government Structure Committee be reactivated to look into any suggested changes before they are made. I also hope someone steps up to the plate to take over the Recycling and the many other things that need to be followed very closely.

In closing, again I wish to thank the many people that have supported me during my 23 years of association and involvement. Your questions, suggestions and sometimes criticisms helped me accomplish so much. Serving the Town has been a privilege and a rewarding experience. I hope you will continue to support those who have given of themselves to this great town.

Merle S. Brown
546 Beechwood St.

Brown's service is appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to express my appreciation to Merle Brown for his 12 years of service on the Board of Selectmen. The town is fortunate to have been represented by Merle, who willingly devoted an enormous amount of his time to help make Cohasset an even better place to live. His dedication to a variety of issues also led to his representing the town on a number of regional and county boards. His participation has been invaluable to those who worked with him.

Our community has been well served by Merle's progressive leadership, his independent thinking and his infectious positive attitude. Many thanks to a great friend, neighbor and role model. I've been honored to work with him.

Ronnie McMorris
89 Doane St.

Why did paramedics have to take out an ad?

TO THE EDITOR:

Having grown up in Cohasset, I have experienced firsthand the professionalism and dedication provided to all town residents by both the Cohasset firefighters and paramedics. For that reason, I was shocked and dismayed to see that this same organization was forced to take out a paid advertisement on page 13of the Cohasset_Mariner (April 1.2004). Many residents and representatives of other local interest groups and town organizations utilize the Letters to the "Editor" function in the Mariner. Why was this group forced to take out a *paid* advertisement to defend their competency? Why was this group not offered an article or a chance to write some "commentary" that so often frequents the pages of the Mariner?

Upon reading the advertisement I was impressed and appreciative of all the time and effort these individuals have devoted to the town in order to maintain a high level of excellence. The listed qualifications and training of those serving us are above reproach. These same qualifications and levels of educational training that the Cohasset paramedics have received and continue to update is the very definition of the word competency.

As a local paper serving the community, the Mariner should begin to utilize their format better and use their space accordingly. Why does a letter asking people to slow down their vehicles on a certain road get space but a pertinent issue such as this does not?

We should be respectful and appreciative of these public servants for all the services they provide town residents.

Kaitlin Jackson
9 Ash St.

(Editor's note: The firefighter/paramedics did not submit a letter to the editor or inquire about doing so. They chose to take out a paid advertisement).

Water quality report misleading

TO THE EDITOR:

As Cohasset residents, we were recently sent the 2004 Water Quality Report which covers the period from January 1 to Dec. 31, 2003. The report stated that "...we are pleased to report that our drinking water meets or exceeds all applicable drinking water standards." That is a very misleading statement!

How many residents read further than this statement? If you did read further, you would have seen (on page 2) that two potentially carcinogenic contaminants, trihalomethanes and haloacetic acid (both byproducts of chlorination), were detected at levels exceeding maximum allowable concentrations. The highest detected level for trihalomethanes was 126.5 ppb (parts per billion); the maximum level allowed is 80 ppb. The highest detected level for haloacetic acid was 108.7 ppb; the maximum level allowed is 60 ppb.

Even according to this Water Report, "some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL (maximum contaminant level allowed) over many years experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system. They may have an increased risk of getting cancer." Increased risk of cancer is also associated with haloacetic acid, according to the Report (see page 3).

Just because we are a small town and are not required to test for these contaminants (but voluntarily do so) does not justify the Cohasset Water Department position that there are no violations or exceedences of any applicable water quality regulations. In fact, if we were a town of 10,000 population we *would* be in violation of EPA drinking water quality regulations.

It is interesting to note that in the April, 2003 issue of Boston magazine, which rated the healthiest towns in the area, the following was stated..."Cohasset shows high rates of some cancers, which environmentalists fear may be due to byproducts of chlorination in the water" (pg. 78). Further in the article, Cohasset is listed as having higher than expected rates of breast cancer and prostate cancer.

As Cohasset residents, we are concerned about the health risks associated with the quality of the Cohasset water supply. We are also very concerned about the misleading report issued by the Cohasset Water Commission.

Patricia Messing-Hague
Stephen Hague
100-74 Pond St.

Spofford thanks his team, voters

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of myself, and my family, I'd like to thank all of the voters who came and participated in last Saturday's annual elections. The near record turnout proved once again that Cohasset residents believe strongly in the importance of civic involvement and

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HEALTH NOTES

Exercise is key to good health

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Most of us have, at one time or other been in an exercise program. However, more people should realize that sustained exercise is a key pathway to good health. Those parts of your body which aren't used enough soon lose their muscle tone and mobility. Exercise is particularly important for everyone. One thing about people is that they are constantly changing. Kids have different exercise habits in summer than in winter. Studious, sports averse kids have, or should have physical activity as a part of their daily routine. Those with a daily grind or a long commute have a particularly difficult time fitting in the necessary 20 minutes of coronary-vascular (or CV) fitness regimen three times a week. Some choose to exercise alone; some exercise in groups or on teams. But count on it: proper diet and reasonable exercise will save years of discomfort and pain later in a life that has been extended, for most of us, well into the 80s.

For this reason, I'm telling you about two newly available programs for different segments of our population which are particularly susceptible to the threat of insufficient exercise. There are many who for whatever reason, need a stimulant to support their fitness with a discipline which may not always be pleasurable so both of these programs call for a fee with the expectation that if you've paid for them you'll use them.

Fitness trainers

For those younger participants who are developing habit patterns which will help them include enough CV activity to ensure good health without the need for strenuous sporting activity, fitness trainers replace "exercise as a necessity" in modern society. Modern communities make walking difficult. High rise buildings make stairs impractical. Who shovels snow?

Good individual and group fitness trainers tailor exercise regimens, making them comfortable, novel, and fun. Moreover, they can frequently be arranged for groups, making them inexpensive and companionable. For example, in Cohasset, Paul Tise of Hypertone on 3A, phone 781 383-8004, near the Consignment Shop, has a five-week session on Mondays and Wednesdays for boys and girls who may not wish to participate in a sports program. On May 1 he will be starting a Saturday program for kids who may not have fitness included in their summer plans. These two popular programs have to be fun; otherwise the kids wouldn't like them. Programs can be developed to fit many other situations.

But count on it: proper diet and reasonable exercise will save years of discomfort and pain later in a life that has been extended, for most of us, well into the 80s.

For adults above 55, the Cohasset Counsel for Elder Affairs has a full range of programs designed to promote healthy activity for seniors. Qualifying for participation in its programs may be the easiest thing you're likely to do - you just have to get older. One new program features Karen Kirkendall, who has agreed to restart her popular aerobics class at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St.

This program features senior aerobics from 7:30-8:15 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Karen says: "Get fit while having fun" is the class motto. Start moving to some Motown classics like 'This Old Heart of Mine, Been Broke a Thousand Times". You can even sing along! This 45-minute class features 20 minutes of dance/aerobics, 15 minutes of upper body work with light weights, and 10 minutes of stretching and cool down. The cost is $3 per class, and you're guaranteed to get your money's worth! The only requirements are comfortable workout clothes, aerobic or gym shoes, and a good attitude. The class will be begin the Wednesday after Easter, April 14.

Karen began the senior aerobics classes back in the 80s. Even though she moved away in 1994, the class continued with other great instructors. Now that Karen is back in the area, she's delighted to continue where she left off — having a great time with a motivated and fun group. All men and women, 50-plus, interested in getting fit and staying healthy in a noncompetitive, supportive environment, should join.

When asked about her background, Karen says: "I have always loved to dance and perform since I was a skinny kid in Texas, but my love for teaching aerobics came from my experiences as a twirler/majorette. (It's almost impossible to find a Texas gal who wasn't a majorette!) I was a majorette in junior high, high school, and college, teaching twirling and drill team during the summers of my college years. The aerobic instruction I received in the early 80s was very similar to drill team steps I had performed in the 60s. I decided as a young adult that I wanted to be physically fit and that participating in dance aerobics would be a fun way to stay physically fit. I taught dance aerobics, step aerobics, and senior aerobics from 1984-1996. My desire to be physically fit is as strong as ever, and I'm delighted to be back "in front of the class", hopefully motivating others to get with the fitness program."

I encourage you to join this class at the Community Center. Soon, perhaps you may be able to twirl a baton and lead a band. Call the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs for more information, 781 383 9112.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Those d– – – hospital beds

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Remember, when I am rich and famous, that you heard it here first.

I'm about to launch a new and lucrative career.

I'm going to become an inventor.

And the first thing I'm going to invent is a comfortable hospital bed.

Is that cheering I hear coming from the vox populi?

If George XLIII is still on the lookout for weapons of mass destruction, I can direct him to the nearest medical chop-shop.

Every room that has sleep-over facilities contains a weapon of (insert here a word the rhymes with "mass") destruction.

I defy anyone to tell me that he or she has ever been comfortable in a hospital bed except under the influence of an anesthetic.

Somehow, the manufacturers of said beds have managed to slip an unidentified protruding object into the mattress directly below the tailbone of the hapless patient.

It's like the princess and the pea only this pea is roughly the size of a baseball.

I defy anyone to tell me that he or she has ever been comfortable in a hospital bed except under the influence of an anesthetic.

And don't look for it. It can't be seen, only felt.

The routine goes like this:

You have just returned to your room from whatever tortures the doctors and nurses have put you through. You lie down in the bed. It feels so good, so comfortable after the strenuous exercises you've been through, like walking.

About 10 minutes later, you are aware that some Thing is poking you in the lower back just north of the place where they say the sun doesn't shine.

No matter. You just raise the head of the bed and slide your body down toward the foot. Ah, comfort again. For about 10 minutes. The Thing is back.

You lower the head of the bed and raise the foot. You can relax. For about five minutes. Then . . . The Thing again.

You flatten out the bed and roll to the side so that you're resting on your hip. But you can't roll far enough because of the bars that are put on the side of the bed to prevent you from escaping. The only thing to do is hold on to the bar to keep yourself from rolling back. But you can only do that for as long as your strength holds out.

By this time, you find yourself so badly tangled up in the sheets and blankets that you can't move and the only thing to do is ring for a nurse to straighten out the mess you've made.

You ask her if she will take down the bars and let you sit on the bed and dangle your feet over the side, thus shifting your weight from the tailbone. She has to hash that over with the other nurses. The verdict: No way. You might fall off the bed.

She does, however, fix you up with a pillow which, strategically placed, offers some comfort for maybe 15 minutes before . . . there it is again

. . The Thing.

By this time, you're so worn out from wriggling around in search of comfort that you fall asleep in spite of it all.

Whereupon, the nurse awakens you to give you your sleeping pill.

Cohasset election results

Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
SELECTMEN (2)		
(For three years)		
Merle S. Brown	467	569	1036
Ralph S. Dormitzer	692	627	1319
Louis S. Harvey	570	547	1117
Robert B. Spofford	700	694	1394
Write-ins	1	2	3
Blanks	262	243	505
Totals	2692	2682	5374
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2)		
(For three years)		
Patricia C. Martin	570	475	1045
Adrienne MacCarthy	543	755	1298
Scott F. O'Grady	237	245	482
Jamie G. Williams	763	643	1406
Write-ins	4	8	12
Blanks	575	556	1131
Totals	2692	2682	5374
SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
(For one year)		
Richard P. Shea	885	865	1750
Write-ins	10	9	19
Blanks	451	467	918
Totals	1346	1341	2687
TRUSTEES PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY (3)		
(For three years)		
Sarah R. Pease	895	877	1772
Barbara M. Power	943	903	1846
Stacey V. Weaver	879	821	1700
Write-ins	2	5	7
Blanks	1319	1417	2736
Totals	4038	4023	8061

ASSESSOR			
(For three years)			
Elsa J. Miller	868	871	1739
Write-ins	2	7	9
Blanks	476	463	939
Totals	1346	1341	2687
BOARD OF HEALTH			
(For three years)			
Stephen N. Bobo	949	952	1901
Write-ins	4	0	4
Blanks	393	389	1925
Totals	1346	1341	2687
COHASSET HOUSING AUTHORITY			
(For five years)			
Ann Barrett	859	908	1767
Write-ins	3	2	5
Blanks	484	431	915
Totals	1346	1341	2687
COHASSET HOUSING AUTHORITY			
(For one year)			
Christopher M. Allen	842	855	1697
Write-ins	5	5	10
Blanks	499	481	980
Totals	1346	1341	2687
PLANNING BOARD			
(For five years)			
Michael R. Westcott	867	845	1712
Write-ins	4	7	11
Blanks	475	489	964
Totals	1346	1341	2687
PLANNING BOARD			
(For one year)			
Stuart W. Ivimey	687	628	1315
Joseph R. Nedrow	497	541	1038
Write-ins	1	3	4
Blanks	161	169	330
Totals	1346	1341	2687

RECREATION COMMISSION			
(For five years)			
Anthony J. Carbone	883	880	1763
Write-ins	1	1	2
Blanks	462	460	922
Totals	1346	1341	2687
RECREATION COMMISSION			
(For two years)			
Lisa L. Lojacono	865	848	1713
Write-ins	0	6	6
Blanks	481	487	968
Totals	1346	1341	2687
SEWER COMMISSION			
(For three years)			
Sean C. Cunning	887	874	1761
Write-ins	5	4	9
Blanks	454	463	917
Totals	1346	1341	2687
WATER COMMISSION			
(For three years)			
Nathaniel G. Palmer	890	846	1736
Write-ins	1	6	7
Blanks	455	489	944
Totals	1346	1341	2687

QUESTION 1:

Shall the Town of Cohasset be allowed to assess an additional $400,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of meeting the operational expenses of the Town Government and School System for the fiscal year beginning July 1 Two Thousand Four?

Yes:	693	686	1379
No:	604	624	1228
Blanks:	49	31	80
Totals	1346	1341	2687

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spofford thanks his team, voters

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exercising their right to be active participants in the governance of this community.

To my campaign team, thank you for your selfless dedication to my election efforts and your sustaining support.

To the voters who supported me at the polls, I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me.

To Merle Brown, thank you for your decades of commitment to and work on behalf of all the citizens of Cohasset. Your love of this community and your tireless dedication to the issues you addressed as a selectman are undeniable and have served Cohasset well.

And finally, to the all the residents of Cohasset, I look forward to continuing my service to this community with reason, responsibility and dedication.

Rob Spofford
14 Heather Drive

Williams grateful for election support

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to express my thanks and gratitude to the citizens of Cohasset for their support throughout this entire campaign and election process. I am so proud and excited to be representing our community as a new member of the Cohasset School Committee.

These past three months have been filled with new challenges, new ideas and wonderful opportunities to meet many new people. Thank you to those of you who actively worked on my campaign and also to those who took time to meet me at a coffee, a reception or one of the candidate's forums. Your support has been overwhelming.

I intend to demonstrate my gratitude by bringing new and creative ideas to build a solid plan for the future of our schools. I look forward to working to prioritize the superior education all of our children deserve.

Jamie Williams
60 Surry Drive

Rotary helps eradicate polio

TO THE EDITOR:

In communities like Cohasset, there is no organization that takes the motto of 'service above self' more seriously and passionately than Rotary International. Nowhere is this more evident than in Rotary's commitment to a polio-free world.

In 1985, Rotary International took a stand against polio, a disease that crippled 350,000 children annually. Eighteen years later, Rotary has become the heart and soul of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, a partnership spearheaded by the World Health Organization, Rotary International, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), dedicated to realizing Rotary's dream: a polio-free world for children everywhere.

Rotary International's total contribution to polio eradication currently stands at more than half a billion dollars.

Today 209 countries are polio-free (with only seven more to go) and more than 2 billion children have been immunized. Because of the dedication of Rotary members everywhere, and the support of communities like Cohasset we are one step away from a polio-free world.

On behalf of the Global Polio Eradication partnership, we commend the Rotary Club of Cohasset and the people of Cohasset for your latest and much needed contribution to ensure every child is immunized against polio.

Dr LEE Jong-wook
Director-General
World Health Organization

Political health note

TO THE EDITOR:

Is there something in our drinking water? Is it safe to drink straight? There must be some explanation for normally rational citizens recirculating (with passionate conviction) the mantra that our several overrides prove that we are mismanaged, costs out of control, and we urgently need to replace the ship's crew.

Of course costs and taxes have escalated alarmingly, because of the rising costs of just about everything in the universe, because of the mandated requirements, because of union and civil service strictures, because of drastic reduction in state aid, and because we lack an industrial or significant commercial tax base. Our current crew should have been appreciated, rather than vilified, for their masterful job of keeping the ship on course, while dealing also with the boundless desire for quality services as expressed by the voters at town meetings.

The overrides are a responsible way to deal with the unfortunate facts of life, and are not a symptom of failed leadership (as opportunist office seekers imply, to the huzzas of those who should know better).

Is the town badly managed? Of course not; despite the far greater complexities, the town is better managed than at any time in recent history.

Some of the woefully uninformed campaign rhetoric has been aptly described as "dropping bombs from 30,000 feet". Sadly, part of the collateral damage was the defeat of one of our best-ever selectmen, Merle Brown. He may not run slick campaigns, but he understands the town and its needs, and has served it conscientiously for four terms as selectman and for numerous years in other capacities. Let us fervently hope for a comeback!

So, as a Health Note to restore sanity in the Town, and to encourage redirection of cynicism to the appropriate targets, in the days and weeks before next Town Meeting and before election, I say "Go easy on the water, or whatever it is"!

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

No simple solution to back problems

TO THE EDITOR:

In Steve Bobo's article he recommended treating your back pain with exercises. This advice is an over simplification of a complex problem. Back pain is a symptom of a problem as he stated, mechanical problems with the spine can sometimes cause pain and sometimes not. Pain can be the end result of a back problem. When the pain arrives there has to be damage to tissues that is on a grand enough scale to elicit pain within the nervous system. Pain can also be elusive.

Exercising your back when it is in pain will only cause your body to compensate more and worsen the mechanical malfunction within your spine. When the pain subsides or disappears that is not an indication that your back is healthy. Your body has the ability to produce its own pain killing chemicals and can raise its sensitivity to feel pain. If the removal of pain was the benchmark of health then

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Gay marriage compromise in sync with public opinion

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Beacon Hill finally turned a corner in the gay marriage debate last week, with adoption of a compromise that a majority disliked even as they voted "yes." By the time the final vote – 105-92 – approving the Constitutional amendment was taken on Monday, it was clear that this was one of the strangest majorities ever assembled beneath the Golden Dome. That majority was only possible because there were not enough supporters of gay marriage in the Legislature, and there were enough gay marriage opponents willing to elevate gay couples to a legal status undreamed-of 10 years ago, via civil unions. By the end of the voting Monday, here was the position of most gay-rights groups and lobbyists:

• We hope to get a "no" on this.

• If we can't get a "no" on this, let's get a "yes" on something a majority of the public doesn't like.

The first scenario didn't come true, though gay rights forces said afterwards they'd come closer than they ever hoped. As to the second possibility, it will be tested in November 2006 — if the Legislature of 2005/06 approves the same language adopted last week. With elections in November, that's a big if.

Advocates for gay marriage hope to win a lot of votes from gay marriage opponents in 2006, if it comes to that. They are hoping people who really don't want gays and lesbians to have any standing will reject a gay marriage ban if it means acceptance of strong civil unions.

On the other side, a number of lawmakers made clear they'd never in a million years vote for strong civil unions — except that they were doing so, to accomplish their goal of banning gay marriage and putting that question before the public. After several hours of parliamentary challenges and debate, that was the only option left to gay marriage foes — vote against a gay marriage ban, or vote for civil unions.

Those on the extremes didn't like it, but it turns out that what was finally adopted was in sync with the Massachusetts public, at least as divined by public opinion surveys. Citizens polled say they oppose gay marriage but support civil unions, and that's just what the state Constitution will call for if the amendment adopted is at last approved. But that's a long way off; Gov. Romney is still looking at the legal options for blocking the issuance of marriage licenses May 17. Attorney General Reilly said all the judicial issues have been addressed and he won't ask for an extended stay of the court order mandating such licenses. So for now, the next stage of this story would appear to be the weddings.

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With passage of the gay-marriage item, attention at last turned to more routine items on the Hill, if there's really such a thing:

• *Time running out on redistricting rewrite* — The most important thing that didn't happen last week was easy to identify: the House didn't pass a new version of representative district maps for Suffolk County. A new plan that plaintiffs didn't especially like was brought forth two weeks ago, as leadership tries to address a federal judicial panel's finding that the districts approved last year discriminate against minority voters. House lawyers plan to present the three-judge panel with a final proposal this week. If the judges don't like the new map, they may draft the fall election districts themselves.

• *Convention will halt trains and traffic; full value questioned* — State officials had hoped North Station could be kept open during the July 26-29 Democratic National Convention, but the Madrid train bombings rendered that scenario out of the question, officials said. State Police and Secret Service officials said I-93 must be shut down all four evenings of the convention to prevent the use of truck bombs on a highway that comes within 40 feet of the FleetCenter. Meanwhile, the Beacon Hill Institute, a conservative think tank at Suffolk University, released a projection of the convention's economic benefit over the four days, and came up with a figure $28 million less than what the Democrats' convention committee has estimated. Using computer modeling, the Beacon Hill Institute pegged the extra economic activity at $122 million, but said it didn't account for negative consequences of congestion. The DNCC stuck with its $150 million figure.

• *Romney, mayor meet and mend on convention* — The story was fun while it lasted: Gov. Romney suggested the FleetCenter ought to be scrapped as a convention venue in favor of the new Boston Convention Center. The idea touched off a squall of resentment when the Republican mischievously floated it. After Democrats shrugged off the governor's idea, Romney got more cooperative, meeting face-to-face with Boston Mayor Thomas Menino and vowing state government will do all it can to promote a lucrative and safe convention — at the FleetCenter.

• *Longtime trial court chief will leave June 20* — Samuel Zoll, who's headed the District Court department of the Trial Court for 28 years, confirmed he's retiring on June 20. Chief Administrative Judge Robert Mulligan is expected to name Zoll's successor soon.

• *Deputy Ed commissioner to depart for civic sector* — Mark McQuillan, who led the education department through Commissioner David Driscoll's heart attack last fall and who's played a key role in the ed-reform wars, announced he'll depart state service June 12. McQuillan is joining Edco, a consortium of suburban school districts.

• *Zapp bill heads to romney's desk* — Legislation was enacted expanding the list of crimes for which offenders can be held in secure facilities past the end of their criminal sentences. Passage was a victory for the family of Alexandra Zapp, whose 2000 murder at the hands of a sex offender might have been prevented had he still been "civilly committed." Judges will determine, following hearings, whether criminals who have served their sentences are too dangerous to be released.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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March 29-April 2

QUESTIONS



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BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

This report includes several roll call votes including the three votes that we sent to you earlier in the week on the gay marriage amendment. Those three roll call votes are combined under the heading "BAN SAME-SEX MARRIAGES/ESTABLISH CIVIL UNIONS (H 3190)." If you have already published those three roll call votes you can simply delete them from this Word document and publish the remainder of the report.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE, BHRC records local representatives and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of March 29-April 2.

BAN SAME-SEX MARRIAGES/ESTABLISH CIVIL UNIONS (H 3190)

Constitutional Convention 116-81, 111-86 and 105-92, approved the proposed Travaglini-Lees constitutional amendment sponsored by Senate President Robert Travaglini (D-Boston) and Senate Minority Leader Brian Lees (R-East Longmeadow). The amendment bans same-sex marriage, gives same-sex couples the right to form civil unions with all the same benefits, protections, rights and responsibilities granted to couples who are married and recognizes that under present federal law same-sex persons in civil unions would be denied federal benefits available to married persons. It also allows the Legislature to enact laws that are not inconsistent with the amendment in order to carry out the purpose of the amendment.

The measure's next stop is the 2005-2006 session where it can no longer be amended and can simply be voted up or down on one roll call vote.

Immediately following the session, Gov. Mitt Romney announced that he would ask the Supreme Judicial Court to stay its November ruling, allowing gay marriages to begin on May 17, until the final outcome of the constitutional amendment process. That process could end sometime in 2005 or 2006 if the 2005-2006 legislature defeats the amendment or in November 2006 if that legislature approves the proposal and it goes on the 2006 ballot. In the meantime, Attorney General Tom Reilly, the state official who would formally ask for the stay, quickly announced that he does not intend to seek the delay requested by the governor.

The three roll calls in this week's report were all on the identical Travaglini-Lees amendment but many legislators with various agendas did not vote the same way on all three. Representatives and senators on various sides of the gay marriage issue switched their votes for strategic reasons on some of the roll call votes.

Most supporters of same-sex marriage implemented the same parliamentary strategy that they used during the March 11 convention in order to attempt to put an end to the convention's action on all amendments banning gay marriage. They oppose the amendment but voted for it on the first two roll calls and then voted against it on the third roll call in order to defeat it. Under convention rules, the defeat of the amendment on the third roll call would have resulted in a ban on any additional anti-gay marriage amendments being allowed for consideration this year. If they had voted against the amendment on either of the first two roll calls, the amendment likely would have been defeated and under the rules, the convention would then be open to other harsher anti-gay marriage amendments including one that would have placed two separate questions on the ballot—one banning gay marriages and another allowing civil unions for same-sex couples. They also knew that that even if their strategy failed, the Travaglini-Lees amendment is the lesser of several evils and that they still have an opportunity to defeat the proposal at the 2005-2006 convention or on the 2006 ballot. Other gay marriage supporters indicated that they understood the strategy but voted against the proposal on all three roll calls because they could not in good conscience ever be on record as having voted to place discrimination into the constitution.

Most opponents of gay marriage implemented the same counter-strategy that they used at the March 11 convention. They voted against the Travaglini-Lees amendment on the first two roll call votes because even though they favor the language banning gay marriages, most are opposed to the language constitutionally legalizing civil unions. Defeat of the amendment on either of these first two roll calls would have opened up the floor to other anti-gay marriage amendments that they support. However, once the amendment was approved on the first two roll calls, if a sufficient number of gay marriage opponents voted against the amendment on the third roll call, the strategy of same-sex marriage supporters would have worked. The amendment would have been defeated and the convention would be barred from considering any other anti-gay marriage amendments this year. Fearful of this outcome, most gay marriage opponents voted for the amendment on the third roll call in order to ensure that at least some anti-gay marriage proposal has a chance to be placed on the 2006 ballot. Other gay marriage opponents said that they understood the strategy but voted against the amendment on all three roll calls because they could not in good conscience support a proposal that guarantees civil unions in the constitution. They argued that the amendment would be a confusing and misleading ballot question that would blackmail anti-gay marriage voters into supporting civil unions at the same time or rejecting the entire amendment.

Here's a look at a breakdown of the three basic voting blocks on the roll call votes on the Travaglini-Lees amendment. Most legislators fall into one of these blocks.

Block 1: These legislators, led by Travaglini and Lees, believe that the amendment is a fair and reasonable compromise that protects the traditional institution of marriage while ensuring that gay and lesbians have the constitutional right to form civil unions and be afforded all the protections of married couples. This group also includes legislators who are not big fans of the amendment but are determined to give voters a say by placing a question on the 2006 ballot. This group of legislators generally voted "yes" on all three roll call votes.

Block 2: These legislators either strongly support same-sex marriage and/or oppose placing a ban on gay marriage in the constitution. The voting pattern of this block broke down into two groups. The first group simply voted "no" on all three roll call votes. The second group participated in the strategy to vote "yes" on the first two roll calls and then to switch their votes to "no" on the final vote in their unsuccessful attempt to defeat the proposal and bar consideration of any more anti-gay marriage amendments this year.

Block 3: These legislators support banning same-sex marriages but do not favor civil unions or prefer to craft civil union legislation as a general law rather than as part of the constitution. The voting pattern of this block broke down into two groups. The first group simply voted "no" on all three roll call votes. The second group participated in the strategy to vote "no" on the first two roll calls and then to switch their votes to "yes" on the final vote in their successful attempt to keep at least some anti-gay marriage proposal alive and place it on the 2006 ballot.

(On all three roll calls, a "Yea" vote is for the proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages but giving same-sex couples the right to form civil unions with all the same benefits, protections, rights and responsibilities granted to couples who are married. A "Nay" vote is against the proposal).

The exact language of the Travaglini-Lees amendment reads:

"The unified purpose of this article is both to define the institution of civil marriage and to establish civil unions to provide same-sex persons with entirely the same benefits, protections, rights, privileges and obligations as are afforded to married persons, while recognizing that under present federal law same-sex persons in civil unions will be denied federal benefits available to married persons.

It being the public policy of this commonwealth to protect the unique relationship of marriage, only the union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in the commonwealth. Two persons of the same sex shall have the right to form a civil union if they otherwise meet the requirements set forth by law for marriage. Civil unions for same sex persons are established by this article and shall provide entirely the same benefits, protections, rights, privileges and obligations that are afforded to persons married under the law of the commonwealth. All laws applicable to marriage shall also apply to civil unions.

This article is self-executing, but the General Court may enact laws not inconsistent with anything herein contained to carry out the purpose of this article."

AMENDMENT PROPERLY BEFORE CONVENTION (H 3190)

Constitutional Convention 143-48, upheld the ruling of Senate President Robert Travaglini (D-Boston) that a new version of a proposed amendment banning gay marriages but authorizing civil unions for same-sex couples was properly before the convention. The ruling had been challenged primarily by anti-gay marriage legislators who said that this amendment and the similar Travaglini-Lees amendment were offered improperly and violated the rules of the convention. These opponents of the ruling argued that at the prior convention on March 11, the convention clerk accepted a copy of these two amendments prior to the specific time that Travaglini had announced that amendments would be accepted. They argued that this action resulted in these two amendments being considered ahead of all others because convention rules dictate that amendments are debated in the order in which they are received. They noted that under complicated convention rules, any amendment considered ahead of others has an advantage because if it is ultimately approved, all others are tossed aside and cannot be considered. They said that this is unfair to sponsors of other amendments including the one that split the same-sex marriage ban and the creation of civil unions into two separate ballot questions. Supporters of Travaglini's ruling said the clerk acted appropriately in accepting all the amendments in an orderly fashion despite much chaos and jockeying for position at the rostrum. They noted that opponents of the ruling are simply upset because they do not favor the amendments and want their own amendments to be considered first. They also argued that overturning Travaglini's ruling would create chaos and a terrible precedent for future conventions. The fact that these two amendments were accepted first turned out to be a very important action. The Travaglini-Lees amendment was eventually approved by the convention and all other amendments were barred from being considered. (A "Yea" vote is for Travaglini's ruling that the amendment was properly before the convention. A "Nay" vote is against the ruling).

REQUIRE SENATE APPROVAL OF JUDGES' NOMINATIONS (S 362)

Constitutional Convention 166-28, recommitted to a special committee a proposed constitutional amendment giving the Senate the power to confirm or reject the governor's appointment of judges. In order to reach the Senate, the nomination would also first have to be approved by the Legislature's Judiciary Committee. Current law requires the nominations to be approved by the Governor's Council. This proposed amendment, approved on a voice vote without a roll call, replaced an original amendment that would have allowed judges to be appointed to six-year terms and then have their names placed on the ballot every six years. Voters would then decide whether a judge should be removed from the bench or be eligible for reappointment to another six-tear term. Recommitment supporters said that any major changes in the procedure for the appointment of judges is a serious matter and should be studied and reviewed. They noted that many members are upset with the pro-gay marriage ruling of the judges on the Supreme Judicial Court and urged the Senate to delay action until some time has passed and senators can reflect upon the magnitude of this proposed change in the confirmation process of judges. Recommitment opponents said the proposal should remain on the floor to be voted up or down on its merits by the full Senate. Some of these opponents said they would vote against the proposal because they feel that requiring Senate confirmation of judges would interject politics into the process. Others indicated they would listen to the debate prior to making up their minds. (A "Yea" vote is for recommitment of the proposal that requires Senate approval of judicial nominations. A "Nay" vote is against recommitment).

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth)	Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham)
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Y	Y



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No simple solution to back problems

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people who feel great could never have heart attacks or strokes and we know this happens all the time.

The nerves of your back are the power supply to the back muscles. These nerves emanate from your spine. If you have a mechanical problem within your spine these spinal nerves can short circuit and decrease the power supply to your back muscles leading to eventual strain and sometimes pain. Exercising these back muscles when they have lost power is absolutely wrong.

What should you do? Well first of all as you would have your teeth checked on a regular basis so should you go to a chiropractor to have your spine checked. If you have back pain go to the chiropractor and see if the cause is mechanical in nature, which it usually is, and through chiropractic adjustments the mechanical cause is corrected. Once the cause is corrected then exercises to help keep it stable and strong will help.

Bruce Indek
17 Adams Road

Bruce Indek is a Doctor of Chiropractic, Chiropractic Coordinator for the Boston Marathon, Boston Athletic Assoc. Elite Runners Club Chiropractor, Team USA Triathlon Chiropractor, Past President of Mass. Chiropractic Sports Council.

Bradley stance on same-sex marriage not sum of career

TO THE EDITOR:

With respect to the recent same sex marriage debate and Rep. Garrett Bradley (Gays upset with Garrett Bradley, March 11), I do not think we can characterize this issue as Democrat vs. Republican, nor do I think we should view Garrett's position on this issue as the sum of his political career.

Since his election to the General Court, Garrett Bradley has fought hard for this district and the town of Cohasset. He has supported and helped pass home rule petitions and mitigation regarding the MBTA Ride program. He has led on issues such as 40b reform and for faster reimbursements from the Commonwealth's school building assistance program. He has taken a fiscally responsibile approach on behalf of his constituents by voting against tax increases in last session's billion dollar tax package. And, most notably, he has put aside partisan differences to work successfully with Senator Robert Hedlund on many common issues such as jet pollution on the South Shore.

The issue of same sex marriage transcends political ideology. We have seen this unique dynamic emerge throughout the course of the debate both locally and nationally. In fact, one of the most moving speeches in favor of same sex marriage came from the Commonwealth's longest serving Republican representative, Shaun Kelly of Dalton, when he asked his fellow legislators to think of Rep. Liz Malia of Jamaica Plain, who is openly gay, during their debate. "If you believe that the love Liz has is less than the love you have . . . yourself, I would suggest you are wrong. This is what this is about, the judgment of love," said Kelly.

I have spoken with Garrett about this issue many times. The bottom line is that we disagree on the process. He believes the voters will ultimately see some form of ballot initiative on the matter regardless of what the legislature does. Therefore, it is better to frame the ballot question through the Constitutional Convention (which must be ratified by voters in 2006), rather than allow the hardcore opponents of same sex marriage to do so by submitting their own ballot initiative. The point being that the later would omit the fallback position of civil unions in their ballot language, thereby eliminating any potential for compromise if they prevail.

I am a supporter of the Goodridge decision and think that the legislature should have deferred to the Supreme Judicial Court by letting the ruling stand. To me, this is an issue of equality and I do not believe that if John Adams were alive today, he would approve of any form of discrimination being written into the world's oldest constitution, especially one that he authored!

Wherever you come down on this issue, we should respect the process and never forget that there are fundamentally good people on all sides of the debate. In that spirit, I urge the citizens of this district to not judge Garrett's entire legislative record through a myopic lens that focuses solely on this one position. He deserves and has earned far more consideration from all of us.

Coleman Nee
12 Short St

Mr. Nee is Vice Chairman of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Rotary appreciates roadrace support

TO THE EDITOR:

The Rotary Club of Cohasset would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers and the citizens of Cohasset for helping the Cohasset Road Race by the Sea, held this past Sunday, be such a success in its 28th year.

We had over 870 runners registered for the 10K race and a number of walkers for both the 5K &10K walk in the morning. The effort by all involved was very helpful and gratifying to the Rotary Club members who work so hard on this project to help raise funds for the many charities and organizations that receive support from Rotary International and the Cohasset Rotary Club. Over and over we heard from the runners how beautiful and scenic the racecourse was, how cooperative everyone seemed to be, putting up with the traffic disruption for safety of the race, and cheering on the runners as they passed. We would also like to thank the businesses and organizations that helped support the race (too numerous to list here, but you will see many listed on the back of the race T-shirts and in the Rotary Phone book due out later this spring).

The main objective of Rotary is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotary volunteers build goodwill and peace, provide humanitarian service, and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations. The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self". Rotary clubs are non-religious, non-governmental, and open to every race, culture, and creed. Members represent a cross section of local business and professional leaders. The Cohasset Rotary Club meets on Monday evenings at the Light keepers Residence.

Brad Goodwin
Cohasset Road Race Director

Slides and lecture on Minot's Light

The Cohasset Historical Society spring lecture series continues the third Wednesday of April and May at the Historical Society headquarters in the Pratt Building, 100 South Main St.

The April 21 program will feature David Wadsworth's slides and lecture on "Minot's Light: One Hundred and Forty-Four Years of Service." Wadsworth calls on his vast knowledge of local history to recount the story of this 114-foot granite tower, which is often shrouded in salt spray, fog and mystery.

Leslie Silvia will discuss her mother's book, "Once Upon an Island" by Matilda Silvia, at the May 19 meeting. Peddocks Island, a 188-acre bit of land on the outskirts of Boston Harbor, was home to Matilda Silvia's family from 1904 to 2001. Her memoir of life on the island is rich in both local and family history.

All presentations will begin at 7:30. These lectures are open to the public and are free of charge. Light refreshment will be served and all are invited to attend.

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Peace forum spreads its anti-war message

Continues to conduct a vigil every Tuesday

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"Give peace a chance" continues to be the message of South Shore peace activists.

The South Shore Peace Forum held a vigil March 20 at the Hingham Rotary, coinciding with national demonstrations in New York and other cities on the one-year anniversary of the United States attack on Iraq.

This week also marks the second anniversary of the South Shore Peace Forum's Tuesday vigil from 11:30 a.m. to noon at Hingham Post Office.

"Standing up for peace — in weekly vigils and in observance of the first year of the war in Iraq — should be easy, almost a given," said Forum member Catha McSweeney. "But oddly, and sadly, it brings out anger and hate in some who apparently equate invasion, death, and destruction of others' countries as righteous and patriotic."

McSweeney was among the peace activists at Saturday's vigil.

"In its three-year history, the current administration has engineered three invasions — counting Haiti — swept aside opposing views at home and abroad, ignored evidence that doesn't fit its preconceived goals, produced a record federal deficit, and much more," she said. "I feel, simply, that there are better paths to follow."

The Forum was formed in the early 1990s when talk about a possible Gulf War broke out. The group was active throughout the conflict, hosting forums and vigils. The Forum was reactivated briefly in the late 1990s when the United States threatened to bomb Iraq and again as a means of praying for United States soldiers and Afghan citizens killed in Afghanistan.

"Two years ago we hoped for a non-violent solution to the Iraq crisis," said Shirley Brown, a Forum co-founder. "We believed in peaceful negotiations and had faith in the United Nation's approach to the threats Iraq posed. This is not to say we approved of Saddam Hussein or his acts of terror. Today, with our economy in a sorry state, drastic cuts in education and health care, people without jobs, ourselves and future generations saddled with paying for this unnecessary war, and people on both sides being wounded or killed, we are more than ever committed to our belief in a power that is greater than violence."

Each week at noon the bell at Old Ship Church tolls in remembrance of the many United States troops and Iraqi civilians who have been killed or wounded.



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Catha McSweeney, left, waves to cars as they pass by the Hingham Rotary, on the anniversary of the US invasion of Iraq last month. The South Shore Peace Forum, which continues to conduct weekly peace vigils in Hingham, organized the event.

Over the past two years, the group has sponsored a number of events, including a large informal discussion with Congressman William Delahunt on peace, security, and civil liberties and a forum on the implications of the Patriot Act at Hingham Public Library. Those events allowed for free discussion of ideas, providing an opportunity for those of differing opinions to exchange views.

The Rev. John Beuhrens, former president of the Unitarian Universalist Association, also spoke upon his return from an interfaith Christmas visit to Iraq. In addition, the Forum showed two films, one about the domestic impact of the Administration's handling of the Iraq crisis and the other about a family struggling with loss as a result of the attack on the World Trade Towers.

For the second year in a row, the Forum welcomed and fed Buddhist monks as they passed through Hingham on their walk across Massachusetts. This year's event is called "Walk for a New Spring." The monks hope to meet with mayors to share information about an international initiative called "Mayors for Peace," started by Mayor Akiba of Hiroshima calling for the abolition of all nuclear weapons.

Plans are underway for a forum this month focusing on veteran concerns — issues they face in Iraq and others they are facing upon their return from Afghanistan and Iraq.

"We invite people to join our vigil as we continue to witness for peace on Tuesday mornings," Brown said.

For more information about the South Shore Peace Forun, visit southshorepeace.org.

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CHS seniors are playing the college waiting game

Is stressful time for local teens

By Samantha Brown
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It's that time of year again when high school seniors make the daily frantic rush to the mailbox in search of college acceptance letters. In a town like Cohasset, where roughly 90 percent of seniors go on to a four-year college, there are a lot of students who have licked the stamps, put the applications in the mail and now, have nothing left to do but wait.

"A good number of our kids are stressed out right now," said high school guidance counselor Ed Leonard, adding with the growing trend to apply to school early, many students have heard back from colleges. However, early admission usually requires sending in applications in November or December, and it can be very stressful for students to not hear anything from a school until April. That, coupled with the increased number of students being put on wait-lists instead of being given a firm decision by a school, adds to the stress even further.

Leonard said in the past, students would typically apply to around four schools. Now that the Internet makes the application process much easier, as many schools accept standard blanket applications with the same essay question, students everywhere are applying to 10 schools on average. "They're nervous they're not going to find a place to go," said Leonard, adding because the amount of students going on to college has increased, as well as the number of applications each individual school receives, competition has become fierce.

"A good number of our kids are stressed out right now."
— Ed Leonard, guidance counselor

Leonard said he has called admissions offices to ask about particular a student and is generally told the student is a good candidate for being accepted into the school, but with so many applications, the school would rather wait and see what else comes in before making a decision. However, Leonard said because the national reply date for schools is May 1, and all deposits must be in at that time to secure a place in the class, every student will have a definite answer from all schools they were wait-listed for by mid-May. However, that exceeds the comfort level of many in Cohasset, as graduation is held June 5.

Essay writing

Because Cohasset sends so many students on to pursue their education, it has become primarily a college-prep school. Senior year is filled with that preparation and there is even time set aside for teaching college essay writing in English class.

"Kids talk about it a lot," Leonard said of the college acceptance process, and the talk is not limited to seniors. For the past few years, a "Wall of No Shame" has been started where students post their responses from colleges — wait-list replies are posted sideways and rejections are posted upside down, while acceptances are right side up — and it has drawn the attention of the younger students, which is a good thing. The earlier students begin thinking about what kinds of colleges they might like to attend the better, Leonard said.

Leonard recommends students, even as early as sophomore year, "Start a little hobby of visiting places." If ever in Boston, students can visit Northeastern University on Huntington Avenue and see if they could picture themselves going to a large school, taking the train instead of driving a car, and living life in the city. If a student goes skiing on vacation, that could provide the perfect opportunity to visit schools up north like St. Michael's College. "Colleges don't mind if you stop in and ask for a tour," Leonard said, adding sometimes it's even better to go exploring on your own. Finding out what the campus is like and what the people are like will allow students to determine whether they will feel comfortable attending the college.

In addition, underclassmen and their parents can benefit from attending a forum with panels of administrators from various colleges, hosted by the Social Service League. Representatives from an array of schools, which over the years have consisted of Massasoit Community College, Boston College, and Babson College give students the opportunity to ask questions about a wide variety of schools.

Leonard said while it's easy to tell students things will work out in the end, that doesn't necessarily take away the stress they feel, or ease the tough decision of which school is right for them. Leonard said one of the most important things a student can do when choosing a college is to revisit the campus. Because a first visit usually helps students decide whether they want to apply to attend, it is a very different experience than knowing they have been accepted and the school is a viable option. "Ask questions, ask the kids on campus, if you think you know what department you'd like to be on, ask them questions," said Leonard, which will hopefully help make the right decision.

"Most kids do end up in a place where they're happy," said Leonard, although college can be an adjustment at first. Typically, problems with a roommate or missing friends and family cause the most uneasiness. However, after the first month or so, Leonard said students tend to settle into their new surroundings. In those instances where a student decides transferring is the best choice, Leonard said that can be a positive experience as well. Sometimes, "If you do a good job freshman year, you'll have a better chance to get into your top choice school as a sophomore," he said.

Above all, Leonard said it is important for adults to remember that going off to college is a life changing experience. The more information students have, the better equipped they will be to make their decision, and the happier they will be with their choice. "It's a difficult time," Leonard said. "Whatever reassurance adults can give them is a good thing."

Rec. summer positions

Candidates, 18 years and over interested in working with children in the Cohasset Recreation Commission's summer, 7 week playground program for children 3 /12 to 12 years may call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109 for employment application forms.

Positions exist in the 3-1/2 to 5 year old, half day, (9 a.m. to noon,) program and the full-day, (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), program. Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with the children in groups/day camp settings.

Also, the Recreation Department is accepting applications for a youth tennis instructor. Youth tennis lessons are a 7 week program meeting hourly between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 28 through Aug. 12.

Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109 for more information and application forms.

Dog obedience classes to start

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy-Dog Training School.

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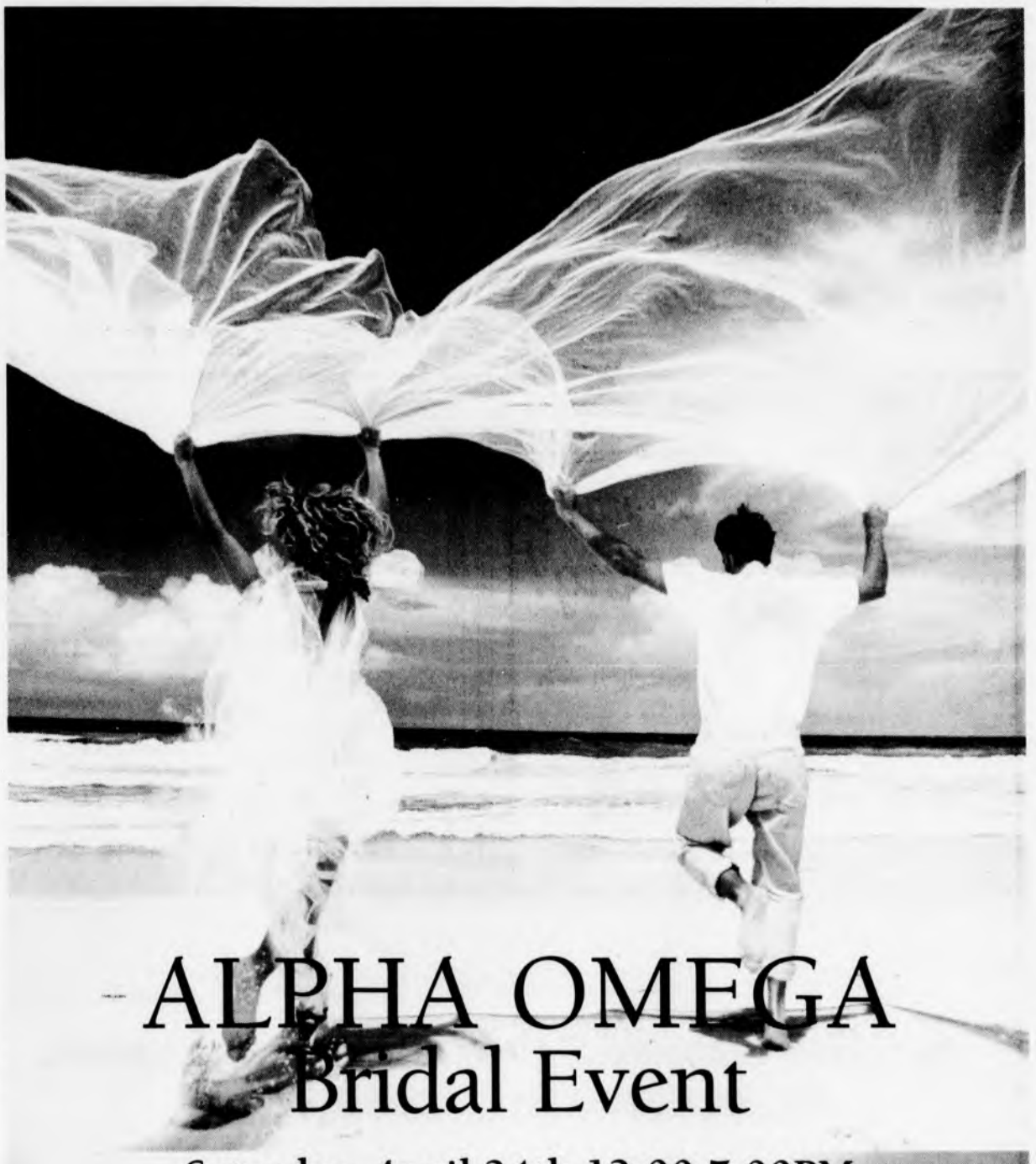
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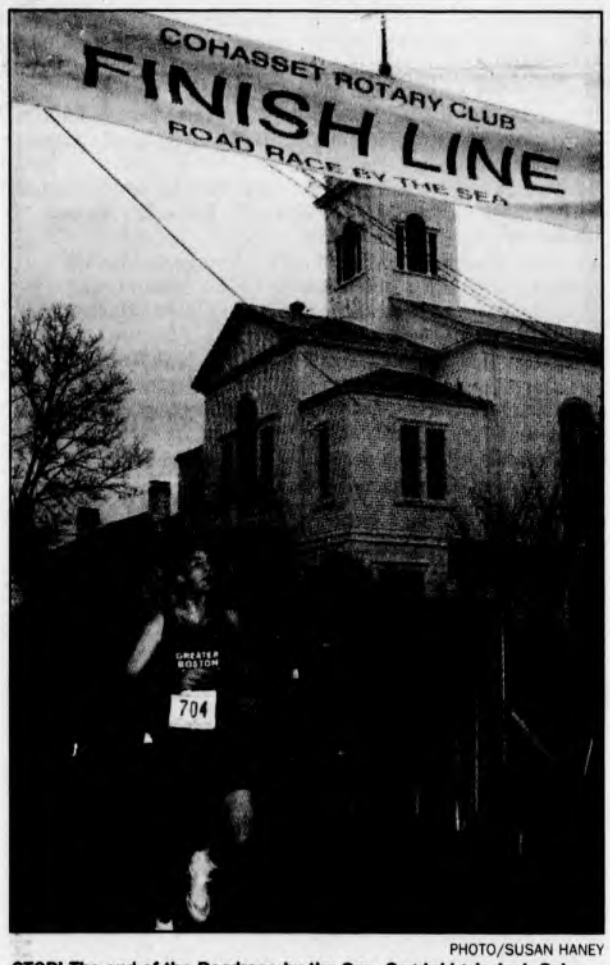
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GO! The start of the 28th annual Cohasset Roadrace by the Sea.



PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

STOP! The end of the Roadrace by the Sea. Cambridge's Josh Sohn was the first to finish the 10K course, doing so in a brisk 32:57.

One that got away

CHS lady laxers drop last second thriller in Sandwich, 7-6

By Mike Spellman
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It was one of those games in which you got that sense pretty quickly the team with the last shot would win.

Unfortunately, Sandwich got that last shot, and the members of the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team were left to wrestle with thoughts of what could have been on the long bus ride home from the Cape. Even more unfortunately, it was the only sporting event involving a CHS team over the past week that wasn't postponed, so it gets all the press.

"It was a tough one to lose, but the girls played well," said third year CHS coach Torin Sweeney, following the 7-6 season opening setback last Tuesday. "It was just one of those things."

What could have been would have been if the game had ended a mere 100 seconds sooner. With 1:40 to play, Cohasset junior Lauren Rizzoti scored to break a 5-5 tie, scooping up the rebound of an Ashley Faber shot near the top of the crease and beating the Sandwich goalie with a pretty high release that found twine just under the cross bar.

The Lady Skippers won the ensuing draw, but then got the ball slapped away and a Sandwich player wound up scooping it up and starting a rush that ended with Cohasset goalie Joanna Hamilton being beaten for the sixth time on the afternoon, this with 11:20 showing on the game clock.

The tie was broken 30 seconds later. After the hosts won the face-off, some good passing found an open cutter for a quick one-timer past the helpless Hamilton, making it a 7-6 game.

Cohasset won the ensuing draw and had some chances in the waning seconds, but they could not answer the host's late heroics.

"I thought Joanna played great," said coach Sweeney, making it clear he was absolving his sophomore netminder from

GIRLS LAX, PAGE 22

Race-by-the-Sea draws near record field

By Mike Spellman
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Better than anticipated weather helped pull out one of the largest runner totals in recent years to Sunday's 28th annual Cohasset Roadrace-by-the-Sea.

A total of 870 runners registered for the race, with 671 finishing the challenging and picturesque 10K course that winds . and first year organizer Brad Goodwin figures that count might have reached four figures had the weather been as nice elsewhere in the Greater as it turned out to be in Cohasset by the 1 p.m. start.

"Unfortunately, from what I understand, the weather was not as nice in the Boston area and in other areas as it was around here," said Goodwin. "We actually had a pretty good number of pre-registered runners not show up, which is a shame, because it turned out to be a near perfect day for running."

This assertion was ably supported by the top notch times turned in.

The winning time of 32:57 posted by Josh Shon, of Cambridge, was nearly 1:30 better than last year's best time of 34:24 run by Brookline's Kip Wells. Shon, part of a large contingent from the Boston Running Club, raced to the finish line five seconds ahead of second place finisher Brendon Lynch, of Cambridge. Wells, looking to defend his 2003 title, actually ran a faster time this year (33:42), but that earned him a third place trophy this time around.

The top 10 was rounded by Gregory Putnam of Reading (34:15), Mel Gonsalves of Avon (34:38), Paul Hughes of Whitman (34:45), Robert Chasen of Weymouth (35:14), JJ Prior of Weymouth (35:56), Alec Petro of Duxbury (36:03) and Cohasset's own J. Patrick Kennedy (36:05).

"This was definitely a very competitive race at the top," con-

ROAD RACE, PAGE 21

All-Scholastic girls basketball team

Cohasset's Buckley and Anderson named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

The competition for spots was heated, with 10 of our 12 teams ringing up winning records and qualifying for the state tourney. Scituate had a playoff game for the first time in eight years, but that was just half as good a story as the one at Cohasset High, literally. This was the first postseason trip for the Lady Skippers in 16 years, as local coaching legend John Levangie came out of retirement to direct the smallest school in our readership to a 14-6 regular season.

The highlight of actual postseason play, though, was Weymouth advancing all the way to the Div. 1 South Sectional semifinals.

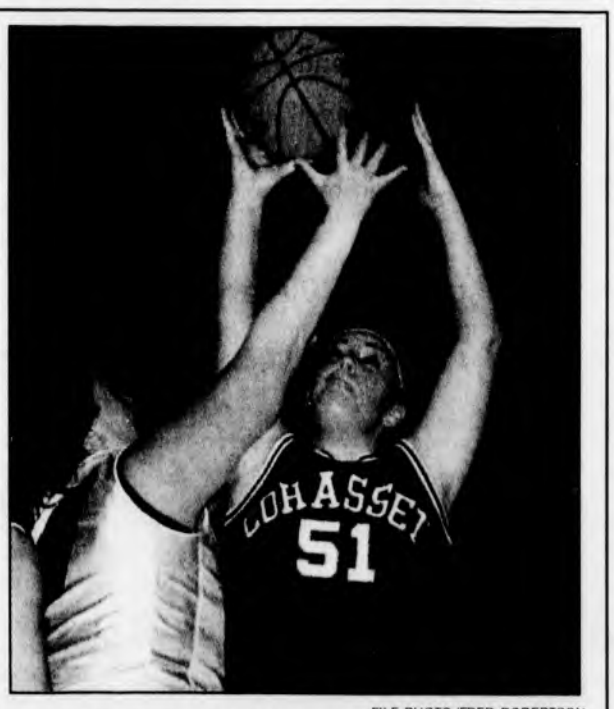
Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 20, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top girls basketball players in Marinerland for this honor:

Casey Anderson - Junior
Power Forward - Cohasset

A superior athlete who really busted out this season to lead the South Shore League in scoring (16.5 per game)... was key contributor in Lady Skippers first winning season (14-6) and

ALL STARS, PAGE 18



FILE PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Boy, did Casey Anderson (#51) explode on the scene this winter. The CHS junior finished third in the South Shore League scoring race (12.9 ppg) and earned league all-star honors while leading the Lady Skippers to their first playoff berth in 16 years. Yeah, she was an easy choice for All-Scholastic honors.

Thanks for nothing, Mother Nature

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN



This space you're looking at here: it was supposed to contain reports of athletic achievements in track, baseball, softball, tennis or lacrosse. Ditto for a lot of the other spaces on this page and throughout the section.

Regular readers may also detect something familiar about a lot of the photos you're looking at here. Yeah, that's because you have seen them before in these pages. That's what happens when every sporting event you put in a photo request for gets washed out.

Thanks for nothing, Ma Nature.

So, instead of going to a baseball game Monday and a lacrosse game Tuesday and filling both those nights with phone calls to assorted coaches, this enterprising sports guy is being forced to look outside his normal purview.

Not that I'm complaining, mind you. If I did that, I'd no doubt get slapped by a local Athletic Director or 10. They're the ones, after all, whom good old Ma is really wearing down.

Take generally good-natured Cohasset High AD Ron Ford, for example. He's not so good-natured these days. He has eight spring athletic programs. Combined, the eight varsity teams have played just one game through this past Tuesday. He's postponed 18 sporting events, five of those being the second attempts at games.

"You're complaining to me?" Ron remarked with a humorless chuckle earlier this week when this typist, upon hearing about a

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Cohasset's Buckley and Anderson named among area's elite

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Casey Anderson

postseason qualification in 16 years...5-foot-11 power forward is strong inside and has a deadly touch on her jumper inside 12 feet...also led team in rebounding...credits CHS assistant coach Dave Gianferante with "tweaking" her shot....lauded as a relentless worker...South Shore League all-star...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...also a top soccer and softball player at CHS...led state tourney qualifying soccer team in goals scored this past fall...captains the softball season this spring and has been named a soccer captain for next fall... involved in Appalachia Service Project...Class Treasurer since her freshman year...plays AAU basketball for Coastal Pops out of Marshfield...a lifeguard at the Cohasset Swim Center and a coach of the Cohasset Swim Team in the summer...hopes to play Div. 3 college basketball and has taken part in several recruiting camps...leaning toward studying nursing in college...sister of former CHS football, hockey and lacrosse all-star Tom Anderson, a 2003 graduate now playing college lacrosse... Cohasset Coach John Levangie: "Casey's work ethic and strong all-around game really set her apart. She's very tough to stop in close. She came to play every single game, every single practice."

Jenn Buckley
Senior (Capt.)
Shooting Guard - Cohasset



Jenn Buckley

Jenn is now a five-time Mariner All-Scholastic, drawing the honor twice previously in both soccer and track...as this suggests, she is as superb overall athlete, and this year that translated to big things on the hardwood...played a key role in helping the Lady Skippers to their first winning season (14-6) and postseason qualification in 16 years...was team leader in assists and 3-point shooting...averaged 9.5 points per game...South Shore League all-star...lauded for clutch play and leadership qualities...hit big 3-pointer at buzzer to lift Cohasset to key win over SSL rival Abington late in season...5-foot-5 athlete swung between both guard spots this season...an excellent defender...involved in chorus at CHS...plans to major in Nursing at Northeastern University...collegiate athletics are not a priority, but will remain active intramurally...Cohasset coach John Levangie: "Jenn is like another coach on the floor. She was our leader both on and off the floor, and just a very intelligent player. She's also a great athlete. She was at her best when the game was on the line."

Terri Duffy - Sophomore
Forward - Marshfield

Had a breakout season for the Lady Rams, finishing the year as the team's leading scorer with 14.1 ppg...The Old Colony League All-star was also the team's leading rebounder with 11 per game...Her tough post play was essential to the Lady Rams' stellar season, in which they finished with a 16-5 record and fourth seed in the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney...It was the team's first trip to the postseason in several years...Duffy scored 22 points in a victory over Taunton...The squad went 10-4 in the OCL, good for third...Just a sophomore, Duffy still has a lot of playing to do at MHS.

Lauren Jentzen -
Senior (Capt.)
Point-guard - Marshfield

A solid all-around player for the Lady Rams this season, Jentzen averaged 9.2 points per game, second on the team, but led Marshfield in assists and steals...Speed was this guard's greatest asset, as her quickness made it nearly impossible for opposing defenses to press...Deadly on a fast break, Jentzen gave Marshfield the ability to turn the tide in a game...The result was a 16-5 season, No. 4 seed in the Div. 1 South Sectional, and 10-4 finish in the OCL...Perhaps better known for her soccer skills, Jentzen helped lead Marshfield to the Div. 1 South finals last fall...She has accepted a scholarship to play soccer at Div. 1 Syracuse University. Marshfield coach Rick Fredericks: "She was instrumental in just about everything that took place this season. She was an inspiration to the team both on and off the court. She will truly be missed."

Kendall Carlson - Junior
Forward - Weymouth

Was the team's leading scorer this season with an average 11.5 points per game and was among the leading rebounders on the team...The two-time Bay State Carey All-star was an offensive threat from all over and hit the 20-point plateau in three games this season...An aggressive and smart post player, Carlson helped lead the Lady Wildcats to a 12-8 regular season record and run to the semifinals of the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney before falling to top seed and then-unbeaten Dartmouth...Scored 20 points against Boston English in the opening round...Just a junior, Carlson has already been elected captain for next season. Weymouth coach Steve Shoff: "Kendall is definitely one of our leaders on offense. She can play forward or guard and is equally effective at both positions. She had a great tournament."

Colleen Sinewick -
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Weymouth

Praised by her coach for being one of the best leaders ever at Weymouth, Sinewick's influence on and off the court proved invaluable this season...The Bay State Carey All-star was second on the team in scoring with an average 8.5 points per game and had about 9 rebounds per game...Quickness was one of her greatest assets as was her ability to get to the foul line...The role she played this season was instrumental in the Lady Wildcats' (14-9) run in the Div. 1 South Sectional, in which they reached the semifinals...Also on the swim team and National Honor Society, Sinewick plans to attend college in the fall. Weymouth coach Steve Shoff: "Colleen was an excellent leader and was on the court at all times. She's quick off the dribble and defensively guarded the opposing team's best player."

Ashley Mariani -
Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Rockland

Deadly from just about everywhere on the court, this Patriot League All-star led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring with an average 12.5 points per game...Was most deadly from behind the arch, where she drained a team-leading 41 three-pointers this season...Equally effective defensively, Mariani was among the team leaders in steals and her quickness made it hard for opposing defenses to press...Her performance this season helped Rockland to a 13-7 overall mark and berth in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney...The Lady Bulldogs went 9-3 in the PL for second place. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "Ashley really stepped up this season, particularly on defense. Offensively, she ran the break well and is just a pure shooter. We call her 'the scorer'."



FILE PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

CHS senior captain Jenn Buckley (right) was vital to the Lady Skippers cause both on and off the hardwood.

Shawna Carroll - Sophomore
Center - Rockland

A starting center the last two seasons, Carroll has continued to develop as one of the Patriot League's better post players since starting her varsity career in the eighth grade...Aggressive and already playing well beyond her years, Carroll was second on the Rockland (13-7, 9-3 PL) team in scoring with an average 10 points per game this season, good for second on the team...A two-time PL All-star, Carroll led the team in rebounding with an average 7 boards per game...Though primarily used as a center, Carroll can play from just about anywhere...A workhorse under the basket, Carroll has the ability to create turnovers, particularly by picking off passes to the inside...Her season was cut short down the stretch as she sustained a knee injury and could not play in the postseason...Still has two more seasons at RHS. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "Each year Shawna has improved, but this year she really blossomed. She plays with a lot more confidence and really came into her own. The league is really taking notice of her too."

Hollie O'Bryan -
Senior (Capt.)
Point-guard - Rockland

Had some big shoes to fill at the point-guard position this season and did a respectable job...A three-year starter for the Lady Bulldogs, O'Bryan sacrificed her own offensive stats to run the floor and distribute the ball to others, making her among the leaders in assists...A talented three-point shooter, O'Bryan's solid ball handling skills and speed were assets at the new position...Defensively, O'Bryan always drew the role of guarding the opposing team's best player...Her efforts helped the Lady Bulldogs finish second in the Patriot League (9-3) and make the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney (13-7)...Also captain on the softball squad and excellent student at RHS, O'Bryan plans to attend a Div. 1 college in the fall. Rockland coach Mal Lannin-Cotton: "It was a new position for her and she provided the kind of unselfish contribution that every team needs. She was the real leader on the team."

Katie Boutilier - Senior
Center - Hingham

A two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, Boutilier led the Hingham team in scoring for the second-straight season with an average 14 points per game, which was second in the Patriot League...Surrounded by a young and inexperienced team, Boutilier's confidence as a three-year starter at center was unwavering...Also the team's leading offensive rebounder, Boutilier averaged 7 per game...A solid free throw shooter, Boutilier was named a unanimous PL All-star for the second-straight year...Her post play helped the rebuilding Harborwomen to an 11-8 overall record and berth in the Div. 2 South Sectional... Boutilier plays year round and plans to attend either NYU or Rochester in the fall. Hingham coach Dave Hickey: "She's probably one of the best low-post players in the league. She's very strong offensively and knows how to draw fouls."

Heather Boles -
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Hingham

Perhaps one of the most unheralded players on our team, Boles' leadership and gritty play made her impossible to pass up...This Patriot League All-star played big in several games this season, seemingly always making the tough shot or pulling down the big rebound when needed most...Boles averaged 9.8 points per game, second on her team, and led the team in steals and rebounds...Also had a knack for knowing when to give up the ball, finishing second assists...Averaged 15 points a game in the Harborwomen's (11-8, 7-5 PL) two meetings with league champs Duxbury, and in wins over Div. 1 Quincy and Bridgewater-Raynham, a South finalist...Also a soccer player at HHS, Boles plans to attend Boston University in the fall. Hingham coach Dave Hickey: "Heather was a quiet leader who allowed us to do a lot of things. She had a knack for performing at her best against the best competition."

Erin Curran - Junior
Point-guard - Abington

This two-time All-Scholastic is simply a fearless player...Always one of the smallest players on the court, Curran also always played well beyond her height...Was the team's leading scorer for the second year in a row, averaging 16 points per game...A primetime player and two-time South Shore League All-star could score from anywhere, but proved most deadly from behind the arch where she consistently hit multiple treys in a game...Her confident play helped the lead the Green Wave to an 8-4 record in the SSL, good for second, and 9-10 overall finish...Just a junior, Curran will return to captain the team next year. Abington coach Christi Harris: "Erin is always a leader out there," said Harris. "She is the best shooter on the team and displays excellent control."

Lindsey Arria - Junior
Point-guard - Hanover

Quickly becoming one of the most recognizable athletes on the South Shore, Arria is making her third appearance on our All-Scholastic team...The amazingly athletic point-guard led the team in scoring this season with an average 12.2 ppg, while adding 5.4 assists per game, and 9.8 rebounds per game...Arria also scored double-doubles in six games this season...Tallied 10 assists in the Patriot League All-star game, her third in as many years...Also a standout soccer and softball player at HHS, Arria will captain the team next winter. Hanover coach Kate Delaney: "The fact that she was named an All-star as a freshman player speaks for itself. She's a determined player and is just an outstanding athlete."

Stephanie Geehan
Sophomore
Power Forward - Braintree

Geehan makes her second all-scholastic team in as many years of high school basketball...the sophomore was once again a rebounding and defensive force for a very good Lady Wamps squad (16-8 overall, 11-5 in BSC)...averaged a team best 10.6 points per game on a very well balanced team to go along with team best totals in steals (4 pg), blocks (5 pg) and rebounds (10 pg)...court sense sets Stephanie apart...puts her long arms, 6-foot frame and excellent hoop sense to good use...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...a good student who hopes to play college basketball...plays basketball year round as a member of the AAU Bay State Magic team...also a standout volleyball player for the BHS varsity team the last two falls...brother Jonathan Geehan, a 2003 BHS graduate, was named a Mariner All-Scholastic for golf in 2002...Braintree coach Nick Krot: "Stephanie is just one of those girls who has a nose for the ball. She has terrific timing and instincts when it comes to stealing the ball or blocking shots. She still needs to get a little stronger physically, but she's just a sophomore."

Katie Castignetti
Senior (Capt.)
Point Guard - Braintree

Katie earns her second straight All-Scholastic honoring after playing a key role in directing the Lady Wamps to an excellent 16-8 season (11-5 in Bay State Conference play)...averaged a team best four assists per game as she took over the point guard position in her senior year...a very versatile players, as witnessed by the fact she played a different position in each of her three years with the varsity team, playing small forward as a sophomore and starting at shooting guard last year...averaged 9.3 points per game on a very well balanced team... BSC first team all-star after being a second teamer last season...best offensive output this season was a 22-point outburst against BSC arch-rival Weymouth...a very good defender who stepped it up even more in that area this season...won Braintree Youth Basketball Award this season...lauded for leadership ability both on and of court...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...played varsity soccer and softball at BHS in her freshman year, but decided to concentrate on basketball after that...plays AAU basketball year round with the Bay State Magic...an honors student with a 3.2 GPA...ranked 49th in her class of 331...has made honor roll for 14 consecutive term...Spanish National Honor Society...a four year member of student government...DARE High School Role Model...Braintree coach Nick Krot: "Katie was a very good team leader. She's very tough, mentally and physically. She was probably my best defensive player and a great decision-maker. The kids really leaned on her for that."

Kate Carlezon - Sophomore
Power Forward - Scituate

Boy, did she explode on the scene...a solid contributor as a freshman, Kate busted out as a sophomore to win the Patriot League scoring title (16.7 ppg) and earn league MVP honors to boot...was big part of Lady Sailors first winning season (12-8) and postseason qualification in eight years...averaged 12.2 rebounds per game, blocked 59 shots on the season and shot 49 percent from the floor...season highlights included 22 point-19 rebound effort in first win over PL rival Rockland in over a decade) and a career best 27 point, 18 rebound game versus Notre Dame to end the regular season... Patriot league all-star...also a standout soccer player at SHS...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...hopes to play college basketball...Honor Roll student...plays AAU basketball in the spring and summer for the Coastal Pops...previously played Club Soccer for the South Coast Scorpions... Scituate coach Jessica Blanchard: "I sometimes forget that Kate is only a sophomore. She is such a presence inside and so mature as a player. I love her competitiveness. She is not afraid to go inside and mix it up. She hates to lose and that drive to win kept us in a lot of games this season. She was so honored to be named Patriot League Player of the Year, but humble. She deserves every ounce of success she achieved this season because of her hard work on and off the court."

Casey Devane - Junior
Shooting Guard - Scituate

Katelyn Stravinsky Freshman
Forward - Norwell

Jessie MacNeil
Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Holbrook

Kelli Reardon
Senior (Capt.)
Point guard - Silver Lake

Honorable Mention:

Meghan Farrell - Sr. (Capt.) - Center - Abington

Meagan Cook- Soph.- Forward- Braintree

Ashley Faber- Sr. - Forward- Cohasset

Leah Marani - Sr. (Capt.) - Guard - Hanover

Abby Harris - Fr. - Forward - Hingham

Kristina Lowe- Jr.- Forward- Holbrook

Lauren Rouse- Sr.- Guard- Holbrook

Krista Gnong - Sr. - Forward - Marshfield

Katie Helm- Sr. (Capt.)- Forward- Norwell

Holly Guastalli- Soph. - Guard- Norwell

Jess Mellen - Soph. - Center - Rockland

Delia Teehan- Sr.- Center- Scituate

Stephanie Barry- Jr.- Guard- Silver Lake

Delia Casey- Sr. (Capt.) - Forward- Silver Lake

Lindsay Hay - Soph. - Forward - Weymouth

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Cohasset Boys Take 2004 Indoor Soccer Championship

The Cohasset Soccer Club won the South Shore Sports Center Boys Under 10 open division championship Saturday morning by handing number one Hingham a 3-2 defeat.

Cohasset entered the division playoffs Friday night in third place with a season record of five wins, one loss and one tie. Matched against the second place Weymouth Wildcats, Cohasset trounced their opponent with an impressive 9-1 ,victory. One week earlier, this same Weymouth team had stunned Cohasset with its only season loss.

Strong defensive support by all members of the team allowed goalkeepers to minimize the opponent's scoring opportunities and to maintain constant offensive pressure. Good job boys and many thanks to practice Coach Joe Coggins and parents for their support. See you outdoors.

Led by Coaches Alex Adkins, Ed Fontaine and Peter Timothy, the Cohasset Boys Under 10 Team is: Jonah Adkins, Nicholas Brown, Ben Curley, Christian Davis, Andrew Fontaine, Hunter Forrer, Taylor Golz, Brendan Kearney, Robbie Mahoney, Morgan McCarthy, Connor O'Brien, Tucker Oddleifson and Jamie Timothy.

Youth girls roll in openers against Quincy

Practice in the freezing rain on the blacktop at the Deer Hill School paid dividends for the Cohasset youth girls lacrosse teams, as they blasted teams from Quincy on soggy fields on April 4.

The week's rains had closed the fields, and blacktop practices don't allow for scrimmaging, so when the games were moved to Quincy, it meant that the Cohasset teams would play their first opponents without having been able to scrimmage full field.

Still, the increased stick work on the hard surface paid off, as it translated into dominant performances all day long.

The Cohasset Blue 13-U team - made up of fifth and sixth graders - opened the day by running up a huge early lead on Quincy, which had canceled its practices because of the rains.

Leigh Collins scored the first goal of the season less than a minute into the game. Maddy Altholtz scored a few moments later, followed by Collins again and by birthday girl Olivia Sullivan. Isabelle Franklin and Amy Meikleham stretched the lead to 6-0, before Meikleham fed Sophie Bertolami for a score. Bertolami then rang up an unassisted goal to close out the first-half scoring at 8-0.

For Collins, the two goals were one more than she scored in all of 2003.

Chelsea Silvia opened the second half with her first career points, feeding Franklin for one score then netting an unassisted goal. Anna Michalowski, Hannah Burgess and Kathleen Kelly all scored their first goals, sandwiched around tallies from Altholtz and Meikleham, as the game ended in a 15-0 whitewash. Katy Baker and Lindsey Davis picked up assists in the second half.

As good as the offense was, the defense was equally impressive, with Megan Richardson and Mimi Mahoney repeatedly killing off any Quincy threat, helped by Cally Altholtz and Eliza Kinnealey.

The defense was so dominant that Quincy managed just three shots on goal, all of which were stopped by the Jaffe sisters, Thomson stopping the only shot she faced in the first half, with Whitney racking up two saves while playing in the mud during the second half.

It was more of the same when the 15-U team (seventh and eighth graders) took to the sloppy field for the day's second game.

Gabriella Flibotte opened the scoring, before Jenny Cahill converted a cross-crease feed from McKenna Teague to make it 2-0. From there, Cohasset was never headed. The Quincy team did put up more of a fight and managed a number of early shots, but the Cohasset defense of Lindsay Hill, Rebecca Evans, Amanda Masotta, Natalie Hunt and Liz Tetrault - backed by Thomson Jaffe in the cage - repeatedly turned Quincy scoring threats into fast breaks going the other way.

Teague, Flibotte and Katelyn Ryan converted three of those chances to give Cohasset a 5-0 lead at the half-time break.

The second half of the game saw the Cohasset offense bog down in the muddy end of the field, although it still managed to outscore Quincy 3-2 on the strength of two more goals from Flibotte and a solo dash from Caitlin Mahoney. Mahoney, Flibotte and Kaley Madge also picked up assists on the afternoon.

Thomson Jaffe finished the game with six saves.

The Cohasset White 13-U team will make up its postponed opener against Hingham on Saturday, April 10, while the 15-U team will next take the field on April 18, when it is joined by the sixth-grade players for a road trip to Martha's Vineyard.

For more information on Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, go to cohassetlacrosse.com.

CHS weekly sports schedule

V/JV Baseball

7 @ Norwell
8 Hull -Milliken
12 Abington-Milliken
13 Carver-Milliken
15 V @ SS Christian
All games at 3:30 p.m.

Boys Tennis

7 @ Norwell
12 Abington
13 Carver
All matches at 3:30 p.m.

V/JV Softball

7 Norwell
8 @ Hull
12 @ Abington
13 @ Carver
15 V/ S.S. Christian-Freedom
All games at 3:30 p.m.

Girls Tennis

7 Norwell
12 @ Abington
13 @ Carver
15 Ursuline 4 p.m.
Milliken
All matches at 3:30 p.m.

V/JV Boys Lacrosse

7 V/J M. Vineyard
8 V @ Falmouth 4 p.m.
13 JV Duxbury 3:30 p.m.
Milliken
13 V Duxbury 5 p.m.
Alumni

V/JV Girls Lacrosse

7 @ Norwell
8 V @ Dartmouth 4 p.m.
12 V @ Hanover 3:30 p.m.
13 V Martha's Vine.3:15 p.m.
Alumni
15 V @ New Bed. 4 p.m.
15 JV @ New Bed.5:30 p.m.

Boys/Girls Track

April
8 Norwell
12 @ Carver@ Alumni
All games at 3:30 p.m.

Thanks for nothing, Mother Nature

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whole new batch of postponements, wondered openly about how this week's Mariner sports sections would be filled.

Compounding difficulties this week for all of us were the Passover observances. This simply piled on to the problems created by poor drainage. After all, water doesn't move all that swiftly when the temperatures keep falling below freezing.

The concern for causing real harm to fields is a huge issue right now. It will take many more days like sunny Tuesday before area ADs will again start sleeping peacefully through the night.

Well, Ron and Bill and Frank and Kathleen and Jim and Brian and Lou and Franny and Bill and Bob and Jeff and Fish: I guess this is why you get the modest salary bump.

Fortunately, there is lots going on in the sports world these days outside my normal purview:

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So, are folks going to panic mode a bit too quickly on Pedro? Perhaps a bit. Yeah, there are some troublesome signs, but also bear in mind his so so April's of years past. Given his well-documented shoulder concerns, Pedro does not do a lot of throwing in the off season. Thus, he comes into camp behind the majority of his peers. He concentrates on mechanics in location in the preseason, and that makes him somewhat predictable at times. He also will not cut loose in a game that does not count. The 2001 all-star game taught him that much.

In case you haven't noticed, the days of the consistent 95-plus mile per hour heater are long gone. He saves those for special moments in September and October. He simply will not put those kinds of demands on his arm any more. Why? Because he wants to pitch effectively for many more years.

And that's something Pedro may well be able to do. Over the past two seasons, Pedro has reinvented himself. He has gone from a premier power pitcher to a premier pitcher's pitcher. He has gone from being the master of blowing batters away with a variety of blazers to simply outsmarting them with varied great stuff. The numbers he posted last September show he can still put up numbers with anyone…and I mean anyone.

If he's still getting slapped around in late May, then I start to worry.

Hey, at worst, he's the best number three starter in the AL.

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That said, I love the fact Theo Epstein has not signed any of his big five free agents to be (Pedro, Nomar, Derek Lowe, Jason Varitek, David Ortiz) to extensions, and not just because it should force them to push that much harder coming into a contract year.

There are some not so small question marks hanging over the two guys who are demanding the biggest ticket, Nomar and Pedro. If the Sox singed them to what they wanted right now, they might not have enough for any of the other three. And any one of those no signs could come back to haunt Theo and company for many years to come.

There are many baseball purists who argue Varitek was the MVP of last year's team. Not only is he a sensational defensive catcher and handler of pitchers, but he is at his best at the plate in pressure situations. Those are all attributes that are almost impossible to over rate.

Look what Lowe did in 2002 and down the stretch in '03. Outside of Pedro, Schilling, the Big Unit and a handful of others, that's been about as good as it's gotten in the Majors over the last few years. He's 30-years old and has displayed a very durable arm.

As for Ortiz: was last year an aberration of signs of things to come? Know this: there are serious baseball people who believe the latter is the greater probability. Big Dave had stretches where he was healthy in Minnesota in '01 and '02 where he looked to be on the verge of breaking out just like he did last year. The problem was he was unable to stay healthy for long stretches those two seasons, and that's why Theo Epstein was able to get him for such a discount last spring. If you're Theo, and Ortiz puts up numbers this season comparable to the ones he did last year, do you want to be in a situation where you're handcuffed financially?

If Pedro or Nomar have disappointing seasons, Theo may well be able to sign one or both for much shorter cash than the agents are bandying about at the moment. It also seems a worthwhile gamble to sit back and wait to see how much more the free agent market "adjusts."

And if the Sox re-sign neither Nomar nor Pedro, they'll have all that money at their disposal. This ownership has convinced this longtime fan they'll spend it well.

The bottom line, as I see it, Sox management is holding most of the cards on this front.

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Some might accuse me of not being a "true Celtics fan," but I don't want to see the green in the playoffs this year. Sure, it'd be nice to get Ricky Davis, Jiri Welsch and Marcus Banks some playoff experience. Even the expected orie and done would likely be somewhat beneficial to these young, improving players who appear to be a big part of the C's long term plans. But this team needs a lot more talent than it has right now, and the easiest way to procure that is via the draft lottery. Sorry, but I just can't get the visions of Emeka Okafor in green outta my head. Of course, that'd be a pretty long shot even if the Cavs did overtake the C's for the final playoff spot—something else that seems pretty unlikely to happen. Oh well.

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On to cheerier matters, the Bruins are absolutely for real. With or without Joe Thornton, the B's seem pretty well equipped to handle the Canadiens in the first round, especially with the way Sergei Samsonov and Travis Green have been picking it up down the stretch.

I've been as critical as most anyone of Bruins management the last few years, but I can do nothing but cheer the trade deadline acquisitions of Michael Nylander and Sergei Gonchar. These are exactly the types of players the Bruins needed to add to the mix—a creative second line center and a defenseman who can QB the power play and carry the puck—to become legitimate contenders.

The black and gold can now trot out two legitimate big time scoring lines, a very good multipurpose third line and a strong true checking line, as well as a big physical blueline corps and a goalie who's capable of carrying his team for stretches, if it comes to that.

Honestly, I can't remember ever feeling this good about a Bruins team heading into the playoffs. Those overachieving teams that went to the Cup Finals in'86 and '88 were great to watch, but we knew even before the playoffs started they were, at best, sacrificial lambs for those incredible Oilers teams of Gretzky, Messier, Coffey, Fuhr, et al.

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In Bill we trust and all but, crimminy, I have a tough time getting past the defection of Ted Washington.

Sure, I believe (like most, as near as I can tell) that Belichick's system is the number one star of this two time Super Bowl champion team, but isn't there anyone worth paying super star bucks for?

Pats management believes in spreading the wealth both on and of the field. The actual football systems on both sides of the lien of scrimmage seem to prevent players from putting up superstar-type numbers. Rather, many players wind up with very respectable numbers.

It is therefore not surprising to find that, while the Pats top 10 or so players make less money than their counterparts with the majority of other teams, New England's players in the teens and 20s on the team pay scale make, on average, a good deal more than their counterparts.

So, the Patriots have a strong middle class, otherwise known as depth. Some might argue that, above any other single factor, is at the heart of their success. I wouldn't necessarily argue. I just believe there are exceptions to every rule, and I fear Ted Washington might have been one of those.

Oh, and while I'm on the Pats, is there anyone out there who doesn't believe Ty Law's crying about mistreatment was anything more than a desperate attempt to force the Pats to trade him and give him a shot at a Champ Bailey type signing bonus? The Pats have him sewn up for two more years on a deal that, by the way, still makes him one of the highest paid corners in the game. He has nothing to cry about. Sure, it's understandable that he'd want to cash in on what was quite likely his last "great season," but he's already one of the richest men in the game. Enough's enough already.

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The "Hey Parents, give it a rest" column I submitted a few weeks back struck a much more resonant chord than I ever imagined. The calls, e-mails and comments continue to spill in.

Most of the feedback, I'm happy to say, has been positive. Of course, that's not surprising, considering the majority of folks I've heard from are coaches. But there have also been quite a few parents in there and even a couple of local student-athletes.

Based on this response, and some of the things I've since heard, the level of parental meddling and negativity may actually be worse out there than I suspected when I threw that piece together. All's I can say to that is Yikes!

At least there have been a half dozen parents or so who've called or e-mailed to let me know that column has led them to re-examine their actions at games. Each time I heard or read that, it made my day.

Hey, it's a start…even if only one of them truly meant it.

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I was so desperate for things to cover this week, I even looked into covering a Tom Cuddihy horseback riding competition. Unfortunately, no one seemed quite certain when and where the event was taking place.

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Swinging into action

CHS softball team finally gets going after series of postponements

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

April showers have forced the postponement of the first three games for the Cohasset High varsity softball team. The wet weather, however, failed to dampen team spirits.

While waiting for the field to dry out, Coach Deb Bostwick wasted no time in assigning extra practice drills including running stairs and hitting.

"The girls took this opportunity as a chance to polish off their skills and to condition," stated Coach Bostwick. "With access to the high school gym and fitness center, the girls' skills are constantly improving."

The Skippers non-league season opener against Holbrook will reschedule to April 30th. Last year, the Skippers lost this encounter.

The rainy weather also forced Monday's game against the Mashpee Falcons to a later date. Cohasset last year came up short against this team. However, the Skippers stand a better chance against the Falcons in 2004.

Centerfielder Cecelia Chapman expressed strong optimism.

"If we had pitchers like Virginia Spofford, Katie James, and Christina Pinkus last year, we may have been able to overpower the Falcons," she observed.

Tuesday's scheduled game against Norwell became the third April postponement. The Skippers feel good about this showdown.

Claimed Captain Casey Anderson: "We fall short in terms of experience compared to Norwell. Yet, we can and will beat them."

This year, Coach Bostwick wants her starting lineup to set the tone for the Skippers early in the games. Christina Pinkus, Caitlin Gontarz, and captains Danielle Pinkus and Rachael Doyle will run the infield.

Caitlin Condon, Cecelia Chapman, and Melissa Crowley-Buck will watch for the long balls in left, center and right. Virginia Spofford, Christina Pinkus, and Katie James will step up to the mound. Captain Casey Anderson will catch for the Skippers.

Bostwick also feels this year's team has a very positive attitude and a low-stress atmosphere. The absence of cliques also helps to keep morale very positive.

Today, the Skippers traveled to Hull for their first game of the year. Next week will certainly test the team's strength with games against Carver and defending champs Abington.



The Cohasset sixth grade girls travelling team is OCL champs.

COASTAL STARS YOUTH HOCKEY

Mite C2

In what was the first road trip journey for the majority of the Coastal Stars- Mite C "IceDawgs", the team rose to the occasion and emerged as the champions! Over 30 family members and friends joined the team to make the voyage to Martha's Vineyard where "The Dawgs" posted 3 shutouts and then overcame a 2-0 deficit in the tournament's championship game to win 6-2 and take the tournament. Wins over the MV Terriers 5-0, South Shore Seahawks 3-0, and Braintree 7-0 all led to the Sunday morning championship win. While every member of the team contributed to the success, this tournament brought to light the real purpose of youth sports: Teamwork, Sportsmanship, and Fun! The boys were gentlemen and represented the Coastal Stars organization well.

Squirt C3

The Squirt C3 team kicked off the Yankee Conference playoffs with a thrilling 6-5 come from behind victory over Plymouth. After falling behind 2-0 to start the game, Ally Ryan got the Stars on the board with a thrilling end to end rush, culminating with a backhand shot over the goalies right shoulder. Moments later Mike Timcoe tied the score with hard seeing-eye wrist shot from the point that found its way into the net. After giving up the lead again to Plymouth, Johnny Sinkins fired one in from the right post that caromed off the goalies shoulder to tie it up at 3-3. Plymouth refused to back down and again took the lead as their player #6 scored his fourth goal of the game. Just when the chip were down, Mike Mascuilli did his best Emeril impression and kicked it up a notch. With all Stars forwards applying offensive pressure, Mascuilli swooped on the puck behind the Plymouth net and tucked in a beauty of wrap-around goal. Moments later with the pressure still on, dug the puck out of a pile of bodies in front of the crease and slammed in the game winner. Once again a combination of aggressive offense, stifling defense, and clutch goaltending spelled victory for the Stars C3. Way to Stars!

PeeWee C1

The Coastal Stars Pee-Wee C1 team defeated Braintree 3 with a strong 5-2 playoff win on Sunday. After finishing the regular season with an impressive 16-5-1 record, the Starts Pee-Wee C1 team wasted little time in getting the post-season scoring started. At 12:50 of the first period, winger Brian Meehan circled the Braintree net to set up winger Chris Fazzina for the Stars' first goal. Meehan and Fazzina combined again later in the first period to set up center Justin Yeager for the Stars' second goal. The Stars held on to a 2-1 lead through a wild up and down second period. Braintree tied the game at 2-2 early in the third period. But, the Stars were not about to give up. Less than a minute later, winger Gordy Smith charged the length of the ice and fired a hard wrist shot past the Braintree goalie to put the Stars up 3-2. With less than three minutes remaining in the game, Meehan and Fazzina combined again to give the Stars' a two-goal lead. This time, Fazzina fed Meehan with a perfect pass in front. Meehan fired a one-timer high into the upper corner of the Braintree net to put the Stars up 4-2. With only seconds remaining, Phil Murphy collected the Star's final goal with a terrific rush and shot. The entire Stars' squad played extremely well to earn its first playoff victory. The defensive unit comprised of Kevin O'Connell, Geoff Evans, Connor Ofsthun and Mike Halloran continued to dominate their opponents in the defensive end with hard checking and good outlet passing. Geoff Evans, in particular, made a number of good checks on the Braintree skaters. The Stars benefited also from the strong skating and great passing from Andrew Bell, Mike Caira and Joe Fitzsimmons in the neutral and offensive zones. Stars' goalie, John Carrigg, had another great outing in net. Carrigg turned back countless shots throughout the game and controlled the puck to minimize rebounds.

YOUTH BASKETBALL REPORTS

Liberty Team wins Rec hoop title

The Liberty team defeated Kay's Kids 32-25 Saturday in a well-played game to capture the championship of the Cohasset Recreation Department indoor basketball program in the 5th and 6th grade age group for girls. Liberty Coach Ben Leong is shown with his squad displaying their champion medals and gift certificates to Wilbur's. Seated (l-r) are: Rhianna Fitts, Kaci Kucinski, Meaghan Leong, Sophie Bertolami, and Hannah Burgess. Missing from photo is Molly McElgunn. Members of the runner-up Kay's Kids team with their finalist medals are: Logan Pratt, Eliza Kinnealey, Brittany Pinkus, Chelsea Silvia, Paige Smith, and Emma Quigley. Both teams wish to thank the Cohasset Basketball Boosters for sponsoring the Saturday morning program in conjunction with the Recreation Department; Mr. Don DeMichele for his untiring efforts in coordinating the program; the school custodians who were on hand to open the doors, set-up, and help things run smoothly; and our team sponsors.

Sixth graders wear OCL crown

The Cohasset girls sixth grade basketball team won the Old Colony Basketball League with a hard fought 14 to 11 win over Braintree. The match-up in the championship was set after Cohasset easily beat Marshfield and held on to defeat a tough Whitman team on Saturday to advance to the finals on Sunday in Bridgewater. The hoopsters took their 13-1 record into the final against Braintree who had an identical 13-1 record. Appropriately, the two best teams faced off in the final.

Cohasset opened the game with their aggressive man-to-man defense, while Braintree employed a zone. Points were at a premium in the first half as one of Cohasset's best players, Lindsey Allard, was forced to the bench with four fouls. The offensive load was passed to Meredith Kelly, Samantha Crough and Mimi Mahoney who kept the Skippers in the game and as a result Braintree's lead was only 9 to 8 at the half.

In an attempt to cut down on the number of fouls and to neutralize Braintree's strong inside game, Cohasset switched to a zone defense in the second half. The results were spectacular as Braintree only managed to score two points in the entire second half. Isabelle Franklin was flying all over the court blocking shots and pulling down rebounds.

Amy Meikleham, Tori Lehr and Erin Fontaine provided strong support off the bench, Kelly made powerful moves to the basket, while Mahoney and Crough shut down Braintree's guards and moved the ball effectively on offense.

Allard checked back into the game with 10 minutes to go and provided an immediate spark. Cohasset was able to score six points in the second half to win the game 14 to 11.

The girls finished the year with 14 wins and only 1 loss. Throughout the year every player on team contributed to the year's success. If you see any of the following girls around town be sure to congratulation them on a great year that proved hard work and teamwork is rewarded: Lindsey Allard, Samantha Crough, Taryn Donohue, Erin Fontaine, Isabelle Franklin, Meredith Kelly, Meaghan Leong, Tori Lehr, Mimi Mahoney, Amy Meikleham, Lucy Noble, Lucy O'Keefe, Chelsea Silvia, and Olivia Sullivan. Thank you girls for a fun year and for the gift certificates!



Kay's Kids have nothing to hang their heads over after a strong second place finish.



The Liberty team was tops in the Rec League.

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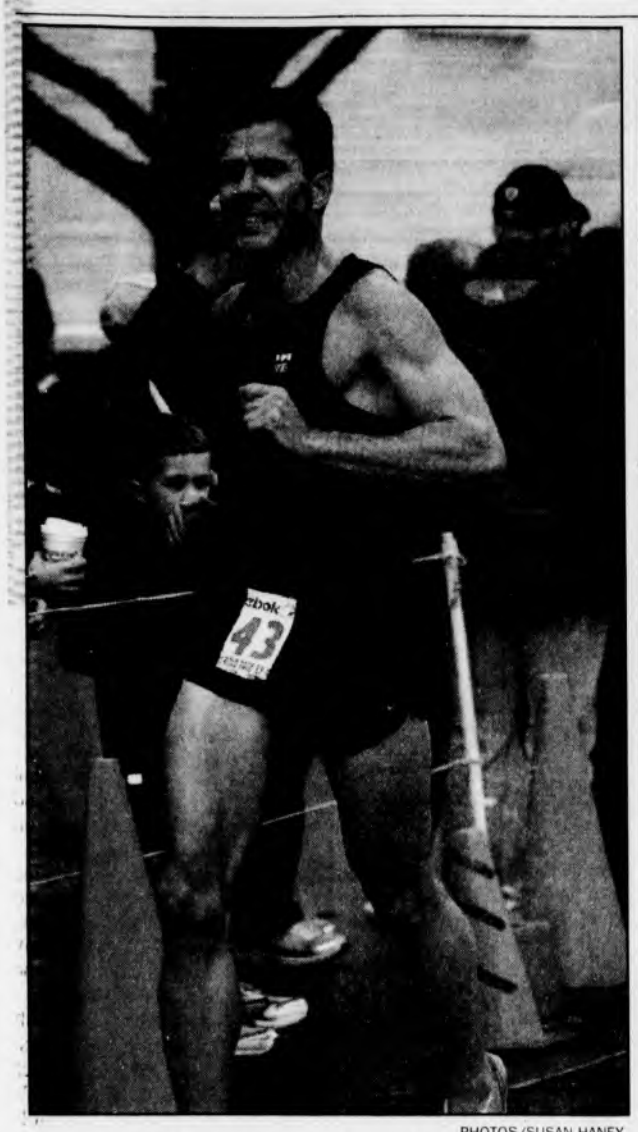
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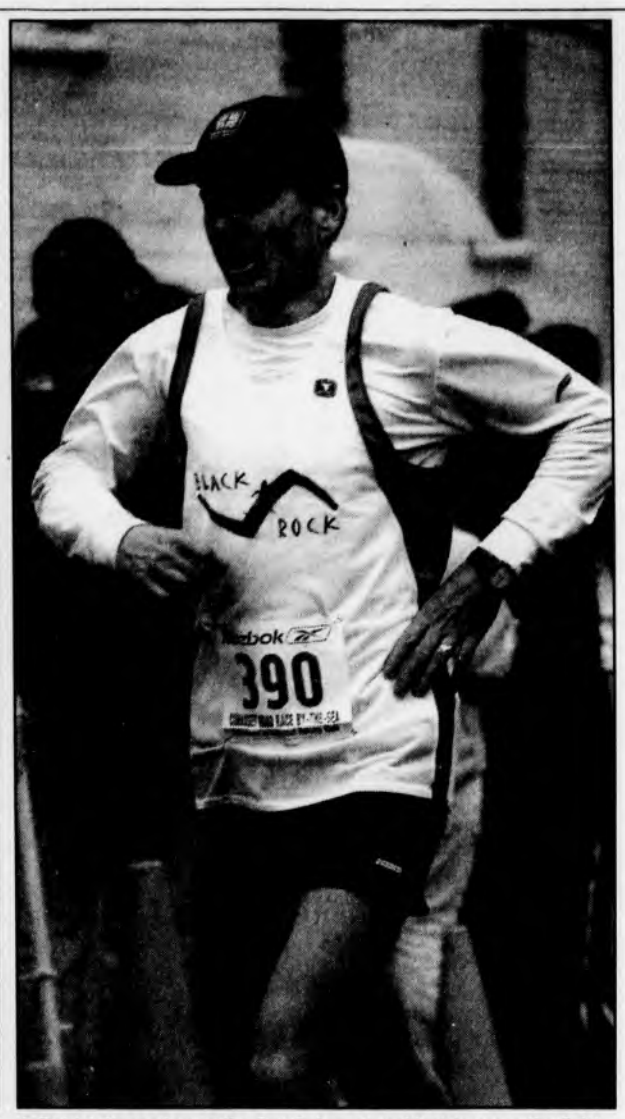
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Hingham's Josiah Hatch looks almost relaxed as he places 11th overall

J. Patrick Kennedy was the first Cohasset resident to cross the finish line, taking 10th place overall.

Race-by-the-Sea draws near record field

tinued Goodwin. "We had a lot of very good runners coming from all over. It was a diverse group too, though. It continues to be a nice event for the town and running community."

Louisa Servin, of Middleboro, was tops among the females, crossing the finish line 13th overall with a time of 37:34, which was more than two minutes better than last year's best time.

North Attleboro's Lynn Johnson (15th, 37:48) was not far off that pace and Greenfield's Marjorie Shearer (20th, 38:34) was the third female finisher. Cohasset's Linda Nistico Klier finished sixth among all females, placing 32nd overall with her run of 40:30.

The all-time male Cohasset Road Race by the Sea record is held by Boston's John Kessinger, his 1980 time of 29:30 still standing as the mark to beat 24 years later.

Cohasset's own Sarah Linsley, who won the female race in its first seven years, owns the women's record with her 1983 time of 33:25.

Cohasset was very well represented in the age-group categories:

Cohasset girls swept the top three spots in the 14-17 age division. Cohasset High senior Jenn Buckley, who was also this week named to the Mariner All-Scholastic girls basketball team, was first to cross in 44:10. Her hoop teammate Chelsea Grossman, 16, (51:11) was second and Catherine Ernst (51:16) third.

Cohasset's Paul Cotter, 17, won the male- 14-17 division with his run of 47:26, and CHS sophomore Brandon Smith, 16, was third in that division (50:20).

Brandon's younger brother Andrew, 12, took third in the Under-14 division (50:47).

Cohasset's Barbara Buckley, 42, (42:55) and Eileen Norton, 40, (43:49) placed two-three in the female 40-49 division.

Of course, the biggest winner on the day was the Polio Foundation, as much of the proceeds from the race will go toward the eradication of that crippling disease that still affects children in the poorest of countries, and the various other causes the Cohasset Rotary Club, the longtime sponsors of the Roadrace By-the-Sea, helps support through this race.

The Rotary Club set a fundraising goal of $5,000-$8,000 for this year's race. Goodwin figures when it's all counted up the final figure will come in a lot closer to the higher figure.

When the Cohasset Rotary Club launched a three year effort last year to raise $10,000 for the fight against polio, Club president Damian Grozier explained how Rotary International had wanted the world to be polio free by the year 2000. That date proved to be too ambitious so the organization refocused its efforts last year to raise some $80 million to eradicate the disease from the planet by 2006. Rotary International's efforts to rid polio in affected areas include: public education to promote immunization; getting the vaccine to children in remote regions; forming public-private partnerships that fortify government health programs; and strengthening a global laboratory network to support disease surveillance efforts after polio has been eradicated.

The Cohasset Rotary will also continue to support local programs, such as high school scholarships and Father Bill's in Quincy. The club has two main fundraisers a year, the race and selling advertisements for the Cohasset Rotary phonebooks.

Also likely to see some support money this year from the Cohasset Rotary are the local Appalachia Project and the Cohasset Recreation Department. Both non-profit groups had volunteers working the race. The Appalachia teenagers handed out water all along the course and the Rec. Department folks helped with traffic control and various other race day necessities.

"This is a twofold thing," noted Goodwin. "It gives people an opportunity to get involved and it gives us the opportunity to help them out financially. It's a win-win."

There were also a larger of number of volunteers than in recent years. In fact, Goodwin felt the level of local interest was up right across the board.

"We seemed to have more people lined up to watch the beginning of the race, and there were definitely more there for the finish than we've seen in a while," said Goodwin.

Fran Coffey did a nice job as Public Address announcer, and a group of volunteer spotters near the corner of Main Street and Highland relayed information quickly so that Coffey could announce the names of the runners as they headed down the home stretch.

"I think everyone who was associated with the race this year went away feeling pretty good," said Goodwin, "the runners, the volunteers, the townspeople, the Rotary club—right across the board. It was a good day."

Top 10 Cohasset Runners

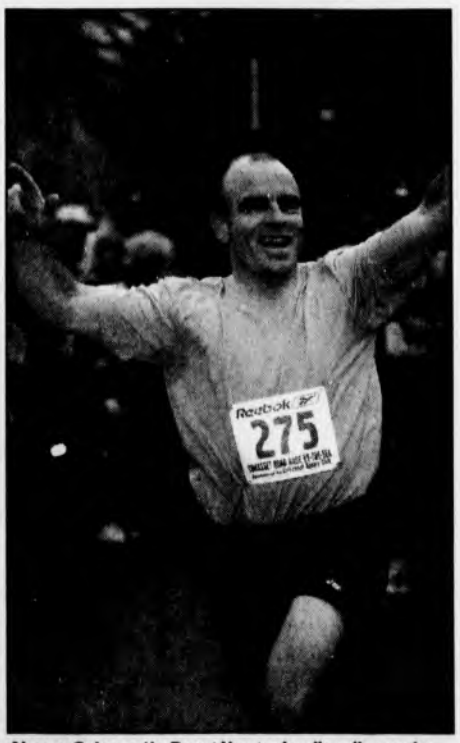
Male

Plc	Name	Time
10	J. Patrick Kennedy	36:05
18	John Flanagan	38:25
27	Doug Yeager	39:50
30	Brett Macquarrie	40:21
40	Robert Simms	41:14
48	Andy Corry	41:46
51	John Cavanaro	41:55
74	Brian Simone	43:33
75	Terry Green	43:43
77	Adam Donovan	43:47

Female

Plc	Name	Time
32	Linda Nistico Klier	40:30
64	Barbara Buckley	42:55
79	Eileen Norton	43:49
88	Jennifer Buckley	44:10
120	Tyler Crumley	45:34
125	Cathy Witkos	45:43
127	Jennifer L Lankow	45:44
155	Jennifer Havlicek	46:58
223	Judy Stavis	49:19
248	Kimberly Spicer	50:05





Above: Cohasset's Doug Yeager is all smiles as he crosses the finish line.

At left: Brendan Lynch, of Cambridge, looks discouraged as he finishes five seconds behind winner Josh Shon.

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SPORTS NOTES

Post 118 Legion baseball tryouts

Attention baseball players from Cohasset and Scituate. The Post 118 Legion baseball team will be holding tryouts on three Sundays in a row—April 25, and May 2 and 9, all starting at 4 p.m. at Sctiuate High School. Attendance and participation is mandatory for anyone wishing to play. Questions should be directed to coach Scott Arnold (781-545-1896).

Cohasset baseball/softball coaches clinic

Attention all Cohasset Baseball and Softball coaches and parents: There will be a mandatory coaches' clinic for all individuals interested in coaching in the Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association program. To accommodate each of our busy schedules, interested individuals have the option of attending one of two required scheduled clinics. Parents who are interested in learning appropriate baseball / softball instructional techniques are also welcome to attend these sessions. Even the most astute coach always picks up a pointer or two. These meetings are scheduled at the Cohasset High School gym on either **Saturday, April 10th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM** or **Thursday, April 15th from 7:30 PM to 9:30PM**. The CYBSA is fortunate to have Lou Rettman, minor league scout and local baseball instructor, conducting one sessions. In addition, we're also lucky to have Al Galotta, the CHS Varsity Baseball coach attending the Saturday session. Galotta and Frank Niles of South Shore Baseball will be conducting the Thursday session.

Immediately following the **Saturday, April 10th** clinic, there will be **player drafts** for the softball, minor league baseball and farm league divisions. In addition, divisional schedules, Little League and local CYBSA rules and other helpful coaching material will be distributed on that day.

Little League now requires background checks on all league volunteers to ensure the safety of the children entrusted to our care. Should you be interested in coaching and have not already done so, please bring a photocopy of your license to the clinic where you will be asked to fill out the necessary forms. Individuals, however well intentioned, not complying will not be allowed to coach. Questions regarding this requirement may be confidentially directed to Liam O'Connell on (781) 383-9538.

Any questions concerning these coaching sessions may directed to Mark Chase on (781) 383-9122. Questions regarding the League draft may also be directed to Liam on (781) 383-9538.

Cohasset Soccer Club spring season to start April 10th

Following last week's rain-out, the Cohasset Soccer Club's spring season will start Saturday, April 10th, weather permitting. All players registered for the fall season are automatically registered to play in the spring.

The final schedule for the spring season is Boys Under 10 @ 9:30, Boys Pre Kindergarten @ 10:30 Boys Kindergarten @ 11:15, Boys 1st Grade @ 12:00, and Boys 2nd Grade @ 12:45.

The final girl's schedule is Girls Under 10 @ 8:30, Girls Pre Kindergarten and Kindergarten together @ 1:30, Girls 1st Grade @ 2:15, and Girls 2nd Grade @ 3:00.

There will also be games on the first Saturday of vacation week -- April 17th -- but no in-town games held the second weekend of the vacation week -- April 24th. Coastal League travel games will occur on both vacation weekends.

Any players who wish to play soccer this spring who have not yet registered can obtain registration forms at the Town Hall.

South Shore Basketball shooting clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept registrations at Town Hall for an off-season basketball shooting clinic for boys and girls, grades 6 through 12.

The clinic will be coached by Paul-Michael Quintin and be limited to 15 participants in each of the two sessions. The fee for this program that will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from April 27 through June 3 is $115 per player.

Session I, for boys and girls grades 6 to 8, meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Cohasset High School gym.

South Shore Sr. softball steps up to the plate for a fourth season

The South Shore Senior Softball League, sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging, opens its fourth season on Sunday, April 25. The team, open to all South Shore men aged 55 and older, meets at 10 am at the Central Park Field in Scituate.

Proving that age is no barrier to fun and athleticism, the "boys of summer" play up to three times a week in the league. Games are scheduled Sunday and Wednesday mornings at 10 am and Thursday evenings at 5 pm. There is also a traveling team available for interested players to compete in games across the state. Players can play once or three times a week, as they wish. The season runs well into the fall.

Kevin McLaughlin joins league founder Jim Hyde as league commissioner this year. Anyone interested in joining the league can call the Scituate Council on Aging at 781-545-8722 to obtain a registration form. Cost for the season is $30, which covers a shirt, hat and as much softball as one wants to play.

Patterson Race set for April 18

Event: 3rd Annual Shawn D. Patterson Memorial & Scholarship Road Race, 5K/10K Run, 5K Walk and Children's Fun Run for ages 10 and under

When: Sunday, April 18th at 12:00 PM, Fun Run starts at 11:00 AM

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April vacation baseball clinic

The South Shore Baseball Camp will provide an April vacation baseball clinic, beginning Tuesday, April 20, through Friday, April 23, at Barnes Field. The clinic runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. and this week-long program will cost $100 per participant. For more information, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Registration forms can be found at the Recreation office, first floor, Town Hall.

Rec. Dept. offers safe boating course

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a two-session safe boating course offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the state of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for 16-year-olds and under, who wish to operate any horsepower craft. This course is an initial requirement for the process of obtaining a Launch Operators License. U.S.C.G.A. instructors will teach the two-session course, which will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, May 8, and May 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Road.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department Office at 781-383-4109 as soon as possible, as class will be limited in size, and participants will be enrolled on first-call basis. There will be a $40 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of the text book and class materials.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of the class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

State certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

Tennis Tourney in memory of Barbie Gurnis

On Friday, April 30th from 7pm - 12am, a tennis tournament will be held at The Kingsbury Club (Kingston) in memory of Barbie Gurnis. Proceeds from the event will be used to support the Duxbury Bay Maritime School's "Crossroads for Kids Maritime Adventures" program.

Maritime Adventures takes campers from Crossroads for Kids at Camp Wing in Duxbury and exposes them to sailing, rowing and marine ecology. Perhaps more importantly, the program also exposes them to the life-long lessons of responsibility and respect that are gained through these activities.

According to Ingid Drago, "Anyone who knew Barbie knows that she was an incredible athlete. She had many passions and sailing was always at the top of her list. Teaching sailing to kids who might not otherwise have that opportunity would have been something she felt was important. We are happy to have this positive way to remember a special friend."

The round robin style of play will be from 7-9pm and a reception will be held from 9-12. Players of all ability levels are welcome and encouraged to play. Food, dancing and a silent auction will also be part of the evening. Tickets for tennis and the reception are $75 per person, tickets for the reception only are $50 per person.

Tickets are available at The Kingsbury Club, the Duxbury Bay Maritime School or through Karen Butcher (934.7135), Ingrid Drago (585.8976) or Jamie Therrien (934.3223). For more information or to donate silent auction items, please call Karen, Ingrid or Jamie.

Gymnastics/sports camp for boys, girls

Ages: 4-10

Where: South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset

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Ages 6-14

Where: South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset

When: Friday, April 23, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Cost: $43 members/$45 non-members

Bring lunch and daily snack

This camp is ideal for regular students as well as team members. Learn new skills or perfect the skills you have. Rotations on vault, bars, beam, floor, dance, bowling, craft and conditioning.

One that got away

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any culpability in the loss. "It was a strong varsity debut. She made some nice saves."

The coach also lauded the defensive play of Molly Kirk, Miranda Lanzzillotti, and Christen Reardon.

Faber, a senior captain, senior Nicole Turgiss and Rizzotti scored inside the game's first 10 minutes to post the visiting Skippers to a quick 3-0 lead. Sandwich then made some defensive adjustments that seemed to flummox the Skippers attack plan. The Knights finally got their offense going late in the half and potted a pair past Hamilton to go into the break trailing by just one, 3-2.

Sandwich picked up where it left off to open the second half, and buried another pair of goals inside the first five minutes to take a 4-3 lead.

Faber's second goal of the game ended a draught of 15 scoreless minutes and tied the game at 4-4 with 5:30 to play, opening the floodgates.

"There were seven goals in the game's first 44 or 45 minutes and then six in the last five," noted Sweeney. "If we'd had a few more seconds at the end, we'd have probably tied it up again."

Sandwich re-took the lead, 5-4, near the four minute mark, but Turgiss answered that with her second of the game 30 seconds later.

Then came Rizzotti's nifty tally. But all that wound up doing was setting the stage for a more dramatic Sandwich win.

"Offensively, I thought we showed we're going to have more balance than we had last year," said Sweeney, who has directed the Lady Skippers to winning records and postseason berths in both of his previous two seasons at the helm. "Defensively, we've still got some things to work on. But, all in all, I liked what I saw in the opener."

The girls saw their second scheduled game, at Norwell, postponed from last Thursday to this past Tuesday, and then postponed again to yesterday. Weather permitting, they'll be at Dartmouth this afternoon (4 p.m. start) for a non-league tilt, at Hanover on Monday (3:30 p.m.), host Martha's Vineyard on Tuesday (3:15 p.m.) and travel to New Bedford a week from today (3 p.m.).

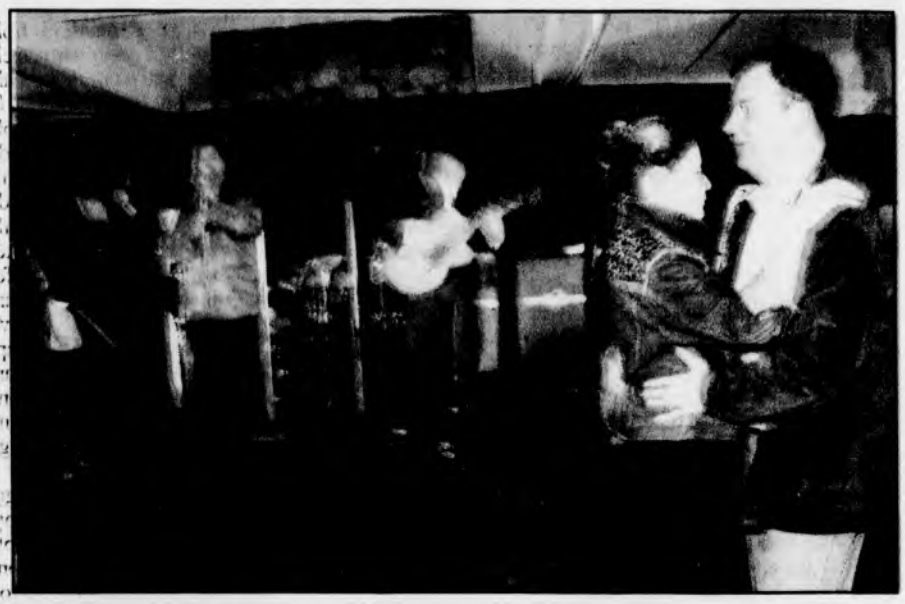
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Denim to Diamonds glitters for Art Center

Last Saturday night the River Club in Scituate was transformed into a glittering diamond mine complete with gem-studded guests as South Shore partygoers donned their favorite denim and jewels for the South Shore Art Center's Denim to Diamonds dance party.

The crowd delighted in the incomparable sounds of Bellevue Cadillac. Boots and tiaras, bejeweled blue jean jackets, rhinestone cowboys with jewels in their ears—participants all added their personal touch in support of the Art Center's expansion of its Arts to Go and Looking at Art outreach programs. The silent auction featured remarkable jewelry by 21 area jewelers and original handcrafted denim jackets embellished by 12 local artists. The announcement of the lucky winner of a diamond necklace and earring set, donated by sponsor King Jewelers, added to the festivities, as did the announcement of the Art Center's new corporate sponsor–Rockland Trust. This summer marks the beginning of the South Shore Art Center's 50th anniversary celebrations. For more information visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.





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Above: Mary Jane Hanron, Amy Fitzpatrick and Valerie King of King Jewelers show off the $3,500 diamond necklace and errings the jewelry store donated for the raffle to benefit the art center outreach program.

At left: Sarah and Adrienne Roche take to the dance floor to the tunes of Bellvue Cadillac at the South Shore Art Center outreach program benefit "Denim to Diamonds" at the River Club in Scituate.

At right: Seamstress Margi Lorti's "Sea, Sun and Stars" denim jacket was one of many items in the silent auction at the "Denim to Diamonds" fundraiser.



SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Kindergarten signups

Parents are invited to attend the Joseph Osgood School Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday, April 14, at 7 p.m., in the Osgood School library. The program is for parents of children entering kindergarten in September 2004.

Scholarships for a future in health arena

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Poetry contest for middle school kids

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset is hosting its third annual poetry contest. All middle school students (grades 6, 7 & 8) are invited to participate. This will be a month long event to celebrate poetry month. Students may submit their entries directly to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Rt. 3A, Shaw's Plaza.

Students can enter one of four categories. 1. Free Verse 2. Rhyming 3. Form; any type, such as haiku, limerick, pantoum, tanka, sonnet. 4. Theme: Peace. The contest runs through April 12and the judges are local middle school teachers (Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate.) A $15 Gift Certificate will be awarded to each winner and there will be one winner in each grade per category. The winners will be announced at the Open Mike Event to be held on Thursday Apr. 29, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Cohasset. All contest participants are eligible to read at the Open Mike Event (reading is optional; however you must register in advance to read) by calling Buttonwood Books & Toys at 781-383-2665. Light refreshments will be served.

Entry Rules: 1.Entry heading requires name, address, phone number, grade, school and category. 2. Poem with an Original Title. 3. Length: One typewritten page. 4. One entry per person. (Poems without the above information will not be eligible for inclusion in the contest.)

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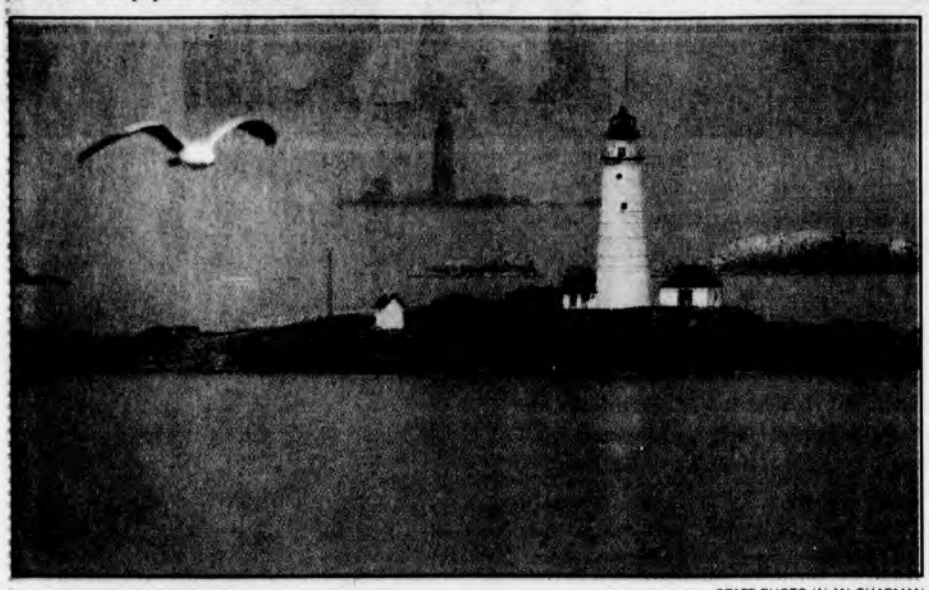
Back Roads of South Shore is making history

Hosts symposium Apr. 17 in Plymouth

The members of the Back Roads of the South Shore collaborative historical-programming organization knew they were onto something big when they all agreed to drop their fees and open the doors to their museums to the public last June. But until their story appeared on Cnn.com and in newspapers around the country thanks to an article penned by an Associated Press staff writer, they had no idea that they would be *making* history.

The success of the summer of 2003's 13-house, common free open house day lit a reassuring spark for the 10 organizations — Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate Historical Societies, the Isaac Winslow House, the John Alden House, the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society, the Jones River Village Historical Society, Pilgrim Hall Museum, Plymouth Antiquarian Society and the John Howland House — prompting them to consider expanding their programming beyond the open house day for the coming year. This year, they have taken two steps forward.

First, working on presenting a specific theme for this year's open house day, Saturday, June 26, they have invited new members to join the cause. Capitalizing on the area's rich maritime heritage, the Back Roads group asked one of the state's most well-known small museums, the Hull Lifesaving Museum, and one of the region's newest maritime-based non-profit organizations, the Jones River Village Ecology Center, to participate in this year's Back Roads Maritime Trail Day. Both groups eagerly jumped in and starting to work alongside the other organizations.



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Views like this one of Boston Light from historic Fort Revere on Telegraph Hill in Hull are part of what makes the South Shore such an attraction for history buffs.

Second, the Back Roads group has organized the first-ever South Shore History Symposium, titled "Views Fore and Aft," to take place on Saturday, April 17, in the Mayflower Room of the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth. According to Patrick Browne, director of the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society, and a featured speaker at the symposium, "We feel this fills a void in providing a forum for discussion of the history of the region as a whole. Maritime history, being a strong theme in the history of each of these communities, seemed a logical choice for the first symposium."

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The day's slate will feature David Ball and Fred Freitas of the Scituate Historical Society covering the topic of shipbuilding on the North River, Browne on the story of "King Caesar" Ezra Weston and the maritime world of the early 19th century, and a keynote address by Ben Cowie-Haskell, operations coordinator for the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary office in Scituate, on the most up-to-date information available on the recently-identified wreck of the steamship Portland, lost in 1898. John Galluzzo, editor of Wreck & Rescue Journal and a frequent contributor to the local Mariner newspapers, will cover shipwrecks and lifesaving along the South Shore, and Amanda Madeira and Polly Zajac, captain and educator of the fishing schooner Ernestina of Gloucester respectively, will carry the maritime history of the region into the future, detailing the education process that students undertake when learning about Massachusetts' seafaring past.

For Fred Hills of the Hingham Historical Society, a driving force behind the success of the Back Roads group, the choice of maritime history as a theme fits his hometown community perfectly. "There was a shipbuilding presence and remains a deep maritime history here in Hingham. The scope of the symposium should be of great interest to a lot of people in town. And as this is a first of a kind event, it should be well-received."

Hills also stated that the Hingham Historical Society will be proudly taking part in the year's open house event as well. "We'll have an exhibit at the Old Ordinary," he said, "one that will be devoted to Hingham's maritime history, with some rarely seen artifacts."

For Paula Fisher, marketing director of the Plymouth County Development Council /Convention and Visitors Bureau, the continuing collaboration of the varied historical societies and museums of the Back Roads group is an important model that she hopes other area organizations will look to as a template. "Working together is the main thrust of what the travel industry is advising in these times of economic challenge. When organizations like the many historical societies of the South Shore and Plymouth join together to promote the area as a whole, as they have done with the Back Roads program and upcoming South Shore History Symposium, as opposed to each town acting in a parochial manner and looking at other historic entities as competition, it achieves what we here at the Plymouth County CVB see as a priority. It encourages the crossing of town boundaries providing an impact far greater that the sum of its parts. It represents an effort to attract visitors to all of Plymouth County as well as forming a bond between organizations that can continue to develop and establish further promotional opportunities."

For more information on the Back Roads of the South Shore History Symposium or upcoming Maritime Trail Day, call Patrick Browne at the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society at 781-934-6106 or visit www.southshorebackroads.org.

Vernal pool workshop

"Understanding Creatures Small But Great" The First Herring Brook Watershed Initiative is sponsoring a Vernal Pool Workshop at the Ellis Estate on Country Way in Scituate on Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Environmental specialists Andy Walsh, Garry Van Wart, Shan Morrissey and Linda Bornstein will be on hand to teach participants about the mini-watershed environment and fascinating inhabitants of vernal pools which only appear in the spring. In addition, participants will be taught how to certify a vernal pool for regulatory protection. The whole family is invited; suggested donation is $3.

Bug squad helpers

Volunteers are needed to take part in the "Bug Squad" which will have its first planning session on Tuesday evening, April 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the TPMC Conference Room on Mill Wharf Plaza in Scituate Harbor (look for the FHBWI sign). Entomologist Fred Saint Ours will supervise the session where sites will be selected for dip-net collection of macro-invertebrates -- "bugs". This is a great opportunity for science enthusiasts of all ages to learn about the fascinating little critters that by their abundance and diversity reveal the health of a stream environment.

For more information on these events, call Lance Van Lenten on 781-545-5987 or visit the FHBWI website on www.fhbwi.org

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Hart family finds summer program a breath of fresh air

Hosts a child from Bronx, N.Y.

By Samantha Brown
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For children growing up in Cohasset, playing outside is a way of life in the summer. Days are filled with swimming in the waves at the beach, riding bikes, and playing on the playgrounds, coming inside only when it gets dark. For Charnelle Wilson, that means soaking up every ounce of sunshine while she visits, because when she goes home again, Sandy Beach won't be just around the corner.

For the past two years, Seth and Eileen Hart, along with their four daughters, Torey, 13, Mackenzie, 11, Jacqueline, 7, and Audrey, 4, have been a host family for Charnelle, who lives in Bronx, N.Y. Through a program called the Fresh Air Fund — which matches up low-income New York City children with host families — the Harts are able to provide Charnelle with a respite from city life, and a free summer vacation.

Eileen said she first thought about becoming a part of the Fresh Air Fund just after September 11. Watching her girls set up lemonade stands in the neighborhood to raise money for the cause, she said she began to search for ideas as to how the family as a whole could contribute to the lives of others.

After reading about the Fresh Air Fund in the local newspaper, Eileen said she approached her husband Seth, with the idea of inviting a child who lives in the city, to spend a week or two with them in Cohasset during the summer. Seth joked that when Eileen first told him about her idea he said, "We need a fifth kid?" but both agreed it would be a wonderful learning experience for the entire family.

"It's good for the kids to see things beyond Cohasset. We're such a small town, and there is such a big world out there," Eileen said.

Charnelle has visited with the Harts for the past two summers, and during the time they have spent together, the girls have come to realize the kind of life they have is different from what Charnelle experiences living in the city, especially during the summer. Because Charnelle's mother is her sole caregiver, she has to work during the day, which means Charnelle stays at home with her babysitter. The Harts said Charnelle stays inside and watches television most of the time at her home because her neighborhood isn't that safe. While there is a playground three blocks away from her apartment, she said she never goes because it's in an area that is too dangerous.

However, when she's at the Harts, Charnelle almost never watches television. "There's so much here that you can do that's a ball," said Eileen, even if it's just being outside running around with their dog, Jingles.

Because the Hart's have four girls, there is always someone to play with, which Charnelle doesn't have at home, being an only child. "Charnelle loves Barbies," said Jacqueline, who added Charnelle always plays games and make-believe with her, as well as her younger sister Audrey. Seth said he was surprised at how well Charnelle played with all four girls, because he has assumed with the age difference, she would be more inclined to only want to hang out with the two older sisters.

When Charnelle first came to visit the Harts, Eileen said she was a little shy, which is expected. For an 11-year-old girl to pack up her things and get on a bus for an unknown destination to spend a vacation with a family she doesn't know is a very brave thing to do, she said. However, Eileen said Charnelle very quickly went from being a guest in the home to part of the family. Seth joked it's easy to tell when Charnelle has made the transition into being one of the girls when he can yell at all five of them at the same time. The second year she came to visit, Eileen said Charnelle warmed up almost immediately. Because Charnelle had spent summer vacations with two other families previously, Eileen said that second trip, Charnelle really knew the girls were not just a host family, but a group of friends who were very happy to see her.

Because it is an adjustment having someone new come into the home, the Harts said it is essential for any families considering becoming a part of the program, to have a family meeting first. "You can't have half the family committed to it," said Torey. Seth added, "It's like having a two-week sleepover," which is something everyone needs to discuss. Eileen said every day, each of her children essentially get one-quarter of her time, and it was important to have the conversation to decide whether they would be willing to give up a portion of her to Charnelle while she was visiting.

The Harts said they would advise anyone thinking about becoming a host family to "keep your own children doing their own thing," but make sure the additional child is incorporated into the family schedule. The Harts said last year, while their girls were at swimming lessons, they signed Charnelle up as well, which she absolutely loved. "She felt like she was a part of our routine and a part of the family," Eileen said.

While it is an additional responsibility with another child around, Eileen and Seth said having Charnelle as a part of their family during the summer is a great experience. Because Charnelle doesn't live in a rural area, Eileen said it is a wonderful feeling to see her face light up when they step onto the beach or see a friend riding a horse in the neighborhood, which are sights she doesn't normally see.

"We really feel good when it's all said and done," said Eileen, but acknowledges sending her back is always difficult, for many reasons. Now only do they miss her when she's gone, but they know where she's going can be a dangerous place. But above all, the Harts know she is returning to her home where a mom that loves her is waiting, and with that, they know she'll be OK. "She knows she can come back here again, and that's exciting and fun, but for her, it's only a vacation," Eileen said.

For more information on the Fresh Air Fund, please visit its web site at www.freshair.org.



Above: The Hart girls and their friend Charnelle Wilson cool off on a hot summer day. Charnelle spends two weeks with the Hart family in the summer through the Fresh Air Fund.

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At right: Seth and Eileen Hart with daughters, Mackenzie, Jacqueline, Audrey and Torey and the family dog, Jingles.

Madagascar enjoys its Golden moments

Cohasset native leaves stamp on the region

By Samantha Brown
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While most teenagers spend their summers hanging out at the beach and working a part-time job, Chris Golden has spent more than one summer vacation living in the villages of Madagascar. While he may not have the comforts of home, including a solid roof over his head or a telephone, the contribution he is making is so worthwhile, it keeps him going back again and again.

"I really love being over there. It's incredibly different," said Golden, who grew up on Jerusalem Road with parents Amy and Steven.

"Ever since I was little, I've been interested in exotic wildlife," he said, adding when he began looking into wildlife programs he could participate in over the summer, going to Madagascar seemed to be the logical choice. "It is so far removed from westernization."

Golden is a 2001 graduate of Cohasset High School, and is currently in his junior year at Harvard. He has a long history of environmental studies behind him already, as he is a former recipient of the Henry David Thoreau scholarship, awarded for high school students who excel in environmental studies. During his summer breaks from both high school and college, he has conducted research in the northwest region of Madagascar, studying its wildlife and educating the people there about the importance of protecting the environment.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS GOLDEN

Cohasset resident Chris Golden stands with a group of his students in Madagascar, proudly displaying T-shirts printed by Ronnie Goodwin.

Through a program called Earthwatch, Golden spent the summer of 1999 conducting research on the carnivores of Madagascar. He worked under the direction of Luke Dollar, a researcher from Duke University. He mainly studied the fossa, an animal which resembles a puma, and is the largest carnivore on the island.

"It's considered threatened because it's so rare," he said, adding part of the research he conducted was to determine population size and density. Because there is very little information available on the animal, Golden's research is extremely helpful. With enough information, the fossa's status, currently unknown, could change to endangered, and measures could then be taken to help protect it.

However, to protect the fossa requires the help of the local people, which is why Golden's educational program is so important. During his second summer in Madagascar, Golden continued researching the fossa, but was also given permission to start his own environmental education program, providing the locals with the information they will need to keep their environment in pristine condition. Students in Golden's class ranged in age from 7-18 years old and were given a basic education in local environmental concerns.

While in Madagascar, Golden lived in a village called Ambodi Manga, but taught in the village of Andrano Fasika. While he knew his students wouldn't speak English, he had expected to be able to teach his lessons in French. However, upon arrival he learned there was not one student able to communicate in anything other than the native language, Malagasy, which put Golden to work right away.

"There's an incredibly friendly feeling as if I'm making an impact there."
— Chris Golden

Over a period of two-weeks, Golden immersed himself in the language. He became friends with the local children and they would take him around the village, pointing to objects and repeating its name in Malagasy. With his English to Malagasy dictionary always in tow, it didn't take him very long to learn the language well enough to be able to not only teach his students in a language they could understand, but write up the lesson plans as well.

"It's one of the more unique languages in the world," Golden said. He's comfortable speaking it now, but said it is unlike any other language he had heard before.

Golden's students were required to participate in his class for only three weeks, and after that, it was up to them whether they wanted to spend their summer vacation learning about their environment. However, Golden said he had a 95 percent perfect attendance record for the entire summer, due in part to the help of Cohasset graphics guru Ronnie Goodwin.

Goodwin made T-shirts imprinted with the fossa for all the students who participated in Golden's course. "If you didn't miss class you'd get a T-shirt," Golden said, which became a huge symbol in the village. Because it is a very poor area, it is unusual to get a new piece of clothing, and having a new T-shirt was a "big deal."

Golden said he tried to teach his students about the interconnectivity between humans and nature. He said the younger students loved a book he wrote for them in Malagasy, adapted from a book he had read called "The Great Kapok Tree," by Lynne Cherry. The original story is about a man who travels into the Amazon rainforest to cut down the great tree, and falls asleep from his efforts. While he is dreaming, creatures from the forest visit him to show him the importance of that one tree on the whole rainforest environment. Throughout the story, the phrase, "O Senhor," is repeated each time the animals approach the man to tell him to think twice about what he is going to do, and Golden repeated the Malagasy words, "O Ranka," in his version. Golden knew his story had really struck a chord with his students when they were walking one day and saw a man cutting down a tree and they all turned to him and said, "O Ranka."

Golden said when he was teaching, his students would pay very close attention. He attributed their interest to the fact that the educational system in Madasgar is not very advanced, and being taught an interactive lesson, which is typical in the United States, is new and exciting. In addition, as a white foreigner, Golden was interesting all by himself. "I've never had such a captive audience," he said.

By far, Golden said the best aspect of Madagascar is the people. "There's an incredibly friendly feeling as if I'm making an impact there." He said he became friends with many of his students and he hears from them every month.

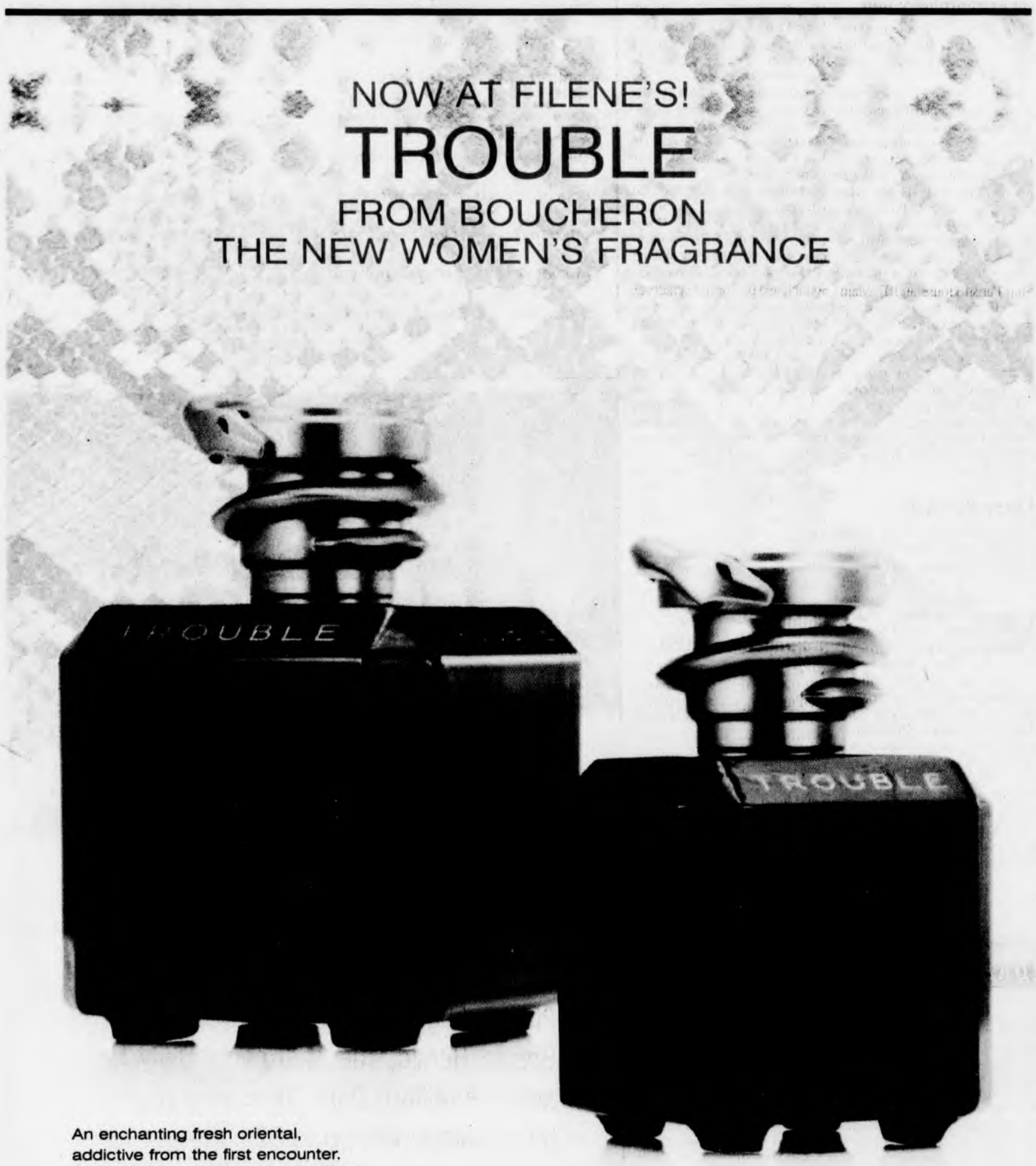
Golden said he will return to Madagascar this summer to conduct more research with the Wildlife Conservation Society for his college thesis. Harvard has also hired a professor for the sole purpose of allowing Golden to continue in his study of Malagasy.

Health field focus of SSL scholarships

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KITCHEN TOUR

Hostess Laurie Greenip welcomes tour-goers to the living room of the Meadow Lane stop of the annual Kitchen Tour, whose proceeds benefit the South Shore Community Center. The popular event was held last Friday.

A lot to do at the Senior Center

Cohasset Elder Affairs aims to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Cohasset who are 60 years old and older, as mandated by the Older American Act. Call the CEA office at 781-383-9112 to sign up for upcoming events and programs.

Easter Egg Hunt: Wednesday, April 7 - bring grandchildren for goodies and "the hunt."

Chair Yoga: every Thursday, 1:15 to 2 p.m.

Walking Club: every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 3 p.m. Walk indoors in inclement weather, outdoors in good.

Pedi-Care with Jean Reardon, Nurse Practitioner. Wednesday by appointment - fills up fast.

Legal Consultation Clinic once a month by appointment. Also, Bridge, Book Club, Computer Class and Lunch at the Center every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Must sign up at least 24 hours in advance.

Boston Pops benefit at S.S. Music Circus

The South Shore Music Circus announces the addition of a concert featuring the world-renowned Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart conductor, to the 2004 concert schedule.

In an unprecedented appearance on the Cohasset stage, Keith Lockhart and the Pops bring their exceptional artistry and showmanship to the Music Circus for the first time ever, in a benefit performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South Shore Art Center.

Tickets for this Pops concert can be purchased via Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and in person at the Music Circus box office beginning Saturday, April 10, at noon. Tickets are priced at $101.25 and $90.25. A limited number of special ticket packages, which include a reception with the maestro, can be purchased from South Shore Art Center only. Call the SSAC at 781-383-2787 for information.

Coffeehouse hosts an extraordinary duo

Hingham's Coffeehouse off the Square presents Susie Burke and David Surrette on Saturday, April 17, at 8 p.m.

Burke's complex voice and Surrette's string playing combine with extraordinary results.

They use their talents to interpret their own songs and some of the finest contemporary and traditional material. Those who have heard their last two outstanding performances know what to expect; others will be pleasantly surprised.

The Coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. Admission is $10 at the door. An open microphone precedes the concert. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For further information, call Jim Watson at (781) 749-1767.

Abbey plant sale

The Glastonbury Abbey Plant sale will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 8.

A large selection of plants will be available for sale on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St. (Rt. 28) in Hingham.

Perennials, herbs, ground cover, ornamental grasses, bushes, fruits and vegetables will be on sale. Plants are all being donated from local private gardens in the South Shore area. Many plants will be divisions of specimens grown in Abbey gardens. Seedlings to mature plants will be available to tempt local gardeners who attend the sale. Proceeds go to the Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey and are used to continue beautification of the Abbey Grounds.

Alzheimer's support meets on April 28

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. will feature Carolyn Housman, LICSW, on "Communicating with Health Care Providers" on Wednesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St., Hingham.

Housman is a specialist in elder care and care-partnering issues. She is currently associated with South Shore Mental Health and has a private practice. She was formerly director of the Alzheimer program for the Hingham Affiliated Community Visiting Nurses/Partners Home Care. She will discuss how to best speak for the patient with physicians, nursing home personnel, and day health centers as well as communicating the patient's needs to family and friends.

As the care-partner is often intermediary between patient and others, knowing what questions to ask and what information should be shared is most important. A question and answer time will conclude her program.

This meeting is free and open to the public. For more information call Toni Abbott at 781-749-1823 or JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417. In the event of inclement weather , meeting cancellations will be aired on WJDA 1300AM.

Children's summer program registration

The Trustees of Reservations will be having a registration evening for their Children's Summer Programs in the Whiton Room at the Hingham Public Library between 6 and 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 13. This will be the first opportunity to register your child for the popular "Farm Hands" or "Young Ecologists" at Weir River Farm and World's End. For more information or to register after that date call 781-740-4796.

LIBRARY CORNER

Easter closing

The library will be closed on Sunday April 11, for Easter.

Artist exhibit

Stephanie Roberts' exhibit "Patterns and Pinhole" will be on display at the library through April 30.

Computer help

Do you need help using the library's computers? Would you like to learn how to search the online catalog or reference databases? Sign up for a one-on-one tutorial with our Reference Librarian Judy Simons. Call the library to schedule a session.

Web sites

If you worry about online safety and security for your family, check out www.getnetwise.org. The site, GetNetWise, is provided as a public service to protect Internet users from the risks they face online. Information includes: Keeping children safe online, Stopping unwanted e-mail and Spam, Protecting your computer from hackers and viruses and, Keeping your personal info private.

Homebound delivery

If you love to read but are unable to come to the library due to an illness or disability, the library announces a new home delivery service. For those interested, a volunteer from the Friends of the Cohasset Library will visit you at your residence to discuss your reading preferences and take your requests for library materials. Selections will be delivered to you and picked up and returned to the library on a regular schedule. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in our program, telephone the library and speak to Judy Simons at 781 383 1348.

Spring story hour

The Drop-In Story time schedule is:

- Monday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- CLOSED Monday, April 19 for Patriot's Day
- Monday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Drop-In Story time is for all ages, lasts one-half hour, and does not require registration.

Story & Craft registration begins Thursday, April 1.

Story & Craft is for ages 3-6 years, lasts one hour, and requires pre-registration.

Story & Craft schedule is:

- Thursday, April 15 at 10 a.m. or 1p.m.
- Thursday, April 22 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Thursday, April 29 at 10 a.m. or 1p.m.
- Thursday, May 6 at 10 a.m. or 1p.m.



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WORSHIP NOTES



HABITAT HOMEOWNERS

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John Seavey of Cohasset, who is chairman of the family selection committee, reads from the Bible that was later presented to the Ahrens family, at right, during the dedication of their home at 43 Elm St. on Saturday. For story, see page 5.

Great Vigil of Easter at St. Stephen's

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter, a candlelight service on Saturday, April 10, at 7 p.m. with baptisms and first communion. The worship is dramatic, beginning with the church in darkness. Candles are lit and at the moment when resurrection is proclaimed the lights are turned on signifying that the resurrected Jesus is the light that no amount of darkness can overcome.

Worship Easter morning, Sunday, April 11, will be at 8 a.m. with quartet and brass and 10 a.m. with full choir and brass. This worship finds women, followers of Jesus, at the empty tomb enjoined to "Go and tell" Christ is risen. Both services, Eucharist with sermon, will be in the church.

Prior to Easter, there will be worship in the church on Maundy Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m. This Eucharist commemorates the last supper and the importance of community for the church's life together in Christ. Following the Eucharist will be a simple meal of foods typical of Jesus' place and time - breads, cheese, olives, nuts, fruits and milk and honey.

A 24 Prayer Watch will begin on Maundy Thursday at 3 p.m. Parishioners sign up for an hour throughout the day to be in church to read, pray, just to be quiet, or meditate. It recalls Jesus' words at Gethsemane, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?" and the words of Psalm 130: "my soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning." It is a powerful experience of prayer each minute throughout the day bringing the church into Good Friday.

Good Friday worship begins at noon on April 9, with an hour of quiet. The Prayer Book liturgy begins at I p.m. A service for children takes place at 2:30 p.m. and ends the traditional three hours of worship while Jesus was on the cross. A number of parishioners will participate in the 20 mile Good Friday walk raising money to assist economically poor areas of the south, particularly in rural Mississippi.

St. Anthony Parish Holy Week, Easter

Holy Thursday, April 8,
7 a.m. Morning Prayer
3 to 4 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30 p.m. to 12 Adoration and Benediction

Good Friday, April 9,
7 a.m. Morning Prayer
(fast and abstinence) noon Stations of Cross for Children
3 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 10, 8 a.m. Morning Prayer
4 to 5 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 11, Masses at 8, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Faith based courses at St. Stephen's Church

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is announcing a new contemporary series of faith-based courses starting Wednesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. In recent months, the Episcopal Church has been making headlines globally and locally.

In response to the attention, St. Stephen's is offering a series of eight Christian education courses called Via Media. The program is focused on continuing the conversation, and it's open to anyone who has ever been curios or interested in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition. It's objective is to create an open and inclusive environment that appeals to people wondering about The Episcopal Church or St. Stephen's as well as our existing congregation members. St. Stephen's encourages people to bring their ideas and questions, and the church will provide the informational resources and a place to exchange your thoughts and voice your opinions.

Over a period of eight weeks, St. Stephen's invites those seeking a spiritual community to enter both the journey and the conversation. Each week will begin with dinner at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a short video. Small and large group discussions will allow us to share our thoughts, reactions and questions to the topics presented in the video.

Using this combination of learning styles, St. Stephen's will encounter the basic principles of Christianity through the Anglican approach of Scripture, Tradition, and Reason. All people are encouraged to ask questions, and to learn how to answer their own questions of faith.

This program is open to the public and is free. St. Stephen's hopes you will consider coming for dinner and conversation. To register, contact St. Stephen's at 781-383-1083 no later than April 16.

Abbey speaker on global justice

Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center presents Outsourcing and Ownership: Justice in the Global Community with Sarah Woodard, from the Center For Development in Central America Managua, Nicaragua, on Thursday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. Free will offering. Lunch and learn Friday, April 23, at noon.

Woodard is a founding member of CDCA along with the other members of the Jubilee House Community, a non-sectarian group committed to global justice through the development of micro-loan projects and worker-owned crafts and agricultural coops.

Reservations are necessary. $10 to cover cost of food at both events. A selection of crafts will be available for sale. For reservations and information call Carol Stanton at 781-749-2155x 243. Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center is located on Rte. 228 (Hull St.) Hingham www.glastonburyabbey.org

OBITUARY

Eileen W. Foster

Eileen W. Foster, '71, of Westbrook, Maine, died unexpectedly on April 4, 2004, at her residence.

She was born and raised in Carnegie, Pa., the daughter of Howard and EllaMae Schaffer Wright.

Mrs. Foster attended schools in Carnegie where upon graduation, she worked for an engineering firm. There she met and married Andrew L. Foster. They were married for almost 50 years until Mr. Foster's death in June of 2002.

In 1965 they moved their family from Pennsylvania to Cohasset, where they resided and raised their two daughters until Mr. Foster's death.

Mrs. Foster was a devoted homemaker. She took great pride in raising her family. Upon her daughters' graduation, she pursued a career with Roman Research where she held a managerial position. After retirement, she spent time traveling with her husband to foreign countries he had business associations with.

She was a loving and dedicated wife and mother and cheerful and pleasing grandmother.

Very important to Mrs. Foster was her involvement with St. Stephen's Church. When she moved to Maine, her most important correspondence was the newsletters she received from St. Stephen's. There she was involved in the Alter Guild, was an assistant treasurer to the church, and a member of the soup and sandwich program.

Mrs. Foster leaves her two daughters, Cheryl L. Bifulco and Melissa J. Schinner and their husbands, her eight grandchildren, Eileen Marie, Antonio, Andrew, and Alexandra Bifulco, Nicholas and Jordan Hiltz, Adam and Lauren Schinner.

A private graveside ceremony will be held on April 12, at noon to be followed by a memorial service at St. Stephen's Church at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, 02025.

LEGAL NOTICES

DOUGHERTY JR. ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P0616EP

In the Estate of JOHN J. DOUGHERTY JR.

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death March 2, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that RICHARD A. HENDERSON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **APRIL 28, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, March 17, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#478465
Cohasset Mariner 4/8/04

JOHNSON ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P0656EP

In the Estate of PAUL J. JOHNSON

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 24, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARYELLEN JOHNSON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **APRIL 28, 2004.**

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, March 17, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#475740
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WITHDRAWAL PERMIT
LEGAL NOTICE

The Cohasset Board of Water Commissioners has applied to DEP for a permit to increase their 0.65 million gallon per day (mgd) registered withdrawal by up to 0.38 mgd from the groundwater and surface water of the South Coastal Basin, in the Town of Cohasset, over 20 years. The locations of the withdrawal points are:

Cohasset Water Treatment Plant
339 King Street
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Ellms Meadow Well Field
James Lane
Cohasset, MA 02025

Sohier Street Wells
Sohier Street
Cohasset, MA 02025

A copy of the application is available for review from 9AM to 3PM at the office of the Cohasset Board of Water Commissioners, located at 339 King Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Written comments on the granting of a DEP permit for this withdrawal are to be filed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Legal Notice. The written comments are to be submitted to the local water resource management official, c/o Board of Water Commissioners, 339 King Street, Cohasset, MA 02025, and to DEP, Drinking Water Program, One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108.

AD#479238
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POLICE/FIRE LOGS

MONDAY, MARCH 29

12:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle crash.

5:51 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

10:41 a.m. Bound Brook Lane, animal control.

12:42 p.m. Oak St,. medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

3:59 p.m. Summer St., general services.

5:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:54 p.m. North Main St,. motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

6:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.

7:57 p.m. Grace Dr, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

9:06 p.m. North Main St, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

9:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

9:31 p.m. Forest Ave. motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

10:08 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

10:17 p.m. Sohier St, motor vehicle stop. Summons issued. Chrgs. Operating a motor vehicle with revoked registration, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, speeding.

10:22 p.m. Elm St., fire.

11:55 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal control.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

3:26 a.m. Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle crash. Investigated/report taken.

6:09 a.m. Forest Ave. and Jerusalem road, recovered motor vehicle.

10:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other police department.

11:22 a.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

6:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle crash. Investigated/report taken.

7:18 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, patient sign off.

8:14 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

11:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

9:53 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

10:10 a.m. Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

3:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle crash. Patient sign off.

3:24 p.m. Joy Pl., suspicious person. area search negative.

6:32 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

7:07 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

7:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

9:13 p.m. Border St,. fire investigation.

9:21 p.m. Hull St., medical aid, patient sign off.

10:16 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

5:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Lane, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

8:58 a.m. Sohier St,. medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

10:27 a.m. Cedar lane, fire inspections.

2:54 p.m. Linden Dr. and Jerusalem Road, traffic complaint.

4:13 p.m. Jerusalem Lane and Linden Dr., officer wanted.

4:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., assist motorist.

4:42 p.m. Linden Dr. and Jerusalem Road, parking complaint.

4:45 p.m. South Main St, assist citizen.

4:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

5:09 p.m. Town Lot, general services.

5:40 p.m. Nichols Road, general services

6:08 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

6:15 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

6:20 p.m. Summer St., general services.

6:21 p.m. Cushing Road, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

6:23 p.m. Hillside Dr., animal control.

7:11 p.m. Linden Dr., general services.

9:39 p.m. Linden Dr., general services.

10:07 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation.

10:48 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

11:12 p.m. Ripley Road, general services.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

12:21 a.m. Ripley Road, open door/window.

12:32 a.m. Headquarters, found property.

12:36 p.m. Elm St, open door/window.

12:52 p.m. Headquarters, general services.

5:08 a.m. Ripley road, Smith Place, general services.

5:16 a.m. Cedar St,. assist citizen. Arrest: Craig Laugelle, 18, 96 Pleasant St,. Cohasset. Chrgs. Operating under the influence. liquor, operation of motor vehicle unlicensed, miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

8:30 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation.

10:02 a.m. Pond St,. medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

1:25 p.m. Pleasant St,. officer wanted.

1:29 p.m. Elm St,. parking complaint.

2:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

6:09 p.m. Elm St,. animal control.

7:33 p.m. King St,. motor vehicle crash.

9:23 p.m. Cedar Ledge Village, suspicious.

9:42 p.m. Nichols Road, annoying phone calls.

10:25 p.m. Hull St,. officer wanted, peace restored.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

12:45 a.m. Sohier St,. general services.

1:10 a.m. Sohier St,. general services.

3:46 a.m. Headquarters, fire.

6:33 a.m. North Main St,. assist citizen.

8:07 a.m. Cushing Road, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

8:30 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, fire investigation.

8:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

8:40 a.m. Black Horse Lane, fire investigation.

8:52 a.m. Pleasant St,. officer wanted.

12:57 p.m. Nichols Road, fire investigation.

1:14 p.m. Highland Ave., by law violation.

2:15 p.m. Elm St,. fire investigation.

2:36 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

2:41 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

2:48 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist motorist.

3:04 p.m. Pond St. and Holly Lane, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

5:10 p.m. Carbone Lane, animal control.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

12:41 a.m. Norfolk Road, disturbance.

8:40 a.m. King St,. medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

9 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

February, March were quiet months

February was a quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were four arrests; one for assault and battery and three for protective custody, Police Chief Robert Jackson said.

In March were five arrests, one for protective custody, one for violation of a restraining order, two for larceny over $250, and finally one for domestic assault and battery, Jackson said.

During the month of February the police department investigated nine motor vehicle accidents, five of which resulted in personal injury. There were 42 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,220. in fines. Additionally, there were 30 parking tickets issued for $775 in fines.

In March the police department investigated six motor vehicle accidents, two of which resulted in personal injury. There were 46 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,680 in fines. Additionally, there were 19 parking tickets issued for $475 in fines.

In February the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 705 calls for police services of those 98 were emergency 9-1-1 calls, Jackson said. In March the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 734 calls for police services of those 115 were emergency 9-1-1 calls.

There was one breaking and entering of a residence in February and three in March, one on a business and two on residences. Additionally there were six criminal complaints issued in February and nine in March, Jackson said.

In March Detective Sergeant Gregory J. Lennon completed the 11-week FBI Training Academy in Quantico, Va.



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APRIL 8 - 16, 2004

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Legendary funnyman Rich Little will bring his vast collection of celebrity voices to Plymouth Memorial Hall on Saturday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m., in a night featuring music and comedy. This veteran performer has a catalog of more than 1,000 celebrity voices, from Jimmy Stewart, to George Bush to Kermit the Frog. Little will be backed by a band which will assist him on such musical impersonations as Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett.

Tickets priced at $40 and $35 are now available at the Plymouth Hall box-office, located in the lobby of the Radisson Plymouth Hotel (180 Water St.), online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 508-747-0234. You can also get tickets at all Strawberries outlets.

The Pembroke Historical Society will be hosting their annual Grand Ol' Fish Fry on Sunday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Thomas Reading Park at the Herring Run. This very popular family event will once again feature the culinary expertise of Chef Bobby Hackett who will be serving up the fish, cornbread, beans, coffee, and lemonade. Hot Dogs will be available for those non-fish friendly taste buds. Chef Hackett will be christening the new grill at the park that has been painstakingly renovated thanks to community donations and volunteers, coordinated by the Pembroke Historical Society.

The second annual Golf For a Hope golf tournament to benefit the Friends for Life Fund at Dana Farber is scheduled to be held at Atlantic Country Club in Plymouth on May 21, is one of the more than 150 tournaments being held in 2004. The funds raised will help the Friends for Life people reach their goal of $1,000,000. Denyse Dodd 617-872-6020 denysed@myfriendsforlife.com

The Scituate Animal Shelter will hold its First Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 4, at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. The afternoon tournament will feature numerous prizes - including a hole-in-one automobile, raffles, and Par 3 Poker. The $125 fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner at the Barker Tavern. The Shelter is also seeking corporate sponsorships and donations to raffle. All proceeds will go to the no-kill Scituate Animal Shelter. Registration forms are available at the shelter or by logging onto Fundraisers at www.town.scituate.ma.us/animal-shelter/. For information, call 781-545-8325.

Thurs. 8

The Norwell Sociables Book Club. April 15, 7:30 p.m. **The God of Small Things**. Host Amy Pertula, **RSVP Ellen Allen781-659-8120 by April 8.**

The North River Arts Society presents **Focus on Figures 2004**, its seventh annual show of art works based on the human figure. The show will run through April 10, at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., in Marshfield Hills. 781-837-8091, northriverarts@rcn.com

The First Herring Brook Watershed Initiative is holding a Vernal Pool Workshop on Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in conservation land off Old Gannett Road in North Scituate. Vernal Pool hunters Andy Walsh, Garry Van Wart, Shan Morrissey and Linda Bornstein will teach participants about the mini-watershed environment and fascinating inhabitants of vernal pools which are teeming with creatures in the spring and are a vital and often neglected part of our ecosystem. The program is suitable for all ages. The suggested donation is $3. Meet at Old Gannett Road off Border Street. For information, check the website: www.fhbwi.org

Hull Lifesaving Museum, First Thursday Lecture Series: **Generous Gifts and Great Finds**, April 8, 7 p.m. $3 members/$5 non-members. 781-925-5433 www.bostonharborheritage.org

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Menopause The Musical - Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St., Boston. March 31 to May 9. 800-477-7400

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents **Patterns and Pinhole, Recent Mixed Media Works and Pinhole Photography** by **Stephanie Roberts** of Pembroke, through April 30. 781-383-1348.

Braintree Art Association members **Ron and Sharon Brake** will be displaying their paintings for the month of April at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Fri. 9

Borders Book Store in Kingston at the Independence Mall: **Children's Events:** Storytimes: Every Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m. "Storytime with Beth." Each event is a celebration of classic and new picture books. April 9, 10:30 a.m. Beth will be reading **Best Easter Eggs Ever** and **Corduroy's Easter.**

Human Rights Activist to Speak in Duxbury Dr. Charlie Clements, an internationally recognized human rights and public health advocate, will deliver a speech entitled, "Justice is Flowing: The Realization of Human Rights," on Friday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. at The First Parish Church 842 Tremont St. (Route 3A) in Duxbury, next to the Duxbury Town Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted. First Parish Church is handicapped accessible. For information and directions, contact Tim Temerson at 781-934-6532.

An ecumenical Good Friday service will be held at **First Baptist Church**, 660 Country Way, Scituate on April 9, from noon to 3 p.m. You may come and go at any time during the three hours. For additional information, call 781.545.0058.

Front Street Book Shop hosts **Story Hour** Fridays at 10 a.m. Charlotte will read the classic and not so classic tales of mice and men, cats and dogs, frogs and princesses. Children of preschool age are invited to join in the fun. Story Hour Event is free, Fridays 10 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Call 781-545-5011 or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com

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Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **Bill Downes.** 781-834-1910.

JC Dee's Restaurant & Lounge, 312 Bridge St., (Rte. 3A), No. Weymouth, **Comedy Night,** Friday, April 9, at 9 p.m. Featuring: **Bob Niles, Annette Pollack, D.J. Cage, Anthony Pike, Jenn Dlugos, Stephanie Peters, Brenda Nason and Tim Kaelin.** 9 p.m. Full dinner menu available before the show. Pizza and appetizers available during the show. Admission is $10 at the door. Advanced tickets available at JC Dee's before noon on Friday for $8. Reservations recommended. Call 781-337-1020 for details.

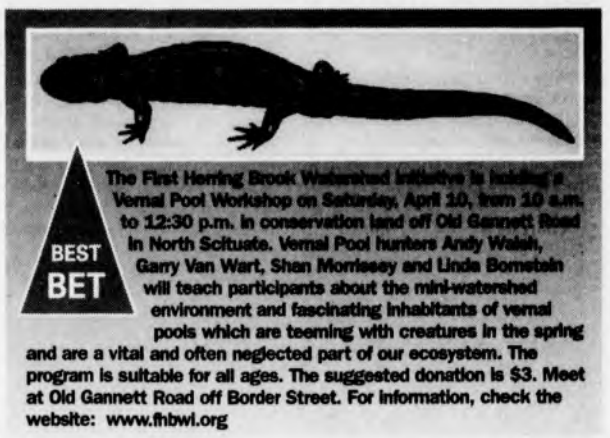
James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents "The Dance of Being," an exhibition of mixed media abstract expressionist paintings by **Cohasset artist Sydney Burroughs** from April 2 through May 5. An opening reception will be held April 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-6569-7100 for further information.

Nathan Gallery, 152 Rockland St., Hanover presents **Full Circle** through April 16. Gallery hours Mon. to Sat. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **Full Circle** is the second annual showing of artwork by the faculty and students from the Hanover Public School Art department (K-12). 781-826-6500.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays and vacation weeks Free with admission. A half-hour of story-telling.Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m.



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The First Herring Brook Watershed Initiative is holding a Vernal Pool Workshop on Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in conservation land off Old Gannett Road in North Scituate. Vernal Pool hunters Andy Walsh, Garry Van Wart, Shan Morrissey and Linda Bornstein will teach participants about the mini-watershed environment and fascinating inhabitants of vernal pools which are teeming with creatures in the spring and are a vital and often neglected part of our ecosystem. The program is suitable for all ages. The suggested donation is $3. Meet at Old Gannett Road off Border Street. For information, check the website: www.fhbwi.org

Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **Bill Downes** 781-834-1910 www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Next Page Cafe', 550 Broad St. Weymouth. 781-335-9796. 9 p.m., No cover, Live Blues every Fri. and Sat. nights. April 9, **Satch & The Houserockers.**

Sat. 10

Children's Museum, Boston: April 5, through April 11, **EGG-CELLENT FUN**, Join in egg decorating, egg rolling and believe it or not, egg dancing. 617-426-8855 www.bostonkids.org

The Weymouth Art Association members spring exhibit will take place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth, April 10 through 24. 7810337-1402 or 781-337-4513.

The Art Complex Museum of Duxbury - one day workshop, **Clay**, with **Melissa Schortmann** on April 10, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. $40 fee includes materials for introduction to clay. Registration required. 781-934-6634x15.

The First Herring Brook Watershed Initiative is sponsoring a **Vernal Pool Workshop** to be held on April 10, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ellis Estate on Country Way in North Scituate. Vernal pool hunters Andy Walsh, Garry VanWart, Shan Morrissey and Linda Bornstein will teach participants about the mini-watershed environment and fascinating inhabitants of vernal pools which blossom into life each spring and play a vital part in our biodiversity on the South Shore. In addition, participants will be taught how to identify and officially certify a vernal pool for regulatory protection. The Vernal Pool Workshop is suitable for all ages. Meet at Old Gannett Road off Border St. in North Scituate. Suggested donation is $3 and $5 for families. For information visit www.fhbwi.org or Lisa Tompson on 781-545-7376.

Big Apple Circus, Bayside Expo Center, April 3 to May 9. Call Ticketmaster at 1-800-922-3772 or visit www.ticketmaster.com for tickets. For information call 800-922-3772.

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, presents **All About Values,** a collection of oil paintings by artist **Anna Gail Campanelli of Norwell** on April 2-29 in Vine Hall Gallery. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **The Other Kim** 781-834-1910 www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. Blues Jam. April 10, **John the Conqueror** 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

The Next Page Cafe', 550 Broad St. Weymouth. 781-335-9796. 9 p.m., No cover, Live Blues every Fri. and Sat. nights. April 10, **Rockin' George Leh**

Sun. 11

Sunday Brunch at the JFK Library and Museum nine Sundays beginning April 11, through June, Brunch served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. $36 adults; $12 children age 12 and under. Admission includes brunch, museum admission and all taxes and gratuities. Reservations strongly recommended by calling 617-514-1586. wwwjfklibrary.org

Children's Museum, Boston: April 11, Easter Egg Hunt, April 11 from 2 to 3 p.m. Bring own basket and find eggs hidden throughout the museum. 617-426-8855 www.bostonkids.org

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents a **silent auction** at their new gallery located at 124 Front St., Scituate Harbor. The show runs through April 25. www.scituateartsassociaton.com.

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Weymouth Artist of the Month, Jean Doran will exhibit her paintings for the month of April at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

Sunday Night Blues at JC Dee's Restaurant, No. Weymouth, featuring **Shovelhead**, April 11. No cover charge 781-337-1029.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will show together the text and illustrations from the Persian literary works: **the Shahnama, Khavar-nama, Khamza of Nizami and Hadith al Anbiya** in the exhibition **Complex Tales: Persia**

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Feb.1-April 25. 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

"Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance" every Sunday evening at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Dance music by DJ Joe Pet. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139, Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Mon. 12

The South Shore Natural Science Center presents, **All About Values**, a collection of oil paintings by artist Anna Gail Campanelli of Norwell, through April 29, in Vine Hall Gallery. Anna Gail's work reflects her love and respect for nature while at the same time explores the relative degrees of light and dark, and color.

The North River Arts Society presents **It Must be the Altitude! Images of New Mexico**, a new group exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, featuring original work by Joreen Benbenek, (oils), Patricia M. Gray, (oils/pastels,) Becky Haletky (watercolors), Liz Haywood-Sullivan (pastels, and Donna Rossetti-Bailey (pastels). This show runs through April 24. Cal North River Arts Society at 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Tickets are on sale for **Movin' Out** a new dance musical based on 26 classic songs by Billy Joel, opens at the Colonial Theatre for a limited six-week engagement March 2 through April 10. Ticketmaster 617-931-2787.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly free meetings, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Tues. 13

The First Herring Brook Watershed Initiative needs volunteers to take part in the "Bug Squad" which will have its first planning session on April 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the TPMC Conference Room on Mill Wharf Plaza in Scituate Harbor (look for the FHBWI sign). Entomologist Fred Saint Ours will supervise the session where sites will be selected for dip-net collection of macro-invertebrates — "bugs". For information call Lance Van Lenten on 781-545-5987 or visit the FHBWI website on www.fhbwi.org

The Trustees of Reservations will be having a registration evening for their **Children's Summer Programs** in the Whiton Room at the Hingham Public Library between 6 and 8:30 p.m., April 13. This will be the first opportunity to register your child for the ***Farm Hands*** or ***Young Ecologists*** at Weir River Farm and World's End. For information or to register after that date call 781-740-4796.

The Hingham Public Library presents **Sandra McDermott**, illustrator of **The Nature of Cape of Cod** by **Beth Schwarzman**. She will be exhibiting a selection of her pen and ink nature drawings throughout the month of April.

Between the Lines: Capturing the Experience of Life meets Tuesdays, April 13 to May 11, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the Whipple Senior Center, 182 Green St., Weymouth. This popular writing workshop brings together far-reaching interests, varied points of view, and lively discussions. No previous experience is required. Explore something new or dust off some old pursuits — you'll amaze yourself. Bring your curiosity and a pen. Advance registration and $55 fee are required. For program information and directions, call 781.682.6140.

The **South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation** will hold two basic business workshops in Plymouth aimed at assisting potential and existing entrepreneurs. The free workshops are being co-sponsored by Sovereign Bank and the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce. Both workshops will be held at Sovereign Bank, 4 North St., Plymouth. The first of these workshops titled Learn the Fundamentals in Planning, Preparing For, and Financing Your Business will be held on Tuesday, April 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

South Shore Business Network Hingham Networking Luncheon - April 13 (sponsored by Eastern Bank) Family Style Luncheon (Rte 3 to exit 14 toward Hingham. Left on Rte. 53, Red Sauce is on your left about/mile)

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

Wed. 14

Borders Book Store in Kingston at the Independence Mall: April 14, 10:30 a.m. Accompany Beth as she reads **Don't Forget to Come Back** and **Bernstain Bears and the Sitter.**

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury will offer an exhibition full of childhood remembrances and the images they evoke as expressed in **On their Own, Rhoda Rosenberg, printmaker**. The exhibit will run through June 13. A reception is scheduled for May 16, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The recent watercolors of Sara "Ginger" Holbrook will be on exhibit in the Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery throughout the month of April. 781-741-1405.

The Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents **"Youth Magnified,"** a photography exhibit by the **Duxbury High School Photography Club**, through April 24. Free and open to the public. 781-934-0640

Quincy Department of Elder Services presents **Between the Lines: Capturing the Experience of Life** This writing workshop welcomes far-reaching interests and varied points of view in a stimulating and inspiring atmosphere. No previous writing experience is required, only curiosity and a pen. Try something new or dust off some old interests — and amaze yourself. Wednesdays, April 7 to May 5, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Four Seaport Drive, North Quincy (wheelchair accessible). Advance registration and $55 fee are required. For program information and directions, call Quincy Department of Elder Services, 617-376-1506 or e-mail journalguru@yahoo.com

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Cllub. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 15

The Braintree Art Association Annual Member exhibit will take place through April 30, at the Thayer Academy Gallery, 745 Washington St., Braintree. Gallery hours 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. when school is in session. The Braintree Art Association meeting will be April 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Thayer Gallery. A demonstration of watercolor by **Mike Domina** will be presented. The Edith Bishop award will be give. Public invited. 781-335-4675.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Tickets on sale now for its 2004 season. Children's programs go on sale also. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com

HSO Chamber Music "After Hours" Thursday, April 15 at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church on Hingham0s Main Street, Hingham Symphony Chamber Players present an evening of chamber music and convivial company. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with hors0d0oeuvres and a cash bar. Meet other supporters of fine music on the South Shore. Conductor Jin Kim and the HSO musicians will be on hand as well. At 7 p.m., the HSO Chamber Players will perform an hour-long program of short classical pieces, featuring Stravinsky's Concerto in E-flat Dumbarton Oaks, and a range of solo and ensemble performances. Seating is limited to 200. Tickets are available in advance at La Petite Maison, Hingham Square; Noble0s, Hingham Square; Buttonwood Books, Cohasset; Front Street Book Shop, Scituate; and the Hingham and Weymouth Main Libraries, or call 781-740-5694 to reserve. $20 adults, $15 seniors, $10 youth through age 18

South Shore Women's Business Network - Fundamentals of Networking, B.Y.O.L. (Bring your own lunch) Workshop. April 15 - noon to 1:30 p.m. This course will provide the tools to assist in the successful business relationships you can expect as a member of the SSWBN. This program is recommended to new members, and seasoned members, to help them advance their business success timeline. You bring lunch; they provide beverages and dessert. There is no cost for this workshop but let them know if you plan to attend as space is limited. 781-749-8883, 781-749-3130 Fax, www.sswbn.org

Jimbos Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners - **Comedy Night** featuring a Double Headliner Show with **Paul D'Angelo and Patty Ross with Annette Pollack, Mike Kaplan, Kimberly Knight, Ron Rogers and Michelle Peirce**. Host: **Vernon Harrison**. Admission $10, special priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.



BEST BET

Billy Joel musical is 'Movin' Out' this weekend

If you like the idea of a 16-member company of Broadway's most-talented dancers moving to the music of Billy Joel with stunning choreography by Twyla Tharp, then "Movin' Out" belongs at the top of your must-see list. Don't waste too much of this week coloring Easter eggs, however, as the national tour of the 2003 Tony Award-winning show will only be in town through Saturday, April 10.

Conceived, choreographed and directed by contemporary dance icon Tharp and based on 26 classic songs by rock legend Joel, "Movin' Out" tells the tale of lifelong friends through two turbulent decades that change their lives and the world they live in forever. Songs like "It's Still Rock and Roll to Me," "We Didn't Start the Fire" and "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant" come together perfectly to weave a compelling story told through music and passionate, energy-infused dance.

"Movin' Out" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, through April 10. For tickets, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

- R. Scott Reedy



BEST BET

The South Shore Natural Science Center gallery will feature "All About Values" recent paintings by Anna Gail Campanelli from April 3 -29. The science center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For more information call (781) 659-2559.

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Setback doesn't deter Cook plans

Septic system poses unexpected challenge

By Samantha Brown
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While plans to incorporate an on-site septic system for the senior housing complex planned for the Cook property appear to be off the table, Town Manager Mark Haddad said it will not affect the project's ability to move forward.

The town has been conducting "due diligence" on the property and results of some preliminary testing have shown the on-site system the town had planned will not be feasible, Haddad said, so alternative solutions are being explored.

A potential solution could be to build a treatment plant on-site and discharge the water to a leaching field on another piece of property, Haddad said. Both town-owned property and private property will be looked at as possible locations, but Haddad would not say specifically which land is being considered. Because abutting properties to the Cook estate could have the same soil conditions, they are not being thought about as viable alternatives, he said. The stretch of town-owned land that runs from behind the new Osgood School to behind the old Osgood School is recreation and conservation land, and he doesn't see it as a viable site, either, he added.

Last fall, voters at the Special Town meeting allocated $4.5 million for the purchase of the 22-acre parcel of Cook-owned property, which has been combined with the adjacent 8.7 acres

COOK PLANS, PAGE 4

Selectmen's race expensive contest

By Mary Ford
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Newly elected Selectman Rob Spofford may turn out to be the single-biggest spender and fundraiser during this year's town election season.

Under state law, candidates are required to file preliminary campaign finance reports with the Town Clerk eight days before the election.

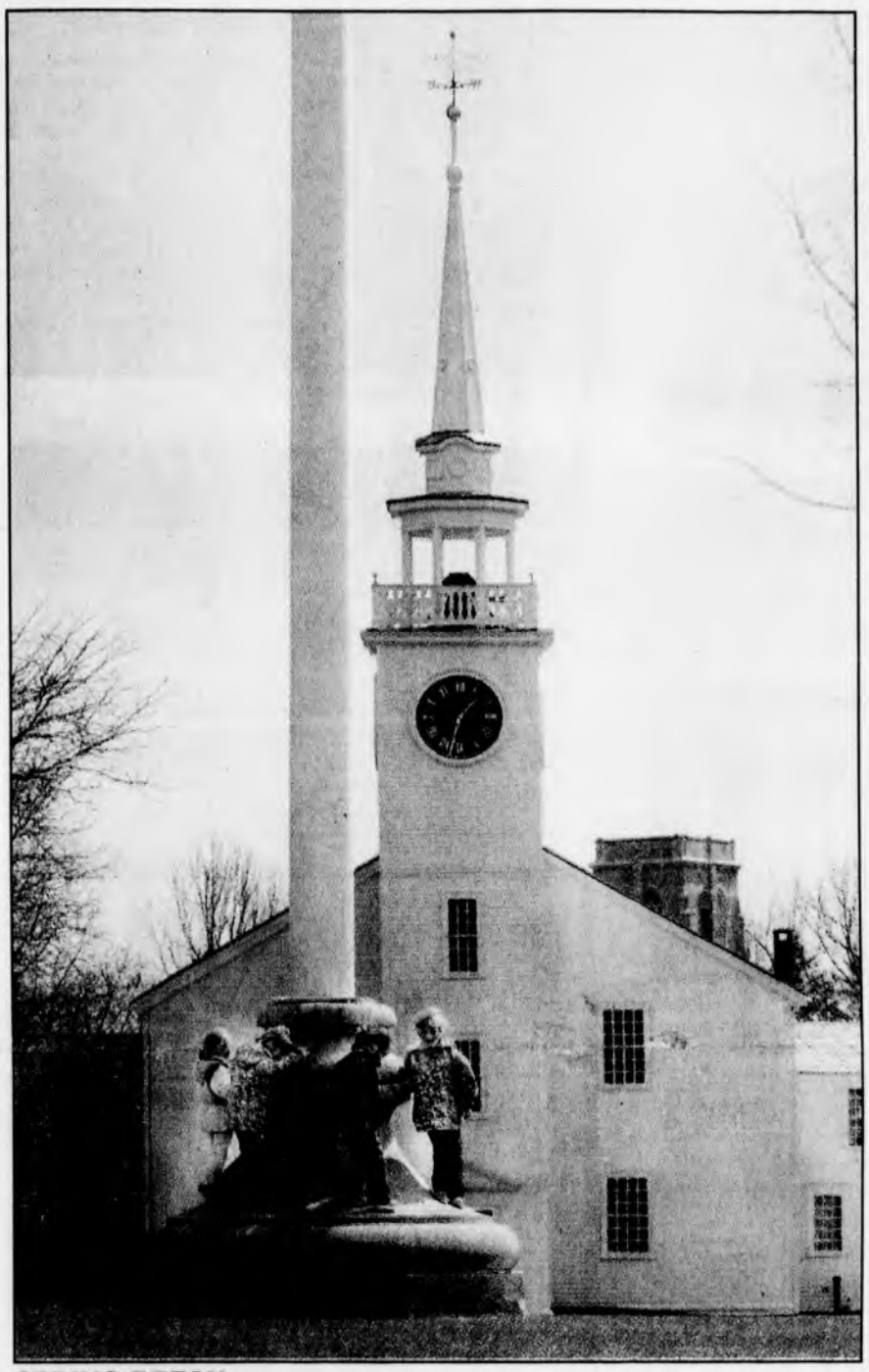
According to Spofford's report, from Jan. 9 to March 25 he raised $8,339.43 and spent $5,690.96. Ralph Dormitzer, who finished second just 75 votes behind Spofford, reported raising $3,910 from Feb. 19-March 26 and spending $2,798. Lou Harvey reported raising $4,405 and spending $2,553.34 during essentially the same timeframe as Dormitzer.

Dormitzer and Harvey, who ran as a team, pulled nomination papers just a few days before the Feb. 17 filing deadline. When looked at together, the men raised $8,315 and spent $5,351.14.

Incumbent Selectman Merle Brown, who finished fourth in the four-way race for two seats, reported $308 in receipts for his campaign and expenditures of $315.36.

In the four-way school committee race for two seats, top vote-getter Jamie Williams reported raising $2,190 and spending $745.42 from Dec. 14 through March 11. Adrienne

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SPRING BREAK

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Madison and Halle Pratt negotiate their way around the flagpole with twins Madigan and Callahan O'Neill on Monday before the rain returned.

Brick for the village?

Dormitzer says downtown plans need tweaking

By Samantha Brown
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With an April 30 deadline to submit bids on the Village Revitalization Project looming, newly elected Selectman Ralph Dormitzer is wasting no time in trying to change the project's direction.

Dormitzer said he believes there are some aspects of the current plans, drawn by the Waterfield Design Group, which need to be looked into before anything becomes finalized. To that end, he is working with the Planning Board, which has similar concerns, to assemble a task force of Cohasset professionals and merchants, who were slated to meet last night (Wednesday, April 14) after the Mariner went to press with selectmen, to discuss alternatives to current streetscape plans.

"We are a historic town and we want it to stay that way," said Dormitzer, adding he believes new sidewalks, new curbs, and generally, "cleaning the Village up a bit," is what people want to see.

He added current plans for sidewalk materials, lighting, and parking could be improved to keep with the character of the town. While he acknowledges the town voted in favor of concrete sidewalks at the fall Special Town Meeting, he said it was a vote on a concept and not the actual plans.

The November Special Town Meeting first voted down an arti-

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ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Kids in the Mommy & Me music class at the South Shore Community Center get to feel what it's like to have a rainbow over their heads. For more photos see page 24.

New office building planned for Rte. 3A

By Mary Ford
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If all goes as planned a third, brick office building will rise off Route 3A near Crocker Lane, not far from the proposed Cohasset Greenbush station.

The proposed 4,400 square-foot building is slated for the 2.6-acre site where the candy store, "Sweet Surprises," is now located next to Cohasset Collision. Plans are to raze the small Cape-style house and replace it with a new office building.

Engineer John Cavanaro presented preliminary plans for the building to the Planning Board last week. The property is owned by Crocker II Realty Trust, which also owns the Brass Kettle Brook office building and the medical building off Crocker Lane. Cavanaro said the new building, which is on an odd-shaped lot that lacks enough space for adequate parking, would use some of the excess parking at the medical building that has 221 spaces and needs 197.

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Shared parking is OK under Cohasset bylaws if the adjacent parcels have the same owner and the parking area is within reasonable walking distance, Cavanaro explained. The proposed building would need 34 spaces and 10 are proposed on site, the remainder would be at the medical center.

The building is colonial style on a 2,500-square-foot footprint and would connect to the existing leaching field between Cohasset Collision and Hingham

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This week in COHASSET

Great Neck project misses PB hearing

Members of the Great Neck development team did not show up for a public hearing with the Planning Board last week. Town Planner Liz Harrington said she had made calls and sent letters to property owner Ellen Morrissey, to inform her of the importance of the hearing.

Morrissey and her team were given a second chance to present plans before the board, even though it voted unanimously in February to deny her proposal for the Great Neck senior housing project, slated to be built off of Beach Street. The board said the preliminary plans were not sufficient to move forward, but due to Planning Board rules and regulations, the team was given a second opportunity to present any changes they had made.

Because the applicants did not show up, their plans were denied. Mark DeGiacomo, 59 Beach St., asked whether the applicant's denial means she cannot come back before the Planning Board. He said as he reads the Senior Multi-family Overlay District bylaw, which the project was filed under, once a project is denied, it cannot come before the board again. Town Planner Liz Harrington said while applicants for regular special permits are usually allowed to come back after two years, because the SMROD bylaw is so new, rules for re-applying will need to be looked into.

Openings on school facilities committee

David Chase and Rob Spofford are both resigning from the School Building Committee, soon to be known as the School Facilities Committee now that construction is complete, leaving three openings on the board. Spofford who is now serving on the board of selectmen, said one of the main duties of the board is to report to Town Meeting annually to give reports on the status of the schools.

With the end of construction, there was talk among selectmen to possibly expand the responsibility of the board to include overseeing some of the renovated buildings in town like the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. If the scope of the board is changed, it will need to come in the form of a Town Meeting vote.

For more information, please contact the board of selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

DPW calls the shots on the fields

Town Manager Mark Haddad said either Andy Swanson or Carl Sestito of the DPW will be the authority on playing fields in Cohasset. If a field is too wet or not in any condition to be played on, one of them will make that decision. With all the improvements that have been made to the fields, selectmen wanted to make sure someone has the authority to call off a game, should it become necessary, in an effort to protect the town's investment.

P&B bus stop could be removed

Roger Hill, 19 Highland Ave., said there is an old bus stop "hut" on North Main Street, which is in disrepair and should be taken down. "We don't even have a P&B bus running through town anymore," he said, and wondered if the area could be replaced with grass instead. He also mentioned there is some artwork inside the hut which local residents might want saved, and should be taken into consideration if it is taken down. Selectmen said they would look into the matter.

Roundhouse and Rocky Lane focus of MBTA meeting

The MBTA will conduct a meeting regarding the old Cohasset Roundhouse and Rocky Lane grade separator at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 28 in the basement meeting room at Town Hall.

The purpose of the consultation sessions will be for the MBTA to present the current design proposals for these components of the project and discuss their potential impacts to cultural resources. Representatives of the towns as well as members of the public will then be given an opportunity to make comments on the design as proposed.

Service provider for sewer backups

There has been a change of service to all customers with grinder pumps, previously if you had an alarm or sewer backup Rosano-Davis would be the service provider to call. Recently the Town has changed contractors. Now all Sewer Customers must call either the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 781-383-1519 or Williamson Electric at: 800-287-9000 or 617-394-5060.

As previously advised before, it is necessary for the Commission to back charge its sewer customers for the town's cost for service calls to remove foreign objects.

The following objects have caused repeated service calls. Please discontinue the introduction of the following items into the Sewer System: tampons, dental floss, baby wipes, Q-Tips. In addition, the following objects will also clog the pumps: bones, diapers, cloth, glass, metal, nuts, plastic, rags, rope, rubber, sand, sanitary napkins, shells, towels.

Straits Pond Assoc. to meet on April 26

The Straits Pond Watershed Association will holds its quarterly meeting at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 26 at Rob & Betsy Gilman's house, 15 Summit Ave., Hull. Meet Hull Selectmen Candidates and also hear updates on spring cleanup, forums, West Corner culvert, grants and SPWA nominations. Everyone welcome. 781.925.8659 / viaspeech@comcast.net

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, April 27, 4 p.m.

Board of Health, April 20, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, April 15, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, April 21, 5:30 p.m. at 82 Border St., 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Sewer Commission, April 26, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

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Sat. 17	10:43	10.1	4:25	11:05	10.2	4:49
Sun. 18	11:29	10.1	5:12	11:45	10.3	5:31
Mon. 19	——	——	5:56	12:11	10.0	6:10
Tues. 20	12:22	10.4	6:37	12:51	9.8	6:48
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Staszko floats plans for new Mill River Marine site

Existing businesses are being evicted

By Samantha Brown
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Tommy Alioto has been running Cohasset Lobster Pound for 14 years, but will soon need to find another place to operate. His is among the businesses being evicted from the Mill River Marine at the harbor.

"I buy lobsters from 30 boats," he said, adding his business is convenient for him and the lobstermen, since it provides an easy drop-off point as they come into the harbor, and also provides a service to the town. But with new plans to rebuild three dilapidated buildings in the Mill River Marine, he and others are being asked to evacuate in order to make room for what will come, and will not be asked to return once construction is complete.

Representatives for Donald Staszko, owner of the Mill River Marine, came before the planning board last Wednesday with a vision of rebuilding the Quonset hut, "Eastwick" building, and main building at the Border Street site.

The development team said its intention is to essentially rebuild what is currently there, to minimize the impact on the surrounding area. But Alioto sees it differently.

"I'm going to have to sell lobsters somewhere else," he said, adding he will most likely move his business to Hull.

With the amount of time he has been operating his business, he said he has built up relationships with the lobstermen, who will now either have to travel to sell their lobsters to him, or sell them someplace else. Alioto added lobsters are only worth something if they're alive, and traveling with them doesn't help.

But even with plans to evict current tenants, the developers have been vague about plans for businesses in the marina. Planning board Chairman Al Moore said, "It's not our prerogative to ask, but our presumption is, it's being built for the use it is intended to be built for." Just last year, Peter Roy had plans to build two condominiums on site, but was not given approval because of the waterfront zoning. Moore said waterfront uses are very limited and even offices which deal with the sale of boats don't necessarily qualify.

While the development team will come before the planning board again April 21 to describe its plans in more detail, current proposals include the reconstruction of the "three failed buildings," said Charles Humphreys, Donald Staszko's attorney, who also served as Roy's attorney when he owned the site. "Our intent is to repair and rebuild the same buildings without substantial impact," he said.

Carlos Peña, vice president of CLE Engineering — who was hired for the project — said improvements such as raising the buildings to the 100-year flood plain would need to be made, requiring the Eastwick building be raised between two and three feet.

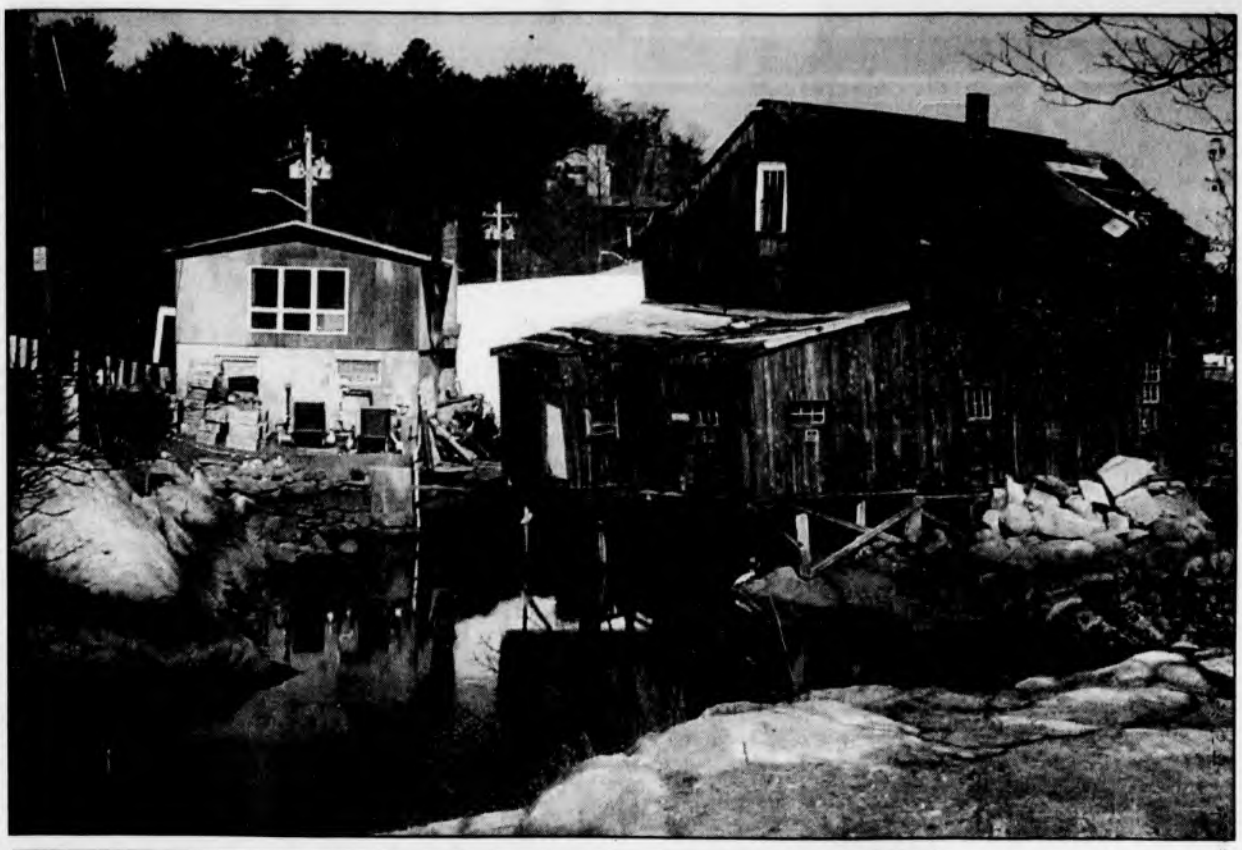
Moore asked about what the demolition process will entail, since the buildings are literally right on the water, the environment is a major concern.

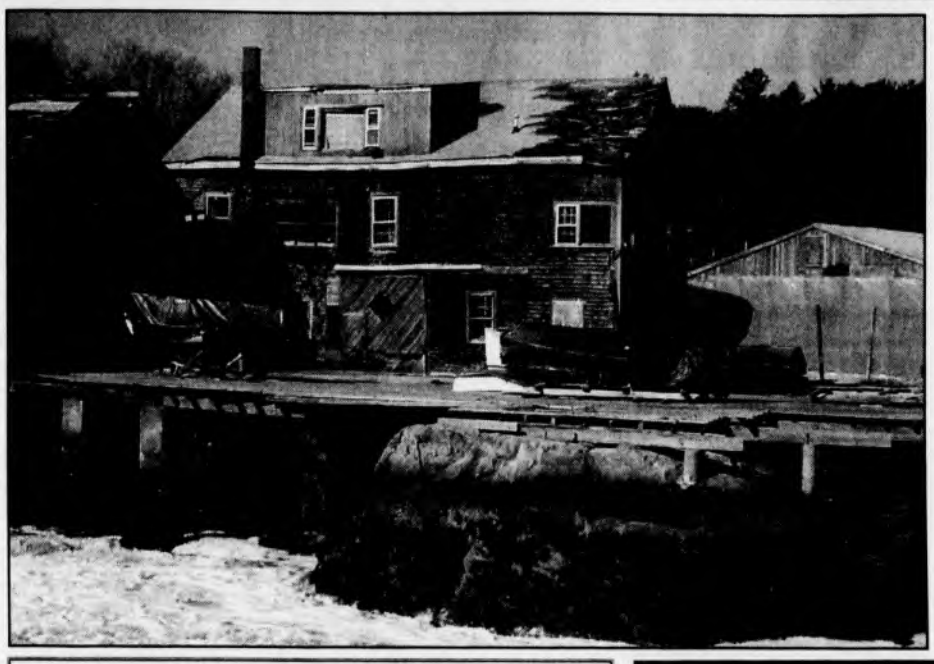
"Most of the work is being done on ledge," said Peña, who added before anything begins on site, the project will have to come before the conservation commission. He said he has already contacted a company which specializes in dismantling buildings because the typical demolition process of knocking down a building to a pile of rubble will obviously not work.

Because a marine railway will most likely be removed, measures will have to be taken to ensure the project meets the guidelines of the Chapter 91 Waterways law, also called the Massachusetts Public Waterfront Act.

The town's engineering consultant, John Modzelewski, said the next time the team comes before the board, he would like to see plans which show what is currently on site versus what is planned, to give a better idea of what the project will entail. In the meantime, Alioto said he will have until Sept. 1 to pack up and move.

The Mill River Marine project will come before the Planning Board again Wednesday, April 21, at Cohasset Town Hall.





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Above: Donald Staszko has plans to rebuild the three failing buildings at the Mill River Marine.

At left: The timber pier behind the buildings will be replaced as part of the plans to rebuild three Mill River Marine buildings.

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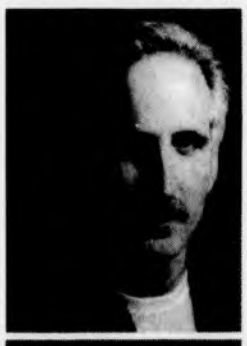


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Setback doesn't deter Cook plans

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of town property, and marketed to developers. The town will sell the combined parcels to Northland Residential for $5.425 million for senior housing. There will be a double closing, transferring the property from the Cooks to the developer, and therefore money will not be expended by the town. Because the town has a closing deadline of October, time is of the essence.

Should the town opt to lend town land to the cause, the developers would have to enter into some kind of leasing or licensing agreement. "To be smart about it, you'd want to go to Town Meeting," said Haddad, but ultimately that decision will be up to the selectmen. Haddad said he believes the board can enter into leasing agreements for up to 10 years without having to go before Town Meeting.

Joe Cerutti, the hydrogeologist appointed by the state Department of Environmental Protection for the project, said rights to property can be leased to accommodate wastewater disposal. Cerutti said the DEP would allow it "as long as we were confident it would be feasible."

While a mounded system had also been considered, Haddad said the size of the system would be too large to be accommodated without virtually creating a mountain on-site. He also said tying into town sewer will be considered as an alternative, but because there are currently many issues surrounding sewer tie-ins and available capacity, that option may not prove to be feasible. "That's not something we're pursuing right now," he said of sewer hook up.

Perc tests

Preliminary perc tests on the property were promising and indicated the soil could accommodate a conventional Title 5 system (the state code governing septic systems). John Cavanaro of John Cavanaro Consulting said there was one area of the site which had successful perc rates, and showed no imminent threats, such as bedrock or a high water table, which would indicate testing should not move any further. "We found we had successful perc rates to do a conventional Title 5 system," on that area of the site, Cavanaro said. The area they had successful rates in was in the least sensitive area on site as well. "It made sense to keep moving forward," he said.

Haddad said based on Cavanaro's results, "If we needed anything under 10,000 gallons per day, we could put a conventional system on-site right now."

To keep the process moving forward, voters allocated $25,000 at the special Fall Town Meeting for a hydrogeologic study, which is the first step in obtaining a ground-water discharge permit from DEP. The project is estimated to generate 14,000 gallons of wastewater per day.

When the town was given the OK from DEP to begin a hydrogeologic study, the town hired John Chessia of Coler and Colantonio with an additional $25,000 allocated from a reserve fund transfer. Because the town has a deadline it needs to meet, Chessia set up a meeting with DEP, which appointed a hydrogeologist to work with him, and set up a schedule.

Chessia began his work by conducting soil borings and monitoring wells. During soil borings, a four-inch metal pipe is drilled into the ground, taking soil samples along the way, and soil conditions can be monitored as the depth increases. "It allows you to see the soil at depth, without digging," Chessia said. Monitoring wells allow data to be collected on groundwater.

When the soil from the borings was inspected, Chessia said the topsoil was permeable, but as the depth increased, it became less permeable. While the soil did regain some permeability as the depth increased further, the middle region did not have favorable conditions.

Chessia said their findings were quickly reported to DEP to allow time to talk about the results and decide on their options. He said in the interest of time, his team has been reporting back to DEP each step of the way. From the feedback he has received, Chessia said it appears the area where the on-site system was to be installed was not a good area after all.

Chessia the town has not officially filed for a groundwater discharge permit.

"This was not a good spot to do what we wanted," he said. "It doesn't mean everything's dead, that's not necessarily the case. We'll just need to explore other options. It's a setback, but it's not the end of the world."

While there may be other suitable areas for an on-site system, Chessia said there is really no way to ever find out without digging up every square foot of land, which no one is going to do. "All indications are, we tried the best spot and it didn't work there."

Haddad said even though the soils aren't as good as the town had hoped, that doesn't mean the project can't move forward. "Northland is committed to the project and the Town of Cohasset is committed to the project," he said.

Jack Dawley of Northland Residential said he expects the issue of wastewater disposal to be resolved. "We're exploring a number of different alternates with the town," he said. "We have every intention of moving forward and fully expect that this will be resolved in a manner that is satisfactory for all involved."

Haddad said the town will try to negotiate for more time with the Cook heirs if necessary. "The sky is not falling," he said.

In a related development, the site passed the 21E environmental assessment. No problems with contamination were found and the site history, site reconnaissance and review of the municipal and state files pertaining to the site and surrounding areas came back clean as well.

What will it all cost?

By Samantha Brown
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When voters allocated $4.5 million dollars at the fall Special Town Meeting last November, it gave town officials the OK to begin working toward building senior housing on the Cook Estate site.

Since then, the town has spent $79,448 on the project, which includes work done by Coler and Colantonio, GLC, Cavanaro Consulting, and Thomas Mulhearn, who conducted the original appraisal for the property.

On July 17, 2003, Haddad said he came before the advisory committee to ask for a $25,000 reserve fund transfer to pay for the work done by Cavanaro. At the fall Special Town Meeting, that $25,000 was put back into the reserve fund, and an additional $25,000 was transferred from free cash into the Selectmen's budget to cover additional expenses. Another $25,000 was transferred from the reserve fund again on Jan. 8, 2004 to pay for services done by Coler and Colantonio. Services rendered by Mulhearn total around $4,200. Haddad said those costs are a small price to pay for the roughly $900,000 the town will receive at the closing.

Because the town will pay $4.5 million to the Cooks for its property and will sell both the Cook Property with its adjacent parcel of land to Northland Residential for $5.425 million at a simultaneous closing, there will be no money expended by the town, and it will walk away with a profit of $925,000.

The town has also put $200,000 into the project, which is the only money that has been used from the $4.5 million allocated at the fall Special Town Meeting for the purchase of the land. The developer has put $100,000 into an escrow account for the town, which the town will receive along with the other $100,000 once successful negotiations of the land disposition agreement have been completed, which Haddad expects will be in another week or two. "If it all falls apart, the $200,000 deposit is refundable," for both sides said Haddad, and the town as well as Northland will not lose any money.

In the case the project needs to run pipes from an on-site treatment facility to another parcel of land designated as a leaching field, that cost will fall into the hands of the developer, Haddad said. Northland would be responsible for digging up the streets, laying the pipes, blasting ledge if necessary, and any other costs incurred to make wastewater drainage possible off site. "That's what I'd propose," Haddad said.

Re-routing wastewater off site was not a part of the RFP, and not what Northland bid on. Haddad said he wasn't sure what the estimated cost might be to have wastewater re-routed off site, and said if it was a cost Northland didn't want to pay for, he would imagine they would pull out of the deal.

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Design group left out of meeting

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The group hired to design the Village Revitalization project weren't expected to participate in a meeting this week to discuss possible streetscape changes to the plan.

Selectmen and the planning board were meeting last night after the Mariner's deadline to discuss any changes, but did not feel the need to invite members of the Waterfield Design Group, who have been hired by the town to design the project.

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen this week to make any changes they want, but just make sure the June 30, 2005 deadline still applies and that the project stays within its budget. However, Selectman Rob Spofford said where the bids have already been taken out for the project, with the specifications currently drafted, any changes made by the board will result in change orders. That, he said, will raise the cost of the project once more.

There has been a total of $150,000 spent on design costs to date.

In preparation for the meeting, Haddad presented a list of comments submitted by the planning board's consultant John Modzelewski to members of the board of selectmen Tuesday, which includes comments from the Waterfield Design Group. Haddad said he wanted to make sure members had all the information necessary to make informed decisions prior to the meeting.

One of the main concerns Modzelewski and the planning board have with the plans are the problems with the parking spaces. They say the zoning bylaws for the town require parking spaces of a different size from what is shown on the plans. Comments from Waterfield say the selectmen directed them to compromise on the size of the parking spaces, which are both 8.5 feet and 9 feet, in order to maximize the number of spaces. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who is organizing the meeting, said currently there are 20 spaces and plans currently show 19.

Modzelewski also suggested changing the angle of the parking downtown, as what is proposed will cause problems for some of the larger vehicles in town. Waterfield says changing the angle of the parking will result in a loss of parking spaces.

Comments regarding landscaping measures and drainage were addressed as well, and many of Waterfield's responses say it made certain choices because that is what it was directed to do.

One of the last inquiries made by Modzelewski was whether the group could review the proposed color of the concrete sidewalk. Waterfield answered, "No comment."

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said it always takes until the 11th hour for people to become motivated to act on their concerns, and with a project of this size, every detail should be scrutinized. "There are people who want to take another look at it," he said, and thinks the discussion is warranted.

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Brick village sidewalks could make comeback

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cle to bury utility wires downtown — knowing if the wires were not buried — it would free up money to be spent on streetscape materials. When it was decided the utility poles would stay, voters decided on the type of sidewalks. Brick, the more expensive option, could be chosen only if the wires were not buried, because the town did not have the money available in the budget to cover both. Selectman Ronnie McMorris told voters if concrete sidewalks were installed the town could afford to extend the sidewalks down Ripley Road.

Dormitzer explained the streetscape article asked voters to "approve a concept for improvements to the sidewalks and streets." He said because it was a concept, the town was really voting on the amount of money it would like to see spent.

Dormitzer said concrete will deteriorate over time. He said brick or an alternate paving material, which may cost a little more, will be better for the town in the long run. If necessary, the town could cut back on the scope of the sidewalk project to make up the difference.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore and member Robert Sturdy agreed. "I don't think anyone was in love with the concrete," Moore said.

"We're spending a million and a half (dollars) downtown for something that won't look much different and will give us less parking. We'll have gained virtually nothing," Sturdy said.

While Waterfield has assured the town there will be no loss of parking spaces, it has been necessary for the company to rethink the parking scheme to assure handicapped accessibility. Dormitzer said the result of all the re-workings has yielded parking spaces that are "too narrow and too few," which will affect the merchants.

Sturdy added the area of the village which needs the most work — where the Village Butcher Shop & Deli and Cohasset News are located — isn't going to be touched at all with the current plans, which he thinks should be a priority before extending the sidewalks to the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Ripley Road. If the entire village is revamped except for that area, things will "still look pretty shabby when they're done," he said.

Dormitzer also said high intensity discharge lighting or HID, which is used to mimic daylight conditions, is on the table. He said if HID is used, the Village would illuminated like a used-car dealership. Softer lighting is needed, he said.

The town hired the Waterfield Design Group to design the new streetscape as part of the $1.8 million Village Revitalization Project, which has been in the works for upwards of seven years and is being paid for through grants and private donations. Town Manager Mark Haddad expects construction to last for approximately six months. A clerk of the works from Waterfield will oversee the construction for $46,320 and the project should be completed by June 30, 2005, he said.

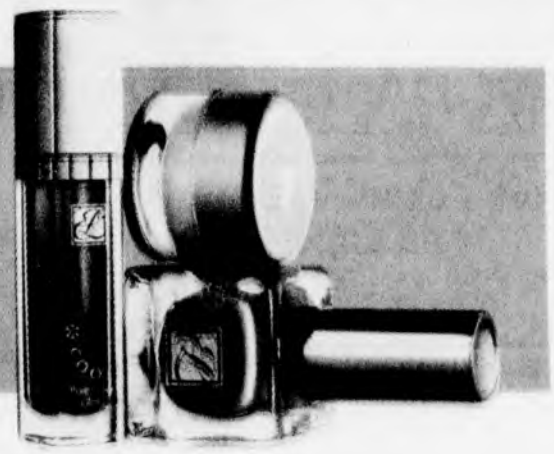
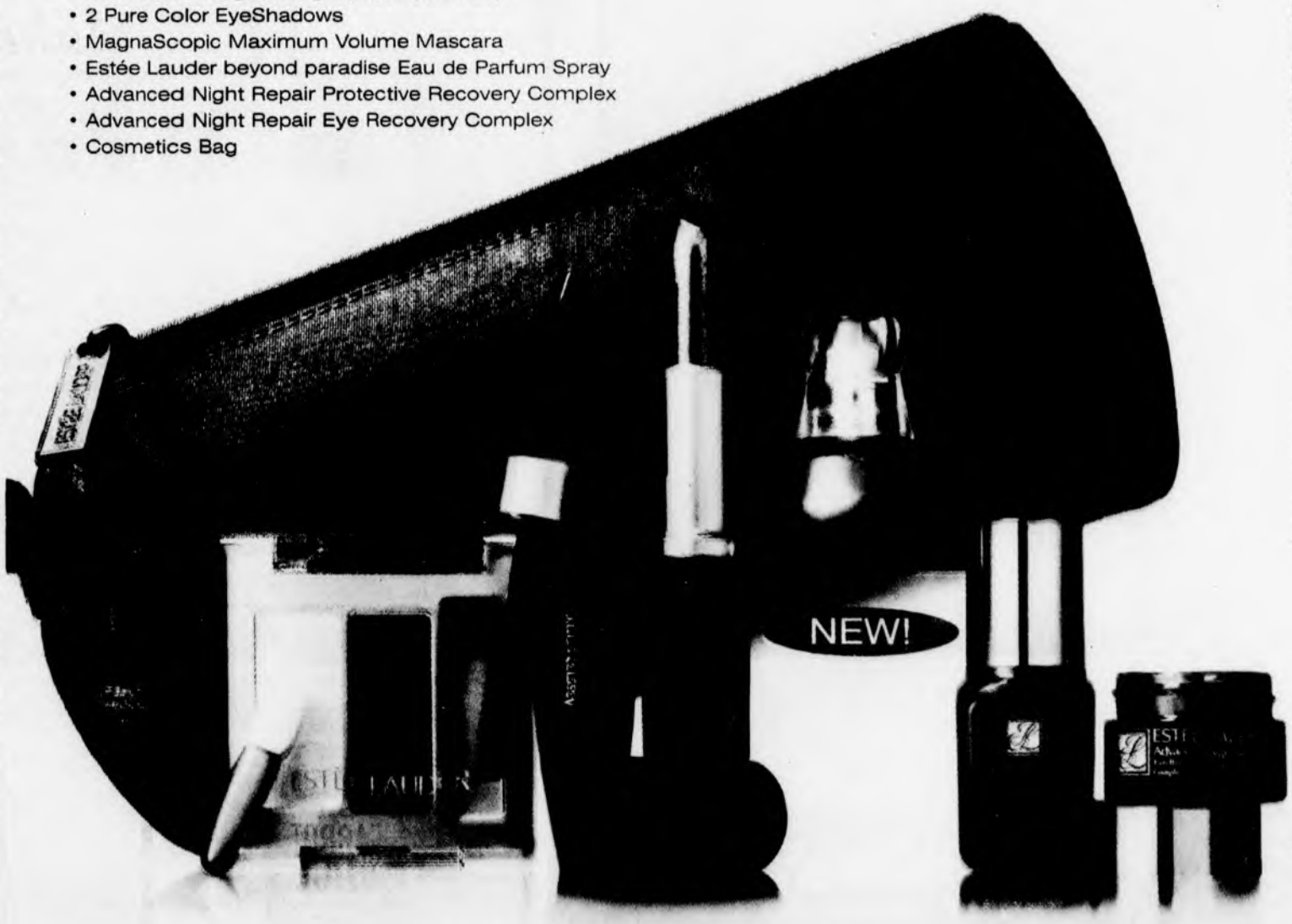
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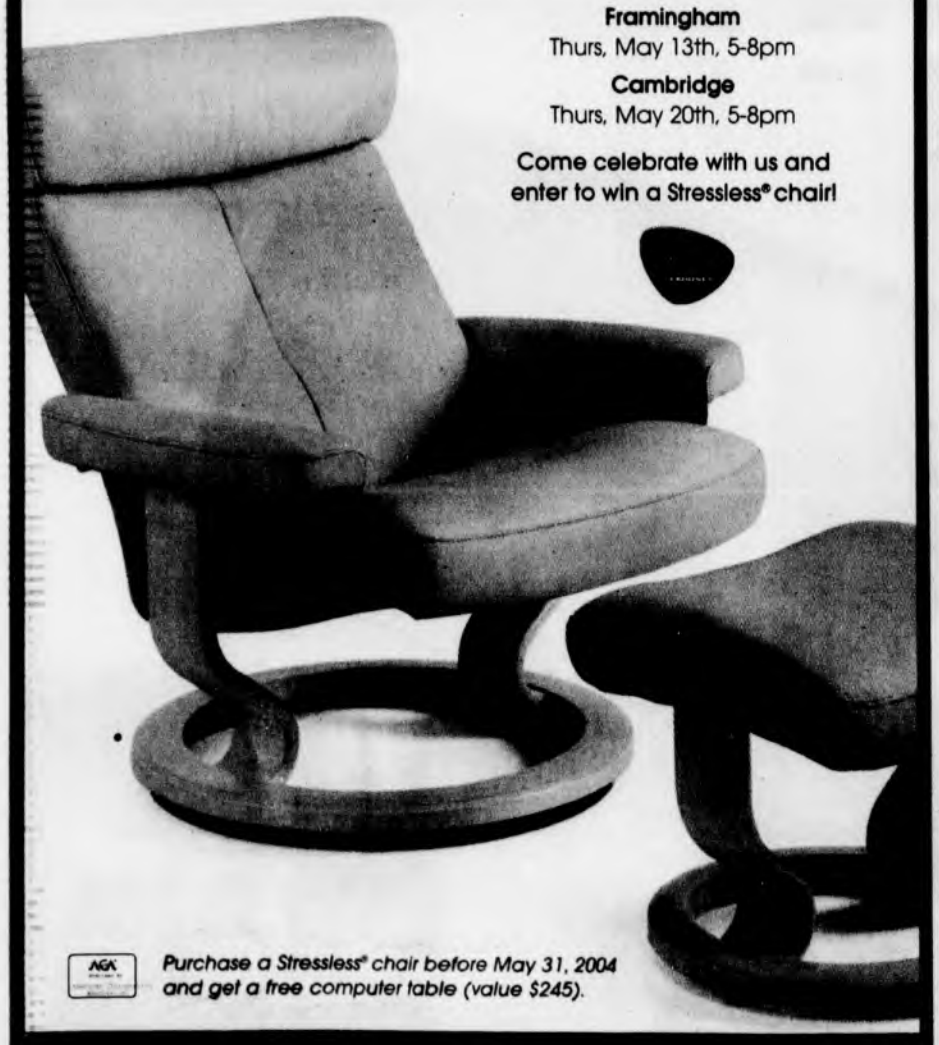
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At the end of the visit, the girls recited their Girl Scout promise, "On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law," which received a round of applause from the delighted residents. The girls also presented the residents with baby chick wind chimes to give them something to remember them by until they visit again. "We'll be back next spring," said Bleicken.







Above: "Tom" a Sunrise Assisted Living resident, is surrounded by first graders in Brownie troop 4775 as they decorate baseball caps splashed with the colors of spring.

At left: "Little brother Brownie" Owen Bleicken, age 3-1/2, helps troop 4775 with arts and crafts at Sunrise Assisted Living.

At right: Paintbrushes in hand, Grace Vanderlugt of Cohasset Girl Scouts troop 4775 visits seniors at Sunrise Assisted Living to teach them about arts and crafts and the other projects Girl Scouts do.

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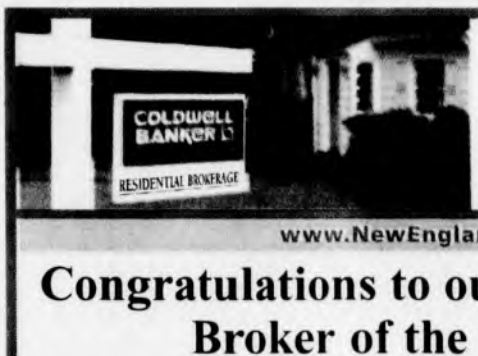
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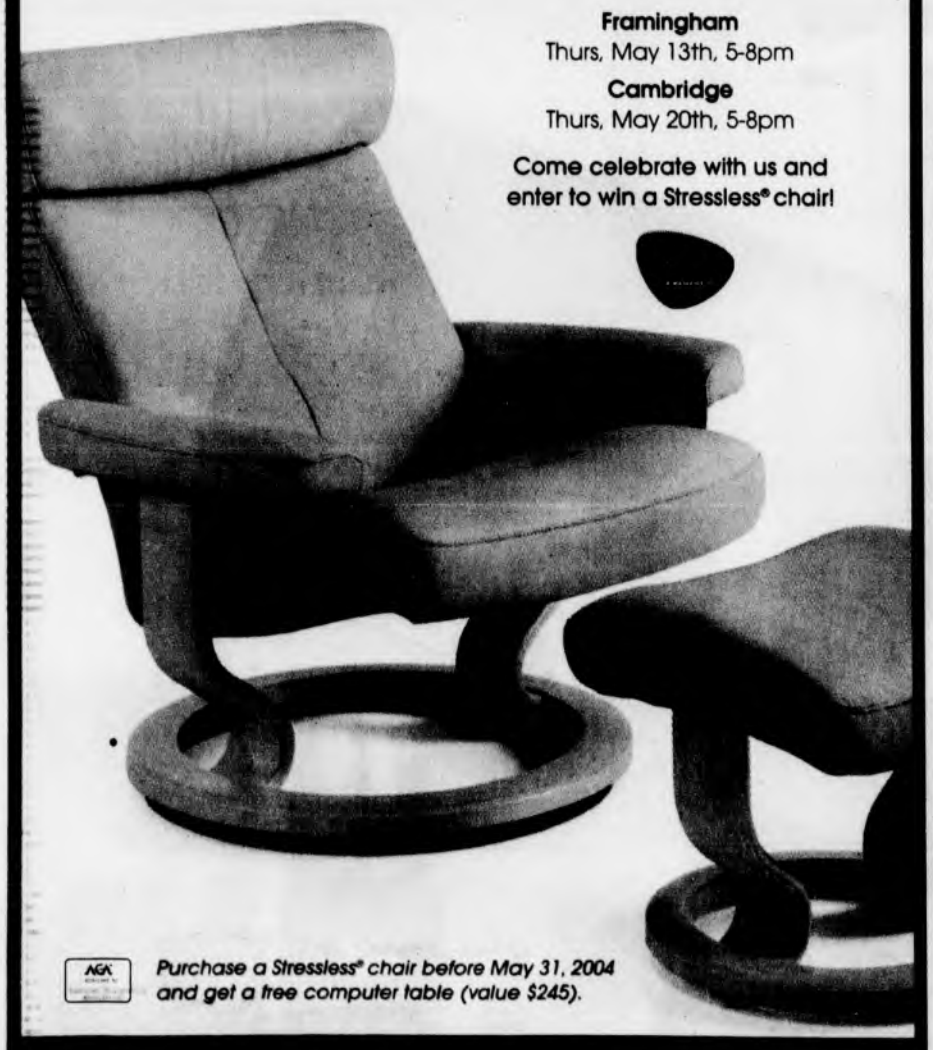
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The girls in troop 4775 have already earned many try-its by participating in various events. The girls took a yoga class taught by a yoga instructor who is also a former Girl Scout. They participated in a sweetheart dance around Valentine's Day as well. They also visited Maggie's Corner to bake cookies with Maggie. They learned what it's like to be a woman business owner, and each girl prepared one question to ask during their visit.

At the end of the visit, the girls recited their Girl Scout promise, "On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law," which received a round of applause from the delighted residents. The girls also presented the residents with baby chick wind chimes to give them something to remember them by until they visit again. "We'll be back next spring," said Bleicken.







Above: "Tom" a Sunrise Assisted Living resident, is surrounded by first graders in Brownie troop 4775 as they decorate baseball caps splashed with the colors of spring.

At left: "Little brother Brownie" Owen Bleicken, age 3-1/2, helps troop 4775 with arts and crafts at Sunrise Assisted Living.

At right: Paintbrushes in hand, Grace Vanderlugt of Cohasset Girl Scouts troop 4775 visits seniors at Sunrise Assisted Living to teach them about arts and crafts and the other projects Girl Scouts do.

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Over the last five years she has gained in-depth experience helping seniors make wise decisions about selling the family home. This includes managing the capital gains and estate tax implications of owning real estate, obtaining a reverse mortgage, moving to senior communities, and all the issues important to a senior in this new phase of their life. In addition, she has acquired her Senior Real Estate Specialist designation (SRES).

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She is a member of the Cohasset Open Space Committee, Community Garden Club of Cohasset as Publicity Chair, the Cohasset Yacht Club, and is the Vice-Chair of the Education Committee of the South Shore Art Center.

Sandra has two children and currently lives on the water with her husband, a lifelong Cohasset resident. They are avid sailors.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Don't be a litterbug!

Last week, when driving along Route 3 on our way to the Quincy Adams T station, a glance at the highway shoulder revealed mile upon mile of trash from Styrofoam beverage cups and plastic water bottles to cigarette wrappers and plastic grocery bags making the roadside a virtual dump.

The spectacle got us thinking — not about whether inmates from the House of Correction should be out there with garbage bags collecting all the litter — as some might say. But we started wondering about our apparent lack of civic pride here in the Bay State and what causes us to be such litterbugs.

Massachusetts is surely not the only state with the problem, but judging from what we have seen this spring along our state and municipal roadways – we're not the cleanest of the 50 states.

A good portion of our readers are old enough to recall the "Keep America Beautiful – Don't be a Litterbug!" campaign that started back in the mid-1950s.

According to the City of Tuscon, Ariz. website, "litterbug" was coined by Tuscon resident Annette H. Richards back in 1952 about littering and vandalism in national parks. Richards' magazine article was picked up by Reader's Digest and the word "litterbug" swept the country.

We think it's high time the "Don't be a Litterbug" slogan made a comeback. A quick perusal of "litterbug" sites on Google revealed how widespread the problem is. We even found a quiz for moms and dads titled "Are you the parent of a litterbug?"

Now that all the snow has melted and grass has yet to grow, the litter that our disposable society apparently wants to toss with abandon is totally exposed. It's so bad along the highway that if you picked up guests at the airport from out-of-state or out-of-the-country, you might travel home in the middle lane so cars passing on the right and left would shield their view of the trash pit.

And it's not just the highway. In some area towns, the side streets are full of litter showing that a local shipshape volunteer day is sorely needed!

But just what makes us toss our trash out our automobile windows? What's the mentality behind dropping trash next to a barrel rather than inside it?

At the state level, expanding the bottle bill to include deposits on all plastic bottles might help. Keeping a litterbag in our cars is a necessity. But the problem goes much deeper than refunds and trash bags.

An education program in Massachusetts is needed to make being a litterbug unattractive. We discovered through the Internet that Pennsylvania has brought the anti-litterbug campaign back to try and solve its roadside trash problems.

According to litterbug.org, which is the Pennsylvania website, litter is more than an eyesore. Every 12 minutes a fire starts in litter; litter causes thousands of auto and bicycle accidents a year, with damage to tires costing millions of dollars; rats thrive in litter and have fleas that carry disease; and each year thousands of animals strangle or choke from litter.

It's time we here in Massachusetts started fighting the litter problem too. We can start right away at home and in our own cars by making sure our families and friends dispose of litter properly.

— Mary Ford
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Internships for college students

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee announces that there are several paid internships available to college-aged students from Cohasset who are interested in Democratic politics — and numerous additional opportunities for those who are interested in volunteering in events such as the Democratic National Convention which will take place in Boston this July 26-30.

Deadlines are fast approaching for each of the five paid internships so students should not delay in responding. The internships are as follows: The John F. Kennedy Scholarships/Internships, each for $1,500, awarded to one male and one female. The deadline for applications is April 18.

The John Joseph Moakley Democratic Internship. One scholarship is available to pay a student $2,000 for work at the Democratic State Committee Headquarters in Quincy over the summer.

The Bob Farmer Fund Internship Program (paid summer internship for one female and one male) is available from the Democratic State Party office.

In addition to the paid internships, volunteer positions are still available for the Democratic National Convention and for the South Shore Coordinated Democratic Campaign.

For more information contact Agnes McCann, Chair of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee 781-383-0222, Democratic State Committee Member Fred Koed 781-383-6640, or the State Party directly at 617 472-0637.

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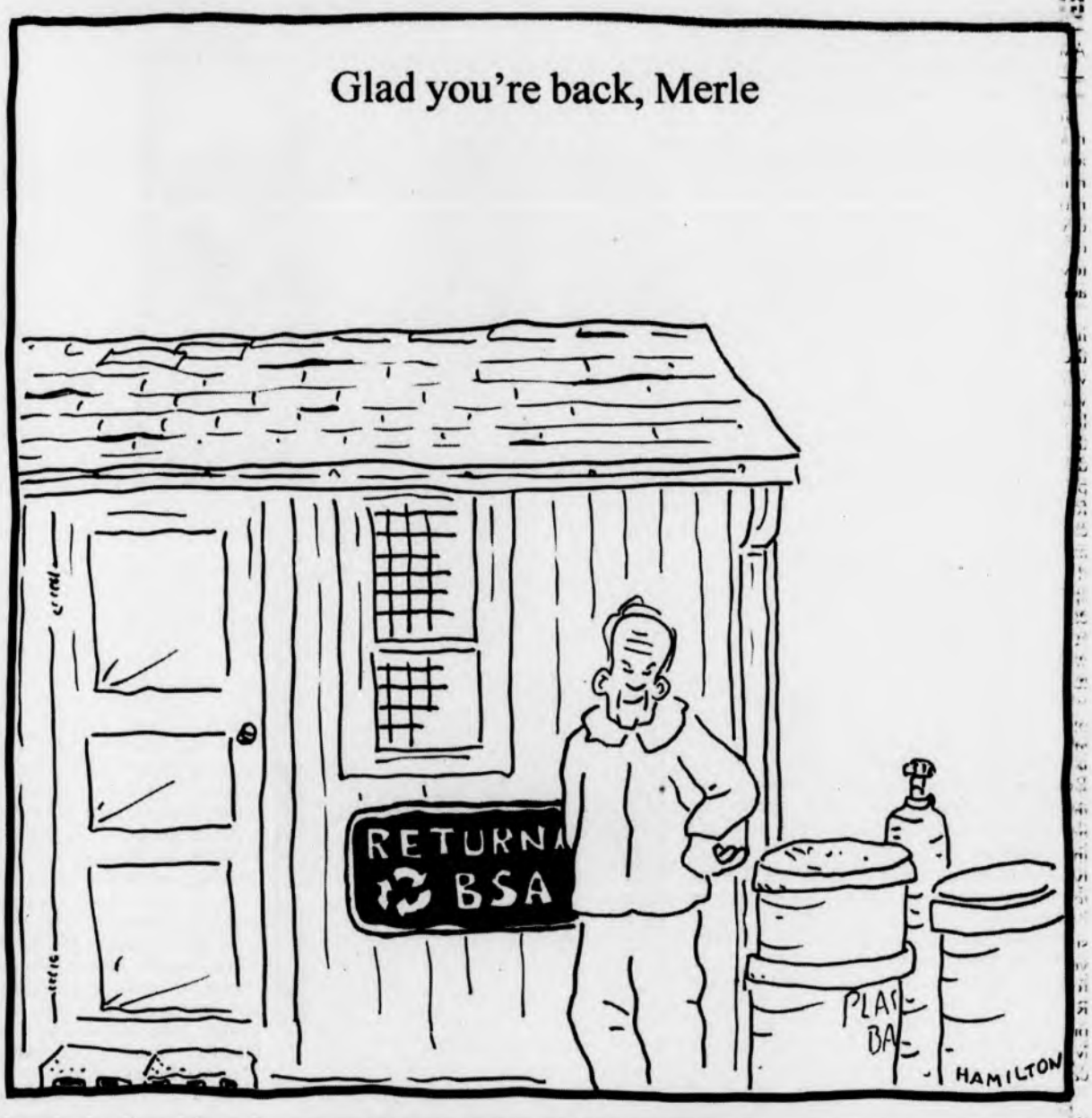
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Water commission focused on quality

TO THE EDITOR:

The Water Commission would like to reply to the recent Letter to the Editor about the reporting of TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes) and HAA5 (Haloecetic Acids) detected in the Cohasset drinking water. Found in most treated drinking water supplies, these substances are produced when chlorine (added to the water to protect public health from harmful bacteria) reacts with organic matter dissolved or suspended in the water. In 2000, the Cohasset Water Commission instituted a program to voluntarily test for these disinfectant by-products.

Since 2000 we have taken action to reduce the levels of TTHM and HAA5 in the Cohasset water system. Because the levels detected in 2003 were elevated enough to be of concern to the Commission this matter remains an on-going area of focus for the Commission. For the last year, and continuing throughout 2004, we have introduced several new measures to further reduce TTHM and HAA5 levels. Beginning in 2004, we will be held to a higher standard concerning the reduction disinfectant by-products, and we fully anticipate the Cohasset water supply will be in compliance with these stricter regulations.

Today the Water Commission is 10 years into an aggressive system rehabilitation project in which we have spent over $15 million dollars to address many system deficiencies and to improve drinking water quality. Our plan is to continue to the improvements and upgrades, and at the recent Town Meeting we were given the authority to spend an additional $23 million over the next 5 years on our goal to make Cohasset's water system second to none.

We appreciate your confidence in our work and we assure that we are working to improve quality and delivery of your water.

Board Of Water Commissioners
John K. McNabb, Jr.
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Pat Martin feels valued, appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

One might think that after losing an election a person might feel unsupported or unappreciated. This has certainly not been the case for me. Since losing re-election to the School Committee, I must say, that I have never felt more loved or appreciated by a community in my life. The amount of support I have received from the citizens of Cohasset over the past two weeks has been nothing short of amazing. It has come in the form of hugs, notes, tears, phone calls, visits, flowers, and warm and supportive sentiments from folks I hardly knew. I wish to thank the over 1,000 people who had confidence in my abilities and voted for me in this most recent school committee election. But almost just as important, the dozens of people who have taken the time to write a note of thanks or to offer me their support and gratitude on the street, in the schools, in the supermarket or in my front yard. Thank you. I feel very appreciated and valued for the six years I served this community.

I wish the new school committee and incoming superintendent the best of luck knowing that what lies ahead for them will be challenging to say the least. I am now happy to take my place along aside the many school supporters who work outside the membership of the school committee and be thankful that I am fortunate to live in such a wonderful town as Cohasset with so many caring and thoughtful people. It will be both my privilege and pleasure to continue working with you on behalf of our schools and community. Thank you so very much for your love and support.

Pat Martin
169 Linden Drive

Harvey thanks 1,117; recommends policies

TO THE EDITOR:

1,117 visionary Cohasset residents stood up and were counted on April 3. I thank each one for their support and sharing a vision of a better future for Cohasset. These 1,117 residents recognized that the practices of the past will invariably lead to a decay in the values that represent the Town we love. These 1,117 residents could not be coerced by the status quo and stood boldly for reform in Town government.

Looking ahead, I sincerely hope that the new Board of Selectmen will also recognize the need to reform before we lose control of the ability to elevate and enhance our community. In representing the 1,117 residents that see the need to reform, I ask that the new administration change course in the areas that threaten our future, by:

- Adopting economic policies that support controlled growth and respects the rights of current residents, requiring new residents to pay their fair share.
- Replacing threats of downgrading vital services or overrides to tax rates with invitations to users of services to support and fund the services.
- Introducing policies designed to make the Cohasset School System the best in the nation without being the most expensive.
- Providing temporary relief for residents facing hardships without eroding the Town's economic infrastructure.
- Preemptively taking steps to protect the beauty of the Town and its natural resources instead of reacting to threats only after they explode before us.
- Adopting policies that permit residents to retain their homes and use the increasing value offset the increasing tax burden.
- Innovative financing to accelerate implementation of a sewer system to benefit existing residents.
- Proactively monitoring revenues and controlling spending to prevent exceeding approved budgets.
- Acting as an executive body that allows the Town boards and committees to control tactical decisions and allows residents to elect new committees where needed.
- Providing an open, easy, understandable dialog with residents in which each voice is given the respect afforded to it by the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

My best wishes go to the new Board of Selectmen and sincere desire that this administration escape the vicious trap of "comfort of old practices" and offer the leadership that will give hope and inspiration to these 1,117 visionary Cohasset residents and the others that will surely join them.

Louis S. Harvey,
465 King St.

Doghouse auction was a big success

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of Hull Seaside Animal Rescue, I would like to thank all the people who helped make our first annual "Barkitecture" fundraiser a huge success. Barkitecture, was a live auction of designer doghouses custom-built by architects and members of New England's Building community, accompanied by a silent auction of over 75 items donated by talented local artisans and business owners. The proceeds from the event, totaling close to $20,000, will be put towards the construction and operational costs of the newly opened Hull Seaside Animal Shelter (HSAR).

The event was sponsored by Animal PhaRXm, Roberts Animal Hospital & Animal Care Center of Marshfield, Abington Savings Bank, PetCo and the people who moved, stored and moved the doghouses again and again, McKee's Moving & Storage. We were amazed by the talents of the people who volunteered their services, including graphic designers Al Bollinger, web designers Kathryn Von Tungelnm & Colleen MacDonald, award designer Erne Lavoie and engraver, Ron Weaver, sound technicians Julie Feola and Jason Dick, and the talented celtic and country blues musicians Rob & Tim.

We auctioned off an impressive 20 doghouses with varying themes, including Doggie Seuss, Doghouse 1 (think "Andy Warhol"), and Bauwauhaus, to name but a few. P&P Design of Hull created a "Pugoda", a gorgeous 6' high temple in which any dog would be lucky to worship or simply spend an afternoon meditating.

Architect Don Ritz of Hull, and Miquelle David Design of Marion created "Pup Tent" a playful, portable abode for the camping canine. Shoreline Studios and Edgewater Architects of Hull came up with "The Safe House," a place in which fugitive dogs can lie low in illicit beach spots in the summer; while Strekalovsky Hoit Raymond worked with quality control canine consultant Harley Davidson to design a classic New England red barn-like structure, with a front porch perfect for watching approaching passerby. Sally Weston Associates and Turner Custom Building built a lovely Vineyard Victorian

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Where once there was a salt marsh... there will be again

COMMON GROUND



AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

It wasn't so long ago that people saw a salt marsh, that transitional zone between land and sea, and thought, "Bring in the fill." Fill in those soggy, muddy, buggy, sometimes stinky, seemingly monotonous, useless lowlands and you can create dry, productive upland. Such filling was how much of Boston was created and how, over the decades, townships extended their borders, farms their acreage and homeowners their backyards.

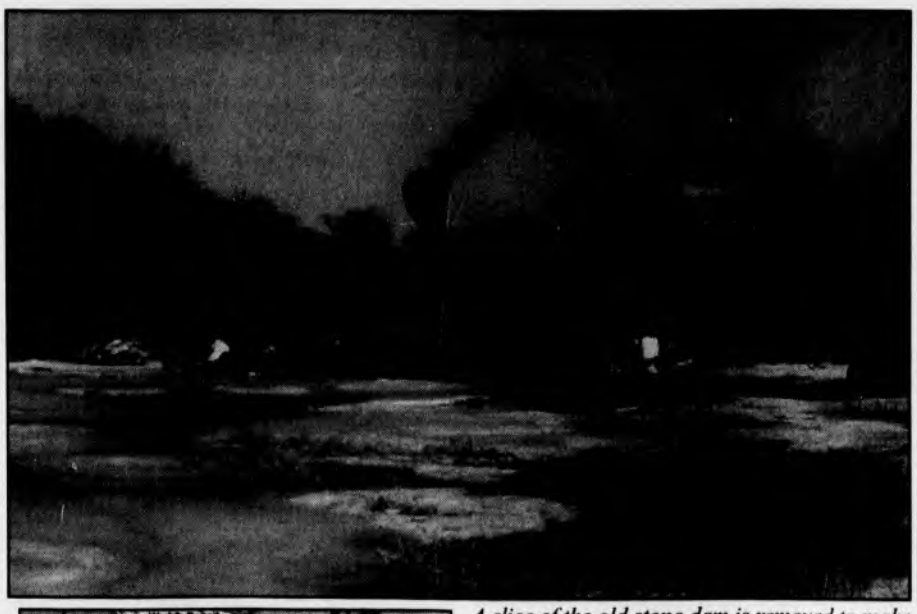
Little did anyone realize that the trade off would, in the long run, be detrimental. Salt marshes, for all their mosquitoes, green head flies, occasional whiffs of hydrogen sulfide and pockets of stagnant water, are now recognized as critical habitats. The lush, thin ribbons of low-lying salt marsh that hug the coast are some of the most biologically productive ecosystems on Earth, acre for acre more productive than the most fertile farmland. Offering food, nesting sites and protective cover, salt marshes are home to migratory bird species. They serve as nurseries for more than 75 percent of our commercial fish and shellfish species. With their sponge-like peat and meadows of *Spartina* grasses, salt marshes absorb flood waters and storm surges. They filter septic waste and store ground water and with every tide they export organic detritus that joins the marine food web.

Today, aware of what we've lost by generations of "reclaiming" the land, there's a new movement afoot to reverse the damage done to salt marshes. Reclamation, these days, means returning salt marshes to the way they were, undoing the damage that was done decades, even centuries, ago. Man has always been able to outpace Nature in destroying what it took her generations to create but, slowly, on Nature's terms, salt marshes are coming back to life.

Next door in Hingham we are fortunate to have such a reclamation taking place before our eyes. A year ago, the Trustees of Reservations joined forces with the Massachusetts Wetlands Restoration Project and began the painstaking process of returning the impoverished Damde Meadows at World's End to a productive, biologically diverse habitat.

In pre-colonial days, Damde Meddowes was a typical East Coast estuarine environment. Fanning out, east to west, from Martin's Cove to the Weir River, the marsh separated Planter's Hill and World's End, both glacial drumlins that once were islands, from the mainland known as Cushing's Neck. Early settlers, recognizing the farming potential of Planter's Hill, constructed two stone dams, at Martin's Cove and the Weir River that provided access to the drumlin from the mainland, but also cut off the tidal flow of salt water to the marsh. Over time, and with the help of a man-made drainage system that prevented the backflow of saltwater into the marsh, the wetland became a dry, 15-acre upland meadow where hay was harvested until the mid-20th century.

When the Trustees of Reservations took over stewardship of World's End in 1967, they stopped cutting the meadow. The subsequent failure of the drainage system allowed fresh water to accumulate from rainfall and runoff, turning Damde Meadow into a shallow, brackish pond. The significant size of the parcel made it an excellent candidate for restoration and by the early 1990s, planning and permitting were underway to reestablish Damde Meadow as a healthy salt marsh. Ten years later, in March of 2003, the sound of bulldozers could be heard on the marsh, only this time the machines were not filling, but removing. A slice was taken out of each dam and two four-by-eight concrete box culverts were lowered into place. Conservationists watched with delight as salt water rushed into the marsh for the first time in more than three centuries.



A slice of the old stone dam is removed to make way for a 4-by-8 foot box culvert.



A 1937 map showing Damde Meddowes stretching from Martin's Cove to the Weir River. Stone dams were built at each end, effectively closing off the salt marsh to tidal flow. The dam at the Martin's Cove entrance to the marsh has now been replaced by a box culvert.

Subtle renewal

In the year since, rangers at World's End who daily inspect the progress can see the subtle renewal of Damde Meadow. One change is readily apparent and even the casual passerby can't fail to notice that the invasive common reed known as *Phragmite* is suffering the effects of being inundated twice daily with fresh seawater. An aggressive grass that colonizes the edges of neglected marshes, *Phragmite* thrives in soils tainted by pollution. The tall, conspicuous plumed plant whose name means "fence" in Greek, dramatically alters any habitat it invades. With the exception of offering some cover for Red-winged blackbirds, *Phragmite* provides little wildlife value. As the four acres of *Phragmite* continue to die back, the marsh will broaden to the edges of the upland, enhancing the scenic view.

Over the next five years — and the Trustees urge patience as the process unfolds — monitoring will be done for salinity, soil, temperature and water quality changes as well as for changes in plant, bird and fish species. As the tides move in and out, scouring and lowering the floor of the marsh, standing water will be drawn out on the ebb tide. Once mud flats are exposed at low tide, native salt marsh vegetation will again take root. Horseshoe crabs, green crabs and shellfish will all return.

The marsh's biodiversity has already been enhanced with the return of limpets, hermit crabs and mud snails. Fish, too, are more plentiful, though avian diversity has diminished with the tidal flow. Waterfowl and wading birds, including Mallard and black ducks, egrets and Great blue heron have been observed, but populations of shorebirds who depend on exposed flats for foraging have declined. They, too, are expected to rebound once tidal flats are again exposed.

Until then, for visitors to World's End, the sound of salt water rushing in and out of the culverts is, alone, music to the ears. In time, a prairie of waving, rustling *Spartina* grasses will add its own rhythms and the world below the surface will teem with life. The salt marsh will be a microcosm of that one great process Thoreau described as the passing away of one life to make way for another.

On my recent visit, ducks were gliding on the water and bird song filled the still-bare branches of trees. The salty breeze carried a whisper of Spring and in another few days, Spring will, indeed, make its official entrance. Everywhere, the land will begin to renew itself, but at one end of the world, renewal is already well underway.

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For what many consider the definitive book about salt marsh ecology, read John and Mildred Teal's, "Life and Death of the Salt Marsh."

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Let's do a study!

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

The National Institutes of Health is about to launch a $2.7 billion womb-to-maturity study of 100,000 American children to determine the effect of the environment on their health, a project that is expected to keep a whole generation, possibly two, of researchers on the job for at least 21 years.

Here we go again!

There are probably around 300 million people in the United States and I estimate that at any given moment about 150 million of them are engaged in studying something or other from the likelihood of a tipsy sorority girl escaping from a fraternity party with her virtue intact to the mating habits of the lesser snail darter.

Outside of a couple of paragraphs in USA Today on a slow news day or a one liner on Dave Letterman or five minutes of outrage on Rush Limbaugh, is anyone paying attention? And are the results worth the effort?

I'll bet you didn't know that researchers at the Monell Chemical Center in Philadelphia studied 53 two-week-old youngsters for seven months and found that their preferences in food were influenced by the first flavors they tasted. What a sneaky way to get the kid to eat lima beans!

Or that a survey by Professor Hirofumi Tachibana of Kyushu University in Japan has discovered that a powerful antioxidant called EGCG in green tea is strong enough to inhibit the growth of cancer cells in lungs, breasts and prostate glands. Two or three cups of green tea a day could do the job.

Or that a two-year study of 540 kids led by University of California researcher Stephen Hinshaw (no relation) turned up the vital information that those who used Ritalin grew a half inch less and gained eight pounds less than those who didn't. That's certainly on for the Guinness Book of Records.

What do you make of the New Hampshire Health Assessment Project's body mass index analysis of 1,536 third graders in 21 schools that heavier children tend to come from lower income homes and score lower on tests. May I suggest New Hampshire raise the minimum wage and everything will be all right?

Or the findings of the folks at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh that people are more likely to spend more money when they are sad or the report from researchers in Holland that, for some reason that no one can explain, the long, hot days of August increase the risk of catching a sexually transmitted disease.

Then there's the report from Dimitri Christakis, a pediatrician at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle, who studied 1,500 kids up to the age of 7 and discovered that those who watched television three hours a day were more likely to develop attention deficit disorder.

Me? I like the study that was conducted in Sweden showing that acrylamide in one's diet does not give one cancer of the bladder, kidneys and colon as a 2002 study indicated. Research moves a little too fast for me. I'm still trying to find out that acrylamide is.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doghouse auction was a big success

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Gingerbread cottage, complete with cathedral ceilings, gingerbread trim with dog-bone cutouts, a lab weathervane and shabby chic interior. This cottage quickly sold for over $2,000 — and they generously offered to build and donate additional cottages for the runner-up bidders! The South Shore Charter School, grades 3-5, created a very fun and impressively constructed pencil-house, which was purchased by several animal-loving Hingham residents, who intend to share it and use it as a fundraising tool for the shelter!

Finally, we'd like to acknowledge the generosity of our local press that put the word out several weeks prior to the event; we received some great coverage that has kept our phone lines ringing ever since!

HSAR is a non-profit organization staffed entirely by volunteers, serving the towns of Hingham, Cohasset and Hull. To check out the doghouses from this year's Barkitecture, or to learn more about our organization, visit www.hsar.org or call us at 1-877-378-1195. Until next year, thanks to all those who helped and attended our event, and in turn, helped make our dream of building an animal shelter in Hull a reality.

Carol Taylor
President Hull Seaside Animal Rescue

HEALTH NOTES

A lush, green lawn isn't priceless

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Next Monday the Conservation Commission is tentatively calling a meeting to discuss a new initiative: 'Cohasset Go Green'. We live in a complex society and doing the right thing is sometimes very difficult. For a long time, I have supported environmental initiatives and wondered why this is so easy for some of us and not for others. For example, why do I have a lawn which has not in 10 years seen fertilizer. On the other hand why did my predecessor in the house spend enormous labor and resources on his lawn. Neither lawn was perfect, whatever that means. Each served its purpose. Assuredly, there's a need to have special treatment for sites with special needs. Sports fields and heavily used areas may need special handling. But needs change. Tennis used to be played on lawns. So, I believe that going green implies separating that which is practical from that which harms environmental health. If a playing field is used so heavily that it needs to be dug up frequently, or needs special turf, then so be it.

On the other hand, there's an enormous need and opportunity out there for us to do better as a whole. According to the Garden Club of America (GCA), every year, three million tons of fertilizers keep American lawns greener than normal or necessary. Incorrect or excessive fertilizer application contributes to surface and ground water pollution, causes rapid, lush growth that makes the grass more susceptible to diseases. But more importantly, the excessive use of fertilizer adds to the algae which threatens to choke our ponds and estuaries. The risks of pollution of water and wetlands, creation of health risks for people and wildlife, and threats to biodiversity and the environment can be reduced by intelligent lawn and plant management. Generally at a substantial reduction in expense.

Also every year, 67 million pounds of pesticides are used on American lawns. Pesticides include insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and rodenticides. There are risks to human health and the environment in the use of pesticides. Natural controls, pest resistant varieties of seed, biological products, herbicidal and insecticidal soaps lower the risks, as does the introduction of beneficial insects.

Further, the practices the GCA recommend will result in a lawn which may not require any fertilizer at all. Grass clippings contain about 4 percent nitrogen and, left on the lawn, will provide one-third to one-half of your lawn's nutrient needs. Changing from a lawn that uses oil, gas, water and pesticides to the 'New American Lawn', a GCA term, with all of its benefits demonstrates "Thinking Globally. Acting Locally." Your New American Lawn will demonstrate a commitment to a more ecologically sound world.

The Board of Health , the Conservation Commission, the Open Space Committee, and the Water Commission are joining in promoting a healthier attitude about lawn care. Next week's meeting is a beginning. At that meeting, some of the items we expect to discuss are:

- Agree on Cohasset Common and other park treatments. (current and preferred.)
- Ball and play fields: seek recommendations.
- Who takes phone calls that our greens aren't green enough, and what do they say? There are about 300 of these calls every year.
- Where can we find out whether 'Going Green' will cost the Town more or less?
- Can someone take a look at the relative real costs of such a plan?
- What does anyone want to do about town registration of lawn care providers. What are all the implications?

In the end, it seems to come down to our expectations for the place in life we occupy. If we expect people to see us as perfect, or even better than normal, well, perhaps it's reasonable to need all elements of our life to be the best that we can make them. But if we are willing to back off to a reasonable degree, we may find that we can survive without the absolutely perfect space we want to live in. Particularly if doing so lessens the environmental and health risks which modern progress imposes on us.

In the meantime speak to your lawn-care provider about spreading too much fertilizer and pesticides and ask him if he uses GCA guidelines for lawn care, or ask him to contact the Conservation Commission for their guidelines for healthy lawn care.

What do you think?

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

SENIOR SCENE

Cohasset Elder Affairs aims to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Cohasset who are 60 years old and older, as mandated by the Older American Act. Call the CEA office at 781-383-9112 to sign up for these events and programs. Upcoming events and programs include the following:

Book Club: Friday, April 16, 11 a.m. (Note: Date change from second to third Friday).

Reading selection is "Goofy Foot" by David Daniel.

Chair Yoga: every Thursday, 1:15 to 2 p.m.

Firming & Toning: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 a.m.

Legal Consultation Clinic once a month by appointment.

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Bridge, Computer for Seniors and Lunch at the Center every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Romney's new economic secretary has a full plate

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Showing how a governor is responsible for the condition of the state's economy is akin to eating soup with a fork, yet the Democrats picked up their forks as soon as Mitt Romney named Ranch Kimball his new economic affairs secretary.

Governors make promises routinely about employment and prosperity, but political veterans agree: like baseball managers, they always get too much credit when things go well and too much blame when things go badly. The political arguments are deeply superficial, if superficiality can be deep, because they ignore the huge difference in time between current conditions and the effects of governors' actions.

That, of course, does not prevent the arguing. Therefore, when Kimball was introduced, the Democrats took the opportunity to say he should have been appointed sooner, and was the wrong person for the job (too consultant-y — too much like Romney), and by the way, Romney should have created more jobs by now. This is an election year.

When Kimball starts work April 26, he will indeed be thinking about job creation, but only in the way businesses think about profits. Good businesses think about product first, and customers, to get to the goal of a black bottom line. The equivalent for Kimball is thinking about the elements of building and maintaining a great business climate. Quickly defined, that means competitive tax rates and regulatory approach, and an environment where people in Massachusetts get a good education and can afford a safe place to live, and employers therefore can find well-educated, stable employees.

Actually, Kimball doesn't have to do that much thinking about the first item. His boss isn't going to raise broad-based taxes. Some business lobbyists grumble that Romney has already raised more than a few fees and levies, and are put out that Romney is seeking to raise $90 million more in his proposed budget through what he calls loophole closures. They call it a tax hike. In any event, Kimball can be expected to let the governor's office worry about tax policy for the most part. What he can be expected to focus on is selling the state's efforts in key areas:

• K-12 Education: This is consistently on the top of the list of items the business lobby requests from state government – ongoing improvement in both teacher and student performance, with rising test scores.

• Job Training: Democrats such as Michael Rodrigues, House chairman of the Commerce and Labor Committee, praise Kimball's predecessor Robert Pozen but grumble that Romney himself is not willing enough to spend time with them creating bipartisan programs to establish new job training programs and target them by region and industry. They also disliked Romney's vetoes to the economic stimulus bill they passed last year, and sneered when he moved to put some of its funding back.

• Higher Education: With a new UMass president in place, businesspeople are eager to see if the governor and his people now embrace innovation and improvement in the state's higher-ed sector, starting with a $430 million capital-improvement plan proposed for UMass. Romney's budget restores some of the higher ed funds cut recently.

• Housing: This might not immediately appear to be a business-promotion area, but it's long been observed that some companies that shy away from Massachusetts do so because their workers don't feel they can afford the American dream here and have more affordable options in other states.

On the general political front, the governor will trumpet good employment numbers and the Democrats will brandish bad ones, regardless of how tight the connection really is between administration action and economic data. To some degree, day in and day out, Kimball doesn't have to worry so much about that political conflict. He'll be the doing the governor enough good if he pursues improvement in the systems that service the middle class. That's where the bulk of the workers for high-value companies come from, and on the first Tuesday in November, happy workers turn into happy voters.

Kimball's appointment was almost lost in the shuffle, so much else was going on:

• *Court appears to be arbiter in redistricting case* — House leadership put forward yet another revision of representative districts in Boston, but plaintiffs said the plan still doesn't seem to provide enough power for minority voters or opportunity for minority candidates. The panel overseeing the House redistricting case plans a hearing April 16. State election officials offered a plan to give candidates more time to collect nomination signatures, given the ongoing legal battle, and the plaintiffs in the case indicated they intend to challenge that proposal as well, changing the new timeline favors incumbents.

• *State could be another $200m in the hole after capital gains ruling* — The Supreme Judicial Court said the state was incorrect to change the capital gains taxation rate to 5.3 on May 1, 2003. Changing it mid-year violated Article 44 of the state Constitution, the court said, noting tax law changes typically take effect with changes in the calendar year. Now, a Suffolk County Superior Court justice will decide whether Jan. 1, 2002 or Jan. 1 2003 should be the implementation date of the flat rate, which replaced staggered rates intended to reward patient investors. If the justice chooses 2003, the state will have to send $200 million back to people who paid at the new higher rate for the last part of 2002. That would exacerbate the state's budget problems, but Gov. Romney told the press, "I'd far rather see tax cuts in the future than tax cuts applied in the past," he said. "It's likely to be somewhat disruptive, but that's the nature of government. We have to live with the fact that the courts have to do what they feel is right and it's our job to implement the decisions."

• *Romney proposes auto insurance reform as a joint enterprise* — The governor said he wants to work with Democratic leaders and his frequent foe, Attorney General Thomas Reilly, to create plan making auto insurance rates more reasonable in Massachusetts. The governor said his goals are to inject more competition into rate settings; spread the costs of bad driving more equitably among groups of drivers; and reduce the amount of subsidies that good drivers now pay to cover bad and inexperienced drivers.

• *Wagner says Romney merger of transportation units makes little sense* — House Transportation Committee Chairman Joseph Wagner, D-Chicopee, critiqued Romney's bid to merge the Mass. Turnpike Authority and the Mass. Highway Department. Wagner said the merger is primarily a bid to grab $190 million in turnpike reserves for state budget balancing next year, not a genuine bid to improve government operations. The administration countered that Democrats are simply resisting reform, and that the $200 million saved by the merger will have to be found elsewhere if it doesn't go through.

• *Healey outlines sweeping changes in crime prevention* — Some of the state's better known crime-prevention programs, such as the school-based DARE, don't stand the test of statistical analysis and should be replaced with more promising strategies, according to a bipartisan panel tasked with evaluating new approaches to heading off crime. The most notable recommendation announced by Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey, who chaired the commission, was post-release supervision for 20,000 inmates who now go completely, or relatively unmonitored, a situation that analysts say contributes to a higher rate of recidivism.

• *Housing prices have doubled since '97, report finds* — A study conducted by the Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University determined that in addition to the run-up in prices, slow growth in housing supply makes an economic rebound much less viable. Essentially, the number of housing units created won't equal the number of new jobs a robust recovery would create, the study showed. The most significant suggestion was that lawmakers preserve and strengthen programs that penalize communities for resisting affordable housing creation.

• *Immigrants lobby for tuition, licenses* — Hundreds of new immigrants crowded Statehouse corridors and Gardner Auditorium to push for a slate of laws designed to make life easier for recent arrivals and undocumented immigrants. Topping the list is a measure that would allow immigrants, regardless of status, to study at Massachusetts public colleges and universities at the in-state tuition rates; advocates say that bill, like one allowing undocumented aliens to obtain driver's licenses, would recognize the contributions recent arrivals make to the state's economy and quality of life.

• *Zapp bill becomes ally Zapp law* — As the mother of Alexandra Zapp looked on, Gov. Romney signed into law legislation that expands the crimes for which a sex offender may be held behind bars after the end of a criminal sentence. Zapp's murder at a highway rest stop was the impetus for the new statute, which becomes effective immediately.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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April 9, 2004



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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on four roll calls and local senators' votes on two roll calls from prior sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

BIG DIG INVESTIGATION (H 4330)

House 130-22, Senate 32-5, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a section providing that $57,250 from the state auditor's budget be used to fund the position of executive director of a Big Dig oversight commission that was established in 1996. Override supporters said it is important to continue to monitor the Big Dig and ensure that taxpayer money is wisely used. They noted that the auditor's office has done a great job investigating and exposing problems with the project. Override opponents said the auditor and this executive director have done very little to uncover the many problems with the Big Dig and noted that there are currently other oversight entities that are doing an effective job monitoring the project. They argued that it is irresponsible to waste more money on a position that fails to uncover waste. (A "Yea" vote is for earmarking the $57,250. A "Nay" vote is against it).

Senator: Y — Representative: Y

MORE BIG DIG (H 4330)

House 132-22, Senate 32-4, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of an additional $57,250 for the state auditor's budget. Override supporters said that this money would be used to fund the position of executive director of a Big Dig oversight commission. They argued that the additional funding was necessary so that the auditor does not have to take the funding out of his budget that is already very tight. Override opponents again said the position has done very little to uncover waste at the Big Dig. They argued that if the auditor wants to fund this position, he should pay for it out of his regular budget. (A "Yea" vote is for the $57,250. A "Nay" vote is against it).

Senator: Y — Representative: Y

$2 MILLION FOR STRIP SEARCH SUIT (H 4330)

House first 88-63, first favored but failed to gain the two-thirds margin necessary to override Gov. Romney's veto of a section providing $2 million to fund part of Suffolk County's class action law suit settlement with some 5400 women who were illegally strip searched at the Suffolk County Jail. The House later reconsidered the matter, several representatives changed their votes and the veto was overridden on a 111-39 vote. The settlement was the result of a court ruling that it was illegal to have a policy that requires an automatic strip search of female pre-arraignment detainees but does not mandate the same search for male detainees. Override supporters said that Suffolk County has already paid $2.2 million and simply cannot afford the additional $2 million without making major budget cuts that would decimate the prison's budget and affect public safety. They said that the state and/or Suffolk County would likely be sued unless payment is made. Override opponents that the lawsuit is the responsibility of Suffolk County and argued that the state should not have to pay for this. They said it is outrageous for the state to provide additional funding for one favored and powerful county when many other counties across the state are also feeling the budget crunch and could use additional state funds. (Both roll call votes are listed. A "Yea" vote is for providing $2 million. A "Nay" vote is against it).

Senator: N/Y — Representative:

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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Selectmen's race expensive contest

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MacCarthy, who finished 108 votes behind Williams, reported total receipts of $750 and expenditures of $598.39 from Feb. 25-March 26.

Incumbent Pat Martin, who finished third, reported $800 in receipts and $631.65 in expenditures from Jan. 1-March 26. Scott O'Grady, who finished a distant fourth, did not raise or spend any money during his campaign.

In the planning board race, Joseph Nedrow signed the form, along with candidates who were unopposed, that he did not receive any contributions or made any expenditures. Stuart Ivimey, who won the one-year seat with 1,315 votes to Nedrow's 1,038, did not file a preliminary campaign finance report. In a telephone interview Tuesday, Ivimey said he did not accept any donations but paid for signs, mailings and flyers himself. He said he will a file campaign finance report by the 30-day post-election deadline.

On its campaign finance report, the Preserve Town Services Committee, a pro-override Political Action Committee, did not report any receipts or expenditures by the March 26 pre-election filing deadline. In a telephone interview, Chairwoman Kimberly Barba Canney said the committee raised $1500 and spent $841.79 on a town-wide mailing urging support for the override the week before the April 3 Town Election. A full accounting of contributions and expenditures will appear on the committee's post-election campaign report, Canney said.

State law requires candidates to itemize receipts over $50 including the name and address of the contributor. Spofford reported 44 contributions of more than $50, including a $1,000 donation he made to his own campaign. Dormitzer, who also put $1,000 of his own money into his own campaign, reported 13 contributions of more than $50 and a $500 in-kind contribution for printing of campaign signs. Harvey, who put in $2,000 of his own money into his campaign, reported nine contributions of more than $50.

Williams, who reported in-kind contributions of $311, listed 10 contributions of more than $50; MacCarthy and Martin each reported four.

State filing requirements apply to all candidates win or lose. Even those who do not raise or spend any money must sign a form saying they had no activity. In addition to the pre- and post-election reports, candidates must file a year-end report in January 2005.

New brick building planned for Rte. 3A

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Lumber. It is estimated the office building would generate about 3,400 gallons of wastewater per day.

The planning board, which continued the public hearing on the plans to April 21, is concerned about the curb cut off Route 3A that is in close proximity to Crocker Lane and the entrance to Cohasset Collision. Town engineer John Modzelewski of Civil Designs said the proposed building would also look a lot closer to 3A than the existing building. He suggested screening with landscaping with an eye to not affecting the site lines of traffic exiting Crocker Lane onto the busy state highway.

Modzelewski also suggested the existing pumping station behind the proposed building be incorporated into the structure so the building could be moved back from 3A. [The pumping station provides adequate water pressure for fire-flow protection for Graham Waste, which is at the top of Crocker Lane]. "That would loosen the front up a little bit," Modzelewski said about moving the building back over the pumping station.

Cavanaro said that "would not be an easy task" but he would take a look at it.

It is not clear where the candy store will move to because the office building is not slated to have retail space.

The owners of the candy store said Tuesday they are looking for another space on 3A and hope to stay in Cohasset. Sweet Surprises has been in business for more than 10 years and was previously located in Cohasset Plaza.

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Cal

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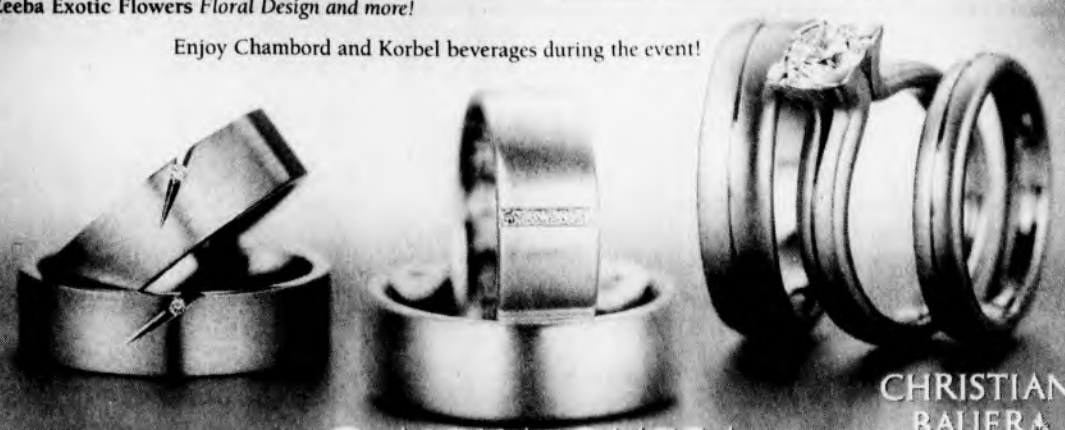
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I tested a brined breast against a breast that had not been brined and the brined breast won out easily.

Boneless turkey breast is one of those grocery items that is widely available but recipes are hard to come by. Yet, at four to five pounds, it is the perfect "roast" when you are tired of beef and pork. The question is how to turn out a juicy, tasty boneless breast and then prepare a quick pan sauce with the drippings.

Most recipes for roast turkey at Cook's involve brining, and for good reason. The salted water helps the meat to retain moisture during cooking and the salt and sugar (another brine ingredient) enhance flavor. I tested a brined breast against a breast that had not been brined and the brined breast won out easily. It was moister and more flavorful. For two quarts of water, one cup of kosher salt and 1/2 cup sugar made for pleasantly seasoned meat. Two hours of brining made the meat too salty, an hour was not enough, so 1 1/2 hours was just right.

Brining the turkey made for moist and flavorful meat but I wondered if I could infuse more flavor into the roast. The two methods I considered were coating the meat with an herbal mixture and using a compound butter under the skin. After much testing, I discovered that both methods were not worth the effort – I would simply stick with a simple brine solution.

I wanted the turkey breast to come out of the oven with a brown crispy skin, which suggested a very hot oven. To insure well-crisped and browned skin I brushed the roast with butter and to balance the salted brine I also added a few grinds of pepper. I tried cranking the heat at the beginning as well as the end of the cooking process. I found I had best results when the breast was started at 450 degrees for 30 minutes. Next, to best preserve the juicy interior, I let it finish cooking at 350 degrees — about one hour longer. I determined there was no need for a rack with this roast either — the roast cooks evenly without one.

The turkey was now roasted to satisfaction and I hoped I could salvage a quick pan gravy. Rather than onion, I added a minced shallot and sautéed it in the roasting pan. Next I added a couple of tablespoons of flour. Once the flour was incorporated I added 2 cups of chicken stock and a couple teaspoons of chopped fresh thyme. The sauce is then simmered for a couple minutes to thicken and cook out the flour taste. Now I had "Thanksgiving any time of year" and with only a fraction of the work.

ROASTED BONELESS TURKEY BREAST

Don't skip the brining since it is key to this recipe.

1 cup kosher salt or 1/2 cup table salt
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 boneless turkey breast about 4 1/2 pounds, netted or tied at 1" intervals
1 tablespoon unsalted butter at room temperature
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
1 medium shallot, finely chopped
2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
2 tablespoons flour
2 cups low-sodium chicken broth

1. Dissolve salt and sugar in 2 quarts cold water in large bowl or container. Immerse turkey breast and refrigerate until fully seasoned, 1 1/2 hours. Meanwhile, adjust an oven rack to the center position and heat oven to 450 degrees. Remove turkey from brine and rinse thoroughly under cold water.

2. Place turkey skin-side up in a roasting pan. Rub skin with the butter and season with a few grinds of pepper. Roast 30 minutes. Lower the oven temperature to 350 degrees and rotate roasting pan 180 degrees. Continue to roast until the internal temperature registers 165 degrees, about 50 to 60 minutes more.

3. Remove the pan from the oven and transfer the breast to a cutting board. Put the pan over medium heat and add the chopped shallots and the thyme. Sauté until the shallots are softened, about 2 minutes. Stir in the flour and then gradually add the broth. Cook, stirring or whisking constantly until the gravy is smooth and thickened, about 2 minutes. Taste for seasoning, adjusting with a pinch of salt and freshly ground pepper as needed. Slice the turkey and serve with the gravy.

Serves 6 to 8

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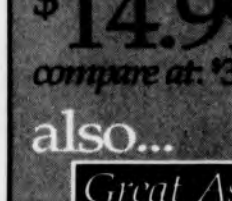
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Sunlight shed on changes at Sandy Beach

Sticker fee hike is on the table

By Samantha Brown
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This summer, things will be different at Sandy Beach. There will be a new entrance and exit system, trash pickup every Saturday and Sunday, and possibly a beach monitor at the entrance, keeping tabs on beach stickers.

Sandy Beach Association President Robin Lawrence said after meeting with Town Manager Mark Haddad, DPW Supt. Carl Sestito, Building Inspector Bob Egan, and Police Chief Bob Jackson, they agreed changes needed to be made.

First on the list is how to approach the entrance and exit points which have caused concern over the years. In the past, the beach has had both its north and south entrances open. However, most recently only the south end has been open, in an effort to keep down the number of residents trying to enter without a sticker, as well as slow traffic in the parking lot. In addition, because some young parents had expressed concern over what they perceived as dangerous visitors, they wanted to see the north gate closed so those entering and exiting could be monitored more closely.

Because Lawrence said the "paramount concern of the Sandy Beach Association is safety for residents," there was some talk about incorporating some kind of beach monitor or gate system at the south entrance, to further monitor those who come in and out. However, because of the storm damage which take place at the beach, gates had to be ruled out because it would cost more in maintenance than the town could afford. In addition, it will cost money to hire a beach monitor, which would need to be discussed.

Lawrence said currently, the fire hydrant in the middle of the south entrance is serving as a mini-rotary, which has worked well for regulating traffic. This summer there will be a slight difference. Residents will only be allowed to enter from the side of the south entrance closest to the Cunningham Bridge, and will exit out the other. There will be signs reminding drivers to keep to the right.

To improve the line of sight for drivers, some dune grass will be trimmed back, and the sand pile by the new rotary will also be reduced to allow more room for cars. Haddad said he will be filing permits with the Conservation Commission to ensure all proper measures are taken.

First on the list is how to approach the entrance and exit points which have caused concern over the years.

Trash has also caused some problems at the beach. While the DPW has been emptying bins on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, this summer the town will be contracting out for weekend trash pickup, which will cost roughly $880 for the summer, and the town will split that cost with the Sandy Beach Association.

There was some discussion regarding pets on the beach, and Lawrence said current policy prohibits dogs. However, Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said he sees no reason why early risers who may want to bring their dogs to the beach before it opens at 9 a.m. should be penalized, as long as they pick up after themselves. Selectman Chairman Michael Sullivan said there could also be conflicting messages being sent to pet owners as the signs say dogs are not allowed on the beach, but the Board of Health has made doggie pick-up bags available.

There was also talk of raising the price of all-facilities stickers to help cover the cost of the various maintenance projects at the beach that the Association picks up the tab for. With only 20 percent of residents in town contributing to the Association, there are a limited amount of funds available. However, currently, when a resident is ticketed for not having a sticker, it's not the beach that receives the money, it's the town. By possibly raising fees and allocating a certain portion to the beach, it could help make up the difference. There have been no decisions made as of yet on whether to raise sticker prices, and the Board of Selectmen will be discussing that possibility at upcoming meetings.

For more information on the Sandy Beach Association and the rules and regulations of the beach, please contact Sandy Beach Association President Robin Lawrence at (781) 383-6776, or via e-mail at rm.lawrence@comcast.net.

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Cohasset will have a joint hazardous waste collection day with Hull from 9 a.m.-1p.m., June 5 at a location to be announced.

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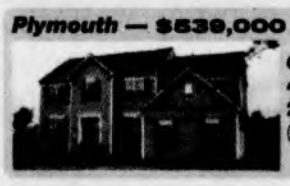
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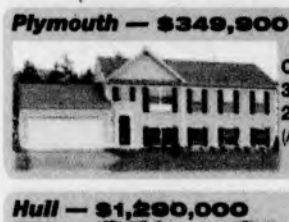
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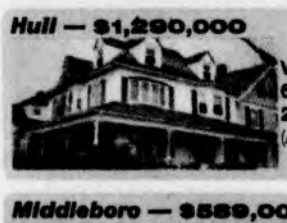
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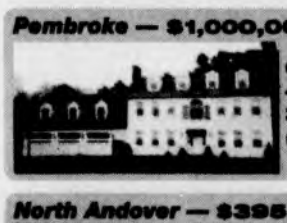
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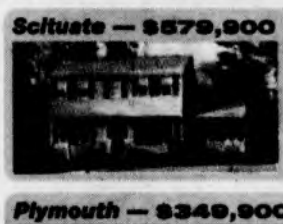
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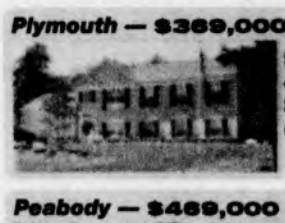
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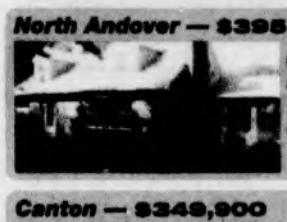
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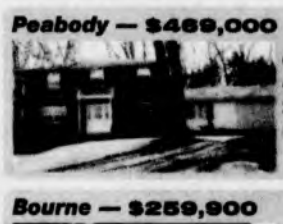
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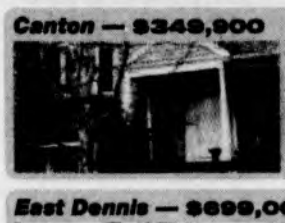
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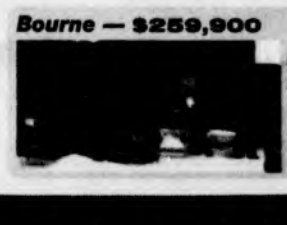
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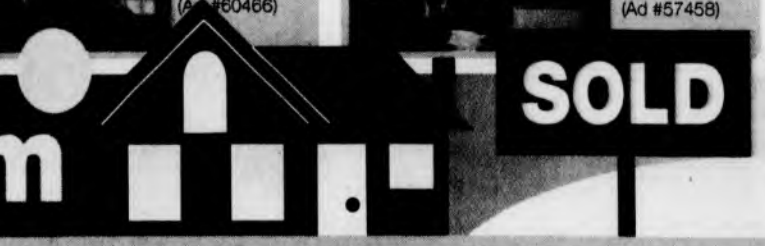
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Getting in swing

Big bats carry CHS softball team to 2-2 start

Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

In a stark contrast to last year, the bats have exploded early for the 2004 Cohasset High varsity softball team. With some fiery pitching and sturdy defense work, the Skippers may give us a very exciting season.

The first game ended with a 21-12 blowout victory over Norwell at Freedom Field on April 7th. Don't think for one moment this game was a walk in the park.

The Clippers banged in four runs in the top of the first inning. The Skippers struck back with a run of their own in the bottom half. Norwell continued to widen its lead to 6-1. Ouch!

Coach Deb Bostwick attributed the slide to "our having a hard time adapting to Norwell's slow pitching."

Then Cohasset came on like gangbusters. The Skippers answered with six runs of their own in the bottom of the second. They continued to march forward and never looked back. The Lady Skippers' version of Curt Schilling came in the form of Virginia Spofford, who struck out nine Clippers. Not too shabby for a Freshmen player.

Four Skippers - Casey Anderson, Cecelia Chapman, Rachel Doyle and Danielle Pinkus – all hit doubles to give Spofford the offensive support

SOFTBALL, PAGE 17

On the right track

Lady laxers find winning formula against Hanover

By Mike Spellman
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Sure, Hanover is a first year varsity program, but a win is a win at this point for the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team.

"I thought we came out aggressively and didn't play down," said third year Lady Skippers coach Torin Sweeney following the 13-1 win over Hanover on the road Monday. "We needed a win, and the girls came out fired up to get it."

Indeed. The Lady Skippers scored 10 times well before the first quarter horn sounded. This gave Sweeney a chance to swing in a few of his younger reserves for long stints and for his regulars to practice shooting with their off hands.

Senior co-captain Ashley Faber had two goals, as did junior standout Lauren Rizzotti and promising freshman Lindsay Durkin, as the Lady Skippers notched their first win after two losses. Seven other girls had solo tallies, as Sweeney urged his charges to share the wealth.

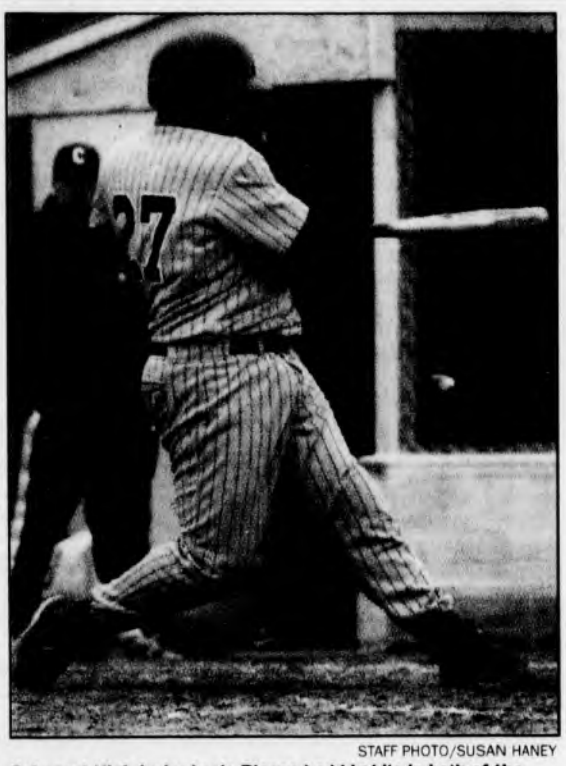
Even though Hanover may well be the least competitive team the Lady Skippers play this

GIRLS LAX, PAGE 17



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Brent Daley stretches for every inch as he lands long jump at season opening track meet with Norwell last Thursday. Unfortunately, both the CHS boys and girls squads fell to their SSL rivals. For report, see page 17.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset High junior Louis Blanco had big hits in both of the Skippers wins this week.

That's more like it

CHS baseballers win pair, get to .500 mark

By Mike Spellman
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Now that's a bit more like it.

After a couple of sloppy, ugly and, in all ways that count, better forgotten losses to Norwell and Hull to open the season, the Cohasset High baseball team finally showed some semblance of order this week by ripping off back to back wins over South Shore League rivals Abington and Mashpee.

The Skippers pulled their season's record to 2-2 with a 10-8 win over Abington on Monday, the team's first win over the perennially strong Green Wave in several years.

Bouncing back from a tough first mound outing, junior ace Ted Straughn struck out 14 to notch his first win, the last one for the final out of the game with the tying run on first base.

Junior catcher Louis Blanco knocked in two runs on three hits, including a triple. And senior right fielder Dan Tarpey had two hits, including a big double, and four RBI.

Skippers 10, Mashpee 7

Senior captain Mike Dooley, making just his second varsity pitching start, threw a complete game six-hitter to key the Skippers 10-7 win over SSL rival Mashpee on Saturday. Dooley struck out seven and also had a two-run scoring double to support his own cause.

Dooley's fellow senior captain, John Andrade, also came up big. He moved over from second base to take over for Dooley at shortstop, and

BASEBALL, PAGE 19

Girls making quite a 'racquet'

CHS tennis team stretches winning streak to 25

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

Twenty-five and counting.

That's the current winning streak for Cohasset girls tennis. After a 22-0 state championship season in 2003, the Skippers are off to an impressive 3-0 start this year. Their three matches against Duxbury, Mashpee and Abington have all been won in convincing 5-0 fashion.

When will they lose? Perhaps the better question is, will they lose? Either way, don't ask head coach Gigi Meehan.

"We just try to build a tournament team every year," she said during Monday's match at Abington. "Winning every match and winning the league is not necessary."

Despite being only three matches into the season, thanks to the South Shore's recent superb weather, it is safe to say that Cohasset will be making a return to the postseason. One of the big reasons why is their depth.

Followers of the team know what the likes of Liz Stone and Holly Graham can do. They are the top two singles players, and they showed why against Duxbury last Thursday, as they both lost only one game in their respective matches.

There are plenty of players behind them, however, who have been almost as dominant so far this season. Junior Rachel Garber played first singles last Thursday against Mashpee, a match that was the second leg of a double-

GIRLS TENNIS, PAGE 18

All-Scholastic boys basketball team

Cohasset's Bilodeau named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

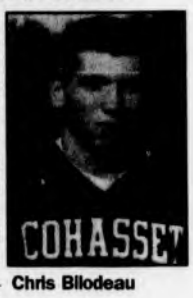
The competition for spots was heated, with eight of our 12 teams ringing up winning records and qualifying for the state tourney. We had three league champion teams in Silver Lake, Norwell and Rockland, with the former two earning the top seeds in the South Sectionals. What Rockland did with its second seed, though, was the big story in Marinerland. The Bulldogs sent revered and legendary head coach Bob Fisher into retirement with a Div. 3 state championship.

And to the victors go the spoils. Rockland leads the All-Scholastic parade, with four players earning top honors and two others Honorable Mentions.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 21, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top male basketball players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

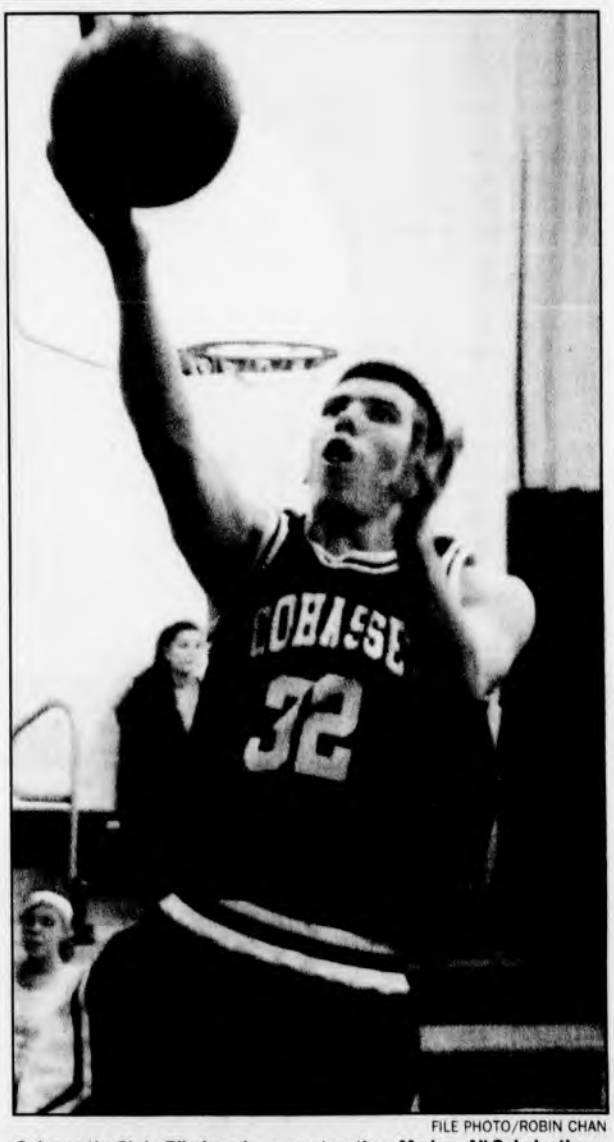
Chris Bilodeau - Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Cohasset



Chris Bilodeau

Chris earns his second straight Mariner All-Scholastic selection for basketball and third overall ...follows in the footsteps of older brothers TJ (CHS class of '01) and Matt ('02) as a Mariner All-Scholastic basketball selection...led the Skippers in the five big statistical categories this season: points (20.2 ppg), rebounds, steals, assists and minutes played...keyed the Skippers to a 10-10 regular season and first playoff berth in three years...solidly put together 6-2 athlete can score from anywhere on the floor...also a very good ballhandler who gets the ball where he wants to...two time South Shore League all-star...has worked hard to improve his defense...plays basketball year round for the prestigious Coastal Pops AAU team...winner of Mass. Basketball Association Academic Award...Honor Roll student is ranked top 20 in his class...also a sensational receiv-

ALL STARS, PAGE 16



FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Chris Bilodeau is now a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic, and the third Bilodeau brother to be so honored.

Cohasset's Bilodeau named among area's elite

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er/safety for the Cohasset High football team, twice earning SSL all-star honors, and once a Mariner All-Scholastic selection…the Patriot Ledger and Boston Herald All-Scholastic football selection this past fall has been chosen to play in the annual Shriner's Football Game this summer…not bad considering football is his second favorite sport… would like to play college basketball like older brother TJ (Harvard)… looking at NESCAC schools Bowdoin, Williams, Amherst and Middlebury…leaning toward majoring in Business….Cohasset coach Ron Ford: "Chris had an awesome year. He was a great leader on and off the floor. He sacrificed his individual game many times to help us win. He was just a total team player. He's also worked very hard to improve his all around game."

Joe Coppens - Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Rockland

No question here…Was the leading scorer on the Bulldogs team for the third-straight season with an average 23.5 points per game…Scored a game-high 30 points in Rockland's 63-60 victory over New Leadership to win the Div. 3 State Championship…Added an average 9 rebounds and 5 assists per game…Compiled a 61-9 career record at Rockland (24-2), won four Patriot League titles, and finished with 1, career points…Also the RHS quarterback, Coppens made our All-Scholastic football team last fall…He spends the offseason playing with the CoastalPOPS AAU team. Rockland coach Bob Fisher: "He wants the ball in pressure situations. He's a great defender and loves the challenge of taking on the opposing team's best player. He's the complete package."

Matt Schnider -
Senior (Capt.)
Point-guard - Rockland

Not the biggest guy on the court, but you wouldn't know it by the way Schnider plays…Quick, smart, and absolutely fearless, Schnider's chops at point-guard were unmatched this season…Scored 16 points in the Rockland's (24-2) win over New Leadership in the Div. 3 State Championship…Averaged 11 points per game and led the team in assists with an average 9 per game…Also a huge defensive weapon, the Patriot League All-star came up with several key steals this season, averaging 5 per game. Rockland coach Bob Fisher: "Without question, he's the best ball handler in this area. No one could press us and his ability to see the court and penetrate pushed opposing defenses back. He broke teams very well and always hit the open man. He always believed he could do his job."

Kyle Lynch - Senior (Capt.)
Center - Rockland

To put it simply, Lynch's presence alone in the low post was something to be admired…Not a flashy, high-scorer, Lynch was instead a tough and gritty player who never failed to pull down the big board or put up the big hoop when needed most…Had a solid all-around game in the Div. 3 State Championship, scoring eight key points and pulling down 11 boards…Was the leading rebounder this season with an average 9.5 per game…Very solid defensively, Lynch helped hold some of the area's better players well below their averages despite giving up size at 5'11"…Also a football player at RHS, Lynch. Rockland coach Bob Fisher: "He was our key defensive player inside and did so much. He always took on the tough man inside. He has a great work ethic, is a great leader, and has insurmountable pride."

Fred Tavares - Senior
Guard - Rockland

While not as offensively strong as in seasons past, Tavares' defense proved invaluable to the Bulldogs this season…Masterful at taking a charge, Tavares took a big one with 10.1 seconds remaining in the Div. 3 South Sectional semifinal against Spellman, icing 56-53 victory…Came up big defensively throughout the Bulldogs' tourney run, which ended with a Div. 3 State Championship…Quick hands were also one of his greatest assets as he came up with several big steals and averaged 3 per game…A Patriot League All-star. Rockland coach Bob Fisher: "Fred has electrifying hands and is just so quick. He was not afraid to step up and take a hit for the team and was just a glove on defense. He became a great all around player and had a great tournament."

Tom Cuddihy - Senior (Capt.)
Guard - Scituate

The three time Mariner All-Scholastic will graduate, far and away, as SHS's all-time leading scorer with 1,879 career points…in fact, he surpassed the old record during his junior year…finished second in the Eastern Mass scoring race this season (29.3 ppg) after topping that list as a junior…Cuddihy was a four year starter for a team that went 64-25 over that time (including a 6-4 postseason record)…was key to directing the Sailors to a 16-8 season, which included three postseason wins and a trip to the Div. 3 South Sectional semifinals, where they lost to top seed Norwell…led team in scoring the past three seasons…the sturdily put together 6-foot, 170-pound swingman scores in every conceivable way, from long range, short range, going strong and posting up…also an outstanding ballhandler and very good passer, a skill that was underutilized, as he was forced to be the Sailors go-to-guy…does not have blazing speed, but has a great first step and uses his body extremely well to protect the ball…also an extremely powerful leaper… Three-time Patriot League all-star…Patriot League co-Player of the Year along with fellow All-Scholastic Joe Coppens…Boston Globe All-Scholastic…also a league all-star in track…a star of the SHS freshman football team who stepped away from the gridiron his sophomore and junior years to concentrate more on basketball, but returned to football in his senior year…played AAU basketball for the Coastal Pops in the offseason through this past summer…enjoys bowling…will play college basketball and major in Criminal Justice, with an eye toward a future in law enforcement…looking at UMass-Lowell, Bridgewater State, Brandeis and Catholic University (Washington D.C.)… Scituate coach Matt Poirier: "Tom Cuddihy is a basketball player, period, the best basketball player to ever play at Scituate High. He brings a lot of skills, but it's also the way he approaches the game and his attitude. It's the sum of the parts that make him special."

Mike Bradley - Senior
Guard - Scituate

North Carolina import was the most pleasant surprise in the Patriot League this season…emerged quickly as the Sailors starting point guard and floorleader, as well as a much needed secondary scoring compliment to All-Scholastic teammate Tom Cuddihy…proved a key player in Sailors 16-8 season and run to the Div. 3 South Sectionals…led Sailors in assists (6 per game) and was second on the team in scoring (14 ppg), which was good for fifth in the Patriot League…PL all-star…not bad considering this was just his second season of high school basketball…a gifted ballhandler and excellent all around athlete…a good passer who saw the floor well…very acrobatic and creative in the air…finds ways to get to the basket, and is a good finisher…also has a nice touch on medium range jumpers…hit two huge 3-pointers in final two minutes of sectional quarterfinals win over Abington… a METCO student who lives in Dorchester… slender 5-10 guard has played off season basketball with the AAU-Boston Panthers, Charlotte Aces and Coastal Pops… also plays in Dorchester YMCA, and has done the 5-Star and Eastern Invitational camps…played Boston Raiders Youth Football and freshman football at SHS (before moving to North Carolina for a year)…volunteer Youth Basketball coach…volunteer to picket for his neighbor, Thomas Finneran…commended Honor Roll student the last two semesters of his junior year…enjoys movies, music, dance, art, PS2, reading and spending time with little brother Jawan (SHS freshman), both on and off the court…hopes to play college basketball… possibilities include Virginia State, Johnson C. Smith (N.C), Bridgewater State, Dean Junior College, Curry College, Emmanuel College, Central Conn. State and UMass…leaning toward majoring in Liberal Arts, Exercise Science or Physical Education…Scituate coach Matt Poirier: "Mike really helped take our team to another level this year. As the year went on, his assists went up and turnovers went down. The saddest thing about him is this was just his second year of basketball. I think of where he might be right now if he'd had four years. He has a huge upside, though, and a lot more basketball to play. And he's a great young man."

John Mohan - Junior
Guard - Norwell

This three-time Mariner All-Scholastic burst completely out of the shadow of 2000-point scorer Gerry Corcoran (Class of '03) to carry the Clippers to a 19-1 regular season and then all the way to the Div. 3 South title game, where they lost to eventual state champion Rockland…averaged 25-points and six assists per game…unanimous selection as South Shore League MVP…an excellent athlete who can simply do it all on the hardwood…plays bigger than his wiry 6-1, 175-pound frame suggests, and is also a superb ballhandler and passer…one criticism is that he's sometimes a little too unselfish, but he can score in virtually every conceivable way…a very good short, medium and long range shooter who can also post up, finish drives and convert off the offensive glass… three time SSL all-star…set NHS single-game scoring record vs. Hanover this season with 47 points…finished with well over 1,000 career points…varsity team went 79-15 during his four years as a key member…also a two time SSL and Mariner All-Scholastic for football as a quarterback and cornerback… a natural athlete with superb instincts…played AAU ball for the Coastal Pops in the offseason…plans to play basketball at Wheaton College (Illinois)…leaning toward majoring in Business… Norwell coach John Willis: "John might have had the best year of any player I've ever coached. That's tough to say because Dan McNamara (Class of '00) was such a great overall player and inside force, but John had the ability to just control the game. He handled the ball so well and calmed things down and made so many big plays when we needed them. He's just an incredibly talented player and a great competitor."

Marc Bowman - Senior
(Capt.)
Center - Norwell

A three year starter who emerged as a consistent scoring threat this year to compliment league MVP John Mohan, which proved key in the Clippers run to a 19-1 regular season and then all the way to the Div. 3 South title game…finished second to Mohan in the team scoring race with 12 points per game… earned his second straight South Shore League all-star selection…a dominant rebounder (14 per game) and shotblocker (over six per game)… slender 6-foot-7 center is also a master at drawing charges, finishing his career with over 100, including a high of eight in one game versus perennial state Div. 4 power North Cambridge Catholic…possesses great quickness for a man his size, as well as a very nice touch on medium range jumpers…has played off-season basketball the last three years for the prestigious Coastal Pops team…has also played football and run track at Norwell High…hopes to play college basketball and has been actively recruited by several colleges, but is leaning more toward a year of Prep School (Winchendon and Trinity-Paling are the leading candidates at this time)…would like to major in Education with an eye toward becoming a high school teacher and possibly even a coach one day…Norwell coach John Willis: "I think John had a sensational senior year. He really stepped up in all areas. He played through injuries and did whatever I asked of him or whatever the team needed."

Brent DiGiovanna -
Senior (Capt.)
Center - Hanover

This talented center is a three-year starter on the Indians squad and led the team to a respectable 16-8 finish, their best in a decade…Reached the 1,000-point plateau this season…Was the team's leading scorer and rebounder with an average 20 points and 12 boards per game…The Patriot League All-star scored 35 points and pulled down 25 rebounds in two games in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney…Helped the team capture the Abington Tournament championship for the second-straight season…Plays AAU in the off-season with the CoastalPOPS…Also a baseball player at HHS. Hanover coach Mark Malloy: "We always try and run our offense through Brent. He has been unbelievable this year. He has a great work ethic and has come up big in big games. He's taken his game to the next level."

Mark Noonan -
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Hanover

Was second on the team in scoring with an average 15 points per game…Added eight rebounds per game…His performance in the low post helped the Indians compile their best record in 10 years at 16-8…Ended their season in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney, where Noonan scored 11 points in a second-round 78-72 loss to Seekonk…Was an important part of Hanover's trio of tall men, teaming with fellow All-Scholastic Brent DiGiovanna for one of the more productive inside games in the Patriot League…Received a nod to the PL All-star team this season after pacing the Indians to a 7-4 record.

Brian McSharry -
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Abington

A three-year starter on the Abington team, McSharry got his second South Shore League All-star nod this season after scoring an average 16.5 points per game…Had the difficult task of leading a young team as the only returning starter and the result was a16-6 overall mark, berth in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney, and second place finish in the SSL (9-3)…Scored 22 points and pulled down seven boards in a loss to Norwell and put up 21 points, 10 rebounds, and four steals in a victory over Bishop Stang in their own Green Wave tourney…Also the quarterback of the AHS football squad, McSharry was instrumental in the team's Div. 5 Super Bowl win two years ago…McSharry plans to attend Holy Cross in the fall. Abington coach Don Byron: "Brian is just a tremendous player and person to have in this program. He could do so many things out on the court that the team fed off his play both on offense and defense."

Bill Carey - Junior
Point-guard - Abington

Provided a solid and consistent one-two punch with McSharry from the point-guard position this season…A South Shore League All-star, Carey was among the leading scorers in the league with an average 16.1 points per game…The junior scored 21 points in a victory over Hopkinton in the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney, helping the squad reach the quarterfinals…There, against Scituate, Carey pitched in 13 points and five steals despite a 72-66 loss…Put up 20 points, 8 assists and four treys in a thrilling victory over Bishop Stang in their own Green Wave tourney…Just a junior, Carey will be one of the top returning players next winter.

Jeff McLean - Senior
Forward - Hingham

Has been among the Patriot League's leading scorers over the past three seasons…Was the top scorer for the Harbormen (7-13, 4-8 PL) with an average 17 points per game…A PL All-star for the second-straight year, McLean scored 16 points in a victory over Middleboro on Senior Night…Was instrumental in two hard-fought games against Hanover, with one game decided by two points and the other dropped in overtime…A strong driver, McLean's effortless shooting touch was among his best assets on the court…Also a solid defender, McLean often drew the assignment of covering the opposing team's best player…Was a three year varsity player at HHS.

Jequan Johnson - Senior
Forward - Weymouth

Tim Hubbard -
Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Marshfield

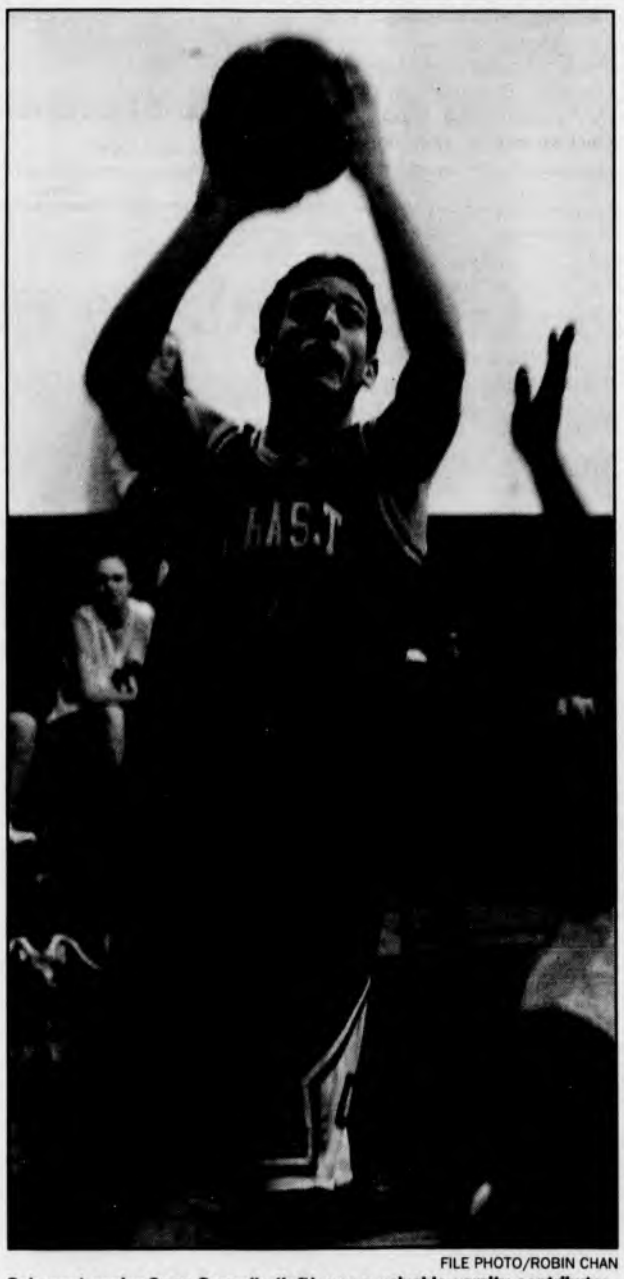
Kiel Milliken - Senior (Capt.)
Forward- Silver Lake

Adam Dacey - Junior
Point Guard - Silver Lake

Matt Lynch - Junior (Capt.)
Guard - Braintree

Sammie Turner - Senior
Center - Holbrook

Sean Gavin - Senior
Guard - Holbrook



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Cohasset senior Sean Connelly (left) was a valuable varsity contributor for four years and a deserving Honorable Mention selection.

Honorable Mention:

Jon Conway - Jr. - Forward - Abington

Pat McGrail- Jr.- Forward- Braintree

Sean Connolly- Sr. (Capt.)- Center- Cohasset

Andy Hillier - Sr. - Forward - Hanover

Shane Campbell - Sr. - Center - Hingham

Richardson Luc- Sr. (Capt.)- Guard- Holbrook

Scott Doherty - Jr. - Guard - Marshfield

Terence Bohan- Sr.- Guard- Norwell

Frank Granara- Sr. (Capt.)- Forward- Norwell

Bill Aria - Soph.- Forward- Norwell

Eric Crawford - Sr. - Guard - Rockland

Derek Penniman - Sr. - Center - Rockland

Thomas Taldon- Sr. - Guard - Scituate

Josh Doherty- Soph.- Center- Silver Lake

Bill Mulrain- Sr.- Guard- Silver Lake

Scott Campbell - Jr. - Forward - Weymouth

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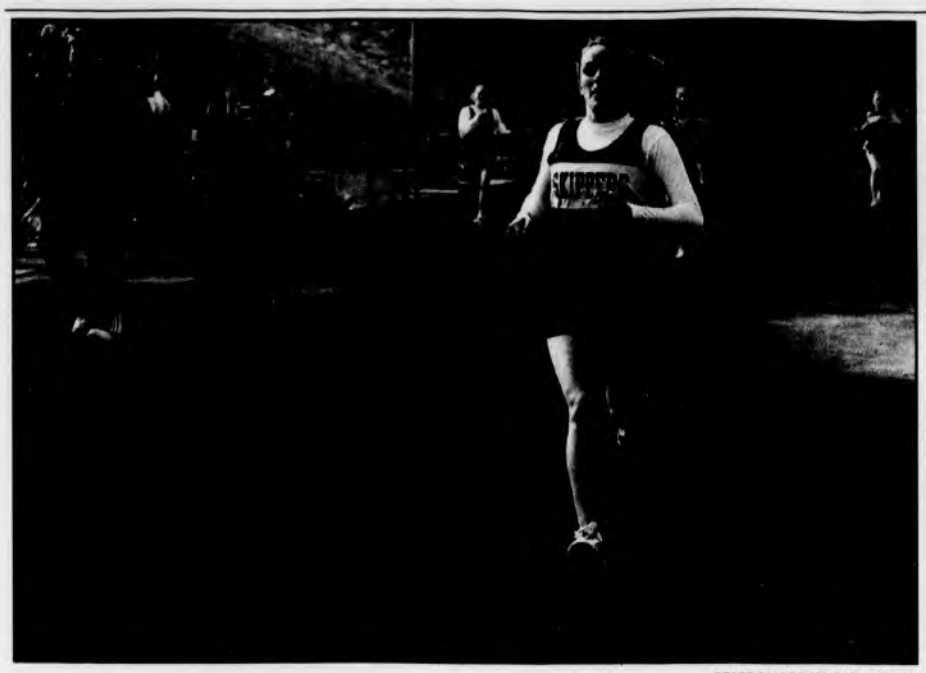
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Despite first place finished by Cohasset High junior Nicole Whitney in the 400 (as seen here) and triple jump in last Thursday's season opener with Norwell, the Lady Skippers could not pull out the win.

Tracksters lapped at start

By Mike Spellman
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It was a less than auspicious opening for the Cohasset High track teams last week, as both the girls and boys squads were swept by South Shore League rivals Norwell and Carver.

In a season opener that had been pushed back twice by rain, the Skippers squads opened on Wednesday at home with Norwell. The girls hung tough before falling by a 71-65 score, The boys, though, were flat out lapped, 92-33.

Things got worse on Monday in Carver, as two much bigger and deeper Crusaders squads proved most inhospitable hosts. The Cohasset boys were dropped, 73-25, while the girls were simply overwhelmed, 102-30.

Girls

If only Jenn Buckley had been allowed to compete in one more event versus Norwell…

The CHS senior captain maxed out her performance with maximum production, taking first place finishes in the mile, 2-mile, javelin and discus.

Junior Nicole Whitney also showed well to open the season, winning both the 400 and triple jump.

Buckley also won the mile (5:46), 2-mile (13:05) and javelin (92-5) in the loss to Carver, but that wasn't nearly enough this time around.

Boys

In the 92-33 loss to Norwell, Eric Belz won the 100 and Brent Daly was tops in the triple jump. Both also ran legs for the winning 4x100 relay team.

In the loss to Carver, Peter Bunstein won the triple jump (31-5).

Next Up

Both teams are now done until after April Vacation. They'll host South Shore League rival Hull on Tuesday, April 27 and travel to Rockland on Friday, April 30.

Getting in swing

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she needed. Coach Bostwick reflected on the total momentum shift of the second inning.

"Once we got our timing down, we broke the game wide open," she said. "We left the field with our confidence flying high."

Senior Caitlin Gontarz commented: "We didn't expect a lot going into this game. Our enthusiasm and team spirit, however, carried us to a win."

Hoping to carry the momentum of this game into a showdown at Hull the next day, the Lady Skippers walked right into a Pirate trap. The icy winds blowing across the field froze the Cohasset bats. At the end of the day, Cohasset fell short by a score of 7-1. It could have been worse. Last year, the umpires instituted the slaughter rule when Cohasset skidded to 17-zip loss. This year's Lady Skippers couldn't handle the heat on Hull's fastball, causing trouble on the offensive end.

"We just didn't have what it took to keep up with such a big team," said senior Caitlin Condon. "A combination of our weak offense, defensive errors and some fast Hull pitching cost us this match."

The Skippers returned to Freedom Field for their third game in three days, this time against the Mashpee Falcons. Unlike the prior to games, this one turned into a nail biter with the lead shifting throughout the game. Things looked bleak for the Lady Skippers with two out in the last inning and trailing by a 7-6 score. Freshman Christina Pinkus stepped up to the plate for the last at bat.

Coach Bostwick cautioned her to "only swing if you really want it." Christina spotted her pitch and gave it a ride to drive in the two runs necessary to win the game in a spectacular fashion.

"This game came down to sheer determination," reflected senior Caitlin Gontarz. "We wanted it the most, and got the win."

Deb Bostwick celebrated with her players in the exciting victory. "The Skippers showed willpower. I was so happy to see the girls after Christina's game winning hit," she said.

The win did not hide the fact there were 15 Cohasset errors. Commented the coach: "We lucked out to pull ourselves together in the last inning. The errors showed us we need to improve our mental game."

Unfortunately, the momentum from this game did not carry over into Monday, as star Abington pitcher AnnMarie Murphy tossed her third career no-hitter against the Lady Skippers in a 15-0 rout.

The team saw it's game at Carver on Tuesday postponed due to rain. The girls wil lplay their final game before April Vacation today at home (3:30 p.m., Freedom Field) versus South Shore Christian. The LAdy Skippers will get back to work after vacation on April 27 when they travel to Harwich.

On the right track

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season, Sweeney hopes this win might get his squad on a winning track.

"Honestly, I think we've been playing well, but just not getting many breaks," said Sweeney. "With a win under our belts, maybe the girls can loosen up a little bit and just keep it rolling."

The Lady Skippers opened the season with a tough luck 7-6 loss on the Cape to Sandwich on March 30 and then dropped a 17-11 decision to a big and very athletic Dartmouth team last Thursday.

Lisa Spirito paced the offense in the latter game with five goals. In that one, the Lady Skippers got down big quickly and trailed 8-2 at the half. A Spirito led charge helped them cut it to 10-8 early in the fourth quarter, but host Dartmouth opened it up from there to pull out big again.

"We just ran out of gas, plain and simple" explained Sweeney. "We put ourselves in a hole, and we didn't have the energy to dig all the way out.."

Sweeney figures today's game at New Bedford (4 p.m. start) will be a good test for his team.

"From what I've been able to find out, we should be pretty evenly matched with New Bedford," he said. "Hopefully, that'll bring out the best in the girls. A win here would be really big going into vacation."

The Lady Skippers will not play again until after vacation, when they travel to Scituate on April 27.

CHS weekly sports schedule

Boys Tennis

27 Harwich
Head Coach: Kent Parrot
All home matches at 3:30 p.m.
home matches at Milliken TC

Girls Tennis

15 Ursuline 4 p.m.
Milliken
27 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
All matches at 3:30 p.m.
Head Coach: Gigi Meehan
Assistant Coach: Kathy Prevett

Boys Lacrosse

April
16 JV Barnstable 4 p.m.
Mulliken
16 V Barnstable 4 p.m.
Alumni
24 V @ St. John's Shrewsbury
Head Coach: Stew Curran
Assistant Coach: Mike Lang

Girls Lacrosse

15 V @ New Bed. 4 p.m.
15 JV @ New Bed. 5:30 p.m.
27 V @ Scituate 3:30 p.m.
27 JV @ Scituate 5 p.m.
Head Coach: Torin Sweeney
Assistant Coach: Jackie Gruosso

Softball

15 V S.S. Christian-Freedom
27 V @ Harwich 4 p.m.
27 JV @ Harwich 4 p.m.
All games at 3:30 p.m.
Head Coach: Deb Bostwick
JV Coach: Deb Beal

Baseball

15 V @ SS Christian
27 V Harwich - Milliken
27 JV Harwich - Beechwood
All games at 3:30 p.m.
Coach: Al Gallotta
Assistant Coaches: Damian D'Angelo
and Bob Rogers

Boys/Girls Track

April
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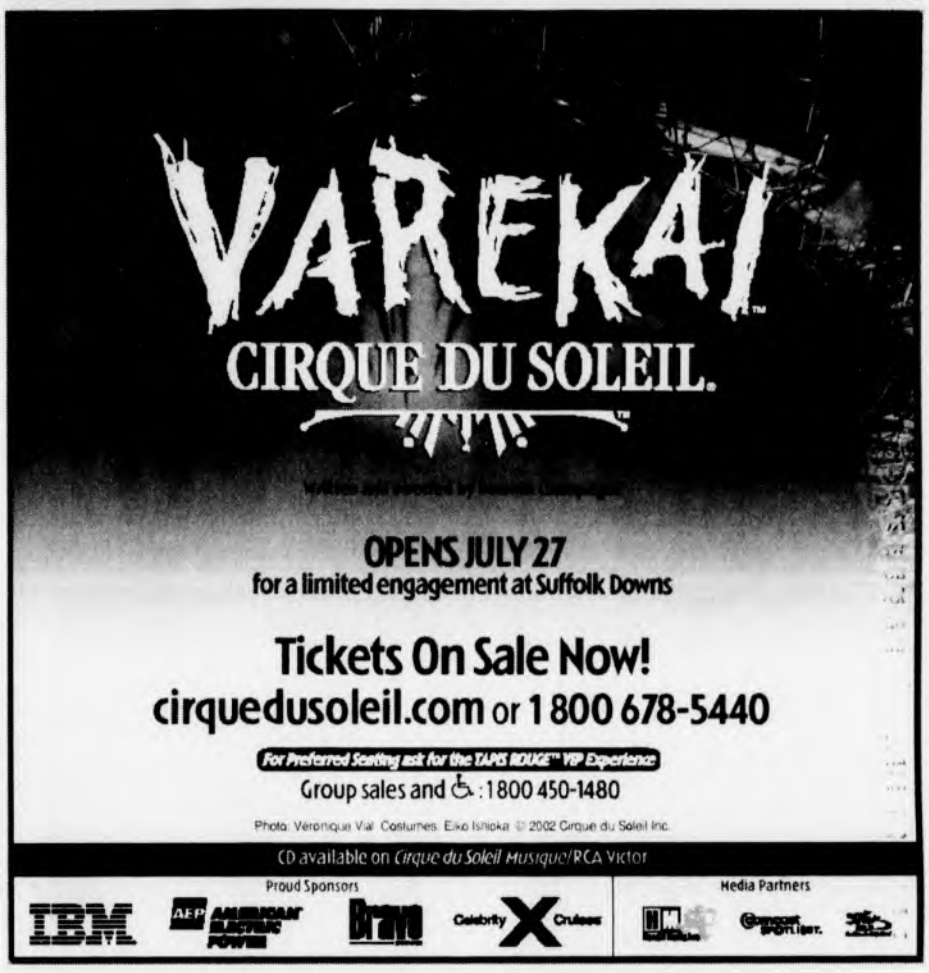
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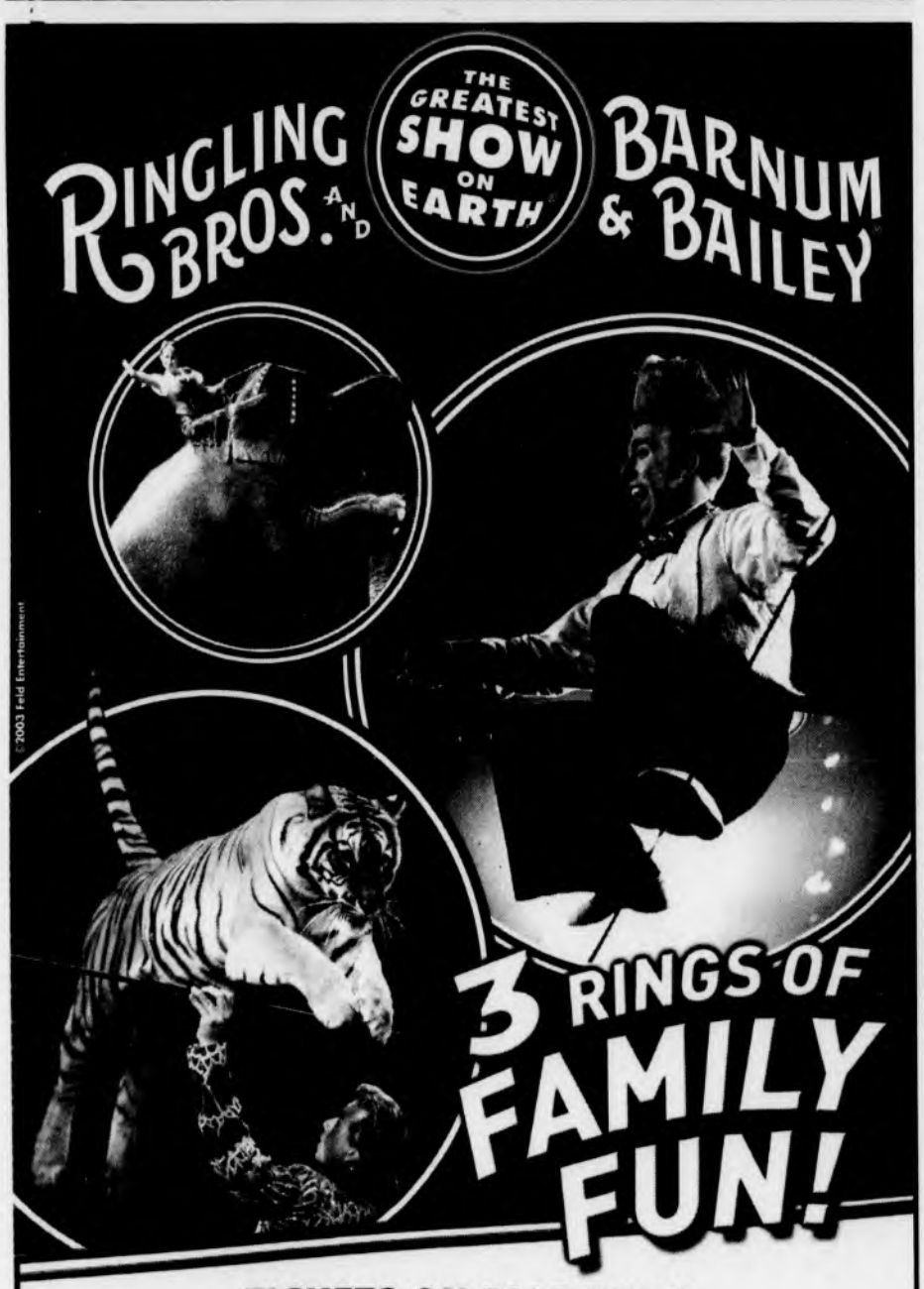
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Coastal Stars Youth Hockey

Mite A

After gaining a berth in the Frozen Four of the South Shore Conference championship tournament by virtue of a win over the Seahawks, the Mite A Coastal Stars ran into a tenacious Braintree team and suffered a season-ending, 2-1 loss.

Both teams came out strong, but the Stars had the early advantage.

Colin Whelan, Will DeCoste, and Jonathan Spitz supported by the strong blue line play of Brian Smith and Andrew Geddes, applied constant pressure on the Braintree defense.

Tommy Dixon, Frank Lemieux, and Chris Cohen, with Jeremy Duchini and Ken Parnell on defense, continued the pressure but were denied by saves on several strong shots.

The pressure paid off with two seconds left in the first period when Jake McDonough stole the puck in the Braintree zone and shot on net. Will Golden battled for the rebound and poked it home for the lead.

Braintree began to assert itself early in the second, but Jared McCrystal stayed solid in front, and assisted in killing a Stars penalty with seven minutes left in the period.

Connor Maher was heroic in net, making saves on a point-blank shot and the rebound, and denying a breakaway.

Braintree evened the score with 2:12 left in the period when they rebounded yet another great save by Maher.

Both goalies kept their teams even, as Will Golden and Kevin McDougall were robbed on breaks and Maher made a series of seven or eight saves under a Braintree barrage.

Braintree pulled ahead with 9:21 left in the game on a rebound through a scramble in front. The Stars responded. Jake McDonough fed Terrence Doonan on a break that was saved. Maher was pulled with 1:30 left. With 15 seconds left, McDonough took the puck off a face-off, split the defense, and bore in alone. His shot headed for the top of the net, but the Braintree goaltender somehow got his glove on it to dash the Stars' last chance.

Congratulations to Chris Cohen, Will DeCoste, Tom Dixon, Terrence Doonan, Jeremy Duchini, Andrew Geddes, Will Golden, Frank Lemieux, Connor Maher, Jared McCrystal, Jake McDonough, Kevin McDougall, Ken Parnell, Brian Smith, Jonathan Spitz, Colin Whelan, their coaches, and their fans for a marvelously successful and immensely enjoyable season. They are all stars.

A step in the right direction

CHS laxmen show signs of improvement in loss to Falmouth

By Mike Spellman
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A win would have been nice, but Stu Curran feels a more important objective was met when his Cohasset High lacrosse team played perennial power Falmouth tough in an 8-7 loss last Thursday.

"The Falmouth game was a 100 percent improvement over the Martha's Vineyard game," said Curran, drawing a comparison to the season opening 7-6 loss 24 hours earlier at home. "This was one I think, at least, we can build on."

Senior goalie Nick Murphy came up big, making 16 saves at Falmouth, several of them true testers. Also noteworthy at the defensive end of the field was the way senior captain Conor Buick put the wraps on proclaimed Clippers scoring machine Colin Raposa.

"Conor was just immense," said Curran. "He really helped keep us in the game."

The first year CHS coach also lauded the defensive play of senior captain Mike Devine and freshman Jeff Brown.

It was Conor's kid brother, sophomore Aidan Buick, who keyed things for the Skippers at the opposite end of the field, as he notched the hat trick plus a helper. Junior Jake Previte chipped in with a goal and two assists, and midfielder Mark Davis had a goal and an assist. The other tallies came from the sticks of junior John Durkin and senior Ryan Tufts.

Previte, the top returning scorer from last year's team, has recently been tagged with nickname "The Plumber" in deference to all the pipes he's hit through the 0-2 start.

"I think we've got Jake down for hitting nine posts so far," said Curran. "He's creating some very good chances, but he's just really snakebitten right now. If just two of those shots are an inch or two over and find net, we might be 2-0 right now rather than 0-2. But that's the way it goes sometimes. The important thing is we're progressing as a team."

Mark Davis—AKA "Plumber's Helper"—has also hit a healthy share of iron.

"In general, we're aiming small and shooting small," said Curran, indicating the offensive problems went beyond the tough luck of Previte and Davis. "We have to start looking for that big white part of the net. It just seems like the shots are being directed rather than let rip."

Curran figures his team will be helped in Friday's showdown at home versus Barnstable (4 p.m.) by the return from injury of senior captain DeWayne Morris, an important midfield contributor.

Attack standout Mike Rasmussen, another senior captain, is expected back in another week or so from a broken wrist suffered at the end of the hockey season.

And another hockey casualty, senior Rob Carpenter (shoulder dislocation), was back on the field at Falmouth, though he was still at far from 100 percent. He's under orders from Curran to avoid going for ground balls for another couple of weeks.

"Getting these guys back healthy could be a big lift for us," said Curran. "You're talking about three pretty important seniors here.

"Barnstable is much improved, and that should be a good test to see how far we've come," said Curran of Friday's match up. "It would be nice if we could get that first win, but Barnstable's a much better team than the one we beat last year."

Unlike most of the CHS teams, the laxmen have a few games lined up during the April Vacation week. They'll host Scituate on Friday and be at St. John's-Shrewsbury on Saturday.

Skippers wash over Green Wave

Boys tennis team tops Abington to improve to 3-1

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The Cohasset High boys tennis team improved to 3-1 with an impressive 4-1 win over South Shore League rival Abington on Monday.

First year sophomore standout Dan Sullivan hung tough against a top Green Wave return man to pull out a straight sets 7-5, 7-5 win at first singles.

Sophomore Nils Sceery, another sophomore, had a somewhat easier time of it in his own straight sets win at second singles.

With freshman Kyle Datola falling at third singles, however, the team match came down to a couple of evenly contested doubles matches.

Fortunately, both Cohasset pairs were able to hang tough and pull out third set wins.

The sophomore-first year junior duo of Chris Pescatore and Brendan Michaud lost the first set at first singles, but then bounced back big with wins of 6-2, 6-4 to provide the Skippers with their deciding third match point.

Not to be outdone, the freshmen second doubles tandem of Chris Donze and Owen Stevenson also won a three setter.

"It wasn't a pretty win, but it was a good win," noted veteran CHS coach Kent Parrot. "Abington had some pretty tough players, but our guys found a way at the end. That's all that matters."

Parrot is hoping to take his third straight team to the postseason this spring. It is a young squad, with only one senior and nine freshmen, but it is also one loaded with talent.

"This is a team that should just keep getting better over the next several years," said Parrot. "And we have (middle school) coach Michelle Murphy to thank for a lot of that. She's sending some great talent up to the high school to both the girls and boys teams."

One match the young Skippers are really looking forward to is the April 29 rematch with 10 time defending league champion Norwell, whose streak of South Shore League wins currently stands at 106. The veteran laden Clippers topped the Skippers, 5-0, at Norwell last Wednesday, but all five matches were tightly contested. Parrot is counting for a better accounting from all seven players in his lineup in go round number two.

"That will just be a fun match," said Parrot. "Our kids shouldn't feel the pressure. If they go out and play the way they're capable of playing, this should be a very good match."

The highlight of Clippers-Skippers one was the two-plus hour three set battle between Sullivan and Norwell senior star Max Schenkein at first singles. Sullivan won the first set, but then Schenkein bounced back for a big 6-0 second set win. Sullivan buckled down in the deciding set, though, and was serving out the match with a 6-5 lead when Schenkein broke him and then served out for the win.

"That should be a great match," said Parrot. "Dan is eager to play Max again."

Skippers 3, Mashpee 2

The Skippers were forced to make a few lineup changes for this Saturday match, and they barely squeaked by the Falcons. The deciding point was notched by the freshmen doubles pair of Josh Duprey and Chris Ackley with a straight sets win.

The Skippers also beat Sacred Heart last Thursday in non-league play, 4-1, and saw their Tuesday meeting with Carver postponed due to rain.

Next Up

The CHS boys will now not play again until after the April Vacation. They'll get back into action with SSL rival Harwich at home on Tuesday, April 27.

Girls making quite a 'racquet'

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header. She won, 6-3 and 6-1, and backed that up with a 6-1, 6-0 victory in number two singles Monday against Abington.

The number one doubles team of Courtney Caron and Chelsea Grossman earned victories in the Duxbury and Abington matches. They didn't lose a single game on Monday.

Katie Bolger made her season debut against Abington in number three singles, and walked away with a 6-0, 6-1 win, and appeared to be simply in a different class than her opponent.

Meehan said many of her players who did not see much action last year, such as Bolger, have noticeably improved their games.

"There is a big difference in her from last year," the coach said. "The kids really have gotten better. It's always exciting to see the kids you had last year and see the improvement that they have made."

Cohasset took advantage of the fact that Mashpee was playing a lot of eighth graders, and gave some of their reserves a chance to see match action. The team of Carrie Muir and Corey Evans took first doubles, 6-0 and 6-1, while the second team of Christine Muir (Carrie's twin sister) and Devin Smith lost only two games in their match.

Evans, a senior, also played second doubles with Emilie Sullivan against Duxbury and Abington. Their match with the Green Wave was a 6-2, 6-0 win, as both girls showed a well-rounded game, excelling along the baseline and at the net.

Against Mashpee, Emilie Shea and Emma Grinnell took second and third singles, respectively, with neither player dropping more than three games in a set.

Meehan says she has a group of about 14 players that she knows she can count on, with the others improving and getting to that same level.

"That's what I love about this team," she said. "It's not just about one kid. It's definitely team tennis."

CHS weekly scoreboard

Baseball

7 lost to Norwell, 10-6
8 lost to Hull, 20-5
10 beat Mashpee, 10-7
12 beat Abington, 10-8
13 Carver-PPD
15 @ SS Christian 3:30 p.m.

Boys Tennis

7 lost to Norwell, 5-0
10 beat Mashpee, 5-0
12 beat Abington, 4-1
13 Carver- PPD

Girls Tennis

7 beat Norwell, 5-0
12 beat Abington, 5-0
13 @ Carver- PPD
15 Ursuline 4 p.m.
Milliken

Boys Lacrosse

7 lost to M. Vineyard, 7-6
8 lost to Falmouth, 8-7
13 Duxbury- PPD

Girls Lacrosse

7 @ Norwell- PPD
8 lost to Dartmouth, 17-11
12 beat Hanover, 13-1
13 Martha's Vineyard- PPD
15 @ New Bedford

Softball

7 beat Norwell, 21-12
8 lost to Hull, 7-1
10 beat Mashpee, 8-7
12 lost to Abington, 15-0
13 @ Carver- PPD
15 S.S. Christian 3:30 p.m.

Boys/Girls Track

April
8 Norwell
Girls lost, 71-65
Boys lost, 92-33
12 @ Carver
Girls lost, 102-30
Boys lost, 73-25

That's more like it

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acquitted himself quite well in the field, and also had a double and two stolen bases.

Junior Tim Pilczak had a double and a sacrifice fly and Tarpey added a big RBI double.

"This was the first semblance I've seen of us coming together as a team," said second year coach Al Gallotta, who feels his young squad was set back considerably by the bad weather.

Norwell 10, Skippers 6

Last Wednesday's season opener was marked (or some might say marred) for the Skippers by wild pitching and sloppy defense.

Skippers pitching walked eight Norwell batters and the defense committed seven errors behind this.

"Our defense was just atrocious," noted Gallotta. "You're not going to win too many games with those kind of numbers for errors and walks."

Junior Ted Straughn started strong on the mound, and the Skippers bats posted him to a 2-0 lead through three innings. However, the visiting Clippers took the lead for good with three in the fourth, and Straughn was knocked from the box in the fifth.

Norwell exploded for seven runs in the top of the seventh to extend its lead to 10-2. The Skippers battled back for four runs in their final at bat, but the rally ended there.

Hull 20, Skippers 5

The pitching went from bad to worse 24 hours earlier, as Cohasset hurlers combined to walk 16 Pirates batters and plunked two more.

"You're not going to win any games with that kind of lack of control," noted Gallotta. "That's a certainty. It was as ugly as it sounds."

Dooley had two hits in the game and Blanco had a two run single.

South Shore Sr. softball steps up to the plate for a fourth season

The South Shore Senior Softball League, sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging, opens its fourth season on Sunday, April 25. The team, open to all South Shore men aged 55 and older, meets at 10 am at the Central Park Field in Scituate.

Proving that age is no barrier to fun and athleticism, the "boys of summer" play up to three times a week in the league. Games are scheduled Sunday and Wednesday mornings at 10 am and Thursday evenings at 5 pm. There is also a traveling team available for interested players to compete in games across the state. Players can play once or three times a week, as they wish. The season runs well into the fall.

Kevin McLaughlin joins league founder Jim Hyde as league commissioner this year. Anyone interested in joining the league can call the Scituate Council on Aging at 781-545-8722 to obtain a registration form. Cost for the season is $30, which covers a shirt, hat and as much softball as one wants to play.

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On a sunny, but cold, spring morning, members of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset's hard working Committee for the Flower Show "Literary License" take a break from their planning. The committee includes, from left, Debbie Jenks, Judy Dickstein, Claire Cardelle, Cindy Alexander (back), Claire Tinory (front), Helen King, Nancy Gilmore, Maureen Byrne, Mary Elsenhaure, Annette Sechen, Mary Hickey, Sally Avery, Pat Stewart, Phyllis Peck, Sandy Durant, Barbara Dillon.

Flower show at Paul Pratt Library

On Wednesday, May 12, and Thursday, May 13, from noon to 5 p.m. the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold a "Standard Flower Show" at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Road, Cohasset. The show is open to the public. Admission is free.

Held every other year, the theme of this year's flower show is "Literary License" due to the fact that it will be held at Cohasset's new library.

There will be three divisions: Special exhibits, Horticulture, and Design; including a minimum of five horticulture classifications with at least 20 exhibits overall; and a minimum of three design classifications with at least four entries required in each classification.

A Standard Flower Show is the official name for a flower show conforming to standards established by the National Garden Clubs, Inc., (NGC). It must meet all requirements of NGC including a written schedule the program describing what the NGC wants the flower show to include. The exhibits are judged and ribbons are awarded by a panel of three NGC accredited judges working under rules of the Standard System of Awarding.

Although a Standard Flower Show must follow rules, it is a fun effort for club members who exhibit and compete, as well as share their expertise and enjoyment of flowers with the community. In anticipation of this year's show and as a learning experience over the past two years, club members have been attending monthly flower design workshops and holding mini-flower shows.

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Full scale preparation for this year's show began in May of 2003 when club members Vivian Bobo and Nancy Gilmore began writing the schedule and deciding on a theme. Club President Sally Avery appointed Maureen Byrne as General Chairman and committee heads were chosen. Nonetheless, the entire club participates as exhibitors, hostesses, clerks, staging, dismantling, cleanup, and refreshments.

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High School students get volumes of support

Girls collect funds for encyclopedias

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The library is supposed to be a quiet place for reading and conducting research. However, last week, thanks to the bright idea of high school juniors Catherine Calorio, Jenn Murray, and Mary Silvia, the Deer Hill library was buzzing with excitement as surprise grab bags and chocolate lollypops were available in abundance.

Their goal is to raise $1,500 for a brand new set of 2004 World Book Encyclopedias.



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Catherine Calorio, Jenn Murray, and Mary Silvia have begun selling chocolate lollypops and grab bags at Deer Hill to raise money for a new set of encyclopedias.

As part of a community service class the girls are taking at the high school, the three have been volunteering their help four days a week to librarian Marjorie Murphy, organizing books in the literacy closet and separating by alphabetical order. After spending so much time among the stacks, the girls became very familiar with the resources available to students, and realized the library only has one set of encyclopedias. Not only that, the encyclopedias date back to 1991, and until now, there had been no plans to replace them due to a lack of funds. Mary said the school's dilemma seemed to be the perfect project for the girls to take on.

"The library has one set that's kind of old," said Jenn, adding Deer Hill students have a unit based entirely on learning about encyclopedias and how to use them. However, there is only one set in the library to work with, and it's outdated. "There won't even be a full time librarian next year," she added, so the girls knew there would be no money to replace the books in the future.

During the Buttonwood Book Fair in the Deer Hill library, the girls set up a box with "grab bags" full of surprises like bouncy balls and pencils, that children could buy for $1, as well as homemade colored white chocolate lollypops for $1 each. They also had a jar full of candy, and for 25 cents, students could take a guess as to how much candy was inside, and the winner would get the candy. "Three girls won," said Jenn, and the candy was split evenly between them.

The girls spent some of their own money for supplies for the project, but have received donations as well. Because Jenn's mother owns a party shop, she was more than happy to donate surprises for the grab bags. The girls all got together on their own time to fill the bags, and they all made the chocolate lollypops together on the weekends.

In their first week alone, the girls raised $700, which they were ecstatic about. "We're almost half way there," said Catherine. Their goal is to raise $1,500 for a brand new set of 2004 World Book Encyclopedias. Just in case they don't meet their goal they are prepared with an alternative "back-up" set, but if that first week of sales is any indication, funding shouldn't be a problem.

The girls said all their grab bags have been sold, but there are still lollypops left which they plan on bringing to various school events for the remainder of the school year. They also said they hope to have one more week of grab bag sales toward the end of the year.

When the fund raiser is all said and done, the girls say they have plans to hang an engraved plaque over the new set of encyclopedias. Because it will truly be a community effort in the end, the plaque will say, "Donated from the Cohasset Community Service Project."

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Boston Pops benefit for S.S. Art Center

This summer, the South Shore Art Center kicks off its 50th anniversary celebration with a benefit performance of the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart conductor in Cohasset, July 31.

The concert brings the world-enowned artistry of Keith Lockhart and the Pops to the South Shore for the first time ever. The South Shore Music Circus' intimate summertime setting is the perfect place to enjoy the incomparable virtuosity of the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra while supporting the education and exhibition programs at the South Shore Art Center. South Shore residents can enjoy the internationally acclaimed Boston Pops right in their own backyards.

A limited number of special ticket packages, which include receptions with maestro Keith Lockhart before and after the concert, can be purchased from the South Shore Art Center only. Call the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org for more information about these gala benefit events. All other tickets for this Pops concert can be purchased via Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or in person at the Music Circus box office beginning Saturday, April 10. The performance is July 31, at 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at $101.25 and $90.25.

Yard sale for Our World Museum

On Saturday, April 24, at the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum an indoor/outdoor yard sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Quality used items are needed to sell. Your donation is tax-deductible and all proceeds go directly to the Museum.

Drop your items directly at the Museum on Tuesdays April 13, and April 20, between 9 a.m. and noon, Thursday April 15, between noon and 6 p.m., or Saturday, April 17, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Museum is located in the back wing of the new Cohasset Library at 100 Sohier St., Cohasset. For information or directions, call the Museum at 781-383-3198."

Molasses flood subject of dinner

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold its Annual Spring Dinner on Sunday, April 25, at the Cohasset Harbor Resort, 124 Elm St. from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The featured speaker will be Stephen Puleo, author of "Dark Tide: The Great Molasses Flood of 1919." Puleo, who is a former award-winning newspaper reporter, will recount the story of this 85 year old tragedy which took place on Jan. 15, 1919, when a steel tank containing 2.3 million gallons of molasses, ruptured and spilled its contents into the north end. Its 35 mile and hour path of destruction took with it the lives of 21 people, countless animals and part of the North End. This event is open to the public as well as society members.

The cost of the dinner and presentation is $31 for members and $36 for non-members. A cash bar will be available. Anyone interested in attending is asked to send a check, prior to April 20, to the Cohasset Historical Society, P.O. Box 627, Cohasset, MA, 02025. (781-383-1434). Include your name, address and choice of entrée (Chicken Francaise, sautéed batter-dipped boneless breast of chicken with white wine & lemon sauce with herbs and capers or Roasted Baby Cod with seasoned buttery crumbs in a garlic cream sauce).

Coffeehouse hosts an extraordinary duo

Hingham's Coffeehouse off the Square presents Susie Burke and David Surrette on Saturday, April 17, at 8 p.m.

Burke's complex voice and Surrette's string playing combine with extraordinary results.

They use their talents to interpret their own songs and some of the finest contemporary and traditional material. Those who have heard their last two outstanding performances know what to expect; others will be pleasantly surprised.

The Coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. Admission is $10 at the door. An open microphone precedes the concert. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For further information, call Jim Watson at (781) 749-1767.

Abbey plant sale

The Glastonbury Abbey Plant sale will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 8.

A large selection of plants will be available for sale on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St. (Rt. 28) in Hingham.

Perennials, herbs, ground cover, ornamental grasses, bushes, fruits and vegetables will be on sale. Plants are all being donated from local private gardens in the South Shore area. Many plants will be divisions of specimens grown in Abbey gardens. Seedlings to mature plants will be available to tempt local gardeners who attend the sale. Proceeds go to the Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey and are used to continue beautification of the Abbey Grounds.

Dog obedience classes to start

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy-Dog Training School.

Classes will be held on Monday evenings, on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Monday, April 26, for Beginner classes at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. for Advanced. For all classes the fee is $100 for the five classes, one hour per week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

To register, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

Jane Austen focus of library discussion

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys present Karen Joy Fowler discussing "The Jane Austen Book Club" on Sunday, May 2, at 2 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library.

"The Jane Austen Book Club" is the story of six Californians, self-described Janeites, who agree to meet for six months and discuss Jane Austen's six novels. Their personal favorites emerge, as their stories are told in tandem with discussions about Jane Austen's novels. Their in-depth knowledge about Jane's works make these parallel tales work.

For those whose memory about Austen is rusty, there is a reader's guide at the end of the book providing background for the unacquainted and a refresher for the Jane addicted.

Karen Joy Fowler is the author of two story collections and three novels, the third of which, Sister Noon, was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner award. Everyone attending this author event featuring Karen Joy Fowler at the Hingham Public Library will be entered into a drawing for the novels of Jane Austen. One winner will be selected for each novel, "Emma", "Sense and Sensibility", "Mansfield Park", "Northanger Abbey", "Pride and Prejudice" and "Persuasion". Winners will be drawn at the event.

This is a free event and the public is most welcome. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

50th reunion planned

Early planning is under way for a reunion bringing together the members of the 1954 graduating class of Cohasset High School. As well, a search is under way for those who were members of that class but were separated prior to graduation and would like to join in on the festivities. Knowing that most of those who were associated with this class have left Cohasset, it is hoped that friends who still live in town will inform them, as soon as is possible of the plans for the event.

Individuals who have not already been informed of the event and want to be included in on all plans should contact Norman Jason, P.O. Box 46, Durham, CT 06422 or call 860-349-3438. Much work is still to be done but it is necessary to know who is going to be in attendance before plans can be completed.

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Chamber gains momentum with events

Approximately 150 people attended the Cohasset Chamber's first "special event" of 2004, "An Evening with Loretta LaRoche." Following a cocktail hour and buffet dinner at The Red Lion Inn, LaRoche took the stage, regaling the crowd with hilarious anecdotes and one-liners to drive home her message that "Life is Short - Wear Your Party Pants!" Presented by the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, the event was made possible by the Chamber's 2004 sponsors: Dunkin' Donuts, Pilgrim Co-operative Bank and Rockland Trust Company. Contributions received from Sovereign Bank, Conlon Chiropractic and Goodwin Graphics also helped to offset the cost of the evening.

The Board of Directors is committed to providing business support and opportunities for networking and making business contacts.

The Cohasset Chamber also sponsored a "Networking Night Out" at the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library in February which was well-attended despite a snowstorm that evening. The Board of Directors is committed to providing business support and opportunities for networking and making business contacts. They also publish a bi-monthly newsletter Minot Minutes which highlights business news and events in Cohasset and beyond. For membership information, visit the Chamber web site at www.cohassetchamber.org or call 781-383-1010 to request a Membership packet.



From left, Mike Conlon/Chamber president, comedienne Loretta LaRoche, Jane Higgins Norton/secretary.

Upcoming

Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and Atlantica co-host Unity Night - April 29

The Chamber is also co-hosting a Unity Night with Atlantica on Thursday, April 29, to recognize the recent election candidates and their commitment to community service. At Atlantica from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Light Refreshments and Cash Bar; Donation $10. RSVP 781-383-1010 by Monday, April 26. For further information: contact: Jane Higgins Norton Tel: 781-383-0708 Jane Higgins Norton oceansidedesign@comcast.net Tel: 781-383-0708

LIBRARY CORNER

Books on display

This month's display reflects poetry month and baseball. Books, books on tape/CD, videos, and kits are on the display cart next to the bank of children's computers.

New audio books

A wide variety of new books on tape, books on CD, and reader kits are available in the Children's Room and in the Young Adult Room. For beginning readers the following kits are available: "If You Take a Mouse to School," We All Go Traveling By," "Biscuit Goes to School," Mrs. Wishy-Washy's Farm," "Gregory's Shadow," "Abe Lincoln and the Muddy Pig," "Sylvester and the Magic Pebble."

For new readers the following kits are available: "Cam Jansen and the Scary Snake Mystery," "American Boy, The Adventure of Mark Twain," and "Bears on Hemlock Mountain."

For middle and older readers, "Shoeless Joe and Me" (kit), "The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me", and "Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism."

For young adults, "The Journey Back", "Hush", "The Raft", "The Witches of Worm", and "Eragon". Kits are located in the back of the Children's Room on the hanging racks, audio books are shelved on the back wall next to the videos. The young adult audio books are located on the display shelves on the back wall of the Young Adult Room.

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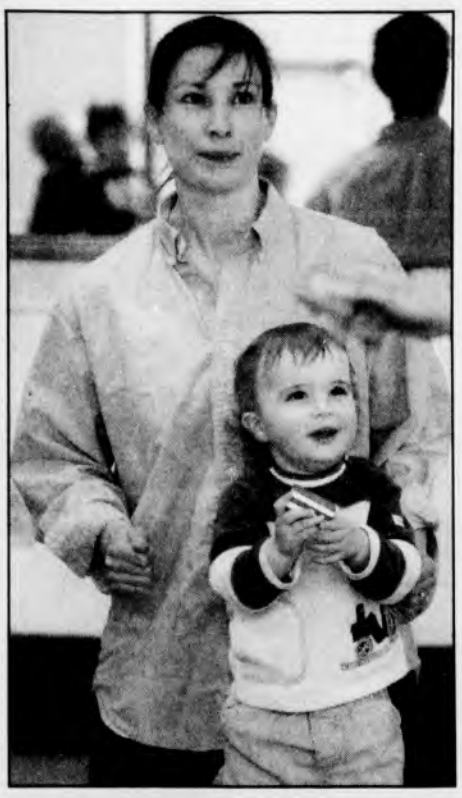
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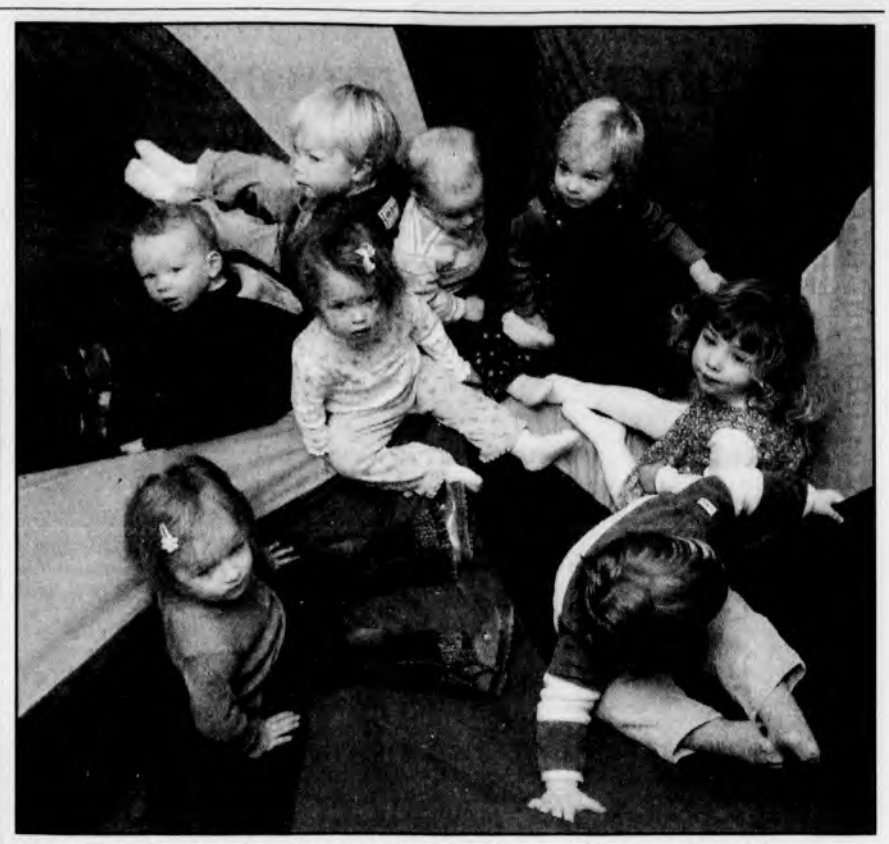
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Tots music class hits the right note







Above: The kids get a ride in the parachute at the Mommy & Me music class at the Community Center.

At left: George Grech leads the band in the pre-school music class.

At far left: James Cain joins in the music with his mommy, Alicia.

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Above: Jenna Herman keeps time to the music.

At left: Jamie Fox carries a happy bear around during the music parade in the Mommy & Me music class at the Community Center.

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NOTICE OF SHADE TREE HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 87, section 3, the Public Shade Tree Act, a hearing will be held at 9:00 A.M. on April 28, 2004 at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave, Cohasset, MA, to act on a request by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church to remove nine shade trees on the side of the building facing the Cohasset Town Common at 16 Highland Ave.

AD#481048
Cohasset Mariner 4/15, 4/22/04

WITHDRAWAL PERMIT
LEGAL NOTICE

The Cohasset Board of Water Commissioners has applied to DEP for a permit to increase their 0.65 million gallon per day (mgd) registered withdrawal by up to 0.38 mgd from the groundwater and surface water of the South Coastal Basin, in the Town of Cohasset, over 20 years. The locations of the withdrawal points are:

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339 King Street
Cohasset, MA 02025

Ellms Meadow Well Field
James Lane
Cohasset, MA 02025

Sohier Street Wells
Sohier Street
Cohasset, MA 02025

A copy of the application is available for review from 9AM to 3PM at the office of the Cohasset Board of Water Commissioners, located at 339 King Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Written comments on the granting of a DEP permit for this withdrawal are to be filed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Legal Notice. The written comments are to be submitted to the local water resource management official, c/o Board of Water Commissioners, 339 King Street, Cohasset, MA 02025, and to DEP, Drinking Water Program, One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108.

AD#479239
Cohasset Mariner 4/8, 4/15/04

ZBA/11 ELM COURT
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 4, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7.2 & a Variance pursuant to 5.3.1 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Desmond & Jennifer Havlicek** seek to construct addition that exceeds lot coverage at **11 Elm Court** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #04-03-26.

AD#485111
Cohassset Mariner 4/15, 4/22/04

ZBA/21 GAMMONS RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 4, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 9 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Thomas J. Durkin** seeks to construct dock at **21 Gammons Rd.**, according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #04-03-29.

AD#485113
Cohasset Mariner 4/15, 4/22/04

ZBA/241 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 4, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Gregory & Laurie Ferreira** seek to construct addition at **241 Jerusalem Rd.**, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-04-09.

AD#484798
Cohasset Mariner 4/15, 4/22/04

ZBA/40 JOY PLACE
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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 4, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7.8 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **John F. Gilbert III** seeks to construct addition at **40 Joy Place** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #04-03-24.

AD#485115
Cohasset Mariner 4/15, 4/22/04

ZBA/828 CJCH
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 4, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 4.2 & 12.4 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Arthur Logan** seeks to run inside dog care center at **828 CJCH.**, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-04-12.

AD#484796
Cohasset Mariner 4/15, 4/22/04

ZBA/9 MARGIN COURT
LEGAL NOTICE
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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 4, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7 & a **Variance** pursuant to 4.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Robert & Julia Rafferty** seek to construct an addition in excess of lot coverage limit at **9 Margin Court** according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-04-13.

AD#484949
Cohasset Mariner 4/15, 4/22/04

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Noon North Main St,. public service other, detail completed.

1:14 p.m. Forest Notch and Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

2:21 p.m. Pleasant St,. officer wanted.

3:37 p.m. Linden Dr, animal control.

5:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St,. motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

6:06 p.m. Elm St. and Border St,. motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

6:17 p.m. Jerusalem Lane and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

7 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

7:21 p.m. Headquarters, general services.

7:57 p.m. Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

8:24 p.m. Sohier St,. motor vehicle stop.

MONDAY, APRIL 5

8:33 a.m. South Main St., animal control.

1:01 p.m. Doane St., identity fraud.

3:18 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

3:37 p.m. Buttonwood Lane, officer wanted.

5:58 p.m. Tupelo Rd., property lost.

7:57 p.m. Brewster Rd., fire, investigation.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

12:40 a.m. Forest Ave and Jerusalem Rd., info, general.

1:26 a.m. Clay Spring Rd., animal control.

1:34 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.

2:23 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

6:35 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

9:01 a.m. Nichols Rd., fire, investigation.

10:15 a.m. Old Pasture Rd., animal control.

10:32 a.m. Atlantic Ave, larceny.

12:09 p.m. North Main St., suspicious.

1:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

1:41 p.m. Little Harbor Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

5:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:31 p.m. Grace Drive, medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire, brush, fire extinguished.

6:32 p.m. Hillside Drive, medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violations.

8:30 p.m. Ledgewood Farms Drive, officer wanted.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

12:46 a.m. Sohier St., assist motorist.

1:14 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

2:35 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle crash.

4:21 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:07 p.m. Forest Ave and Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:37 p.m. Beechwood St., officer wanted.

6:56 p.m. Highland Ave., animal control.

7:43 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:08 p.m. South Main St., assist motorist.

9:23 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

12:51 a.m. Pond St., open door/window.

9:51 a.m. King St., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:13 p.m. Elm St., animal control.

6:37 p.m. Highland Ave., general services.

7:04 p.m. King St., assist motorist.

8:32 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

9:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:20 p.m. Mill Lane, well being check.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

2:02 a.m. King and Beechwood St., noise complaint, area search negative.

6:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:05 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

2:19 p.m. Black Rock Rd and Forest Ave., threats (bodily harm).

4:20 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:53 p.m. Ash St., animal control.

7:19 p.m. Back River Bridge, notification.

8:13 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:08 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., well being check.

9:13 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

12:12 a.m. Spring St., disturbance family, area search negative.

7:19 a.m. Elm St., fire.

10 a.m. Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:07 p.m. Police Headquarters, general services.

6:36 p.m. Forest Ave., fire.

7:34 p.m. Beechwood St., and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:20 p.m. Atlantic Ave., well being check.

9:38 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:47 p.m. Sohier St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

10 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:06 p.m. Norfolk Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:13 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation, no fire service necessary.

4:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

5:50 p.m. West Gate Lane, animal control.

9:28 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious.

Water report highlights protective measures

The Water Commission has received a final Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) report from the state Department of Environmental Protection.

"This SWAP report is a good outline of the potential threats to Cohasset's public drinking water supply," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission, "and also provides a number of useful recommendation on how we can better protect our water supply."

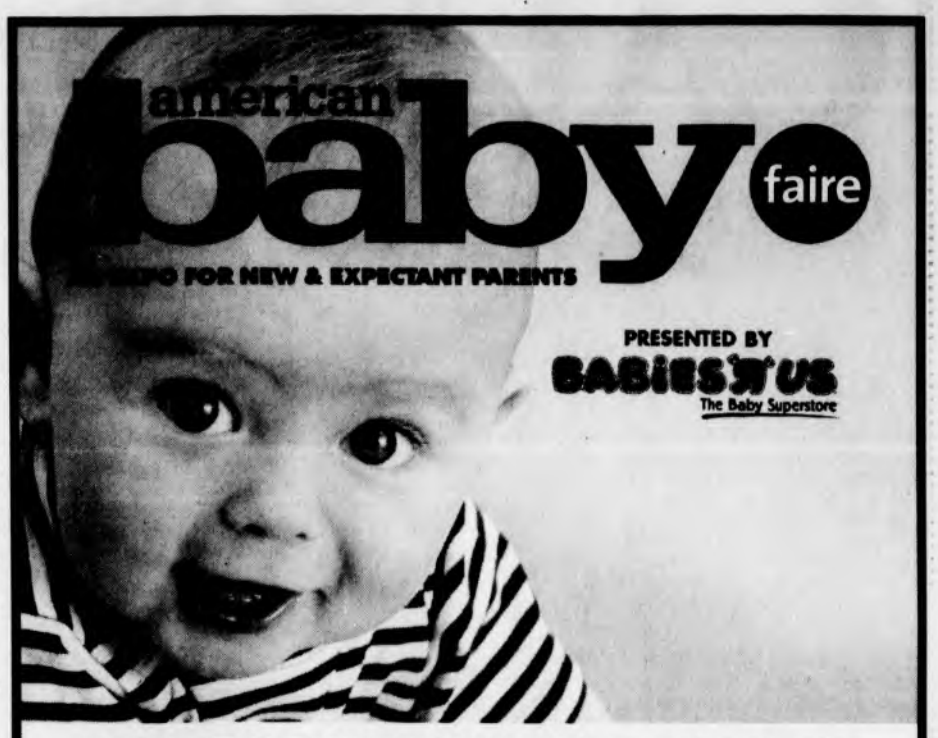
The SWAP Report notes that the key issues for water supply protection are: protection of the Zone A area (400 feet from Lily Pond and the Reservoir and 200 feet from their tributaries), protecting our watershed land that is located outside Cohasset, public education, and control of residential uses that might contaminate the watershed.

The report commends the water system for mapping storm drains, conducting a study on the health of Lily Pond, and taking preliminary steps to develop a lawn care program.

The SWAP report recommends that the Water Department:

- Educate residents how to protect the water supply.
- Inspect the Zone A areas regularly.
- Coordinate responses to spills or accidents.
- Help local businesses to ensure the proper storage, handling, and disposal of hazardous materials.
- Monitor the progress on remedial actions on known hazardous material contamination sites.
- Implement our Surface Water Protection Plan.

"The Water Commission plans to implement all the SWAP recommendations," said McNabb. The complete 11-page SWAP report is available at the Water Department, on the Water Department website, www.cohassetwater.org, Town Hall, and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. For more information, call the Water Dept. at 781-383-0057.



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CALENDAR

On the South Shore

APRIL 15 - 23, 2004

Thurs. 15

The Braintree Art Association Annual Member exhibit will take place through April 30, at the Thayer Academy Gallery, 745 Washington St., Braintree. Gallery hours 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. when school is in session. The Braintree Art Association meeting will be April 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Thayer Gallery. A demonstration of watercolor by **Mike Domina** will be presented. The Edith Bishop award will be give. Public invited. 781-335-4675.

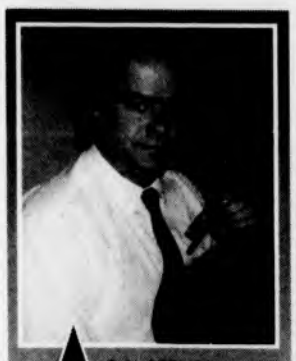
South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Tickets on sale now for its 2004 season. Children's programs go on sale also. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com

HSO Chamber Music "After Hours" Thursday, April 15 at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church on Hingham's Main St., **Hingham Symphony Chamber Players** present an evening of chamber music and convivial company. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with hors0d0oeuvres and a cash bar. Meet other supporters of fine music on the South Shore. Conductor Jin Kim and the HSO musicians will be on hand as well. At 7 p.m., the HSO Chamber Players will perform an hour-long program of short classical pieces, featuring Stravinsky's Concerto in E-flat Dumbarton Oaks, and a range of solo and ensemble performances. Seating is limited to 200. Tickets are available in advance at La Petite Maison, Hingham Square; Noble0s, Hingham Square; Buttonwood Books, Cohasset; Front Street Book Shop, Scituate; and the Hingham and Weymouth Main Libraries, or call 781-740-5694 to reserve. $20 adults, $15 seniors, $10 youth through age 18

South Shore Women's Business Network - Fundamentals of Networking, B.Y.O.L. (Bring your own lunch) Workshop. April 15 - noon to 1:30 p.m. This course will provide the tools to assist in the successful business relationships you can expect as a member of the SSWBN. This program is recommended to new members, and seasoned members, to help them advance their business success timeline. You bring lunch; they provide beverages and dessert. There is no cost for this workshop but let them know if you plan to attend as space is limited. 781-749-8883, 781-749-3130 Fax, www.sswbn.org

Jimbos Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners - **Comedy Night** featuring a Double Headliner Show with **Paul D'Angelo and Patty Ross with Annette Pollack, Mike Kaplan, Kimberly Knight, Ron Rogers and Michelle Peirce**. Host: **Vernon Harrison**. Admission $10, special priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mic **Blues Jam party** hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.



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Art of Music Chamber Players will perform at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury, on April 16, at 8 p.m. Players include Piotr Buczek, violin; Don Krishnaswami, viola; Aija Silina, violin; Artistic Director Timothy Roberts, cello. call 781-837-2705 for tickets $20, $15, $5.

Menopause The Musical - Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St., Boston. March 31 to May 9. 800-477-7400

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents **Patterns and Pinhole, Recent Mixed Media Works and Pinhole Photography** by **Stephanie Roberts** of Pembroke, through April 30. 781-383-1348.

Braintree Art Association members **Ron and Sharon Brake** will be displaying their paintings for the month of April at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Fri. 16

Borders Book Store in Kingston at the Independence Mall: **Children's Events:** Storytimes: Every Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m. "Storytime with Beth." Each event is a celebration of classic and new picture books. April 16, 10:30 a.m. Go searching with Beth as she reads **Shadow Box Hunt and Little Quacks Hide & Seek.**

Dramatikos presents **NUNSENSE** The Buckley Performance Center, Massasoit College, Brockton. Tickets $12/$10 seniors and students. Reserved seating. 508-588-9100 ext. 1541 email kcaffrey@massasoit.mass.edu

The Life Education Committee of Temple Beth Emunah is planning a special Shabbat program on Friday evening, April 16, at 7 p.m. The special guest speaker will be **Pauline Chiou,** a recent addition to CBS-4 as a reporter and substitute anchor. Ms. Chiou's topic is the Holocaust and her focus will be on the Lodz Ghetto. This service is free and open to the public. For information and directions call 508-583-5810.

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South Shore Folk Music Club presents its coffeehouse featuring **John Schindler** and **Tesseract** April 16, at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, The Open Mike follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $5 members, $6 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Singles Executives Club - Singles Dance April 16, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St,. Route 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Route 3. Dancing music by Brian Milligan Cost $10 be fore 9 p.m. $15 thereafter. Proper business dress and party finery

April School Vacation Week

ARTCAMP- The North River Arts Society is currently accepting registration for April's Vacation's ArtCamp with Susan Raffa. Students swill explore drawing, painting, three-dimensional projects and other art methods. ArtCamp classes are offered Monday - Friday, April 19-23, from 10:30 a.m. to noon Ages 6 and up. Classes are limited to 12 children. Sign up for one day - or more $20 per day/$85 per week. Bring a snack. 781-837-8091.

CINDERELLA AT THE ORPHEUM THEATRE IN FOXBORO then stick around to meet the cast. Children who attend a matinee in costume will receive a special prize. There will also be a chance for children to go on stage after matinees to see Cinderella's carriage and to have their photo taken with cast members. Cinderella will be performed three weekends: Friday, April 23 and 30 at 8 p.m; Saturday, April 17 at 8 p.m., Saturday, April 24, at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 1 at 8 p.m; and Sunday, April 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $24 for adults; $22 for seniors; and $15 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Orpheum Box Office at 508-543-2787 (ARTS) or online at www.orpheum.org. Group rates are also available. Handicap accessible.

THE WIZARD OF OZ. AT THE ORPHEUM THEATRE IN FOXBORO Everyone's invited to meet Dorothy and to have lunch before the movie begins. Lunch includes a Tin Man ham and cheese sandwich or Dorothy's favorite peanut butter and jelly, along with chips, drink and dessert. There will also be the Lolly Pop Kids' Lolly Pops on sale with a ruby slipper ticket which could win a special prize for the owner. The Orpheum will be running The Wizard of Oz Monday - Friday, April 19 - 23 at 1 p.m. and on Saturday, April 24 at 10 a.m.. All movie tickets are $7. Lunch will be at noon each day and costs $5. Reservations are required, as there will be limited seating. Reserve seats for lunch or the movie by calling the Orpheum Box Office at 508-543-2787 (ARTS). The Orpheum-Foxboro is located off the rotary at 1 School Street. Purchase tickets on-line at www.orpheum.org. The Handicapped accessible.

PLASTER PLAY: Looking for creative art, join us school vacation for our playshops. They are appropriate for children 4 and older. You can find them on our web site at Plasterplay.com or call 781 659-0011 for more information.

THE SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER in Norwell is offering April vacation programs for children in grades Kindergarten through five, Tuesday through Friday, April 20-23, Children in grades 1 and up may choose whether to attend half-days (9:30-12:30) or all day (9:30-3:30); Kindergarteners may only attend the morning session, and their class will be held separately. The theme for the week is Ecolympics! and topics include:Awesome Animal Athletes (4/20), Water Works (4/21), It's Not Easy Being Green! (4/22), and Great Forces of Nature (4/23). The cost is $22 members/ $26 non-members for a half-day (per day) and $36 members/ $40 non-members for a full day (per day). Program content and activities will be adapted to meet the needs of older and younger children who attend. Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided. Full day children should bring a bag lunch. Pick up time for kindergarten and half-day children is at 12:30 p.m. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required.



BEST BET

The Irish Descendants, will be appearing at The Company Theatre, Norwell, on April 17, at 8 p.m. Tickets, priced at $27, are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. You can also visit their website at www.companytheatre.com



BEST BET

The Cantabile Quartet presents an evening of chamber music featuring Christopher Brown, piano; Pattison Story, violin; Brian Whitfield, viola; Toni Rapier, 'cello, at Whitfield House, 26 North St,. Plymouth. Tickets Adults $10, children under age 10 free with an adult. 508-746-5289. Admission is $10.. An open microphone precedes the concert. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available. For further information, call Jim Watson at (781) 749-1767.

for women. 781-446-0234 www.se-4u.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance April 16, with The Emanon Orchestra from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **The McLaughlin Brothers** April 16. 781-834-1910 www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Next Page Cafe', 550 Broad St. Weymouth. 781-335-9796. 9 p.m., No cover, **Live Blues** every Fri. and Sat. nights. April 16, **Blue Dog Blues Band**

Front Street Book Shop hosts **Story Hour** Fridays at 10 a.m. Charlotte will read the classic and not so classic tales of mice and men, cats and dogs, frogs and princesses. Children of preschool age are invited to join in the fun. Story Hour Event is free, Fridays 10 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Call 781-545-5011 or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com

James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents "The Dance of Being," an exhibition of mixed media abstract expressionist paintings by **Cohasset artist Sydney Burroughs** from April 2 through May 5. An opening reception will be held April 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-6569-7100 for further information.

Nathan Gallery, 152 Rockland St., Hanover presents **Full Circle** through April 16. Gallery hours Mon. to Sat. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **Full Circle** is the second annual showing of artwork by the faculty and students from the Hanover Public School Art department (K-12). 781-826-6500.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays and vacation weeks Free with admission. A half-hour of storytelling.Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

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at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. You can also visit their website at www.companytheatre.com

Hingham's Coffeehouse off the Square presents **Susie Burke and David Surrette** April 17, at 8 p.m. The Coffeehouse is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham, Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. Admission is $10.. An open microphone precedes the concert. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available. For further information, call Jim Watson at (781) 749-1767.

The Rich Little performance on April 17, at **Plymouth Memorial Hall** has been **re-scheduled for Nov. 12**, at 7:30 p.m.

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The Weymouth Art Association members spring exhibit will take place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth, April 10 through 24. 7810337-1402 or 781-337-4513.

Big Apple Circus, Bayside Expo Center, April 3 to May 9. Call Ticketmaster at 1-800-922-3772 or visit www.ticketmaster.com for tickets. For information call 800-922-3772.

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, presents **All About Values,** a collection of oil paintings by artist **Anna Gail Campanelli of Norwell** on April 2-29 in Vine Hall Gallery. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **Dory Also Comedy Show** featuring **Warren MacDonald, Annette Pollack, P.J. Walsh, Joe Holden, Jack Hurney and Brian Melvin.** Reservations Recommended. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com781-834-1910

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. Blues Jam. April 17, **Al Ross** Band 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

The Next Page Cafe', 550 Broad St. Weymouth. 781-335-9796. 9 p.m., No cover, Live Blues every Fri. and Sat. nights. April 17,**Lisa Marie & All Shook Up**

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield,. April 17, **The Cat Tunes** make their first appearance at The Bridgewaye.

Sat. 17

The Irish Descendants, will be appearing at **The Company Theatre**, Norwell, on April 17, at 8 p.m. Tickets, priced at $27, are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, located

Sun. 18

The Baby Bay Guitar Trio will perform in concert at the **Hingham**

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BEST BET

Garden Design, Inc., who will give a slide show and presentation on designing white gardens on Sunday, April 18, at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served after the slide show and presentation. 781-834-5535/Fax: 781-837-8362.

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Public Library on April 18, at 3:30 p.m. The Back Bay Guitar Trio is a classical guitar ensemble comprised of Steve Marchena, John Mason and David Newsam. This free concert is sponsored by the Boston Classical Guitar society and is presented as part of the Library's "Sunday Sounds Special" series.

The Ventress Library, White Garden Program, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield, presents **Carol Julien of Garden Design,** Inc., who will give a slide show and presentation on designing white gardens on Sunday, April 18, at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served after the slide show and presentation. 781-834-5535/Fax: 781-837-8362.

Debtors Anonymous of New England invites you to the annual Spring Conference, on April 18, from 8:30 am to 4:30 p.m., at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, 736 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA. Registration fee: $15 at the door. This event includes speakers and workshops. For more information, Contact DA at 617-728-1426, or www.danewengland.org

A Flute and Piano Concert will be performed in Logan Auditorium of **Thayer Public Library**, 798 Washington St,. on April 18, at 3 p.m. **Donald Zook**, flute instructor at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham, and piano accompanist **Steve Young**, will perform works of a variety of composers including Messiaen, Tulou, and Schulkoff. Some of the program is in recognition and remembrance of the Holocaust, and one of the composers is a survivor. There will be some selections from Schindler's List. Free and open to the public. A reception will follow the performance.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum, April 18, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. **Is Iraq Vietnam?** Pulitzer Prize-winning author **David Halberstam** and NPR's senior news analyst **Daniel Schoor** discuss the current occupation of Iraq in comparison to the war in Vietnam. NPR's **Dick Gordon** moderates this discussion. Free and open to the public. Call 617-514-1643 for information.

Sunday Brunch at the JFK Library and Museum nine Sundays beginning through June, Brunch served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. $36 adults; $12 children age 12 and under. Admission includes brunch, museum admission and all taxes and gratuities. Reservations strongly recommended by calling 617-514-1586. wwwjfklibrary.org

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents a **silent auction** at their new gallery located at 124 Front St., Scituate Harbor. The show runs through April 25. www.scituateartsassociaton.com.

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Weymouth Artist of the Month, Jean Doran will exhibit her paintings for the month of April at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury will show together the text and illustrations from the Persian literary works: **the Shahnama, Khavar-nama, Khamza of Nizami and Hadith al Anbiya** in the exhibition **Complex Tales: Persia** Feb.1-April 25. 781-934-5117. www.artcomplex.org

"Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance" every Sunday evening at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Dance music by DJ Joe Pet. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139, Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, April 18, Dixieland jazz concert with **John Clark's Wolverine Band** from 4 to 7 p.m. $10



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The cast of The MOMologues: Stefanie Cloutier, Ellen Stone (of Bridgewater), Cinda Donovan and Charlotte Dietz, Photo by Lisa Rafferty

The Momologues, the original comedy about motherhood, returns to Boston when it plays at the Stuart Street Playhouse/2nd stage, through May 9.Tickets are $38 and are available through Telecharge at 800-447-7400 and at the box office at 200 Stuart Street.

Mon. 19

The South Shore Natural Science Center presents, **All About Values**, a collection of oil paintings by artist **Anna Gail Campanelli** of Norwell, through April 29, in Vine Hall Gallery. Anna Gail's work reflects her love and respect for nature while at the same time explores the relative degrees of light and dark, and color.

The North River Arts Society presents **It Must be the Altitude! Images of New Mexico**, a new group exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, featuring original work by Joreen Benbenek, (oils), Patricia M. Gray, (oils/pastels,) Becky Haletky (watercolors), Liz Haywood-Sullivan (pastels, and Donna Rossetti-Bailey (pastels). This show runs through April 24. Cal North River Arts Society at 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly free meetings, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

Tues. 20

Thomas H. O'Connor, the "dean of Boston Historians" (New York Times Book Review) and professor of history emeritus at Boston College brings the colorful story of Boston's Irish to life at the **Thayer Public Library** on Tuesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. " Free and open to the public. Upper Level Program Room, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St,. Braintree. 781-848-0405. (This Program rescheduled from March 16)

The Poetry Porch is holding a poetry reading to celebrate Poetry Month on Tuesday, April 20, from 7 to 8:45 p.m. at the Café, second floor, Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St,. Hingham. An open mike session with a signup sheet will follow the scheduled readers. The featured readers include **Winston Bolton, Faye George, Kate McCann, and Phillip Tabakow. Joyce Wilson** will introduce the program and also read. All interested in poets and poetry are invited. Free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 781-741-1405 and/or 781-545-0731.

The Hingham Public Library presents **Sandra McDermott**, illustrator of **The Nature of Cape of Cod** by **Beth Schwarzman**. She will be exhibiting a selection of her pen and ink nature drawings throughout the month of April.

Between the Lines: Capturing the Experience of Life meets Tuesdays, April 13 to May 11, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the Whipple Senior Center, 182 Green St., Weymouth. This popular writing workshop brings together far-reaching interests, varied points of view, and lively discussions. No previous experience is required. Explore something new or dust off some old pursuits — you'll amaze yourself. Bring your curiosity and a pen. Advance registration and $55 fee are required. For program information and directions, call 781.682.6140.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

Wed. 21

The Momologues, the original comedy about motherhood, returns to Boston when it plays at the Stuart Street Playhouse/2nd stage, through May 9.Tickets are $38 and are available through Telecharge at 800-447-7400 and at the box office at 200 Stuart Street.

Brockton resident Claire T. Mallard was cared for by one of her daughters and **Old Colony Hospice**. Prior to her death in January 2003, Mrs. Mallard allowed **local photographer Carly Shockley** to capture her final months in pictures as a way to promote the work of Old Colony Hospice. A selection of these photos is on display through the end of April at the Brockton Public Library, 304 Main St. Old Colony Hospice celebrates their 25th anniversary of caring for patients in their private homes, hospitals and in skilled nursing facilities within 34 communities. The exhibit has been received great interest and will be on display at a number of community libraries through the end of the year.

Borders Book Store in Kingston at the Independence Mall: April 21, 10:30 a.m. Accompany Beth as she reads "Too Loud Lily" and "Noisy Nora."

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury will offer an exhibition full of childhood remembrances and the images they evoke as expressed in **On their Own, Rhoda Rosenberg, printmaker**. The exhibit will run through June 13. A reception is scheduled for May 16, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The recent watercolors of Sara "Ginger" Holbrook will be on exhibit in the Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery throughout the month of April. 781-741-1405.

The Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents **"Youth Magnified,"** a photography exhibit by the **Duxbury High School Photography Club**, through April 24. Free and open to the public. 781-934-0640

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Cllub. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/ clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/ walknmass

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 22

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Next group meets 6 to 8 p.m. on April 22. Front Street Book Shop offers a supportive environment and encourages all levels of writing experience to attend. Bring a writing project to share. More info call: 781.545.5011.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Festival Ballet Providence concludes its 26th Season on April 23-25, ***The Sleeping Beauty***. Four performances open to the public will take place at the VMA Arts & Cultural Center in Providence, R.I., April 23 to 25, on Friday at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Reserved tickets for performances are priced from $16 to $51. Opening night theater-goers receive a $5 discount off regular ticket prices. To purchase tickets, contact one of the following: tickets.com online or call 800.919.6272; the VMA Box Office Thursday and Fridays, 401.272.4862: Festival Ballet Providence, 825 Hope St., Providence, 401.353.1129 ;



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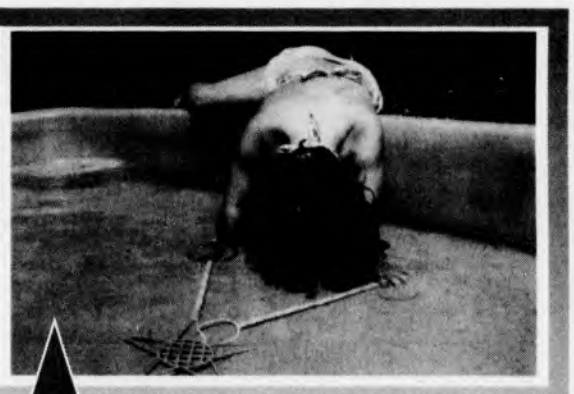
"I've been on the road almost nonstop since 1967," explained Havens, 63, by telephone recently. "In the beginning it was six days a week. A long time ago, I decided I didn't need to know where I was, only that I had been asked to come." On April 23, Havens will be honoring just such an invitation when he performs in concert at the Company Theatre in Norwell.

His memorable covers of Bob Dylan classics like "The Times They Are A-Changin" and "All Along the Watchtower" have even led some critics to herald Havens as "a virtual Dylan jukebox." He has also been praised for his soulful interpretations of "Here Comes The Sun," "Just Like A Woman," "Strawberry Fields Forever" and "Eleanor Rigby." Havens cemented his own place in music history with memorable appearances at the 1966 Newport Jazz Festival, the 1967 Monterey Jazz Festival, the 1968 Memorial Concert for Woody Guthrie at Carnegie Hall and, of course, the 1969 Woodstock festival in upstate New York. As that festival's opening act, he held center stage in front of a huge audience for nearly three hours, performing one well-received encore after another.

"Woodstock was a culmination for my generation," recalls Havens. "Rock and roll was our primal scream. The music and the way we shared it was like our newsletter. Our radicalness was out in the open for millions to see. We had finally moved above ground. It proved that we were all in this together, because we were being the Americans we had been taught to be." In the years since, Havens has remained happy — and busy — on the road. "Touring is not work, it is a privilege to be able to share what others have shared with me. I get to meet the people I live with on this planet, one to one."

(Richie Havens will perform in concert on April 23 at 8 PM at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. For tickets and information, visit the box office or call 781/871-2787.)

- R. Scott Reedy



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The South Shore Art Center's Bancroft Gallery is exhibiting "Photography Now" April 16 through May 23. An opening reception will be held Friday, April 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. The South Shore Art Center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. Gallery hours are Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 12-4 p.m. For more information call (781) 383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

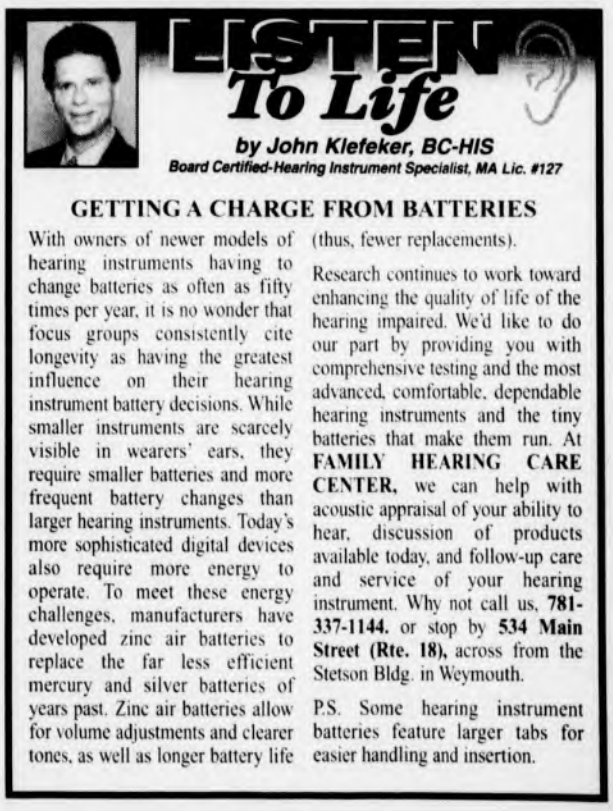


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James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents "The Dance of Being," an exhibition of mixed media abstract expressionist paintings by Cohasset artist Sydney Burroughs from April 2 through May 5. An opening reception will be held April 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for further information.







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Mom hopes to raise money to restore three teachers

School board says OK to effort

By Samantha Brown
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When Barbara Buckley heard the budget for the schools would require the elimination of three elementary level teachers, even with an override of $400,000, she knew she couldn't sit back and watch that happen. To that end, she has begun a fund-raising campaign, asking 1,000 families in Cohasset to contribute $105 to the cause, which will raise the $105,000 it will take to pay those salaries for one more year.

While it is impossible to predict what the grand total of donations will be, Buckley said the initial response has been overwhelming as she has received $20,695 so far. With another $15,000, it will secure one teaching position for next year.

"There are three teachers retiring who are not going to be replaced," she said, adding by cutting those positions completely, class sizes will dramatically increase, and at the elementary level it is especially important to keep class size small. Even though a Prop. 2-1/2 override was passed at the ballot box this April, the $400,000 gained wasn't enough to offset a dramatic decrease in state aid. Prop. 2-1/2 is the state law that caps the amount a municipality can raise its tax levy from year to year, and with the override, 23 cents per $1,000 has been added to the tax rate.

While Buckley said she understands the money raised will only provide a solution for one year, it will at least buy the school committee some time to look into other options for the coming year. However, she is quick to point out her efforts, and the efforts of those who have joined her in supporting the project, are in no way criticizing the decisions that were made by any of the boards during the budget process. "I think they've done a fabulous job. It takes hundreds of hours to go through all the information, and I'm grateful to the selectmen and school committee for all the work they've done," she said. Buckley added however, that as a private citizen, she decided to take up her part of the responsibility, and presented her idea to the school committee last week.

"This was an idea that was brought to us and we're certainly not going to turn any money away," said school committee member Rick Flynn, adding the school committee is not responsible for raising funds. "We'd love to get those positions back in, but this by no means gives us a guarantee."

While private funds have been used in the past for projects such as a new language lab, raising private funds to cover line items in the budget is not typically done because there is always the question of how it will be funded the following year, Flynn said. When the language lab was constructed using private funds, that was a one-time cost and now that it's all said and done, "You have something to show for it," he said.

When formulating the budget this year, Flynn said it was important to consider that only so much can be cut in terms of support and supplies before it virtually makes it impossible for those teachers who are still employed to continue to do their job. While no one likes to see teachers cut, "We didn't want to eliminate too many peripheral things," and

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BALANCING ACT

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

John Comer walks his dog Joplin along the seawall by Cohasset Harbor on Patriots Day this past Monday when temperatures soared into the mid-80s.

Library leaching field is possible

Early perc tests look promising

By Samantha Brown
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Preliminary percolation tests conducted behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library have indicated its soils may be the perfect leaching field for the senior housing complex proposed for the Cook property.

However, testing on this second site will cost more money and will take additional time, both of which town officials say Cohasset can't afford.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he approached the Trustees of the Library last Wednesday for their approval to dig on the library site, and said he was given unanimous support. The following day, he and Health Agent Joseph Godzik along with John Chessia of Coler and Colantonio witnessed the digging of the test pits. An employ-

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Plush pet hotel is planned for former Chevy showroom

By Mary Ford
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Move over pampered people who like to spend a day in a spa or a vacation in an upscale hotel.

Now there's going to be a place for Spot or Tiger to be spoiled while you're at work or away on a cruise or other holiday excursion.

Arthur Logan, a Braintree resident, hopes to open a yet-to-be-named upscale daycare center and kennel for cats and dogs in part of the vacant Chevy dealership showroom off Route 3A near the Cohasset-Scituate line.

Logan has applied for a special permit for a change of use from the Cohasset Zoning Board of Appeals which will take the matter up on Tuesday, May 4.

Logan got the idea from his nephew Frank Charles, who is the mayor of St. Augustine, Fla. and an entrepreneur with a chain of successful "Pet Paradise Resort and Day Spas" in the sunshine state. Pet Paradise resorts' motto is "While you're away, your pet will play."

"When you open the front door it will not be like any other kennel. It will be paradise for an animal."
— Arthur Logan, entrepreneur

"It's taken off like wildfire," Logan said about his nephew's business which is expanding to Jacksonville Airport for added customer convenience.

"I've been working with my nephew in designing my kennel which will be upscale," Logan said. "I went down there to learn the business."

Logan hasn't decided what to call his kennel but is considering "Bark Avenue" which would be a play on words from Park Avenue, the tony street in New York City's Manhattan borough.

He explained the facility will be state-of-the-art with creature comforts including expansive cages for canine guests and trendy cat condos for visiting felines.

"When you open the front door it will not be like any other kennel," Logan said. "It will be paradise for an animal."

The business will also offer pet grooming and bathing, pet products such as sweaters and leashes, and cater to pet palates with different foods – all in a plush atmosphere.

The pet daycare and kennel will on the Scituate side of the former showroom and will use about 5,000 square feet of the building. The site is zoned highway business.

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Sharing scout history over tea



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Louise Smullen, a girl Scout Troop leader for 30 years, shows a photo of her sister, Myrtle Ermoian, in her camping outfit at Cedar Hill Camp in Wareham.

30-year leader tells her stories

By Samantha Brown
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Sitting around a large, rectangular table, Louise Smullen is surrounded by girls eager to share stories of what it is like to be a Girl Scout. For Smullen, the stories bring back memories of the days when she was a Cohasset Girl Scout troop leader, and with 30 years experience under her belt, she too has a lot of stories to share.

Smullen was invited to have tea with the fourth-grade girls in Junior Girl Scout troops 4847 and 4776 last Friday to talk about what it means to be a Girl Scout and how things have changed. "You girls are making me want to be a Girl Scout again," she said, as she recalled stories of the girls she led

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This week in COHASSET

WRPC reactivated; three residents sought

John McNabb has notified selectmen that the water commission would like to reactivate the Water Resources Protection Committee. "We envision the role of this reactivated committee to meet quarterly as a forum where the various town boards with roles in water supply protection can meet, share ideas and coordinate their actions," McNabb stated.

He said the committee could be helpful with the lawn-care initiative, storm-water management, and implementation of the Surface Water Supply Protection Plan and SWAP (Source Water Assessment Plan) report that involves the activities of many different town boards.

The committee would be composed of representatives from the selectmen, water commission, board of health, conservation commission, planning board and open space committee who are nominated by their respective committees and appointed by selectmen, and three residents appointed by selectmen.

McNabb said he would like to convene the first meeting of the Water Resources Protection Committee in May or June. Interested residents should contact the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105.

Moore continues at planning board helm

At its April 7 meeting, the planning board reorganized reelecting Alfred S. Moore as chairman. Peter Pratt is vice chairman and Stuart Ivimey is clerk.

McNabb continues as chair of water board

John K. McNabb Jr. will continue as chairman of the water commission. Vice chairman is Glenn A. Pratt and Nathaniel Palmer was elected as clerk.

Assessors reorganize

Elsa J. Miller is chairman of the board of assessors and Mary E. Granville is clerk. The third member of the board is Michael C. Patrolia.

Chase to step down from facilities board

David J. Chase has indicted he will step down from the school facilities/building committee effective June. 1. If the selectmen should appoint someone sooner, he will make his resignation effective with that appointment, Chase stated in a letter to Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan.

Straits Pond Assoc. to meet on April 26

The Straits Pond Watershed Association will holds its quarterly meeting at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 26 at Rob & Betsy Gilman's house, 15 Summit Ave., Hull. Meet Hull Selectmen Candidates and also hear updates on spring cleanup, forums, West Corner culvert, grants and SPWA nominations. Everyone welcome. 781.925.8659 / viaspeech@comcast.net

To donate for maintenance of Tree Swallow Bird Houses send checks to Straits Pond Watershed Association, 715B Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025

Shea is chairman of school committee

Rick Shea will be taking over Rick Flynn's position as chairman of the school committee. Shea, who was appointed to fill a vacancy of the board until the Town Election, ran opposed for the one-year remaining of that term. Chartis Tebbetts will remain as the vice chairman.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, April 27, 4 p.m.

Library Trustees, May 12, 7 p.m., at the library on Ripley Road

Selectmen, April 27, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, April 26, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Roundhouse and Rocky Lane focus of MBTA meeting

The MBTA will conduct a meeting regarding the old Cohasset Roundhouse and Rocky Lane grade separator at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 28 in the basement meeting room at Town Hall.

The purpose of the consultation sessions will be for the MBTA to present the current design proposals for these components of the project and discuss their potential impacts to cultural resources. Representatives of the towns as well as members of the public will then be given an opportunity to make comments on the design as proposed.

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Sun. 25	3:39	9.4	10:06	4:23	8.3	10:17
Mon. 26	4:27	9.1	10:56	5:14	8.1	11:09
Tues. 27	5:21	9.0	11:49	6:08	8.1	——
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Tobacco vendors get high marks during April sting

By Mary Ford
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If teenagers under 18 try to buy tobacco products in Cohasset — there's a good chance they won't succeed.

In an effort to make sure local vendors who sell cigarettes comply with the law, the Hanover-based South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program in conjunction with area boards of health conducts tobacco stings periodically in area towns.

An April 12 compliance check in Cohasset netted zero sales to teens under 18.

"The Cohasset Board of Health believes that stings are important because they help us to enforce the non-smoking law," said Steve Bobo, chairman of the Board of Health.

During the prior sting Jan. 19 two stores were found to have sold a pack of cigarettes to a minor resulting in a public hearing followed by fines for the two retailers and temporary suspensions of their tobacco sales permits. Employees at both places were required to participate in an education program provided by the Collaborative.

The sting is part of an effort to enforce the state's tobacco sale, vending and distribution laws. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to purchase any type of tobacco product. However, there are no laws that prohibit those under 18 from using tobacco.

"Our goal is to limit youth access to tobacco by holding vendors responsible for selling a controlled product," says Jim Wells, director of the Collaborative, which is funded through the Mass. Tobacco Control Program that operates under the Department of Public Health. "State law requires anyone who sells tobacco to check the ID of anyone who looks under 27."

During the sting, which is conducted quarterly, an underage person goes into a store and asks for cigarettes. If he or she is turned away, the store is ruled in compliance and nothing further happens. If the store does sell, the minor and an adult educator from the Collaborative file a report and submit it to the local town Board of Health.

The Cohasset Board of Health wants to congratulate all the vendors who were in compliance. They include: Cohasset News, Tedeschi Food Stores, Village Wine, Mary Lou's, Cohasset Food Mart, KoKo Island, Cohasset Mobil Mart, Cohasset Plaza Liquors, Stop and Shop, CVS, Curtis Liquors, Leo's Exxon, Shaw's, and Walgreens.

Household hazardous product collection

Cohasset will have a joint hazardous waste collection day with Hull from 9 a.m.-1p.m., June 5 at a location to be announced.

Accepted materials include solvents, gasoline, motor oil mixtures and other automotive fluids, pesticides, photography chemicals, pool chemicals, acids and bases, thermometers, thermostats and poisons. Materials not accepted include industrial waste, radioactive materials, pathological and medical waste, pressurized gas cylinders, auto batteries and explosives. Paint, motor oil, propane tanks, fluorescent lamps and NiCd (rechargeable) batteries are collected regularly by many towns and may not be accepted at some collections. Latex paint is nonhazardous, and may be dried and disposed with trash. Bring chemicals in their original containers or labeled clearly as to their contents. Clean Harbors will conduct the collections.

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For more detailed information and directions, call the South Shore Recycling Cooperative at 508-785-8318. Claire Sullivan, Solid Waste Planner.

Welcome mat is out for Hingham's 1058th arrival

Unit is due back home tomorrow

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Gearing up for the 1058th's homecoming outside the Armory in Hingham are members of the family support group, from left, Janet O'Connor, Bob Fournier, Mary McHugh, Marion White, Kathi Hillman, Josh Daniels and Kathy Wasik.

The Fourth of July is still 2-1/2 months away but on Friday afternoon, Hingham is going to feel as though Independence Day arrived a little early.

The 140-member 1058th Transportation Company of the Massachusetts National Guard is expected to return around 5 p.m., possibly earlier, to a sea of yellow ribbons, police escort and hundreds of flag-waving family, friends and ordinary citizens.

The soldiers put their feet on the ground in the U.S.A. on Patriots Day and after four days of "out processing" will load onto two or three buses Friday for the six-hour trip from Ft. Drum, N.Y. to Hingham.

Marion White, who will see her daughter Spc. Kathleen White for the first time in 15 months, is more than ecstatic if that much emotion is possible for one human being.

"We are so excited," White said Tuesday. "We are so happy they made it. The patriots came back on Patriots Day – how much better could that be? We had the Bruins and Celtics playoffs, the Boston Marathon and the 1058th coming home!"

The unit left in February 2003 for Ft. Drum, N.Y. and was deployed to Iraq a few weeks later. They've been stationed in the Tikrit area in the infamous Sunni Triangle. Early on, family members went up to six weeks without word about their soldiers. The 1058th also had to start from scratch building a camp and waiting for basics, such as shower facilities.

Bob Fournier, who is the building supervisor at the Hingham Armory on Central Street where the 1058th is based, says this homecoming will be different than the one 13 years ago after the first Gulf War.

"This was Gulf War, Sr.," said Fournier, who served with the 1058th in Operation Desert Storm. "We were in Gulf War, Jr. – it's a whole different shooting match.

"It's a lot more involved, there's a lot more going on."

Plans are for the 1058th members to have a State Police escort to Hingham where they will be joined by the Hingham police at Queen Ann's Corner. Capt. Taylor Mills said Hingham police will be out in force. He said the dispatch center at 781-749-1212 would welcome calls if residents want updates about the 1058th's expected arrival time so they can stand along Main Street and welcome the soldiers home.

There will be a short ceremony at the Armory once the troops arrive after which their commander will dismiss them. Then it will likely be pure pandemonium as the soldiers reunite with their loved ones.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, had a message honoring the return of the 1058th read into the official legislative record at the Statehouse Tuesday when the Senate adjourned.

"They served their country with honor and distinction while serving in some of the most volatile areas of Iraq," Hedlund said. "Their dedication to our country will always be remembered."

During a break from tying yellow ribbons to the trees around the Armory on Tuesday, Mary McHugh of Braintree said her son, Spc. David McHugh turned 28 last month. A school bus driver in Braintree, McHugh said she kept two photographs of her son on the visor so "I felt I had him there with me."

"I talked to him yesterday and he's relieved to be back," she said.

Kathi Hillman of Scituate, whose son Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Hillman is coming home, described her emotions as "very relieved, very happy." Sgt. Hillman's son Jonathan, 18 months, was only a few months old when he was deployed. She said her daughter-in-law Sarah keeps telling Jonathan his father is coming home.

"He doesn't know his daddy but he knows his daddy is coming home," said Hillman.

Kathy Wasik of Bridgewater, who teaches in Hull, can't wait to see her son, Spc. Greg Wasik.

"This is awesome, fantastic – I can't wait to get our lives back to normal," she said, as cars driving past the Armory Tuesday honked in support of all the yellow ribbons.

Janet O'Connor of Plymouth, whose son-in-law is Spc. Thomas Jones, said Friday will be a little bittersweet. She will miss the camaraderie of the 1058th family support group. "We've done so much together," she said.

Then White, who leads the support group, noted the families are organizing a dinner-dance at Lantana June 11 for the troops and their loved ones. The families are also planning to be part of this year's Hingham Fourth of July Parade but with one important difference from last year— their soldiers will be able to march beside them.

"I want everyone to see who I was marching for last year," said White. Last year many of the family members carried pictures of their soldiers or held posters urging continued support for the troops.

Then the women recalled how hot it was last July Fourth.

"But we couldn't complain," White said. "It was much hotter in Iraq."

Capt. Mills said police will block off part of Central Street for the 1058th homecoming. Call 781-749-1212 for updates.

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Mom hopes to raise money to restore three teachers

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have it negatively impact the rest of the staff.

While Buckley said she has heard people around town are concerned with the precedent her fund-raising could set, by making it an option to privately fund items that should be covered in the budget, "To me, the dangerous precedent is in standing by and watching three teachers be cut and not doing something about it."

"People feel the need to react," she said, adding it's not just the parents of the students who are in the elementary grades that will be affected, it's the parents of preschoolers who want to ensure when their child begins elementary school there will still be small class sizes. She said still others have already sent their children through the Cohasset school system and are very grateful for the education they received and are happy to say "thanks," with a donation.

While Flynn said the school committee will be very happy if the $105,000 goal is met, it isn't counting on anything just yet. "Fund raising for public schools is not an easy task," he said. He added his committee is neither supporting nor discouraging the fund raising efforts, and that "People have a right to do what they want with their money and they are under no obligation to donate."

Buckley said the money is being donated through the Cohasset Educational Foundation, which allows it to have a tax exempt status. She added 100 percent of the funding collected will be used specifically for the teachers' salaries, as there is still money left in the municipal budget to cover benefit costs for one year. "I felt good giving the check. I have two kids in these grades and I felt good knowing every penny would be going to support the cause," she said.

While it is known the teachers cut will be for the elementary schools, it is still unclear as to exactly which grades will be affected. Because the Osgood School and Deer Hill School both teach elementary level students, the principals of both schools will make the final decisions over the summer on which grade levels would be least affected by the cuts, should they still be necessary.

For more information, please call Barbara Buckley (before 9 p.m.) at (781) 383-8261. Buckley will be accepting donations until the end of the school year, and checks should be made out to the Cohasset Educational Foundation. Checks can be sent to Buckley's home address at 272 North Main St.

Plush pet hotel is planned for former Chevy showroom

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A former resident of Scituate and Marshfield, Logan said he researched the demographics of the area and found there is a need for this type of facility.

Logan, who is retired, said he wanted something to do. He said Cohasset is a great location.

"The business is upscale and I want to deal with people who are demanding and want the best care for their pets," he said.

Initially the staff will consist of Logan and three others, and could increase depending on how quickly the business grows. He said the business is a perfect fit for him. "I love animals," he says.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at town hall:

Campedelli, 4 Tad Lane, re-roof, side-wall, windows, repairs, $45,300; Kirkendall, 17 South Main St., expand existing deck, $3,000; Cate/Wallner, 42B Nichols Rd., remodel kitchen, $28,000; Earon, 29 Gammons Rd.,; Ryan, John, 48 Deep Run, shed 10 x 10, $5,723; Otis Ave., Realty Trust, 4 Otis Ave, raze/re-build dwelling, $350,000; Englander, John, 87 Lamberts Lane, pool in-ground 20 x 38, $26,000; Hajjar, Steve, 30 Heather Drive, replace 11 windows, $12,175; Arnold, Jonathan, 20 Flintlocke Ridge Rd., farmer's porch, $11,000; Kearns, James, 23 Elm Court, rebuild porch, cover deck with roof, $10,000; Wren, 44 Black Rock Rd., remove/replace windows, $12,000.

Also, Waldron (S.P. 02-327 rep), 53 Bow St., demolish/rebuild; Devine, 12 Hobart Lane, addition and roof system, $82,000; Ainslie, 41 Church St., sidewall 9 squares, $6,000; Murphy, Maryann, 33 Cedar Lane, demolish garage/construction 2 car detach, $30,000; Chilton Dev. Co., Inc., 29 Cedar St., remodel basement, $40,000; McElgunn, 306 Fairoaks Lane, deck 20 x 40, $18,400; Condo Association, 18 Elm St., re-roof 14 squares, $6,500; Kelly, Frank, 6 Jerusalem Road, remodel, $40,000; Kinscherf, 172 Sohier St., remove wall and repair floor, $4,000; Brooks Trust, 68 Nichols Road, re-roof, $1,420.

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Northland files sewer application

By Samantha Brown
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"This is a little bit different because it is a town-sponsored project."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

In an effort to get into the sewer queue, Jack Dawley of Northland Residential said his company, which will be developing the Cook estate, has filed an application for a sewer service connection in Cohasset.

"It's not our first choice, given all the politics," said Dawley, but added just in case capacity can be found or permits granted, "we wouldn't be the last man out."

Currently, two other developers are suing the town over sewer connections. The developers of Cedarmere, a 105-unit senior housing project, and the first project to file under the town's Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw, filed its suit Nov. 25, 2003. They claim their development has the right to a sewer hookup because there is enough capacity to accommodate for the project, even though the sewer commission and its engineers say there is not.

The sewer commission said it would like to wait a few more years to see how the wastewater treatment plant handles the current properties being connected before adding anyone else. The Cedarmere developers say they have provided a no-impact proposal, because they would upgrade the system to accommodate for all they would add.

Avalon, a 200-unit 40B project slated to be built off Route 3A, has filed a motion to intervene as of right, and has joined the Cedarmere suit. Avalon never filed a sewer service application because developers were told from the beginning there is no capacity, and they took that in good faith and began pursuing alternate means of wastewater disposal. Cedarmere filed its suit first, followed by Northland, then Avalon. Avalon filed its comprehensive permit first and acted in good faith in pursuing alternative wastewater options, so it is unclear who would be given a connection first, should that become a viable option.

Town Counsel is opposed to the Avalon suit, stating the development does not meet the criteria to intervene. In general, to join with another lawsuit, the intervenor must have an interest in the subject matter of the original suit, and the town says because Avalon never filed for a sewer application, the two cannot conjoin.

Because the town is allowing Northland, the developers of the Cook estate, to look off-site for wastewater solutions, it opens up the question of whether Avalon or Cedarmere could do the same. Town Manager Mark Haddad said he doesn't believe allowing the Cook property to look off-site will set any kind of precedent for the future.

"This is a little bit different because it is a town-sponsored project," he said, adding even though the project will be built, owned, and maintained by a private developer, it was "approved at Town Meeting," and the town has been responsible for all the negotiations.

Early perc tests look promising

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ee of the Department of Public Works dug the holes, which cost $500, and Northland, the company hired to build the development, will cover that cost.

"We dug at the library and there is beautiful material," said Chessia. Because he conducted a series of soil tests on the Cook property itself, he is very familiar with that site's soil and said the difference between what was found at the library and the Cook site is "unbelievable."

"It's night and day," he said, adding at the library the soil is basically gravel and sand. He said perfect soil conditions on any site can be indicated when water dumped into a hole soaks into the soil as quickly as it is poured, and that is essentially what happened at the library.

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is located on the corner of Ripley Road and Sohier Street, and is seven-tenths of a mile away from the Cook property. In order to drain wastewater from the Cook site to the library, pipes would have to be laid down Sohier Street — which would mean digging up the road. However, Chessia said the difference in soil is so drastic, having a leaching field at the library looks like a promising alternative.

"It looks to me that we could fit what we need under the parking lot and a little next to it under the field," he said.

Further testing will have to be conducted before the site is deemed suitable for taking on the wastewater the Cook property will discharge. Preliminary perc testing on the Cook site looked promising as well, but the results of some hydrogeologic testing indicated the soil was not suitable as the depth increased. Hydrogeologic testing is the first step to obtaining a groundwater discharge permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection. Any project which discharges more than 10,000 gallons of wastewater per day is required to obtain the permit. The Cook property will generate roughly 14,000 gallons per day.

While he isn't sure which company will perform the next tests, Chessia said he would be more than happy to do it. Testing the first time around cost the town $25,000, which was paid for through a reserve fund transfer.

Jack Dawley from Northland Residential, said at this point he is not sure how the payment for various services will be handled, but said his company paid for the first round of tests on the library site and he expects there will be more costs incurred along the way.

"We're committed to evaluating every opportunity with the town," he said. While it is impossible to predict what will happen, Dawley said he did expect there would be a "resulting change in the deal" to compensate for costs incurred — including additional tests, digging up Sohier Street, and laying the pipes, should that become a viable alternative for the project. Dawley reiterated that at this stage, his company is willing to work with the town to find a solution, but everything is subject to negotiations.

Last fall, voters at the Fall Special Town meeting allocated $4.5 million for the purchase of the 22-acre parcel of Cook-owned property, which has been combined with the adjacent 8.7 acres of town property, and marketed to developers. The town will sell the combined parcels to Northland Residential for $5.425 million for senior housing. There will be a double closing, transferring the property from the Cooks to the developer, and therefore money will not be expended by the town. Because the town has a closing deadline of October, time is of the essence.

In determining whether the library site can accommodate the wastewater for the Cook site, there will have to be DEP and board of health approvals because the site is within the Water Resource District. Laying the pipes will also mean crossing the tracks for the Greenbush line, and Haddad said he will be in contact with the MBTA to see if it would be possible to install sleeves under the tracks to accommodate for the pipes, should that become necessary.



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Preliminary percolation tests were conducted behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, to see if it might be able to serve as the leaching field for the Cook property.



If the soil can support it, a leaching field for the Cook property could be put under the parking lot and field of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

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Long-time troop leader shares stories about scouting

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through the program years ago.

When Smullen was growing up, Girl Scouts didn't exist. "My sister was eight years younger than me, and she was a Girl Scout," said Smullen, but in 1929 when she would have been 10 years old, only Boy Scouts was offered. "Can you imagine that?" she asked the girls.

However, Smullen had her chance to participate as a troop leader, and back then she said it was not unusual to have 30 girls in a troop, which is in great contrast to the typical 10 girl troop of today. But Smullen didn't have to lead the troop alone. With 30 girls, she was given an assistant scout leader to help, and many mothers would lend their time as well. "In those days, all mothers were homemakers," said Smullen, adding there were usually two or three mothers helping out at each meeting. In addition, meetings were much longer than they are now, ranging from two to three hours rather than the typical one hour meeting of today.

Smullen said the girls in her troop started as Brownies when they were in the second or third grade, but there were no programs for girls younger than that. "We never heard of Daisies," she said. Smullen added her scouts almost always had a game to begin the meeting and a flag ceremony to close. "The late comers might miss the game, which broke their hearts, but at least they wouldn't miss the meeting," she said.

One of Smullen's favorite outings with her scouts was taking them camping. "I took my last camping trip in 1990," she said. During camping trips, she said she and the other troop leaders would sleep on cots in their own platform tents, which had a wooden floor, and the girls would have their own tents. She said her girls also slept over on the USS Massachusetts in Battleship Cove, which they loved. She said the girls took a tour of the submarines and slept in triple-decker bunks and were awakened by a trumpet sounding in the morning.

Smullen said many of the patches the girls complete today are similar to those girls in her troops used to earn, such as first aid, pen pals and taking care of pets. However, she said the personal health patch her girls used to earn would probably not be something the girls of today would complete. Her girls would learn how to put on makeup the right way, and a hairdresser would pay a visit to show them how to cut hair as well as "how to wear it becomingly." Girls were also taught which colors looked best on them as well as how to do their nails. Smullen said today, girls complete badges based on technology and science, including computers, which weren't around when her girls were scouting.

Each year, Smullen said she tried to incorporate more and more activities for the girls to help broaden their range of skills, showing the dedication she had for her troops. "They learned to be self-reliant," she said, adding they learned how to take care of themselves and make the best use of their resources under her watch. "At the end of every year, I'd tell myself I'd do better the next year, and I think I did."



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The Girl Scouts of Troops 4776 and 4847 have tea and share stories with 30-year troop leader Louise Smullen at the Paul Pratt Library.



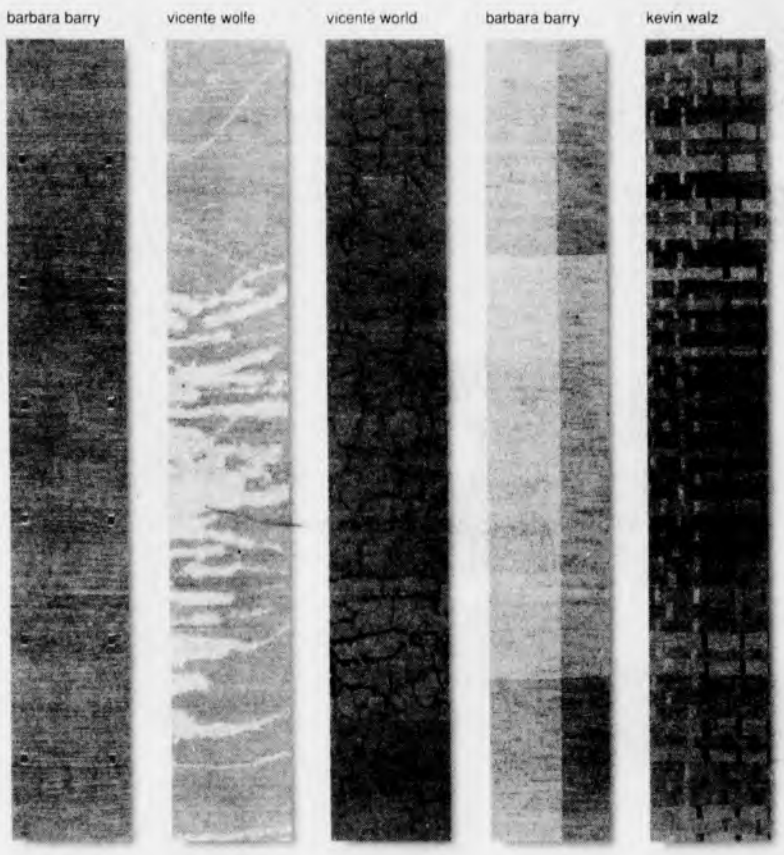
Above: Louise Smullen shows off her original Girl Scout handbook, dated 1963, to Danielle Healy and Watson Leffel and Troop 4776 leader Anne Marie Whilton.



At right: Louise Smullen and Watson Leffel share a laugh at last Friday's Girl Scout tea party.

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Back from Iraq – Hingham soldier reflects on experience

By Mary Ford
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It's hard to imagine Elizabeth Burham who was wearing a jeans skirt and bright pink top on Monday clad in BDUs and army boots just a few short weeks ago.

BDUs – or battle dress uniform – along with IBA (individual body armor), and a Kevlar or Army helmet is the dress that Burnham and upwards of 135,000 of her colleagues in the US Armed Forces wear every day on the other side of the world in Iraq.

Burnham, who after a 12-month stint in the Kurdish part of northern Iraq, is now able to relax in the living room of the home she shares with her parents, John and Debbie Burnham, on Thaxter Street in Hingham. She is an elementary school teacher with a master's degree.

What the 37 year old faced in Iraq makes the reality show Fear Factor look like a cakewalk. Burnham no longer has to worry about venomous camel spiders as big as a fist, rats in the ceiling of the room she shared with the only other woman in her unit, daytime temperatures of 120 degrees or more, and the ever-present concern about personal security and the threat of attack by guerilla fighters who crossed the Iranian border.

Burnham, a "weekend warrior" who joined the US Army Reserves with the goal of paying for graduate school, was called up for additional training in January of 2003, activated that February, and deployed to Iraq in March.

Proudly patriotic, Burnham — whose brother Peter served in Iraq with a different unit and has just returned to his home in Michigan — could be the poster child for the modern Army.

For one thing, she's female, blonde, blue-eyed, smart and educated. She is also articulate about the mission she served and the challenges her fellow troops face — not only in Iraq — but here at home as the media continuously presents the public with, what is in her view, an overly negative perspective on the war.

"People ask me why we're there," says Burnham, who finds that question frustrating. "The bottom line is we are there and yes, we should be there.

"We are sending a message to the rest of the Muslim world that they do not have to live in tyranny."

Burnham, who lived in Irbil and Sulaymaniyah, saw firsthand the effects of the wrath Saddam Hussein had for the Kurdish people, who reside in mud huts despite living in a country which has huge oil reserves and was run by a despot boasting dozens of palaces.

"The Kurds are pro-American and are so happy we are there," says Burnham, who was constantly asked to dinner at local homes. "They couldn't do enough and have nothing to give but would give you everything they have."

Although she didn't face the "scary situations" that her brother did further south in the infamous Sunni Triangle, she never went anywhere without her weapon and her unit was provided with intelligence updates about potential terrorist threats.

Burnham, who was promoted to sergeant in October and worked in Civil Affairs helping the locals with their schools and training teachers, will be forever touched by the plight of the Kurds.

"Seeing the poor in this country which has such potential for wealth was heartbreaking," she says. "Everyone I met was affected by Saddam either with a missing, killed or tortured relative — it took your breath away learning some of the things they had suffered."

She also witnessed the Kurds returning home with a truckload of bodies found in mass graves that included women and children. In the late 1980s more than 180,000 Kurds disappeared after the Iraqi army destroyed 4,000 villages. The Iraqi airforce also used chemical bombs on the town of Helebja killing 5,000 and maiming thousands of others.

Americans stand out in Iraq and Burnham, with her blonde hair, even more so. She said the Kurds treat Americans like celebrities and while that was flattering, it could also become tiring at times.

"We had to be really patient with that," she recalls. The camp where her unit lived was guarded by Kurdish soldiers, dubbed the Peshmerga and affectionately called "The Pesh," by the Americans. She explained although the Kurds have been virtually autonomous since the end of the first Gulf War, that didn't stop Saddam Hussein from tormenting them. The day Saddam was captured; the Kurds were jubilant and fired their guns into the air for hours. "Some thought if he was never found, he would come back and haunt them," she says.

A fourth-grade teacher in Medfield, Burnham joined the Reserves three years ago because she "thought I'd been good at it and would do well.

"I also felt it would be the right thing to do. I've always been patriotic and proud to be an American."

Burnham, who has worked part-time at the Cohasset Golf Club as a waitress and bartender for about seven years, will return to her teaching position in the fall with a lot of stories to tell her students.

In the meantime, she is readjusting to life in the U.S.A, which she describes as the "greatest country in the world."

"I'm happy to be home," she says. "I'm used to living in a setting where you didn't have the little things in life we take for granted and had to depend on other people — you couldn't just get into your car and drive off by yourself.

"In Iraq we traveled with a three-vehicle convoy and everyone was armed."

Burnham says the Kurds aren't the only Iraqis who appreciate Americans. Driving in a convoy south to Kuwait to prepare to fly home, Burnham saw Arabs walking along the side of the road.

"They would wave and blow kisses and say, 'George Bush' with a thumbs up," she recalls. "There is so much good going on in Iraq, so many positive changes. Every school and every university is open, there is one currency and the list goes on."



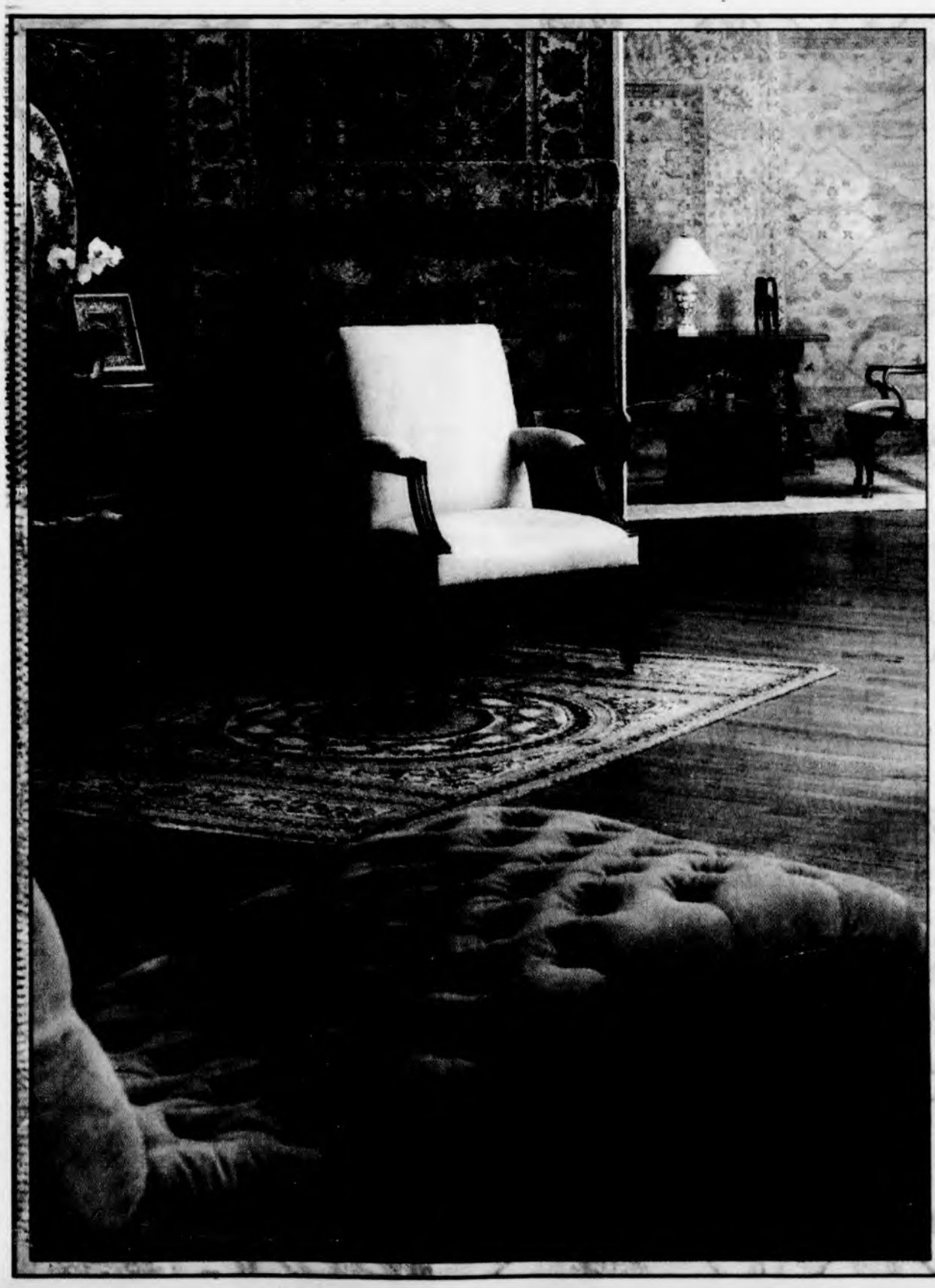
An Iraqi woman presents Sgt. Elizabeth Burnham with one of her paintings as a gift at the College of Administration and Economy Art Exhibit in Irbil. Elizabeth works part-time at the Cohasset Golf Club.



Sgt. Elizabeth Burnham of Hingham stands on the rocky terrain in northern Iraq which is completely different from the rolling fairways of the Cohasset Golf Club where she works part-time.

Passionate about her support for her fellow soldiers, she thinks the cause is a just one.

"I'm always asked if I would do it again knowing what I know now and I would," she says. "We are so lucky in America where we live day to day — we don't appreciate what it was like to live in Iraq under Saddam and say something one day, and the next day never be seen again."



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B.C. HIGH HONORS

Andrew J. Flynn '05 of Cohasset achieved high honors for the third quarter at Boston College High School. For high honors a student must have at least a 3.80 quality point average.

Christopher P. Barber '05 and **Alexander G. Hunt** '07 achieved honors, receiving a Q.P.A. of at least 3.2.

Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1863. The school enrolls approximately 1300 students from some 80 communities in eastern Massachusetts.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday congratulations go out to **Jill Rosano** from all the elders at 60 Elm Street plus **Maria** and **Shirley**. What a great girl and friend that always has time for everyone. Don't know what we'd all do without her! Have a good one Jill and we all love you.

SCRAPBOOK DAY

Jeanne Astino and **Bree Brasil**, independent consultants with Creative Memories want you to know that National Scrapbook Day is being celebrated in Cohasset on Saturday, May 1, beginning at 10 a.m. They invite you to join them at this year's celebration, where the theme is "The Road of Life, Remembering Days, Capturing Moments". Preserving your family photos and memories is a wonderful gift to pass on your children, and their children to follow. If you would more information on this event, please call Jeanne at 781-383-2206.

KARATE KID

Lars Gjesteby, 11, is tearing up the karate world! Lars, who has been a student of karate for seven years, recently earned his black belt with flying colors. He's the son of **Rolf Gjesteby** of Stow, Mass. and the grandson of **Martha and Arne Gjesteby** of Old Pasture Lane.

READ-ALOUD DAY!

Cohasset Elder Affairs and the Joseph Osgood School PSO have scheduled the annual intergenerational Read Aloud Day from 1-2 p.m. May 21 at the Osgood School for the first, second and third grades. Join the CEA for a wonderful experience. Call the CEA at 781-383-9112 to find out how to participate.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Hats off to **Gregory M. O'Connell** for achieving academic honors for the third quarter at Belmont Hill School. Honors is awarded to students who earn a B average in their courses. Greg's proud parents are **Michael and Rosemary O'Connell.**

YOGA CLASSES

In need of a good stretch and some relaxation. Then Yoga may be for you! **Holly Pereira** conducts yoga classes from 7:15-8:30 P.M. Wednesday nights at the Second Congregational Church. Cost is $6 and beginners are welcome, call Holly for more information at 857-498-0178.

ITHACA BOMBER

Cohasset's **Matt Morde**, senior bow with the Ithaca Bombers men's crew team, helped post wins against Rochester and Colgate in Ithaca's final home regatta of the season despite blustery winds that made for choppy waters in the Cayuga Inlet. Matt is on Ithaca's second varsity eight crew team.



Lars Gjesteby, shown here, is testing for his black belt in karate, which he earned with flying colors.

ALL SCHOOL PSO

Mark your calendars for the all-school PSO meeting on Tuesday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at the middle-high school. All parents of Cohasset Public School children are welcome.

The PSO will talk about volunteer opportunities for next year — including openings at the Osgood, Deer Hill, middle/high schools and other exciting committees such as fundraising, PAC, Metco, diversity and more! The PSO isalso looking for a treasurer to take over the accounting duties. Come and check it out, you might find the perfect volunteer job for you!

Here's how to get your news into around town:
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Annual art exhibit encourages participants to play with their food

By Samantha Brown
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If you can eat it, you can use it. That's the rule participants in the Cohasset High School edible art exhibit must follow when dreaming up their entirely edible masterpieces, which will be on display — and eaten — at the high school cafeteria Thursday April 29 from 6:30-8 p.m.

While the idea is geared toward students in all three Cohasset schools, high school art teacher Nina Berkowitz who is coordinating the exhibit, said everyone in town is encouraged to participate.

"It's a fun way to do something that's not traditional art."
— Nina Berkowitz, art teacher

"I got the idea at a conference I attended," said Berkowitz. A teacher from Maryland held a similar exhibit in her school and Berkowitz thought bringing it to Cohasset would be a great way to try creating something new and unusual. The event is now in its third year. Because food is not typically used as a medium for creating art, Berkowitz said it sets this exhibit apart from any other.

"It's a fun way to do something that's not traditional art," she said, adding a week before the exhibit, she has the students in her classes work with food. Those that are participating in the exhibit can work on their projects and experiment to see what works best.

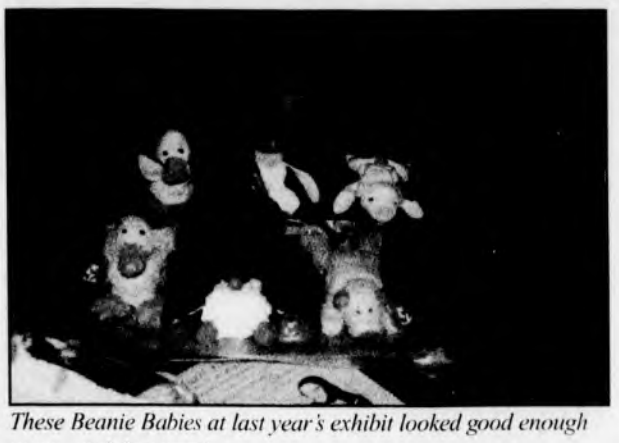
Because it is open to everyone in town, Berkowitz said it provides the opportunity for artists from every age group to get to know each other better. As a teacher at the high school, she enjoys meeting the younger students who will advance through the grades to take her classes one day.

Berkowitz said while she enjoys seeing what her current and future students create, it's also exciting to see what adults come up with. "They tend to not use candy," which students often do, she said. Aside from candy, one of the most commonly used materials with students are Rice Krispies treats. "They mold really well, " said Berkowitz adding some of the winning entries from students in the past two years have been Rice Krispies creations.

But the artwork made by adults has proven they tend to think more outside the box. Berkowitz said her sister entered a piece made entirely out of Cheez-It crackers and cheese. She burnt half of the crackers to make a brown and orange Cheeze-It chess board, and carved the cheese into playing pieces. "Adults tend to do stuff no one has seen before," said Berkowitz.

In an effort to expand the range of artists participating in the exhibit, Berkowitz said she has dropped off fliers at the Senior Center and the South Shore Art Center. "I'm also trying to get some local artists that I know," to participate, she said.

Contestants are asked to create artwork that is safe for human consumption, as all artwork becomes the property of the exhibit after judging and those who attend will eat the art. However, nothing will be eaten if it is deemed unhealthy after a few hours without refrigeration. Artwork may either created by an individual or may be a collaborative piece.


These Beanie Babies at last year's exhibit looked good enough to eat, and they were!

There will be two categories for judging — original artwork and copies of artwork. Artists are responsible for setting up their own piece for viewing at 6:30 on the night of the exhibit. There will also be entertainment, as the jazz combo and another high school band will both play at the event.

Prizes will be awarded for first place in two categories, spanning four divisions. First place for both original artwork and copies of art will be awarded in the elementary school, middle school, high school, and adult categories. The PSO has given Berkowitz funding to help pay for the prizes, which will consist of gift certificates for local merchants and restaurants. Berkowitz said each prize will be more than enough for winners to share, should they enter a collaborative piece.

For more information or to register to compete, please contact Nina Berkowitz at (781) 383-6100 X264, or via e-mail at nberkowitz@cohassetk12.org. Registration is free, and admission for those not competing is $3 or $2 with a canned good. All are welcome to enter.

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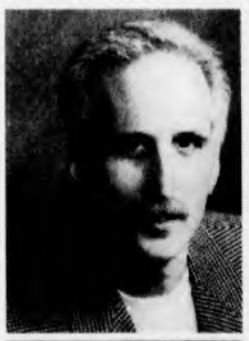
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Weekend warriors

If you're working Friday, leave early. If you're not, then don't make any plans apart from getting a hold of an American flag and a yellow ribbon. Or better yet, construct a "welcome back" poster because Hingham's 1058th is coming home after 14 months in Iraq.

Plans are for the 140-member Transportation Company that will travel from Ft. Drum, N.Y. to arrive with a police escort around 5p.m. at the Hingham Armory on Central Street, which will be closed to through traffic.

Although a big celebration with speeches and music is planned for mid-June at Lantana in Randolph, there is nothing like those first moments back home when emotions run high. It's a precious time when the soldiers will be reunited with their families, who have weathered constant fear about their safety.

Little Jonathan Hillman, 18 months, of Marshfield doesn't know his Dad, but his mother has told him over and over that his "daddy is coming home" so he knows Friday will be a special time. We can only imagine the overwhelming love and pride that will fill the heart of Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Hillman when he holds Jonathan for the first time in more than a year and gives him a great big hug.

A year ago February, the members of the 1058th put their regular lives on hold to answer our country's call.

Marion White has courageously led the 1058th support group through months of ups and downs. Armed with her cell phone, she takes calls at all times of the day and night to provide words of comfort or a shoulder to cry on. She'll be the woman literally "Velcro-ed" to the front of the bus that will hold her 29-year-old daughter Spc. Kathleen White on Friday.

Janelle Stockbridge is going to be reunited her husband Spc. Robert Stockbridge. They were practically newlyweds when he left. "I'll probably stand there frozen," she says. "But he plans on smothering me with hugs and kisses and I'll gladly take those by the dozen!"

The 1058th – like so many of the troops in Iraq – are Weekend Warriors who signed up for the National Guard or Reserves and did their "military thing" on weekends and for two weeks every summer. The rest of the time they are just like you and me, and are from all walks of life.

But a year ago February, the members of the 1058th put their regular lives on hold to answer our country's call. The 1058th is a support unit and in a conventional war probably would not have been on the front lines.

As Ms. White says, "We are so proud of them and everyone should be proud of the job they've done."

She explained when the 1058th went to Iraq, there were no barracks, no showers, no phones and no basic comforts. The 1058th helped lay the groundwork, so the soldiers heading to Iraq today will have an easier time when it comes to living arrangements.

The job of the 1058th also changed drastically. "They went over as truck drivers for supplies and ended up driving gun trucks supporting convoys," Ms. White says.

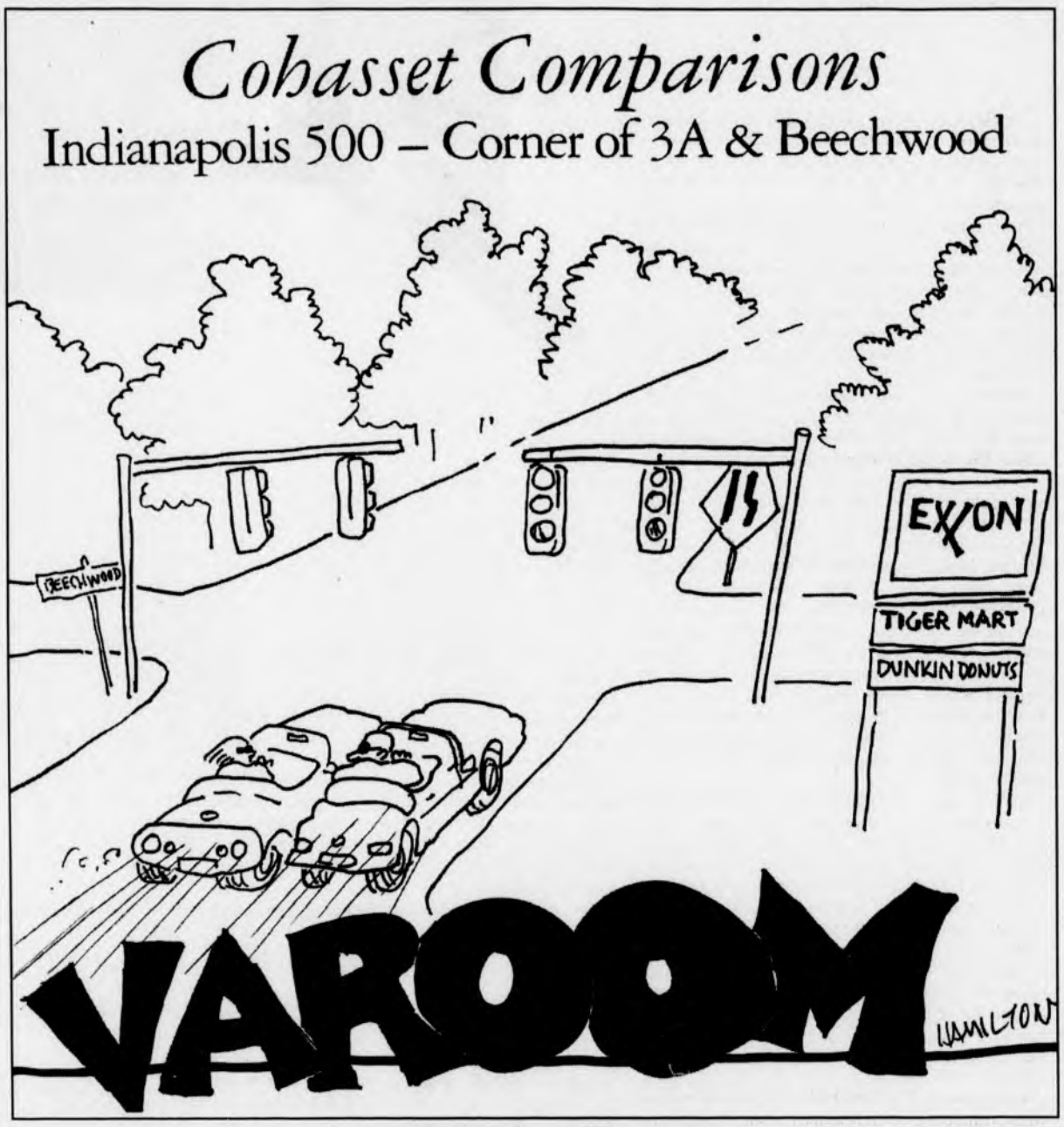
"Massachusetts should be so proud of them," she says. "These are weekend warriors who stepped up to the plate. They are an inspiration to all and did it with honor."

The State Senate adjourned Tuesday in honor of the 1058th's return so the momentous occasion would forever be memorialized in the official legislative record.

We hope that hundreds or perhaps thousands of local residents will line Route 228 and Central Street to greet the 1058th, which may arrive early so be out there before 5 p.m.!

Support our troops! Let's give the 1058th a welcome home to remember.

— Mary Ford
mford@cnc.com



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Response to Harvey's letter

TO THE EDITOR:

Surely we all can agree wholeheartedly with Lou Harvey that our new Board of Selectmen and other elected officials should strive to control costs, make efficient use of revenue to provide excellent schools and protect the town's character, and conduct the public's business fairly and with respect for the opinions of our citizens.

These laudable goals are consistent with the efforts of generations of our fellow citizens who have devoted much time, thought and talent to public service. Cohasset has been unusually fortunate in having always had a pool of competent and responsible people who have often demonstrated their capacity for innovative thinking. They have served us well, even if some of us aren't getting all we want while complaining about the cost of what we do get. We need continuation of this devoted and intelligent service, and should not denigrate their efforts by assuming that their goals and practices were any less honorable, effective or imaginative than those that may come after.

Sure, every community has its share of those poorly endowed with competence, honesty and fairness, but we seldom elect or re-elect them to local offices where their behavior is so easily scrutinized. Most of us disagree occasionally with this or that position taken by our various elected or appointed officials, but overall their thinking is dumb no more often than for the rest of us, and as good as we can expect from their well-meaning successors. So, although there is always room for re-analysis and improvement in our town management, it is fallacious, and counterproductive, to assume that we have been so badly served in the past that "new" thinking and drastic personnel changes are the magic answer to our problems.

No, it is better to build carefully on the legacy of experience and honorable effort that has been Cohasset's good fortune. Rather than precluding innovative thinking, recognition of the past helps mold the innovation toward effectiveness. I commend Mr. Harvey for his review of goals, many of which are an eloquent re-statement of the best thinking over the years by those we had chosen to act for us.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Some answers and a big question

TO THE EDITOR:

After listening to the selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, April 13, no solid ideas of funding for the security at the beach.

Post signs in town-owned lot. All cars will be towed at owner's expense plus a $100 fine.

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After 10 p.m. when beach is closed

Secure and lock gate.

Money raised by fines to pay for two special police officers working split shifts for a period of 90 days, while beach is open.

Temporary stickers to be color coded and cost $20 for one-day use only.

Stickers should be numbered and colors rotated so they can not be duped.

After the Selectmen's meeting was over on Tuesday, April 13, I was watching the school committee meeting.

Barbara Buckley, 272 N. Main St., had come up with a idea of raising funds to hire teachers.

If this idea succeeds, who pays the tab after the first year? Will it be we, the taxpayers? Will there be more monies for the schools and less money for the town side, higher taxes — more overrides?

George E. Broderick
444 King St.

Appreciates support

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to the voters of Cohasset who supported my candidacy for the Planning Board. I am deeply grateful for the outpouring of support and good wishes that I received throughout the campaign and since the election. I look forward to being a strong advocate for the preservation of the town's character during what I hope will be a long tenure on the Planning Board.

Special thanks go out to the 75 or so property owners who displayed campaign signs in their front yards as well as the people who took the time to offer their opinions and advice. The campaign offered me a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, share ideas, and learn more about your concerns. These meetings confirmed my feelings that we live in wonderful town that is worthy of preserving and one that is occupied by concerned, reasonable and polite citizens.

Stuart Ivimey
7 Sankey Road

LIBRARY CORNER

Author event

Reserve the date! The Paul Pratt Memorial Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys will host Daggers & Desserts, an evening of mystery and delicious desserts, on Thursday May 6, at 7 p.m. at the library.

Featured authors will be Linda Barnes "Deep Pockets: A Carlotta Carlyle Mystery", David Daniel, "Goofy Foot: An Alex Rasmussen Mystery" and Katherine Hall Page, discussing "The Body in the Attic: A Faith Fairchild Mystery".

All three authors feature local areas as the setting for their novels. "Deep Pockets" takes place at Harvard, "Goofy Foot" is situated in Standish, a fictional town between Boston and Plymouth and "The Body in the Attic" is located in Cambridge. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. For more information please call 781 383-1348.

Spring into wellness

"Renew Yourself With Natural Wellness Technologies," is the theme of a presentation to be held at the library On Tuesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. and on Thursday May 20, at 1 p.m. If you have low energy, trouble sleeping, tired achy feet or legs, sore joints, or just want to have renewed energy and feel great, then this educational workshop is for you. Cohasset Nutritionist and Wellness consultant, Patricia Messing-Hague, will discuss innovative and unique ways to help the body heal itself and stay well, vigorous and energetic. Special guest speaker Carole Siegal of Cohasset will tell the story of her health renewal. This program is free and open to everyone. If you have questions, call Patricia Messing-Hague at 781 383-2410.

Artist exhibit

Stephanie Roberts' exhibit "Patterns and Pinhole" will be on display at the library through April 30.

"Best list" for fiction

Ali, Monica, "Brick Lane." Antunes, Antonio Lobo, "The Inquisitors' Manual." Boyd, William, "Any Human Heart." Carey, Edward, "Alva & Irva: The Twins Who Saved a City." Casares, Oscar, "Brownsville." Hosseini, Khaled, "The Kite Runner." Jones, Edward P, "The Known World." Haddon, Mark, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time." Lethem, Jonathan, "The Fortress of Solitude." Morrison, Toni,"Love." O'Connor, Joseph, "Star of the Sea." Packer, ZZ, "Drinking Coffee Elsewhere." Saramago, Jose, "The Cave."

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The Passenger pigeon: once a living wind

COMMON GROUND



AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

"The tantivy of wild pigeons, an ancient race of birds, gives a voice to the air."

— Henry David Thoreau

Thanks to the messy eating habits of the sparrows, starlings and squirrels, the ground beneath my feeders is strewn with all sorts of seed, an invitation to the Mourning doves to begin their shift. I watch these peaceful birds — sometimes called turtle doves — bobbing their delicate, round heads as they poke around the banquet table. Their colors are soft browns and grays with a bluish cast, not unlike the colors of the snowless winter landscape, yet the birds seem to glow, giving life to their otherwise drab surroundings. If the weather allowed my windows to be flung open, I'd hear their low, mournful coos and their whistling wings as they take flight.

But this is not a story about Mourning doves. It is, rather, a story about the dove's cousin, the Wild pigeon, better known as the Passenger pigeon, a bird now extinct but once so abundant that during migration single flocks took days to pass overhead. At one time the air was alive with the birds who had few natural predators. Until, that is, the human predator arrived.

It is a sad paradox that the presence of humans benefited the Mourning dove, but doomed its slender, elegant cousin. Land clearings, while providing the ground-feeding Mourning dove with fields and gardens, destroyed the great, unbroken swaths of primary forest — the chestnut, oak and beech trees — that the arboreal Passenger pigeon depended on for mast, roosting and nesting. Man's insatiable need to put exotic foods on the table, to shoot birds for sport, provide feathers for bedding and the millinery trade, and specimens for avian collections, further hastened the pigeon's decline.

But how could so abundant a bird have been hunted to extinction? Experts have pondered whether biological "defects,' including flimsy nests, nesting densities that resulted in a high natural mortality, and the pigeon's single egg clutches contributed to its demise. But, didn't those same "defects," enable the Passenger pigeon to become, in its day, the most abundant species on Earth? Today, with a better understanding of the biology of colonial birds, scientists recognize that certain species require an optimum density to ensure that the birth rate exceeds the death rate. A seemingly abundant population may, in fact, be insufficient to sustain the species. In the Passenger pigeon's case, man did not have to kill every last bird.

A gregarious and sociable bird, the Passenger pigeon, whose name comes to us from the French, *Pijon de passage*, was beautifully colored with a bluish back, pink breast and patches of pink iridescence on the sides of its throat. Thoreau noted in his journal that, "The reflections from their necks were very beautiful. They made me think of shells cast up on a beach." With its small head and neck, long tail and long wedge-shaped wings powered by large breast muscles, the pigeon could fly far and fast, reaching speeds of 60 miles per hour.

And did it fly, traveling for miles in enormous nomadic flocks (the pigeon's scientific name, *Ectopistes migratorius* means wandering wanderer) in search of food. Witnesses to the migrations — back and forth from spring nesting areas in the Great Lakes region and Canada to wintering sites from Arkansas to Florida — wrote of graceful aerial maneuvers that mimicked the windings of a great river. Newspapers



Passenger pigeon illustration by John James Audubon, perhaps the most well known of the illustrations showing the bird's coloring and beauty.

reported that the multitudes of birds looked like thunderheads. They darkened the sky, eclipsed the sun. The wind generated by the "roaring" wings was said to chill the area. At nesting sites, majestic trees were felled under the weight of a hundred nests. John James Audubon, witness to a flock in 1813, noted that it measured some four miles wide and 300 miles long. It took three days to pass.

The same behavior that enabled the Passenger pigeon to defend itself in the wild against its few natural predators and increase the chances of finding food, proved to be its undoing once professional market hunters entered the picture. The vast flocks that flew low and congregated in forests became easy targets.

Native Americans had always hunted the Passenger pigeon for food, smoking and drying the tender squabs and using their oil for a squab butter. Despite their dependency on the bird, there was no Native American market for Passenger pigeon; what was taken was taken only for subsistence. It was a modest killing compared to the wholesale slaughter by European settlers who, when they arrived with their firearms, found the Passenger pigeon population numbering between three and five billion.

From the start, Passenger pigeons were targets, not only for food, but because they were considered pests and omens. Pigeons fed on farmers' freshly planted fields and vacuumed the forests clean of mast, leaving nothing for farmers' hogs. Among the superstitious Europeans, the birds were thought to be harbingers of disasters — massacres, crop failures and "sickly" seasons.

As technology improved and the market began demanding succulent squabs for the fancy urban table, professional hunters and trappers descended on the pigeons with a vengeance. A single blast from a shotgun could kill up to 50 of the tightly congregated birds. Long sticks were used to knock the birds from trees, even from the air as they migrated overhead. Dead grass (killed by layers of pigeon dung) under trees was set afire. The smoke suffocated the birds in their nests. Hunters and trappers baited wide areas with alcohol-soaked grain that made the pigeons woozy with intoxication. They were then easily collected. Live pigeons, tethered to a perch called a stool, were also used to lure fellow birds to the bait. Betrayed by the "stool pigeons," the victims were netted, up to 30 dozen at a time. As an example of the hunter's avarice, during the legendary, 200 square mile nesting of Passenger pigeons in 1878 at Petoskey, Michigan, more than 10 million birds were killed. Sadly, they were not numbers out of the ordinary.

Irreversible toll

Further technological advancements helped seal the Passenger pigeon's fate. The telegraph enabled hunters to communicate the precise whereabouts of flocks. The expanding railroad network not only transported hunters closer and closer to pristine primary forests, but carried their bounties to distant cities where Passenger pigeon squab became a delicacy. By 1850, with vast tracts of primary forests felled, colonial nestings disrupted, and an appetite for young Passenger pigeon seemingly insatiable, the slaughter had taken an irreversible toll on the "inexhaustible" supply of birds.

The last large nesting of Passenger pigeons in Massachusetts took place in 1851 and over the next several decades, last nestings were recorded all over the Eastern part of the country. Far from raising an alarm, however, the decrease in Passenger pigeon flocks only strengthened the resolve of hunters.

One of the last recorded captures of a Passenger pigeon was in 1900, and though several small captive flocks of pigeons survived, efforts to breed the birds were unsuccessful. By 1912, rewards were being offered for evidence of a live Wild pigeon.

In September of 1914, the last Passenger pigeon, a 29-year-old named Martha, died in her cage at the Cincinnati Zoological Garden. Over the years, many "sightings" of Passenger pigeons have been reported, all of which have turned out to be the pigeon's gentle cousin, the Mourning dove. Extinction, as they say, is a one-way street. There are no second chances in nature. The story of the Passenger pigeon is a stunning, heartbreaking example of mindless destruction. Sadly, it is but one chapter in the never-ending book of human greed.

In his classic 1949 book, "A Sand County Almanac," Aldo Leopold included a moving tribute to the Passenger pigeon:

"Men still live who, in their youth, remember pigeons. Trees still live who, in their youth, were shaken by a living wind. But a decade hence only the oldest oaks will remember, and at long last only the hills will know.

"There will always be pigeons in books and in museums, but these are effigies and images, dead to all hardships and to all delights. Book-pigeons cannot dive out of a cloud to make the deer run for cover, or clap their wings in thunderous applause of mast-laden woods. Book-pigeons cannot breakfast on new-mown wheat in Minnesota, and dine on blueberries in Canada. They know no urge of seasons; they feel no kiss of sun, no lash of wind and weather. They live forever by not living at all.

To learn more about the Passenger pigeon visit www.passengerpigeon.org and to read about Passenger pigeons and other vanished birds, see Christopher Cokinosí wonderful book, "Hope Is the Thing with Feathers."

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Readers may remember our past stories and advice about co-existing with coyotes. As a public service, Senator Bob Hedlund will be hosting a coyote information session for South Shore residents on Feb. 26, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Whipple Center on Green Street in North Weymouth. A wildlife biologist from MassWildlife will be among the featured speakers. For more information, contact Russ in Senator Hedlund's office at (617) 722-1646.

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First Ladies and the critics

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TOM HENSHAW

The nabobs of negativity turned their spotlight on Theresa Heinz Kerry this week and the gazillionaire wife of Senator John the Candidate doesn't seem to like it.

She refuses to toss her 1040 income tax form into the ring so that the folks who just have to know and thumb through it might find, not where her money comes from, but where it goes, maybe to some left wing cause like her husband's campaign.

All I can say is that she'd better get used to it. It'll be worse if her husband is elected president and Theresa has to live in the constant glare of the White House. Not many First Ladies escaped it, not even the motherly Bess Truman.

One youth-conscious critic even had the audacity to criticize her gray hair. "Gentlemen prefer blondes," he said. "Real gentlemen prefer gray," snapped her husband, Harry, who was never at a loss for words when it came time to defend his family.

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Dolley Madison, otherwise one of the more popular First Ladies, drew criticism for serving state dinners in heaping platters rather than serving them in courses as was done in royal banquets in Europe. Makes the country look plebian, they said. Dolley didn't mind.

Julia Grant, who was never pictured facing the camera because her eyes crossed, was a rather plain-looking women but Godey's Lady's Book went out of bounds when it confided in its readers that "Mrs. Grant ain't a bit handsome. She ain't half as good-lookin' as the pictures we see of her."

Probably to most maligned of all the presidential wives was Eleanor Roosevelt, who lived a life of her own while husband Franklin D. was in the Oval Office and didn't care who knew it.

Hearst columnist Westbrook Pegler, the Rush Limbaugh-in-print of his day, never failed to refer to her as La Boca Grande (The Big Mouth) and the New Yorker magazine once printed a cartoon of two workmen in a mine deep underground in New Zealand looking up in astonishment and saying, "It's Mrs. Roosevelt!"

Rachel Jackson, old Andy's wife, lived through the campaign of 1828 but died a couple of months before her husband was inaugurated and Old Hickory swore it was the critics who killed her.

"In the presence of this dear saint," he said at her funeral, "I can and do forgive all my enemies. But those vile wretches who slandered her must look to God for mercy."

Seems the Jacksons inadvertently had "married" and lived together before Rachel's divorce from her first husband was final and some of Jackson's foes in the 1828 campaign never let them forget it.

Besides, in the view of effete easterners, the lady from Tennessee was really no lady at all since she used rough frontier language and — Heavens to Betsy! — she was known to smoke a pipe at times.

Katie Smith, the wife of Al Smith, the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for president in 1928, never got to the White House, but she was fair game during the campaign where she was called "dowdy, vulgar and unfit to be first lady."

Betty Boyd Caroli's book "America's First Ladies," my source for much of this column, recalled:

"One Texan, pointing out that Katie would be meeting foreign dignitaries if she got to the White House, asked, 'Can you imagine? One of them might say "That's a nice hat," and she'd say, 'You said a mouthful.'"

House sparrows — their rise and fall

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW



JOANNE C. NORTON

Officially known as the House Sparrow, many people know it as the English Sparrow. In spite of its name, it is neither a true sparrow nor did it originate in England. It looks similar to native North American sparrows, but actually belongs to the Weaver Finch family, better known as Old World Sparrows. It is believed to have originated in the Mediterranean and expanded its range as civilization spread. It is native to Asia, northern Africa and most of Europe. Gradually it was introduced to the United States, Canada, South America, southern Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and is found on all continents except Antarctica.

In 1851 eight pairs were imported from England to the United States by Nicholas Pike, one of the directors of the Brooklyn Museum in Brooklyn, New York. None of these birds survived. The next year, he went to England and brought back more birds to release in Greenwood Cemetery with the hope that the birds would control the green inchworm. These imports survived and multiplied. During the next few years immigrants from Europe, homesick for their familiar "cheeky cockney sparrow" introduced more all around New England. The expansion was amazingly rapid. Within 25 years, the House Sparrow had spread all the way to the west coast.

This popular bird quickly became a pest. Unfortunately it not only ate noxious insects such as the inchworm, but also many beneficial insects. Not only did it eat seeds found in horse manure left by an increasing number of horses on city streets, but also fruit and ripe grain crops on farms. These sparrows like to be near habitation. Their nests are messy collections of grass, straw, trash, feathers, etc. and can become a fire hazard when a smoldering cigarette butt is used as nesting material near a building. House Sparrows aggressively displace many native birds such as Cliff Swallows, Purple Martins, and Eastern Bluebirds, all of which are cavity nesters. They also are very prolific, sometimes raising as many as three broods in a single season. Between 1887 and 1901 the state of Michigan's bounty law offered one cent apiece for House Sparrows presented in groups of 25 or more birds. When horse transportation gave way to automobiles, House Sparrow populations declined somewhat, but they remained one of the most numerous birds in the United States.



FROM BIRDS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES BY EDWARD HOWE FORBUSH

House sparrows, from left, adult female and adult male. Illustration by Allan Brooks.

According to Edward Howe Forbush, ornithologist for the state of Massachusetts from 1908 to 1920, the sparrow mentioned in the Bible is the House Sparrow. Alexander Pope in his "Essay on Man" says, "Who sees with equal eye, as God of all, A hero perish or a sparrow fall...". A line from "Hamlet," Act V, Scene 1 is "There's a special providence in the fall of a sparrow." A brief search on Amazon.com yielded more than two dozen books using some variation of "fall of sparrows" in the title.

Today the fall of the House Sparrow is not just a literary reference, but a real concern, particularly in Britain where it was placed on the endangered species list in 2002. Between 1994 and 2002, the number of House Sparrows in London dropped 71percent. Populations were down 13percent overall in England. For some reason they were up 29percent in Scotland and 63percent in Wales. They have disappeared from many other European cities such as Amsterdam and Hamburg, but not Berlin. They are even declining in the United States, although the estimate for continental United States is still around 150 million.

Why this sudden and rather large decline? No mass killing. Not pesticides. Not even loss of habitat in the usual sense. Not only House Sparrows are declining in Britain, but other native countryside species as well. According to Chris Leahy, the Gerard A. Bertrand Chair of Natural History and Field Ornithology at Massachusetts Audubon, one likely cause might be a "habitat sterilization process". He says, "In order to maximize yield, farmers have eliminated hedgerows, wet meadows, and weed patches, and minimized grain spillage — all critical sources of food, shelter, and reproductive space for farmland birds." This does not explain the huge loss in urban settings, nor why there is expansion in some places at the same time declines are occurring in others.

Obviously there is much we do not understand. The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) has long used amateur volunteers to collect data, in much the same way the Cornell Lab of Ornithology does in its citizen science program. The BTO has organized the Common Birds Census and the Garden Bird Feeding Survey to collect data. One lesson from all of this is that we should study not just rare and "interesting" birds, but also common and "nuisance" birds. If the BTO had been studying House Sparrows back in the 60s and 70s when everyone just considered them pests, we might have recognized the problem sooner and have a better understanding of what the problem is. Massachusetts Audubon is taking this warning to heart by asking people for their help in monitoring Baltimore Orioles, still a common species. For more information, please see <www.massaudubon.org/oriole>

Meanwhile next time you see House Sparrows picking up crumbs outside storefronts, or helping themselves to tasty tidbits left on the ground at fast food chains, take a closer look at this little brown bird. The males have a gray crown, black bib, white cheeks, and chestnut nape. The females are mostly plain brown with a buff eyestripe. Their song is a constantly repeating "cheep, cheep". Some have suggested, not totally seriously, that we should send some of our birds over to England. Before that happens, we need to figure why they are disappearing on both sides of the Atlantic.

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No game, set or match yet in state budget back 'n forth

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

With release of the House budget, the virtues and defects of competing Democratic and Republican approaches to financing the coming year now lie on the table open for debate — and that debate began immediately.

Synopsis: The Republicans advance their budget, presented by the governor in January, as disciplined and centered around real reform of problems in the organization and operation of state government. The Democrats counter that the governor's budget is based on illusory savings and underfunding, and that their budget is more honest and somewhat more generous.

Beginning this year's match of back-and-forth, House budget chief Rep. John Rogers served, and Administration and Finance Secretary Eric Kriss returned just as hard as he could. Rogers told reporters: "Our recommendation upholds the multi-year strategy inaugurated three years ago, at the start of the fiscal crisis, to restore fiscal stability to the state budget." But Kriss said the document is a "cynical, irresponsible, and intellectually dishonest" budget that short circuits true reform, panders to special interests and drains state reserves. As always, the underpinning of this to-and-fro is that the Democrat-controlled Legislature has the votes, and the governor/executive departments, i.e. the Republicans, don't. Policy issues under the Golden Dome are settled by majority vote – certainly by two-thirds votes, in the case of budget vetoes, with Democratic leaders historically confident they can round up that supermajority pretty much any time they want. History confirms their confidence is justified.

But Romney and the Republicans are out to change history. With one of the strongest recruitment and support efforts the Statehouse crowd has seen in years, the governor and Dominick Ianno, executive director of the state GOP, are hoping to shift a dynamic that has been around so long it sometimes feels like a law of nature, not a changeable arrangement of political power.

Though this budget comes in the midst of quite a fraught political year – Romney's on the offensive, the state is running a favorite son against a sitting president, the Democratic convention's coming to Boston and gay marriage is generating a steady current of national notice – the document and its choices are only going to be blips on the consciousness of the average Massachusetts voter.

But every blip counts. Both sides know every passing mention of a reform resisted by Democrats or a budget item cut by Republicans can make an impact on voter behavior when Nov. 2 comes. That's partly why the governor was eager to support the more fiscally challenging interpretation of a recent court ruling stating that a mid-year increase in the capital gains tax was unconstitutional.

Romney said his administration would support making a reduction in the tax retroactive to January 2002, instead of January 2003. That would take as much as $275 million away from the revenue side of this year's budget. But it would also position Romney as the taxpayers' friend, to the extent the taxpayers notice what's being said on Beacon Hill. The battle of the blips is being waged at full tilt.

Some of the most important bullet points from the House budget proposal:

- The House plan totals $22.5 billion — $24.65 billion with off-budget items factored in, the Mass. Taxpayer Foundation said. On that basis, the governor's budget totals $24.51 billion, MTF said.
- The budget closes a $1.5 billion spending gap with cuts and $652 million in "one-time revenues," Roger said. Of the $652 million, $340 comes from the "rainy day" fund; $270 million is from a special federal relief fund; $25 million from sale of state land; and $17 million from a fund ostensibly dedicated to renewable energy.
- Rogers said about 350 state workers would be let go under the budget. Most areas of the government can expect cuts, largely because health costs are outpacing tax revenue increases.
- State colleges and universities take a 2 percent cut, community colleges a 1 percent reduction.
- Among the few areas enjoying increases: local aid for special education and school transportation; the Prescription Advantage program; MCAS tutoring; and drug treatment. General local aid is level-funded.
- K-12 education funding is increased by 2.2 percent, to $3.19 billion. Prescription Advantage enjoys a $14 million increase in the House budget, enough to enroll 10,000 more seniors. The governor had level funded the program at $96 million.
- About $20 million in funding is provided for raising the pay of outside-vendor human services workers, who've gone without a hike for two years.
- The House goes along with many of Romney's closures of business-tax loopholes, which some in the corporate world consider tax hikes.
- Several reforms trumpeted by the Romney team in its budget were not included: merging the Turnpike Authority and the Mass. Highway Department; dissolving the Boston Municipal Court and turning its functions over to other district courts; reforming the state's bidding and construction laws to speed up the process and save money.
- The House does establish a "Mass. Transportation Coordination Council" to look for efficiencies and process improvements among transit bureaucracies.

A story has the potential to just about knock the budget completely out of the news cycle: did anyone hide the truth in reviewing House action on redistricting?

- *US attorney said looking at whether leaders were truthful* — The Boston Globe reported a subpoena was sent March 10 to Rep. Thomas Petrolati, D-Ludlow, head of a committee in charge of redrawing district maps for all 160 House seats. The subpoena from US Attorney Michael Sullivan's office asks for documents relative to the redistricting. In a trial last year, House Speaker Thomas Finneran said he had little involvement in drawing up the map. Investigators may well be pursuing a claim made by the three-judge panel that struck down the House map and ordered a new one redrawn for reasons of racial fairness. In issuing their ruling, the judges reviewed Finneran's testimony of a lack of knowledge or involvement in the creation of the districts, and said: "the circumstantial evidence strongly suggests the opposite conclusion." Common Cause of Massachusetts called for a perjury investigation in the case March 9, but there is no confirmation that the subpoena and that request are at all related. Meanwhile, in the redistricting case itself, parties were due in court Friday as plaintiffs continue to argue that House leaders have not come up with a map that maximizes minority voting power and the opportunities for minority candidates to tap into their base of support.
- *Romney seeks legislation for special gay marriage counsel* — In what one observer described as a "Hail Mary pass for the governor," Romney said he's filing legislation allowing him to appoint a special counsel to fight the May 17 effective date for the issuance of marriage licenses to gay couples in Massachusetts. Even were the House to approve the extraordinary measure, the Senate took several majority votes in favor of gay marriage during the Constitution Convention this winter and spring, and would be unlikely to approve Romney's request for counsel. Attorney General Thomas Reilly, who refused to pursue a stay of the issuance of the licenses last month, signaled his opposition to the new Romney gambit as a usurpation of his authority.
- *Democrats back $1 billion school plan supported by sales tax* — The plan floated by Senate Ways and Means Chair Therese Murray, D-Plymouth, and state Treasurer Timothy Cahill would designate a penny of the state's 5-cent sales tax to an ongoing bugaboo: school building assistance. The leaders said their plan would, over 3-1/2 years, clear a list of 420 school construction projects, with a collective construction value of $4 billion. The governor has also proposed wiping out the waiting list, but largely through refinancing existing debt. Kriss lambasted the SBAB plan as inferior and far less specific than the administration's version.
- *Charter proponents say experiment should grow, not cease* — Opponents of the semi-autonomous, experimental institutions have generated much of the press lately on the charter school front. But proponents counterpunched. Opponents have been saying no more charter schools should be allowed to open while the state struggles to fund and improve traditional school systems statewide. But about 200 proponents of charter schools, and lawmakers who support such schools, crowded a hearing room to oppose such moratoria and urge a continuance of the momentum behind the charter movement.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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April 12-16



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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on five roll calls from the week of April 12-16. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR SENIORS (H 4659)

House 148-2, approved resolutions stating the intent of the Legislature to provide $110 million in the fiscal 2005 budget for the Prescription Advantage program. This prescription drug insurance plan is available to seniors over age 65 and low-income individuals with disabilities who work less than 40 hours per week. Members are required to pay premiums, deductibles and co-payments on a sliding scale based on their gross annual household income. The plan also includes an annual out-of-pocket spending limit. Supporters said this pledge would increase last year's $96 million funding by $14 million and ensure that more seniors can enroll in this program. They noted the program currently helps 90,000 seniors who otherwise would go without the drugs or be forced to cut back on other household expenses. Opponents said the House should delay action on the resolutions until the House version of the fiscal 2005 budget is released. They argued that members should have the opportunity to review the entire budget prior to making promises about funding for specific programs. (A "Yea" vote is for the resolutions stating the intent to provide $110 million. A "Nay" vote is against the resolutions). **Y**

RULES FOR HOUSE BUDGET DEBATE (H 4646)

House 123-25, approved a set of rules to be followed when the House considers the fiscal 2005 state budget beginning April 26. A key provision requires that any member who proposes an increase in spending in excess of $100,000 also offer a proposal decreasing spending by an equal or greater amount. Other provisions include requiring any tax hikes or tax cuts to be considered first followed by consideration of all other amendments; prohibiting earmarking of revenues from tax hikes for specific programs; barring members from proposing amendments dealing with casino gambling, slot machines, video gaming and certain categories of local aid. Supporters said these new rules would impose fiscal responsibility in light of the state's huge deficit, prevent members from offering new spending without making corresponding cuts and establish how much revenue the state will receive prior to debate on where to spend the money. They noted that the prohibition on offering local aid amendments is included because the House would shortly resolve the local aid question by adopting resolutions detailing the amount of local aid the Legislature intends to provide. Opponents said the new rules give more power to Speaker Finneran and his Ways and Means Committee by allowing them to propose a budget without the same "increase/decrease" restriction placed on members who offer amendments. They said the new rules are restrictive and anti-democratic and would further decrease the input and power of individual members. (A "Yea" vote is for the new rules. A "Nay" vote is against the new rules). **Y**

ALLOW DEBATE ON CASINO GAMBLING (H 4646)

House 78-72, favored but failed to gain the two-thirds margin necessary to approve an amendment striking a budget rules section prohibiting members from offering budget amendments dealing with casino gambling, slot machines and video gaming. Some amendment supporters said they support legalizing casino gambling and argued that it would produce a valuable revenue stream that would be helpful in solving the state's budget problems. Others said they do not support casino gambling but argued that it is unfair to prohibit members from offering amendments to legalize it. Amendment opponents said these issues have been debated and defeated in the past. They argued that it is counterproductive to open up the important and lengthy budget debate to reconsider these proposals. (A "Yea" vote is for allowing members to offer budget amendments dealing with casino gambling, slot machines and video gaming. A "Nay" vote is against allowing it). **Y**

ALLOW DEBATE ON LOCAL AID (H 4646)

House 22-125, rejected an amendment striking a budget rules section prohibiting members from offering budget amendments dealing with local aid in three specific categories— Chapter 70 Education Aid, Additional Assistance and Lottery Distribution. Amendment supporters said it is undemocratic and restrictive to prohibit members from offering increases or decreases in local aid. They acknowledged that the House would soon approve resolutions stating the Legislature's intent to increase local aid including the specific amounts intended for each community but argued that members should still have the power to offer additional amendments when the budget debate begins. Amendment opponents said that once the House approves the resolutions to increase local aid, it should not deviate from those promised amounts. They argued that it is important for cities and towns to know now how much local aid they will receive. They noted that if local aid amendments to the budget are allowed and approved, communities would not know how much local aid they would receive until several weeks from now when the House and Senate agree on a final version of the budget. (A "Yea" vote is for allowing members to offer budget amendments dealing with local aid. A "Nay" vote is against allowing it). **N**

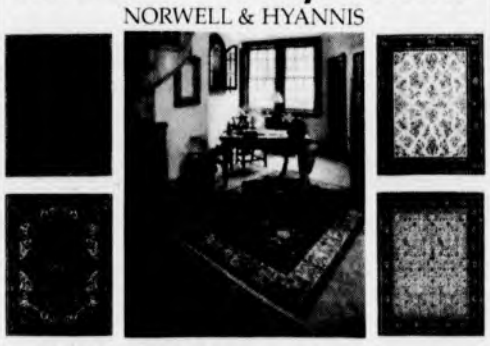
LOCAL AID RESOLUTIONS (H 4658)

House 147-0, approved resolutions stating the intent of the Legislature regarding how much local aid it would provide in the fiscal 2005 state budget and how it would be distributed. The resolutions include increases of $78 million in Chapter 70 education aid, $80 million in special education reimbursement and $11.7 million in regional school transportation funding. They also level fund Lottery Assistance and Additional Local Assistance at last year's funding levels. Supporters said this states the Legislature's intent that cities and towns should not experience drastic local aids cuts like the ones they endured last year. They noted that approving the resolutions now would inform communities how much local aid they can expect so that they can plan their municipal budgets without waiting for the long state budget process to end. (A "Yea" vote is for the resolutions). **Y**

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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Task force takes on village streetscape designs

By Samantha Brown
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Members of the planning board, board of selectmen, and concerned residents are considering forming a committee to change the direction the Village Streetscape project is heading in.

At the request of Selectman Ralph Dormitzer — who feels the opinion of both town boards and residents have not been adequately represented in the plans drawn by the Waterfield Design Group — a task force has been formed, and will be formally appointed at the selectmen's next meeting Tuesday, April 27. Members of the task force will include Dormitzer, developer David Calhoun, architect Jim Sandell, developer Wayne Sawchuk, planning board member Bob Sturdy, and attorney Tom Hamilton whose office is located in the Village.

"I know it's the 11th hour, but it's kind of in keeping with the way things get done in Cohasset," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore.

One of the biggest concerns expressed by those in attendance at a meeting last week was the lack of bids which have come in on the project. Sawchuk said when only three bids are taken out on a million-dollar project and one of those three pulls out, it makes him wonder what the problem is with the plans. "I'd expect to see around 20 bids taken out and at least five or six plans submitted," he said.

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— Al Moore, Planning Board

In addition, the phasing of the project, which would leave the Village torn up for roughly six months, was also seen as a major flaw in the plans. Calhoun suggested instead of hiring a clerk of the works to oversee a project that will last for six months and will have a negative impact on merchants — maybe the entire village should be shut down for approximately four days, to give the contractor the ability to work around the clock and get the job done all at once. "They could work through the night and get the job done, and not have to worry about getting dirt on someone's pastry in the morning," he said.

In addition, because John Modzelewski does a great deal of engineering consulting work for the town, members of the planning board suggested asking him if he would be available to serve as a part-time consultant for the project, instead of hiring a full time clerk of the works at a little over $46,000. It would save the town money and would allow someone with a great deal of town experience to be in charge, they say.

The feasibility of incorporating other kinds of paving materials into the streetscape has been an ongoing discussion, and the question of whether Town Meeting actually voted against having brick sidewalks was debated once more. "I don't think people voted they don't want brick, they voted they don't want to pay for brick," said Selectman Fred Koed. The task force will be looking into the feasibility of alternate paving options including brick and different kinds of pavers.

Since the town has received a state grant, there is a time limit for using the funds as well as regulations that construction must abide by. All construction must meet state guidelines if paid for with state funds, and construction must be completed by May of 2005. There was talk about taking Elm Street out of the plans and using town money to repave the street, leaving the sidewalks alone, which could free up state money to be used on South Main Street.

During construction, the water commission will be using the open streets as an opportunity to update water mains and make repairs. Moore suggested someone get in touch with the gas and electric companies as well to see if they would like to take advantage of having the streets opened up to make any repairs on their end.

Selectmen Rob Spofford said the reality of the situation is, the plans have already gone out to bid and any changes will only cost the town more money.

After the meeting, Town Manager Mark Haddad said the April 30 deadline to submit bids has been delayed by 30 days and an addendum has been sent out. "I don't know if we're going to change it," he said of the current plans, but this delay will allow suggestions to be incorporated, should the selectmen choose.

The Waterfield Design Group was hired to design the new streetscape as part of the $1.8 million Village Revitalization Project, which has been in the works for upwards of seven years and is being paid for through grants and private donations. The designers will be present at the meeting with selectmen and the task force on the 27th, and plans may become more finalized at that time. The task force realizes any suggestions made will have to be authorized by the board of selectmen, but are hopeful their comments will reflect what many in town would like to see incorporated in the village project. Nancy

Alzheimer's support meets on April 28

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. will feature Carolyn Housman, LICSW, on "Communicating with Health Care Providers" on Wednesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St., Hingham.

Housman is a specialist in elder care and care-partnering issues. She is currently associated with South Shore Mental Health and has a private practice. She was formerly director of the Alzheimer program for the Hingham Affiliated Community Visiting Nurses/Partners Home Care. She will discuss how to best speak for the patient with physicians, nursing home personnel, and day health centers as well as communicating the patient's needs to family and friends.

As the care-partner is often intermediary between patient and others, knowing what questions to ask and what information should be shared is most important. A question and answer time will conclude her program.

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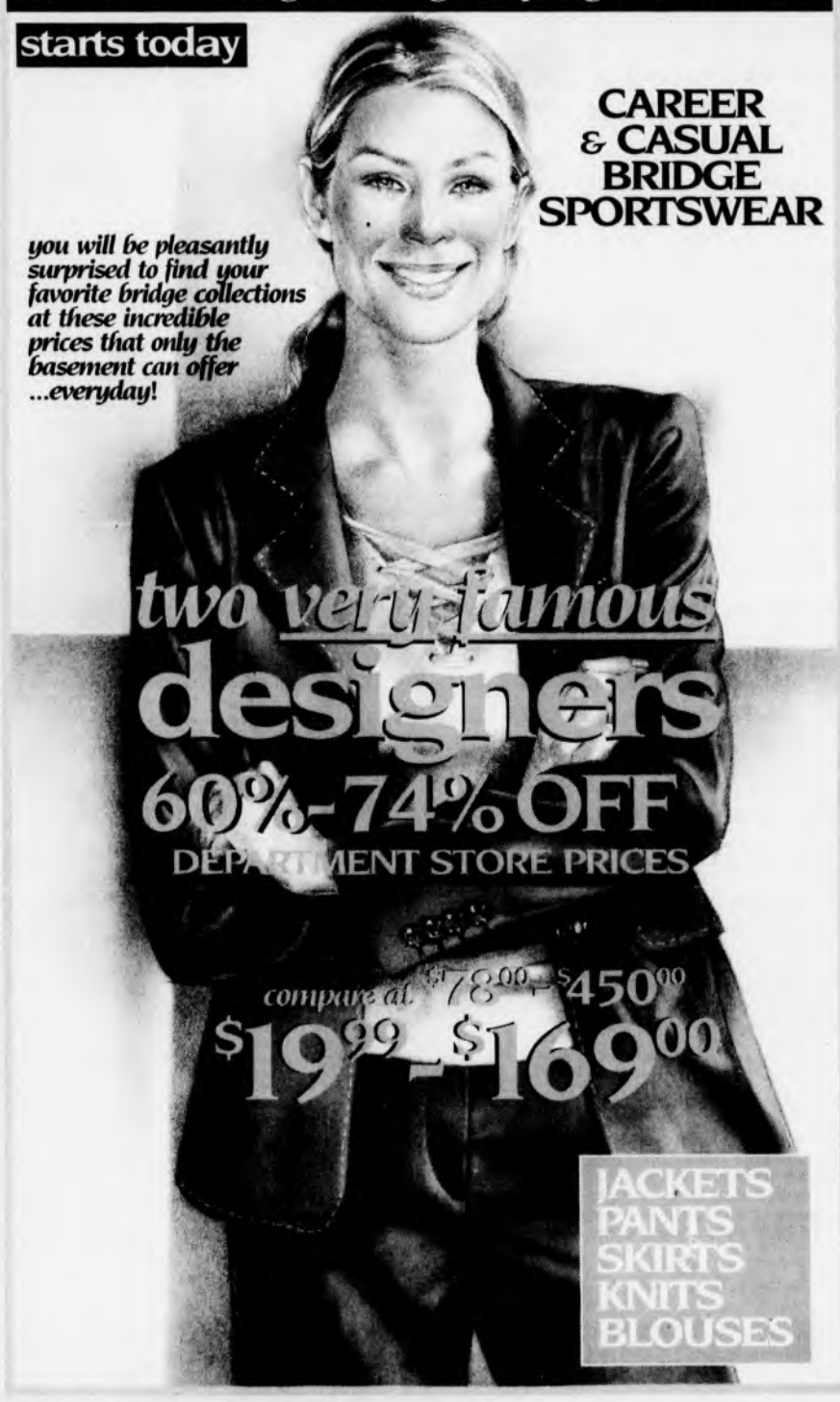
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Chair Yoga: every Thursday, 1:15 to 2 p.m.

Firming & Toning: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 a.m.

Legal Consultation Clinic once a month by appointment.

Walking Club: every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 3 p.m.

Wednesday by appointment - Pedi-Care with Jean Reardon, Nurse Practitioner. Fills up fast.

Bridge, Computer for Seniors and Lunch at the Center every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

CEA thanks volunteers

Cohasset Seniors enjoy throughout the year many social events, thanks to the generous contributions of many individuals and groups in the community. For recent events in particular, Cohasset Elder Affairs would like to thank all who helped plan, prepare, serve, entertain and clean up for Valentine's Day Tea at the Second Congregational Church in February, for the Hingham Girl Scouts Troupe who served a delicious dinner and provided entertainment to Seniors in March; and for the St. Patrick's Day dinner at St. Anthony's Parish Center, served by the Gourmet Club and chef Paul Guinee. Thanks, also, go to Mary Griffin for her outreach effort in making St. Patrick's Day dinner so special this year. We also thank the Silver Spoon for providing soup and chowder recently for one of our lunches, for the Atlantica and their Thanksgiving dinner in November and for Anna Abbruzzese and her frequent gifts of flowers and desserts at our Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday lunches.

There are many other people to acknowledge and thank: the members of the CEA Board, Anna Abbruzzzese and the Gourmet Club, the Rev. Gary Ritts and the Second Congregational Church, Father Mulvehill and St. Anthony's Church, the Unitarian Universalist Church for providing space for our FootWorks Program, the Osgood School parents and children for baking and sharing their cards and creative gifts with our Seniors, and for our many faithful volunteers who give their time to drive our vans, shop for our Seniors, serve meals on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week and who set tables, clean up and restore everything to their proper places; for our office receptionists who volunteer many hours receiving and fielding calls and questions about the services provided by CEA, for Attorney Susan Cox for assisting Seniors with legal advice, Roger Sullivan for assistance with income tax preparation, Austin Breslow for the computer training program for Seniors, and all the others who share their special talents.

Through the continuing support of the over 130 volunteers who tirelessly dedicate their talents and time to CEA, we as a community reap the rewards by generating in kind some $350,000 annually.

April 18-24 is National Volunteer Week, and Cohasset Elder Affairs take this opportunity to express its appreciation to each and everyone who gives of his or her time to benefit others in our community.

New comedy club to open April 23

A brand new comedy club, The Bitter Man, located at 71 S. Main Street, Cohasset, (inside the Red Lion Inn) will feature Tony V., one of Boston's top comics. Tony V. has been seen on HBO, Comedy Central, Late Night With Conan O'Brien, Seinfeld, Boston Common and Bobcat's Bigass Show as well as the films "House Sitter," "State & Main," "Celtic Pride," "One Crazy Summer" and the cinema classic "Shakes The Clown".

Joining Tony, Steve Calechman who has performed in clubs and on the radio throughout New England since 1991.

Digital City named him "Funniest Comic in Boston," and the "Boston Globe" featured him as a "Comic on the Verge of Breaking Out." And rounding out the bill, Dan Sally, who is part of Boston's underground sketch comedy scenes and host of the Dan Sally Awards.

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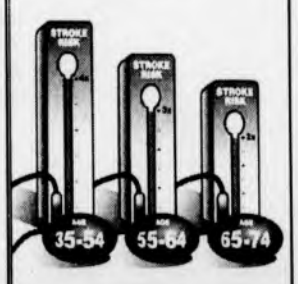
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Residents invited to tiptoe through the tulips at flower show

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"There are so many extensively experienced gardeners in the club, this is a chance for them to share their experience with the community."
— Maureen Byrne, general chairman

Using literature as a source of inspiration, designers will be using flowers to express what the written word means to them, during the "Literary License" flower show, sponsored by the Community Garden Club of Cohasset.

Appropriately held in the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, the Standard Flower Show will conform to the guidelines established by various national and federal garden clubs. It will celebrate the building's renovations, which were completed last March, giving community members who haven't had the opportunity to see its expansions an excuse to stop by, as well as an opportunity to see the creativity of registered Garden Club Federation members in Cohasset and the surrounding towns.

"There will be some wonderful arrangements and table settings," said garden club member Mary Eisenhauer. Member Sandy Durant added some of the most spectacular arrangements are the miniature arrangements, which are allowed to be no taller than five inches high.

"There are so many extensively experienced gardeners in the club, this is a chance for them to share their experience with the community," said General Chairman Maureen Byrne.

This will be the second flower show hosted by the garden club with the last taking place two years ago. Preparation has been an ongoing effort ever since. "We give flower design workshops for people in preparation and we hold mini flower shows to allow people to practice competing," said Byrne. But it's not just the club members who have been busy preparing. Tulip bulbs were planted around the library last year in anticipation of the show, with the hopes they would be in full bloom for the celebration.

For those designers participating in the floral arrangement categories, flowers can be purchased. However, that is not the case for the horticulture exhibits were contestants must grow their specimen themselves. The horticulture competition is open to all amateur growers and categories range from flowering bulbs to flowering branches, perennials, container grown plants, and plants grown from seed.

There will also be special ecological edification exhibits for young adults. Topics such as controlling destructive pests, environmentally sound lawn management, recognizing invasive plants, bird watching, and maintenance of the Lightkeeper's Gardens on Government Island will be on display.

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts will provide the judges for the flower show, and currently, 12 are scheduled to attend. Judges walk around and critique the pieces from 9 to 12 a.m. before the general public is invited inside. When the doors open at noon, those who attend will be able to see who won along with the judge's comments.

In addition to the flower show, the garden club will be hosting a contest for artwork to be included in their Garden Handbook. "There will be 12 chapters — one for every month," said Kathy Gray, who is heading up the book efforts. Various topics will include horticulture, gardening tips, recipes to use from the produce grown, and activities to do with children. There will also be a special section, including tips from the Community Garden Club's sister garden club in Japan.

"We hope to have a community art contest that will find us a spectacular cover," said Gray, adding artwork will be on display during the flower show in the Our World Global Discovery Museum, located in the library. The art contest is open to anyone over the age of 16 and the contest is not limited to Cohasset residents.

"We want the cover to be as colorful as possible," said Gray, and also appropriate to the context of the book. The artist whose work is chosen to grace the cover will be awarded $100. Other color pieces will also be chosen for inside pages, and black and white artwork will be interspersed with text.

While the flower show serves as a way to bring the community together, it also serves as a way for the garden club to pull together its resources. "Everyone in the club is involved in something, whether in the design, horticulture exhibits, or hostessing," said Byrne.

There is no admission fee to enter the flower show, although members admit it is an expensive show to put on. But the chance to bring a flower show to the town, which is a rare occasion, coupled with the ability to showcase a newly renovated building the town is so proud of makes it worth all the effort. "This is our club's gift to Cohasset," said Byrne.

The "Literary License" Standard Flower Show will be held Wednesday May 12 from noon to 5 p.m. The library will be closed for business all day. The exhibits will also be on display Thursday May 13 during the regular library operating hours of 9-5.

For more information on the show, please contact publicity chair Sandra Durant at (781) 383-8231. For information on entering artwork as well as the guidelines for the Garden Handbook cover contest, please call Mary Eisenhauer at (781) 383-2486. The deadline for book cover entries is Tuesday, May 11.



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This arrangement was created by Community Garden Club of Cohasset member Tish Grinnell for the New England Spring Flower Show. Similar creations can be seen at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library during the club's "Literary License" flower show, to be held May 12 and 13.

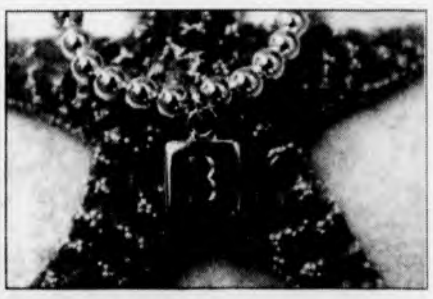
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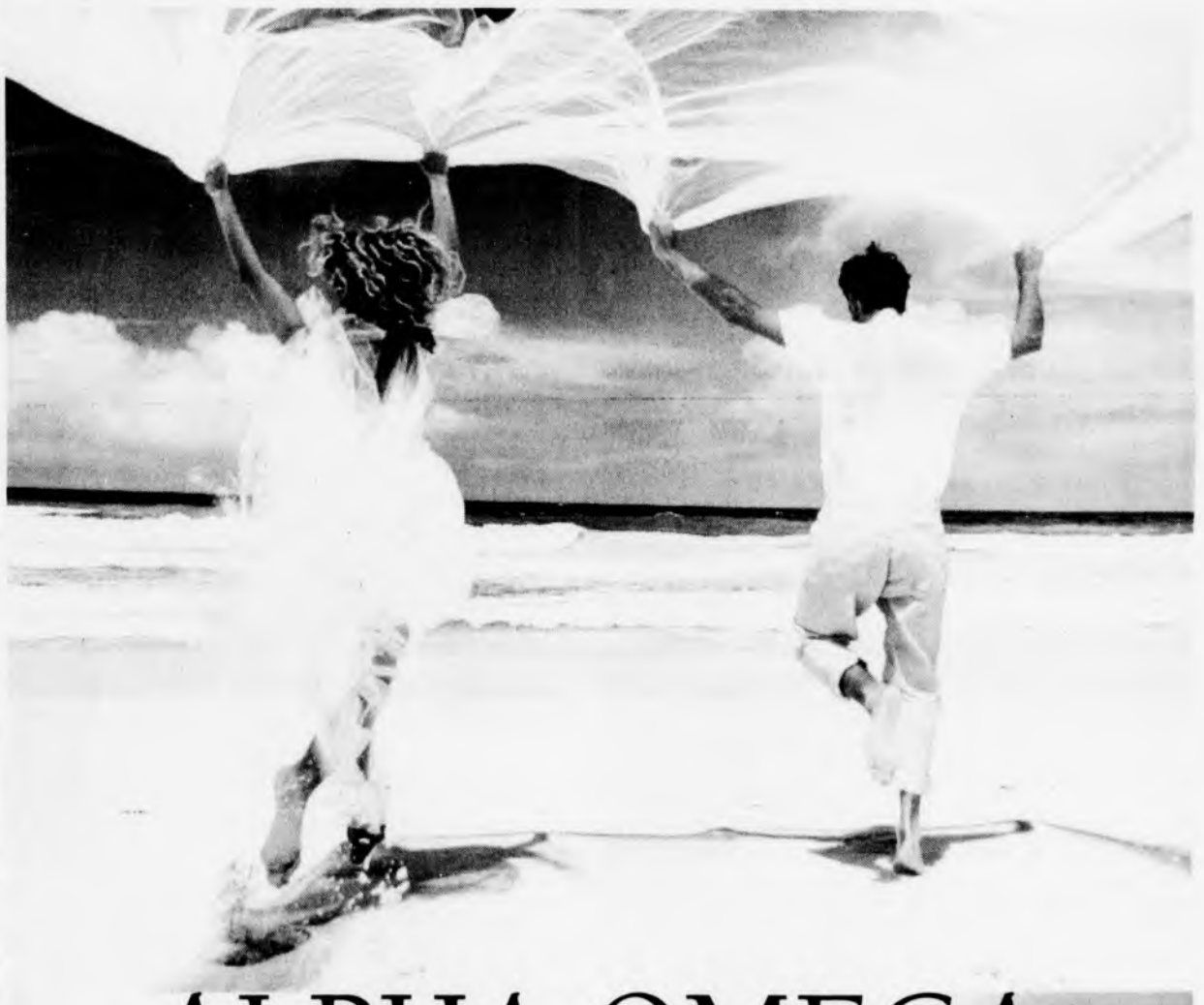
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Cohasset's Alden Bulck (#15) protects the ball from Barnstable defender as he looks to make his move in action last week. Unfortunately, the Skippers lost this game, 11-8, to fall to 0-3 on the season.

No time to panic

Boys lax coach confident team will bounce back from 0-3 start

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High boys lacrosse team dropped a tough 11-8 decision to Barnstable at home last Friday to fall to 0-3 on the season.

First year Skippers coach Stu Curran insists, however, that panic has not set in for the members of his perennially powerful squad.

"We just need some good weather and a relatively dry field and we'll be fine" noted the coach. "The game with Barnstable was our first time outside all week, and I got the impression outside time hasn't been a problem for Barnstable. The rain wasn't as bad on the Cape, and I think Barnstable has more options when it comes to fields. It makes a huge difference in your preparations when you can only work out indoors."

The drenching rain in the early part of last week rendered Milliken Field unusable through Friday, and that is the only field Curran and crew have at their disposal for practice.

The disparity in outdoor prep time became evident quickly on Friday, as the host Red Raiders jumped out to a multi-goal edge in the opening quarter and took a 7-3 lead into the halftime break.

"Or defense and transition were kind of sloppy in the first half," said Curran. "We did not support (goalie) Nick Murphy well at all."

As the Skippers grew comfortable again with the feel of grass under their feet, however, their true talent began to show through. They outscored Barnstable (5-1) by a 4-1 mar-

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Bump in the road

Girls tennis coach hopes end of win streak will make team hungrier

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

With the winning streak and the Mariner Jinx now behind them, the Cohasset girls can just focus on playing good tennis.

A strong Ursuline team paid a visit to Milliken last Thursday and, in a competitive, exciting match, defeated the defending state champs, 3-2.

The match of the day came in number three singles, where Cohasset's Susan Curry and Ursuline's Megan McCarthy squared off in a 2-hour, 40-minute battle. After Curry earned a 6-2 win in the first set, things began to get interesting.

The second set was mostly back and forth, with the players trading games and finding themselves tied at four. Curry took a 5-4 lead with an excellent serve that McCarthy couldn't handle.

Serving against a double-match point, McCarthy started her comeback, including an ace to force a deuce. The Ursuline player started using some powerful baseline strokes to keep her opponent off balance. After taking that game, she broke Curry's serve and then held her own to take the set, 7-5.

The third set started in a rather unorthodox fashion, with three broken serves in a row. Curry started making some adjustments, improving her baseline coverage and forcing McCarthy to her backhand, which clearly was not as efficient as her forehand.

McCarthy took control of the match in the next two games, and found herself serving with a 4-1 lead. Curry showed a refusal to lose, breaking that serve and then taking the next game as well with some big backhand winners.

That is as close as the comeback would come, however, as McCarthy started stroking some solid winners of her own and took the set, 6-3.

The two sides split the other two matches, with Cohasset taking number one singles and number one doubles.

In the absence of Liz Stone, Holly Graham drew the number one singles assignment, and validated the coaching staff's confidence in her with a 7-6 (6-4), 6-4 victory.

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Drawing it out

CHS softball team wins third in another marathon

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

Here's a little hint to help you, the fan, make it through a Cohasset High softball game.

If you think the Skippers are a lock to win a game, it might behoove you to bring a box lunch if you plan on attending the game. You're going to be there for a while.

To date, Cohasset has won three games and lost two. The Skippers have amassed 60 runs over the three winning games. In fact, you might want to bring along a couple of box lunches.

Cohasset has defeated Mashpee, 13-12, Norwell, 21-12, and, just last Friday, they defeated South Shore Christian, 15-1 (the actual score was 26-1, but we'll just let it go at that).

Losing can also take a lot of time, as the 15-1 loss to Abington can attest to. The only normal game was a 7-1 Hull win over Cohasset.

Obviously, it has been quite a change for the Cohasset team that was 0-4 at the same time last year.

Despite all the runs and hitting, Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick feels the team can do better.

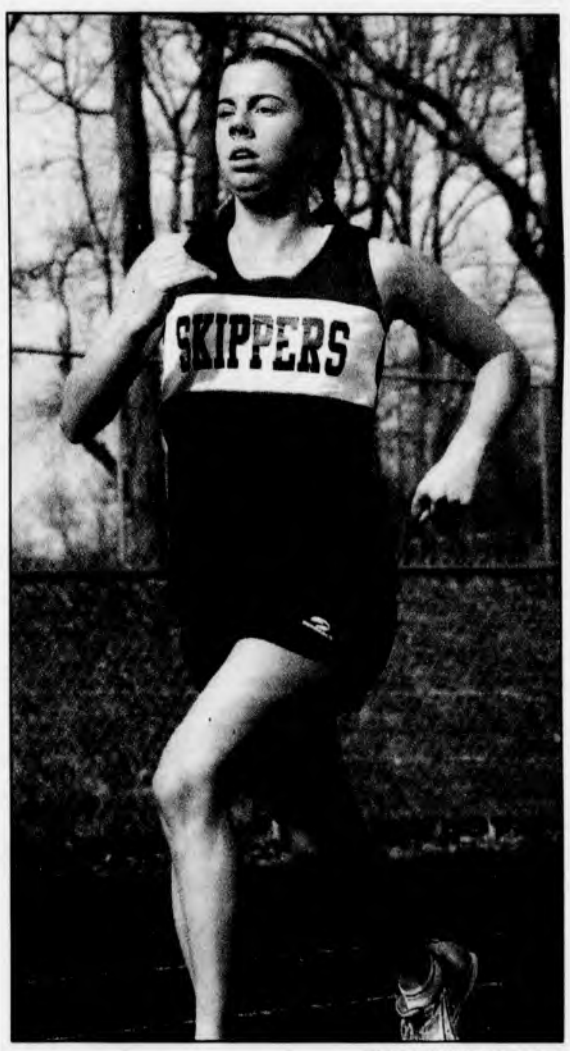
"We have eliminated walks and we're improving on defense," she said. "Fast pitching is still hurting us, but the kids are adjusting."

All three wins have been turned in by freshman pitcher Virginia Spofford. She won the Mashpee game in relief of Kathy James, who pitched the first five inning, leaving the game with the score tied, 5-5.

Spofford went the distance against Norwell and South Shore Christian. She struck out 10 against SSC.

The game was originally scheduled to be played on Thursday, but rain moved the game to Friday. Spofford gave up just four hits in the game.

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset track star Jenn Buckley opens up a comfortable lead in 1-mile race during track meet earlier this month. Both the boys and girls track squads will get back in action on Tuesday at home versus Hull.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

He's in there! Cohasset senior captain John Andrade (#9) slides safely into second base in recent South Shore League game versus Hull.

A nice little run

CHS baseball team stretches win streak to three

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High baseball team extended its win streak to three and got its record over .500 for the first time since early last season with a lopsided non-league win over South Shore Christian Academy on Thursday.

Now, granted, the level of competition the Skippers get from SSCA is hardly comparable to what they'll see through the remainder of their South Shore League schedule, but it did provide the boys in blue with a chance to swing the bats and run the bases a good deal more than they normally get to, while also giving a few reserves a chance to contribute.

First year senior player Sean Connelly, for example, had his first career hit and rbi. Connelly has been a standout with the CHS football and basketball teams since his freshman year, and decided to give baseball a shot in his final available high school athletic season. He walked home a run in his first at bat and then slashed a double in his next plate appearance.

Sophomore Andrew Lovallo made his varsity debut with a double and three rbi.

Mike Dooley finished his day with four hits, including a pair of doubles, and three rbi, and his fellow senior captain, Jeff Barrett, knocked in four runs.

Ted Straughn knocked in three runs on three hits, including a triple, and Tim Anton added to the hit parade with three singles and two rbi.

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Team left to right: Front row: JoJo Brophy, Shalea Daly, Melissa Crowley Buck, Emily Coggins, 2nd row: Sarah Bookstein, Jessica Hinman, Alyssa Hinman, Haley Haracz, Colleen Richardson, Katie Bolger, Kara Wilcox, Lara Novak, Caren Garber, Sarah Coggins, Lindsay Durkin. Missing from Picture Megan Sacks and Christina Pinkus. Coaches: Steve Daly, Joe Coggins

U16 girls win indoor championship

Drive, determination and desire to win. That's what's needed to avenge two regular season losses and capture the Girl's U16 Indoor Soccer Championship. Seeded third entering the playoffs Cohasset, 5wins-2losses, was scheduled to meet East Bridgewater, 5w-2l, in the semi finals. In their first meeting East Bridgewater defeated Cohasset 3-2, displaying solid skills and disciplined approach. Confident that they possessed the skills and desire to win, Cohasset took their attack to East Bridgewater early and often. Pin point passes to rushing forwards, split defenders, testing the opposing goalie. East Bridgewater scrambled to hold off constant attack. Unable to respond to multiple threats the East Bridgewater goalie closed the angle leaving the weak side of the goal unattended. Quickly, the Cohasset forward line combined for the first score of the game. At the half Cohasset led 1-0.

The second half tempo increased as East Bridgewater pressed to even the score. Connecting on a series of well placed passes, a streaking forward unleashed a tremendous shot off the cross bar and back into play. In an instant, a charging midfielder parted the Cohasset defense and netted the goal. Tie game. Cohasset hustled back to center to begin the final assault. From this point on the game belonged to Cohasset. Patient passing and ball control kept most of the action in the Cohasset attack zone. Once again the Cohasset forwards set their triangle, working the ball into the slot for an open shot into the back of the net. This textbook goal gave Cohasset a 2-1 victory and a place in the finals.

The 6-1 loss to undefeated Weymouth in the regular season was still fresh in Cohasset's collective consciousness as they stepped on the field. An overflow crowd packed the stands as both teams met at center field. The teams exploded into action. Drive after drive raced up and down the field seeking out the missed assignment or a defensive lapse. Each defender met these challenges with swift decision and solid play. This was a game where each advantage came with aggressive action and sometimes painful consequence. The action was fierce, bodies crashing as each team tried to establish field control. Solid from one end of the roster to the other, each Cohasset player pressed forward pushing Weymouth into a defensive stand. A shot rang off the post catching the Weymouth defense out of position. The rebound was quickly netted to give Cohasset a 1-0 lead.

A stunned Weymouth team used halftime to regroup and re-establish their attack. The second half began as the first ended. As time ticked away, the play intensified. Again and again, the teams pounded away at the opposing defense only to be stopped short of the net. Both goalies made impossible stops on lightening shots. Finally, Weymouth cracked the code and succeeded in netting a rare second chance, tying the game. With two minutes left to play, both benches poured it on, trying to end it in regulation. As the clock expired, both teams braced for overtime.

Barely able to hear the referee's instructions over the roar of the appreciative crowd, the teams prepared for sudden death overtime. A single goal would decide this contest. Right from the start, Cohasset pressed into the Weymouth end and put the ball on net. The Cohasset forwards swarmed the net, feet desperate to redirect the ball. The onslaught proved too much as the winning goal squirted through the goalies legs. Above the din of the crowd, the delirious cries of the Champions. Congratulations ladies, great game, great season…well done! Look out Amherst!

Drawing it out

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Junior catcher Casey Anderson and senior shortstop Danielle Pinkus each went five-for-five against South Shore Christian.

According to reports, the game was more like batting practice for Cohasset than a game.

Cohasset is enjoying the vacation week with no games scheduled, but wait until next week.

The Skippers have four away games scheduled, taking on Harwich on Tuesday, Norwell on Thursday, Holbrook on Friday and Carver on Saturday.

Freshman pitcher Christina Pinkus (Danielle's cousin) is scheduled to pitch against Harwich.

"Christina is a lefty who pitches fast. We feel the pitching of Christina will baffle the hard-hitting Harwich team," noted Bostwick.

The coach added: "We have some good pitching, and some very good hitting with Anderson and Danielle. We also have a pretty good hitter with freshman Laura Campedelli, who has been a big bat for us. We also have another pretty good bat with Cecilia Chapman, who has our best getting on base percentage.

"All in all, I think we have a pretty good team for a young team and we will certainly do better than last year's four wins."

Rec. Dept. offers safe boating course

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a two-session safe boating course offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the state of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for 16-year-olds and under, who wish to operate any horsepower craft. This course is an initial requirement for the process of obtaining a Launch Operators License. U.S.C.G.A. instructors will teach the two-session course, which will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, May 8, and May 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Road.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department Office at 781-383-4109 as soon as possible, as class will be limited in size, and participants will be enrolled on first-call basis. There will be a $40 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of the text book and class materials.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of the class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

State certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

Boys/Girls Track

April
27 Hull 3:30 p.m.
Head Coach: Al LaFountain
Assistant Coach: Lisa Mullen
All home games played at Alumni

Baseball

15 beat SS Christian, 27-3
27 V Harwich - Milliken
27 JV Harwich - Beechwood
29 V Norwell -Milliken
29 JV Norwell -Beechwood
All games at 3:30 p.m.
Coach: Al Gallotta
Assistant Coaches: Damian D'Angelo and Bob Rogers

Boys Tennis

27 Harwich
29 Norwell
Head Coach: Kent Parrot
All home matches at 3:30 p.m.
home matches at Milliken TC

Softball

15 beat S.S. Christian, 15-1
27 V @ Harwich 4 p.m.
27 JV @ Harwich 4 p.m.
29 V @ Norwell
29 JV @ Norwell
30 V @ Holbrook
30 JV@ Holbrook
All games at 3:30 p.m.
Head Coach: Deb Bostwick
JV Coach: Deb Beal

Girls Tennis

15 lost to Ursuline, 3-2
27 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
29 @ Norwell
All matches at 3:30 p.m.
Head Coach: Gigi Meehan
Assistant Coach: Kathy Prevett

Boys Lacrosse

16 lost to Barnstable, 11-8
23 V @ St. John's Shrewsbury
24 @ Scituate 1 p.m.
Head Coach: Stew Curran
Assistant Coach: Mike Lang

Girls Lacrosse

15 beat New Bedford, 12-4
15 JV @ New Bed.5:30 p.m.
27 V @ Scituate 3:30 p.m.
27 JV @ Scituate 5 p.m.
Head Coach: Torin Sweeney
Assistant Coach: Jackie Gruosso

SPORTS NOTES

Post 118 Legion baseball tryouts

Attention baseball players from Cohasset and Scituate. The Post 118 Legion baseball team will be holding its final tryout this Sunday, at 11 a.m., at Sctiuate High School. Attendance and participation is mandatory for anyone wishing to play. Questions should be directed to coach Scott Arnold (781-545-1896).

Note, this a change from the previous tryout schedule.

Scituate Fire Fighters Benefit Road Race and Walk

Sunday May 9, 2004 (Mother's Day) at Minot Beach

To Benefit: The Jimmy Fund

Events: 5k race, 1k+ Kids race, 2.5 mile Walk

Times: 5K 10:00 a.m., 1k 9:00 a.m., 2.5 walk, 8:30 a.m.

Applications available at Scituate Fire Headquarters, 149 First Parish Road

South Shore Basketball shooting clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept registrations at Town Hall for an off-season basketball shooting clinic for boys and girls, grades 6 through 12.

The clinic will be coached by Paul-Michael Quintin and be limited to 15 participants in each of the two sessions. The fee for this program that will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from April 27 through June 3 is $115 per player.

Session I, for boys and girls grades 6 to 8, meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Cohasset High School gym.

David B. Perini, Jr. Memorial Tourney on May 10

At Hingham's Black Rock Country Club

Golfers are invited to help develop better treatments for childhood cancers and to provide services for survivors of these cancers by participating in the David B. Perini, Jr. Memorial Tournament. The event is slated to be held at the exclusive Black Rock Country Club in Hingham, Mass., on Monday, May 10.

This tournament will benefit the innovative David B. Perini, Jr. Quality of Life Program at Dana-Farber. The mission of the Perini Program is to continue to research ways of reducing or eliminating any harmful side effects of cancer treatments, and to help the increasing number of cancer survivors cope with any after-effects of their illness and treatment.

Featuring a scramble format with a shotgun start, the tournament also includes a post-tournament cocktail party, auction and dinner. Pre-registration is required. Tee-off for the David B. Perini, Jr. Memorial Tournament is scheduled for noon with registration beginning at 10 a.m. and the post-event party beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The contribution per player is $375, which includes golf, and the post-event activities; separate dinner tickets will be available for $100. Sponsor opportunities, including one or more golf slots, start at $500. For more information, contact Beth Partlow at (800) 552-6176 or email her at beth_partlow@dfci.harvard.edu.

The Perini Memorial is one of more than 150 Jimmy Fund Golf Program tournaments being held in 2004 to benefit the Jimmy Fund, a major fundraising arm of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. In its 21 seasons, the golf program has raised more than $36 million for cancer research and care for both children and adults at Dana-Farber.

Major sponsors of the Jimmy Fund Golf Program include American Airlines, Dunkin' Donuts, and Callaway/Top Flite, along with its Media Sponsor, Community Newspaper Company, Inc.

For details on the Jimmy Fund Golf Program, please call the golf program office at (866) 521-4653 or visit the Jimmy Fund website at www.jimmyfund.org/golf.

Co-Ed Basketball Clinic

This will be the eighth year that this instructional clinic will be offered to both boys and girls. This clinic is for any player who wants to learn, practice and improve all aspects of their game. Basic individual offensive and defense skills will be taught. Players will be placed on teams and will compete against players of similar ability. All participants are expected to understand that this week is a challenging week intended to teach all facets of the great game of basketball. Bring your lunch and good attitude. Coach Matt Poirier and the best collection of basketball coaches on the South Shore and great guest speakers every day. Cost $120.00

(84B1) Grades 3 & 4 M-F July 26 through July 30, 2004 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Gates Jr. High

(84B2) Grades 5 & 6 M-F August 9 through August 13, 2004 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Gates Jr. High

(84B3) Grades 7 & 8 M-F August 2 through August 6, 2004 8:00 am - 2:00 pm SHS - Lg. Gym

(84B4) High School Boys Basketball Clinic: Grades 9 through 12, Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16, 2004, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, Scituate High School, Large Gym. This clinic is for any high school basketball player who wants to learn, practice and improve their basketball game. Individual offensive and defensive skills will be improved on. Players will be placed on teams and will compete against players of similar ability. All participants are expected to understand that this week is a challenging week intended to improve all facets of the great game of basketball. Bring your lunch and good attitude. Coach Matt Poirier and the best collection of basketball coaches on the South Shore. Cost $120.

South Shore Sr. softball steps up to the plate for a fourth season

The South Shore Senior Softball League, sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging, opens its fourth season on Sunday, April 25. The team, open to all South Shore men aged 55 and older, meets at 10 am at the Central Park Field in Scituate.

Proving that age is no barrier to fun and athleticism, the "boys of summer" play up to three times a week in the league. Games are scheduled Sunday and Wednesday mornings at 10 am and Thursday evenings at 5 pm. There is also a traveling team available for interested players to compete in games across the state. Players can play once or three times a week, as they wish. The season runs well into the fall.

Kevin McLaughlin joins league founder Jim Hyde as league commissioner this year. Anyone interested in joining the league can call the Scituate Council on Aging at 781-545-8722 to obtain a registration form. Cost for the season is $30, which covers a shirt, hat and as much softball as one wants to play.

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Coaches: George McGoldrick, Joe Coggins (not in picture)

U14 Lady booters win indoor title

The Cohasset Girls U14 soccer team capped off their undefeated season with two exciting playoff games versus regional rivals Norwell and Holbrook and secured the Champions title in the U14 town division. The semi final round pitted Cohasset, 7 wins-0 losses, against Norwell, 5w-2l, a team known for its speed and size. Suffering a forfeit, Norwell's only on field loss had come at the hands of Cohasset. Their fourth place finish in the regular season offered them a shot at sweet revenge. Cohasset would give nothing away as the larger Norwell team used its size to bring all its power to bear upon the unyielding defense of Cohasset. Bending but never breaking, Cohasset countered powerful attacks with composed determination entering halftime down 2-1.

Demonstrating great patience and skill, the Cohasset Girls methodically wore down the Norwell attack. As in the first meeting, Norwell could not maintain their lead nor match the pace set by their opponents. Cohasset pressed the attack, firing shots from all angles, storming the net to redirect uncontrolled rebounds. The relentless pressure proved too much for the flagging Norwell defense. Four unanswered goals in the second half sealed Norwell's fate and catapulted Cohasset into the Championship game versus second place finisher Holbrook.

Holbrook would offer Cohasset little respite concerning size and aggressiveness. By quirk of schedule, these two teams were to meet for the first time in the championship game. Holbrook, 7 wins-1 loss, had defeated a skilled Select Club Team to get to the finals, avenging their only loss of the season. Both teams claimed rightful possession to the title yet to be decided. And the game disappointed no one.

Quick to start, Cohasset came out of the gate flying. Holbrook, older and bigger, used all their weapons to slow the Cohasset attack. Cohasset would not be denied as they peppered the Holbrook goalie with explosive shots. Cohasset players maintained perfect position, patiently disrupting every offensive attempt by Holbrook. Holbrook struggled to regain composure as the Cohasset players dominated the playing field. By halftime 3 Cohasset shots had found their mark giving Cohasset a comfortable 3-0 lead.

But Holbrook was not done yet. Halftime adjustments made, Holbrook and Cohasset raced back and forth across the pitch unable to finish their attacks. Excellent offensive play and solid defense dictated quick substitutions and counter moves by both benches to offset new offensive threats. Cohasset consistently staved off all attacks until late in the game. With less than 2 minutes to go in the game, Holbrook made their final attack. Scoring two quick goals, Holbrook narrowed the difference to 1 goal. That was all Cohasset would need. Settling the pace down, Cohasset skillfully out-maneuvered their opponent winning the game and championship 3-2. Well done, Ladies! Great Season! Great Team! Keep your eye on Amherst!

A whale of an effort

Lady laxers dominate New Bedford to reach .500 mark

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High girls lacrosse team got to the magic .500 mark with a decisive 12-4 decision over New Bedford last Thursday on the road.

The victory was the second in a row for the Lady Skippers and moved them to 2-2 on the season. A .500 record is needed for postseason qualification, and the Cohasset team's number one stated goal for this season is to get back to the state tourney for a third straight season.

Senior captain Nicole Turgiss (five goals) paced the offense in the win that got the Lady Skippers to 2-2 on the season with five goals against the host Whalers. Sophomore Lisa Spirito chipped in by burying three.

The girls were not scheduled to play during the April school vacation week. They're slated to get back into action this coming Tuesday afternoon at Scituate High (3:30 p.m. start). And then host Hingham on Thursday at Alumni Field.

Bump in the road

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After a tough first set, Graham and her opponent went back and forth again in the second set. One of the best points was match point. After trading several baseline volleys, Graham stopped a shot from her opponent, who had come up to the net, with a nice forehand for the victory.

The senior's effort did not go unnoticed by head coach Gigi Meehan.

"Holly is my star of the day," she said. "For her to step into that number one spot and win can only give her a lot of confidence in the number two spot."

In number one doubles, juniors Courtney Caron and Rachel Garber continued their impressive seasons with a straight-set, 6-2, 6-3 win over Ursuline's Brooke Haynes and Taylor Ferracane. Both girls showed quick reflexes at the net, and Caron smashed plenty of winners to win points.

Caron is now 3-0 in doubles play on the season, winning her first two matches against Duxbury and Abington with Chelsea Grossman, who moved up to number two singles against Ursuline.

Garber, meanwhile, is also 3-0, earning her first two victories in singles against Mashpee and Abington.

So, the overall team winning streak ended last Thursday at 25. Not a bad run, but the coach is understandably more interested in what is to come than what has already happened, calling last Thursday's loss a "wonderful learning tool."

"They just had the better team today," Meehan said. "The biggest thing is how you deal with the loss. I think it will make us hungrier."

Cohasset should face a couple good challenges next week, as they hit the road to take on Harwich on Tuesday and top rival Norwell on Thursday.

And, for anyone who may be interested, the rematch with Ursuline is scheduled for May 5 in Dedham.

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Crunch! Cohasset's Jake Kovac (white shirt) gets sandwiched by a couple of Barnstable players in action last Friday at Alumni Field.

Coastal Stars Youth Hockey

Squirt C3

"We're goin to the Ship" was the chant heard at ASIAF rink in Brockton Sunday morning after the Coastal Stars disposed of Weymouth by a score of 6-2 in a game where the team clicked on all cylinders. The Stars win puts them in the Yankee Conference championship game this Saturday at 11:50am at Pilgrim Arena.

The Stars jumped on the board early when the line of Willy Brown, Sam Labo and Vinny Calorio crashed the Hanover net and Brown punched one in from up close.

Not to be outdone, the line of Mike Masciulli, Ally Ryan and Johnny Sinkins upped the score to 2-0 on the very next shift.

Defenseman Justin Henriksen stifled a Hanover clearing pass and drilled it to Ally Ryan in the left slot, who rifled it just inside the left post.

Hanover refused to quit and tied the game with two quick goals to end the first period.

In the second period, Willy Brown put Stars ahead for good on a beautiful play where every Star touched the puck. Nick Craig cleared the puck from in front of his net to Ryan Foohey who fed Sam Labo streaking up the left side. Labo slid the puck over to Vinny Calorio who backhanded a beautiful pass to Brown at the right post for his second goal of the game.

Seconds later, Mike Masciulli put the game away for good when he took the center ice faceoff and skated right through the Hanover defense and rifled it into the top, right corner for an unassisted goal. On the subsequent center ice faceoff, it was déjà vu all over again as Masciulli went in uncontested for his second goal of the game.

With a three goal cushion, Netminder Alec "Hoover" Hurd tightened up his game, stifled a number of close range shots and more importantly, didn't allow any second chances.

The defensive pairings of Mike Timcoe with Henriksen and Foohey with Craig played solid defense the rest of the way and denied all Hanover puck-handlers the center of the ice. Ally Ryan and Masciulli combined for the final goal and put an exclamation point on the Stars victory. Saturday in Hingham, winner takes all. Go Stars!

No time to panic

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gin in the third quarter and team-leading scorer Jake Previte buried his third goal of the game two minutes into the fourth quarter to tie the score at 8-8.

Sophomore Aidan Buick also scored two goals, to go along with an assist, and seniors Mark Davis and Rob Carpenter added solo tallies.

Unfortunately, the Skippers took a penalty a few minutes after that and Barnstable was able to capitalize on the man-up advantage to re-take the lead for good at 9-8.

The Skippers attack continued to buzz with the ball around the Barnstable cage, but a missed shot and quick transition led to a clean break-in on Cohasset goalie Nick Murphy (12 saves) and another goal.

Barnstable would put the final nail in the coffin in the waning minutes with another goal in transition, as the Skippers pinched up in an all-out assault.

"I thought our play in the second half was more representative of what we're capable of," asserted Curran. "We got some really strong efforts from a lot of players. (Senior captain) Mike Devine, in particular, played a great game."

Fortunately, the nice weather featured in this vacation week has allowed the Skippers to get in some good outdoor workouts, and Curran feels his team is ready to put forth a strong tape-to-tape effort against St. John's-Shrewsbury tomorrow in non-league play.

"St. John's is one of the better teams in the Catholic Conference, so I'm expecting a good battle," said Curran. "That'll be a good test to see how far we've come. I think we're ready to put the pedal to the metal now, but we'll just have to wait and see how we make out in the game."

The Skippers will get back into Pilgrim Conference play on Saturday afternoon (1 p.m. start) when they travel to Scituate to take on a much improved Sailors team (4-3). The next game after that will be next Friday, April 30, at Norwell (3:30 p.m. start).

A nice little run

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Sophomore Chris Bryan earned his first pitching win of the season with a solid start.

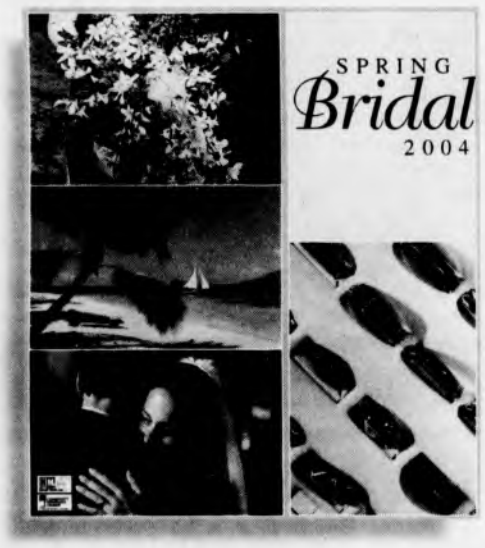
The Skippers preceded this win with a big 10-8 victory last Monday over SSL rival Abington.

Bouncing back from a tough first mound outing, junior ace Ted Straughn struck out 14 to notch his first win, the last one for the final out of the game with the tying run on first base.

Junior catcher Louis Blanco knocked in two runs on three hits, including a triple. And senior right fielder Dan Tarpey had two hits, including a big two-run double double, and four RBI.

Dooley chipped in with two singles and an rbi.

The Skippers, off for the April vacation week, will get back into action on Tuesday when they host SSL rival Harwich (3:30 p.m. start) at Milliken Field. Norwell, who topped Straughn and the Skippers in the season opener, 10-6, comes to town on Thursday afternoon.



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The Cohasset Recreation Commission announces Martha Equi will again be the director of the Summer Playground Program for children ages 31/2 to 12 years. Registration will be held the week of June 14 as follows: Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 17, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; and Tuesday evening, June 15, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Recreation Commission has also established fee charges for the 2004 playground program as follows:

- Full Day 5-12 year-olds: $350 for first child
- 1/2 Day 3-5 year-olds: $280 for first child
- $500 non-resident for either half or full-day program

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- Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis.
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Programs meet at Osgood School, starting date is Tuesday, June 28.

The 5-12 year-olds, full-day program runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pre-school 31/2-5 year-old, half-day program runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Children must be born between Jan. 1, 1999 through March 1, 2001, to qualify.

Information regarding other summer programs: Drama Workshop, Youth Tennis, Teen Garage Activities, as well as adult programs will be forthcoming soon. Call 781-383-4109.

Rec. summer positions

Candidates, 18 years and over interested in working with children in the Cohasset Recreation Commission's summer, 7 week playground program for children 3 /12 to 12 years may call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109 for employment application forms.

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Also, the Recreation Department is accepting applications for a youth tennis instructor. Youth tennis lessons are a 7 week program meeting hourly between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 28 through Aug. 12.

Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109 for more information and application forms.

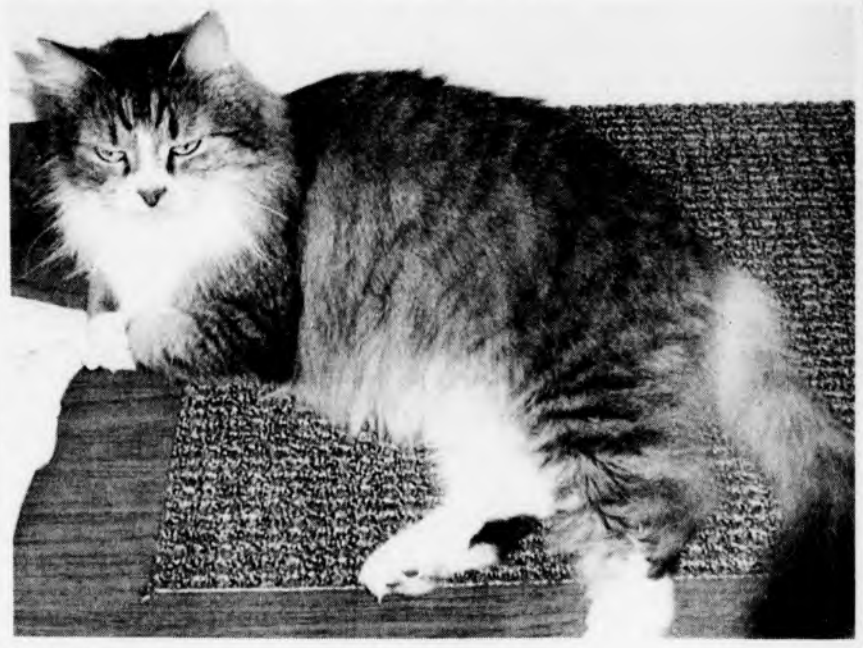
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By Carol Britton Meyer
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If three words could best sum up expectations for the upcoming inaugural Taste of Hingham celebration, they would likely be "loads of fun."

What better way to get a feel for the flavor of downtown Hingham than to take in its sights, sounds, and tastes on a leisurely Saturday afternoon?

The street fair is planned to breathe new life into the already popular area and increase awareness of what downtown Hingham has to offer. On Saturday, May 1, from noon to 3 p.m., (rain date is May 8) residents and visitors alike can experience its uniqueness by sampling the mouth-watering Chowderfest entries prepared by a number of local restaurants and taking a leisurely stroll through the Square down to the waterfront, stopping at the many specialty shops and other businesses along the way. Chowder tasters will have an opportunity to vote for the one they think is the best. Other food samples will be available from local restaurants, including appetizers, fine ethnic cuisine, ice cream, and other treats.

The event, sponsored by the Hingham Downtown Association (HDA), Hingham Congregational Church, Eat Well Corporation, and the Friends of Downtown Hingham, will also feature sidewalk sales, ethnic food, a variety of children's activities and attractions — including strolling animal characters and "Touch a Truck!" courtesy of Greenbush contractor Cashman Balfour Beatty, which will supply construction equipment for children of all ages to touch and pose upon — musicians, Thai dancers, and a fashion show for children and adults at Tosca. (See related sidebar).

Tickets are available in local shops and on the day of the event. The cost is $10 per person or $25 for a family to purchase a "bracelet" that enables the wearer to test – and enjoy – tasty food and attend the fashion show. Advance tickets are available at Noble's, Treasures, Nona's, Hennessy's and Bowl & Board.

"The Friends group is co-sponsoring the event to show the merchants of Hingham how much the town appreciates the convenience and ambiance of Hingham Square and the downtown area," said Kathy Joyce, founder of the Friends organization. "Not only is this a fabulous day for grownups to spend some time in downtown Hingham, but it is also a great opportunity for families with young children to spend a day in the Square, sampling the food, listening to music, and enjoying themselves while showing their support for the merchants. I hope the Taste of Hingham becomes as much a part of Hingham as Christmas in the Square and the Fourth of July parade."

Friends member Connie Coleman, who grew up in Hingham, remembers visiting the Bakers 5 & 10 when it was located in the Square, seeing movies at the Loring Hall Theatre, and buying an ice cream at Brigham's when she was a child. "Whether I walked or rode my bike, it was a destination that I sought out," she said. "Today the stores have changed, but the Square has developed and has a nice community feel to it."

The goal of the Friends is to create awareness of downtown businesses and to raise money for the promotion, revitalization, and beautification of the downtown area. "Christmas in the Square is great and well-attended every year," Joyce explained, "but we feel that there is much more opportunity to have festivals downtown that people can enjoy and that the merchants can profit from. I don't know if people are aware of how much a part of the community these merchants are, [often making donations to fund raisers townwide]. Many shop owners are also Hingham residents."

With all the construction going on in the Square, "it's important that the merchants know how much we love the hometown feeling that their shops and restaurants afford us," said Main Street resident Amy Happ, the mother of two elementary school children. "We ride our bikes to the Square and have ice cream. It's a nice treat for the kids and is quality time spent together as a family."

Participating restaurants include Muang Thai, 99 Restaurant, Bay Club, Brigham's, Corner Meat Market, Nona's Homemade Ice Cream, Rocky Neck Seafood, Stars, The Cove, The Fruit Center, Z-Chef, Bare Cove Gourmet, Caffe Tosca, Liberty Grille, South Shore Country Club, Tosca, Blackfin, Brewed Awakenings, The Snug, and the Square Café.

The event is the result of widespread cooperation among downtown merchants, businesses, and the various groups and individuals involved. Holly Andrus, Executive Director of the HDA, noted that "the first time for staging any major event such as Taste of Hingham is always a nerve-wracking experience. The HAD and Congregational Church have really appreciated the active participation of the folks at Eat Well Corporation, especially Greg Acerra, during the event planning."

In addition to entering three of Eat Well's restaurants in the Chowderfest, Acerra was instrumental in recruiting other restaurants and food purveyors to join in the effort, thereby adding to its success, according to Andrus. Tosca is hosting the fashion show.

Benefits charities

Net proceeds from bracelet purchases will benefit 22 South Shore charities, including Adult Day Service (Salvation Army), Affiliated Visiting Nurse, Amaryllis, Amego, Asaprosar, Dianne DeVanna Center, DOVE, Habitat for Humanity, the Hingham Food Pantry, Mary Martha Learning Center, Project Turnabout, Wellspring in Hull, Father Bill's Place, Hospice, Heifer International, Pine Street Inn, Quincy Crisis, Quincy Teen Mothers, Route 7 Mission Church, South Shore Women's Center, Sharing, and Foundation for Children of Haiti. Open access to the festival is free. The raindate is Saturday, May 8.

George MacKay, a member of the Hingham Congregational Church Men's Group which is helping to organize the Chowderfest, said the church was looking for a way to raise money for some of the charities it supports at the same time that HDA President Richard McManus was contemplating a Spring event for the downtown area. Combining efforts was the natural outcome.

"It seemed like a good way to draw people to the downtown area while at the same time raising money for local charities," MacKay said. "The event will benefit businesses which have been impacted by Greenbush construction and generate some funds for charities that have been hurt this past year because of the economic downturn."

Kathleen Picardi, owner of Johannah's Jewelry and Gifts on North Street, said business has "already picked up with the nice weather approaching. This spring festival will be fantastic for the shop owners here on North Street who seem to have had the most interruption in business since the construction began."

MacKay said the church's co-sponsorship of the Chowderfest is a "small way we can give something back to the community" out of gratitude for the town granting permission during the holiday season to sell Christmas trees in the Station Street parking lot. Proceeds from the tree sales help pay the expenses of church youth and others who travel to disadvantaged parts of the country every summer to rebuild houses, fix roofs, and help out in other ways.

A number of merchants and organizations will set up tables dressed up with linen tablecloths along the length of North Street from Mill to Station streets, including Hennessy's, Marc Brown Studio, The Hingham Journal, The Fluency Factory, Hingham Historical Society, and Hingham Symphony Orchestra.

There will be music courtesy of the South Shore Conservatory, face painters, ice cream, hair braiding, and make-your-own cookies. Special posters will be available for "Arthur" fans, courtesy of Marc Brown and Marc Brown Studios. All proceeds from their sale will go to the local charities.

For further information about Taste of Hingham or to volunteer to lend a helping hand, contact Hingham Downtown Association President Richard McManus at the Fluency Factory, (781) 749-7400.

To join the Friends of Hingham Square, call (781) 749-1036. Donations to the Friends may be sent to P.O. Box 527, Hingham, MA 02043.

"The Association, long concerned and helpful to all businesses in the downtown area, is reaching out more actively to every part of the community to protect and enhance the historical downtown," McManus said.

The Association, which began as the Hingham Square Business Association, has provided scholarships and support to local students and hosts the annual Summerfest and Christmas in the Square celebrations, which have drawn thousands of residents and visitors to the downtown area over the past 30 years.

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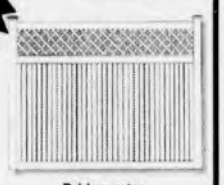
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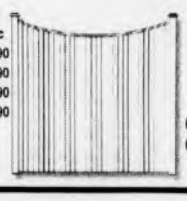


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The sad fact is that one in 12 households in Massachusetts goes hungry at times. The U.S. Conference of Mayors anticipates that nationwide requests for emergency food from families will rise 91 percent in 2004.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, a sampling of towns on the South Shore reports that individuals living below the poverty level total 15,029 people. This figure includes a large number of children, as well as those 65 years or older.

Kids and adults can partner with Feed the Need at the annual 5K/10K Walk/Run at scenic Wompatuck State Park. Register at http://www.feedtheneed.org or on race day at 8 a.m.; race starts promptly at 9 a.m. Meet at the Wompatuck State Park Visitor's Center. Entry fee is a bagful of non-perishable canned goods. For information on Feed the Need or the Walk/Run, contact Jennifer Ashley at 781-925-4440 or visit the website.

HSO Pops concert to benefit Wellspring

Join Wellspring and the Hingham Symphony Orchestra for a POPS concert on Sunday, May 9, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Temple Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham, to benefit Wellspring Multi Service Center Tickets are $50 for adults and $25 for children under 16. Price includes admission to the concert at 4 p.m. and to the pre-concert reception starting at 3 p.m. A silent auction will be held with many interesting and valuable items including the opportunity to be the guest conductor for the Stars & Stripes Forever. Light fare and desserts provided by Maggie's Corner will be offered to all concert goers. For tickets and information call 781-925-3211 Web Site: www.wellspringhull.org e-Mail: vinny@wellspringhull.org

PSO phone-a-thon televised live May 12

The Cohasset PSO is giving town residents a great reason to turn *on* their TV. on Wednesday, May 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. The PSO will be airing the annual phone-a-thon live via Comcast Cable Channel 10.

Any interested musician or ensemble should contact Nancy Froio at 781-383-1897 by May 1.

The annual phone-a-thon is the PSO's avenue for raising funds to support and enhance the learning environment and current school curriculum by providing enrichment programs, guest speakers, school equipment, teacher grants, teacher support and materials for all children in the Cohasset Public School system.

This year there will be a new format for the annual phone contribution drive. The live telethon will offer donors the opportunity to win raffle prizes based on their donation amounts. Also, a talent show will be a part of the evenings activities, with performances from children in all of the Cohasset Schools. Any interested musician or ensemble should contact Nancy Froio at 781-383-1897 by May 1. The musical talent show will try to accommodate all those who are interested.

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The American Camping Association of New England's Advice to Parents:

PREPARE CHILDREN FOR HOMESICKNESS AHEAD OF TIME

School is out, the bags are packed and summer camp is here! Time for fun at the lake, late night ghost stories, s'mores and...homesickness! What should parents do to prepare their child ahead of time to help prevent anxiety over separation?

"The cure for a good old fashioned case of homesickness is preparation and patience. Parents have to do their part ahead of time to prepare their children for the summer camp experience with simulations and lots of communication. And, camp staff have to do their part by helping kids ease their case of missing home by letting them know they are safe and will have fun while away from home," says Bette Bussel, Director of ACA New England.

To combat homesickness, the following are tips for parents on what they can do, both ahead of time and during the separation, to ease fears and let the children get the most out of the experience:

• Encourage your child's independence throughout the year with sleepovers.

• Discuss what camp will be like before your child leaves, including role-playing anticipated situations, such as using a flashlight to find the bathroom.

• Reach an agreement ahead of time on calling each other. If your child's camp has a no phone calls policy, honor it.

• Send a note or care package ahead of time to arrive the first day of camp. Acknowledge, in a positive way, that you will miss your child. For example, say "I am going to miss you, but I know that you will have a good time at camp."

• Don't bribe your child to stay. Linking a successful stay at camp to a material object sends the wrong message. The reward should be your child's newfound confidence and independence.

• Pack a personal item from home, such as a stuffed animal.

• When a "rescue call" comes from the child, offer calm reassurance and put the time frame into perspective. Avoid the temptation to take the child home early.

• Talk candidly with the camp director to obtain his/her perspective on your child's adjustment.

• Don't feel guilty about encouraging your child to stay at camp. For many children, camp is a first step toward independence and plays an important role in their growth and development.

• Trust your instincts. Severe homesickness is very rare. However, a child that is not adjusting to camp after a reasonable amount of time should be allowed to return home.

"Camp is a positive experience and although kids are having fun and making new friends, it is not unusual to miss home. Parents should work with their children before going to camp, and reassure them that missing home can happen and they are capable of handling it," says Bussel.

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Buttonwood drawing for American Girl Doll

Buttonwood Books and Toys is having an American Girl Doll Drawing for Kaya, the latest doll from The American Girls Collection. Kaya is an adventurous Nez Perce girl living in 1764 whose deep love of horses and respect for nature nourish her spirit. Kaya dreams of becoming a courageous leader for her people who's ready to meet whatever the future brings. She draws strength from her family, the legends her elders tell, and the bold warrior woman who is her hero. And she learns that the choices she makes affect all Nez Perce people. The doll drawing package includes an 18-inch doll from The American Girls Collection, along with accessories, stand and paperback book. Entry forms are available at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. No purchase required. You need not be present to win. The drawing is Friday, April 30.

Abbey plant sale

The Glastonbury Abbey Plant sale will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 8.

A large selection of plants will be available for sale on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St. (Rt. 28) in Hingham.

Perennials, herbs, ground cover, ornamental grasses, bushes, fruits and vegetables will be on sale. Plants are all being donated from local private gardens in the South Shore area. Many plants will be divisions of specimens grown in Abbey gardens. Seedlings to mature plants will be available to tempt local gardeners who attend the sale. Proceeds go to the Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey and are used to continue beautification of the Abbey Grounds.

Boston Pops benefit for S.S. Art Center

This summer, the South Shore Art Center kicks off its 50th anniversary celebration with a benefit performance of the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart conductor in Cohasset, July 31.

The concert brings the world-renowned artistry of Keith Lockhart and the Pops to the South Shore for the first time ever. The South Shore Music Circus' intimate summertime setting is the perfect place to enjoy the incomparable virtuosity of the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra while supporting the education and exhibition programs at the South Shore Art Center. South Shore residents can enjoy the internationally acclaimed Boston Pops right in their own backyards.

A limited number of special ticket packages, which include receptions with maestro Keith Lockhart before and after the concert, can be purchased from the South Shore Art Center only. Call the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org for more information about these gala benefit events. All other tickets for this Pops concert can be purchased via Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or in person at the Music Circus box office beginning Saturday, April 10. The performance is July 31, at 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at $101.25 and $90.25.



SPRING STROLL

From left, Julie Rafferty, Lisa Fulton, Sue Hess, Jaime Cingari and Julie Mitterando with toddlers, from left, Chloe, Tucker, Sam, Morgan and Elizabeth enjoy the beautiful spring day with a stroll around the village.

Yard sale for Our World Museum

On Saturday, April 24, at the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum an indoor/outdoor yard sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Quality used items are needed to sell. Your donation is tax-deductible and all proceeds go directly to the Museum.

Drop your items directly at the Museum on Tuesdays April 13, and April 20, between 9 a.m. and noon, Thursday April 15, between noon and 6 p.m., or Saturday, April 17, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Museum is located in the back wing of the new Cohasset Library at 100 Sohier St., Cohasset. For information or directions, call the Museum at 781-383-3198."

Dog obedience classes to start

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy-Dog Training School.

Classes will be held on Monday evenings, on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Monday, April 26, for Beginner classes at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. for Advanced. For all classes the fee is $100 for the five classes, one hour per week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

To register, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

Community Gardeners meet on Tues. April 27

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall on Tuesday, April 27, at 9 a.m.

This month, Norma Jane Langford will show how to select plant material based n the "thugs" that flourish in the garden.

Church fundraiser

The Second Congregational Church will be conducting a fundraising Time and Talent Auction at Bates Hall in the Church on Saturday evening May 1, beginning at 7 p.m.

More than 100 items have been donated to the auction, including vacation rentals, Red Sox/Yankees tickets, original works of art by local artists, and much more.

Reservations are being accepted for tables of six or more by calling the church office at 781-383-0345 or e-mail: scc@2ndcc.org.

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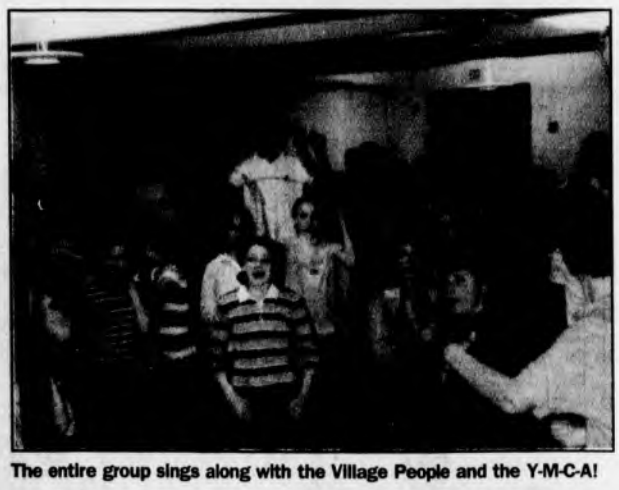
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Sixth-graders aren't shy about being on stage



Eamon Davis, Brendan Doonan and Philip Galligan kick off the night with the first song.



The entire group sings along with the Village People and the Y-M-C-A!

The Cohasset PSO sponsored a "Pizza and Karaoke Night' at Deer Hill recently. Of the 135 students in the sixth-grade class, about 90 participated. Once the kids got the hang of things, there was a constant stream of students waiting for their turn on stage...no stage fright here!

Thanks to the following parents for chaperoning: Diane Shipp, Joyce Driscoll, Sandy Crough, Liz Richardson, Ann Dooley, Adrienne MacCarthy, Carrie Brown and Susan Galligan.



John Maher an Dean Driscoll share a laugh.



The girls gather for a quiet tune – the theme from "the Titanic."



The guys follow along at pizza and karaoke night.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

All-school PSO meeting

The All School PSO meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27, at 7 p.m. at the Middle/High School. All parents of Cohasset Public School children are welcome.

The P.S.O. will be talking about volunteer opportunities for next year -including openings at the Osgood, Deer Hill, Middle/High Schools. There are many committees like Fundraising, PAC (parents advisory council), METCO, Diversity and more.

Also, the P.S.O. Executive Council is looking for a Treasurer to take over the accounting duties.

Come and check out the organization and volunteer opportunities; you might find the perfect job for you.

Summer Institute offers courses at student center

Go on line at www.cscr.org for complete course descriptions and to sign up:

• Gulf River and Cohasset Harbor Field Study and Research Project (for students *entering* grades 10, 11, or 12)

This project focuses on collecting water quality data in two of our watershed's important bodies of water — the Gulf River and Cohasset Harbor.

• Micro Bacteriological Field Study (for students *entering* grades 10, 11 or 12)

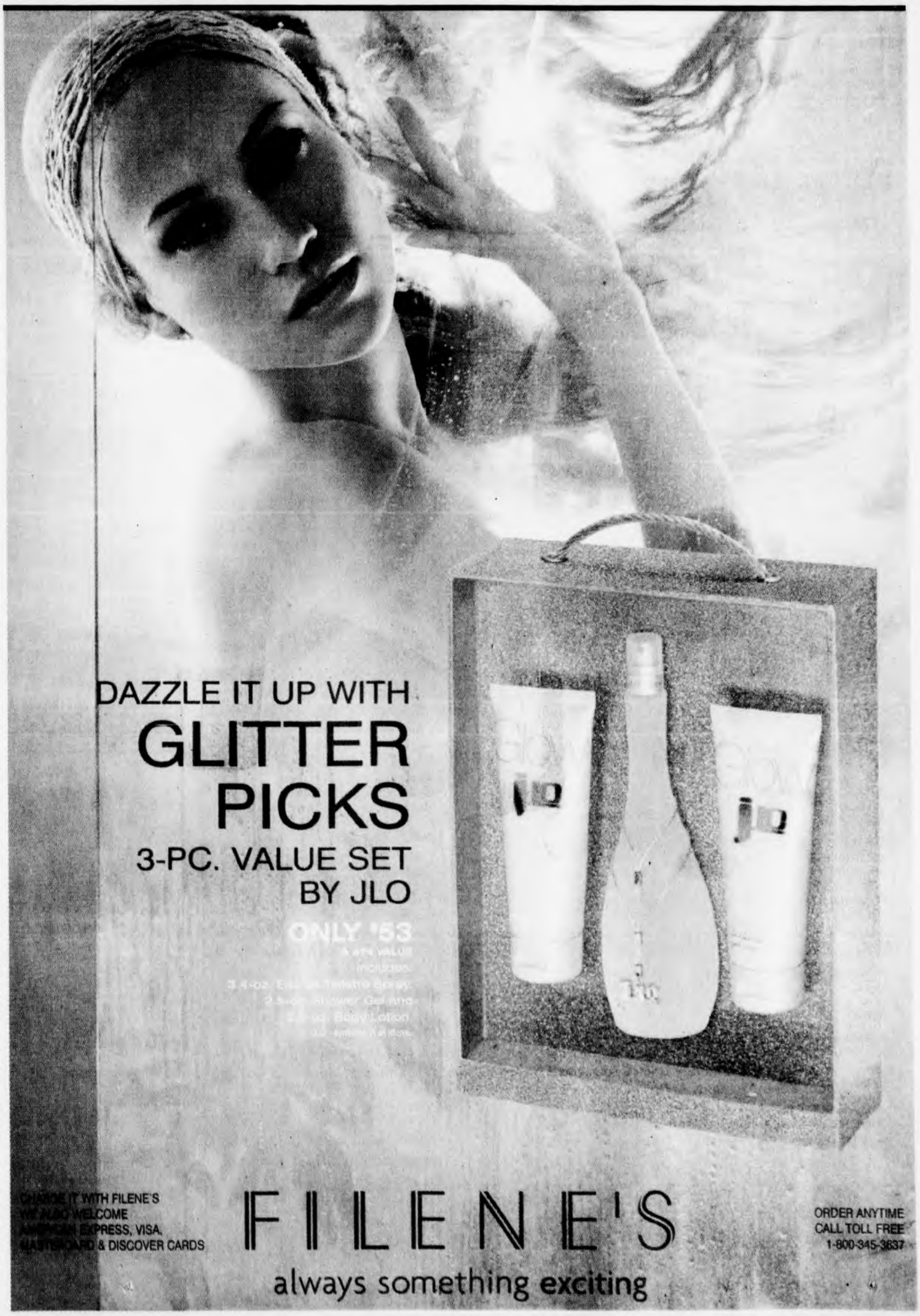
There are several water bodies in Cohasset that seem to be attributable to leaking septic systems. Bacteriological Field Studies represents an opportunity to investigate any number of these water bodies. New technology in monitoring enterococci bacteria will be available this summer at CSCR, thanks to a grant from the Lighthouse Keepers Corporation.

• The Clean Water Act Phase II Research Project: (for students *entering* grades 9- 12)

The landmark Clean Water Act, Federal legislation requiring cities and towns to develop plans to protect all water bodies, now requires that the town of Cohasset implement phase II of the Stormwater Management Plan. This plan requires monitoring the water that is discharged into streams, rivers, ponds and harbors when snow melts or rain falls.

• Aquaculture: an MIT funded research project begun by Kelly Hurley. (for students *entering* grades 9- 12)

This is a project funded by MIT's GEMS program (Grants for Excellence in Marine Science.) CHS student, Kelly Hurley, initiated this project, applied for funding, and has executed this project as an independent project during her senior year.



Legal Notices

AARON JR. ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P0780EP

In the Estate of FRED J. AARON JR.

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death February 15, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that FRED J. AARON III of CHARLESTOWN in the County of SUFFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MAY 12, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, April 2, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#485836
Cohasset Mariner 4/22/04

ANNUAL MEETING
LEGAL NOTICE
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE PILGRIM CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Will be held at the offices of the Bank, 48 South Main Street, Cohasset, Massachusetts on Tuesday evening, May 18, 2004 at 6:00 PM, for the purpose of electing directors for a term of three years, and a clerk of the corporation for a term of one year and to transact such other business that may legally come before the meeting according to the by-laws and including the changing of the by-laws.

Francis E. Campbell
Clerk

AD#488913
Cohasset Mariner 4/22/04

DEWALD ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P0075EP

In the Estate of WAYNE S. DEWALD

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death December 3, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JOHN W. DEWALD of ROCKLAND in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MAY 5, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, March 26, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#487992
Cohasset Mariner 4/22/04

TREE HEARING 4/28/04
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SHADE TREE HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 87, section 3, the Public Shade Tree Act, a hearing will be held at 9:00 A.M. on April 28, 2004 at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave, Cohasset, MA, to act on a request by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church to remove nine shade trees on the side of the building facing the Cohasset Town Common at 16 Highland Ave.

AD#481049
Cohasset Mariner 4/15, 4/22/04

ZBA/11 ELM COURT
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 4, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7.2 & a Variance pursuant to 5.3.1 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Desmond & Jennifer Havlicek** seek to construct addition that exceeds lot coverage at **11 Elm Court** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #04-03-26.

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Cohassset Mariner 4/15, 4/22/04

ZBA/21 GAMMONS RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 4, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 9 of of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Thomas J. Durkin** seeks to construct dock at **21 Gammons Rd.**, according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #04-03-29.

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Cohasset Mariner 4/15, 4/22/04

ZBA/241 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 4, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Gregory & Laurie Ferreira** seek to construct addition at **241 Jerusalem Rd.**, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-04-09.

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Cohasset Mariner 4/15, 4/22/04

ZBA/40 JOY PLACE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 4, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7.8 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **John F. Gilbert III** seeks to construct addition at **40 Joy Place** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #04-03-24.

AD#485116
Cohasset Mariner 4/15, 4/22/04

ZBA/828 CJCH
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 4, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 4.2 & 12.4 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Arthur Logan** seeks to run inside dog care center at **828 CJCH.**, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-04-12.

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Cohasset Mariner 4/15, 4/22/04

ZBA/9 MARGIN COURT
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., May 4, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7 & a **Variance** pursuant to 4.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Robert & Julia Rafferty** seek to construct an addition in excess of lot coverage limit at **9 Margin Court** according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-04-13.

AD#485030
Cohasset Mariner 4/15, 4/22/04

Disabled veterans meet at Glastonbury

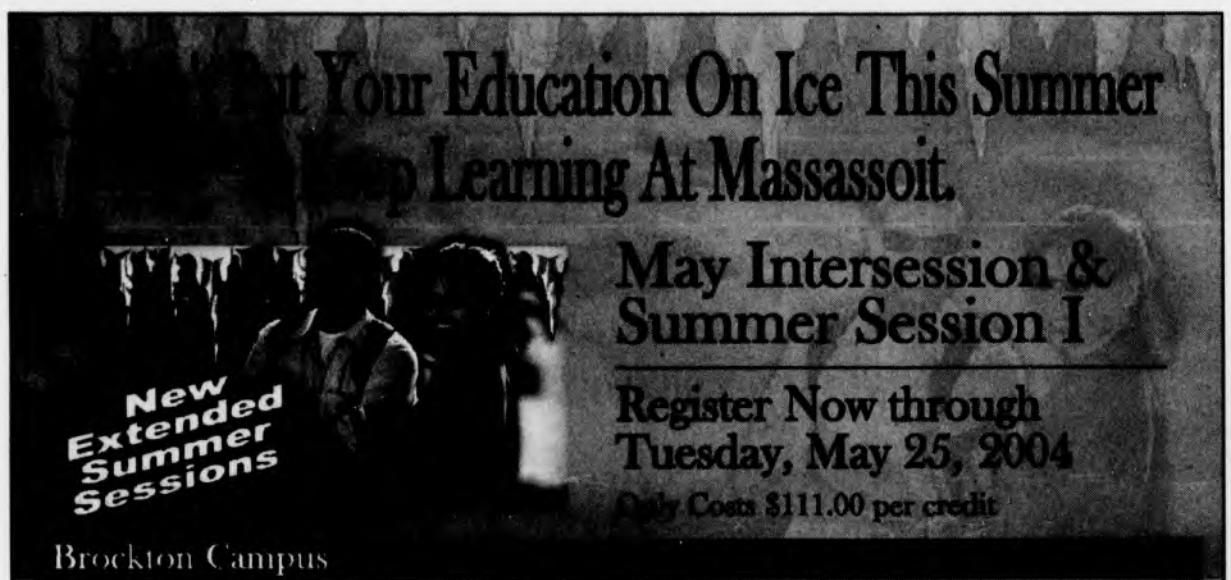
The Lt. Ralph Talbot Disabled American Veterans Chapter 65 is sponsoring an information-sharing meeting to be held on Saturday, May 1, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and not lasting more than about one hour at the new Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center.

Chapter 65 "Serves Those Who Served" in the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth. They perpetuate the memory of fallen comrades, assist members and their families who are in need and keep the membership advised of their benefit entitlements. Of particular note is the role the National Service Officers play in providing free representation for those who need help in presenting disability claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DAV membership eligibility is open to anyone wounded, injured, or disabled during honorable service or while engaged in extra-hazardous service under conditions simulating war.

The DAV hopes that the meeting will result in added memberships and more active participation in the local Chapter so that they can continue to help those who have suffered from the horrific wounds of war. A National Service Officer from the JFK Federal Building, as well as veterans' agents from the six towns have been invited.

The Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center is on the left-hand side of Rte 228, about/mile beyond the intersection of Rtes 228 and 3A. As you near the Abbey, the road splits and you should bear left toward Hull(not Cohasset), take the first left after the main driveway. The Conference Center is handicapped accessible with parking.



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WHEN: Saturday, May 1, 2004
9:00am - 12:30pm

WHERE: The Sheraton Tara Hotel
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HIGHLIGHTS
- Specific hands-on parenting techniques: communication, limit setting, why children misbehave, play and peer relationships
- The importance of truly "seeing" your child and having realistic expectations based on personality type
- Understanding behavior that confuses and frustrates parents
- Background and history of personality typing

The cost of this workshop is $85.00 per person, $150.00 per couple; $95.00 at the door. If you are interested in attending please call 781.828.8955

Detective graduates from FBI Academy

On March 19, 2004, Detective Sergeant Gregory Lennon of the Cohasset Police Department graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The 216 Session of the National Academy consisted of two hundred and forty-four law enforcement officers from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, 24 international countries, two military organizations and three federal law enforcement agencies. FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III, was the principal speaker at the ceremony.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy program, held at the FBI Academy, offers 10 weeks of advanced investigative, management and fitness training for selected officers.

Lennon also earned a "Yellow Brick" after completing the FBI National Academy fitness challenge which requires voluntary participants to complete six successive runs over the course of the six weeks, beginning at 1.8 miles and culminating in a 6.1 mile run over rough terrain at the Marine Corps obstacle course known as the Yellow Brick Road, located on Marine Corps Base Quantico where the FBI academy is housed. The fitness challenge runs are in addition to the regimen of physical training classes held throughout the ten-week academy.

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, APRIL 12

1:01 a.m. Beechwood St., general services.

7:56 a.m. Forest Ave and Heather Dr. suspicious person.

8:32 a.m. Nichols Road, animal control.

9 a.m. Lamberts Lane, larceny, investigated.

9:36 a.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

9:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

10:39 a.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

1:36 p.m. Cushing Road, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

6:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

6:21 p.m. Beach St., suspicious.

6:31 p.m. Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

8:10 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation.

9:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Lane, motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

11:37 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigaiton.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

8:23 a.m. South Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

10:34 a.m. North Main St, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

1:19 p.m. Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway traffic citation warning.

1:42 p.m. Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing HWY, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

1:49 p.m. Beechwood St. and Kendall Village, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

2:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious, area search negative.

2:36 p.m. Beechwood St., and Doane St., motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

5:47 p.m. Highland Ave., lost property.

7:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway assist other agency.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

3:37 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

7:17 a.m. Smith Place, animal control.

9:10 a.m. King St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

11:03 a.m. Pleasant St., officer wanted.

11:50 a.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic complaint.

12:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disturbance, peace restored.

2:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

3:23 p.m. Highland Ave., medical aid.

5:10 p.m. Beechwood St., wires down.

8:36 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

9:36 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

7:17 a.m. Norfolk Road, animal control.

8:31 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

9:23 a.m. Parker Ave., vandalism.

9:51 a.m. King St., fire inspections.

11:01 a.m. Nichols road, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

2:29 p.m. Summer St., wires down.

5:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

5:56 p.m. Ox Pasture Lane and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:04 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

9:14 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway verbal warning.

11:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

7:24 a.m. Summer St. and Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

8:49 a.m. Beechwood St., found property.

11:32 a.m. Parker Ave., traffic complaint.

12:30 p.m. Elm St, disturbance.

12:45 p.m. South Main St., public service.

2:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway civil offenses.

3:17 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

4:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

4:44 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

4:57 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

6:02 p.m. Pond St. and Clay Spring Road, motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

8:10 p.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

8:18 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

8:45 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

9:48 p.m. Elm St, distrubance gathering.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

1:49 a.m. King St., medical aid.

1:58 a.m. Lantern Lane, suspicious.

2:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

5:39 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

8:15 a.m. Windy Hill Road, general services.

10:02 a.m. Fire Dept., medical aid.

3:52 p.m. Elm St., property damage.

10:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle violations.

11:04 p.m. Summer St., animal control.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

12:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway assist citizen.

2:08 a.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., fire investigation.

2:55 a.m. South Main St., fire.

3:09 a.m. Headquarters, fire.

7:31 a.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

9:10 a.m. Headquarters, fire.

9:14 a.m. King St., assist citizen.

9:41 a.m. North Main St., threats (bodily harm).

Flag depository at Cohasset Legion Post

The American Legion, George H. Mealy Post 118 on Summer Street in Cohasset (across from Kimball's) has a way for the public to be able to bring them their tattered and worn flags so they may be properly and ceremoniously destroyed. The Flag Depository, located in front of the legion post at 98 Summer St., has the look and shape of an American flag.

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Mary Louise Quigley Roy



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Mary Louise Quigley Roy, the daughter of Irish immigrants, a schoolteacher, the mother of five, and a driving force behind the success of her family's business, died on March 17 at the age of 86. She was a resident of Cohasset.

Mary's determination and strong spirit were evident from her earliest years. When Mary, a child of recent immigrants, was in elementary school, she desperately wanted to go to a birthday party for one of her schoolmates, a girl from an established family in the neighborhood. Though the girl's aunt, Mrs. Bailey, had not invited her to attend, Mary put on her best dress and shoes, walked next door, and rang the doorbell. "Little Mary Quigley, don't you look wonderful!" exclaimed Mrs. Bailey, who then invited her to join the party and gave her cake and ice cream. Throughout her life, Mary believed that if you prepared well, any door could open.

Born Christmas Day, 1917, Mary Louise Quigley grew up in Milton, where her father worked as a stocker in the Economy Grocery store. Although he never finished high school, her father was a voracious reader and set high standards. Mary received straight A's at Milton High School, then attended Bridgewater State College and became a schoolteacher.

The summer after high school, she went to work as a waitress in a hotel in Kennebunkport, Maine. At a dance in the town hall she met another summer worker, John Reime Roy. Although he had lived in an orphanage and contracted polio as a child, he was handsome and energetic, and Mary was certain he would be her future husband. The couple was married for 57 years until his death in 1999.

They had three sons and two daughters. Mary Roy, the former schoolteacher, made sure her children succeeded at school. All five went to college, and collectively they earned seven degrees from Harvard and MIT. Mary led by example as well: at the age of 50, she earned a master's degree in psychology from Boston University. A Boston newspaper ran an article about her under the headline, "Master's Degree for Mother of Five – *A* Average!"

When her husband decided to start his own company, an engineering and construction firm, Mary began her business career. The couple started by working out of their home with help from their children – and ultimately about 25 employees. The children had to make their beds early every morning so that engineers and draftsmen could set up their tables in the bedrooms and begin work at 8 am.

At age 67, Mary Roy became Chairman of the Board after her husband suffered a stroke and their children transformed the business into a successful energy company. She played a major role in developing relationships with Fortune 500 companies and helped negotiate many important contracts, including a $600 million project with financing led by Chase Manhattan Bank. During one tense negotiation, the CEO of a large utility quipped that he was dealing with a "dragon lady." Mary Roy took it as a compliment.

After she retired at age 79, Mary Roy led the way in bestowing a lasting pair of initiatives on Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government – one for the Environmental and Natural Resources Program and the other for the Women's Leadership Program.

Mary Roy leaves her sons Stephen and Peter; her daughters Jane Roy Lauretti and Ellen Roy Herzfelder; and 12 grandchildren.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Joy and health focus of workshop

By Molly Larsen
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

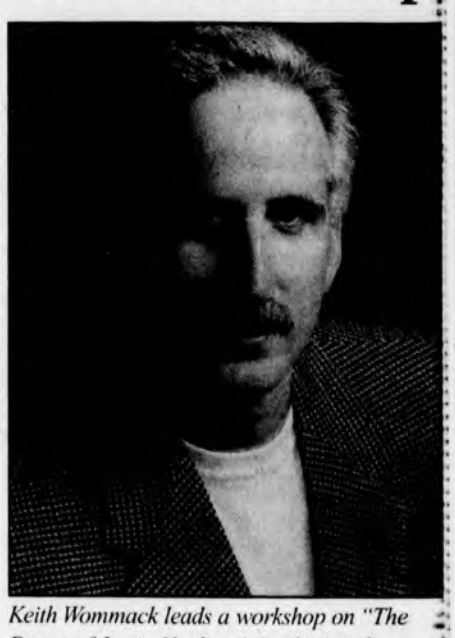
Have you ever wondered what role "joy" plays in your health? I don't mean the "happy-go-lucky," "have a good day" joy that's on in the good times but absent when things get rocky but that rich, good quality that pulls you through the most difficult of times as well as the sunny days. Joy that is a positive force for good, joy that can remain unshakeable in your life and your health is the subject of an upcoming workshop.

"The Power of Joy in Healing" is the topic of a remarkable workshop on spiritual healing given by Keith Wommack, CSB on Sunday, April 25, at 3 p.m. in the Hingham Public Library. This workshop will give practical advice on how joy can bring about healing for our health and our lives. If you are interested in this topic or the discussion of the mental nature of reality, stop by!

The speaker, Keith, was always drawn to expressing joy. For many years before he became an international speaker and spiritual healer, he was a musician. He was always the sensitive, "soul-filled" type. He taught himself how to play the guitar at age 9 and began a music career at age 13. His professional career included sharing the stage with stars such as Stevie Ray Vaughn, Elvis Costello, Journey, Edgar Winter and many others. While he was on the road in the 1970s, he began to explore in depth some of the ideas found in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy. As he started this exploration, he began to feel a deeper sense of joy, not just the thrill of audience reaction. People around him began to notice that he turned to prayer to solve problems and they were solved!

One night during the performance, there was a race riot. He went out the back stage door and got caught in the middle of it. Right there in that chaos, the spiritual idea came to him that "Divine Love has no opposite sides." Even though he was punched in the head, he remained uninjured. He felt Love's presence in the midst of chaos and it saved him!

Gradually his love of spirituality and his love of helping others, began to over power his love of music. So, he went into the full time healing practice as a Christian Science practitioner and then a teacher of Christian Science. Christian Science, by the way, is less about a church than it is about the laws of God available to everyone to heal and to save.



Keith Wommack leads a workshop on "The Power of Joy in Healing" April 25 at the Hingham Public Library.

In 1992 he married his wife Joanne and became an instant dad to two boys. Since then he's been a Little League baseball coach for six years and an assistant Scout Master for Boy Scouts for five years.

Each one of us has a unique story to tell about our journey to where we are today but none of us needs to feel deprived of joy. This quality is essential to our nature as a loved child of God. Please come and explore more of these spiritual ideas on Sunday, April 25, at the Hingham Public Library at 3 p.m. We hope to see you there!

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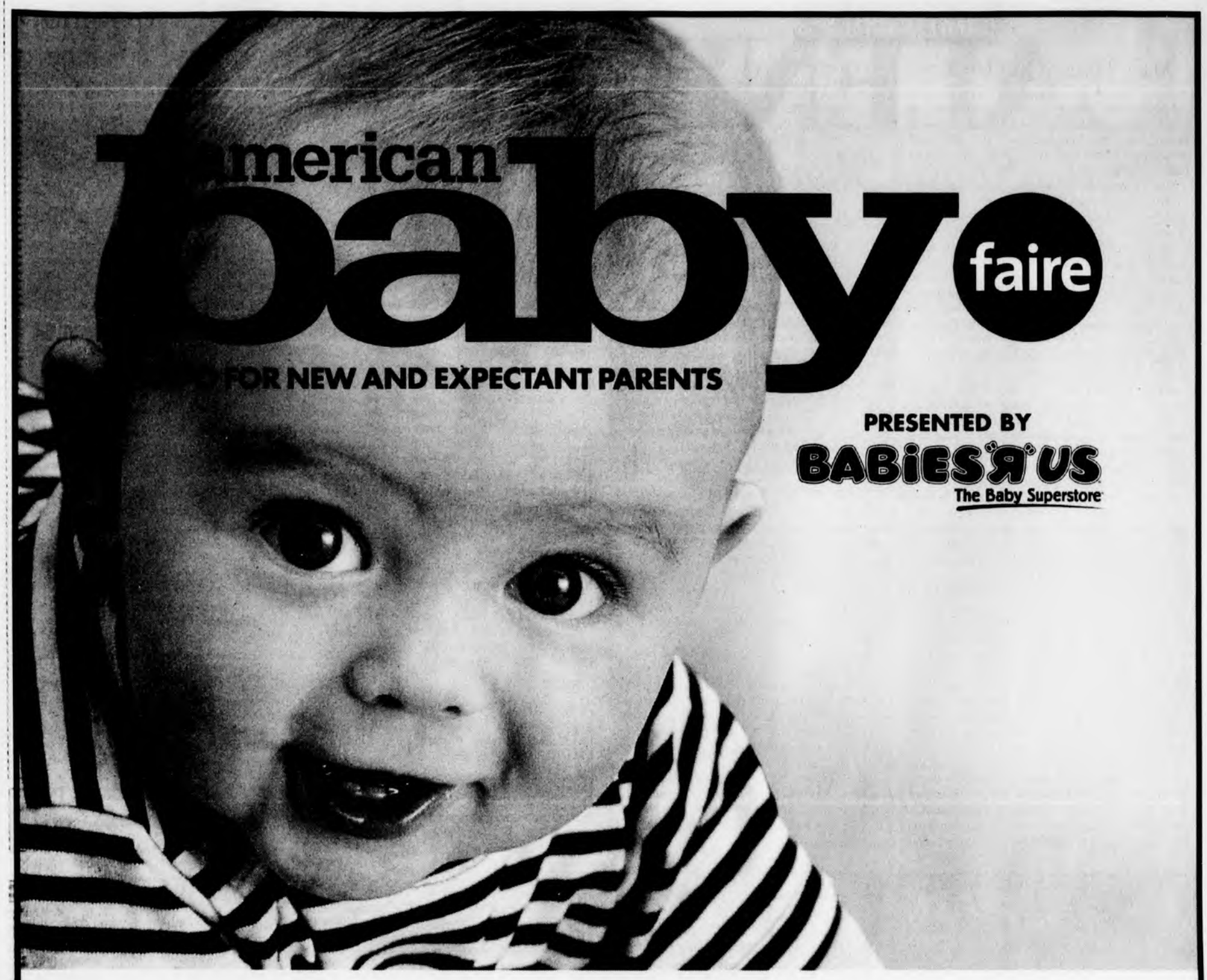
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Sunday:

11:00 am	Car Seat Safety/Installation
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Presentation Times:

Saturday:	10:15	1:30	1:15	2:30	3:45
Sunday:	10:30	12:00	1:15	2:30	3:45

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On the South Shore

APRIL 22 - 30, 2004

Thurs. 22

Hanover Mall, 1775 Washington St., Hanover, Aprils School event: **YMCA** will provide interactive activities for all to participate and a face painter. April 22, 2 to 4 p.m. www.hanovermall.com

The 40th Annual Student Art Exhibition, Wallace L. Anderson Gallery Art Building & Maxwell Library, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 508-531-1359 for information.

Blanchard's, Route 139, Marshfield, **Annual Spring Wine Tasting & Sale** featuring will be 100 or so wines from the around the world with prices ranging from $7 to $100. There will be a 20 percent discount on all wines at the tasting starting with a single bottle.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents a **silent auction** at their new gallery located at 124 Front St., Scituate Harbor. The show runs through April 25. www.scituateartsassociaton.com.

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Next group meets 6 to 8 p.m. on April 22. Front Street Book Shop offers a supportive environment and encourages all levels of writing experience to attend. Bring a writing project to share. 781-545-5011.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Festival Ballet Providence concludes its 26th Season on April 23-25, ***The Sleeping Beauty***. Four performances open to the public will take place at the VMA Arts & Cultural Center in Providence, R.I., April 23 to 25, on Friday at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Reserved tickets for performances are priced from $16 to $51. Opening night theatergoers receive a $5 discount off regular ticket prices. To purchase tickets, contact one of the following: tickets.com online or call 800.919.6272; the VMA Box Office Thursday and Fridays, 401.272.4862: Festival Ballet Providence, 825 Hope St., Providence, 401.353.1129 ;

The North River Arts Society presents **It Must be the Altitude! Images of New Mexico**, a new group exhibit at the Ventress Library Gallery, featuring original work by Joreen Benbenek, (oils), Patricia M. Gray, (oils/pastels,) Becky Haletky (watercolors), Liz Haywood-Sullivan (pastels, and Donna Rossetti-Bailey (pastels). This show runs through April 24. Cal North River Arts Society at 781-837-8091 or visit www.northriverarts.org

The Braintree Art Association Annual Member exhibit will take place through April 30, at the Thayer Academy Gallery, 745 Washington St., Braintree. Gallery hours 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. when school is in session.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Tickets on sale now for its 2004 season. Children's programs go on sale also. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com

Menopause The Musical - Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St., Boston. March 31 to May 9. 800-477-7400

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents **Patterns and Pinhole, Recent Mixed Media Works and Pinhole Photography** by **Stephanie Roberts** of Pembroke, through April 30. 781-383-1348.

Braintree Art Association members **Ron and Sharon Brake** will be displaying their paintings for the month of April at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com



Joan Rivers tells it like it is and makes it funny

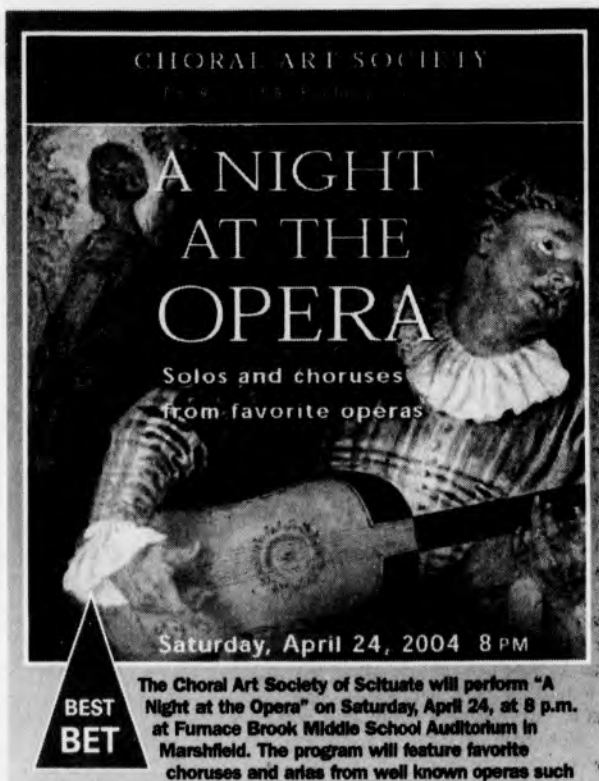
Joan Rivers has never been one to shy away from a controversial subject. Rivers doesn't even mind talking about plastic surgery, she just wishes other celebrities were as honest. "It annoys me when all these actresses say they've had nothing done," explained the 70-year-old comedienne by telephone recently from her New York office. "Believe me, anyone over 55 with a firm jaw has had something done. My feeling is that everybody wants to look good, so just do it."

Rivers legendary candor — as well as the taut visage she exhibits most often these days on the red carpet at awards shows — will no doubt be front and center when she brings her new one-woman-show, "Joan Rivers Broke and Alone...in Boston" to town later this month. "I love show business, and my standup comedy act is at the root of everything else in my career," says the actress, author, Tony nominee, Emmy Award-winner, and jewelry pitchwoman. "It is great, because you can say anything you want. The nice thing about it is that the rules are your rules, and that shapes everything. You can go as far as you want to go. My act changes all the time. It is about life and death and old people having sex. It's about my daughter, Melissa, and her baby boy and how he hates me. I also make sure to work in ethnic groups and stereotypes, says Rivers.

And a Hollywood icon or two. "When Charlton Heston announced he had Alzheimer's, I wasn't surprised. He's been wearing his wig sideways for years."

Joan Rivers will be at the Wilbur Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, April 29-May 1. For tickets and information, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.broadwayinboston.com.

-R. Scott Reedy



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Fri. 23

Hanover Mall, 1775 Washington St., Hanover, Aprils School event: **Balloons with Lou the Balloonist,** 2 to 4 p.m.

Rummage Sale, Women's Fellowship, United Church of Christ, Bedford St., Abington, April 23, 4 to 8 p.m. and April 24, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday is bag day, buy one get one free.

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CALENDAR, see next page



BEST BET

The Art Complex Museum presents its "On Their Own" series featuring an exhibit of works inspired by childhood images and the images they evoke by artist Rhoda Rosenberg. Rosenberg's works will be on display from April 11 through June 13. An opening reception will be held Sunday, May 16 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Art Complex Museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

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Borders Book Store in Kingston at the Independence Mall: April 23, 10:30 a.m. Accompany Beth as she reads **The Dinosaur Stomp.**

Front Street Book Shop hosts **Story Hour** Fridays at 10 a.m. Charlotte will read the classic and not so classic tales of mice and men, cats and dogs, frogs and princesses. Children of preschool age are invited to join in the fun. Story Hour Event is free, Fridays 10 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Call 781-545-5011 or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents "The Dance of Being," an exhibition of mixed media abstract expressionist paintings by **Cohasset artist Sydney Burroughs** from April 2 through May 5. An opening reception will be held April 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 781-6569-7100 for further information.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays and vacation weeks Free with admission. A half-hour of storytelling. Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

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Cave Comedy Club at The Red Lion Inn, Cohasset, featuring comedians **Tony V, and Steve Calechman** Opening night April 23, at 8:30 p.m. Cover charge $10. No admission when you dine before the show. For reservations call 781-383-1704.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington, 781-871-7175. April 23, **Racky Thomas Band.**

The Next Page Cafe', 550 Broad St. Weymouth. 781-335-9796. 9 p.m., No cover, Live Blues every Fri. and Sat. nights. April 23, **Cindy Daley Band feat. Satch Romano.**

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The Buckley Performing Arts Center at Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd, Brockton, presents its **Spring Scholarship Concert** featuring **Lyn Paul Junction** with **Tablescratch** and **Wire Temp,** on April 24, at 7 p.m. Tickets $8 by calling 508-427-1234.

South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson. On April 24, the Second Annual Richard "G." Lee Memorial lecture with guest author Lisa Borders, winner, Mass. Fiction Award.

Stone Temple Coffeehouse "Concerts On The Crypts" United First Parish Church (Unitarian) 1306 Hancock St., Quincy. Folk Concert -- Singer/Songwriter Don White Amy Carol Webb opening April 24, at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets $12, Refreshments available. For Tickets: 617-796-5882 For Directions: 617-773-1290 Church web site with link. www.ufpc.org.

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Pot luck supper and slide show - On April 24, at 6:30 p.m., the missions committee of **First Baptist Church** at 660 Country Way, Scituate will host a pot luck supper and slide show of Rev. Trimble's pictures from his January mission trip to Honduras. Bring your favorite casserole, salad or dessert, and a friend.

The South Shore Astronomical Society, presents an Astronomy Day 2004 Celebration on April 24, at the Council on Aging, 293 Pine St., Norwell. This free family event begins at 5 p.m. The South Shore Astronomical Society is a group of amateur astronomers dedicated to promotion and enjoyment of the science of astronomy. Telescopes Available For Viewing and learning Introductory lessons on navigating the Night Sky, Meteorite display, coupons for free magazines A Slideshow: "A Tour of Our Solar System and Beyond" and The awarding of a 4.5" Orion Dobsonian telescope complete with accessories to the winner of our Astronomy Essay Contest. For directions and further information visit www.ssastros.org.

Boston's 12th American Baby Faire will be held at the **Bayside Expo Center,** 200 Mt. Vernon St,. Boston, Hours are Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 25, from 10:a.m.to 5 p.m. Admission for adults is $9. Children under age 12 and grandparents are admitted free. $3 discount admission coupons are available at local Babies"R"Us stores. 1-877-959-BABY or visit americanbabyfaire.com.

The Weymouth Art Association members spring exhibit will take place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth, April 10 through 24. 7810337-1402 or 781-337-4513.

Big Apple Circus, Bayside Expo Center, through May 9. Call Ticketmaster at 1-800-922-3772 or visit www.ticketmaster.com for tickets. For information call 800-922-3772.

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, presents **All About Values,** a collection of oil paintings by artist **Anna Gail Campanelli of Norwell** on April 2-29 in Vine Hall Gallery. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org



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An Evening With Carrot Top presented by Music Circus Productions on April 24, at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St. in historic downtown Plymouth Tickets $25 and $30. Available through the Memorial Hall Box Office or by calling 866-468-7619.

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Comedy Night at Braintree Elks Hall, 205 Elm St., Braintree, April 24, 8 p.m. featuring **Spike Tobin, Annette Pollack, Dave McDonough, Justin Fleming, Doug Mola, host, Harrison Stebbins**. Admission $15. Raffles and door prizes, DJ and dancing included. Bring your own snacks. Call 781-794-8955 or 781-843-5721 for tickets/reservations.

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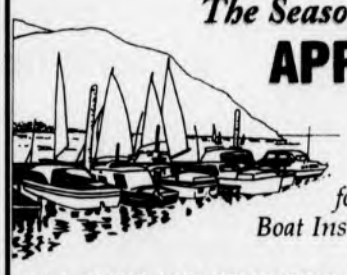
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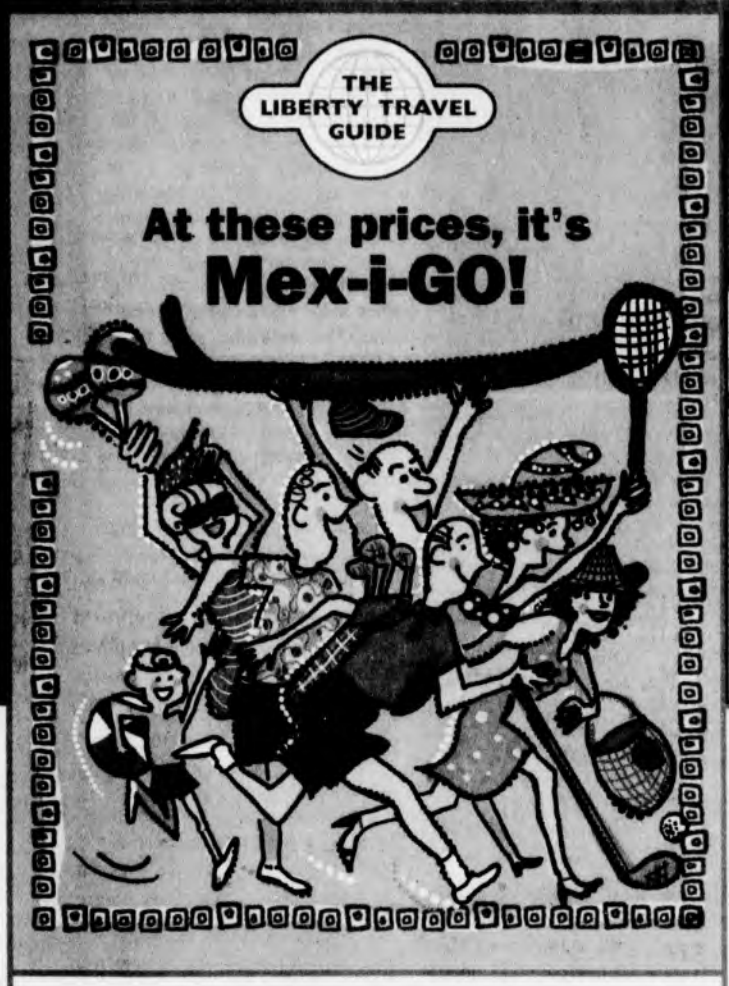
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Woes over flows

Library leaching field too close to town wells

By Samantha Brown
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With a denial for a sewer connection and potential problems with a proposed leaching field behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library — the town may be running out of options in terms of wastewater disposal for the Cook project.

Northland Residential, the developers the town is working with to build multi-unit senior housing on the Cook site, were denied access to town sewer Monday, and without that connection, the town must rely more heavily on the prospect of sending wastewater down Sohier Street to a leaching field behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

However, the water commis-

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Fishing's future may be on the line



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Tommy Alioto who runs the Cohasset Lobster Pound is looking to move his business to Hull. Current plans for the Mill River Marine site do not include his business.

Concern mounts at harbor boatyard

By Samantha Brown
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Commercial fishing is one of the oldest professions in the town of Cohasset, and both locals and outside experts are concerned the planned renovations to the Mill River Boatyard will change and ultimately destroy that industry forever.

Current businesses have been given eviction notices and will not be asked to return once construction is complete, and Jay Michaud of the Massachusetts Fishing Partnership said he was asked to visit Cohasset for what he considers to be an emergency situation.

Michaud, who is also a commercial fisherman, has been working on a South Shore outreach project to help communities understand how the decisions they make with their waterfront property can impact and potentially destroy their local fishing industry. He said while the buildings in Cohasset may be restricted to marine use, that doesn't necessarily mean it supports the endeavors of the local fisherman. If a marine business is brought in which is

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Highest honor for Kristen James

Local Girl Scout earns Gold Award

By Samantha Brown
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At 17 years old, Kristen James has been given commendations from some of the highest officials in the state. She has received an official citation from the State Senate, another certificate from the House of Representatives, and a letter from Massachusetts Senator John Kerry. She has also heard letters are on their way from both NASA and President Bush.

Kristen chose to create a movie and pamphlets exposing girls to non-traditional vocations as her Gold Award project.

While she never expected to receive all these accolades, her achievement deserves recognition, as she recently earned her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest and most prestigious honor a Girl Scout can receive.

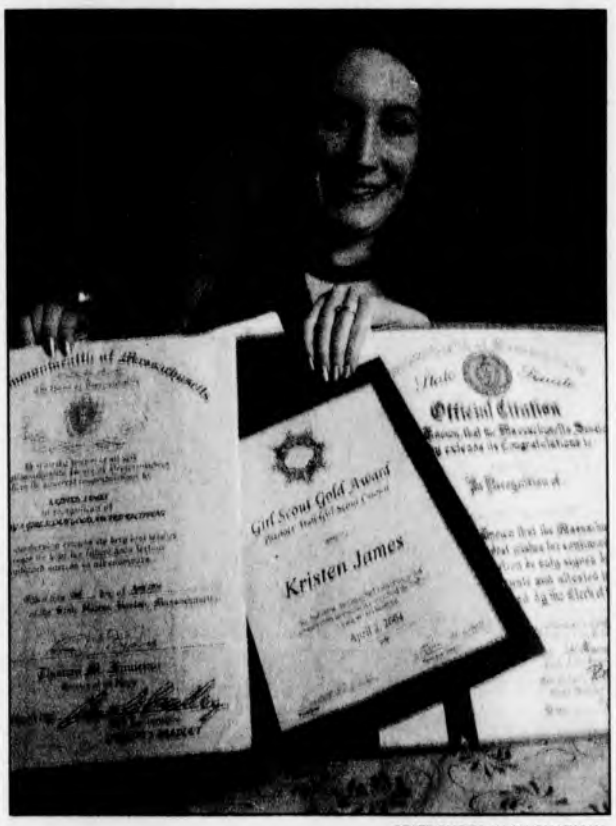
Kristen has been a Girl Scout for the past 13 years. When she started as a Daisy Scout, her troop was filled with little girls eager to come to their weekly meetings. However, over the years while her troops have slowly pared down, Kristen stuck with it, and was this year's only graduating Senior Girl Scout in Cohasset.

"I've been the only one for a couple of years," she said, adding at one point there were two other girls who were at the Senior level, but they have since graduated, and there are currently some Cadette Girl Scouts who are working toward earning their Silver Awards. However, even in a troop by herself, she said she really enjoys being a Girl Scout and is glad she has come so far.

To earn a Gold Award, a Girl Scout must first complete four interest project awards on topics related to her proposed Gold Award project. She must then earn a career exploration pin, a Senior Girl Scout leadership award, a Senior Girl Scout challenge pin, and then finally plan and implement her Gold Award project, which must be approved by a Girl Scout council member. The project must encompass at least 50 hours of work and must serve even those who are not Girl Scouts.

As a senior at the South Shore Vocational Technical High School in Hanover, Kristen has been an advocate for spreading the word to young girls that there are professions out there which are considered non-traditional and can be very rewarding. At her school's open house night, Kristen had made a poster to help the incoming students become more aware of their options. When the time came to decide on her Gold Award project, one of her teachers suggested she expand on her poster, and Kristen thought it was a great idea.

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Kristen James shows off the many commendations she has received for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award.

girls in their non-traditional shop classes and let them share why they picked the career path they are on rather than a "regular" career. She interviewed girls on various career paths from auto body to electronics to welding.

"There are only around 30 or 40 girls in my grade," said Kristen, which is why she thinks her project is so important. While Kristen said she understands some girls will want to pursue more traditional careers like nursing, she hopes her project will open their eyes to all the possibilities they have before them. "I gave the girls a little nudge," toward exploring something out of the mainstream, she said.

In order to achieve her gold award, Kristen first had to make it through all the prior levels of scouting, which included earning

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Local boy makes good (comedy) in Cohasset

By Cynthia McManus
CORRESPONDENT

A quick look at his long list of career accomplishments would convince most people that Cohasset native Lance Norris is a very versatile guy.

Currently one of the loony residents of WZLX's morning drive-time show, "Steve Sweeney's Neighborhood", Norris has in the past also offered his edgy take on life in America as a writer for such network television programs as Bill Maher's "Politically Incorrect". He cut his teeth in stand-up during what has come to be known as the Golden Age of Boston comedy in the late '70s and early '80s, an era that gave birth to the careers of such talents as Sweeney, Denis Leary and Jay Leno. He has appeared as an actor on television and in films that include "Mystic River", "The Mouse" and "With Honors".

Now he can add "Producer", "Promoter" and "Genial Host" to that list.

Norris, who lives the self-described "Life of a Country Gentleman" in Cohasset, has just opened The Bitter Man, a new 120-seat comedy club at Cohasset's Red Lion Inn — and, so far, he's having a ball.

"It was great," Norris said, referring to last week's sold out opening night show. "If this keeps up, we may have to go to two shows a night."

The idea to open a comedy club on the South Shore "came together in about two weeks" according to Norris, who noted that "I didn't do any research or planning, it just sort of happened."



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Lance Norris has opened a comedy club at the Red Lion Inn.

As he soon discovered, there are very few comedy clubs on the South Shore.

"My wife and I had gone out to dinner and we wanted to do something afterwards but didn't want to drive into Boston — and there really wasn't anything. We ended up having ice-cream at Wilbur's and going home, and I thought, 'this is silly'."

The Bitter Man (named after Norris' wildly funny comic bit from the legendary Boston radio show "The Big Mattress") was born that night.

"It just seemed like the right time", he explained. "I've known Gerry [Red Lion Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide] for about 17 years and we'd talked about opening a comedy club on and off for a while, but the timing just wasn't right for one rea-

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The Water Department began flushing water mains April 26 and will continue through May 31. Flushing will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m.. Flushing will continue next week with the following schedule:

May 3 – Route 3A from Pond Street to Hingham Lumber; Sohier Street from Route 3A to the Deer Hill School; Sanctuary Pond Road; Red Fox Run and Fairoaks Lane.

May 4 – King Street from Route 3A to No. Main Street; Forest Street; Cedar Street; No. Main Street from Forest Street to Redgate Lane and streets off these streets.

May 5 – Jerusalem Road from Forest Street to Atlantic Avenue and all streets off this section of Jerusalem Road.

Residents will be provided advance notification in the Patriot Ledger and Cohasset Mariner of the schedule for flushing each segment of the system. In addition, temporary street signs will be placed strategically around the affected area on the day of flushing. Notice will also be provided on the Water Dept.'s web site, www.cohassetwater.org and on the local cable access channel, Channel 10. Residents should monitor the web site and the cable channel for schedule changes.

"Flushing cleans out sediment and deposits which may have accumulated in the water mains and is an important part of the continuing efforts to improve drinking water quality to our customers," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission.

Do not wash clothes during the time the flushing occurs. If clothing becomes stained it can be cleaned by using "Iron Out" which is available for free from the Water Department.

During the flushing program, some temporary discoloration of the water may occur. Run the COLD water faucet, preferably outside, for a short time until the discoloration clears. If your water is discolored, avoid using hot water until you flush your hot water tank by opening the valve at the bottom of the tank.

Please call the Water Department at (781) 383-0057 with any questions.

Water Plant tours on Sunday, May 2

The Water Department is offering the public tours of the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, 339 King St. from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, May 2.

The tours are offered as part of the Water Commission's observance of Drinking Water Week, which is May 2-8 this year, and their ongoing public education program. During Drinking Week tours will also be given to some Cohasset High School classes.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Health, May 18, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, May 5 and May 20, 7:30 p.m.,

Library Trustees, May 12, 7 p.m., at the library on Ripley Road

Planning Board, May 5, 7 p.m.

Recreation Commission, May 11, 6 p.m.

Selectmen, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, May 6 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Brush at the RTF

Residential brush will be accepted through April 30. No trees over 3 inches in diameter. No contractors please.

Service provider for sewer backups

There has been a change of service to all customers with grinder pumps, previously if you had an alarm or sewer backup Rosano-Davis would be the service provider to call. Recently the Town has changed contractors. Now all Sewer Customers must call either the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 781-383-1519 or Williamson Electric at: 800-287-9000 or 617-394-5060.

As previously advised before, it is necessary for the Commission to back charge its sewer customers for the town's cost for service calls to remove foreign objects.

The following objects have caused repeated service calls. Please discontinue the introduction of the following items into the Sewer System: tampons, dental floss, baby wipes, Q-Tips. In addition, the following objects will also clog the pumps: bones, diapers, cloth, glass, metal, nuts, plastic, rags, rope, rubber, sand, sanitary napkins, shells, towels.

Household hazardous product collection

Cohasset will have a joint hazardous waste collection day with Hull from 9 a.m.-1p.m., June 5 at a location to be announced.

Accepted materials include solvents, gasoline, motor oil mixtures and other automotive fluids, pesticides, photography chemicals, pool chemicals, acids and bases, thermometers, thermostats and poisons. Materials not accepted include industrial waste, radioactive materials, pathological and medical waste, pressurized gas cylinders, auto batteries and explosives. Paint, motor oil, propane tanks, fluorescent lamps and NiCd (rechargeable) batteries are collected regularly by many towns and may not be accepted at some collections. Latex paint is nonhazardous, and may be dried and disposed with trash. Bring chemicals in their original containers or labeled clearly as to their contents. Clean Harbors will conduct the collections.

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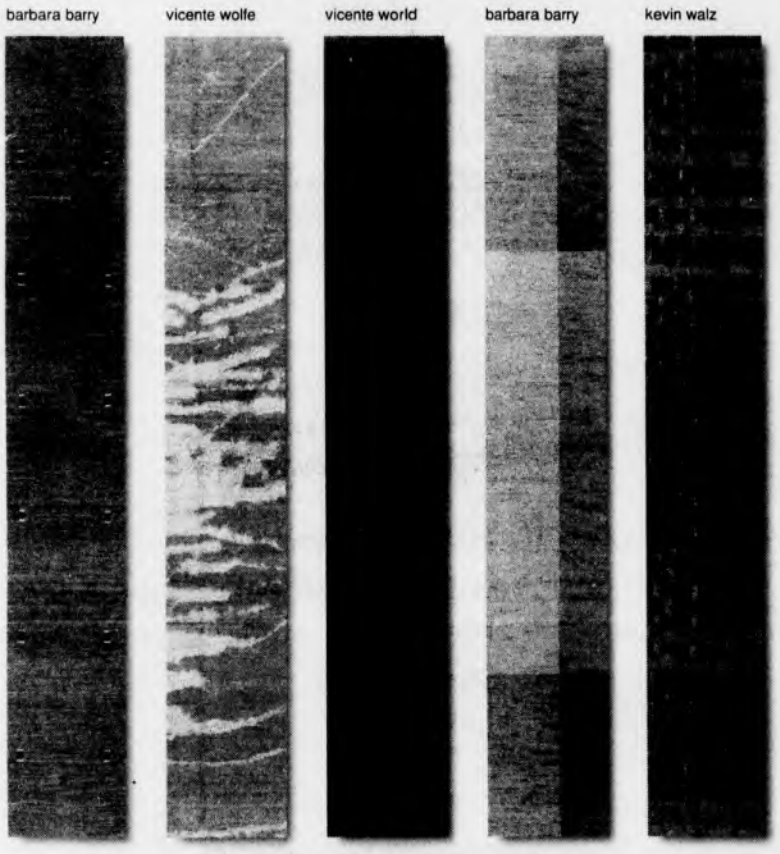
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Large housing projects line up for sewer access

Court ruling not a setback, developer says

By Samantha Brown
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In an April 21 decision, a Superior Court Judge has denied a local developer's request to seek a court order preventing other projects from hooking up to the town's sewer system.

Kelli Calhoun, one of the principals behind the proposed 105-unit Cedarmere project, said the judge denied the injunction, which would have stopped sewer connections for other developments from moving forward, but would not have stopped Little Harbor's planned connection. However, she said the decision left the door open for Cedarmere to seek an injunction again, should other developers be granted access to the sewer.

"Should a project or some other party come before the Sewer Commission and be granted a connection with similar flows, we can resubmit the injunction," she said, which would assure Cedarmere keeps its place as first in line for a sewer hookup.

Access to the town's sewer lines has been a contentious topic for years, but the matter has reached new heights as the list of projects in town looking for connections continues to grow.

Cedarmere contends the town has enough capacity for their senior housing project and has filed a suit against the town. The proposed 200-unit Avalon project off Rte. 3A has spent considerable sums looking for wastewater alternatives because Avalon developers were told the sewer access was not feasible. Now, it appears Avalon wants to preserve its right to sewer access and has joined the Cedarmere suit.

In addition, the town-sponsored Cook Estate senior housing project has to look off-site for a leaching field. A sewer connection application for that project was denied Monday.

Then there is the Little Harbor area, whose residents have been waiting patiently for the town sewer to be extended down Atlantic Avenue. Town Meeting has appropriated money to keep that project in the works.

Calhoun said the recent ruling will have no effect on the current Cedarmere lawsuit against the town and the development will continue to move forward.

Principals Kelli and David Calhoun, 2 Sheldon Road, and Tom Ragno of Lexington, claim in their lawsuit, filed Nov. 25, 2003 that their development has the right to a sewer hookup because there is enough capacity to accommodate for the project, even though the sewer commission and its engineers say there is not. Cedarmere's engineers are from Fay, Spofford, and Thorndike, the company that designed Cohasset's wastewater treatment plant.

The sewer commission said it would like to wait a few more years to see how the wastewater treatment plant handles the current properties being connected before adding anyone else. The Cedarmere developers say they have provided a no-impact proposal, because they would upgrade the system to accommodate increased capacity.

Avalon, a 40B project slated to be built off Route 3A, has filed a motion to intervene or join in the Cedarmere lawsuit. Avalon never filed a sewer service application because developers were told from the beginning there is no capacity, and therefore, they have pursued alternate means of wastewater disposal from the start.

Cedarmere filed its sewer service application first, followed by Northland Residential—the developers currently looking to build multi-unit housing at the former Cook Estate off Sohier Street — then Avalon. However, Avalon, which would have a state subsidy under 40B, came to town first, so to speak, filing for a comprehensive permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals back in 2002. A comprehensive permit allows higher density than would otherwise be allowed under zoning in exchange for providing 20-25 percent affordable housing. It is not clear if Avalon — whose developers say they acted in good faith in pursuing alternative wastewater options — would be allowed a sewer connection if Cedarmere wins its lawsuit.

Leaching field too close to wells

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sion says it isn't so sure that would be a viable alternative.

Water Commission Chairman John McNabb said at this point, if Northland tried to get a groundwater discharge permit, he believes the Department of Environmental Protection wouldn't grant it. He said the commission's engineers have been working closely with the town's engineers and have been looking at the soils, but because of the close proximity of the library site to both the Sohier Street and the Ellms Meadow well fields, he is concerned a leaching field could have an adverse effect on the environment.

"We have no position on the project, we just want to make sure its drainage doesn't affect the water supply," said McNabb, adding he hopes the water commission can work with the town to find a solution that will guarantee the water supply's safety. He said he has been "in the loop" from the very beginning, but has definite concerns with having a leaching field on the site.

Kevin Klein of Norfolk Ram, the water commission's consulting engineer, echoed McNabb's sentiments. "It's too close to the existing two well fields there," he said.

Klein explained to tell whether the site would affect the well fields, a hydrogeologic study must be conducted. During that process, the flow of water would need to be studied to determine how it moves through the soil. For this project, the travel time of water from the leaching field to the wells would have to be two years, and preliminary tests indicate that will not be the case.

While Klein said "it is possible" DEP could grant the permit, it most likely would not. The DEP could set up an additional set of treatment guidelines the project would have to comply with and condition the permit on those guidelines being met, but that would cost more money. It would also be very difficult to provide the levels of treatment necessary on the site to make the leaching up to DEP standards.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said Health Agent Joseph Godzik said the situation with the Cook property "is not as dire as the water commission thinks it is," adding exploring on the library site is not over yet, and he will continue to work with the other boards in town to find a solution that satisfies them all.

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library site was looked into after soils on the Cook property were deemed unsuitable for accommodating an on-site septic system for more than 10,000 gallons per day. The Cook development would discharge roughly 14,000 gallons per day. The library is located on the corner of Ripley Road and Sohier Street, and is seven-tenths of a mile away from the Cook property. In order to drain wastewater from the Cook site to the library, pipes would have to be laid down Sohier Street — which would mean digging up the road.

Last fall, voters at the Fall Special Town meeting allocated $4.5 million for the purchase of the 22-acre parcel of Cook-owned property, located at the top of Sohier Street, which has been combined with the adjacent 8.7 acres of town property, and marketed to developers. The town will sell the combined parcels to Northland Residential for $5.425 million for senior housing. There will be a double closing, transferring the property from the Cooks to the developer, and therefore money will not be expended by the town. Because the town has a closing deadline of October, time is of the essence.

During the public hearing for the sewer application Monday, Jack Dawley of Northland Residential said looking into a leaching field on the Cook property has brought the project back to ground zero. He added while the timeline is not unreasonable, it will take at least another 90 days before they are able to see if the site is feasible. The town originally had planned to pass papers on the property with the Cook Estate heirs this July. At the beginning of April, the town was granted an extension until Oct. 31 of this year. After that date, the town may request two additional 30 day extensions, but must pay $20,000 for each 30-day period.

Because of the uncertainty with the library field, Dawley said municipal sewer was a logical alternative. However, the sewer commission said it would have to deny the permit because having enough capacity at the plant is questionable especially in light of the existing homes that are in line for connections. Commissioners said they need at least a year once all planned hook-ups are completed to determine any excess capacity. "If you want to get something done, don't look to us," said Sewer Commission Chairman Raymond Kasperowicz.

Kasperowicz suggested taking the decision to Town Meeting. Because the town voted to allocate the money for the project, he said it might make sense to have the town decide whether it wants to see the project tie into town sewer. He said connections fees for the project could fix leaks in the existing system that would free up capacity. Recent heavy rains caused more water to seep into the pipes than the wastewater treatment plant is permitted to take in, and maybe for every gallon discharged from the Cook site, three or four could be gained.

However, Sewer Commissioner Sean Cunning said by allowing the voters to decide whether to let the Cook project tie in, "you're saying we have capacity." He said if the town did vote in favor of the Cook project tying in, there are other projects ahead in the sewer line, and there would surely be more litigation.

The proposed 105-unit Cedarmere senior housing project was denied sewer access by the commission, based on the fact that the board feels there is not enough capacity. The town is under a court order to hook up certain areas of town to protect the environment, and all connections have not been completed. The board said it would like to wait until it has had a chance to monitor all the planned hook-ups for at least a year before hooking up other projects. However, Cedarmere has filed a suit against the town, stating they provided a no-impact proposal for the town, and should be granted sewer access.

The proposed 200-unit Avalon project off Rte. 3A has also spent considerable sums looking for wastewater alternatives because its developers were told sewer access was not feasible. Therefore, the project never filed a sewer application and went forward pursuing alternates in good faith. Now, it appears Avalon wants to preserve its right to sewer access and has filed a

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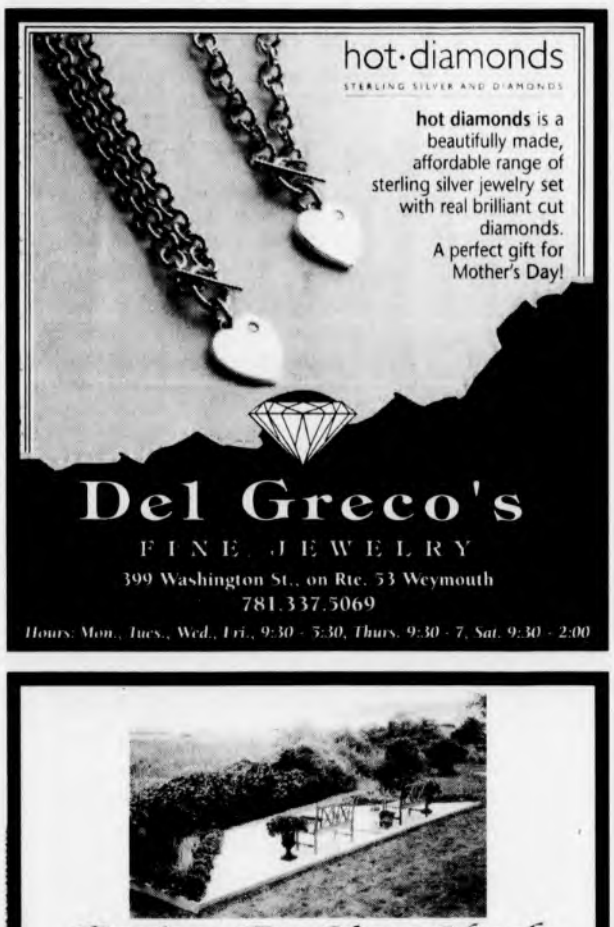
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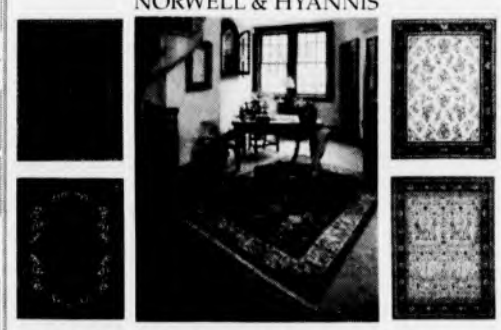
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Village powwow planned with Waterfield Group

Changes to plans are on the table

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With more contractors bidding, it can drive down the costs of the project, and more can be done for less money, and the task force would like to see plans which would potentially attract more bids.

Although it still has not been officially appointed, members of a Village Streetscape task force will set up a meeting with members of the Waterfield Design Group to discuss possibly implementing a list of changes that would appease many of the concerns still circulating around the project.

Members of the planning board have drafted a list of recommendations for the project based on meetings held throughout the past few weeks, which incorporate concerns from both their board, the Board of Selectmen, and concerned residents and merchants.

"We're not saying we're smarter than anyone else," said Planning Board member Peter Pratt, who presented the compiled recommendations, but added he thinks any project of this scope should be thoroughly reviewed on a very detailed level.

The town hired the Waterfield Design Group to design the new streetscape as part of the $1.8 million Village Revitalization Project, which has been in the works for upwards of seven years and is being paid for through grants and private donations. The discussions surrounding the design of the Village streetscape have been going on for two and a half years.

The first concern with the project is that the bid package is not effectively competitive. The task force heard only three contractors took out bids for the project, and only two had any intentions of responding. It feels the response received was "not nearly as competitive as it should be for a job of this size." With more contractors bidding, it can drive down the costs of the project, and more can be done for less money, and the task force would like to see plans which would potentially attract more bids.

However, Town Manager Mark Haddad said the bid is open until the end of the week, as they close on April 30. At that time, the town will know exactly how many bids it has received, and it is too early to speculate what that number might be. However, the group believes the plans could have been too confusing due to the proposed phasing of the project or perhaps due to the detail shown, which may have deterred potential contractors.

Selectman Rob Spofford said he completely disagreed with the plans being too detailed and said he would rather see them detailed all the way down to what kinds of screws should be used, than not detailed enough. "Contractors don't want to see detail so they can change-order us to death," he said. Spofford, who was chairman of the School Building Committee for the school projects, said when those bids went out, they were 100 percent complete, and the project was able to be completed on time and on budget as a result.

The task force was also concerned about the ramifications poured concrete sidewalks will have on village aesthetics. The task force said it would like to see either brick or "black rock pavers," which are concrete pavers slightly larger than bricks, and if either one could be laid over sand, that may enable the town to lay an infrastructure for wires that can be buried in the future when the town has the money to do so.

"This has all gone to Town Meeting," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, adding if he remembers correctly, the discussion over brick didn't focus on just the money aspect. He said he knows there has been a difference of opinion on whether residents voted against the "concept" of brick, which would imply voting against paying for brick, or whether they actually voted against incorporating brick. Either way, he said it is clear votes both at the ballot box and Town Meeting said the town does not want to bury the wires.

Members from the Waterfield Design Group said their plans have poured concrete sidewalks because that was what they were directed to do. "Brick versus concrete was a financial issue and concrete is more cost-effective," said Craig Miller of Waterfield. He said in addition, his firm designed the sidewalks on a rigid base because state standards mandate it in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. He said while the town could choose to go with a flexible base such as sand, it would have to sign a waiver taking all responsibility for any accidents that may occur, as cracking due to frost heaves is more likely with a flexible base. Waterfield said it would not be held responsible for anyone tripping on the sidewalk.

Parking was also an issue, as the design of spaces as currently configured could potentially set a bad legal precedent for the town. Pratt said Planning Board member Bob Sturdy has been very concerned with the size of the proposed parking spaces and the group requested an opinion from Town Counsel on the matter.

It was also suggested that if Elm Street was taken out of the project, it may free up money to be spent elsewhere, and would also let the quirky nature of the street stay the way it is. While it may not go along with the regulations of the state, the task force believes it has worked so far for the people who live in Cohasset and it might make more sense to leave it alone.

In addition to the streetscape, the planning board has concerns regarding the James Brook Flood Control Project. Pratt said the two engineers that have been involved with the project have different concepts for the best way to mitigate flood waters and the group would like to see a third party brought in to evaluate the designs. Haddad said he would try to set up a meeting between John Modzelewski, Tutela Engineering, and Waterfield.

Members of the Waterfield Design Group said they would be happy to make changes to include bid alternates on the plans, but with every change they make and every meeting they attend, there is a cost associated. To date, the town has spent $243,000 on design costs alone, and has been reimbursed for $145,000 from grants.

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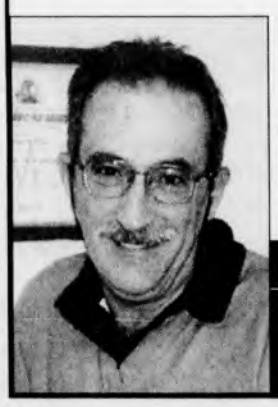
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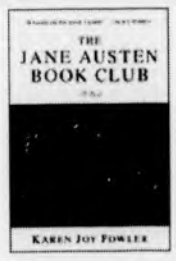


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Two train stations?

Town Manager Mark Haddad said at a recent meeting for the Rails with Trails project, Eric Fleming from the MBTA proposed putting in an 800 foot train station between Smith Place and Sohier Street. It would have no parking and would be used mostly by pedestrians. However, selectmen worried adding the station would change the existing plans too much and would create problems such as adding a drop-off and pick-up area as well as speeding traffic in the village. "It's awfully late in the game to be adding something like this," said Selectman Fred Koed.

However, Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said the concept does have appeal to him because it could provide access the people in town need as well as help the merchants in the downtown area.

Haddad said any changes would require a public hearing, but he would get more information on the idea and report back to the board.

"If the MBTA brought it up, maybe we should listen," said Selectman Rob Spofford.

Still searching for Veterans' names

The Veterans Memorial Committee is compiling a list of Cohasset residents who served in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars to be included on a new memorial at Veterans Park on Cohasset harbor. If you know of any names that should be included on either list, or the names of those who have served in the Public Health Service or Merchant Marine, please contact Glenn Pratt either via e-mail at gpratt@suburbancompanies.com or by mail at Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee c/o Glenn Pratt, 482 King Street, Cohasset MA 02025.

Graham Waste plans approved for Rte. 3A

Plans to raze the small Cape-style house which currently serves as the candy store "Sweet Surprises," and replace it with a new office building have been approved by the planning board. The proposed 4,400 square-foot building is slated for the 2.6-acre site located next to Cohasset Collision. The approval is contingent only on receiving adequate drain calculations.

Sticker fees will remain the same

Although raising all-facilities sticker fees was floated as a way to help with some of the problems going on at Sandy Beach, the Board of Selectmen voted against raising the sticker fee and the cost will remain at $30.

Woes over septic flows

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motion to intervene, or join in the Cedarmere lawsuit.

Haddad said at this point, the town is looking into all viable options, and realizes it is not the only project with sewer problems. No matter what solution the project comes to, there are two others that have been working toward the same thing and he said he realizes they all have a place in line.

"We are going to pursue whatever we need to pursue to make this project work. There are a lot of hurdles ahead of us, but we're making a concerted effort to overcome them," he said.

Haddad said in the event the Northland developers pull out of the project, the town can either go out to bid again or decide to stop the project completely. He said the town would get back the $200,000 which is currently in escrow that was supposed to be given back at the passing, but the town would be out roughly $75,000 in various engineering and design costs. "It's a possibility, but I hope that doesn't happen," he said.





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Border Street boatyard to get badly needed facelift

Type of tenant is still unknown

By Samantha Brown
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What will ultimately happen at the dilapidated Mill River Marine boatyard site — known as Cohasset's "motif #1" — is still anybody's guess as developers are mum on their plans.

But one thing is for sure, any businesses on the parcel off Border Street must have a waterfront use, which drastically limits the kinds of businesses that can operate on site, because the town's zoning bylaw prohibits a change of use in the waterfront business district.

The planning board heard revised plans to tear down and rebuild three dilapidated structures at the boatyard last Wednesday, and one of the board's newest members could not contain his curiosity. Planning Board member Stuart Ivimey asked the developers to be more specific about their plans for what would occupy the site.

"I have no comment on that," said Charles Humphreys, attorney for Donald Staszko, who is currently in the process of working out a deal to purchase the Mill River Boatyard from Peter Roy of Margin Street. Humphreys added whatever business does end up in their buildings will comply with the town's bylaws and said "no one quite knows," what the final plans will be. Staszko owns Cohasset Plaza and the former car dealership site on Route 3A near the Scituate line. Roy owns Atlantica, the Old Salt House and the Cohasset Harbor Inn.

But Ivimey, who was elected April 3, didn't give up and questioned the development team's motives. "If the applicant doesn't want to tell us what they want to do, it raises questions and makes me wonder if we have a snake in the grass," he said.

"That's unfair," said Humphreys, adding Ivimey shouldn't ask unnecessary questions at this stage, as future uses for the buildings do not need to be disclosed during the site plan review.

However, Ivimey went on to say it doesn't make sense to him that an applicant would hire engineers to draft plans, as well as a project manager and attorneys for the project, and not have any idea what was going to be done with the site once construction was complete.

An agitated Humphreys asked that Ivimey recuse himself from any further discussion due to what he described as unfair comments and bias against the project.

But Planning Board Chairman Alfred Moore explained while he understood Ivimey's concerns it is not in the board's purview to ask. While Moore said it would be nice for the applicants to share the information, they are under no obligation to divulge what businesses may or may not be included in the future as part of the site-plan review.

However, Planning Board member Peter Pratt said he feels the board does have the duty to ask what businesses might begin operating on site after renovations and that it would be doing a disservice to the community if it let the project move forward without exploring all the possibilities. In an interview after the meeting, he said while any business must comply with both the town's bylaws and the state's guidelines for waterfront businesses, it only makes sense for the developers to let the board know what they have in mind, so it is able to determine whether it will be harmonious with its neighbors. In addition, any change that causes an increase of traffic to the site will require the need for more parking, and Pratt said the commercial fisherman already say they have parking problems.

Building Inspector Robert Egan said the business limitations are clear for the site and "very little" can be allowed, even with a special permit, which does raise the question of what will occupy the site. He said marine related sales such as paint and petroleum products would be the best choice for a business, but, like Pratt, he too said parking will be a problem.

"There is no place in town other than the downtown area," where street parking can be counted toward the parking for your business," Egan said.

During the meeting, Pratt said he wanted to clear up any doubt about the future of the Cohasset Lobster Pound, which has operated on the site for many years and asked if the local business will be included in the plans going forward.

"Not presently, no," replied Humphreys.

Pratt said he thought he was told at a previous meeting that the Lobster Pound would remain, although he did not have the approved minutes from that meeting in front of him, and could not be 100 percent sure. Humphreys said he was almost positive no one had said the Lobster Pound would remain at any previous meeting because it has not been a part of the plans to keep it there. While Humphreys did not rule out a lobster pound at the site, it would not be the existing business.

One of the buildings housed apartments in the past. However, the Planning Board and developers agreed apartments would not be allowed and could not be grandfathered as they have not been inhabited for more than 10 years.

"The real purpose of this project is to get these buildings up. Once they're up, a lot more becomes viable," said Humphreys.

Carlos Peña, vice president of CLE Engineering, the engineers for the developer, provided information on building height and area to provide a comparison between what is currently standing and what is planned for the future site. "Everything is essentially being lifted two and a half feet to accommodate for the 100-year flood plain," he said. Peña added there are currently water marks from where high tides have flooded the buildings before.

George Morgan, Project Manager for Mill River Boatyard LLC — the new owners — said while original plans drafted included more changes, the new plans rebuild the existing structures and do not increase their size.

"So you're saying there is virtually going to be no change from what is there currently?" asked Planning Board Chairman Al Moore.

"That is correct," said Morgan.

Pratt said there had been some questions as to whether the new construction would impact the view of nearby homes. Humphreys said as far as he knows, the house across the street is a low slung ranch, and a difference of two feet won't make any difference as far as a view is concerned. "I would hope they would consider it an improvement of their view anyway," Humphreys said.

The development team for the Mill River Boatyard is slated to come before the Planning Board again Wednesday, May 5.

Mill River Boatyard buildings on last legs

By Samantha Brown
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There aren't many Cohasset residents who have seen the inside of the neglected "Eastwick" and other main buildings at the Mill River Marine Boatyard off Border Street in many years. But at least a handful have now, thanks to a walk-through of the waterfront parcel conducted by the development team that wants to bring the site back to life.

With waivers signed, the developers – hired by Mill River Boatyard LLC, the new company that wants to buy the site – began the tour in the "Eastwick" building, renamed after its role in the 1987 film "The Witches of Eastwick." Of all the buildings, it is located closest to the Border Street bridge.

Currently, the Eastwick building houses one boat on its open first floor. The ceilings are high, which makes it a perfect sheltered area to work on boats. However, while the back of the building is fairly secure, the front of the building is resting on wooden posts and is ready to collapse into the water below. Those who do work in the building know better than to venture too far.

Wooden stairs lead to a loft space which is also one big, open room. There are rafters which make up what is referred to as a "collar tie" area, with beams connecting from one side of the roofline to the other about 2 feet apart. The beams are open to the ceiling, and therefore the storage area does not count as another floor of the building, but provides additional storage space off the floor for flat items such as boat sails.

The main building on the site has three floors. The ground floor is currently being used as a workshop for boat repairs. There is a small

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Cohasset's fishing future may be on the line

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incompatible with the fishing industry. "You will see a loss of the fleet," he said.

The Mill River Boatyard is currently owned by Peter Roy of Margin Street, who also owns Atlantica, the Old Salt House and the Cohasset Harbor Inn. Donald Staszko is currently in the process of working out a deal to purchase the Mill River Boatyard from Roy. Staszko owns Cohasset Plaza and the former car dealership site on Route 3A near the Scituate line.

Developers for the Mill River project say they would like to tear down the three dilapidated buildings on the site, and rebuild them essentially as they stand today, but will not specify what they will be used for.

"It is astonishing people are dancing around what will be done," on the site, said Michaud, adding the only way the town can be completely sure it will retain its fishing fleet is to purchase the property itself.

Currently, the Cohasset Lobster Pound, run by Tommy Alioto, provides what he says is a very beneficial service to fisherman in the harbor. Alioto said of the 32 boats in Cohasset's fleet, he regularly buys lobsters from 31, and his current location makes it convenient for all involved. He has been told he must leave the premises by Sept. 1, and is looking into moving his business to Hull, which will mean the fishermen he has been working with for 13 years will either have to transport their lobsters to him, or find some place else to go. He added that lobsters are only of value if they are alive, and traveling with them for extended periods of time doesn't help.

While he said his business will survive the move, Alioto will miss working with the fishermen he has come to know over the years, should they decide to sell lobsters elsewhere, and he expects they will miss the convenience his business allows. He said he has built up a trust with his clients that if he knows a boat will be coming back into the harbor after hours, he will make a key available to them so they can bring their lobsters in and weigh them, all on an honors system.

From a financial standpoint, planning board member Peter Pratt said if the fishing industry is lost, it will make it impossible for the town to be able to receive federal funds for marine projects, such as the dredging of the harbor. The town received $1 million for the dredging project, and would not have received it, had the town not had a commercial fishing industry. Should the lobster pound be lost, Pratt fears "The oldest continuing profession in town," will suffer, as well as marine-related projects in the future.

But aside from the financial implications losing the fleet will have for both the town and the families of those who make a living on the ocean, Michaud said the town will lose much of the character it has held on to for generations.

"There is an intrinsic value to the fishing industry," said Michaud, adding when the boats come in they aren't just bringing a product, they are keeping the history of the town alive. The fishing industry "is very important to all the people who depend on it, and it is part of your heritage, and you will lose it if you lose your infrastructure," Michaud said.

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'Bitter Man' comedy club opens at Red Lion Inn

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son or another. This time, it was."

Not that he hasn't had his share of headaches getting the idea off the drawing board.

"It's been interesting" Norris laughed. "After we decided to do this, Gerry went on vacation for a month and forgot to tell anyone at the Inn what was going on. No one had any idea that this was really happening." He credits the support of Jimmy Dean, the Inn's Managing Partner and its new Events Planner Carol Lavelle for being "a real trouper" throughout the process of making the club a reality.

And Norris, working the connections he has maintained in the Boston comedy scene, has managed to pull together a season of headliners worthy of any Boston stage, acts that will include a mix of both veteran and up-and-coming comic talent.

Future shows will feature comedians of both local and national reputation. Some of the headliners sprinkled throughout the spring and summer include Peter Dutton, Patty Ross, Paul Nardizzi, Kevin Knox, Chance Langdon and Friday night's headliner, actor/comedian Frank Santorelli, best known for his role as "Georgie", the long-suffering bartender at "The Bing" on the HBO series, "The Sopranos".

Norris, who makes it a point to say that he has no plans to take to the stage as a stand-up artist at the Bitter Man ("I leave the stand-up to the pros.") notes that he'd like to give newer comics a place to hone their craft as well. He stresses however that any future plans will depend on how the club is received.

That said, "Everyone I have talked to is very excited" about a comedy club opening on the South Shore, adding, "My goal is to start out small and see where we go from there." If all goes well, he plans to expand from his current one night a week schedule, adding additional shows as well as a rotating schedule of Improv and "Open Mic" Nights for South Shore residents who want to give stand-up a whirl. He also (half) jokingly mentions that he is considering splitting the night of comedy into an early and late show format so that "old people like me can have an early dinner, catch a show and be home and in bed by 10 o'clock."

For now he is keeping the schedule to one performance at 8:30 p.m.., making the Inn a destination where couples can "have dinner and take in a show" all in one place, adding that unlike in Boston, "finding parking will be a breeze."

Norris insists that he doesn't want to be looked at as a "Producer" or The Bitter Man a "Business", hinting that either designation would take all the fun out of it for him.

"I really do think it has come together because I don't look at it as a business. As long as we keep it professional but fun, I think we'll do okay," adding he made a conscious decision to hold the show's cover at $10 "so that people have some change left over for cocktails during the show."

And when asked to sum up why he chose to open the club, Norris offered a somewhat wistful, and very un-businesslike, answer:

"I miss stand-up and I miss seeing comedy. If I sat around waiting for someone else to do it, it would never get done. So here we are."

If last week's enthusiastically received opener is any indication, Lance Norris can look forward to seeing lots of great comedy, right in his hometown, for years to come.



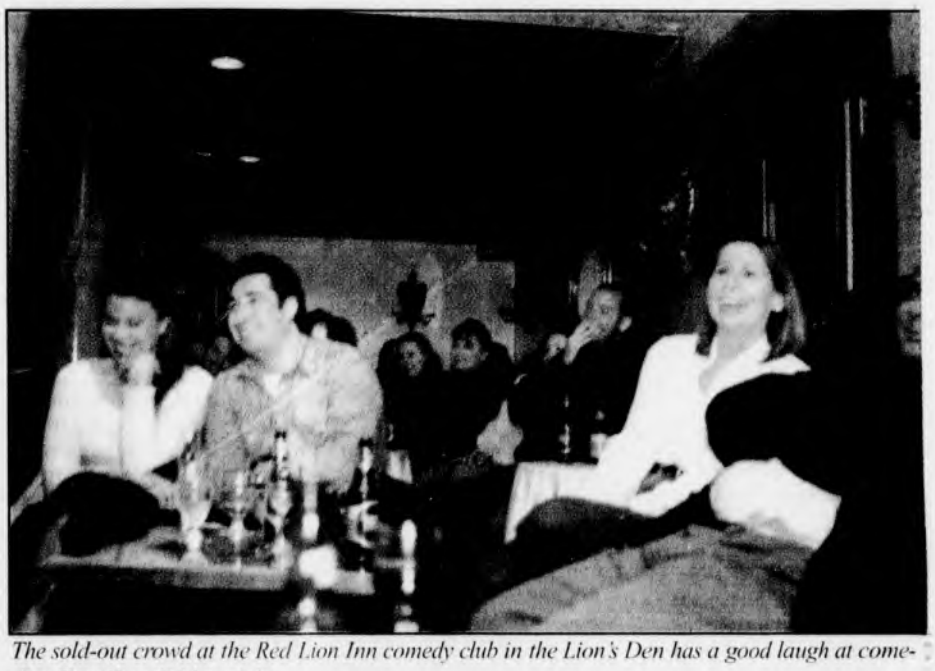
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Tony V entertains the crowd in the Lion's Den at the Red Lion Inn during opening night of the Bitter Man on Friday night.

The Bitter Man is located downstairs at Cohasset's Red Lion Inn Resort 1704, 71 South Main St., Cohasset. For information about upcoming shows and times, call (781) 383-1704. Frank Santorelli appears on April 30. Tickets are $10 and reservations are strongly recommended.



Dan Sally cracks up the crowd at the Red Lion Inn last Friday.

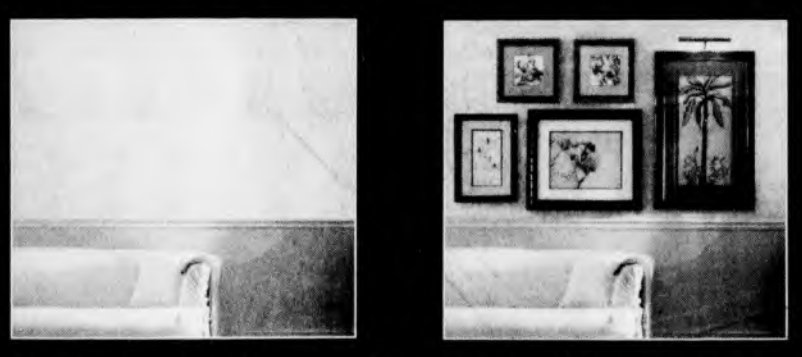


The sold-out crowd at the Red Lion Inn comedy club in the Lion's Den has a good laugh at comedian Tony V on Friday night.

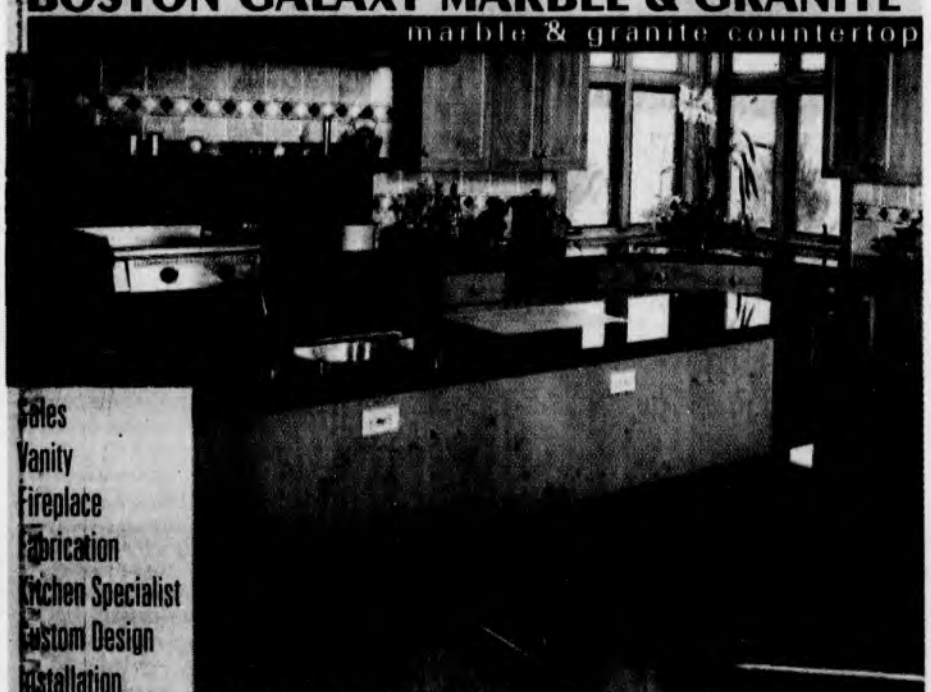
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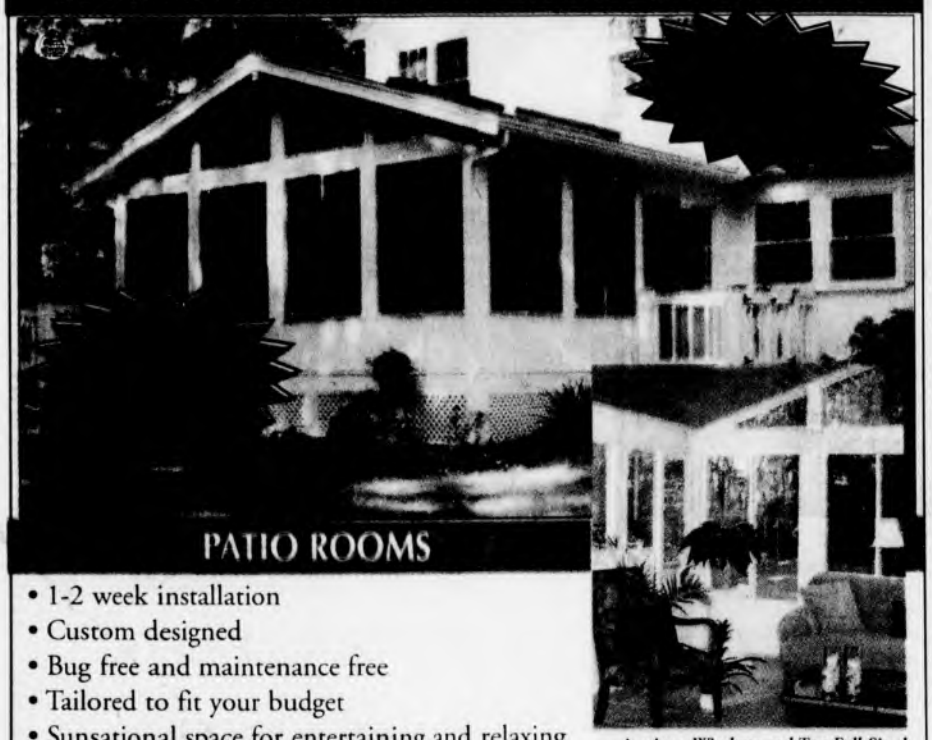
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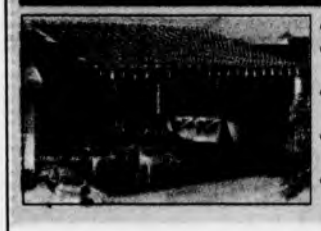
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ART ENTRIES SOUGHT

The South Shore Art Center will present the 49th Juried and Members' Art Exhibitions, June 18–20 during the annual Art Festival on Cohasset Common. The juried exhibition will be judged by **Kathleen Titetti**, executive director of Artists Foundation; **Katherine French**, director of Montserrat College of Art gallery, and **Robert Worstel**, manager of Studio Learning, MFA, Boston. Open to all artists, the work must be original, completed within the last three years, and not previously exhibited at the South Shore Art Center or at the Arts Festival.

Media categories include oil and acrylic, drawing and pastel, watercolor, print-making, mixed media/3D, color photography and black and white photography. A $10 fee is payable upon delivery of the artwork. Cash and product awards will be given in each media category. Work can be submitted May 15–17.

The Members' Exhibition is open to all members of the South Shore Art Center. Membership must be current through June, 2004 and memberships may be obtained or renewed when work is dropped off. Work can be submitted May 22 –24. The work will be displayed under the tents at the South Shore Art Center Arts Festival, June 18-20. For an exhibition entry form and more information visit www.ssac.orgor call 781-383-2787.



PERFORMATHON

Cohasset's Sophie Arnold was one of more than 225 students who performed at South Shore Conservatory's annual Performathon at Borders Books in Braintree. The annual fundraiser is an all-day marathon of hourly recitals and draws audience members from all over the South Shore. In addition to the performance space, Borders donated a percentage of their weekend sales to the Conservatory.

RELAY TEAM CAPTAINS, MEMBERS

The Relay For Life in Cohasset planning committee is currently seeking local residents to serve as team captains and/or team members. Relay For Life teams raise money by gathering sponsors to support their participation in the Relay. Teams of walkers keep a continuous presence on a local school track throughout the overnight event, walking in shifts to raise funds for American Cancer Society programs of research, education, advocacy and local patients. The second Team Captain's meeting is set for Wednesday, May 19 from 6:30 - 7:30p.m. at the Cohasset High School Cafeteria.. Anyone interested in finding out more about Relay For Life and how to join is welcome to attend. The Relay For Life is set for: June 18-19at Cohasset High School For more information about Relay For Life in Cohasset or to find out how to volunteer, please contact **Justine Vanderlugt** at 781-383-2956.

SEASIDE ADVENTURES

Seaside Adventures at the Center for Student Coastal Research on Parker Avenue returns this year, providing students who just recently completed third grade through sixth grade, the opportunity to explore the shoreline of Cohasset. The camp will be broken up into three, two-week sessions starting July 6 and running through August 12. Each session campers are given all the necessary tools and information to re-create the harbor's or surrounding shoreline's ecosystem in their own fish tank. The design and what goes in the tank is entirely up to them based on their hands on fun-filled experiences. Come join us for what we believe will be another successful and exciting summer experience! For more information visit: www.ccscr.org , by e-mail at seasideadventures@ccsr.org or call 383-0129.

XAVERIAN HONORS

The third marking period of the 2003-2004 school year is over at Xaverian Brothers High School and Cohasset resident, junior **Mark Lewis**, the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Kevin F. Lewis,** earned second honors. Great work Mark.

CAR WASH SATURDAY

Well, **George Roukanoukas** has done it again and again! George shared his Olympic Citco station, downtown, with Cohasset High School baseball players, allowing them to wash cars to raise money to pay for a coach and a batting cage. If you missed the first car wash, the team will be at George's starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 1 to wash and dry your car for a donation. And if you see George, thank him for keeping Cohasset cars running and looking good!

POST PROM MEETING, INFORMATION

The next Post Prom All Committee Meeting date will be held on May 4 at 7:30 in the CHS cafeteria. New volunteers are welcome to attend. Clean Up Committee especially needs volunteers. Please contact **David McMorris**, Chair, for further information or to sign up. The Post Prom Committee would like to remind CHS Senior parents of the following: Please deliver to Coldwell Banker at 11 North Main St. by May 1, a photo poster of your senior that encompasses your child's life. The poster board should be approximately 20 in. x 27 in., which is standard-sized. Please mail photographs of your senior and his/her classmates and friends by May 1 to Senior Photos, PO Box 542 or deliver them to either **Jody Doyle** or **Elinor Barrett**. All photos will be returned if they are labeled or if they are one of a kind, please make a copy of them for submission.

Parents who are interested in ordering graduation invitations and thank you notes must do so no later than May 1. The Invitations are on white stock paper with dark blue

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AT ARCHIES

Daniel Tarpey, left, of Cohasset, a Dean of Students at Archbishop Williams High School, Braintree, was one of more than 15,000 administrators and teachers who recently attended the four day, 101st National Catholic Educational Association Convention and Exposition at the Hynes Convention Center Boston. The convention celebrated the NCEA's 100th anniversary (1904-2004), and was the first held in Boston in 10 years. With Tarpey are fellow Williams Dean, Meryl Baxter of Canton, and Assistant Principal John Goff of Hanover.

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printing. They are single paneled cards of a ship's helm and skipper with the Graduation information underneath. Invitations are in boxes of ten for $10. Thank you notes are offered at the same price. Proceeds support the continuation of the Post Prom Party for Cohasset students. For additional information you may contact **Debe Trachtenberg** at 383-0462 or **Laurel Hickey** at 383-1736.

BENEFIT FOR LYDIA VIGNEAU

The Music Lady (**Beth Green**) and The Friends of **Lydia Vigneau** invite the children and families of the South Shore to an afternoon of musical entertainment on Sunday, May 2 from 3:00-4:30 at the Second Congregational Church (next to Town Hall).

Suggested admission is $5/person or $15/family and all proceeds will benefit Lydia Vigneau, a sweet 3-year-old girl from the South Shore who was diagnosed with leukemia six months ago and is undergoing an intensive two-year regimen of chemotherapy. Refreshments have been donated by Shaw's Supermarket and a raffle for children's music lessons, CDs, and hand-painted furniture will be offered. Contact **Beth Green** at (781) 545-2685 with questions. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, please send to: The Lydia Vigneau Fund, c/o 310 Beechwood Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

CALLING YOGA FANS

Hey all of you yoga fans. **Holly Pereira** is holding a yoga class from 7:15-8:30 p.m. Wednesday nights at The Second Congregational Church. The cost is $6 and beginners are welcome. Please call Holly for more info at 857-498-0178.

SPRING INTO WELLNESS

Renew Yourself with Natural Wellness Technologies" is the theme of an exciting presentation to be held at the Cohasset Public Library on Tuesday, May 18 (7-8 p.m.) and Thursday, May 20 (1-2 p.m.). If you have low energy, trouble sleeping, tired, achy feet or legs, sore joints, or just want to have renewed energy and feel great, then this educational workshop is for you! Come hear Nutritionist and Wellness Consultant **Patricia Messing-Hague** of Cohasset discuss cutting-edge, innovative and unique ways to help your body heal itself and stay WELL, vigorous and energetic! Simple things like drinking pure "living" water, taking proper nutrition supplements, addressing discomfort with natural non-toxic, non-invasive technologies...and much more! Special guest speaker **Carole Siegal** of Cohasset will tell the story of her health renewal. This program is free and open to everyone. If you have questions, please call 781-383-2410.

HOUSE FEATURED ON TV

Anyone interested in getting a look inside the home at 3 Jerusalem Lane should tune into Channel 5 at noon Saturday (May 1) when the 6,000-square-foot house is being featured on a program called "This Amazing House." The house is currently on the market for just under $4 million!

50TH REUNION PLANNED

Early planning is under way for a reunion bringing together the members of the 1954 graduating class of Cohasset High School. As well, a search is under way for those who were members of that class but were separated prior to graduation and would like to join in on the festivities. Knowing that most of those who were associated with this class have left Cohasset, it is hoped that friends who still live in town will inform them, as soon as is possible of the plans for the event.

Individuals who have not already been informed of the event and want to be included in on all plans should contact Norman Jason, P.O. Box 46, Durham, CT 06422 or call 860-349-3438. Much work is still to be done but it is necessary to know who is going to be in attendance before plans can be completed.

That is the news for this week. Please have all news and information to me no later than Mondays by 5 p.m. Anything received after this time will automatically go into the next week's column.

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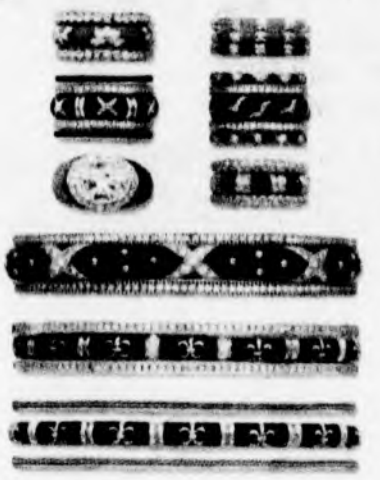
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Highest honor for Kristen James

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a Silver Award. For that, Kristen ran her own Daisy troop of four girls who wanted to be Girl Scouts, but didn't have enough members in their age group to have a full troop.

Some of the other patches Kristen has earned along the way are the "cookies and dough" patch, which she earned after working for the Girl Scouts council, running its cookie web site; a patch for soccer; a patch for rock climbing; and a patch for visiting the State House.

Kristen said she will attend Fitchburg State College in the fall, and hopes to pursue a career in computer science. She said after college, she will continue in her role as a Girl Scout, as she plans to become a troop leader.

PSO Phone-a-thon on TV May 12

Each year PSO volunteers make more than 750 phone calls as part of the annual phone contribution drive. This year, it is with much excitement that the PSO hosts its first ever Cohasset PSO tele-a-thon to be held live on local Comcast Channel 10 on Wednesday, May 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The Cohasset PSO Tele-a-thon is similar to the WGBH annual pledge drive except that instead of items for auction, they will be raffling off many items at different pledge levels. Names will be entered into a raffle drawing based upon the level of the pledge, and winners will be drawn on TV at the end of the evening (8:30 to 9 p.m.). Some of the items included in the raffle are tickets to the New England Patriots, dinner at Atlantica, and a Cohasset Sailing Club membership.

Throughout the tele-a-thon program, there will be a talent show consisting of children from all of the Cohasset Public Schools. Any interested musician or ensemble should contact Nancy Froio at 781-383-1897 by May 1. Tele-a-thon emcees will be sure to make this night a night to remember.

Biodiversity Days in Appleton Field

The First Herring Brook Watershed Initiative is planning several fun events to celebrate Scituate's Biodiversity Days starting with a visit to the Appleton Field near the South Swamp on Saturday, May 15 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon.

The Appleton Field is one of the few remaining large, inland, natural open field habitats, still surrounded by undeveloped land, left in Scituate. It is a scenic area full of bird life as well as many species of dragonflies and wild flowers, and it was recently purchased by the Town of Scituate with Community Preservation Act Funds. .

Bring your binoculars and cameras as local naturalists will be on hand with identification manuals and supplies to help identify and document findings. .

Meet at the Mount Hope Improvement Society Building at the corner of Clapp Road and Cedar Street in Scituate's West End at 9:30 a.m. Suggested donation is $3 and long pants are recommended..

For further information, contact Lance Van Lenten on 781-545-5987 or visit:
www.fhbwi.org

Mill River Boatyard buildings on last legs

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doorway which opens to a staircase that leads upstairs. On the second floor, there is a storage area and what remains of an apartment which hasn't been rented out since roughly 1987.

"Structurally, this building may be in worse shape than the Eastwick building," said Project Manager George Morgan. There are places in the ceiling through which there is a view to the room above, and water damage has made portions of the floor less than sturdy.

The third floor also used to serve as an apartment, and remnants of wallpaper still remain in the kitchen. However, there is now a hole in the roof and extensive water damage to the floors, although the same beautiful view remains outside its windows.

The Quonset Hut is said to have collapsed last winter, and is essentially a pile of rubble. The deck between the Eastwick building and main building is also in bad shape and some of its boards are rotten. The Lobster Pound is structurally sound, although it is in need of sprucing up.

Plans for the site include rebuilding the three dilapidated buildings and moving the Quonset Hut a little closer to the Lobster Pound building. The deck will be rebuilt as well.

Members of the Mill River Boatyard development team will come before the Planning Board again Wednesday, May 5.

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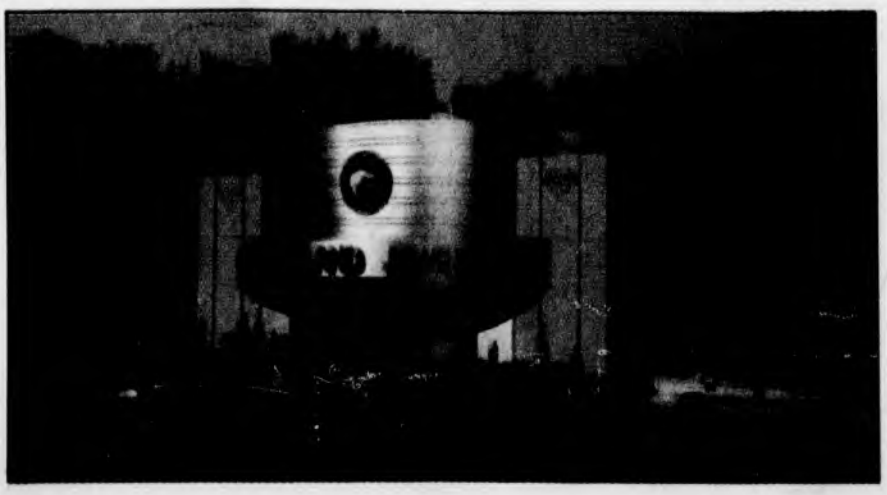
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Bradley unopposed in November election

Logan decides against a run

By Mary Ford
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For state Rep. Garrett Bradley the November election will be a first. The 33-year-old Hingham Democrat, who will be seeking his third term, has no opposition this time around.

Polly Logan, 78, of Cohasset, who pulled nomination papers and collected signatures, has decided not to run against Bradley after all.

The deadline to file nomination papers with local registrars of voters was 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Logan, who said she spent $35,000 of her own money in the recent three-way race for Republican State Committeewoman in the Plymouth-Norfolk District, said the representative race would be too expensive, according to published reports.

Logan could not be reached for comment.

Bradley, who represents the Third Plymouth District that includes Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and one precinct in Scituate, has raised upwards of $100,000 for his campaigns. Bradley, who is also known as a tireless campaigner walking the district and knocking on every door, faced a three-way challenge in the Democratic primary back in 1998. He then lost to long-time incumbent Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, a Cohasset Republican, in the general election

Bradley was back again in 2000 and won a tough Democratic primary against fellow Democrat Michael Holden of Hingham and then beat Republican Mary Anne McKenna and independent Walter Murray of Hull for Rep. Murray's seat.

In 2002, Bradley, who was unopposed in the primary, beat Republican Nathaniel Palmer of Cohasset in the general election.

Bradley said being unopposed is a reflection that the voters are satisfied with the job he's been doing for the past 3-1/2 years. "I'm happy to be able to focus on the job and not the politics of it," he said.

But Bradley said Logan would have been a formidable opponent.

"She has worked hard on many campaigns and done a lot to raise the profile of the South Shore on the state level," he said.

Barring a write-in campaign for the September Democratic Primary, state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, will also be unopposed in November.

Hedlund, who was also unopposed in 1998, was challenged by Democrats Jim Cantwell in 2000 and Ted LeClair in 2002.

Hedlund, who represents the eight-town Plymouth-Norfolk District, said being unopposed is a reflection of the job he is doing and also the power of incumbency. There hasn't been an incumbent state senator defeated since 1994 when Hedlund beat Democrat Brian McDonald of Weymouth.

"There is a tremendous advantage that comes with incumbency although less so for a Republican," Hedlund said, adding he has hopefully offset any vulnerability he may have as a Republican through a lot of hard work.

Disabled veterans meet at Glastonbury

The Lt. Ralph Talbot Disabled American Veterans Chapter 65 is sponsoring an information-sharing meeting to be held on Saturday, May 1, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and not lasting more than about one hour at the new Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center.

The DAV hopes that the meeting will result in added memberships and more active participation in the local Chapter.

Chapter 65 "Serves Those Who Served" in the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth. They perpetuate the memory of fallen comrades, assist members and their families who are in need and keep the membership advised of their benefit entitlements. Of particular note is the role the National Service Officers play in providing free representation for those who need help in presenting disability claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DAV membership eligibility is open to anyone wounded, injured, or disabled during honorable service or while engaged in extra-hazardous service under conditions simulating war.

The DAV hopes that the meeting will result in added memberships and more active participation in the local Chapter so that they can continue to help those who have suffered from the horrific wounds of war. A National Service Officer from the JFK Federal Building, as well as veterans' agents from the six towns have been invited.

The Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center is on the left-hand side of Rte 228, about ¼ mile beyond the intersection of Rtes 228 and 3A. As you near the Abbey, the road splits and you should bear left toward Hull(not Cohasset), take the first left after the main driveway. The Conference Center is handicapped accessible with parking.

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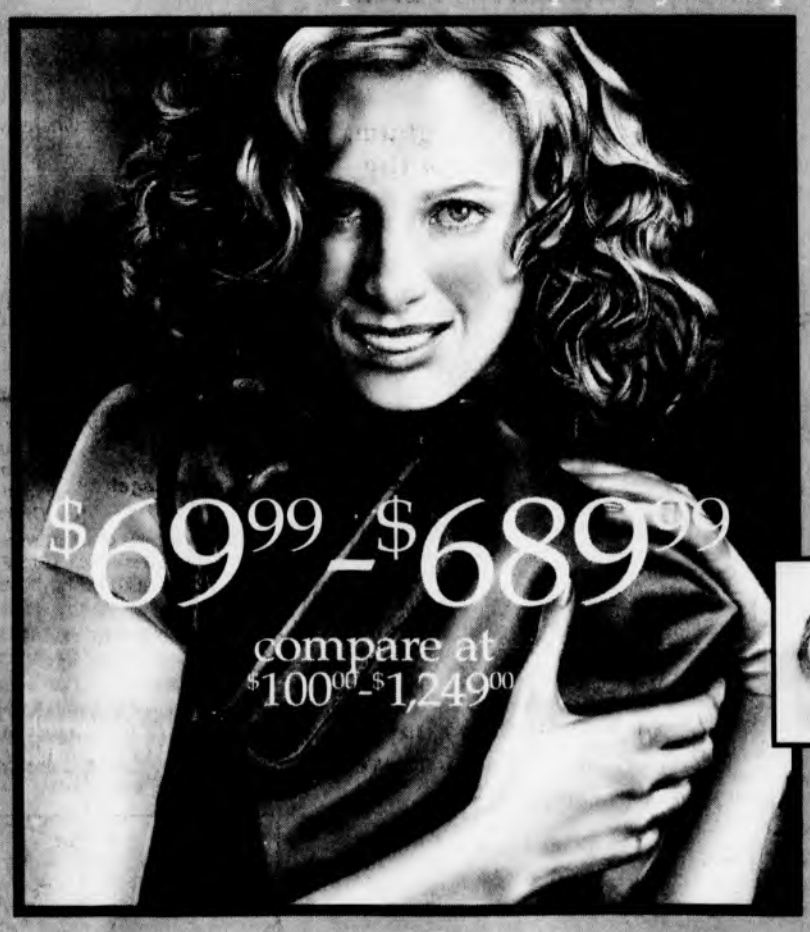
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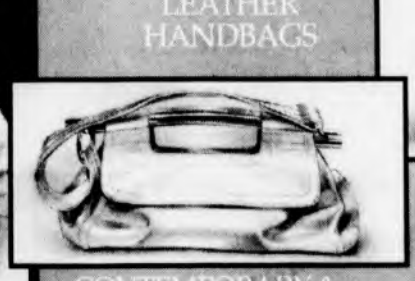
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Sewer forum called for

In our years of covering Cohasset, the town's sewer and wastewater problems take the cake when it comes to complicated issues. In fact writing about Prop. 2-1/2, Chapter 40 B, or Greenbush are relatively easy in comparison.

Suffice it to say, wastewater woes in town date back more than a generation. Cohasset — which is under a court order to fix the pollution problems from leaky septic systems — has made strides. The sewer plant has been expanded with hundreds of homes added to the system and Cohasset inked an inter-municipal agreement with Hull to hook up the homes in North Cohasset to that town's wastewater treatment plant.

We're unclear about how much capacity the existing plant can handle and how much more would be available if leaks in the system were repaired.

With the Little Harbor area patiently waiting in the wings, the proposed new multi-unit developments, including the 105-unit Cedarmere project; the 85-plus unit Cook Estate and 200-unit Avalon project are also all eyeing potential sewer hookups.

We're unclear about how much capacity the existing plant can handle and how much more would be available if leaks in the system were repaired. Also because the senior housing for the Cook Estate has the backing of Town Meeting could that project jump ahead of the line? The town is facing a legal challenge from the Cedarmere developers whose engineers say the plant has enough capacity and with certain fixes could accommodate a lot more flow. Avalon, at considerable expense, researched alternative wastewater disposal solutions when it was told a sewer connection was not possible. Does Avalon have first dibs if it is found the plant does have sufficient capacity?

We think it's time for the sewer commission, board of health, planning board, water commission and board of selectmen to conduct a forum that would focus on the town's wastewater and sewer issues, including what the town has to due under the court order. Also the roles of the various boards need to be clarified. For example, residents may need to understand the role of the planning board which approved Cedarmere, whose plans are designed around a sewer connection it may not be able to obtain.

Sewer issues have been discussed before but in various meetings before various committees. We think an open forum dedicated to the issue with charts and maps and a lot straight talk would go along way to clearing up any confusion.

For years the lack of an adequate sewer system stalled development. We need to know if that could still be the case and getting the related town boards in the same room at the same time might help clear this matter up.

— Mary Ford
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Yard sale benefits scholarship fund

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee will hold its annual yard sale to benefit the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship Fund on Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to noon at 89 Doane St., (off of Beechwood Street). The theme this year is "Something for Everyone" and shoppers will find a treasure trove of household items, china, glassware, collectibles, linens, books, toys, sports equipment and much more. Committee Chair, Agnes McCann, predicts a large turn-out, "This is our only annual fundraising event and we are so fortunate to have such a large amount of community support. With the diversity of items we have for sale, we hope to exceed last year's great success. We have lots of fun and, because every dollar goes to such a worthy cause, it's guilt free shopping! We invite everyone to join us."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Misguided contributors

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm glad I am not chairman of the Cohasset School Committee...as I was for 11 years back in the 50s and 60s...because I wouldn't want to face the hard choice of whether to accept the prospective contribution of funds to replace three elementary teachers now eliminated from the budget.

My inclination would be to politely turn it down...for three compelling reasons:

The decision-making system is more important than the specific case. I believe the School Committee, guided by the Superintendent, should make the decisions about school operations, not an unelected group of citizens, however well intentioned (including many good friends of mine). The current school management has decided that the elimination of the three teachers, while undesirable, is acceptable. If this decision is unacceptable to some citizens, the solution is to try to change the committee.

Such a voluntary, one-time contribution, is no guarantee of a permanent commitment and will only complicate and postpone a final decision. The current chairman, while apparently willing to accept the funds, has expressed this concern.

The effect of the relatively small increase in class sizes, while probably undesirable, is open to question. Ideally a one-to-one ratio is perfection, and 50-1 impossible, but the difference of 3 or 4 in a class is probably less important than the quality of the teacher.

Again, I don't envy the committee members. If they accept, they are undermining their own decision-making authority and buying trouble for the future. If they turn it down, they will offend their most concerned constituents. Perhaps they can dissuade the misguided contributors.

Osborne Ingram
274 Beechwood Street

Help sought to fund 3 teaching positions

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to express our gratitude to the many families who have generously contributed approximately $25,000 toward the goal of funding three teacher positions currently slated to be cut in the coming school year. These families understand that the projected class sizes of up to 26 students are unacceptable and so have lent their voices to the growing chorus of support for this important cause.

Our mission is to raise $105,000 to fund the three teacher positions fully, thereby maintaining the class sizes we currently enjoy.

Special thanks go to Superintendent Ted Malvey and Town Manager Mark Haddad for their encouragement. In addition, we are grateful to the School Committee for their consensus and public declaration that this project has merit and may indeed go forward.

We still need $80,000 to accomplish our goal. While we are seeking $105 from 1,000 families in town, many people have chosen to contribute in significantly higher amounts. Everyone's help is needed to achieve our objective. Please send your tax-deductible contribution (made payable to the Cohasset Education Foundation) to Barbara Buckley, 272 North Main St., Cohasset.

The Committee to Save Three Teachers
Barbara Buckley, Lauren Curley, Andrew Franklin, Jody Golden, Donna Hayden, Stephanie Noble, Deirdre Prescott, Lynn Schwandt, Justine Vanderlugt, and Michael Westcott

Happy with decision on front-gate guard

TO THE EDITOR:

Mrs. Vanderlugt sent the following letter to the selectmen and town manager:

On behalf of the mothers on Sandy Beach, we would like to thank you for making the decision to put an attendant at the front gate. It's nice to know that our children will be in a safer environment this summer.

Regarding beach items and activities, we are looking forward to working with the Beach Association to help raise money and to come up with different ideas so that all ages can enjoy Sandy Beach.

Justine Vanderlugt
344 King St.

Changing roles in government

TO THE EDITOR:

Both Lou Harvey and Murray Campbell have written interesting letters about town government.

In the last few years, the functions of the Selectmen and School Committee have changed.

The Selectmen by vote of Town Meeting hired a Town Manager. They relinquished their hiring function to the manager. He is more "on top of" the actual day today operation of the town. The manager also prepares the budget for their approval, superceding the Advisory committee. The selectman still appoint committees, set policy, hearings on town problems, and bound reports. Thus it would be foolhardy to move the Sewer and Water boards as appointed since they function well as an election board.

The school committee under the education reform act, does not hire its personnel anymore (except Superintendent). This policy and curriculum are an important part of their function. Of course, the budget is a large part of their job.

As the responsibilities of both committees are diminished, it becomes more important that careful line item budgeting be reinstated. Part of the discontent with the electorate will be eliminated if a solid line item budget presentation is available in the warrant.

I commend all those who chose to run for office this past election and wish the victors a productive three years on the boards.

Martha Gjesteby
Old Pasture Road

School board backs fundraising effort

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to make a clarification to a story in last week's Mariner regarding Mrs. Buckley's fundraising effort to restore elementary school teachers who were cut from next year's school budget. In the story it was stated that the School Committee was not supporting this endeavor. Clearly we do support this effort. There was some confusion, most likely caused by me, in emphasizing that this is a private fundraising effort that the School Committee is not involved with. We applaud this attempt to maintain smaller class sizes and welcome any reasonable attempts at this. I apologize for any confusion that was created.

I would also like to thank all those who contributed to a successful override. I believe it was a win for the entire town and helps to slow the erosion of town services. Thank you for your support.

Rick Flynn
30 Summer St.

Titanic presentation at Lifesaving Museum

On Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m. the Hull Lifesaving Museum, located at 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, welcomes Stephen Gagin for a lecture and video presentation.

Former naval diver, and author of the modern day piracy novel "Bravo Two Sierra," Stephen Gagin could not believe his luck when he learned he had won an online contest to join a crew on a dive to the wreck site on the Titanic. He was about to begin an unbelievable adventure.

Hear his amazing story - a can't miss event for Titanic enthusiasts. Following the presentation, Stephen Gagin will be available to sign copies of "Bravo Two Sierra."

All are welcome. Admission is $3 museum members, $5 non-members. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433, or email lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net.

HEALTH NOTES

Those bumps we acquire as time goes by

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Common varieties are nodules cysts, polyps and warts.

Last week Health Notes did not appear because of computer difficulties which, since much of the content of this column comes from the internet, left me severely resource challenged. Such an event puts into focus our dependency on that device. This week, the subject is bumps. As one ages, various bumps lumps and anomalies begin to appear on ones body. It's my experience that our bodies were a lot more fun when we were younger. Most of these gratuitous appendages are harmless. The late Dr. Wayne DeWaald used to advise those who had a protruding growth of unwanted skin to tie a piece of thread around it; pull it tight, and in a few days the growth, starved for blood supply, would drop off. But bumps vary. Common varieties are nodules cysts, polyps and warts:

• Nodules are solid, raised bumps on the skin, greater than 10 millimeters in diameter.

• A cyst is a closed pocket or pouch of tissue. It can be filled with air, fluid, pus, or other material. Cysts are common on the skin and develop as a result of infection, clogging of glands, or around foreign bodies.

• Polyp is an abnormal growth of tissue, which may be malignant or benign.

• Warts are small, usually painless growths on the skin caused by a virus. They are generally harmless. However, warts can be disfiguring and embarrassing, and occasionally they itch or hurt (particularly on the feet).

As the human race has evolved over the millennia, we have improved, upgraded in computer parlance. And as we are exposed to changes in life styles or living condition s our bodies have adapted, sometimes imperfectly, and in many cases selectively. Accordingly, the various bumps can mean different things for women and men.

Some bumps tend to be occupation specific such as vocal nodules for singers. Others can be gender specific such as cervical cysts and polyps.

These appendages can occur internally or can appear on the skin. For the most part, they are harmless, and, indeed some are considered beauty marks. But most require expert examination to indicate whether or not they are harmful. If you're not certain, it's best to see a health care specialist.

We have learned very recently, that periodic checks, even superficial ones, can lead to substantial increases in life expectancy. But, more important, periodic upgrading, replacement of worn components, improvements in operating systems and software will permit us to participate in a long and useful existence without dysfunction, viruses or other impairments.

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Sweet pea soup, a springtime treat

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

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Sweet peas are a symbol of spring and a good sweet pea soup ought to taste like it too: fresh, brightly flavored, and not heavy with milk or cream. Most recipes for pea soup are based on chicken stock, although older versions use nothing more than water and milk. Some additional spring green is often added, including lettuce, watercress, or pea shoots, and, oddly enough, a recipe from Chez Panisse calls for hazelnuts. I wanted it fresh, simple, and the perfect tonic to a long, hard winter.

The first question was the peas: fresh or frozen? I made the soup using fresh peas and it took me about 30 minutes to shell them. Happily the frozen peas make soup that is every bit as good as the fresh. Comparing the two, I thought the fresh peas had a slightly starchy taste as compared to the frozen, and actually had a slight preference for the frozen. I decided to stick with the four cups and base the rest of the ingredients on this amount.

The next item was watercress, an ingredient that I found key in my testing. I discovered by using 2 cups lightly packed, the pea flavor was not overwhelmed but the soup had more depth of flavor. As for oil versus butter, I preferred the latter since peas and butter are a delicious pairing. However, I left out the flour, a common ingredient in these recipes, since I did not want to thicken the liquid or dull the flavor of the soup. Shallots were more interesting than onion, although the latter makes a good substitute. For the liquid, chicken stock was my first choice and I found that any additional cream or milk was unwelcome in such a simple, clean soup. (A dollop of sour cream of full-fat plain yogurt, however, adds a bit of tang to the finished soup.) Thyme (one teaspoon) and mint (two tablespoons) were the herbs of choice.

As for cooking method, I simply simmered the peas and watercress in the broth (as opposed to cooking them separately). I tested pureeing everything versus leaving some of the peas whole, and preferred the former for this particular soup. (For super-silky soup, the hulls can be strained out.) Now the soup had big fresh pea flavor, bright green color and was a sure sign of spring.

SWEET PEA SOUP

This soup may also be made with fresh peas. You will need about 3-1/2 pounds of pods to yield the four cups needed for this recipe. You may prepare the soup up to several hours ahead of time and reheat it just before serving.

2 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup chopped shallots, about 2 large
2 cups watercress, lightly packed
2 tablespoons coarsely chopped mint leaves
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
3-1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
4 cups frozen peas
1/4 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
Sour cream or full-fat yogurt (Greek style preferred) as a garnish, optional

1. In a 4-quart Dutch oven or large saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. When foam subsides, add shallots and cook until soft and translucent, about 3 minutes. Add the watercress, mint, thyme, chicken broth, peas and salt and

bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer and cook for 5 minutes.

2. Process the soup in batches in either a food processor or blender. For exceptionally silky soup, strain it using a mesh colander. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper and serve immediately with or without the optional sour cream or yogurt garnish.

Serves 6 to 8 as a first course

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LIBRARY CORNER

Young adult room

The Young Adult room will be closed on Tuesday, May 11, and Thursday May 13, to accommodate the Cohasset Flower Show.

Books for sale

Check the book sale shelves in the Community Room for children's books and videos. Proceeds from the sale of books and videos goes to the Friends of the Library. The Friends generously fund the Summer Reading program, including the weekly small incentives, the weekly performers, and the tee shirts for all students that successfully complete their summer reading goal.

Author event

Reserve the date. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys will host Daggers & Desserts, an evening of mystery and delicious desserts, on Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m. at the library.

Featured authors will be Linda Barnes "Deep Pockets: A Carlotta Carlyle Mystery", David Daniel, "Goofy Foot: An Alex Rasmussen Mystery" and Katherine Hall Page, discussing "The Body in the Attic: A Faith Fairchild Mystery".

All three authors feature local areas as the setting for their novels. "Deep Pockets" takes place at Harvard, "Goofy Foot" is situated in Standish, a fictional town between Boston and Plymouth and "The Body in the Attic" is located in Cambridge. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. For information call 781 383-1348.

Spring into wellness

"Renew Yourself With Natural Wellness Technologies," is the theme of a presentation to be held at the library On Tuesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. and on Thursday May 20, at 1 p.m. If you have low energy, trouble sleeping, tired achy feet or legs, sore joints, or just want to have renewed energy and feel great, then this educational workshop is for you. Cohasset Nutritionist and Wellness consultant, Patricia Messing-Hague, will discuss innovative and unique ways to help the body heal itself and stay well, vigorous and energetic. Special guest speaker Carole Siegal of Cohasset will tell the story of her health renewal. This program is free and open to everyone. If you have questions, call Patricia Messing-Hague at 781 383-2410.

Artist exhibit

Stephanie Roberts' exhibit "Patterns and Pinhole" will be on display at the library through April 30.

Book Sale

Check out our sale bookcase of used books, videos and books on tape located in the library's Community Room. Prices are reasonable (hardcover books, videos and books on tape, $1 and paperbacks, $0.25). All proceeds go to the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

What'll we do without caviar?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Oh, there's bad news tonight for the idle rich.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has listed the beluga sturgeon, a fish found mostly in the Caspian Sea off Russia and Iran, as a "threatened" species under the Endangered Species Act.

This means it is possible for the American government, several thousand miles away, to slap a suspension on the importation of the beluga and, more importantly, its eggs.

And that, as any party-throwing millionairess can tell you, means an eventual end to an expensive delicacy known as caviar, which is so costly it is sometimes accompanied by an armed guard when it appears on the hors d'oeuvres table at the Ritz.

I can see it now; a freighter anchored just outside the three-mile limit, transferring cases of contraband fish eggs to fast speed boats, and capos from La Cosa Nostra fashioning ersatz caviar from salmon eggs for local speakeasies.

Needless to say, I've never had much luck with caviar. I tried it once at a cocktail party but I didn't like it. It came, as I recall, on little squares of toast along with a thin slice of cucumber. I don't like cucumbers, either, which may have had something to do with it.

A friend of mine, whose self-proclaimed destiny in life was to become rich, used to go out of his way to look for it at cocktail parties, even though he told me he didn't like the stuff either.

"Why do you eat it?" I asked.

"I have to get used to it," he said, "because when I am rich I'll have to eat a lot of it."

When I last saw him, he was still practicing on caviar (still the free kind) and if he's gotten rich in the last 40 years I don't know about it and I check the list of Republican contributors daily for his name.

For some reason the rich go whoopee over truffles, too.

Actually, truffles are fungi that grow underground in France and Italy.

The best are those that come from the Perigord region of France where they are rooted out by pigs and kept under lock and key once they surface.

I've never eaten a truffle, mostly because I was told as a youngster that people died from eating toadstools that they had mistaken for mushrooms, another fungus.

But I digress . . .

Like I say, caviar is expensive; just how expensive and why I can't say because Stop & Shop and Roche Brothers don't carry it. Something about demand, I understand.

But the fact that the recommended wine to serve with it is champagne tells you a lot.

And then there is the story of the lady customer, nouveau riche obviously, who had the temerity to ask the waiter how come her caviar cost so much.

"Because, madam," he said, "it's a year's work for a sturgeon."

A lasting friendship that got off on the right foot (and paw)

COMMENTARY

CYNTHIA MCMANUS

The house is quiet this morning. For the first time in nearly two decades, the house is cloaked in an odd silence, one that has been absent for so long I barely remember it.

My house was filled with the typical noisy chaos that signaled the beginning of yet another busy day, but one sound was conspicuous for its absence: the clickety-click of a dog's claws striking the floor in rhythmic counterpoint to my own steps.

He was mine and I was his from the day we met, a warm late summer morning in 1985.

He had been rescued from certain death, found tied to a highway guardrail, bound with twine so coarse it rubbed a raw, red ring around his neck. Freed by the sympathetic hands of a friend, he was brought back to her home where I discovered him patiently sitting in her yard waiting (although I didn't know it at the time) for me.

His treatment up until the time of his rescue had been horrific, leaving him with a fear of people that made him somewhat peevish and cross.

As for me, I was emphatically *not* a dog person, never having understood the attraction to a species that seemed to involve way too much time and attention.

Our prior assumptions about one another aside, it took only a second to dawn on me that *neither party would be leaving that yard without the other.*

I was 28 years old, sensible and rather serious, a young woman not prone to rash acts. Nevertheless, I instantly chose to take him home because I sensed then what I know now to be true: there are choices we make that take us to places we have no clue we will ever go — and when we finally arrive at our appointed destination, we discover to our surprise that things have turned out just as they were supposed to.

And so it was for him and me.

My friend tried to warn me that my new companion had clearly been abused and would likely inflict more than occasional fearful nips, muttering darkly that I would also most assuredly have a fight on my hands just getting him into my car. I later discovered many of those things to be more or less true — but none of her predictions applied to us.

He sat quietly as I snapped his leash onto his collar — and without as much as a backward glance at my friend's astonished face, flew to the car, vaulted into the passenger seat and then, onto my lap for the ride home.

That's how I like to remember us — pilot and co-pilot setting off to discover the adventures awaiting us.

I played yin to his yang, a Heinz 57-ish jumble of inscrutable pedigree, a manic bundle of impossibly wavy/curly black and reddish-tan fur, with ears that stood away from his head when he smiled. I named him Bozo on that long ago day, because of those ears and that big clownish grin — although later in his life I began to introduce him as Boswell, so loath was I to admit I had conveyed such a goofy name on so dignified a creature.

I have to say though that he didn't seem to mind.

When he was young he would greet me every morning, flying down the hall, propelling himself forward like an out of control firecracker, leaping up to land atop the covers on my bed, flinging his not-so-insubstantial doggy self onto my chest, covering my face with excited kisses — and smiling that toothy smile.

The memory of lying nose-to-nose while he grinned and I giggled makes me laugh, even today.

For 19 years he was the constant, common thread woven into the fabric of my life, he and I weathering together the changes that marriages and divorces, births and deaths, new homes, new families and new children bring.

We lived life together, one rarely without the other, because one without the other *was not us* — and it became a family joke that I was likely to call to a dog that 99percent of the time was already at my feet.

He was a creature who seemed destined to tempt and thwart death almost every day of his life, regularly putting himself squarely in the middle of no end of hair-raising situations. Later in life he was diagnosed with a number of seemingly terminal conditions to which he would stubbornly refuse to succumb, so much so that his inability to gracefully accept his own mortality became another family in-joke.

But in the end his body silently surrendered to what his heart could not — and despite my fervent desire to keep him safe forever, my constant companion began to slip my grasp, leaving me to watch helplessly as the sphere of his existence diminished bit by bit as his vision failed and his gait faltered.

We said our good-byes yesterday he and I, another pair of kind hands setting him free for the last time, his release severing the cord that bound us together for most of my adult life. It left me with a profound sense of loss not only at his passing but also in the realization that the last link to the sensible young woman from that long ago summer day was now gone too.

And today, although I am older (and far less serious), surrounded by the love that being part of a family affords, I am also achingly aware that there is a void; the creature to whom I always referred as my "bestest friend" will no longer snooze contentedly by my side as I write.

Ours was — and is — a bond that enriched us in ways that aren't easily understood, even by me. I know though that our connection to one another still lives in that part of the heart where we keep the memories that really matter. It is the place where that unbreakable thread was woven, strand by strand, year by year, strengthened by a love offered unconditionally by the giver.

This was his final gift to me — and the young woman from that long ago summer morning treasures the mark that bond has left upon her heart today.

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Boswell

'Fargo-fiasco' snuffs out statewide smoking ban

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

As the State House experienced a modicum of quiet between the din of the gay marriage drama and the clamor of the coming budget debate, most of the hallway talk focused on a familiar topic: Tom Finneran.

But with a twist. For years, big issues and certainly budgets have generated the conversation: "What's Finneran up to?" or "Will this get by Finneran?"

But with word of an investigation in whether the speaker perjured himself in testimony about a redistricting plan for Suffolk County, a thousand inconclusive conversations were held about where that probe would lead, how it would affect Finneran's stewardship of the House, and what effect, if any, it would have on this week's debate on state spending priorities in the year ahead. In terms of real news, by far the most interesting development of the week was Susan Fargo. Lincoln's Democratic senator amazed the entire building by voting against the compromise version of her own proposal banning smoking in workplaces statewide.

At a conference committee-cum-celebration session staged to trumpet the ban's advancement, Rep. Peter Koutoujian shocked the audience by announcing there was no majority in favor of the bill on the six-member conference committee. Koutoujian and Sen. Richard Moore, D-Uxbridge, chair both the Health Care Committee and the conference committee, which had resolved differences in the House and Senate versions of the ban. Or so everyone but Fargo thought.

No one could remember a congruent situation. Other senators had spoken to Fargo the night before and expected her to support the compromise. Health advocates released a press statement hailing the expected approval of the smoking clampdown. Conferee and Rep. Rachel Kaprielian, a major smoking foe in the House, had flown back from Washington to be part of the smoking-ban celebration in Boston – and was as dumbfounded as anyone else when Fargo voted with the two Republicans on the conference committee, resulting in a tie vote and defeat for the bill.

Fargo expressed four concerns: that the bill had too many loopholes; that it could wind up hurting some small businesses; that it contains criminal instead of civil penalties in certain cases; and that she had not been fully consulted on changes to the bill, and satisfactorily responded to when she raised her concerns. Lori Fresina, spokeswoman for the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, did indeed speak for the entire anti-smoking lobby when she reacted to Fargo's reversal. "I am disappointed, I am appalled, I am upset, I don't understand it and I can't explain it to you."

Witnesses to these kinds of surprises at the State House are never satisfied with the surface explanation given for a change of heart, but this case was remarkable for the absence of skullduggery-based speculation. Fargo clearly had not won many admirers for switching her position so unexpectedly and so late, but no one was suggesting nefarious intent.

If anything, Fargo's staff was wondering why the conference session/press conference had been scheduled when the senator had made clear she had concerns and felt they hadn't been addressed. The spectacle was a classic mix of State House politics, process and personality – and policy, don't forget, and mystery.

By the time last week ended, both sides seemed in agreement on at least one hopeful note: there may still be processes by which the measure can be reworked, revived and moved forward — though no one was prepared to articulate exactly how.

"Rarely do we have the opportunity to literally save lives, and in this legislation that's what we could accomplish," Koutoujian told the Globe. "We've lost this opportunity for right now, but we haven't given up."

The Fargo fiasco provided the biggest headlines in a reasonably slow Patriots Day/school vacation week.

• *This week in gay marriage* — It wouldn't be Massachusetts state government if there weren't some to-and-fro over gay marriage. This week's developments had Rep. Emile Goguen, D-Fitchburg, vowing to file a bill of address to remove justices who legalized marriage for gay couples. A group of lawmakers on the other side filed a bill striking down the state's 1913 law against wedding couples who couldn't be legally joined in other states. And Gov. Mitt Romney said he'd stay out of an effort to pursue a goal he supports. Catholic Action League said it was petitioning the SJC to stay the issuance of same-sex marriage licenses until November of 2006 — the earliest voters could hold a referendum on full marriage for gay couples. Romney indicated he didn't believe the Action League's bid had a plausible chance. Romney said he'd keep pushing his own bill to secure special counsel and seek a stay of the court's ruling. That bill may not even get a public hearing.

• *Preston: house Medicaid budget based on politics, not reality* — Secretary of Health and Human Services Ronald Preston said the House misdirects hundreds of millions of dollars from Medicaid coverage for low-income recipients of MassHealth, irresponsibly permitting spending on other areas important to the health care industry, such as payment rate hikes for providers. Preston said enrollment in MassHealth will grow 7 percent, not the 4 percent included in House budget calculations.

• *Romney: municipal over-generosity exacerbates crisis* — In a speech to the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, Gov. Romney said a big part of the financial difficulties plaguing cities and towns is caused by overspending on the part of the municipalities. In particular, Romney said, communities are being too generous with worker raises, and the state isn't doing enough to limit the pay hikes.

• *Scores of asbestos violations generate $1.2 million in fines* — A springtime sweep by the Department of Environmental Protection found 45 places where asbestos was being handled improperly. Fines for just the February and March violations total $1.2 million. "Three words can sum this up – asbestos can kill," said Assistant Attorney General James Milkey, who participated in the inspections.

• *SJC rejects one of last bars to runway* — The Supreme Judicial Court rejected a lawsuit by the town of Hull that claimed state officials misled the Environmental Protection Agency in the process of winning approval for a new runway at Logan International Airport. The rejection is seen as clearing one of the last possible obstacles to construction of the new runway, a source of a quarter-century of controversy.

• *Rep. Demakis leaving House for graduate school* — Paul Demakis, a Boston Democrat and frequent critic of Speaker Finneran, announced this will be his fifth and final term in the House. He'll step down to pursue a master's degree in law and diplomacy at the Fletcher School.

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Rough landing for runway suit

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The towns of Hingham, Cohasset, and Hull have been dealt another blow in their attempts to stop the construction of an additional runway at Logan Airport.

Last week, the state Supreme Judicial Court dismissed a lawsuit initially filed by the town of Hull in Plymouth Superior Court two years ago, which the judge ultimately threw out. But after the judge granted permission to do so, Hull appealed to the higher court. That court's ruling last week came as a disappointment to project opponents.

A few months ago, the United States Court of Appeals upheld the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) approval of the controversial new 5,000-foot runway, dismissing opponents' arguments as "meritless." The court case stemmed from claims that the Environmental Impact Report for the project was flawed.

Although neither Hingham nor Cohasset was a party in the Hull lawsuit, both communities provided financial support.

The main issue, according to Attorney William Golden, who represented Hull in the lawsuit, was the Town of Hull's allegation that MassPort had filed false information that underreported the amount of ozone gases that the project would produce "and thereby avoided any regulatory oversight to control air pollution."

Golden said recent changes in the law have created a situation where the public has less say in matters of this kind than was previously the case.

Following the United States Court of Appeals decision three months ago, Massport spokesperson Jose Juves said the ruling reaffirmed "eight years of extensive environmental analysis and public process. . . . This decision reiterates that a lot of the claims made by opponents are baseless."

Project opponents disagree, remaining firm in their stand against the runway. They are concerned that the new runway will direct many thousands more flights annually over Boston Harbor, which would impact all three towns. Key issues include noise, air quality, and potential negative property value impacts. The existing noise is already unbearable before even adding in additional air traffic from the new runway, concerned citizens say.

The next step, according to Golden, is "to go back to the political process and demand that a cost-benefit study be done. The current price range for the new runway is between $50 and $100 million."

Golden said that eight out of every 10 new passengers goes through the Providence or Manchester airports rather than through Logan Airport. "That factor combined with the post-September 11 reduction in air travel means there's no justification today for the new runway," he said. "Because of the growth of those two airports and the negative impacts of the new runway, it would be very difficult to justify it on an economic basis [either]," he further stated.

The good news, though is that a $3 million study of noise associated with flight paths to and from Logan Airport designed to help keep the skies quieter and safer was a result of the litigation. The noise study is a requirement of a 2002 legal order by Jane Garvey, who was the Administrator of the FAA at that time. That decision authorized the construction of Runway 1432 at Logan but specified several mitigation measures to lessen the impact of aircraft noise on communities in the Greater Boston area.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on three roll calls from prior sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

MORE TIME TO READ CONSOLIDATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS (H 4646)

House 59-91, rejected a rule change prohibiting any "consolidated amendment" to the $22.5 billion fiscal 2005 state budget from being considered on the House floor until one hour after it is filed and made available to House members. Consolidated amendments are packages that are drafted by the House leadership in a separate room outside of the House chamber during House debate on the budget. For example, members who have filed individual amendments relating to veterans are invited into the room to discuss their proposals. A consolidated amendment dealing with veterans' issues is eventually drafted and proposed as a package in place of the individual amendments. Supporters of the one-hour rule said it is unfair to begin debate and to vote on these lengthy amendments prior to legislators having an opportunity to even read them. They noted that the one-hour rule would give legislators time to see if the leadership kept its commitment to include some of the individual amendments as part of the consolidated one. Opponents of the one-hour rule said all members are welcome to attend and offer their input at the meetings. They argued that the one-hour rule would unnecessarily delay action on the budget. (A "Yea" vote is for the one-hour rule. A "Nay" vote is against it).

ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE BUDGET AMENDMENTS (H 4646)

House 32-116, rejected a rule change giving members four days instead of three days to file amendments to the House version of the $22.5 billion fiscal 2005 state budget. Supporters of the additional day said that the budget is a lengthy and complicated one that is being considered amidst a fiscal crisis. They argued that members need additional time to read the document and draft amendments. Opponents of the additional day said that three days is sufficient and noted that electronic filing of amendments has made the process faster and more efficient. (A "Yea" vote is for allowing an additional day for the filing of amendments. A "Nay" vote is against the additional day).

ADOPT LOCAL AID RESOLUTIONS EARLIER (H 4658)

House 23-134, rejected an amendment to resolutions stating the intent of the Legislature regarding how much local aid it would provide in the fiscal 2005 state budget and how it would be distributed. The amendment states that it is the intent of the House and Senate, beginning next year, to annually adopt these local aid resolutions by February 15. Amendment supporters said that April is too late for some cities and towns to know how much they would receive from the state. They argued that adopting resolutions earlier would help communities plan their budgets. Amendment opponents said that a February deadline is too early and noted that the House Ways and Means Committee has not even crafted a budget proposal by that date. They argued that the House informs cities and towns as soon as possible but should not have its hands tied by some arbitrary date. (A "Yea" vote is for stating the intent of the House and Senate to annually adopt local aid resolutions by February 15. A "Nay" vote is against stating it).

ALSO UPON BEACON HILL

GAY MARRIAGE-Debate on both sides of the gay marriage issue continued last week as the May 17 date for allowing same-sex unions approaches. Rep. Robert Spellane (D-Worcester) filed a bill repealing a 1913 law that prohibits out-of-state couples from getting married in Massachusetts if their home state does not recognize the union. Rep. Emile Goguen (D-Fitchburg) filed legislation to remove from the bench the four justices who voted to legalize gay marriage. Meanwhile, the Senate has not yet admitted Gov. Romney's bill asking the legislature to allow him to hire a special counsel to argue for a stay of the Supreme Judicial Court's (SJC) gay marriage ruling until November 2006— the date a ballot question banning gay marriage but legalizing civil unions could go on the ballot if it is approved by next year's Legislature. The House has already admitted Romney's bill. On another front, the Catholic Action League of Massachusetts has filed a separate petition asking for the same delay.

UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS- A group of high school students who attended a Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) summit in March announced their top ten recommended new laws to prevent underage drinking. The proposals include raising the penalties for adults who provide alcohol to minors, repealing the current law that allows minors under age 21 to serve and sell alcohol in places like restaurants, requiring a mandatory science-based alcohol education and prevention curriculum for middle and high school students and making alcohol training mandatory for servers every three years.

ATTACKING OR STEALING GUIDE DOGS (H 2829)- The House gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a bill allowing a physically impaired person to file a suit for damages against anyone who steals or attacks the person's guide dog or against the owner of any animal that attacks the guide dog.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote



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COMMENTARY

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The Planning Board presented the following letter to the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday night:

At the urging of several Village merchants and interested citizens, the Planning Board has, over the past several weeks; met three) times to discuss both the issued Bid Package for the Village Revitalization Project, and the engineering assumptions of the James Brook Flood Control Project as now conceived. These recent meetings are in addition to the several previous meetings at which we have reviewed the Village project over the past two years. Please accept our Summary Comments and Recommendations, below.

• **Summary Comments:** We understand that you have been provided with copies of our most recent meeting minutes and correspondence regarding the Projects. Should you wish closer review of our recent work, we can provide you with a detailed narrative, notations to our meeting minutes, references to the project design sheets, and copies of correspondence with our retained civil engineer, Mr. John F. Modzelewski, P.E., of Civil Designs Inc.

Our recent work was conducted following our receipt of the 100 percent design set of plans titled "Town of Cohasset Village Infrastructure and Streetscape Improvements" (46 sheets), all dated March 5, 2004 and rendered by The Waterfield Design Group, Inc.; and of the bid package titled Village Infrastructure Improvements, dated April 1, 2004, also composed by Waterfield. Additionally, we have discussed summary statements regarding the James Brook Project, but have not reviewed the plans or bid package for that project.

We have been gratified that a group of Cohasset residents who are professionals in the architectural, construction, and project management fields have joined several Village merchants in coming forward to offer their time and talents without remuneration in order to assist in improving the outcomes of the Projects. We have developed our Summary Comments and Recommendations in large measure based on the professional opinions of these residents. David Calhoun, Erica Rice, Bill Good, George McGoldrick, Tom Hamilton, Jim Sandell, Wayne Sawchuk, and James Watson have been instrumental in helping us organize a new suggested approach to the Projects. Additionally, we appreciate the effort of your colleague Ralph Dormitzer in moving this collective effort ahead; the attendance at one or more of our meetings by Selectmen Fred Koed, Rob Spofford, and Michael Sullivan; and the time of utility consultant Jeffrey Martin, formerly retained by the Cohasset Revitalization Corp. (CRC), in offering his specific expertise.

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In summary, the Planning Board makes eight Comments on the Projects:

1.1 Village Bid Package is Not Effectively Competitive: The limited number of contractors (we understand a total of 3 to date, with 2 remaining in the process) that have requested copies of the Village Infrastructure Improvements Bid Package demonstrates that the bid is not nearly as competitive as it should be for a job of this size. The professionals we have consulted believe that this fact is most likely the result of the level of detail contained in the specifications, and the project phasing requirements of the package (Ref.: 1.8.2, below). The Taxpayers of the Commonwealth and of the Town will not realize the best return on the expenditure of public funds on the Project unless this non-competitive bid environment can be corrected.

1.2 Poured Concrete Sidewalks Will Harm Village Aesthetics: The poured concrete sidewalks proposed by the design and Bid Package will greatly damage the aesthetics of the Village, introducing a sterile urban look into what is widely recognized as an attractive small town center. Such an unfortunate and unintended outcome is particularly troubling as the Village sits adjacent to the Common Historical District, which clearly has its own intrinsic aesthetic value.

1.3 Composite Concrete Pavers as Alternative to Poured Concrete : Composite concrete Pavers — seen in many contemporary public and private sector projects in which aesthetics are of prime consideration — are an excellent alternative to poured concrete. Pavers are less costly than brick installations. Tom Hamilton has determined in conversations with the Public Works Department of the City of Boston that the City's current sidewalk specifications do not require concrete or asphalt underlayment to secure the pavers in place. Standard mason's sand works well, according to City officials. Of critical importance is the added benefit that pavers installed in sand can easily be taken up to accommodate the installation of utility laterals in the future (Ref.: 1.4). The current design reflects neither of these benefits.

1.4 Provisions for Undergrounding of Aerial Utility Plant: The plans make no provision for the installation of main line utility conduit installed through the streets of the Project Area. This infrastructure, installed to the specifications of the utilities themselves (electric, telephone, cable TV), can easily be planned and constructed now in order to avoid significant and costly disruption of the Village streetscape in the future. Manholes, handholds, and stubouts from the main line ducts to the edge of the sidewalks should also be installed now so that lateral installation into served buildings can be achieved in the future, as per the concrete paver method suggested above (Ref.: 1.4). No utility cable or wires need be installed at this time, in order to save monies expended. Planning Board member Pratt has reviewed this suggested plan with Mr. Jeffrey Martin, the utility consultant formerly retained by the CRC. Mr. Martin states his agreement with this strategy, inclusive of the use of pavers laid in sand that accommodate the lateral installation process going forward.

1.5 Parking Space Array and Sizing: Planning Board member Sturdy has expressed strong concern that the design of parking on-street parking spaces could become a bad legal precedent for the Town. As we have discussed with the Selectmen, Planning Board regulations and Zoning Bylaws require spaces configured differently. The Planning Board concurs with member Sturdy that at the very least, Town Counsel should be asked for a written opinion on the potential of precedent being established that could be used to undercut the enforcement of Town parking requirements going forward. We also agree with Village merchants that parking spaces are still not optimized to provide for maximum parking, especially along South Main Street from Cohasset Hardware to Dependable Cleaners.

1.6 Elm Street Held Outside Project Area: We agree with comments of mer-

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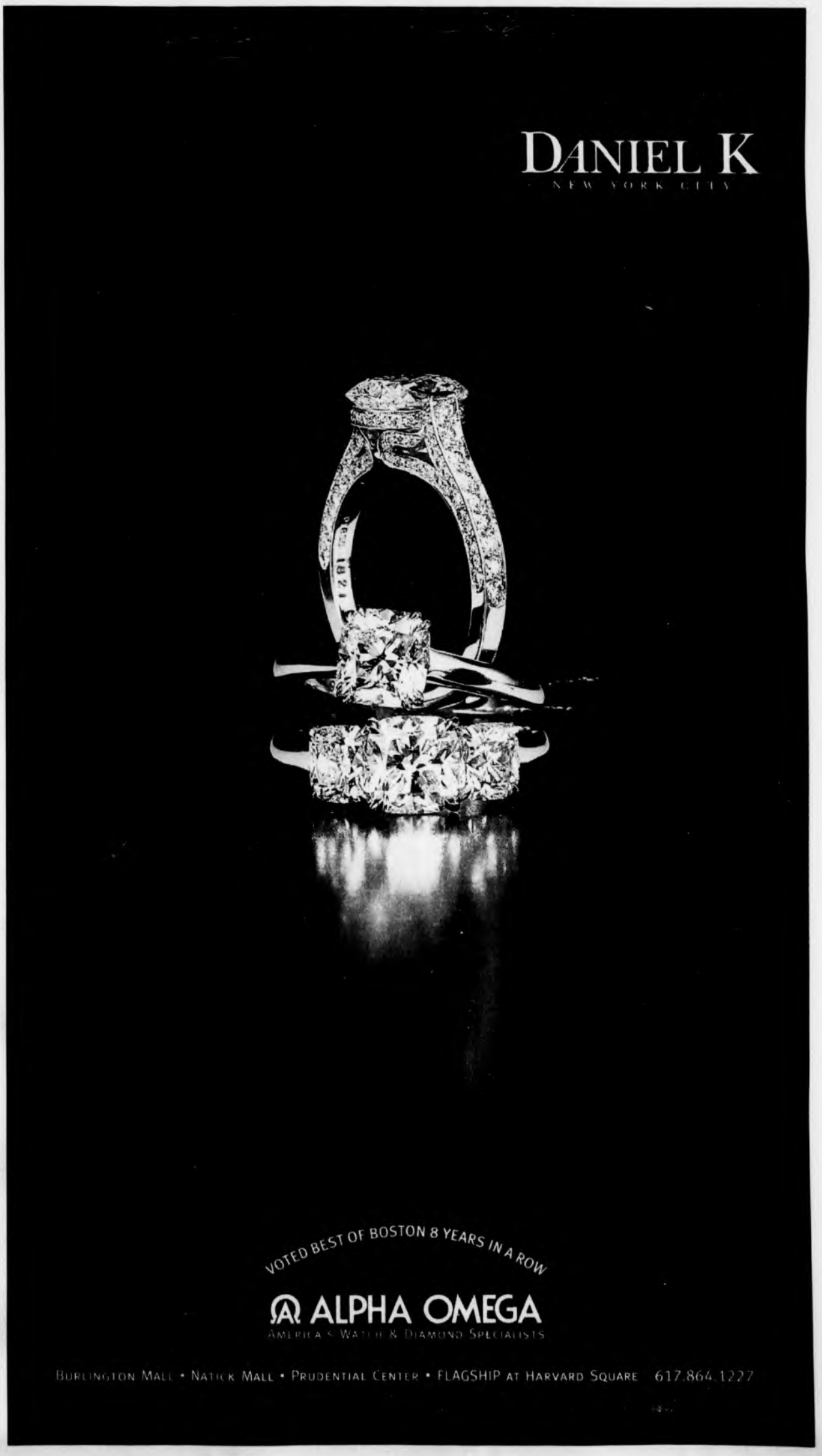
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chants and professionals that if the Project Area includes Elm Street, from South Main to Brook, sidewalk widths and curb reveal heights will make impossible the extent of on street parking now existing. Excluding or diminishing the current number of vehicles that can park on Elm will have a severe negative impact on the businesses located in this short street block. Professionals at our meetings concurred that the problem is engendered by Town use of sate monies to conduct work on Elm Street. If state or federal funds are used, modern specifications have to be employed which would wipe-out most of the on-street parking

1.7 James Brook Flood Control Project: The James Brook Flood Control Project significantly intersects the Village Revitalization Project in terms of both funding and construction management. The main channel of the James Brook transits the Village via an underground culvert installed roughly from the vicinity of the Strawberry Parfait building (Pleasant St. at James Lane), to the closed culvert outfall of the Brook into Jacobs Meadow at the Masonic Building (off Brook Street). If the proposed next phase of the James Brook Flood Control Project is not engineered correctly, any effort to resolve design errors going forward would cause significant further expenditure of public monies, necessitated by the digging of new channel ways through the reconstructed Village and Town Parking Lot.

The two professional services firms that have both investigated the continued flooding of the James Brook, and proposed designs for flood mitigation, Waterfield and Tutela, have presented to the Town engineered solutions which are not compatible. Each of the two concepts for flood mitigation in the Village area are based on separate and distinct flood level and associated engineering calculations. Earlier this month, residents on lower Pleasant Street, lower Ripley Road, and Elm Street have reported significant inundation of their properties resulting from the Spring rains of this year. The possibility exists that oneor both engineering calculations for the James Brook Project are incorrect.

1.8 Project Management: Project Limits, Critical Path, and Phasing

1.8.1 The Town should reduce the limits of the Project, if necessary, in order to remain within established budgets. A Project reduced in its size but correctly configured is far preferable to a Project that injures Village aesthetics, requires significant further public expenditure, causes repeated disruption, and potentially creates a worse flooding problem.

1.8.2 We discussed the requirement for phased work to be conducted by the bid selected contractor(s), and understand the Town's desire to maintain traffic flow to Village businesses for as l9ong as possible. Significant discussion suggested that the Project would be better managed if a 'blitz' period of intense work were allowed and requested in the Bid Package. Such a schema would allow some night work in the Project Area, and authorize the shut down of some streets for expedited timeframes. We believe the phasing goal actually will drive up both Project costs, and total time over which traffic to local businesses will be disrupted.

1.8.3 We discussed the Project elements requiring work for the Water Department. Our consensus is that coordination must exist between the Village streetscape Project and the Water Department work. We would like to see the bid documents better breakout the separate costs attributable to Water Department work.

In summary, the Planning Board believes that if the Village Project is conducted as reflected in the Bid Package, the Project will do irreparable damage to the character of Cohasset Village, and will trigger unnecessary spending of Town funds to correct problems going forward. Significant among such problems requiring corrective work, is the failure of the current Project to provide for underground conduits for the eventual placement of utility plant now conducted aerially through the Village. Equally as troubling is the lack to date of peer reviewed engineering, in an effort to arbitrate the engineering differences between Tutela and Waterfield as regards the planned phase of the James Brook Project.

2.0 Recommendations: The Planning Board urges the Board of Selectmen to implement the following four primary recommendations relative to the Village Revitalization and James Brook Flood Control Projects. Not one of these Recommendations is made lightly. None of them are typical to a civil engineering project conducted by a town in Massachusetts. At this point however, there is nothing typical about either project in terms of the lack of a public consensus reached, the potential non-competitive bid environment, and high probably of future disruption of the work area to correct the failures of the currently conceived project. Frankly, we believe that extraordinary steps are needed immediately.

The Planning Board therefore recommends:

2.1 Halt Bidding and Contracting Processes: The Board of Selectmen should immediately halt the bidding process now being conducted for the Village streetscape work, and the contract award of the James Brook Project. Recovery by the Town of all work product of any and all consultants, engineers, or other professionals employed to date on the Projects should be executed immediately in this regard.

2.2 Appoint a Project Coordination and Oversight Committee: The Board of Selectmen should immediately appoint a Project Coordination and Oversight Committee for Village and James Brook Projects, such Committee to be comprised of, at a minimum David Calhoun, George McGoldrick, Tom Hamilton, Jim Sandell, Wayne Sawchuck, and Bob Sturdy. The Committee shall be charged with providing guidance to the Selectmen for the conduct of the Projects going forward.

2.3 Communicate with EOTC and MHD: The Board of Selectmen should immediately *communicate with the agencies of the Commonwealth that fund the PWED grant for the Village Project.* The office of Secretary of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC), and the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) should understand the Town's intention to complete as much Project work as possible by June 30, 2005; and possibility that some portion of the Project work may be commenced prior to that date, but not completed by then. Further, the Town, in consultation with the agencies, should understand the 10percent project cost apportionment cap for design services. We understand that an applicable official at MHD has stated that a Project timeframe moving beyond June 30 2005 is acceptable to the Commonwealth.

2.4. Issue Specific Charge to Project Coordination and Oversight Committee: The Board of Selectmen should immediately charge the Project Coordination and Oversight Committee with the development of a Project Plan and Critical Path Schedule that shall:

2.4.1 Effect the installation of *concrete pavers* in the sidewalk layouts of the Project area, with sand as the specified underlayment for the pavers, rather than the use of poured concrete at the surface, and/or poured concrete or asphalt for the underlayment.

2.4.2 Effect the *installation of adequate main line utility conduit*, and associated manholes, handholes, lateral stub outs and like facilities, all to support the eventual placement in such infrastructure of utility wires and cables now conducted aerially through the project area.

2.4.3 Cause the installation of such *utility infrastructure in compliance with specifications of the utility firms* now operating distribution plant in the Village (Comcast, Massachusetts Electric, Verizon).

2.4.4 Work in *harmony with the Cohasset Sewer and Water Commissions* such that the currently installed utility infrastructure of the Commissions in the Village may be overhauled, upgraded, or otherwise reconstructed in an effectively phased manner in relation to the Projects.

2.4.5 Provide for *engineering peer review of the calculations, engineering assumptions, and plans of both Waterfield and Tutela for the James Brook Project*, and proceed with a design that emerges from the confirmed engineering assumptions agreed to. The Committee and Selectmen should also hold a public hearing on the matter so that all interested citizens, property owners, and business owners may understand the flood control ramifications of the various strategies proposed. Public hearings are required when expending federally derived flood control monies. Although the PWED grant is (nominally) funded with monies from the Commonwealth, the Town needs to preserve its ability to receive further federal funding in the James Brook flood corridor. The Planning Board would be happy to assist the Committee in this undertaking, and suggests that Mr. John Modzelewski of the firm Civil Designs Inc., could work to provide the needed peer review of the two (2) engineering solutions proposed.

2.4.6 Coordinate with the *timeframe and cost requirements of EOTC / MHD.*

Alfred S. Moore, Jr. is the chairman of the Cohasset Planning Board

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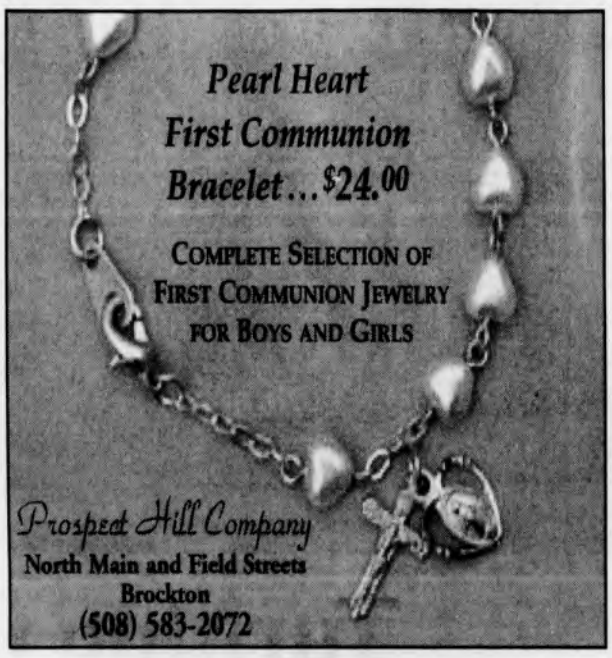
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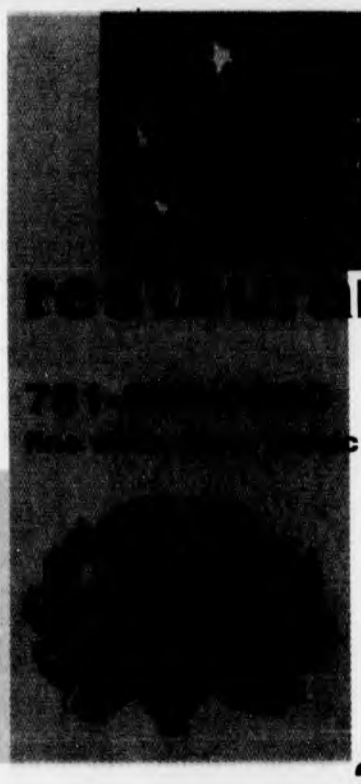
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EXTRA POINTS



MIKE SPELLMAN

She's at it again

After a week of inactivity on most of our high school sports fronts in deference to the April school vacation, we were all primed to get back to it Monday, coaches, athletes, parents, fans and intrepid reporters.

But noooooooo. Thanks again, Ma.

Monday downpours not only washed out everything across the board on that day, but rendered many of the fields unusable on Tuesday, leaving us, literally, with nothing to write about on many beats.

The concern for causing real harm to fields remains a huge issue. It will take many more days like sunny Wednesday before area ADs will again start sleeping peacefully through the night.

So here we are again on Tuesday night wondering just what we can do to fill these big sports pages.

Oh, I know:

Finally, a real bona fide rationale for disliking the New York sports fans: the predominant booing of Derek Jeter and Bernie Williams this weekend. Combined, these two have earned eight World Series rings as members of the Yankees, and yet the boos in the Bronx this weekend completely drowned out any cheers.

These two players have never been anything but great ambassadors for this team, these fans and their sport, not to mention a huge part of the team's success. Yet they're being widely booed over a short term slump…in April!

Nomar, sans even a trip to the World Series, suffered through much worse at the plate last September and October, and I can't remember any more than a couple of scattered boos from a few knuckleheads, and these were most often quickly drowned out by the supportive cheers of a far greater number of quick thinking intelligent fans. That made me proud to be a Red Sox fan.

The vast majority of feuding between Red Sox and Yankees fans over the years has been fun-spirited: two bodies of passionate fans, the only real difference between us being the laundry we were pulling for.

This latest episode has revealed another difference, a difference that, if I were a Yankees fan, I'd be extremely embarrassed over today.

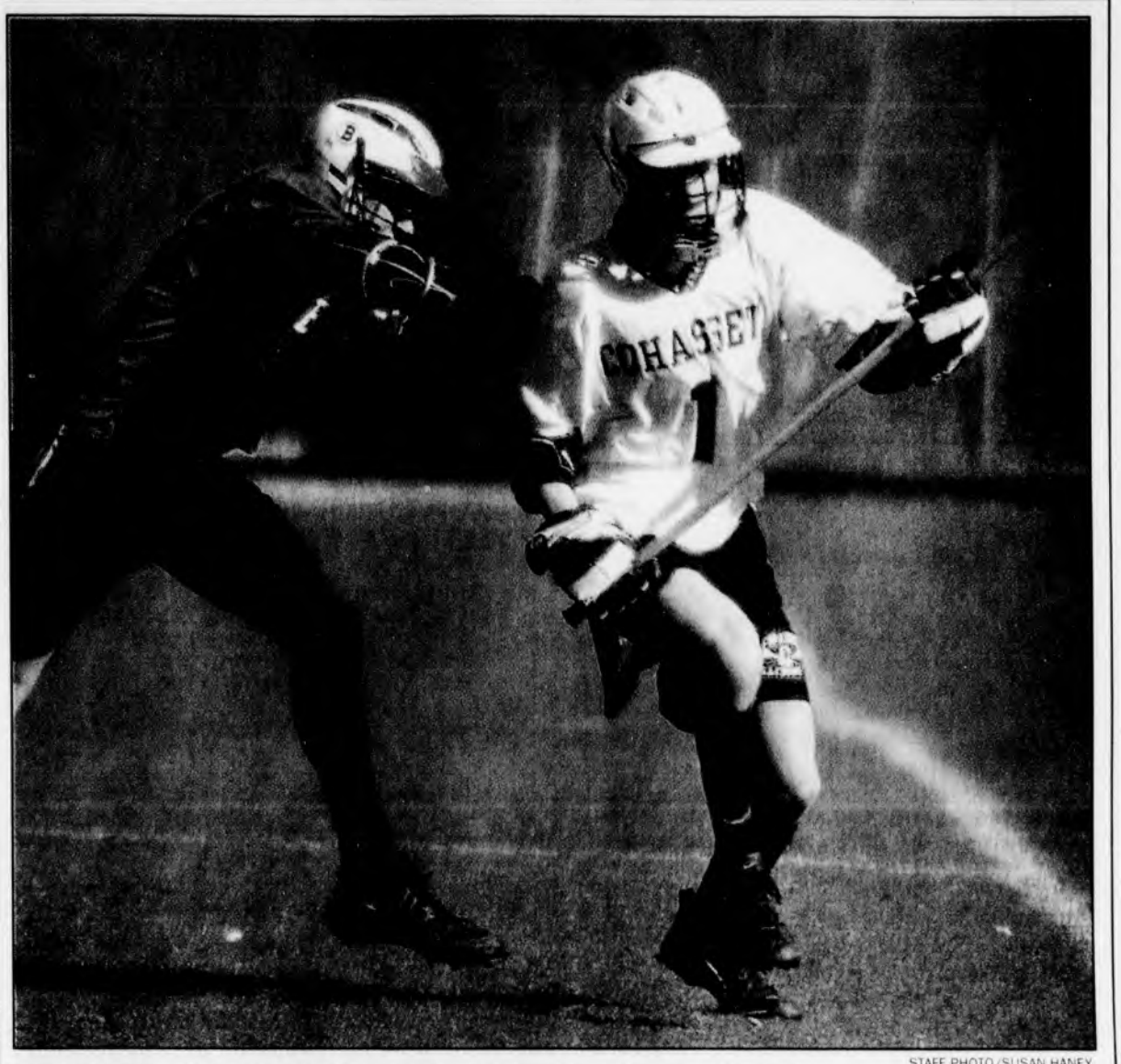
Can you believe what the Sox

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PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

John Downing and the Cohasset High baseball team will finally get back on the field for real this week after a long layoff. The Skippers had yet another game postponed courtesy of Mother Nature on Tuesday.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Jeff Brown (#1) gets a step on Barnstable middie in recent Pilgrim Conference showdown.

Turning up the D

Greater defensive commitment keys CHS laxmen to first two wins

By Mike Spellman
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It starts with defense.

No matter what the sport or what the level, you'd be hard pressed to find a coach who does not look to pound home this point whenever the opportunity arises.

Just cause for re-enforcing this tried and true message was hardly hard to come by for Stu Curran following all of the defensive collapses and lapses submitted by his Cohasset High boys lacrosse team against Barnstable on April 16, the end result of which was an 11-8 loss and an 0-3 record.

"And I had a full week of practice to make my point," noted Curran with a chuckle.

The laugh for the Skippers first year coach was made possible by virtue of his team winning its first two games of the season at the end of last week a on the strength of vastly improved play at the defensive end.

The Skippers pulled out a hard fought 7-6 win over St. John's in Shrewsbury Friday and then topped Scituate on the road 24 hours later, 7-5.

"I think we set the tone for defensive intensity in the St. John's game and that carried over to the Scituate game," said

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Success starts at the top

Prestigious honors come to three Cohasset High coaches

By Mike Spellman
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Those on the outside looking in often express wonder over the way so many teams from tiny Cohasset High are able to remain consistently competitive against opposition from far larger schools.

CHS Athletic Director Ron Ford, conversely, expresses no wonder. He has expressed many times to this typist over the last several years his belief that he has some of the finest coaches in the state working in his department.

Well, the already ample body of evidence supporting this claim has increased significantly over the last month or so, as three CHS coaches—assistant football coach Bob Silvia, head football coach Tony Rolfe and wrestling coach Torin Sweeney-- have been recognized by their peers with extremely prestigious honors.

Bob Silvia

The longtime CHS assistant football coach was part of this year's class of inductees to the Mass. High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame, and was honored at a banquet this past Sunday alogn with his fellow inductees. The event was attended by several current and former members of the CHS football

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Depth the difference

Scituate lady laxers wear down Cohasset in 11-8 win

By Mike Spellman
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Depth was clearly the difference for the Scituate High girls lacrosse team in their win over Cohasset, Tuesday afternoon at home, 11-8.

The visiting Lady Skippers jumped out quickly, their well balanced offense striking early and often as they took a 7-5 lead into the halftime break.

Cohasset seniors Meg Marr and Nicole Turgiss each finished with two goals for the game, as did junior Lauren Rizzotti and sophomore Lisa Spirito.

The second half was dominated by the deeper host squad, though, as they outscored the visitors from the North by a 6-1 margin over the final 25 minutes to take the 11-8 decision.

"The difference was (Scituate coach) Paula Evans had very good players coming in off the bench, and we just couldn't keep up," said Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney. "They just totally outplayed us in the second half.

"Our offense was clicking, but we just couldn't move the ball to them in the second half. We were getting killed in the midfield, turning the ball over and getting beat to every ball on the ground."

The Skippers were clearly feeling the absence of senior captain Ashley Faber. The star midfielder and force at both ends of the field had a family event to attend.

"We were getting killed in the midfield. We usually look to Ashley when we need a lift there."

The two teams entered the game with matching 2-2 records, so the Sailors went a game above the magic .500 mark, while the Cohasset girls fell below it for the first time this season.

Coach Evans credited sophomore netminder Darby St. Clair-Barrie for keeping the Lady Sailors close enough to come

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PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Peter Bunstein and the rest of the CHS tracksters saw their scheduled meet with Hull on Tuesday postponed to tomorrow afternoon See CHS sports schedule on page 20 for details.



Rear L to R: Justin Henriksen, Ryan Foohey, Mike Masciulli, Johnny Sinkins, Sam Labo, Coach Timco.
Front L to R: Coach Foohey, Ally Ryan, Willy Brown, Alec Hurd, Mike Timcoe, Vinny Calorio.
Missing from Photo: Mike Foley, Nick Craig.

Squirts come up big to take title

Squirt C3

The Squirts C3 capped off a terrific season with a thrilling 4-2 victory over Hanover Saturday and earned themselves the title "Yankee Conference Squirt Champion."

From the opening puck drop, the Stars were the aggressors as they continuously buzzed the Hanover net like a horde of killer bees. Only minutes into the game the Hanover netminder rejected point blank shots by Sam Labo and Willy Brown, with Vinny Calorio stuffing home the third chance.

Minutes later it was a different line, same story, as both Johnny Sinkins' and Mike Masciulli's close range shots were stifled, with Ally Ryan finally striking gold on the third chance.

With Hanover trying build some offensive steam, Willy Brown stripped the puck from the right wing and threaded the needle with a pinpoint shot through an opening in the goalies pads.

With a 3-0 lead to start the second period, the Stars didn't let up.

The shorthanded defensive crew of Mike Timcoe, Justin Henriksen & Ryan Foohey applied pressure at both ends of the ice and denied all Hanover puckhandlers the center lanes.

A Hanover rush out of their own end was broken up by Timcoe, and then Henriksen who fired the puck to Vinny Calorio who one-timed it into the top left corner for his second goal of the game and a 4-0 lead.

Goalie Alec "Black Hole" Hurd smothered a number of Hanover shots with his trusty glove and didn't allow any second chances. Hanover managed to punch in two quick goals with minutes remaining but the damage was already done. As the final buzzer sounded the Stars poured onto the ice and did their best imitation of a WWF smackdown.

Congratulations to the Champion Stars.

Coastal Stars Mite B's are number one

After finishing the regular season as the South Shore Conference Champions with a record of 20-2-2, the Coastal Stars beat Hingham Red and then Weymouth to advance to the Championship game on Thursday, April 15th versus Hingham White.

With a 1-1-1 record against this team, the Stars figured they would have a tough game ahead and the team that scored first would have the edge. **Jack Kuppens** proved this theory to be true as he split the defense on a breakaway and roofed the puck past the Hingham goaltender with less then two minutes into the game putting the Stars up 1-0 never to look back.

This score held going into the 2nd period when **Peter Bent** put the puck on the stick of **David Cataldo** who lifted the puck over the goalies shoulder to make it 2-0.

Hingham got on the board five minutes into the 2nd period, closing the gap to 2-1. But the Stars quickly responded when **Jake Timcoe** passed the puck up the boards to **Brandon Winn** waiting on the wing who skated in alone and beat the goalie glove-high giving the Stars a 3-1 lead.

Jack Kuppens made it 4-1, scoring his second of the night after receiving a pass from **Nate Morse.** Then **Brandon Winn** tallied his second to put the Stars up 5-1 with a nice backhand shot, which was assisted by **Brendon Crane** and **Mike O'Brien**.

Hingham scored late in the second when the puck deflected into the Stars net ending the period at 5-2. The Stars team sensed victory and tightened up, keeping Hingham from getting any momentum.

Highlights included the versatile **Joe Lasko** helping out the speedy **Matt Burchill** bust up Hingham's breakout opportunities.

Defensemen **Tommy Powers, Patrick Holway** and **Mike Hutchinson** were steady on D and helped out in the offensive end by keeping the puck in the Stars zone.

The hustling play of **Max Montgomery** got the Stars offense going on several occasions and **Nick Mulrey** won several key face-offs at the end of the game to keep possession of the puck protecting the Stars lead. Goaltender **Joey Commesso**, who came into this game after allowing the conference's lowest goals against in the regular season, faced many quality shots and came up big on several occasions frustrating Hingham as they attempted to mount a comeback bid.

The team is made up of 8 and 9 years olds from Cohasset and Marshfield and led by Head Coach **Charlie Mulrey** and Assistant Coaches **Dan Bent, Mike Timcoe** and **Mike O'Brien**.

South Shore Basketball shooting clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept registrations at Town Hall for an off-season basketball shooting clinic for boys and girls, grades 6 through 12.

The clinic will be coached by Paul-Michael Quintin and be limited to 15 participants in each of the two sessions. The fee for this program that will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from April 27 through June 3 is $115 per player.

Session I, for boys and girls grades 6 to 8, meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Cohasset High School gym.

CHS weekly scoreboard

Boys/Girls Track

April
27 Hull- PPD to 4/30
30 Rockland
May
3 @ Harwich 4 p.m.

Baseball

28 V Harwich
29 V Norwell -Milliken
29 V Norwell -Milliken
29 JV Norwell -Beechwood
3 V Mashpee 4 p.m.
Milliken
3 JV Mashpee 4 p.m.
Beechwood
4 V @ Hull
5 JV @ Hull

Boys Tennis

28 Harwich
29 Norwell
3 Mashpee 4 p.m.
5 @ Scituate

Softball

28 V @ Harwich
29 V @ Norwell
30 V @ Holbrook
3 V @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
3 JV @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
4 V Hull-Freedom
4 JV Hull-Barnes

Girls Tennis

28 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
29 @ Norwell
3 @ Mashpee 4 p.m.
5 @ Ursuline 4 p.m.

Boys Lacrosse

23 beat St. John's-S, 7-6
24 beat Scituate, 7-5
27 lost to Duxbury, 15-4
30 V Marshfield 4:30 p.m.
Milliken
30 JV @ Norwell 5 p.m.
4 JV Marshfield 4:30 p.m.
Milliken
4 LV Marshfield 6 p.m.
Alumni

Girls Lacrosse

27 lot to Scituate, 11-8
29 JV Hingham Frosh.5 p.m.
Deer Hill
4 V Falmouth 4 p.m.
Alumni
4 JV Falmouth 5:30 p.m.
Deer Hill

Success starts at the top

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community.

"It was a well deserved honor," said Ford. "Bob has worked hard and done a lot for this town and the youth of the town."

Silvia, who is also Cohasset's Fire Chief, has been an assistant football coach at CHS since 1982, serving as Defensive Coordinator the last few years. His work with the Skippers defensive units were key to the team's run to South Shore League championships and runs to the Super Bowl playoffs in 2001 and 2003.

"Our (Statistical) numbers on defense were among the best in the state the last three years, and that's despite the fact we don't have anywhere near as many players as most schools," noted Ford. "I'd say that gives you a pretty good idea of what kind of coach Bob is."

Silvia also stepped in to help with the transition when a new boys lacrosse coach was named this season. The new coach, Stu Curran, was away on Reserve duty at the beginnign of spring workouts, and Silvia stepped in to help get the laxmen ready for the season.

Silvia makes the third Cohasset High coach to be enshrined in the state football coaches hall of fame, as he joins Evie Dorr and Frank Almeida, who were both head football coaches at CHS.

Tony Rolfe

Rolfe, the sixth year CHS head football coach, has been named to be head coach of the South team for the 2004 Shriner's high school game. The annual showcase for top high school senior players will be held at Bentley College in July (more details to follow).

Rolfe has directed the Skippers to South Shore League championships and runs to the Super Bowl playoffs in 2001 and 2003. Playing in that game will be be two stars from Rolfe's 2003 championship team, soon-to-be CHS graduates Chris Bilodeau and Steven Davis.

Torin Sweeney

Sweeney was named the NIAAA Section 1 Wrestling Coach of the Year at the annual Massachusetts Secondary Schools Athletic Director Association banquet, held on March 17.

The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAA) only chooses a handful of coaches nationwide for this honor each year. Section 1 covers all of New England as well as New York and New Jersey. Sweeney, who notched his 200th career coaching win this winter while leading his wrestling team a league championship, is now up for the NIAAA's National Wrestling Coach of the Year Award.

Sweeney has been CHS' head wrestling coach for the last 21 years, and is also currently the school's head golf coach in the fall and head girls lacrosse coach in the spring. He was also an assistant football coach for several years at CHS.

"I'm extremely prod to be associated with all three of these coaches," said Ford.

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bullpen is doing right now? 24-2/3 scoreless innings at the time of this writing. Remember where we were at this time last April. Can you imagine where we would have been at the end of April, 2003 with this bullpen and that team? I challenge anyone to come up with a greater one-month statistical turnaround than this in Boston sports history?

So, Celtics fans, do you feel better about things now that your team made the playoffs?

Did any of the young Celtics players who are purportedly the future of this franchise—Ricky Davis, Jiri Welsch, Chris Mihm, Marcus Banks— really gain any important NBA-life lessons by being a part of the debacle that was the sweep at the hands of the top-seeded Pacers?

I doubt it, but others might disagree.

Whatever, it would be tough for any Celtics fan to deny the assertion that what unfolded on the court was not pretty. Everyone on that team folded under the pressure, no one more so than our "leader," Paul Pierce.

Speaking personally, I can't remember the last time I felt the Celtics were this far away from being a legitimate contender.

This stands in stark opposition to the way I feel regarding the Bruins.

Assuming the NHL is back at its regularly appointed time next fall (and, granted, that might be a big assumption), these Bruins should, if anything, be an even better team next time around.

The best years clearly lie ahead for Patrice Bergeron, Sergei Samsonov, Andrew Raycroft, Nick Boynton, and, yes, Joe Thornton. And Sergei Gonchar, Michael Nylander, Mike Knuble, Martin Lapointe, Jiri Slegr and Glen Murray all also have plenty left to give.

Big Joe gutted it out through an excruciating rib cartilage tear in the Montreal series, and he is to be commended for the effort he gave, not crucified.

We know few people in any walk of life are as well prepared for what they do as Bill Belichick and Scott Pioli. After this past weekend's draft, however, talk of their level of preparation has clearly taken a back seat to talk regarding their incredible good luck.

The dynamic duo let Ted Washington go to free agency, a no-move repeatedly questioned in this space and many others, but then, lo and behold, Vince Wolfork (a player in seemingly all ways worth mentioning comparable to Ted Washington, but with far fewer years and at a far lesser cost) falls into their laps in the 21st spot in the first round.

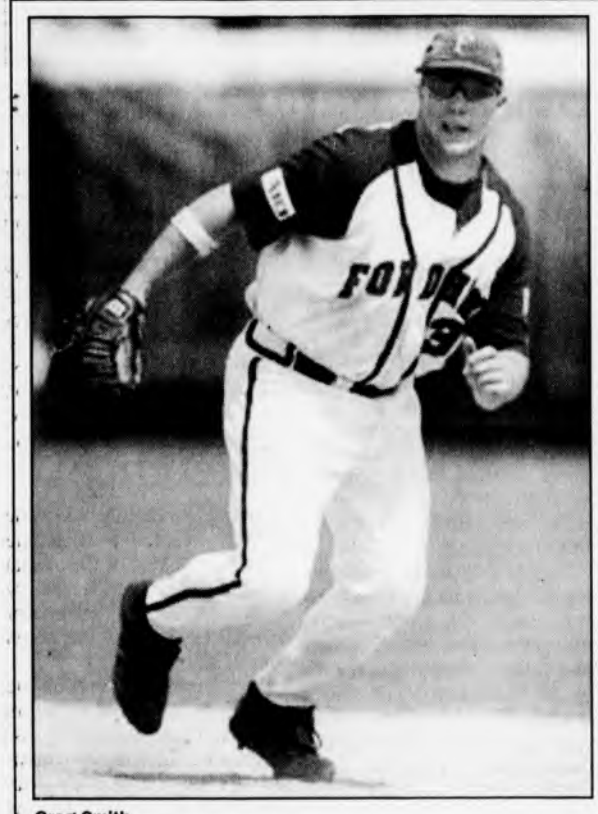
There was pre-draft talk of the Pats trading up quite a bit to get this Wolfork, as he was rated top 10 on many team's draft boards and, word seemed to have it, at least top 15 on everyone's.

As for the rest of the Pats picks, who knows.

It's really amazing how much attention the draft gets, especially in these parts. After all, Belichick has picked up a lot more value via the free agency market than the annual college talent dispersal.

There are more than a few fans grousing right now about the Pats not adding a linebacker or offensive lineman with any of their eight picks. How soon they forget. Mike Vrabel, Roman Phifer, Matt Chatham and Larry Izzo were all drafted by other teams, but were key contributors as linebackers for the Patriots this past season at a very reasonable salary cap figure.

Bill and Scott no doubt already have their top 20 list of free agent/potential free agent linebackers and offensive linemen finalized. What possible reasoning would we have not to believe in them?



Greg Smith

Cohasset's Smith earns A-10Baseball Weekly Honor

Bronx, NY - (April 26, 2004) - Fordham University sophomore Greg Smith (Cohasset, MA/Boston College HS) and freshman Jordan Lert (Westport, CT/Staples) both earned his first career Atlantic 10 weekly honor, as Smith was named Atlantic 10 Baseball Co-Player of the Week, while Lert received Atlantic 10 Baseball Co-Rookie of the Week honors. Smith shares the award with Richmond's A.J. Board, while Lert shares it with Rhode Island's Stephen Holmes.

Smith, a former Post 118 Legion baseball player, was on fire this week, hitting .591 (13-for-22) with 14 runs scored, six RBI, three doubles and a home run. He also recorded a slugging percentage of .955 and an on-base percentage of .654 for the week. In his homecoming to Massachusetts, he extended his hitting streak to seven games, hitting .545 in the Rams' first-ever three game sweep of UMass (6-for-11), scoring seven runs with a double and two RBI overall. He was 3-for-5 with a pair of runs scored and an RBI in game two, while going 2-for-2 with a double, two runs scored and an RBI in game one. Smith also scored three runs in the series finale. During the week, he went a perfect 4-for-4 with four runs scored, two doubles, a home run and two RBI versus Columbia, and had a pair of hits and a pair of runs in the Rams' win versus St. Francis (NY). On the year, Smith is batting .343with 36 runs scored, seven doubles, four home runs, and 23 RBI.

The Fordham Baseball team is currently 17-20-1 overall, having won six of their last seven contests, and 8-7 in the Atlantic 10, good for second place. The Rams will next be in action on Tuesday, April 27th as they host Iona College on Jack Coffey Field at 3:30 PM.

SPORTS NOTES

Deerhill gym to be dedicated

The Cohasset Deerhill School gymnasium will be officially re-opened and dedicated in a ceremony this Saturday, starting at 1 p.m. The Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund and the Basketball Boosters paid for improvements to the gym totaling approximately $8,000. The work included refinishing of the floor and the instillation of new hoops. The ceremony will include the unveiling of a plaque that recognizes the contributions of the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund and the Cohasset Basketball Boosters.

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David B. Perini, Jr. Memorial Tourney on May 10

At Hingham's Black Rock Country Club

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Featuring a scramble format with a shotgun start, the tournament also includes a post-tournament cocktail party, auction and dinner. Pre-registration is required. Tee-off for the David B. Perini, Jr. Memorial Tournament is scheduled for noon with registration beginning at 10 a.m. and the post-event party beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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(84B4) High School Boys Basketball Clinic: Grades 9 through 12, Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16, 2004, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, Scituate High School, Large Gym. This clinic is for any high school basketball player who wants to learn, practice and improve their basketball game. Individual offensive and defensive skills will be improved on. Players will be placed on teams and will compete against players of similar ability. All participants are expected to understand that this week is a challenging week intended to improve all facets of the great game of basketball. Bring your lunch and good attitude. Coach Matt Poirier and the best collection of basketball coaches on the South Shore. Cost $120.

South Shore Sr. softball steps up to the plate for a fourth season

The South Shore Senior Softball League, sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging, opens its fourth season on Sunday, April 25. The team, open to all South Shore men aged 55 and older, meets at 10 am at the Central Park Field in Scituate.

Proving that age is no barrier to fun and athleticism, the "boys of summer" play up to three times a week in the league. Games are scheduled Sunday and Wednesday mornings at 10 am and Thursday evenings at 5 pm. There is also a traveling team available for interested players to compete in games across the state. Players can play once or three times a week, as they wish. The season runs well into the fall.

Kevin McLaughlin joins league founder Jim Hyde as league commissioner this year. Anyone interested in joining the league can call the Scituate Council on Aging at 781-545-8722 to obtain a registration form. Cost for the season is $30, which covers a shirt, hat and as much softball as one wants to play.

Rec. Dept. offers safe boating course

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a two-session safe boating course offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the state of Massachusetts.

The course will be offered to both youth and adults; however, certification in this course is mandatory for 16-year-olds and under, who wish to operate any horsepower craft. This course is an initial requirement for the process of obtaining a Launch Operators License. U.S.C.G.A. instructors will teach the two-session course, which will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, May 8, and May 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Road.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department Office at 781-383-4109 as soon as possible, as class will be limited in size, and participants will be enrolled on first-call basis. There will be a $40 per person fee for this program, which covers the cost of the text book and class materials.

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children age 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of the class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft.

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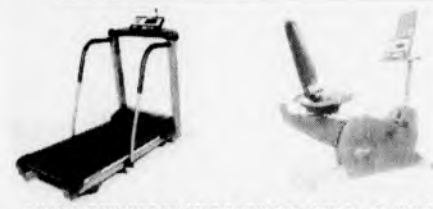
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Cohasset players swarm goalie Nick Murphy in celebration after their 7-5 win Saturday.

Turning up the D

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Curran. "Our midfielders made a commitment to getting back on defense all game long, and their help defense was a big key in holding both St. Johns and Scituate in check.

"Sometimes after a turnover at the offensive end, middies run back at maybe 85 percent, and that can be the difference between giving up a goal or making a stop. It was the difference on a few goals in the Barnstable game. But the guys were busting back flat out in the last two games, and that was a big part of our turnaround defensively."

Not to be lost in this, though, the coach noted, was the continued stalwart play of the defensive line. As expected, senior captains Conor Buick and Mike Devine have anchored the long-stick crew, and their fellow senior, Nick Murphy, has been strong between the pipes. However, pleasant surprises have been provided by juniors Casey Coleman and Crandon Leahy (a first year player), as well as freshman Jeff Brown

"Conor has probably been our key defender," noted Curran. "We match him up with the top opposing scorer and then go from there. He's been doing a very nice job game in and game out. Jeff Brown has really stepped it up too and become very consistent, especially for a freshman. He's all over the place out there, but he also plays smart positionally. He handles the pressure well. He's the product of a good youth program at Derby (Academy) and the Cohasset leagues and he's very coachable."

Devine has likewise been a key cog, rarely coming off the field. However, when the senior was slowed by a flare up of asthma and warm conditions on Saturday afternoon at Scituate, Leahy stepped in to those big shoes with nary a hiccup.

"Crandon is a big, rangy kid who makes up for his lack of experience with aggressiveness and athleticism," said the coach. "He doesn't back down from anything."

Skippers 7, St. Johns 6

The offense in the Skippers first win of the season was paced by junior Jake Previte and sophomore Aidan Buick (Conor's brother). Each attackman finished with two goals and an assist apiece. Murphy was strong in net, finishing with 11 saves.

A low scoring first half saw host St. Johns take a 3-2 lead into the halftime break, but the Skippers bounced back to score four of the five third quarter goals to take the lead for good at 6-4.

St. Johns would cut its deficit to one in the final quarter, but that's as close as it would get, as Cohasset hung on for the 7-6 victory.

Skippers 7, Scituate 5

Senior middie Mark Davis scored a game high three times in win number two on the season, but Previte fueled the attack with four assists, to go along with a solo tally. Aidan Buick chipped in with a goal and a pair of assists.

Senior DeWayne Morris had a goal and an assist and Ryan Tufts closed out the scoring.

Jake and Aidan did a nice job of getting our offense going," reported coach Curran. "We got our offense going into the crease, which was good to see."

Murphy again came up big between the pipes, stopping 13 of the 18 shots he saw.

"We had a lot of good stuff in both of those wins," concluded Curran. "We're excited right now to get those first two wins under our belts. We've definitely taken some big steps in the right direction."

Duxbury, Skippers

Next up

The Skippers were slated to get back into action tomorrow night at home versus Norwell under the lights at Alumni Field (7 p.m. start).

Youth lady laxers remain unbeaten as season resumes

After a long lay-off due to weather and school vacation, two of the three Cohasset Youth Lacrosse girls teams resumed play on Sunday, April 25 at home against Marshfield.

The day started with the Cohasset Blue 13-and-Under team (grades 5 and 6) running away from an overmatched Marshfield squad. Lindsay Allard, Amy Meikleham and Isabelle Franklin - the three 13-U girls who will represent Cohasset at tryouts for the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League all-star team next week - accounted for all of Cohasset's first-half scoring, as the home team ran out to a 6-0 halftime lead.

While it hardly seemed possible, Cohasset was even more dominating in the second half, spreading the wealth around for 10 goals from eight different players.

On the day, Allard finished with four goals and one assist, with Meikleham and Franklin adding hat tricks. Polly Murray scored twice, Hannah Burgess added a goal and an assist, and Lindsay MacNaught, Chelsea Silvia and Leigh Collins had single markers. Sophie Bertolami added an assist.

Whitney Jaffe and Olivia Murphy shared the goaltending duties, but were seldom challenged.

The 15-and-Under (grades 7 and 8) team followed with a tight contest against Marshfield's older girls.

Cohasset jumped out to an early lead as Gabriella Flibotte converted a feed from Katelyn Ryan and made it 2-0 midway through the first half on a long dash to the net by Maura Barnes. After Marshfield scored its first goal, Caitlin Mahoney netted the ball after a run across the goalmouth. Marshfield scored just before the half to bring the score to 3-2, and to signal a serious momentum shift in the game.

Throughout the second half, Marshfield dominated the action, getting more scoring opportunities and controlling the loose balls. Cohasset's defensive play, led by Rebecca Evans and Lindsay Hill, was able to keep things from getting out of hand, but two goals - one on a direct-free position - gave Marshfield a one-goal lead as the game headed down the stretch.

McKenna Teague converted a direct-free position with just over three minutes remaining in the game to tie the score. From there, Cohasset worked the ball until it had a good scoring chance, only to lose the ball in front of the net and compound the problem with a penalty.

Marshfield broke out after the referee's whistle and was able to hit its best player, Megan Daley, streaking in alone on net, but Thomson Jaffe made a one-on-one save with her shoulder as time expired to preserve a 4-4- tie. Jaffe finished with seven saves on the afternoon.

The day's play left Cohasset 2-0 on the season, with the 15-U team at 1-0-1.

The Cohasset White team's scheduled game against South Boston was canceled when the visiting team never arrived to play.

The Cohasset girls return to the field on Sunday, May 2 at Hingham on May 2.

For more information on Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, go to cohassetlacrosse.com.

Depth the difference

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back.

We definitely didn't play our best the first half," said the fifth year coach. "However, Darby once again played tremendous in goal. The girls made a lot of mental errors and didn't hustle like they could have. Once they realized they had to come up with some big changes mentally and start hustling like they wanted it, they settled in and played smart and aggressively, which lead to the win."

Junior midfielder Morgan Kenney paced the comeback with four goals, Fellow junior Alyse Kennedy buried the ball three times, and Kim Berlo and Amanda Harden each chipped in with a pair of tallies.

The Scituate girls got back into action yesterday at home versus Milton in what promised to be a tough non-league tilt. Two more home games follow, as they host Notre Dame on Friday and Martha's Vineyard next Tuesday. Both games start at 4 p.m..

Learn to skate classes at Weymouth and Quincy Shea rinks

A new winter series of ice skating classes will be held at the Weymouth MDC rink located on Broad Street and at the Quincy Shea MDC rink on Willard Street. Classes are for boys and girls ages 41/2 and up as well as adults. Separate skill classes are held at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Skaters can wear either figure or hockey skates and helmets are required for ages 41/2 through 7. Each class includes a small group lesson and a supervised practice.

Classes at the Weymouth O'Connell Rink are held Sundays at 5 p.m. Classes at the Quincy Shea Rink are held Fridays at 4 p.m. or Sundays at 11 a.m.

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Boys Youth lax season off to a great start

Over the Spring vacation week, Cohasset Boys Youth Lacrosse got their season off to a great start with two weekends of fantastic action, spirited competition, and a lot of fun at every level. Though Mother Nature once again is making it tough to get in any real practice time, the Cohasset kids took the field with many smiles and loads of enthusiasm that seemed to make the wait worthwhile for everyone in attendance. Here's the action from the last two dates:

Recap From 4/18 Action

Boys U11 Teams

The **White** squad opened its 2004 campaign with a visit to Duxbury. The boys were ready to play from the outset with lots of enthusiasm, but were matched by Duxbury's skill and intensity. Duxbury jumped on top early and continued with fine playmaking throughout the game. The squad gets an "A" for effort and hustle, but unfortunately, the boys were outmatched by a more experienced Duxbury squad. Cohasset's goalies, John Mills and Jay Salerno, deserve special recognition for their tenacity in the cage and Max Montgomery scored Cohasset's only tally.

The **Black** team opened the season with a tough loss to Duxbury on Sunday by the score of 7-3. Chris Murphy played the whole game in goal for Cohasset and made many outstanding saves. The teams traded goals early as Alex Evans and Kyle Healy scored with an assist from Robbie Mahoney to end the half 4-2 Duxbury. Mahoney scored a goal in the second half to make the score 5-3. The defense was led by Chase Baldwin, Nate Brown and Alec Hurd who worked hard at stopping a very big Duxbury team. Other outstanding performances were by Jamie Timothy and Charlie Neeves playing their first real game ever.

The **Blue** team started with a strong victory over Marshfield as Danny Czerkawski and Pat McCormack both scored hat tricks. Alex Evans added a couple of goals and John Collins scored on a nice solo effort. The team also got solid mid-field play from Brendan Walsh and Teddy Patsos while Will Tetrault, Geoff Swain, and Coleman Hernon anchored the defense. Attack was led by Kyle Healy and Ryan McGovern. Brennan Bukowski played a strong first half between the pipes allowing just one goal and Kyle Healy played the second half in goal with an outstanding performance as well.

Boys U13 Teams

The **Black** team played a fantastic game in a hard fought 5-4 overtime loss to Duxbury. In its first outing of the year, the boys from Cohasset showed great patience with exciting ball movement, disciplined defense and outstanding goaltending from Jack Murphy and Sam Leahy. The stingy defense was led by Andrew Graham and Justin Yeager. Justin's strong transition play set the tone early for the boys in black. The Cohasset offense was led by John Kearney, Derek Youngman, Ian Quinlan, and Morgan Grasz. Cohasset received strong two way play from Chase Murphy, Sean Naughton, and Conor Queenan.

The **Blue** team lost a close contest to a Marshfield Team that came ready to play. In a back and forth contest that saw one score answered by another to end the first half tied at 3 with Luke Ernst netting a hat trick. Opening the 2nd half, Ernst scored again. Ian Porter was a dominating force on face-offs and also got in the scoring column with a goal. Alex Kinnealy chipped in a goal to help the effort with Jake Wheelwright coming up with several big plays and an assist as well as dominating ground balls... Also big on ground balls was Thomas Flibotte with six for the afternoon. The defense of Thomas Pecca, Mark Dick, Nick Routhier, and David Hernon kept Cohasset in the game and made it close. Goaltender Mark Seraikis kept the game close with 16 saves overall (in the 4th qtr).

The **White** team kicked off their season with an 8-8 tie against highly touted Duxbury. Outstanding goaltending by Chris Brown anchored a much-improved defense, and a balanced offense saw eight goals scored by seven different players. Despite minimal practice time, midfield and attack showed strong game sense in running fast breaks and a settled offense. Austin Meyers, Dean Driscoll and Alexander Everett each scored a goal and helped keep pressure on Duxbury's defense. The midfield was led by two goals from Will Wise as Cohasset was very competitive in several key fundamentals of the game, such as ground balls and face-offs.

Boys U15 Teams

The **Blue** Squad took on Marshfield at home Sunday afternoon in their first match of the season. Marshfield moved the ball well and was first on the scoreboard. Blue showed good individual effort, notably crease defenseman Jake Cuneo who scored on an impressive end-to-end clear and it was all-square at two each by the end of the first quarter. Cohasset ruled on possessions in the second quarter but some man-down situations allowed Marshfield to take the half-time lead 5 -3. Down by four goals early in the fourth quarter, the team pushed it to the end and showed great attitude and enthusiasm right up to the last whistle.

The **White** team opened up in Duxbury with an impressive win over this perennial lax powerhouse. Strong individual performances by Mark Flibotte (3G/2A) and Mike Grimm (3G/3A) kept the Duxbury defense off balance as precision team ball control created multiple scoring opportunities throughout the contest. PJ McCaw anchored the defense with Anderson Lynner and Chris Kuppens shutting down almost everything that Duxbury threw their way and Nathan Porter was almost unbeatable with 11 saves on the day. With a shorthanded roster and most of the players trying their hand at every position, Logan Chase, Chris Mills, and Andrew Bell were also able to contribute goals to this winning effort.

Recap From 4/25 Action

Boys U11 Teams

The **White** squad entered its second game of the season looking to avenge an opening game loss with its second match up with another skilled team from Duxbury. The team was ready from the outset, playing strong on both the offensive and defensive sides. Fine passing and great hustle marked the first half for Cohasset where Derek Froio, Blair McGowan, and Nate Morse dominated possessions and ground balls. John Mills was strong in the net and his teammates had the home team up 4-2 at the end of the first half. Cohasset continued its unselfish play in the second half with Sarah Brown leading the charge with several fast breaks backing up Willie Brown who stepped into the goal and made many great stops. Cohasset added two more scores and held off a late Duxbury rally to end the day with a 6-5 victory. Cohasset goals game from Willie Brown (2), Andrew Fontaine (2), Derek Froio, and John Mills.

The **Blue** Team lost to a very talented Hanover team as the visitors scored two quick goals in the first period and never looked back. Despite the dominance of the other team, Cohasset did it's best to battle them to the end and had several precision passing and possession plays that showed their true capabilities. Luke Ernst, Alex Kinneally, Olly Forrer, and Nick Lieberman all scored goals with Forrer adding an assist as well. Brendon Horigan also notched a point with an assist. Mark Seraikis held the came in check with another strong performance racking up 13 saves.

U13 Teams

The **White** team had a team victory over visiting Scituate on Sunday. Strong goaltending and much improved team defense helped overcome an early 4-2 deficit as clears and overall team communication continue to improve. Goalie Chris Brown turned in a strong performance in net, and the defense, anchored by Ian Porter and Will Lynner, showed great progress in keeping the opposition off balance and unable to mount much of a charge. The offensive contributions were spread out across the roster with multiple players scoring tallies including Dean Driscoll, Will Wise, and Chris Walsh.

U 15 Teams

The **Blue** squad was victorious in every important aspect of the game against Hanover this weekend except the final score. With barely enough players to field a team, the squad played hard until the final whistle. They controlled transitions and ground balls and moved the ball skillfully and hustled to the point where the opposing bench was heard commenting on how much our team "wanted it." The team also scored a crucial victory by outscoring Hanover in the fourth quarter. Four players contributed to five goals: Sean Silvia (2), Charlie Mushin, Andrew Smith, and Pete Ernst with Greg Gallagher getting an assist. Wes Ulmer was solid in goal behind an athletic defense led by Jake Cuneo and Johnny Wade.

The **White** team seemed to be clicking on all cylinders in a dominating win over Scituate. From the opening whistle, the White squad seemed to "want it" a little bit more than their opponents and usually is the case; this led to a lopsided contest in favor of the home team. Chris Kuppens played finesse defense keeping Scituate's attack off balance throughout while the offense had key contributions from John McKenna, David Toomey, PJ McCaw, and Andrew Bell. Mike Grimm and Mark Flibotte led the charge with 4 points apiece while also taking turns playing defense. Nate Porter continues to shine in the goal and chalked up another double digit save tally on the day.

Information on the other teams was not available at press time.

Tennis Tourney in memory of Barbie Gurnis

On Friday, April 30th from 7pm - 12am, a tennis tournament will be held at The Kingsbury Club (Kingston) in memory of Barbie Gurnis. Proceeds from the event will be used to support the Duxbury Bay Maritime School's "Crossroads for Kids' Maritime Adventures" program.

Maritime Adventures takes campers from Crossroads for Kids at Camp Wing in Duxbury and exposes them to sailing, rowing and marine ecology. Perhaps more importantly, the program also exposes them to the life-long lessons of responsibility and respect that are gained through these activities.

According to Ingid Drago, "Anyone who knew Barbie knows that she was an incredible athlete. She had many passions and sailing was always at the top of her list. Teaching sailing to kids who might not otherwise have that opportunity would have been something she felt was important. We are happy to have this positive way to remember a special friend."

The round robin style of play will be from 7-9pm and a reception will be held from 9-12. Players of all ability levels are welcome and encouraged to play. Food, dancing and a silent auction will also be part of the evening. Tickets for tennis and the reception are $75 per person; tickets for the reception only are $50 per person.

Tickets are available at The Kingsbury Club, the Duxbury Bay Maritime School or through Karen Butcher (934.7135), Ingrid Drago (585.8976) or Jamie Therrien (934.3223). For more information or to donate silent auction items, please call Karen, Ingrid or Jamie.

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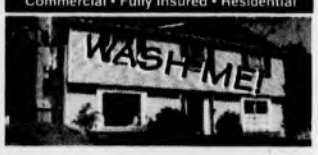
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Interested folks rummaged through the used clothing amidst the architecture of the Our World wing of the library.



Matthew Legge, 5, looks over some golf clubs for sale to help raise funds for the children's museum



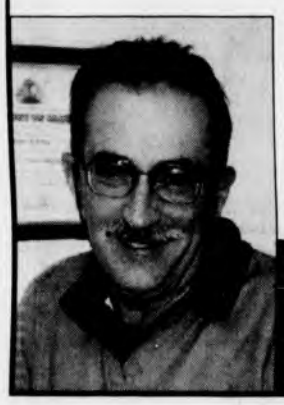
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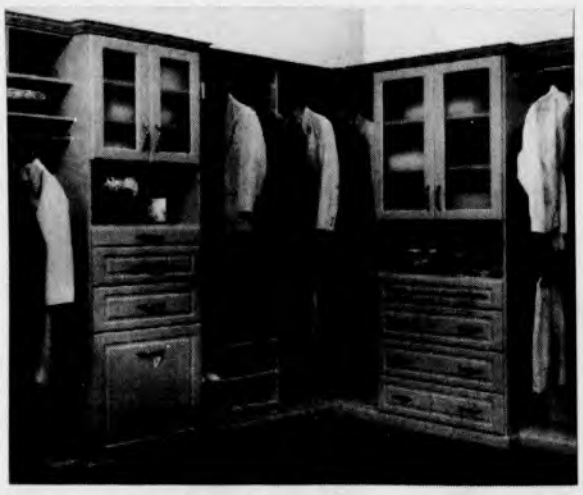
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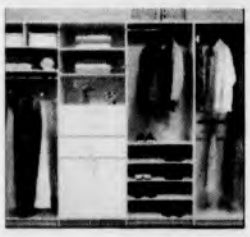
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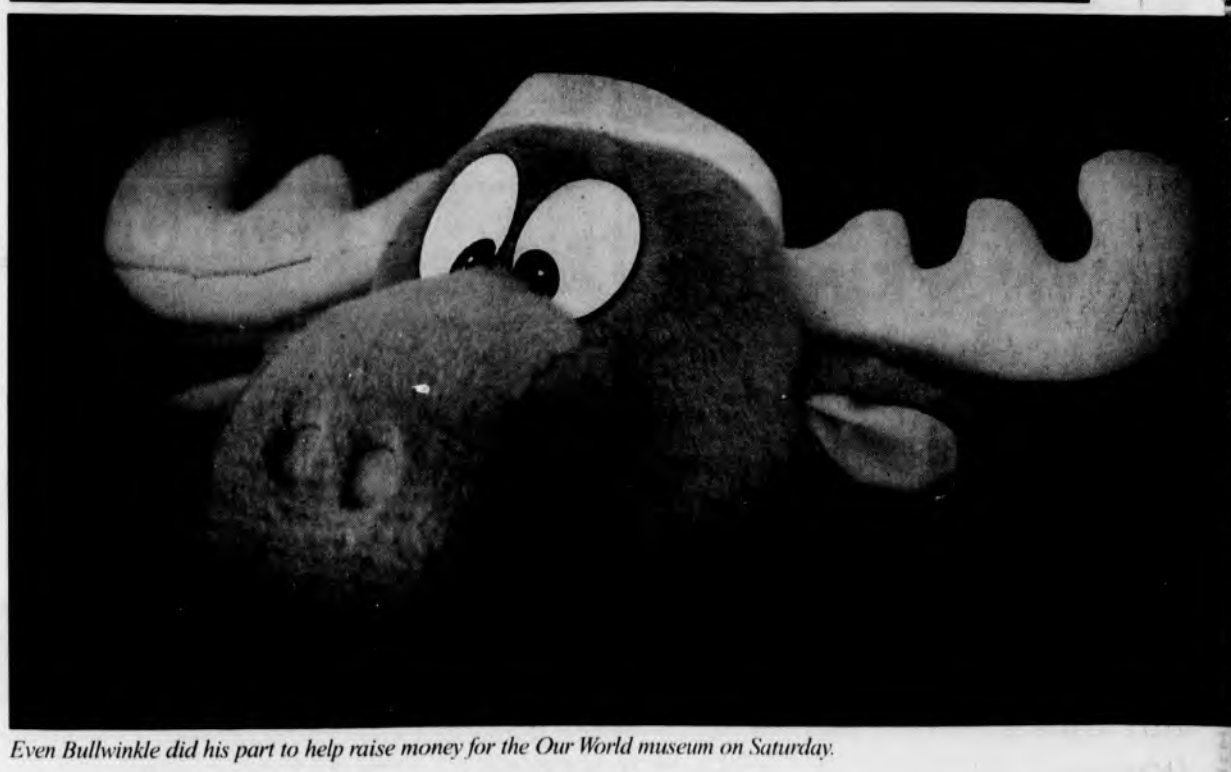
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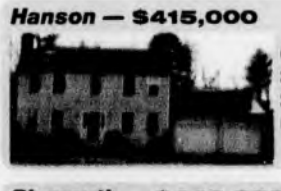
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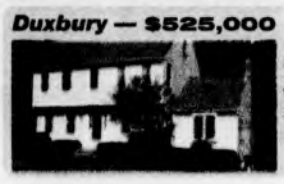
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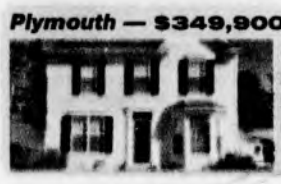
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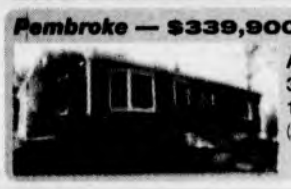
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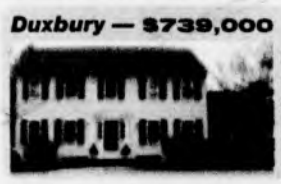
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Fundraiser for Lydia set for Sunday, May 2

The Music Lady (Beth Green) and The Friends of Lydia Vigneau invite the children and families of the South Shore to an afternoon of musical entertainment on Sunday, May 2, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset (next to Town Hall).

Suggested admission is $5/person or $15/family and all proceeds will benefit Lydia Vigneau, a 3-year-old girl from the South Shore who was diagnosed with leukemia six months ago and is undergoing an intensive two-year regimen of chemotherapy.

Refreshments have been donated by Shaw's Supermarket and a raffle for children's music lessons, CDs, and hand-painted furniture will be offered. Contact Beth Green at 781-545-2685 with questions. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, please send to: The Lydia Vigneau Fund, c/o 310 Beechwood St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

CHS baseball team car wash Saturday

On Saturday, May 1, the Cohasset High School Baseball team will be at Olympic Citco, downtown, to wash and dry cars starting at 9 a.m. The team is raising money to pay for a coach and a batting cage. Enter the station from the Red Lion Inn side, and drive around the back of the Citco Station. A donation is suggested.

Benefit Auction May 1

Plan a vacation to Paris and stay in a lovely one bedroom apartment. Warm up for a week in a beautiful home in Amelia Island, Fla., or stay in a spacious three bedroom home on Wilmington Island, in historic Savannah, Ga. If you would like to stay closer to home, you can travel to Sugar Hill, N.H., and spend a weekend with your friends in a beautiful 1850's estate home.

Vacation rentals, Red Sox/Yankees tickets, and Pork BBQ, Italian and Chinese dinners are just a few of the more than 100 special items being auctioned off to benefit the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset, Saturday, May 1, beginning at 7 p.m.

Admission is free, and includes beverages, appetizers and dessert. Reservations for groups of six or more are encouraged by contacting the church office at 781-383-0345 or e-mail scc@ 2ndcc.org.

Cohasset Youth movie & pizza night

There will be a movie night at the Teen Garage on Friday, April 30. This event will cost $3 per person, and everyone grades 6 and up is welcome. The movie night starts at 7 p.m. and goes until 9 p.m. Pizza will be available and a big screen TV will be used to show the move.

League annual meeting May 18

The Social Service League of Cohasset, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 18, at 9 a.m. The meeting will take place in Walton Rodgers Hall at St. Stephens Church at 16 Highland Ave.

HSO Pops season finale May 8 & 9

On Mother's Day weekend, the Hingham Symphony Orchestra celebrates great music, mothers, and musicians, with their fun and festive, season-finale Pops concerts.

The concert on Saturday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. will be held at F1 Boston, on Wood Road, Braintree. Located minutes off the highway, near South Shore Plaza, this facility's upbeat energy provides just the right tone for a Pops concert. F1's excellent kitchen will provide small plates of sweets and savory fare, as well as wine and Edison beer for purchase to benefit the HSO. Table seating adds to the festive ambiance.

In his Pops programming, Music Director Jin Kim follows the Viennese Pops tradition that was so successfully modeled by Boston Pops conductor Arthur Fiedler: sharing time-tested lighter classics by composers like Mozart, Strauss, Mendelssohn, and Dvorak. Plus, in keeping with an HSO tradition, one generous bidder from the audience will conduct the full orchestra in a rousing finale, Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever.

The HSO is better than ever this season, according to music director Jin Kim. "The overall musicianship continues to reach new heights," says Kim. "We have attracted new, seasoned young professionals who are dedicated to their craft, plus we are developing more and more anchor musicians who become the musical core of the orchestra." As a testament to its level of musicianship, the HSO is proud to announce that its assistant concertmaster, Polina Sedukh, recently won a coveted position in the violin section of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

On Sunday, May 9 at 4 p.m. at Temple Sha'Aray Shalom in Hingham, the same concert will be performed as a benefit for Wellspring in Hull. Tickets for the benefit concert may be purchased directly from Wellspring.

Tickets at $30 for adults, $22 for seniors, and $10 for youth through age 18 are available in advance at La Petite Maison and Noble's in Hingham Square, Hingham and Weymouth Main Libraries, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, and Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, or call the box office at 781-740-5694 to reserve.

Cohasset hosts Rebif MS Walk

A five mile path starting and finishing at South Shore Community Center in Cohasset, is the rallying point for hundreds of South Shore residents as they take to the streets May 8, to fund the fight against multiple sclerosis. The Rebif MS Walk is a spring tradition, attracting more than 200,000 walkers at more than 700 sites nationwide, and raising more than $300,000 million. The Central New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has organized the MS Walk since 1989. Each walker is encouraged to raise a minimum of $100, but most collect more than $200.

Individuals and corporate and family teams can register or volunteer to help online, www.msnewengland.org or by calling 1-800-493-Walk 9255), and in-person the day of the event.

MS is a chronic, autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system, causing unpredictable symptoms including fatigue, paralysis, and blindness. Most commonly diagnosed between ages 20 and 50, MS affects women two to three times more often than men. In the US, more than 400,000 people have MS and 200 new cases are diagnosed each week. If you or someone you know has MS, contact the chapter, 1-800-493-9255, www.msnewengland.org

Straits Pond area bird walk May 22

The Straits Pond area Bird Walk, will be held on Saturday, May 22, from 8 to 10 a.m. Meet at the base of Summit Ave. and Atlantic Ave., Hull/Cohasset Line. Cohasset birder, Sally Avery, will lead the walk.

Call 781-925-9066 with any Straits Pond bird population observations, e.g. tree swallow activities on the Pond birdhouses, mute swan and duck populations, etc. Straits Pond area bird list: www.weirriver.org

Seaside Adventures registration is slated

Seaside Adventures is now accepting applications for its' Second Summer Program.

Seaside Adventures, located at 40 Parker Ave. in Cohasset, is open to all children who have completed third fourth, fifth and sixth grade. This program was a hands-on maritime program and learning adventure for almost 60 children last year. Ms. Lisa Mullen, seventh Grade Science Teacher at Cohasset Middle School will again be Director.

Seaside Adventures will run three two week Sessions, Session 1: July 5-16 (a morning and an afternoon session), Session 2: July 19-30 (a morning and an afternoon session) and Session 3: Aug. 2-13 (morning only).

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Summer camp is almost here, and with it comes the seemingly overwhelming task of packing clothes, mementos and must-haves. The American Camping Association of New England (ACA NE) suggests keeping packing simple and limited to what the camp recommends and what you feel your child will absolutely need.

At camp, children can be independent in ways they cannot be at home. If children do the packing (or at least help with the packing) they know what clothing and equipment choices they have and WHERE to find them! "When I was a camper, packing was one of the best parts for me. I enjoyed the independence of choosing what I was bringing, as well as knowing that I had everything I would need to make the experience safe and fun," says Bette Bussel, executive director, American Camping Association of New England.

Your child's Camp Director usually sends a packing list prior to camp. As a back-up, ACANE has put together the following general tips as you and your child prepare for the packing experience:

- DO NOT BRING beepers, cell phones, laptops, radios, televisions, portable CD players, walkmans (Check with your Camp Director as some camps allow small electronics)
- DO NOT BRING food or expensive clothes.
- DO NOT BRING any expensive item that cannot be replaced.
- Camps have different policies on whether or not it is appropriate to bring spending money.
- Remember, there is no need to buy a "camp" wardrobe. Clothes should simply be comfortable, yet durable. For uniformed camps some camps will provide the uniforms and others will tell you what to get. Check with your Camp Director.
- Shorts, t-shirts and jeans are staples of a camper's wardrobe and how many of these items a child will need depends on the length of stay and laundry facilities at the camp. More is not always better; pack the quantities of items the camp recommends.
- Use a permanent marker or nametags to write your child's name on every item.
- Be sure to pack long pants, as well as shorts. Campers need leg protection on hikes and during horseback rides.
- New shoes should be broken in and comfortable before leaving for camp.
- Don't forget a hat, raincoat or poncho.
- Other useful equipment includes a flashlight with extra batteries, a camera with film, a canteen or water bottle, pre-stamped and pre-addressed stationary, sunscreen, lip balm and insect repellent.
- Check with the camp for advice on weather patterns, suggested bedding (sheets, blankets, sleeping bags), as well as for any other specific gear needed for that camp.
- If your child takes medications, parents should send the medicine in the original bottle, along with dosage instructions.
- Campers might want to bring a tennis racquet, backpack, baseball/softball glove or instrument. Check to see if these things are allowed before packing them.

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GREEN THUMBS UP

SUZANNE MAHLER

Intermittent rainfall and momentary bursts of summertime warmth and sunshine have combined to transform our winter-weary landscapes into a multicolored portrait of ephemeral beauty. Each day, Mother Nature applies another brush stroke of color to her broad canvas of velvety green lawns and bright blue skies. Flowering trees, shrubs, and bulbs provide dazzling splashes of sunny yellow, rosy purple, luscious pink, and glistening white to this broadening palette, painting our spring landscapes with cheerful abandon.

This profusion of springtime blooms offers hope for the gradual recovery of our winter-damaged landscapes. Strolls through the gardens in recent weeks have been discouraging outings. Innumerable bare spots in the perennial borders, brittle brown stems on roses and hydrangeas, and crispy leaves on rhododendrons and hollies clearly indicate the severity of this past winter season. Slowly but surely, many apparent casualties are beginning to emerge, however, as new growth pushes its way up through the earth and tender new leaves sprout from seemingly lifeless branches. Patience is mandatory in the weeks to come. The resilience of plants is often remarkable but poking and prodding for signs of revival may damage soft new shoots, further weakening struggling plants.

Despite the lethargic appearance of many perennial plants, a number of early bloomers are providing a glorious display. Spring-flowering bulbs seem undaunted by the cold winter and offer a succession of bloom from March through May beginning with the cheerful, colorful chalices of species crocuses and culminating in the elegant long-stemmed goblets of multicolored tulips.

Woodland wildflowers are beginning to join the floral fanfare hastening to take advantage of the sun's light and warmth before the trees fully leaf out. Alongside my fishpond, stunning patches of double bloodroots (Sanguinaria multiplex) exhibit dozens of pristine white blossoms that resemble miniature water lilies. Yellow trout lilies (Erythronium americanum) have naturalized in a damp shady nook to form an expansive colony of glossy marbled leaves that form a perfect backdrop for their waxy sulfur-yellow blooms. Nearby, a carpet of wood anemones displays feathery foliage topped by tiny snow-white blossoms. The slender stems of variegated merrybells (Uvularia) surround a rocky outcropping intermingled with delicate pale orange sprays of barrenwort (Epimdedium).

These woodland treasures remind me of my childhood home in the Catskill Mountains. In recent years, when I wish to recapture these fond memories of my carefree youth, I journey to the Garden in the Woods in Framingham to wander the peaceful trails of the New England Wildflower Society's botanical garden. Enchanting in all seasons, the month of May is perhaps the loveliest time of all to plan a visit to this 45 acre paradise and roam the rambling trails along woodland streams lined with delicate mosses and aristocratic ferns and forest floors carpeted with exquisite lady's slippers. In addition to the serene woodland setting, there is a lily pond, a sunny bog, pine barrens, rock gardens, a meadow and a Western garden. The flora of temperate North America are featured in extensive gardens and naturalistic plantings nestled in among rolling hills, babbling brooks and peaceful ponds. Many rare and endangered species are grown, studied and preserved.

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A stroll through these charming woodland groves in May reveals large clumps of Virginia Bluebells (Mertensia) with nodding clusters of pink and blue blooms accompanied by sunny yellow Celandine poppies, delicately tinted, shell-pink azaleas and several species of trillium. Colonies of May Apples display their large, mottled, umbrella-like leaves atop 12-inch stems with a solitary, waxy white flower which will eventually produce an edible, lemon-like fruit. The fleeting blossoms of bloodroots, cradled by pale green, lobed leaves, appear here and there, interspersed with epimediums, whose airy sprays of cherry-red blooms dance upon wiry, arched stems amid broad carpets of handsome foliage.

A personal favorite is a little gem known as Dutchman's Breeches (Dicentra cucullaria). As described in the Peterson Guide to Wildflowers, this charming member of the bleeding heart family displays "a delicate spray of waxy, yellow-tipped flowers drooping in a row from an arched stem. Each flower has two inflated spurs that suggest the legs of tiny pantaloons, ankles up." Equally enchanting are the unique flowers of the pink lady's-slippers, familiar to every gardener, with their pouch-like blooms atop rigid stems rising from two large, oval, basal leaves.

A path leads from the woodland garden past a picturesque pond surrounded by moisture-loving plants. Innumerable clumps of irresistible, woolly fiddleheads will gradually unfurl to produce the broad, dramatic, stately fronds of the interrupted fern as the season progresses. Cheerful, brightly colored marsh marigolds, often known as cowslips, dot the edge of the wet areas with mounds of shiny green, heart-shaped leaves and showy yellow blooms resembling buttercups.

Many of these woodland wildflowers can be grown successfully in our shady backyard gardens if given the proper soil conditions. A fluffy, woodsy soil, mildly acid, with high humus content, will suit many of these woodland treasures. Filtered sunlight through deciduous trees or early morning sun followed by afternoon shade tends to be ideal for many shade-loving plants to encourage flowering. Supplemental moisture may be required, particularly during periods of drought, to ensure the survival of plants that prefer damp conditions.

Be sure to visit Garden in the Woods 180 Hemenway Rd, Framingham (newfs.org) to partake of its magnificent floral display, educational courses, workshops and programs, gift shop, and field trips. A spectacular plant sale of nursery-propagated wildflowers, garden perennials and shrubs is scheduled for Saturday, June 12.

Artwork sought for gardening handbook

Do you have art that you painted and would love to see on the cover of a gardening book? Or were you inspired by a walk in the woods and sat down and sketched your impressions that day? Or watched your children playing in the windrows of leaves in the fall and thought how much you would love to capture those moments on paper?

The work of amateur and professional artists alike are being eagerly sought for the cover and inside pages of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset's first gardening handbook. The copy is well underway and being written by the club's very accomplished gardeners, cooks, flower arrangers, horticulturists, landscapers, and naturalists, who are delighted to be sharing their knowledge with everyone. The book will also include poetry, helpful hints gleaned from years of experience, and endless gardening wisdom.

The club would love to have you share your artistic impressions of flowers, gardening and the outdoor world on the pages and cover of the book as well. The entries will be exhibited at the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum during the club's Standard Flower Show at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library May 12 and 13. The handbook committee will select the winners. The artist whose work is chosen for the cover will receive a $100.00 prize. Please call (781) 383-2486 for an entry form and guidelines as soon as possible. May 12 is almost here!

Those of you who are not artists circle your calendar for May 12 and 13, too. This is your opportunity to spend a delightful time visiting the flower show in the library, and the art exhibit and flower show boutique in the museum. There you will be able to satisfy your urge for plant material for your garden, enter a bid in a very special silent auction or bring a taste treat home for your family from the bake sale. This will be a family affair with activities for children who want to have their faces painted and to express their artistic talent through drawing. See you there!

'Literary License' flower show at library

On Wednesday, May 12, and Thursday, May 13, from noon to 5 p.m. the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold a "Standard Flower Show" at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Road. The show is open to the public. Admission is free.

Held every other year, the theme of this year's flower show is "Literary License" due to the fact that it will be held at Cohasset◊s new library.

There will be three divisions: Special exhibits, Horticulture, and Design; including a minimum of five horticulture classifications with at least 20 exhibits overall; and a minimum of three design classifications with at least four entries required in each classification.

A Standard Flower Show is the official name for a flower show conforming to standards established by the National Garden Clubs, Inc., (NGC). It must meet all requirements of NGC including a written schedule‹the program describing what the NGC wants the flower show to include. The exhibits are judged and ribbons are awarded by a panel of three NGC accredited judges working under rules of the Standard System of Awarding.

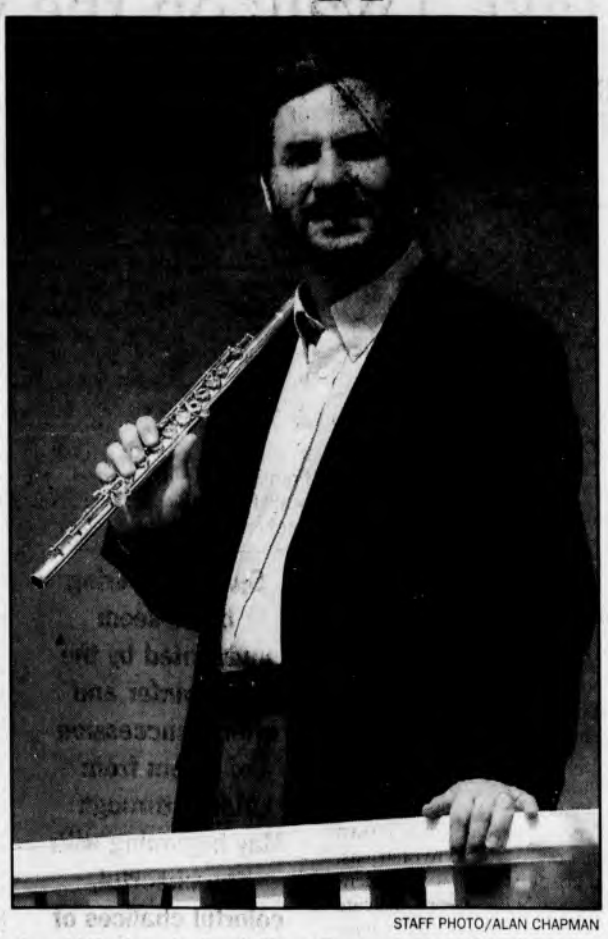
Although a Standard Flower Show must follow rules, it is a fun effort for club members who exhibit and compete, as well as share their expertise and enjoyment of flowers with the community. In anticipation of this year's show and as a learning experience over the past two years, club members have been attending monthly flower design workshops and holding mini-flower shows.

Full scale preparation for this year's show began in May of 2003 when club members Vivian Bobo and Nancy Gilmore began writing the schedule and deciding on a theme. Club President Sally Avery appointed Maureen Byrne as General Chairman and committee heads were chosen. Nonetheless, the entire club participates as exhibitors, hostesses, clerks, staging, dismantling, cleanup, and refreshments.

Taking a classical approach

Norwell flutist releases first solo album

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Donald Zook at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham.

It was 10 years "in the thinking" and two years in the making, but Norwell resident and musician Donald Zook has finally done it — he has released his first solo album.

Zook, a flutist, said his new CD, titled "Last Rose of Summer," was released earlier this month.

"I've played on a lot of other people's albums," Zook said, "but I've never released my own. I wanted to have my own style represented and I wanted to do a Romantic-era CD, a mosaic of the 17th Century. With this first CD, I wanted to let it all hang out. I wanted to say, 'This is me.'"

The CD consists of nine classical tracks featuring his flute, along with Steven Young on piano. Zook said all the compositions on the album are traditional classical pieces, not originals.

He said he feels it's important to highlight classical music, as he feels it's an art form that's disappearing.

"There has been a dropping-off in classical music in general," he said. "It just doesn't sell anymore. There's no message with this CD, it's just that I want to have my own work represented, like an artist painting."

While recording music has kept him busy, Zook stays active as it is. He is the head of the woodwind department at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham and Duxbury and also teaches flute at Bridgewater State College and Eastern Nazarene College.

Zook is also the founder, musical director and conductor of one of the largest flute symphonies in the United States, the South Shore Conservatory Flute Symphony. He has also appeared as a soloist and in chamber ensembles throughout the East Coast and Midwest.

Zook said it took two years to get the CD out because of all the recording, editing and graphic design involved in the overall process. Since he was working 60-hour weeks as it was, recording was something that took some time.

He said he believes anyone not familiar with classical pieces such as "Rimembranze Napoletane" by Giovanni Paggi and "Sixieme Solo de Concert, op. 82" by Jules Demersseman will be opened up to a whole new sound.

"I want people who listen to this CD to realize how beautiful and ornate the music of the Romantic era was," he said. "Look at the building of that era, everything was just so detailed. The music of that time was also very detailed. Nothing was done on a small scale."

He said while some may think it tough to put together a classical album with just flute and piano, Zook said all the songs on the album were written for those two particular instruments. And while Zook noted the pieces on the album are all traditional, he said sometimes he was forced to rearrange parts of songs if he felt they didn't work.

"Musicians adapt," he said.

Zook said the neat part about classical music is that virtually every piece tells a story, noting the program notes on his new CD "lead" the listener as they experience the music on the album.

"Every piece has a different thing to listen for," he said. "With these compositions, I'm trying to set moods. It's not background music or anything. I guess the more you know about classical music, the more you can enjoy it."

Zook said he hasn't had much feedback on his new album yet, as it just came out. He said he has played it for a few friends, his wife, Laura, his mother and his children, Nathan and Joshua.

"One of my friends told me that he loved it and said the songs on the album were ones you can't find anywhere anymore," he said. "I didn't play it for many people while I was recording it, I kept it kind of hush-hush. I wanted people to hear the whole CD, not just parts of it."

He added one of the reasons the CD sounds so good is because of album engineer Jeff Largent. He explained Largent, along with Young and himself, were quite critical as the album was recorded.

"We were all pretty critical as we went along," he said. "So many times we'd try something again. We were all very encouraging of one another, but it was important to be critical."

Zook said it was about two years ago that he approached Young about playing on the album. The two had done several concerts together, but Young enjoyed playing live more than recording in the studio.

"He finally agreed to do it though," Zook said. "We started the long process of rehearsing and finally, our last recording session was last Christmas."

With the new CD finally complete, Zook said he is already planning a second album. He said the tracks on that record will represent "music from Baroque to contemporary classical" and will be titled, "One on One."

"That album will be all unaccompanied," he said.

Zook said his love of flute and recording music started when he was about 14 years old. Growing up in inner-Chicago, his father was always playing classical music albums.

"My dad really opened that form of music up to me," he said. As he started playing the flute more and more, Zook said he eventually joined his high school band, which was number-one in the state "year after year."

"It got to the point where you couldn't stop me from playing the flute," he said. "For me, the flute was always my favorite because of the sound. The instrument always spoke to me. It's a very expressive instrument. You could get a dark sound, a hollow sound or a brilliant sound. I knew I'd be able to express myself with an instrument like that."

Zook said his brother, who played the clarinet, always pushed him as a musician.

"I'd tell any young musician the same thing — if you're frustrated with the instrument you're trying to learn, try another one," he said. "There are so many different instruments out there. Find recordings, go to concerts, read music magazines, the inspiration is out there."

While Zook said he will always love playing live, as he does so much around this area, he is now very partial to recording his own music and is looking forward to starting work on his second solo album.

"Recording is nice," he said. "With concerts, you play, everyone claps and it's over. I love the idea of recording something that will last long after I play my last note."

To get Zook's new album call (781) 826-5044 or e-mail him at don.zook@verizon.com. The album is $18. For those who want to see him in concert, Zook will be playing at the Thayer Public Library in Braintree on April 18 at 3 p.m. For more information on that show call (781) 848-0405.

CMS Summer Institute projects/workshops

This is the sixth Summer Institute offered by Cohasset Middle High School teachers. Summer Institute students engage in authentic, environmental research projects that have been identified as problems requiring scientific study. Working in collaboration with community groups, town officials, and government agencies, Summer Institute students are given opportunities to contribute to solving real environmental problems in our watershed. As a result, Summer Institute research projects have played a role in helping three Cohasset seniors win a prestigious Henry David Thoreau Scholarship in each of the last three years.

This season, the Summer Institute will be offered through Cohasset's Center for Student Coastal Research.

Frequently asked questions about Summer Institute research projects

Who is eligible to participate in Summer Institute Research projects? Students who will be in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 by September, 2004 are eligible to participate in Summer Institute research projects.

What research projects are offered this summer? There are four research projects offered this summer.

Gulf River and Cohasset Harbor Field Study and Research Project (Project teacher: Dr. Thomae) The Gulf River study is geared to assist the Gulf Association assess the health of its river; it is supported by the Gulf Association and the Center for Student Coastal Research. Additional funding is currently sought through the award of an Environmental Education grant from the EPA. The Gulf River team will also continue Harbor analysis, compiling data for the fourth consecutive summer.

Micro Bacteriological Field Study_(Project teachers: Mr. Buckley, Ms. McGrail) There are several water bodies in Cohasset that seem to be polluted due to bacteria contamination. This is an opportunity to investigate any number of these water bodies. New technology in monitoring enterococci bacteria will be available this summer at CSCR, thanks to a grant from the Lighthouse Keepers Corporation. In addition to monitoring for enterococci, students will continue to assess fecal coliform levels in various bodies of water, as this remains the standard measure for recreational waters in the state of Massachusetts._



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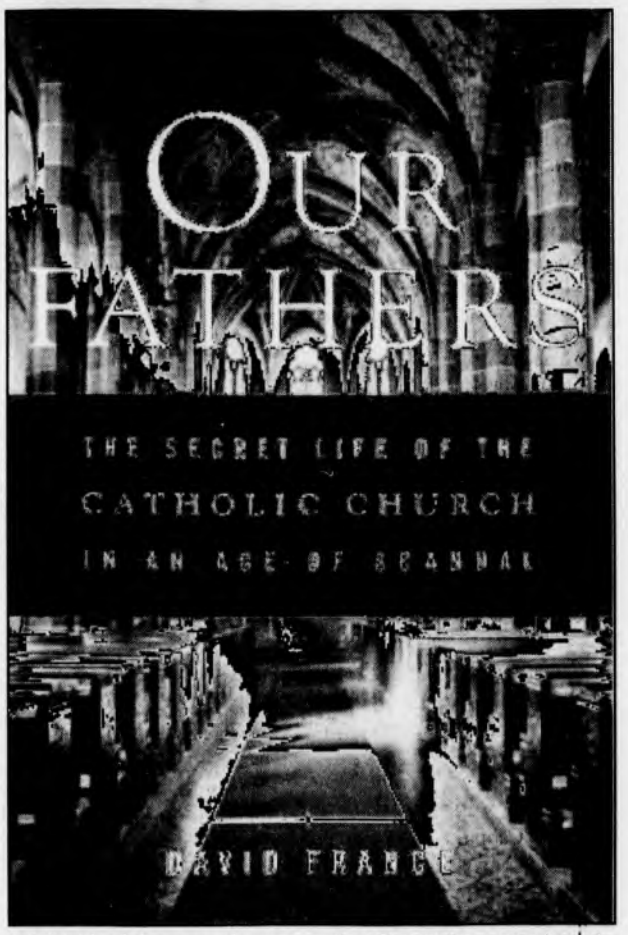
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PLAY BALL!

Author speaks on church scandal at VOTF event

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The slogan of the Voice of the Faithful is a simple yet meaningful one — "Keep the faith. Change the church."

One man who may be helping to do just that — former Newsweek Senior Editor David France — is coming to the South Shore to speak about his new book "Our Fathers: The Secret Life of the Catholic Church in the Age of Scandal." France's book discusses the issue of sexual abuse by priests, its victims, and the ramifications for today's Catholics.

On Thursday, April 29, the Scituate and Weymouth affiliates of the Voice of the Faithful will host an evening with France at Weymouth's St. Albert the Great Catholic Church from 7 - 9 p.m.

In the book, which was recently featured in programs on National Public Radio, Nightline and The O'Reilly Factor, France discusses the interviews he conducted with those on all sides of the issue, victims, their families and their attorneys, innocent priests and guilty predators. In the work, he also addresses the cause of the crisis, which he speculates may have been fostered by the church's seminary culture of the 1950s.

Interviewed earlier this week, France discussed Our Fathers and his upcoming South Shore visit.

"My goal in this book was to listen carefully to everybody's voices, from whatever side of this awful history they represented, and try to convey their realities faithfully and without judgement."

"I felt that by combining their stories could I yield the larger truth of what happened inside the church," he added.

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— David France, author

Among those interviewed, France said he spoke with many who have maintained a strong faith in God, yet want changes to take place in their church.

"They have conveyed to me not only their deep love for the Church, but also a faith-based desire to address present shortcomings associated with institutional structure," he said.

During his current cross-country book tour, France said the response he's received from readers has been "overwhelming." Many attendees, he added, have approached him during the events and related their own stories of how the issue has personally affected them.

"To a man or woman, everybody wants the truth to be out," France said. "Our Fathers" is the tip of an iceberg. I only wish I could have told all of the details of what it has been like to be a Catholic in America in the past 50 years. But no book would hold so many unique stories."

After reading "Our Fathers," Dee Schmid, the facilitator of the Scituate affiliate of the Voice of the Faithful commented that the author certainly did his research.

"David France has some good ideas for solutions to some of these problems," she said. "One of them is to get the truth out on the table."

Although some of France's findings were indeed troubling, Schmid said it's necessary they be revealed in order that the church may heal.

For Schmid, the crisis in the Catholic Church is very real because two priests who served in the parish she grew up attending, have since been accused of sexually abusing children.

"The frustrating part," she added, "is there's no channel to go through to get to our bishops and be heard."

Schmid said, however, she doesn't want people to be entirely depressed and lose heart due to the current state of the Catholic Church.

"If we can face this honestly, handle it, we can then go forward," she said.

Scituate's Kathy Cerruti, a lifelong Catholic who helped organize the Scituate's Voice of the Faithful affiliate and organized France's visit said she wanted to get involved because she was appalled at what was going on in the church.

"The news was so dire," she said. "I had to be part of the solution."

Cerruti, who formerly attended Mass at St. Mary of the Nativity, but now attends Glastonbury Abby in Hingham, said the daily news headlines about the abuse cases caused her to deeply question 'How can I remain a Catholic and not do something positive or proactive about this?"

In September of 2002, Cerruti and Scituate's Beth Sullivan organized the affiliate's first meeting at the Foyer of Charity, and the small group — which consists of Catholics from St. Mary of the Nativity, St. Frances Cabrini, and Glastonbury Abbey of Hingham — has been meeting once a month ever since.

Cerruti said Voice of the Faithful members want to lend support to priests who have integrity, but are calling for transparency in the church.

"The group is demanding accountability," she added.

Last spring, the Scituate group hosted a talk by St. Albert's priest Ron Coyne, who discussed the experiences he's had as a priest, as a Christian, and in dealing with representatives from the Voice of the Faithful.

Approximately 150 people attended the discussion to hear Coyne, who Cerruti said is a very popular priest.

"That's huge for Scituate," she said.

Last November, approximately 65 people attended a talk by Ann Carroll and John Hynes, respectively the Voice of the Faithful's Vice President and the organization's regional coordinator for the South Shore, at the Jenkins Elementary School.

Cerruti said the group currently maintains 30-40 "die-hard" Catholics on its newsletter list, but only 15 showed up at their last meeting.

"Scituate is a tough sell," she added.

Cerutti said the Scituate affiliate maintains a good relationship with Scituate pastors — members have met with St. Mary of the Nativity pastor Brian Manning, while St. Frances pastor Paul McDonald has attended some of their events. But due to an edict issued by the former leader of the Boston Archdiocese — Cardinal Bernard Law — groups formed after Oct. 18, 2002, can not meet on church property.

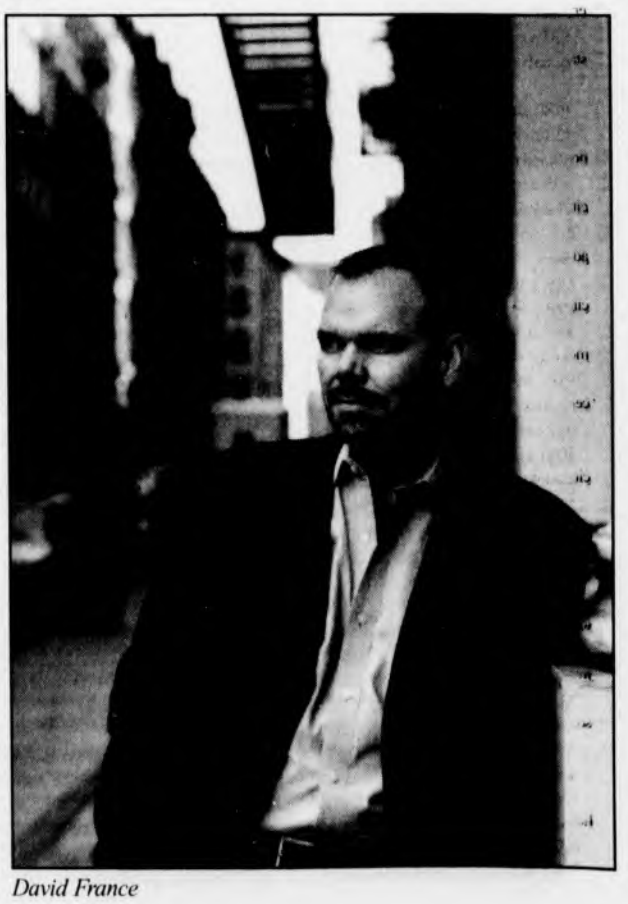
The Scituate affiliate did not officially form until the following month.

A member of St. Mary of the Nativity, Schmid said she wishes the edict would be revoked so the Scituate group could host its meetings at the church's brand new parish center.

The Voice of the Faithful was founded in Wellesley with goals of supporting victims of abuse, supporting priests of integrity, and shaping structural change in the church.

What began as a small group of 25 Catholics west of Boston, has grown quickly and now numbers more than 30,000 members spanning the globe.

For more information on the Voice of the Faithful visit www. For more information on France, check out his Web site at www.davidfrance.com



David France

OBITUARIES

Stephen J. Murphy



Stephen J. Murphy

Stephen J. Murphy, 40, died on March 18, 2004, at his home in Malibu, Calif., of complications from diabetes.

He was the son of Jack and Regis Murphy of Marshfield, formerly of Norwell.

Mr. Murphy graduated from Norwell High School, attended UMASS Amherst and Northeastern University.

He was an accomplished chef, whose occupation took him from local restaurants to Hawaii where he opened a restaurant in Kapaa Kauai.

Mr. Murphy lived in Malibu for the past 10 years, surrounded by many loving friends who held a memorial service on April 24, on Zuma beach where he loved to spend time.

In addition to his parents, he leaves two brothers of J. Kevin of Florida, and Brian and his wife, Barbara, of Cohasset; two nephews Taylor and Connor of Cohasset.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated on May 6, at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset at 11 a.m. A reception will follow at the Lighthouse Keeper's House in Cohasset.

WORSHIP NEWS

Free wellness night for the community

The Caring Connection program at St. Paul's Parish is hosting a free community lecture discussing therapeutic holistic care. The Caring Connection, a community outreach ministry program to the elderly and disabled invites Hingham residents and other residents from the South Shore Community to learn about complementary care. This is a terrific opportunity for ill or healthy people to educate themselves on healthcare and healing beyond the Western healthcare model. Learn about how acupuncture, chiropractic care, homeopathic care, massage therapy, Reiki and much more can aid you in a healthy and healing way. These therapeutic modalities will help people not only deal with a particular illness or chronic pain, but also help them integrate a holistic approach to their well being.

The "Wellness Ways" night will be held on Thursday, May 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the St. Paul's School Gymnasium on 20 Fearing Road. "I am so pleased to help coordinate this event for the community. More than seven years ago, I suffered from a life threatening illness and my journey back to health involved my own personal learnings of holistic care. It is exciting to bring these modalities together for the community so that they can learn about complementary care in one night," said Karen Lohnes, Harmony^2, The Mind/Body Connection.

Statistics show that over 75 percent of illnesses are caused by stress. There are resources for everyone out there to learn healthy ways to deal with stress, pain and illness. The conventional treatments in the complementary modalities usually focus on a "whole body" approach dealing with the symptoms and the mind and body connection with these illnesses. If you are looking to increase vitality, reduce pain and promote your well being come to "Wellness Ways" on Thursday, May 13, at St. Paul's Gymnasium for an education in holistic care that could change your life.

Glastonbury Abbey Series continues May 6

The Glastonbury Abbey Series presents Listening to Other Voices: Monastic Spirituality in the 21st Century featuring Sr. Pascaline Coff, OSB, East-West Inter Monastic Dialogue, May 6, at 7:15 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, Hingham. Free will offering. 781-749-2155 x243 or www.glastonburyabbey.org

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, APRIL 19

12:19 a.m. Woodland Drive, animal control.

6:56 a.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

7:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:40 a.m. Woodland Drive, animal control.

8:54 a.m. King St., officer wanted.

11:51 a.m. Beechwood St., officer wanted.

12:10 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

4:39 p.m. Otis Ave., MV crash.

4:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

6:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:11 p.m. Hull St. and Jerusalem Road, general services.

8:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

12:40 a.m. Cedar St., open door/window.

12:42 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:35 a.m. Ripley Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:41 a.m. Headquarters, tree down, no such address.

6:09 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle crash, investigated, report taken.

9:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.

9:12 a.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

10:01 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:43 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:53 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:04 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:14 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted, investigated, report taken.

12:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., soliciting, dispersed gathering.

2:51 p.m. Riverview Drive, fire, log entry.

4:20 p.m. Hull P.D., MV theft.

5:56 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:57 p.m. Summer St., suspicious auto.

7:44 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8 p.m. Sohier St. and Howes Lane, MV stop, verbal warning.

11:43 p.m. Cedar St., found property.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

12:31 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police dept.

7:19 a.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

7:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:27 a.m. South Main St., identity fraud, investigated, report taken.

10:01 a.m. Jerusalem Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

10:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

12:36 p.m. Brewster Road, fire, investigation.

1:11 p.m. King St., medical aid.

1:50 p.m. Deep Run, traffic complaint.

6:56 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Hull St., fire, investigation, unfounded.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

5:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control.

12:02 p.m. Ripley Road, fire, investigation.

1:07 p.m. Ash St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:29 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:44 p.m. King St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:23 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:18 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:32 p.m. Linden Drive, assist citizen.

4:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., MV stop, verbal warning.

6:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:33 p.m. King St., traffic complaint.

6:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, removed to hospital.

9:06 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity.

9:24 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

10:29 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

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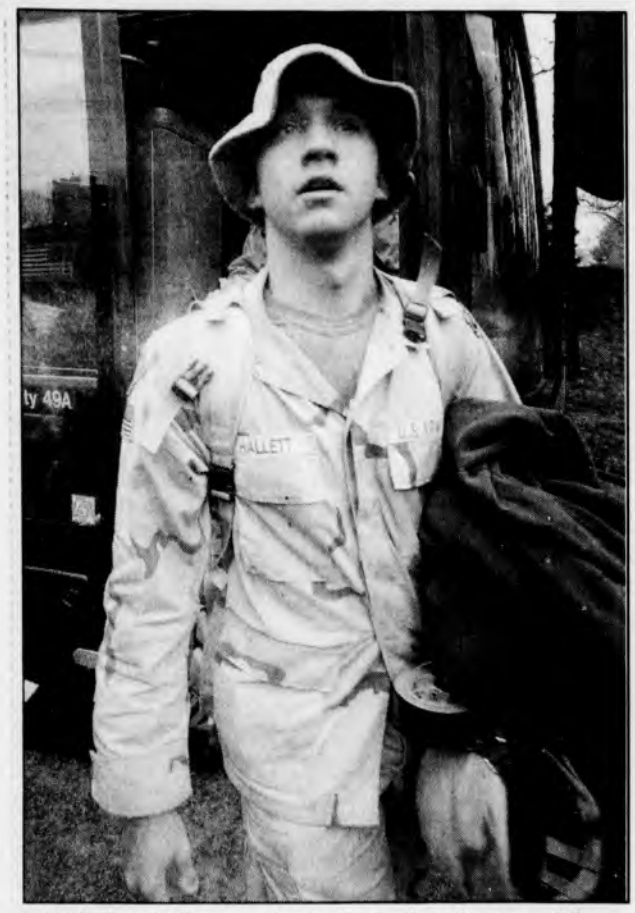
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SPC William Hallett searches for his family as he steps off the bus.



SFC Kenny Sampson gets a long awaited welcome home hug during Friday's homecoming for the 1058th outside the armory.

Homecoming is a big day in Hingham

Staff photos/Alan Chapman



SPC Frank Gonsalez steps off the bus to cheers from family and friends.



SPC Helena Lewis is presented with a bunch of balloons.



Capt. Susan Hart gets a big hug from her dad, Gerald J. Hart.



State Police, who were followed by Hingham police and the Hingham Fire Department ladder truck, lead the busloads of troops down Central Street to a cheering crowd.

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P0881EP

In the Estate of HAROLD F. GOODWIN

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death June 27, 2000

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that RUTH I. GOODWIN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MAY 26, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, April 14, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#491358
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ROY ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P0915EP

In the Estate of MARY LOU ROY AKA MARY L. ROY

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death March 17, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, April 20, 2004.

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Home sweet home

1058th unit is back from Iraq

By Mary Ford
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April 23, 2004 will long be a date the soldiers of the 1058th will remember.

That was the day they returned to Hingham after about 14 months on the front lines of a war on the other side of the world to a homecoming that warmed their hearts and brought tears to their eyes.

"It's the most amazing feeling I've ever had," said Army SPC Sven West, 26, of Medfield after seeing the crowd assembled on Central Street and then being hugged by his parents, Roly and Kirsten West. "It's been a long year."

Armed with American flags, posters, balloons and infectious enthusiasm, a crowd of more than 2,000 family members and local residents gathered outside the Hingham Armory on Central Street to provide a huge welcome home for the 136-member 1058th Transportation Company of the Massachusetts Army National Guard which returned from Iraq. Initially the unit was responsible for the transport of supplies and troops operating between Kuwait and Iraq for the 1st Armor Division and the 3rd Infantry Division. From last June through March, the 1058th supported the 4th Infantry Division in Tikrit.

At 9 a.m. Friday, the troops boarded four buses at Ft. Drum, N.Y. — where they were "out-processed" since arriving back in the U.S.A. on Patriots Day — for the six-hour ride to Hingham. The trip stretched into about 7-1/2 hours thanks in part to a stop at McDonald's in New York that temporarily overwhelmed the fast-food restaurant, according to Marty Meislin of Pumpkin Coach Lines, who joked he wished he'd installed GPS (Global Positioning System) units in his buses. For hours, Meislin happily fielded calls from the press and police about the exact whereabouts of the buses and their ETA (estimated time of arrival).

The buses were expected by 3 p.m. but didn't arrive until 4:30 p.m. But rather than complain about the delay the crowd grew even more exhilarated with anticipation. Marion White, who heads the 1058th family support group, helped provide updates through cell phone calls to her daughter, SPC Kathleen White.

White did not need a microphone to announce the unit's progress. Close to 15 months without her daughter and a ton of pent-up excitement for the homecoming provided her vocal chords with extra power.

The crowd loudly cheered the news the buses were 20 minutes outside Framingham; had just left the Mass Pike; were at Home Depot in Rockland, and then at Queen Ann's Corner.

Employees and customers at Home Depot stood along the guardrail to wave to the troops as they came down the Rte. 3 exit ramp. Two soldiers, SPC Robert Stockbridge and SPC William Chiano worked at the store before being deployed. A huge banner on the building also heralded their arrival.

By 2:30 p.m. Hingham's Main Street was lined with scattered gatherings of people. The street was decorated with yellow ribbons and there was a sign on each pole depicting an army truck. Each sign had the name of a different soldier and the words "Great Job, 1058th." The forsythia, which matched all the yellow ribbons, had bloomed just in time and brightened the overcast day.

One Desert Storm veteran at the corner of Arnold Road and Main Street took the flagpole from his house and sang "America the Beautiful" as the buses passed by.

The State Police, and the Hingham police and fire departments led the way as the buses drew closer to the Armory.

At the Armory, individual families — some of whom numbered more than a dozen each — outdid themselves with an assemblage of posters, T-shirts, balloons, flowers and vocal cheers for their soldier and the entire 1058th.

For sisters, Lucille Walsh and Denise Sweeney of South Boston, who each sported red, white and blue head bands with bouncing stars, being reunited their youngest sibling, Michael Cavanaugh, 41, would be bittersweet. The family, who number 15 children in all, lost two brothers from heart attacks within seven weeks of each other during the past year.

Daniel Santiago came all the way from California to be there when his brother SPC Joel Santiago, 24, of Lawrence, stepped off the bus. "I'm so relieved," Daniel said "I can't wait to see him."

Helen Jablonski and Lena Gullins of Quincy – both grandmothers of SPC Craig Jablonksi, 24 — wore T-shirts with their grandson's photograph.

"He's the best," said Helen Jablonski, adding she never erased a voice mail message that her grandson left while he was Ft. Drum last February before being deployed.

Not everyone at the scene had a family member in the 1058th. World War II and Korean War veteran Bob Beal of Hingham said he was grateful there were no casualties and the entire unit was back in tact.

Wearing a jacket with an American flag design, Helga Jorgensen of Hingham said she was weeping through the entire event. But her tears were those of joy and pride. A naturalized citizen, Jorgensen is proud of be American. "We come that way," she said about those who adopt the USA.

Jorgensen wasn't the only one wiping away tears. Sue Marchioni of Hingham along with her children and a small army of moms and kids from the O'Connor, Page and Moross families — turned out in force with "welcome home" posters of their own and plenty of Kleenex. Marchioni said she was touched by all the messages on the posters from 1058th families about brothers, mothers, fathers, nephews, grandsons and more.

Desert Storm veteran Coleman Nee of Cohasset came to show his support, as did Mary Beth Kuhn of Norwell and her children Johnny, 6 and Emily, 8. The Kuhn kids held a poster that simply said "Thank You." Kuhn said her husband, Petty Officer 1st Class John Kuhn, serves in homeland security with the U.S. Coast Guard. "We are very lucky he gets to stay home – these folks had to leave their families," she said.



SPC Paul Loring gets interviewed by Channel 5 as he steps off the bus at the Hingham Armory last Friday.

The buses and their entourage that included Hingham's Quint One (aerial ladder truck) arrived at precisely 4:37 p.m. to sirens sounding and flags waving from the crowd that also included a large contingent of local Cub Scouts.

SPC Charles Grillo, 29, of West Roxbury said the greeting was really special.

"I can't believe I'm home," Grillo said, saying how all the people in the crowd waving flags impressed him. "We couldn't hang American flags in Iraq — that's one of the things I missed most — not seeing the American flag."

Sgt. James Hester, 58, of Roslindale said he was the oldest soldier in the unit.

"It is great to be home," he said. "And this welcome is just what we needed after 15 months."

But Hester's thoughts were also with all the troops still in Iraq, some 135,000 men and women.

"My heart goes out to them," he said. "They have a tough task ahead. I wish them all the luck."

'Citizen soldiers' honored at Armory

By Mary Ford
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Capt. Christine Hoffman, commander of the 1058th, said nothing during the unit's 15-1/2 month deployment to Iraq surprised her as much as Friday's hometown homecoming.

"The 1058th ruled Iraq but the State Police did an awesome job getting the vehicles out of the way," Hoffman said about the escort State Troopers provided along the Mass Pike, and routes 95 and 128. "On our arrival in Hingham it was incredible how many citizens were on the streets waiting for us." She said the 1058th felt Hingham welcomed them back with open arms. She also thanked the Hingham police and fire departments for their escort through town.

Hoffman's remarks were part of a recognition ceremony Tuesday at the Hingham Armory for the soldiers and their families.

The current 1058th Transportation Company of the Massachusetts Army National Guard followed a long tradition of service in the nation's wars. The unit served in World War I, World War II, Desert Storm and the current Iraq war. Over the past 15 months in Iraq, the unit provided more than 8,500 escorts traveling more than one million miles in some of the most dangerous conditions.

Selectman Melissa Tully said it was an honor for her to represent the 20,000 residents of Hingham in welcoming the 1058th home. She said although most of the soldiers don't live in town, the 1058th is an important part of the community. "You have been in our hearts and minds the whole time," she said.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, who also spoke when the unit returned from the first Gulf War, said it was an honor for him to speak at the ceremony concluding another chapter in the unit's long, storied history.

"For many of us the 15-1/2 months went by quickly," Hedlund said. "But not for the guys and gals in the 1058th.

"During the send off a year ago February, I recall asking for God's blessing to watch over the unit and apparently that occurred because the 1058th came back without casualties or injuries," he said.

US Navy Lt. Commander Ted LeClair of Scituate, a friend of state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, spoke for the representative who was unable to attend due to budget deliberations at the State House.

"Some have questioned our national character in recent years, wondering if we are still the same people who persevered through two centuries marked by war and hardship," said LeClair. "During the past 15 months, the 1058th and your families have answered that question."

Maj. Gen. George W. Keefe, the Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard, said the country owed the 1058th a debt of gratitude.

"As Americans we owe you, our soldiers and veterans, for all you've done to make the world a safer place," he said.

The unit will be on leave for 90 days. Keefe told the soldiers to enjoy the break. "If I catch any of you in uniform or at the armory, I'll personally come down and throw you out," he quipped.

During an interview before the reception got underway, Capt. Winfield Danielson, spokesman for the Massachusetts National Guard, explained after a 90-day leave, the unit would be back to drilling one weekend a month. He said it is very unlikely the unit would be deployed again to Iraq but not impossible.

"It is no one's preference from the National Guard all the way to the Department of Defense, and would be a last resort," Danielson said. "But war is not a certain thing and we can't make that promise."

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On the South Shore

APRIL 29 - MAY 7, 2004

Thurs. 29

The Friends of South Shore Hospital presents a book signing by **Claire Cook**, author of **Must Love Dogs** at the Cottage Shop, Fogg Road, April 29, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The Duxbury Bay Maritime School will host **Dorothy "Dolly" Snow Bicknell** at the Duxbury Library Merry Room on Thursday, April 29, at 7 p.m. Dolly is the daughter of famed local historian, prolific author and lecturer **Edward Rowe Snow**. Dolly will share childhood memories of family light station visits and exploration of the New England coastline. Call the Duxbury Bay Maritime School at 781-934-9755 to make a reservation.

The Scituate and Weymouth Affiliates of Voice of the Faithful will host an evening with David France, former senior editor of *Newsweek* magazine, on Thursday, April 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, 1130 Washington St. (Rt. 53), Weymouth. Mr. France will read from and discuss his critically acclaimed book, **Our Fathers: The Secret Life of the Catholic Church in an Age of Scandal.** This is a free event, but free-will donations to support VOTF will be appreciated. All are welcome.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Staying Active with Arthritis - A free health seminar April 29, at 10 am at the Duxbury Council on Aging, 10 Mayflower St., Duxbury. This is the first in a series of new health programs, *Keep Moving with Arthritis*, To RSVP, call 781-934-5774.

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Next group meets 6 to 8 p.m. on April 22. Bring a writing project to share. 781-545-5011.

The Banner Bar, 167 Union St, Rockland, April 29, **BB Paul,** open mike. 781-878-8717.

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Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Fri. 30

Cinderella at Orpheum, Foxboro - Because of the overwhelming audience response, Actors' Collaborative will offer an additional matinee of Cinderella on Saturday, May 1, at 3 p.m. The show will be performed: April 30, at 8 p.m. and May 1, at 3 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. Tickets are $24 for adults; $22 for seniors; and $15 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Orpheum Box Office at 508-543-2787 (ARTS) or online at www.orpheum.org. The Orpheum Theatre is located at 1 School St., off the rotary in Foxboro. The theatre is handicap accessible.

Ascari Bar, F1Boston 290 Wood Rd. Braintree, **Satch's New Blue All Star Revue** featuring **Satch Romano, Cindy Daley ,"Undaunted" Professor Harp, Robert "Scoop" Davis, Donnie Noyes, Gregg Miller, 10 Yr. old drumming phenom Daniel Banks, "Uptown" Clay Brown, Jim Pircio, Donnie Noyes, "Mr Jam" Joe Bellomo, Chick Deptula, Butch "Keepin the Gruve" Hirtle, Bobby "Keys" Alfano** and more on April 30, http: www.f1boston.com 781-258-5232

The students of The Academy of The Company Theatre ages 7-12, present the musical **L'IL ABNER** April 30 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 2, at 3 p.m. Tickets priced at $10, on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Dr., Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

Borders Book Store in Kingston at the Independence Mall: April 30, 10:30 a.m. Accompany Beth as she reads Poetry Palooza. **"Winken Blynken & Nod** and **If I Were In Charge of the World...and Other Worries.** Also, **Make Money on eBay** April 30, at 7 p.m.

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Spring Fling, South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay performs two one-act operas, Menotti's *The Telephone* and Pasatieri's *La Divina*, excerpts from Gilbert & Sullivan's operettas, and Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Pie Jesu*. on Friday, April 30, at 8 p.m., at Cox Hall, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. A complimentary wine and cheese reception follows the performance. Tickets are $25 for general admission ($20 for seniors and students). Sponsor tickets at $50 each offer preferred seating. Tickets may be purchased at the Conservatory offices. or by calling 781-749-7565, ext. 10, or 781-934-2731, ext. 11.

Cave Comedy Club at The Red Lion Inn, Cohasset, featuring comedian **Frank Santorelli,** April 30, at 8:30 p.m. Cover charge $10. No admission when you dine before the show. For reservations call 781-383-1704.

Country and Swing Dance, Friday, April 30, at Dedham VFW, 84 Eastern Ave., Dedham - 7:30 dance lesson; 8:30 to 11:30 dance. DJ music. Cold cuts, coffee, cake, cash bar. $10 admission. 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937; 401-861-3114.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance April 30, with DJ music from 8: p.m. to midnight. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

Cataloni's Restaurant & Lounge, 86 V.F.W. Dr,. Rockland, 781-878-0834, April 30, **SouthBound.**

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **The Crust** April 30, 781-834-1910 www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Next Page Cafe', 550 Broad St. Weymouth. 781-335-9796. 9 p.m., No cover, Live Blues every Fri. and Sat. nights. April 30, **Donnie Noyes Project.**

The Hanover High School Drama Club will be presenting William Shakespeare's classic **Romeo & Juliet** on April 30, at 7 p.m. in the Hanover High School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available in advance at the High School, and by calling Laura Collins at 781-878-5450. Tickets will also be available at the door. Tickets are $5.

Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St., Scituate hosts **Story Hour** Fridays at 10 a.m. Charlotte will read the classic and not so classic tales of mice and men, cats and dogs, frogs and princesses. Children of preschool age are invited. Free. Fridays 10 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Call 781-545-5011 or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com

James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents "The Dance of Being," an exhibition of mixed media abstract expressionist paintings by **Cohasset artist Sydney Burroughs** through May 5.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays) Free with admission. A half-hour of storytelling. Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn.**. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Sat. 1

Vicki Larkin's Botanical Illustrations will be on display at the **Massachusetts Audubon Society's North River Wildlife Sanctuary** at 2000 Main St., (Route 3A) in Marshfield, May 1 through 29, with an opening reception on May 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. Mrs. Larkin is offering a workshop on May 8, from 9 a.m. to noon. Call at 781-837-9400 for details.

Cinderella at Orpheum, Foxboro - Because of the overwhelming audience response, Actors' Collaborative will offer an additional matinee of Cinderella on Saturday, May 1, at 3 p.m. The show will be performed: April

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Dinner Theater producer John F. McDonald, Jr. wasted no time recasting his show with performer Steve Marvin for what will now be "Two Gals & A Guy."

"We're very lucky to get Steve," explains John F. McDonald, Jr. of JM Productions. "He has a wonderful voice. And, by adding Steve to our line-up, we will also be able to feature the music of Frank Sinatra." Originally from Roxbury, Marvin started his career as a drummer. He is now better-known as a singer whose recent series of concerts celebrating Frank Sinatra have been performed at New York's Town Hall and Lincoln Center.

Carol O'Shaughnessy has long been known as "Boston's First Lady of Cabaret," earning frequent Entertainer of the Year honors for her appearances at Jordan Hall, Sculler's, and Club Cabaret. Jan Peters is a Eugene O'Neill Cabaret Symposium Fellow whose vocal stylings have been heard at Sculler's, Club Cafe, and The Lyric Stage.

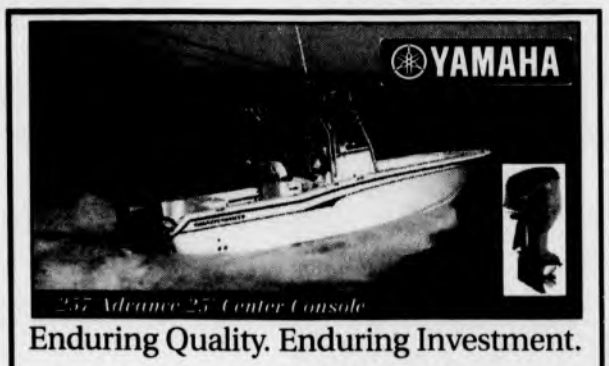
"Two Gals & A Guy" will be presented by JM Productions Dinner Theater at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, North Quincy. For tickets and information, call 617/328-1600 or visit the Web site www.jmproductionspresents.com.

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30, at 8 p.m. and May 1, at 3 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. Tickets are $24 for adults; $22 for seniors; and $15 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Orpheum Box Office at 508-543-2787 (ARTS) or online at www.orpheum.org. The Orpheum Theatre is located at 1 School St., off the rotary in Foxboro. The theatre is handicap accessible.

May Breakfast and Plant Sale, Old Ship Church, 107 Main St., Hingham, May 1, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Parish House. A visit from New England Wildlife from 10 a.m. to noon. HP access. 781-749-1679.

Jumpstart, inc., presents **"but I'm not you!" Utilizing Personality Typing to Better Understand Your Child** on May 1, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Sheraton Tara Hotel, Braintree. **Julia Swartz, LICSW, CEIS and Nancy Pando, LICSW** have joined forces to help solve the puzzle of how the personality is 'hard wired. $85 per person $150 per couple $95 at the door. Call 781-828-8955.

Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will perform at Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, on May 1, pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. concert at 8 p.m. **Guest artist: Sook-Jung Lee,** cellist. Tickets $40, $35, $27.50, $20. HP accessible. For information call 508-746-8008 or visit www.plymouthphilharmonic.com

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, presents **Wild Animal Portraits**, a photography exhibition by **Rich Turk**, on May 1-27, in the Vine Hall Gallery. Mr. Turk's exhibit includes pictures of wild animals from all over the world. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, May 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. 781-659-2559 or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org

South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay presents Spring Fling on Saturday, May 1, at 8 p.m., at the Ellison Center, 64 Saint George St. in Duxbury. Spring Fling features the singers of Opera by the Bay in an entertaining musical program. Complimentary wine and cheese reception at 7:p.mTickets are $25 for general admission ($20 for seniors and students). Sponsor tickets at $50 each offer preferred seating and program recognition for your support of Opera by the Bay and South Shore Conservatory. Tickets may be purchased at the Conservatory offices, or by calling 781-934-2731, ext. 11, or 781-749-7565, ext. 10. HP accessible.

Big Apple Circus, Bayside Expo Center, through May 9. Call Ticketmaster at 1-800-922-3772 or visit www.ticketmaster.com for tickets. For information call 800-922-3772.

Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center presents **Neil Diamond and Friends Legends Show, starring Paul Grassia** Superstars, "Neil Diamond," "Rod Stewart," and "Englebert Humperdinck" sing their greatest hits live, May 1, 8-9, 14-16, 22-23. Dinner and show $39.95 all performances; $20 show only. Friday and Saturday dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30, Sunday, dinner at 2 p.m. show at 3:30 p.m. Complimentary corsages on Mothers' Day. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **Too Much Fun**, May 1. 781-834-1910 www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Banner Bar, 167 Union St., Rockland, May 1, **BB Paul,** 781-878-8717.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Featuring **Rockin George Leh.** May 1. 781-871-7175.

Sun. 2

The Pembroke Historical Society hosts the annual **Grand Ol' Fish Fry** on Sunday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Thomas Reading Park at the Herring Run. "Captain Quack" and his gaggle of ducks will be on hand for everyone's duck racing excitement. There will be prizes, balloons, music and fun for everyone. This family event will once again feature the culinary expertise of Chef Bobby Hackett who will be serving up the fish, cornbread, beans, coffee, and lemonade.

Harmony at Nobles by the Granite Statesmen Barbershop Chorus and affiliated quartets at the Norwell High School auditorium.$20 for the concert, $10 for "Afterglow" buffet, informal quartet performances and raffle, or $25 for a combination concert/"Afterglow" ticket. Concerts at 2 and 7 p.m. "Afterglow" from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Call 781-659-0517 for more information.

The 21-Piece Compaq Big Band at **The Sea Note** On Nantasket Beach. Sunday May 2, from 7 to 11 p.m. Cover Charge $10. The featured vocalist will be Wendee Glick. Also appearing as a special guest vocalist will be Ed Scheer of The Love Dogs (www.thelovedogs.com). The Sea Note is located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. For directions, go to www.seanote.com.

Congregation Beth Jacob Court and Brewster Streets, Plymouth. On Sunday, May 2, 9:30 public breakfast, then 10 to 11:15 a.m., a talk on "Islam, What It Is, & Its Attitude To The West", given by Mr. Robert Mond and a colleague. Mr. Mond is the Principal of a South Shore Islamic High School. Venue. For information 508-747-5803.

Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St. at the corner of Pearl St., Brockton, welcomes people interested in affiliation, to an open house on Sunday, May 2, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Temple. Information will be available about membership and school registration for the 2004-2005 year. For information and directions call 508-583-5810

Art Historian Gerry Weisenberg returns to the Thayer Public Library on May 2, at 2:30 p.m. to present a slide lecture entitled **Passionate Visions: The Life and Artistry of Vincent van Gogh**. Upper Level Program Room, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-848-0405 ext. 4420. Free and open to the public.

The Cambridge Society for Early Music concludes its 23rd season of "Chamber Music by Candlelight" concerts in Duxbury with a performance entitled "Unrequited - Machaut and the French Ars Nova." On May 2, at 4 p.m. at the First parish church, Tremont St. Route 3A, Duxbury. Tickets are $25 general admission, with $20 discounted tickets available for students and senior citizens. For tickets call 617-489-2062 or visit Westwinds Bookshop.

The Hingham Public Library and **Buttonwood Books & Toys** present **Karen Joy Fowler** discussing "The Jane Austen Book Club" on Sunday, May 2, at 2 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library. Everyone attending this author event featuring Karen Joy Fowler at the Hingham Public Library will be entered into a drawing for the novels of Jane Austen. Free and open to the public. If unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

The Fogg Lecture Series and Buttonwood Books will host a lecture and book signing event for author Chet Raymo's new book **Climbing Brandon: Science and Faith On Ireland's Holy Mountain** on Sunday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at First Parish Church in Norwell. Free and open to the public. 781-659-7122 www.firstparishnorwell.org

Home Improvement/Real Estate Expo offers ideas and resources for your dream home. The event features 100 exhibitors and will take place at the Plymouth Memorial Hall, located in the heart of Plymouth, 83 Court St., (Rte. 3A) on Sunday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Just knock once for free admission. Exhibitors will include general contractors, Realtors, landscapers, financing companies and many others.

Sunday Brunch at the JFK Library and Museum nine Sundays beginning through June. Brunch served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. $36 adults; $12 children age 12 and under. Admission includes brunch, museum admission and all taxes and gratuities. Reservations strongly recommended by calling 617-514-1586. wwwjfklibrary.org

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

"Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance" every Sunday evening at Raffael's Restaurant, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Dance music by DJ Joe Pet. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139, Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Banner Bar, 167 Union St., Rockland, May 2, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. **GMS**, from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. **BB Paul.,** 781-878-8717.

The Bridgewaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, May 2, **Dixieland Concert featuring John Demasi' Moby Dick and the Wailers.** Admission $10 from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner optional at 3 p.m.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Mon. 3

South Shore Science Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents **Photography Now,** A National Juried Exhibition through May 23. Open juried exhibition juried by **Jim Fitts.** 781-383-2787 www.ssac.org

The Braintree Art Association member Helena Zubrin will display her paintings for the month of May at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Tues. 4

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250.

Singles Dining Out, Reggio's Ristorante, Rt. 18, S. Weymouth, 7 to 9 p.m. for single professionals 40 to 55 years old. $40 reservations required by calling 781-283-5900 www.se-4u.com Seating limited 20 men and 20 women. Cost includes a complete dinner, tax, and tip, Cash bar cocktails from 6:30 to7 p.m. Each guest changes seats after every course to insure personally meeting each person of the opposite sex. Co sponsored by www.singlesvacationclub.com



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"Randall Thompson, An American Treasure" will take place at Hingham's acoustically superior Lutheran House of Prayer 916 Main St. Saturday, May 1, at 8 p.m. and May 2, at 4 p.m. Tickets are available at a reduced pre-sale rate of $12 at Nobles in Hingham Square, or by calling 781-331-4255; they will be sold at the door as space allows for $15.

Wed. 5

Naturalist, photographer, and author Michael Tougias will give a lecture and slide presentation featuring lesser-known natural and historic places of Massachusetts **Quiet Places: Rambles Through Hidden Massachusetts** at the Thayer Public Library on May 5, at 7:30 p.m. Suggestions for day-trips and weekend outings are given. Children welcome. Upper Level Program Room, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-848-0405.

The Eighth Annual 'Taste of Randolph' is coming to the Grand Ballroom of Lombardo's Function Facility, Billings Road, Randolph, on Wednesday, May 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. This year, 'A Taste of Randolph 2004' will feature local culinary delicacies from a host of the area's best dining places, a demonstration by one of Randolph's 'Celebrity Chefs', more than 90 International wines for tasting, and a live auction. Tickets to the 'Taste' are $25 per person in advance. and $30 per person at the door. For information, contact Chairman Henry Cooke, 781-963-9645, hcooke4@gis.net

The Momologues, the original comedy about motherhood, returns to Boston when it plays at the Stuart Street Playhouse/2nd stage, through May 9.Tickets are $38 and are available through Telecharge at 800-447-7400 and at the box office at 200 Stuart Street.

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury will offer an exhibition full of childhood remembrances and the images they evoke as expressed in **On their Own, Rhoda Rosenberg, printmaker**. The exhibit will run through June 13. A reception is scheduled for May 16, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington, 781-871-7175. every Wednesday night **Bill Mulligan - Acoustic Guitar** from 7 to 10 p.m.

Thurs. 6

The Kingston Public Library, 6 Grove St., Kingston, presents **A Year in the People's Republic**. A series of photographs by **Matthew Gill,** a Weymouth writer, who taught English in the city of Shen Yang, China in 2001-2002. The exhibit will be on display for the month of May. Opening reception May 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. 781-585-0517.

The Glastonbury Abbey Series presents **Listening to Other Voices: Monastic Spirituality in the 21st Century** featuring Sr. Pascaline Coff, OSB, East-West Inter Monastic Dialogue, May 6, at 7:15 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, Hingham. Free will offering. 781-749-2155 x243 or www.glastonburyabbey.org



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Haddad era comes to an end at Town Hall

Abruptly resigns after 7 years

By Samantha Brown and Mary Ford
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In many towns the resignation of the Town Manager would draw little interest — but not in Cohasset, where Mark Haddad, at 6 feet, 3 inches tall and 215 lbs., was a figure almost bigger than life both literally and figuratively.

The first Town Manager in this town of 7,000 lasted nearly seven years at the post – outpacing early critics of the new form of government who speculated the first person to take the job would last only 18 months.

But now townspeople are referring to Haddad, who turned 40 this year, in the *past* tense. Haddad offered his abrupt resignation to the Board of Selectmen in a terse two-line letter yesterday which reads: "Kindly be advised that I am hereby resigning my position as Town Manager effective immediately. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to be of service to you and the residents of the Town of Cohasset."

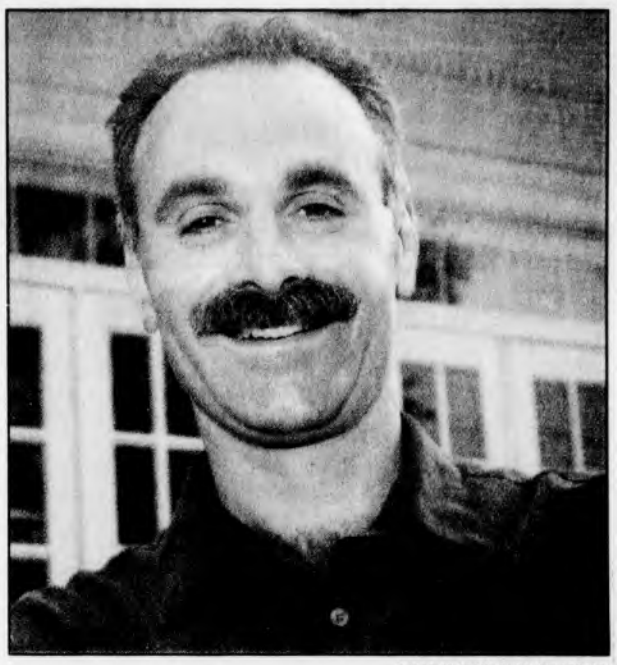
Director of Finance Michael Buckley will be serving as Town Manager until a replacement can be found, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said.

Several town hall workers said they were "shocked" and "stunned" by the sudden resignation Wednesday. One described the mood at town hall as very quiet and somber.

Earlier this week, the news of Haddad's apparent departure spread like wildfire throughout town; the rumor mill churned. The Mariner received an avalanche of calls and emails, most saying "there's a story there." Some callers were more specific about the possible reasons for Haddad's exit but the information shared was hearsay and could not be verified for the record.

Selectmen are tight lipped on the issue but met in executive session to discuss "litigation and contract negotiations" for more than two hours Tuesday night, which dealt with Haddad's impending resignation. Tuesday's meeting followed an emergency selectmen's meeting Saturday at noon at Town Hall.

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Mark Haddad at the five-year mark in August 2002.

No promises

Sewer commission offers hope for possible hookups

By Samantha Brown
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While the Sewer Commission said homes on Deep Run, Rust Way, and Jerusalem Road, will receive consideration for town sewer connections before other proposed developments in town, the board said it can't make any promises capacity will be available by the time it can make that decision.

Because the town is under an obligation from the state to undertake a number of sewer projects to upgrade the sewer systems in critical areas of town, including the Little Harbor area, the board said planned hook-ups must come first, followed by a year or two of monitoring, and then if capacity exists, other hook-ups can be reviewed.

"These applications represent your intention to tie into sewer," said Sewer Commission Chairman Ray Kasperowicz to those applicants who attended the meeting, adding it makes sense geographically to consider the homes for a hook-up based on their being contiguous to Little Harbor.

Since the homes are in close proximity to Hull, the commission said looking to that town to buy capacity might be worth investigating into as well. "We can accept the applications and try to do what we can, but we can't make any promises," Kasperowicz said.

However, while the town is already using some sewer capacity it purchased from Hull, at roughly $3,000 per household for a 30-year period, asking for more may not be a viable alternative for a couple of reasons.

Jerusalem Road Estates, a proposed 25-home subdivision to be located across from Straits Pond, filed three applications with the Sewer Commission in 2002. The applications would have allowed the development to either:

• Use its own capacity in Hull, but install a private sewer force main some 2,000 feet eastward

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SIGN OF SPRING

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Play ball! Here comes the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Parade, which is an annual harbinger of spring. For more photos, see page 20.

'He defined what a friend should be'

By Mary Ford
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The old adage that "true friendship can be seen through the heart and not the eyes" could have been written for Justin Langham.

The 20-year-old college student, who was tragically killed last week in Scotland, left his mark on his many friends.

In fact, he has so many friends, it's difficult to single out who his best friends were.

"He was really friends with everyone, whether with the boys of the football team or those on the student council," says classmate Kelly Devine.

Described as bright, polite, fun-loving and incredibly kind, Langham was also a leader. As president of the Cohasset High School Class of 2001, he noted in his commencement address that the class had succeeded artistically, academically and athletically and "had fun doing it."

"No matter what, you could always rely on him. He had such a good heart. He was a great friend and a great person."
— Aryanna Afshar, classmate

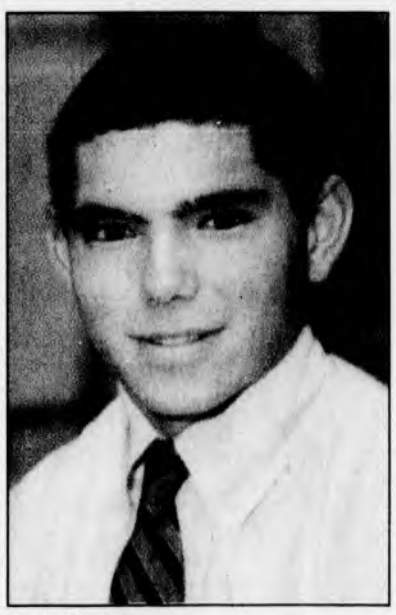
Langham died Monday, April 26, in Glasgow, Scotland where he was attending the university there. He was on his way back to his dormitory at 9:30 a.m. when he was hit by a truck. He succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

His friends, teachers and coaches were shocked by the news. But this week their focus was on how Langham lived and the warm memories they will treasure.

A three-sport athlete, Langham was captain of the football, wrestling and lacrosse teams.

"He was a real leader," says CMHS Athletic Director Ron Ford, who recalls seeing Langham last fall before he went over to Scotland. "He was very excited

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Justin Langham

Getting physical with the Army National Guard

Exercises build self-confidence

By Samantha Brown
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Physical strength and endurance is key for soldiers in the armed forces, and recruiters from the Massachusetts Army National Guard liked what they saw when they paid a visit to physical education classes at Cohasset Middle High School.

In an effort to spread the word to high school students about the benefits of joining the National Guard, including 100 percent free college tuition, recruiters have been making special promotional visits to local high schools, which are providing more than just information in the form of pamphlets and fliers. Alongside recruiters, students are completing real physical challenges, during physical education classes, which boost their self-esteem, giving them confidence whether they choose to sign up for the Guard or not.

SPC Raymond O'Donnell, a career counselor for the Army National Guard, met with students in Cohasset last week along with a team of National Guard recruiters. After recruiters conducted an army-style gym class, students were brought out-

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Flushing of water mains continues

The Water Department is flushing water mains between April 26 and May 31. Flushing will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m.. Flushing will continue on with the following schedule:

- May 5 – Jerusalem Road from Forest Street to Atlantic Avenue and all streets off this section of Jerusalem Road.
- May 10– Jerusalem Road from Forest Street to Atlantic Avenue and all streets off this section of Jerusalem Road.
- May 11 – Pond St. from Route 3A to the High School; Clay Spring Rd.; Reservior Rd.; Old Pasture Rd.; Tupelo Rd.; Bayberry Lane; Arrowwood Rd.; Evergreen La.; Pleasant St.; Sohier St. from Deer Hill School to Ripley Rd.; Smith Pl.; and Cushing Rd. from Smith Pl. to Norfolk Rd.
- May 12 – Pond St. from the High School to Spring St.; Woodland Rd.; Holly La.; Bancroft Rd.; Norfolk Rd.; Hill St.; Ash St.; Oak St.; Norfolk Ln.; Cushing Rd. from Norfolk Rd. to Spring St.; Virginia La.; Lantern La.; and Spring St.

Residents will be provided advance notification in the Patriot Ledger and Cohasset Mariner of the schedule for flushing each segment of the system. In addition, temporary street signs will be placed strategically around the affected area on the day of flushing. Notice will also be provided on the Water Dept.'s web site, www.cohassetwater.org and on the local cable access, Channel 10. Residents should monitor the web site and Channel 10 for schedule changes.

"Flushing cleans out sediment and deposits which may have accumulated in the water mains and is an important part of the continuing efforts to improve drinking water quality to our customers," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission.

Do not wash clothes during the time the flushing occurs. If clothing becomes stained it can be cleaned by using "Iron Out" which is available for free from the Water Department.

During the flushing program, some temporary discoloration of the water may occur. Run the *cold* water faucet, preferably outside, for a short time until the discoloration clears. If your water is discolored, avoid using hot water until you flush your hot water tank by opening the valve at the bottom of the tank.

Please call the Water Department at (781) 383-0057 with any questions.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Health, May 18, 7 p.m.

Cohasset Historical Commission, May 10, 7:30 p.m..

Conservation Commission, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

Harbor Committee, May 11, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, May 12, 7 p.m., at the library on Ripley Road

Planning Board, May 19, 7 p.m.

Recreation Commission, May 11, 6 p.m.

School Committee, May 6, 7 p.m., high school library

Sewer Commission, May 7, noon

Water Commission, May 6, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Building permits

The following building permits were issued at Town Hall:

McNary, 355 Atlantic Ave., windows, doors, general repairs, $34,000; Signorelli, 285 No. Main St., re-roof 23 squares, $8,050; DeWaal, 431 So. Main St., remodel bath, add shed roof/windows, $7,500; Lighthouse Lane, tent 16 x 16, reception, $285; Yacht Club-Tedeschi, Howard Gleason Rd., tent 30 x 90, tent 30 x 30, $6,400; Willard, 37 Stockbridge St., wood stove, $4,000.

Household hazardous product collection

Cohasset will have a joint hazardous waste collection day with Hull from 9 a.m.-1p.m., June 5 at a location to be announced.

Accepted materials include solvents, gasoline, motor oil mixtures and other automotive fluids, pesticides, photography chemicals, pool chemicals, acids and bases, thermometers, thermostats and poisons. Materials not accepted include industrial waste, radioactive materials, pathological and medical waste, pressurized gas cylinders, auto batteries and explosives. Paint, motor oil, propane tanks, fluorescent lamps and NiCd (rechargeable) batteries are collected regularly by many towns and may not be accepted at some collections. Latex paint is nonhazardous, and may be dried and disposed with trash. Bring chemicals in their original containers or labeled clearly as to their contents. Clean Harbors will conduct the collections.

Residents who turn in a toxic mercury thermometer or other mercury item may swap it for a digital thermometer. Visitors' mercury waste may be disposed but not swapped. Swaps sponsored by American Ref-Fuel at SEMASS or Mass. DEP.

For more detailed information and directions, call the South Shore Recycling Cooperative at 508-785-8318. Claire Sullivan, Solid Waste Planner.

Town will pay for teacher benefits

Director of Finance Michael Buckley said in the event $105,000 is raised to retain the positions of three teachers slated to be cut from the elementary school, the town will pay for their benefits. The town has always paid for benefits for both current and retired employees, and there is a budget set aside specifically to cover those costs. That budget has enough money to cover costs for inflation, which means there is enough money currently in the budget to cover the costs of the benefits for the three entry-level teachers as well as the retiring teachers they will replace, but only for one year. The cost of insurance for those three teachers will be roughly $30,000 for the year.

Maintenance Supt. to be hired by July 1

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said a new Supervisor of Building Maintenance will be hired by July1. Duties will include overseeing all aspects of maintenance of the town's facilities, including facility planning and construction and rehabilitation services. The person hired will also be the point person for fields, and will make the decision as to whether a field is in the proper condition to be played on. The job description that has been drafted for the position will be reviewed by Town Counsel before the position is advertised.

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Sun. 9	3:11	11.4	9:41	3:59	9.7	9:56
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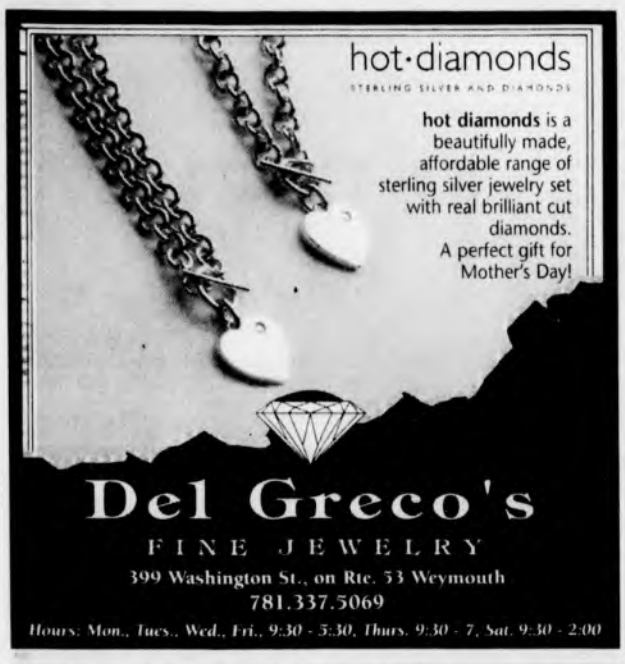
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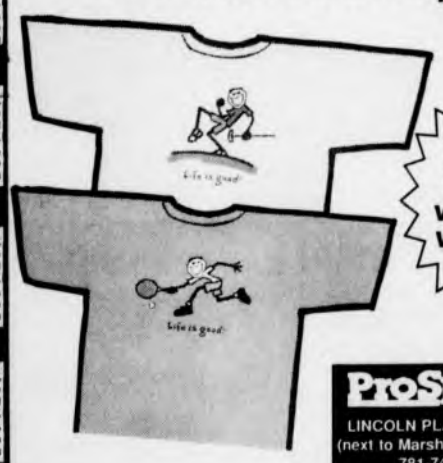
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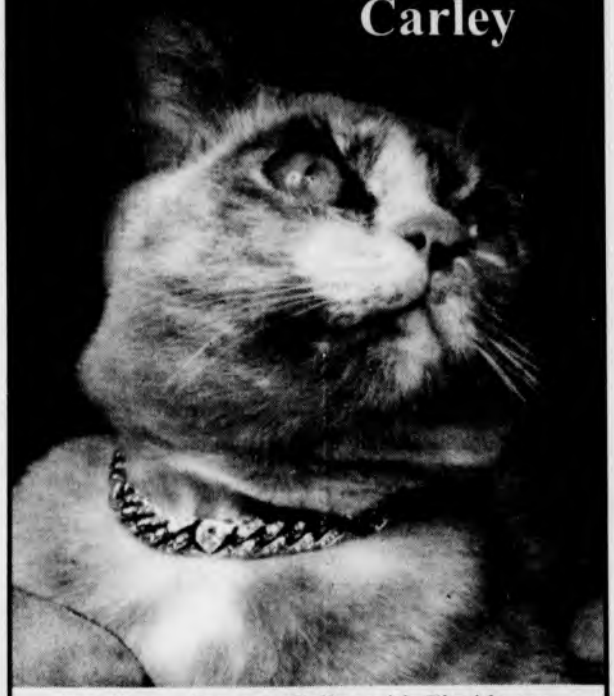


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Sparks fly over streetscape plans

Village review committee named

By Samantha Brown
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A new downtown revitalization review committee will be formally appointed, but it will be against the strong convictions of some Selectmen who think bringing the discussion back to the table is second-guessing a Town Meeting vote.

The committee, which is charged with reviewing plans already drafted by a design group hired by the town, was formed to investigate solutions for concerns expressed by members of the Planning Board, as well as some members of the Board of Selectmen, residents and merchants. The review committee has been meeting informally to take another look at the plans for the project, and feels with a 50-year project such as the village streetscape, the more eyes the better.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris, who did not vote in favor of appointing the committee, said the plans for the downtown project have been discussed at length over the past two years, and she doesn't see what purpose the committee is supposed to serve.

"I have to say I was a little bit surprised (to hear about the committee) given we had a vote of Town Meeting last fall that I thought addressed these issues," said McMorris. She added the decisions that have already been made on the project were decided by the town, and "it seems to me the group is here to override the Town Meeting vote."

However, Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who has been the driving force behind getting the committee started, said after bringing the plans to the Planning Board, it had some serious concerns that "were pretty much disregarded by Waterfield." The town hired the Waterfield Design Group to design the new streetscape as part of the $1.8 million Village Revitalization Project, which has been in the works for upwards of seven years and is being paid for by grants and private donations. The discussions surrounding the design of the Village streetscape have been going on for two and a half years.

Dormitzer said the three issues that are the most outstanding are the aesthetics of the plans, including using poured concrete for the sidewalks, which he said is "inappropriate in a small town"; the number of parking spaces that will ultimately be in the village; and the phasing of the project.

"Phasing is very different from the first two issues," said McMorris, and agreed that phasing is an issue that will need to be looked at once a contractor is hired. However, she said while she understands people might not be completely happy with the plans for the downtown area, they have been approved by the voters of the town, and it will set a very dangerous precedent if that vote is changed.

Selectman Rob Spofford said at this point, his major concern is the amount of money the town still has available to spend on design work. To date, the town has been reimbursed for $145,000 in design costs from grants. He said the town has also spent an additional $100,000 which it has not been reimbursed for as of yet, and another bill from Waterfield for an additional $50,000 was just received.

"I'm appalled, I have to say," that the town has spent $300,000 on design costs for a $1 million-plus project, said Spofford. "I'm not going to support another re-look if it's going to cost us more money. Three-hundred thousand dollars on a million dollar project is ridiculous."

While members of the review committee would not charge a fee for their examining the plans, anything that would be changed on the Waterfield Plans would cost money, and in terms of liability, they would have to approve the new design. Spofford said because of the money spent on design to date, he imagines the project will have to be scaled back if it's going to come in on budget.

Selectman Fred Koed said from the meetings he has attended, especially with the Planning Board, he has found the downtown business community is concerned with the current plans, and they are the ones that will be most affected by changes. "If they're concerned, I'm concerned," he said. In addition, he said there will be several business people and merchants on the committee, who will be able to take a look and maybe make recommendations that could help with the concerns of the village merchants.

Spofford reiterated any changes made to the plans will only cost the town more money.

Koed said he doesn't think it is a clear-cut issue as to whether voters at Town Meeting actually voted for concrete because of the cost associated with some other streetscape materials, or because they actually wanted the sidewalks made of concrete.

However, McMorris said, "To say we don't know why people voted the way they did is a dangerous precedent. We cannot set a precedent and say we're going to ignore that vote."

McMorris noted it is often impossible to draft a set of plans everyone will be happy with, but if the board decides to go against what was voted, "We might as well throw out Town Meeting altogether," because the votes that took place there wouldn't have mattered.

But Dormitzer said the article that was voted makes reference to a "concept" because at that time, there was not a firm set of plans in place for the streetscape. "This article was very vague," he said.

However, McMorris said she had worked for many hours with Town Manager Mark Haddad to draft the article and said it was written to address the two main issues of redoing the sidewalks and undergrounding the utilities. McMorris said there was a decision made, the voters decided against burying the wires and voted for concrete sidewalks, and while some were in the minority, those people who came to Town Meeting and cast their votes can't be ignored.

But Dormitzer said he felt the voices of the numerous people that signed petitions over the summer who wanted brick incorporated into the sidewalks and the streetscape redesigned were ignored.

McMorris said, "Those people should have come to Town Meeting to vote. That's the process and that's the way the town does things."

The nine-member board approved by a 3-2 vote includes Dormitzer, Spofford, George McGoldrick, Tom Hamilton, Jim Sandell, Wayne Sawchuk, David Chase, Amyra O'Connell, and Neil Murphy. Town Counsel will be looking at the list of charges drafted for the group, to make sure it doesn't conflict with any Town Meeting votes.

Other residents who are interested in participating and have related experience should contact Nicole in the Town Manager's office at (781) 383-4105.

Mutual aid credited with quick work on house fire



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Rubble is piled outside 505A Jerusalem Road, the scene of a two-alarm fire Sunday.

By Mary Ford
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Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said the mutual aid system with area towns played a critical role in bringing a house fire under control quickly Sunday afternoon.

"The Hull Fire Department was in there first," Lincoln said, about the working fire at 505A Jerusalem Road.

The civilian dispatch center at Cohasset Police Headquarters on Elm Street received a 9-1-1 call from a neighbor at 3:08 p.m., Sunday, who called after seeing flames and smoke. The homeowner was away at the time, Lincoln said.

"The kitchen sustained severe damage and the rest of the house had various degrees of heat and smoke damage," Lincoln said. There were no injuries and the family's pets — two dogs and a cat — escaped safely.

Lincoln explained when Hull firefighters arrived and saw the extent of the fire, they struck the second alarm, which calls for more manpower and apparatus.

In addition to Hull and Cohasset, Scituate helped at the scene and covered Cohasset fire headquarters.

"The fire was brought under control quickly and we ventilated the building of smoke on all floors," Lincoln said. " We also opened the ceiling and walls to see that the fire had not extended up and across."

Lincoln said the fire apparently started on the stovetop and appears to have been accidental. He said the house was not habitable due to extensive smoke damage and the homeowner, who came to the scene, was staying with relatives.

Cohasset sent all its apparatus to the fire and had a good turnout from off-duty and call firefighters, Lincoln said. About 25 firefighters were on the scene. All Cohasset paramedics are cross-trained as firefighters.

Lincoln said the house, which is a 2-1/2 story with four bedrooms, was fairly new or had been remodeled and met all building codes. He did not provide an estimate of damage saying he leaves that up to the insurance adjusters.

"I'm very happy that mutual aid allowed us to get this fire under control quickly," Lincoln said. "The firefighters all did a great job. I'm thankful that no one was injured."

The homeowner could not immediately be reached for comment.

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Emily Moy dances to 'Hello Dolly' in her first recital

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On Sunday, May 2 at the Hingham High School Auditorium, **Emily Moy** and the dance school, Dance Steps, entertained us to a wonderful performance. This was Emily's first recital. She danced to the tune of "Hello Dolly"with her class of baby ballerinas. Dance Steps is taught and owned by **Janet LeClair** Campbell of Cohasset. The school just completed its 10th year of teaching young girls ballet and jazz dancing. Thank you Janet and every dancer in Dance Steps.

PLAYGROUND PAVERS

Deadline for purchasing a brick or paver to benefit the playground at Our World has been extended until May 15. Please call **Debbie Kuppens** at 781-383-6399 if your would like to purchase a brick or paver. Traditional Red Bricks are $100 engraved and 15 in. x 15 in. Quincy Granite Pavers are $500 engraved. The playground is scheduled to be installed this June!

RELAY FOR LIFE

Hundreds of walkers go around the clock to fight cancer during the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. This celebration of life brings numerous groups and individuals concerned about cancer together for a unified effort to fight back. Teams of enthusiastic citizens will gather at Cohasset High School for an overnight relay against cancer from 3 p.m. on Friday, June 18 until noon on Saturday, June 19.

Relay For Life is a unique fundraising event that allows participants from all walks of life — including patients, families, civic organizations, businesses, churches, and community volunteers — to join together to fight cancer. Relay For Life reminds us that progress has been made in the fight against cancer and that everyone who participates is making a difference. Relay For Life opens as cancer survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer) walk or use a wheelchair to complete the Survivor's Lap during Opening Ceremonies on Friday at 6 p.m. This is an emotional time that sets the stage for the importance of each participant's contribution.

A festive atmosphere develops around the track. As walkers make new friends and spend time with old ones, the Relay heats up and the camp-out begins. An atmosphere of camaraderie is created with team members entertaining each other: eating, playing games, and, of course, walking for a great cause.

Highlighting the evening is the luminaria ceremony held after dark to honor cancer survivors and to remember those we have lost. The luminarias line the track and are left burning throughout the night to remind participants of the incredible importance of their contributions. Information about how to form a team or become involved in Relay For Life is available from the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or www.cancer.org.

CYBS CALENDAR

The Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association is once again holding its Calendar Card fundraiser. Our baseball and softball players are all over town selling the calendar cards and helping to raise funds for the Little League. Last years efforts raised over $20,000 which was used to pay off the debt to the town for the new fields, as well as help purchase two new scoreboards, bleachers, and the building of the concession stand. This year's drawings begin on Thursday, May 13 and continue until June 13 with weekday drawings of $50, weekend drawings of $150 and a final grand prize drawing of $1000 at the All-Star game and cookout. We thank all of our players, parents, friends and families for helping to make this Calendar Card fundraiser another BIG success!!. Good luck!

SWIMMERS & DIVERS

Attention returning swimmers & divers: the 2004 season sign-up for returning swimmers and divers, to the Cohasset Swim & Dive Team, will be held on Saturday May 15 from 9a.m.-noon at the Cohasset Town Hall.





Above: Emily Moy after her first ballet recital.

At left: Susie O'Brien spots Matthew Donahue on the high bar during Gym Sports Camp at the South Shore Community Center.

BC HIGH HONOR ROLL

Congratulations are in order for **Patrick B. Flynn** '07 of Cohasset who achieved honors for the third quarter at Boston College High School. For Honors a student must have at least a 3.20 quality point average. Keep up the hard work, Patrick.

WINE TASTING

For ladies who would like to know more about those trendy wines from "down under," Our World Children's Museum is holding a wine tasting May 14 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the museum, 100 Sohier St. Proceeds from the $45 tickets will go to the museum. Participating in the presentation will be **Tim Fogarty** from the House of Nobilo, New Zealand, and Tony Charley representing Banrock Station vineyards, Australia. Cohasset's own **Amyra Chase** from Village Wine and Spirits will also assist. There will be yummy hors d'oeuvres to eat and fabulous baskets of goodies to be raffled. Please send checks to Our World, PO Box 422, Cohasset, 02025 or call 781-383-3198 for reservations.

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DEAN'S LIST

Brian Joseph Krupczak, a junior at Washington and Lee University, has earned dean's list status for the recently ended winter term. Dean's list status at Washington and Lee represents a term grade-average of at least 3.4 on a 4 .0 scale. He is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krupczak** of Cohasset.

LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

The Social Service League of Cohasset, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 18, at 9 a.m. The meeting will take place in Walton Rodgers Hall at St. Stephens Church at 16 Highland Ave.

HONORS GRADUATE

Michael Raul Sanchez of Cohasset recently graduated *magna cum laude* from Wentworth Institute of Technology with an associate's degree in electronic engineering technology. Congratulations Michael on a job well done. Best of luck to you on all your future endeavors.

GRADUATION PHOTO

Desperately seeking the whereabouts of **Jim or Bill Sullivan**, sons of **Officer Jim and Louise (Hyland) Sullivan** formerly of South Main Street. **Nancy Souther** has a lovely Cohasset High School graduation photo (Class of 1947) of their late sister, **Peggy Sullivan Dwyer**, which she would like to pass along. Please contact Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com and she will put you in touch with Nancy.

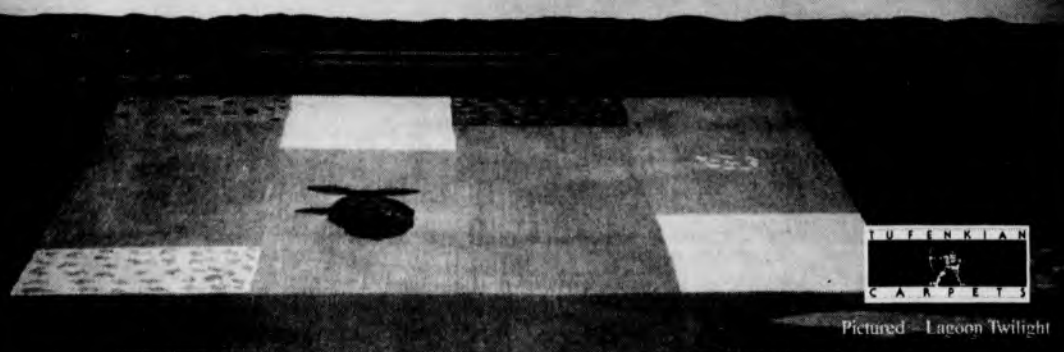
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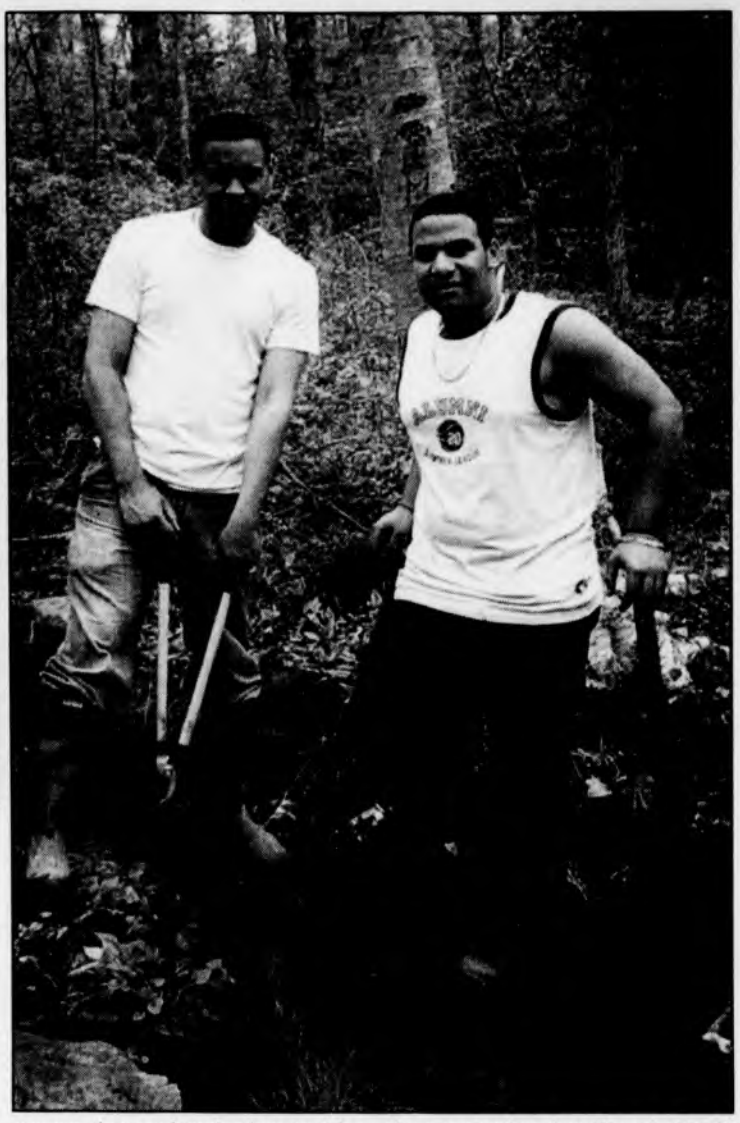
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Building a bridge from Boston to Cohasset



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Above: Cohasset High School juniors Carlos Peralta and Miguel De Los Santos proudly show off a basket of spinach they harvested while doing volunteer work at Holly Hill Farm.



FRED ROBERTSON PHOTO

At right: Carlos Peralta and Miguel De Los Santos are building a bridge across one of the many brooks that traverse the property at Holly Hill Farm, as part of a community service class they take at the high school.

By Samantha Brown
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Crouched over beds of baby spinach, Cohasset Middle High School juniors Carlos Peralta and Miguel De Los Santos harvest one of the first crops of spring at Holly Hill Farm. As they talk and joke with each other in Spanish, they carefully select the leaves that will be delivered to area restaurants, as well as those they will take home.

Through a community service class at the high school, the two have been working on the organic farm on Jerusalem Road two and three times a week for all of second semester. But when the school day is done, the boys can sometimes be found putting in extra hours, which they say is their way of saying "Thanks" to the community.

Both Carlos and Miguel attend school in Cohasset through participation in the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity, or METCO program. They are two of 50 students who commute to school in Cohasset every day. The program is intended to expand educational opportunities and reduce racial imbalance, by permitting students in certain cities to attend suburban public schools in participating communities. The two boys say they realize how lucky they are to have been chosen to take part in the program, and feel they are able to give back to the town through their contributions on the farm.

"The waiting list is really long," for students who would like to participate in the METCO program, said Carlos. Miguel added the two did get lucky in being able to come to Cohasset, because by the time some students get accepted, they have already given up.

Both boys began school in Cohasset in the eighth grade. Carlos lives in Dorchester and Miguel in Roxbury. While Carlos has his own car and drives himself to school in the morning, Miguel says he has to wake up at 5:45 to ensure he is ready when the bus comes to pick him up. "If I miss the bus, there is no other way and I don't go to school," he said. However, both boys agree the education they receive in Cohasset is worth waking up early for.

But in addition to the education they receive in the classroom, the two say they are getting a different kind of education on the farm. Since they began working on the farm during the winter, they were somewhat limited at first in the tasks that could be completed due to the snow and ice. They split wood, and learned how to mix soil for seeds. Because the farm is totally organic, soil mixtures need to be planned very carefully to ensure plants have enough nutrients to thrive without any chemical fertilizers. Education Director John Belber said by mixing different ingredients like sand, bone meal, and kelp, it helps make good, healthy soil to help the plants flourish, and soil the boys have mixed has been great. He said many of the plants that are currently sprouting in the greenhouse are growing in the boys' soil, and they are thriving.

Carlos said now that the weather is warmer, they are learning how to drive the tractor, which is his favorite duty so far. Being able to drive the machine will allow them to move materials to a site where they are beginning preparations for their biggest project yet.

Many areas on the farm have recreational walking trails, but portions are very wet, which makes for a messy hike. In addition, farming on various portions of the farm becomes difficult when it is necessary to cross water and mud with supplies in order to reach the garden. The boys have begun clearing a path where they will build a bridge resembling a boardwalk which will allow machinery and people to access the far-reaching areas of the farm. They have also started working on clearing the brook which runs nearby, to help direct its flow.

"They're getting an education, but it's also a tremendous benefit to the farm," said Belber. He added because of all the work the boys are doing, especially building the bridge, he hopes it will encourage more visitors to take advantage of the walking trails the site has to offer on its more than 130 acres.

The boys say they are planning to continue working on the farm for the remainder of this school year, keeping an eye on the new beehives the farm has just started. "I'm just waiting until the raspberry fields start growing up," said Miguel. But even after this year, the two say they have plans to return to work at Holly Hill until graduation.

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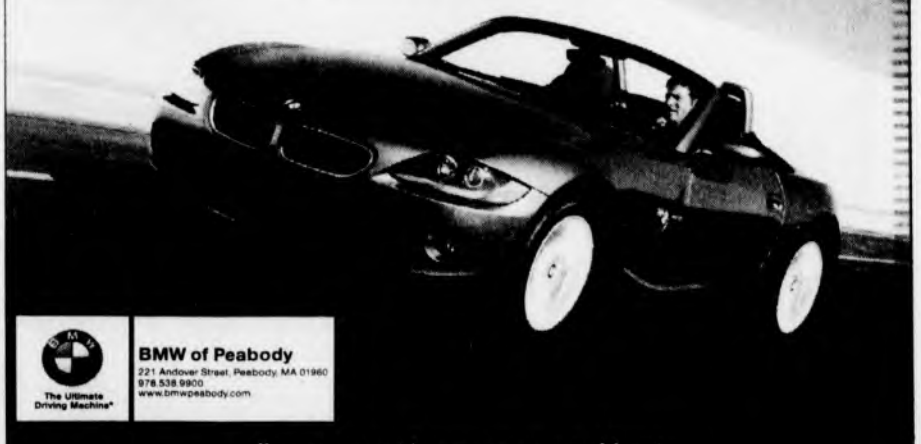
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HEALTH NOTES

Wastewater committee tackles sewer, septic issues

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last week the Mariner published an editorial saying that the Sewer Commission, Board of Health, Planning Board, Water Commission and Selectmen should conduct a forum that would focus on the Town's wastewater and sewer issues. The fact is that there are two committees which take up wastewater issues.

The first is the Wastewater Committee which was appointed by the selectmen on August 6, 2002. The charge of the Committee is:

- To make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Meeting relating to wastewater issues in Town taking into consideration the following:
- Identify the various areas in Town which fall into logical districts in terms of wastewater needs and problems.
- Study the available technical options for disposing of wastewater within Town.
- Investigate the available options, and develop the outline of a logical plan, which would ultimately satisfy the needs of individuals in efficiently and economically managing their wastewater disposal requirements.

Address the various problems or potential problems, which are known to exist.

Current members of the Committee are: James Dedes, Vicki Neaves, John Cavanaro, Chair; Steve Bobo, Clerk, BoH; Joseph Godzik; Ray Kasperowicz, Sewer Commission and Jeffery Moy Paul Davis, Resigned

Committee meetings are monthly or bimonthly. Meeting dates are published in accordance with the sunshine laws. I'm sure that any members of the Committee would be happy to talk about committee work. The committee has been meeting regularly and publishes minutes. We are working on a report to the Selectmen with a target date of June.

This is a technical committee and discusses current and advanced wastewater technology as well as seeking ideas for equitably paying for wastewater disposal. We are working on a final report which will contain a prioritized listing of wastewater management options for the Town as well as a an estimate of the effectiveness of wastewater disposal for every parcel in Town. Technology is changing rapidly, and new viable solutions are constantly being brought to our attention.

We have reviewed many thousands of pages from Town documents by contractors to the Sewer Commission and the BoH. I believe the committee has as good a grasp of the feasible and appropriate status of our wastewater issues as anyone. We requested the Water Commission to come before the committee but they declined and told us to come before a regular meeting of the commission which we did. At this meeting we received information relating to their problems and recommendations. We have a Town Planner who has done a remarkable job in supplying information and support to the Committee. It would be inappropriate for the Planning Board to attend these meetings, since the Planning Board has another jurisdiction.

The reason that Sewer issues have been discussed at different committees is because sewers and wastewater are separate jurisdictions and play by different rules. Accordingly, action, rather than discussion must be taken up by committees with the appropriate jurisdiction. When the layman sees wastewater, he thinks there are only two options: septic systems and sewers. This is no longer true. In Cohasset, where a complex land structure exists there are many viable solutions for dealing with wastewater. I can think of at least 20, but only one having the lowest total overall cost.

The Mariner was correct in saying that lack of a sewer system stalled development. Beginning in the early 1800s the way to design a town was to lay a sewer and people would build houses to get on the sewer. Wastewater management has become enormously more complex these days, but small suburban towns continued to use sewers as a means for favoring selected locations for new housing. To some extent Cohasset, in the 70s, when it turned down a state grant of $15 million for new sewers, was responding to pressure to limit growth in Town.

The end result was that during Cohasset's periods of great expansion many houses were built with questionable wastewater treatment. With the onset of Title 5 in the '80s and a more rigorous version in '95, the State's tactic for addressing failed systems was to inspect the system and upgrade upon sale of the house.

In Cohasset, where there is so much ledge, old fashioned sewers were enormously expensive. New sewers like the North Cohasset system reduced the cost somewhat, but still sewers have proved to be an expensive option compared to even the most expensive on-site system. The current reality is that there is no parcel in Cohasset with an existing home which can not be tied to an adequate wastewater system. However, the Wastewater Committee is reluctant to offer wastewater solutions in the absence of planning alternatives which would limit the growth rate for new construction.

The other committee is the newly appointed Water Resources Protection Committee which has just been formed, and which will have a Board of Health member.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Getting physical with the Army National Guard

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side to test their strength and agility on a rock climbing wall, which was approximately 30 feet high.

It helps "instill confidence in the students," said O'Donnell, adding when students complete challenges like climbing to the top of the rock wall, and discover strength they might never have known they had, it is a great achievement whether the student decides he or she wants to sign up for the Guard or not.

O'Donnell said when he and other recruiters in his team visit local schools, they make every effort to bring fun, interactive activities that allow them to become familiar with the students. In addition to the rock climbing wall, recruiters will set up obstacle courses or bring various equipment for students to try out. If the students have met the recruiters on an informal basis, they are less likely to be intimidated and more likely to check out materials about joining the National Guard during the more formal recruitment days, he said.

O'Donnell said he was amazed with some of the students in Cohasset who kept trying over and over to reach the top of the rock climbing wall, showing great perseverance. That kind of character is exactly what the Guard looks for in new recruits, and he said he hopes through the programs he and other recruiters bring to area schools it will make students give more thought to signing up and hopefully boost recruitment numbers.

But the National Guard doesn't stop its outreach efforts with the high school students, it offers many programs which appeal to all members of the family. "All the programs we run are community based and everything is free," said O'Donnell. In the past, the Guard has been involved in parades, and welcomes family events where there's an opportunity to show off its various pieces of equipment. In Cohasset, the Guard has been a part of the "Touch-A-Truck," event, hosted by the Cohasset Call Firefighters Association. Not only were fire engines and ambulances on site for children to inspect, but army Humvees as well. O'Donnell said the Humvees will return to Cohasset again this year at the Relay For Life. In the near future, O'Donnell hopes to be able to bring a Blackhawk helicopter to Marshfield High School.

Local units of the National Guard have been playing a big role in the war in Iraq, and most recently, members of Hingham's 1058th Transportation Company returned from 14 months of service overseas. Initially the unit was responsible for the transport of supplies and troops operating between Kuwait and Iraq for the 1st Armor Division and the 3rd Infantry Division. From last June through March, the 1058th supported the 4th Infantry Division in Tikrit.

For more information on any branch of the Massachusetts National Guard, please visit its web site at www.state.ma.us/guard.



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Students test their physical ability on a rock-climbing wall, brought to the high school by National Guard recruiters.

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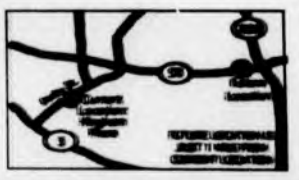
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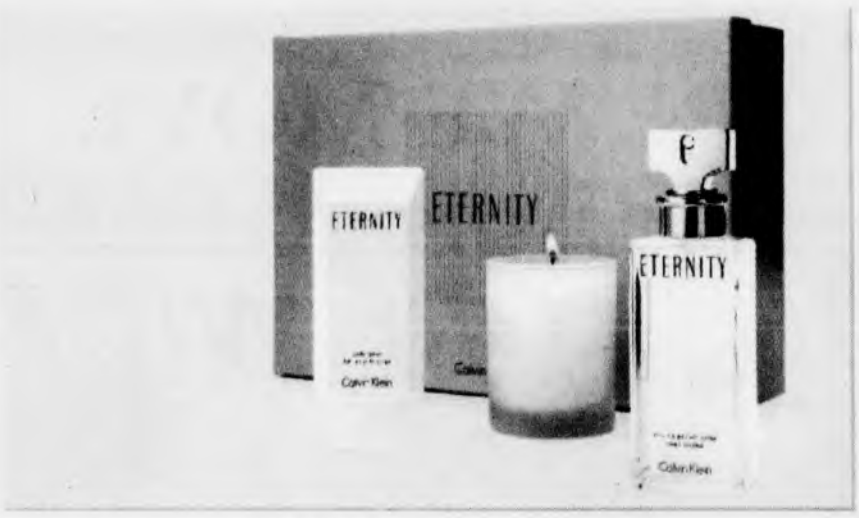


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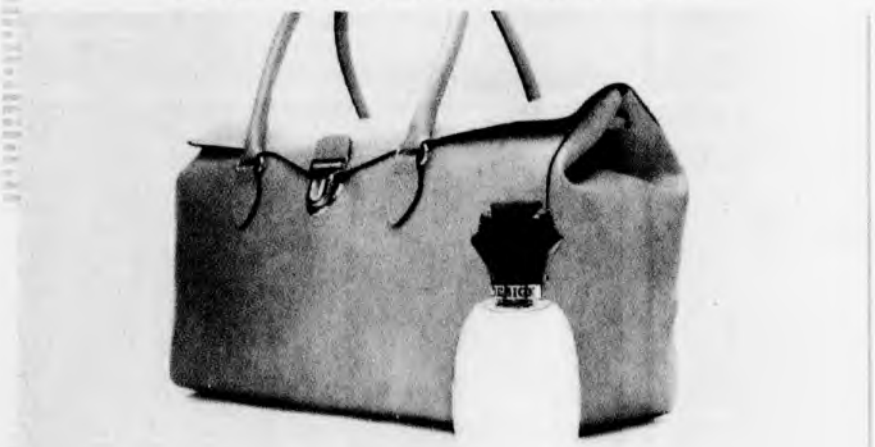
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A high price to pay

Congressmen urge seniors to get involved in prescription drug debate

By Amanda Gontarz
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One of the biggest concerns among South Shore senior citizens right now is the escalating costs of prescription drugs. Many say they are having to make choices between essential living expenses like food and heat or their prescriptions.

U.S. Congressmen William Delahunt, D-Quincy, and Dan Burton, R-IN, although across the aisle on many issues, happen to see eye-to-eye on this one. They agreed with a large group of seniors gathered last week at the Marshfield Senior Center that something should be done to control the costs of prescription drugs. Delahunt, co-chair of the Older Americans Caucus, said this is especially necessary for seniors, many of whom are living on fixed incomes and rely on numerous prescriptions each month.

"We are going to work to make the changes needed to reign in the cost of prescription drugs and make sure every senior citizen in this country has access to affordable prescription drugs. It will happen."
Congressman William Delahunt

"It's a moral issue, as well as a health care issue," he said. "But at the core, it's a moral issue."

Seniors like Bette Vagen are all too familiar with the high costs of prescription drugs.

Vagen, also president of Cape United Elderly, and her husband together pay just shy of $1,000 each month for their prescription medications. A survivor of several heart attacks, Vagen's monthly prescriptions cost $293 while they spend $697 on her husband's medications.

"We have Medicaid because we're poor, but every time the cost of living goes up you are afraid of going over the limit," she said.

Delahunt reminded the audience that it's not the pharmacists at the local drugstores who set the prices for prescriptions. "Do not blame the pharmacists because the pharmacist is not enjoying the same profits as the drug companies," he said. "Let them know you understand the reality of it."

Delahunt and Burton encouraged the seniors, who came from all over the South Shore and Cape Cod to attend this forum convened by Delahunt, to contact their senators and congressmen as a way of encouraging the government to make steps toward scaling back prices. With 2004 being an election year, Delahunt added that seniors would have a good chance at influencing the politicians to make some changes.

"Let's get it done this year," he said.

Delahunt said the U.S. Congress passed a piece of legislation, the Medicare Reform Act of 2003, last November that he believes "threatens Medicare as we know it." He said the bill does not meet the needs of seniors in terms of providing benefits toward prescription drugs.

"I believe changes have got to be made," he said. "We are going to work to make the changes needed to reign in the cost of prescription drugs and make sure every senior citizen in this country has access to affordable prescription drugs. It will happen. Believe me, it will happen."

The congressmen added that the bill was 700 pages and passed late at night, creating confusion for many in

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Local advocate Peter Cook of Cook and Company weighs in on the issue before the large crowd assembled at the Marshfield COA last week.

Senior Lifestyle



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Indiana Congressman, Republican Dan Burton and Congressman William Delahunt, D-MA., preside over a recent meeting at the Marshfield Council on Aging as a large gathering watches Walter Cronkite via TV speak about the shortcomings of the American health care system. The two congressman hosted the forum as a way to encourage people to get involved in the debate about escalating prescription drug costs and other Medicare issues.

A high price to pay

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Washington. They agreed that changes need to be made to help seniors understand it as well as benefit from it.

Both said they believe the U.S. government should take a closer look at importing drugs from Canada, as they are considerably cheaper than medications sold here.

Burton said when his wife was diagnosed with breast cancer 10 years ago, he learned that some women in this country were paying up to $350 for a certain drug, one that could be purchased in Canada for $50.

"I found we are charging the highest prices for any pharmaceutical product you can think of," he said.

The U.S. government has been opposing the importation of drugs from Canada, claiming their safety requirements aren't as strict, but Burton, the chairman of the House subcommittee on human rights and wellness, said he brought in pharmacists and executives from Canada to speak on this subject.

To contact Congressman Delahunt in his Quincy office, write to 1250 Hancock Street, Suite 802-N, Quincy, MA 02169 or call (617) 770-3700. Residents can also log onto his Web site, www.house.gov/delahunt/.

Celebrate Older Americans Month

May is national Older Americans Month and an opportune time for everyone to become involved in contributing to the seniors in their communities — family members, neighbors, friends, mentors and teachers.

Spend time with a senior in your life — play a game together or go for a walk.

Council on aging directors suggest you ask them what they did for fun when they were young or to tell you stories about family members.

Send a card or letter to out-of-town grandparents or visit a nursing home and talk to the residents there.

"It is important to let seniors know how much they are loved and cared for," said Dan Veto, a certified senior advisor with Bankers Life and Casualty Company. "Many older Americans are concerned about the legacy they will leave behind. According to our 'Aging in America' survey, more than half of elderly adults want to be remembered for being a responsible parent or grandparent more than anything else, and spending time with older loved ones will give them an increased sense of security about preserving their legacies."

Another way to support older Americans is to advocate causes and issues that affect them the most – Medicare, Social Security and medical research to name a few. Experts say advocacy can be a powerful and necessary instrument in protecting the rights of seniors. Communicate to local, state and federal legislators the need for advancements in research and expanded health care. These actions implemented today can benefit not only seniors, but also those who are young and will want the same considerations down the road.

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A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

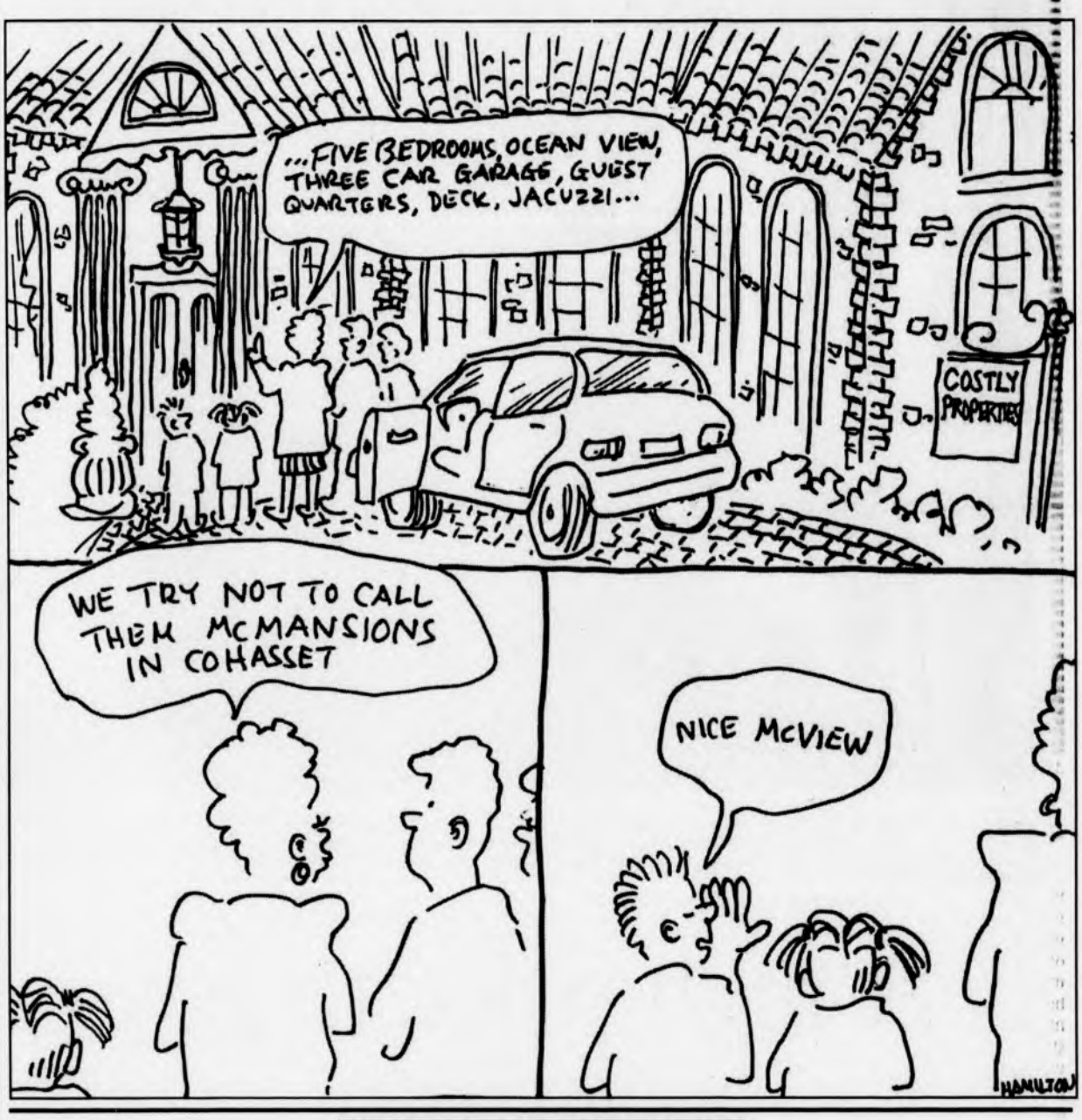
The theme of this year's Law Day, "To Win Equality by Law: Brown v. Board at 50," celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark decision in Brown v. Board of Education.

The Declaration of Independence declared the equality of each person before God and the responsibility of Government to secure the rights of all. However, it was not until ratification of the 14th Amendment in 1868 that the equality of all citizens under law was guaranteed by the Constitution. Still, for decades afterwards, millions of African-American citizens were subjected to shameful discrimination, and in many public school systems, students were segregated by race. Finally, in the 1954 Brown decision, the Supreme Court ruled that segregating students in our public schools violated our Constitution.

Our Nation is grateful for the brave men and women and boys and girls who challenged segregation and helped make equal justice under law a reality for all Americans. We remember Thurgood Marshall, the heroic lawyer who represented Linda Brown and fought for her rights and the rights of all African Americans. We remember the nine justices of the Supreme Court of the United States who helped America begin to make equal justice under law a reality for African Americans.

Nearly 50 years after Brown, we appreciate the progress America has made, but we also recognize that there is still work to be done to ensure that our country lives up to the founding principle that all of God's children are created equal. As we observe this Law Day and commemorate the anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, I encourage all Americans to celebrate the great distance we have traveled as a Nation and to continue our work to promote equality and opportunity for all.

— GEORGE W. BUSH



American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Cohasset

Hundreds of walkers go around the clock to fight cancer during the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. This celebration of life brings numerous groups and individuals concerned about cancer together for a unified effort to fight back.

Teams of enthusiastic citizens will gather at Cohasset High School for an overnight relay against cancer from 3 p.m. Friday, June 18, until noon Saturday, June 19.

Relay For Life is a unique fund-raising event that allows participants from all walks of life — including patients, families, civic organizations, businesses, churches and community volunteers — to join together to fight cancer.

Relay For Life reminds us that progress has been made in the fight against cancer and that everyone who participates is making a difference.

Relay For Life opens as cancer survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer) walk or use a wheelchair to complete the Survivor's Lap during Opening Ceremonies on Friday at 6 p.m. This is an emotional time that sets the stage for the importance of each participant's contribution.

A festive atmosphere develops around the track. As walkers make new friends and spend time with old ones, the relay heats up and the camp-out begins. An atmosphere of camaraderie is created with team members entertaining each other, eating, playing games and, of course, walking for a great cause.

Highlighting the evening is the luminaria ceremony held after dark to honor cancer survivors and to remember those we have lost. The luminaria line the track and are left burning throughout the night to remind participants of the incredible importance of their contributions.

"Relay For Life is as much an awareness-raiser about the progress against cancer as it is a fund-raiser," said Justine Vanderlugt, publicity chairwoman. "Many of the participants will be people who have dealt with cancer themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made in improving cancer survival rates and the quality of life following cancer treatment.

"The funds raised will enable us to continue our investment in the fight against cancer through educational programs, advocacy, research and services to patients," said Vanderlugt. Information about how to form a team or become involved in Relay For Life is available from the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or www.cancer.org.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mill River Boatyard approval application

TO THE EDITOR:

The following letter was sent to the Planning Board and a copy was provided to the Mariner.

Dear Chairman Moore:

I am writing to comment on the Application for Site Plan Approval filed by Mill River Boatyard, LLC. I urge the Planning Board to require that any reconstruction or development on this site include the continued operation of the existing boatyard because of the essential services it provides to the fishing and lobster industry — the economy of Cohasset — and for recreational boaters who use Cohasset Harbor.

This Application is properly before you, pursuant to Cohasset Zoning Bylaws, Section 12.6(1)(b) which provides that "*No permit to build, construct, reconstruct or expand any buildings or structure…. b. In any business… district where such construction, reconstruction, or expansion shall exceed a total gross floor area of two hundred square feet…*" [Emphasis added.] without Site Plan Approval. This particular requirement in 1(b) does NOT apply only to nonconforming structures [which is in Section 1(a)]. The Mill River Boatyard LLC proposal is to "reconstruct" a total of about 9,584.4 square feet, including the construction of a new 726.3 s.f. building where the Quonset Hut used to be; so Site Plan Approval is clearly required.

The Planning Board should require the Applicant to disclose the proposed future use of the property. This is authorized in the Zoning Bylaws in Section 12.6(2)(a) that allows the Board to issue a Site Plan Approval if the Board finds that "*the proposed development will be harmonious with and not harmful, injurious or objectionable to existing or future uses in the area*" and Section 12.6(3) which requires that the Application for Site Plan review "*shall also include information as to the nature and extent of the proposed use of buildings…*" [Emphasis added]

The Applicant does not have all the Chapter 91 licenses that they need. The Planning Board should require the Applicant to disclose the status of their existing Chapter 91 permits and what additional Ch. 91 permitting is needed to complete the proposed Project. This is important because the property in question is on public land, tidelands, that are regulated by Chapter 91 which is designed to ensure that the use of public tidelands serves a public purpose and that such property is used for strictly water dependent uses such as the existing Mill River Boatyard and Lobster Pound.

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Chapter 91 regulations do not allow this proposed Project without the continued existence of the currently existing Boatyard. Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection regulations, 310 CMR 9.36(4) contain the following prohibitions for any "project" over tidelands [*in these regulations the word "project" includes any work such as construction or reconstruction of structures over tidelands*]:

"(4) The project shall not displace any water-dependent use that has occurred on the site within five years prior to the date of the license application, except on a clear showing by the applicant that said use:

did not take place on a reasonably continuous basis, for a substantial period of time; or

has been or will be discontinued at the site by the user, for reasons unrelated to the proposed project or as a result of voluntary arrangements with the applicant.

Absent the above showings, the project shall include arrangements determined to be reasonable by the Department for the water-dependent use to be continued at its existing facility, or at a facility at an alternative location having physical attributes, including proximity to the water, and associated business conditions which equal or surpass those of the original facility and as may be identified in a municipal harbor plan, if any."

The existing Mill River Boatyard has been in operation at this location for many decades, providing an essential service to the Cohasset lobstering and fishing fleet and to recreational boaters – therefore the proposed Project cannot be allowed, under Ch. 91 regulations, to discontinue the existing boatyard. The Applicant needs to get a Chapter 91 license to complete the proposed Project, and to get that license they will not be permitted to close down the boatyard.

I urge the Planning Board, if they approve this Site Plan Application, to also require, under the Cohasset Zoning Bylaws, that the applicant continue the existing Mill River Boatyard with its current level of services to the Cohasset Harbor boating community. The Planning Board has the authority to impose such a condition, pursuant to Zoning Bylaws Section 12.6(5)(c) which states that the Planning Board may take final action that may consist of "*A finding and determination, subject to such reasonable order of conditions, modifications, and restrictions as the planning board shall set forth, that the proposed construction, reconstruction, substantial exterior alteration, or addition will constitute a suitable development and will not result in significant detriment to the neighborhood or the natural qualities of the town.*" Since allowing the Project to go forward without keeping the existing boatyard would "result in significant detriment to the neighborhood", i.e. to Cohasset Harbor, the Planning Board can and should make such a finding and impose that requirement.

John K. McNabb, Jr.
53 Pond St.

Teachers' fund is still growing

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks to all who have pledged or contributed to the Save 3 Teachers Fund. Our current fund total is $35,000, a still growing number that reflects the level of commitment to education in Cohasset. Some elementary classes currently stand at 18 or 19 students. If those grade levels swell as high as 24 or 26 students, that 40-44 percent increase will surely undermine the quality of education, regardless of the talent and dedication of our wonderful teachers. Though most grade levels will not see such extreme increases, our children deserve better. The early school years are a crucial time to keep classes small to ensure a solid foundation for future learning.

While reducing class sizes is the focus, we want to be clear that this effort in no way intends to question or undermine the excellent work of the school committee and administration, all of whom are committed public servants. Our goal is simple: keep class sizes as small as possible. We have received a commitment from the school committee that the donation from "Save 3 Teachers Fund" will be earmarked for salaries of the three teaching positions being eliminated through attrition. We believe this effort demonstrates broad support for quality education and the teachers our children rely on, and serves as a positive message to all parties who are concerned about balancing educational needs and growing fiscal challenges.

Finally, please remember that the PSO Telethon is May 12. We urge you to give generously to this time-tested organization. Their programs have enriched the daily lives of all children who have passed through the Cohasset schools. We strongly support their fund-raising endeavors and share their common goal of providing the optimal educational environment for our children.

Barbara Buckley
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Deirdre Prescott
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Justine Vanderlugt
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Our World yard sale support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum I would like to thank all the people who helped make our Spring Yard Sale fund-raiser a great success. The Yard Sale was held in the Museum space in the rear wing of the Paul Pratt Library. People from all over donated items, and a hard-working crew (you know who you are!!) helped organize, price and sell everything from clothing, baby joggers and furniture to bikes and skis. The proceeds of the event, totaling over $3,500, will be put toward the Museum, whose first floor exhibits are slated to open early this fall.

Our World Children's Global Discover Museum is a non-profit educational institution organized to create informative and interactive educational opportunities promoting world awareness. To learn more about Our World visit our website at <http://www.our-worldcgdm.org>. Thanks again to everyone who helped and attended our Yard Sale!

Cindy Swartwood
348 S. Main St.

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'What makes my Mom special'



Mrs. Lauren Cook's second-grade class at the Osgood School.

A Mother's Day gift from Mrs. Cook's class at the Osgood School.

My mom is special. My mom has beautiful curly brown hair. My mom is kindhearted and funny. My mom is an at-home mother. She takes care of the family and the animals. She makes all the snacks for us. She helps me when I get hurt and with my homework. I like when we do stuff in the garden. I also like when we go to the pool together. I feel loved when my mom reads to me and when she tucks me into bed. I love my mom!

— Sophie Arnold

My mom is the best. She is tall and thin. She has brown eyes and light brown hair. She is very nice and is really loving. She works at home and is good at cooking. She takes me to my piano lessons and does all the cooking. She helps me do my homework and helps me solve my problems. I like to go swimming with her. I like to ride my bike with her. When she snuggles with me I feel loved. When she kisses me goodnight I feel loved. I love my mom.

— Derek Benson

My mom is great. My mom is kindhearted, a good cook, and very nice. She has black hair and blue eyes. My mom is a stay-at-home mom. She does a lot of the work. She does the dishes and a lot more things. She helps me with my homework and reading. I like to play with her and cook with her. When she hugs me it makes me feel loved. I love my mom very, very much.

— Kate Broderick

My mom is the best. My mom has blue eyes and she is tall and pretty. She has yellow hair. She likes to play with me. She is a good cook. My mom works hard being a mom at home. She is a Brownie leader and she cooks our dinner every night. My mom helps me by doing my hair every day and she helps me with my homework and lots of other things. I love when my mom takes me to the beach and collects shells and sea glass with me. I love when she takes me to Nantucket and rides her bike with me. I love when my mom gives me a kiss and a hug. I love my mom!

— Victoria Bryan

My mom is special! She has a kind heart and a nice heart. My mom is pretty and very nice. My mom has pretty curly brown hair and beautiful brown eyes. My mom is pretty tall. My mom is very smart. My mom works at Blue Cross Blue Shield. She also works at home. At home she takes care of us. I like to go on walks with her. I also like to go on bike rides with her. I like to go to the beach with her and collect shells with her. I also like to go on vacation with her. I feel loved when she cuddles in bed with me. I love my mom!!

— Alyssa Golz

My mom rocks! My mom is pretty because she has nice hair and nice eyes. My mom is kindhearted and cares for other people. My mom is a chatterbox. My mom is an at-home mom. She helps me with my homework. I like to do laundry with her. My mom makes me feel loved when she kisses me goodnight. I like it when she calls me "Yugi"! I love my mom.

— Daniel Cronin

My mom is awesome. My mom is pretty. She has short hair and brown eyes and she is friendly. My mom is sensitive and helpful. My mom is an at-home mom. My mom helps me with my homework. I like my mom to go to my hockey games. I like my mom to go to my baseball games. I like my mom to go to my soccer games. She takes care of my pets and does the laundry. She makes me feel loved when she gets in bed with my brother and me and reads us a story. I love my mom.

— Chris Cohen

My mom is a great mom. My mom has beautiful blue eyes. She is kindhearted and she is very, very nice. My mom is an at-home worker. She cooks us dinner. She helps me whenever I need her. I like when she plays games with me. She makes me feel loved all the time. My mom is the best!

— Sam Curatola

My mom is special. She is pretty and has beautiful blue eyes. She is also nice and kindhearted. Inside she is kind and funny. My mom works hard. She works for the school and she drives bus #3. My mom works at home, too. She babysat babies once. She helps me by helping me with my homework, and by cooking my dinner and helping me with my problems. I like when she tucks me in and says goodnight. I like when she comes for projects at school. I love when she sings to me at night. I love when she gives me a hug and a kiss, and when she makes chicken noodle soup. I love my mom!

— Mackenzie Dickson

My mom is special. She's medium height. She has brownish-blackish hair and she's very pretty. My mom has beautiful brown eyes. She has a kind heart and she is nice. My mom is cool. My mom is caring and very, very, very loving. My mom is a home-mom and she is very busy. She cleans, she does the dishes and she takes care of the pets. My mom helps me a lot. She helps me with my problems and she helps me with homework. She helps me with a lot of other things, too. I like to walk the dog with her and I like to play with her. I like to do chores with her and I like to snuggle with her, too. My mom makes me feel loved by tucking me in "goodnight" and when she hugs me. I love my mom!!!

— Isabelle Dunne

My mom is awesome. She is kindhearted and friendly. She is very pretty and smart. My mom is a teacher and a home-mom. She helps me with my homework and she does a lot inside and outside. My mom helps me when I'm hurt and when I have a problem. I love to go to Cape Cod with her. I feel loved when she gives me a kiss goodnight. I feel loved when my mom cuddles with me. I love my mom.

— Chris Haggerty

My mom is a great mom. My mom is kindhearted. She is skinny and she has brown eyes and a pretty smile. She is talkative and she is silly. My mom works at the Black Fin Restaurant and cleans other people's houses and an office. She also works at my house. What me and my mom like to do together is we love to go to the mall and we like to sometimes go to work together and get food together. My mom helps me with my homework. She also helps me get ready for school and helps me get ready for bed. How my mom makes me feel loved is when she kisses me and when she hugs me and cuddles with me. I love my mom!

— Taylor Litchfield

My mom is great. My mom has beautiful blue eyes and long blond hair. My mom is very kind! She is funny and really smart. My mom is an interior decorator and a stay-at-home mom. She does the laundry and cooks dinner. My mom does lots of other chores,too. She helps me with my homework and school projects. She takes care of me when I am sick. I like to play games with her. My mom and I go to the beach together and I like it when we ride bikes together. When she hugs me it makes me feel good. She calls me "Trev". I love my mom.

— Trevor Tedeschi

My mom is awesome. She is kindhearted, nice, and sweet. She is lovely. She has pretty blue eyes and brown curly hair. She is medium size. My mom loves to tell jokes and laugh. She has a beautiful smile. My mom likes to talk. My mom is smart and she is generous. She is an art teacher at the High School and paints rugs and sells them. She is very busy doing the dishes, laundry, cooking our food, and cleaning the house. But, she still has time for me! She helps me calm down when I get upset and she helps me do my homework. I love to go to the mall with her and laugh with her. I love when we go out to dinner. I love to have picnics with her at the beach. I love when she calls me "Sally". I love it when she tucks me into bed. My mom is great!

— Sarah Whilton

My mom is the be[illegible]. My mom is pretty and she has great eyes. My mom is really nice. My mom has brownish-yellowish hair. My mom is funny and she is caring. My mom works at a house to babysit and she works around our house. When I am sick my mom makes me breakfast. My mom helps me with my homework. I like to cook with my mom and I like to help my mom babysit. I feel loved when she calls me "Raz". I feel loved when she helps me clean up. I love my mom.

— Rocco Laugelle

My mom is a great mom. She has beautiful yellow hair and she also has big green eyes. She is pretty on the outside and really nice on the inside. My mom cleans around the house. She does laundry and she also folds the bed sheets and folds our clothes. If I am hurt she helps me. If I need something she helps me get it. If I am sad she helps me get better. I like to make brownies with my mom and I like to go to the mall with her. I also like it when my mom lies in bed with me and we talk. I like playing with my mom. My mom makes me feel loved when she calls me "Kath" and when she laughs with me. I love my mom!

— Katherine Naughton

My mom is the best. She has blond hair and pretty blue eyes. She is beautiful. My mom is caring and she has a kind heart. I think she's funny when she pretends to be the tickle monster. My mom is an at-home worker. She cleans our clothes. My mom is the best cooker. She goes grocery shopping and she drives me everywhere. She is a room mother and helps Mrs. Cook by making things for our class. I like it when my mom takes me out to lunch and gets me presents. She makes me feel loved because she hugs me all the time and she calls me "C" monster. I love my mom!

— Chandler Skolnick

My mom is cool. She has sparkly green eyes. She has nice silky blond hair. She has soft light creamy skin. I see her inside as the most nicest mom in the world. Her golden personality is so, so nice! She loves all animals, too. She is nice to all people. My mom has a nice but hard job. She works at my house and takes care of the animals and me and my sister. She is the best mom. My mom helps me with my homework and by making me feel loved. She helps me by being funny. I like to get ice cream with her and she helps me look for frogs. She makes me feel loved when she kisses me "good night." My mom is great!

— Jake Masci

My mom is the best. My mom is funny and she is talented. My mom has brown eyes and she is short. She has blond hair and she has a good singing voice. My mom is kindhearted. My mom is perfect. My mom is an at-home working person. She does the dishes and sweeps the floor. She helps me make my bed and helps me do my homework. My mom helps me when I am sad. She makes me feel loved when I feel sad and she makes me feel loved when she gives me a hug. I love my mom!

— Brandon Winn

Swear words and cable TV

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TOM HENSHAW



I hate the bring this up, the First Amendment and all that, but cable TV seems to have kicked off every last restraint, written and unwritten, that once governed the use of four-letter Anglo Saxon words describing bodily functions and body parts.

The thought occurred to me the other night when I was watching HBO's new series, "Deadwood."

Now I'm usually not the least bit squeamish about such things, having learned most of the words as a boy while smoking Avalon cigarettes in the company of my peers behind Pop Lawrence's drug store on Quincy Avenue.

The critic in me tells me that "Deadwood" is a good series but why do I feel that I have to pull down the blinds so that people can't look in the windows and see what I'm watching or wear a disguise so that I can't be identified by the neighbors if they manage to sneak a peek.

I used to think that Tony Soprano and his friends had explored thoroughly the limits of what used to be called "swear words" but they are choir boys compared to Al Swearingen and the miners who frequent his Gem Saloon in Deadwood.

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How times have changed — and not necessarily for the better.

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, a major cultural controversy developed when, in one of the final scenes from the movie "Gone With the Wind," Rhett Butler tells Scarlett, "Frankly, my dear, I just don't give a damn."

For a while, Western Civilization teetered on the edge of destruction but then cooler heads prevailed and soon even us kids were able to damn things up and down with impunity with having our mouths washed out with soap.

I remember when the book, "Strange Fruit," came out and it was discovered that That Word appeared on page so-and-so and within days that page in the library copy was so dog-eared that it had to be withdrawn from circulation and placed under the counter.

Right now, That Word is the subject of a whole book, loosed on the public in 1995 by no less a publisher than Random House, which traces its origin and usage, including its use in tandem with other words like flying and SNAFU (the original, not the cleaned up version).

Its author is described as "one of lexicography's brightest young stars" and a graduate of the University of Chicago and Trinity College at Cambridge University.

In the old days, it wasn't scholarship that drove us kids to the library to stagger from shelf to table with that impossibly large tome. We were just looking up dirty words in the unabridged dictionary.

Kids nowadays don't have to do that. All they have to do is sneak downstairs at 9 o'clock Sunday night and tune in to "Deadwood" --- if Mom and Dad haven't gotten there first, that is.

All-facilities stickers to go on sale June 7

The expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. The "all facility sticker" for the next fiscal year will be on sale starting the week of June 7 during normal business hours at the town hall and at the DPW garage on weekends starting June 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. An "all facilities sticker" will be $30, the second vehicle $30 and seniors is $15.

This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, Sandy Beach as well as, include parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Dept. of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town. You are encouraged to purchase your sticker by mail by providing the appropriate fee, a copy of your current registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

Richer towns have better schools despite Ed Reform

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The week felt like a fascinating mosaic of agreements and disagreements between the House and the governor. Except in a mosaic, the pieces combine to form a coherent picture. These pieces didn't.

The week began with a long-awaited finding from the courts that found the House leadership and Gov. Romney aligned in trepidation and displeasure. Superior Court Judge Margot Botsford declared that in Hancock v. Driscoll, the plaintiffs were right. The "Driscoll" in the lawsuit was state Education Commissioner David Driscoll. Plaintiffs argued that despite all the steps taken in the education reform efforts of the 1990s, Massachusetts schools still discriminate by class — that students' education, i.e. their destiny is too dependent on where they're lucky or unlucky enough to live.

The state has an obligation to fix the problem, Botsford found, by erasing the disparities in funding between rich and poor districts. Some estimate the cost of the solution at $2 billion. The finding is far from final — it is simply a preliminary examination of the case, disposition of which is now in the hands of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Romney and House Speaker Finneran both found the SJC's recent high-visibility gay marriage ruling appalling. They agreed the court was going much too far in the direction of dictating social policy to lawmakers, executives and voters who should retain that power to themselves. Both leaders made statements that sounded as if they were both pleading with the court and warning it — don't do more legislating in the area of school budgets.

The two agreed in that regard, but sharply diverged on charter schools. The House voted to approve a moratorium pushed by defenders of struggling traditional public schools, while Romney wants to lift the state-imposed cap on charter schools in response to high student and parental demand.

It is, of course, in no way only about policy. The mainstream Democrats hold the teacher's unions and other foes of charters as important constituencies. Each group helps the other thrive, and charter schools are seen as a threat. Meanwhile, Romney is developing a constituency in the charter school movement, and the more charter schools are approved, the larger his political support base grows.

But Finneran and Romney essentially found themselves in agreement on how to address the implications. Tax hikes were tested on the House floor and Finneran helped make sure they failed. Romney approved of that. Now a sizeable contingent in the House appears to agree with Romney, their frequent nemesis — should school funding need to be equalized, wealth is going to have to be redistributed in the form of local aid from better-off districts to poorer ones. That's unlikely to be a pretty scene.

Those were hardly the only elements of the complex dynamics in play during budget week — the ongoing struggle over the fate of the transportation bureaucracy, the correct approach to funding billions in local school projects statewide, and the best path for implementing more early childhood education all brought out different political ideologies and operational philosophies, all laced with the struggle for power growing ever tenser as legislative elections draw ever nearer.

With all these bits and pieces of policymaking whacking against each other, to the extent they formed an image, the motif was uncertainty, if not chaos. Or perhaps just — democracy.

It was a week primarily — but not exclusively — about the House budget. Two items form pieces of what Finneran is not bashful about outlining as his legacy: early childhood education for all, and almost ironclad budget stability via reserve funds.

Budget highlights:

• Finneran's plan on early childhood education is so sufficiently sweeping that really it's more than a highlight — in some weeks it would be the most important event on Beacon Hill. If approved by the Senate and governor it would establish a Department of Early Education and Care to eventually set up and run "voluntarily, universally accessible, high quality early childhood education and care to all preschool-aged children." Funding for the initial phase is slightly below $100,000; the annual full cost of actual implementation has not been estimated. Finneran and other proponents acknowledged the timing is somewhat awkward given the budget crisis, but advocates echoed Marie St. Fleur, D-Boston, House chair of Education, when she commented, "You can be paralyzed by difficult times or you can see them as opportunities."

• Another splashy Finneran initiative will be at a Constitutional Convention May 12. Finneran wants to dedicate 1 percent of annual tax revenues to build budget reserve funds. Critics say such a constitutional provision would bind the budget-writing hands of future legislatures and governors too tightly — whether they want to spend, or cut taxes.

• The House voted 111 to 44 to reject a Republican bid to implement Romney's merger of the Mass. Turnpike Authority and the Mass. Highway Department. Romney says it's the type of reform voters demand. Democrats said there may be minor savings, but accused Romney of mostly being interested in spending turnpike reserves.

• Passage of an amendment requiring the Department of Conservation and Recreation to ensure that all pools and parks shall remain open for the full summer season and that the beaches have their full amount of required maintenance and upkeep. Department leaders this week said House budget cuts threaten all operations.

• *Romney tells peers Massachusetts won't allow out-of-state gay unions* — The governor sent a letter to all other 49 states, noting that Massachusetts has a law banning people from being married here if their marriage would be illegal in their home state. Taking a broad interpretation, Romney writes to his peers that since gays and lesbians may not legally wed in any other state, they will not be able to do so in Massachusetts even after marriage becomes legal for Bay State couples May 17. The letter, sure to grab the attention of journalists nationwide, will do nothing to quell talk that the governor is making the maximum use of this opportunity to build a national profile. His team argues that what he's actually doing is pursuing his own beliefs and those of the majority of Massachusetts residents as vigorously as possible.

• *Metrowest found healthiest in survey of state's regions* — Fat jokes and smoking humor abounded in the corridor in the wake of a Department of Public Health report comparing lifestyle and health levels in regions statewide. The far west had the highest rates of obesity and smoking; MetroWest came in lowest, with Boston far behind. Officials shied away from the chance to offer a definitive explanation for the disparity between regions.

• *Romney names task force, releases insurer-departure study* — The governor continued working on his promised improvement of the auto insurance system. Romney helped release a report based on Division of Insurance data showing 64 percent of the state's auto insurers have departed Massachusetts in the past 14 years. Thursday, he named members to a task force expected to produce reforms in the system; Romney favors more competition among insurers and an end to many of the subsidies on which the current system relies.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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April 26-30



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on four roll call and local representatives' votes on seven roll calls from the week of April 26-30.

$22.5 BILLION FISCAL 2005 STATE BUDGET (H 4600)

House 157-0, gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate the House version of a $22.5 billion fiscal 2005 state budget. Amendments that were added following four long days of debate include establishing a Department of Early Education and Care to administer and oversee the development and implementation of a program of voluntary, early childhood education and care to all preschool-aged children; allowing information about some of the state's most dangerous sex offenders to be posted on the Internet; a state income tax break for active military personnel serving in combat zones; barring the Board of Education from approving new Commonwealth Charter Schools until July 2005 or until the Legislature approves a new tuition and financing formula for the schools; and creating a commission to study the feasibility of selling advertising on state web-sites. Supporters said the package is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that does not raise taxes, makes the right choices in light of the state's fiscal challenges and even restores some of the cuts made in last year's budget. (A "Yea" vote is for the budget). — **Y**

HIKE INCOME TAX RATE FROM 5.3 PERCENT TO 5.95 PERCENT (H 4600)

House 27-129, rejected an amendment raising the state income tax rate from 5.3 percent to 5.95 percent. Amendment supporters said this reasonable increase would generate some $700 million in revenue that can be used to restore and/or increase funding for many human service programs to help the sick, elderly and poor who will be severely hurt without this funding. They noted it would also allow for an increase in local aid and prevent the layoffs of teachers, firefighters and police. Amendment opponents said the hike would hurt an already faltering economy and argued that maintaining a lower tax rate creates jobs and eventually results in increased tax revenue. They noted that taxpayers currently have the option to pay the higher 5.95 percent rate voluntarily but only a handful have chosen to do so. (A "Yea" vote is for the hike to 5.95 percent. A "Nay" vote is against the hike). — **N**

THREE PERCENT LOCAL MEALS TAX (H 4600)

House 66-90, rejected an amendment allowing cities and towns to impose up to a three percent local restaurant meals tax on top of the existing 5 percent state meals tax. The amendment allows each community to retain 75 percent of the revenue and provides that the remaining 25 percent be distributed to all 351 communities under a formula determined by the Department of Revenue. The tax would take effect only if approved by a city council, city council and mayor, town meeting or town council— depending on the community's form of government. Amendment supporters said this would simply allow, not require, communities to impose the tax and have the opportunity to raise revenue to support schools, police and firefighters. They noted that even communities that do not impose the tax would receive some revenue under the formula. Amendment opponents said a tax hike is unwarranted and argued it would hurt local restaurants and the economy. (A "Yea" vote is for allowing the meals tax. A "Nay" vote is against allowing it). — **N**

DEDUCT LOCAL USER FEES (H 4600)

House 53-103, rejected an amendment allowing taxpayers to annually deduct from their taxable income up to $1000 in fees paid to a city or town for their child's participation in sports, academic or other student activities, transportation to or from a public school and trash pick-up programs. Amendment supporters said many communities have imposed these user fees that are hurting middle and low-income families. They argued that allowing the deduction could save many families some $53 per year. Amendment opponents said the amendment is fiscally irresponsible because no one has real figures on how many families are paying these fees and how much revenue the state would lose. Some argued that the loss in state revenue would mean further cuts in important programs. (A "Yea" vote is for allowing the deduction. A "Nay" vote is against allowing it). — **Y**

REPEAL PRIVATIZATION LAW (H 4600)

House 23-130, rejected an amendment repealing the 1993 so-called "Pacheco Law" that regulates the privatization of state services which cost more than $200,000. The law establishes a series of conditions that must be met before a private sector company is allowed to provide certain state services instead of the state doing so. Amendment supporters said the Pacheco Law is so restrictive that it has virtually stopped the privatization of state services. They noted the law gives the state auditor excessive power to stop a proposed privatization contract including the power to reject a contract if he simply determines it is "not in the public interest." They argued that private companies can often provide services at a lower cost than the state and noted that repeal of the law would allow more privatization of state services and save the state millions of dollars that could be used to fund important programs. Amendment opponents said that prior to passage of the Pacheco law, Governor William Weld's administration implemented extensive privatization of state services without any oversight or regulation of the process. They argued that the law is designed to ensure that the quality of privately delivered services is equal to services that would be delivered by the state and that the privatization results in a savings. They also noted that the law protects workers hired by the private company by ensuring that they are provided with health insurance and paid at least the same wage paid to current state employees who would otherwise provide the services. (A "Yea" vote is for repealing the Pacheco Law that regulates privatization. A "Nay" vote is against repeal of the Pacheco Law). — **N**

BAN GENDER-BASED ANNUITIES (H 4600)

House 62-94, rejected an amendment prohibiting insurance companies from using gender as a factor in the sale and payout of an annuity policy. Amendment supporters said it is unfair that men and women purchase annuities at the same price but women receive a lower monthly payout. They argued that it is time to guarantee equal rights for women and prohibit this type of blatant anti-women gender discrimination. Amendment opponents said this is not an equal rights issue but simply a consumer one based on the fact that women generally live longer than men. They noted that women may receive a lower monthly payout but their lifetime payout is in most cases equal to or more than a man's lifetime one. (A "Yea" vote is for making annuities gender-neutral. A "Nay" vote is against making them gender-neutral). — **N**

$399.4 MILLION FOR SCHOOL BUILDING ASSISTANCE (H 4600)

House 24-133, rejected an amendment providing $399,498,865 in funding for school building assistance grants and reimbursements for cities and towns. Amendment supporters said this would assist in honoring the state's commitment to communities that were promised reimbursement for school building projects. They argued it is unfair that many communities voted for local tax increases to fund these projects based on promised state aid on which the state has reneged. They noted that the House budget does not provide any money for this program and urged members to be skeptical about the likelihood that a separate House plan to restructure the school building assistance program would ever be approved by the Legislature. Amendment opponents said House and Senate leaders have a plan to create a new independent authority to oversee a newly structured program to divert one-fifth of the state's five-cent sales tax to a fund that would accelerate school building assistance for cities and towns. They argued that it is unnecessary to adopt a budget amendment because this separate piece of legislation will soon be finalized and considered by the Legislature. (A "Yea" vote is for the $399,498,865 in funding for school building assistance. A "Nay" vote is against it). — **N**

$2 MILLION FOR STRIP SEARCH SUIT (H 4330)

Senate 27-11, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a section providing $2 million to assist in funding Suffolk County's class action law suit settlement with more than 5000 women who were illegally strip searched at the Suffolk County Jail. The settlement was the result of a court ruling that it was illegal to have a policy that requires an automatic strip search of female pre-arraignment detainees but does not mandate the same search for male ones. Override supporters said that Suffolk County has already paid $2.2 million to settle the suit and cannot afford the additional $2 million without making major budget cuts that would hurt the prison's budget and affect public safety. They said that the state and/the county would likely be sued unless payment is made. Override opponents said that the lawsuit is the responsibility of Suffolk County and argued that it is outrageous for the state to provide additional funding for one favored and powerful county. They noted that many other counties across the state are also feeling the budget crunch and could use additional state funds. (A "Yea" vote is for providing $2 million. A "Nay" vote is against it). — **N**

MENINGITIS IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS (S 2155)

Senate 38-0, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill requiring all public and private secondary schools, colleges, day care centers and youth camps to distribute to a child's parents information about the risk of meningitis and the availability, effectiveness and risks of the meningitis vaccine. Supporters said bacterial meningitis is a dangerous and contagious disease and argued that is time for the state to step up to the plate and do what it can to ensure that families are educated about the dangers and preventive measures. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill). — **Y**

LOCAL AID RESOLUTIONS

Senate 37-0, approved resolutions stating the intent of the House and Senate regarding how much local aid it would provide to cities and towns in the fiscal 2005 state budget and how it would be distributed. The resolutions level fund Lottery Assistance and Additional Local Assistance at last year's funding levels and include increases of $78 million in Chapter 70 education aid, $80 million in special education reimbursement and $11.7 million in regional school transportation funding. Supporters said these numbers would ensure that cities and towns do not experience the difficult local aids cuts that they endured last year. They noted that approving the resolutions now would inform communities how much local aid they can expect so that they can plan their municipal budgets. (A "Yea" vote is for the resolutions). — **Y**

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR SENIORS

Senate 37-0, approved resolutions stating the intent of the Legislature to provide $110 million in the fiscal 2005 budget for the Prescription Advantage program for seniors over age 65 and low-income individuals with disabilities who work less than 40 hours per week. The plan includes an annual out-of-pocket spending limit and members are required to pay premiums, deductibles and co-payments on a sliding scale based on their gross annual household income. Supporters said this $14 million above last year's spending would ensure that more seniors are able to enroll in this program that currently helps 90,000 seniors who otherwise would go without the drugs or be forced to cut back on other household expenses. (A "Yea" vote is for the resolutions). — **Y**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Self-funding of our discretionary services

TO THE EDITOR:

It is with sadness that I must inform the 1117 Cohasset residents that care about fiscal responsibility that our Board of Selectmen have failed in one of their first tests. Our august body has continued with their past irresponsible policy by using taxpayer money to maintain facilities, such as Sandy Beach, instead of using the funds to pay teachers or lower the taxes on our elderly and permitting deceptive funding practices.

This signals a continuation of the old policy that will necessarily lead to an override next year and the year after, for as far as the eye can see. It is obvious that our Board has either not heard the message of fiscal responsibility or is incapable of acting on it. I choose to give Town Hall the benefit of the doubt and assume they have not heard the clarion call for smart fiscal management. If they have not heard, is this the time to deliver the news, before we dig ourselves into a deeper hole?

If you believe that fiscal responsibility is important to Cohasset, you should let our Board of Selectmen know right now. Ask the Board to adopt a policy that requires every discretionary Town service to fully fund itself and prohibit the use of taxpayer dollars for such services. This self-funding policy means that each user of a discretionary service (like Sandy Beach) must pay their fair share to cover the operating costs and overhead required to maintain the service.

Unfortunately, this abuse of taxpayer funds is not the only recent incident. What have the Selectmen done about the discovery of $30,000 buried in the School budget? Who will investigate how the School Committee, Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen could have overlooked this fund that could be used to reduce the override or pay part of a teacher's salary? I wonder if this is the tip of an iceberg of buried treasure in a budget that was reported to have no fat?

Louis S. Harvey
465 King St.

Post Office Food Drive

TO THE EDITOR:

The Post Office Food Drive will take place this Saturday, May 8 to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry. This Food Drive provides us with enough food to stay stocked through the Summer months. The following items are needed: condiments, jelly, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, large-sized fruit juices, cereal, canned fruit, snacks, coffee, shampoo, dish and laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex.

Please remember to place your donation next to your mailbox on Saturday and be sure to check for expiration dates. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Margie Steele
Moira Stansell
Cohasset Food Pantry

Kindness appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

Many thanks to one of Cohasset's finest, police officer who helped push our disabled vehicle out of the middle of the road into our driveway last week.

His kind efforts were very much appreciated.

Vivien A. Bobo
292 Jerusalem Road

Sewer editorial left out some homes

TO EDITOR,

Your recent editorial calling for a sewer forum was most appropriate.

However, I was disappointed that you gave no consideration to the people who really deserve to have "first dibs", as you put it, on any excess sewer capacity which should become available. It's not Cedarmere, nor Avalon, nor Northland. It's the owners of existing homes in Cohasset. It's not the "Johnny-Come-Latelies" who want to profit from what rightly belongs to current home owners.

As an example, there are 38 homes on Deep Run, Rust Way and Jerusalem Road which abut both the Little Harbor-Atlantic Avenue and North Cohasset Sewer Districts, but are included in neither. The Environmental Impact Report filed for the Little Harbor Project states that until this environmentally sensitive area is sewered; capacity allocation for a new development should not be entertained.

The Sewer Commission has accepted sewer connection applications filed by approximately 25 of the owners from this area. These applications should be honored before any new development is awarded sewer capacity.

Paul L. Lualdi
56 Deep Run


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Author event

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys will host Daggers & Desserts, an evening of mystery and delicious desserts, tonight Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m. at the library. Featured authors will be Linda Barnes "Deep Pockets: A Carlotta Carlyle Mystery", David Daniel, "Goofy Foot: An Alex Rasmussen Mystery" and Katherine Hall Page, discussing "The Body in the Attic: A Faith Fairchild Mystery".

All three authors feature local areas as the setting for their novels. "Deep Pockets" takes place at Harvard, "Goofy Foot" is situated in Standish, a fictional town between Boston and Plymouth and "The Body in the Attic" is located in Cambridge. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. For more information please call 781 383-1348.

Spring into wellness

Spring into wellness - renew yourself with natural wellness technologies is the theme of an exciting presentation to be held at the library on Tuesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. and on Thursday, May 20, at 1 p.m. If you have low energy, trouble sleeping, tired achy feet or legs, sore joints, or just want to have renewed energy and feel great, then this educational workshop is for you. Cohasset Nutritionist and Wellness consultant, Patricia Messing-Hague, will discuss innovative and unique ways to help the body heal itself and stay well, vigorous and energetic! Special guest speaker Carole Siegal of Cohasset will tell the story of her health renewal. This program is free and open to everyone. If you have questions, call Patricia Messing-Hague at 781 383-2410.

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Haddad era comes to an end at Town Hall

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Sullivan said the emergency meeting was held because issues came to the board's attention that from an administrative standpoint needed to be discussed, but the meeting was kept short. The meeting was posted by Town Clerk Marion Douglas Saturday morning, but the rules for posting meetings change with emergency situations, Sullivan said, and the Open Meeting Law was not violated.

Sullivan expected the board would have a statement on the issue after about 30 minutes of executive session Tuesday night. The board went into executive session at roughly 8:30 p.m.. But time wore on, and Sullivan emerged at one point to address reporters from various news media who had camped out in the hall, saying a resolution might not be possible that night. When he emerged for a second time at roughly 11 p.m., it was only to say, "We're done for tonight."

When Sullivan declined to comment on the matter and left the building, questioning shifted to other board members who also declined to comment, stating all questions should be directed to the chairman. Before the board went home, the only official word was Haddad was on a voluntary two-week vacation, which was effective Monday, May 3. Sullivan said Haddad appointed Buckley as interim Town Manager when he went on vacation, as is usually done.

Adding to the drama Tuesday night was the presence of Police Chief Robert Jackson, who waited in the hallway outside the selectmen's chambers apparently hoping to talk with the board while three officers were outside the building. Jackson left the building at around 10 p.m., and never met with the board. In a telephone interview Wednesday, Jackson said he had been there for another executive session matter, but could not comment on the specifics.

Haddad, who was at work last Friday morning, did not immediately return calls placed to his cell phone or messages left on his e-mail for this story.

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Sullivan said Haddad's resignation, which was due to "personal reasons" is not related to the police matter, which has been on hold for 45 days to allow time for the town and the two officers on paid administrative leave to enter into mediation. Haddad, who could hire and fire town employees, placed the men on leave and was serving as the hearing officer through the disciplinary proceedings. Sullivan said it was completely a coincidence that Haddad went on vacation the day the mediation period ended.

Because Haddad was the hearing officer, Sullivan said other people that have been involved in the matter will have to take on his responsibilities. Haddad has also been very involved in working with both the heirs of the Cook Estate property and the developers of Northland Residential, who are trying to build senior housing on the site. Sullivan said he will step into that role a little bit, and others that have been involved with the project will help out as well. "We'll all have to divvy up the responsibilities," he said.

Sullivan said he has spoken with almost every Town Hall employee personally to let them know of Haddad's resignation. In the next few weeks, a Town Manager selection committee will be formed, and in the future, the position will be advertised and potential applicants will be given some time to respond. The entire selection process to find a new Town Manager will most likely take between three to six months.

Haddad, a former Littleton town administrator, took over in Cohasset in August 1997.

When then town administrator Gregory Doyon decided to move on, a citizens' group seized the opportunity to push for a profound change in town government. Soon backed by the Government Structure Committee, the group sought to replace the existing "weak" town administrator position, with no authority to hire and fire — to a Town Manager with that power and more.

The town needed professional leadership; someone to run the day-to-day matters so selectmen could concentrate on policy, was the battle cry that resonated with a majority at Town Meeting that spring. The Cohasset Town Manager Act was later approved by the state Legislature.

One of two finalists for the job, which promised an annual salary of about $60,000 and attracted some 40 applicants at the time, the youthful Haddad sold selectmen on his budgetary expertise. They liked his desire to face challenges head on.

Haddad's salary has nearly doubled over his tenure, and is now at roughly $110,000. Among his major accomplishments were consolidating the Department of Public Works; bringing paramedics on board the fire department; creating the position of Town Finance Director; hiring a new police chief and a new DPW chief; working with selectmen to ink a Greenbush mitigation agreement with the MBTA and working with Cashman-Balfour Beatty on train construction plans; overseeing $42 million in school building projects; embarking on the village revitalization project and helping to negotiate an agreement with the Cook heirs for a town-sponsored senior housing project — all while the town extended its sewers and upgraded its water distribution system.

Successful overrides for the operating budget, sewers, and school buildings helped boost the town's bond rating under Haddad's watch, saving upwards of $750,000 as the town was poised to borrow about $40 million for the Deer Hill and middle-high school building projects.

The events of this week have not been the first time Haddad has been under scrutiny.

Haddad's combination of power and personality may have led to a clash in the summer of 2001 when he and Planning Board member Peter Pratt got into a heated verbal altercation over a meeting Haddad had called with some department heads, board chairmen and AvalonBay development officials. The aftermath of the argument ended up in the selectmen's lap. Selectmen, who ultimately backed Haddad, hired an independent investigator to examine cross-complaints of harassment and verbal abuse between Haddad and Pratt.

Still, despite the support of the Board of Selectmen, it was an ugly time. The dispute was aired publicly and provided fodder for newspaper stories.

"If I could change anything, I would change the manner in which I dealt with Mr. Pratt that day," Haddad said in an August 2002 interview.

The incident gave him pause and may have played a role in Haddad's plans to consider moving on to the town administrator post in Dedham earlier in 2002. But selectmen each approached Haddad individually asking him to stay. They renegotiated his contract and also agreed to boost his salary from $90,000 to $102,000.

No promise for sewer hookups

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to Atlantic Avenue in Hull, which would cost about $250,000 including connecting the two Hull homes.

- Use its own capacity in Hull, but connect to the town sewer line along Jerusalem Road that connects to Hull near West Corner, and pay the town $100,000 for the use of the pipe.
- Use some of the town's capacity and connect to town line along Jerusalem Road

The developers had negotiated with Hull to purchase sewer capacity at roughly $30,000 per household, and Hull gave the go-ahead, but the Cohasset Sewer Commission denied its application, which not only stopped the development from moving forward, but prevented Hull from reaping the financial benefits of selling capacity. Member Sean Cunning said that left the two towns on bad terms, and he isn't sure making any kind of deal with Hull will be within the capacity of the board at this time.

In addition, even if connections to Hull were sought, Kasperowicz said the previous costs which were going to be charged to Jerusalem Road Estates were "extremely steep," and added he believed that cost did not include the installation of pipes in the street. "That price may have changed," he said, but added from what he has heard from officials in Hull, they may favor giving capacity to private developers who can pay the fees over another town that can't. He said it would be his preference to see the homes look into capacity at the central plant first, but added they will have to wait until after the scheduled homes are connected, which may not be completed until 2009.

Even without all proposed hook-ups completed, Kasperowicz said there is much trouble with infiltration and inflow, which means water is leaking into the pipes from the outside, and is causing the plant to take in more water on wet days that it is permitted for. He said if all the leaks were fixed, there could be enough capacity to hook up more homes, but at the root of all the problems is a lack of funding.

Private residences are not the only ones looking to tie-in to the town's sewer. The proposed 105-unit Cedarmere senior housing project was denied sewer access by the commission based on capacity concerns. However, Cedarmere has filed a suit against the town, stating capacity does exist and that theirs is a no-impact proposal for the town, and should be granted sewer access. Northland Residential, the developers the town is working with to build multi-unit senior housing on the Cook site, was also denied access to town sewer. Developers for Avalon, the proposed 200-unit project off Route 3A, have filed a motion to intervene or join with the Cedarmere lawsuit, in an effort to preserve its right to sewer access.

Over the past two years, the Sewer Commission, along with Town Manager Mark Haddad, the Board of Health, and members of Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions, or CEES, have been working together to continue the preliminary design of the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue Sewer Expansion effort, as approved at the 2002 Annual Town Meeting. The sewer extension will help eliminate private on-site wastewater disposal systems, which are negatively impacting the water quality of Inner Little Harbor, Little Harbor, and Massachusetts Bay, resulting in the closure of area shellfish beds. It is intended to expand the wastewater treatment plant's capacity by 150,000 gallons per day, to allow the "Little Harbor Sewer District" and "Atlantic Avenue Sewer District" to be connected to the existing municipal sewer system.

Funding was approved at the annual Town Meeting this March for phase two of the project, which includes costs associated with design and permitting. Construction costs are being deferred until a later date. When completed, the project will fulfill the last requirement of the Second Amended Final Judgment, which is a state requirement Cohasset needs to fulfill as a result of its violating the Clean Water Act in 1975. Through the first judgment and an amended second judgment, the town has been required to undertake a number of sewer projects, including building a sewer system in North Cohasset and expand the sewer system in central Cohasset. To date, 22 homes out of 325 have not been hooked up in the North Cohasset district and between 20 and 40 still remain to be connected in the central district.

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'He defined what a friend should be'

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about going over there."

Ford said Langham was very well liked by his peers. "He treated everyone with respect," Ford says.

Langham's high school wrestling coach echoed Ford's remarks.

"He was one of the last kids that would say 'yes coach,'" says Torin Sweeney. "He was one of my all-time favorites – he was very respectful and worked extremely hard to be the best athlete he could be.

"He was a super kid and it's a tragic loss," he said.

Langham enjoyed a good time, but he also had a serious side. When asked "What do you see yourself doing 10 years from now?" following graduation in June 2001, Langham told the Mariner "at a law firm or in sports medicine" — while some classmates quipped they would be ,"independently wealthy" or "successful with a good-looking wife."

Aryanna Afshar, who was another classmate of Langham's, described him as someone who always put others first.

"When I had my wisdom teeth out, he was the first one at the door with flowers," she recalls. "And that was minimal. He would drop everything to do something for someone else.

"No matter what you could always rely on him. He had such a good heart," Afshar says. "He was a great friend and a great person."

Doug O'Brien, who is also studying abroad, sent an email from Rome Italy, about Langham, whom he described as "one of my best friends that I've ever had the pleasure of knowing."

"Justin was a winner in life – a real class act," O'Brien says. "When we would hang out at his house on the weekends, Justin never turned a person away… he would always welcome everyone with open arms.

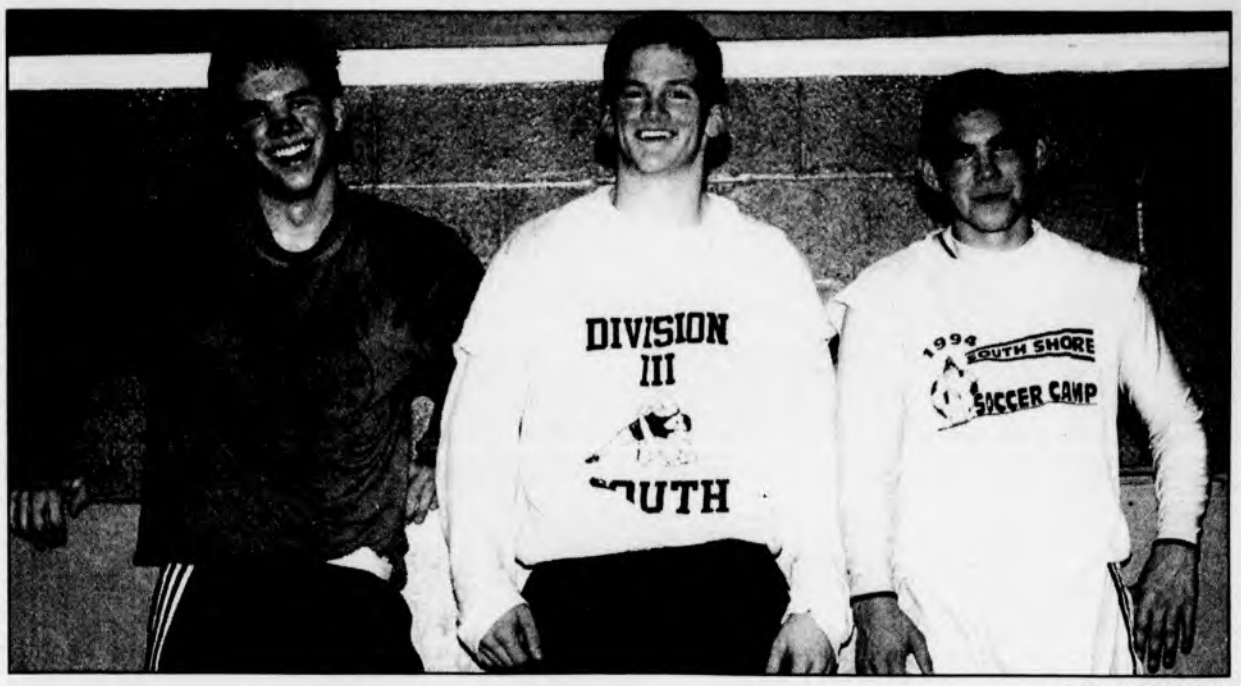
"Although his life was cut tragically short, he lived life to the fullest," O'Brien said. "He did so much for a man who was about to turn 21 this June. He lived in New York and Massachusetts and traveled the world, made lifelong friends, and studied in Washington, England and Scotland….He was a man so content with himself and full of life."

Kelly Lordan said the yearbook survey showed 72 percent of the class had been to Langham's basement.

"However, this figure doesn't include many of the students in the Class of 2002 whose friendship Justin valued," she says.

Lordan recalled the senior prank when the class placed scores of the desks in the first floor of the high school in the courtyard and took out all the tables in the cafeteria.

"Although many people in our class participated in the prank, Justin was the one who Mr. DeLorenzo called at 5 in the morning to help clean it up," Lordan says. "Younger students appreciated this because they had a two-hour delay of school."



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Justin Langham, far right, with fellow CHS wrestling captains, Dan Duffy and Dan Littauer.

Studying in the master's program in English literature and economics at the University of Glasgow, Langham was an alumni of the Oxford Tutorial College in Oxford, England. At Cohasset High, he was an AP (advanced placement) Scholar of Distinction and recipient of the Latin cum laude award. He was a member of the Cohasset and Coveleigh Club swim teams and the Cohasset Sailing Club. While in high school, he was also a volunteer with the Appalachia Service Club, which is a home building ministry led by the Rev. Gary Ritts and his wife, Judy of the Second Congregational Church. Langham played lacrosse at both Oxford and Glasgow universities.

Langham's friends praised his parents, Kazue and Steve Langham of Pond Street, saying how they were the ones who gave their son his personality and genuine attitude.

"Mr. and Mrs. Langham should be very proud of Justin because he touched the lives on many of his classmates," Lordan says.

Andi Shaughnessy said Langham moved to town when they were in the fifth grade and he soon made an impact. She said Langham did all he could to make other people happy.

"He definitely defined what a friend should be," Shaughnessy says.

A special memorial service for Langham will be held at the Second Congregational Church in mid-July.

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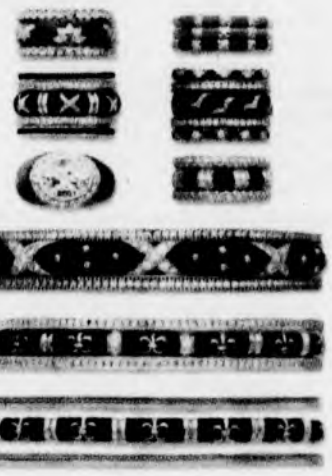
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This one hurts

Playoff hopes dim for lady laxers with loss to Falmouth

By Mike Spellman
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The postseason hopes of the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team took a palpable hit, Tuesday afternoon, when Falmouth walked out of town on the right side of a14-10 decision.

The loss dropped the Lady Skippers to 2-6 on the season 10 games remaining, and certainly appeared to greatly imperil the program's modest two year post-season streak.

"Yeah, this one really hurt," conceded third year coach Torin Sweeney. "We put ourselves in a hole, dug our way out and then gave up the last four goals. It was very frustrating for all of us."

In between the slow start and late collapse, the Lady Skippers played like world beaters, outscoring the visiting Skippers 10-6 in the meat of the game…not that it mattered for much.

When the Lady Skippers fell to 2-4 at this time a week ago, Sweeney talked about a block of "winnable games" coming up. This home match-up with Falmouth was high up on that list.

"I'd like to say we have some more winnable games coming up, but that's the same thing I was thinking about this one," the coach admitted. "We're putting it together in spurts, but we're having trouble sustaining anything."

The Skippers surrendered the game's first four goals on Tuesday, but scraped back to cut that deficit to 8-6 at half.

A quick 3-1 burst to open the second half, led by Nicole Turgiss (five goals), tied the game at 9-9. Falmouth re-took the lead midway through the half, but Cohasset answered right back to tie the score again.

The game then ended the same way it started: with the Clippers ripping off four unanswered goals.

"We're not giving up at all," insisted Sweeney. "We have some problems, obviously, but we're going to back out there (Wednesday) in practice trying to figure out what we can before we play Marshfield (tonight at home). We've got to find a way to solve some of these things. There's still a lot of lacrosse left to play."

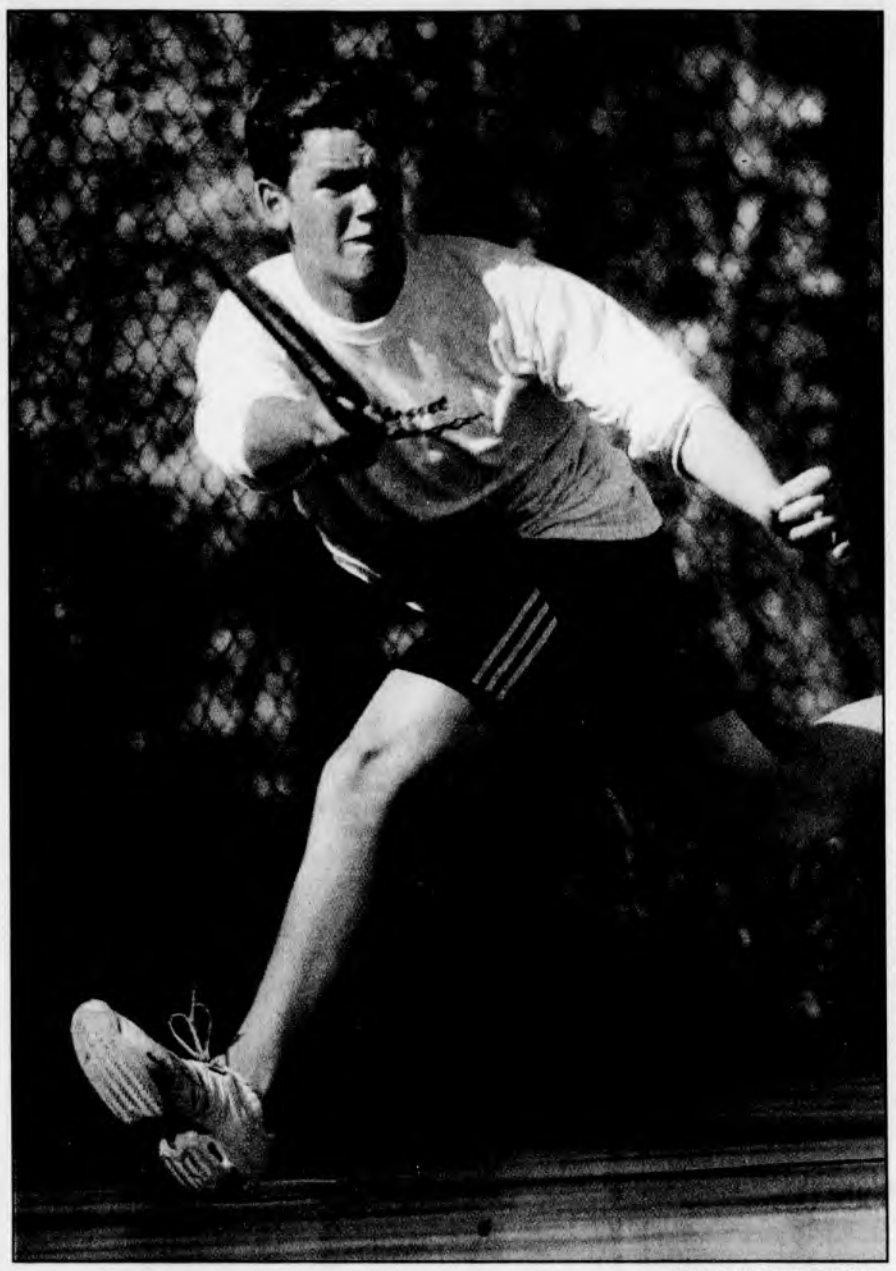
These efforts will be complicated by a number of injuries that have hit over the last few games.

Key senior defender Kristen Reardon was lost to an injury in an 18-8 loss to powerhouse Norwell (7-1) last week, and does not appear likely to return soon. Fast emerging sophomore defender Miranda Lanzilotti has also been playing limited minutes as she battles through an injury.

These injuries add to the leadership and experience void at the defensive end already created by the season long loss of senior captain Libby Meikleham (torn ACL).

"We have girls playing hard,

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset number two singles player Nils Sceery goes full out to get to this return during his hotly contested match with Norwell's Ryan Sweeney last week.

Growing pains

Boys tennis team suffers through pangs of youth

By Mike Spellman
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There are few things more exciting to a high school coach than young talent.

The flip-side of that coin, though, is that, often, there are few things more frustrating.

How a player can look so good one minute and so bad the next…this is a question that can plague even a well seasoned mentor like Cohasset High boys tennis coach Kent Parrot.

Indeed, Parrot seemed almost at a loss to explain how his team lost to South Shore League rival Harwich last Wednesday at home by a 3-2 score.

"Losses like this bring home the fact you're dealing with younger athletes," said Parrot. "There are going to be bad days and there are going to be good days. The Harwich match was just a case of a few players having one of those bad days. Next match, they might be great, and someone else has an out of body experience."

The loss at first singles wasn't completely unexpected, as sophomore Dan Sullivan fell in straight sets to senior Craig Druschella (5-0), arguably the top player in the league, 6-3, 6-4.

"To be honest, I thought Danny played extremely well," said Parrot. "Druschella can

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Nicole Turgiss (#15) scored five goals in Tuesday's 14-10 loss to Falmouth to increase her team best goal total to 23.

Clash of the titans

Cohasset tops Norwell in girls tennis showdown for first place in SSL

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset and Norwell are considered to be two of the best girls tennis programs in the South Shore, and both squads y showed why last Thursday.

In what will likely be the only true competition either team will see in the league, Cohasset took four out of the five closely contested matches for the victory.

The day featured a marquee match between two of the top singles players in the state, Cohasset's Liz Stone and Norwell's Angie Bizzozero. Although the match went 6-2, 6-1 in favor of Stone, both girls played extremely well in a match that featured many long points.

Both coaches said it was probably the best match they had seen the two play against one another.

"That match was closer than the score indicated," said Cohasset head coach Gigi Meehan. "Angie played very well today."

Norwell head coach Derek Sulc said it could only be a good experience for his best player to square off against a player of Stone's caliber.

"She showed the ability to frustrate that type of player, and to make her work a lot harder than she usually has to," Sulc said. "It was a good sign to see Angie play that well against her."

Two of the more entertaining matches of the day came in number three singles and number one doubles. The Clippers notched their point in the former, with Taylor Cleaves defeating Cohasset's Rachel Garber, 7-5, 6-3. The Skippers team of Courtney Caron and Chelsea Grossman took a tough match over Kathryn Anker and Carly Arena, 6-4 and 6-3.

Both matches featured strong first-set comebacks. Cleaves found herself down 3-0 and 4-1, but came back with a variety of drop shots and strong baseline winners. Garber broke her opponent's serve to go up 5-3, but the Norwell sophomore responded by taking four straight games for the set.

Both girls worked very hard in the second set, but Cleaves appeared to get stronger as the match wore on and earned the win.

"She has been building a lot of confidence as a player," Sulc said. "She's learning to play against different types of players. Her confidence definitely built, with this being her first time playing that kind of opponent."

In number one doubles, Caron and Grossman were down 4-2 in the first set, but also wound up winning four games in a row to take the first set. Meehan said

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Triumphant return

Rasmussen comes off DL to lift Cohasset laxmen past Norwell, 8-7

By Mike Spellman
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Stu Curran figured it would take a while for Mike Rasmussen to settle back into the Cohasset High lacrosse mix, and he was right.

It took the senior sniper almost a whole half to emerge as the Skipperrs' go to guy.

Getting his first taste of athletic activity in almost two months, Rasmussen scored his first three goals of the season in the second half of Friday's showdown with Norwell to help the Skippers storm back from a three goal halftime deficit to send the game into overtime. And then, with a minute left in the second OT period, Rasmussen netted the gamewinner, firing home a high wrister as he circled out from behind the net on an isolation play drawn up specifically for him.

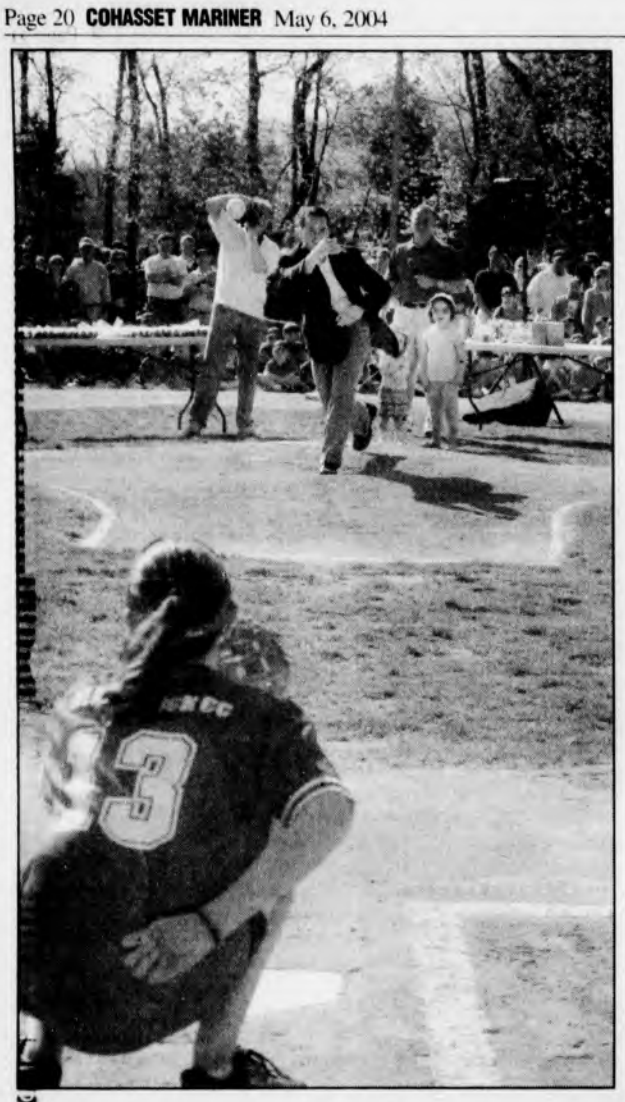
"That just shows you what kind of offensive player Mike is and how much he means to our team," said Curran, the Skippers first year head coach. "He was literally back from the doctor the day of the game with a note that cleared him (to play). There was a little rust to scrape off, and he was really dragging at times, but he'll get better as the season goes on. He is perhaps our top offensive player. He has a unique ability to put the ball in the net, and he also makes good things hap-

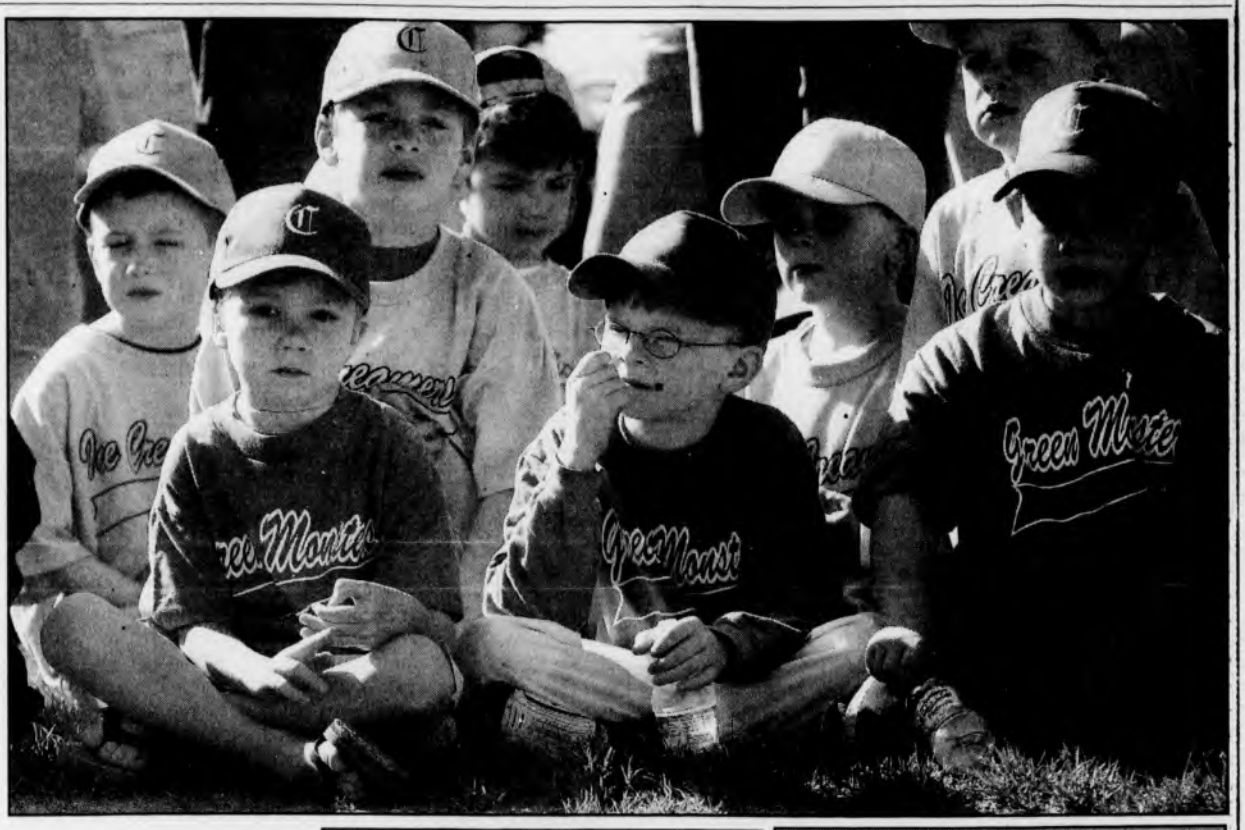
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Last year's Cohasset Youth Baseball Major League champs, the A's, tip their hats to fans lined up along the Opening Day Main St. Parade route on Sunday. For more Opening Day photos, see page 20.



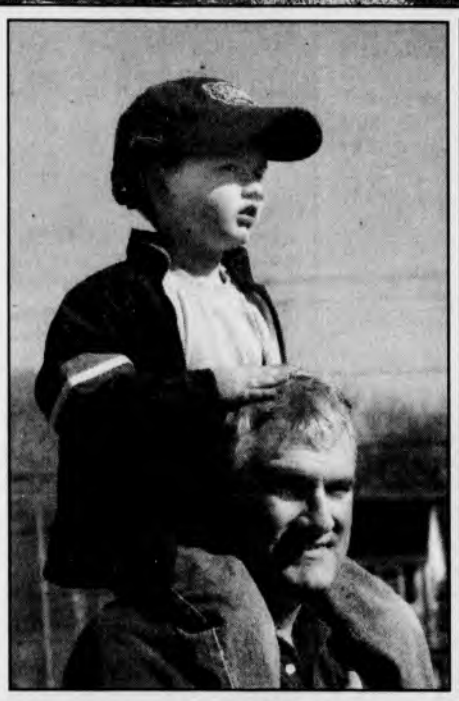


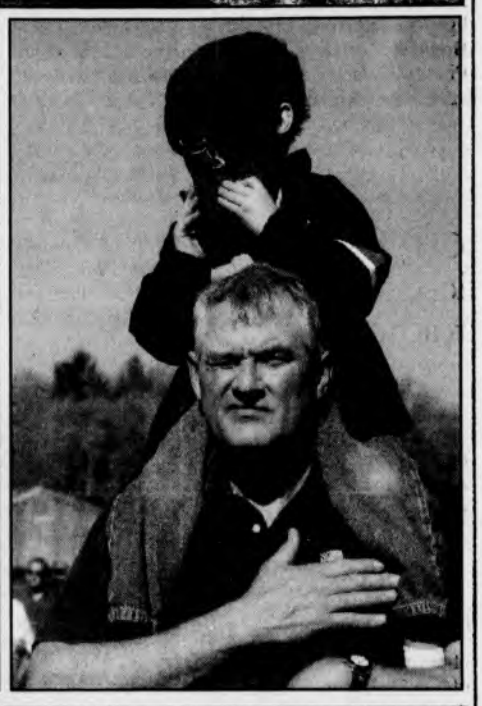
At left: State Representative Garrett Bradley throws out the ceremonial first pitch to kick off the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Season, with Carli Hagerty of the Phillies on the receiving end,. Garrett was joined by daughters, Emma and Amanda.

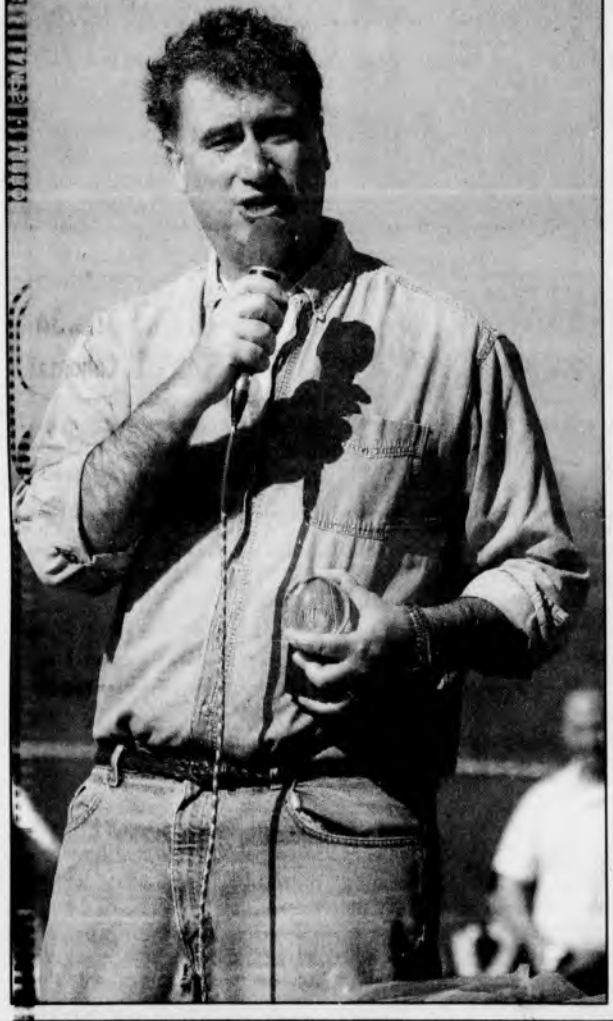
Above: The Green Monsters and Ice Creamers look a little bored at this moments with the Opening Day proceedings on Saturday.

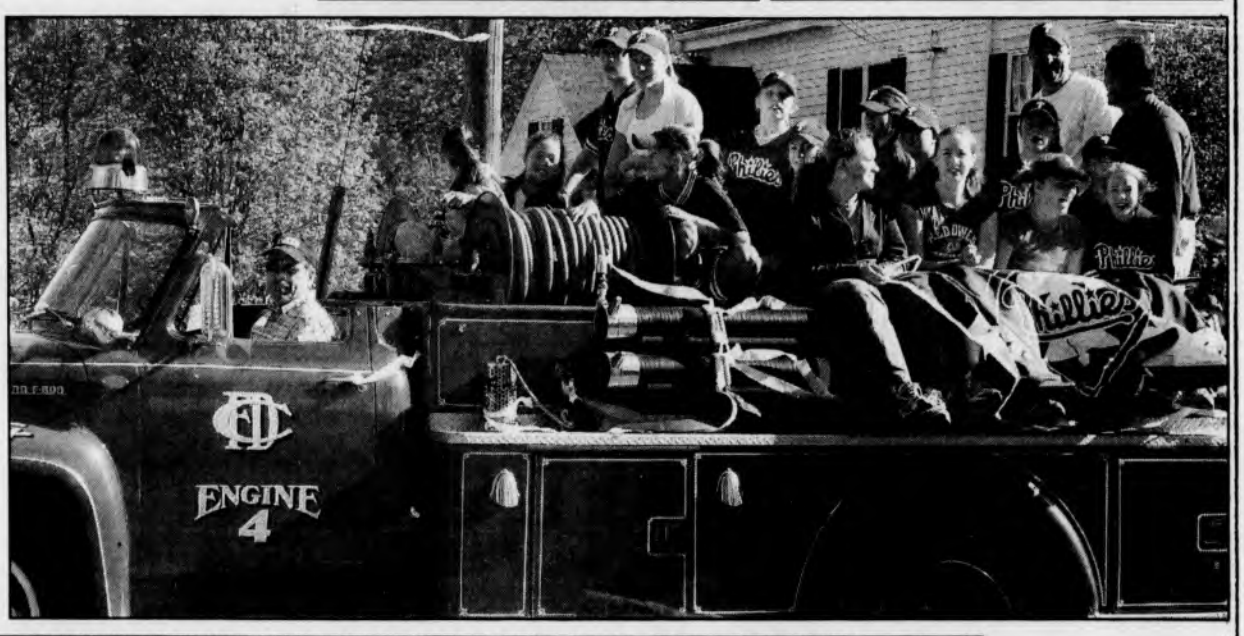
At right: Thomas Guinee, seen sitting atop dad Paul's shoulders, decided too late he didn't want to be photographed on Opening Day.

At left: 8 Former CYSBA League President Mark DiGiacomo was honored with the Leo J, Flore Award fro his contributions to the league.











Above: Glenn Pratt drives the fire truck filled with last year's softball league champs, the Phillies.

At left: The parade route down Main Street was lined, as usual with plenty of fans and parents.

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Major League baseball roundup

With the advent of spring starts a Cohasset tradition, the CYBSA parade and opening week of the baseball season Great baseball action took place last week against the backdrop of beautiful spring weather.

The Majors, as baseball aficionados know, are seven teams of 10, 11 and 12 year olds, veterans and rookies alike. Several games were played last week, all with memorable moments and highlights.

Athletics

Going 3-0 for the week, the A's had some decisive wins and a great come from behind, bottom of the 6th win over the tough hitting Red Sox. With men on first and second, and two outs, new A's rookie John Plant delivered a base hit allowing the tying run to score, an overthrow by the Sox allowed the winning run to score. It truly was déjà vu all over again, reminiscent of the A's championship win against the Red Sox last year. Other highlights include strong pitching by Brendan Doonan against the Pirates and Mike Monaco against the Dodgers.

Rangers

The Rangers split their games last week, losing a close one to the Cardinals and playing solidly for a win versus the Dodgers. In the loss to the Cardinals rookie Christian Allard gave up only one run in his major league pitching debut. Against the Dodgers, the pitching tandem of Graham Stevenson and Eamon Davis held the Dodgers to two hits in their decisive win. Rookie Eric Wassel was strong at the plate with a double and two RBI's.

Red Sox

The Red Sox won two of their three games last week. Victories against the Pirates and the Mets were the highlights of the week. Key action includes a big hit by Pete McKenna vs. the Pirates. Jeff Cavanaro was solid on the mound delivering six strikeouts in three innings. This first week of the season, Red Sox play was, focused on teamwork and smart baseball, something to watch for the rest of the season.

Mets

In their second season in the majors, the Mets had two wins and a loss to the Red Sox last week. Sunday's game was a rainout versus the Pirates.

Hard hitting was the name of the Mets' games last week with three home runs. Slugger Robbie McCunney hit two out of the park, and 11 year old rookie Max MacCleave had one HR, three doubles and six RBI's against the Rangers. Impressive pitching by 10-year-old rookie Drew Cobin versus the Dodgers led the Mets, to a solid win.

Pirates

The Pirates had a tough week losing their first two games. In the first matchup against the Red Sox, Austin Meyer was strong defensively at short stop, creating key plays to keep the game exciting. In the second match up against the A's, veteran Tom Buckley pitched a solid game against the hard hitting opponents. Chris Hayes was team player of the game for his force out at home with the bases loaded and his strong hitting at the plate.

Cardinals

The Cardinals had a strong week, beating both the Dodgers and the Rangers in exciting, big league caliber games. In the win versus the Rangers, Ben Campbell pitched four shutout innings with nine strikeouts. In the play of the game, the Dodgers had the bases loaded and Dan Sullivan for the Cardinals made a great catch in left field and threw a one hop home to end the game. Rookie 10 year old Patrick Kearney, in his first major league start got the win against the Dodgers in a close 12-10 victory. Veteran John Kearney had his first out of the park home run. Kevin O'Connell picked up the save in both games.

Dodgers

The Dodgers fell short this week, losing their three opening contests. Despite strong pitching by Jay Salerno and relief pitcher Tyler Judge, the blue and white offensive unit struggled at the plate versus the A's. The matchup with the Cardinals was truly a battle, with tremendous offensive action. Veteran Chris Brown led the charge at the plate with solid hitting.

Slipping away

CHS baseball team losing streak reaches four

By Mike Spellman
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The losing streak of the Cohasset High baseball team reached four on Tuesday, as they fell to South Shore League rival Hull on the road in lopsided fashion, 16-6.

The Skippers actually took a 6-5 lead in the top of the fourth, but Hull's Sean Smolinsky came on in relief at that point and shut down the visitors from that point forward.

The Pirate bats came to life after that, led by five players with multiple hits. Pat Good went 4-for-4 off Skippers pitchers, and teammates Bill Alexander, Justin Albert and Chris Feo all had three hits apiece for Hull (7-3,4-2).

Cohasset junior Louis Blanco went 2-for-4 and played a strong defensive game behind the plate.

The Skippers fell to 3-6 (2-6 in SSL play) wit hthe loss, three games under the magic .500, the minimum requirement for post-season qualification.

An 18-2 loss to league leading Norwell (7-1, 7-0) last Friday preceded this loss.

The boys were slated to get back to it today with a trip to Abington (3:30 p.m.), then travel to Carver today and host South Shore Christian on Tuesday (3:30 p.m. start).

Clash of the titans

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afterwards it was simply a matter of the duo's mentality and confidence in themselves that sparked the turnaround.

Anker and Arena had a little comeback of their own in the second set. Down 5-1, they held and broke serve to pull within two games. The ensuing game went to back and forth between deuce and advantage for both teams, but Caron and Grossman were just a little stronger in the end.

In number two singles, Cohasset's Holly Graham defeated Jenna Wright, 6-1 and 6-3. The Skippers' Corey Evans and Emilie Sullivan beat Norwell's junior duo of MacKenzie Shute and Alexandra Dalferro in number two doubles, 6-4 and 6-1. In both cases, the score did not necessarily indicate the quality of the match, as each provided plenty of long points.

At the end of the day, however, it was Cohasset who took the battle of league undefeateds. They improved to 5-1 overall, 3-0 in the league. Norwell dropped to 4-2, with a league record of 4-1.

Triumphant return

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pen at the offensive end. He was dearly missed while he was out."

Rasmussen suffered a broken wrist this winter during the CHS hockey team's quarterfinals loss to Bourne back on March 2 and had been prohibited from taking part in any sports related contact until Friday. So he made his 2004 debut against Norwell.

"Yeah, lucky us," deadpanned Norwell High head coach Jay Williams. "Rasmussen made a big difference for them, but he wasn't the only one who killed us. (Cohasset longstickman) Conor Buick did as good a job of shutting down Kris Tedeschi as anyone I've ever seen, and Cohasset's defense in general was very good, including (goalie) Nick Murphy. He made some big saves that let that game get to overtime."

The Cohasset defense did what no team has come even close to doing this season, it prevented both of Norwell's vaunted attackmen, seniors Tedeschi and Terry Smallcomb, from scoring a single goal. Tedeschi did chip in with three assists, but the athletically gifted Smallcomb was held completely off the board.

Of course, Norwell's defensive players are no slouches either, particularly in the early going.

With Rasmussen struggling to get his legs under him, the host Clippers took a quick lead and carried a 5-1 advantage into the waning minutes of the first half.

Norwell midfielders Terence Bohan and Mike Coleman each potted a pair of first half scores and sophomore Andrew O'Donnell was good for a solo tally. Meanwhile, a first quarter goal by Cohasset senior captain DeWayne Morris was all the Skippers offense had to show for its efforts through the game's first 15 minutes.

CHS sophomore middie Trevor Brady finally ended the draught with six minutes to go in the half, making it a 5-2 game, but that is where it would remain. Norwell senior netminder Mike Prescott saw to that with a couple of outstanding saves in one-on-one situations inside the final two minutes.

Rasmussen sparked the Skippers resurgence in the second half as he scored two during a 4-0 third quarter run to help his team its first lead at 6-5. Senior Mark Davis and junior Jake Previte had the other goals.

"Cohasset just outplayed us in the third quarter, plain and simple," said Williams. "We couldn't get anything going, but their play in the midfield and defensively had a lot to do with that."

Norwell junior middie Myles Clancy tied the game early in the fourth quarter with a terrific solo effort, as he scooped up a loose ball near midfield and charged in hard on net, finally firing off a diving shot from 10-yards out that beat Murphy low.

The Clippers were put back out in front with eight minutes to play, as Bohan finished off his hat trick on a feed from sophomore Scott Chappell.

The ubiquitous *game of inches* angle was added to the game story when the snakebitten Tedeschi rang a shot off the Cohasset crossbar with just under three minutes to play, and the long carom resulted in a break the other way that resulted in Cohasset junior John Durkin netting the equalizer with 2:20 left in regulation.

Norwell had the best scoring opportunity to score in the first overtime period, but a one-on-one rush on Murphy saw a shot sail just wide of the cage.

With one man marking up on him as the second overtime approached the final minute, Rasmussen took a pass behind Prescott on the left, circled straight out on net and fired a bad angle lefty shot from five yards out that found twine just inside the top far corner.

"That might have looked like kind of a lucky shot, but Mike has a way of making those on a pretty regular basis," asserted Curran. "He's a good shooter. I've seen enough of him indoors to know he's something of a pure scorer. That's just one of the things he brings back to our team."

Marshfield 8, Cohasset 3

The difference in this one was the Skippers simply could not win the possession battles with last year's Div. 2 Eastern Mass finalists.

The scoring was done by Rqasmussen, Morris and junior Jake Kovach, as the Skippers fel lto 3-5 on the season (2-4 in Pilgrim Conference).

The Rams outshot the host Skippers, 28-18. Cohasset goalie Nick Murphy played well, making 12 saves. Marshfield's returning All-American goalie, Todd Faiella, made 11 saves, including a handful of beauties just before the halftime break that helped keep the Rams in control.

"Marshfield is just playing very good lacrosse right now, and we didn't match up with them very well," said Curran. "I thought we had some guys who played well. We've got to put that loss behind us, though, and move forward."

Next up

It doesn't get any easier for the Skippers, as they travel to Hingham tomorrow afternoon to take on the perennial state power Harbormen (3:30 p.m. start), the first of four consecutive road games. They'll be at Hanover next Tuesday and Sandwich a week from today. They'll then take a ferry to Nantucket for a Saturday afternoon game.



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Given the limitations in the school budget, again must fund the boys and girls J.V. lax program at the high school. The Boosters have committed to provide $8,500 to the 2004 J.V. for coaches, travel and referees. The athletic department has scheduled approximately 10 games each for both the boys and girls J.V. squads.

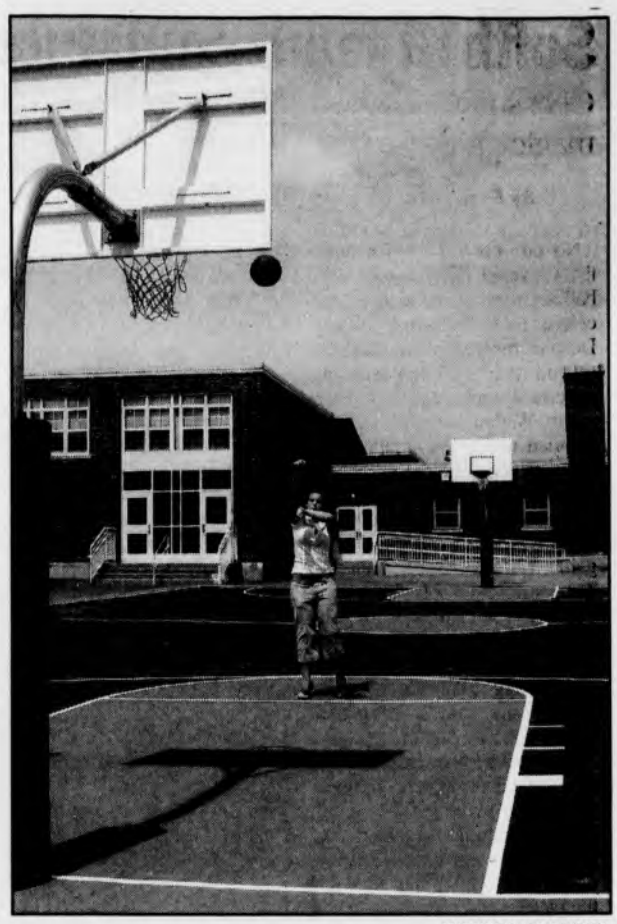
The CHS lacrosse players are selling booklets with coupons from local merchants. The booklets, with many coupons, are the same price as last year - $20. The value of the coupons total more than $200. Each player is asked to sell a minimum of 10 packets each.

The Lacrosse Boosters deeply appreciate contributing merchants - Atlantica, The Red Lion Inn, Bernard's and The Village Butcher and Deli. The booklet includes coupons for Papa Gino's, DiNero's, Fridays, Applebee's, Chilis, Six Flags New England, and Jiffy Lube (go Nick).

As a boosters group, feel that the strength of any student athletic program lies in its younger players. Without a strong youth and JV program, the varsity will suffer in the end. How many know of younger high school players who have had to sit on the sidelines, game after game, year after year, having minimal game time and coaching. Skills are not polished, interest is diminished, and over time, the program becomes less strong. JV gives the kids more play time, more experience, more coaching, and builds confidence and self esteem.

These are economically stressful times for many, but with these coupon books ($20 for $200 + value) you are getting "such a deal." The lacrosse program in Cohasset has grown by leaps and bounds. Hope to always be here to support the sport and guarantee each child - every child - the many and not the few the opportunity to play and learn.

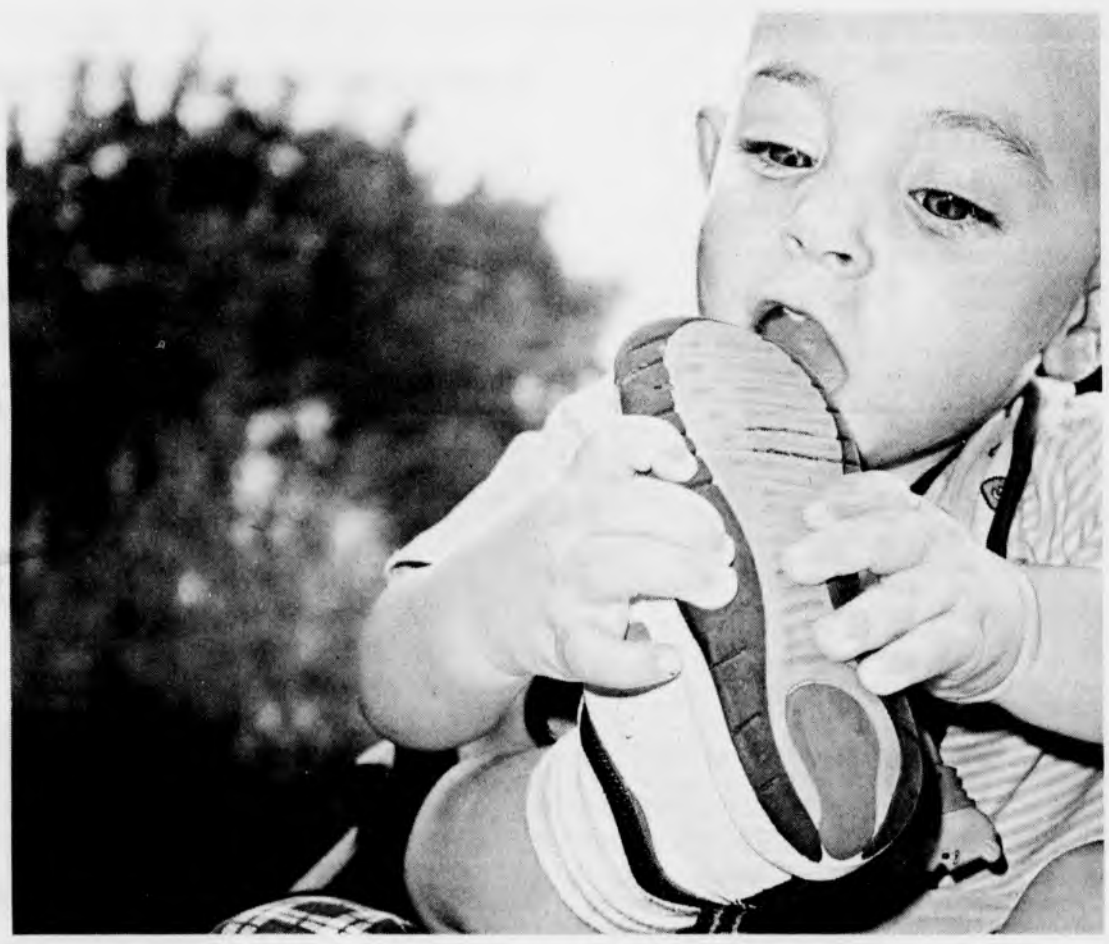




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Above: Kelsey Litchfield, Clark Chatterton's granddaughter, christens the new court by taking the first shot.

At left: Left to right- Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford, Jack DeLorenzo, Besty Connolly, Linda Bolster, Kelsey Litchfield, Deanna Mulligan, Sally Ann Chatterton and Deb Beal pose with the sign dedicating the new basketball court at Deerhill School in Clark Chatterton's memory. Bolster is the president of the Clark Chatterton Fund and Connolly is a past President of the Cohasset Basketball Booster Club.



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Softball team continues to surprise

CHS squad reaches magic .500 mark

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

No one could have imagined the Cohasset High varsity softball team would face five cancelled games in one month. Despite the funky weather, the second year program has produced a 4-4 record.

Last Wednesday, the Skippers traveled to Clipper country and faced Norwell for the second time this year. Having beaten the Clippers, 21-12, in their previous meeting, the girls went into this game with plenty of confidence. This time, a comfortable 12-5 win reflected their poise.

Sophomore pitcher Katie James spoke about the game.

"We made only two errors this game," she said. "We played wonderfully as a team."

Katie did her part by pitching a solid five innings and going 2-for-3 at the plate.

Rachael Doyle best supported Katie with a sturdy game at second base and by going 3-for-4 at the plate.

Sophomore Melissa Crowley-Buck added some razzle-dazzle with a diving catch in left field in the top of the sxith inning.

The good times came to a screeching halt the very next day. With sluggish bats and numerous errors, Cohasset fell 9-2 to Holbrook.

Coach Deb Bostwick reflected on this road game. "We hit horribly and played very average defense. On the contrary, Virginia Spofford and Christina Pinkus pitched respectably. Unfortunately, we got going way too late."

The Skippers went hitless for the first four innings. Still, all in all, this game appeared to be a big improvement from the Skippers 24-8 loss to Holbrook last spring.

Senior Caitlin Condon agreed with her coaches views.

"Our hitting held us back," she Condon, who has played softball since the fifth grade but insists she has never come across a team as close knit this one. "Overall, the team as a whole seems to be doing just fine."

Speaking of close, the Skippers battle with Carver on Saturday came down to the last out of the game.

With a two run advantage, two strikes on the Carver batter and two outs, the Skippers seemed to have this bout in the bag. Crusader Danielle Spillane, however, saw the game as anything but over. Down to her team's last strike, Spillane cranked a double, giving Carver the come from behind victory.

Aside from the last pitch, freshmen Christina Pinkus played an "incomparably outstanding game," according to Coach Bostwick. Along with her fiery left arm, Christina got on base three of her four times up at bat.

Freshmen Laura Campadelli and Katie James each contributed 2 RBIs. Rachael Doyle also made a difference by banging out a fifth inning double to knock in three runs

The superior catching from Casey Anderson and steadfast fielding by Danielle Pinkus at shortstop capped the Skipper defense.

Apart from the final score, the Skippers exhibited big improvements in contrast to last year's face-off with the Crusaders. This year, the Skippers struck out eight fewer times, connected on three more hits, and drove in 10 more runs.

Coach Deb Bostwick feels pretty good about this season's turnout to date. She plans to focus on the Skippers ability to hit faster pitches in upcoming practices. This should not be a difficult task with the new Freedom Field, AKA Field of Dreams, available for use. The town will look to see if April showers brings some May flowers for the Skippers.

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Growing pains

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make people look bad, but Dan really showed a lot of poise by hanging tough and battling back, especially in the second set."

Brendan Michaud lost a tough match at third singles to a player his coach called a "human backboard."

"That third kid from Harwich doesn't dazzle you, but he just keeps sending everything back," said Parrot.

The Cohasset wins were provided by sophomore Nils Sceery-- who made quick work of his second singles counterpart, 6-2, 6-0—and by the second doubles team of Chris Donze and Kyle Dattola.

This left the match to the first doubles team senior Andrew Wise and sophomore Chris Pescatore, a spot Parrot thought he had an advantage. It didn't turn out that way, as the top Harwich duo took a straight sets decision to secure the team win.

"Let's just say it wasn't Andrew and Chris' best day," said the CHS coach. "They realize that, though, and that's the important thing,. I think you'll see them really go after that Harwich team when we play down there (next Thursday)."

Had this Cohasset pair played with anywhere near the sense of purpose in a three set tiebreak loss to Norwell's unbeaten top duo of Chris Pisarkiewicz and Kyle Swartz, last Thursday, Parrot asserts they would have "beaten the Harwich team in straight sets, and pretty quickly too."

Despite falling 5-0 to the 10-time defending South Shore League champion Clippers, Parrot sounded pretty pleased with the way his charges played across the board in that one.

"Norwell's a veteran team, and we're a predominantly younger team," said Parrot. "We had some players perform much better than they did in our first loss this season to Norwell. Really, I thought all of the matches were competitive. There were performances there we can build on."

The coach has particular praise for the way Sceery stepped up his game against Norwell's number two, Ryan Sweeney. Sweeney dominated the CHS sophomore in their first meeting, 6-2, 6-0, but Sceery played two tough, long sets this tiem around before falling, 6-4, 7-5.

Next Up

These two losses dropped the Skippers to 4-3 on the season, one game over the magic .500 mark needed for postseason qualification.

The boys saw their scheduled home meet with SSL rival Mashpee on Monday postponed due to rain. They're slated to get back at it today at Abington against the SSL rival Green Wave, then travel to Carver on Monday for another league match and then to Cape Cod Tech on Wednesday for a non-leaguer.

This one hurts

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but we're just not getting many breaks right now," continued Sweeney. "We've got some girls out with injury, and a few others who are playing hurt. The problem with that is we're just not a very deep team. I've been forced to play a lot of freshman and JV players lately. They're giving all they have, but some of them really aren't ready."

The coach did praise the work of sophomores Kathy Rosano, who scored a goal on Tuesday, and Mia Lieb Lappen, as well as freshman Colleen Richardson, who essentially filled in for the injured Reardon.

He also noted that senior captain Ashley Faber continues to be a force at both ends of the field and that Turgiss (team best 23 goals) is doing a nice job of shouldering the offensive load

Next up

After tonight's meeting with Marshfield (6:30 p.m. at Alumni Field), the girls will host Barnstable next Tuesday (5 p.m. start) and then travel to Cape Cod Academy on Wednesday.

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Woman's story about her road to wellness is magnetic

Will share her experiences at talk

By Samantha Brown
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Just over one year ago, Carole Siegal's dream was to be healthy and strong enough to be able to walk to the end of her street and back. She was weak, lethargic, and felt years beyond her chronological age. She had so much trouble making it up the stairs, she and her husband had to move to a one-level condo, and she was only 52 years old. But today, that woman no longer exists and Siegal says she has never felt better.

After 26 years of surgery, illness, and a total lack of energy, Siegal is singing the praises of new non-toxic, non-invasive wellness technologies from the Nikken company, which she says have allowed her to take back her life. She drinks pure "living" water, which has been filtered and ionized to balance its PH levels as well as infused with oxygen. She is constantly using magnet therapy either through daytime products such as shoe insoles or a magnetic necklace, or at night in the magnet sleep system she uses. She even takes advantage of far-infrared technology, which she said is like harnessing the energy of the sun to promote natural warmth and heat the body from the inside out.

"It is absolutely fantastic," she said of her turnaround, and is so thrilled that she has begun spreading the word about the products she has been using. To that end, she will be sharing the story of her recovery during a free educational workshop May 18 and 20 at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, and all are welcome to attend.

Siegal has a very rare hereditary condition called von Hippel-Lindau disease, which causes her body to produce tumors. While she is lucky in the sense that her tumors have all been benign, it is essential each one be removed because there is always the chance one will turn malignant. As a result, Siegal has been through 13 major operations at Massachusetts General Hospital, which has in turn resulted in 25 years of physical therapy.

Siegel's health problems date back to 1978, when she was diagnosed with the first of two brain tumors. She said she was actually the first person ever to have radiation treatments on her brain stem at Mass General. As a result of that and a second round of radiation and surgery for an additional brain tumor, her balance was affected and she developed tinnitus, or ringing in the ears.

After the surgeries, Siegal was put on Prednisone, but only for roughly 10 days after each surgery. However, in that short timeframe, the drug did tremendous damage to her bones. Siegal developed osteonecrosis, which literally means, "bone death," which caused her to need eight hip replacement surgeries — five on one side, three on the other — as well as both shoulders replaced.

"I was in a wheelchair for a while, and I had to learn to walk again," said Siegal, adding it was very tough because her balance was affected even more due to the hip replacements.

Along with her brain, hip and shoulder surgeries, Siegal also had surgery on two eye tumors and her kidneys, "and through all of it, I felt very tired," she said.

But last summer, Siegal's neighbor, nutritionist Patricia Messing-Hague, who is a consultant for the Nikken company, saw her at a barbecue and could tell she was having health problems. She invited Siegal to come to her house to take a look at some new wellness technologies. "I was very open to it and thought, 'well, nothing can hurt, let's just try it'," Siegal said. Because Siegal wasn't well enough to make the short trip to Messing-Hague's house, she went to Siegal.

The first change Siegal made was starting to drink "living" water, which is purified, then sent through an "optimizer" which infuses it with oxygen. Siegal was also given a magnetic massager with two small magnetic balls on the end, which began to help with some of her shoulder pain. At the same time, Siegal ordered some magnetic insoles for her husband, who had suffered from leg cramps due to poor circulation for years, to see what, if any, affect it would have on him.

A few days later, Messing-Hague came back with a magnetic sleep system for Siegal. The sleep-system, which includes a magnetic mattress, which somewhat resembles a foam egg-crate mattress pad but is dotted with magnets throughout, a magnetic comforter made from far-infrared fabric, and a magnet-laden pillow. "I didn't know what my husband was going to think, but I got into bed and slept like a log," she said. She also continued to drink the water, and admits that while she had struggled drinking enough regular water before, she liked the "living" water.

Siegal's husband had tremendous success with his shoe inserts, and his leg cramps went away, so she bought a pair for herself. The result: the problems she had experienced with balance went away. She said in the past, if she had ever needed to walk alone across a ballroom floor, she would have been nervous her equilibrium would fail her, but now, as long as she has her sole inserts in place, balance is not a problem.

"This is the best I've felt in 25 years, thanks to my neighbor Pat," Siegal said, adding she feels great and her doctors can't believe it. She has been able to travel to Europe and California, and said by bringing various forms of magnet therapy as well as a water bottle filled with living water with her, she did not experience jet lag.

"When I walk around, no one would know how sick I've been," said Siegal, and she has no doubt the wellness technologies she has been using are the reason why. She said she believes so much in the products, she, like Messing-Hague, has become a consultant to sell the products from the Nikken company, and hopes by spreading the word about her recovery, she can help others.

Carole Siegal will be giving her personal testimony during an educational workshop at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library Tuesday, May 18 from 7-8 p.m. and Thursday, May 20 from 1-2 p.m. The workshop is free and open to everyone. For more information, please call Patricia Messing-Hague at (781) 383-2410 or visit the Nikken company web site at www.nikken.com.

Community Garden Club flower show May 12 and 13

Next week's Flower Show is turning into an event not to be missed. Imagine being able to walk though out Cohasset's new library looking at floral arrangements by some of the most accomplished and talented arrangers on the South Shore and then moving on into the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum and seeing art exhibited by equally talented South Shore artists.

In fact, in the Museum there will be three separate art activities being held at the same time and place. One is a contest for art to be used in a gardening book, the second is a show at which artists will be displaying and selling their paintings, and the third is face painting for the children who accompany their parents. In addition, there will be a silent auction, a plant sale, a bake sale, and a white elephant table.

All of these events represent the ongoing desire of the members of the members to share their talent and that of the community's artists with the greater Cohasset community and their children. Flowers are one of nature's most colorful and beautiful contributions to our daily lives. Master flower arrangers rearrange nature's color in breathtaking and unexpected ways and artists spend hours capturing and preserving forever nature's beauty on canvas or paper.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library and Our World Children◊s Discovery Museum is open to the public. Free admission on Wednesday, May 12, and Thursday, May 13, from noon to 5 p.m.. Call 781-545-4395 or 781-383-2486 for more information.



This lovely botanical illustration by Peggy Daniels is just one example of the beautiful nature related paintings by many local artists that make the art exhibition at the Flower Show so unique and special.



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Cohasset PSO to host live tele-a-thon/talent show

Each year, the Cohasset Parent School Organization volunteers make more than 750 phone calls as part of an annual phone contribution drive. This year, the phone drive will take on a different and more exciting approach. The PSO will be hosting the first-ever televised Cohasset PSO Tele-A-Thon to be held live on local Comcast Cable Channel 10 Wednesday, May 12, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Families can call the toll-free phone number, 1-800-760-8989, to pledge tax deductible contributions to support programs that the Cohasset PSO funds annually.

The Cohasset PSO Tele-a-thon is similar to the WGBH annual tele-a-thon drive, except that instead of items for auction, the PSO will be raffling many items at different pledge levels. Once you phone in your tax deductible contribution, your name will be entered into raffle drawing(s) based on your level of pledging. Winners will be drawn live on TV at the end of the evening (8:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.). In order for your name to be entered into the raffles, all pledges will have to be received by 8:30 p.m. sharp. Here are just a few items:

For a $100 Pledge (You can win any of these items):

Two Mainstream sit-on-top Kayaks (over $650 value)

One week of MAXLAX Camp (value: $600)

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Round of Golf for four at Par-tee Golf (value: $50)

Two $10 JJ's Ice Cream Gift Certificates

To make the tele-a-thon even more dynamic, the program will be hosting a talent show consisting of children from all of the Cohasset Public Schools, as well as some guest speakers and information about what the PSO has contributed.

To participate, phone in your pledges with your credit card to a professional calling center company, AnswerQuick. AnswerQuick has been handling WGBH annual phone drives as well as many school, radio and nonprofit companies for over 15 years. They will be answering the phone lines and securely processing your credit card pledges. Once your pledge has been accepted, your name will be entered into the raffles. The emcees will be drawing the winners' names at the end of the program (after 8:30 p.m.).

According to PSO fund-raising staffers, there are so many chances to win such wonderful prizes and support such a worthwhile program, it's a winning situation for everyone. For example, with a pledge of $100, your name will be entered in every raffle item drawing. Pledges of $75 will be entered in all items listed in the $75 pledge category as well as the $50 and $25 and below. The Cohasset PSO want to thank all of the wonderful local businesses that contributed such amazing items. It's truly inspiring to see how the local businesses support so many school fundraisers.

If individuals would rather send in a pledge instead of phoning in, please make your check payable to the Cohasset PSO and postmark your note with a check by Monday, May 10, to: Cohasset PSO, PO Box 30, Cohasset, 02025.

Please note: Any entries postmarked after May 10 will not be entered into the raffles.

The Cohasset PSO would like to thank everyone for their participation in making many goals become a reality for all of the children in our school system!



Osgood Elementary kids showboating for the upcoming Cohasset PSO tele-a-thon on May 12th. Just one of many items offered for the raffle are 2 sit-on-top Mainstream Kayaks.

Spring fling, art show

On Saturday, May 15, the Carriage House School, offering a Toddler Program and Preschool classes for children from ages 16 months to 5 years, will host it's biannual fundraiser, Spring Fling. This year, the school will have a fun-filled evening with drinks, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and a silent and live auction.

Spring Fling will be held at the Carriage House School, 23 North Main St., in Cohasset from 7 to 11 p.m. The evening will kick off with a silent auction offering a vast array of items to bid on in support of the Carriage House. One of a kind items include handmade jewelry and specialty items for the home, as well as a pair of boxing gloves signed by Muhammad Ali.

The Live Auction will commence later in the evening and Anthony Everett, co-anchor of NewsCenter 5, will be the auctioneer for the evening. Live Auction items will feature fabulous packages including a weekend in Vermont, Boston Red Sox tickets and a stay at a Nantucket home, as well as beautiful children's art items made by the Carriage House School children.

Homemade hors d'oeuvres will be served as well as an assortment of desserts. Lively music from DJ Tom Bleakney, drummer of the Mitchell Brothers Band will keep things moving until 11 p.m.

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Marjorie Murphy is town's top citizen







Above: State Sen. Robert Hedlund presents Murphy with citations from both the state Senate and Gov. Romney.

Top right: Marjorie Murphy is flanked by some prior year citizens or their representatives, from left, Glenn Pratt, Anna Abbruzzese, Arthur Lehr, Murphy, Mary Keating (sister of the late Gerard Keating), Katherine Stanton and the Rev. Gary Ritts.

At right: Marjorie Murphy tries to hold back tears as her daughter, Marjorie Wilson, shares some anecdotes.

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Marjorie Murphy is town's top citizen





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Above: Marjorie Murphy, center, with her family, son-in-law Tim Wilson and Margery Wilson, daughter Marjorie and Sean Wilson, daughter Denise Murphy and son Bill Murphy on the patio at the Cohasset Harbor Inn where the Citizen of the Year reception was held.

Top left: Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan congratulates Marjorie Murphy on her award.

At left: Cohasset Mariner editor Mary Ford presents Marjorie Murphy with the Citizen of the Year Award at the Cohasset Harbor Inn.

Summer Institute offers courses at student center

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• Green Landscaping and Sustainable buildings: This workshop will use 40 Parker Ave, the venerable "Hagerty Building" as a case study for landscaping property in an organic, sustainable manner. The building will also be a focus of study for energy, efficiency, sustainability, and green management / conversion. Participants will work on one specific, hands-on project with the instructor as well as walk away with plenty of resource materials for immediate use in their own lives.

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Law Day celebrated at Hingham District Court

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The Declaration of Independence says all men are created equal. But not all Americans have been treated equally over the years.

The 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education — which set the stage for ending segregation in the nation's schools — provided the theme for the Law Day Ceremony at Hingham District Court on Monday.

The year's event, which included a host of local officials, also featured students from St. Paul School in Hingham and Holy Family and Rogers Middle School in Rockland, who participated in the essay and poster contests. Also on hand was Cohasset High School senior Sean Connolly, who is doing and independent study in law with First Justice Patrick J. Hurley. Accompanying Connolly was his advisor, teacher Jack Buckley.

State Trooper Dan Clark sang the Star Spangled Banner and Hingham High School's Katie Gassert provided moving renditions of "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America."

The young essayists used Brown v. Board of Education as a springboard to show how the legislation led the way for the Americans with Disabilities Act , Women in Sports (Title IX) and Affirmative Action laws.

Chris O'Brien, 13, an eighth grader at Holy Family, who received honorable mention for his essay on the Americans with Disabilities Act, said his father, who is disabled, provided him with the motivation to tackle the topic.

"In this great country of ours," Chris wrote. "Lives really do get better for everyone when everyone in America has a chance to become the very best they can be.

"Only then will the words of our Founding Fathers ring as loud and true as they were meant to all along."

Attorney Joseph P. Lenahan, who successfully argued a landmark civil rights case which established employment rights for the disabled, before the United States Supreme Court in 1983, was the keynote speaker.

"Brown v. Board of Education started it all," Lenahan told his young audience. "But the fight for equality did not end with race relations. The fight extended to age, gender and the disabled."

He explained that law is the single greatest protection for the rights of the disadvantaged in society.

"Also, keep in mind that everyone in this room at sometime in their life will become disabled," Lenahan said. "As we age we all develop conditions that make us not qualified to do certain things."

Lenahan, who is nearsighted, took his glasses off to prove his point. He explained he couldn't see the audience without them.

He explained the case he argued before the Supreme Court was on behalf of a man who had lost part of his arm and wanted to go back to work as a railroad engineer. His client actually died as the case moved through the lower courts but various civil rights groups contacted him and were willing to help with the case.

Lenahan said lawyers are important because they can protect those who cannot protect themselves.

"Treating everyone equally is what our laws and our country stands for," he said.

In her essay, Jacqui Kenyon of St. Paul School, said disabled people are just as smart as anyone else.

"It is like a punishment to these Americans to turn them down without giving them a chance," she said. "I'm honored to live in a country so willing to address and correct this problem."

The event was organized and chaired by Attorney Mary Amrhein of the Plymouth County District Attorney's office and sponsored by the Plymouth County Bar Association.

Essay winners included: Tracy Jasper of Holy Family School (first place); Jacqui Kenyon of St. Paul School (second place); John White of Holy Family School (third place); and Christopher O'Brien of Holy Family School (honorable mention).

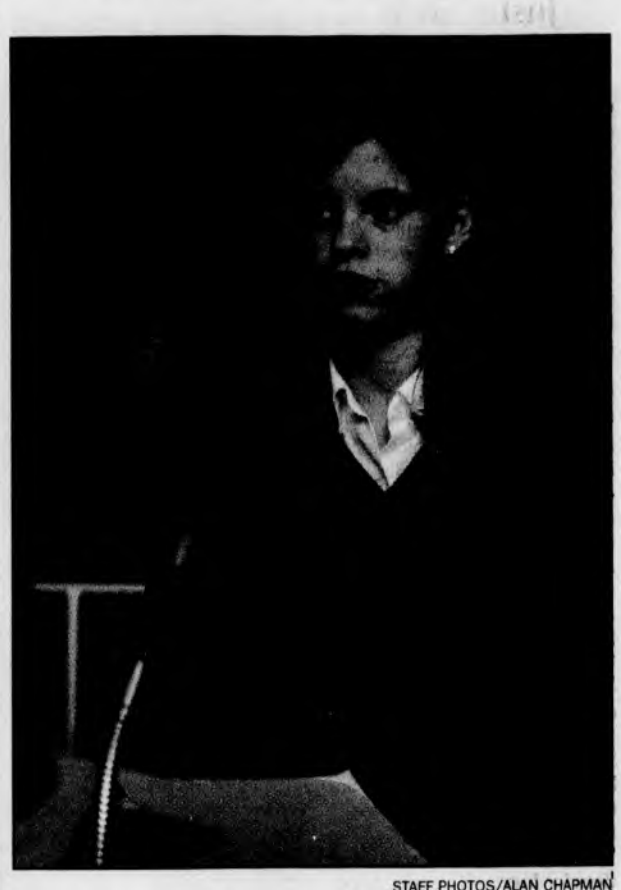
Poster winners included: Brian Sullivan of St. Paul School (first place); Parker Bowen of Holy Family School (second place); Rachelle La Poynte of Roger's Middle School (third place); Nevin Lally of St. Paul School (fourth place); and honorable mentions, Taylor Benson of Roger's Middle School, Nora Ross-Fitzgibbons of St. Paul School, Andrew White of Holy Family School, and Ellie Donahue of St. Paul School.



Nevin Lally of St. Paul School explains his poster, which won fourth place and focused on how the Americans With Disabilities Act has affected accessibility at his school.



Trooper Dan Clark sings the National Anthem at Hingham District Court at the start of Law Day on Monday.



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Second-place winner, Jacqui Kenyon of St. Paul School reads her essay on the Americans With Disabilities Act.

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OBITUARIES

Justin Scott Langham

Justin Scott Langham, 20 years old, of Cohasset, Massachusetts died Monday April 26, 2004, in Glasgow, Scotland, where he was attending the University. On foot, he was struck by a truck at 9:30 in the morning returning to his dormitory. He passed away immediately.

At the University of Glasgow, he was matriculating in a Scottish Master program in English Literature and Economics.

An Alumni of Cohasset High School and the Oxford Tutorial College in Oxford, England, Justin attained numerous achievements including AP Scholar of Distinction, a national Latin cum laude award grade, president of his junior and senior class, member and captain of his high school wrestling, lacrosse and football teams. In the UK, he played lacrosse for both Oxford University and the University of Glasgow. Earlier he was a member of the Cohasset and Coveleigh Club swim teams and the Cohasset Sailing Club. During high school, he enjoyed three years as a volunteer in the Appalachia Service Project.

The University conducted services for Justin in Glasgow. A special memorial service will be held in Cohasset at the Second Congregational Church in mid July.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Cohasset ASP (43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025) and a scholarship to be established by the Boosters Club (c/o Cohasset Middle High School, 143 Pond St., Cohasset, MA 02025) will be appreciated.

In addition to his many friends, Justin is survived by his parents, K. and Steve Langham of Pond Street, Cohasset; his grandmother, Frances Langham of Mamaroneck, New York; and his aunts uncles and cousins consisting of the Peter Langham family of Monticello, New York and the Eugene Jones, Charles Jones, John Jones, Jon Iber and Donald McKinney families of the Portsmouth, New Hampshire area.

Durno Chambers Jr.

Durno Chambers, Jr. 71, formerly of Cohasset, died April 10, 2004, at his daughter's home in Hanover, N.H.

Born in New York City, he was the son of Durno and Nina (Martin) Chambers. He graduated from Avon Old Farms School in Avon, Conn. and until his enlistment in 1952 in the United States Coast Guard, attended Columbia University in New York. He received the National Service Medal from the Coast Guard, and upon his discharge attended Babson College in Wellesley, from which he received a Masters in Business Administration in 1957.

During the course of his professional life, he held executive positions with Tucker Anthony and E.F. Hutton in Boston with Pain Webber in Stuart, Fla., and the First National Bank and Trust Company in Palm Beach, Fla. He retired in 1990.

Mr. Chambers moved to Cohasset in 1958 and lived there until 1979.

He leaves his second wife, Anne (Adams) Chambers, four daughters, Wendy White of Toronto, Canada, Hope Stragnell of Hanover, N.H. Eleanor Coughlin of Cohasset, and Gaylord Chambers of Leicester, N.C.; seven grandchildren and a brother, Austin Chambers, of Stonington, Conn.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Gaylord Hilliard Chambers Weston, and a sister, Hope (Chambers) Bulterman.

Mr. Chambers will be remembered for his devotion to his family, his generosity, his wit, his intelligence, love of history and his wonderful sense of humor.

A memorial service was held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hanover, N.H. on April 23.

Donations in his memory may be made to Avon Old Farms School Alumni and Development Office, 500 Old Farms Road Avon, CT 06001.

Peter F. Tague III

Peter Francis Tague, III, of Cohasset, 64, died April 26, 2004, at his home after a valiant battle with cancer for the past year.

Born in Boston, he graduated from The Belmont Hill School in 1957 and Harvard College in 1961. After college he attended Naval Officer's Candidate School and served three years in the Navy.

For more than 30 years, he was prominent in the Real Estate Investment Trust business community.

He was a member of the Harvard Varsity Club, Owl Club, Cohasset Golf and Yacht Clubs where he was a past Commodore. An avid sportsman, he loved sailing, fishing, golf and skiing.

Mr. Tague leaves his wife, Sara (Cole) Tague; two daughters Sara Tague Fox of Cohasset and Emily Tague O'Marah of Dover; a twin sister Ellen Dwinell of Wayland; three grandchildren, Cecilia and Margot O'Marah, and James Peter Fox.

He was the brother of the late Agnes Woodburn.

A memorial Mass was held in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Belmont Hill School, 350 Prospect St., Belmont 02478

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset handled the arrangements.

WORSHIP NOTES

Free wellness night for the community

The Caring Connection program at St. Paul's Parish in Hingham is hosting a free community lecture discussing therapeutic holistic care. The Caring Connection, a community outreach ministry program to the elderly and disabled invites Hingham residents and other residents from the South Shore Community to learn about complementary care. This is a terrific opportunity for ill or healthy people to educate themselves on healthcare and healing beyond the Western healthcare model. Learn about how acupuncture, chiropractic care, homeopathic care, massage therapy, Reiki and much more can aid you in a healthy and healing way. These therapeutic modalities will help people not only deal with a particular illness or chronic pain, but also help them integrate a holistic approach to their well being.

The "Wellness Ways" night will be held on Thursday, May 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the St. Paul's School Gymnasium on 20 Fearing Road. "I am so pleased to help coordinate this event for the community. More than seven years ago, I suffered from a life threatening illness and my journey back to health involved my own personal learnings of holistic care. It is exciting to bring these modalities together for the community so that they can learn about complementary care in one night," said Karen Lohnes, Harmony^2, The Mind/Body Connection.

Statistics show that over 75 percent of illnesses are caused by stress. There are resources for everyone out there to learn healthy ways to deal with stress, pain and illness. The conventional treatments in the complementary modalities usually focus on a "whole body" approach dealing with the symptoms and the mind and body connection with these illnesses. If you are looking to increase vitality, reduce pain and promote your well being come to "Wellness Ways" on Thursday, May 13, at St. Paul's Gymnasium for an education in holistic care that could change your life.

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Feeding local hungry families

Food drive is Saturday

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Cohasset postal workers are joining a nationwide effort to help stamp out hunger.

Many families are planning vacations as the summer months approach. Others who rely on local food pantries, however, are wondering how they will feed their families.

Local food pantries which are usually well-stocked during the rest of the year find that donations drop off during the summer. When school ends, less fortunate children who are able to obtain a free or reduced-price meal at school during the day no longer have that option.

To help ensure there will be enough food to meet the need, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) — in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, AFL-CIO, the United Way of Southeastern New England, America's Second Harvest, and Campbell's Soup — is sponsoring a food drive this Saturday, May 8, to restock local food pantries.

As part of that effort, Cohasset postal customers are invited to place canned and other non-perishable food items such as soup, juice, pasta, vegetables, cereal, and rice by their mailboxes that day for pick-up by letter carriers as they make their rounds. The NALC requests that no glass containers be left out. The food will be distributed to the Cohasset Food Pantry.

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The drive is the largest one-day collection of food in the nation's history. NACL first participated in the effort about nine years ago. Over the years, millions of pounds of food have been collected, sorted, and delivered to local food pantries through the effort.

Abbey plant sale

The Glastonbury Abbey Plant sale will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 8.

A large selection of plants will be available for sale on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St. (Rt. 28) in Hingham.

Perennials, herbs, ground cover, ornamental grasses, bushes, fruits and vegetables will be on sale. Plants are all being donated from local private gardens in the South Shore area. Many plants will be divisions of specimens grown in Abbey gardens. Seedlings to mature plants will be available to tempt local gardeners who attend the sale. Proceeds go to the Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey and are used to continue beautification of the Abbey Grounds.

IT'S HAPPENING

Chamber music concert May 16

Members of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra will present a Chamber Music Concert at the First Parish Meeting House on the Common in Cohasset on Sunday afternoon, May 16, at 4 p.m. The concert features a string trio - violin, viola and cello – performing three selections including Mozart; Bernhard Henrik Crusell's quartet Opus 2 in E-flat major for Clarinet, violin, viola and cello, and Crusell's solos for clarinet performed by Kai-Yun Lu.

Kai-Yun Lu, Clarinetist was born in Taipei, Taiwan, and received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the New England Conservatory of Music. She has performed with the Boston Symphony and Boston Pops and is Principal Clarinetist of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra.

Frederic Bednarz, the Canadian born violinist, serves as concertmaster of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Bednarz made his New York debut in 1999, has performed in festivals in the U.S. and Costa Rica and the Montreal Civic Orchestra. He is a member of the Yanvar Trio, ensemble in residence at the Longy School of Music in Boston. This prize-winning trio has performed recitals at Carnegie Hall and a chamber music tour throughout Vermont.

Willine Thoe, viola, was born in Hong Kong and trained at the Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts. She has a Bachelor of Music Degree from Eastman School of Music and a Masters of Music Degree from the New England Conservatory of Music. She has participated in master classes with well-known violists and played in many music festivals in Germany. She has also performed with the Boston Modern Orchestra Project.

David Russell will perform on Cello. Mr. Russell, principal cello for the HSO, recently moved to Boston. He was assistant principal cello with the Tulsa Philharmonic in 2000 and on the teaching faculty of Oklahoma City University. He has toured in Europe and with many local ensembles and is a founding member of Furious Band, the 2000 contemporary Ensemble in Residence at the Aspen Summer Music Festival. He holds his D.M.A. degree from SUNY-Stony Brook, and other degrees from the Eastman School of Music, The University of Akron and Brandeis University. Mr. Russell has premiered numerous new works for solo cello by living composers in this country and overseas.

Tickets are $15 available at the door or by calling the First Parish office Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 781.383.1100.

Favorites on exhibit

Deer Hill School will host a Gala Art Opening on Tuesday, May 11 at 7 p.m. This Art Show titled, "Favorites 2004" represents the artwork of all Deer Hill students. Each student has chosen his/her favorite artwork of the year to be included in this exhibit. There will be refreshments and music. All are invited to attend. Admission is free.

In addition to this year's annual Art Show, Deer Hill will celebrate the grand unveiling of a permanent clay installation created by Deer Hill sixth grade students.

For additional information please contact Ann Berman, Deer Hill School art teacher at 781-383-6115.

Ladies' Night Out Wine Tasting set

A festive Ladies' Night Out Wine Tasting will be held from 7:30 to 10 p.m. on May 14, at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, 100 Sohier St., Cohasset.

Proceeds will benefit the regional museum. Primary construction has been completed, the playground is scheduled for a June installation and major exhibits are now in the planning stage.

The wines for this event will come from "down under," courtesy of New Zealand's Tim Fogarty from the House of Nobilo and Australia's Tony Charley representing Banrock Station. Amyra Chase of Cohasset Village Wine and Spirits will assist with the presentation.

Local restaurants and caterers will supply hors d'oeuvres and the museum's Scituate town committee has put together fabulous baskets for a raffle. Themes include spa, tennis, gourmet chowder and many more.

To reserve tickets at $45, send checks to Our World, P.O. Box 422, Cohasset MA 02025 or call 781-383-3198.

HSO Pops season finale May 8 & 9

On Mother's Day weekend, the Hingham Symphony Orchestra celebrates great music, mothers, and musicians, with their fun and festive, season-finale Pops concerts.

The concert on Saturday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. will be held at F1 Boston, on Wood Road, Braintree. Located minutes off the highway, near South Shore Plaza, this facility's upbeat energy provides just the right tone for a Pops concert. F1's excellent kitchen will provide small plates of sweets and savory fare, as well as wine and Edison beer for purchase to benefit the HSO. Table seating adds to the festive ambiance.

In his Pops programming, Music Director Jin Kim follows the Viennese Pops tradition that was so successfully modeled by Boston Pops conductor Arthur Fiedler: sharing time-tested lighter classics by composers like Mozart, Strauss, Mendelssohn, and Dvorak. Plus, in keeping with an HSO tradition, one generous bidder from the audience will conduct the full orchestra in a rousing finale, Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever.

The HSO is better than ever this season, according to music director Jin Kim. "The overall musicianship continues to reach new heights," says Kim. "We have attracted new, seasoned young professionals who are dedicated to their craft, plus we are developing more and more anchor musicians who become the musical core of the orchestra." As a testament to its level of musicianship, the HSO is proud to announce that its assistant concertmaster, Polina Sedukh, recently won a coveted position in the violin section of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets at $30 for adults, $22 for seniors, and $10 for youth through age 18 are available in advance at La Petite Maison and Noble's in Hingham Square, Hingham and Weymouth Main Libraries, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, and Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, or call the box office at 781-740-5694 to reserve.

Cohasset hosts Rebif MS Walk

A five mile path starting and finishing at South Shore Community Center in Cohasset, is the rallying point for hundreds of South Shore residents as they take to the streets May 8, to fund the fight against multiple sclerosis. The Rebif MS Walk is a spring tradition, attracting more than 200,000 walkers at more than 700 sites nationwide, and raising more than $300,000 million. The Central New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has organized the MS Walk since 1989. Each walker is encouraged to raise a minimum of $100, but most collect more than $200.

Individuals and corporate and family teams can register or volunteer to help online, www.msnewengland.org or by calling 1-800-493-Walk 9255), and in-person the day of the event.

MS is a chronic, autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system, causing unpredictable symptoms including fatigue, paralysis, and blindness. Most commonly diagnosed between ages 20 and 50, MS affects women two to three times more often than men. In the US, more than 400,000 people have MS and 200 new cases are diagnosed each week. If you or someone you know has MS, contact the chapter, 1-800-493-9255, www.msnewengland.org

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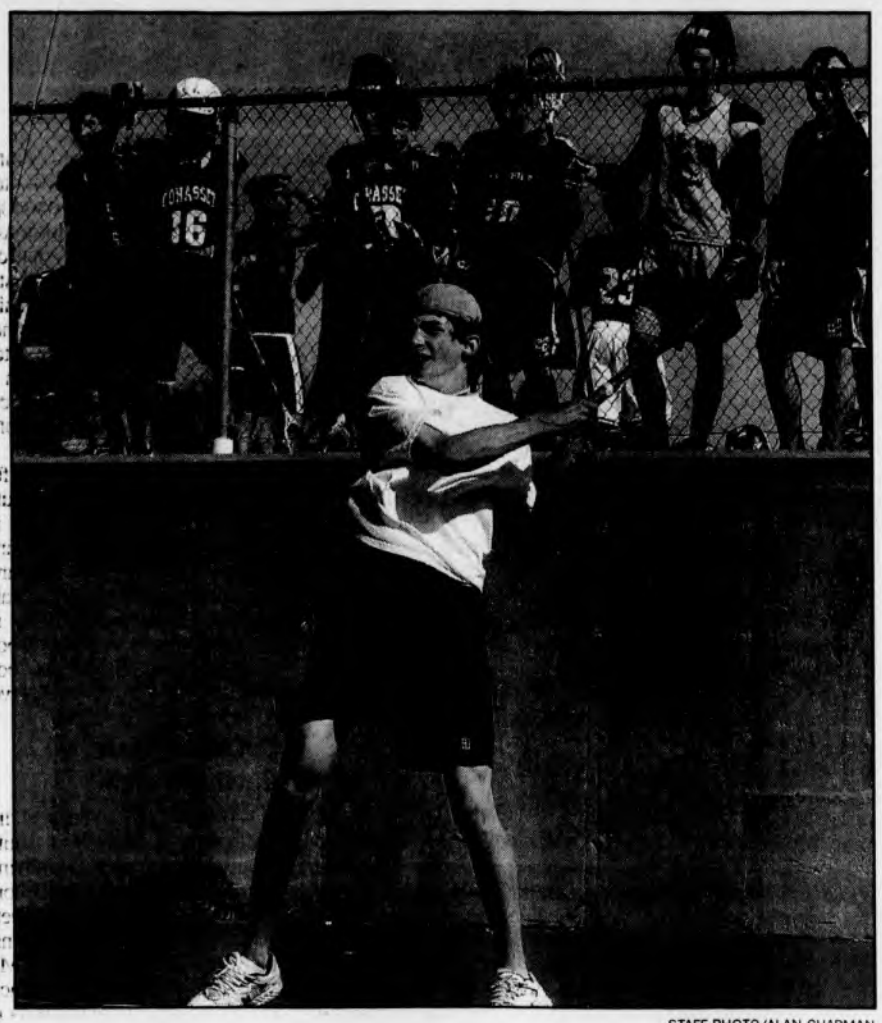
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Cohasset boys' tennis first singles player Dan Sullivan gets some support from the lacrosse team during his match against Norwell. For more about CHS tennis, see sports.

POLICE/FIRE

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

1:40 a.m. South Main St., transport.

7:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disturbance.

7:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation, no such person can be found.

8:41 a.m. Stagecoach Way, suspicious activity.

11:08 a.m. Beechwood St., annoying phone calls.

11:16 a.m. North Main St., suspicious activity.

11:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., lost property.

11:38 a.m. Summer St., outside fire, good intent call.

1:07 p.m. King St., medical aid, patient sign off.

3:29 p.m. Elm St., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:15 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:17 p.m. Summer St., suspicious person, protective custody.

8:19 p.m. Norfolk Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., outside fire, fire extinguished.

11:35 p.m. Aaron River Road, noise complaint, area search negative.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

10:18 a.m. Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV crash, investigated, report taken.

11:23 a.m. Sohier St., open door/window.

2:47 p.m. King St., suspicious activity.

2:50 p.m. Linden Drive, medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:55 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious MV.

5:09 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

5:38 p.m. Stevens Lane, brush fire, fire extinguished.

6:24 p. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:51 p.m. Aaron River Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:54 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

7:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., warrant arrest: Sergio F. Martins, 24, 12 Park Ave., Hull. Chgs.: two warrants.

8:49 p.m. Hull St., family disturbance.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

9:11 a.m. Hull St., officer wanted.

12:56 p.m. Hull St., suspicious activity.

1:06 p.m. Elm St., larceny, investigated, report taken.

4:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

5 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigated, report taken.

5:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:44 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:57 p.m. Ripley Road, MV stop, verbal warning.

11:39 p.m. Beechwood St., larceny.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

12:10 a.m. Beechwood St., burglary, breaking and entering, investigation/report taken.

12:37 a.m. Cedar St., open door/window.

1:47 a.m. Beechwood St., suspicious motor vehicle.

8:06 a.m. Mill Lane, medical aid.

9:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disabled auto.

11:45 a.m. Beechwood St., investigation.

2:33 p.m. Linden Dr., fire investigaiton

3:12 p.m. Hull St., officer wanted.

4:40 p.m. Wheelwright Park, disturbance gathering.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

8:11 a.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted.

8:59 a.m. Tad Lane, disturbance, peace restored.

9:53 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, well being check.

10:29 a.m. Cushing Road, traffic complaint.

11:30 a.m. Grace Dr., medical aid.

11:35 a.m. Beechwood St., found property.

6:36 p.m. Linden Dr., animal control.

6:54 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire investigation.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

1:30 a.m. Sohier St., medical aid removed to hospital (ALS)

6:33 a.m. Linden Dr., suspicious, area search negative.

9:13 a.m. Sohier St., animal control.

9:46 a.m. Elm St., well being check, unfounded.

9:58 a.m. Atlantic Ave., fire investigation.

10:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., traffic complaint.

10:45 a.m. Summer St., assist other agency.

1:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic complaint.

1:38 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

2:34 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

2:50 p.m. Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

3 p.m. Schofield Road and chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

5:45 p.m. Pond St., assist citizen.

6:23 p.m. South Main St., general services.

6:31 p.m. Tad Lane, animal control.

8:15 p.m. Grace Dr., medical aid, patient sign off.

9:59 p.m. Spring St., officer wanted.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

12:57 a.m. Woodland Dr.. well being check.

8:22 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

8:38 a.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

9:52 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

10:03 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

10:16 a.m. Beechwood St., larceny by check.

10:21 a.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

10:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway assist other agency.

11:27 a.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

12:36 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

2:59 p.m. North Main St. and Red Gate lane, motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

5:07 p.m. Joy Place, traffic complaint, good intent call.

5:37 p.m. Jerusalem Road, public service.

6:06 p.m. North Main St, motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

8:54 p.m. Jerusalem Road, noise complaint.

10:35 p.m. Church St. Arrest: Patrick A. Carbone, 20, 72 Church St. Cohasset. Chrg. Warrant.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

2:57 a.m. Jerusalem road, assist citizen, area search negative.

6:50 a.m. Smith Place, animal control.

8:19 a.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

9:21 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

11:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway officer wanted, no police service necessary.



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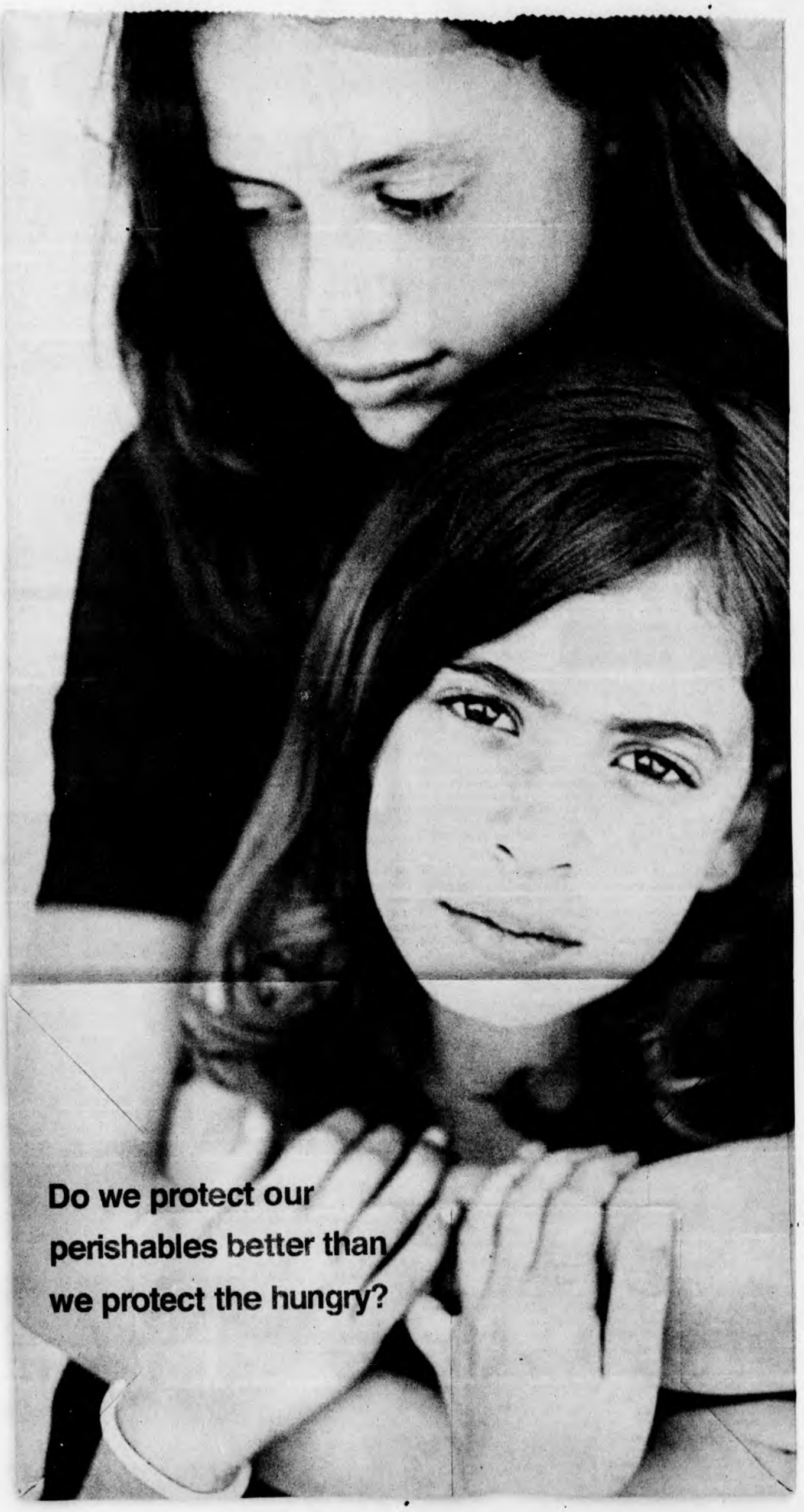
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Thurs. 6

The Kingston Public Library, 6 Grove St., Kingston, presents **A Year in the People's Republic**. A series of photographs by **Matthew Gill,** a Weymouth writer, who taught English in the city of Shen Yang, China in 2001-2002. The exhibit will be on display for the month of May. Opening reception May 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. 781-585-0517.

The Momologues, the original comedy about motherhood, returns to Boston when it plays at the Stuart Street Playhouse/2nd stage, through May 9.Tickets are $38 and are available through Telecharge at 800-447-7400 and at the box office at 200 Stuart Street.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, welcomes **Stephen Gagin** for a lecture and video presentation. Former naval diver, and author of the modern day piracy novel *Bravo Two Sierra,* Stephen Gagin won an online contest to join a crew on a dive to the wreck site on the *Titanic* All are welcome. Admission is $3 museum members, $5 non-members. Light refreshments will be served. For information contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433, or email lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net.

The Glastonbury Abbey Series presents **Listening to Other Voices: Monastic Spirituality in the 21st Century** featuring Sr. Pascaline Coff, OSB, East-West Inter Monastic Dialogue, May 6, at 7:15 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, Hingham. Free will offering. 781-749-2155 x243 or www.glastonburyabbey.org

The Norwell Visiting Nurse Association invites you to join them in **Celebrating our Past and Honoring our Presidents at the 84th Meeting**, May 6, at 6 p.m. The Cushing Center, 673 Main St,. Norwell. 781-659-2342 x214

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library and **Buttonwood Books & Toys** will host **Daggers & Desserts**, an evening of mystery and desserts, on Thursday. May 6, at 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt library in Cohasset. Featured authors will be **Linda Barnes, David Daniel, and Katherine Hall Page**. All three authors feature local areas as the setting for their novels. Free and open to the public. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

Raffael's Restaurant of Quincy: Dinner theatre production of their fifth and final season. Boston's Cabaret celebrities Ms Jan Peters and Ms Carol O'Shaughnessy will star in their original Judy Garland, Liza Minnelli, Rosemary Clooney revue. The show titled **Two Gals & A Guy** will be held on May 6 and 7. Tickets per person are $35 for the matinee series and $45 for the evening shows. Included are dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Lunch starts at noon and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. sharp. For reservations call Raffael's restaurant directly at 617-328-1600 during regular business hours. For information visit jmproductionspresents.com

The Plymouth Cultural Council will host "A Toast to the Arts" on May 6, at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Yacht Club. There will be wine tasting offered by Pilgrim Wine & Spirits, a silent auction, live entertainment and the presentation of the first annual arts recognition trophy (ARTY) to the person(s) or organization(s) that has most actively supported the arts within Plymouth during 2003. $25 per person. Seating is limited so reservations are encouraged. To secure reservations, mail a check to Plymouth Cultural Council, P.O. Box 1785, Plymouth, MA 02362 postmarked no later than April 28. Reservations also are available at the Golden Gull, 17 South Park Ave.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington.



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a laughing matter

Women over a certain age have long commiserated about the memory loss, hot flashes and night sweats that accompany menopause. Now thanks to a clever musical revue that reworks hit songs from the 1950s, 60s, 70s and 80s, women can sing out in celebration of the change of life. "Menopause The Musical," with book and lyrics by Jeannie Linders, was first performed in March 2001 and has since brought its message of surviving the change through laughter to audiences worldwide. Already performed in England, Australia, Brazil, Mexico, Israel and South Africa, sit-down productions of the show are currently being presented in Atlantic City, Chicago, Miami, Orlando, New York, Los Angeles and now Boston, where an open-ended run began last month.

Four topflight performers topline the Boston production as seemingly disparate women — an aging soap opera star, a still-mired-in-the-past hippie, a high-powered executive and a middle-aged Midwesterner — who meet at a lingerie sale at Bloomingdales in Manhattan and soon realize they have some very personal things in common even though they are meeting for the first time. Before long, they're sharing their experiences with surgery, hormones, too much sex, not enough sex and more.

Garbed as an authentic flower child now in late bloom, Weymouth's Mary Callanan breathes humorous new life into the Peter, Paul and Mary classic, "Puff the Magic Dragon," reimagined here as "Puff my God, I'm draggin.'" Hingham native Adrienne Cote belies her South Shore roots and goes all out to convey the aw-shucks nature of her Iowa housewife character when she laments the size of her thighs to the tune of "My Guy." Her bio says she has done stand-in work for Susan Lucci, so it is no surprise that Kathy St. George is terrific as the ever-so-slightly past her prime daytime diva. St. George has one of the show's showiest numbers, visiting the audience for a "Heat Wave" that transforms into a tropical hot flash. Wydetta Carter rounds out the always game quartet. Carter's parody of "What's Love Got to Do With It" leaves no doubt that if she wants it, she could have a future as a Tina Turner impersonator.

With some good and some not so good parodies of 26 songs and some spirited, if uninspired choreography by Patty Bender, "Menopause The Musical" makes an often sensitive subject something women - and maybe even some of the men in their lives -can enjoy and even laugh about.

"Menopause The Musical" is being presented at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart Street, Boston. For tickets and information, visit the box office or call (800) 447-7400.

- R. Scott Reedy

New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

The Banner Bar, 167 Union St, Rockland, May 6, **Open mike with BB Paul,** 781-878-8717.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Jimbos Restaurant Braintree 5 Corners, **Comedy Show** on Thursday, May 6, at 8:30 p.m. featuring **Teddie Bergeron, Annette Pollack, Paul Keenan, Elizabeth Young-Collins, Joe List, Jessica Casciano and Mike Hanlon** on 781-848-0300 for Reservations $10.

Fri. 7

Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra celebrates its first Barbara Knapp Memorial Concert and the 25th anniversary of its conductor, Robert Babb, in a concert of Dvorak, Mozart, Sibelius and Lerner and Loewe, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, East Weymouth Congregational Church, 1320 Commercial St. at Jackson Square, East Weymouth. Admission $10 adults, children 12 and younger free. 781-337-9585 or 781-340-1403.

South Middle School, Braintree, announces the production of Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods, Jr.," part of the Broadway Junior Collection, directed by Christopher R.D. Landis on May 7, at 7 p.m. and May 8, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are $8 and can be purchased at South Middle School on Peach Street in Braintree.

The James Library, Norwell, presents **The Changing Hues of Ireland,** by **J. Michael Sullivan, May 7 through June 2.** Reception May 7, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The 11th annual "A Taste of the North End" Friday, May 7, from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at New England Aquarium. Featuring morsels from 31 popular North End restaurants and libations from 11 different wine and beer vendors. A donation of $75 per person at the door, $65 in advance, is kindly requested; to purchase tickets, call 617-367-5915.

Cataloni's Restaurant & Lounge, 86 V.F.W. Dr,. Rockland, 781-878-0834, May 7, at 9 p.m. **Comedy Night featuring Jim Lauletta, Annette Pollack, John Joyce, Jan Flanagan, Peter Dutton and Mark Sherman.**

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its **Big Anniversary Party with Chris Smithers, Dick Pleasants, MC** May 7 at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. The show starts at 8 p.m. $18 members, $20 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Borders Book Store in Kingston at the Independence Mall: May 7, 10:30 a.m. Accompany Beth as she reads **What State Are you In?**

The Cave Comedy Club at The Red Lion Inn, Cohasset, featuring comedian **John David,** along with **Tim Kaelin** and **Robert Hagearty** hosted by **WZLX's Lance Norris**. at 8:30 p.m. Cover charge $10. No admission when you dine before the show. For reservations call 781-383-1704.

Country and Swing Dance, Friday, April 30, at Dedham VFW, 84 Eastern Ave., Dedham - 7:30 dance lesson; 8:30 to 11:30 dance. DJ music. Cold cuts, coffee, cake, cash bar. $10 admission. 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937; 401-861-3114.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **Ron Towers** May 7, 781-834-1910 www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Banner Bar, 167 Union St, Rockland, May 7, **Mad Matt & Co.** 781-878-8717.

Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St., Scituate hosts **Story Hour** Fridays at 10 a.m. Charlotte will read the classic and not so classic tales of mice and men, cats and dogs, frogs and princesses. Children of preschool age are invited. Free. Fridays 10 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Call 781-545-5011 or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com

James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents "The Dance of Being," an exhibition of mixed media abstract expressionist paintings by **Cohasset artist Sydney Burroughs** through May 5.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays) Free with admission. A half-hour of storytelling. Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Sat. 8

Hatherly United Methodist Church, 801 Union St., Rockland. **Breakfast** 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. **Yard Sale** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Lunch** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 781-982-8232 Rent a space for $20

Jumpstart presents **Supervised Visitation Training** on May 8, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 175 Franklin St., Holbrook. Contact Nancy Pando, LICSW or Julia Swartz, LICSW, CEIS at 781-828-8955 to make reservation. $115 at the door if space permits.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society will hold an all-day seminar on Irish Genealogical Research on May 8, 8:30 a.m to 4:45 p.m. For information, call 1-888-286-3447 or visit NewEnglandAncestors.org, look under the Education tab. Pre-registration is required, $115 non-members/$99 for NEHGS or Tiara members. Hosted by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Seminar will take place at the John Hancock Center, 40 Trinity Place, Boston,. Email tours@nehgs.org with questions

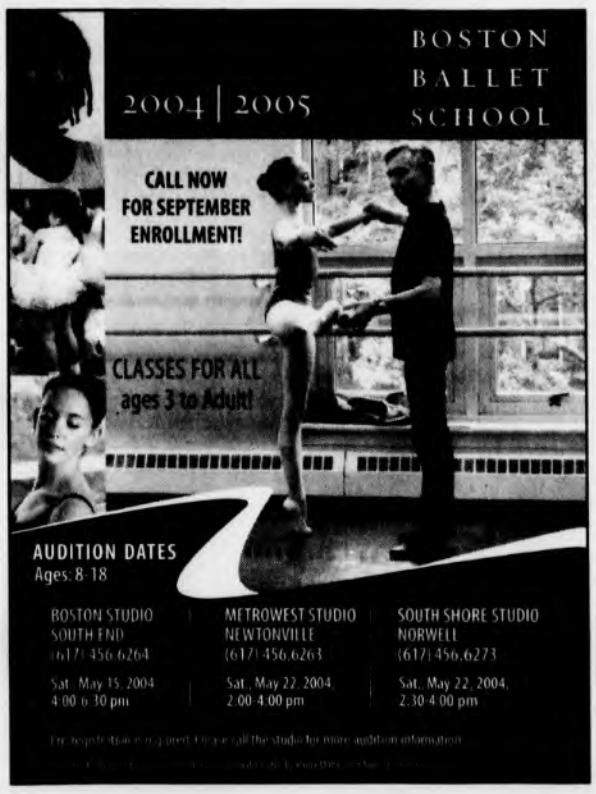
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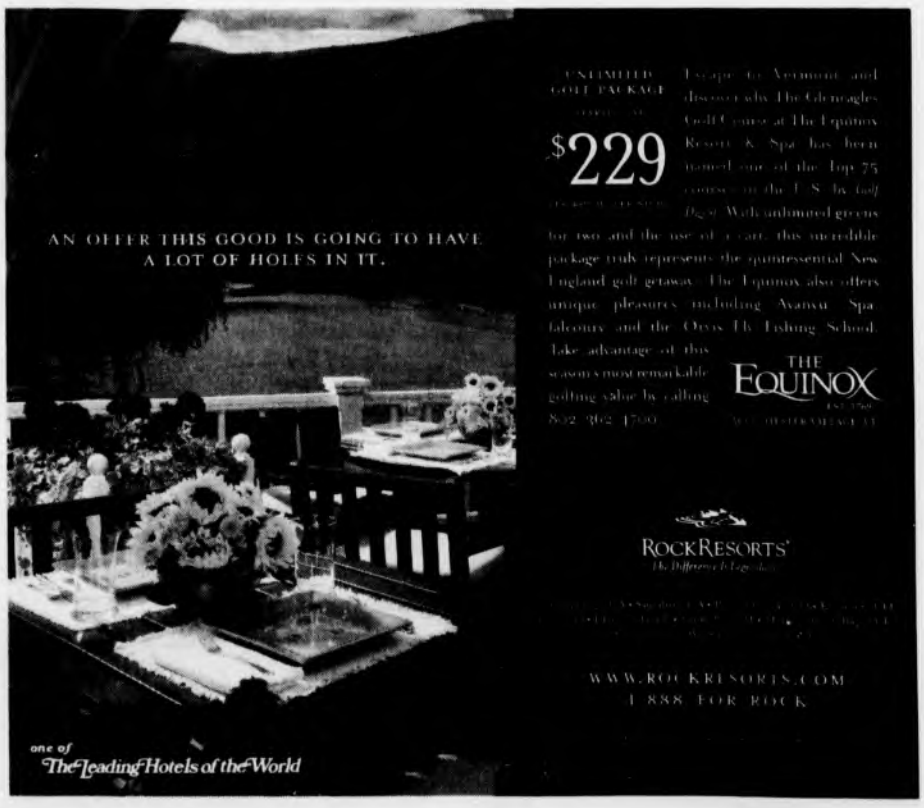


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The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents Fat City Band, May 8. Show begins at 10 p.m. $10 admission. Dinner optional beginning at 7:30 p.m.







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The North and South River Watershed Association will hold its **17th Annual River Clean Up Day** on May 8, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers can head out by foot, truck, or boat to remove trash and debris from the rivers, streams, marshes and ponds that make up the watershed. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join the activities. Groups (such as Boy & Girl Scouts) are encouraged to come out and help us clean up. All participants are invited to attend a celebratory (free) cookout at the Scituate's Driftway Conservation Area from around noon to 2 p.m. The winner of our Kayak Raffle will be announced at this time.

Helen's Cafe - 16 Commercial Street, Braintree, **Comedy Night:** May 8, at 8:30 p.m. Featuring: **Chance Langton, Eric Cannon, Annette Pollack, Jan Flanagan, Bob Carney, Mike O'Neill**, and host **E.J. Murphy.** Admission: $10. Reservations recommended call 781 356 4311. Great Food.

Church Hill Plant and Pantry Sale, corner of River and Church Streets in Norwell. May 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. locally grown houseplants and perennials, sidewalk bistro, grandma's attic, bake table, face painting, a moonwalk and more. 781-826-4763.



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The North River Gardeners will hold their annual **Perennial and Herb Plant Sale** on May 8, starting at 9 a.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church, 24 River Street, Norwell Center. Perennials and herbs from private gardens will be offered for sale, as well as beautiful flower arrangements and homemade pies.

Glastonbury Abbey Plant Sale, 16 Hull St., (Rt. 228) Hingham, May 8, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Perennials, herbs, ground cover, ornamental grasses, bushes, fruits and vegetables

The Scituate Arts Association presents a weekend-long oil painting workshop with **William Bartlett** held at the Mahoney Studios, at 709 Country Way, Scituate Students are encouraged to register for the weekend long workshop, but daily registration is available as well. Cost is $50 per day, SAA members, and $65 for non-members. For Registration, call the Scituate Arts Association Gallery at 781.545.6150 or ww.scituatearts.com

The Sacred Heart High School (Kingston) ***Run for the Ribbon***, run in memory of former Sacred Heart student **Melissa Benoit** is slated for May 8, at 10 a.m. Participants have the option of taking part in a 10K, 2 mile walk through picturesque Camp Mishannock, or a 1 mile fun run (for children ages 6 though 10). Applications are available by contacting the Run for the Ribbon Race Committee at Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Highway, Kingston, 781-585-7511 or email sgiovanetti@sacredheart-hs.org Entry fee $20. Proceeds to benefit scholarships.

Hingham Symphony Orchestra celebrates its season finale pop concert on May 8, at 7:30 p.m. at FI Boston, on Wood Road, Braintree Tickets at $30 for adults, $22 for seniors, and $10 for youth through age 18.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center presents the musical **The Secret Garden**, May 8, 15, and 22 at 7 p.m. and May 16 and 23, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Commerce Center, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. Adults $10 Child $5. 507-747-1234 or www.ssarc.org or www.starcreations.org

The Southeastern Massachusetts Environmental Collaborative (SEMEC), a coalition of non-government land and water conservation advocates, will host "Solutions for a Region at Risk," a daylong conference to be held at Bridgewater State College on May 8. The conference will take place at the John Joseph Moakley Center from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. An agenda, list of speakers and moderators and more information is available on at <http://www.se-mass-envirosolutions.org/> Open to the public.

Vicki Larkin's Botanical Illustrations will be on display at the **Massachusetts Audubon Society's North River Wildlife Sanctuary** at 2000 Main St., (Route 3A) in Marshfield, May 1 through 29. Mrs. Larkin is offering a workshop on May 8, from 9 a.m. to noon. Call at 781-837-9400 for details.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, presents **Wild Animal Portraits**, a photography exhibition by **Rich Turk**, on May 1-27, in the Vine Hall Gallery. Mr. Turk's exhibit includes pictures of wild animals from all over the world.. 781-659-2559 or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org



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Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center presents **Neil Diamond and Friends Legends Show, starring Paul Grassia** Superstars, "Neil Diamond," "Rod Stewart," and "Englebert Humperdinck" sing their greatest hits live, May 8-9, 14-16, 22-23. Dinner and show $39.95 all performances; $20 show only. Friday and Saturday dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30, Sunday, dinner at 2 p.m. show at 3:30 p.m. Complimentary corsages on Mothers' Day. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations.

The monthly Down East Dancers Country Western Dance will be held at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson, taught by Arlene Verity, at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Johnny D. Snacks, raffles, cash bar. Smoke free, $5. 508-995-9496; 781-925-9066.

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Show begins at 10 p.m. $10 admission. Dinner optional beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sun. 9

South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, cello student **Debbie Sullivan** performs with two other adult cellists in concert on Sunday, May 9, 6 .p.m. in Cox Hall at the Conservatory's Hingham campus. The trio, all students of Cello Instructor Dorothy Rocklin, will perform as an ensemble and as soloists throughout the recital. Other members of the trio include Maureen Sheehan of Hingham and Jen Bretsch of Weymouth. Free and open to the public. HP accessible. For directions, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org

Hingham Symphony Orchestra celebrates its season finale pop concert May 9 at 4 p.m. at Temple Sha'Aray Shalom in Hingham, the same concert will be performed as a benefit for Wellspring in Hull. Tickets for the benefit concert may be purchased directly from Wellspring. In advance at La Petite Maison and Noble's in Hingham Square, Hingham and Weymouth Main Libraries, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, and Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, or call the box office at 781-740-5694 to reserve. Tickets at $30 for adults, $22 for seniors, and $10 for youth through age 18 are available in advance at La Petite Maison and Noble's in Hingham Square, Hingham and Weymouth Main Libraries, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, and Front Street Book Shop, Scituate, or call the box office at 781-740-5694 to reserve.

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The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

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The Banner Bar, 167 Union St., Rockland, May 9, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. **GMS**, from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. **BB Paul.,** 781-878-8717.

The Bridgewaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, **Dixieland Concert featuring John Demasi' Moby Dick and the Wailers.** Admission $10 from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner optional at 3 p.m.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Mon. 10

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, Don Heath, will exhibit his paintings for the month of May at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

The Braintree Art Association member Helena Zubrin will display her paintings for the month of May at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Tues. 11

The South of Boston Knitters Guild will hold its monthly meeting on May 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Route 139 in Marshfield. Dye your own workshop Older clothes and aprons suggested. 781-740-4961.

The Weymouth Voice of the Faithful May meeting will be held on May 11, at 7 p.m. at St. albert The Great Parish, 1130 Washington St., East. Weymouth. There will be a discussion of reconfiguration and its effect on the Weymouth VOTF Cluster. All are invited. 781-337-8778.

The Hingham Public Library will sponsor a **talk on coyotes** presented by **Amy Whorf McGuiggan** on May 11, at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. HP accessible.

Y.A.N.A. (You Are Not Alone) a support group for widows and widowers will meet on May 11, at 7 p.m. in the Holbrook United Methodist Church hall, 60 Plymouth St., 781-767-4844 or 508-668-5226,

Wed. 12

Borders Book Store in Kingston at the Independence Mall: May 12, 10:30 a.m. Accompany Beth as she reads **Bubble Gum, Bubble Gum and The Icky Sticky Frog.**

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury will offer an exhibition full of childhood remembrances and the images they evoke as expressed in **On their Own, Rhoda Rosenberg, printmaker**. The exhibit will run through June 13. A reception is scheduled for May 16, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free

The Banner Bar, 167 Union St, Rockland, May 12, **Mad Matt solo acoustics** 781-878-8717.

Thurs. 13

"Literary License" A Standard Flower Show. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Rd, Cohasset, will be held Wednesday and Thursday, May 12 and 13, noon to 5 p.m. The show is open to the public. Free admission. presented by The Community Garden Club of Cohasset. For more information 781-545-4395.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are organizing a free lecture and slideshow about **Spectacle Island** May 13, at the Boston Public Library, Copley Square (conference room 5) from 6.15 to 8 p.m. No pre-registration is necessary. For information visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Community Wellness Program: Holistic practitioners from the community will be leading a lecture forum free to the public about therapeutic modalities available to help restore one's health. If you or someone you know has chronic pain, a medical illness or someone that wants to optimize one's health, come and hear about chiropractic care, acupuncture, homeopathic care, massage, Reiki, and much, much more. "Wellness Ways" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on May 13, at St. Paul's' Gymnasium on 20 Fearing Road. This free community program is sponsored by the Caring Connection program of St. Paul's Parish. 781-749-0587.

La Leche League is an international, non profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and encouragement to all women who want to breastfeed. Meetings are Thursdays, May 13, June 10, July 8 and August 12 at 7:15 p.m. in Pembroke. For information call: Joanne 781-924-1919/Lisa 781-829-9075/Heidi 781-582-1187. All expectant, new, and experienced mothers and their babies welcome.

MSPCA-Angell Animal Hall Of Fame Dinner will honor Mary Tyler Moore, Pets & Animal Lovers The MSPCA will recognize extraordinary pets and their devoted human companions at the annual MSPCA-Angell Animal Hall of Fame Dinner on May 13, at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. Individual tickets for the MSPCA-Angell Animal Hall of Fame Dinner are $175. Tables of eight are $5,000 and include the opportunity to take one pet as a guest of honor. For information or to make reservations, contact Nicole Bellows at 617-989-1565 or nbellows@mspca.org . For general information on the event, visit www.mspca.org.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

The Banner Bar, 167 Union St, Rockland, **May 13, Open mike with BB Paul,** open mike. 781-878-8717.

Fri. 14

Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St., Scituate hosts **William Martin**, author : **Back Bay and Cape Cod**, from 2 to 4 p.m. He will sign all of his books. Call 781-545-5011 or see

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SECOND ANNUAL TOUCH A TRUCK TO BENEFIT THE JETT FOUNDATION The Jett Foundation is searching for trucks and/or unusual and unique vehicles to participate in the upcoming touch-a-truck on June 13, at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. If you would like to participate, call 781-293-2667 or 781-294-8445 or visit www.JettFoundation.org Sponsorship deadline is May 1.

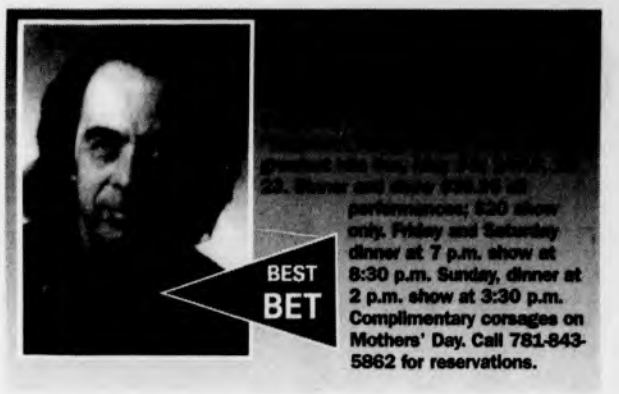
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THE SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS announces the addition of a special concert featuring the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart conductor, to the Music Circus for the first time in a benefit performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South Shore Art Center. Tickets for concert can be purchased via Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and in person at the Music Circus box office Tickets are $101.25 and $90.25. A limited number of special ticket packages, which include a reception with the maestro, can be purchased from South Shore Art Center only. Call the SSAC at 781-383-2787 for information.

DUXBURY BAY MARITIME SCHOOL BENEFIT SAWASHBUCKLER'S SOIREE The silent auction, dinner buffet and dance is Friday May 28, and tickets are $90 per person ($70 is tax deductible). This event sells out every year so plan now. There is still room for ads and sponsors to be in the program book for Opening of the Bay. The book, Love of the Sea, is well under way and still looking for more ads and donations. The deadline is April 16, and all donations for both the program book and silent auction should go to the Maritime School ASAP. For more information call Robin Nutter at 781-934-7555.

THE SECOND ANNUAL GOLF FOR A HOPE golf tournament to benefit the Friends for Life Fund at Dana Farber is scheduled to be held at Atlantic Country Club in Plymouth on May 21, is one of the more than 150 tournaments being held in 2004. The funds raised will help the Friends for Life people reach their goal of $1,000,000. Denyse Dodd 617-872-6020 denysed@myfriendsforlife.com

THE SCITUATE ANIMAL SHELTER will hold its First Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 4, at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. The afternoon tournament will feature numerous prizes - including a hole-in-one automobile, raffles, and Par 3 Poker. The $125 fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner at the Barker Tavern. The Shelter is also seeking corporate sponsorships and donations to raffle. All proceeds will go to the no-kill Scituate Animal Shelter. Registration forms are available at the shelter or by logging onto Fundraisers at www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter/. For information, call 781-545-8325.









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Too much power for one person?

Town Manager under scrutiny

By Mary Ford
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Turn the clock back seven years. It was April 1997 and town meeting voted 75-61 for a profound change in town government by deciding on a town manager.

The town had been run by the board of selectmen, who were bogged down by minutiae, and a "weak" town administrator position, meaning the post had little authority or accountability.

Proponents, including the government structure committee charged with examining the town manager form of government for Cohasset, said the time was right for the town to have a chief administrative/financial officer to oversee day-to-day operations. The switch would free up selectmen to set policy, look at long-range planning and focus on bigger issues.

The government structure committee cited 40 percent cost overruns for the DPW garage, promises for a park at the Hagerty property that had not come to fruition after four years, and soaring legal bills to fight the expansion of Cohasset Heights Landfill, as examples of poor management at Town Hall.

Selectmen's weekly meetings consistently dragged on for hours. Often critical issues came up at 11 p.m., when everyone was too tired to make any coherent points.

But at the time, opponents argued a town manager would not provide the checks and balances the town needs and worried that too much power would be vested in one person.

Now the issue may have come full circle.

With last week's abrupt departure of Mark Haddad, who resigned after holding the post for nearly seven years, the Cohasset Town Manager Act — approved by the Legislature — may be under scrutiny.

> **"It was the perfect storm. We had a do-nothing board of selectmen and an overly aggressive town manager."**
> — Peter Pratt

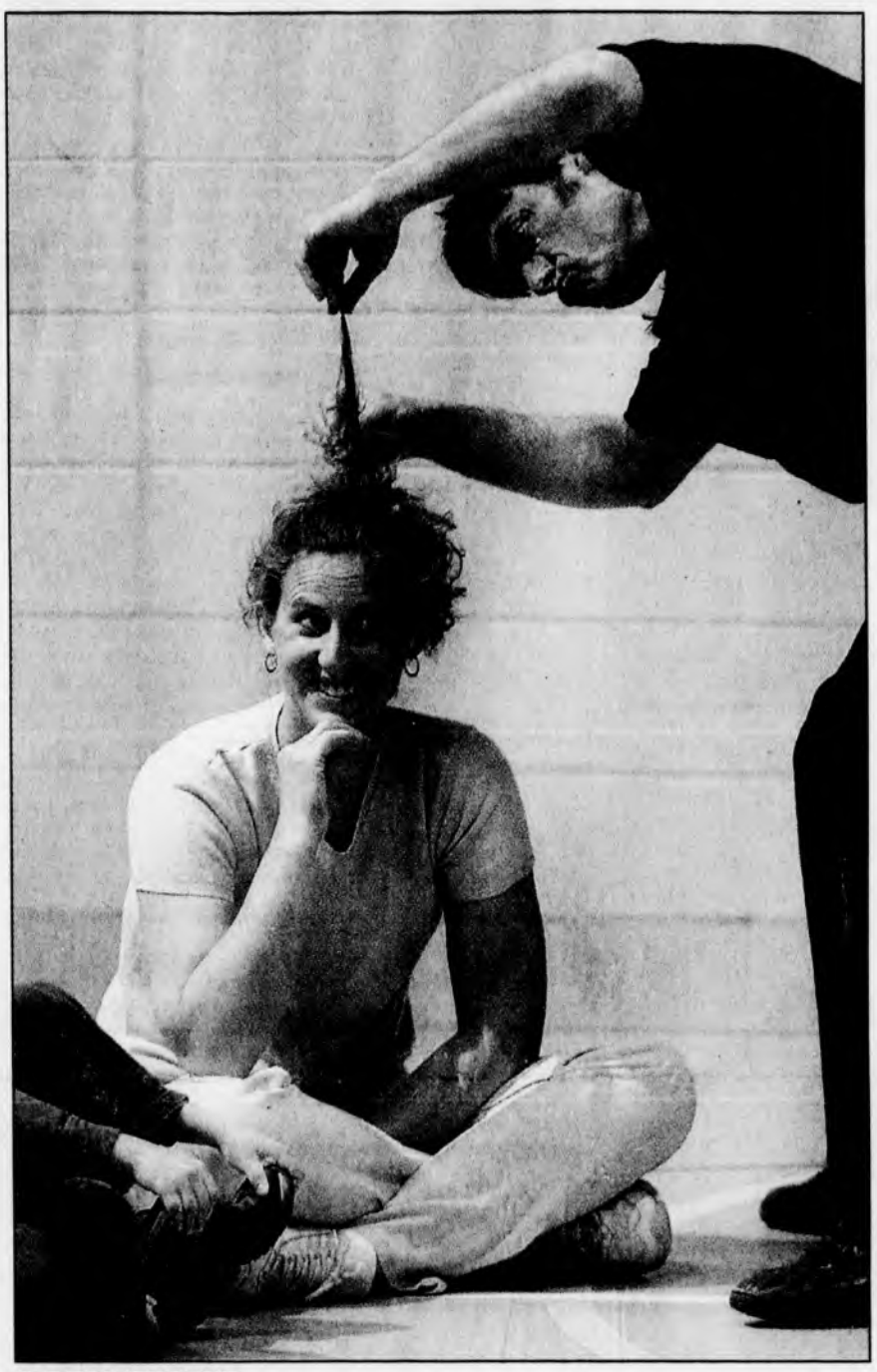
Peter Pratt, one of the principal authors of the Town Manager Act, said the act needs major reform even to the point of "re-framing" the position as a town administrator. He said Haddad had too much power and cited the town's ignoring the Hagerty Committee about the park project on Parker Avenue and disbanding of the personnel board as examples.

Haddad had the authority to fire employees who had no appeal board to go to, Pratt explained.

"There is nothing in the Town Manager Act that calls for the abolishment of the personnel committee," he said.

Pratt blames the selectmen's lack of oversight for allowing the town manager's role to become

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A REAL TEASER

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Osgood teacher Kate Blake is groomed by Children's Voices performer Michael Zerphy while in character as a monkey during the special program funded in part by the Cohasset Cultural Council to help inspire youngsters to write. The program featured poems and stories written by elementary schoolchildren, including some Osgood student works.

Town Clerks ready

Gender-neutral marriage licenses start on Monday

By Matthew J. Gill
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"Party A" and "Party B" have replaced "bride" and "groom" but the procedure for issuing marriage licenses won't change drastically for town clerks throughout the Commonwealth, including Cohasset's Marion Douglas.

Starting of May 17, certificates of marriage may be issued to a person regardless of whether he or she intends to marry a person of the opposite or the same sex.

The Town Clerk's Office in Cohasset and its counterparts across the state will be able to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples for the first time on Monday.

Barnstable Town Clerk Lynda Hutchenrider, president of the Massachusetts Town Clerks Association, said other than being "gender-neutral" the marriage license application forms haven't changed that much.

"All these forms ask very simplistic questions, your name your address, how old you are," Hutchenrider said.

On the new forms, applicants are asked to identify if they are male or female. That classification has never been necessary, Hutchenrider said, because on the old forms applicants indicated whether they are the "bride" or the "groom" within the relationship.

Currently license applications ask couples to list the names of their mother and father, but as of

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Three-time cancer survivor in Relay

Annual event is June 18 & 19

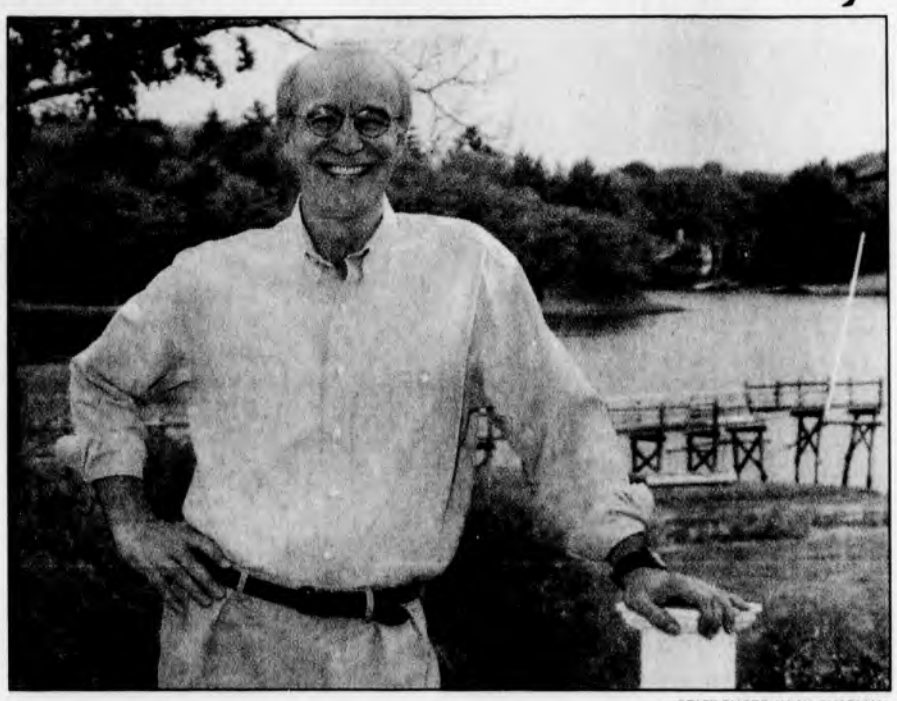
By Samantha Brown
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Harry St. Onge has never smoked, doesn't drink, runs every day, and eats well.

By all accounts, he is the picture of health. But St. Onge is a cancer survivor, and has had to battle the disease not once, not twice, but three times, and attributes his being able to beat the odds both to early detection and the support he received, not only from close friends and family, but the American Cancer Society.

In a time period of 18 months, St. Onge was diagnosed with three completely unrelated cancers — prostate cancer, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and lung cancer. While many would be overwhelmed with only one form of cancer, St. Onge said through educating himself and keeping a positive attitude, it

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Harry St. Onge is a cancer survivor and a captain of the Glastonbury Abbey team in this year's Relay For Life.

Shops are slated for old ABB Optical site

By Samantha Brown
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There could be more change afoot for the downtown area, as a group of local business owners have banded together to purchase the former ABB Optical building, and will rename the site "James Brook Crossing."

The building, located across the street from the Pleasant Street Parfait, sits just behind the South Shore Art Center near the Greenbush line tracks. After papers are passed May 21, the prospective owners say they have plans to spruce the building up and create a little shopping complex which is in keeping with the theme of helping small business owners thrive in the Village.

Two of the businesses slated to move to Cohasset currently reside in the large yellow building located at 763 Country Way in North Scituate. The Windsor Tea Shop and Emporium Naturals, which sells handmade soap, both have plans to open their doors in Cohasset this summer.

> **"We wanted to make it a destination point."**
> — Judy McColgan, owner of the Windsor Tea Shop

"There's a lot going on in that little village," said Judy McColgan, owner of the Windsor Tea Shop. She said she has heard of the steps that are being taken to improve the downtown area, and she believes this purchase will add more improvements to the list. She, along with Julia Peterson, owner of Emporium Naturals, their two husbands, and another friend, will purchase the building together. The building was listed with Grand Gables Realty Group in Scituate for $785,000.

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High school seeks prom chaperones

CMHS is looking for adults who are not the parent of any members of the senior class to chaperone the prom on May 28. Those interested should contact Cindy Alexander at (781) 383-0412.

New Supt. visits

Current Supt. Edward Malvey said Dr. Denise Walsh, who will take over as superintendent at the end of this school year, came to visit the schools again to get a better feel for what her new role will entail. He said during the course of the next few weeks, Walsh will be coordinating additional dates and times where she will be available to meet with members of the school staff as well as the community at large, and Malvey will make sure everyone is informed as the meetings get coordinated.

School start times to be discussed

Supt. Edward Malvey said he would like to see the issue of possibly changing start times and bus schedules for next year wrapped up before the end of this school year. He said during the next couple of School Committee meetings it will be discussed in order to come up with a solution before the last day of school, which is June 24.

School board receives kudos.

Teachers in Cohasset received recognition for all they do during National Teacher Day on May 4. However, working on their behalf to make the tough decisions which affect every classroom is the School Committee, and the Cohasset Teacher's Association wanted to express its gratitude for all the current and past members have done for them.

President of the CTA Marie Schleiff read the School Committee a letter expressing "our appreciation to you and the other members for your commitment to excellence. You've been unwavering in your commitment to maintaining as many teaching positions in the system as possible."

In addition, Schleiff said during state funding cuts, which led to a tough budget season, the committee continued to work toward keeping Cohasset the successful school system it is. Copies of the letter were given to current members, Chairman Rick Shea, Rick Flynn, Chartis Tebbetts, Jaime Williams, and Adrienne MacCarthy, and past members Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin.

"On May 4, the nation tipped its hats to 3 million public school teachers, and today we tip our hats to you," Schleiff said.

Full-day kindergarten option on the table

Parents of students in the Cohasset School System could soon be receiving a survey about implementing full-day kindergarten at the Osgood School. Members of a full day kindergarten task force have met four times this year to discuss the possibility, and it could be only a couple of years until the thought becomes a reality.

"There is an overwhelming positive research that suggests the benefit of full day kindergarten," said Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan, adding currently, the full day program is only a thought for Cohasset. However, School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said when the Osgood School was built, facilities to accommodate for full-day kindergarten classes were included in the plans, and "It's nice to see the plan coming to fruition."

Supt. Edward Malvey said the task force will continue to "do it's homework," on the issue.

St. Stephen's tree removal

The removal of nine trees growing on the slope of Bourne's Rock between the Parish Hall of St. Stephen's Church and the War Memorial facing the Town Common has been approved. Wallace St. John, who is on the property committee at St. Stephen's, said the nine trees have grown wild out of the ledge and were never cut back when they were smaller as they should have been. He said the trees are mostly Norway maples, but one is an ash tree. He said the wild trees are blocking the memorial trees in that area which have plaques, and he believes the memorial trees will grow better without the wild ones blocking their sun. St. John said Tree Warden Andy Swanson, who was at the shade tree hearing, recommended the trees be removed. A legal notice was posted in the paper for two weeks, advertising a shade tree hearing which was held April 28 and no one came to oppose their being taken down.

Updated list of objectives/goals

The list of goals and objectives for the Board of Selectmen, which was presented to the board last December, has been updated to reflect accomplishments made to date. Those items that have been completed include:

- Complete upgrade project at Beechwood Cemetery, including signage, reseeding, etc.
- Finalize Hagerty Property by making a decision on the building.
- Complete all memorials at Cohasset Cove.
- Complete meeting room on first floor.
- Complete Master Plan

Other goals the board will continue to work on include restoring SBAB funding, organizing the Greeenbush project, beginning the Village Revitalization Project, developing affordable housing for seniors, maintaining the high level of recycling at the RTF, and hosting roundtable discussions with all departments to discuss the future of the town.

Water Protection to be reactivated

The Water Commission is trying to reactivate the Water Resources Protection Committee and is looking for interested parties. They would like to see the committee made up of members from the Board of Selectmen, Water Commission, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Open Space Committee, and three residents. Interested applicants should contact the Town Manager's office at (781) 383-4105.

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Sun. 16	10:21	9.5	4:06	10:36	10.2	4:19
Mon. 17	11:07	9.4	4:52	11:15	10.2	5:01
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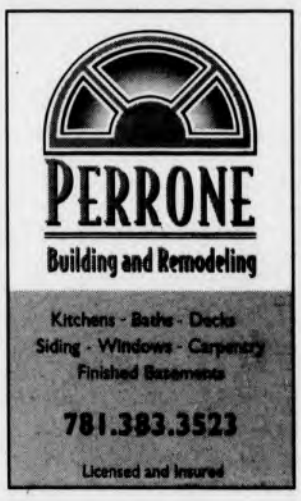


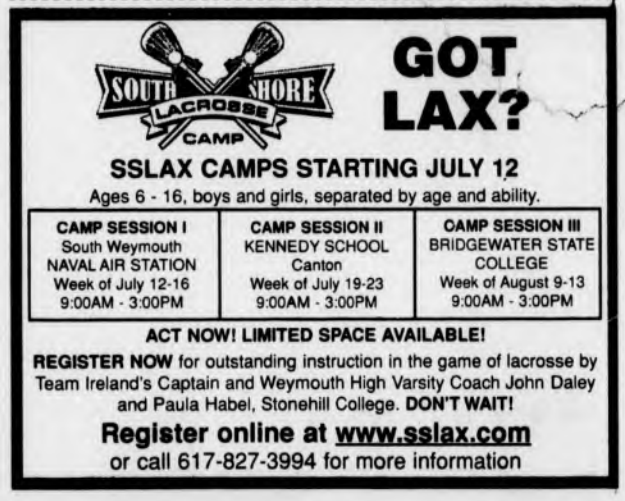














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MBTA ombudsman role questioned

By Samantha Brown
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Selectmen are slated to meet with representatives of the MBTA as well as Cohasset-Greenbush Ombudsman Kristina Patterson, to help clear up the many questions that still surround the project.

Now that Selectman Chairman Michael Sullivan has been appointed as the new authority to mitigate with the MBTA, he and the rest of the board are seeking answers for many different aspects of the Greenbush project.

While discussing some topics they would like to take up at next Tuesday's meeting, the conversation turned to what the role of Cohasset-Greenbush Ombudsman Kristina Patterson really is. Patterson had been working with former Town Manager Mark Haddad as a liaison between the town and the MBTA, and the board questioned whether she has been doing her job effectively, as it seems she has not been providing all the information that it needs.

"We had discussed having Kristina come in every two weeks," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris, adding to date, that hasn't happened.

But in an interview Wednesday, Patterson said she has been writing monthly reports, which she said she gave to Haddad. She said there is a book of all topics relating to the Greenbush line at Town Hall, and copies of her reports should be there.

But Planning Board member Peter Pratt, who was at the meeting as an abutter to the proposed Greenbush line, said he feels the concerns of abutters to the project have been pushed aside as the project has moved ahead. He said in the beginning, abutters were asked to sign a "wish list" of concerns to be addressed such as noise and vibrations from the train to sealing windows, and he felt at that time, the town was showing great effort to incorporate public input. However, after speaking with Tom Carroll of Cashman-Balfour Beatty and Patterson, he found neither one had heard of those beginning efforts.

"I'm not sure she's been provided with all the information," said Pratt.

However, McMorris said the reason the ombudsman was hired in the first place was to specifically help with the concerns of abutters. She was to be a liaison between those in the community and the MBTA.

"If she's not being effective, maybe we need to find someone who is," said Selectman Rob Spofford.

But other questions surfaced as well.

There has been much talk about a proposed second train station behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, and at this point, it is still unclear as to whether the station was an idea brought forth from the MBTA or a request from the town. McMorris said that is an issue that is going to have to be determined quickly.

"We really need to be clear. Is this something we're being brought?" she asked.

Patterson was scheduled to be at the meeting Tuesday, but had to cancel. Some members of the board would have liked it if she had been there to answer questions about a letter she wrote to the MBTA on behalf of the town regarding that second station.

The letter, dated April 28, 2004, was written to Jim Eng of the MBTA, and requested information on the town's behalf regarding the second station. She wrote, "The Town of Cohasset would like to explore the option of adding a Walk Up station in the Town Center area. I am writing to you on behalf of the town to request some information and assistance from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority in coming to a conclusion on this topic." The letter goes on to ask questions that the town would need answered prior to making a decision.

However, McMorris said the board did not authorize that letter before it was sent, and she thought the issue of having a second station had already been decided. Even though the letter was written by Patterson, it should still come from the board, she said.

"I would like Kristina to come tell us why she wrote it. I'd like to know why she felt compelled to do this," said Selectman Rob Spofford.

But Sullivan said he believed Patterson had been directed by Haddad to find out what was going on with the project, because the town had no information on the second station.

"I'd like to hear it from Kristina why she wrote the letter," Spofford said.

Patterson says she had been directed by Haddad to write the letter after talks during a Rails with Trails meeting opened the discussion. Chairman of the Board of Health Steve Bobo was present at the meeting, and expressed concern over the fact that the planned train station will not be pedestrian accessible. Patterson said the thought of having a second pedestrian station was discussed, and did receive some support from people in town. In light of that, she said she received phone calls from Sullivan, Bobo, and Haddad, asking her to find out more information regarding possible affects another station would have on the town, including parking and the planned four-quad gates at Pleasant Street.

While she was directed by Haddad to write the letter, Patterson said some of what was in the letter was her idea, but added the questions she asked were questions the town needs to have answered before it can make a decision on whether a second station will be feasible or not. "It probably isn't too late. I don't think anyone at the T wants to, but at the very least we should look at it," she said, adding even if the line is constructed to leave the option for a second station open for the future, every choice should be explored.

There were questions as to whether a whistle-stop was ever floated before, and the selectmen wondered if the MBTA would even reconsider changing the plans at this late stage. But the board never came to a consensus as to whether it chose to endorse the concept of having an additional whistle-stop or not and there are many questions that remain unanswered. Patterson said she will be at the Selectmen's meeting next week, and will most likely meet with members of the board before then.

Police matter still unresolved

Cooling-off period ends

By Mary Ford
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The 45-day "cooling-off" period for two Cohasset police officers has come to an end. But the status of the officers still appears to be in limbo.

Selectmen went into executive session Tuesday night to discuss the police matter. Police Chief Robert Jackson, Town Counsel Peter Berry, and Attorney Leonard H. Kesten, who is retained by the town's insurance company MIIA, were also present.

In a telephone interview Tuesday, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said the selectmen should have a decision soon "on the direction they are going to take" in the matter.

"The whole issue is being discussed right now," Sullivan said, but said he could not be more specific.

Sullivan said he thought there were some attempts at structured mediation during the 45-day break but that the parties were far apart.

The joint statement issued by the town and the officers on March 17 stated the parties had "agreed to a cooling off period during which they would attempt to resolve their employment disputes through a structured mediation process." The parties also agreed not to make comments to the press during this time and were committed to using good faith efforts to seek alternative resolutions to their disputes.

Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean were placed on paid administrative leave on Oct. 20 of last year amid allegations of conduct unbecoming a police officer and abuse of police power during some arrests. The town presented its case over three days of hearings this past winter before the cooling-off period was agreed to. The town has not rested its case and the officers did not have the chance to present their sides. Quigley and McLean have denied any wrongdoing and want to get back to work.

"It's gone on too long and we've been patient. But the town either has to put Quigley back to work or continue with the hearings."
— Attorney Kevin Powers

The department is currently down four uniformed officers including McLean and Quigley, and two officers who are on extended medical leave. The day shift detective was taken out of plain clothes and put back in uniform to cover shifts.

It is also unclear how the unexpected exit of Town Manager Mark Haddad, who served as the hearing officer, will impact the disciplinary hearings should they continue.

Douglas Louison of Merrick, Louison and Costello, who is representing the officers in the disciplinary hearings, said because Haddad was the fact finder and the appointing authority, arguably the hearings, if they resume, may have to start over.

Louison said he has not been contacted or advised by anyone on the status of the officers.

"It's increasingly frustrating for me and more importantly for the officers," he said. Louison said there was one day of mediation before the cooling-off period and nothing came of it.

There is still a pending lawsuit, launched by Quigley, naming Haddad and Chief Jackson personally and the town of Cohasset, for interfering with Quigley's employment as a police officer and invading his privacy. Depositions on that matter were due to start in March but were pushed back by 45 days pending the outcome of mediation talks.

Attorney Kevin Powers of Rodgers, Powers & Schwartz, who is representing Quigley in the civil suit, said the town has to come to a decision.

"It's gone on too long and we've been patient," Powers said. "But the town either has to put Quigley back to work or continue with the hearings."

Powers explained if he does not hear anything by the beginning of next week, he will proceed with the discovery phase of the civil suit that includes requesting the production of documents and conducting interrogatories, which is questioning the defendants under oath.

If the town returns Quigley to work, the defendants could still be liable for Quigley's attorney fees, lost overtime and damages for emotional distress, he said.

In March, the District Attorney's office notified the town it had looked into a series of Quigley's police stops and arrests that Chief Jackson provided and based upon the information furnished could not find any wrongdoing. But the DA said if the town had more information to send it along so the office could satisfactorily respond to Chief Jackson's request for an investigation.

The officers claim the town's disciplinary action was in retaliation for their actions relative to the police chief's family.

Quigley arrested Keith Jackson, the chief's son, the night of an alleged altercation at the Legion post and was on duty when Keith Jackson's former girlfriend and her father went to the station to file a complaint that Keith Jackson had hit her on several occasions.

McLean admonished then-Officer Brian Curran, the chief's son-in-law, for not following proper union procedures relative to an overtime grievance that resulted in the chief stripping McLean of his collateral duty as fleet manager. McLean then notified the national police union about unfair labor practices.

Town Counsel Peter Berry did not return a phone call Tuesday.

Revaluation notice to property owners

The Cohasset Board of Assessors will resume its ongoing revaluation effort as it prepares for recertification by the Department of Revenue for Fiscal Year 2005. During the next few months the assessors' staff will be physically inspecting residential properties in town. Due to the high volume of inspections, the staff will conduct daily door-to-door inspections as time permits.

The staff will perform an interior inspection, noting any changes on the property record card. The entire inspection will take just a few minutes. Measurement of buildings will be verified, if necessary. Digital cameras will be used to produce photos of the exterior of the building for the database.

The assessors' staff will be able to produce proper identification. If the homeowner or a person over 18 years of age is not at home on the first call, a notice will be left asking the homeowner to call for an appointment.

The scope of this update is to test the quality of the town's database and make any necessary corrections.

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Mini-van to look like school bus

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Pick up a box of Crayola crayons, and there is likely to be one called "school bus yellow," but for the contingent of students who are picked up for school by a white van in the morning, that standard doesn't apply. However, that will all soon change as the Cohasset school district will be receiving a new yellow van this summer, all at the request of Transportation Coordinator Peggy Litchfield.

"I wanted a school bus yellow van," said Litchfield, adding because the special education van the schools currently have is white, many motorists don't equate it with being a school bus. "Sometimes I have trouble getting people to stop for the big bus," she said, and she expects a yellow van will serve as another means of ensuring the safety of students in Cohasset.

The new van will be outfitted with both amber and red lights, just like the big buses, to indicate to motorists when the driver will be stopping. With all the features it has, "It really is a mini bus," said Litchfield.

But in addition to the safety it will add, Litchfield said it will be a positive change for the students who ride on it. She said after talking to some of the students who are transported by van every day, they have all said they're "very excited they're going to have a yellow van, just like the buses," said Litchfield.

Litchfield has been driving buses in Cohasset for the past seven years, and serving as transportation coordinator for the past two. However, she began her driving career behind the wheel of a special needs van and realizes the importance the color will play in making the new van an integrated member of the transportation fleet.

The new van will be outfitted with both amber and red lights, just like the big buses, to indicate to motorists when the driver will be stopping.

Article 11 at the fall Special Town Meeting held last November, allocated $35,000 for one new special education van and $60,000 for a new school bus. The van was purchased from National Van Builders Inc., for $26,353 and has a guaranteed delivery date of June 20. Litchfield said she would like to keep the white van as well because "It's nice to have a back-up," especially when it comes to transporting students in wheelchairs.

The new bus was purchased from Stoneham Motor Company for $30,299 and is almost exactly the same as the other new flat-nosed bus which was delivered this year. Litchfield said the new bus that has already arrived is working out very well, although it did take some getting used to. But the kids who ride on it "love it," she said. "They think they're king of the hill."

The brand new bus should arrive in Cohasset by July 1.

School Committee member Rick Flynn said the bids for the vehicles were much less than anticipated and "We're actually turning back money," to the town. Of the $95,000 allocated, roughly $56,700 was spent, and Flynn said the remaining $38,000 will most likely be deposited into the town's general fund.

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Town Clerks ready

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May 17, those relationships will be described on the forms as mother/parent and father/parent.

The new forms also ask applicants whether they've ever been in a civil union or a domestic partnership, an addition to the current question which asks whether applicants were previously married.

Hutchenrider said if the applicants are from out of state, they will be required to explain where they intend to live.

She said these changes will not be difficult for town clerks to handle.

But what has been difficult is fielding questions on the issue from the inquisitive public, when the clerks themselves did not have the answers, Hutchenrider explained.

Since the Supreme Judicial Court ruling last fall, Hutchenrider said town clerks have been left in the dark on the issue.

"The thing that's been difficult for us is not having any information at all," she said. "It's been a knock down drag out fight to get information."

But that has changed over the past two weeks as town clerks attended training workshops.

Douglas and assistant town clerk Carol St. Pierre attended a two-hour workshop Friday in Canton with a representative from the governor's office and the director of vital records in the state.

"The main thing that is different is that we have to ask everyone for proof of residency," Douglas explained.

Under state law, marriage licenses cannot be issued if that marriage would be not be recognized in another state. Massachusetts is the only state in the country where same-sex marriage is permitted by law.

On Nov. 18, 2003, the state Supreme Judicial Court in a 4-3 vote ruled there is no prohibition to same sex marriage in the state constitution but stayed the entry of judgment for 180 days to give the state Legislature time "to take such action as it may deem necessary in light of this opinion."

The Legislature passed a proposed constitutional amendment that would declare marriage as the union between one man and one woman, and would give two persons of the same sex the right to form a civil union. The next legislative session would have to vote on and pass a bill for the proposed amendment to be presented to the voters in the November 2006 election.

"The main thing that is different is that we have to ask everyone for proof of residency."
— Town Clerk Marion Douglas

Douglas said so far one same-sex couple has inquired about applying for a marriage license in Cohasset.

Hutchenrider said despite the controversy that has hovered around the issue of gay marriage, Massachusetts town clerks must put whatever personal beliefs they have on the issue aside, and simply do their job.

Marriage intentions

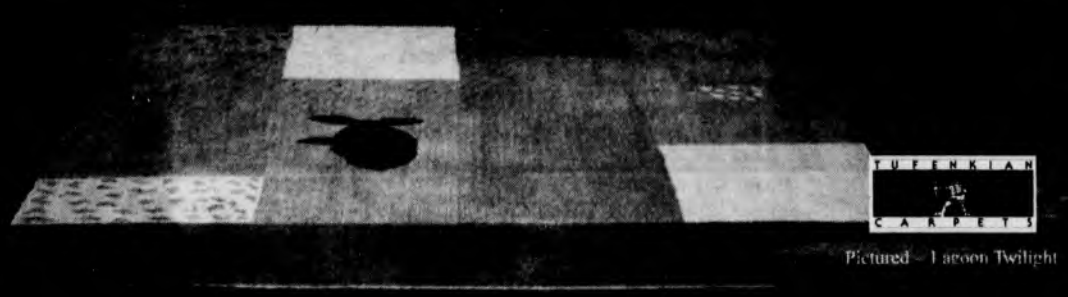
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Selectmen are faced with more questions than answers

Try to regroup without Haddad

In their first meeting Tuesday since Haddad left, selectmen appeared to have trouble coming to a consensus on more than one issue.

By Samantha Brown
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In the wake of Town Manager Mark Haddad's abrupt departure last week, a sea of responsibility will need to be divvied up, and at this stage, it seems there are many loose ends and unanswered questions to be addressed as the town moves forward.

In their first meeting Tuesday since he left, selectmen appeared to have trouble coming to a consensus on more than one issue. While the selectmen voted last week in favor of installing one utility pole on South Main Street — which would be on the opposite side of the street from all the other poles and would send wires over the street to the house — it was brought up again for discussion. Some residents had expressed suggestions to selectmen regarding other ways the wires could be run, making the pole on the other side of the street unnecessary and eliminate wires over the street. However, Selectman Rob Spofford was against bringing the issue up again and asked, "Are we going to start rethinking votes?"

Spofford said not only can the board not take back a vote just because it wants to, but because that resident was told to go ahead he has probably already begun work and it would be unfair for him to have to stop because the board has changed its mind on something it already made a decision on.

There were many concerns that surfaced regarding the train. Questions regarding a possible whistle-stop station, including whose idea it was to reconsider the plans that were in place for Cohasset, as well as the train's effect on flooding and the James Brook culvert will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

The Waterfield Design Group, which is designing the downtown streetscape for the Village Revitalization project, has taken on design work for the culvert. Selectmen said plans currently show a design for a 50-year storm, rather than 100-year storm, which the Federal Emergency Management Agency requires. Spofford said he would like to know why the town has design plans for a 50-year rather than a 100, and added to change it will cost the town money.

"Who told them to design at 50 years? If they just wanted to do 50 years because it's cheaper, I have a problem with that," Spofford said.

There were also questions regarding the downtown village project as talk surfaced regarding whether the Waterfield Design Group has really been following the orders from the board. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said there has been a loss of roughly five parking spaces, which is not going to work for the merchants downtown, and was not directed by the board.

"That represents a change from what Waterfield said they designed," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris, adding the board has been assured from the beginning there will be no loss of spaces. While McMorris said she has not seen the most recent set of plans, Dormitzer said they do reflect a loss of parking.

"I still don't know where the clock came from," said Selectman Fred Koed, which was another element that was not originally in the plans.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt said he has been watching the selectmen's meetings throughout the revitalization talks, and wishes he had a nickel for every time former Selectman Merle Brown had to ask for the bumpouts to be taken out. "There's been someone else directing (Waterfield), and what you guys want and what the town wants aren't making it to the plans."

As of now, the board has not come to any consensus as to whether it would support a whistle-stop station or not, but it will be working toward ironing out some of its differences and gaining more information on various issues including the James Brook Culvert and the plans for the Downtown Revitalization the next few weeks. The board is scheduled to meet again Tuesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Too much power for one person?

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all-encompassing.

"It was the perfect storm," Pratt said. "We had a do-nothing board of selectmen and an overly aggressive town manager."

But Tom Gruber, who led the citizen's petition drive that brought the issue before the annual Town Meeting in the spring of 1997, says the Town Manager Act has worked very well.

"The selectmen act more like the board of directors and the town manager has all the responsibility for running the day-to-day activities with the exception of the schools," he said.

"So much more has gotten done in the past seven years here than before," said Gruber, noting the town is in a much stronger financial position than in 1997. He also said a town manager adds consistency in town management where boards can change at every election.

When the town manager form of government came before Town Meeting, a majority of the selectmen were against the change. Selectman Ronnie McMorris argued at the time for a "strong" town administrator and worried that a town manager would have too much operational control over the town.

Pratt, who was the sole selectman to endorse moving to a town manager, now says selectmen have allowed too much power to be centralized in the hands of the town manager. One change he suggests is having the director of finance report to the selectmen and not the town manager.

"We need to build into the act more checks and balances to protect the public's interest," he said. "There has to be 100 percent visibility over the expenditure of town funds. Substantial reform is needed to bring the public back into town government."

"There has to be an effective middle ground between being fully decentralized and highly centralized," Pratt said.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said it makes sense to look at the Town Manager Act to see if it should be altered to some degree. "It certainly makes sense to discuss concerns," he said.

But overall he said the Town Manager has been a successful form of government.

"With all we went through over the past seven years, under the old form of government, we would not have come to the same conclusion," he said. "Having a point person has been very effective.

"The issue now is how much control and what built-in audit systems are needed to protect the interests of the town." He stressed selectmen have not had any reason for concern but looking at the Town Manager position from an organizational standpoint makes sense now that there is a vacancy.

Newly elected Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who likened the town manager to an "unelected mayor," says selectmen need to be more involved in the budget process. The way it is now, he said, the town manager is both the CEO and the CFO and once the budget is approved can move money around in different categories without oversight.

"Because selectmen have not been part of building the budget, they are not sure what happens," he said.

Dormitzer said Cohasset needs to look at the experience other towns have had with town managers and town administrators to see how those jobs are constructed and to have the government structure committee take another look at the town manager position.

In recent developments, Pratt cited the $300,000 spent on design for revitalizing the village, still with no final design; and the fact the Cook estate package was awarded to a developer without the question of handling the septic system being answered; and lack of communication between the MBTA and James Brook flood control projects regarding wetlands, as recent examples of management problems at town hall.

"Any one of these could be a colossal failure," Pratt said. "But the town is working with volunteers to straighten this out."

Severance pay for Haddad undisclosed

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said Tuesday the board does not yet have an answer on how much money former town manager Mark Haddad will receive subsequent to his resignation.

"Nothing is totally finalized at this point," Sullivan said, adding he hopes to have the matter "finalized within the next couple of days."

Haddad abruptly resigned Wednesday, May 5. Selectmen continue to be tight-lipped about Haddad's exit only saying it was for personal reasons. Selectmen formally voted Tuesday night to appoint Director of Finance Michael Buckley to serve as Town Manager in the interim.

Water main flushing continues next week

The Water Department is flushing water mains through May 31. Flushing will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. The anticipated flushing schedule for the week of May 17 follows:

May 17– Jerusalem Road from Forest Street to Atlantic Avenue and all streets off this section of Jerusalem Road.

May 18 – Pond St. from Route 3A to the High School; Clay Spring Rd.; Reservoir Rd.; Old Pasture Rd.; Tupelo Rd.; Bayberry Lane; Arrowwood Rd.; Evergreen La.; Pleasant St.; Sohier St. from Deer Hill School to Ripley Rd.; Smith Pl.; and Cushing Rd. from Smith Pl. to Norfolk Rd.

May 19 – Pond St. from the High School to Spring St.; Woodland Rd.; Holly La.; Bancroft Rd.; Norfolk Rd.; Hill St.; Ash St.; Oak St.; Norfolk Ln..; Cushing Rd. from Norfolk Rd. to Spring St.; Virginia La.; Lantern La.; and Spring St.

Residents will be provided advance notification in the Patriot Ledger and Cohasset Mariner of the schedule for flushing each segment of the system. In addition, temporary street signs will be placed strategically around the affected area on the day of flushing.

Residents should monitor the Water Dept.'s web site, www.cohassetwater.org and the local cable access, Channel 10 for schedule changes.

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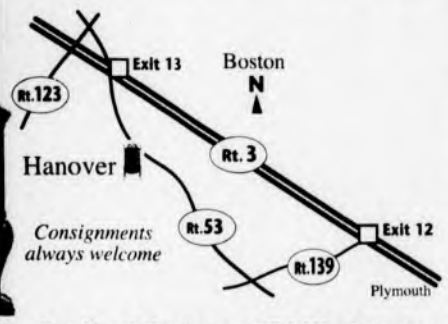
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Three-time cancer survivor in Relay For Life

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helped carry him through, and now he is cancer free.

"You have two choices when you're diagnosed with cancer. You can either sit and think about it, or make it a positive experience," he said. He chose the latter.

For the past three years, St. Onge has served as one of three captains for the Glastonbury Abbey's Relay For Life team and is helping raise money for the American Cancer Society while spreading the word about his recovery. The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is an overnight benefit event in which team members take turns either running or walking laps, trying to keep one team member on the course at all times.

But there was a time when St. Onge would not have been able to participate in the Relay.

St. Onge was diagnosed with his first bout of cancer in 2000. Knowing he has a history of cancer in his family, he said he has always been very careful about getting an annual physical. When tests during a routine checkup on his prostate came back slightly elevated, his doctor suggested a biopsy be done, and that December, his prostate was removed.

The following May, at his next annual physical, the doctor found a lump on St. Onge's neck, and he was then diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system, and he was scheduled for surgery once more.

However, St. Onge said that throughout those first two cancers, no amount of surgery or chemotherapy could slow him down that much. An avid runner, he had been running eight miles a day even during his illness. However, just when he thought he was cancer-free, he began to notice he couldn't finish his run without stopping, even if just for 30 seconds to catch his breath, and began to wonder if that might be something he should get checked out by his doctor.

"You have two choices when you're diagnosed with cancer. You can either sit and think about it, or make it a positive experience."
— Harry St. Onge

In the fall of 2001, St. Onge returned to the doctor who found there was a small gray area on one of his lungs. "The doctor had no clue what it was," St. Onge recalled. A bronchioscopy was scheduled, and it came back negative, and a lung biopsy showed nothing either. But when a small piece of scar tissue from his lung was removed, testing showed it was malignant, and St. Onge underwent another surgery to remove two lobes in his right lung.

While it did take some time for St. Onge to get his lung capacity back, he started off taking short walks down to the end of the street, and has worked his way back to running eight miles again. "I ran this morning," he said.

He said by having a healthy lifestyle, he believes he has been able to recover more quickly. "I got all that out of the way, and now I'm fine," he said with a smile.

Because he has such an unusual success story, St. Onge said by sharing his tale, other people will be able to see how well he's done and feel a renewed sense of hope for their condition as well. "In most cases, cancer is not a death sentence," he said. "There's a lot of hope out there for people who've been diagnosed."

By participating in the Relay as a survivor, St. Onge said it has really opened his eyes to the amount of people who have gone through similar experiences. "Until you start talking about it, you don't know how many other people have the same situation," he said. "It's been a very rewarding and uplifting experience," he said.

In addition to the Relay, which will take place June 18 and 19 at Cohasset Middle-High School, there are events in town that will help raise funds for the American Cancer Society. St. Onge said this year the Spain Brothers will be playing a concert of Irish music at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center on June 5. Like so many who hear about helping the American Cancer Society, St. Onge said when he asked the band if they would like to perform, they said yes without hesitation.

With his continuing good health, St. Onge says he has been enjoying spending time with his family, including wife Kathy, son Mark, daughter Heather, and her new baby Connor who was born the day before the Super Bowl. St. Onge runs every day and is taking good care of himself, and keeping up with his regular physicals.

"You can't be complacent," he said, adding every time he gets a headache or a pain that's a little different, he thinks twice about whether he should have it checked out by his doctor. While he says it's important to live for today and leave the past in the past, it is very important for him to be conscious about his health moving forward.

"All three cancers were detected very early, and in that case I've been very fortunate," he said.

For more information on the Relay for Life on June 18 & 19 at Alumni Field, please visit the American Cancer Society's web site at www.cancer.org, or contact Justine Vanderlugt at (781) 383-2956.

Several shops are slated for the old ABB Optical site

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"We wanted to make it a destination point," said McColgan, adding she would love to see customers come in her shop for tea and a light lunch, then stay and shop in the others. Her current tea shop does not have the space for a sit-down tea room where she could offer finger sandwiches or tea cakes, and the move is something she has been looking forward to.

McColgan said her shop will be located at the front of the building, which resembles a Cape-style house. Peterson will also have her soap shop in the building. Peterson's husband, who owns the Platinum Spike, currently located in the Village next to French Memories, will also be moving to the building on Pleasant Street. Other possible businesses include a flower shop and a health food shop.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who has been very involved with the Village Revitalization efforts, said as far back as he can remember, that site has never been used for retail businesses, but having more local business owners in the downtown area would be a wonderful thing to see.

"I will always support and encourage more businesses downtown," he said. However, at the root of any successful business venture is the traffic necessary to support them, and he said that area of the Village is "a little out of the way." However, he said having several small businesses in a cluster might be just the kind of setting to help get more interest going in that part of town. "I'd love it to do well," he said.

While Peterson plans on moving into the building just after passing papers, renovations will need to be completed in parts of the building to bring it up to code. The first floor will also need to be divided with a central corridor, to allow the various businesses to operate separately within. McColgan said she plans to begin working out of her store by July 1.



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The former ABB Optical building behind the art center has been sold and will soon house some new shops.

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Group to save teachers provides progress report

School board tackles concerns

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With $35,000 raised so far, members of the Committee to Save Three Teachers are optimistic they will be able to raise enough funding by the end of this school year to retain three elementary teaching positions which would otherwise be cut.

The committee has set its overall goal at $105,000, which would pay the salaries for three entry-level teaching positions for one year. Because three teachers will be retiring at the end of this school year, the school committee decided it would not include hiring replacements in the budget as a cost-saving measure.

"Although we did not want to cut teachers, we felt it was necessary," said School Committee member Rick Flynn. Even with a Prop. 2-1/2 override — passed at the ballot box this April — the $400,000 gained wasn't enough to offset a dramatic decrease in state aid. Prop. 2-1/2 is the state law that caps the amount a municipality can raise its tax levy from year to year.

In an effort to answer questions and help allay some of the concerns that have been expressed around town, members of the Committee to Save Three Teachers, headed up by Barbara Buckley, came before the School Committee again last week. However, because the campaign was discussed at length at the School Committee's last meeting, and was not listed on the agenda, Flynn said the conversation would have to be somewhat limited. However, he acknowledged the fact that many residents around town have questions about the fund-raising and some concerns have been expressed, and it is important to clear up any misunderstandings if possible.

Buckley's committee says losing three teachers will have a dramatic impact on the education of elementary level students in Cohasset. With three teachers gone, students in three different grade levels will be moved from six classes down to five, which will mean more children in the affected classrooms.

"We have an opportunity to fix a problem in our schools, even if it's only temporary."
— Barbara Buckley, Committee to Save Three Teachers

"There are two things that are not debatable in education. The value of reading to children in their preschool years and the value of small class sizes," said Barbara Buckley who has spearheaded the fund-raising efforts. She added while she realizes there may be other answers to the problem, currently hers is the only group actively seeking out a solution.

"We have an opportunity to fix a problem in our schools, even if it's only temporary," she said.

Osgood Elementary School Principal Janet Sheehan said the loss of three teachers will impact class size. The projected enrollment for next year's second grade class is 117 students. While students are currently divided into six classrooms, the loss of a teacher in that grade would mean a reduction to five classrooms with 23.4 students per class, up from the current 20 per class. Sheehan said in grade three, it is projected there will be 121 students enrolled next year, and with five classes there would be 24.2 students per class. Grade four has 127 projected students for next year, and with five classrooms there will be 25.4 students per class.

Buckley acknowledges there have been concerns floating around town. School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said one of the main concerns that has been voiced to her, which is a concern she shares, is the impact raising private funds will have on future overrides. If private funds are raised now, she said there is a good chance overrides will not pass in the future if people think private donations are an option to cover the cost. "Sometimes our best efforts can backfire," said MacCarthy.

In addition, MacCarthy said when funds are raised it is usually better if they can be used toward something tangible. The $105,000 is only a "Band-Aid" and will not solve the problem after next year. She said while it would be great to see the three teaching positions retained, if any have to go, the elementary levels might not be the worst scenario as many teachers have aides with them in the classroom.

Flynn said there has also been some discussion around the funds themselves and how they might be spent.

"The money being raised has been earmarked for teaching positions. The fund-raisers have no ability to tell us who those teachers will be. Janet Sheehan and Keith Gauley will make the decision as to which grade levels need the teachers the most," said Flynn.

In addition, Flynn said he has heard some in town don't think the school committee should not accept the funding Buckley's committee raises. However, he said the funding will be accepted without any expectations from the group that has raised it, and it has been made clear from the beginning there has been no commitment from the school committee to fund the positions moving forward.

For more information on the Committee to Save Three Teachers,, please call Barbara Buckley (before 9 p.m.) at (781) 383-8261. Donations will be accepted until the end of this school year, and checks should be made out to the Cohasset Educational Foundation. Checks can be sent to Buckley's home address at 272 North Main St.

Village plans not in concrete

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Selectmen are still split on whether the town needs to appoint a new downtown revitalization review committee to help take a second look at the plans drawn by the Waterfield Design Group, and offer expertise for how to potentially make the project better.

The board voted 3-2 last week in favor of the idea, however, discussion still continued this week regarding whether it makes sense to have a committee charged with taking a second look at plans that have already been finalized.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris, who did not vote in favor of appointing the committee, said at this point, she thinks the community would be best served by having the members of the task force as well as the Waterfield Design Group and the Board of Selectmen come together to meet at a public hearing, but does not see the need of having the group make suggestions on its own. "A public hearing would let everyone come together and hash this out with everyone present," she said.

However, Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who has been heading up the effort to assemble the task force, said there are still some major issues that need to be resolved, and this group could be the cost-effective way to make that happen. He said for a project that is going to last the town for the next 50 years, it's important it gets done right. The task force would be able to put additional information on the table, for a plan that "truthfully needs to be reconsidered."

Dormitzer said the loss of parking spaces the current plans show, as well as the decision to add decorative lighting fixtures between utility poles, must be addressed.

Dormitzer said the loss of parking spaces the current plans show, as well as the decision to add decorative lighting fixtures between utility poles, must be addressed. In addition, using poured concrete when more than 400 residents have said they are interested in having anything but concrete, goes against what the town wants.

Dormitzer also said the plans do not include any improvements to the area by Cohasset News and the Village Butcher Shop & Deli, which to some is seen as the area of the village in need of the most help. However, McMorris said Waterfield was never directed to look at that area.

Selectman Rob Spofford said Dormitzer had just done a great job of summarizing the task force's concerns, and he agrees with McMorris that appointing the group is probably unnecessary and maybe it shouldn't be done.

"We also have a precedent that the minority rules in this town, and last week I lost," he said sarcastically, and if the board already voted to go against a Town Meeting vote by bringing up the discussion to change the plans, even when the town has already spoken, why not go back on this vote too?

Phil Smith, 26 Elm St., said he thinks the plans drawn by Waterfield have "been railroaded through this place." He said if the plans aren't reflecting what the town wants, the design group isn't doing its job.

"I deal with clients every day. Our town is the client, and they have to listen to the town," Smith said.

McMorris said there have been concerns the plans have been changed and do not reflect what the board was under the assumption it was receiving, and that will need to be discussed with Waterfield.

"As much should be finalized before they come because they're going to charge us more money," said Roger Hill, 19 Highland Ave., adding he has seen Waterfield called in when there's confusion, only to leave the town in confusion, charging money for every visit.

"I would have fired them two years ago. They have done a number on this town," said James Watson, owner of Cohasset Hardware.

The board appointed the committee, which includes Bob Sturdy, Jim Sandell, Phil Smith, George McGoldrick, Neil Murphy, Tom Hamilton, Amyra O'Connell, David Chase, Wayne Sawchuk, and Dormizer. While Spofford had planned on being a part of the committee, he will be out of town on business, and because the group will want to move quickly, McMorris will take his place.

All-facilities stickers to go on sale June 7

The expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. The "all facility sticker" for the next fiscal year will be on sale starting the week of June 7 during normal business hours at the town hall and at the DPW garage on weekends starting June 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. An "all facilities sticker" will be $30, the second vehicle $30 and seniors is $15.

This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, Sandy Beach as well as, include parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Dept. of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town. You are encouraged to purchase your sticker by mail by providing the appropriate fee, a copy of your current registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

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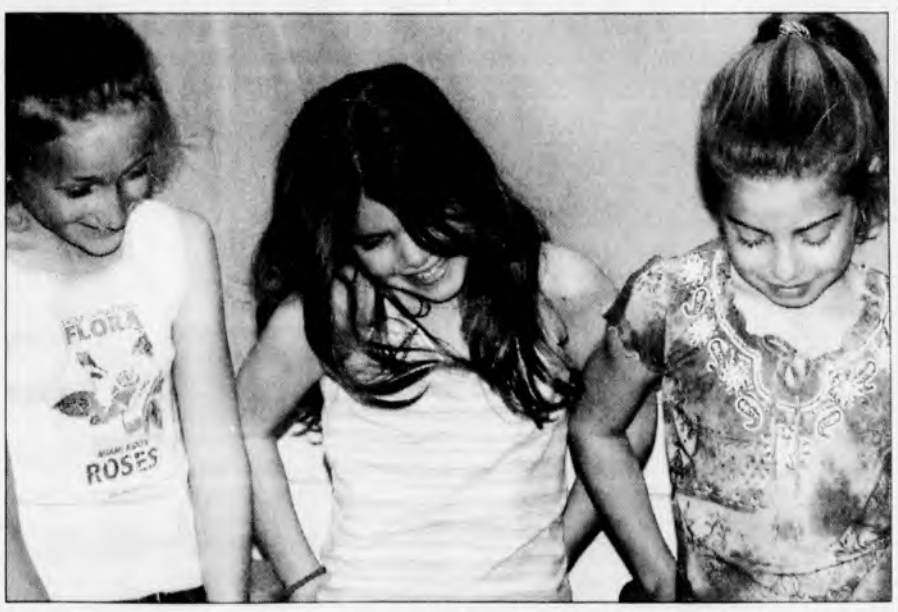
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ARTS NIGHT AT OSGOOD

On Wednesday evening, May 19, the Osgood School Parent School Organization (PSO) will host an Arts Night for students, parents and friends. Using the school's successful Math and Science Night as a model, Arts Night will feature exploratory stations focusing on various art forms including dance, music, pottery, illustration, painting, and more. The highlights of Arts Night include Scituate artist **Mat Brown**, chief creator and illustrator of Building 19's popular cartoon ads. He will offer short hands-on demonstrations in illustration and offer his belief that illustration is something anyone can do –with practice and desire!

The Osgood School gymnasium will showcase the Boston Ballet School, presenting performances throughout the evening. Osgood School Art teacher **Betsy Ogden** will demonstrate on the pottery wheel and with student participation hopes to create a unique and inspired sculpture. Gym teacher **Kevin Dykas** will celebrate rhythm and movement with line dancing. And, Deer Hill instrumentalists will showcase some of the many instruments in a marching band. Arts Night is supported in part by a grant from the Cohasset Cultural Council, as administered by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Arts Night will begin at 5:30 p.m. and run until 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19th. It is open to the Osgood School family. Admission is free.



CANCER BENEFIT

From left are Paul and Sue McHugh of Cohasset with Heather and Mike Kelley of Hingham. The couples recently joined 300 guests bedecked in fancy hats as they celebrated this year's Kentucky Derby in style at the American Cancer Society's Gala 2004 at the Castle at Park Plaza in Boston on May 1. In the past five years, this gala event has raised $2.7 million in vital funds to benefit the Society's programs of research, education, advocacy, and patient services.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

For all those who are looking for a great night out and who want to remember "the Chief" come to the Sons of Italy Hall on Route 3A in Hingham this Saturday night. The Fourth Annual Robert A. Goyette Scholarship Fund is underway and Bob's family is holding this an evening of dinner and entertainment to benefit this fund. The scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving girl and a deserving boy from the graduating class of CHS. For a $15 admission at the door, you will be able to feast on an all-you-can-eat buffet of spaghetti and meatballs (Bob's favorite meal), enjoy some entertainment with Butch Sterns, the Fox 25 sports anchor returning as emcee, and take part in raffles and an auction for some amazing prizes.

Last year was a very busy one to say the least in the family with **Tom and Jane** welcoming **Jillian** in April; **Tim and Nancy** welcoming **Brooke** in July; and **Pete and Jacqui** welcoming "little Peter" in August. Now that things are a bit settled down, they are ready to have a fantastic evening and would love to have everyone come and continue this tradition with them. For anyone who is unable to attend, donations are welcome and can be mailed to **Jacqui Goyette-Vitello**, 275 Cedar St., Cohasset MA 02025.

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Spring fling, art show fundraiser for school

On Saturday, May 15, the Carriage House School, offering a Toddler Program and Preschool classes for children from ages 16 months to 5 years, will host it's bi-annual fundraiser, Spring Fling. This year, the school will have a fun-filled evening with drinks, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and a silent and live auction.

Spring Fling will be held at the Carriage House School, 23 North Main St., in Cohasset from 7 to 11 p.m. The evening will kick off with a silent auction offering a vast array of items to bid on in support of the Carriage House. One of a kind items include handmade jewelry and specialty items for the home, as well as a pair of boxing gloves signed by Muhammad Ali.

The Live Auction will commence later in the evening and Anthony Everett, co-anchor of NewsCenter 5, will be the auctioneer for the evening. Live Auction items will feature fabulous packages including a weekend in Vermont, Boston Red Sox tickets and a stay at a Nantucket home, as well as beautiful children's art items made by the Carriage House School children.

Homemade hors d'oeuvres will be served as well as an assortment of desserts. Lively music from DJ Tom Bleakney, drummer of the Mitchell Brothers Band will keep things moving until 11 p.m.

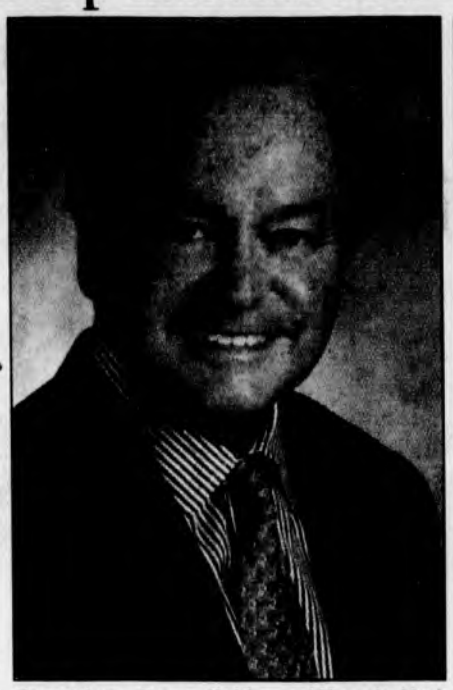
Tickets to Spring Fling are $25 per person and may be purchased at the door with cash or check. Please call the school at 781-383-9785 if you have any questions.

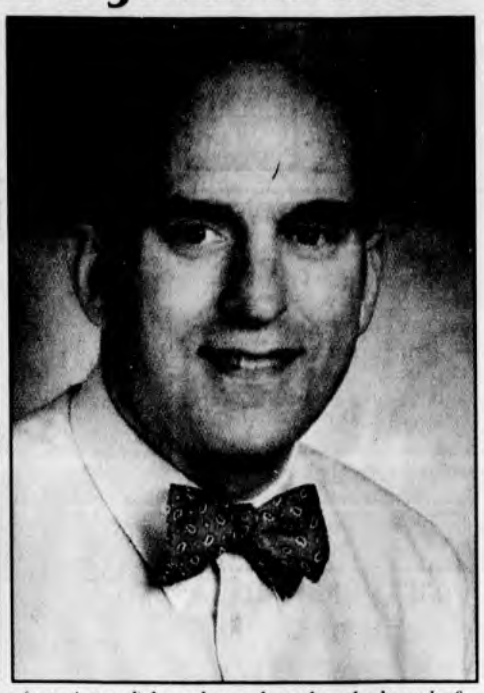
Evan Pestone top lacrosse rookie at Johnson State

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HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Three Cohasset residents have been elected to the board of trustees of South Shore Health Educational Foundation, which generates philanthropic support for South Shore Hospital. They are: **Gary Adams,** vice president of Anchor/Russell Capital Advisors, Inc.; **Steven Golden,** MD, a board-certified family medicine physician and member of South Shore Hospital's medical staff; and **Victoria Hurley,** principal of Fulham Hurley & Co. Insurance Agency. Congratulations to you all.





Gary Adams, Steven Golden and Victoria Hurley (not pictured) have been elected to the board of trustees of South Shore Health Educational Foundation, which generates philanthropic support for South Shore Hospital.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

The Cohasset Historical Society program committee has planned two exciting events for May. Geologist, **Peter Dillon,** will lead an exploration of Cohasset granite on Sunday afternoon, May 16. The group will leave from the Society headquarters at the Pratt Building at 1:30 for a 2-1/2 to 3 hour tour of sites around town. Attendees should dress in comfortable, weather appropriate clothing and footwear.

On May 19, the Historical Society welcomes **Leslie Silvia** who will discuss her mother's book, "Once Upon An Island." The event will be held at the Historical Society's headquarters at the Pratt Building, 100 South Main St., at 7:30 p.m.. This is a free lecture open to the public as well as Society members. Light refreshments will be served.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Evan Pestone, a freshman goalie at Johnson State College in Johnson , Vt. was named to All-NAC Conference Lacrosse team and also named, Rookie of the Year. Great work Evan!

SWIM, DIVING SIGNUPS

Attention returning swimmers & dives! The 2004 season sign-up for returning swimmers and divers, to the Cohasset Swim & Dive Team, will be held on Saturday May 15, 2004 from 9am-12pm at Town Hall.

GARDEN TOUR

The Cohasset Garden Club will present a garden tour, 'Seaside Reflections' on Wednesday, June 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. The tour features seven ocean-side or river-view gardens and includes a tailgate picnic lunch at Sandy Beach. Tickets are $40. Call 781-383-1406 to request an invitation. Advance ticket sales only, before June 5.

POST PROM PARTY

The CHS prom is coming up on Friday, May 28 and the Post Prom Party is going to be a wonderful way for the prom-goers to continue their evening into the wee hours of the morning in a fun, safe and entertaining way. What is needed at this time are chaperones for the event. If you are a parent of a junior student, this is the best way to help out in a super situation and learn the ropes for next year when it is your child's turn at the prom. Anyone who has a senior student as a babysitter, friend, or who just wants to make a difference by helping out should volunteer for this great event.

The location is at Cohasset Middle/High School and the times needed are from 2-5 am or from 11 at night to 2 a.m. Yes, the times are tricky but it is a way for us to feel young again and stay up all night! Why not, it is only for one night and it is truly a fun experience. It is also rewarding to know that the kids are safe and having a really nice time. For more information call **Stephanie Noble** at 781-383-6278

That is all for this week. All news and event information needs to be received no later than Mondays by 5 p.m. in order to be seen in that week's column.

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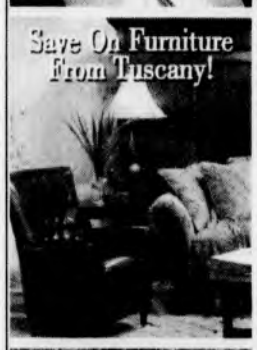


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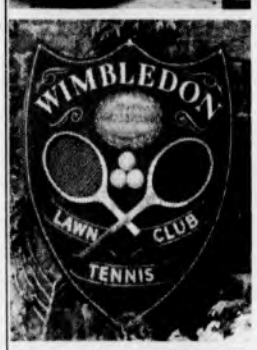








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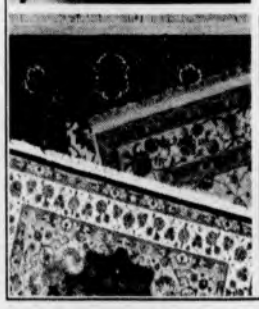
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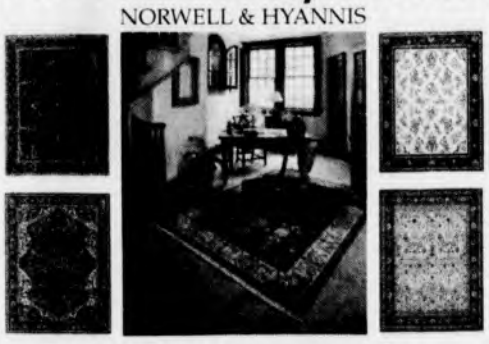








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House builds some changes into 40B

Affordable housing law stays on books

By Michael Levenson
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The House voted 151-1 Monday to preserve but overhaul the state's 34-year-old affordable housing law, saying some communities in Massachusetts are being crushed by sprawling developments.

Under the 1969 law, developers in communities with less than 10 percent affordable housing can avoid local zoning and land use restrictions if they agree to make 25 percent of the proposed units affordable.

But this is only a first step, explains state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham. The bill now goes to the Senate and then to the Conference Committee where differences between the House and Senate versions are worked out.

Bradley described his support and that of state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, as "conditional at this point."

"This is not near being done," Bradley said. "It could be the same thing that played out two years ago – when we ended up fighting it (40b bill)."

On the House floor, proponents credited the law with creating about 22,000 homes for people under 80 percent of the median income in Massachusetts. Called the anti-snob zoning law, they said it has helped diversify suburbs and enable long-time residents to remain in communities with soaring property values.

But opponents said developers have used the law as a wedge to drive giant developments into some communities, against the wishes of residents and local officials. Their pleas for relief helped drive the bill in the House, though many amendments to the bill offered by suburban lawmakers were defeated.

Under the bill communities are offered several forms of relief.

Bradley says one significant change would allow communities to reject 40b projects that could negatively impact a town's water quality or supply. He cited Cohasset's 200-unit AvalonBay project, which is near that town's drinking water supply, as an example.

Another amendment would allow a community to count 75 percent of an assisted living or senior housing project that includes a down payment and rent, such as Hingham's 2,000-unit Erickson project. Bradley described the project as a hybrid under 40b because it is not really home ownership and not really rental. Currently Hingham is only guaranteed that 10 percent of the Erickson units will count.

"Adopting that amendment would be significant boost to the Town of Hingham," Bradley said.

Communities that increase their affordable housing stock by 2 percent per year would also be granted a one-year break from the law. Communities would be allowed to count state mental health and mental retardation homes, as well as other forms of state-sponsored affordable housing, toward the 10 percent goal.

Communities would also be given a list of size criteria to allow them to reject the largest developments. Projects deemed inappropriate because of surrounding land uses, proximity to transportation, services, public utilities and design could also be rejected.

Many of the changes grew out of a task force appointed last year by Gov. Mitt Romney to overhaul the law. House lawmakers also held hearings around the state and visited buildings constructed under the law.

Lawmakers rejected an amendment 112-42, which was offered by Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, that would have allowed communities to adopt another affordable housing law, instead of Chapter 40b.

Under Hynes' proposal, communities that required developers to make at least 10 percent of the units in a project affordable would be allowed to suspend the anti-snob zoning law. Hynes called the existing law a "nightmare" and a "failure" and said his plan — known as inclusionary zoning — would offer communities "a second pathway" to affordability.

Bradley, who backed Hynes' proposal, said many Republicans did not. He surmised they were "in the fold" of the Romney administration, to speak, which supported the task force report.

Bradley and Hynes have an ally in the Senate. State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said if the bill that comes out of the Senate Housing Committee does provide substantial 40B reform, he will propose a series of amendments to ensure more reason affordable housing counts for communities; and more local control over 40B projects. Hedlund said he is prepared for a fight on the Senate floor if necessary.

Many urban legislators supported the bill, calling it a reasonable response to aggrieved suburban legislators. Some suburban legislators also supported the bill, but others called the law a total failure and offered more sweeping changes, which were rejected.

The Archdiocese of Boston supported the bill, saying it would enable the church to continue to pursue its mission of building housing for the poor. The law is also known by its chapter name, 40B.

"This bill provides important protections for communities while maintaining Chapter 40B intact as one of the most useful tools in the Commonwealth for promoting the needs of the housing deprived," said Gerry D'Avolio, executive director of the Massachusetts Catholic Conference, the church's policy arm.

Lobbyists representing builders said the bill went too far in offering communities relief.

The Massachusetts Home Builders Association released a statement saying, "To make any changes to the law at this time will only worsen the severe housing shortage that is threatening the social and economic well being of the Commonwealth."

Rep. Jeffery Sanchez, D-Jamaica Plain, voted against the bill.

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A world of ideas on exhibit

Children's museum hosts special event

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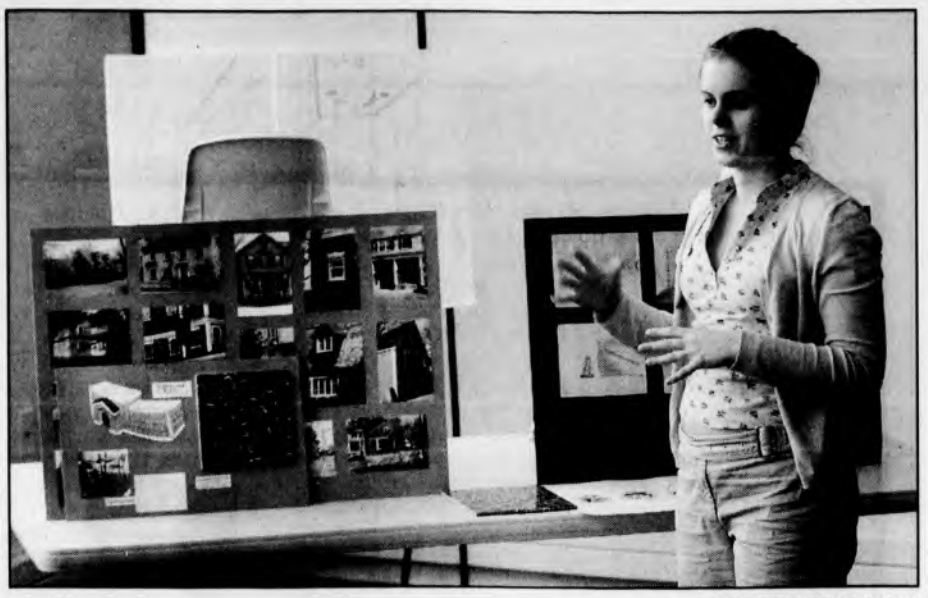
With all permanent exhibits for the Our World Global Children's Museum slated to be up and running by the fall of 2005, members of the museum staff have been busy compiling possible ideas for their designs. To that end, students from the Massachusetts College of Art were invited to put their creative skills to work for the museum, and design sample exhibits which will serve as a springboard for the museum to work from in the future.

By incorporating the younger perspective of college students, Program Coordinator Michele Dupuis said it expands the range of ideas the museum will be able to utilize in the final exhibit designs. While all exhibits will be designed and built by professional designers in the end, many of the ideas brought forth from the students will affect what is ultimately built. Dupuis said the museum will be putting the design of the exhibit project out to bid, and will accept the designer that best conveys the museum's goals.

The idea to ask students from the college to create sample designs came from Tom Newhall, chairman of the Exhibit Design and Building Committee. "I went to Mass Art," said Newhall, and thought working with its design program would be a win-win situation for all involved.

The museum, which is located in the 1929 wing of the former Osgood School, is devoted to creating opportunities for children throughout the South Shore to gain global awareness through play spaces, rotating exhibits, and programming. The sample exhibits were designed around the museum's goal and all appealed to the five senses.

Realizing the need for children to focus on their own immediate culture before being able to expand and learn about others, Mass Art student Liz Ashworth's presentation incorporated pieces of Cohasset's heritage. She brought photos of Cohasset Village, historic sites, and points of interest around town. She even designed a front desk, which would be shingled to mimic many buildings around town, with the option of including a built-in dog house for a potential furry friend. She also brought samples of tiles that could be used on the floors, which looked like photographs of green grass close up, or river rocks, which could be used in different sections of the building. As a special treat to appeal to the whimsical nature of children, Ashworth suggested having an upside-down gift shop, where children could "walk on the ceiling" of a house which looks as if it just crashed.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Massachusetts College of Art student Liz Ashworth explains her idea for the Our World Global Children's Discovery Museum in Cohasset.

Ashworth suggested having an upside-down gift shop, where children could "walk on the ceiling" of a house which looks as if it just crashed.

Alicia Fairclough said she did some research and found children learn better when they are interacting, which is why she chose to incorporate eating food from other cultures in her exhibit. She said by exposing children to food from different cultures, a bridge can be built as they realize while their food may be different, everyone eats. She also said it would be great if a guest chef could visit the museum once a month to cook exotic dishes, but on a day to day basis, having a vending machine with food or candy from different cultures could serve as an alternative.

Dupuis said if the vending machine was coin operated, it could open up the door to having an exchange station for different currencies and children could learn about the value of American money versus money from around the globe while eating a tasty treat.

The museum was given a giant wooden rhinoceros carving, which will be placed somewhere in the museum, and Lauren Nuhall thought it could be turned into the unofficial mascot for the museum. She suggested having a series of paintings outside the exhibits, which could have words for those children who do know how to read, but would tell a story through the illustration, depicting the different activities for children in the exhibit. While the larger wooden "mother rhino" would stand watch in the museum, the baby rhino in the pictures would encourage children to explore on their own, while not straying too far. The baby rhino could serve as a traveling companion throughout the museum exhibits.

Katerina Filatov suggested having a musical exhibit which could incorporate sounds from various cultures. "Children love to play drums," she said. She also suggested having musical games that would play the sounds of different countries, to help children recognize the different melodies around the world.

Dupuis said she and Newhall will show the designs to members of the Board of Trustees. She said she will also be in touch with members from the class, as many have shown interest in expanding their designs, as well as helping the museum get up and running.

For more information on the Our World Global Children's Museum, please contact Program Coordinator Michele Dupuis at (781) 383-3198.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Campaigning has no place in the classroom

The issue has crossed my path several times in the last week. First, it was in Barnstable where a parent questioned all the teacher "Bush bashing" in schools that his children were being subjected to. Then, while at Norwell High School recently I saw a sign in an office for "John Kerry for President."

It got me thinking: Should schools be promoting a particular party or espousing certain views on issues?

I consider myself a political junkie. Nothing gets my adrenaline flowing like a hotly contested election race. I think I'm at my best when it's an election night and we are at deadline, scurrying around trying to get the up-to-date election results and feedback from campaign trails. It's a time when most everyone in the newspaper business ratchets it up a few notches.

I'm also a big fan of cable TV during election season and especially voting night. I'm glued to the set listening to all the pundits analyze every piece of information they can get their hands on.

But all that being said, I don't believe schools or the classrooms are the appropriate setting for people to bash a particular candidate or promote one either. I'm all for getting students energized about elections and the importance of voting. I can think back to my own high school experiences in history or current events classes and we often spoke about the issues relevant to the day and the political process. That's an important part of the learning experience.

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We do, however, have to draw the line when it comes to pointing out specific candidates. Teachers and administrators need to stick to the facts about each candidate, where they stand on the issues and what is being said on the campaign trail. But given their captive audience in their classroom, they should use their authority carefully so as not to overly influence the students.

A sign on a school administrator's desk promoting John Kerry sends a very strong message to students. When pressed, a staffer admitted she thought the sign might be taking the political discussion a bit too far. She wasn't surprised by it, though. A teacher at another Cape school suggested there was too much Bush bashing going on in the classrooms.

"Look, he hasn't exactly been the education president, that's for sure," the teacher explained. "I'm not big on his policies either, but my personal political views shouldn't be the sole issue of discussion in the classroom. You'd be amazed how much of it is going on right now."

Many districts have a clearly stated policy against promoting political candidates. As this election season heats up and gets uglier as the candidates race to the November finish line, schools need to be reminded to talk issues and be even handed. I do applaud the teachers and administrators who want to encourage more student involvement in the political process.

Let's not take it too far, though.

— Mark Skala
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Mark Skala is editor in chief of CNC South that includes the Hingham Journal.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Looking for money

TO THE EDITOR:

As we all know, the town is in very tight financial straits. It has come so far as to have a teacher's wife leading a major fund raising campaign to get three teachers back into the system. Luckily, the former town manager did not take out from next year's budget the $30K needed to cover the costs of benefits for these three teachers.

With the abrupt resignation of the town manager there is talk of looking into changing some aspects of the town manager act before a new one is hired. One thing that is necessary is to make sure that the Selectmen tighten up their general supervision over all matters affecting the interests and welfare of the town.

One area that needs a closer look are the one-dollar leases that the town has negotiated.

Now that the Lighthouse Keeper's Corporation is turning into a profitable endeavor able to give grants to other organizations, maybe the town should be looking to have a few expenses covered like fire and police protection. In this lease the town is responsible for the parking lot and the Community Garden Club maintains the gardens while the Lighthouse Keeper's maintain the building with the money derived from the rent of the two apartments and the function hall. The town organizations do appreciate the ability to use the function hall at no expense but the taxpayers are shouldering an additional burden to allow this organization to accrue capital.

Under Mark Haddad tax funds were diverted from the Hagerty Committee earmarked for the completion of the harbor recreation area to the Hagerty building under the new one-dollar lease. Now the town's planned recreation area is not finished and the parking that the taxpayers paid for is now limited. Our tenant, the Center for Student Coastal Research, besides running fee for service programs, is subletting five art studio spaces in the Hagerty building.

The lease for the Our World Museum has been altered already. Under theirone-dollar deal they were supposed to provide a new playground for the children to replace the state of the art 10-year-old play park that Mark Haddad had torn down. At Town meeting, funds were allocated to the playground and the town has paid for other roof work on the leased part of the building that was not included in the $4 million library renovation.

Our selectmen should start exercising closer supervision on some aspects of our income and spending and think along the lines of bringing the town under a more fiscally responsible pattern.

L.C. Jenkins
Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers

Montessori auction support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

It is with heartfelt thanks that I write to you with respect to so many local businesses that contributed to the Montessori Community School's annual auction fundraiser, held on May 7 at the Red Lion Inn. Our school serves approximately 240 students, raging in age from 18 months to 15 years of age, who come from 14 surrounding South Shore towns.

Because of the local business support, we were able to raise nearly $165,000 in net revenue that will not only enrich our existing student body, but allow us to charter a scholarship program specifically dedicated to children that otherwise would not be able to attend our school.

On behalf of the students and faculty at TMCS, I would like to thank the following contributors for their steadfast support of our school: Atlantic Bagel Co., Buttonwood Books and Toys, Cohasset Cycle Sports, Cohasset Dog Wash, Cohasset Harbor Inn & Resort, Cohasset Jewelers, Cohasset House of Pizza, Cohasset Plaza Liqours, Cohasset Tennis & Squash Club, Cohasset Travel, Curtis Liquors, Dean and Hamilton Realtors, DiNero's Restaurant, Donna Green Studio's, Dramatic Kitchens, ek Designs, Fitness First Plus, Flemings of Cohasset, Froio Landscaping Co, Hassan Sign Co., J.J.'s Dairy Bar, KTB Designs, Lapels Dry Cleaning, Nobles, North River Frame Co., Perfect Edges Corp., Ports & Company, The Red Lion Inn, Rudolph Adamo Salon, Shaws, Shoe Market for Kids, South Shore Music Circus, Stop & Shop, Sweet Surprises, The Craft Factory, The Good Sport, The Shoe Market, The Village Greenery, Victoria's Pizza, Zia's Special Occasion Cakes.

Kelly Antonuccio
TMCS Auction Chair
"True Colors" Auction 2004

Brick sidewalks are problematic

TO THE EDITOR:

The following letter was sent to selectmen and the Downtown Review Committee with a copy to the Mariner for publication.

I am writing to convey my dismay that my vote and comments are being ignored by some or misrepresented in your discussions regarding the downtown vitalization plan. I was at the town meeting discussion that discussed brick versus concrete for the downtown sidewalks. This discussion was late in the evening, and many people had left for home. For those of us remaining, we were there to listen to the presentation and cast our votes.

I, along with several others, expressed a desire to *not* have brick for the sidewalks. I have found brick walks in other downtown revitalized areas to present several problems: they are slippery when wet, they are uneven and heave regularly in our New England winters, and it is very difficult to shovel snow from them to a satisfactory condition that makes it safe to walk on. Transversing uneven brick in wheelchairs is difficult.

If my memory serves me correctly someone from the town government stated that the DPW was also *not* in favor of brick because of the problems with snow removal and maintenance. I am grateful to Ronnie McMorris who reminded you that you are attempting to ignore a town meeting vote.

Mr. Dormitzer's representation that we were voting on a "concept" rather than a choice between the cost and practicality of brick versus concrete is an insult to those of us who sat through the presentation, discussion and vote. And what does Mr. Dormitzer mean when he says that concrete is "inappropriate in a small town"? Concrete can be molded and shaped into many attractive presentations.

I hope you are not considering spending any of my tax money to undermine the town meeting vote. Citizens can petition and bring a new warrant article before town meeting if they are still longing for brick sidewalks. But please consider that a town meeting vote did occur and it should be followed unless it is changed through the same process.

Peggy Chapman
25 Virginia Lane

Flower girls for Memorial Day Parade

Girls ages 5 to 12 are needed to march in the Cohasset Memorial Day parade. Girls will meet at 11 a.m. and march from the common down to the memorial on the harbor across from American Legion Post. Lunch will be served to marchers after the service. If your daughters, granddaughter etc. are interested or if anyone has questions contact Brenda Douglas at 617-678-9137.

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CHAMBER CHATTER

The following news is from the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce.

May is Membership Drive Month for the Cohasset Chamber

The Cohasset Chamber is always looking for new members to join our growing organization. If you're already a member, it is time to renew. The Cohasset Chamber sponsors many events during the year, including the upcoming Community Outreach Day on June 19 and Bill Cosby on Aug. 7. For more information about the Chamber and its benefits, visit our website at www.cohassetchamber.org.

Cohasset Chamber Night at the South Shore Music Circus

The Cohasset Chamber has tickets available for the **Bill Cosby** show at the South Shore Music Circus on Saturday, Aug. 7. Tickets include a Pre-Show Networking Event. Call Mike Conlon at 781-383-1616 for more information.

Second Annual Community Outreach Day, June 19

This year the Cohasset Chamber is teaming up with Springbrook Kids to co-host the Second Annual Community Outreach Day on Saturday, June 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Radic Disney will return this year and many games, crafts, prizes and free samples are planned. for more information, call Beth Myers at Springbrook Kids 781-383-8400. Located at 779 CJC Highway (Rte. 3A), Cohasset.

HEALTH NOTES

Stings, bites, blisters and rashes – ouch!

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO MARINER

Now that it's outside weather, it's time to think about some of the common consequences of getting back to nature. According to Herman Ellemberger, M.D., Wright State Department of Emergency Medicine, here are a few things to look for in the outback — yard, that is.

• Stings: bees, wasps, and yellow jackets can produce minimal symptoms from the pain of a pinprick to major symptoms of trouble breathing and subsequent death.

If you have had an anaphylactic reaction to these stings (shortness of breath) you should have an "epipen" at home, in your car, and backpack if going hiking (auto injector of epinephrine, prescribed by your physician)

If you get stung, and have local inflammation and redness/swelling, pain, or itching, either live with it, or take Benadryl (available over the counter, 25 mg. every four hours, can take up to 50 mg every four hours)

If swelling and warmth develops at the site two days after the sting, go to your physician as this is an infection and will require antibiotics.

• Rashes: poison oak, sumac, and of course poison ivy.

Protection: clothing; long pants and shirt; Ivy Block, sold in pharmacies over the counter; apply prior to being outdoors and exposure. Contrary to myth, the rash is a result of the oil of the plant that causes an allergic reaction in most humans. If someone comes in skin-to-skin contact with an area that has this oil on it, then it will also be transmitted to them. Once the area has been cleaned with soap and water, then there is no more possible transmission. The liquid in the vesicles (blisters) that will form does not transmit the rash. To prevent spreading, don't scratch yourself unless you have washed your body. Vesicles that have popped can get infected. If any pus starts draining from the affected site or there is increasing surrounding redness or warmth, go see your physician.

Treatment at home: Benadryl (OTC, up to 50 mg every four hours) and 1 percent Hydrocortisone Cream (OTC) applied topically to affected areas. This works for some people but not others. If this doesn't work for you, your doctor can prescribe either an oral steroid or a stronger topical steroid. If prescribed, you should use these for at least seven days because the symptoms may flare up if you stop sooner

• Blisters. Protection: If going for an extended hike or backpacking trip, make sure your footwear is broken in. This is not the time to break shoes. *Do not* wear cotton socks! They lack the ability to 1) keep your feet warm, and 2) dry efficiently once wet. Wool or synthetic socks are recommended. Wool is warmer but will not dry as quickly, which is okay for a one day outing; or if out for multiple days, a synthetic liner can be used. Synthetic socks (polyester) work well at wicking moisture away from the skin and dry very quickly (one drawback, synthetic clothing will start to smell quickly if used repeatedly).

If a hot spot is brewing: Dr.Ellenburger has read that applying the tape over the hot spot works great. (no need for a donut) – (his words, not mine – as far as I'm concerned, there's never any need for a donut!)

If a blister forms: if it is filled with clear fluid, you may "pop" it with a sterile needle (heated with a flame) and the area should be cleaned as thoroughly as possible. if it is filled with blood, *do not pop it*! It may continue bleeding and will not stop. If any pus begins to drain out or there is increased warmth with surrounding redness, go see a doctor for a probable infection

• Bites. Spiders: They don't like you any more than you like them, but if you are bitten the two types to worry about are Brown Recluse: body 8-15 mm long; usually has a dark violin shaped spot on it's body and Black Widow; the female has venom, 2-2.5 cm body length, shiny black with a red hourglass on it's abdomen. If you are bitten, it's necessary to get immediate medical assistance. If you develop severe abdominal pain in the woods and remember having felt a bite earlier that you might have dismissed as mosquito, go to an emergency department. Make sure you let the physician know that you were outdoors and you felt a bite.

Ticks: Very simple, pull the tick off (applying alcohol to the tick will help get it off) and keep it. Take it and yourself to an emergency department. If you never noticed the tick bite, but then notice a bull's eye lesion on your body, go to your doctor. Also search yourself and children after time in the woods (mainly during spring and summer), and search your dogs too as they can carry them indoors.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Summer jobs going unfilled

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see where they are having so much trouble finding help to fill summer jobs in the hotels and restaurants on the Cape and Islands that they are importing workers from as far away as the Virgin Islands.

Whatever happened to college kids?

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, a vacation job at a summer resort was a much sought after plum. The ranks of waiters and maids and such filled so quickly that you had to get your bid in early or be left out.

I still remember the job I had in the summer of '49, tending bar in the Boston House on Martha's Vineyard, and I recall the Fourth of July that year as one of the hardest days I ever worked, bending over to get beer from the chest.

You might say, I got the job under false pretenses. I had never tended bar in my life but I told the bosses, Lester and George, that I did and they believed it.

So, armed with the Old Mr. Boston Bartender's Guide, I set out for the Vineyard. The only drink I was really familiar with was a stinger (brandy and crème de menthe) but after studying Old Mr. Boston I felt I was ready for anything.

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, a vacation job at a summer resort was a much sought after plum.

Wouldn't you know it, the first drink I was called on to make was a salty dog. That was a new one on Old Mr. Boston, too. I had to ask the guy who ordered how to make, a rookie bartender's worst nightmare. It's gin and grapefruit juice with salt on the side, if you're interested.

This being 55 years later and the statute of limitations has long past, I don't think George and Lester will mind if I tell this story.

During the war, when everything was scarce, in order to get the good stuff, like Canadian Club, to keep the bar business going, the owners of the Boston House were forced to take several cases of a rot gut rum in order to get one case of Seagrams 7 or the like.

As a result, in the summer of '49, the wine cellar of the restaurant was piled high with cases of rum whose name escapes me now. It had been there so long that small flakes of a solid material were floating around in it.

When business was slow, one of the bartenders, Joe, or Matt, the unemployed opera singer, or me, went downstairs, opened a bottle, and strained the foreign material out through a cheese cloth and brought it upstairs to the bar.

Whenever a customer appeared drunk enough and ordered a rum drink, or even a Manhattan (whiskey and sweet vermouth) we were under orders to substitute what we called the house rum.

I was down on the Vineyard a couple of years ago. The Boston House is out of business. It's now a dance studio. I'll bet there was still some house rum left when the bar closed. And I'll bet George and Lester took it with them.

It's hard to visit the Vineyard nowadays without rubbing elbows with a celebrity. The only celebrity that ever came into the Boston House in the summer of '49 was an actor named Charles Ruggles, who was in a play at the island playhouse.

Charlie ordered a rum and coke. I made it. He sent it back. There wasn't enough coke in the glass.

Dressing up a strawberry dessert with a little Marsala

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



The recipe consists of only three ingredients (yolks, sugar, booze) and the magic lies in the process.

We are entering strawberry season and, for my family, that means three weeks of overabundance from our 400-square-foot patch. We make preserves, eat strawberry shortcake for dinner, with cream, just-picked and warm from the garden, and we also serve them with a variety of toppings to provide a bit of variation.

One obvious choice is whipping together a zabaglione, a frothy, sweetened egg foam flavored with wine or fortified wine. Traditionally it is made with Marsala, but it can also be made using prosecco, champagne, or port. The recipe consists of only three ingredients (yolks, sugar, booze) and the magic lies in the process. The ingredients are whisked together and then slowly cooked with constant motion until the drab liquid is suddenly transformed. An Italian grandmother might measure out the sugar and Marsala using an eggshell, but I was looking for a more scientific approach.

I started with six large egg yolks (to serve four to six people). I tried using some portion of whites, but the dessert didn't have as rich a texture or taste and I scrapped that idea. Often zabaglione recipes call for one tablespoon of sugar to each yolk, but I found that for six yolks one-quarter cup of sugar offered up a pleasant sweetness. The sugar should be whisked into the yolks until they are light colored and smooth. This step insures that the zabaglione has the smoothest consistency and no flecks of yolks.

Marsala is the traditional ingredient for zabaglione. I found 1/4 cup contributed plenty of flavor. Liqueurs produced a heavy, boozy zabaglione. Another interesting ingredient, pear juice, was pleasant but lacked depth. It was also looser than the alcohol-based zabaglione. For a slight variation, you can substitute a tablespoon of liqueur when using white wine or champagne. The lesser alcohol content of the wine (compared to the marsala) and the stronger content of the liqueur even out, and the resulting zabaglione is not too heavy or dense.

The sugar and yolks should be whisked together until lemon colored and smooth, and then the booze should be added. The mixture should be placed over gently simmering water and whisked constantly until thick and falls back on itself in thick ribbons. Zabaglione should be served immediately. I also came across a recipe for a chocolate zabaglione from Lidia Bastianich that calls for adding three tablespoons of grated chocolate to the mixture. The resulting zabaglione is like a chocolate cloud or mousse. It is best made with Marsala and served over blueberries, raspberries or strawberries.

ZABAGLIONE AND STRAWBERRIES

Make sure that the strawberries don't just look good, but also taste good.

4 cups strawberries halved or quartered into bite-sized pieces
6 large egg yolks
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup Marsala wine

1. Place the berries into individual serving bowls and set aside. Bring 1 inch of water to a gentle simmer in the bottom of a double boiler or a saucepan that will accommodate a metal or tempered glass bowl (such as Pyrex) without allowing it to touch the water. Whisk the yolks and sugar in the top of a double boiler or bowl until smooth and lemon colored. Whisk in the Marsala.

2. Place the mixture over the simmering water and whisk constantly until the mixture is light and very thick, about 5 to 7 minutes. The mixture should fall back on itself in thick ribbons and the whisk should leave a trail in the mixture for several seconds. Spoon over the berries and serve at once.

Serves 4 to 6

VARIATIONS WITH OTHER TYPES OF ALCOHOL

For a brighter tasting zabaglione you may substitute white wine or champagne for the Marsala. For additional flavor you can substitute one tablespoon of liqueur for one tablespoon of the wine. Fruit-flavored liqueurs such as Gran Marnier or Chambord work well. Red wine or port may also be used, resulting in zabaglione that is deeper in color and flavor.

CHOCOLATE VARIATION

Whisk three tablespoons of finely grated bittersweet or semisweet chocolate into the finished zabaglione. This variation is also good with blueberries or raspberries or a combination.

STRAWBERRIES WITH SOUR CREAM AND BROWN SUGAR

Another simple combination is sour cream and brown sugar. The strawberries should be kept whole and their green caps left on. For a quart of berries you should use about a cup of sour cream and a half-cup of brown sugar. The brown sugar should be free of lumps. You can serve the berries, cream and sugar family style with one central bowl of cream and sugar for an informal family dessert, or you may choose to allow each diner a small bowl of sugar and cream for themselves. If you choose the individual cream and sugar bowls, you may find you need additional quantities of both. In either case, the berries should be dipped first in the cream and then in the sugar. The balance of flavors is rich and refreshing. If you find you can't quite spare the ten minutes it takes to prepare the zabaglione, this may be the spring dessert for you.

You can contact Christopher Kimball atkitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and informationabout Cook0s Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to<http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

SENIOR SCENE

Cohasset Elder Affairs aims to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Cohasset who are 60 years old and older, as mandated by the Older American's Act. Call the CEA Office - 781-383-9112 -to reserve space for all events. Transportation from your home available for all events.

Upcoming in May:

Friday, May 14, 1 p.m. 37th Anniversary of Councils On Aging Dinner

Wednesday, May 19, 1 p.m. Celebration for all Cohasset residents who are at least 80 years old. Held at St. Anthony's - a very special luncheon served by the Clergy Associates.

Thursday, May 27, 10 a.m. Memorial Day Brunch at the CEA Senior Center

Friday, June 4, 8:30 a.m. "Housing That Works" Forum in Hingham

Wednesday, June 9, 8:30 a.m. Visit to Heritage Plantation in Sandwich

LIBRARY CORNER

Spring into wellness

Renew Yourself With Natural Wellness Technologies is the theme of an exciting presentation to be held at the library on Tuesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. and on Thursday May 20, at 1 p.m. If you have low energy, trouble sleeping, tired achy feet or legs, sore joints, or just want to have renewed energy and feel great, then this educational workshop is for you! Cohasset Nutritionist and Wellness consultant, Patricia Messing-Hague, will discuss innovative and unique ways to help the body heal itself and stay well, vigorous and energetic! Special guest speaker Carole Siegal of Cohasset will tell the story of her health renewal. This program is free and open to everyone. If you have questions, call Patricia Messing-Hague at 781-383-2410.

Tuesday Painters

The Tuesday Painters of South Shore Art Center are displaying their works at the library through July 1. Artists participating include Claire O'Callaghan and Tina Watson of Cohasset, Betty Rogers of Marshfield, Leo Harrington and Betty Tufankjian of Scituate, Barbara Walsh of Canton, Marjorie Murphy of Hingham, and Jane Flavell Collins of Duxbury. The paintings include many local scenes as well as those of Italy, Mexico and the Caribbean. An opening reception will be held on May 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the library's Meeting Room. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

Large print books

Have been added to the collection. Fiction titles: "The Pearl Diver," by Jeff Talarigo. Beautifully written, this debut novel set in Japan in 1948, tells the tale of a 19-year-old pearl diver diagnosed with leprosy. "A Question of Blood: an Inspector Rebus novel," by Ian Rankin. The 14th novel in the series finds Scottish cop, John Rebus, investigating the suicide of a former soldier who murdered two students at an Edinburgh boarding school. "Hallowed Bones," by Carolyn Haines. The Delaney Detective Agency of Mississippi, staffed by southern belles, Sarah Booth Delaney and her friend Tinkie Richmond, investigates a case involving the murder of a miracle worker's baby.

Book sale

Check out the sale bookcase of used books, videos and books on tape located in the library's Community Room. Prices are reasonable (hardcover books, videos and books on tape, $1.00 and paperbacks, $0.25). All proceeds go to the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

POLITICAL NOTES

Kickoff brunch for Bradley campaign

State Representative Garrett Bradley (D-Hingham) announced that he will have his campaign kick-off event at Raffael's at the Clarion Hotel in Hull. The event will take place Sunday, May 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be hosted by Joe Amorosino, sports director for Channel 7 news. Tickets for the family style event can be purchased at the door or you can call Representative Bradley at 781-740-3127.

GOP to meet May 25

Participate in Republican activities. Join The Cohasset Republican Town Committee for a meeting on May 25, at 7:30 p.m., at The Lightkeepers Building. Help re-elect President George Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, and State Senator Bob Hedlund. Help elect Mike Jones, who is running for U.S. Senate.

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee has a website at: http://www.cohassetrepublicans.com/.

Death penalty and income tax rollback on radar screen

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL C. LEVENSON

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Just in time for election season, Gov. Mitt Romney returned two core Republican issues to the center of the political debate, calling for an income tax cut and the restoration of the death penalty.

Tax cuts and tough-on-crime policies have propelled Republican gubernatorial candidates since William Weld was first elected in 1990 and their resurgence comes at a propitious time for the state Republican Party.

The party is fielding its biggest team since 1990: 133 candidates have filed nomination signatures for 125 seats in the House and Senate, according to Republican officials. Many can now add the death penalty and tax cutting to their campaign arsenals.

For a time, it seemed both issues had dropped off the political radar here.

As a candidate, Romney pledged to roll back the income tax rate from 5.3 percent to 5 percent by the end of his first-term — in keeping with a 2000 ballot question. But a yawning budget gap and slow economic recovery made massive fee hikes and closing tax loopholes a greater priority for the governor.

As a candidate, he also pledged to legalize the death penalty for the first time since 1984, but the jailhouse slaying of former priest John Geoghan placed an emphasis on prison reform and a commission led by Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey brought forth proposals focused on helping ex-prisoners stay away from crime.

Neither issue disappeared entirely, however. A commission of forensics experts and legal minds was working behind the scenes to craft a "model" death penalty statute that would reduce, to the greatest extent possible, the risk of error.

And tax collections were slowly rebuilding. Despite an anemic recovery, collections are shattering conservative budget benchmarks, creating excess tax revenue, and in Romney's view, making a tax cut justifiable.

Both came to the fore during one press conference in the gov-

Capital punishment and tax cutting energize Republican voters and some swing voters, as well.

ernor's briefing room. Romney unveiled the death penalty commission's report and then ushered the panel members off the stage to announce his call for an income tax cut, a request that caught many on Beacon Hill off guard.

The one-two served as a reminder that in an election year, it's important to follow up on campaign promises and tend to political bases. Capital punishment and tax cutting energize Republican voters and some swing voters, as well.

Romney has targeted his death penalty plan to what he calls the "worst of the worst": terrorists, cop killers and murderers who torture their victims are a few of the examples he cited. Under his tax-cut plan, the average taxpayer would receive a $100 break in the first year.

Democrats counter that a death penalty system that relies on humans can never be error-free and a tax cut isn't needed — a 2002 law will automatically trigger one, if revenues continue to pour into state coffers.

In recommending a tax cut, Romney also proposed spending more government money on homeland security and health care provider reimbursements, while depositing some of the projected surplus into the state's rainy day fund. Democrats may find the latter two options more appealing than the income tax cut.

The debates will shape much of the summer campaign season. "Every incumbent legislator that we are challenging is going to have to defend their positions on every issue, especially those who oppose the governor's reform agenda," said Dominick Ianno, executive director of the state Republican Party.

In other news:

• *Romney softens stance on out of state gay marriages* — Romney's legal counsel, Daniel Winslow, told city and towns clerks they did not have to ask for proof of a gay couple's residency, despite a 1913 law barring out-of-state gay couples from marrying in Massachusetts. Aides to Romney had previously said couples would have to show utility bills or mortgage statements proving their residency. But Winslow said couples could sign the marriage license application form, which includes an oath that their statements about residency are true.

• *Romney defends 1913 law* — As debate over the 1913 law widened, Democratic senators said they would try to repeal the law to allow gay couples from across the US to marry in Massachusetts. Citing its history as a statute used to prohibit interracial marriages, senators and gay rights advocates called the law discriminatory. Romney said it would respect the laws of other states, and he threatened to veto any repeal measure. "The idea that all of the same-sex couples from throughout the entire country could all come here, get married and go to their home states, in violation of the feelings of their own Legislatures and their own citizenry is, I think, a mistake," Romney said.

• *Greenhouse plan released* — Standing on the banks of the Charles River, Romney released a much-awaited 49-page Climate Protection Plan that includes 72 recommendations for reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2010 and by an additional 10 percent by 2020. Among the recommended steps: helping low-income residents get rid of their oil burners to reduce their energy costs, introducing carbon pollution as a criteria when making state decisions on transportation funds, allowing drivers of clean cars to use the carpool lanes.

• *State police leaders step down* — State Police Colonel Thomas Foley and Lt. Colonel Bradley Hibbard stepped down. Foley said he was frustrated by the troopers' union threats to override his decisions with the governor's office. Romney said the resignations would not affect security planning for the Democratic National Convention.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on three roll calls from the week of May 3-7. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

COURTS AND NON-CITIZENS (H 4135)

Senate 39-0, gave near final approval to a bill making changes to a current law that prohibits a court from accepting a plea of guilty or no contest unless it advises the defendant that if he is not a United States citizen, a conviction may result in consequences including deportation or exclusion from admission to the United States. The law also allows the defendant to later change his plea to "not guilty" if the court failed to advise him and he suffered any of the consequences. Supporters said that the changes include tightening the procedures to ensure that the court properly advises defendants. They noted that the changes are important and would strengthen the current law that is designed to protect non-citizens from pleading guilty to a charge that has minimal consequences on the state level without being fully informed that a conviction can result in deportation by the federal government. The House has approved a different version of the bill and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Y

PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS FOR CHILDREN (S 674)

Senate 37-1, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill creating a state task force to develop and post on the state's website a list of the 20 most commonly prescribed pyschotropic medications for children and each drug's side effect. Psychotropic drugs are ones that affect the mind through action on the central nervous system and include such well-known drugs as Prozac, Ritalin and Adderall. The measure also prohibits doctors from prescribing any of the 20 drugs for a minor unless he makes the task force's information available to the child's parent and explains the information if the parent is incapable of understanding it. Supporters said the bill would ensure that parents are aware of the possible adverse side effects of these controversial drugs and are able to make informed decisions about whether to allow their children to take the medication. Opponents offered no arguments. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it).

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STUDY SINGLE-PAYER, UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (S 686)

Senate 39-0, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill requiring the state's division of health care finance and policy to study the fiscal impact, including the total cost of implementation, the potential long term costs and savings and an estimate of the amount of new state revenue necessary if the Legislature approves a bill restructuring the current health care system into a single payer, universal health care system administered by the state. Some supporters said they support a state-run system and argued that this study is the first step towards creating one. They noted that the current system is a failure that includes skyrocketing premiums, struggling community hospitals, more than 400,000 uninsured people and seniors who go routinely without prescription drugs. Other supporters said they were far from ready to support a state-run system that would likely cost taxpayers billions of dollars but are open to looking into the costs and ramifications. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Y

ALSO UPON BEACON HILL

BAN WORKPLACE SMOKING- The House accepted the conference committee version of a bill banning smoking effective July 5 in most enclosed workplaces with one or more employees including offices, restaurants, bars and vehicles owned by state and local governments. The House and Senate had overwhelmingly approved different versions of the bill last fall. Exemptions include private residences not used as child care centers, rented rooms in hotels, motels, inns and bed and breakfasts, retail tobacco stores, smoking bars that derive more than 51 percent of their revenue from tobacco sales, patients in state hospitals and soldiers' homes and religious ceremonies in which smoking is part of the ritual. Nursing homes and substance abuse treatment facilities may apply for an exemption for a part of the facility to permit smoking. Another exemption is for "membership associations" when they are not open to the public. These associations range from some private country clubs and religious places of worship to American Legion halls and other non-profit entities that are organized for a charitable, educational, or social purpose. The bill also gives restaurants, bars and any other affected businesses a tax credit for any costs incurred after January 2000 in the purchase and installation of ventilation systems and other renovations made in the construction of designated smoking areas designed to reduce the presence of smoke in non-smoking areas. The conference committee bill still needs to be accepted by the Senate and then needs one more vote of approval in each branch prior to being sent to Gov. Romney's desk. The governor has expressed support for a statewide ban and is expected to sign the measure into law.

VIDEOTAPING AND NUDITY (S 177)- The Senate gave initial approval to a bill making it a crime to videotape, photograph or record in any way, without consent, the image of another person who is nude, partially nude or engaged in sexual activity. The proposal imposes up to a $10,000 fine and/or 2.5-year prison sentence on violators.

LOCAL TURKEYS AND PRODUCE (S 1200)- The Senate gave initial approval to a measure prohibiting turkeys, fruit and vegetables for sale to be labeled or advertised as "native" or "local" unless the name of the state of origin is included. Sponsors say that many consumers purchase food that they believe is locally produced in Massachusetts but is actually "locally" produced in another state.

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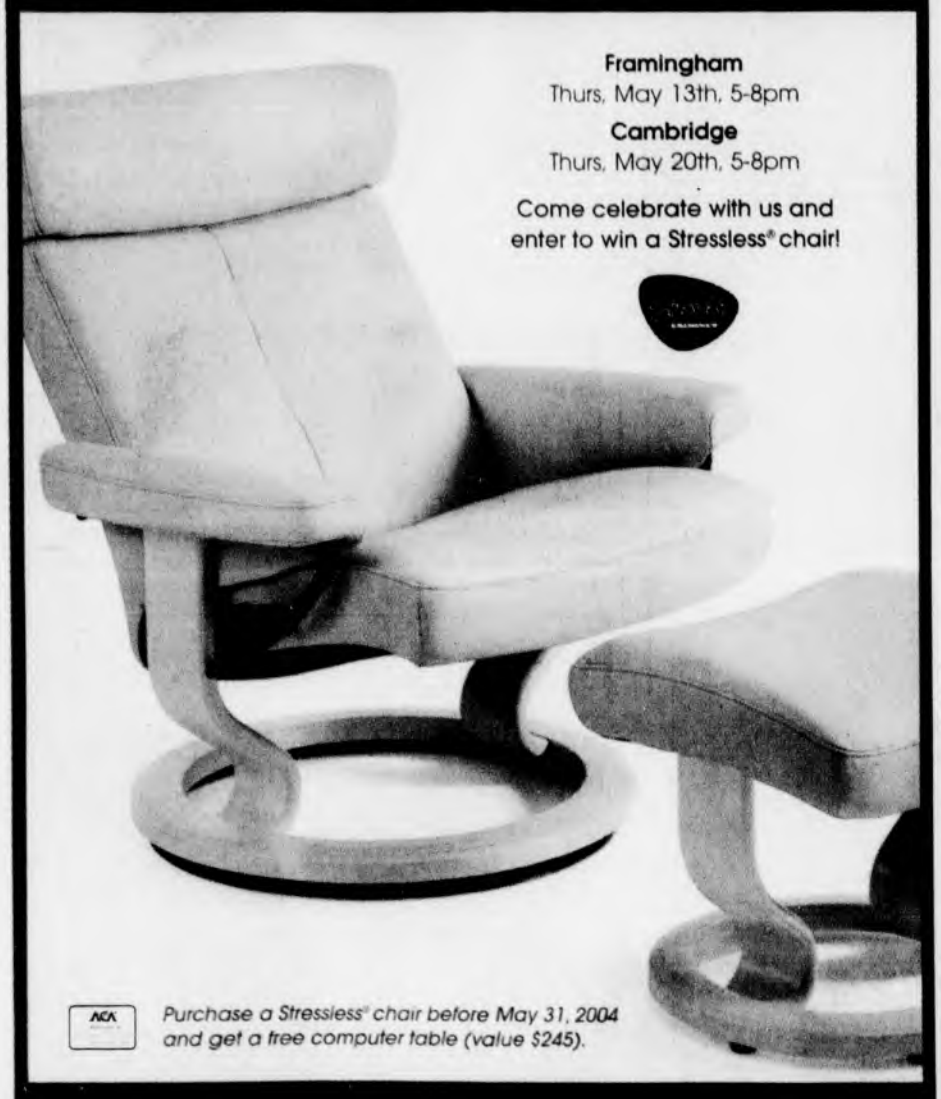
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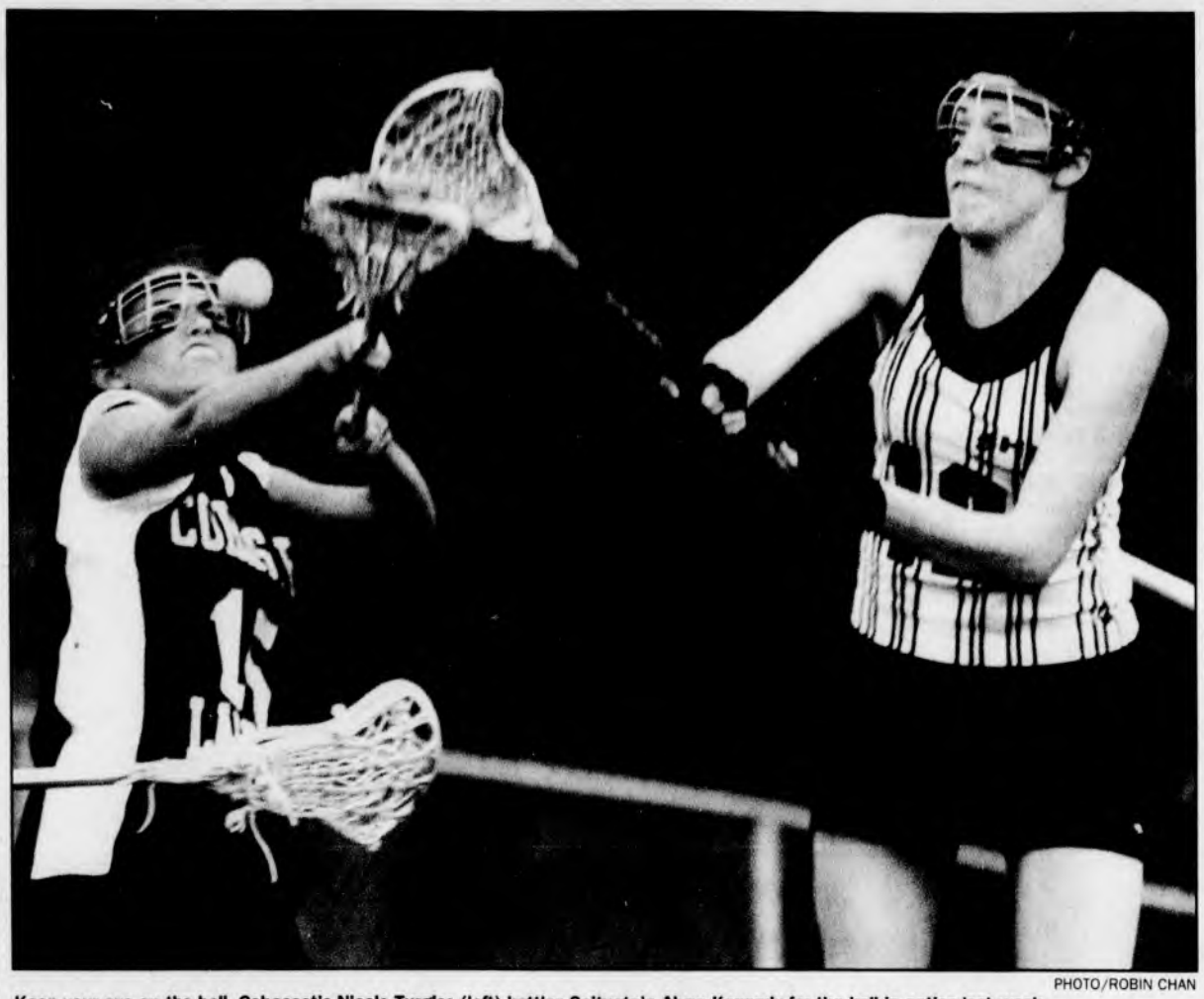
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Keep your eye on the ball. Cohasset's Nicole Turgiss (left) battles Scituate's Alyse Kennedy for the ball in action last week.

No re-laxing

Injuries catching up to CHS laxers

By Mike Spellman
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It's a battle against attrition at the moment for the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team.

Two wins and a tie over the last week have gotten the Lady Skippers back in the hunt for playoff spot, at 4-6-1. Following a somewhat disappointing 6-6 tie with Marshfield, last Thursday, the Cohasset girls bounced back with a 12-11 win over Martha's Vineyard and a 9-5 win over Barnstable.

The questión is will they have enough healthy and experienced bodies to see to it that this good work pays off.

Key senior defender Kristen Reardon returned after a three game absence in Tuesday's win over Barnstable, but Lauren Rizzotti was unavailable due to a wrist injury and fellow key junior Lisa Spirito was limited to just five minutes due to a leg injury. Captain Libby Miekelham is already done for the year with a torn ACL, and several other regulars have been playing hurt.

"We're barely holding it together at the moment," conceded third year Cohasset High coach Torin Sweeney. "We're just not a team that has the kind of depth it takes to survive a couple of injuries to key players, and right now we've got several key injuries."

Rizzotti, one of the team's top two-way performers, was injured early in the second half of Saturday's 12-11 win over Martha's Vineyard. The junior had four goals and an assist and her team was up by six goals at the time she was injured. The Vineyarders proceeded to score the game's final five goals over the game's final seven minutes to pull within one.

"The clock saved us there," said Sweeney. "I had a lot of tired girls on the field at the end. I try to rest them as much as I can, but when the game is on the line you look to your experienced players, and I'm running thin on them right now."

Team leading scorer Nicole Turgiss had three goals versus the Vineyarders, freshman Lindsay Durkin a pair, while Spirito, senior captain Ashley Faber and sophomore Cassie

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Quality over quantity

CHS tracksters continue to make the most with what they've got

By Jim Logan
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset boys and girls track teams completed the regular season on Monday, following defeats on both sides against the Mashpee Falcons.

The girls finished up the 2004 campaign with a 2-5 record; the boys concluded the spring with a 0-7 mark.

Jenn Buckley and Nicole Whitney led the way for the Skippers at the meet, each picking up four first-place victories on the day.

Buckley earned her wins in the javelin and the discus, as well as the mile-run and, as a member of Cohasset's 4x400 relay team (along with Sara Malone, Lisa Musto and Mary Silvia).

Whitney received her "firsts" in the 100- and 200-yard sprints, as well as winning both the long- and triple-jump.

Lindsay Kennedy also had a strong afternoon for the locals, placing in three events at the match (2nd place in the 100; and 3rd place nods in both the 200 and triple jump).

In addition, Silvia gave a strong performance, taking a first-place mark in the 800-yard run, as well as a third-place finish in the long jump.

For the boys: Erik Belz and Peter Bunstien were the big point-getters for the Skippers. Belz took home a first-place victory in both the 100 and the javelin, as well as a second-place decision in 400-yard sprint (a new event for the senior). Bunstien took a second-place win for his efforts in the 100, in addition to a third-place completion (in the 200).

After the match, Coach Al LaFontaine spoke of the seemingly disappointing win-loss numbers for Cohasset this year.

"The records are deceiving," Coach LaFontaine stated. "For us this year, the big problem was the number of kids we had. With only 16 kids competing (11 for the girls and five for the boys),

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Split decisions not good enough for laxmen

By Mike Spellman
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The good news is the Cohasset High boys lacrosse team is making steady gains in most important areas, at least that's the opinion of first year head coach Stu Curran.

The bad news, or shall we say less than great news, is the Skippers won one and lost one over the past week, and a .500 tally is simply not good enough right now.

The Skippers head into this afternoon's scheduled meeting at Sandwich with a record of 4-6 (3-3 in Pilgrim Conference play), right where they were last week at this time in their chase of a postseason berth, two games under the magic .500 number.

"If we can keep playing the way we played Tuesday, especially in the second half, I'm confident we can make a run at the playoffs," said Curran, referring to the 10-2 win at Hanover earlier this week. "We played very well defensively, and we took advantage of our offensive chances too.

"We made some adjustments at half, changed a few of our offensive sets, and the guys did a nice job of running it, finding the open man and being more patient with our shots. It was a good game."

Skippers 10, Hanover 2

After going into the halftime break with a modest 3-1 lead over the host Indians, the Skippers opened it up quickly in the third quarter, and then just basically played stall ball for the better part of the fourth quarter.

Senior captain Mike Rasmussen and junior Jake Previte had three goals apiece, with Previte also adding an assist. Sophomore

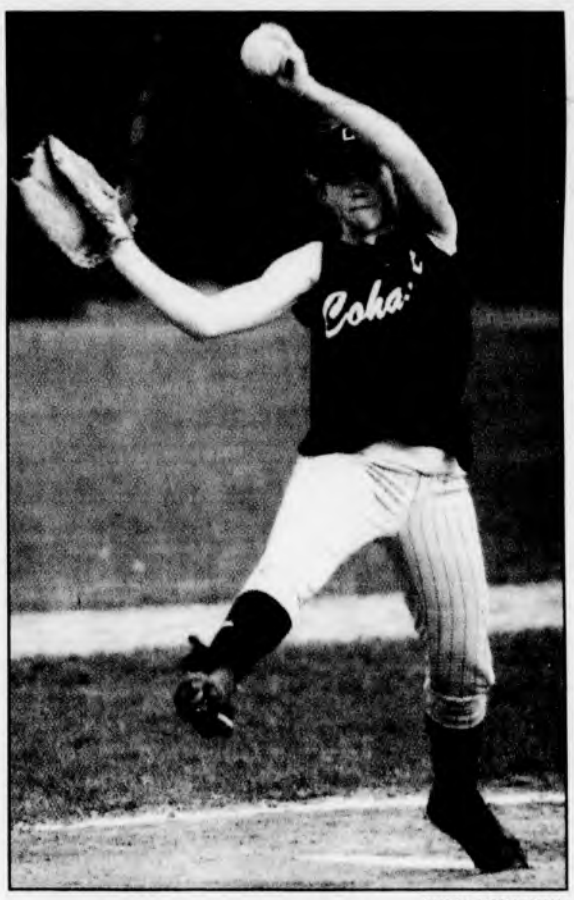
John Grimm, who missed the early part of the season with a

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Cohasset Senior captain DeWayne Morris (right) can't react quickly enough to this pass in recent Pilgrim Conference showdown with Hingham.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset High freshman pitcher Christian Pinkus prepares to bring the heat in recent SSL showdown. For softball team report, see page 19.

Bouncing back big

'Hungrier" CHS girls tennis team avenges first loss in over a year

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

The hope for the members of the Cohasset girls tennis team, following their first loss in over a year, was it would make them a little hungrier.

Consider it done. The team has been dominating, as usual, in their recent four-match winning streak, including a 4-1 victory last Wednesday over the Ursuline squad that dealt them that loss.

Unlike the first match between the two sides at Milliken, the Lady Skippers had all of their players available. Still, the team had to work hard for the victory.

Aside from number one singles, where Liz Stone breezed to victory, Cohasset had four hard-fought matches to contend with. One of the best came in number two doubles, with Emilie Sullivan and Corey Evans earning a 6-4, 6-3 win.

After a set that was "not an easy 6-4," according to head coach Gigi Meehan, the duo found themselves down early in the second set before rallying for the win.

The coach said the other matches had a similar feel to them, and the fact that her team had been through those kinds of battles before helped lead them to a win.

"Our girls had the advantage in experience," Meehan said. "I told them to just use all your match experience and slow things down."

In number three singles, Rachel Garber took on a talented opponent in Ursuline's Megan McCarthy, who had won her match in Cohasset in the first meeting. Garber came out on top this time, 6-4 and 6-4.

After jumping out to a 5-0 lead in the second set, the Cohasset

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Slip sliding away

Losing streak reaches six for CHS baseballers

By Mike Spellman
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While most South Shore League baseball teams were playing a game or two to stay fresh during the April vacation week, the Cohasset nine did relatively little. And some would say they're still paying for it.

Monday's 5-3 setback to South Shore League rival Carver made it six losses in a row for the Skippers since they came back from vacation, and dropped them to 3-8 overall.

"I honestly don't think we've gotten back to playing the way we were prior to vacation," said second year Skippers coach Al Gallotta. "And to be honest, it's been a little bit discouraging. We haven't been playing very good baseball and we've really taken it on the chin a few times."

Indeed, the Skippers have been outscored 69-15 over the six-game losing streak, with Monday's loss representing the closest they have come to tasting victory since an April 15 lambasting of South Shore Christian Academy.

Of course, Coach Gallotta would have liked to play a game or two over the vacation, or at least had a few good practices, but several factors beyond his control got in the way of those plans, not the least of which was several of his key players heading hither and yon for the break.

Renovations on the team's home Milliken Field were also slated to take place over the vacation week, with new placements of bases and some re-sodding called for. That projected one week undertaking has hence tripled in length, forcing the Skippers to play their scheduled home games as road games these past two weeks.

"So, while other teams were staying sharp with games and practices, we were forced to work out on the outfield grass," said Gallotta, "so you could pretty much forget a regular infield practice during that time, as well as a few other things.

"It's also not a lot of fun playing all of your games on the road."

Now, Gallotta, who coached baseball for 27 years at Archbishop Williams before retiring as that school's Athletic Director and coming over to Cohasset High in 2002, is an old baseball man, and old baseball men don't like to make excuses. However, he almost makes an exception in this case.

"I don't like to sound like I'm making excuses," he said. "The bottom line is we're not playing good baseball, and it's up to us to turn that around. I will say, though, that we seem to have lost all sense of continuity. How much the vacation had to do with that, I'll leave that for others to say."

The pitching, in particular, has been disappointing. Staff ace Ted Straughn has been struggling with his control and senior captain Mike Dooley has likewise been up and down.

There have been close to as many walks as innings pitched over the last six games, creating a good number of combustible situations that have wound up blowing up more often than not, frequently with the help of a little slipshod defense.

"Yeah ,we're not making all the plays we should be in the field either," conceded Gallotta.

Then there is the offense. Clearly, 26 hits and 12 runs in the five games prior to Monday's loss is not going to get it done.

Only junior Louis Blanco continues to produce consistently. The third year starting catcher was batting at a robust .483 clip (14-for-29) through last week's action. The only other player on the team still hitting over .300 is Mike Dooley (.333, 11-for-33).

The longtime coach did say, though, that the defense was better in last week's losses and also that he was encouraged by a solid outing on the mound last week from sophomore Chris Bryan.

Despite it all, Gallotta insists he is not at the point of giving up on the team's postseason chances. Following Monday's loss, the Skippers were faced with having to win six of their final seven games in order to qualify for the postseason for the first time in recent memory.

"We've got a pretty good number of winnable games coming up," he noted. "If our pitching can get back to where it was earlier, I think that will help a lot. The non-league games we have left are games we can win, but we're obviously going to have to make a little hay with our league schedule as well."

The Skippers are slated to host Harwich today and then have a week off. They'll meet Holbrook in non-league play next Thursday and Friday, first away then home. That will be followed by two non-league games with Sacred Heart (there on May 24, here on May 27) sandwiched around the final league game, a home date with Mashpee on the 25th.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The loss to injury of Lauren Rizzotti leaves a big void for the Lady Skippers in the midfield.

No re-laxing

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Rosano chipped in with solo tallies.

In the win over Barnstable, Turgiss led the charge with four goals, with Durkin again scoring two and Rosano, Faber and Spirito also getting on the board.

Coach Sweeney lauded the play at the defensive end of the recently returned Reardon, as well as sophomore Molly Kirk and netminder Joanna Hamilton.

The kind of late collapse the CHS girls suffered against the Vineyarders has been an all too common theme of late. The Skippers were up 7-1 on Barnstable at half and then almost got caught in the second half as they went into slowdown mode in an effort to preserve their key players. This approach did actually bite them in the 6-6 tie with Marshfield, as they were outscored 5-1 in the second half.

"We need to play 40 minute rather than 50 minutes games," joked Sweeney. "I'm really plagued right now by the thought that Marshfield tie could be the difference between us making tourney or not making it."

And that, of course, is what it's all about right now.

The Lady Skippers must net no worse than four wins and a tie over their remaining seven games.

Sweeney figured yesterday's game at Cape Cod Academy could actually be the linchpin to these hopes. The Lady Skippers will host the same Cape Cod Academy team next Thursday.

"We barely got by Cape Cod Academy last year, and they didn't lose anyone to graduation, so we're expecting a war," noted Sweeney on Tuesday. "If we can find a way to beat them (on Wednesday) that would give us a lot of confidence going into the last six games, and especially for the home game with (Cape Cod Academy) next week."

Sweeney figures his team has a very good shot of sweeping a home-and-home series with Nantucket (on the island this Saturday and at home to close out the regular season on May 25) and topping first year varsity team Hanover on the 24th. He concedes, however, his team may have a much tougher go of it with Duxbury next Tuesday and Bourne a week from Friday.

"So you can see a lot comes down to the first Cape Cod Academy game," he reiterates.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

Girls Tennis

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6 beat Abington, 4-1
10 beat Carver, 5-0
13 Harwich

Boys Lacrosse

7 lost to Hingham, 4-1
11 beat Hanover, 10-2
13 @ Sandwich 4 p.m.

Girls Lacrosse

6 tied Marshfield, 6-6
8 beat Martha's Vineyard, 12-11
11 beat Barnstable, 9-5
12 Cape Cod Acad.

Boys/Girls Track

6 Abington
Boys lost, 106-30
Girls won, 70-66
10 Mashpee
Boys lost, 106-30
Girls lost, 70-66

Baseball

6 lost to Abington, 6-0
10 lost to Carver, 5-2
11 beat SS Christ. Acad, 28-11
13 V @ Harwich 4 p.m.

Boys Tennis

6 beat Abington
10 beat Carver
12 @ Cape Cod Acad.,4 p.m.
13 @ Harwich 4 p.m.

Softball

6 lost to Abington
7 lost to Harwich, 18-3
8 lost to Mashpee, 18-17
10 lost to Carver, 16-14
11 beat SS Christ Acad, 28-11
13 V Harwich-Freedom

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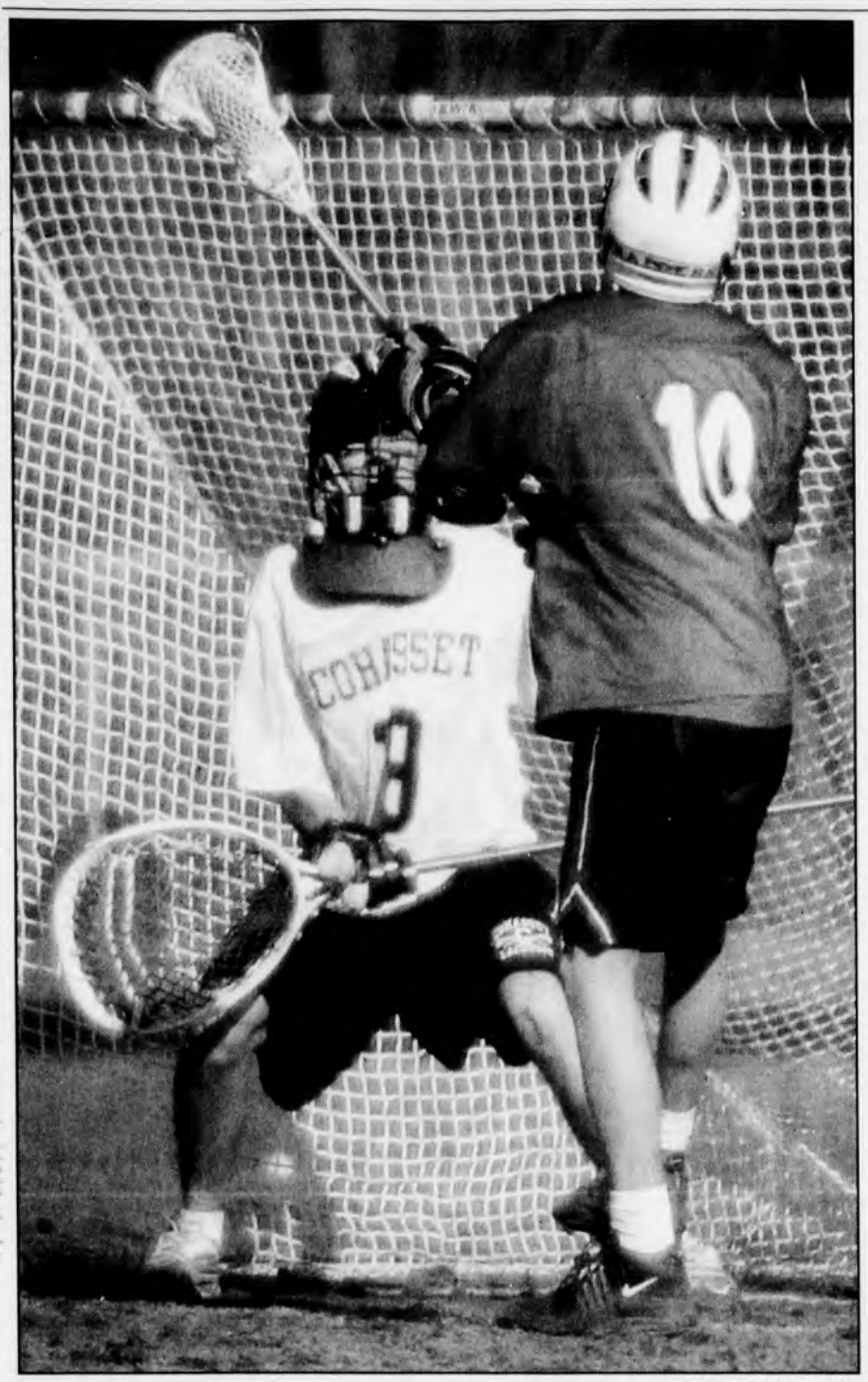
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Cohasset High goalie Nick Murphy tries to keep his eye on the ball in recent Pilgrim Conference showdown with Hingham.

Back on track

CHS softball team ends four game losing streak

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

Ending a four game losing streak, the Cohasset High softball team won Tuesday's game and, in so doing, improved its winning record by one win over last year.

The Skippers defeated South Shore Christian Academy, 28-11, improving their record to 5-7.

Prior to the win, the Skippers lost to Carver, 16-4, on Monday, then lost to Mashpee 18-17, in eight innings in a makeup game on Saturday and to Harwich 18-3, on Friday and last Thursday to Abington, 23-1.

According to Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick, the Skippers played mostly freshmen against the rather new SSCA team.

Leading the Cohasset players in hits were Caitlin Condon, five-for-five, Cathy James, five-for-six, and Erin Liddell, three-for-four.

Other top Cohasset hitters were senior captain Danielle Pinkus, two doubles and a single, Catherine Doyle two doubles, single and two walks, Melissa Crowley-Buck two-for-five and Casey Anderson, a double.

Against Carver, the big problem for Cohasset were errors, like 10 of them. The game started out tight with a scoreless first inning. Carver things started happening in the third with four hits, and five Cohasset errors, good for five runs.

It was hard to get a handle on the Mashpee win, since Mashpee had eight hits, compared to 18 for Cohasset.

However, the handle was discovered when Cohasset stats revealed 11 errors, 10 wild pitches and 10 walks by Cohasset pitchers.

Anderson was three-for-five and Caitlin Gontarz was three-for-four. Also coming up with two hits or better were Liddell, Anderson and Pinkus.

The Harwich win was a no-hitter against Cohasset, with the game called in the sixth inning on the mercy rule.

In the game prior to Harwich, Cohasset lost a 23-1 decision to Abington. It marked the 39th straight league win for the Green Wave.

Abington's Lauren Conway was the top hitter with three hits, including a leadoff homer in the first inning.

At the start of the week, Abington was leading the South Shore League with an undefeated record of 9-0, and an overall record of 11-1. Carver was tied with Hull and Harwich for second place at 5-3, followed by Cohasset at 3-6. Mashpee was at 2-5, and Norwell at 0-8.

Bouncing back big

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junior lost momentum and found herself facing a 5-4 deficit. She settled down in the next game, however, to finish off her opponent.

In a match the week before with Norwell, Garber also had a big lead in the first set and lost. This time around, Meehan said her player was able to finish her points and not lose control of the match.

"I said, 'Think about your Norwell match, and use that experience,'" Meehan said. "She had to make an impact in what was going on. That Norwell match gave Rachel the experience she needed to win that one."

The team of Courtney Caron and Chelsea Grossman continued to show why they are one of the best pairs in the state, as they took their number one doubles match, 6-4 and 6-3, over Ursuline's Kendra Butters and Brooke Haynes.

Holly Graham lost her match in number two singles, but made a rousing comeback from a 4-0 deficit in the first frame and almost took the set.

Skippers 4, Abington 1

The following day, Cohasset returned home to face Abington. Against a weaker opponent, the Skippers took the opportunity to rest some of their top players and give some younger girls match experience. Emilie Shea, Emma Grinnell and Casey Cavanaro all contributed to a 4-1 victory over the Green Wave.

Shea, a sophomore, and Grinnell, a junior, took straight-set victories in number two and three singles, respectively. While Grossman won at number one singles, Cavanaro teamed with Caron for an impressive doubles win. Cavanaro showed a versatile game and appears to be a good prospect for the future of Cohasset tennis.

Sophomores Christie Muir and Kate McBride teamed up in number two doubles, and lost a tough match to Abington's team of Kaitlyn Costa and Lindsey Welch.

Split decisions not good enough for laxmen

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broken leg, added his first varsity goal and did a very good job all game of getting into position and getting off quality shots, according to Coach Curran.

Solo tallies were also contributed by Ryan Tufts, Rob Carpenter and Sam Steele.

Much of the offense, though, ran through sophomore attacker Aidan Buick (two assists).

"Aidan showed some real good patience all game and really settled our offense," reported Curran. "He did a very good job of handling the ball and made some real nice decisions and passes. He kept the ball moving."

Of course, the coach thought the win was fueled first and foremost by the defense, and he singled out for praise senior captain Conor Buick and freshman Jeff Brown for the jobs they did marking up on Hanover offensive standouts Mike Simmons and Nick Riordan, respectively.

"I just can't say enough good things about Conor," said Curran. "Game in and game out, he just shuts the other team's best attackman down, and (Tuesday) was no exception.

"And Jeff Brown did just an outstanding job on a very good player. Nick Riordan is a big, strong, athletic kid, but Jeff just stayed with him the whole time and made things very tough on him.

"The defense as a whole really did an outstanding job, though. Mike Devine and Casey Coleman also continue to do very good things in our end, and Nick Murphy was strong in goal."

Hingham 8, Skippers 3

The Skippers defense did a noteworthy job in this one too, played last Friday on the road. Unfortunately, their Hingham counterparts were even better.

"That was the best team defense we've seen all year," said Curran of the Hingham backline. "They just shut our offense down. Of course, our offense seemed to get a little anxious, and there were a lot of temporary breakdowns.

"For whatever reason, it seems every now and then that our guys almost forget about the concept of findign the open man or moving the ball quickly. This was one of those times, and Hingham was quick to capitalize on it.

"It's too bad, though, because our defense played very well too. We can build on the way we played in this one."

The coach again lauded the efforts of his entire longstick crew—Devine, Buick, Coleman and Jeff Brown-- as well as midfielders Jack Kovach, Trevor Brady and DeWayne Morris.

The Cohasset goals were scored by Jake Previte, Aidan Buick and Devine, and Nick Murphy made seven stops in net.

Next up

The Skippers travel to Sandwich today (4 p.m. start) and to the island of Nantucket on Saturday (3 p.m. game start).

"I don't really want to look beyond that right now," noted Curran. "I think those are winnable games. In fact, I think we've got a lot of winnable games coming up. If we can somehow bottle what we did Tuesday, I absolutely feel we can make the playoffs."

Quality over quantity

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it's a lack of depth that really hurts you in this sport."

He continued: "With the kids we *did* have this year, we had a lot of people who were consistently finishing with first and second place wins. The problem was, we didn't have the [personnel] to take the other top-three places in an event, and that's what hurt us."

COACHES MEET AT PLYMOUTH SOUTH

Prior to the season finale against Mashpee, the Cohasset girls took part in the 2004 League Coaches' Meet held at Plymouth South.

Jenn Buckley brought back a top-ten mark in her bread-and-butter javelin event (93-feet-6-inches), as well as a solid showing in the 800-yard run (2 minutes and 30 seconds).

Also, the Cohasset 4x800 relay team finished strong, posting an eighth-place nod with a 10:30 time.

THE WEEK AHEAD

With the regular season now behind them, the Skippers are looking ahead to the South Shore League Meets. The Lady Skippers compete first, heading out to Norwell—to face off with the SSL powers next Monday afternoon. The boys will then take the center stage, as the Skippers go head-to-head with the league rivals on Tuesday.

Both start times are scheduled for 3 p.m..

South Shore Sr. softball steps up to the plate

The South Shore Senior Softball League, sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging, opens its fourth season on Sunday, April 25. The team, open to all South Shore men aged 55 and older, meets at 10 am at the Central Park Field in Scituate.

Proving that age is no barrier to fun and athleticism, the "boys of summer" play up to three times a week in the league. Games are scheduled Sunday and Wednesday mornings at 10 am and Thursday evenings at 5 pm. There is also a traveling team available for interested players to compete in games across the state. Players can play once or three times a week, as they wish. The season runs well into the fall.

Kevin McLaughlin joins league founder Jim Hyde as league commissioner this year. Anyone interested in joining the league can call the Scituate Council on Aging at 781-545-8722 to obtain a registration form. Cost for the season is $30, which covers a shirt, hat and as much softball as one wants to play.

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Girls teams make Mother's Day exciting

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse Report

Mother's Day nearly turned into a wash-out for the Cohasset girls youth lacrosse program, but it ended with two tight and exciting games.

After the Blue team was washed out by a Pembroke squad that stayed away from the rain, the Cohasset White team hosted Scituate and played beautifully until the sun came out to warm up the afternoon.

Isabelle Franklin scored four first-half goals and Olivia Sullivan two - one on a great cross-crease feed from Kaci Kucinski - as Cohasset raced out to a 6-2 halftime lead.

But as the day turned from sloppy to sunny, Scituate turned its game around completely, dominating play and converting on almost all of its chances. Scituate scored six goals - to none for Cohasset - over the first 22 minutes of the second half to take the lead.

After another Scituate score was called back due to a crease violation, Cohasset finally put together its best chances of the afternoon, with Elizabeth Saltonstall and Whitney Jaffe getting opportunities before Kucinski tied the game with about a minute left in the game. From there, Cohasset's defense - spearheaded by Abby Faulkner, Lauren Blaze, Molly McElgunn, Dylanne Axelson and Mimi Mahoney - put the brakes on a last-ditch Scituate run and the game ended in a 7-7 tie.

Thomson Jaffe finished the game with four saves in the Cohasset net.

At the 15-U level (grades 7 and 8), Scituate opened the scoring in the first minute of the game, and added a second goal just seconds later as it looked like Cohasset was headed for a long afternoon.

Instead, the quick deficit turned into a wake-up call, as Cohasset scored the next seven goals. Gabriella Flibotte scored twice lefthanded and once with her more natural right to lead the charge. Caitlin Mahoney pocketed the first and last goals of the half, Kaley Madge blasted home a direct-free position and Maura Barnes scored after circling behind the net to account for the goals, before Scituate closed the deficit just before the half.

With a 7-3 halftime lead, Cohasset's big worry was the kind of let-down the younger team suffered. Instead, Cohasset answered almost every Scituate score with a passing game that created great scoring opportunities. After two Scituate goals made the score 7-5, McKenna Teague buried a feed from Paige Strecker, Flibotte converted a feed from Barnes to answer another Scituate score, followed by Teague picking up a ground ball in traffic and drilling it past the Scituate goalkeeper for a 10-6 lead.

From there, Cohasset's defense stepped up and played great lock-down defense, forcing Scituate to burn clock without getting quality scoring opportunities. Rebecca Evans, Lindsay Hill, Natalie Hunt and Amanda Masotta did a lot of the work, but midfielders Sarah Brown, Madeline Leahy, Katie Gaumer, Lesen Haracz and Isabelle Franklin never let Scituate get free or capture a ground ball down the stretch.

After Katelyn Ryan fed Flibotte to answer a Scituate score, Cohasset's defense held until a meaningless goal with seconds remaining.

Grace Clougherty and Thomson Jaffe combined to make three saves in the Cohasset net.

On May 2, Cohasset traveled to Hingham where the Blue team suffered its first loss of the game while the other squads had close victories.

Isabelle Franklin's first-half hat trick helped the Cohasset White team jump out to a 4-3 halftime lead, with the fourth goal coming from the stick of Kaci Kucinski.

Elizabeth Saltonstall scored her first two goals of the year, and Franklin added her fourth on the day, as the team held on for a 7-6 win.

Abby Faulkner led the defensive charge to keep Hingham from tying things up, and also produced some quality scoring chances from her defensive position. Whitney Jaffe and Vicky Wade also had good chances to score, but came up short.

Thomson Jaffe made 9 saves to backstop the team to its win.

The Blue team dropped a 3-1 halftime lead and lost a 6-5 squeaker against a different Hingham squad. Cohasset was handicapped by a last-minute schedule change that kept several players - including most of its defense - from attending.

Amy Meikleham led the scoring effort with two goals, while Maddy Altholtz, Bridget Cahill and Olivia Sullivan added single scores.

Whitney Jaffe and Olivia Sullivan made seven saves between them, while splitting halves in the net.

At the 15-U level, Gabriella Flibotte's six-goal, one-assist effort powered Cohasset past Hingham 10-5. Maura Barnes added two goals and one assist, and Katelyn Ryan had two scores as Cohasset dominated despite having just one substitute for most of the game.

Thomson Jaffe made 9 stops in the Cohasset net to preserve the win.

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Registration: begins at 8am for all events.

Contact: Deb Beal (781-383-6100, x148) for more information or go to Coolrunning.com.

All race proceeds got to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund, named in honor of former Cohasset High Athletic Director Clark Chatterton, who lost his battle with cancer four years ago.

The Fund has already donated over $16,000 to several local causes and projects, among them the Milliken Field baseball renovation, the track and field discus cage at Alumni Field, the Cohasset Food Pantry, the CHS Athletic Trainor salary and the Presidential Class room at CHS.

This October, the Clark Chatterton Fund Committee will be sponsoring the first annual Clark Chattetonr Golf Scramble at Hatherly Country Club in Scituate.

"Being a part of something like this has been very exciting," said Cohasset High Athletic Director and Fund Committee member Ron Ford of the Chatterton Fund. "This has already gone way beyond what we originally thought, and it just keeps getting bigger and bigger."

Anyone interested in making donations to the fund should directly contact a Clark Chatterton Fund Committee member. The members are Ford, Deb Beal, Jack DeLorenzo, Deanna Mulligan, Phil Mahoney, Bob Durkin, Gary Vanderweil and Linda Bolster, the Fund's President.

Donations can also be mailed to PO Box 652, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Red Sox ticket raffle

The Cohasset Middle-High School Athletic Department is holding a Red Sox Ticket Raffle/E-Mail Auction.

Thanks to the generosity of Cohasset High School Graduate Phillip Mahoney (class of 1987), we will again run a fundraiser to assist the CMHS Athletic Department raising the funds necessary to provide the Athletic Training Services for our program. This year's fundraiser will involve two options. The first is a ticket raffle.

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Additional tickets are available and unused tickets should be turned into Mr. Ford's office.

E-mail auction

The second option is a silent auction for 4 tickets and 1 parking pass to the .406 Club to see the Red Sox play the Oakland A's on Tuesday, July 6th. The value of this package is $444. All auction bids can be emailed to Ron Ford, at rford@cohassetk12.org. All bidders will be updated as to the status of their bids.

All bidding and ticket sales will close on Friday, June 3 at 12:00 pm. The winners will be drawn at the High School Lunch Period at 12:15 pm on Friday, June 3 in the CMHS Cafeteria.

If you need any additional information please feel free to contact Athletic Director, Ron Ford at 781-383-6103.

CYBSA holding Calender Fundraiser

The Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association is once again holding its Calendar Card fundraiser. Our baseball and softball players are all over town selling the calendar cards and helping to raise funds for the Little League. Last years efforts raised over $20,000 which was used to pay off the debt to the town for the new fields, as well as help purchase two new scoreboards, bleachers, and the building of the concession stand. This years drawings begin on Thursday, May 13th and continue until June 13th with weekday drawings of $50, weekend drawings of $150 and a final grand prize drawing of $1000 at the All-Star game and cookout. We thank all of our players, parents, friends and families for helping to make this Calendar Card fundraiser another BIG success!!. Good luck!!

South Shore Basketball shooting clinic

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept registrations at Town Hall for an off-season basketball shooting clinic for boys and girls, grades 6 through 12.

The clinic will be coached by Paul-Michael Quintin and be limited to 15 participants in each of the two sessions. The fee for this program that will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from April 27 through June 3 is $115 per player.

Session I, for boys and girls grades 6 to 8, meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Cohasset High School gym.

Co-Ed Basketball Clinic

This will be the eighth year that this instructional clinic will be offered to both boys and girls. This clinic is for any player who wants to learn, practice and improve all aspects of their game. Basic individual offensive and defense skills will be taught. Players will be placed on teams and will compete against players of similar ability. All participants are expected to understand that this week is a challenging week intended to teach all facets of the great game of basketball. Bring your lunch and good attitude. Coach Matt Poirier and the best collection of basketball coaches on the South Shore and great guest speakers every day. Cost $120.00

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SSBC camps in Cohasset, Braintree & Hingham

HINGHAM, MASS (April 23, 2004) – The South Shore Baseball Club's popular summer camps for boys and girls from any city or town will be held once again at Cohasset, Braintree and Hingham.

"Cohasset, Braintree and Hingham are all great baseball towns and we all really enjoy having our camps there every summer," SSBC president/director Frank Niles Jr. said. "Our expert staff of qualified professionals wants these kids to enjoy the great game of baseball, as well as help them improve their skills. Every camper will enjoy a valuable and rewarding experience at any of the SSBC camps this summer."

All campers will be grouped according to age, ability, physical maturity and previous experience. Instructions will range from basic fundamentals to advanced skills. Each will play a minimum of one game per day.

Individual attention will be emphasized in all aspects of baseball. Pitching, catching, defense, base running, and hitting will be featured in special sessions and lectures. Any camper needing specific areas of improvement will receive special attention from SSBC's expert staff of qualified professional coaches.

The Cohasset camp for youngsters 5-12 will be held June 28-July 2 at Milliken Field.

The Braintree camp returns July 5-9 to Hollingsworth Park for campers 5 through 12.

The annual Hingham Summer Baseball Camp, offering four one-week sessions for players 5 to 15, will be held July 12-August 6 at Hingham High School. The camp is not restricted to Hingham residents.

"We really look forward to being there for four full weeks of baseball," Niles added. "The Hingham Camp is the highlight of our summer "

Sessions at all camps will be held Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and half-day sessions also will be available for 5 through 7 year olds.

SSBC is a full service, year-round club and training facility for baseball and softball players, ages 5 and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or any of its summer camps call 1-800-GO4-HITS/(781) 749-6466 or visit SSBC's Web site at www.ssbc.com.

Ted Williams How to Hit Night For Parents, Coaches and Players

The Ted Williams League will sponsor several "free" how to hit a baseball nights at the Pembroke Community Center gym on route 14 in Pembroke center. They will be held on three consectutive Mondays, May 17 and 24 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

The symposiums will feature the number one teacher of the Ted Williams theory of hitting, Steve Ferroli. "Ferroli knows more about my principles of hitting than anyone I've ever been with". (Ted Williams 1994)

Parents, coaches and players of all ages and skill levels are welcome to watch and listen or ask questions at this free public conversation directed torward the hardest thing to do in sports - hitting a baseball. This year players 8-12 that are pre registered will get a chance to hit in the batting cage.

Don't miss out on a night sure to enrich and enlighten anyones approach to hitting a baseball as author and batting instructor Steve Ferroli relays the thoughts and moves of major league baseball's last .400 hitter.

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To register please call (781) 293-2700 and leave your name, the amount of people in your party, the symposium date you wish to attend, your phone number and if you have a player between 8-12 that wishes to hit that evening.

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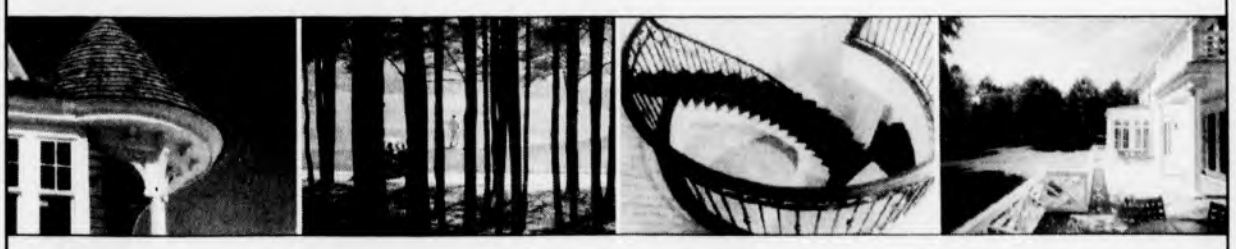
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Chamber music concert

Members of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra will present a Chamber Music Concert at the First Parish Meeting House on the Common in Cohasset on Sunday afternoon, May 16, at 4 p.m.

The concert features a string trio - violin, viola and cello - performing three selections including Mozart; Bernhard Henrik Crusell's quartet Opus 2 in E-flat major for clarinet, violin, viola and cello, and Crusell's solos for clarinet performed by Kai-Yun Lu.

Tickets are $15 available at the door or by calling the First Parish office Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 781-383-1100.

Free conference on senior housing

A free conference, "Housing That Works; A Conference for Older Adults Considering a Move" will be held Friday, June 4, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Senior Center at Hingham Town Hall.

The full-day conference of lectures, workshops and a trade show will offer information about housing choices and ways to minimize the stress of moving. Seniors and children of seniors facing the possibility of a future move are invited to attend.

The morning session will consist of several panels: Selling Your Home – how to simplify the process, and Profiles in Housing – information about different senior housing options. Afternoon panels will discuss: Title 5 septic regulations ("It's in the Tank") and The Rent is Due - financing options for the various types of housing.

Following the panel discussions will be a free lunch and a tradeshow (1-3 p.m.) where conference participants will have an opportunity to meet representatives from many local senior housing communities, and professionals who provide services to help seniors have a stress-free move. In addition special raffle prizes will be offered from many local businesses.

The conference is sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs and the Hingham Department of Elder Services, with support from the Allerton House of Hingham, Linden Ponds at Hingham, and the Transitions Program of Home Center Real Estate in Hingham. Pre-registration is required by May 28. Call the Hingham Department of Elder Services at 781-741-1458 or Cohasset Elder Affairs, 781-383-9112.

Ladies' Night Out Wine Tasting set

A festive Ladies' Night Out Wine Tasting will be held from 7:30 to 10 p.m. on May 14, at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, 100 Sohier St., Cohasset.

Proceeds will benefit the regional museum. Primary construction has been completed, the playground is scheduled for a June installation and major exhibits are now in the planning stage.

The wines for this event will come from "down under," courtesy of New Zealand's Tim Fogarty from the House of Nobilo and Australia's Tony Charley representing Banrock Station. Amyra Chase of Cohasset Village Wine and Spirits will assist with the presentation.

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To reserve tickets at $45, send checks to Our World, P.O. Box 422, Cohasset MA 02025 or call 781-383-3198.

League annual meeting May 18

The Social Service League of Cohasset, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 18, at 9 a.m. The meeting will take place in Walton Rodgers Hall at St. Stephens Church at 16 Highland Ave.

Barbecue following Memorial Day Parade

The Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation is pleased to invite everyone for hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks or coffee immediately following the Memorial Day Parade May 31, at Bancroft Hall on Government Island.

The non-profit Lightkeepers Corporation was established in 1991 to renovate a former two-family lightkeepers' residence, no longer used as such because of automation of Minot's Light, and convert it into a function room for community use. The building is leased from the town but maintained and operated by the Lightkeepers Corporation.

The generosity of Cohasset residents and others provided the funds for renovation. Operating and maintenance expenses, and reserves for capital replacements or improvements, are recovered from rental of two apartments on the second floor, and from fees charged to non-residents for use of the function room facilities. Cohasset residents may use the facilities for a nominal fee, and non-profit organizations at no charge.

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For further information please contact R. M. Campbell, President of CLC, at 383-0025.

Goldberg in concert

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church is presenting noted soprano Leslie Ann Goldberg in a recital on Sunday, May 16 at 3 p.m. Dr. Goldberg is noted for her interpretation of French and Russian art song and is a faculty member at both Bridgewater State College and Stonehill College. She is also a frequent presenter for the Orff Schullwerk Conference and had received the Outstanding Woman Award from the Women's Resource Center and is an active vocal coach for choral and theatre groups. The May 16 concert is slightly unusual, for it will feature works for soprano and organ, and accompanying the program will be Dr. G. Fredrick Guzasky in works of Vierne, Schutz and Pinkham, among others.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset and ample parking is available at the nearby village car park. St. Stephen's is handicap accessible and the program is free of charge, although donations are accepted. A playing of the bells of the St. Stephen's carillon will take place a half hour before the concert.

For more information, please call 781-383-1083.

Ice show coming

The Skating Club of Hingham will present its annual ice show May 15, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham. This year's show theme, "Movie Magic," is a tribute to songs from some of the favorite movies of all time.

More than 80 skaters from ages 4 through 70 will perform group and solo numbers to music from "Annie," "Peter Pan" Wizard of Oz," "Singing In the Rain," "Brother Bear," "Grease" and much more. The show will feature 15 solo numbers by members of the club, including four of its graduating seniors, Calla Davenport of Hull, Mallory Harvey of So. Weymouth, Lauren Caruso of Hanover and Molly Devine of Braintree. In addition, guest pairs skaters Lara and Neill Shelton of Wayland, national championship alternates, will perform to "Escape," and former Scottish National Champion Ian Macadam of Braintree will skate to "Sing, Sing, Sing."

Tickets to the show are available at the door of Pilgrim Arena, 75 Recreation Road, and are $5 for adults, $3 for children under 12 and seniors. For more information call the Skating Club of Hingham at 781-741-8194.

Recalling life on Peddocks Island

On May 19, the Cohasset Historical Society welcomes Leslie Silvia as the guest speaker for its final installment of the Spring Lecture Series. Prior to her death, Leslie's mother, Matilda Silvia, wrote a touching memoir of her family's life on Peddocks Island.

This 188-acre bit of land on the outskirts of Boston Harbor, was home to the Silvia family from 1904 to 2001 when it was purchased by the Metropolitan District Commission. For many years it was also home to Portuguese immigrants as Fort Andrews. Silvia breaths life into every day events, commemorates New England military history, and celebrates the strong binds of family and community. Leslie Silvia, who worked closely with the publisher to finish the memoir, will discuss the stories of her family's past which are rich in both local and family history. This event will be held at the Historical Society's headquarters, the Pratt Building, 100 South Main St., Cohasset, at 7:30 p.m.

Society members invite the public to join them for this special evening. The lecture is free and light refreshment will be served. For additional information, call the Cohasset Historical Society at 781-383-1434.

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Favorites 2004

Art show draws a crowd



Deer Hill fourth-grader Emily Dormitzer poses with her artwork during the "Favorites 2004" show Tuesday night at the school. Each student chose his or her favorite artwork of the year to be included in the exhibit.



Emily Betovich and Eric Studley unveil the sixth-grade mosaic, which is a permanent clay installation created by the students.

Staff photos by Susan Haney





A crowd gathers for the unveiling of the sixth-grade mosaic on Tuesday night.

At left: Emily O'Brien, a fourth-grader, with her favorite work of art at the exhibit for students, faculty, family and friends during the gala opening on Tuesday.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Cohasset High honor roll for the third quarter

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Seniors

Erik Belz, Caitlin Condon, Rachel Doyle, Andrew Musto, Emily Simmons, Carling Sturino and Daniel Tarpey.

Juniors

Jack Carroll and Jonathan Grimm.

Sophomores

Brooke Allen, Kelsey Bell, Aaron Bigley, Christopher Ofsthun and Nils Sceery.

Freshmen

Kevin Barber, Laura Campedelli, Emily Coggins, Kyle Dattola-Harris, Donald Dickinson, Meredyth Evans, Caren Garber, Ryan Ingram, Colleen Richardson, Virginia Spofford, Lauren Strazzulla and Amanda Thompson.

FIRST HONORS

Seniors

Jennifer Buckley, Ashley Faber, Tess Foley, Jessie Guild, Jenna Lowe, Laura Marks, Shan Shan Nie, Elisa Ninde-Jerome, Sarah Noble, Brittany Novak, Brenna O'Donnell, Andrew O'Keeffe, Danielle Pinkus, Phillip Strazzulla, Nicole Turgiss, Kristen Watts and Gillian Weber.

Juniors

Dominique Asnault, Alice Bellone, Peter Bunstein, Cecelia Chapman, Elizabeth Condos, Jeannette Daley, Alison Fludder, Rachel Garber, Lindsey Kennedy, Molly Kirk, Miranda Lanzillotti, Christine Lovallo, Jennifer Murray, John Roth and Elizabeth Stone.

Sophomores

Patrick Bertovich, Prescott Busk, Rita Carpenter, Susan Curry, Amanda Daley, Kathleen DeWaal, Nicole Dugan, Zachary Etkind, Marissa Evans, Matthew Fithian, Chelsea Grossman, Kaitlin James, Katherine Jensen, Jeffrey Kent, Alison Krupczak, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Jonathan Lowe, Kate McBride, David McKenna, Carrie Muir, Lisa Musto, Emily Nash, Nathan Needle, Christopher Pescatore, Vanessa Plante, Christopher Reynolds, Emily Savage, Lisa Spirito, Ellen Tarpey, Molly Trisler and Katherine Whoriskey.

Freshmen

Austin Breslow, Alyssa Campbell, Brent Daly, Shalea Daly, Jared Dick, Lindsay Durkin, Corbin Faber, Caitlin Hurley, Charlotte Landon, Robert Meikleham, Charles Miller, Charles Morin, Lara Novak, Mary Previte, John Rohrer, Emma Simon, Adam Smith, Paul St. Pierre, Owen Stevenson, Alida Tangherlini and Kara Wilcox.

SECOND HONORS

Seniors

Christopher Bilodeau, Conor Buick, Andrew Busk, Rob Carpenter, Shelley Carter, Jonathan Downing, Nicole Durant, Allison Earon, Corey Evans, Kathleen Hurley, Mariel Koed, Meghan Marr, Sarah McMorris, John Oronte, Julia Scribner and Julie Trahon.

Juniors

Richard Allen, Casey Anderson, Jacqueline Blake, Catherine Calorio, Matthew Casey, John DeWaal, Colby Durant, Lucy Gardner, Danielle Hajjar, Daniel Leahy, Molly Liddell, Jonathan Littauer, Andrew Lovallo, Toby Norman, Molly Ogrodnik, Timothy Pilczak, Thomas Ross, Julia Sanchez, Christina St. Pierre and Domenic Strazzulla.

Sophomores

Alexandra Belz, Jessica Bilbo, Katherine Bolger, Mark Bouchard, Michael Devlin, Joanna Hamilton, John Keniley, Remy Lee, Erin Liddell, Daniel McCarthy, Christie Muir, Katharine Murphy, Cassie Rosano and Emilie Shea.

Freshmen

Caroline Barrett, Teresa Bellone, Jeffrey Brown, Colin Conway, Michael Corry, Stephanie Fewsmith, Jack Gilbert, Ryan Kucinski, Elizabeth Landon, Austen Lanzillotti, Benjamin Masotta, Christina Pinkus, Fletcher Smalzel, Robert St. John and Nicholas Zappolo.

Middle school honor roll for third quarter

HIGH HONORS

Seventh Grade

Eleanor Baumgarten, Johanna Brophy, Ana Buckley, Jennifer Cahill, Brittany Dunn, Jessica Fitts, Margaret Goodwin, Kirstie Jones, Amanda Masotta, Fiona McBride, Margaret McGoldrick, Rachel McMorris, Christine McQuade, Kristin Monaco, David Oddleifson, Conor Ofsthun, Carly Salerno, Ivan Sceery, Graham Sinclaire, Jean Thomae, Wesley Ulmer, Christopher Wilcox and Carley Zappolo.

Eighth Grade

Alexandra Boehmke, Ian Cundall, Evan Deutsch, Colin Dignam, Rebecca Evans, Alexandra Laas, Claire McCarthy and Jesse Meade.

HONORS

Seventh Grade

Lauren Allen, Marcus Barrett, Andrew Bell, Adam Berger, Luke Brewer, Lennart Brown, Melissa Castro, Widmaier Charles, Sarah Coggins, Alison Costa, Ryan Daly, Kyle DeSisto, Jessica Dupre, Gabriella Flibotte, Michael Froio, Lesen Haracz, Torey Hart, Patrick Hurley, Aisling Kearns, Samantha Lehr, Lauren Mack, Caitlin Mahoney, Alyssa Mullin, Conor Murphy, Christopher O'Grady, Erika Orner, Megan Parnell, Katelyn Ryan, Andrew Smith, Samantha Snow, John Sturino, Marissa Tangherlini, Elizabeth Tetreault, David Toomey, Timothy Treese and Tyler Wood.

Eighth Grade

Meghan Anderson, Michael Bilodeau, Matthew Burgess, Abigail Bushnell, Jacqueline Cahill, Meagan Coakley, Charles Czerkawski, Marc D'Antonio, Penisha Daniel, Ramsey Davis, Kali Devaney, Amanda Durant, MacKenzie Durkin and Elizabeth Fegreus.

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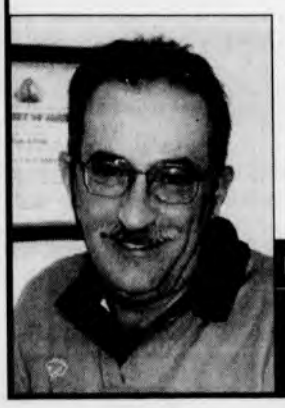
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Parents pitch in to make prom, graduation special

By Mary Sheppard
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In Cohasset where many high school seniors have been together since kindergarten and graduating classes usually number less than 100 students, a special bond tends to form by the end of the senior year. Graduation can be a bittersweet time as students realize their time spent as a class is coming to a close.

But thanks to a group of parents, the "pre-prom gala" on the town common and the commencement reception have become annual traditions helping to make graduation even more memorable.

Like many of Cohasset's school-related activities begun by parents, they started with an idea and no fiscal backing.

Jean Reidy of Wheelwright Farm, assisted by several other parents of seniors that year, helped organize the first pre-prom reception in 1990 when her twin boys were graduating.

"My oldest son had graduated in 1987," Reidy said. "I remember that on prom night, he had spent hours driving around to different houses and getting pictures taken. I also remember how hard it was for me to get descriptions of what the girls wore because that's so important to know! Trying to get that out of my son was almost impossible.

"I thought how great it would be for all of us if the seniors as a class could congregate in one place for pictures. It would also alleviate a lot of driving around before prom," she said.

With a nod from the high school, Reidy and her committee organized the first pre-prom reception at the South Shore Art Center in 1990.

"I think the graduating class that year was about 70," she recalled. "Some of the kids arrived in 'limos,' some came in cars. We kept it simple and all the parents chipped in – 100 percent involvement.

"It turned out to be a great event with everyone helping because no one had to do too much," Reidy said. "Decorations and food consisted of balloons and crepe paper, cheese, crackers, fruit and a punch and it went on for about two hours. I think the whole class was there and of course, the parents with their cameras."

JoAnne Chittick, a committee member, reminded Reidy of the hustle that senior class officer parents had to do, once the graduates left for prom. The art center had to be cleaned up, then the race home to change clothes and get to where prom that year was held in order to chaperone the dance.

"But it was so much fun," Reidy laughed. "A lot of great memories."

She said that the best part of the event was that everyone was included. "Prom night usually meant that many of the kids were separated from each other. Before and after prom, everyone got in their cars and went to private homes or just rode around in cars. This way, it honored the class for one of their last times as a class."

Then after the prom in those years, seniors usually congregated on Sandy Beach, which kept police busy chasing them off as that wasn't allowed — far different than the greatly organized and creative post-prom party of today.

"The kids would leave and drive around in their cars," Reidy recalled. "That, to parents, presented more of a risk. A few of us decided to go to the police station before prom night and asked permission for the kids to stay at the beach so we at least knew where they were and that they weren't on the roads. The police okayed it and in addition, would periodically check on them."

Breakfast at 6 a.m. at the Unitarian Parish House was also conceived during this era.

"I remember getting rolls from Stop &Shop," Reidy said. "And the rest of it parents did. Everyone had an item to bring to the Parish House – eggs, bacon, fruit. It was never too difficult because all the parents chipped in."



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Laraine Langford, Lindsay Grossman, Kelly Holway, Sarah Brady, Kim Ulmer, Nell Brewer, Rachel Smith, Sarah Hassan, Nicole Needle, Maura O'Brien and Alexis Bugley look beautiful at last year's pre-prom gala on the common.

As the years progressed and graduating classes were larger, pre-prom was moved from the art center to the Lightkeeper's Residence on Government Island and recently, to the Cohasset Common.

Today, prom night for Cohasset High School seniors is a much anticipated and well-planned event, beginning with pre-prom gala on the common and ending at 5 a.m. the next morning with the winding down of the post-prom party. This year, prom night starts at 5 p.m., Friday, May 28 with the pre-prom gala on the common. All are encouraged to bring cameras.

At 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5, the Class of 2004 graduates at the Music Circus on Sohier Street. In addition to families and friends, the public is welcome to attend as there are plenty of seats.

Sue McNamara of Beach Street was the active organizer of the first graduation reception, also now a Cohasset tradition. McNamara is quick to tell of the parents and school personnel who lent tremendous assistance — the late Clark Chatterton, Meg Gallagher (who was principal in 1988), Karen Kirkendall, Laurie Hamilton, and many junior class parents who hosted this senior reception and passed the tradition to the next class.

"Until 1988, after the graduation ceremony at the Music Circus people left pretty quickly to attend private parties," McNamara recalls. "We instead wanted to create a festive, communal venue immediately afterward that included the whole class so they could take time with teachers and administrators and parents could mingle, celebrate the event together, and offer thanks to teachers and good wishes to the graduates."

Food and paper goods were all donated by parents, she said.

"Really the only thing that gave us any sort of problem was the sun melting the food," McNamara said. "Outside of that, we'd always hoped that what we started that year would remain a tradition passed from one class to another, year after year."

Although Sue McNamara stopped being involved on an organizational level when her youngest graduated in 1996, she still enjoys the pre-prom event as well as graduation.

"I enjoy it all," she said. "It's one of the personal touches of living in a small town."

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Walk the Rails for Habitat

On May 31, Memorial Day, Habitat for Humanity will sponsor a Walk the Rails tour on a recently cleared section of the Greenbush Railway corridor between Hingham and Cohasset. The suggested start time for the walk is between 9 and 10 a.m., with the railway corridor open until 2 p.m.

This is a unique and limited opportunity to walk on the former and future railway bed stretching in a near straight line from Hingham to Cohasset Center. Walkers are requested to register and begin their walk at the former site of the Hingham Lumber Company at 190 Summer St., Hingham, which is just off of Route 3A south of the Hingham rotary. Ample parking will be available at the registration site. For those who prefer or are unable to make the full walk, van service will be available to come back to the parking area from Route 228 and Cohasset Center. In the area of the Walk, the rail bed is wide and flat and free of rails and railway ties.

The Hingham Committee of South Shore Habitat for Humanity (SSHH) secured the approval for the Walk from the Cashman Balfour Beatty Company which is the contractor for the rebuilding of the Greenbush Line. The chairperson for this walk is Robert Broker and the Chairperson for the Hingham Committee is Jack Linskey. They request your early registration to assure sufficient volunteers will be available to assist you on the walk or with van service. Registration may be made by email at rail sforhabitat@verizon. net or by calling 781-749-3788. Leave your name and the number of persons walking. The local committee of SSHH is requesting a donation of $10 for adults and $5 for youth with children walking free.

For railway and nature enthusiasts this is a rare opportunity to see "off the road" and little known areas of Hingham including Foundry Pond above the dam, the Weir River below Weir River Farm as it crosses into Foundry Pond, a view of the old Hingham quarries, and the rear grounds of Glastonbury Abbey. Below Route 228, the corridor passes along the side of the Cohasset Country Club and Woodside Cemetery, concluding with the extensive off road area leading into Cohasset Center. The route ends some three and a half miles south next to the South Shore Arts Center and the Pleasant Street Grille. Several restaurants in Cohasset are within a short distance.



On the left - Robert Broker, chair for the walk. On the right - Jack Linskey, chair for the Hingham Committee for SSHH The photo was taken by Steve Waynem on the Greenbush corridor off of Eldridge Court in Hingham, just south of Water Street.

For those who prefer or are unable to make the full walk, van service will be available to come back to the parking area from Route 228 and Cohasset Center.

The South Shore's "Little Dig" has created a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages to explore the site of the former and future Greenbush Railway. This historic commuter line, once part of the Old Colony Railroad system opened in the mid 1840's and has been closed since 1958. It is expected to open once again in 2006. The restored Greenbush line terminates in Scituate running north from there through Cohasset, Hingham, Weymouth, and on to Braintree where it connects with the other two recently opened lines from Middleborough and Plymouth, before heading for Boston. During the next year construction activity is planned to increase significantly.

Walk the Rails will benefit the efforts of the Hingham Committee of SSHH to build a single family home on Central Street in Hingham. The Hingham Town Meeting set aside this plot of land for affordable housing with Habitat selected by the Town to develop that property. Currently, the Town is developing an extended lease with SSHH for this purpose.

Biodiversity Days in Appleton Field

The First Herring Brook Watershed Initiative is planning several fun events to celebrate Scituate's Biodiversity Days starting with a visit to the Appleton Field near the South Swamp on Saturday, May 15 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon.

The Appleton Field is one of the few remaining large, inland, natural open field habitats, still surrounded by undeveloped land, left in Scituate. It is a scenic area full of bird life as well as many species of dragonflies and wild flowers, and it was recently purchased by the Town of Scituate with Community Preservation Act Funds. .

Bring your binoculars and cameras as local naturalists will be on hand with identification manuals and supplies to help identify and document findings. .

Meet at the Mount Hope Improvement Society Building at the corner of Clapp Road and Cedar Street in Scituate's West End at 9:30 a.m. Suggested donation is $3 and long pants are recommended..

For further information, contact Lance Van Lenten on 781-545-5987 or visit:
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Holly Hill Farm educational events for adults & kids

The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. announce the Spring and Summer 2004 schedule of its Organic Gardening Workshop and Family Farm series. For adults looking to expand their knowledge of organic gardening or parents seeking activities for their children, the series events are designed to offer broad appeal to young and old alike. More information about Holly Hill Farm and The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. is available at www.hollyhillfarm.org

Organic Gardening Workshop Series Schedule

All workshops begin at 10 a.m. and end at noon, and admission for each varies.

Growing Organic Seedlings, Saturday, May 15

Learn how to successfully grow vegetables and flowers from seed. At this hands-on workshop, find out about potting mixes, containers, seed sources, planning seeds, and watering techniques. Plant a flat of seeds to take home. Seeds are provided but attendees are welcome to their own seed. (Cost: FHHF members $20; non-members $25)

Bees Buzz, Saturday, June 26

There are 20 hives on the farm producing honey that is sold at the farm and helps the farm's vegetables with pollination. The farm's expert apiarist, Luke Lambert, will guide attendees through the fascinating life of a bee on the farm, in its hive and the importance of bees in nature. (Cost: FHHF members $12; non-members $15)

Painting an Organic Landscape, July 10, 17 & 24

Local landscape painter, Sage Green Belber, will guide a group of intermediate to advanced painters in their preferred medium as they create a landscape from a scenic vista at the farm. Sage and the other painters will talk about their work and offer one another constructive critique. Cost includes all workshops and hours are negotiable to continue with your painting. Please call if you need an easel or other materials. (Cost: FHHF members $40; non-members $50)

Growing and Cooking with Herbs, Saturday July 31

Learn to grow culinary herbs - in a garden, in containers on the porch, or even indoors on a windowsill. Take a "tasting tour" of the farm's herb garden and learn to identify plants by their distinct flavors and aromas. Find out how to grow both annual and perennial herbs — from preparing the soil, to harvesting for the kitchen. Take home new recipes and learn how to dry and store fresh herbs for winter use. (Cost: FHHF members $20; non-members $25)

Growing Organic Cut Flowers, Saturday, Aug. 28

Delphinium, Cosmos and Echinacea to name a few: learn all about growing cut flowers in a home garden. Topics range from seed sources to sowing tips. Attendees will practice deadheading and harvesting and will make a bouquet to take home. (Cost: FHHF members $20; non-members $25)

Family Farm Series Schedule

Family Farming, Saturday, June 5

Parents and children are welcome to come and learn how to grow seedlings at home. Attendees will tour the farm's greenhouse, and learn about different containers, potting mix, and seed sources. They will plant some seeds to take home using recycled home materials. Supplies and seeds provided. (Cost: FHHF members $20 per family; non-members $24 per family)

Family Farm Tour, Saturday, Aug. 14

Farmer Jean White will lead a guided tour around the farm, with visits to the greenhouse and growing fields. Attendees will also get to meet the farm animals. (Cost: FHHF members $12 per family; non-members $15 per family)

For additional information and registration, contact Jon Belber by phone at 781-383-1455 or by email at jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com.

About The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc.

To further its goals, Holly Hill Farm, a certified organic farm located in Cohasset, , established in 2002 the non-profit organization - The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. (Friends). The principle activities of the Friends are the development and support of educational resources and programs at Holly Hill Farm for use by the educational institutions and citizens of Cohasset and its surrounding towns. Programs include farm visits for school groups, a summer work program for teens, an organic farming course for high school students, guided walks, and a series of organic gardening workshops. More information about Holly Hill Farm and The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. is available at www.hollyhillfarm.org

OBITUARIES

Anne R. Granville

Anne R. (Chichetto) Granville, 90, of Cohasset, a homemaker, died May 9, 2004, at home following a brief illness.

Born in Boston, Mrs. Granville was daughter of the late James and Helen (O'Flaherty) Chichetto.

Wife of the late Francis X. Granville, she leaves four daughters, Annmarie E. LoConte of Marshfield, Patricia A. Granville of Cohasset, Mary F. Lowe of Cohasset and Frances T. Kinnucan of Milton; two sisters, Mary Cardillo of Shrewsbury and Rita Caiani of Foxborough; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was sister of the late Helen Coppola, James, Patrick and Anthony Chichetto.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, May 13, at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment will be in Couch Memorial Cemetery in Marshfield.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to South Shore Association for Retarded Citizens, 31 River St., No. Weymouth, 02191, Att.: Development; or South Shore Visiting Nurse Association, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree, 02184.

Anne E. Mahoney

Anne Elinor (Meleedy) Mahoney, 94, of Cohasset, a retired registered nurse, died May 7, 2004, at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Facility following a brief illness.

Born in Boston, one of seven children of the late Edward and Mary Ellen (Claffey) Meleedy, she lived in the Neponset section of Dorchester. Mrs. Mahoney attended Boston schools and was a graduate of the Long Island School of Nursing. She was employed by Boston area hospitals and also entered industrial nursing, working at Submarine Signal Co., Raytheon and Keystone Mfg. Co.

An avid hockey and baseball fan, she enjoyed watching the Boston Bruins and Red Sox on TV.

Wife of the late Gerald T. Mahoney, she leaves a son, Dr. Francis X. Mahoney of Cohasset; a daughter, Ann Mahoney Cuddahy of Cohasset; and 10 grandchildren. She was mother of the late Dr. Gerald T. Mahoney of Lynnfield.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery, W. Roxbury.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

WORSHIP NOTES

Celebrate the Family' at Mormon Church

The world can be a scary place for families today. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints plan to share some of the family strengthening programs that have been used by its members for the past 80 years with Boston's South Shore Communities on May 22, between 1 and 5 p.m.

"We recently completed a major addition to our building at 379 Gardner St.,, in Hingham", says Bishop Leif Erickson, of Norwell. "As a congregation, we wanted to think of a way to celebrate this milestone with the community at large. We decided that we would 'celebrate the family' by sharing programs that are important to our church that can easily be used by members of all faiths to strengthen families."

Open house attendees will be taught how to organize and conduct regular weekly family activity nights with their own families during presentations that will begin every half-hour. A non-denominational, non-political, multicultural manual featuring stories and visual aids from around the world can be taken home as a gift and a guide. For information contact Holly Andrus at 781-749-2661.

St. Anthony's schedule updated

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For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 Ext. 9.

For Religious Education call 781-383-0630.

Website: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

LDS Family History Center open house

A refurbished and expanded family history facility will be introduced to the public at an open house on May 22, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the recently completed addition to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building at 379 Gardner St. in Hingham. Laptops will be available to show how computer programs can be used to organize genealogical information and free four-generation record keeping kits will be available. In addition, brief introductory workshops will address:

How do I begin my family history?

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How can I use the internet as a research tool?

In addition, heritage album experts will highlight methods for preserving priceless pictures and documents. Of special note is an 8-foot by 22-foot display that features the descendents of early Massachusetts's colonist Anne Hutchinson.

The Center, which is staffed by volunteers, is a branch of the world's largest genealogical records depository in Salt Lake City, Utah. Volunteer staff members offer free technical assistance to those who would like to begin or continue family genealogical research. Materials can be borrowed from the central library and used in the Hingham Branch location for a small fee. The Library features access to genealogy websites on the Internet and a large number of indexes are available on site. "It is tremendously satisfying to uncover your roots and learn more about where you come from," says Center Director, Joan Chatfield of Norwell. "According to American Demographics Magazine, genealogy is the second most popular hobby in the United States, after gardening." "We are fortunate," says Family History Consultant Coordinator, Jennifer Ashley, of Hull, "to have such an enthusiastic group of volunteers available to help people get started."

The open house will also feature brief presentations on how to organize and conduct weekly family activity nights. Further questions should be directed to Holly Andrus at 781-749-2661.

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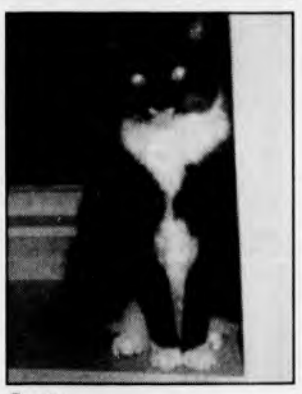
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If you are looking to adopt a kitten, please call! There will be several joining the shelter over the next few weeks.

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POLICE LOG

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

11:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash. Investigated/report taken.

12:05 p.m. North Main St., brush fire.

4:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious motor vehicle.

4:19 p.m. Stockbridge St., annoying phone calls.

5:17 p.m. Elm St., fire log entry.

5:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle crash.

5:55 p.m. North Main St., medical aid.

6:08 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious.

10:14 p.m. Elm St., found property.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

12:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious motor vehicle, services rendered.

6:42 a.m. Pond St, parking violation.

8:06 a.m. Forest Ave., animal control, area search negative.

8:27 a.m. Pond St., general services.

10:04 a.m. Pond St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

10:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

10:10 a.m. Haystack Lane, brush fire.

11:43 a.m. Bancroft Road, parking complaint.

12:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

3:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

4:01 p.m. Aaron River Road, animal control.

4:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, vandalism.

4:17 p.m. Elm St., found property.

4:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, investigation. Arrest: Christie Rennie, 19, 421 Hatherly Road, Scituate. Chrgs. two counts of larceny over $250 by false pretense, two counts of utter false check.

4:57 p.m. North Main St., medical aid.

6:31 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

7:21 p.m. Jerusalem road, fire.

7:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St,. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:39 p.m. Police Headquarters, investigation. Arrest: Joseph W. Carbone, 22, 72 Church St., Cohasset. Chrgs. two charges of forgery of check, two charges of larceny over $250 by false pretense.

8:19 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

12:05 a.m. Headquarters, medical aid.

2:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St, motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

7:38 a.m. Mill Lane, disturbance, peace restored.

9:38 a.m. Bancroft Road, fire investigation.

9:58 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, vandalism.

11:59 a.m. North Main St,. found property, safekeeping.

3:08 p.m. Jerusalem Road, structure fire, fire extinguished.

6:34 p.m. Mill Lane, notification.

MONDAY, MAY 3

12:07 a.m. Nichols Road, assist citizen.

12:21 a.m. Doane St., assist citizen.

2:23 a.m. Fire Headquarters, assist citizen.

10:36 a.m. North Main St., parking complaint.

12:29 p.m. Elm St., recovered property.

8:15 p.m. Tupelo Road, lost property.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

12:33 a.m. Pond St., well-being check.

5:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:19 a.m. Howard Gleason Road, animal control.

10:25 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning..

10:44 a.m. Forest Ave., animal control, referred to other agency.

11:44 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:43 p.m. Beechwood St., outside fire, extinguished.

2:47 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:57 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:44 p.m. Windsor Road, general services.

7:29 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

7:49 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:46 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

12:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., general services.

6:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:16 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:37 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., well-being check.

12:40 p.m. Pleasant St., medical aid, patient signoff.

1 p.m. Hull St., animal control.

1:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle crash.

2:25 p.m. James Lane, animal control.

2;58 p.m. Ripley Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle crash.

4:15 p.m. Jerusalem Road, found property.

4:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:54 p.m. Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., lost property.

5:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint, unfounded.

6:32 p.m. Lamberts Lane, medical aid, patient signoff.

6:37 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

7:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., traffic complaint.

7:30 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:50 p.m. Red Gate Lane, animal control.

7:59 p.m. Pleasant St. and James Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:29 p.m. Ripley Road and Smith Place, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:36 p.m. Sohier St. and Howes Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:13 p.m. Fogg Road, notification.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

1:58 a.m. Lamberts Lane, noise complaint.

6:44 a.m. King St., animal control.

8:30 a.m. Cedar and North Main sts., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:11 p.m. Cedar St., larceny.

5:10 p.m. Old Pasture Road, fire, investigation.

5:14 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

7:03 p.m. Pond St., animal control.

7:12 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:02 p.m. Summer St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:56 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

12:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.

2:18 a.m. Jerusalem Road, assist citizen.

5:46 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:39 a.m. Norman Todd Road and Beechwood St., animal control.

7:15 a.m. Hobart Lane, assist boater.

8:42 a.m. Sohier St., animal control.

11:21 a.m. Lamberts Lane, traffic complaint.

11:56 a.m. North Main St., fire, investigation.

12:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:52 p.m. Forest Ave., suspicious auto, peace restored.

2:27 p.m. Hull St., officer wanted.

5:05 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:11 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Windy Hill Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:42 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle crash, investigated.

6:13 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

7:48 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:10 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity, no police service necessary.

10:03 p.m. Bancroft Road, suspicious auto, area search negative.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

1:04 a.m. Bancroft Road, medical aid.

1:51 a.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

6:19 a.m. Lamberts Lane, assist citizen.

9:37 a.m. Beechwood St., parking complaint.

12:08 p.m. Briarwood Lane and Bancroft Way, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

12:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:11 p.m. Spring St., motor vehicle crash, investigated, report taken.

2:14 p.m. Elm St., larceny, removed to hospital.

2:40 p.m. Spring St., investigated, report taken.

4:16 p.m. Elm St., animal control.

6:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

8:51 p.m. Schofield Road and King St., traffic complaint, area search negative.

SUNDAY, MAY 9

12:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.

4:08 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:36 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:38 p.m. Ash St., well-being check, area search negative.

1:47 p.m. Atlantic Ave., burglary, breaking and entering, investigated, report taken.

2:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle crash, investigated, report taken.

2:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle crash, investigated, report taken.

3:03 p.m. Bancroft Road, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

7:23 p.m. Ledgewood Drive, fire, investigation, report taken.

11:59 p.m. Forest Ave., lost property.

11:59 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, medical aid, removed to hospital.

Police arrested four in April

April was a relatively quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department, there were four arrests; one for operating under the influence of liquor, two for Outstanding Warrants, and finally one for Protective Custody, Police Chief Robert Jackson said.

During the month of April the police department investigated nine motor vehicle accidents; one of which resulted in injury. There were 61 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,800 in fines. Additionally, there were 12 parking tickets issued for $325 in fines.

Also in the month of April the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 773 calls for police services of those 119 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls, Jackson said.

Also in the month of April there was one criminal complaint issued.



Legal Notices

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division – Docket No. 04P0834EP

In the Estate of HARRY W ROSE

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 19, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that RICHARD B ROSE of STERLING in the County of WORCESTER or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JUNE 16, 2004.**

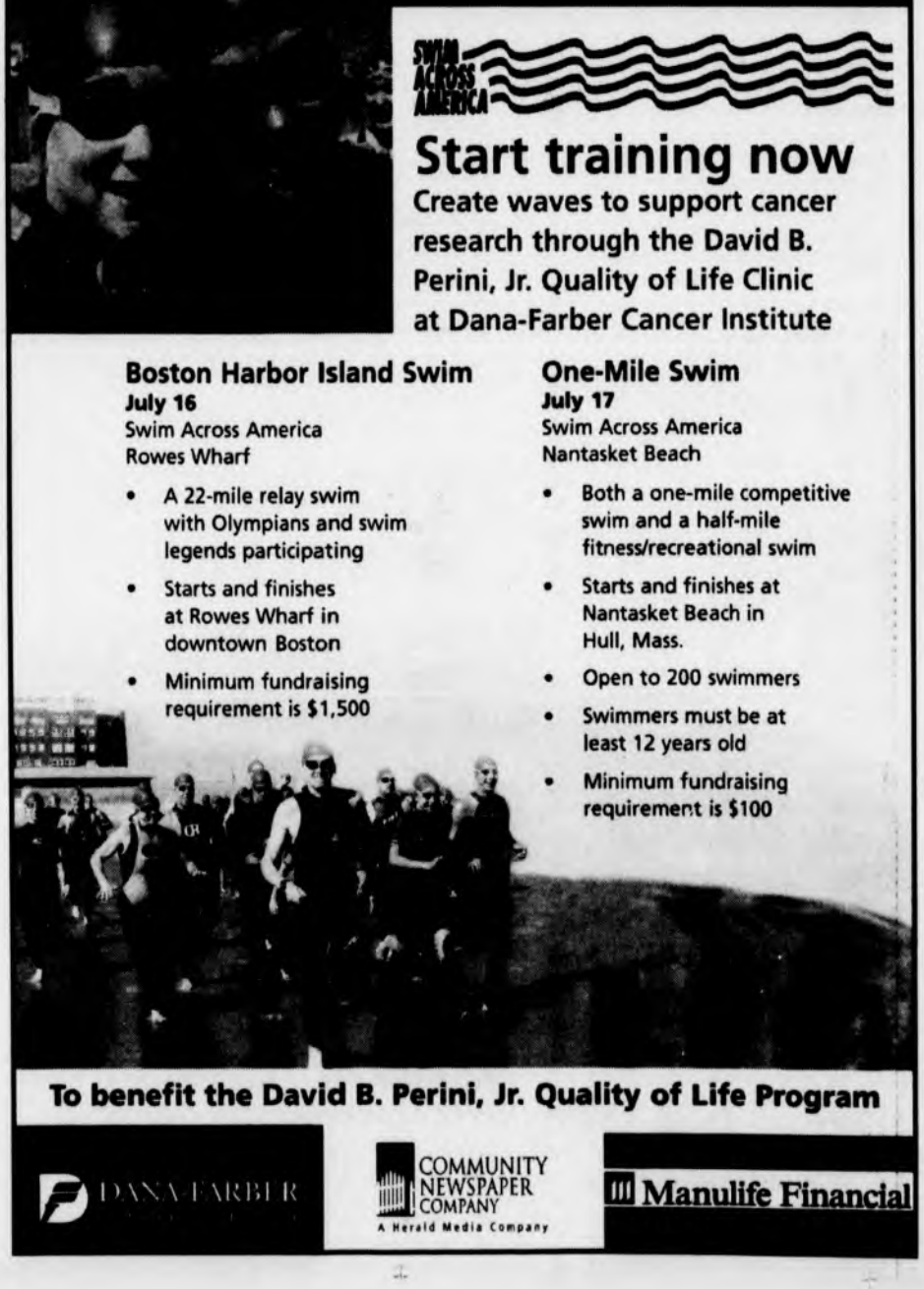
In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and ground upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this
day, May 10, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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CALENDAR

On the South Shore

MAY 13 - MAY 21, 2004

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THE AUTISM CENTER OF THE SOUTH SHORE, INC. (ACCESS) will be hosting its **Second Annual Golf Tournament** on Friday, May 21, at the Pembroke Country Club. Funds from this event will ensure that services will continue to be provided for hundreds of South Shore families. Call 1-800-482-5788, if you would like to help by donating a raffle item or becoming a sponsor. There are still a limited amount of golf slots available or come and join the luncheon and raffle.

FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITS WOODWARD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS Monday June 7th, at the newly developed, private Black Rock Country Club in Hingham. For more information on how to participate or to have an event registration packet mailed to your home or business, contact The Woodward Golf Committee at 781.834.2063 or email rzaccardi@verizon.net. Registration begins at 10 a.m., with a shotgun start beginning at Noon.

SECOND ANNUAL TOUCH A TRUCK TO BENEFIT THE JETT FOUNDATION The Jett Foundation is searching for trucks and/or unusual and unique vehicles to participate in the upcoming touch-a-truck on June 13, at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. If you would like to participate, call 781-293-2667 or 781-294-8445 or visit www.JettFoundation.org Sponsorship deadline is May 1.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER'S 49TH ARTS FESTIVAL, Cohasset, June 18 to 20. Art and music for all generations, contemporary art to traditional handmade crafts. 781-383-2787 www.ssac.org

THE SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS announces the addition of a special concert featuring the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart conductor, to the Music Circus for the first time in a benefit performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South Shore Art Center. Tickets for concert can be purchased via Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and in person at the Music Circus box office Tickets are $101.25 and $90.25. A limited number of special ticket packages, which include a reception with the maestro, can be purchased from South Shore Art Center only. Call the SSAC at 781-383-2787 for information.

DUXBURY BAY MARITIME SCHOOL BENEFIT SAWASHBUCKLER'S SOIREE The silent auction, dinner buffet and dance is Friday May 28 and tickets are $90 per person ($70 is tax deductible). This event sells out every year so plan now. There is still room for ads and sponsors to be in the program book for Opening of the Bay. The book, Love of the Sea, is well under way and still looking for more ads and donations. The deadline is April 16 and all donations for both the program book and silent auction should go to the Maritime School ASAP. For more information call Robin Nutter at 781-934-7555.

THE SECOND ANNUAL GOLF FOR A HOPE golf tournament to benefit the Friends for Life Fund at Dana Farber is scheduled to be held at Atlantic Country Club in Plymouth on May 21, is one of the more than 150 tournaments being held in 2004. The funds raised will help the Friends for Life people reach their goal of $1,000,000. Denyse Dodd 617-872-6020 denysed@myfriendsforlife.com

THE SCITUATE ANIMAL SHELTER will hold its First Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 4, at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. The afternoon tournament will feature numerous prizes - including a hole-in-one automobile, raffles, and Par 3 Poker. The $125 fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner at the Barker Tavern. The Shelter is also seeking corporate sponsorships and donations to raffle. All proceeds will go to the no-kill Scituate Animal Shelter. Registration forms are available at the shelter or by logging onto Fundraisers at www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter/. For information, call 781-545-8325.

Thurs. 13

"Literary License" A Standard Flower Show. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Ripley Rd, Cohasset, will be held Wednesday and Thursday, May 12 and 13, noon to 5 p.m. Free and open to the public. Presented by The Community Garden Club of Cohasset. For more information 781-545-4395.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are organizing a free lecture and slideshow about **Spectacle Island** May 13, at the Boston Public Library, Copley Square (conference room 5) from 6.15 to 8 p.m. No pre-registration is necessary. For information visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Community Wellness Program: Holistic practitioners from the community will be leading a lecture forum free to the public about therapeutic modalities available to help restore one's health. Come and hear about chiropractic care, acupuncture, homeopathic care, massage, Reiki, and much, much more. "Wellness Ways" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. May 13, at St. Paul's' Gymnasium on 20 Fearing Road, Hingham. For information 781-749-0587.

La Leche League is an international, non profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and encouragement to all women who want to breastfeed. Meetings are Thursdays, May 13, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12, at 7:15 p.m. in Pembroke. For information call: Joanne 781-924-1919/Lisa 781-829-9075/Heidi 781-582-1187. All expectant, new, and experienced mothers and their babies welcome.

Facilitated by Karen Flood at **Wollaston Congregational Church**, 48 Winthrop Avenue, Quincy on May 13, 20, 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Because We Remember: Using Words to Heal Life** compels us to go on when we have suffered a personal loss through death or other circumstances, but birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and the everyday can still trigger memories and a lingering sense of that loss. Acknowledge your own experience by reflecting upon what has passed, what was brought to your life, and what you need now. Program fee: $45 for 3-part series. Advance registration is required and is limited to 12 participants. To register, call 617-479-6831 or e-mail www.journalguru@yahoo.com

MSPCA-Angell Animal Hall Of Fame Dinner will honor Mary Tyler Moore, Pets & Animal Lovers The MSPCA will recognize extraordinary pets and their devoted human companions on May 13, at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. For information or to make reservations, contact Nicole Bellows at 617-989-1565 or nbellows@mspca.org For general information on the event, visit www.mspca.org.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

The Banner Bar, 167 Union St, Rockland, **May 13, Open mike with BB Paul,** open mike. 781-878-8717.

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Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree., Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

Fri. 14

Borders Book Store in Kingston at the Independence Mall: May 14, 10:30 a.m. Accompany Beth as she reads **The Witch Who Wanted to Be a Princess** and Excuse Me, Are You a Witch?

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays) Free with admission. A half-hour of storytelling. Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St., Scituate hosts **William Martin**, author : **Back Bay and Cape Cod**, May 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. He will sign all of his books. Call 781-545-5011 or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com

The James Library, Norwell, 24 West St., Norwell, presents **The Changing Hues of Ireland,** by **J. Michael Sullivan,** May 7 through June 2.

Ladies Night Out Wine Tasting will be held from 7:30 to 10 p.m. on May 14, at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, 100 Sohier St., Cohasset. To reserve tickets at $45 each, call 781-383-3198

The Teen Conservatory Program of The Company Theatre presents **Our Town** May 14, and May 15, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets priced at $8 are on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

Comedy Night - JC Dee's Restaurant & Lounge, 312 Bridge St., (Rte. 3A), No. Weymouth, featuring: **Bob Seibel with Annette Pollack, Mark Scanlon, Jan Flanagan, Bob Carney, Sue Tracy, Jenn Dlugos and Vernon Harrison** .May 14, 2004 at 9 p.m. Show starts at 9 p.m. Admission is $10. Reservations recommended. Call 781-337-1020 for details.



BEST BET

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center presents the musical The Secret Garden, May 15, and 22 at 7 p.m. and May 16 and 23, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Commerce Center, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. Adults $10 Child $5. 507-747-1234 or www.ssarc.org or www.starcreations.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents The **Other Kim** May 14, 781-834-1910 www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance May 14, featuring live music with **The Emanon Orchestra** from 8 p.m. to midnight. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $12 SSS members/$15 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

The Banner Bar, 167 Union St, Rockland, May 14, **Mad Matt** 781-878-8717.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 14, **Mission of Blues.** Show starts at 9:15 a.m. No cover.

Sat. 15

The Mattakeesett Garden Club of Pembroke will sponsor a **spring plant sale** from 9am to 1pm on the Town Green in Pembroke Center, on May 15. Rain or shine.

South Shore Natural Science Center Native and Wildflower Plant Sale May 15, from 9 a.m. to noon The Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 off Route 3. 781-659-2559 or visit the website at www.ssnsc.org

Plant and Bake Sale May 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Duxbury High Street United Methodist Church at the corner of High and Taylor streets off Route 53 and 14.

The Weymouth Garden Club's Spring Plant Sale will be held on May 15, from 9a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Weymouth DPW Parking Lot on Winter Street A series of workshops will be held during the day For information call: Connie Nielsen @ 781 - 331 - 5685.

St. Andrew's Church Yard Sale, 17 Church St., Hanover, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Table space for $25. Bake sale and refreshments. To donate items, or for further information call, 781-826-2062.

The Wollaston Congregational Church, 48 Winthrop Ave., Quincy will host a yard sale in conjunction with the **Wollaston Garden Club's annual plant sale** May 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain or shine.

The First Herring Brook Watershed Initiative will host an **Inland Event at Appleton Field** in Scituate's West End May 15, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Meet at Mt Hope at 9:30 a.m.

The Skating Club of Hingham will present its annual ice show on May 15, at 2 and 6 p.m. at the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham. This year's show theme, "Movie Magic," is a tribute to songs from Annie, Peter Pan, Wizard of Oz, Singing In the Rain, Brother Bear, Grease and much more. More than 80 skaters from ages

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4 through 70 will perform group and solo numbers to music from Tickets are available at the door of Pilgrim Arena, 75 Recreation Road, and are $5 for adults, $3 for children under 12 and seniors. For information call the 781-741-8194.

You, Me and the Earth: A South Shore Environmental Festival, featuring environmental music, informative displays, nature walks, children's crafts, and live animals and many other activities Coffee muffins and bagels will be sold during the morning while salads, sandwiches, and desserts will be available in the afternoon. May 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The First Parish Church in Duxbury. Free and open to the public.

Hingham's Coffeehouse off the Square presents **Viva Quetzal** on May 15, at 8 p.m. at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. Admission is $10 at the door. An open mike precedes the concert. For information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.

Art historian Joan Bowker will present **Gauguin, Matisse and Picasso** at the Thayer Public Library on May 19 at 7:30 p.m.. This slide lecture will show how his innovative representation of the figure inspired Matisse, Picasso and their contemporaries. Free and open to the public. Upper Level Program Room, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.781-848-0405.

The Braintree Choral Society will perform at the East Middle School, 305 River St., Braintree on May 15, at 7 p.m. and at Old South Union Congregational Church, 25 Columbian Square, Weymouth on May 16, at 4 p.m. Both locations are handicap accessible and tickets may be purchased at the door for $15/$12 seniors and students.

Spring Wine Tasting and Warehouse Sale at Lo Spuntino 300 Oak St., Ste 530, Pembroke, on May 15, Refreshments. 1-800-814-0108 ma@lospuntino.com

John Cafferty & The Beaver Brown Band will perform May 15, at 7:30 p.m. doors open at 6:30 p.m. Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. Tickets priced at $25-$30 are available at the Plymouth Hall box-office, located in the lobby of the Radisson Plymouth (180 Water St.); online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 508-747-0234 or 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries outlets.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center presents the musical **The Secret Garden**, May 15, and 22 at 7 p.m. and May 16 and 23, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Commerce Center, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. Adults $10 Child $5. 507-747-1234 or www.ssarc.org or www.starcreations.org

The Southeastern Massachusetts Environmental Collaborative (SEMEC), a coalition of non-government land and water conservation advocates, will host "Solutions for a Region at Risk," a daylong conference to be held at Bridgewater State College on May 8. The conference will take place at the John Joseph Moakley Center from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. An agenda, list of speakers and moderators and more information is available on at <http://www.se-mass-envirosolutions.org/> Open to the public.

Vicki Larkin's Botanical Illustrations will be on display at the **Massachusetts Audubon Society's North River Wildlife Sanctuary** at 2000 Main St., (Route 3A) in Marshfield, May 1 through 29.. Call at 781-837-9400 for details.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, presents **Wild Animal Portraits**, a photography exhibition by **Rich Turk**, on May 1-27, in the Vine Hall Gallery. Mr. Turk's exhibit includes pictures of wild animals from all over the world.. 781-659-2559 or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org

Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center presents **Neil Diamond and Friends Legends Show, starring Paul Grassia** Superstars, "Neil Diamond," "Rod Stewart," and "Englebert Humperdinck" sing their greatest hits live, May 14-16, 22-23. Dinner and show $39.95 all performances; $20 show only. Friday and Saturday dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30, Sunday, dinner at 2 p.m. show at 3:30 p.m. Complimentary corsages on Mothers' Day. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 15, **Barbeque Bob** Show starts at 9:15 a.m. No cover.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **SRO** in the lounge May 15, 781-834-1910 www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents a **Comedy Show featuring Bob Niles** along with **Annette Pollack Jonesy Jesse Gerten**, hosted by **Bob Lazarus** May 15, at 8:30 p.m. Admission $15 in advance/$20 at the door. Reservations recommended, 781-834-1910 www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**.May 15, **Al Ross Band.** 781-871-7175.

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree, May 15, **Bald Walter** 781-849-7007. No cover. All shows start at 9 p.m.

Sun. 16

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury presents 48 members of the **Boston Printmakers exhibit** with more than 60 prints in **Time Remembered/Times Past** Opening reception May 16 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Sunday concert Series will feature **Leslie Ann Goldberg**, soprano, on May 16, at 3 p.m. at 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset. 781-383-1083.

The Internationally known artists**, the Singing Sisters, Rosalie and Rosemonde Deck, C.D.P.** will be accompanied on the piano by **Christopher Brown** will be heard in concert on May 16, at 3 p.m. at the Whitfield House, 26 North St., Plymouth. Admission $10 at the door. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Seating is limited. 508-746-5289.

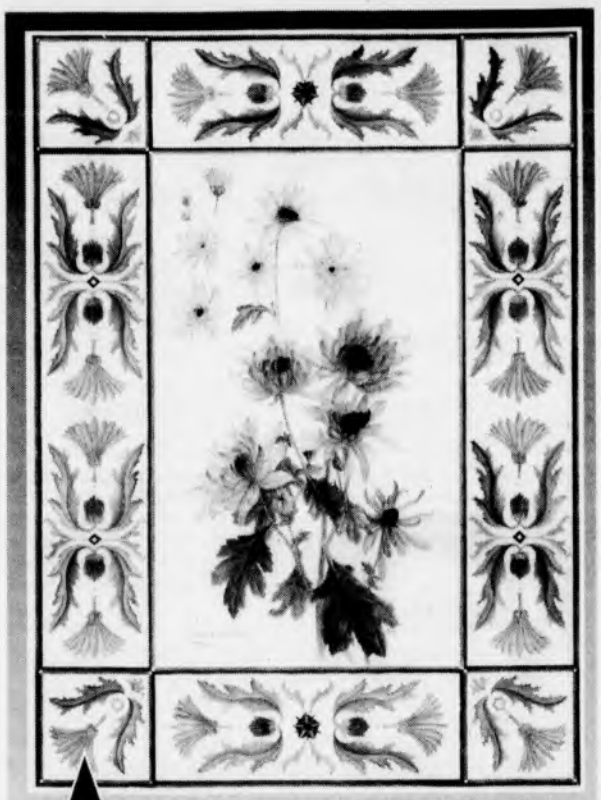
Members of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra will present a **Chamber Music Concert** at the First Parish Meeting House on the Common in Cohasset on Sunday afternoon, May 16, at 4 p.m. The concert features a string trio - violin, viola and cello - performing three selections including Mozart; Bernhard Henrik Crusell's quartet Opus 2 in E-flat major for clarinet, violin, viola and cello. Tickets are $15 available at the door or by calling the First Parish office Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 781-383-1100.

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John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum, May 16, 2, to 3:30 p.m. historian Sheldon Stern will discuss the Cuban Missile Crisis and his new book, **Averting The Final Failure,** a first-ever narrative account of the secret Executive Committee meetings between President Kennedy and his most trusted advisors during the 13 days of the Cuban Missal crisis. For reservations and information call 617-514-1643.

Collecting: An Unruly Passion Panel Discussion May 16, 1 p.m. $15/non-members, $12/members Panelists include **craft collectors Velma and Robert Frank, Mobilia Gallery owner Joanne Cooper, psychiatrist Dr. Stephen Dubin, and Director of Skinners 20th Century Decorative Arts Department Jane Prentiss. Arthur Dion, owner of Gallery NAGA**, will serve as moderator. The compulsion to collect strikes us all. Discover the psychology behind

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Reunions

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964 will hold its 40th reunion on Oct. 30, 2004 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Clarion Hotel, Nantasket Beach, Hull. Further details will be provided via mail to last known addresses or contact Heather McHugh Allen 781-749-5484 email hinghamite@aol.com or Mike Studley 617-572-9253 (weekdays).

NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969 35th Reunion - Friday, July 9, 2004 aboard the Spirit of Boston Classic Dinner Cruise The cost per ticket is $74. This includes your cruise, buffet dinner, a complimentary class directory (no directories will be mailed), and free parking from 5 to 11 p.m. at the Seaport Hotel (located across the street from the dock). Make your check payable to Marsha Greto and mail to 615 Commercial St., Braintree, MA 02184. **This payment must be received no later than May 29, 2004.** If you have any questions, contact Marsh Greto at 781-843-1458 or marshgreto@beld.

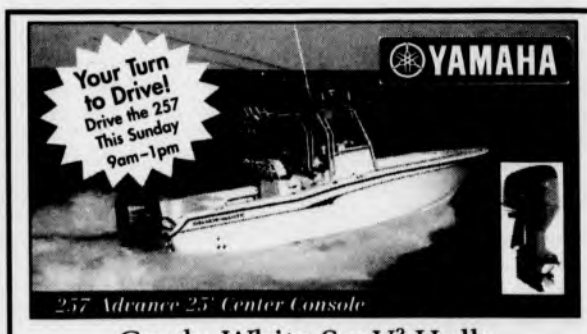
The Marshfield High School Class of 1984 The Class of '84 will have its 20th Reunion on Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at the Rockland Ramada. Tickets are $45. Anyone interested in helping with the reunion contact Jim Cantwell (837-5757) or Marie (Gagnon) Malmin (319-0432). http://www.marshfield.net/School/reunion84.html

**SHS CLASS of `84 WHERE ARE YOU?** The Scituate High School Class of 1984 Is looking for classmates to join in a 20th reunion celebration to be held Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004 at the Scituate Country Club. The reunion committee needs immediate help tracking the whereabouts of `84 alumni. Email your address, phone number, and contact information for any of your classmates to Matt Brown at katemattbrown@attbi.com.

ST. GREGORY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL 55TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION will be held on May 22, 2004, in St. Gregory's hall, Dorchester after the Class of 1949 gives thanks at the 5:30 p.m. Mass which will be celebrated in St. Gregory's Church. "Forty-Niners" from the class f 1948 and 1950 may call Charlie Carroll at 617-298-5037, Paul Kingston 617-696-0330 or Mary Francis Walsh 781-843-5660.

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Geocaching: Hunting for Treasure in the Watershed Woods, May 16, at 1 p.m. Join Judy and Joe Grecco for a Watershed Geocaching hike along the trails leading to Couch's Beach in Marshfield located off Union Street in Marshfield, not far from Two Mile Reservation. Park behind Couch's Cemetery on the right. Wear hiking boots and bring a walking stick. Advance registration required. Limited to 20 people. Suggested donation $5 per person. Call NSRWA office781-659-8168 and ask for Paula

Wildflower Walk on the **Indian Head River at The Wildlands Trust's Tucker Preserve** in Pembroke, Sunday, May 16 at 9 a.m. Join wildflower extraordinaire **Winnie Lou Rounds** for a walk along this pristine part of the river. Meet at the Pembroke side of the fish ladder off West Elm Street. Pre-registration is mandatory - Limited to15 people. Call NSRWA office781-659-8168 and ask for Paula

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury will offer an exhibition full of childhood remembrances and the images they evoke as expressed in **On their Own, Rhoda Rosenberg, printmaker**. The exhibit will run through June 13. A reception is scheduled for May 16, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday Brunch at the JFK Library and Museum nine Sundays beginning through June, Brunch served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. $36 adults; $12 children age 12 and under. Admission includes brunch, museum admission and all taxes and gratuities. Reservations strongly recommended by calling 617-514-1586. wwwjfklibrary.org

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

"Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance" every Sunday evening at **Raffael's Restaurant**, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Dance music by DJ Joe Pet. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139, Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Mon. 17

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands Open House Monday May 17, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Beacon House (located at the junction of Myrtle and Joy Streets behind the State House in Boston). No pre-registration is necessary. Find out about volunteer opportunities for individuals, families and groups with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands.

The Hingham Public Library & Buttonwood Books & Toys will host **Suzanne Strempek Shea** for her new book, "Shelf Life: Romance, Mystery, Drama and Other Page-Turning Adventures From A Year In A Bookstore", on Monday, May 17, 7 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum, May 17, 5:30 to 7 p.m. **50th Anniversary of Brown v Board of Education. Ernest Green,** a member of the Little Rock Nine – the first students of color to attend Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., and others will discuss the legacy of Brown v Board of Education. Sheryll Cashin, a professor of law at Georgetown Law School, will moderate this forum. Call 617-514-1643 for reservations.

Tues. 18

The Kingston Public Library, 6 Grove St., Kingston, presents **A Year in the People's Republic**. A series of photographs by **Matthew Gill,** a Weymouth writer, who taught English in the city of Shen Yang, China in 2001-2002. The exhibit will be on display for the month of May. 781-585-0517.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery, 124 Front St. Scituate Harbor, presents a show of **water color paintings by Kay Shaw** at its new gallery. The show runs through May 30. 781-545-6150.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, Don Heath, will exhibit his paintings for the month of May at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

The Braintree Art Association member Helena Zubrin will display her paintings for the month of May at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Wed. 19

Art historian Joan Bowker will present **Gaugin, Matisse and Picasso** at the Thayer Public Library 798 Washington St., Braintree, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. 781-848-0405

The 8th Annual Nantucket Wine Festival takes place May 19 to 23, at the White elephant Hotel and is partnered with Boston Magazine. Tickets to the Grand Tasting are sold in two-hour increments, from noon to 2 p.m. or 3 to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. For a complete listing and price information for all events contact the Nantucket Wine Festival at 508-228-1128 or visit us www.nantucketwinefestival.com for constant updates.

Borders Book Store in Kingston at the Independence Mall: - May 19, 10:30 a.m. Can We Build It? Yes! We Can! Accompany Beth as she reads **Amazing Buildings** and Statue of Liberty.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free

Thurs. 20

The Braintree Art Association will meet on Thursday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. at **the Council on Aging** Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **John Marshall Dyke** will demonstrate watercolor painting. Free and open to the public.

Facilitated by Karen Flood at **Wollaston Congregational Church**, 48 Winthrop Avenue, Quincy on May 13, 20, 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. **Because We Remember: Using Words to Heal Life** compels us to go on when we have suffered a personal loss through death or other circumstances, but birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and the everyday can still trigger memories and a lingering sense of that loss. This three-part series will include private and communal writing, voluntary reading, and discussion. No writing skills are required. Program fee: $45 for 3-part series. Advance registration is required and is limited to 12 participants. To register, call 617-479-6831 or e-mail journalguru@yahoo.com

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Fri. 21

The Brittany Lambert Foundation will hold its **Third Annual Giant Yard Sale** at 6 High St., Pembroke, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on May 21, 22, and 23. www.brittanylambertfoundataion.org 781-582-2598.

Borders Book Store in Kingston at the Independence Mall: - May 21, 10:30 a.m. Trucks & Giant Machines - Accompany Beth as she reads **Trucks-Whizz-Zoom-Rumble Truck Trouble and The Trucker.**

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 21, **Satch & Keepin the Gruve**. Featuring **members of The Houserockers and New Blue Revue** Show starts at 9:15 a.m. No cover.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **The McLaughlin Brothers** in the lounge May 21, 781-834-1910 www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Ongoing Events

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Next group meets 6 to 8 p.m. on April 22. Bring a writing project to share. 781-545-5011.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

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South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Tickets on sale now for its 2004 season. Children's programs go on sale also. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

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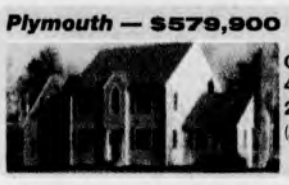
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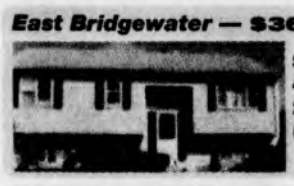
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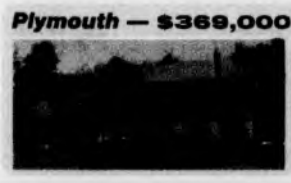
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Marina Bay — $430,000

Townhouse
2 bedroom
2.5 bath
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Scituate — $450,000

Family Home
3 bedroom
1.5 bath
(Ad #49817)

Plymouth — $369,000

Split Level
4 bedroom
3 bath
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Hanson — $345,900

Ranch
Open House
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1 bath
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Sharon — $599,900

Colonial
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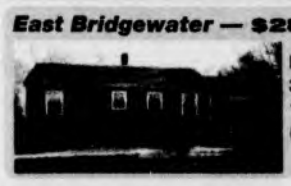
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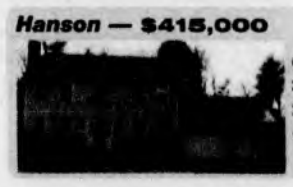
Boston — $349,000

Condo
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Pembroke — $499,999

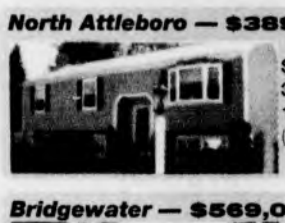
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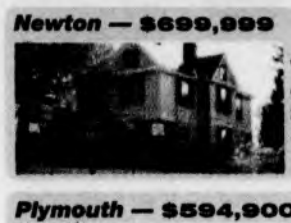
East Bridgewater — $280,000

Ranch
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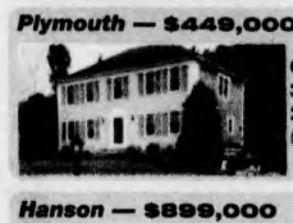
Hanson — $415,000

Colonial
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Norton — $394,900

Split Level
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2 bath
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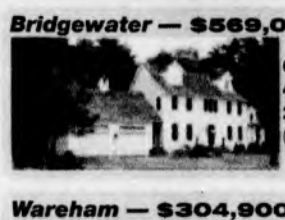
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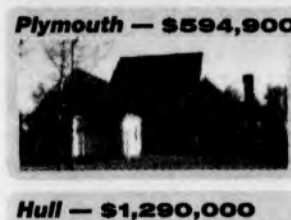
Newton — $699,999

Victorian
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Plymouth — $449,000

Colonial
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2.5 bath
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Middleboro — $449,900

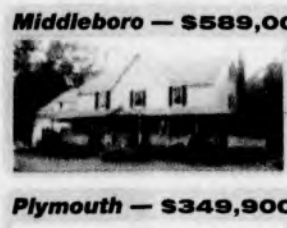
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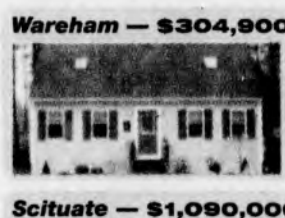
Bridgewater — $569,000

Colonial
4 bedroom
2.5 bath
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Plymouth — $594,900

Colonial
3 bedroom
2.5 bath
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Hanson — $899,000

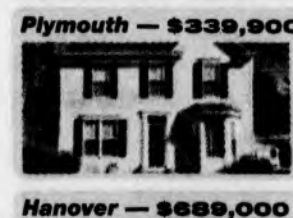
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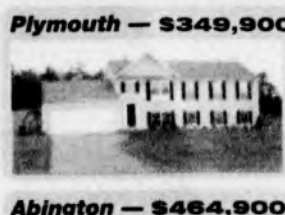
Middleboro — $589,000

Colonial
4 bedroom
3 bath
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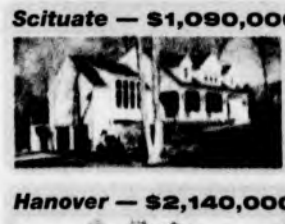
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Cape Cod
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2 bath
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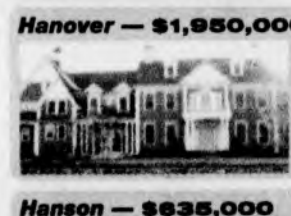
Hull — $1,290,000

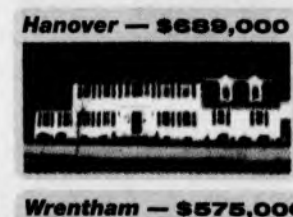
Victorian
6 bedroom
2 bath
(Ad #36928)

Plymouth — $339,900

Colonial
3 bedroom
2.5 bath
(Ad #58478)

Plymouth — $349,900

Contemp
3 bedroom
2 bath
(Ad #47876)

Scituate — $1,090,000

Cape Cod
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4.5 bath
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4 bedroom
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Hanover — $689,000

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4 bedroom
2.5 bath
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Letting the flowers tell the story

Literary License show a success

By Samantha Brown
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With flower arrangements large and small gracing every room, and a fragrant scent wafting through the air, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library has never been filled with as many flowers as it was for last week's Literary License Flower Show, sponsored by the Community Garden Club of Cohasset.

Using literature as a source of inspiration, registered Garden Club Federation members from Cohasset and the surrounding towns used flowers to express what the written word means to them. Because it was a Standard Flower Show, all entries conformed to the guidelines established by various national and federal garden clubs.

In addition to showcasing the talents of arrangers, the show served as a celebration of the building's renovations, which were completed last March, giving community members who haven't had the opportunity to see its expansion an excuse to stop by.

Maureen Byrne, general chairman of the show, said visitor turnout was wonderful, with a constant flow of guests throughout both days. "People have come here from all over," she said, including the towns of Norwell, Scituate, Quincy and

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Michele Morris looks over entries in the art category at "Literary License," a show sponsored by the Community Garden Club of Cohasset.

Dispatchers claim sexual harassment

File complaints with the MCAD

By Mary Ford
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In addition to fielding 9-1-1 calls, two former civilian dispatchers, both female, allege they had to handle more at Cohasset police headquarters than emergencies from the public.

Both women filed complaints with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination claiming they were sexually harassed on the job, although the circumstances they describe are vastly different.

Barbara DeWolfe claims she was fired after requesting a stress leave due to harassment allegedly inflicted on her by a sergeant who regularly shared her shift.

And Adrienne Davenport quit after she said she was falsely charged with having "too intimate" a relationship with a police officer while both were on duty.

"We believe this is a clear-cut case of sexual harassment."
— Jill Goodman, attorney for Barbara DeWolfe

The accusations, which are now becoming public, can't be good news for the police department which continues to be

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$50K-plus Haddad settlement inked

By Samantha Brown
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Former Town Manager Mark Haddad will be receiving a structured settlement of $50,000 and coverage of health insurance costs for the next six months.

That's the agreement the board of selectmen reached with the former town manager who abruptly resigned two weeks ago. The $50,000 is being paid for accrued benefits, including vacation and sick time, and is roughly what Haddad would have received for six months of his salary.

At the time Haddad resigned, he was making about $110,000 a year.

Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said Haddad will continue to pay his 30 percent share of the insurance cost, and he believes the cost per month on the town's side will be roughly $800 a month for a family plan.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said there were some contractual disputes that needed to be taken care of before an agreement could be finalized.

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GSA raises awareness and acceptance at CHS

By Samantha Brown
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Making it through the teenage years is never easy, and for those teens who are dealing with questions regarding sexuality, it may seem as if finding peers who will be supportive and understanding are few and far between.

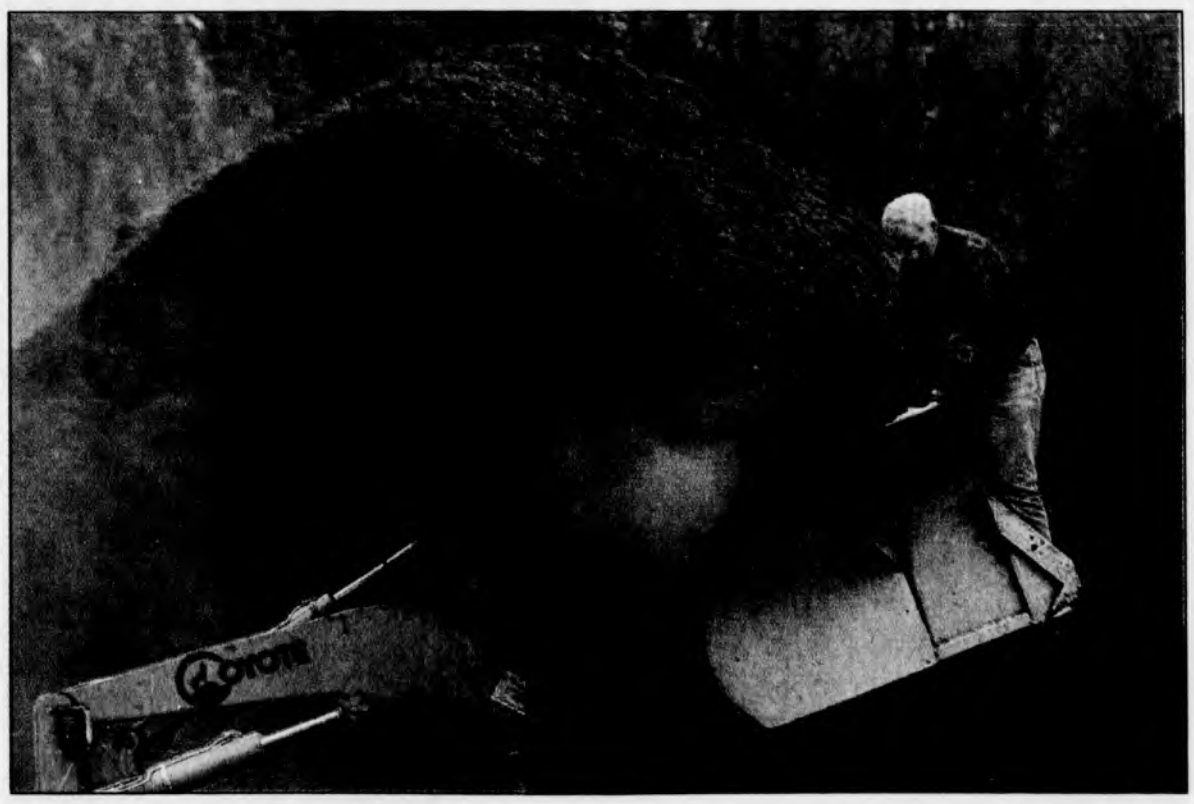
But not in Cohasset where a group of high school students has banded together to form a Gay Straight Alliance, and are working together to raise awareness in the hopes that their message of acceptance and support will be the motto of everyone who walks down the halls.

Since last year, members of the GSA have been meeting over lunch twice a week to talk about various issues. Sometimes it's politics, such as same-sex marriage and how it is being handled at the state level, sometimes it's about what's going on at school, and sometimes it's just to have a nice small group of people to eat with. Currently, the GSA has four students who attend regularly, including Adam Chang, Maricel Prou, Katie Jensen and John Rhorer. All four students are sophomores.

"Since we started, the major transition that's occurred is the change in speech. Kids have gone from saying, 'that's so gay,' to 'that's so stupid'."
— Adam Chang, sophomore

Health Education Coordinator Michael Gill, who has been involved with getting the GSA up and running since its inception, said the group is comprised of gay and straight students working toward the same goal, and students are not asked to share their orientation. "It's not about that, it's about opening the lines of acceptance," he said, and members say they have seen a change in the culture at the high

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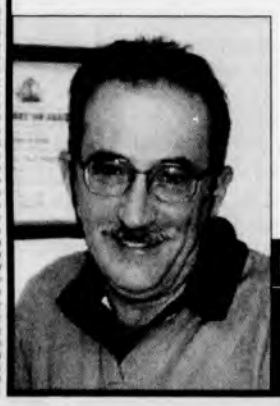
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This week in COHASSET

Bus figure correction

A story in last week's Mariner reported the town will save roughly $38,000 due to lower bid prices on a mini bus for the school district, but the savings will actually be $9,234. The Mariner regrets the error.

Contacting MBTA

Joe Nolan and Eric Fleming of the MBTA said any resident in Cohasset who has questions about the Greenbush project can call the MBTA's 24-hour hotline at (781) 682-6350, or visit the web site at www.cbbgreenbush.com. The site includes route maps, construction schedules and updates, and visitors can sign up for e-mail updates to stay abreast of the latest construction anywhere on the line.

Perc tests at the Music Circus

Developers for the Cook Estate property have begun testing the soils a little bit closer to the development site, as perc tests were conducted in the parking lot of the Music Circus Wednesday morning. Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, who has taken on the duties associated with being the point person for the project in light of former Town Manager Mark Haddad's resignation, said this is another option that is being explored, but nothing, including having a leeching field behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library has been ruled out as of yet.

Sullivan said testing on the site will help the town determine "what is viable and what isn't," and he hopes to have some definitive answers for the project within the next few weeks.

Fox 25 Zip Trips comes to town

The FOX 25 Morning News team is coming to Cohasset for a live broadcast Thursday morning (today) and will be filming in front of Town Hall. Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said he was contacted Tuesday morning by the station, who asked his permission to broadcast Thursday from 6-9 a.m. Buckley said after giving permission Tuesday, helicopters were busy flying over the town, taking footage to be used for the broadcast.

Every Thursday morning, the station goes on the air live from different towns and cities across New England and Buckley said Cohasset was chosen because it is a very picturesque town and also has a lot going on that can be discussed during the broadcast. Buckley said both the Music Circus and South Shore Art Center will be featured, and Cohasset resident and Boston Bruins General Manager Mike O'Connell will be interviewed.

Building permits issued at Town Hall

The following building permits were issued last week at Town Hall:

Braun, 51 Surrey Drive, $255,000, addition/renovations; Condito, 500 Beechwood St., $250, reshingle partial; Johnson, 131 Beechwood St., $500, woodstove; Glenn Pratt, 482 King St., $460, tent 5/14 to 5/17; Joseph Nedrow, 21 Fairoaks Lane, $35,000, reconstruct garage with addition; Eastern Insurance Tenant, 380 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., $3,000, wall sign 26 1/2 x 11; Roger and Joanne Hill, 19a Highland Ave., $15,000, reconstruct garage; and Albert Stefan, 260 Jerusalem Road, $314,000, ext. repair, alter, remodel.

Pattison Jr., 19 Parker Ave., $50,000, one-story addition, remodel kitchen, bath; William Earon, 29 Gammons Road, $30,000, remodel kitchen, five new windows; Lighthouse Inn, Lighthouse Lane, $10,500, re-roof; Joe Mercurio, 671 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., $500,000, single family dwelling; and 2nd Congregational Church, 22 Red Gate Lane, $3,500, deck.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, June 10, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

Downtown Revitalization Review Committee, May 20, 8:30 p.m.

Osgood School Council, May 25, 3:25 p.m.; June 8, 3:15 p.m., Osgood School conference room

School Committee, May 20, 7 p.m., middle-high school library

Troika, June 1, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, May 20, 7:30 p.m., King Street plant.

ZBA, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

DPW brush chipping on certain Saturdays

Residential Brush will be accepted at the D.P.W. parking area on the following Saturdays:

May 29, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

June 26, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

July 31, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

August 28, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

Sept. 25, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

Oct. 30, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

No trees over 3 feet in diameter. No Contractors.

Spofford has new Selectman's line

In light of all the phone calls he has been receiving since becoming a member of the board, Selectman Rob Spofford has added a new telephone line to his home to deal with town business. To reach Spofford, please call (781) 383-8338.

Still searching for Veterans' names

The Veterans Memorial Committee is compiling a list of Cohasset residents who served in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars to be included on a new memorial at Veterans Park on Cohasset harbor. If you know of any names that should be included on either list, or the names of those who have served in the Public Health Service or Merchant Marine, please contact Glenn Pratt either via e-mail at gpratt@suburbancompanies.com or by mail at Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee c/o Glenn Pratt, 482 King Street, Cohasset MA 02025.

Flag depository at American Legion

The American Legion, George H. Mealy Post 118 in Cohasset has a way for the public to be able to bring them their tattered and worn flags so they may be properly and ceremoniously destroyed. The Flag Depository, located in front of the legion post at 98 Summer St., has the look and shape of an American flag. This solid metal Flag Depository protects the flags until they are removed for storage and kept until the time of the desecration ceremony. The Herb Chambers Automobile Dealerships made this service possible through a donation to the post. Everyone is invited to bring his or her retired flags to the depository.

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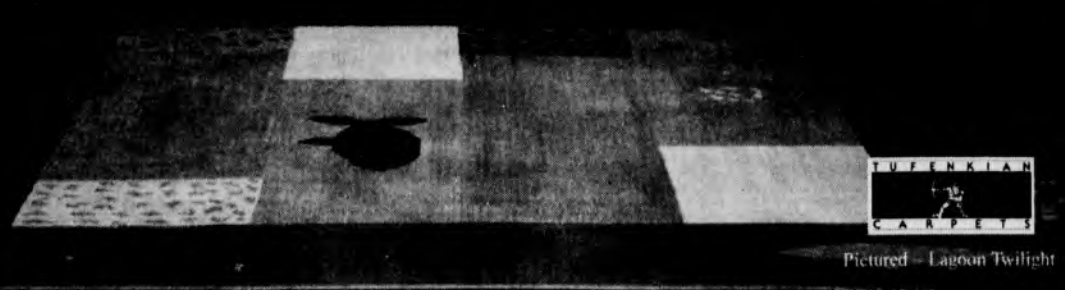
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Downtown changes could increase costs

By Samantha Brown
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The Downtown Revitalization Review Committee held its first meeting this morning and while the group has much support from those who would still like to see changes made to the downtown streetscape plans, any alterations will come with a price.

The committee was appointed by Selectmen last week and is charged with reviewing plans already drafted by the Waterfield Design Group, which was hired to design the new streetscape as part of the $1.8 million Village Revitalization Project. The project has been in the works for upwards of seven years and is being paid for by grants and private donations, and the discussions surrounding the design of the Village streetscape have been going on for two and a half years.

The committee will investigate solutions to concerns expressed by members of the planning board, board of selectmen, residents and merchants. The review committee has been meeting to take another look at the plans for the project, and feels with a 50-year project such as the village streetscape, the more eyes the better.

The design group says it is more than willing to help the town reach a consensus for the downtown design and answer any questions moving forward. However, Craig Miller, principal for the Waterfield Design Group, sent a letter to former Town Manager Mark Haddad outlining the hourly charges the town will see for all additional work. Hourly rates for key personnel are: Miller $121.50; Chief Landscape Architect Dennis Dale $95.85; Project Manager, LA, Lisa Bailey $91.34; Chief Civil Engineer Cliff Carlson $123.34; Project Manager, Civil, Mike Rademacher $94.50; Senior Electrical Engineer Clyde Kay $94.50.

"The streetscape work in this phase includes, but is not limited to, meeting with the proposed Project Coordination and Oversight Committee to review and advise their requests for changes in the project limits, scope, and materials, and to perform document revisions as necessary based on those changes adopted by the Board of Selectmen," the letter states.

Waterfield has also contracted with the town to complete work on the James Brook Flood Project. Due to some concerns over varying engineering reports, the town asked to have meetings between members of both Waterfield and Tutela Engineering as well as John Modzelewski, the town's engineering consultant, and Planning Board member Peter Pratt. Any other representatives the town may designate are also welcome to attend, and for every meeting the town holds, it will receive a bill.

Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said the town also signed a contract with Waterfield in October of 2002 for $120,000, which will be used to cover costs for Kristina Patterson, the Cohasset Greenbush Ombudsman who also works as a landscape architect for the firm.

"Kristina serves as the ombudsman on an as-needed basis," said Miller, adding at the beginning, the town did not require her services as frequently as it will when construction gets underway. "She gets paid for any time she puts in," but if the town doesn't require her services, she doesn't work and therefore doesn't get paid. "It's a very flexible arrangement that works out very well," he said.

Buckley said the town pays Waterfield for Patterson's services and the money is reimbursed by the MBTA as part of the mitigation agreement. Work on the James Brook project, which is slated to cost $1 million, will be reimbursed by the MBTA as well.

Because the date to begin construction is getting closer every day, Miller said it might be time to shift gears in terms of Patterson's role and turn it into a more proactive position. Until very recently, Miller said Patterson had received her direction mostly from former Town Manager Mark Haddad and Miller said he became concerned when he heard the Board of Selectmen had questions about Patterson's effectiveness.

"As far as we knew from Mark, he was very pleased with her work," he said, but he and Patterson think this could be a great time to revisit what Patterson's charge should be and see what the board would like to do going forward. The Selectmen will bring that topic up again at a meeting within the next few weeks.

Memorial returned to island

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The POW-MIA Memorial is back at the top of Depot Court temporarily.

Members of the American Legion will be happy to see the MIA/POW memorial has been temporarily returned to the corner of South Main Street and Depot Court, just in time for Memorial Day.

While employees of the Department of Public Works have not yet completed the work to be done on the island, the first steps to beautify the area are already taking shape. A decorative whiskey barrel has been placed where the island will be, and serves as a planter for red geraniums. The white pole supporting the MIA/POW sign stretches upward from the center of the barrel.

"We wanted something restored for the parade, but it's still a work in progress," said Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley. While the temporary memorial will have to be taken down the day after the parade, talks will begin soon regarding what the permanent memorial will look like and where it will be.

The memorial island was removed last summer to allow for testing of proposed "bump-outs" in the downtown area. Bump-outs are extended portions of sidewalk that would allow a pedestrian more visibility beyond parked cars while still standing on the sidewalk, and were incorporated as a safety feature in the downtown streetscape plans designed by the Waterfield group.

When it was decided painted lines for the bump-outs didn't seem to give motorists enough of an idea what the bump-puts would look like, then Town Manager Mark Haddad asked selectmen to approve temporarily placing sandbags or traffic delineators on the perimeters of where the bump-outs would be, to give drivers a real sense of how the road might change. In order to accommodate for marking the bump-outs, the island needed to be removed.

Both residents and merchants came to selectmen's meetings in opposition of the bump-outs, and said it would not only take away the charm and character of the village, but would make the already narrow street even more so. Bump-outs were eventually voted down by selectmen.

But even with the bump-outs gone, there was still some question as to where and when the memorial island should return. Haddad suggested the memorial be replaced during the streetscape renovations, to avoid having to put the asphalt down, tear it up when the streetscape work is done, then replace it again. There was also talk among selectmen about maybe moving the island to another location, perhaps on the opposite side of the street next to the South Shore Community Center. Since then, it has also been suggested the memorial be rebuilt where the bus hut, which is slated to be torn down, currently stands.

However, preliminary talks with members of the American Legion showed its members were not in favor of having the memorial anywhere but the center island where it had been before. The island had been dedicated in April 1994 to serve as a memorial to all personnel uncounted from all wars.

But the Board of Selectmen asked Craig Miller of the Waterfield Design to draw a sketch of what the area could look like if it was moved to the corner of the street where the South Shore Community Center is located to give Legion members a better idea of what it might look like. Some members of the board thought it made more sense to have the memorial up off the street where people would be able to enjoy it a little more, and asked Selectman Merle Brown to have a talk with Thomas Wigmore, commander of the Sons of the American Legion, to explain the board's view.

However, Wigmore, sent a letter back to Haddad requesting the town return the POW/MIA memorial back to its original location when streetscape improvements are made to the downtown area.

Pedestrian station stopped in its tracks

By Samantha Brown
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While the Board of Selectmen isn't completely ruling out the possibility of having a whistle-stop station added to the Greenbush line at some point in the future, the town does not want to include building an additional station into the current plans.

Because plans have already been finalized and the town doesn't have the funds necessary to cover the additional cost of a second station, the board decided it would be in Cohasset's best interest to send a letter to the MBTA. The letter will serve as a placeholder and will not preclude the town from adding an additional station in the future, should the needs of the town change, or funding becomes available.

"We intend to abide by the current mitigation agreement and we're not looking to change anything," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris.

The question of adding a second station, which would have pedestrian access only, came up at a meeting of the MBTA regarding the Rails with Trails project. Rails with Trails is a project that would allow pedestrians and bicyclists safe walking and biking trails along the train's right of way. Because Cohasset is the only town on the Greenbush line without pedestrian access to its station, Chairman of the Board of Health Steve Bobo thought the prospect of having an additional pedestrian-friendly station would help make the town more walkable. However, he said he was disappointed to hear a second station will not be an option at this time.

"I think it's deplorable Cohasset is the only South Shore town without pedestrian access," he said.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer asked Bobo if he would be satisfied if the town agreed not to preclude it as an option for the future, to which Bobo said, "That's all we need."

However, Joe Nolan from the MBTA told selectmen that even if the town decides to go ahead with a second station in the future, "we're not in any way proposing it's feasible." Adding a second station would affect the four-quadrant gates slated to be installed at the Pleasant Street crossing. In addition, even with a pedestrian station there needs to be a drop-off area for passengers, and some parking will still be required.

The whistle-stop station would have been located between Sohier Street and Smith Place, in the area of land between the Music Circus and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Nolan said that would virtually be the only area a whistle-stop could be added because of the topography of the land. Stations need an 800-foot stretch of relatively straight track without a street crossing, and much of the track in Cohasset has too many curves.

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Dolores Roy and Barbara Lombardy look over the entries hoping to find themselves ribbon winners, which they were.



Barbara Power with her first-place winner interpreting "Pictures of Perfection," by Reginald Hill in "Literary License," the Community Garden Club of Cohasset flower show.



Shirley Marten peruses some entries at "Literary License," a flower show sponsored by the Community Garden Club at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

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Flower show awards

The following awards were presented by the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts during the "Literary License" flower show.

Blue Ribbon Recipients (Design)
Trisha Massa; Patty Monahan; Mary Larson; Annette Sechen (also received a designer's choice award); Barbara Power; Ann Pompeo

Blue Ribbon Recipients (Special Exhibits)
Sally Avery

Horticulture Special Awards
Blue ribbon and arboreal award — Kathy McCormack (Scituate Garden Club)
Blue ribbon and award of merit — Annette Sechen, Lelia Weinstein, Maureen Byrne

Special Exhibits
Blue ribbon and educational award — Sally Avery

Design (24 entries)
6 blue ribbons
1 designer's choice award

Special Exhibits (5 entries)
1 blue ribbon
1 educational award

Horticulture (97 entries)
31 blue ribbons
1 arboreal award
3 awards of merit

Letting the flowers tell the story

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Weymouth. Because the show was held in a small town rather than in the city, those who attended were able to spend as much time as they wanted at each exhibit, and not have to worry about fighting the crowds.

The first flower show to be hosted in Cohasset in the last two years, members of the Garden Club say not only was "Literary License" a success for the community, it has opened the door for club members to participate in upcoming flower shows, and they could not be happier.

"We won so many awards it has entered us into the state flower show," said Byrne. She added the judges, who were from the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, suggested garden club members compile a book full of pictures of all the arrangements, to be sent to the Federation for the competition, so the designs of the day can be judged once more.

One of the most interesting arrangements, which won a blue ribbon for design, was created by Barbara Power. Her arrangement, surrounded by twisting, twirling gourds more than a foot in length, helped make her interpretation of "Pictures of Perfection," by Reginald Hill unique. "I was inspired by the gourds," Power said, adding she loves their winding shape and sage green color.

In the fall of 2003, Power went to the Appalachian Service Project pumpkin and gourd sale and saw the gourds for the first time, and was instantly drawn to them. "They come green like cucumbers, but I dried them for the winter and then had the fun of figuring out how they relate to each other," she said.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, Ann Pompeo's miniature arrangement full of pink, yellow and violet flowers, was under five inches high, and caught the eye of the judges as well.

In addition to the flowers, Byrne said the judges had wonderful things to say about the building that housed the arrangements, saying they thought the beauty of the library provided the perfect backdrop for the show.

"They thought it was such a beautiful place," said Byrne.

Throughout the planning process, which lasted just over a year, Byrne said everything went very smoothly. She added working with the library staff has been a wonderful experience due to their overwhelming support, especially as the date of the show drew near. While there aren't any plans to move forward with another show just yet, Byrne isn't ruling out beginning the entire process over in another year or so.



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Best in Show winner Annette Sechen with her floral interpretation of "Gone With the Wind" at "Literary License," the flower show sponsored by the Community Garden Club of Cohasset.

POLITICAL NOTES

GOP to meet May 25

Participate in Republican activities. Join The Cohasset Republican Town Committee for a meeting on May 25, at 7:30 p.m., at The Lightkeepers Building. Help re-elect President George Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, and State Senator Bob Hedlund. Help elect Mike Jones, who is running for U.S. Senate.

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee awards scholarships to graduating High School Seniors which will be awarded at class night in early June. Sixteen applications have been received for these scholarships.

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee has a website at: http://www.cohassetrepublicans.com/.

Democratic Caucus hosts quiz show June 3

Co-Op 8, the South Shore Democratic Caucus, is hosting a "Quiz Show" Fundraiser on Thursday, June 3, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Weymouth Elks Hall on Rte 53 in Weymouth.

Teams from throughout the South Shore are welcome to attend and to match wits on questions concerning current events, politics, and history, among others. "We're hoping to help make the George Bush presidency past history," joked Peg Mackenzie, a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention from Weymouth. Tickets are $20 per person or $200 per team.

State-wide, county, and local democrats have been invited and will be alternating as "quiz show" hosts, according to Jim Cantwell, Chair of Co-Op 8. All funds from the fundraiser will go directly to the Democratic Town Committees of Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Scituate, and Weymouth to support the coordinated campaign efforts of John Kerry and other Democrats on the South Shore.

For more information or to buy a ticket contact: Tom Vangel, Chair of the Hingham Democratic Town Committee, 781-740-2757. Jim Watson, Hingham Representative, Co-Op 8, 781-749-8287.

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CULINARY ARTS

A recent Cohasset graduate, **Brendan Goff**, son of **Ann Marie and Richard** received his associates degree in Culinary Arts at Newbury College on Sunday May 16. Brendan is returning to school in the fall for his bachelors degree in business hotel & restaurant management. What a great accomplishment Brendan! Congratulations.

COLLEGE LACROSSE

Freshman attackman **Curtis Kahn** of Cohasset netted two goals for Hartford's Trinity College in a men's lacrosse match against rival Wesleyan on April 20. Wesleyan, which ultimately prevailed 10-6, was ranked number five in New England and number 17 in the nation entering the game. Super playing, Curtis.

YOUNG PIANIST

On Sunday, May 16, **Benjamin Moy** entertained us at his first piano recital at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham. There were a total of 41 violinists and pianists who were students of **Diana Lee-Planes** and **Vincent Planes** performing in this annual year-end recital. Benjamin played two pieces, Lemonade Stand and Yankee Doodle. It has been a wonderful first year of piano playing for Ben and many thanks to his instructor, Vincent.

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Matthew Pilczak, CHS '00, graduated this past weekend from Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, New Hampshire. Matt was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice with a minor in sociology. Matt's parents, **Ken and Jo-Ann Pilczak**, his brother **Tim** and sister **Maggie** could not be more proud and pleased. Congratulations and best of luck in the future Matt!

SWIM CENTER SIGNUPS

Splash in to summer! The summer brochures for the Cohasset Swim Center have arrived. Additional copies of the brochure with the membership and Red Cross Swim Lesson registration forms will be available at the Cohasset Town Hall and the Paul Pratt Library. The deadline is May 21 for members to take advantage of the mail-in Swim Lesson Registration.

BOY SCOUT PICTURES NEEDED

The Cohasset Boy Scouts are looking for Boy Scout photographs and slides of the Troop and its scouts to create a picture history of Troop 28 which has been in existence since 1916.

If you have been a scout or have been involved with the Troop in the past and have pictures and/or slides, call either David Farrag at 781-383-9979 or Phil Lehr at 781-383-1975. All pictures will be returned to you once documented and copied.

LUMINARIA CEREMONY

Luminaria bags are able to be purchased from team members who are participating in this year's American Cancer Society's Relay For Life being held on June 18 and June 19 at Cohasset High School. The Luminaria Event is held at dusk on the evening of June 18 and if you have never seen or participated in one, you should really try to attend. Around the entire track are paper bags that are decorated in honor or memory of a loved one and each one contains a candle. They are alphabetized and the candles are all lit. When it is almost dark, the lights are turned out and a lap is taking by all around the track in silence to honor and remember all those who have lost their lives to cancer or to stop and think about those who are battling or surviving this disease. Words cannot describe this event except to say that it is truly touching, emotional and beautiful all at once.

You may also purchase these bags through **Jacqui Goyette-Vitello** by calling her at 383-2668 or emailing her at pjvit@aol.com. The price per bag is a suggested $5 minimum and donations are always welcome beyond this amount. Anna Mary Stewart, a woman who fought long and hard and handled the Lumaria for 10 years lost her battle this past year and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Every little bit helps to find a cure for this dreaded disease!



ON STAGE

From left, Scarecrow - Betts Murray (Cohasset), Dorothy - Sara Silk (Norwell), Tin Man - Nancy Shea Donovan (Scituate), Lion - Jessica MacDonald (Hull) are starring in the Cohasset Dramatic Club production of the "Wizard of Oz" at Cohasset Town Hall, June 4,5,6,11,12 and 13. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased at Front Street Bookshop in Scituate, Springbrook Kids and Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, at the door, or by phone at (781)544-0304.

ART CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS

On Friday, June 18 at the opening of the South Shore Art Center Arts Festival on the common, the five scholarships given annually by the Art Center will be presented. Four of the scholarships are made to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted by a school of fine arts or an accredited institution of higher learning. An additional scholarship is awarded to an adult art student.

The Will Robinson Award in memory of a former South Shore Art Center instructor was awarded to **Shelly Carter** of Cohasset, a student at Cohasset Junior/Senior High School The Art Center congratulates Shelley for the outstanding quality and creativity of her portfolio. Artwork by the winners will be exhibited at the South Shore Art Center's Arts Festival, June 18-20, on Cohasset Common. Please call the South Shore Art Center, 781-383-2787, for information on the 49th Arts Festival and the many opportunities for education and exhibition throughout the year.

That is all for this week. Please send in all news and information to me no later than Mondays by 5 p.m.! EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com

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Summer Fun Week: Ages 3-6, July 6,7,8, from 9 a.m. to noon, $85 members, $90 non-members. Children enjoy nature walks and explore outdoors (weather permitting), simple cooking, crafts, stories, and more. Bring a snack.

Teddy Bear Review: Ages 3-6, July 13,14,15, from 9 a.m. to noon, $85 members, $90 non-members. Bring a favorite teddy/stuffed animal. They'll be making teddy bear crafts, cookies, and have a Teddy bear picnic and parade.

Circus Camp: Ages 3-6, August 3,4,5,10,11,12, from 9 a.m. to noon, $155 members, $160 non-members. Children will act out a circus performance for parents and friends the last class. Bring a snack.

Summer Fun - Camp for Boys and Girls ages 4-9.

Come join Susie O'Brien, Mary Brennock, and other staff members for a fun-filled week of gymnastics, sports, bowling, face-painting, crafts, water play with small pools and sprinklers, and much much more.

Bring lunch, snack, towel, and swim suit daily. Limited sign up. $35 cancellation fee.

Week one: August 16-19, Week two: August 23-26, Week three: August 30-Sept. 2, from 8:45 to 12:45, Monday through Thursday. Cost is $125, second siblings $105.

New consignment shop opens on 3A

Managers Andi Merrill of Scituate and Colleen Roth of Cohasset announce the opening of Sea Chest Consignments located on Rte. 3A across from Shaw's Plaza, at the Lapels Cleaners bldg. (side entrance).

They urge former consignees and newcomers on the South Shore to search their closets and china cabinets for unused china, crystal and silver as well as jewelry, silver trays, candle sticks, gardening and cookbooks as well as slacks, shorts, jackets, linens, handbags and lamps.

All funds support Road to Responsibility, a non-profit organization of Marshfield whose mission is to produce training opportunities to adults with disabilities. Their services also includes recreational, residential and employment for their clients.

Merrill says the shop features designer clothes and unique jewelry, Ralph Lauren and Laura Ashley luggage, Burberry raincoats, Dedham antique china, men and boys blue blazers, linen dresses and prom dresses.

Consigning hours are Monday-Friday from 10-11:30 a.m. Evening hours will be announced in the fall.

Since the shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, Merrill encouraged men and women to call 781-383-2293. Recent newcomers to volunteer include Annjean Moody of Cohasset and Nancy Archibald of Scituate.

Shop hours are Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m.

Send your news tip to mford@cnc.com

Village shop takes art to new dimensions

By Samantha Brown
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Art galleries typically showcase brilliant two-dimensional pieces, framed and hung on the walls for all to see. However, some galleries, such as the one owned and operated by Cohasset resident David Alexander, celebrate all forms of art, from those that are static, to those that move.

Adjacent to the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset Village, Alexander's shop, Art Moves, is a gallery that displays paintings and prints, but also takes art appreciation to another level. With colorful Asian bamboo and cloth kites hanging from the ceiling, model airplanes and sailboats assembled and ready to go, and various eclectic home furnishings waiting to add some spice to any home, Alexander says there is much more than paintings on a wall that can be considered decorative artwork.

"It's not just about two-dimensional art," Alexander said, adding some of the pieces in his shop, like the colorful hot-air balloons hanging from his ceiling, might not typically be considered art, but he can look at them and see beyond their being just a decoration in someone's home. "It sets the mood," he said of the various pieces of art in his shop, which have the ability to spark a conversation which other household furnishings might not, and that is what art is all about.

Alexander said he is always working toward adding interesting pieces to the collection in his shop. He works hard both traveling to different countries and investigating companies around the world that sell interesting pieces. "I literally scour the marketplace," he said.

Alexander has a beautiful collection of Ukranian Pysanky eggs, which are hand-dipped in dye to make very intricate patterns. Usually decorated around Easter, the eggs tell a story with their patterns, and Alexander said the Ukranian people often use them to commemorate special occasions, such as the birth of a child, or weddings.



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

David Alexander says art doesn't have to be two-dimensional. His shop Art Moves is on Ripley Road.

"This to me is what art galleries are all about — finding something to be excited about."
— David Alexander, Art Moves

Alexander also has baskets made out of palm frons which are colored with vegetable dye by the Chaco Indians. One of the baskets in his shop has a long shoulder strap, which allows it to be slung over the shoulder, and Alexander said it could make a nice handbag for a woman. "It looks snappy when going out to dinner, but how hysterical is it that it's intended to hold poison darts," he said.

Other interesting items in his shop are the wooden Polish wishing boxes. Legend says any gift presented in one of the boxes is supposed to bring the recipient of the gift good luck. With various designs on the outsides, including the sun and the stars, Celtic patterns and various animals, there is one wishing box for every occasion.

But Alexander's art isn't strictly catered to adults. There are many pieces of art for children to enjoy as well, some of which are the most visible items when walking through his shop's front door. Hanging from the ceiling is a roughly four-foot long red and white Gee Bee replica model airplane. "It has gasoline fuel and a real mini-aircraft engine, and it looks like you could hop right in," Alexander said. Because he takes the time to assemble all the model planes he sells himself, there is no preparation required. "Except for maybe a run to the gas station," he said.

While the plane is one of the larger items a child may be interested in, there are some very small pieces of moving art children will be drawn to as well. On a small table set at the perfect height for children to really be able to take a good look, sits a menagerie of tiny glass animals. Children may pick out the animal they like best and place it in one of the tiny boxes laid out next to the display. Alexander said one of the best aspects of his job is watching as the children come in his shop and head straight for the animals, bursting with excitement over being able to choose one to bring home. "This to me is what art galleries are all about — finding something to be excited about," he said.

In addition to the three-dimensional art, Alexander said he also sells work created by some local artists as well as work of his own. While he has been creating his own masterpieces for years, it is a talent he said became somewhat idle until just recently. "I spent 20 years in the wine business," he said, adding at one point, he decided he needed to make a decision to either use his artistic talents, or keep them hidden. "I've been an artist all my life and went to school for it," he said, but until just over a year ago when he opened Art Moves, it hadn't been the focus of his career. While he says many people can do what they like and make a living, he wanted to do what he loves, and has found that in his Village shop.

When he's not busy tending to business at Art Moves, Alexander said he also has a boat building company that keeps him busy during the warm months. He also enjoys traveling with his family, including wife Cindy and children Kristin, 9 and Justin 14.

For more information on Art Moves, please call David Alexander at (781) 383-6383.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Stick with the facts

The time has come to allow Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean to go back to work without further ado. It is as simple as that.

We understand the Board of Selectmen in executive session is trying to come to some resolution to the police matter. Because the meetings are behind closed doors, we don't know what the holdup is and can surmise that it is tough to get five people to agree.

We've heard rumors that if the officers come back, a slew of others are going to walk out leaving us with a skeleton crew at best. We don't think the selectmen should be held hostage by that threat.

A quick perusal of the annual Town Report which details the total salary and wages of town employees – shows us that most police officers do quite well and are making in the $80,000-100,000 range.

And it is estimated that 35,000 people take the police exam through Civil Service every other year and aspire to be police officers in towns like Cohasset.

Walking out because one doesn't like a coworker certainly doesn't carry any weight in the private sector. No one should have to win a popularity contest in his or her job in order to keep it.

It's also important to point out, there are a number of officers who would welcome Sgt. Quigley and Officer McLean back.

In a small town where rumors can take on a life of their own, the only prudent course of action is to stick with the facts.

The fact is the officers have been on paid leave since Oct. 20, 2003 pending the results of the town's investigation and disciplinary hearings.

The fact is the town and officers agreed to a cooling-off period that ended a couple of weeks ago.

The fact is no mediation took place, although it was supposed to, during that time period.

The fact is the town election was held and the override passed during the hiatus from the police hearings. (Some feared the publicity surrounding the police hearings would hurt the override's chances.)

The fact is Mark Haddad, who served as the hearing officer, is no longer employed by the town and it is unclear if the police hearings would have to start over from the beginning.

The fact is over three full days of hearings, the town did not prove its allegations of abuse of police power and conduct unbecoming an officer.

The fact is the officers continue to insist they have done nothing wrong and want to return to work.

The fact is keeping the officers out is costing a lot of money including their salaries, legal fees, and overtime at the police department.

We think the toughest part of a decision is the decision itself. Once a decision is made, everyone can move ahead. Not all decisions are popular; sometimes the toughest ones get the most criticism.

The only alternative at this stage to putting the officers back to work is resuming the police hearings and we don't think anyone wants to do that. The time for deals and mediation has passed.

It's time to move on.

— Mary Ford
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Flower girls for Memorial Day Parade

Girls ages 5 to 12 are needed to march in the Cohasset Memorial Day parade. Girls will meet at 11 a.m. and march from the common down to the memorial on the harbor across from American Legion Post. Lunch will be served to marchers after the service. If your daughters, granddaughter etc. are interested or if anyone has questions contact Brenda Douglas at 617-678-9137.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Financial affairs in Town of Cohasset

TO THE EDITOR:

The current situation with the Town Manager reminds me of the old story about the town drunk who voted to prohibit the sale of alcohol in his town, and then immediately moved to another town. In this case, I'm referring to the recent tax override — $400,000. Of course, this override was in addition to the "allowed" 21/2-percent increase, which was about $500,000, for a total fiscal 2005 real estate tax increase of $900,000.

In my March 29 letter to the Mariner, since this increase is not a one-time jolt, but is now in the tax base forever — yes, forever — I pointed out that this increase, over the next 30 years and assuming the average taxpayer could save or make 5 percent per year on these funds by, for example, paying down the typical 30-year mortgage with these dollars not paid out in taxes, has a real cost to Cohasset's taxpayers of $63 million.

The cost of the prior year's total tax increase (override + 21/2-percent "allowed") for a 30-year period was about $58 million.

We also realize that, unless voted down, we can anticipate another override for fiscal 2006 of the same magnitude — the "allowed" 21/2-percent increase plus at least a $400,000 override, or a third total increase with a 30-year total cost of about $68 million.

For these three years, for a home assessed at the Cohasset average of only $560,000, the 30-year real tax increase cost will be over $25,000. That's adult money! And that's only the increases! I suspect that by the end of this three-year period any senior, long-term resident living off a modest pension plus Social Security will have been driven out of town.

My point in again presenting these staggering tax increase figures is to support the following recommendations in searching for a new Town Manager.

1. Make it a job requirement that any Town Manager hired, if not a resident of Cohasset, must become (and stay) a resident of Cohasset within 12 months of being hired. It is so easy to spend other people's money and raise their taxes!

2. Look for a job candidate who has practical experience and a track record in developing an increased commercial (not industrial) presence to help increase the tax base. This can be done with no impact on Cohasset's fine character and unique culture.

3. Find a candidate who is willing to be transparent with full, non-misleading presentations of the town's fiscal/tax/budget affairs. If you feel this is not a pressing need, go back to the 2004 Town Meeting Warrant and read the first 7-8 pages. I wonder how many voters fully understood that the $400,000 override was in addition to a $500,000 tax increase that was already in the budget and did not require a specific vote to approve it per se.

4. Find a candidate who, in addition to mandatory educational and successful job experiences and accomplishments, views the position as having a major element of "financial controller." The candidate must have the ability to say "no" when monthly financial reviews show a department trending out of spending control and exceeding budget plan.

5. And, finally, find a candidate who, when the state and nation are in a recession, with unemployment soaring and state aid being slashed, does not assume that Cohasset voters demand that services be maintained, let alone increased, on a business as usual basis that ignores reality. Cohasset is not an island.

On a separate topic, I'd like to open the subject of considering that we revise the Town Advisory Committee from being all appointees to a mixture of at least five or six members being elected by the voters, and three or four being appointed. The elected members could serve staggered three-year terms as well as the appointed members. The chairperson should be one of the elected members.

Statistics on the recommendations made by the now all-appointed Advisory Committee clearly indicate a need for an increase in the representation of the spectrum of viewpoints that exist in Cohasset. Think what our U.S. Congress would be like if the sitting president appointed all of the senators and representatives. Clearly we would not have a representative democracy. That's perhaps an exaggerated analogy, but it makes the point. We surely have an abundance of talent and experience in Cohasset to provide top candidates for election.

Richard E.T. Brooks, Ph.D., P.E.
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Flower show was cooperative event

TO THE EDITOR:

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset held its successful Standard Flower Show, "Literary License," on May 12 & 13 at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. We extend our heartfelt thanks to librarians Jackie Rafferty, Judy Simons, and Sharon Moody and to all the Library Trustees, especially liaison Barbara Power, for enthusiastically welcoming our endeavor. The stacks and warmly decorated rooms provided stunning settings for our educational exhibits, horticultural displays, and floral designs. Using this venue drew many people to our beautiful library for the first time, increasing exposure for our club's community outreach as well as for the library.

In addition, we would like to thank Mary Larson and Michelle DuPuis for offering space and gracious accommodation in the Discovery Museum for our boutique which featured plants, baked goods, and local artists' works. This developing space adjacent to the library served our club and the public well.

Cooperative ventures such as these make the Town of Cohasset a special place to live indeed.

Sally Avery
President Community Garden Club
22 Surrey Drive

Defending non-profits

TO THE EDITOR:

Leonora Jenkins is a little late in recommending that non-profit organizations serving the public from town-owned property pay for town services such as fire and police protection. A state law requires towns to extract an annual payment in lieu of taxes, so the financial burden is a lot more than $1 per year.

All such organizations should build up a capital reserve for major expenses such as replacement of roof, heating system, air conditioning equipment, furniture etc. Otherwise they must either engage later (maybe too late) in emergency fund raising or go belly-up. Appealing for relief from the town is not a desirable alternative, and in any case is unlikely to be timely enough.

Cohasset is a better place to live because of its many non-profit organizations such as the Lightkeepers, the Sailing Club, the Community Center, the Garden Clubs, etc. They survive economically because of countless hours of unpaid work by volunteers. The Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation is able to provide its attractive facilities at no charge to non-profit groups and at nominal charge for private functions of Cohasset residents primarily because we charge market rates (i.e. all the traffic will bear) for non-residents.

Our policies and practices have been developed by a board of directors that are mature, responsible, civic-minded, tax-paying residents of Cohasset. I think they have established a good balance between conflicting considerations. We are pleased that Ms. Jenkins realizes the value of our contributions, even though she seems to think they should cost more.

R. Murray Campbell, President
Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation

Hunger banquet

TO THE EDITOR:

The Hunger Banquet is finally scheduled for Friday, June 11. On this day Cohasset High School will have an extended lunch where the students will be divided into "haves and have nots" to symbolize the developed and less-developed countries of the world. The wealthy nations (about 20 percent of the students) will be eating a gourmet lunch in lavish conditions, while the majority of the school will be sitting on the floor eating a meager meal.

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Energy-saving appliances should be a must in multi-unit developments

COMMENTARY

JACQUELINE AND DAVID WHIPPLE

Editor's note: Jacqueline and David Whipple sent the following to the Planning Board:

We feel fortunate to live in a town where citizens, volunteers, elected and appointed officials are very smart people who are hard-working, environmentally conscientious, and, in many instances, far-seeing. Two proven examples of the latter are the Water Commission and the Recycling Committee. The Growth and Development Committee should also be lauded, as well as the Conservation Commission and other conservation groups.

Now, news reports and a number of speakers on Earth Day have highlighted another challenge. Air quality, even here, is deteriorating. You probably are aware of the stories in the Boston Globe and the New York Times, the latter reporting (March 23, 2004), "Carbon dioxide, the gas largely blamed for global warming, has reached record high levels in the atmosphere after growing at an accelerated pace in the past year. Climatologists forecast continued temperature rises that will disrupt the climate, cause seas to rise and lead to other unpredictable consequences." The Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, an authoritative agency of the UN, predicts that if global warming continues at its present rate, sea levels can rise from 4 to 35 inches in an unknown amount of time.

As a seashore town, this must be of concern to Cohasset.

It particularly concerns us in view of the unknown number of multi-unit developments, affordable, market rate, and for senior housing, which are being proposed. They would contain hundreds of energy-consuming refrigerators, freezers, stoves, dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers, water heaters, furnaces or large-scale heating plants, possible air conditioning — all dependent on power sources, including carbon dioxide-emitting fossil fuels. Spokesmen for the power industry explain that our power here comes from a "mixed grid" that changes, but has been approximately 40 percent nuclear, 10 percent hydro, and the rest fossil fuels — not particularly "green".

As your members probably know, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy have set energy conservation standards for home appliances. Their joint consumer information arm (www.Energystar.gov) offers not only valuable information and comparisons of energy-efficient models of household appliances, but also, according to their website: "The DOE Building Technologies Program works to improve the energy efficiency of our nation's buildings through innovative new technologies and better building practices. In partnership with states, [and] communities .... works with state and local regulatory groups and others to improve building codes, appliance and equipment standards, and guidelines for efficient energy use."

We are not talking about hanging wash on the front porch as in Maine and Vermont or from balconies as in picturesque Italy or on boat clotheslines as in Asia, but we could offer the alternative of attractively screened outdoor drying areas, either individual or communal as part of overall design.

For example, it points out that many appliances [they recommend] beat the established minimum standards. "Most of the differences are on the inside, in the motors, compressors, pumps, valves, gaskets and seals, or in electronic sensors that make appliances "smarter". Even if two models look the same from the outside, less-obvious inside features can make a big difference. When buying an appliance, remember that it has two price tags: what you pay for it and what you pay for the energy and water it uses. ENERGYSTAR qualified appliances incorporate advanced technologies that use 10 to 50 percent less energy than standard models. The money saved on utility bills can more than make up for the cost of a more expensive but more energy-efficient model. (We would guess that developers would choose the cheaper model that looks the same). If just one in 10 households bought ENERGYSTAR heating and cooling equipment, the change would keep more than 17 billion pounds of pollution out of the air."

We don't know what power your Board has when it comes to specifications, permits, or contracts that would require the most energy-efficient installations in proposed multi-unit developments, but we hope you would or could enforce such a policy.

Doing this research, we discovered that, except for refrigerators, clothes dryers use more energy than any other household appliance. Of course we can't deny people dryers, but one of their energy-saving recommendations is "air drying" of laundry as an alternative when weather permits. We are not talking about hanging wash on the front porch as in Maine and Vermont or from balconies as in picturesque Italy or on boat clotheslines as in Asia, but we could offer the alternative of attractively screened outdoor drying areas, either individual or communal as part of overall design. Being a beach and harbor oriented town, it is logical we do need a place to hang wet bathing suits and beach towels.

"Air drying" would be a significant money-saving alternative, particularly for affordable units. Washing and drying of clothes represents about 10 percent of energy bills. We have learned that some existing developments in Greater Boston actually forbid the hanging out of laundry. In present circumstances this seems very environmentally-unfriendly. We hope such a policy will not be allowed in Cohasset We are a town with yachts, kayaks, and lobster pots in our yards — a reality scene — not an artificial place,

In conclusion, we also want to mention the possibility of communal laundry rooms where appropriate. We have a pieds-a-terre condo in River House, a 221-unit building at the foot of Beacon Hill, overlooking the Charles. Rather than small washers and dryers in every unit, there is a very cheerful laundry room with eight washers and 10 dryers, some "large load", perfectly adequate, according to the building manager, "because we have a lot of elderly and they don't have as much laundry as a young family."

Fortunately, our beautiful town is not yet congested or overbuilt and we know you are doing your best to keep it that way and to control what is built. Perhaps Cohasset can set a new precedent for "green" developments, as it has set an example of water supply management and disposal of solid waste through recycling.

This letter was sent simultaneously to the Board of Selectmen, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Health, Building Inspector, and Conservation Commission with a copy provided to the Mariner.

Graduation speaker time

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The commencement speaker at my college graduation was David E. Lilienthal.

There will be a brief pause while 90 per cent of you say, "Who?"

I didn't know either so I called the BU alumni office and they didn't know but they directed me to the Special Reports Division of the BU Library.

It took about an hour but finally the girl called me back with the answer. She even spelled Lilienthal for me. I thought I detected a note of triumph in her voice, like Salk announcing the discovery of his vaccine.

For the record, David E. Lilienthal was the chief of the Atomic Energy Commission under Harry Truman, which I suppose was quite a score for BU in the days before John Silber.

I don't remember what he said that hot June afternoon in Boston Garden because I was in too much of a hurry to get down to The Stable, our favorite watering hole on Huntington Avenue, with my friends.

All of which is a sneaky way of asking the question: Why do celebrities waste their time giving commencement day talks to kids who probably aren't listening, will forget what he or she said in a year and even his or her name a couple of years after that?

The only difference between speakers of Lilienthal's day and the current crop is that your modern yakker is more likely to be remembered for the number of protesters his appearance attracts and the causes they represent.

For instance, it comes to mind that when Barbara Bush, wife of then-President George XLI, was selected to speak at the Wellesley College commencement, the students themselves protested because she made it on her husband's name, not on her own.

You can bet the gays and lesbians, some married, some not, will be out in full force next Sunday at the Suffolk University graduation and it won't be to cheer on the guest speaker, Governor Mitt Romney, whose views on gay marriage don't coincide with theirs.

The University of St. Francis uninvited Nancy Snyderman, former medical correspondent for ABC, because a local bishop didn't like some comments she had made about an abortion procedure that was contrary to Catholic teaching.

When the University of Arizona let slide that it was considering President George XLIII as commencement speaker nearly 400 members of the faculty, staff and graduate students signed a petition claiming his appearance would be inappropriate.

Bush, the petition said, "will use the opportunity to promote his political candidacy in a key swing state." The White House suddenly decided that the President wouldn't be available that day after all. Louisiana State, the Air Force Academy, and Concordia College in Wisconsin had no such qualms.

John Kerry has already spoken at Southern University in New Orleans and will also deliver the commencement address at Boston College Law School toward the end of the month.

I don't know if the speakers get anything but maybe travel expenses and a couple of pops with the school president for their efforts but most of them get honorary degrees.

That and a buck will get them a cup of coffee in any café in the land.

HEALTH NOTES

Sewer districts could take center stage

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Wastewater plays a big part in the routine activities of the board of health. On May 6, Health Notes talked about the wastewater committee; its purpose and functions. One of the principal issues with wastewater has always been that if sewers are introduced into an area of a town, growth is in some way affected. The most recent example is the Central Sewer District where introduction of a sewer caused the sale and expansion of many homes on the hillside. Accordingly, the wastewater committee has been reluctant to recommend any plan which would really solve the town's wastewater problems because it would rapidly change the character of the affected neighborhoods. A possible solution to this problem has been under study by the sewer commission:

At the last wastewater committee meeting, an announcement was made by Ray Kasperowicz, sewer commissioner, that on its June 7 meeting, sewer commission would probably be discussing a draft submitted by the Town Counsel to hold a special Town Meeting to vote on three articles:

- A bylaw to provide the ability of the sewer commission to designate sewer districts in town. The bylaw would establish a method for Town Meeting approval of any proposed sewer district.
- Creation of a of Home Rule Petition to enable the town to decide, subject to Town Meeting vote, which districts will be sewered, and the criteria for connection thereto.
- Creation of a Cook Estate Senior Housing district, and consideration of any other districts which may be put forward.

The purpose of this initiative is to manage wastewater problems without seriously affecting normal residence turnover in any of the affected districts.

The purpose of this initiative is to manage wastewater problems without seriously affecting normal residence turnover in any of the affected districts. According to Ray, the initiative will make sure sewer access is provided to those districts where it is needed with preference given to existing residents over developers or those proposing new house construction.

An essential element of this plan is to devise an equitable way to pay for any necessary upgrades to wastewater management either on site or sewer. Establishment of equitability will probably be done by developing a process whereby low interest loans will be available on an equal basis for on site or sewer betterments. Also, those having adequate septic systems in an area scheduled for sewer development will not be required to connect to the sewer as now required by the State. There are real cost differences which are area specific between sewers of different types and onsite processing technology. These differences will be clearly presented to everyone requesting inclusion in a potential sewer district.

As noted in the May 6 article there are districts in town where every house sale must be accompanied by upgrade to an expensive state of the art septic system. Probably there are less expensive alternatives than on-site systems for several of these areas. It is important to adopt the most appropriate wastewater technology for *every* area of the Town. This process must be undertaken with dialogues between the sewer department, the board of health, other interested departments and the neighborhoods affected.

As this process goes ahead, we will try to keep readers abreast of this exceptionally complex process.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Free conference on senior housing

A free conference, "Housing That Works; A Conference for Older Adults Considering a Move" will be held Friday, June 4, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Senior Center at Hingham Town Hall.

The full-day conference of lectures, workshops and a trade show will offer information about housing choices and ways to minimize the stress of moving. Seniors and children of seniors facing the possibility of a future move are invited to attend.

The morning session will consist of several panels: Selling Your Home – how to simplify the process, and Profiles in Housing – information about different senior housing options. Afternoon panels will discuss: Title 5 septic regulations ("It's in the Tank") and The Rent is Due - financing options for the various types of housing.

Following the panel discussions will be a free lunch and a tradeshow (1-3 p.m.) where conference participants will have an opportunity to meet representatives from many local senior housing communities, and professionals who provide services to help seniors have a stress-free move. In addition special raffle prizes will be offered from many local businesses.

The conference is sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs and the Hingham Department of Elder Services, with support from the Allerton House of Hingham, Linden Ponds at Hingham, and the Transitions Program of Home Center Real Estate in Hingham. Pre-registration is required by May 28. Call the Hingham Department of Elder Services at 781-741-1458 or Cohasset Elder Affairs, 781-383-9112.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The purpose of this Banquet is to raise awareness about the staggering facts of world and local poverty and hunger. This event is also designed to have the students of Cohasset Middle-High School create their own solution to overcome hunger in their community. Toward the end, we will be collecting goods for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

We hope everyone will support this program, and encourage others to do so; however, participation is voluntary. Students as well as members of the community may bring in canned goods on the day of the Banquet to further support this cause.

Cohasset High School Students
Chelsea Richardson
Ricky Lordan
Molly Kirk

Food drive support

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Food Pantry would like to thank the everyone who was involved with the Postal Service Food Drive last Saturday. The Food Drive is truly a community effort. We are grateful to the town residents who gave so generously, the Post Office employees who picked up and delivered the food, and the volunteers who spent the day stocking the shelves. Thanks to all of you we now have a sufficient amount of food to make it through the Summer months.

Margie Steele
Moira Stansell
Cohasset Food Pantry

All-facilities stickers to go on sale June 7

The expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. The "all facility sticker" for the next fiscal year will be on sale starting the week of June 7 during normal business hours at the town hall and at the DPW garage on weekends starting June 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. An "all facilities sticker" will be $30, the second vehicle $30 and seniors is $15.

This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, Sandy Beach as well as, include parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Dept. of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town. You are encouraged to purchase your sticker by mail by providing the appropriate fee, a copy of your current registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

All about bridges, boats and Rte. 3A widening

HEDLUND REPORT

ROBERT HEDLUND



Currently, we have several transportation-related projects ongoing in our district. I know many of these projects affect my constituents, especially if you are a commuter, so I wanted to take some time to update you on a few of them. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call at the State House (617-722-1646).

Fore River Bridge

Recently, I hosted a public meeting with various state and federal officials to express frustrations, ask questions and determine ways to reduce bridge openings and better notify residents of those openings. Officials on hand included: Gary Kassof, the Coast Guard's bridge program administrator for the Northeast; Scott Gebbie of Citgo; Michael Cameron, Richard DeSantis and Lonardi Philogene of MassHighway; and Captain Brian Salerno, marine safety officer with the United States Coast Guard.

At the meeting, the different factors that go into when the bridge is raised were explained. Many commuters did not realize the Coast Guard's involvement in the bridge openings. Federal laws dictate that boats have the right of way. It was also explained that the height of the old bridge combined with the need for the ships to navigate those waters at high tide and during favorable weather limit the scheduling options for passage under the bridge. It was announced, however, that over the next couple of months the old bridge would be dismantled, leaving only the higher temporary bridge. The temporary bridge has a higher clearance, meaning less bridge openings for sailboats and other private crafts. Citgo will also explore voluntary scheduling measures to further help the situation. The Coast Guard will look for ways to improve notifying MassHighway of bridge openings. Lastly, we need to look at securing federal money to dredge the river to make it deeper, therefore widening the window of opportunity tankers have to pass through the bridge, reducing rush hour openings. In my opinion most of the involved partners, especially Citgo, have been cooperative on this issue.

Back River Bridge

As the ranking member of the Transportation Committee, it was important for me to see the deck of the 61- year-old Back River Bridge replaced. The project is not tied to overall improvement efforts along Route 3A, but rather a state initiative to identify ailing bridges and replace them.

Obviously during the construction work, we will face some commuter challenges. Please know that I am fully committed to working with MassHighway and the contractor to alleviate, as much as possible, any traffic congestion. One action I have already taken is asking MassHighway to better synchronize the second light at Lowes during rush hour, allowing for a better flow of traffic.

The $3.5 million project will focus first on the northbound side. That work is scheduled to end in the fall. The highway department is then expected to open the bridge back up to four lanes of traffic for the winter, and then reduce lanes again next spring to replace the southbound side of the bridge.

Commuter boats

I recently held my third meeting with MBTA officials and the Transportation Secretary, Dan Grabaukas, in an effort to bring some equity to the Hingham commuter boat fare and parking fee structure. I continue to be encouraged by the Secretary's level of response to my concerns on behalf of the commuter boat riders.

As boat commuters know, the cost of commuting on the boat has increased drastically and at higher rates than alternative transit options in recent times. What used to cost boat riders $8 round trip now costs $14. I will continue to work hard to bring equity to commuter boat costs and help encourage ridership on this very valuable and reliable service to the South Shore. A long-term plan includes rezoning the Hingham commuter boat to be commensurate with the commuter rail fare structure. Different forms of public transit should not be pitted against one another

As part of my discussions with the T and the Secretary, we are looking into improvements to the Hingham schedule that would include a later return trip from Boston. And we had good news for commuter boat riders out of Hull. The MBTA has increased the number of commuter boats it runs each day from Hull to Long Wharf and Logan Airport in Boston. The T also plans summertime trips to Georges Island in Boston Harbor.

Humarock bridges

Recently, due to the effects of harsh winter weather, the Julian Street Bridge to Humarock was recently closed to vehicle traffic due to safety concerns. The Julian Street Bridge is one of two bridges that connect Humarock to Marshfield over the South River (the Sea Street Bridge is the other). Both bridges were on schedule to be replaced over the next couple of years, with each currently in the design phase. The Julian Street Bridge was originally scheduled to be replaced in 2006 at the earliest and was to be used as a detour while the Sea Street Bridge work was done sometime next year.

I am working with town and state officials to evaluate our options to hopefully finish the work to both bridges sooner rather than later. One possibility that I am working toward is combining the repair of both bridges into one project. The estimated cost of such a combined project would be around $6.5 million. I have communicated to the MassHighway Commissioner asking for financial help with the project.

Route 3 widening

Not too long ago we received notice that the Administration was reversing itself and had now decided to scrap their long-standing plans to widen Route 3 on the South Shore. State Officials used the construction of Greenbush as a reason to shelve the widening, claiming Greenbush would take enough vehicles off of Route 3. I disagreed and I asked eight of my South Shore (Route 3 corridor) colleagues in the Legislature to join me in writing to the Governor asking him to reconsider.

While we do not all agree on the decision to restore the Greenbush line, the nine of us are in agreement that it should not be used as an excuse to scrap the Route 3 widening. In the letter, I argued that by the MBTA's own estimates Greenbush would only eliminate 454 vehicles from Route 3 (south of Route 3/128 Braintree merge). In addition, the Route 3 peak traffic times often occur at time when Greenbush service is scheduled to be limited or non-existent, such as summer season and weekends.

As I await a formal response from the Governor's office, a meeting is scheduled with Secretary Foy and my South Shore colleagues so that we may continue to pursue this important project on behalf of the South Shore commuters.

State Senator Robert Hedlund represents the Plymouth-Norfolk District consisting of Weymouth, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield and Duxbury.

Flushing of water mains continues

The Water Department is continuing to flush water mains, which started April 26, and will conclude May 31. Flushing will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. The anticipated flushing schedule for the week of May 24, follows:

May 24 – North Main St. from Forest Ave. to Elm St.; Highland Ave. and Highland Ct.; Elm St., Margin St., Atlantic Ave. to Beach St, Beach St. and streets off these streets; Sohier St. from Ripley Rd. to No. Main St.; Ripley Rd.; Depot Ct.; and Smith Pl.

May 25 – Atlantic Ave. from Beach St. to Jerusalem Rd.; Nichols Rd.; Jerusalem Rd. from Atlantic Ave. to No. Main St.; Joy Pl.; Gammons Rd.; Redgate Ln.; and streets off all of these streets.

May 26 - Jerusalem Road from Forest Street to Atlantic Avenue and all streets off this section of Jerusalem Road.

Residents will be provided advance notification in the Patriot Ledger and Cohasset Mariner of the schedule for flushing each segment of the system. In addition, temporary street signs will be placed strategically around the affected area on the day of flushing. Notice will also be provided on the Water Dept.'s web site, www.cohassetwater.org and on the local cable access channel, Channel 10. Residents should monitor the web-site and the cable channel for schedule changes.

"Flushing cleans out sediment and deposits which may have accumulated in the water mains and is an important part of the continuing efforts to improve drinking water quality to our customers," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission.

Do not wash clothes during the time the flushing occurs. If clothing becomes stained it can be cleaned by using "Iron Out" which is available for free from the Water Department.

During the flushing program, some temporary discoloration of the water may occur. Run the COLD water faucet, preferably outside, for a short time until the discoloration clears. If your water is discolored, avoid using hot water until you flush your hot water tank by opening the valve at the bottom of the tank.

Call the Water Department at 781-383-0057 with any questions.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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May 10-14

QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on three roll call and local representatives' votes on four roll calls from the week of May 10-14.

HOUSING AND CHAPTER 40B (H 4240)

House 153-1, gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a bill making major changes in Chapter 40B— the state's affordable housing law. The current law essentially exempts developers from local zoning bylaws in communities in which less than ten percent of the housing is deemed affordable by the state if the developers agree to make 25 percent of the new units affordable. The bill makes many changes including allowing a city or town to reject developers' permits for a year if the community increases its annual housing stock by two percent over the prior year. It also allows communities to count all Department of Mental Health (DMH), Department of Mental Retardation (DMR) and Section 8 housing units and 50 percent of mobile homes and 75 percent of all assisted living units toward their ten percent requirement. Supporters said the bill is a fair compromise that would increase affordable housing in the state while also giving local communities some protection against aggressive developers as long as the community takes other action to increase its own housing stock. Opponents said that the existing law and the changes are both inadequate to address the crisis of the lack of affordable housing. They argued that a multi-tiered approach including the state, local communities, developers, citizens and community development corporations is necessary to address the problem. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against the bill).

EXEMPTIONS FROM 40B (H 4240)

House 42-112, rejected an amendment allowing a community to be exempt from all Chapter 40B requirements if it adopts a bylaw requiring that all new residential construction include at least ten percent of units that are affordable for households whose income is 80 percent or less of a region's median income. The amendment also allows communities to permit developers to meet the ten percent requirement by building the affordable units separately from the development, providing land to the community for construction of affordable units or paying into an affordable housing fund. Amendment supporters said this would give communities a simple and effective alternative to 40B and result in many affordable housing units. They argued that 40B has been a disaster that takes away power from local communities and benefits greedy developers who make exorbitant profits. Amendment opponents said that 40B has been successful in creating affordable housing. They argued that the amendment is weak and creates a very incremental process that would not address the housing shortage crisis. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment allowing communities to be exempt from 40B. A "Nay" vote is against it).

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS (H 4708)

House 154-0, gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a bill allowing funds from the state's Housing Stabilization and Investment Program to be used to fund the existing SoftSecond Loan Program for first-time homebuyers. The SoftSecond program reduces homeowners' borrowing costs by combining a three percent down payment with a conventional first mortgage and a state-subsidized second mortgage program. Supporters said this funding would ensure continuation of this 1991 program that has helped more than 7000 low and moderate-income families buy their first home. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

TAX CREDITS FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING DEVELOPERS (H 4710)

House 153-0, approved a bill extending for another five years a 1999 program that provided $100 million in tax credits over five years to private and non-profit developers that build low-income housing projects. The credits would be used by developers to attract investors who would invest in the projects by buying the tax credits for about 80 cents on the dollar. Supporters, noting the high cost of rental units, said there is a great need for affordable low-income housing in the state. They noted that this program has produced tax credits for more than 1000 units of affordable housing since its creation in 1999. They argued it works better than subsidies and low-interest loans and would continue to produce results by creating jobs and thousands of units of affordable housing. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

MONEY LAUNDERING (S 2291)

Senate 39-0, gave initial approval to a bill making money laundering a state crime punishable by up to a 2.5 year prison sentence and/or $100,000 fine or a fine equal to twice the value of the laundered money. The measure applies to persons who hide the source of money that is derived from a criminal activity including drug trafficking, murder, kidnapping, robbery, extortion, prostitution, tax evasion and felony violations of environmental law. Supporters, noting money laundering is primarily dealt with by federal prosecutors, said that it is time for the state to step into the picture on this issue that now relates to homeland security and terrorists. They noted that the bill would allow state authorities to act on cases that do not reach a point in which federal prosecutors become involved. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

AUTO INSURANCE FRAUD (S 170)

Senate 39-0, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill making it a crime to engage in the practice of "insurance running" and for attorneys, doctors and others to hire a runner. Insurance runners procure clients in an attempt to collect money from insurance companies. The proposal imposes up to a 2.5-year prison sentence and/or $5000 fine on violators. Supporters said these runners often prey on uneducated and gullible people to help stage automobile accidents in order to defraud insurance companies and noted that these actions drive up auto insurance rates. They argued that while the practice is unethical, it is currently legal in Massachusetts. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

VETERANS' FLAG HOLDERS (H 2390)

Senate 39-0, gave near final approval to a House-approved bill making it a crime to destroy or remove a commemorative flag holder from a veterans' gravesite. The bill expands a current law that includes making it illegal to remove a veteran's grave marker, metal plaque or flag. Supporters said this expansion would close a loophole in the current law and ensure that veterans' gravesites are honored. The proposal needs only final House and Senate approval prior to going to Gov. Romney. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote



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Dispatchers claim sexual harassment

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deeply divided over the disciplinary action against two other officers, Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean, who have been on paid administrative leave since last October.

Both women's complaints will either wend their way through the MCAD process or Superior Court, depending on what they and their lawyers decide. Nothing has been proven at this stage and what is on file is one person's word against another's.

In a related matter, the town tried to deny DeWolfe being awarded unemployment benefits but was overturned by the state Division of Employment and Training. DeWolfe worked as a full-time dispatcher in Cohasset for 18 months and now has another job,

Then Town Manager Mark Haddad fired DeWolfe — who had received two prior, written reprimands about attendance problems — on Oct. 29, 2003 after she called Chief Robert Jackson to say she would be absent from her assigned shift due to child-care problems. The town also says DeWolfe had exhausted her sick time and by the time she was fired had used 20 days in that calendar year.

But one of DeWolfe's lawyers, Jill Goodman of Ciapciak & Associates in Norwood, says the reason given for firing DeWolfe was pretext — or to mask — the real reason which was the fact she sought stress leave due to a hostile working environment.

According to her attorneys, the Dept. of Employment and Training found the town's contention DeWolfe was fired because she failed to appear for her scheduled shift as preposterous because her letter of termination was delivered to her home before her shift was to start.

DeWolfe says nothing was done after she complained about Sgt. David Pomarico's "lewd and harassing conduct." She claims some officers watched adult-oriented cable channels at the police station and that Pomarico had a tendency to touch her in an inappropriate and unwelcome manner, by pulling her hair and bringing his face close to his. She says she did not feel safe in such an environment and was oftentimes alone with Pomarico.

In addition, there is a report that Pomarico showed off a photo of himself in the buff around the station following a recent vacation. DeWolfe did not see the photo herself, but another dispatcher and some police officers at the station allegedly did. The incident is detailed as part of DeWolfe's MCAD complaint. Her lawyers say Sgt. William Quigley reported the photo incident to Chief Jackson, and Officer James McLean reported it to Haddad, but no disciplinary action was taken, according to DeWolfe's complaint.

"We believe this is a clear-cut case of sexual harassment," Goodman said. "There aren't a lot of people there on the midnight shift – just Barbara (DeWolfe) and Pomarico. So it's her word against his, but we're sticking by hers."

But Attorney Leonard Kesten, who is representing the town, said there is no record DeWolfe ever told anyone about being sexually harassed. Kesten said there were also no documented complaints about inappropriate content on the premium cable-TV stations that were paid for by the police union. The only complaint was by Quigley who wanted the officers out on the street, he said. The premium TV stations were discontinued when Comcast took over and combined the bill for the Internet and cable-TV at the station, Kesten said.

Kesten also said DeWolfe did not see the photo of Pomerico. He said there were rumors about the photo but no documentation from someone who saw it.

"The chief asked around," Kesten said. "No one came forward, but we will look into it again."

Kesten claims DeWolfe's lawyers are using the Pomerico photo and cable-TV movies to sensationalize an otherwise routine case. "Before the story appeared in the Patriot Ledger, her lawyer called me to see if we wanted to negotiate and if so, there would be no interview with the paper.

"Without pornography in the station, this would never be a story and if it is, it's a small one," Kesten said.

Goodman, DeWolfe's attorney, said they did call Kesten to give him the opportunity to negotiate a settlement before they spoke with the paper but he would have nothing to do with it. She said they did not sensationalize any part of the allegations. "The press came to us," Goodman said. "We are just trying to help out a woman who was wronged."

Other complaint

Adrienne Davenport, who resigned on June 5, 2002 after about eight months as a full-time dispatcher, claims she left after "outrageous and false accusations" and the intimidation she felt in a meeting with three police officers, Sgt. Quigley, Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon and Officer Lisa Matos. Davenport claimed the officers did not let her respond to the allegations that she was observed by another officer kissing then Officer Brian Curran, the chief's son-in-law in the control room. She says the officers warned her to stay away from Curran in the future or risk being terminated. Davenport, who says she was outraged by the allegations, said she had become friends with Curran and his wife and children during her time on the job.

Quigley, Lennon and Matos are all named in Davenport's complaint for sexually harassing her by the false accusations of having an affair with a co-worker and for using their supervisory capacity to harass and intimidate her. She also charges then Town Manager Mark Haddad with sexual harassment and intimidation by sending the officers to question her. Davenport charges Chief Robert Jackson with aiding and abetting the harassment and for failing to stop it.

In a sworn affidavit, Quigley – who notified Haddad about the alleged behavior — states he thought the allegations of a fellow officer who witnessed the alleged kiss and flirting between Curran and Davenport were credible. The officer reported "feeling like the third wheel on a bad date" when on duty with Curran and Davenport, according to Quigley.

Haddad advised Quigley to call both Curran and Davenport to separate meetings to counsel them about their behavior while on duty. Quigley asked permission to have witnesses present.

The meeting with Curran went badly. He allegedly drew his gun from his holster prompting Quigley and Lennon to jump up and disarm him.

The meeting the next day with Davenport also went poorly, with Davenport threatening to quit, although Quigley states he told her she was not in trouble and that the warning as a "heads up" to limit her interactions with Curran to police business.

Davenport said the actions of the officers and Haddad created a hostile work environment resulting in her suffering from emotional distress and a loss of wages and benefits.

Curran resigned from the police department last September.

The MCAD's mission is to ensure equality of opportunity by enforcing the state's anti-discrimination laws including those pertaining to employment. Claims must be filed within 180 days of an alleged incident.

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Oldest church to welcome newest married couples

Pastor officiates at same-sex weddings

By Mary Ford
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"Marriage for all is about civil rights but marriage is also about love and commitment."
— The Rev. Ken Read-Brown

While same-sex marriage in Massachusetts makes headlines across the country, the Rev. Ken Read-Brown of Old Ship Church in Hingham is quietly officiating at the nuptials of gay and lesbian couples.

He will officiate at four same-sex ceremonies this weekend, mostly in people's homes.

But this coming Sunday, Old Ship – which was built in 1681 — will be the setting for its first same-sex marriage. The event will be part of the worship service.

"Celebrating Marriage" is Read-Brown's sermon title on this first Sunday when marriage for same-sex couples is legal in Massachusetts.

Read-Brown says the couple, Abby Diamond and Mary Kissiday, are members of the church and formed a civil union in Vermont in 2001.

"They will once again exchange their vows, this time in a brief — yet legal — marriage ceremony," the pastor wrote in the church newsletter.

The two women say they also had a "totally un-legal ceremony" back in 1990 and it is now time to make their vows legal in Massachusetts.

"We are doing this to share this experience with all of you, and to thank you and Old Ship for your continued support of our relationship and civil rights for all," the women wrote in the church bulletin.

Read-Brown explained that First Parish Church at Old Ship is Unitarian Universalist, a denomination that has long worked to promote gay rights and the same-sex marriage issue in order to be recognized as a "Welcoming Congregation," in other words, a congregation which welcomes and accepts all people, regardless of sexual orientation.

He said while the congregation voted to welcome and accept gays, lesbians, bisexual and trans-gender people, it also welcomes people of all view points.

Read-Brown said the same-sex couples he is marrying have been together for years, in some cases 25 or more, and have deeply moving stories.

"Marriage for all is about civil rights but marriage is also about love and commitment," he said.

Read-Brown acknowledges that it may take time for society as a whole to embrace same-sex marriage, but he thinks that day will eventually arrive.

"Their families may look a little different, but then every family is a little different," he says. "But same-sex couples go to work, mow the lawn, join the PTO and pay taxes.

"America at its best is about inclusion."

GSA raises awareness and acceptance at CHS

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school in the short amount of time they have been working together.

"Since we started, the major transition that's occurred is the change in speech. Kids have gone from saying, 'that's so gay,' to 'that's so stupid'," said Adam, adding the group is really glad to see students are making a conscious effort in their everyday language to be more accepting.

But it's been a long road to begin the club, as Gill said he wanted to make sure teaching staff, which would serve as advisors to the club, would have the proper training before leading the alliance. For the past three years, Gill and Guidance Counselor Ed Leonard have been working together to coordinate workshops for teachers, to train them in the proper ways to deal with incidents of homophobia. Once the teachers had been properly trained, the two felt they could move on to the next step of working with students.

But during the time the teachers were being trained, the wheels in Adam's mind had already begun turning. "I had thought about it a lot," he said, of beginning a group at school. After a photo exhibit titled "Shared Hearts," which depicted portraits of gay, lesbian and transgender subjects, came to town in May of 2002, Gill thought the timing seemed right, and Adam was glad to get involved right away.

Adam said as a freshman, he and two other students, both seniors, started meeting during lunch and began the GSA. While that tradition has continued to this year, Adam and the others say they would like to see more students participating.

To raise awareness about the issues, as well as spread the word that there is a group in school that meets regularly to talk about issues dealing with sexuality, Katie said she and the group have made posters and hung them around the school. She said the posters have shown facts and figures about gay, lesbian and bisexual youth, including suicide rates, which she said can be higher for those questioning their sexuality.

"We're trying to get more people involved," said Katie, and by putting the information out there, it may generate more interest in becoming a part of the GSA, or at least get students to begin thinking a little more about the issues.

In addition, Leonard said two times a week, the entire student body hears a morning announcement that the GSA will be meeting during lunch, and that everyone is welcome to attend. "It helps people know we're still here, which is very important, even if you decide not go to," he said.

When not in school, Adam is very politically active and works with the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth. The Commission works together with the Massachusetts Department of Education and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to create school and community based programs focusing on suicide prevention, violence intervention, and the promotion of zero-tolerance policies regarding harassment and discrimination against gay and lesbian youth. Adam said the Commission runs different seminars to promote awareness, and sometimes there are celebrity guest speakers. He said upcoming events include a rally at Copley Plaza in Boston, a concert with local bands at the Esplanade, and a college fair which showcases supportive schools.

Leonard said with all the work Adam does for the Commission, it is not uncommon for him to receive a mailing in his office at the high school which Adam sent out.

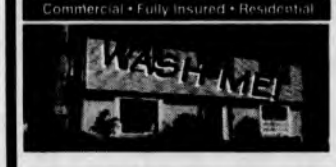
Those currently in the GSA say they would like to see more participation in the future from students in their own school, but will also be working to hold events with other GSA groups from surrounding communities.


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$50K-plus Haddad settlement inked

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but he feels an agreement was reached that is in the best interest of the town. Selectman Rob Spofford said the agreement had been finalized well in advance of Tuesday's meeting, but the board was waiting for the original signed copies before going public with the information.

Because the town will not be paying for another town manager for at least four months, the expense on the town for the settlement with Haddad is "insignificant," said Sullivan. Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley will receive some compensation for his additional duties, but it will not be equivalent to $50,000, Sullivan said.

"The bottom line is, as a community, we took quick action and we're moving forward," said Sullivan.

In the interim, Selectman Ronnie McMorris said there has been a very smooth transition with Buckley coming into the position. "I think he's doing a great job," she said, adding the town is running very well.

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Haddad resigned May 5 for personal reasons, after holding the post of Town Manager for about seven years.

Revaluation notice to property owners

The Cohasset Board of Assessors will resume its ongoing revaluation effort as it prepares for recertification by the Department of Revenue for Fiscal Year 2005. During the next few months the assessors' staff will be physically inspecting residential properties in town. Due to the high volume of inspections, the staff will conduct daily door-to-door inspections as time permits.

The staff will perform an interior inspection, noting any changes on the property record card. The entire inspection will take just a few minutes. Measurement of buildings will be verified, if necessary. Digital cameras will be used to produce photos of the exterior of the building for the database.

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The assessors' staff will be able to produce proper identification. If the homeowner or a person over 18 years of age is not at home on the first call, a notice will be left asking the homeowner to call for an appointment.

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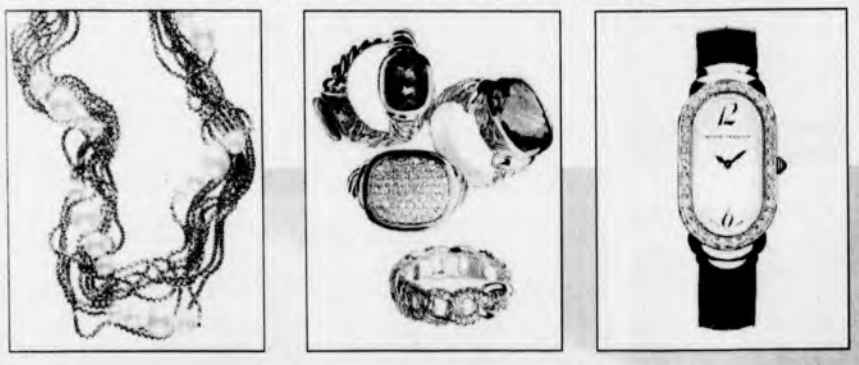
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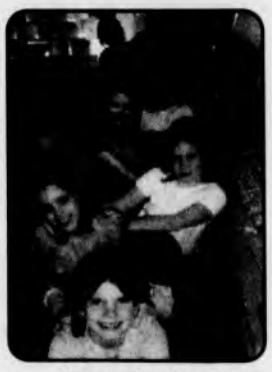
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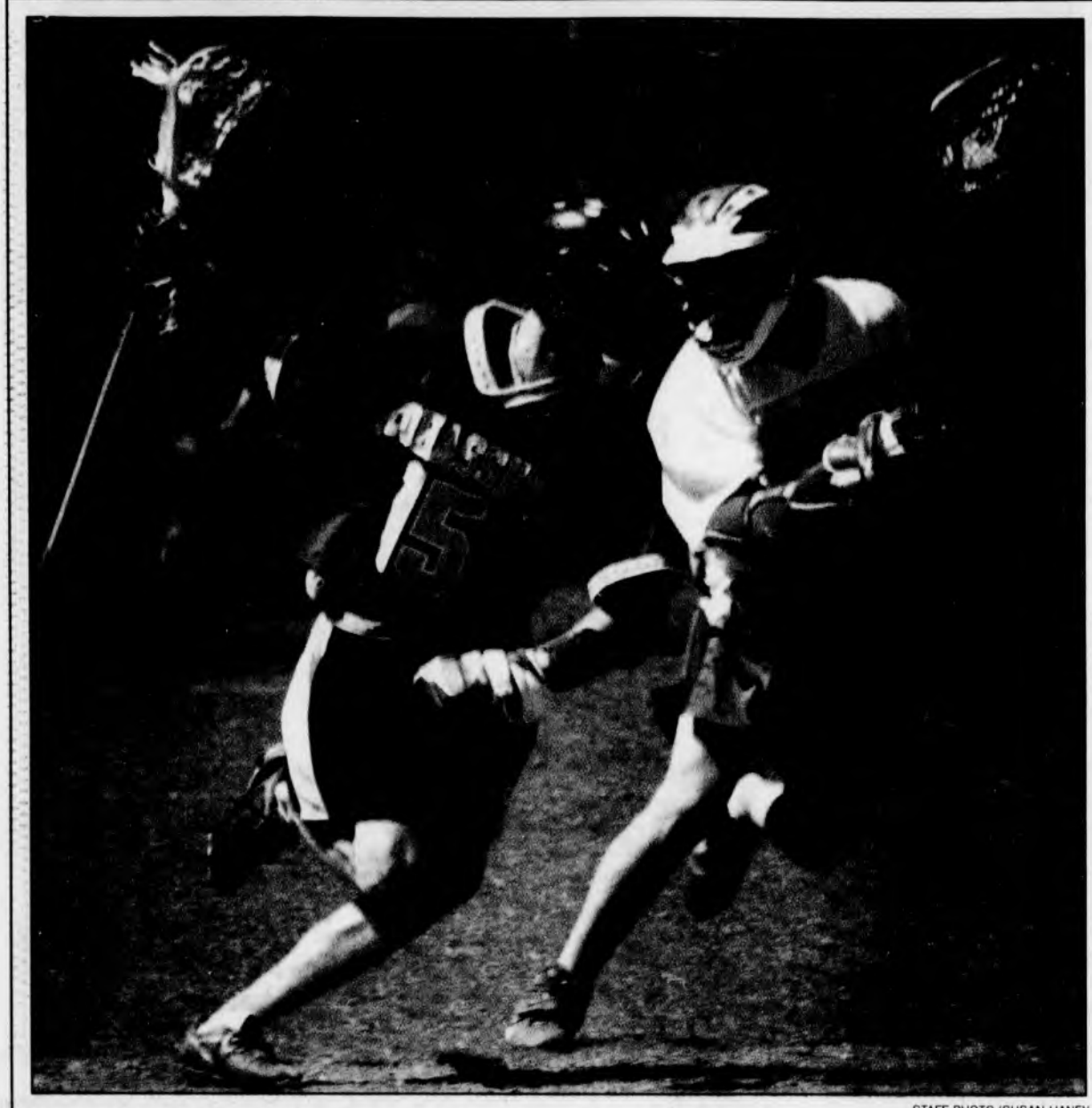
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Cohasset's Aidan Buick (#15) spins away from Scituate's Chris Connelly in recent Pilgrim Conference showdown. The Skippers won this game, and may need to be Scituate again to get back to the postseason.

Clean slate

CHS laxmen get back to .500 mark with back-to-back wins

By Mike Spellman
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It is now a four game season for the Cohasset High boys lacrosse team.

A couple of big road wins over Sandwich and Nantucket, last week, have moved the Skippers to .500 for the first time this season, at 6-6, and, more importantly, has given them a big boost of momentum and confidence.

"We're definitely headed in the right direction off of these two wins," noted Skippers first year coach Stu Curran. "We've gotten some players back from injury who are starting to settle in, and we're just playing much better lacrosse right now than we were early on."

The Skippers must now win two of their remaining four games to achieve a .500 season and thus qualify for the postseason. The good news is all four are at home. They'll host Milton today (4 p.m.), a much improved Scituate team (7-6) tomorrow, Nantucket on Monday and Canton on Wednesday to close things out.

"None of those games are gimmees, but that's the way we'd want it," said Curran. "We want to go in fighting hard. That will get us ready. If we can win, say, three of those four or even all four, we'll move up a couple of spots in the seedings and that will also probably be an indication we're playing pretty good lacrosse."

The MIAA will release seedings and pairings next weekend, with games for the Div. 3 tourney expected to get underway on Thursday.

Skippers 10, Sandwich 6

The Skippers bounced off of the bus after an hour long trip to put together a well balanced attack on Thursday. Junior attackman Jake Previte paced the offense with four goals and three assists, and senior captain Mike Rasmussen buried four as well. Midfielder Mark Davis had three assists.

The offense started a little slow, and the host Black Knights were able to take a quick 2-0 lead, but the offense eventually picked it up and the defense never wavered, according to Coach Curran.

Senior netminder Nick Murphy (nine saves) played well in net in back of a strong defense-- led by Conor Buick, Jeff Brown and Mike Devine.

Buick was once again asked to mark up the opposition's top scorer, and he once again did an outstanding job, holding said player to just one goal—and that came on a breakaway.

"We had a good overall effort, which is what we needed, because Sandwich is a quality team," said Curran. "We were sluggish out of gate, but we had enough firepower to get it done in the end. We just kept our motor going the whole time, and I think that eventually wore

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They're in again

Boys tennis team qualifies for postseason play for third straight year

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

Blain Morin's tiebreak win on Tuesday catapulted the Cohasset High boys tennis team into the state tournament for the third straight year.

The young Cohasset team slipped past Hingham, 3-2, Tuesday, to improve its record to 9-5 for the season.

The Skippers magic win number nine assured them of no less than a .500 season record to open the door to qualification.

There's a good chance the Cohasset boys could finish its regular season of play with its best won and loss record in the three year tenure of head coach Kent Parrot. With four games remaining to be played, the Skippers could very well finish at 13-5.

Cohasset is 6-3 in South Shore League play, tied with Harwich for second. Undefeated Norwell leads the league.

The huge tie-breaking win, which is akin to extra innings in baseball, had Morin defeating Adam Olczek, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6.

"Blair put us over the top," declared coach Parrot. "At one point he was down 0-3, in the final match, and fought back big to come through with the win."

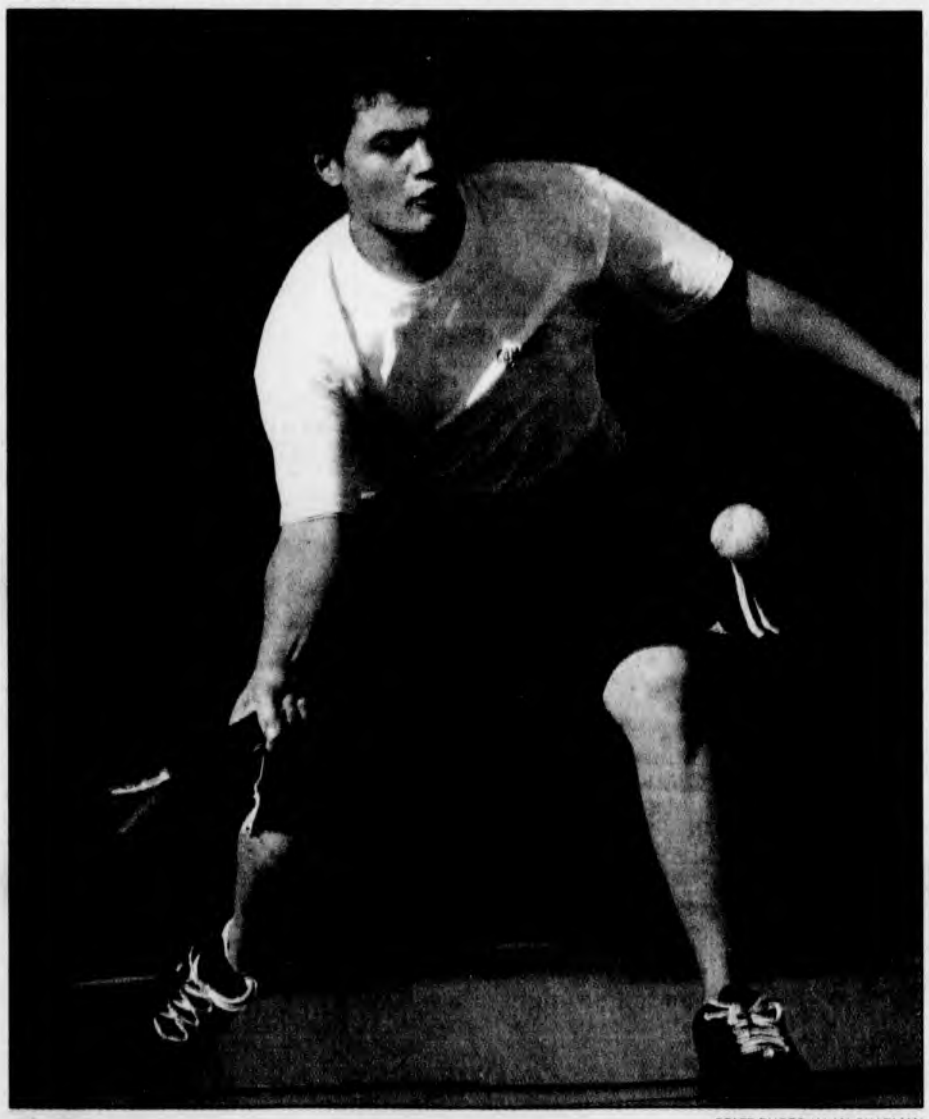
Cohasset's number one singles player, Dan Sullivan, defeated

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Katie James (right) collides with Holbrook catcher Jen Lowe in recent non-league tilt. For CHS softball team report, see page 19.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset number three singles player Blain Morin's tiebreak win on Tuesday lifted the Skippers over Hingham and into the state tourney for a third straight season.

Net gains

CHS girls tennis team picking it up down stretch

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

Emilie Sullivan and Corey Evans found themselves in a familiar position on Tuesday.

With Cohasset and Hingham splitting their other four matches, everyone's attention turned to number two doubles. During last year's state championship match, the Cohasset duo was in the same position and won.

This may be a new year and the stakes not quite as high, but the result was the same.

After losing their first set, 4-6, Sullivan and Evans dominated the second set, 6-0. They fought hard to take the third set, 6-4, giving Cohasset a 3-2 win against arguably the best team they have played this year.

Sullivan held serve to give her team a 4-2 advantage in that third set. After Hingham held their own serve twice, and Evans did the same, Sullivan was serving with a double match point.

Evans hit a couple of beautiful shots at the net to give the home team the win.

Cohasset's other two victories came in singles play, with Liz Stone and Chelsea Grossman both taking straight set victories.

Grossman, who had been

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Climbing back

Lady laxers getting healthy and back into postseason chase

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A pair of big back-to-back wins on the road over Cape Cod Academy and Nantucket to close out last week has pushed the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team back into the playoff picture.

Paced by a breakout five-goal performance from freshman Lindsey Durkin, on Wednesday, the Lady Skippers managed to weather a red hot Cape Cod Academy goalie to take a 7-5 decision.

Seniors Nicole Turgiss and Meghan Marr had the other goals in the game, and the defensive unit as a whole came up big in front of sophomore netminder Joanna Hamilton (seven saves).

The road trip on Saturday was even longer (in fact, there was a boat trip in there too), but the game itself was far less dramatic, as the girls cruised to a 14-2 victory that got them back to the .500 mark for at least a couple of days at 6-6-1.

Star junior midfielder Lauren Rizzotti (bruised wrist) returned from a three-game absence to score a game best five goals. Turgiss scored three times, bringing her team best total to 33 on the year and her career total to 99 goals. Marr scored twice, while Durkin, sophomores Cassie Rosano and Mia Lieb-Lappen and senior captain

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Major League Baseball Roundup – Week 3

The highlight of baseball usually is a great play in the field, a home-run hit or a great throw. This week, the highlight in baseball is an example of character and sportsmanship. In a very exciting match up with the Cardinals, A's rookie Derek Froio playing second base, with the bases loaded up with Cardinals, dove for a line drive and to most people, including the umpire it looked like he caught the ball. After he dove for the ball and rolled with it, the umpire called the ball caught, however Derek came up and said before the crowd, "I dropped the ball". Derek's act of sportsmanship, of doing the right thing, allowed the inning to continue. And that, baseball fans, is the highlight of the week.

Cardinals

On Tuesday, the Cards faced the A's. Well, "it ain't over till it's over", the Cards, were down by 10 runs heading into the bottom of the 6th. With their rally caps on, the Cards came back and scored 7 runs, giving the A's something to think about. John Kearney doubled, scoring 2 RBI's and Sebastian "Sea Bass" Braga singled with an RBI to lead the rally. Other highlights include a Vinnie Calorio throw to home, to throw an A out and and a great right field catch by Ian Porter with the bases loaded to end a scoring threat. Later in the week, the Cards faced the Rangers in an exciting matchup. Brendan Horigan led the Cards with 2 singles, a double and an RBI. The game was tied in the bottom of the 5th, and Alex Harper had a tremendous, behind the back, center field catch off a Ranger bat. Todd Emmanuello then struck out the next Ranger. Vinnie Calorio made a great stop at 2nd to end the inning. The Rangers and the Cards fought it out to a tie.

Pirates

The Pirates faced the Red Sox in a pitching duel. Tom Buckley and Chris Walsh shared the mound for the Pirates and held the hard hitting Sox to two runs. Robbie Hill was fantastic behind the plate in the bottom three innings. The Pirates play was consistent throughout the game, with solid efforts in the field, led by Sean MacCarthy in right field. Joe Leighton had a good night at the plate with a single that scored an RBI. Aggressive base running manufactured the runs necessary to beat the Red Sox, 5-2. In a losing effort to the Rangers, Patrick Lewis had the defensive play of the game, making a diving catch at 1st, with two Rangers in scoring position to end the third inning. On Sunday, the Pirates took an early lead against the A's, up 3-0 in the first inning. Robbie Hill was strong on the mound as he faced the hard hitting A's. Tom Buckley had an RBI single with the bases loaded to start the scoring. Derek Youngman doubled in the top of the third. The Pirates played solid, team ball offensively and defensively. Smart base running created scoring opportunities. Geoff Evans played strongly behind the plate, keeping the A's from scoring. A fourth inning rally by the A's erased the Pirates lead.

Rangers

In a "game of inches", the Rangers came out on top versus the Pirates 11-7.

Rookie Jamie Faber, got the win from the mound. Jamie shows great strength and composure in his pitching duties, as he faces some of the league's heaviest hitters. John Giuggo, quietly continues to perform at the plate, driving in four RBI's. Jeff Charles was solid at first base. With Pirates on base in scoring position for the tie, Jeff made a great catch to end the inning and the Pirates rally. Facing the Cards later in the week, with the lead going back and forth, the Rangers tied the mighty Cards. Christian Allard pitched three solid innings for the Rangers. Eamon Davis doubled for an RBI. Eric Wassel had a 2 RBI single. The Rangers finished the week, beating the Dodgers 9-0. Jamie Faber and Chase Stebbins pitched the shutout, without giving up any walks. Dean Driscoll tripled. Chris Allard was great defensively at short stop.

Athletics

The A's faced off against the Cards and played solidly. The A's were consistent at the plate, putting the ball into play. Smart base running allowed The A's to score. The defensive play of the game was a pick off from Brendan Doonan at catcher to John Maher at first to get the base runner out. Jake Kissick, Andy McKenna and Jack Murphy all drove in RBI's with strong bats. The A's held on, despite a Cards rally in the bottom of the 6th , to win 13-10. The A's faced the Red Sox later in the week in a thrilling matchup. Brendan Doonan had an RBI triple.

Other strong performances in the A's 7-5 win over the Red Sox include strong at bats by Jack Murphy with a single RBI, and lead off batter Mike Monaco. EJ Culhane was great at shortstop, making two great throws to home to prevent runs from scoring. John Plante in right field quickly fielded several line drives, preventing the Red Sox from gaining extra bases. In Sunday night action versus the Pirates, the A's found themselves down 3-2 through 3 innings. The A's bats came alive in the fourth inning, when Brendan Doonan got a single and stole second. Johnny Maher was at bat, and down 0-2 in the count, hit a shot to left field that drove in Doonan for the tying run and got him on third. Jack Murphy drove in the winning RBI with a single. Johnny Maher pitched the last three innings and had seven strikeouts.

Mets

The mighty Mets won both contests this week, behind slugger Robbie McCunney. McCunney had two homeruns in a matchup against the Dodgers. In both games (the other versus the Cardinals), good defensive play was critical for each win. Colin Tarpey has been solid in the outfield. Gabe Seksay has been key at first base, making several outs. Drew Cobin pitched well versus the Cardinals. Tommy Condon has been a cornerstone of strength behind the plate, keeping the opponents from scoring. Robert Jones shored up the offensive game with several big hits that drove in a few RBI

Last week

Dodgers

Through diversity comes strength and character. The young Dodgers, despite coming up short in the win column, get better and better each game. Veterans Chris Brown and Justin Yeager show strength on the field and at the plate with solid hitting. They show leadership in the dugout with this young team. Mitch McNeary has been impressive pitching. Terry McCormick is playing solidly in right field. Tyler Judge had several key hits versus the Mets. Johnny McGoldrick has been playing well in the field and at the plate. First year player Jake Wheelright is also playing well.

Red Sox

The weather, the fans, and the teams were all in perfect harmony for an exciting matchup against the A's. The A's scored quickly in the first inning.

But the excitement diminished. The Sox put two men on, and then, Jordan Berry came to the plate. First pitch, first swing and Jordan hit a shot over the

fence in center field. The game was tied. In the bottom of the second inning,

Pete McKenna hit a strong single. Shane Cummings singled. Jodi Rosano had a base hit. Berry came back to the plate and hit a standup triple, scoring another RBI. The A's rallied back and took the lead. Jordan Berry then took

to the mound in the 4th inning, and struck out the side. Jack Carrier had a strong base hit, then through aggressive base running found his way to third.

Unfortunately, the next batter grounded out to first to end the inning. Jodi Rosano played behind the plate when Berry was pitching, capably catching the fast balls Berry was throwing at the A's batters. The Red Sox couldn't hold on though, coming out on the downside of the 7-5 score.

Girls roll in four weekend games

Girls youth lacrosse report

The Cohasset girls youth lacrosse teams kept up their winning ways with dominant performances the weekend of May 15 and 16.

The Cohasset White team opened the weekend making up a game against South Boston at Deer Hill on Saturday, May 15.

Kaci Kucinski opened the scoring on a Kaleigh Teague feed less than two minutes into the contest, then scored again just seconds later, and Cohasset was off to the races. Kucinski scored twice more in the first half, and Hannah Burgess and Maddy Altholtz netted solo scores as Cohasset controlled the tempo en route to a 6-2 halftime lead.

After a fast South Boston rally made the score 6-4, Paige Smith converted a direct-free position for her first goal of the year. Cohasset then went into a passing game, with Kucinski finishing passes from Whitney Jaffe and Abby Faulkner for two more goals to put the game out of reach. Maddy Altholtz scored her second goal before South Boston netted a late goal to make the final 10-5.

Thomson Jaffe and Olivia Murphy combined for five saves in the Cohasset nets, and Lauren Blaze, Molly McElgunn and Dylanne Axelson turned several South Boston scoring chances into Cohasset fast breaks, playing scoop-and-run all afternoon long.

It was more of the same when the White team played Norwell at home on Sunday, May 16, with Cohasset racing out to a big lead and never looking back. While Amy Meikleham led the scoring with a hat trick, Kaleigh Teague and Whitney Jaffe each had had their first-ever two-goal games. Isabelle Franklin also netted two goals. Olivia Sullivan opened the day's scoring and Missy Sease added her first career goal, and Abby Faulkner had her second straight game with an assist - while playing defense - as Cohasset rolled.

As impressive as the offense was - and Cohasset played by a 5-pass minimum in the second half of the game, instead of the regular three - the defense was even better. Lauren Blaze, Dylanne Axelson and Lauren Hayes played terrific shutdown defense. When Norwell was able to get a quality shot, Thomson Jaffe was there for the stop, picking up seven saves and controlling the loose balls to preserve a 12-0 shutout.

Cohasset's other teams spent Sunday in Duxbury, routing the home teams.

Sophie Bertolami and Lindsay Allard each scored first-half hat tricks, as Cohasset dominated the game from the opening draw. Defender Mimi Mahoney converted a Bridget Cahill pass for her first-ever score, Allard fed Kathleen Kelly for another and Isabelle Franklin cashed in on an intercepted clearing pass to give Cohasset a 9-3 halftime lead.

The two teams played a much more even second half, with Hannah Burgess scoring twice to equal Duxbury's second-half total, while the defense of Mahoney, Michelle Berube, Jessica Fusco and Anna Michalowski never gave the Green Dragons much room to shoot. When Duxbury had opportunities, Whitney Jaffe snuffed them. She finished with seven saves in an 11-5 Cohasset win.

Cohasset's 15-U team (grades 7 and 8) completed the weekend's dominance with a lopsided 14-4 win in Duxbury.

Maura Barnes and Caitlin Mahoney led the way with three goals apiece, while Gabriella Flibotte and Katelyn Ryan each scored twice. Katie Gaumer, Madeline Leahy and Rebecca Evans each scored their first goals of the year, while McKenna Teague finished with a goal and an assist. Leahy, Barnes and Thomson Jaffe also picked up assists on the day.

The defense of Rebecca Evans, Natalie Hunt, Liz Tetrault and Amanda Masotta was dominant early in the game, and then moved to offense when the game became a route. There, they controlled the ball and kept it away from Cohasset's end, where all of the offensive players had gone.

After Thomson Jaffe manned the net in the first half, Madeline Leahy and Gabriella Flibotte both made their goaltending debuts in the second half, with Leahy stopping one shot and Flibotte six as time wound down.

Cohasset's 13-U teams will next face off at halftime of a girls varsity game on Spirit Night at the high school on May 21, and will play in Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League action again next weekend against teams from Hingham.

Cohasset White is now 3-0-1 on the year, while Cohasset Blue is 3-1 and the Cohasset 15-U team is 4-0-1

For more information on Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, go to cohassetlacrosse.com.

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BOYS YOUTH LACROSSE REPORT

May 9

The White U11 squad traveled to Duxbury for a Mother's Day match. The boys came ready to play knowing that Duxbury always brings a strong team to the field. With Willy Brown anchoring the defense with inspired goaltending, the Cohasset boys matched Duxbury up and down the field in the first half. Duxbury found the net a few more times in the first half, with Cohasset missing the net on a number of good scoring chances. Score at the half was Duxbury up 4-1, with Derek Froio netting Cohasset's only score. The boys were energized heading into the third quarter, scoring two quick goals to close the gap to 4-3. Matt Michaud scored on a feed from Jamie Faber, and Andrew Fontaine added an unassisted tally. Cohasset's goalkeeper John Mills kept Duxbury at bay as the teams battled back and forth. Duxbury added two late third quarter tallies and led 6-3 after three periods. The fourth quarter was a continuation of fine offensive and defensive play from both teams. Duxbury added one more score and Cohasset responded with a goal from Jay Salerno with an assist by Blair McGowan. When the final whistle sounded, Duxbury prevailed 7-4.

The U11 Black team played a very close and hard fought game vs. Duxbury as well , but also came up a little short in 6-5 loss. Patrick Kearney had a great game overall with a goal and two assists to Chase Baldwin to give Cohasset a 3-2 half time lead. Chris Murphy was in goal the first half and made many tough stops and started many long breaks. The second half saw Murphy help his own cause by scoring a goal with an assist from Dan Barnes and Robbie Mahoney also lit the lamp with a nice fake and roll for his first tally. Jake Durkin was in goal for the first time this year and made some key 4th period saves. Charlie Neeves, Gus Helbock, Sarah Brown and Christian Allard played strong end to end as middies. Foster Eymer and Alex Hurd were strong on defense. In the passing department, Christian Davis,Kearney,Allard and Brendon Queenan all did well looking up the field.

The U13 Black Team enjoyed a muddy, well played and hard fought 7-5 victory over Marshfield with an all around team effort. Cohasset jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead before Marshfield settled down to tie the game at 3-3. Derek Youngman and Jack Murphy helped Cohasset control the game early by dominating the face-off battles. A big key for the boys has been solid goaltending and they were once again led by Sam Leahy in the first half and Jack Murphy in the second.

Taylor McQuade, Andrew Graham and Jack Nelson led the way on defense and did a nice job with initiating the transition game. The midfield was outstanding in transition which can be attributed to the boys aggressive play in winning ground balls. Terence Durkin, Andrew Littauer, Conor Queenan, and Jeff Durkin stood out with their determined two-way play. The Cohasset offense was led by John Kearney, Thomas Buckley, Justin Yeager and Andrew Whitney.

The U15 Blue Squad defeated Barnstable 10-6 on a rainy Mother's Day down on the Cape. Cohasset's ball movement and hustle proved to be too much for their opponent in what was a very physical match-up. After taking the half time lead of 5-2, Barnstable fought back to tie the game. The squad responded to this charge with a rally of their own by posting five more goals in the second half locking in a game winning lead. Sean Silvia netted two goals and played defense half the game. Charlie Mushin posted an assist. Teddy Galligan scored one while being well positioned on the crease. Matt Burgess added two more goals to his tally and assisted once. Charlie Czerkawski dominated face offs, ground balls, and opposing players trying to knock him off his feet while scoring twice and assisting once. Pete Ernst netted two more as he continues to show his presence on the field. Greg Gallagher netted one and showed great hustle winning ground balls. Owen Landon did a great job as usual at Midi. Jonny Wade, Justin Connors and RK Quebec showed their athleticism playing both ways while Jake Cuneo and Mike Bilodeau were systematically unbeatable on defense. "Big Jake" continues to baffle opponents with coast to coast clears. Wes Ulmer, though dust turned to mud, proved once again why he is one of the best goalies in the league

The U15 White team continued its dominance and winning ways by posting a lopsided win over a clearly overmatched Marshfield tribe to celebrate a very soggy Mother's Day victory. The face-off match up set the tone for the day as Mark Flibotte and PJ McCaw won 90% of the quick starts and turned their first into a goal with a nice fast break which led to the tally with less than 1 minute off the clock. Cameo appearances by Max Shipp and Olly Forrer provided some added thrills as both of these younger players not only supported a thin roster, but they both tallied goals and assists showing that the future of Cohasset lax is in good hands. Mark Flibotte was a scoring machine, registering 4 of the first 6 points as Marshfield was helpless to cover him and with pinpoint passing by Mike Grimm, Chris Mills, and Andrew Bell, the ball seemed to know where it was going when it reached Mark's stick. Nathan Porter recorded another stellar performance in the goal notching 8 saves, but never really being tested in the cage.

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Cohasset High leading scorer Paul Previte (#20) spins away from a Hanover defender in recent Pilgrim Conference clash.

Lacrosse Spirit Night tomorrow

Tomorrow night, Friday, May 21st, is the annual lacrosse Spirit Night at Alumni field, Cohasset High School. The varsity boys will play 5- 7:00 PM against their southern Sailor rivals, Scituate. The varsity girls will end the night, under the lights, against Bourne from 7-8:00 PM. During the boys halftime, Mitch Brown will have a scrimmage for us with his and Kirk Bukowski's U 11 boys team. During the 1/2 time of the girl's game. Chuck Jaffe will have a scrimmage for us with his U13 girls.

We are requesting that all spectator lacrosse sticks be left at home in order to prevent injury to others and/or property damage. Parents-we also strongly suggest you take this opportunity for a family night and please accompany your children. Any youth lax player who shows up in uniform and is accompanied by a parent, will be admitted for free. Parents must pay. Admission is $4 for adults and $3 for children and seniors.

Soda, water, pizza and candy will be available for purchase.

The boys have won their last 3 games-on the road. Our defense has become extremely coherent under the leadership of our senior goalie captain, Nick Murphy. No one has been asked to work harder on defense, than senior Captain Conor Buick-game after game. Steve Davis, is trying his hand at face offs and receives huge support from senior captain Mike Devine, Casey Coleman, and Jeff Brown. Guys in practice who are pushing the starting "D" include key newcomers Cranden Leahy and Kevin Dinsmore.

On the offensive end, steady progress has been made by our top scoring attackman Jake Previte, along with the prowess of Mike Rasmussen, Jon Grimm and Aiden Buick. They have created more scoring chances over the past 4 games than we had in the prior month, and are showing themselves to be a force to be reckoned with.

As always, the very key to team success hinges on the grit. hustle and smart play at the midfield. Mark Davis has been the brightest contributor in his role as the top scorer on the midline. Other middies providing leadership include the ever steady Trevor Brady, Dwayne Morris, Ryan Tufts, Sam Steele, Rob Carpenter, and Jake Kovach. In the last several games, both Kovach and Brady have created 3-4 plays each that allow us to keep possession or hustle back to stop a fast break. Joe Durkin, side-lined with an injury, has been key for keeping stats, penalty times, and running the box.

With improvement evident after many days of tough practice, this week should be key towards a good berth in the tournament. Scituate will be coming to Alumni field with an attitude about showing us that they intend to win. Our boys are excited to play before our families and friends and recent or not-so-recent CHS alumns. The boys will have to focus with smarts, cohesiveness, and determination-one shift at a time, one play at a time, to take care of business.

On the girls side we have senior captain Nicole Turgiss (soon to be playing lax at Colby College) working on her 100th career goal. With Libby Meikelham out for the season with a knee injury, her team has had to step things up quite a bit. Co-captain Ashley Faber has been a huge leader for the girls this year as well as Megan Marr and Christen Reardon. They have also been missing the contributions of senior Jessie Guild who also has been injured.

Sophomore goalie Joanna Hamilton has been very efficient in the net as a stopper. Junior Lauren Rizzotti has also been huge for the team this year ripping goal after goal for the Lady Skippers.

So come and enjoy a traditional family event at our high school. It's a great night out for all. Help will surely be needed. Please call Lyn Previte @ 781-383-9723 if you are available and willing (and have a sense of humor).

Up against it

CHS baseball team needs to win final five to earn postseason bid

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It comes down to this: the Cohasset High baseball team must run the table to earn the first postseason bid in recent memory for the program.

That's right: five games and five wins are what's needed.

No small task, to say the least. Indeed, it's been ages since the last five game win streak on the CHS big diamond too.

However, second year Skippers coach Al Gallotta hardly sounds like a man resigned to the fact his team won't be playing in June.

"The schedule from here on out is pretty favorable for us," said Gallotta, who helped direct many an Archbishop Williams teams to the postseason during his previous 27-year coaching tenure. "I'm not giving up anything, and I don't think the kids are either."

There are two games in there apiece versus Sacred Heart and Holbrook, two sub-500 teams from a weaker Mayflower League. It's certainly not outside the realm of possibility to suggest the Skippers could sweep those four games. That would bring it all down to next Tuesday's showdown with South Shore League rival Mashpee, who haven't exactly been world beaters themselves.

He's lined up staff aces Ted Straugh and Mike Dooley to start on the mound in two of those games apiece, with Chris Bryan likely to earn the other starting nod.

"It won't be easy, but we've got something to play for," said Gallotta. "Hopefully, the kids repond to that."

Though the end results might not reflect it, the coach does indeed feel his players have been responding of late.

Carver 5, Skippers 3

The team lost a heartbreaking 5-3 decision to league rival Carver last Monday, despite outhitting the host Crusaders by a 13-8 margin.

"Our inability to hit in the clutch just killed us there," noted Gallotta.

Junior Ted Straughn deserved a better fate in that one, as he struck out 12 and walked just three while going the distance on the mound.

Four of the Carver runs came across in the fourth inning, with an error right in the middle of that crooked number being hung.

Senior shortstop John Andrade and junior catcher Louis Blanco each had three hits in the game. In fact, Blanco, the team's leading hitter by far (.450), was just a home run short of the cycle and knocked in two of the runs. Junior Matt Casey also had two hits.

Skippers 8, S.S. Christian 3

The Skippers swept the two game season series with South Shore Christian on Tuesday behind a strong complete game effort on the mound from senior captain Mike Dooley (five hits, six strikeouts). Dooley surrendered three hits and two runs in the first inning, but settled down from there to allow just two more hits the rest of the way.

The Skippers had just seven hits but, unlike the previous game, they put them together at the right time.

Casey had a key two-run homer that rolled well beyond the left fielder once it got over him. Senior captain Jeff Barrett had an rbi double and a sacrifice fly and junior Tim Piczak had two hits and an rbi.

The Skippers, who have been picking it up in the field over the last several games, committed only one error while recording 15 outs in the field.

"We've settled things down a lot in the field lately," said Gallotta, "especially in the infield, and Louis (Blanco) has really made himself into a very good defensive catcher."

The Skippers' primary infield has Barrett starting at first, John Downing at second, Andrade at short and Dooley at third. When Dooley starts on the mound, Pilczak generally moves in from the outfield to take his place.

Harwich 17, Skippers 4

The Skippers were simply no match for the perennially SSL contending Rough Ryders on the road Thursday. The hosts pounded out 19 hits against a couple of Cohasset pitchers to post the lopsided victory.

Suddenly hot hitting senior Tim Anton had two of the Skippers four hits in the game to improve his batting average to .364, second on the team to only Blanco--who, by the by, had a 2-run triple in this game.

"Tim has been an extremely pleasant surprise for us," said Gallotta of Anton, who had not played ball since his freshman year. "He's given us a boost offensively and played pretty well in the outfield too."

Anton starts most games in right field, but generally moves to center when Straughn starts on the mound.

Clean slate

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down Sandwich."

Skippers 9, Nantucket 6

Saturday brought an even longer bus ride that was followed by an equally long ferry ride, but the determined CHS laxmen refused to be derailed.

The start was again slow, which Curran conceded might have had something to do with the travel. It also might have had something to do with a red hot Whalers goaltender, who faced 18 shots in the first half alone, and an exorbitant number of penalties. Skippers found themselves In the end, though, the Skippers simply had too much firepower,

"The game was called extremely tight by the refs and we wound up playing down a lot of the game," reported Curran. "As a result, we had some trouble getting into the flow of the game. Fortunately, we were able to convert on enough of our chances, though, which I think had a lot to do with our ball control game. We did a very good job of possessing,."

Previte came through with his second straight four goal, three assist output, and Rasmussen chipped in with three tallies. Aiden Buick and Sam Steele rounded out the scoring with one apiece.

The Whalers scored the game's first two goal, but the Skippers had gained control by halftime, taking a 5-3 lead into the break.

The Skippers scored one of their prettiest goals of the season early in the third quarter to go up by three and seemingly gain momentum for good. The play started when freshman standout Jeff Brown made a steal at the top of the Skippers defensive box, moved the ball quickly up field to Rasmussen, who then found Previte by the side of the net. Not surprisingly, many of the Whaler defenders were drawn to the offensively gifted Previte, and that opened Aidan Buick up for a weak side run and a quick flip from Previte that resulted in a one-timer into the open half of the net.

After the game, Coach Curran made a point to specifically laud Brown and senior face-off man Stephen Davis.

"Three or four times per game, , Jeff seems to come up with a play that simply defies his age," saud Curran. "He's a freshman in name only."

They're in again

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Brian Lutenger, 6-3, 6-4, and the Skippers number two singles Neil Seery topped Matt Chin, 6-2, 6-3.

"We are especially proud of this year's team," noted Parrot, who is carrying a squad comprised by nine freshmen, one senior, two juniors and two sophomores). "This is our youngest team in three year. We may very well post our best record in three years with, surprisingly, our youngest team."

Cohasset is scheduled to play Cape Cod Academy today and follow that with a match up against Sacred Heart on Friday. The Cohasset team will close out its regular season with matches on Monday and Tuesday.

According to coach Parrot, Cohasset may know the tourney pairings by next Thursday or Friday.

Not only was coach Parrot excited over his team's tourney-qualifying win, he was also overjoyed with the results of the Cohasset girls tennis team, 3-2, winners over Hingham Tuesday.

The win got down to the second doubles, Cohasset working three sets for the win to improve its record at 13-1.

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Red Sox ticket raffle

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Thanks to the generosity of Cohasset High School Graduate Phillip Mahoney (class of 1987), we will again run a fundraiser to assist the CMHS Athletic Department raising the funds necessary to provide the Athletic Training Services for our program. This year's fundraiser will involve two options. The first is a ticket raffle.

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Four tickets to Red Sox vs. Anaheim Angels , Wed. Sept 1 (right field box seats) value $176.

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Raffle tickets will cost $5 per ticket or $20 for a package of 5 tickets. All student-athletes in grades 7-12 will be given 10 tickets to sell.

Additional tickets are available and unused tickets should be turned into Mr. Ford's office.

Climbing back

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Ashley Faber rounded out the scoring with solo tallies. Faber also had a memorable assist, feeding a charging Rizzotti with a bullet pass for a pretty catch and fire goal.

"We seem to be coming together somewhat," said third year Cohasset head coach Torin Sweeney. "We're developing some depth, with some younger players having been forced to step up while some veterans were battling injuries. And now we've got some of those veterans getting healthy. We should be just about back to 100 percent (healthy) by the end of this week, or at least a lot closer to it than we have been in a long time."

In addition to Rizzotti's return, the Lady Skippers also got back key senior defender Christen Reardon last week and junior standout Lisa Spirito is expected back from a leg injury by Friday. Senior Jessie Guild may also be nearing a return from a head injury, according to the coach.

"All of a sudden, we've got depth," noted Sweeney with a smile. "With all the players we've been missing the last few weeks, we've thrown some of our younger girls to the wolves somewhat, and a lot of them have really responded and made the most of their minutes."

The coach is referring here specifically to sophomores Lieb-Lappen and Rosano and freshmen Durkin and Caryn Garber, a forward by trade who has really stepped up defensively as a marking midfielder the last few games.

"Defensively, we're playing as well as we have all year," said Sweeney. "Ashley (Faber) continues to be just a force at both ends of the field. The same goes for Miranda (Lanzilotti), and Danielle Hajjar has really picked it up too. We've got a lot of new faces back there this year. It took a little while, but they all just seem to be clicking with each other now."

State power Duxbury knocked the Lady Skippers one back of the magic .500 mark on Tuesday with a lopsided 20-7 win, but Coach Sweeney likes the prospect of his team winning three of its final four games to finish with a winning record and thus qualify for the state tourney.

All four of these games will be at home, and three of them are against teams the Lady Skippers have already beaten. Cape Cod Academy will be in town this afternoon (3:30 p.m. start), Hanover on Monday and Nantucket on Tuesday to close out the regular season. The Cohasset girls handled Hanover, a first year varsity program, in go round number one with about the same ease they did Nantucket. The fourth game on the remaining slate will be against state tourney bound Bourne tomorrow (4 p.m. start).

"I'd like to think Hanover and Nantucket are games we should win, but Cape Cod Academy is the one that really makes me nervous. They have a very good goaltender, and she could get hot and just carry them. To be honest, I'm a little surprised we were able to score seven times against her last week. If it hadn't been for Lindsey (Durkin) really stepping up big, we'd have been in big trouble right now."

A loss this afternoon would force the Skippers into a situation where they would need no worse than a tie with Bourne tomorrow, followed by wins over Hanover and Cape Cod Academy, to squeak into the postseason.

"I really don't want to put ourselves in that kind of situation," said Sweeney. "Bourne has been playing a lot of very good teams tough."

Duxbury 20, Skippers 7

The Skippers managed to score seven goals, more than most have been able to against the vaunted Lady Dragons. The main highlight from this one on the Cohasset sidelines, though, was Turgiss netting her 100th career goal. The senior became just the third girls in the history of the program to surpass the century mark.

Team scoring leaders

This historic tally was also Turgiss' 34th goal on the season, putting her wel lout in front on the team scoring chart.

Despite missing three games to injury, Rizzotti, a junior, checked into action this week second on the team in goals scored with 26.

Senior captain Faber was third on the team scoring list with 23 points (13 goals and a team best 10 assists).

Durkin, with just five varsity games under her belt, already has 12 goals.

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On the upswing

Softball team's progress obvious to anyone watching closely

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Yes, the Cohasset High varsity softball Team ranks fifth in the South Shore League with a mediocre 5-9 record. Yet, below the surface one can sense much brighter skies ahead.

Sure, a 14-0 record would be nice, but not every team can be league champion. Only two years in the league, Deb Bostwick has carefully shaped a team ready to compete. With each player showing improvement every game, Cohasset can anticipate more victories down the road.

Take Thursday's game against Harwich as an example: an 11-0 Harwich victory. Once again, looks are deceiving. Compare this score to the 19-3 loss in the Skippers last meeting with Harwich, and we look this time like the world champion 1918 Red Sox.

The girls progressed not only in the score, but in their play as well. Sophomore Melissa Crowley-Buck got on base three times, accompanied by Casey Anderson (2 for 4) and Alida Tanghlerini (2 for 3). From the first pitch to the last, the Skippers crushed line drives in every direction. Unfortunately, many potential hits soared right into the glove of a fortuitously placed Harwich athlete. Nonetheless, the Lady Skippers hitting reflects their countless practice swings.

And the Skipper defense? With grade-A pitching, Katie James held the Rough Riders to two runs for three innings. Some questionable calls behind the plate partially explains the nine combined Harwich runs scored in the fourth and the fifth frames.

A dazzling double play by shortstop Danielle Pinkus made the score even more questionable.

Catcher Casey Anderson showed optimism about the game: "If it weren't for two rough innings, I feel we could have walked away from this game with a win"

Glimpsing into the future, the Skippers will face off with Sacred Heart twice and Holbrook once to end the 2004 season. With a new pitching machine being installed at Freedom Field, the girls' hitting could possibly earn them a spot in the 2005 South Sectional tournament.

Reflecting on the season, Coach Deb Bostwick said: "The girls have great enthusiasm and a competitive spirit."

he also expressed appreciation for the patience and loyalty of the fans.

"The girls recognize that greatness happens over time. The girls and I are being patient and striving every day to reach a new goal," Deb Bostwick sagely stated.

Sophomore Melissa Crowley-Buck agreed.

"Our potential is limitless," she said. "This year's team contains great ambition and impressive ability. These are the keys to success."

Net gains

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playing doubles the last several matches, had some strong, aggressive winners from the baseline and took it to the net when necessary. For the year, the sophomore has lost only one match.

Stone, meanwhile, won in typically dominating fashion, taking a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Hingham's Megan Doyle in a match that lasted about half an hour.

In addition to team play, the junior has spent her last two weekends playing in the south sectional of the MIAA individual tournament. This Saturday in Norwell at 10 a.m., she will square off against Brookline's Katrina Elder-Bush for the sectional title.

Stone said that those extra matches have only helped her when it comes to team play.

"Each match got tougher and tougher as they went along," she said. "It helps because you're toughened up from all those matches."

After the Hingham match, Cohasset coaches Gigi Meehan and Kathy Prevett noted Stone's adjustment from her usual hard-hitting style to a more patient approach, which they said was a key in her match against Doyle.

"She's smart enough to know what style to play against certain opponents," Meehan said.

While humble about her own achievements, Stone credited Sullivan and Evans for their ability to perform in the clutch.

"When it comes down to one match like that, it can be even harder to watch it than it is to play it," Stone said. "But we're confident because our second doubles team is awesome under pressure."

Last week, Cohasset clinched the South Shore League title with a 4-1 win over Norwell. Stone and number two singles Holly Graham both won in straight sets, with neither girl losing more than two games in a set.

Evans and Sullivan won 6-0, 6-2. The team of Grossman and Courtney Caron, who advanced to the semifinals of the individual tournament before bowing out, beat a tough duo from Norwell, Kathryn Anker and Carly Arena, 6-2 and 7-6 (7-2).

Meehan said a major part of her team's success is its ability to focus on that day's match.

"We take things one match at a time. We just never look too far ahead," she said.

Against Duxbury on Monday, Cohasset won 3-2. Stone and the doubles teams of Caron/Grossman and Sullivan/Evans dominated in straight-set wins.

Going into yesterday's match with Mashpee, Cohasset was 13-1 on the season as they gear up for another run at a state title.

Lady tracksters place third at SSL meet

By Mike Spellman
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Paced by their customary quality depth, the Norwell High girls track team placed third at the annual South Shore League meet on Monday.

Competing at Cohasset High, the Lady Skippers scored with 11 top six placements, including three firsts, two seconds and three thirds.

Carver, to no surprise, ran away with the event, finishing with 186 points to claim the title of undisputed SSL champs. The Lady Crusaders swept all comers during the regular season, going 6-0 in league and 10-0 overall. Mashpee finished a distant second (129.5 points), followed by Norwell (92), Abington (76.5), Cohasset (65), Harwich (42) and Hull (29).

Senior captain Jen Buckley was the main point-getter, taking first in the mile (5:36.8), second in the javelin (98-07), and was also a part of the winning 4x800 relay team (11:14).

Junior Mary Silvia was likewise a part of that 4x800 win and took second place on her own in the 800 (2:29.2).

Junior Nicole Whitney was another multi-event placer, taking third in the 200 (27.8) and fourth in the triple jump (31-02.25).

Junior Lindsey Kennedy took third in the 100-meter sprint (13.8).

Showing some noteworthy potential were freshmen Sarah Malone and Alyssa Minman. These first year CHS tracksters finished 1-3 in the freshman 400 sprint with times of 1:08.5 ad 1:09.8, respectively.

In addition to taking a first in the 4x800, Cohasset relay squads also placed fourth in the 4x100 (58.3) and sixth in the 4x400 (4:55).

The Cohasset girls will get just one last chance to either qualify for the state class D meet or improve on their qualifying marks, that coming at this Saturday's South Shore Principals meet right back at Norwell High.

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Attendees at Cohasset Elder Services Senior Luncheon enjoy a singing performance by the Derby Academy Upper School Chorus. Seated at the far right is Mary Griffin, whose granddaughter, Deven Koswick, is a fourth-grade student at Derby.



Back row, from left Alicia Bickford-Webb (8th grade) of Scituate; Grace Steele (8th grade) of Cohasset; Katherine Emmett (8th grade) of Scituate; Rebecca Nahill (8th grade) of Plymouth; Gina Giuggio (8th grade) of Cohasset; Sarah Brown (8th grade) of Cohasset; Andrea Micci (8th grade) of Scituate; and Jennifer Shropshire (7th grade) of Duxbury.

Derby chorus delights Cohasset seniors

By Carl Schwaber
SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

The Derby Academy Upper School Chorus recently performed at the Cohasset Elder Services Senior Luncheon, which was held at the Cohasset Community Center. Margaret Casey, who coordinates entertainment for Cohasset Elder Services, first approached Derby music teacher Pam Johnson four years ago, inviting her to bring a group of students to sing at the Senior Luncheon. The event was quite a success, and Mrs. Johnson and her troupe have appeared annually ever since.

The 12-person chorus first sang several selections from this year's repertoire, including such numbers as "Heart and Soul" and "You've Got a Friend in Me." After distributing lyrics to everyone in the audience, chorus members initiated a group sing-along of four old vintage tunes: "Tip Toe Through the Tulips;" "Tea for Two;" "Blue Room;" and "April Showers." (Outside, meantime, the rain was coming down hard.)

Two women in attendance have granddaughters currently enrolled at Derby. Isabel Kelley, who gave the students a tour of the Cohasset Community Center building, is the grandmother of eighth grader and chorus member Alexandra McKelvey, of Norwell; Mary Griffin is the grandmother of fourth grader Deven Koswick, of Cohasset.

The students presented carnations to each of the 30 attendees and staff members, a token of the gratitude they felt for the opportunity to sing that day in such a friendly environment. "It's a wonderful, relaxed setting," says Pam Johnson, "and these folks are the most appreciative audience we perform for."

RECREATION NOTES

Signups underway

Currently, various registration materials for a variety of summer sports programs are available at Cohasset Recreation Department, 1st floor, Town Hall. You may register for one-week sports programs for Baseball, Basketball, Lacrosse and Wrestling via the individual brochures and fliers for each of those programs. We expect to have the Soccer Camp brochures available during the 3rd week in May.

Registration for the seven week summer programs: Playground, Youth Tennis and Drama will be held at Town Hall the week of Monday, June 14, Thursday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to noon, and again from 1 to 3 p.m. and also Tuesday evening, June 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Summer fliers, depicting all services and programs should be available late May and will be available at Town Hall and sent home via school (grades K-6 only). More detailed information regarding the seven week summer day camp-like program is available in brochure form at Town Hall.

Upon registration in person in the week of June 14, for Playground, Youth Tennis, and Drama, you will receive packets of information specific to each of those programs. You may call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 or stop by the Town Hall for more detailed information regarding any program. Many programs fill quickly, hence early registration is always advised.

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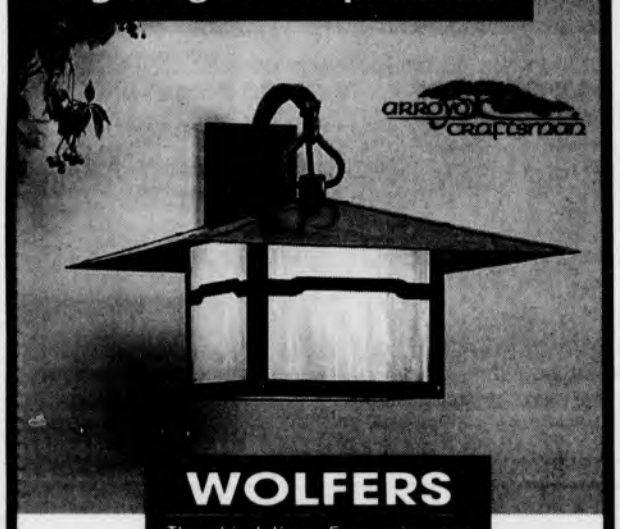
Children ages 5 to 12 are welcome to participate. Registrations will be held during the week of June 14, at Cohasset Town Hall. It is advisable to register on Monday, June 14, at 9 a.m., to ensure a space as registration is limited. The cost is $440 per child. Checks may be payable to CDW.

Auditions for this production will be at the Cohasset Town Hall on Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27. Rehearsals are held from, 1 to 3 p.m., every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon beginning Tuesday, June 29.

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Chocolate bundt cake made with natural cocoa

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



Chocolate Bundt cake has come to mean a box of devil's food cake mix, a package of instant pudding, shortening or margarine, and maybe an egg or two. I wanted to make it from scratch and turn out a cake that was moist, rich and dense.

Most of these cakes use both cocoa powder and chocolate. First I tested natural vs. Dutch processed cocoa. I found that the natural cocoa was a better match for this recipe due to the likely inclusion of sour cream, a common ingredient. Next, I wanted to compare cocoa that was combined with boiling water to cocoa simply mixed in with the dry ingredients. As the Cook's test kitchen often discovers, cocoa powder that has been mixed with boiling water has a fuller chocolate flavor. I found a half-cup of cocoa to be about right and 3/4 cup of boiling water was perfect. (This water also helps to make a moister cake.)

As for the chocolate, I tried using unsweetened, semisweet and bittersweet chocolate in the cake. Even with extra sugar the unsweetened chocolate didn't work. It gave the cake a bitter edge. I thought bittersweet worked very well and the semisweet would be an acceptable substitute if you can't find bittersweet. Six ounces was the right amount. As for sour cream, it adds richness, moisture and balances nicely with the chocolate. I found a cup of sour cream provided the best contribution. All-purpose, not cake, flour was necessary to support all of the chocolate and 1 3/4 cups was called for.

Baking soda is a great leavener for this cake since it has plenty of acidity. I did try a combination of powder and soda, but the soda alone did just as well. The batter is heavy, and took a teaspoon of baking soda for the best lift. I tried using oil in the Bundt cake, a common ingredient in older recipes. The oil made the cake greasy, wet and heavy. On the other hand, the butter was flavorful and moist. I used 12 tablespoons for our cake, or 1-1/2 sticks. Most cake recipes call for granulated sugar. A recipe in Cook's, however, calls for 2 cups light brown sugar. I ended up preferring 1 cup of white and light brown, which gave the cake a slightly lighter taste, which I preferred. As for the eggs, five whole eggs was a winner.

As for method, I coated the pan with butter. I found the best way to bloom the cocoa powder and melt the chocolate is by adding the boiling water to both. The mixture can be whisked into a smooth emulsion if left to sit for a couple of minutes and it saves you from melting the chocolate in either a double boiler or microwave. Otherwise, the cake comes together as you would expect — cream butter/sugar, add eggs, alternately add dry and wet. I baked the cake at 350 degrees. If baked at 375, the outside smelled and tasted a bit burnt. If baked lower than 350, the cake simply takes longer. The cake bakes up rich and chocolatey and with the decorative pan there is no need for frosting. A simple dusting of confectioner's sugar is a good addition, or maybe some very lightly sweetened whipped cream.

CHOCOLATE BUNDT CAKE

This is one case in which natural, not Dutch-process cocoa, is a winner. The butter ought to be 65 to 67 degrees and take on a malleable, putty-like texture. You can warm unwrapped cold butter at 10 percent power in the microwave for one minute. Check and continue heating if necessary.

1/2 cup natural (not Dutch-processed) cocoa
6 ounces bittersweet or semisweet chocolate, chopped
3/4 cup boiling water
1 cup sour cream
1 3/4 cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter at cool room temperature plus additional butter for the pan
1 cup sugar
1 cup light brown sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
5 large eggs at room temperature

1. Apply a thin coating of butter to the interior surface of a standard 12-cup Bundt pan. You may use a pastry brush to help coax the butter into the crevasses. Heat the oven to 350 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position.

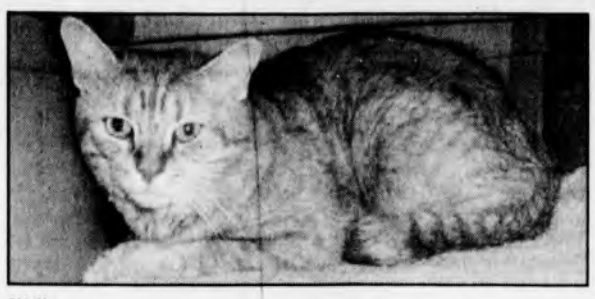
2. Combine cocoa and chocolate in a medium heatproof bowl. Add boiling water and let sit for five minutes. Whisk until smooth and shiny and let cool to room temperature. Stir in sour cream. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, salt and baking soda.

3. Place butter and sugars in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the flat beater. Beat on medium high until very light and fluffy, about three minutes, scraping down the sides of the bowl as necessary. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating for about 30 seconds after each addition, again scraping the sides of the bowl as needed. Add the vanilla and beat for 10 seconds. Add 1/3 of the flour mixture along with 1/2 of the chocolate mixture. Beat on low until the dry ingredients are moistened and repeat with the remaining ingredients, ending with the flour, and beat until the ingredients are just incorporated. Beat on high for 30 seconds to thoroughly mix batter. Pour into prepared pan and bake until the top springs back when gently pressed and a tester comes out clean, about 45 to 50 minutes. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes and then invert onto a rack, remove pan and cool completely. Serve with a light dusting of confectioner's sugar and/or with lightly sweetened whipped cream.

Serves 12

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

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Wally

Wally, our latest arrival is a young adult who had a rough time on the streets after being abandoned. Now that he's been with us a few weeks, he's no longer worrying where his next meal is coming from and is winning the hearts of our volunteers. Walter is a gentle soul who would like a patient family with no other pets and an affinity for orange tabbies.

If you can provide Scotty or another cat a home, please contact Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

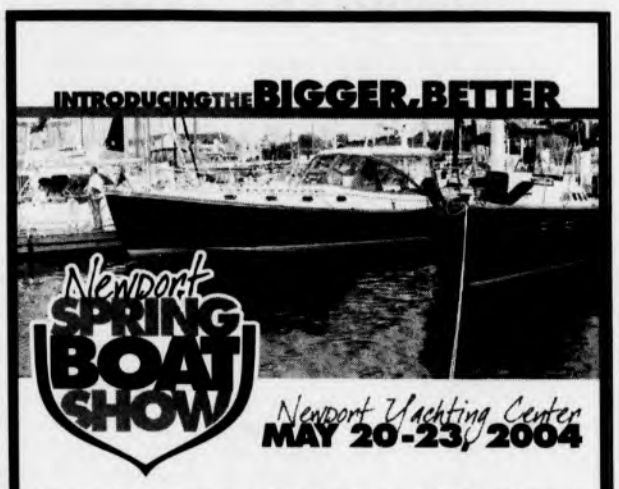
If you are looking to adopt a kitten, please call! There will be several joining the shelter over the next few weeks.

All pets have been tested, vaccinated and spayed/neutered. Hull Seaside has lots of other great pets needing loving homes and are always looking for foster homes. If you'd like to meet our pets or volunteer your services, please contact us toll-free at 1-877-378-1195 or visit: www.hsar.org.

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Splash in to summer!

The summer brochures for the Cohasset Swim Center have arrived. Additional copies of the brochure with the membership and Red Cross Swim Lesson registration forms will be available at the Cohasset Town Hall and The Paul Pratt Library. The deadline is May 21 for members to take advantage of the mail-in Swim Lesson Registration.



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First Parish selects a minister

On May 2, the Reverend Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull was overwhelmingly elected to be the next Settled Minister of First Parish (Unitarian-Universalist) in Cohasset. She will become the 19th minister of this historic church since its first minister was ordained 284 years ago, in 1721.

Carlsson-Bull comes to Cohasset from All Souls in Manhattan, where she has been assistant minister for the past seven years. All Souls is one of the Unitarian-Universalist Association's largest and most influential congregations, especially known for its social justice and social outreach programs.

Her ministry will officially begin this summer, on Aug.15 with regular Sunday Services, church school and choir starting on Sept. 12. Carlsson-Bull brings special expertise in social outreach, justice advocacy, religious education, preaching, and pastoral counseling. She intends to reach out to Cohasset's growing population of younger families, and invites anyone interested in sharing ideas to do so via letters or emails to the Church office [23 North Main St, Cohasset 02025; revjcb@firstparishcohasset.org].

She has been president of the Metro New York UU Minister's Association [representing more than 50 churches from Connecticut to New Jersey] and has been active at the national level for the UUA, serving as a founding board member of the Association's Trauma Response Ministry. She is also on the UUA's Commission on Social Witness. During the first days after 9/11/01, Carlsson-Bull was one of the Unitarian Universalist chaplains on the scene, providing spiritual care both at Ground Zero and at New York City's Family Assistance Center.



Reverend Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull

Prior to becoming a Unitarian Universalist minister, she spent almost 20 years in non-profit ventures addressing education, the arts, and improving the quality of community life throughout New Jersey. Carlsson-Bull has a Ph.D. in developmental psychology from Yeshiva University and a master's of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

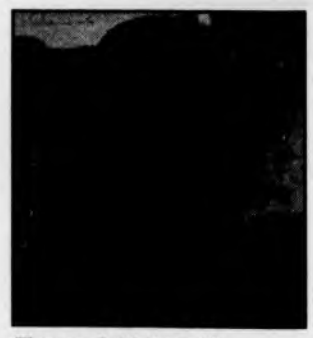
Cohasset's First Parish church (built in 1741) on the Town Common is one of the oldest continuously-used churches in the country. It is also one of the most-photographed. Officially called The Meeting House, it has a rich history: from its pulpit, the Rev. John Browne read the Declaration of Independence to the townspeople and issued a call to arms; less than a century later, the Rev. Joseph Osgood became known an outspoken abolitionist and an early leader in public school reform (Cohasset's Osgood Elementary School is named for him).

First Parish became officially "Unitarian" (believing in the oneness of God) in 1824. In 1961 Unitarians merged with the "Universalist" tradition (believing in a loving God who condemns no one and saves all). Unitarian-Universalism is a liberal religious faith, believing in the inherent worth and dignity of every person, supporting one another in individual spiritual exploration, and living out its principles of justice, equity and compassion in the larger world.

Today, First Parish offers a variety of programs to respond to diverse spiritual interests. Its recently-renovated Parish House also contains the Carriage House nursery school, open to all, with priority given to First Parish members. Additional details on First Parish's programs, facilities and publications can be found on its website: www.firstparishcohasset.org.

Carlsson-Bull and her husband, Dan Bull, have three adult daughters all living in the New York City area. She is particularly attuned to the vitality and the serenity of our surrounding ocean, and has been known to take early morning swims to start her day. Carlsson-Bull and her husband expect to relocate to the South Shore in late July-early August.

OBITUARIES



Thomas J. McDonald

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Thomas J. McDonald, 80, of Vero Beach Florida, died unexpectedly February 12, 2004.

Mr. McDonald was born in Chicago and moved to Vera Beach in 1978 from Cohasset.

He served in the Army from 1943 until 1946 and served his time overseas. He met his bride while attending De Paul University in Chicago.

He was married to Lenora (Dick) McDonald for 55 years, he leaves their five children; Tom, (Sheila), Bill, Lenore Junker (Eric), Jack, (Sara) and Eileen O'Donnell (Bob) and seven grandchildren.

Mr. McDonald enjoyed golf for many years at Hatherly Country Club, Scituate and the Vero Beach Country Club and was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed his family, traveling and visiting his children and grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held on Monday, February 16, 2004 at 1:30 p.m., in the Chapel of Holy Cross Church, Vero Beach Fla.

Donations may be made in his honor to VNA Hospice, 1111 36th St., Vero Beach, Fla. 32960.

Mary E. Goff

Mary E. "Beth" (Murphy) Goff, 62, of Sarasota, Fla., a retired teacher's aide and school bus driver in Cohasset, died May 13, 2004, at home after a long battle with cancer.

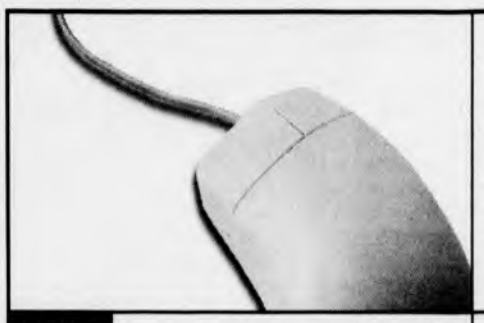
Mrs. Goff worked in the Cohasset school system for many years. She was active in town and public school activities.

Born in Waltham, she lived in Marshfield and Cohasset for many years before retiring to Florida in 1983.

She leaves her husband, Edward Goff; two daughters, Nancy Hatch of Sarasota and Rhonda Clarizio of Plainfield, Ill.; four sons, Edward Goff Jr. and Richard Goff of Cohasset, Mark Goff of Melbourne, Fla. and Keith Goff of South Daytona Beach, Fla.; and 14 grandchildren.

A celebration of her life was held Sunday in Oneco, Fla. A memorial service will be held in Massachusetts at a later date.

Arrangements were made by the Brown & Sons Funeral Home, Bradenton, Fla.



Legal Notices

ROSE ESTATE

LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P0834EP

In the Estate of HARRY W ROSE

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 19, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that RICHARD B ROSE of STERLING in the Commonwealth of Virginia or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and ground upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this
day, May 10, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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LARSON ESTATE

LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P1078EP

In the Estate of LAWRENCE J LARSON

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death February 4, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that DONALD J LARSON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this
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WORSHIP NEWS

Sarah Woodard speaks at Abbey

Sarah Woodard, a member of an intentional community called Jubilee House, is one of the original founders of the Center for Development in Central America (CDCA), a group which promotes education, health-care and economic development among the poor in Managua, Nicaragua. Woodard was at the Abbey Conference Center for two sessions, April 22 and 23, and spoke on "Outsourcing and Ownership: Justice in the Global Community."

Each year Woodard makes the trip to the states to sell the artwork and crafts of Nicaraguan artists and to tell the story of the development work of the Jubilee Community. She showed slides of the various micro-loan businesses they have helped establish as well as pictures of the health clinics they have built.



PHOTOS BY FR. JOHN KELLEHER, OSB

Sarah Woodard (in black) shows Nicaraguan pottery to Tim Welzert, Ted Gaiser and Peg Gager.

She spoke passionately against CAFTA, a trade agreement between the United State and several Central American countries. Woodard also appeared at Boston College and Harvard during her visit in the United States.

'Celebrate the Family' at Mormon Church

The world can be a scary place for families today. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints plan to share some of the family strengthening programs that have been used by its members for the past 80 years with Boston's South Shore Communities on May 22, between 1 and 5 p.m.

"We recently completed a major addition to our building at 379 Gardner St.,, in Hingham", says Bishop Leif Erickson, of Norwell. "As a congregation, we wanted to think of a way to celebrate this milestone with the community at large. We decided that we would 'celebrate the family' by sharing programs that are important to our church that can easily be used by members of all faiths to strengthen families."

Open house attendees will be taught how to organize and conduct regular weekly family activity nights with their own families during presentations that will begin every half-hour. A non-denominational, non-political, multicultural manual featuring stories and visual aids from around the world can be taken home as a gift and a guide. For information contact Holly Andrus at 781-749-2661.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, MAY 10

8:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St., traffic complaint.

9:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:19 a.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:10 a.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:32 a.m. Rocky Lane, assist citizen, referred to other agency.

Noon Ash St., animal control.

1:46 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle crash, removed to hospital.

4:17 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:51 p.m. Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:41 p.m. Somewhere in town, property (Lost).

6:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:33 p.m. Old Coach Road, fire, (Misc.),

7:59 p.m. South Main St., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.

9:26 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:34 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious (Other).

TUESDAY, MAY 11

5:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:13 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:57 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:30 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:06 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:24 a.m. Pleasant St., animal control.

11:03 a.m. North Main St., vandalism.

11:36 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

12:13 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:25 p.m. Beechwood St., well being check, good intent call.

3:03 p.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

4:04 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

5:17 p.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

8:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disturbance gathering.

9:19 p.m. Beechwood St., and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:29 p.m. Lamberts Lane, officer wanted, advised civil action.

9:42 p.m. Rocky Lane, fire, investigation, area search negative.

10:06 p.m. Cushing Road, annoying phone calls, no police service necessary.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

12:11 a.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

5:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Rose Hill Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:51a.m. Forest Ave and Fox Run, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:35 a.m. Elm St., general services.

12:21 p.m. Stagecoach Way, medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, serve restraining order, 209A served in hand.

5:53 p.m. Spring St, threats (Bodily harm), investigated/report taken.

6:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop.

9:01 p.m. Sanctuary Pond Road, disturbance, investigated.

THURSDAY, MAY 13

12:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

12:30 a.m. King St., open door/window.

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LDS Family History Center open house

A refurbished and expanded family history facility will be introduced to the public at an open house on May 22, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the recently completed addition to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building at 379 Gardner St. in Hingham. Laptops will be available to show how computer programs can be used to organize genealogical information and free four-generation record keeping kits will be available. In addition, brief introductory workshops will address:

How do I begin my family history?

How do I obtain copies of vital records for my research?

How can I use the internet as a research tool?

In addition, heritage album experts will highlight methods for preserving priceless pictures and documents. Of special note is an 8-foot by 22-foot display that features the descendents of early Massachusetts's colonist Anne Hutchinson.

The Center, which is staffed by volunteers, is a branch of the world's largest genealogical records depository in Salt Lake City, Utah. Volunteer staff members offer free technical assistance to those who would like to begin or continue family genealogical research. Materials can be borrowed from the central library and used in the Hingham Branch location for a small fee. The Library features access to genealogy websites on the Internet and a large number of indexes are available on site. "It is tremendously satisfying to uncover your roots and learn more about where you come from," says Center Director, Joan Chatfield of Norwell. "According to American Demographics Magazine, genealogy is the second most popular hobby in the United States, after gardening." "We are fortunate," says Family History Consultant Coordinator, Jennifer Ashley, of Hull, "to have such an enthusiastic group of volunteers available to help people get started."

The open house will also feature brief presentations on how to organize and conduct weekly family activity nights. Further questions should be directed to Holly Andrus at 781-749-2661.

Straits Pond area bird walk May 22

The Straits Pond area Bird Walk, will be held on Saturday, May 22, from 8 to 10 a.m. Meet at the base of Summit Ave. and Atlantic Ave., Hull/Cohasset Line. Cohasset birder, Sally Avery, will lead the walk.

Call 781-925-9066 with any Straits Pond bird population observations, e.g. tree swallow activities on the Pond birdhouses, mute swan and duck populations, etc. Straits Pond area bird list: www.weirriver.org

Daniel Sheldon Lee book signing May 26

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys welcome Hingham author, Daniel Sheldon Lee, discussing "Buzzards Bay: A Journey of Discovery" on Wednesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library.

"In 1984, the U.S. government declared Buzzards Bay "the last pristine embayment on the East Coast of the United States." Unlike the Chesapeake and other bays near major population centers, Buzzards Bay remains relatively unspoiled to this day. Hingham author and environmentalist Dan Lee wants to keep it that way. Lee believes that developing a strong sense of place in the minds of those who live on Buzzards Bay is critical to ensuring its survival into the future. "Buzzards Bay: a Journey of Discovery" is a compelling collection of essays blending history and science with personal encounters and reflections, somewhat in the manner of Paul Schneider's recent book on Cape Cod, "The Enduring Shore." ...Commonwealth Editions.

Daniel Sheldon Lee has been swimming, boating, and fishing on Buzzards Bay since he was a child. A graduate of the University of Vermont, he has contributed nature writing to the "Cape Cod Times" and other regional publications while serving as editor-in-chief of "The Osprey", an environmental journal.

He lives with his wife and son in Hingham. Free and open to the public.

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CMI barbecue May 22

The Cohasset Maritime Institute is inviting all past and potential new adult rowers and their families and friends to a "Bring your own food.... we'll supply the grills" barbecue on Saturday, May 22 from 4 to 7 p.m. The gathering will be held at the Boathouse, behind 40 Parker Avenue. This will be an opportunity to learn more about CMI and to sign up for the adult rowing program.

CMI offers the use of singles, doubles and sliding seat fours with a coxswain. Please visit the web site at www.rowcmi.org where you can download the application, waiver form and select the sessions that you might want to row in. Bring the application with you, along with your check, or mail it to CMI, 40 Parker Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025.

If you are planning to come to the barbecue or have any questions, please RSVP via email or phone to Lisa Hewitt-Dick at lmhewitt@comcast.net or call 781-383-0204. Hope to 'sea' you there.

Read Aloud Day at Osgood School

Cohasset Elder Affairs and the Joseph Osgood School PSO have scheduled the annual intergenerational Read Aloud Day to the first, second and third grades on Friday, May 21, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the school. Call the CEA at 781-383-9112 to find out how to participate.

Dramatic Club presents 'Wizard of Oz'

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "The Wizard of Oz" at the Cohasset Town Hall, June 4,5,6,11,12 and 13. This well-known musical features dozens of munchkins, flying monkeys, winkies and other characters from all over the south shore. Friday and Saturday night performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased at Front Street Bookshop in Scituate, Springbrook Kids and Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, at the door, or by phone at (781)544-0304.

Girl scout groups receive $2 off the ticket price when reserving group seating. Contact Wendy Guyder at (781) 545-1655 for information and reservations.

Bring a can of cat or dog food to be donated to the Scituate Animal Shelter and receive $1 off admission at the door.

Matinees on Sunday, June 6 and June 13 will feature a Dorothy Dress Alike/Look Alike contest with great prizes. Pictures with Dorothy, Toto, the Lion, Scarecrow and Tin Man will be available for sale at both Sunday matinees.

Author Robert B. Parker discusses new book

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes Robert B. Parker discussing "Double Play" on Tuesday. June 1, at 7 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys. Robert Parker has long been acknowledged the dean of American Crime Fiction. "Double Play" represents a break from the mystery genre and another segue into historical fiction. Parker's novel is a fictional story about the legendary Jackie Robinson and Joseph Burke, a man hired by the Brooklyn Dodgers to be Robinson's bodyguard during this turbulent time. "Double Play" is receiving rave reviews from critics including a starred review from Publisher's Weekly. "A masterful recreation of a turbulent era that's not only a great and gripping crime novel but also one of the most evocative baseball novels ever written." Robert B. Parker is the author of more than 40 books, including the March 2004 Spenser novel "Bad Business," and the 2003 bestseller "Stone Cold" and "Back Story".

Born and raised in Massachusetts, Parker attended Colby College in Maine, served with the Army in Korea, and then completed a Ph.D. in English at Boston University. Parker was named Grand Master by the Mystery Writers of America at the 2002 Edgar Awards ceremony, an honor shared with earlier masters such as Alfred Hitchcock and Ellery Queen. Free and open to the public. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

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'Wizard of Oz'

Follow the yellow brick road to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset Thursday, May 27, at 5 p.m. to catch a preview of the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "The Wizard of Oz." Many of your favorite characters will perform a selection of songs from the show. Meet the Munchkins! See the Flying Monkeys! This performance is open to the public, free of charge, and refreshments will be served following the performance.

Tuesday Painters

The Tuesday Painters of South Shore Art Center are displaying their works at the library through July 1. Artists participating include; Claire O'Callaghan and Tina Watson of Cohasset, Betty Rogers of Marshfield, Leo Harrington and Betty Tufankjian of Scituate, Barbara Walsh of Canton, Marjorie Murphy of Hingham, and Jane Flavell-Collins of Duxbury. The paintings include many local scenes as well as those of Italy, Mexico and the Caribbean.

An opening reception will be held on May 23 from 5-7 p.m. in the library's Meeting Room. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

Wellness program

Spring into wellness – renew yourself with natural wellness technologies.

That is the theme of an exciting presentation to be held at the library on Thursday May 20 at 1 p.m. If you have low energy, trouble sleeping, tired achy feet or legs, sore joints, or just want to have renewed energy and feel great, then this educational workshop is for you. Cohasset Nutritionist and Wellness consultant, Patricia Messing-Hague, will discuss innovative and unique ways to help the body heal itself and stay well, vigorous and energetic. Special guest speaker Carole Siegal of Cohasset will tell the story of her health renewal. This program is free and open to everyone. If you have questions, please call Patricia Messing-Hague at 781-383-2410.

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On the South Shore

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MASSACHUSETTS BREAST CANCER COALITION 12th Annual Against the Tide One-Mile Swim And Fitness Walk, will be held at the Hopkinton State Park at the upper beach of the Hopkinton Reservoir in Hopkinton Reservoir. Call 800-649-6222 or www.mbcc.org/swim

THE NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION is planning its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, Aug. 2, at the Cohasset Country Club, Lambert's Lane in Cohasset, features a new practice range and putting area. Registration begins at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Tickets are $175 per person, and include a fun day on the greens, as well as a pre-game lunch, sit-down dinner, raffle and silent auction. Due to the tournament's popularity, foursomes are encouraged to sign up early. Rain date is Aug. 16.

FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITS WOODWARD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS Monday June 7, at the newly developed, private Black Rock Country Club in Hingham. For more information on how to participate or to have an event registration packet mailed to your home or business, contact The Woodward Golf Committee at 781.834.2063 or email rzaccardi@verizon.net. Registration begins at 10 a.m., with a shotgun start beginning at Noon.

SECOND ANNUAL TOUCH A TRUCK TO BENEFIT THE JETT FOUNDATION The Jett Foundation is searching for trucks and/or unusual and unique vehicles to participate in the upcoming touch-a-truck on June 13, at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. If you would like to participate, call 781-293-2667 or 781-294-8445 or visit www.JettFoundation.org Sponsorship deadline is May 1.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER'S 49TH ARTS FESTIVAL, Cohasset, June 18 to 20. Art and music for all generations, contemporary art to traditional handmade crafts. 781-383-2787 www.ssac.org

THE SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS announces the addition of a special concert featuring the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart conductor, to the Music Circus for the first time in a benefit performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South Shore Art Center. Tickets for concert can be purchased via Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and in person at the Music Circus box office Tickets are $101.25 and $90.25. A limited number of special ticket packages, which include a reception with the maestro, can be purchased from South Shore Art Center only. Call the SSAC at 781-383-2787 for information.

THE SCITUATE ANIMAL SHELTER will hold its First Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 4, at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. The afternoon tournament will feature numerous prizes - including a hole-in-one automobile, raffles, and Par 3 Poker. The $125 fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner at the Barker Tavern. The Shelter is also seeking corporate sponsorships and donations to raffle. All proceeds will go to the no-kill Scituate Animal Shelter. Registration forms are available at the shelter or by logging onto Fundraisers at www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter/. For information, call 781-545-8325.

Thurs. 20

The Braintree Art Association will meet on Thursday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. at **the Council on Aging** Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **John Marshall Dyke** will demonstrate watercolor painting. Free and open to the public.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. May 20, through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

Facilitated by Karen Flood at **Wollaston Congregational Church**, 48 Winthrop Avenue, Quincy on May 13, 20, 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. **Because We Remember: Using Words to Heal Life** compels us to go on when we have suffered a personal loss through death or other circumstances, but birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and the everyday can still trigger memories and a lingering sense of that loss. This three-part series will include private and communal writing, voluntary reading, and discussion. No writing skills are required. Program fee: $45 for 3-part series. Advance registration is required and is limited to 12 participants. To register, call 617-479-6831 or e-mail journalguru@yahoo.com

La Leche League is an international, non profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and encouragement to all women who want to breastfeed. Meetings are Thursdays, May 13, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12, at 7:15 p.m. in Pembroke. For information call: Joanne 781-924-1919/Lisa 781-829-9075/Heidi 781-582-1187. All expectant, new, and experienced mothers and their babies welcome.

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The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

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Fri. 21

The Second Annual Golf For A Hope golf tournament to benefit the **Friends for Life Fund at Dana Farber** is scheduled to be held at Atlantic Country Club in Plymouth on May 21, Dodd 617-872-6020 denysed@myfriendsforlife.com

The Autism Center Of The South Shore, Inc. (ACCESS) will be hosting its **Second Annual Golf Tournament** on May 21, at the **Pembroke Country Club**. Funds from this event will ensure that services will continue to be provided for hundreds of South Shore families. Call 1-800-482-5788, if you would like to help by donating a raffle item or becoming a sponsor. There are still a limited amount of golf slots available or come and join the luncheon and raffle.

The Brittany Lambert Foundation will hold its **Third Annual Giant Yard Sale** at 6 High St., Pembroke, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on May 21, 22, and 23. www.brittanylambertfoundataion.org 781-582-2598.

Borders Book Store in Kingston at the Independence Mall: - May 21, 10:30 a.m. Trucks & Giant Machines - Accompany Beth as she reads **Trucks-Whizz-Zoom-Rumble Truck Trouble and The Trucker.**

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays) Free with admission. A half-hour of storytelling. Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Orpheum-Foxboro presents **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest** by **Mansfield Music and Arts Society**, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. May 22, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 23, at 2 p.m. $18 adults/$16 seniors/$12 students 18 or younger.

"Books in Bloom" at the **James Library & Center for the Arts** in Norwell on May 21, and May 22. Tickets are now available at the library. **Marshfield artist Sally Dean Mello** will bring to life the popular novel, "The Secret Life of Bees" through a creative floral installation. **Mary Eliot of North Marshfield** is creating a more traditional flower arrangement for the show. Tickets for the May 21, night open house from 7 to 9 p.m. featuring music, flowers, and books are $10. Admission for May 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. is by donation and features just the floral arrangements. For information call, 781-659-7100.

The South Shore Natural Science Center will hold its annual meeting on Friday, May 21, at 7 p.m. in the Center located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. The evening will commence with Fresh Fruit Shortcake and beverages. The Featured speaker for the meeting is Mark Primack, the Executive Director of the Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts, who will give a talk about land protection and acquisition in southeastern Massachusetts, entitled *Saving a Region at Risk.* The business meeting, leadership recognitions and election of trustees and officers will follow the presentation. Open to the public. 781-659-2559.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaws Plaza Route 3A, Cohasset, will host a reception for Scituate resident, **Julie M. White,** on May 21, 4 p.m. at Buttonwood Books. Ms. White is the author of "Surfside with Lily", a picture book detailing a day at the beach with Lily, a golden retriever, and her three young companions. Free and open to the public. Signed copies are available at Buttonwood 781-383-2665 or can be ordered online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

Tribute to the Troops Concert - The staff and faculty of **Quincy College** will be presenting a special **Patriotic Concert** for the community performed by the Southeastern Massachusetts Wind Ensemble, a 50-piece community-based orchestra specializing in the patriotic songs of America. The outdoor concert will be held at 7 p.m. on May 21, at Quincy College's Coddington Hall, 34 Coddington St., Quincy. across from the MBTA station. Free of charge and open to all. 617-984-1700.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its **Coffeehouse at the Beal House May 21,** Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. Performing will be **Janet Field** and opening for Janet will be **Barbara and Graham Dean.** Final open mike of the season follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. $5 members, $6 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

The James Library, Norwell, 24 West St., Norwell, presents **The Changing Hues of Ireland,** by **J. Michael Sullivan,** through June 2.



"Jane Eyre" and "After Mrs. Rochester" will be performed in repertory, from June 8-28, by the Wellesley Summer Theatre at the Ruth Nagel Jones Theatre in Alumnae Hall at Wellesley College, 106 Central Street, Wellesley. For tickets and information, call the box office at 781/283-2000.

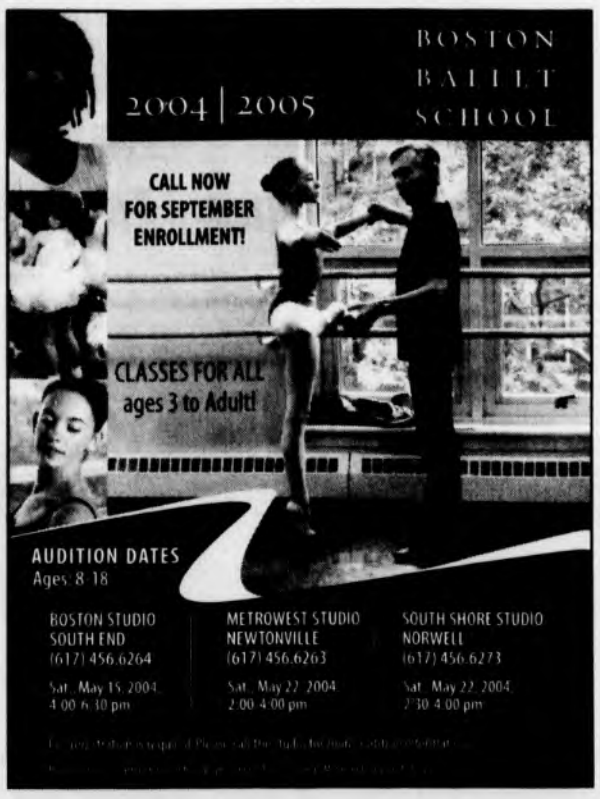
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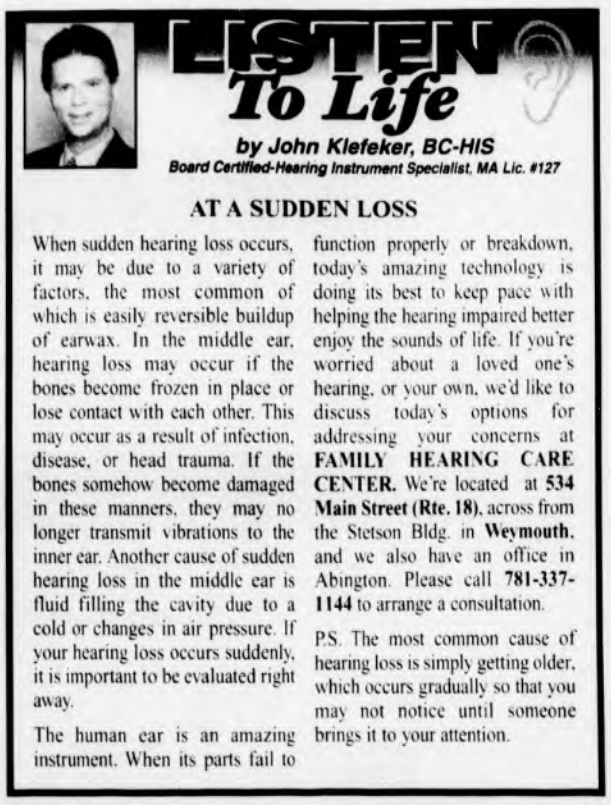
The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

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The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 21, **Satch & Keepin the Gruve**. Featuring **members of The Houserockers and New Blue Revue** Show starts at 9:15 a.m. No cover.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **The McLaughlin Brothers** in the lounge May 21, 781-834-1910 www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Sociable Singles - Spring Fling with dancing to music by **DJ Terri Christopher**, at The Monponsett Inn, 440 Monponsett St., (Rt. 58), Halifax. May 21, from 8 p.m. to midnight. $15 admission. Proper dress, no jeans. 877-626-4900 or visit www.sociablesingles.org.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Nicole Nelson** on May 21. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 22

Yardsale to benefit the **Hilltop Humane Society,** May 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 8 Zenas Road, Holbrook. Raindate May 23.

Spring Rummage Sale, May 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ladies Group South Shore Viking Club, 410 Quincy Ave., Route 53, Braintree. 617-773-5870.

Girly Junk, a retailer of women's cosmetics and accessories, and Sun Factory Tanning Studio are partnering to usher in this season of beauty with a celebration sale to be held on May 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 454 Washington St., Norwell.

South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

The First Herring Brook Watershed Initiative celebrates **Scituate's Biodiversity Days**. On May 22, two sessions of All Day "Bug Squad" Aquatic Insect Collection Project to identify bugs with field scopes and sorting equipment. Session 1 at 9 a.m. 275 Country Way, Scituate. Session 2, noon at Galen Damon Pond.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at Barker Tavern The Boston-based Mystery Café Traveling Troupe will be performing "Johnny Be Dead, a Rock N' Roll Murder Mystery" at Barker Tavern, May 22, at 7 p.m. Dinner and Show $65. Hosted by the Hatherly PTO. All are welcome. For ticket information, or to make reservations, call Suzanne Fennelly 781-544-0022, or Kim Ryan 781-545-1714.

The Ventress Library Board of Trustees presents the second **Robert Bennett Kaplan Scholarship Concert** on May 22, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Ventress Library in Marshfield. Featured performers are two Berklee College of Music students. Guitarist Marty Mattern will appear with his group "Crabsounds". The group performs rock with a contemporary melodic and rhythmic twist. Classical and jazz flutist Pam Harght, a 2002 Marshfield High School graduate, will also play at the concert. Free. Refreshments. For information call 781-834-5535 or eriboldi@ocln.org



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South Shore Folk Music Club presents its Coffeehouse at the Beal House Friday, May 21 at 8 p.m. featuring Janet Feld and opening for Janet will be Barbara and Graham Dean. Final open mike of the season follows. Sign-up at the door at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 for members, $6 for non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. The Beal House is located at 222 Main St (Route 106) in Kingston For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.sefmc.org

The Holbrook Recreation Commission will hold the **Third Annual Run For Your Life 5k Road Race** on May 22, at 9 a.m. The race will begin at D'Ann's Restaurant, 200 S. Main St., Holbrook and follow a 5 kilometer (3.1 mile) course around Lake Holbrook. Entry fee $15 adults, and $10 ages under 18. The first 100 entrants will receive a Run For Your Life t-shirt and D'Ann's will provide a light breakfast for all runners afterwards. Awards will be presented to the top finishers, male and female, in the following age groups: under 12, 12-15, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39 and 40+. Entry forms are available at the town clerk's office in the Town Hall, the Holbrook Library and at D'Ann's, or via email at flan5@comcast.net. For information, or volunteer to help, contact John Flanagan 781-767-3762 or at the email address shown above.

Historic Winslow House Association, Marshfield, announces a **Spring House Tour** of six historic and scenic houses currently lived in by residents of Marshfield, May 22, from 11 a.m. 4 p.m. Advance tickets $20, day of tour $25 sold only at the Winslow House, during the coffee hour. To reserve tickets, call Virginia Gaffey at 781-837-2403.

The 8th Annual Nantucket Wine Festival takes place May 19 to 23, at the White elephant Hotel and is partnered with Boston Magazine. Tickets to the Grand Tasting are sold in two-hour increments, from noon to 2 p.m. or 3 to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. For a complete listing and price information for all events contact the Nantucket Wine Festival at 508-228-1128 or visit us www.nantucketwinefestival.com for constant updates.

USS Salem Fundraiser May 21, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Sons of Italy, 120 Quarry St., Quincy. Buffet, 7:30 p.m. Silent auction. Comedy show starting at 8:30 p.m. Performances by Paul D'Angelo, Ken Rogerson, and Brad Mastrangelo. Tickets $25 per person. www.uss-salem.org

Dawna Hammers Fundraising Concert - May 22, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Old Ship Church, Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center presents the musical **The Secret Garden**, May 22 at 7 p.m. and May 16 and 23, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Commerce Center, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. Adults $10 Child $5. 507-747-1234 or www.ssarc.org or www.starcreations.org

Vicki Larkin's Botanical Illustrations will be on display at the **Massachusetts Audubon Society's North River Wildlife Sanctuary** at 2000 Main St., (Route 3A) in Marshfield, May 1 through 29.. Call at 781-837-9400 for details.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, presents **Wild Animal Portraits**, a photography exhibition by **Rich Turk**, on May 1-27, in the Vine Hall Gallery. Mr. Turk's exhibit includes pictures of wild animals from all over the world.. 781-659-2559 or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org

Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center presents **Neil Diamond and Friends Legends Show, starring Paul Grassia** Superstars, "Neil Diamond," "Rod Stewart," and "Englebert Humperdinck" sing their greatest hits live, May, 22-23. Dinner and show $39.95 all performances; $20 show only. Friday and Saturday dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30, Sunday, dinner at 2 p.m. show at 3:30 p.m. Complimentary corsages on Mothers' Day. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 22, **Steve Murphy Band**. Show starts at 9:15 a.m. No cover.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **Dory** in the lounge May 22, 781-834-1910 www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. May 22, **The Houserockers** 781-871-7175.

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree, May 22, **The Floor Coverers** 781-849-7007. No cover. All shows start at 9 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Barrence Whitfield's Groove Juice Symphony** on May 22. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 23

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury presents 48 members of the **Boston Printmakers exhibit** with more than 60 prints in **Time Remembered/Times Past**.



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The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury will offer an exhibition full of childhood remembrances and the images they evoke as expressed in **On their Own, Rhoda Rosenberg, printmaker**. The exhibit will run through June 13. A reception is scheduled for May 16, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday Brunch at the JFK Library and Museum nine Sundays beginning through June, Brunch served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. $36 adults; $12 children age 12 and under. Admission includes brunch, museum admission and all taxes and gratuities. Reservations strongly recommended by calling 617-514-1586. wwwjfklibrary.org

The Small Works exhibition at **The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery** 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset currently features an exhibition showcasing the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 gallery artists. 781-383-2787; www.ssac.org.

"Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance" every Sunday evening at **Raffael's Restaurant**, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Dance music by DJ Joe Pet. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Mon. 24

The North River Arts Society and the Ventress Memorial Library Board of Trustees presents the unveiling of **the Best Place in the Show,** an original pastel paintings by **Liz Haywood-Sullivan** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. This poster exhibit will run through June 19. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Tues. 25

You Are Not Alone (YANA) a support group for widows and widowers will be meeting on May 25, at 7 p.m. in the Holbrook United Methodist Church Hall, 60 Plymouth St., (Rt. 139) 781-767-4844 or 508-668-5226.

Robin Lane, acclaimed actress, will present a dramatization of the life of the only American painter ever to be accepted into the French Impressionist group in "Mary

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Cassat and the Impressionists" at the Thayer Public Library on May 25 at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Upper Level Program Room, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-848-0405

The Bare Cove Sail & Power Squadron, Hingham is hosting a **GPS night at the West Marine store in Braintree** on May 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. This event, open to the general public, is to help make boaters aware of GPS and how to use it to navigate coastal waters. 781-356-2100

Massachusetts Boating Basics - May 25, 27, June 1, 8, and 15 at South Shore Vocational Technical High School, 476 Webster St., (Rt. 123) attendance required at all five classes from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Youths age 12 to 15 years of age and age 16 or 17. Pre-registration required 617-727-8760 or 508-790-9360.

Wizard of Oz Preview at **Scituate Public Library** Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the **Scituate Public Library** in Scituate, on **Tuesday, May 25,** at 5 p.m. to catch a preview of the **Cohasset Dramatic Club's** production of "The Wizard of Oz." Many of your favorite characters will perform a selection of songs from the show. Meet the Munchkins. See the Flying Monkeys. Open to the public, free of charge, and refreshments will be served following the performance.

The Kingston Public Library, 6 Grove St., Kingston, presents **A Year in the People's Republic**. A series of photographs by **Matthew Gill,** a Weymouth writer, who taught English in the city of Shen Yang, China in 2001-2002. The exhibit will be on display for the month of May. 781-585-0517.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl. 1-508-830-4250.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery, 124 Front St. Scituate Harbor, presents a show of **water color paintings by Kay Shaw** at its new gallery. The show runs through May 30. 781-545-6150.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Wed. 26

The storytelling series "Folktales From the Forest" with storyteller **Andrea Lovett** has moved to Island Grove Park in Abington May 26, at 10 a.m. Call 781-871-5892 for a summer schedule.

Insight Education Center presents **Managing the "Strong-Willed" Child** May 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Braintree. www.insighteducation.com or call 781-294-8004

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. will host **Elaine A. Silverio**, RN BS, an innovator of programs for early diagnosed individuals of Alzheimer's disease, will speak on May 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St., Hingham. Free and open to the public. 781-749-5417

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys welcome **Hingham author, Daniel Sheldon Lee**, discussing "Buzzards Bay: A Journey of Discovery" on May 26, 7 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. If you would like a signed copy but are unable to attend call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

Borders Book Store in Kingston at the Independence Mall: - May 26, 10:30 a.m. Accompany Beth as she reads **The Tortoise** and **The Hare and Turtle's Race with Beaver**

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

The South Shore Simmons Club will hold its annual dinner on Wednesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. Cocktails at 6 p.m. (cash bar), at the Common Market, 97 Willard St., Quincy. The guest speaker will be Sheila Murphy, Dean of Students at Simmons College. The cost of the dinner is $21 payable by May 19. For reservations and information call Connie at 781-878-8443.

Thurs. 27

Jimbos Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, **Comedy Night** featuring Chance Langton, Annette Pollack, Tim Kaelin, Cyndi Stiles, Troy Diamond and Joe Kringdon. Reservations $10. Call 781-848-0300.

Front Street Book Shop, in conjunction with the Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., hosts **Suzanne Strempek Shea**, Author: songs from a Lead-Lined room will discuss and sign her new release: Shelf Life: Suzanne's auto-biographical account of her employment in a book store, as she struggles to reclaim her life after overcoming cancer. Free and open to the public.

The Friends of Plymouth Pound announce their **12th annual fundraising carnival** to be held at the Armstrong Skating Arena, May 27, from 6 to 10 p.m. May 28, (wristband night) 6 to 11 p.m. May 29, from 1 to 10 p.m. and May 30, from 6 to 11 p.m. Free admission.

William Martin, author : **Back Bay and Cape Cod**, May 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. He will sign all of his books. Call 781-545-5011 or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Next group meets 6 to 8 p.m. 781-545-5011.





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Fri. 28

Duxbury Bay Maritime School Benefit Sawashbuckler's Soiree The silent auction, dinner buffet and dance is May 28, and tickets are $90 per person ($70 is tax deductible). This event sells out every year so plan now. For information call Robin Nutter at 781-934-7555.

Country and Swing Dance: Friday, May 28. 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. Country Dance Promotions is holding a Country and Swing dance at the Dedham VFW, 84 Eastern Ave., Dedham. Dance lesson at 7:30; Food, cake and coffee. Smoke free. $10. 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937; 401-861-3114.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 28, **the Mojo King**. Show starts at 9:15 a.m. No cover.

Ascari Braintree @ F1, 290 Wood Road, Braintree 9:30 p.m. $5 Satch Romano's New Blue Revue **featuring House Rockers**. 781-848-2300.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **The Crust** May 28 and 29, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Borders Book Store in Kingston at the Independence Mall: - May 28, 10:30 a.m. Accompany Beth as she reads the **Pig in a Wig** and **What's That Awful Smell.**

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **The Infractions**. Handicap accessible.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **James Montgomery** on May 28. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance May 28, featuring **DJ Dave Joubert** from 8 p.m. to midnight. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $12 SSS members/$15 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

Ongoing Events

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

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Barbara Elliott reads a book about stars to Ms. Hurley's first-grade class at Osgood School on Friday during "Read Aloud Day," an intergenerational program with senior citizens and the pupils. For more photos, see page 26.

Times changing at town schools

Transportation is also a challenge

By Samantha Brown
SAMBROWN@CNC.COM

The school committee says it will need input from parents from now until the end of the school year, to help it make some very difficult decisions pertaining to changing start times at the school and transportation.

"In some cases, it might be an advantage for a younger student to have an older student from their neighborhood or family riding the same bus.
— Chartis Tebbetts, school committee

While studies have shown later start times for schools have a positive effect on teenagers, the committee is not sure whether it will vote to make any time changes just yet. However, if any time changes do occur, members say it makes the most sense to keep the middle and high schools on the same schedule because they are in the same building, which could in turn require students from both schools to ride the same buses in the morning.

However, the reorganization of schools, which will bring sixth graders up to the middle school, has been centered around the idea of having the middle and high schools operate as two separate schools under one roof with little to no contact. If grades six through 12 are all beginning and ending their day at the same time, the committee says keeping the students separate during transportation may not be an option. Because the town has a limited amount of buses and many older students with licenses opt to drive to school, two separate bus runs which cover the same area will most likely not be feasible.

Vice Chairman Chartis

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Fired animal control officer names town, Haddad in lawsuit

By Mary Ford
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Fired animal control officer Paul Murphy is suing the town and former Town Manager Mark Haddad for unfair termination.

When Haddad "cleaned house" at the police department last Oct. 20, swept out along with Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean was Murphy, who was not protected by a union or Civil Service. Murphy worked in town for five years and was reappointed annually in each of those years.

Murphy — who was presented with a terse one-paragraph termination letter that did not include a reason for his being fired — said he was escorted off town property in a police car without the ability to collect his personal belongings.

This is the third complaint to surface in recent weeks involving personnel matters and the police department. Two former civilian dispatchers have filed complaints with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD).

"We think he has a strong case. You can't be terminated for expressing your views."
— Jill Goodman, attorney

Murphy's complaint may be too late for MCAD, which must be filed within a certain time period of the incident, but he plans to proceed with legal action by filing his complaint in Quincy District Court.

The 65-year-old Hingham resident claims he was deprived of his "clearly established right to free speech" when he was penalized for expressing "his views on a matter to public concern to the assistant owner of a business while off duty from his appointment as animal control officer." He expressed his opinion that the police chief was not meeting expectations, according to the complaint.

Haddad is no longer employed by the town. Chief Robert Jackson, who has continually declined to comment on ongoing police matters, is on vacation this week.

Murphy, who told the Mariner in a February interview that he "wants his job and reputation back," has retained the law firm Ciapciak & Associates of Norwood, the same firm that is representing former dispatcher Barbara DeWolfe in her sexual harassment complaint.

Murphy's attorney, Jill Goodman, said Murphy is suing for violation of his first amendment rights, wrongful termination, and for violation of a state law that makes his appointment an annual

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Haddad's contract is released

By Samantha Brown
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While the employment contract for former Town Manager Mark Haddad has now been made public, an amendment to his employment agreement — negotiated behind closed doors, that could spell out what the Board of Selectman and Haddad agreed to regarding Haddad's abrupt resignation — will continue to remain private for the time being.

Haddad's contract, which was renewed about two years ago, is a public document, Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said. It was not immediately available to the public and press last week because of conflicting information from Town Counsel.

"Eventually, everything will be available."
— Michael Buckley, acting town manager

Buckley said after discussing the issue with Selectman Ronnie McMorris, he contacted Town Counsel again and was advised the contract could be released.

However, the amendment that apparently contains a negotiated agreement between selectmen and Haddad is not being released because Town Counsel says it is still subject to "pending litigation."

In addition, the minutes for the executive sessions held May 4, 11, and 18, during which time the board apparently discussed Haddad's resignation, have not been released. The minutes have not been transcribed and therefore, have not been approved by selectmen, Buckley said.

"Eventually, everything will be available," he said.

Selectmen said Haddad, who was hired in July 1997 and started that August, abruptly resigned

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PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Art teacher Betsy Ogden gives a demonstration on the pottery wheel while students look on during Arts Night at Osgood School last week.

Talent shines on Arts Night

By Samantha Brown
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"Discovering the artist in you," was the theme of the night, as Osgood School opened its doors to students, parents and friends for its first Arts Night celebration.

Hosted by the Osgood School Parent School Organization, and supported in part by a grant from the Cohasset Cultural Council, activities encouraged children to explore their natural artistic abilities, which was by no means limited to what they could accomplish on paper alone.

"It's not just about painting and drawing," said Osgood PSO member Nancy Whelan, who worked with the PSO to coordinate the May 19 event. She added, to be artistic, children can have singing talent, be wonderful poets, or have musical ability, and might not necessarily draw the best picture in the class, and that is what Arts Night strives to instill in those who attend.

The night of celebration was part of Arts Month at Osgood, which has run throughout the month of May. During the school's celebration, students from different classrooms have been reading poetry over the loudspeaker during the morning announcements.

To help children explore their talents, local dancers from the Boston Ballet School in Norwell gave performances in the gymnasium, including interactive performances with student participation. Students from the Boston Ballet school gave both classical ballet and flamenco performances. But dance from the ballet school was not the only form of movement offered. Physical Education teacher Kevin Dykas celebrated rhythm and

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Master Plan review

The Planning Board has scheduled a series of public meeting to review the Draft Master Plan for the Town of Cohasset. The meetings will commence on Wednesday, June 2, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Town Hall basement meeting room. The Draft Plan will be reviewed during regular Planning Board meetings held in the months of June, July and August and thereafter, if required.

Planning Board summer meeting schedule (subject to change) is as follows:

June 2, June 16, July 7, July 21, Aug 4, Aug 18

Contact the Planning Board Office at 781-383-3517 to confirm meeting dates and agenda times as the summer progresses.

Printed copies of the Draft Master Plan are available for review in the Planning Board Office, Office of the Town Clerk and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. An electronic version is available at the Town website, www.cohassetmass.org.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, June 10, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, June 3, 7:30 p.m.

Deer Hill School Council, May 27, 3:15 p.m., Deer Hill School

Historical Commission, June 14, 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, June 9, 7 p.m. at the library.

Osgood School Council, June 8, 3:15 p.m., Osgood School conference room

Planning Board, June 2, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, June 1, 7:30 p.m.

Troika, June 1, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, May 27, 7:30 p.m., King Street plant.

Wastewater Committee, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

ZBA, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Planning Board office hours set

Beginning June 7, the Cohasset Planning Board Office will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This revised schedule of hours will be in effect until Sept. 7. The Planning Board phone number is 781-383-3517.

Red Cross Blood Drive is Wednesday, June 2

The Red Cross has scheduled the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, June 2. The Blood Drive will be at St. Anthony Parish Center at the corner of South Main St. and Summer St. from 1-7:00 p.m. As in the past, baby-sitting will be provided from 3-5:00 p.m. Ample parking is available.

The best way to give blood for the first time is to come with a friend who is experienced in the donation process. New donors usually find the procedure easy and painless and most come back regularly to donate. "The biggest obstacle seems to be overcoming that initial fear," said Cathy Pray of the Red Cross. "That's why we're counting on our regular donors to help by bringing a friend to this blood drive." The Red Cross area community of which Cohasset is a part requires over 1,600 pints of blood per day to meet usual demand for blood and blood products. It is a challenge to collect enough blood to meet the needs of hospital patients year round. Every blood donation is an opportunity to help an accident victim, a surgical patient, or a child battling leukemia, to name a few.

Most people can give blood through the American Red Cross. Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good health and weigh over 110 pounds. In most cases, donors may give if they are on medication, but should know the names of these medications.

The Red Cross always counts on a good turnout when it visits Cohasset so please respond, if possible, when a volunteer from one of the church, civic, corporate or social organizations calls. New donors are welcome and especially needed. To register and make an appointment for donating at a specific time or if you have any questions, please call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 781-383-1290. You can also call the Red Cross at 1-800-448-3543.

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Thurs. 27	5:40	9.2	——	6:22	8.9	12:03
Fri. 28	6:35	9.2	12:26	7:12	9.3	12:55
Sat. 29	7:30	9.4	1:22	8:02	9.9	1:46
Sun. 30	8:26	9.6	2:18	8:51	10.5	2:37
Mon. 31	9:21	9.8	3:12	9:40	11.1	3:28
Tues. 1	10:15	10.1	4:06	10:30	11.6	4:19
Wed. 2	11:09	10.3	4:58	11:21	12.0	5:10
Thurs. 3	——	——	5:50	12:03	10.4	6:02

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DPW brush chipping on certain Saturdays

Residential Brush will be accepted at the D.P.W. parking area on the following Saturdays:

May 29, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

June 26, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

July 31, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

August 28, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

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King Jewelers could move to new location

After 43 years of business in Cohasset, owners of King Jewelers, currently located in Cohasset Plaza, are looking to branch out and purchase their own building. Valerie and Victoria King of King Jewelers came before the Planning Board Wednesday with plans to raze and rebuild at 812 Chief Justice Cushing Highway and move their business a little closer to the Scituate line.

"We've been here forever. This is where our customers come from and we love it here," said Valerie King, adding she and her family are very excited about the prospect of being able to expand their business and remain in town. The Kings will come before the Planning Board again at their June 2 meeting.

Chief out for surgery

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln will undergo back surgery next week and will be out for up to six weeks. Captain Robert Silvia will serve as acting Chief in his place.

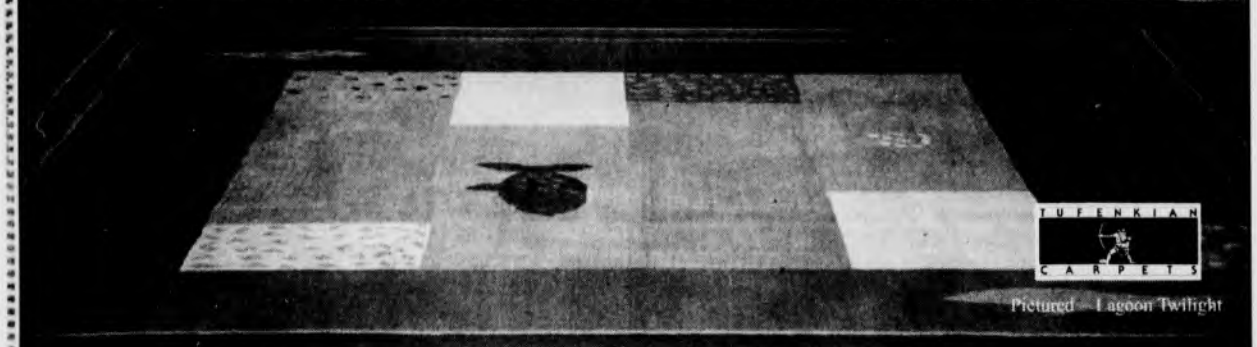
Total costs in for harbor dredging

The total cost for dredging at the harbor, as reported by the US Army Corps of Engineers, was $1,454,185 including design and construction. The local cost for the commonwealth and the town was $83,677. The non-federal contribution was $142,587. Because Cohasset contributed 25 percent of the non-federal contribution and the Office of Environmental Affairs contributed 75 percent, the amount the town will be refunded for the project is $14,727.

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Cohasset Walgreen's workers help Scituate soldier in Iraq

By Matthew J. Gill
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Kathy Hess was overwhelmed by the generosity of Walgreen's employees who purchased $500 worth in supplies to send to her son, Rohn and other soldiers serving in Iraq.

Kathy Hess had a simple question when she walked into Walgreen's in Cohasset one day last month.

"Do you know where the foot powder is?"

The response she received in return was far more than she expected.

Kathy's son Rohn Hess, who's currently serving in Iraq with the Army's First Cavalry, 82nd Field Artillery unit, recently sent his parents a list of snacks and supplies that would make his time in the Middle East more bearable.

Toothpaste, shaving cream, and foot powder ranked high on Rohn's list and Kathy had stopped into the local store to purchase the items.

When Kathy asked about the foot powder, and mentioned the product-purchase came as a direct request from her son in Iraq, Walgreen's Assistant Manager Terry Ciolkosz escorted Kathy to the appropriate aisle, and asked her to write out a longer list of products Rohn and his fellow soldiers could really use.

On Monday — six weeks after that first visit — Ciolkosz called and told Kathy to return to the store because Rohn's order was ready to go.

Ciolkosz and a handful of his co-workers decided they would pool together their resources, and foot the bill for Rohn's foot powder — eight bottles to be exact — and a massive cart-full of other supplies.

Kathy said she cried when she saw the cart which included at least six packages each of Doritos, peanuts, beef jerky, Altoids, and packs of gum. The philanthropic pharmacy also donated a considerable amount of hygiene products including ten toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes, numerous packs of razors, soaps, and shaving creams.

When Kathy left the store, she said she had a difficult time managing the cart which was overflowing with supplies.

The entire bill — which Kathy speculated must have totaled approximately $400 - $500 — was underwritten by six Walgreen's employees.

"I [was] shocked," said Kathy who plans to mail off all the goods as soon as she can package them.

"I never asked for this. They even put in two electric razors."

During a call Tuesday, Ciolkosz said he and his co-workers just wanted to help out.

"We just got what we could," he said.



What started out as a purchase for foot-powder for her soldier son turned into a giant care package.

Marine major to speak on Memorial Day

By Mary Ford
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Rain or shine, you can be assured that hundreds of local citizens will gather at Veterans Memorial Park on Monday for Cohasset's traditional Memorial Day observances.

The annual event that includes a parade down North Main Street to the Common and onto Elm Street and the harbor is always a draw in this small town that has lost more than of its share of soldiers, sailors and airmen over the years.

The Veterans Honor Roll — which will eventually include those to served in all the nation's wars — is still evolving into one of the finest tributes anywhere and demonstrates the esteem in which Cohasset holds its veterans.

The stone monument provides the backdrop for the ceremony that will include featured speaker Major John B. Atkinson II, U.S. Marine Corps.

Maj. Atkinson, 34, who is assigned to the Pentagon, graduated from Cohasset High in 1988 and grew up on Highland Avenue where his parents still live. He graduated from Boston College in 1992 and holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science.

"It is quite an honor and rather humbling to be asked to be this year's Memorial Day keynote speaker," Atkinson said. "It does not seem that it was that long ago that I was a young boy standing along the parade route and later playing 'Taps' myself."

Atkinson said growing up he looked forward to Cohasset's Memorial Day parade every year with great excitement and reverence.

"I am convinced that this parade, and all that it represents, in no small measure inspired me to answer my calling to selflessly serve our great nation as a United States Marine."

The parade arrives at the harbor at about 11:45 a.m. but the day's events actually begin much earlier, the from 8 p.m. Sunday to 6 a.m. Monday, a Legion member will keep vigil at Veterans park. Then at 7 a.m. at the George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 on Summer Street hosts the annual veterans' breakfast. From the Legion veterans march up to the old Paul Pratt Library where they board buses for the North Cohasset Cemetery and honor roll. The buses arrive at Woodside at about 9:30 a.m. that includes visiting the Gold Star Mothers Memorial. Then it's on to Beechwood Cemetery. The veterans join the parade that includes local bands, scouts, a contingent from the Daughters of the American Revolution, and veterans at the Music Circus parking lot at about 10:30 a.m. The parade marches to Central Cemetery at Joy Place, then down North Main Street to the Common, the POW/MIA Memorial, and onto Elm Street and the harbor, arriving at about 11:45 a.m.

WWII dedication Saturday at 2p.m.

At 2 p.m., Saturday the American Legion Post is hosting a free reception during the dedication of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The event will be televised and shown on the TV at the Legion. Sandwiches and refreshments will be offered starting at 1 p.m. Please call 781-383-9657 if you plan to attend so the Legion can get a headcount.

Memorial Day schedule

- 7 a.m., veterans breakfast at the Legion
- 8:15 a.m., buses leave old Paul Pratt Library for North Cohasset
- 9:30 a.m., buses arrive at Woodside Cemetery, then on to Beechwood Cemetery
- 10:30 a.m., parade steps off from Music Circus parking lot
- 11 a.m., ceremony at Central Cemetery at Joy Place
- 11:30 a.m., ceremony at MIA/POW Square at Depot Court
- 11:45 a.m., parade arrives at Veterans Memorial Park. Guest speaker is Maj. John B. Atkinson II, U.S. Marines.

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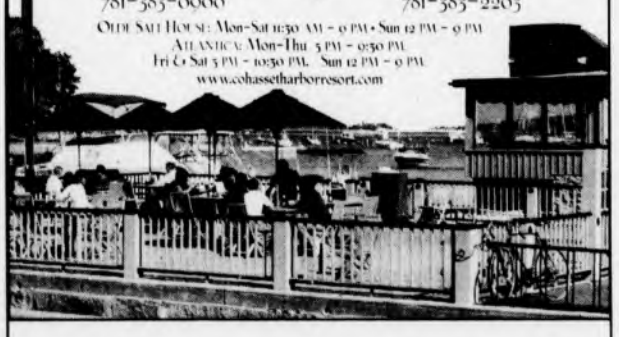
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Haddad's contract is released

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due to personal reasons on May 5, from the position he had held for roughly seven years. In a press release issued May 18, selectmen stated Haddad would receive a structured settlement of $50,000 as well as health insurance coverage for the next six months.

Buckley said the cost on the town's side to cover Haddad's insurance is roughly $800 per month; Haddad will continue to pay 30 percent of the total cost, or roughly $345 a month. The $50,000 is being paid for accrued benefits, including vacation and sick time, and is roughly what Haddad would have received for six months of his salary. At the time of his resignation, Haddad's salary was roughly $110,000.

Haddad signed his most recent contract with the town on March 5, 2002; it was slated to expire on June 30, 2005. One provision of the contract, and his previous contract, stated he would agree not to seek or accept any other employment during the first 2-1/2 years, with the exception of the Town of Andover, should that position be advertised. Andover is Haddad's hometown and is not currently looking for a Town Manager.

According to the contract, Haddad was entitled to vacation with pay for four weeks during each of the three years of the contract.

Regarding sick time, the town's bylaws state all full-time employees may accumulate sick leave at the rate of one and one-quarter day for each month of employment, or 15 days per year. Unused sick time may be accumulated up to 120 days.

Buckley said from memory, he recalls Haddad only having taken two sick days and five vacation days this year, but that "both were rare. He didn't take much time off," he said.

While Selectmen said Haddad is being compensated for accrued vacation time, none of the Town Hall union employees are permitted to carry over unused vacation time into the next fiscal year.

Although specific steps to be followed are spelled out in Haddad's contract should he have been fired, there is nothing in the contract outlining what benefits he would be entitled to in the event he resigned from his position. Selectmen continue to be mum on any specifics about why Haddad quit, prompting some residents to question why Haddad resigned and why he received any compensation.

According to the contract, had Haddad been terminated by the town before its expiration and was still willing and able to perform his duties under the agreement, which could have happened if the town had decided to do away with having a Town Manager in the middle of his contract, the town would agree to pay Haddad a lump sum cash payment equal to six months salary, plus the value of benefits and deferred compensation, earned sick leave, vacation, holidays, compensatory time and other accrued benefits to date.

Had he been fired for cause, the town would have no obligation to pay any severance.

Fired animal control officer names town, Haddad in lawsuit

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one. He was fired about six months before his appointment would have been up for renewal.

"We think he has a strong case," Good man said. "You can't be terminated for expressing your views."

Goodman blamed Murphy's termination on politics. "It seems like anyone who speaks up to the town manager or against the police chief gets fired there," she said.

Haddad told the Mariner on Oct. 20 — the same day he placed Quigley and McLean on paid administrative leave — he fired Murphy due to numerous complaints.

But Murphy, who also works part-time as the animal control officer in Norwell, said he was never told of any complaints about his work or given any progressive discipline. In fact about two years ago, Haddad made Murphy "inspector of animals." The additional duties increased his hours from 20 to 25 hours per week.

As part of his job as animal control officer — a post that pays about $15,000 a year — Murphy kept detailed records of every call and what action was taken.

"If there were complaints about my work," Murphy said in the February interview, "then Haddad failed in his responsibility to call me in and tell me about them. Neither Haddad nor Jackson ever sat down with me to say 'we've had complaints — what's going on?'

"They never called me in — it was just a cold turkey termination and I was never been given a reason why."

But Haddad did call Murphy in around Oct. 14 to reprimand him for allegedly "bad mouthing" Chief Jackson at Robbins Garage, Murphy recalled.

Murphy denied spreading rumors as everything he said was his opinion and was also common knowledge.

He said his phone calls to Haddad asking why he was abruptly fired were not returned.

Revaluation notice to property owners

The Cohasset Board of Assessors will resume its ongoing revaluation effort as it prepares for recertification by the Department of Revenue for Fiscal Year 2005. During the next few months the assessors' staff will be physically inspecting residential properties in town. Due to the high volume of inspections, the staff will conduct daily door-to-door inspections as time permits.

The staff will perform an interior inspection, noting any changes on the property record card. The entire inspection will take just a few minutes. Measurement of buildings will be verified, if necessary. Digital cameras will be used to produce photos of the exterior of the building for the database.

The assessors' staff will be able to produce proper identification. If the homeowner or a person over 18 years of age is not at home on the first call, a notice will be left asking the homeowner to call for an appointment.

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Music Circus won't solve Cook wastewater dilemma

Leaching field location in limbo

By Samantha Brown
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Representatives from the town and Northland Residential are in the process of narrowing their wastewater discharge options for the Cook property, and the Music Circus parking lot is one alternative that can be crossed off the list.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said although the Music Circus is no longer an option, "there are some other possibilities," that will be pursued, and the town is aiming to have a definitive wastewater plan for the Cook property which is at the top of Sohier Street, by the end of June.

When soils tested on the Cook property were deemed unsuitable for accommodating an on-site septic system for the 14,000 gallons per day the development will generate — Northland Residential, the company working with the town to develop the Cook property, began investigating alternative solutions to their wastewater problem with the town's help. Soil evaluations were conducted behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, and that option is still being explored, but because the library is seven-tenths of a mile away from the Cook property, draining wastewater from the Cook site to the library would require laying pipes down Sohier Street that would mean digging up the road. Northland also filed an application for municipal sewer which was denied by the Sewer Commission.

Last Wednesday, John Cavanaro of John Cavanaro Consulting witnessed the next phase in the exploration process as observation holes were dug in the Music Circus parking lot. He said while some good soil material was found, they also encountered groundwater at "fairly shallow levels." He said nine-foot test pits were dug on site, and in some areas water was found at depths of less than four feet.

"If you put a very large system on site, you would very likely need a mounded system, which could potentially affect the parking lot," Cavanaro said. In addition, he said a good portion of the parking lot is in the flood plain, which further complicates matters.

Health Agent Joseph Godzik, who also witnessed the testing, said he agreed that the soils look good but he also believes the water table is too high to accommodate a regular wastewater system. "It's certainly possible, but how promising it is, is another question," he said, adding only by conducting a hydro-geologic study can the potential size of the mound be determined, and raising the entire parking lot to keep it level will affect the flood plain. He added there would be serious problems to overcome in order to make the site work.

Because the Cook development would discharge roughly 14,000 gallons per day, it will need a groundwater discharge permit which requires Department of Environmental Protection approval. Groundwater discharge permits are required for any developments discharging more than 10,000 gallons per day.

Because of the library's close proximity to the Sohier Street and Ellms Meadows well fields, members of the Water Commission and their engineer question whether the DEP would grant a groundwater discharge permit for the project. Kevin Klein of Norfolk Ram, the water commission's consulting engineer, explained that in order to be able to tell whether the site would affect the well fields, a hydro-geologic study must be conducted. During that process, the flow of water would need to be studied to determine how it moves through the soil. To leach at the library, the travel time of water from the leaching field to the wells would have to be two years, and preliminary tests indicate that will not be the case.

While Klein said "it is possible" DEP could grant the permit, it most likely would not. The DEP could set up an additional set of treatment guidelines the project would have to comply with and condition the permit on those guidelines being met, but that would cost more money. It would also be very difficult to provide the levels of treatment necessary on the site to make the leaching up to DEP standards.

The town originally had planned to pass papers on the property with the Cook Estate heirs this July. An amendment to the purchase and sale agreement dated March 15, 2004 granted the town an extension until Oct. 31 of this year. After that date, the town may request two additional 30 day extensions, but must pay $20,000 for each 30-day period. The agreement also says the town should apply for a discharge permit by March 31, 2004, or at a time mutually agreed to between the town and the heirs of the estate. Sullivan said at this point, "We haven't talked with the family per se, to see if they would consider any more extensions."

Voters at the 2003 special Fall Town Meeting allocated $4.5 million for the purchase of the 22-acre parcel of Cook-owned property, which was then marketed to developers. Northland Residential's bid was accepted by the town, and the developers will eventually purchase the Cook property from the town as well as the adjacent 8.7 acres of town property for $5.4 million for senior housing. There will be a double closing, transferring the property from the Cooks to the developer. The Cook project will be filed under the town's Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw, which allows developers to build more than is usually permitted in exchange for building senior housing. The bylaw was passed by voters at the November 2002 special Fall Town Meeting.

Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said he currently does not have the total figures for the amount of money the town has spent to date on the Cook project, but said he is working on compiling that information. However, he said during every round of testing, each time the town sends representatives like Godzik out to a site or lends the DPWs backhoe to dig the observation holes, it is costing the town money.

Cedarmere development looks into on-site septic

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While Cedarmere developers will continue in their quest to tie in to town sewer, the developers have a back-up plan for an on-site system that will satisfy one of the conditions for their special permit.

Cedarmere developers applied last summer for a special permit to build under the Senior Multi-family Residence Overaly District, which was approved by the planning board in January with conditions. According to the bylaw, developers must show adequate plans for on-site disposal of septic waste or a sewer hook-up from the town, and the planning board has ruled developers now have both.

David Calhoun, one of the principals for the project, presented the new information to the planning board last week and while he said a sewer connection is still the optimal solution for the development, as it will require no re-design of the current Cedarmere plans, he feels the on-site system is a viable alternative.

"This will be a zero discharge system."
— David Calhoun, Cedarmere

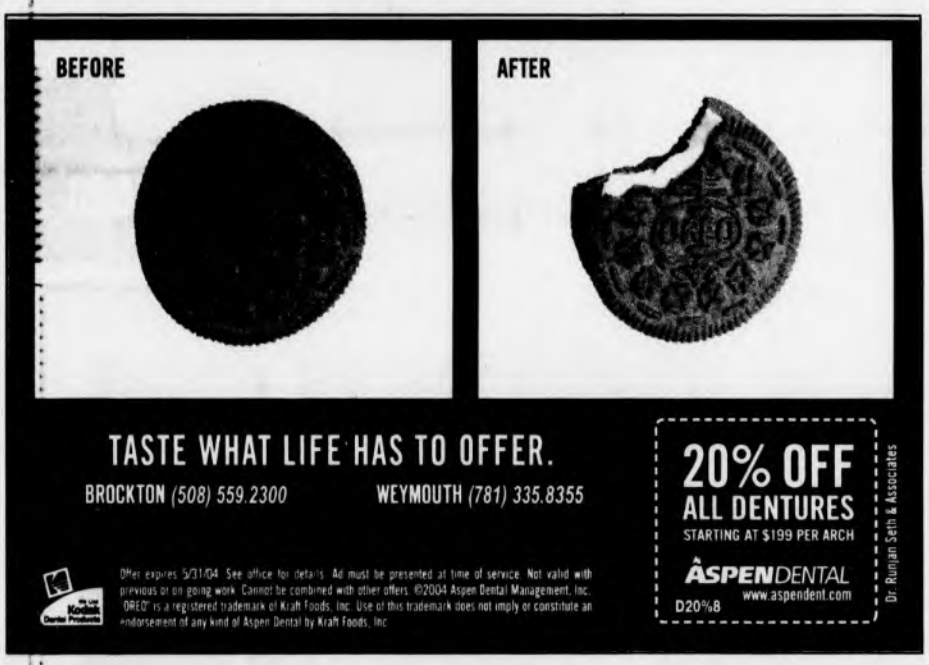
Calhoun said the treatment plant that would be on the Cedarmere site would be very similar to the treatment plant Cohasset has, but on a smaller scale.

Kelli Calhoun, David's wife, explained the system will pre-treat the water then send it to an evaporation mechanism that will be housed on site. She said the building which will house the evaporation tanks will look similar to a two-car garage. She said there will be two evaporators, one of which will be used strictly as a backup.

"This will be a zero discharge system," David Calhoun said, adding because no water will be expended, the project will not need a groundwater discharge permit.

Kelli said their new alternative is an "innovative solution," but that the lawsuit against the Sewer Commission will remain in place. Cedarmere contends the town has enough capacity for their senior housing project to tie in to the town's sewer lines, and has filed a suit against the town and the Sewer Commission.

Since early summer, the Cedarmere team, consisting of David and Kelli Calhoun of Sheldon Road and Tom Ragno of Lexington, and their consultants, have sought feedback from town boards and their consultants, and abutters on the proposed senior housing development, and the team eventually were granted a special permit.. The project was first to be filed under the town's new Senior Overlay District bylaw. The project is slated for 41-acres on the former Hayes Estate off Beechwood Street on the east side of 3A, and is planned to consist of 105-units of both affordable and market rate apartments and condominiums for seniors 55 and older.




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Times changing at town schools

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Tebbetts said if the schools have separate bus runs for middle and high school students but have the same start time, there could be one bus driving down the street picking up students for the middle school, with another following right behind picking up high school students, and that doesn't make sense. She also said she would think more problems would arise between students of the same age rather than with older students picking on the younger ones. "In some cases, it might be an advantage for a younger student to have an older student from their neighborhood or family riding the same bus," she said.

Member Adrienne MacCarthy agreed and said the high school students are the people many parents call when they need babysitters, and they are the people parents send their children off to in the summer to teach them how to sail or play sports, and they can be very good role models for the younger students.

However, member Jamie Williams said the recommendation of the task force was to provide separate buses for the middle and high school students, and many people felt comfortable with that. "It's the exposure to topics of conversations," both on the bus as well as overhearing conversations on cell phones, and the exposure to the way some older students act and dress that some parent's don't feel comfortable with, she said. "I fully advocate a middle school culture unto itself."

School Committee Chairman Rick Shea said he would like to hear from Health Education Coordinator Michael Gill who might be able to give more insight as to how things are currently running on the buses. "Seventh graders have been riding with the high school students for years, he can tell us how that's gone," Shea said.

In an interview after the meeting Gill said, "In general, it goes very well." While he said there have been occasional incidents on buses with older students picking on younger ones, overall, "the older kids tend to watch out for the younger ones and take them under their wing." He added he believes the eighth graders, who would be the oldest in the middle school, would be less likely to display bullying behavior toward their younger schoolmates with ninth and 10th graders watching out.

Gill said with any school where there is "inter-mingling" between the students, there will be positives and negatives to the situation. "We believe the advantages outweigh the disadvantages," he said. He said while it's always possible a younger student could be exposed to a conversation they wouldn't otherwise hear, he believes the large majority of students in Cohasset are good kids and set a good example for the younger ones.

The reorganization will shift grades in the schools, and next fall Osgood is planned to house students in kindergarten through grade two, with third graders to move over to Deer Hill. Fourth and fifth grade students will remain at Deer Hill, but sixth graders will move up to the middle-high school. Students in grades nine through 12 would still be considered high school students. The move is intended to make better use of the town's newly renovated schools

In the event the start times are changed for the schools, the middle-high school will be delayed by 30 minutes, for a new start time of 7:50 a.m. and the day will run until 2:36. Deer Hill will start earlier at 8:10 rather than 8:35, and their day will run until 2:10. No changes have been proposed for Osgood School and it would continue to run from 9:05 a.m. until 3:05 p.m.

The School Committee will discuss the issues of start times and transportation at their June 3 meeting and encourages concerned parents to attend. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in the middle-high school library.

Proposed schedule for the 2004-2005 school year

	Current start time	New start time	Current end time	New end time
CMHS	7:20 a.m.	7:50 a.m.	2:06 p.m.	2:36 p.m.
Deer Hill	8:35 a.m.	8:10 a.m.	2:35 p.m.	2:10 p.m.
Osgood	9:05 a.m.	9:05 a.m.	3:05 p.m.	3:05 p.m.

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Talent shines on first Osgood Arts Night

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movement with some line dancing, which Whelan said was a big hit when it was first presented during physical education classes. Dykas therefore decided to bring back the activity for the night, much to the delight of his students.

For students who prefer to work with their hands, art teacher Betsy Ogden gave demonstrations on the pottery wheel. In the hopes of creating an all-school ceramic sculpture, Ogden allowed each student to create their own ceramic piece, which was then added to the others to form one unique sculpture.

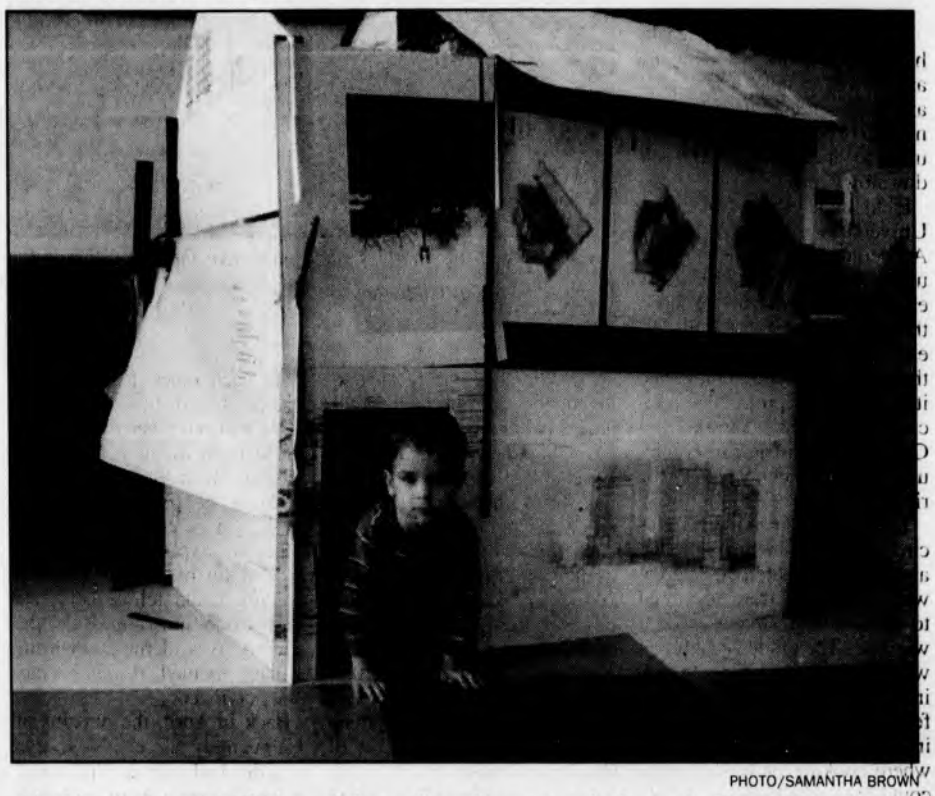
In addition, members from the high school, middle school, and Deer Hill bands were on hand lend their instruments to the cause — literally. While the bands did perform for students, they also offered up their instruments to what Whelan describes as a "musical petting zoo," allowing the younger students to take a closer look and actually touch the instruments.

"So many times children will hear about what an oboe is or a cello, but they will have no idea what it looks like," said Whelan, but by seeing what they look like close up, the children can get a real sense of the instrument.

For those who preferred to explore art in the two-dimensional sense, Scituate artist Mat Brown, chief creator and illustrator of Building #19's popular cartoon ads was on hand to help children explore their artistic talents in the drawing arena. While every student might not have the ability to draw like Brown, "Every single one of them has the ability to draw," which Whelan said was stressed during the lesson.

In the computer labs, students were allowed to test out graphic design software while having some musical accompaniment. For those who like to design with more tangible objects, an interactive booth was set up in the cafeteria for budding architects. Children were all given a piece of blueprint paper to draw their designs, then built their creation out of cardboard.

Whelan said this was the first time the school has held an arts night, and it provided a wonderful opportunity to promote the arts in school. She said it was a wonderful way for the PSO to help fulfill their enrichment commitment to the school, as well as the perfect way to wrap up the month long arts celebration.



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A budding architect crawls through the cardboard houses on display at the Osgood School Arts Night festival.



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Indian living surface unearthed in Hingham Square

Artifacts found under rail bed

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For the untrained eye, it just looks like dirt. But to archeologists, what is being unearthed in Hingham Square continues to create excitement.

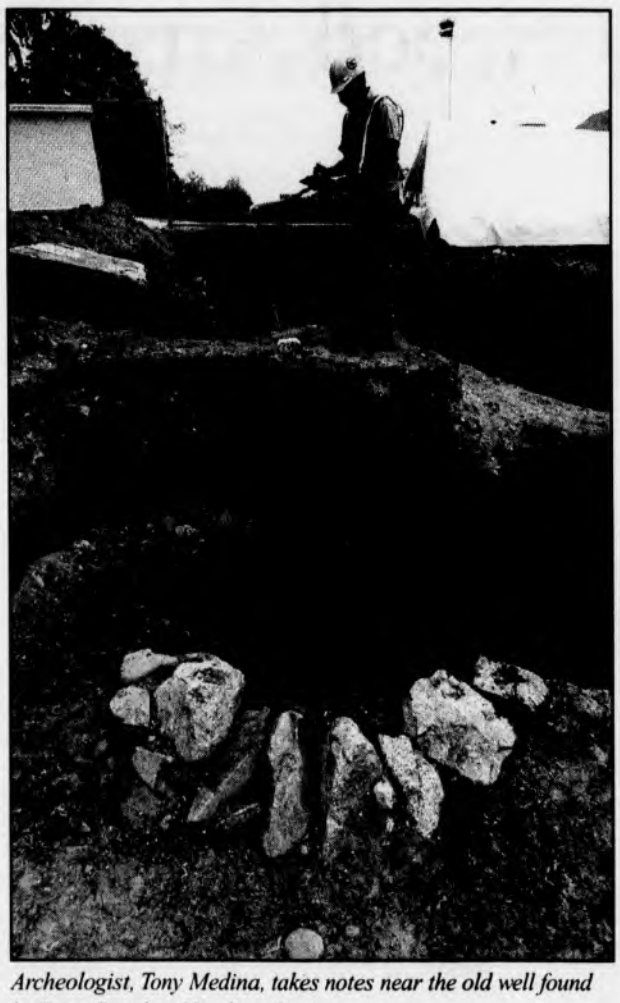
The living surface includes circular stains in the soil that archeologists believe depict where saplings were anchored to provide the structure for a wigwam.

Stains on the earth buried by hundreds of years of soil and fill are starting to paint a picture of an Indian settlement on a terrace near an open Town Brook which used to meander through the downtown area.

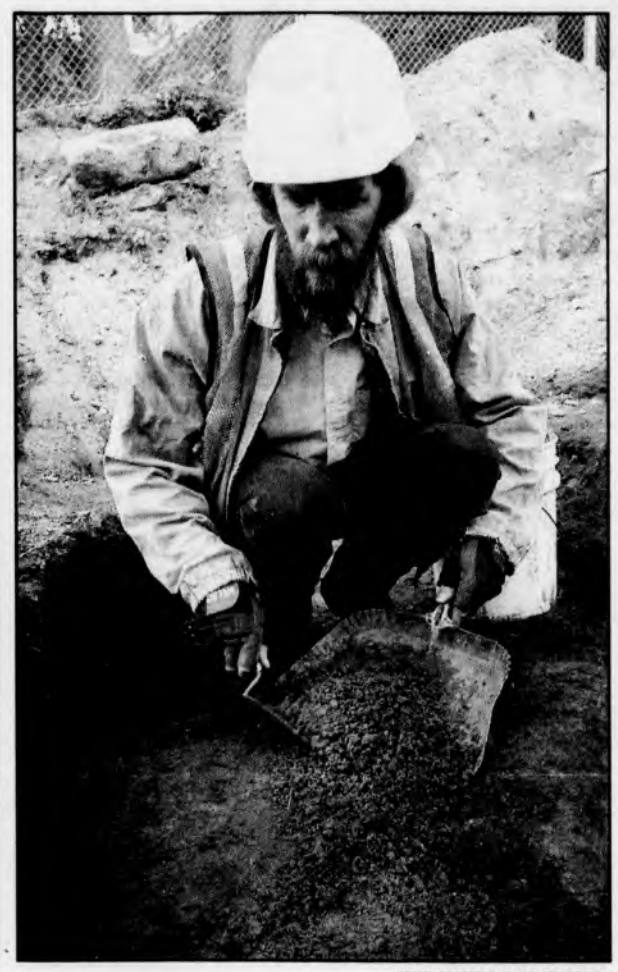
Field archeologists from the University of Massachusetts Archeological Services have uncovered a living surface several feet beneath the fill along the old railroad bed. While the excavation halts further work in the area on the train tunnel and its companion project — relocating Town Brook — Greenbush construction continues along other parts of the right-of-way.

The living surface includes circular stains in the soil that archeologists believe depict where saplings were anchored to provide the structure for a wigwam. The circles, where the wood decomposed, are some six inches in diameter and are a different color than the surrounding soil. There's also a dark stain where cooking or food storage could have taken place.

Plans over the next few weeks are to completely study and document the site before the bulldozers cover it over. Living surfaces, like the one uncovered in Hingham, are non-portable artifacts and therefore, by their nature, cannot be removed.



Archeologist, Tony Medina, takes notes near the old well found by Town Brook in Hingham Square.



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Field archeologist, Terry Stigers, scrapes a layer of dirt off the Indian living surface uncovered along the rail bed in Hingham Square.

In addition to signs in the earth itself, portable artifacts such a clay pipes, ceramics, glass and pieces of English flint have also been uncovered. The painstaking work involves carefully scraping off a layer of dirt and then sifting it through a screen to catch any remnants of Hingham history.

The bits and pieces uncovered show the Indians were trading with each other. For example, pieces of arrowheads and stone tools that have been uncovered come from as far away as the Hudson River Valley.

"Most people think this is trash," says crew chief Tony Medina, explaining how the broken lip of a bottle he was holding could tell a story. He said while most think of the country as wilderness when the Indians roamed, it was in fact quite civilized.

Back in April, the remains of 17th-century circular well that was dry laid and an 19th-century wooden privy were unearthed behind the first Samuel Lincoln House that dates back to the 1600s. The archeologists subsequently extended their dig beyond that excavation to uncover the Indian living surface. The Indians moved seasonally, storing their food and grain in pits. The remains of the pits left a stain in the soil as well as bits of animal bones and some grain and seeds. The wigwam where the Indians lived was quite large and also included a fire pit in the center and racks for sleeping.

Eventually the portable artifacts will find their way back to Hingham, explains project archeologist Tim Barker. An English flint and latten spoon, dating to the 17th century, are two interesting discoveries found among the Indian artifacts that show the Indians were trading with the Europeans, he said.

It's not surprising Indians chose the site which was next to fresh water with easy access to the tidal Mill Pond, which is now the Station Street parking lot, and the coast, Barker explains.

Another interesting discovery is either part of a corduroy foot bridge or a V-shaped fish weir that may correlate to the Indian site, Barker said.

Local historian John Richardson of Fort Hill Street in Hingham says Thaxter's Bridge once spanned Town Brook where the current archeological dig is taking place. The downtown area had a series of bridges. Broad Bridge where Main Street crosses South and North streets was the most traveled and so large that vendors sold their wares from the edges of it.

"People used to throw things off the bridges," Richardson said.

Richardson expects more Indian artifacts will be unearthed. When the original train station and tower were built in 1849, Indian artifacts were discovered at that time.

Richardson notes building the train back in 1849 required filling the area and walling up the Town Brook. It was aesthetically destructive but not unpopular.

"There was no great outcry at the time because the train was a great mode of transportation," he explained. The alternative was the stagecoach whose circuitous route was over Fort Hill Street.

Test pits were dug last May along the right-of-way to determine areas of archeological interest. In January, an ancient retaining wall was discovered at the top of Station Street. Colonial artifacts were found near the wall. More discoveries are possible along the rail bed between North and South streets.

Archeologists doing the field work will report their detailed findings to the Massachusetts Historical Commission as a required part of the Greenbush project. The information will eventually make its way to the Army Corps of Engineers, which is the federal environmental permitting agency on the project, and back to Hingham for display and education.

Relocating Town Brook that flows under Hingham Square is part of the Greenbush train project that includes building a tunnel — dubbed Hingham's "Big Dig" — under the Square. The brook and tunnel projects are being conducted concurrently.

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Mill River could become full-service boatyard site

Plans could pose parking problems

By Samantha Brown
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"Parking is the number one problem in my view."
— Bob Sturdy, planning board

Members of the Mill River Boatyard development team have come forward with more detailed plans regarding the reconstruction of the Border Street site. If they have their way, a full-service boatyard, complete with hauling, launching, storage and repair facilities will be operating in the future, where three dilapidated buildings once stood.

However, with the sprucing up of the area comes a potential increase in traffic, and members of the planning board are concerned more vehicles will cause more parking problems for the site than there already are. Although developers say there will not be an increase in use for the site, the planning board disagrees and says there need to be provisions made for additional parking if their plans are going to work.

"Parking is the number one problem in my view," said member Bob Sturdy, adding the rebuild of the area could generate a huge parking problem, which doesn't currently exist with what is there today. Currently, the Cohasset Lobster Pound and the first floor of the main building on site are the only two buildings that can safely be used as work space. With plans to have a full service boatyard, which will incorporate both a rebuilt Eastwick building, Quonset Hut, main building and the Lobster Pound, Sturdy said he can see the current plans generating the need for upwards of 100 parking spaces due to its increase of use.

"There is parking all along Border Street," said attorney for Mill River Boatyard LLC, Charles Humphreys. He added that the development team is only looking to reconstruct the three buildings that are already on site, and they're going to be used for a boatyard, and there should be no distinction between the different levels it may or may not be working at. He said when a business goes from being a summer only business to a year-round, there is no increase of use, and this project is not proposing an increase of use either.

"We don't need parking," said Humphreys.

Planning Board member Stuart Ivimey said he agreed with Sturdy and called that part of town "a parking nightmare," which could potentially be made worse depending on the businesses that move into the reconstructed buildings. Ivimey then asked Humphreys if he believed the Mill River site is currently operating as a full-service boatyard.

"Yes, I believe that is exactly what it is operating as today," Humphreys said.

Humphreys outlined the proposed uses of the project in a letter written to the planning board, which the board had requested at its last meeting. The development team at first said it did not need to disclose what the potential uses for the buildings might be, but after consulting with Town Counsel, the planning board found it was in its purview to ask and requested detailed information in writing.

The letter, written by Humphreys, states: "Without in any way intending to limit the right of any owner to use property in any manner permitted by law, it is the intention of Mill River Boatyard, LLC to use the above referenced facilities, including the buildings being reconstructed, as a full service boatyard, which includes hauling, launching, storage, and repair of boats and marine equipment. Such additional uses proposed to the extent permitted by existing law or hereinafter required permits are; the retail sale of marine petroleum products, the sale of boats, fishing and boating supplies and equipment; wholesale and retail sale of seafood products; docks, facilities and floats, and any other use of activity permitted under the zoning bylaw and G.L. Chapter 91, including all accessory uses normally permitted therewith."

However, the letter did not clear up all questions, and member Peter Pratt, who was acting chairman in place of Al Moore who recused himself from the discussion, said the different uses can be open to interpretation. He said if the plans are to have rack storage, that should be called out on the plans and the board should be given the best description of what is likely to happen on site as is possible. He made reference to when the Fleet Bank came to Cohasset and asked for a drive-up window. The board asked whether there would be a teller or an ATM machine, because the use for the space could affect what will be allowed in the future. He said if the bank had moved out and a restaurant moved in, leaving the town with a drive-through window which it doesn't want, the town would have looked to the board and asked why it hadn't done its job. "We need to know, is this an ATM or French fries?" he said.

Humphreys said any use on site will abide by all rules and bylaws of both the town and state and special permits will be sought after when needed. He said depending on the permits that can be obtained, it will affect what the plans for the site are, and that will have to be seen at a later date.

Member Mike Westcott said in his view, there is going to be an increase in the extent of the use of the facilities, as there is probably only one boat being worked on at the site currently, meaning there will be more parking needed for the site in the future. However, Humphreys said that information is not correct and there are currently over a dozen boats on the site. "That shows a predisposition toward this project that is astounding. We have a boatyard that is populated with boats in every area," he said. Humphreys added the board should put some typical conditions on the permit and send them off to the other boards to let them take a look at the plans and go from there.

However, Pratt said he wouldn't feel comfortable doing that because, "This board generally likes people to comply with the law." He went on to say he feels the plans are avoiding the extent the buildings will be used as well as the types of transactions that would be conducted and if the board doesn't do its job and ask the questions, it could end up approving a building without the proper infrastructure. What was allowed when the buildings were built is very different from what is allowed with a reconstruction, he said, adding parking, sewer, and water will vary based on the amount of employees they expect to have and the overall scope of use for the site. Pratt also said if there is a change of use on the site, the board needs to ask for additional information such as traffic impact studies.

"We're all trying to do the right thing up here," Pratt said of his board, adding the applicant is to be commended for even wanting to take the project on.

The Planning Board was slated to take on the Mill River Boatyard issue again at its meeting Wednesday night after the Mariner went to press. It was the only item scheduled for the agenda and the board hoped to reach some conclusions on the matter that evening.


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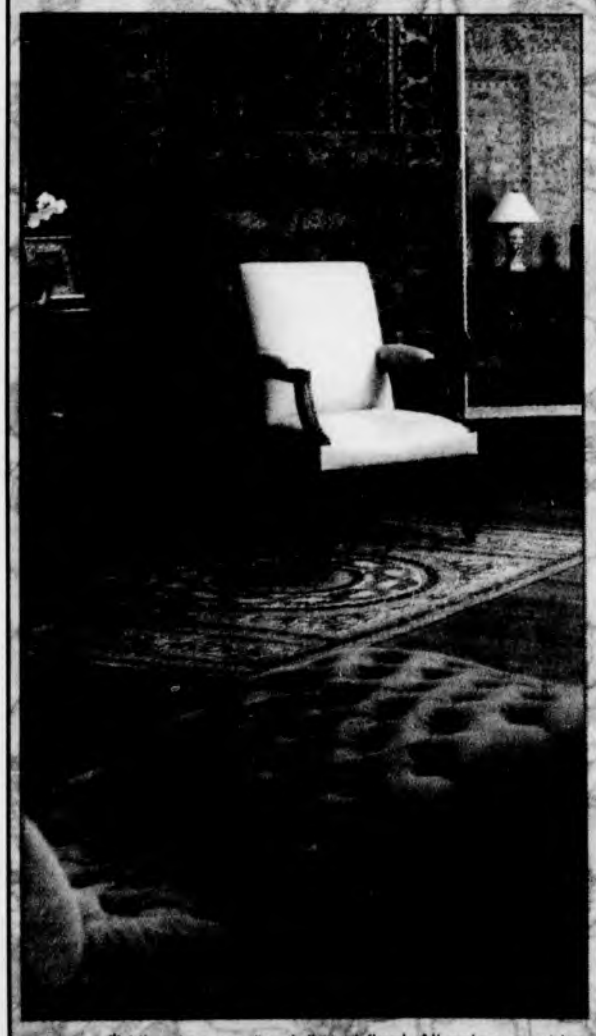
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First large house gets OK from Planning Board

By Samantha Brown
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"We will face the day when someone will want to build everything to within one-half inch of the maximum, but this looks good."
—Al Moore, planning board chairman

While the trial run for any new bylaw often does not go smoothly, the first public hearing for the Large House Plan Review, passed by voters at the annual Town Meeting, went off without a hitch.

George McGoldrick, 93 Black Rock Road, came before the Planning Board last week with plans to build a new, 4,100 square foot single family home on Jerusalem Road. The large house review is triggered when the plans for a home exceed the greater of 3,500 square feet or 10 percent of the lot area up to 6,000 square feet.

McGoldrick bought the property at 378 Jerusalem Road, which includes an old Victorian home and its lot, as well as a second buildable lot. He said he has renovated the Victorian home and has plans to sell it to a couple from Natick, and will move with his family to the home he intends to build on the second lot.

McGoldrick said he looked at the bylaw passed at the annual Town Meeting and tried to conform to its standards as much as possible. He said he made every effort to take his neighbors into consideration and their current way of life, and will take every measure possible to ensure the new home he will build will fit in with the current character of the neighborhood. He said in trying to conform with what is already existing in the area, he does not have plans to create a new driveway off of Jerusalem Road and has made other considerations as well.

"We are set back from the road as far as possible and we didn't want to disturb the stone wall," that runs along the property, McGoldrick said, adding he also "didn't want to interrupt any views for the neighbors."

The Planning Board was glad the process went so smoothly, considering it was the first time dealing with the new bylaw. The general consensus of the board was, because McGoldrick followed the bylaw and had discussed his plans with the neighbors, there were no problems to deal with, and they were happy to grant approval for a building permit.

Mark DeGiacomo, who is on the Growth and Development Committee and was a proponent for the article, is an abutter to the property and came to the meeting with the Planning Board. "He's doing exactly what you'd hope he would do," DeGiacomo said of McGoldrick, and said he had no problems with the proposed new house.

DeGiacomo was the only abutter to attend the hearing, which Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said was a good sign, and means McGoldrick did his homework talking to abutters and taking the guidelines into consideration, prior to coming before the board.

"We will face the day when someone will want to build everything to within one-half inch of the maximum, but this looks good,' said Moore.

The large house plan review was modeled after a bylaw adopted by the town of Weston. It was passed to ensure any proposals for construction of residential buildings which exceed the greater of 3,500 square feet or 10 percent of the lot area up to 6,000 square feet will be subject to a review process by the Planning Board. If a home is under the size requirements, the bylaw will have no effect on any building plans.

The intention of the bylaw is to insure abutters are notified if a "large house" is going to be built in their neighborhood, and that the Planning Board holds a public hearing to air any concerns on both sides. The Planning Board can then either choose to recommend the project receive a building permit or not, but the building inspector ultimately has the last say on the matter.

McGoldrick hopes to start construction in a month or two.

Water main flushing to continue

"Flushing cleans out sediment and deposits which may have accumulated in the water mains and is an important part of the continuing efforts to improve drinking water quality to our customers."
— John McNabb, water commission

The Water Department is continuing to flush water mains, which started April 26 and will conclude May 31. Flushing will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. The anticipated flushing schedule for the week of May 24 follows: May 24, North Main St. from Forest Ave. to Elm St.; Highland Ave. and Highland Ct.; Elm St., Margin St., Atlantic Ave. to Beach St, Beach St. and streets off these streets; Sohier St. from Ripley Rd. to No. Main St.; Ripley Rd.; Depot Ct.; and Smith Place. May 25, Atlantic Ave. from Beach St. to Jerusalem Rd.; Nichols Rd.; Jerusalem Rd. from Atlantic Ave. to No. Main St.; Joy Pl.; Gammons Rd.; Redgate Ln.; and streets off all of these streets. May 26, Jerusalem Rd. from Forest St. to Atlantic Ave. and all streets off this section of Jerusalem Rd.

Residents will be provided advance notification in the Cohasset Mariner and the Patriot Ledger of the schedule for flushing each segment of the system. In addition, temporary street signs will be placed strategically around the affected area on the day of flushing. Notice will also be provided on the Water Dept.'s web site, www.cohassetwater.org and on the local cable access channel, Channel 10. Residents should monitor the web site and the cable channel for schedule changes.

"Flushing cleans out sediment and deposits which may have accumulated in the water mains and is an important part of the continuing efforts to improve drinking water quality to our customers," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission.

Do not wash clothes during the time the flushing occurs. If clothing becomes stained it can be cleaned by using "Iron Out" which is available for free from the Water Department.

During the flushing program, some temporary discoloration of the water may occur. Run the cold water faucet, preferably outside, for a short time until the discoloration clears. If your water is discolored, avoid using hot water until you flush your hot water tank by opening the valve at the bottom of the tank.

Please call the Water Department at 781- 383-0057 with any questions.

Free conference on senior housing

A free conference, "Housing That Works; A Conference for Older Adults Considering a Move" will be held Friday, June 4, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Senior Center at Hingham Town Hall.

The full-day conference of lectures, workshops and a trade show will offer information about housing choices and ways to minimize the stress of moving. Seniors and children of seniors facing the possibility of a future move are invited to attend.

The morning session will consist of several panels: Selling Your Home – how to simplify the process, and Profiles in Housing – information about different senior housing options. Afternoon panels will discuss: Title 5 septic regulations ("It's in the Tank") and The Rent is Due - financing options for the various types of housing.

Following the panel discussions will be a free lunch and a tradeshow (1-3 p.m.) where conference participants will have an opportunity to meet representatives from many local senior housing communities, and professionals who provide services to help seniors have a stress-free move. In addition special raffle prizes will be offered from many local businesses.

The conference is sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs and the Hingham Department of Elder Services, with support from the Allerton House of Hingham, Linden Ponds at Hingham, and the Transitions Program of Home Center Real Estate in Hingham. Pre-registration is required by May 28. Call the Hingham Department of Elder Services at 781-741-1458 or Cohasset Elder Affairs, 781-383-9112.

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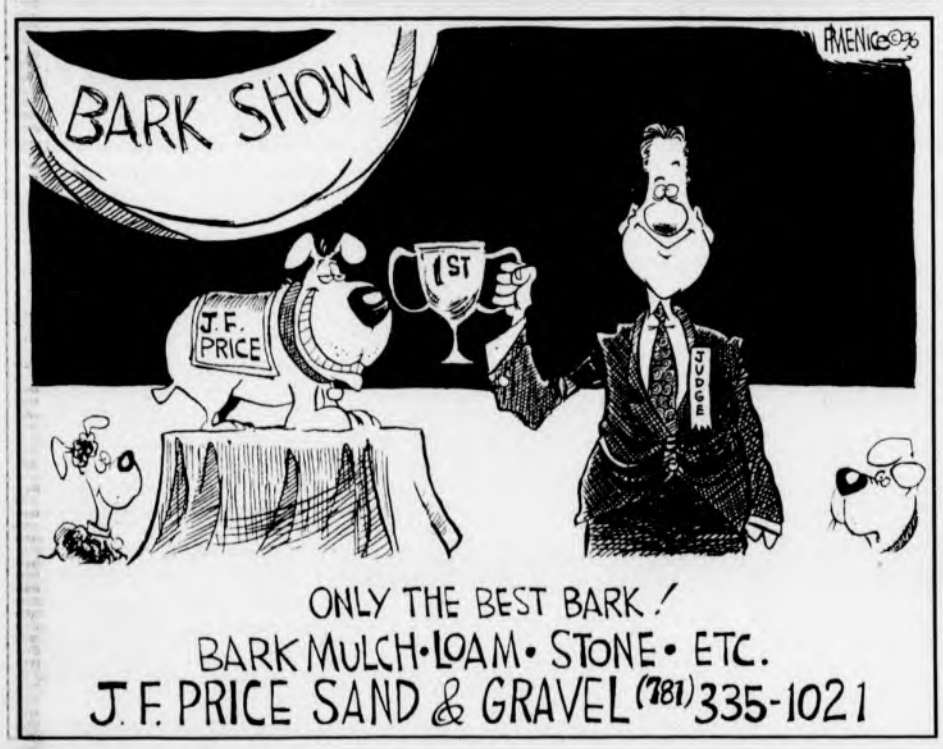
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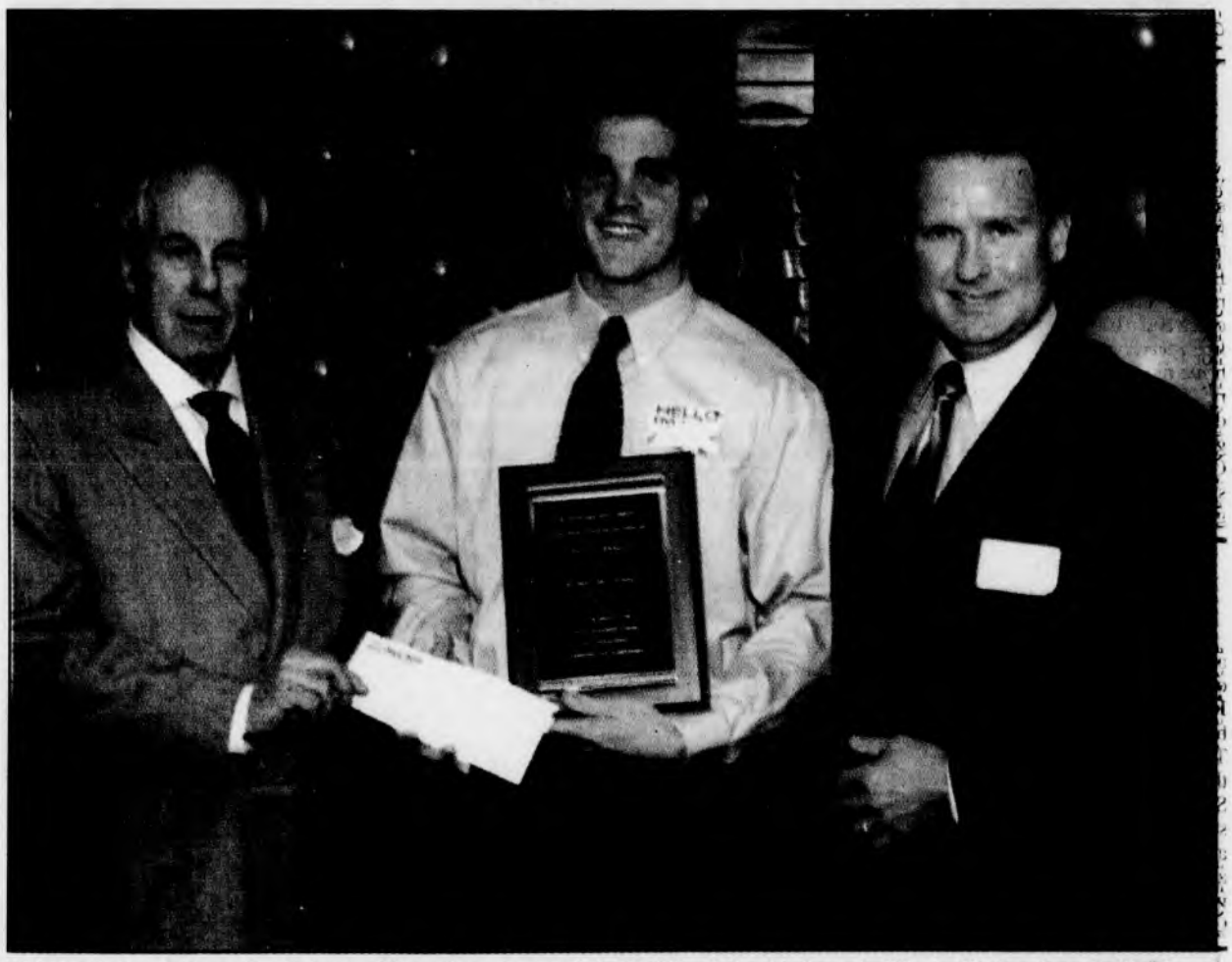


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O'Connell wins Pilgrim Arena scholarship



Cohasset's Greg O'Connell, a Belmont Hill graduate, is awarded a $5,000 scholarship from the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham. With Greg are Roger Williams, left, chairman of the scholarship committee at the arena, and Hoby Taylor, rink president.

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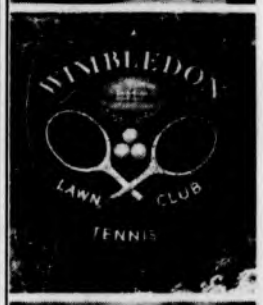
























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BIRTHDAY WISHES

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Congratulations to Cohasset's **Greg O'Connell** on his winning a $5,000 college scholarship from the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham. Greg, who is heading to Tufts University, was one of 10 Pilgrim Arena scholarship recipients this spring.

PSO TO MEET

The Cohasset PSO will b meeting on Friday, June 4 at a.m. at the Paul Pratt Library. A current board members ar encouraged to attend this yea end meeting. Anyone intereste in being involved in the PSO a the Osgood, Deer Hill and mid dle/high school or on town-wide committees like Metco, PAC, Community Relations o

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Diversity, are invited to come and find out what volunteer opportunities are available.

The PSO is looking for a treasurer to take over the accounting duties as well. The PSO is a great way to get involved in the schools and help enrich the lives of all of our children. Hope to see you on June 4th!

HONORS GRADUATE

Michael Raul Sanchez of Cohasset recently graduated *magna cum laude* from Wentworth Institute of Technology with an associate's degree in electronic engineering technology.

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Tom Norton makes a 'grand slam' gift

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GRAND SLAM DONATION

The Cohasset Diamond Club would like to gratefully acknowledge **Tom Norton** of Coastal Nissan of Cohasset on Route 3A. Tom heard that the Cohasset High School Baseball Team was raising funds for an assistant coach and a batting cage. So, just like a player making a grand slam home run just in time for a victory, Tom made a "grand slam" donation that brought the Club's goal within reach. If you are a CHS baseball fan, be sure to stop by the Nissan dealership and give Tom Norton a High Five!

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PROM NIGHT

The details surrounding CHS Prom Night on Friday, May 28 are as follows: The Pre-Prom Gala begins at 5:30 p.m. on the Cohasset Common. Parking in the Town Hall parking lot is for prom attendees only. At 6:45 p.m., Seniors and their guests will board trolleys and go to the Venezia in Quincy for dinner and dancing. There, the prom will be from 7:30 until 11 p.m. Trolleys will then transport Prom-goers back to Cohasset Common, arriving 11:30-11:45 p.m. Those attending the Post Prom celebration at the high school, 12:30 a.m.- 5 a.m., must check in by 12:15 a.m.

All Seniors who purchased tickets will have their names on the Post Prom list at the door. Those without tickets may not purchase them that night at the door. Once Seniors are at the Post Prom celebration, they are required to stay until 5 a.m. unless they have their family's permission to leave.

Families should be watching the mail for these details outlined in a letter sent by the 2004 Post Prom Committee, which will also include order information on how to purchase the entertaining and nostalgic History of the CHS 2004 Senior Class Videotape. The videotape is priced at $20 and may be ordered or purchased on Senior Class Night, June 2nd, at the high school.

BOY SCOUT PICTURES NEEDED

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That is all the news this week. Please send all news and information to me no later than Mondays by 5 p.m.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Somber reminder

Let's try to put politics aside for a moment. Regardless of your position on the war in Iraq, or whether you agree with decisions being made by President Bush and those in power, let's take time this Memorial Day to honor the men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in this ongoing battle.

The concept of Memorial Day and how it should be celebrated has certainly slipped from our grasp over the years. As the memories of Korea and Vietnam fade and the legacies of World War II and World War I became footnotes in history books, the mood and tone of Memorial Day has taken a dramatic turn from its original intention.

Gone is the day for somber reflection, of parades hosted by towns to honor fallen war veterans, of ceremonies at local cemeteries where veterans' graves were decorated with flowers and flags and people took the time to clean the grave sites.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was officially proclaimed May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic during the Civil War. It was first observed May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873 and by 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, instead honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I, when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war. Since Congress passed the National Holiday Act of 1971, making it a federal holiday, it is celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May. Several southern states, however, still have an additional separate day to honor Confederate soldiers killed in the Civil War.

What Memorial Day has become over time, however, is a long weekend for family barbecues, trips to the beach to celebrate the "unofficial" start of summer, or shopping sprees at the local mall to take advantage of the big sales.

The war in Iraq has brought the reality and the tragedy of war closer to home. While the 136 members of the 1058th Transportation Company of the Massachusetts National Guard based in Hingham recently returned home safely after 14 months on the front lines, some local soldiers have not been so fortunate. Marine Lieutenant Brian McPhillips, 25, of Pembroke, was one of the first United States soldiers killed in Iraq in April 2003, and the list continues to grow.

Since the war began, 785 Americans have lost their lives, with the majority of those killed after President Bush declared an end to the major combat on May 1, 2003. During the time Americans were rebuilding Iraq after the capture of Saddam Hussein and the toppling of his regime, 647 men and women have been killed.

Politics aside, these men and women have been sent to Iraq to do a job. Whether they believe it is their job to follow orders and honor their commitment to the military branch they served, to liberate Iraq from the ruthless regime of Saddam Hussein, to protect American interests in the Middle East, no matter what their reason for being there, they served their country and paid the ultimate price in doing so. You don't have to believe in war or support military action to honor those who die in service to their country.

When Memorial Day became a three-day weekend, it made it a little easier for Americans to get distracted from the true spirit and meaning of the day. But the war in Iraq serves as a timely reminder that we need to remember and honor those who died fighting for our country, whether it be in Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Korea or during either of the two World Wars.

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With poppies, we remember our veterans

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN



The recent burst of heat and "summer" got me out into the garden to assess the winter's damage and plan the new crop. Thanks to the grub-hunting skunks and the fierce daily whiffle ball games, the lawn is a complete disaster, far past the point where any patch seeding will improve its appearance. My lilacs, decades old, are succumbing to age, road salt and all the other pollutants in modern society that conspire to do in roadside plantings. But the lilacs that have survived are all blooming gloriously, and during these next few days, the flower's special fragrance will perfume the air. I've lopped my Niagra grapevine back to virtually nothing. It struggled last year, a victim of black rot, but I'm confident that the severe pruning I've given it (which I've never had the heart to do in the past) will restore it to life. The perennial bed is coming alive after being heavily mulched for the winter. If only *all* the perennials came back with the same vigor the chives do. My roses, I fear, are not coming back. For a dozen years they graced my front fence (which has also succumbed, to rot), but the extreme winter cold was more than they could take. I'm trying to look on the bright side and take the advice of one gardening columnist who suggested that rather than fretting over lost plants, one might use the opportunity to plant something new and different.

Some things in the garden are, however, so reliable as to inspire wonder at their resiliency. The Bleeding heart has been growing four to five inches a day and is just about in full bloom. The Solomon's seal that I rescued from a heap of garden waste in the woods up the street is also thriving. The catnip is everywhere and I have a beautiful palette of spring bulb flowers. The daylilies are indestructible (though I wouldn't mind some attrition in their ranks) and my Lunaria (better known as money plant — if only it were so!) out in the woods never disappoints.

Of all my returnees, the one I most anticipate each spring is the Oriental poppy, a hardy perennial whose dazzling, solitary orange-red flower adds an old-fashioned, exuberant charm to the garden. The flower, with its dark, velvety eye, begins inconspicuously enough, a bouquet-like cluster of hairy leaves emerging from the still-cold ground. The leaves thicken, stiffen and multiply and from somewhere deep in their midst comes the thick, hairy stalk that grows several feet high. Atop the stalk, a tightly packed, nodding bud can barely contain its contents. As the seams of the calyx begin to separate, the first hints of the orange tissue-papery petals show themselves. If there is anything disappointing about the flower it is its ephemeral nature. Blink and you'll miss the unfolding of the petals. The slightest breeze will rob the flower of those petals, leaving only the seed pod. I cut the pods every fall, shake the zillions of tiny seeds from inside, and arrange the pods in a vase, an elegant reminder, all winter, of these approaching days of summer.

The name, "poppy," derives from the Latin *papaver*, and is a flower family that includes Celandine and Dutchman's breeches. Exuding a milky sap when broken or bruised, the poppy's Latin name is said to relate to pap, a semi-liquid food for babies made from bread or meal moistened with milk.

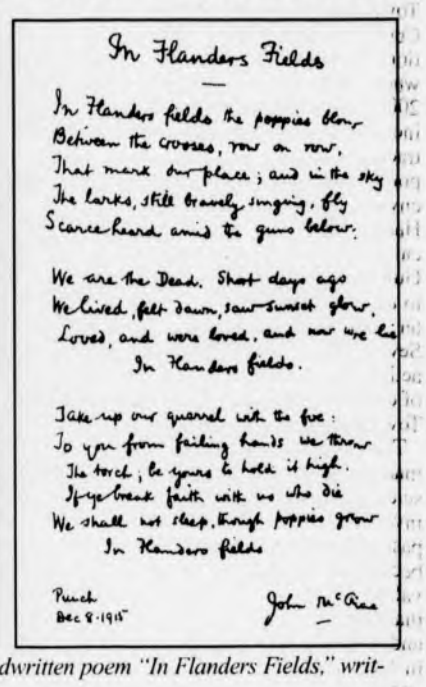
The poppy has long been legendary for the narcotic effects of some species, particularly *Papaver somniferum*, the opium poppy, a herbaceous annual indigenous to Asia. Associated throughout history with sleep, tranquility, dreams and peace, *P. somniferum* was known by the ancient Sumarians as the "joy plant." Ancient Egyptians buried their dead with the poppy to ensure a peaceful sleep and in Greek mythology, Demeter is said to have created the poppy to induce sleep after the loss of her daughter, Persephone.

Widely cultivated through the ages for its milk — opium in its crudest form — from which morphine, codeine and laudanum are derived, the opium poppy has been one of mankind's most important medicinal plants, a mainstay of orthodox medicine, used as a pain reliever, sleep aid and remedy for nausea. Its usefulness, however, was abused and the "cure" became an addiction. Quack patent medicines of the 19th century made opium virtuous, lauding it as a tincture that could cheer the heart, refresh the spirit, quiet the mind, and enhance the imagination. Virtually every medicinal concoction was infused with opium. Poets, writers and artists indulged, hoping to intensify consciousness and bring about creative delirium. As opium's pernicious effects began to show themselves, *Papaver somniferum* became a symbol of illicit drug trade and the scourge of heroin addiction.

If the scourge of addiction brought attention to the opium poppy, the scourge of war brought attention to another member of the family, *Papaver Rhoeas*, the common red poppy. Also known as a field or corn poppy, the wildflower contains rhoeadine, a non-poisonous mild narcotic. Greek legend tells of this poppy being created by Somnus, the god of sleep. Its seeds, which can lie dormant for years, germinate in rooted up soil. Profusions of the graceful flower beautify sunny waste places and old fields, though in many places *Papaver Rhoeas* is regarded as little more than a weed.

To Major John McCrae, a Canadian surgeon attached to the 1st Field Artillery Brigade in western Belgium during World War I, the dainty poppy became a symbol of the terrible toll of war and the perpetual sleep of its victims.





In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields

Punch
Dec 8 1915

John McCrae

Major John McCrae and a copy of his handwritten poem "In Flanders Fields," written under fire during World War I at Ypres.

For 17 days, McCrae tended to the war injured in the Ypres salient, an experience he later wrote was "17 days of Hades." During lulls in the ferocious fighting, the dead were buried where they fell, amid the rubble and blood-soaked soil, their graves marked with wooden crosses, row on row. One death particularly affected McCrae. A young soldier, Alexis Helmer of Ottawa, whom McCrae had befriended, was killed May 2, 1915. In the absence of the chaplain, McCrae performed the funeral ceremony. The next day, anguished McCrae composed his poem, *In Flanders Fields*, perhaps the most memorable words ever written about war.

All around him, on the battlefield that had become a cemetery, the little red poppies, whose roots were said to feed on blood, mysteriously blossomed over the graves of the fallen, a phenomenon that had also been noted a century earlier during the Napoleonic Wars. McCrae wrote for 20 minutes, an exact description of the scene before his eyes, then tossed the poem aside. Retrieved by a fellow officer, the poem was sent to newspapers in England where it was published by the magazine, *Punch*.

Inspired by the poem, an American woman, Moina Michael, was the first to wear a poppy in honor of those who had died in the nation's service. The tradition spread to other countries and in 1922, the Veterans of Foreign Wars became the first veterans organization to adopt the poppy as a symbol of remembrance and Memorial Day. Today, the paper poppies, assembled by disabled and aging veterans, are sold to benefit veterans' service programs and help support the widows and orphaned children of soldiers.

It has been nine decades and a world of change since Major John McCrae wrote his evocative words, but they remain a lasting legacy of the horrific battle of Ypres, and a poignant reminder to those of us who live on that we must never forget, that we now speak for the dead.

To you, from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Library hours

The library will be closed on Sunday, May 30 and Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day. Summer hours will be in effect until after Labor Day as follows: closed Sunday; open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Art Show

The Tuesday Painters of South Shore Art Center are displaying their works at the library through July 1. Artists participating include Claire O'Callaghan and Tina Watson of Cohasset, Betty Rogers of Marshfield, Leo Harrington and Betty Tufankjian of Scituate, Barbara Walsh of Canton, Marjorie Murphy of Hingham, and Jane Flavell Collins of Duxbury. The paintings include many local scenes as well as those of Italy, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Museum Passes

Check out the museum passes available to you at the library, compliments of the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Reserve the Boston by Foot pass and explore the city of Boston with guided walking tours. Boston by Foot offers daily, 90 minute regularly scheduled walking tours. Discover "Boston Underground" a view of the subterranean engineering of Boston including underwater tunnels, America's first subway, and the Central Artery/Tunnel project. The tour is one-third underground. This tour is scheduled Sundays at 2 p.m. and proceeds rain or shine. The pass admits four people free of charge. For more information on other tours available and their schedules, please check the Boston by Foot web site at www.bostonbyfoot.org. To reserve the pass, telephone the library at 781- 383-1348.

Computer help

Do you need help using the library's computers? Would you like to learn how to search the online catalog or reference databases? Sign up for a one-on-one tutorial with our Reference Librarian Judy Simons. Call the library to schedule a session.

'Wizard of Oz'

Follow the yellow brick road to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset Thursday, May 27, at 5 p.m. to catch a preview of the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "The Wizard of Oz." Many of your favorite characters will perform a selection of songs from the show. Meet the Munchkins! See the Flying Monkeys! This performance is open to the public, free of charge, and refreshments will be served following the performance.

Large print books

Large print books have been added our the collection. Nonfiction titles: "The Bookseller of Kabul," by Asne Seierstad portrays Sultan Khan, who for over twenty years, in spite of arrest and imprisonment, has defied the authorities by providing books to the people of Kabul. "We are Lincoln Men," by David Herbert Donald shows Lincoln as a private man with few close friendships. "The Seashell on the Mountaintop: a Story of Science, Sainthood, and the Humble Genius who Discovered a New History of the Earth," by Alan Cutler is the story of Nicholaus Steno, the seventeenth-century Danish anatomist and founder of geology.

HEALTH NOTES

Student reports are significant resource

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last Thursday, the Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) held its annual Report to the Town covering the various environmental monitoring activities the Center has done for the Town over the summer of 2003. Each year the Center provides increasingly valuable information to the Town about the condition of our waters and the threats thereto. Beginning in 2000, the students provided data which was included in a report provided by a Town contractor, Camp Dresser & McKee, which supported expansion of a sewer district to reduce environmental damage to clam flats in Little Harbor. Subsequent reports provided the technical basis for a natural resource inventory of the Gulf, and an assessment of the potential damage to aquatic life in Cohasset Cove from stormwater and increased effluent from the Central Sewer Plant. In short, the students' summer activities at CSCR have provided the front line of defense against environmental damage to our Town's waterways.

This year, the reports by the students were marked by the most professional and convincing science ever to come from student volunteers investigating our waters. The data, used in the past on a piecemeal basis, now shows promise, because of its quantity, quality and precision, of validating extremely important natural changes that seem to be occurring in Cohasset Harbor and its tributaries. Seventeen students are listed in four reports that cover chemical, biological and natural conditions in Cohasset Harbor, the Gulf, and other tributaries. Eric Odleifson, president of The Gulf River Association; Gulf Association activists; Joe Godzik, health agent for the Board of Health; parents and friends of the students, as well as many other involved citizens, were present for this important meeting.

The reports and their Authors are listed below:

- "Salinity Study of James Brook Drainage into Cohasset Harbor," **Toby Norman**, CHS
- "Fecal Coliform Study of the Gulf River, Summer 2003," **Dan Allen, Brent Daly, John McCarthy, Nathan Needle, Miguel De Los Santos**, and **Kara Wilcox**
- "Salinity Study of Cohasset Harbor, Summer of 2003," **John Andrade, Alice Bellone, Jaqui Blake, Mia Lieb Lappin**, and **Tom Pilczak**

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- "Physical Chemical Analysis of Gulf River Water Quality, Summer 2003," **John Grimm, Ryan Ofsthun, Matt Casey**, and **Mark Davis**, CHS

Reports by the students were marked by a level of sophistication and equivalent in many cases to college level science reports. However, the thing which made the presentations so outstanding are:

- Improved quality of data.
- Increased sophistication of measurements and reporting results.
- Increase in number and location of data points.
- Liberal use of supporting data and references from the literature
- Larger cadre of trained young scientists working on the project.
- Better Focus on conditions of importance to Cohasset's water resources.

There is no question that these remarkable reports will continue to provide the most important tool available to the Town for evaluating its estuaries and waterways. They provide data which, if developed by contractors, would cost many thousands of dollars. Moreover, the methods of collection, analysis, and evaluation have been augmented by equipment provided from donors and supporters of CSCR ; some equipment is superior to that available from the science program at the high school.

For example, the Center now has the means for determining enterococci levels in water which, according to the Department of Environmental Protection, is a more important indicator than fecal coliform for determining the threat of pollution from dangerous bacteria found in the feces of humans and warm blooded animals. In addition, Dr. Carsten Haber, a CSCR board member, is in the process of setting up electrophoresis equipment that will allow students to measure numerous constituents in harbor waters, including difficult to detect trace metals.

Summer 2004 monitoring season is getting underway right now. Those interested (students and adults welcome) in getting involved in coastal research projects should contact CSCR at 383–0129. Residents interested in reading 2003 reports can access hard copies at the Board of Health office at the Town Hall, can pick up their own copy at the CSCR, or can download reports from CSCR's website at www.cescr.org

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If others can save energy, why can't we?

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY



I'd like to commend Jacqueline and David Whipple for their recent article advocating Energy Star appliances, air-drying of laundry, and communal laundry rooms. I too urge the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission and Building Inspector to take steps that will reduce Cohasset's use of fossil fuels and reduce Cohasset's contribution to global climate change. The steps the Whipples suggest may be small, but they signal an important change in attitude, from that of helpless victim (What can I do?") to that of active defender of the environment.

The United States should be setting an example for the rest of the world on how to develop a sustainable lifestyle. Instead, the US impedes international efforts to reduce carbon emissions, the primary cause of global climate change. The US, and Cohasset's, love affair with SUVs results in pollution-per-trip five to 10 times greater than that of a hybrid car such as the Toyota Prius. We're setting an appalling global example of how to destroy the environment as fast as possible. Shame on us!

Sweden, on the other hand, recognizes the importance of reducing the use of fossil fuels, of building "green" non-toxic buildings, switching to organic farming, generating electricity with wind power, and building their economy in the process. Sixty Swedish cities and towns have adopted a four-point "Natural Step" sustainability framework to guide their development. All of them, ranging from villages of 300 people to cities of more than 100,000, are members of a national association of eco-municipalities that is dedicated to promoting ecologically, socially, and economically sustainable practices on the local and national levels.

Falkenberg (pop. 40,000) has created a windmill park, whose 10 turbines generate enough electricity to heat and light over 600 homes. Citizens pay a onetime fee to join a municipal cooperative and receive wind-powered electricity for half the market price.

Eskilstuna (pop. 90,000) built a "non-toxic" elementary school for 500 children, using only natural materials—no plastics or synthetics. The school has reported a marked improvement in the health of students, teachers, and administrators.

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Overtornea's government operations recently became 100 percent fossil fuel free, demonstrating that unsustainable municipal practices really can be overhauled. Imagine if Cohasset's schools and municipal buildings stopped burning fossil fuels, switching to non-polluting renewable energy. What a wonderful example we would set for the South Shore!

Umea, a university town and regional employment center, is the site of a most unusual enterprise, an eco-park, or Green-Zone". The four buildings on the site, including a McDonald's restaurant, a Ford Dealership, and a Statoil gas station, are constructed of wood that is locally harvested from certified sustainably managed forests. All the buildings have sod roofs, cutting stormwater drainage requirements in half. Bolts and screws rather than nails were used in construction, enabling easy disassembly and future reuse. The development, which is not part of the city's stormwater drainage or sewer systems, has reduced energy consumption by 70 percent and freshwater consumption by 90 percent. Rainwater that is not absorbed by the sod roofs or permeable paving is collected, cleaned by a state-of-the-art filtration system, and used at the car wash.

Twenty years ago, Overtornea was struggling with a declining population and an unemployment rate of 40 percent. Changes began in the mid-1980s, when town planner Torbjorn Lahti initiated a participatory community revitalization process. Today Overtornea is Sweden's first official "eco-municipality". Gradually, says Lahti, local attitudes changed from "I can't" to "we can". Since then, local citizens have formed some 200 eco-businesses.

Which leads me to wish Cohasset would be less concerned with what our new sidewalks will be paved with, or the location of memorial traffic islands, and more concerned with the damage we're wreaking to the environment that we depend on to keep us alive. Where the ---- are our priorities?

Hull, our neighbor to the north, is setting a far better example. Their wind turbine has generated 3,944,000 kilowatts of electricity since it went into operation Dec. 27, 2001. That represents 2,153 *tons* of carbon dioxide that has not been spewed into the atmosphere. Zero nitrous oxides, zero sulfur oxides, zero particulates, and zero radioactive waste.

We can all breathe a little easier because of it. Hull has proposals in the works to build two more wind turbines. Hull has replaced the incandescent bulbs in their traffic signals with LEDs, cutting electric consumption drastically. Hull offers rebates to residents who buy Energy Star washers, refrigerators, and air conditioners. Hull is organizing a Climate Change information Day July 27, to be held at the Mary Jeannette Murray Bathhouse.

Uh, Cohasset, hello?

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The Democratic convention, bah!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see where they are expecting the mother of all traffic jams during the Democratic National Convention in Boston this summer.

My first reaction is: How can they tell?

My second reaction is to be as far away as possible in some less hectic venue like Baghdad or the Gaza Strip on July 26-29 while the convention is in session in the Fleet Center.

Contesting with Al Sharpton for the last shrimp in the free lunch at Tom Menino's hospitality room in the Sheraton Boston may not be as bloody but it's every bit as strenuous as battling a terrorist in one of Saddam Hussein's suites in the Sheraton Fellujah.

The maneuver that gives me the most pause is the closing of the northbound ramps of the Southeast Expressway as far south as the so-called "Braintree split" from 4 p.m. to 12 midnight. My house is closer to the split than the Fleet Center.

The way they keep changing the rules --- I've heard of ramps to Route 128 as far south as Canton mentioned for closure --- I would expect to get up on the morning of July 26 to have a Secret Service man frisk me for saran or napalm before I take the dog for her morning walk.

I'd head for the Cape on the evening of July 25 but I'm not sure what they've done to foul up traffic at the Sagamore Rotary and, besides, I might get trampled in the rush of couples to Provincetown to become man and husband and woman and wife.

To make matters worse, there is a good chance that John Kerry, who has been the nominee for president in all but name for the last two months, will take away the convention's raison d'etre by postponing his acceptance for the nomination for a month or so.

Pardon me for asking, but isn't the reason for the convention in the first place, to nominate a candidate for the presidency and listen to a rip roaring acceptance speech that will send the delegates out on the hustings ready to chew nails for their candidate?

What's left for the delegates once they have departed the open bar at Ted Kennedy's suite at the Copley Plaza and stopped marveling at Bill Clinton's moves on the waitress at Lockober's and fought their way through traffic to the Fleet Center?

Not much, except for hours of speechifying and the nomination of a vice presidential candidate, which raises the question: Can there be a candidate for vice president without a candidate for president? And can the vice president accept while the president doesn't?

Remember the good old days when Bob Taft and Dwight Eisenhower fought it out for the Republican nomination in 1952 and Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver duked it out for the Democratic nod in 1956?

And of course there was the Democratic get together in 1924 when "Alabama casts 24 votes for Oscar W. Underwood" 102 times and John W. Davis was nominated on the 103rd ballot.

Now that was a convention!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Police officers praised

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Chief Jackson:

As a longtime town resident I have been wondering as of late what is happening with our Police Department. We keep hearing and reading stories, none of which are very flattering to your department.

Yesterday, for the first time in a very long time, I had the occasion to interact with two of Cohasset's finest — and I mean that in every sense of the word. They were very nice, polite and extremely professional.

Early yesterday morning I went out on our front stoop to retrieve the Sunday newspaper and was confronted by a very handsome grey fox who was in no apparent hurry to leave the premises. Being the great animal trainer that I am, I proceeded to make noise and slap the newspaper in order to hasten his departure. Much to my surprise, he instead decided to attack, and ran briskly toward me. I quickly retreated back into the house. After five minutes of observation I determined that this poor animal was sick and likely rabid.

I called the Cohasset Police Department and an officer arrived in less than five minutes. The responding officer acted quickly, professionally and precisely. He called the Desk Sergeant, who after hearing the officer's assessment of the situation immediately dispatched a second officer, with the proper firearm to humanely dispose of this poor animal.

Your officers, after learning that there were five young children living next door, immediately took action and solved the problem. It was a pleasure to witness their professionalism and see the problem solved so quickly. Both officers were calm in the face of a potentially dangerous situation, even as the fox charged after them.

Regrettably, I did not get the names of the officers that handled the situation. I was impressed by their actions and commend all for a job well done. Please thank them all for me, my wife and our Pond Street neighbors, as well.

Jim Kuhn
43 Pond St.

Changes proposed for the Town Manager Act

TO THE EDITOR:

John McNabb provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter to Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan.

The change in Town Managers is an opportune time to consider making changes in the Town Manager Act. One of the problems that many have identified from the past seven years of the Town Manager form of government has been too much concentration of power, and too few checks and balances, in Town financial matters and in personnel matters. I would like to suggest that the Town consider making a number of changes to the Town Manager Act, including the following:

- Make the Chief Financial Officer appointed by the Board of Selectmen and who would report directly to the Selectmen.
- Establish a strong Personnel Committee appointed by the Troika (Chairman Selectmen. Chairman Advisory Committee & Moderator) with the authority to decide on job descriptions of town personnel, and to be a review board for a progressive disciplinary process for town employees which they would have to establish.
- Make the Police Chief and Fire Chief appointed by the Board of Selectmen, who they would report directly to.
- Let all Town Boards, not Town Manager, appoint their own Dept. heads (so the Assessors can appoint their own Asst. Assessor, the Board of Health their own Health Agent, the Planning Board their own Town Planner, the Conservation Commission their own Conservation Agent, etc.).
- Make all contracts with contractual employees public documents that are on file at Town Hall and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library as soon as they are signed by all parties [such contracts should be public documents anyway; but we need to make this explicit in the Town Manager Act].

I may want to suggest other changes as well, upon further review. Finally, if there is a committee appointed to consider changes in the Town Manager Act I request to be appointed to that Committee. I am a former member and Chairman of the Town Government Structure Committee and believe I could contribute much to the work of such a committee.

John K. McNabb, Jr.
53 Pond St.

ASP event a success

TO THE EDITOR:

A sincere thank you is extended to all those individuals who participated in making our Appalachian Service Project Craft and Flea Market so successful. This first annual event could not have succeeded without the support of our volunteers, their families and our community. The profit made exceeded our expectations, and will be used to assist us in making the homes of many Appalachian families warmer, safer and dryer.

First and foremost we wold like to thank Mr. Donald Stazko for allotting us space to hold the event.

Also, many local businesses generously donated merchandise for us to raffle at our Silent Auction. This was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without Atlantic Bagel & Coffee Co., Dunkin' Donuts, Cohasset Dog Wash, Village Greenery, Bia's Bistro, Victoria's, Village Butcher & Deli, Cohasset Hardware, Atlantica Restaurant, JJ's Dairy Hut, Christopher Gallery, South Shore Art Center, Redbone's Restaurant in Somerville, Fleming's, Robin's Garage, Port's, Starbuck's, Su Esquela Spanish Immersion, Bernard's, Cohasset Cycle Sports, Stop & Shop, French Memories, The Good Sport, Maggie's Bakery and Village Wine & Spirits.

Last but not least, we would like to thank our crafters and venders. Your eclectic assortment of treasures attracted the public, and your unwavering commitment to the project was commendable and priceless. We only hope that we can continue doing business with you for many years to come.

Barbara Hoyler
Dan Volungis
ASP volunteers

Gay marriage puts our state on the global scene

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The magnitude of the gay-marriage license story can be summed up in one sentence: "Le Massachusetts a officialisé le mariage homosexual."

That's from LeMonde, and it's just one of many headlines in many languages that focused on the Bay State Monday as the state began allowing gay and lesbian couples to legally wed. This was a story that went not just national, but international. Just after 9 am, Marcia Kadish and Tanya McCloskey of Malden became the first same-sex couple in the history of the United States to be joined under a valid marriage license. Whether they'll still be legally married in 2007 remains very much an open question; voters could still render their union null and void by changing the state Constitution to remove the right to wed that gay couples began enjoying last week.

For now, though, the focus is a bit simpler – newly-wedded bliss. Opponents kept their protests to a minimum, and the news is dominated by smiles, kisses and quotes like the one from Kadish: "I'm glowing from the inside. Happy is an understatement."

This cheerful dynamic is exactly the one gay marriage supporters hope will eventually rule the day: people will agree with 18-year-old Diana Benanti of Illinois, whose parents oppose gay marriage but saw gay couples getting married on TV and told Newsweek, "I just thought how sweet it was that they finally got what they wanted."

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The sense of the day could in fact have been summed up best by the Legislature's leading light against gay marriage, Philip Travis, D-Rehobeth. He told the New York Times that last Monday was for the happy couples, not for debating the issue.

Polls show that gay marriage is not an especially controversial issue for people under 30 in the Bay State – they support it by a comfortable margin. So in the long run, gay rights activists expect to win; whether 2006 constitutes "the long run" will be determined in due course.

Politically, the more immediate question is whether the issue will have legs in the fall.

Will candidates be able to challenge pro-gay marriage incumbents on the "traditional values" question? Many Republicans and conservative Democrats fully expect so. But another line of thought holds that people just don't care that much. A candidate who talks about health insurance and housing costs compellingly, so the argument goes, is not going to be defeated just because she also voted "yes" on gay marriage.

There was, in fact, some grumbling, even among Republicans, that the governor needs to start focusing on other subjects – that he's has become more identified with "no gay marriage" than with "cleaned up the mess on Beacon Hill." Again, time will tell; it's just one more reason Nov. 2 is going to be so interesting. Well, Nov. 3, actually.

The business that would normally top the news, passage of the Senate budget, was only just emerging toward the top of the news by week's end as gay marriage receded. Even the budget had a gay-marriage angle.

• *Senate budget highlights include 1913 law repeal* — Politically, lots of State House insiders are viewing this Senate budget as a smooth move – a way for Democrats to steal some of Romney's reform thunder in the context of next fall's elections. The governor issued brief press releases in favor of Senate initiatives. Good politics being good policy, reforms in land use planning, pensions and transportation are also winning good reviews among many advocacy groups and special interests. It will be interesting to see how compliant the House is with a document deemed superior to the House and governor's by media outlets from Berkshire to Barnstable County. Pride of authorship still does count.

One area where Romney definitely did not mete out praise was for floor amendment number 640. That was language repealing a law that makes Massachusetts marriage licenses null and void for couples from out of state who would not be allowed to marry in their home state. The law was passed to keep black people from marrying white people here and then return to states with miscegenation statutes. Romney is using it to block Massachusetts from being the nation's gay-marriage haven. The House is not expect-

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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May 17-21



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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on three roll calls and local senators' votes on seven roll calls from the week of May 17-21.

EDITOR'S NOTE TO BHRC SUBSCRIBERS:

On two of the Senate roll call votes ("$22.4 BILLION FISCAL 2005 STATE BUDGET" AND "ELIMINATE TWO LOCAL HOLIDAYS"), the following explanation applies:

A "pairing" process, used only in the Senate, is a procedure which allows a senator who is absent when the vote is taken, to express his or her view anyway. Under the arrangement, the absent senator contacts a senator who is present. The present senator agrees to vote the opposite way that the absent senator will vote and agrees to "pair" his or her vote with that of the absent senator. Neither vote is counted in the official total— they cancel each other out. This process allows both senators to be unofficially recorded on the roll call.

LABOR UNIONS AND POLITICAL EDUCATION (H 4330)

House 130-20, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a section allowing an employee of a public employee labor union to authorize a fee-free payroll deductions to contribute to any committee on political education. Override supporters said this would stop the Romney administration's plan to impose a ten-cent per transaction fee on these contributions. They said it is unfair to charge a fee for contributions to these committees that mobilize members and other people to participate in political activity and support the agenda of working families. In his veto message, the governor said that it is inappropriate to use state resources and facilities to raise political contributions on behalf of private interests." (A "Yea" vote is for allowing the fee-free payroll deductions. A "Nay" vote is against allowing them). **Y**

SCHOOL BUILDING ASSISTANCE (H 4729)

House 130-21, gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a bill making major changes in the state's program that provides funding for cities and towns to renovate old school buildings and build new ones. The Democratic leadership and state Treasurer Timothy Cahill sponsored this version of the proposal. The measure takes the program away from the state's education department and creates a new independent authority, chaired by the state treasurer, to administer it. It also phases in over seven years the dedication of a penny of the state's five-cents per dollar sales tax to fund the building projects. The authority would be funded by an initial $150 million in state funding and $1 billion in state borrowing through the issuance of bonds. Another provision places a three-year moratorium on any new projects that are not already approved and then reduces the maximum reimbursement to communities by ten percent for new projects beginning in 2007. Supporters said the current program is an underfunded failure that has created a huge backlog of over 400 projects on a waiting list. They argued that this long overdue reform would clear the waiting list in three and a half years. Some opponents said they favor Gov. Romney's alternative plan to reform school building assistance and objected to giving the state treasurer control of the program. Others said the new program would take more than $1 billion from the state's sales tax and lead to underfunding of other important programs or a tax hike. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it). **Y**

SUBSTITUTE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL BUILDING ASSISTANCE BILL (H 4729)

House 28-125, rejected an amendment to substitute most of Gov. Romney's school building assistance reform bill in place of the one proposed by state Treasurer Timothy Cahill and the Democratic leadership. Supporters of the governor's plan said it leaves the program in the hands of the Education Department, does not create a new state bureaucracy and has a more fiscally responsible funding and bonding mechanism that does not require the dedication of a penny from the state's 5 cents per dollar sales tax. Opponents of the governor's plan said it is flawed and argued that the creation of a new authority run by the fiscal experts in the state treasurer's office is one of the keys to reform. They noted that the governor's plan cuts reimbursement for some current projects and would take five years, rather than the Democratic plan's three years, to clear the current backlog of 420 projects. (A "Yea" vote is for Gov. Romney's plan. A "Nay" vote is against it). **N**

$22.4 BILLION FISCAL 2005 STATE BUDGET (S 2400)

Senate 35-1, approved the Senate version of a $22.4 billion fiscal 2005 state budget. Amendments that were added following two long days of debate include barring the Board of Education from approving new Commonwealth Charter Schools until July 2005 or until the Legislature approves a new tuition and financing formula for the schools; repealing a 1913 law that prohibits out-of-state couples from getting married in Massachusetts if their home state does not recognize the union; directing Gov. Romney to request a federal waiver to allow Massachusetts to act as an agent in providing information to its residents regarding the safe purchase of prescription drugs at reduced prices from certified Canadian sources; allowing the state to make bulk purchases of prescription drugs; allowing all state employees and retirees and residents of the state without adequate prescription drug coverage to purchase their medications from Canada when that option becomes legal under federal law. Supporters said the package is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that does not raise taxes and makes tough choices in light of the state's fiscal challenges. They noted that it provides some new, bold initiatives and restores some of the cuts made in last year's budget. Opponents offered no arguments. The House has approved a different version of the budget and a compromise version has to be worked out by a conference committee. (A "Yea" vote is for the budget. A "Nay" vote is against the budget). **Y**

CHARTER SCHOOL MORATORIUM (S 2400)

Senate 26-13, approved an amendment barring the Board of Education from approving new Commonwealth Charter Schools until July 31, 2005 or until the Legislature approves a new tuition and financing formula for the schools. The measure also freezes enrollment at existing charter schools and prohibits five recently approved new charter schools from opening for at least another year. Some amendment supporters said it is irresponsible to allow the creation of more charter schools and require local communities to fund them in light of the state's fiscal crisis. Others said that these experimental schools have questionable performance records and are draining desperately needed funds from regular public schools. Some amendment opponents said that these innovative schools have performed so well that there are many children on waiting lists for enrollment. They argued that it is irresponsible to prohibit the opening of new charter schools that have already been approved. Others noted that the budget already includes a new funding formula and argued it was doublespeak to impose a moratorium until there is a new funding formula when there is already a new funding formula. (A "Yea" vote is for the moratorium. A "Nay" vote is against the moratorium). **N**

ABOLISH SUFFOLK COUNTY (S 4200)

Senate 8-29, rejected an amendment abolishing Suffolk County government effective July 1 and transferring its functions to the state. Amendment supporters said several counties have already been abolished and argued that it was time to abolish some of the remaining ones and get rid of this wasteful, costly and inefficient form of government. Amendment opponents said the Legislature has not abolished the remaining counties because it cannot afford to pick up the costly liabilities including pension costs. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment abolishing Suffolk County. A "Nay" vote is against abolishing it). **Y**

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FROM CANADA (S 4200)

Senate 38-1, approved an amendment creating a program to allow all state employees and retirees, Mass Health recipients, seniors and disabled persons who are members of the state's Prescription Advantage program and all residents of the state without adequate prescription drug coverage to purchase their medications from Canada when that option becomes legal under federal law. Amendment supporters said this would ensure that the state is prepared to act quickly to allow the safe and less costly purchase of drugs from Canada if and when federal law allows it. They argued that the program would include safeguards to ensure safety and would save consumers and the state millions of dollars. Amendment opponents offered no arguments. House Speaker Thomas Finneran (D-Boston) and Gov. Romney have expressed opposition to drug importation from Canada. They have raised concerns about the safety of the drugs and fear that importation would harm the state's flourishing biotech industry and the economy. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment creating a program to purchase drugs from Canada. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment). **Y**

RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOL BUS ADVERTISING (S 4200)

Senate 38-1, approved an amendment further restricting the type of products that can be advertised on school buses under a 2002 law that allows communities to generate revenue for their schools by selling advertising on their school buses. The law currently prohibits the advertising of any substance that is illegal for minors including alcohol, tobacco, drugs and gambling. The amendment would prohibit the advertising of fast food restaurants, beverages with added artificial or refined sweeteners, candy and processed foods containing more than 35 percent of calories from fat, 10 percent of calories from saturated fat or 35 percent sugar by weight. Amendment supporters said adolescent obesity has become a major problem and can lead to juvenile diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. They argued that schools should not give their tacit endorsement to junk food by allowing these ads on school buses. Amendment opponents offered no arguments. (A "Yea" vote is for the additional restrictions. A "Nay" vote is against them). **Y**

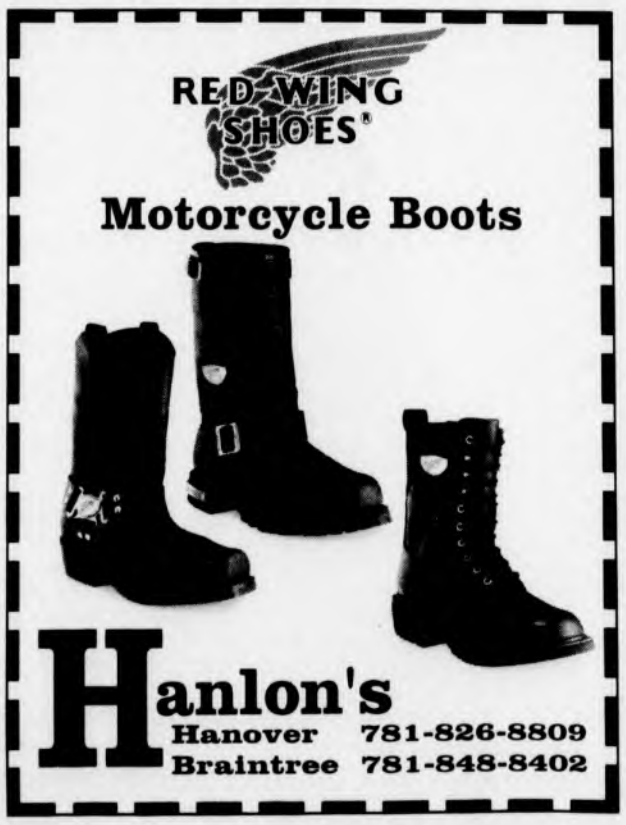
$2 MILLION FOR STATE POLICE OVERTIME (H 4200)

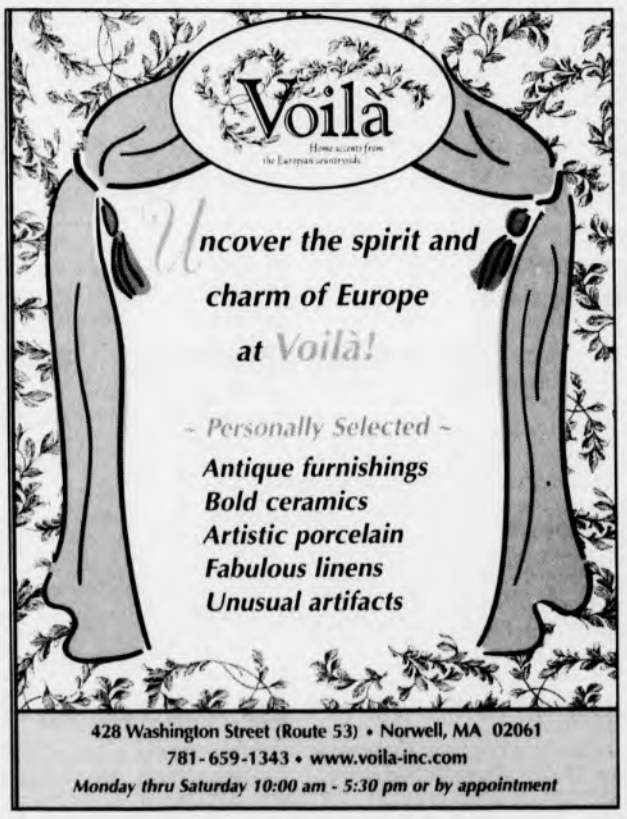
Senate 11-28, rejected an amendment increasing funding by $2 million (from $9.06 million to $11.06 million) for overtime pay for State Police officers. Amendment supporters said the additional $2 million would simply fund this account at the same level as last year. They noted that without this funding, state police patrols would be reduced in the next year. Amendment opponents said the $9 million is sufficient and argued this year's state budget is a very pro-law enforcement one that funds many public safety programs and personnel. (A "Yea" vote is for the additional $2 million. A "Nay" vote is against the additional $2 million). **Y**

ELIMINATE TWO LOCAL HOLIDAYS (S 2400)

Senate 15-21, rejected an amendment eliminating the Suffolk County legal holidays of Evacuation Day (March 17) and Bunker Hill Day (June 17). Amendment supporters said eliminating the two holidays would save money and increase work productivity. They argued it is unfair that only public employees in Suffolk County, including state workers, have these two days off from work. Amendment opponents said these two holidays commemorate important events in the city of Boston and argued it is unfair and cynical to attempt to attempt to eliminate them. They noted Evacuation Day celebrates a key victory for the American patriots when General George Washington and his troops drove the British out of Boston and Bunker Hill Day commemorates the important Battle of Bunker Hill. Absent from the Senate debate was the popular theory that declaring March 17 as Evacuation Day is just an excuse to provide a day off to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Boston. Some say that Mayor Curley assigned an aide to find an historical American event that occurred on St. Patrick's Day and the aide came up with Evacuation Day. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment eliminating the two holidays in Suffolk County. A "Nay" vote is against eliminating them). **Y**

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote







Gay marriage puts our state on the global scene

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ed to concur with the Senate vote.

Romney said he's worried that gay couples will suffer in the future when they move back to other states and try to enforce rights they don't really have. Of course, the gay advocates want as many cases as possible where couples try to obtain marriage rights in states that now prohibit them. After the governor asked Attorney General Reilly to collect and nullify the licenses that have been issued so far to out-of-state couples, activist Arline Isaacson summed up the prevailing gay viewpoint: "I just wish he would leave us alone."

In other notable actions during budget deliberations, senators:

• Went along with House language imposing a moratorium on new charter schools, meaning the governor will be presented with a moratorium in the Legislature's final budget – a moratorium he's considered certain to veto.

• Approved a plan to facilitate the purchase of medication from Canada, and allow the purchase of drugs in bulk with the aid of a pharmacy benefits manager.

• Set up a pilot program to test strict new patient-to-nurse ratios in 10 Massachusetts hospitals.

• Established a "smart growth" program similar to the one favored by the administration.

• Rejected, 21-17, a proposal to bring the Boston Municipal Court under the main district court system.

A significant sidebar of the week came when Minority Leader Brian Lees pulled his amendment to lower the state income tax rate to 5 percent. His action led fiscal conservatives such as Barbara Anderson, head of Citizens for Limited Taxation, to call for Lees' replacement as minority leader. Lees said tax relief proposals are still in play.

• *Big new courthouse bond bill released* — It totals $1.2 billion, about $700 million of that in new borrowing and the rest asking the administration to issue bonds previously authorized. Numerically, the impact of the bill would be to bring spending on courthouse renovation and construction to $100 million a year, up from the current $41 million annually, said Colleen Garry, D-Dracut, head of the Special House Commission on Court House Bond Authorization. Garry released a report describing horrible courthouse conditions. The House was expected to amend and approve the bill this week.

• *Excellent news on jobs* — The unemployment rate in Massachusetts dropped to its lowest level in years, to 4.8 percent, the Department of Unemployment Assistance announced Friday. It's the first time since early 2001 that the state has posted two straight months of job gains.

• *House okays loophole, SBA legislation* — Representatives gave their okay to legislation that would add $90 million to the revenue side of the state balance sheet. All three versions of the fiscal 2005 budget depend on the maneuvers, labeled the closure of tax loopholes by the governor and legislative leaders but deemed a tax hike by many in the business community. After six hours of debate, the House also approved a plan to eliminate a 420-project backlog in the school building assistance program. The plan earmarks a penny of the state sales tax, in increasing increments, to fund state assistance to projects. Under the plan, the backlog is projected to be erased in 3.5 years.

• *Construction reform proposals win broad praise* — Stakeholders who often work opposing sides of construction issues joined with each other and Senate leaders in praise of a plan for a major rewrite of state public construction laws. A special commission on public bidding and construction policy was able to resolve some of the long-standing obstacles to consensus on reform, officials at the press conference said. They predicted passage of the reform will clear the Legislature and receive the governor's signature this session. The plan combines new rules designed to hold contractors accountable for performance on projects with a loosening of some of the rigid procedures imposed after construction-fraud scandals of the 1970s.

• *AG announces arrests in registry-fraud ring* — Six employees of the Registry of Motor Vehicles were arrested on charges they sold fake drivers licenses, helped illegal aliens obtain licenses, and repaired bad driving records, Reilly announced. The scams at the Chinatown and Watertown branches had been going on for a "significant" period of time, he said.

• *"Boy's rebellion six" comes to hill to push for redress* — Six men labeled "morons" in the 1950s and confined to state schools held a media event to talk about the new book on their experiences, and press for an apology from the governor. The six men have presented Gov. Mitt Romney with a petition asking that he issue an Executive Order apologizing for their treatment, the lost years of their lives and perhaps compensating them for the manual labor they were forced to perform as youths. "We'll take a serious look at the petition," said Commissioner Gerald Morrissey of the Department of Mental Retardation following a brief meeting outside the governor's office.

• *Poll shows support for election, not appointment, for senate* — A new survey of Massachusetts residents by the McCormack Institute at UMass Boston found 57 percent of respondents believe Gov. Romney is doing a good or excellent job, though his favorable rate fell 5 percent from April. The same survey showed respondents feel that if a vacancy occurs in the US Senate because John Kerry is elected president, the spot should be filled with a special election. Current law would have Romney appoint Kerry's successor. UMass ran some hypothetical races for Senate: Romney against Democrats Edward Markey, Barney Frank, Michael Capuano, and Marty Meehan. All but Capuano beat Romney.

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Democratic Caucus hosts quiz show June 3

Co-Op 8, the South Shore Democratic Caucus, is hosting a "Quiz Show" Fundraiser on Thursday, June 3, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Weymouth Elks Hall on Rte 53 in Weymouth.

Teams from throughout the South Shore are welcome to attend and to match wits on questions concerning current events, politics, and history, among others. "We're hoping to help make the George Bush presidency past history," joked Peg Mackenzie, a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention from Weymouth. Tickets are $20 per person or $200 per team.

State-wide, county, and local democrats have been invited and will be alternating as "quiz show" hosts, according to Jim Cantwell, Chair of Co-Op 8. All funds from the fundraiser will go directly to the Democratic Town Committees of Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Scituate, and Weymouth to support the coordinated campaign efforts of John Kerry and other Democrats on the South Shore.

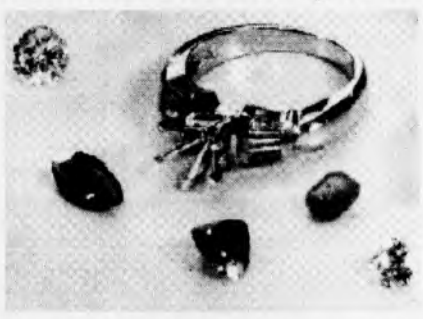
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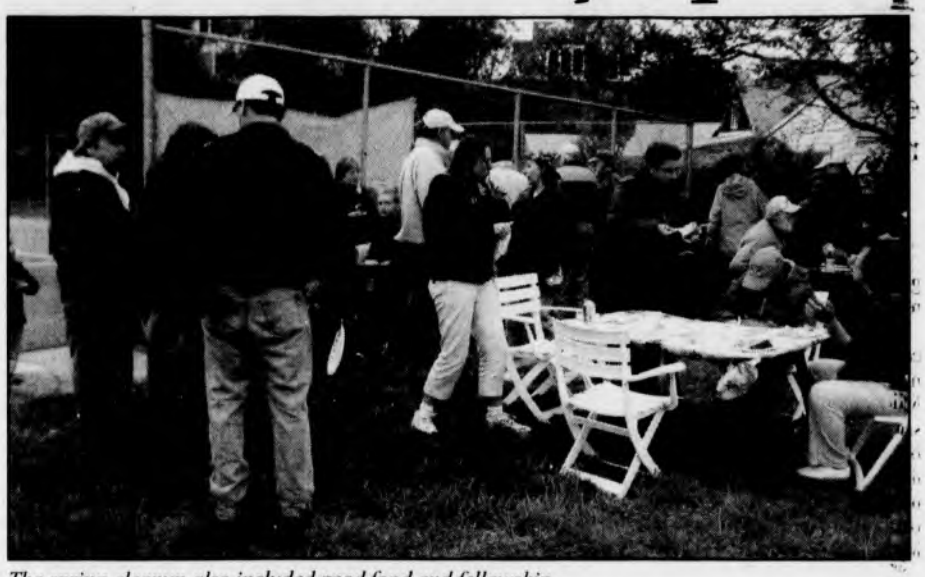
By C. Anne Murray
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

This year the Weir River Watershed Association (WRWA) joined the Straits Pond Watershed Association (SPWA) for a combined Spring Cleanup. This event was a great community service and show of civic pride from Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull residents.

Kicking off the day was a bird walk led by Audubon member, Sally Avery of Cohasset. A bird walk with Sally offers a wealth of information for beginners and experienced birders alike from how to focus your binoculars to the identification of numerous bird species by visual and vocal cues.

Then, despite overcast skies and strong winds, an enthusiastic crew of approximately 50 volunteers fanned out around the Weir River Estuary to divest the area of unsightly litter. A fleet of boats took to Straits Pond where storm over wash debris and litter was plucked from the water's edge and then ferried back to central point. The boats were offloaded by the land crew. The land crew was manning the dumpster from the Hull Sewer Department that was arranged for by Nancy Kane. By the end of the day the Hull dumpster was filled.

But Hull was not alone. In addition to the Hull Highway Department, the Highway Departments of Cohasset and Hingham also provided support. Janny Breton and Darrell Baker organized a group of volunteers from along the Hingham shoreline near West Corner. One of the volunteers from Hingham was overheard reporting they had hauled out of the estuary a shopping cart, several bicycles, and a motorcycle!



The spring cleanup also included good food and fellowship.

The volunteers were then rewarded with a barbecue and entertainment at the Gun Rock Playground. Special recognition should be given to the local businesses that supported the cleanup with donations for the barbecue:

Hilltop Marketplace, Braintree; Nona's Ice Cream, Hingham; Riddle's Supermart, Hull; Shaw's Supermarket, Cohasset; Stop & Shop Supermarket, Cohasset; and Tedeschi's, (West Corner) Hingham.

While the grill was fired up, an exhibition by the Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi Performance Troupe led by Hull resident John Loupos was given. Accompanied by percussion instruments members of Jade Forest demonstrated Kung Fu, which is best described as an intricately choreographed series of martial arts moves. John demonstrated Tai Chi, which takes a more meditative, slow-motion form.

Events like this don't just happen. They take work and planning. So special acknowledgment should be given to Nancy Atwood of Cohasset, who arranged for all the barbeque donations and did the shopping. A tip of the hat goes to Larry Cowen of Hull for transporting and setting up the grill and tables. Kudos to Ann LaRosa and family members, who not only handled the cooking duties but also made several salads to feed the volunteers. Last but by no means least, thanks to Ky Stratoti of Hull for her donation of home-baked cookies, and to Merle Graham of Cohasset for her ever-popular brownies.

All in all the success of this event was thanks to the organizers, the volunteers, the town departments, and the area businesses for supporting the effort.



Junk and debris taken from the Weir River Estuary along Rockland Street in Hingham during the spring cleanup on Sunday.

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Volunteers are needed to help with setup, registration, luggage transport, medical supports, bike repairs, security, food service, clean up, and office support leading up to the event. Massage, occupational, and physical therapists are also needed to ease the aches and pains of thousands of tired cyclists as they ride up to 192 miles over two days. This year the volunteers are also given the option of riding on Aug. 8, the second day of the event, from Bourne to the Wellesley finish.

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Meeting behind closed doors is sometimes best for town

Selectmen holding executive sessions more often lately

By Samantha Brown
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Having a "transparent" or open government is something most residents desire.

However, when issues arise that could affect the town's ability to negotiate, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said it is necessary to hold executive sessions because it is in the best interest of the town. There has been an executive session during each of the previous three selectmen's meetings.

"There have been a number of different issues going on in town within the last several months," Sullivan said at last week's meeting, adding there could be many more discussions that will require going into executive session.

Under the Open Meeting Law, all meetings of governmental bodies are open to the public and anyone is allowed to attend, with the exception of executive sessions. Executive sessions may be held in private for a limited number of reasons, including matters pertaining to personnel, litigation, and contract negotiations. Every board member must vote individually in order to enter into executive session, and the board must state whether it will reconvene the open session at the end of the executive session.

"No one prefers to go in, usually it's much easier to do it publicly," Sullivan said.. He explained for any matters where public discussion would put the town in a position that could affect negotiations, that discussion needs to happen behind closed doors.

Sullivan addressed former Town Manager Mark Haddad's resignation and the need to enter into executive session to negotiate, which the board did that night. After reconvening in open session, the board issued a press release to let the public know the terms of the agreement.

"No one prefers to go in, usually it's much easier to do it publicly."
— Michael Sullivan, selectmen chairman

Sullivan also addressed the current Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination sexual harassment complaint, filed by former civilian dispatcher, Barbara DeWolfe. "Obviously the town takes these very seriously," he said, adding because again, when lawyers are involved, the discussion cannot take place in the open because it could compromise the town's position. Sullivan said the matter is being thoroughly looked into, and if there was something going on at the station that was inappropriate, the board will be working to make sure nothing like it happens again in the future.

The ongoing police matter regarding two officers who were place on paid administrative leave was also addressed, and Sullivan said he expects that within the next two to three weeks there will be some "pretty significant announcements" with regard to that issue, but again, without anything being finalized, it cannot be discussed in the open because that could affect the town's ability to negotiate.

Now that an agreement has been reached with Haddad, the board is looking to openly discuss the possibilities a new town manager could bring.Sullivan said Selectmen Fred Koed and Rob Spofford will be forming a subcommittee which will focus on ultimately bringing on a new Town Manager.

There will be a small committee to review the Town Manager Act assembled in the next three to four weeks, and the board will be actively seeking out information from residents in town. The Advisory Committee will also be providing its input. Shortly thereafter, the town will begin advertising the Town Manager position and forming a search committee which will give its feedback to Selectmen on the best candidate for the job.

Anyone interested in participating the process of finding a new Town Manager should please contact either Selectman Fred Koed or Selectman Rob Spofford who will be on the sub-committee, or any other member of the Board of Selectmen.

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• The Clean Water Act Phase II Research Project: (for students *entering* grades 9- 12)

The landmark Clean Water Act, Federal legislation requiring cities and towns to develop plans to protect all water bodies, now requires that the town of Cohasset implement phase II of the Stormwater Management Plan. This plan requires monitoring the water that is discharged into streams, rivers, ponds and harbors when snow melts or rain falls.

• Aquaculture: an MIT funded research project begun by Kelly Hurley. (for students *entering* grades 9- 12)

This is a project funded by MIT's GEMS program (Grants for Excellence in Marine Science.) CHS student, Kelly Hurley, initiated this project, applied for funding, and has executed this project as an independent project during her senior year.

• National Park Field Study (for students *entering* grades 9 or 10)

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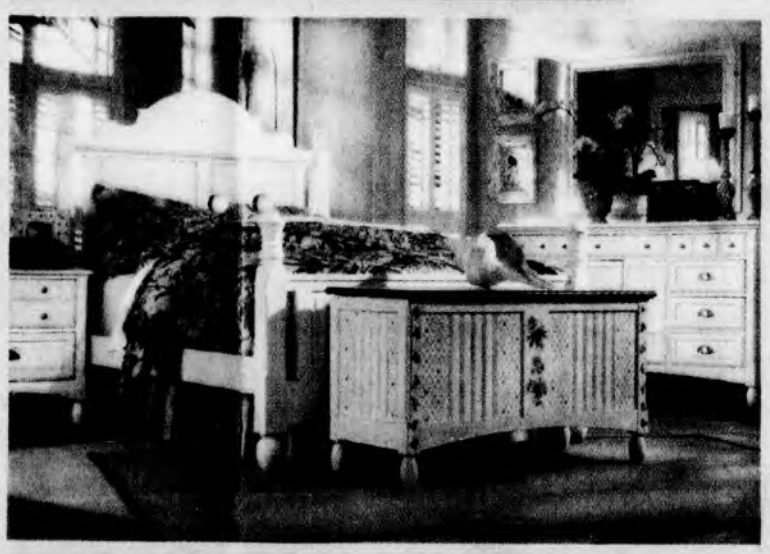
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They're in

CHS laxmen bounce back from tough loss to Scituate to sew up tourney berth

By Mike Spellman
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Excuse the overused cliché, but if we can't apply the "tale of two halves" label to Friday's 10-9 win by the Scituate High boys lacrosse team over Cohasset, we might never be able to use it again.

The Sailors rushed out to a 7-0 first half lead, but the host Skippers battled back in inspiring fashion, with only the clock able to stop them in the end.

"If we'd have played five more minutes, I have little doubt we'd have won this game," said Cohasset coach Stu Curran. "But an L is an L is an L. Scituate had some real giddy up to start and we didn't match it. That's why we lost."

The Scituate High boys lacrosse team, 24 hours removed from sewing up the first ever postseason berth in the four year history of the program and eager to avenge a loss three weeks earlier to this same Skippers team, came out determined to ruin Cohasset High's Lacrosse Spirit Night, and did.

A win would have clinched a postseason berth. The loss delayed that happening by 72 hours. The Skippers finally assured themselves of a .500 record, and the spot in the Div. 3 Eastern Mass playoffs that goes along with that achievement, with a 12-5 win over Nantucket on Monday.

Seedings and brackets for the state tourney will be released by the MIAA on Friday, with games expected to get underway in the middle of next week.

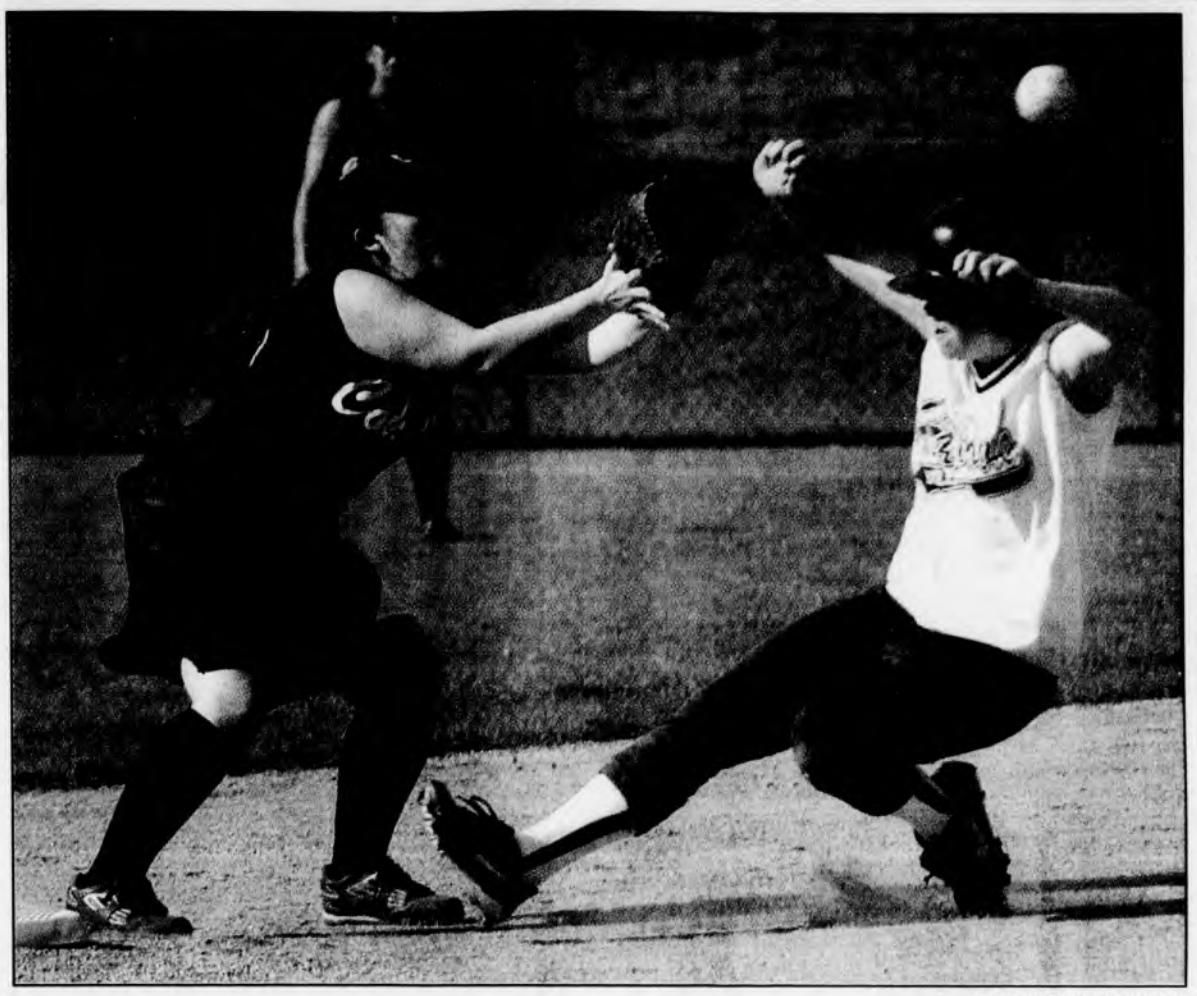
But first things first:

Scituate 10, Skippers 9

Scituate senior Ryan Evans scored right off the opening face-off of a nice pass from junior Ben Brigham, a mere 26 seconds in, and the Sailors just kept it rolling from there, stunning the capacity crowd to silence with a game opening 7-0 run. Evans and Brigham, to no surprise, would lead the charge, and each finished the game with four goals and three assists.

Brigham again found Evans for a quick one-timer past Cohasset goalie Nick Murphy 3:37 into the opening frame to make it a 2-0 game.

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Rachel Foyle (left) gets this throw too late to tag out Holbrook basestealer Amy Breen in non-league action layed last week at Freedom Field. For CHS girls softball team report, see page 20.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Nicole Whitney is one of five CHS tracksters who have qualified to compete at this weekend's State Class D meet. The junior will run in the 200-meter dash and as part of the Skippers 4x800 relay team.

Head of the Class

Five CHS tracksters qualify for Class D meet

By Mike Spellman
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A total of five Cohasset High tracksters will be competing in six events at this Saturday's State Class D meet at Weston High School (9:30 a.m. start).

Senior captain Jenn Buckley has qualified in the javelin (100'8") and both the mile (5:36) and 800-meter (2:24) race, but will compete in only the 800. She will also anchor the 4x800 relay team. This marks the third spring in a row Buckley has competed in multiple events at the Class meet.

"Jenn is just an exceptional athlete," said coach Al LaFountain. "She is going to leave a huge hole in so many areas when she graduates."

Ah, graduation...for the second year in a row, that landmark event may throw a serious complication into the Skippers postseason plans. CHS graduation is scheduled next Saturday, the same days as the All-State championships at Holyoke High School. Should Buckley qualify in any of her three events for All-States, she would have a difficult choice to make.

The same dilemma faced CHS tracksters Jared Krupczak and Ian Kidder last year, but they were able to do tow of their three events thanks to All-States being held at nearny Norwell High. That likely won't be an option for Buckley with this year's venue being so far away.

The decision would become even more difficult for Buckley if the 4x800 relay team qualified for All-States, something that seems quite possible given the quartet's times this season.

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Anticipation grows for CHS baseball team

Straughn keeps playoff hopes alive with no-no against Holbrook

By Mike Spellman
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We were supposed to know by this time whether or not the Cohasset High baseball team will qualify for its first postseason berth in recent memory.

But that same indeterrable force that rendered the early part of the season a nightmare reared its head again earlier this week to stretch out the anticipation a bit more.

Thanks yet again, Ma Nature.

Monday rains rendered Cohasset's Milliken Field unusable on both Monday and Tuesday, forcing the postponement of games with Sacred Heart and Mashpee. Those games were scheduled at the time of this writing to be made up yesterday and Friday, respectively, with a second game against Sacred Heart slated for this afternoon on the road (3:30 p.m.).

The Skippers (6-9) must win all three of these games in order to qualify for the state Div. 3 tourney.

Three games in three days throws a big monkey wrench into Coach Al Gallotta' pitching plans. He had hoped to go with staff ace Ted Straughn on both Monday and Friday, and solid number two man Mike Dooley in between. That plan has, quite literally, been washed out now.

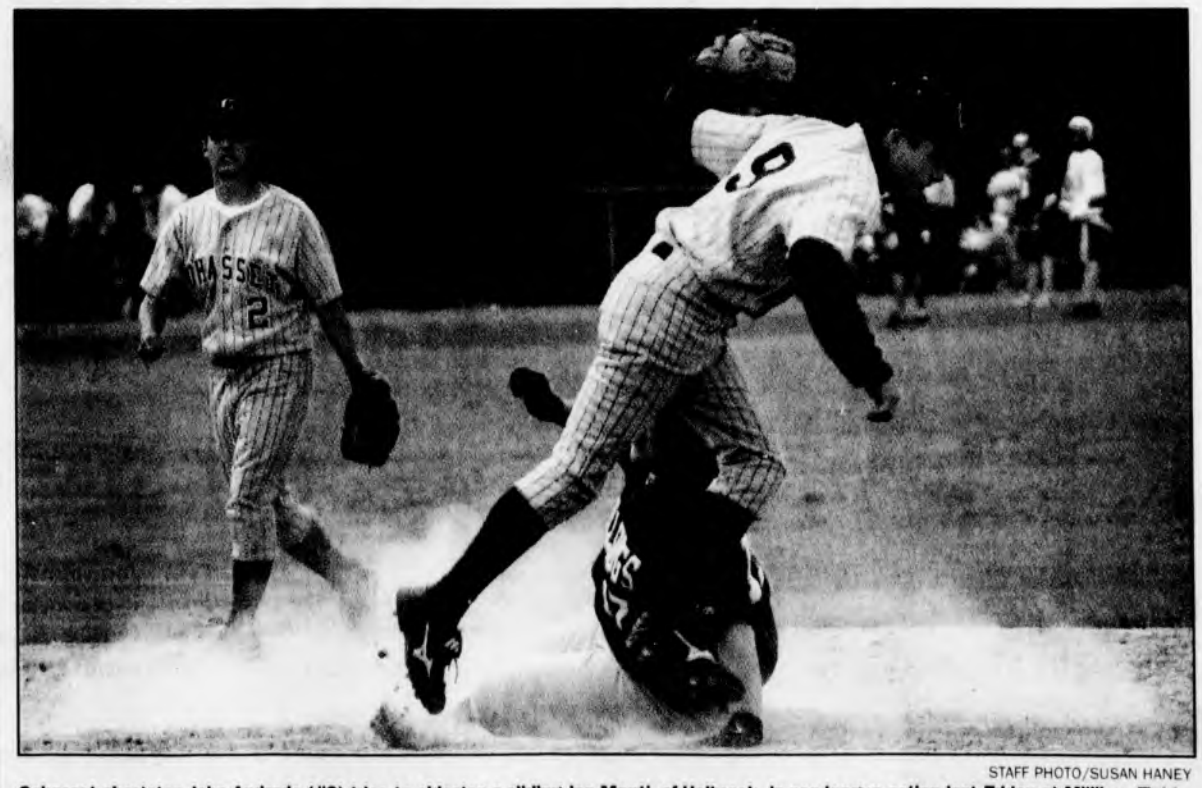
The plan right now calls for Straughn to go on Friday against SSL rival Mashpee, perceived as a better hitting team than Sacred Heart, for Dooley to go on Wednesday and for sophomore Chris Bryan to start the game at Sacred Heart on Thursday.

Of course, Wednesday's rains may well force yet another rethinking of that plan.

"I've juggled this thing around so many times now I'm getting dizzy," said Gallotta. "I've got contingencies for what happens if we go Sunday or even Monday for a makeup. It's crazy."

All records must by submitted to the MIAA by Monday evening, so the last game can be

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset shortstop John Andrade (#9) tries to sidestep a sliding Joe Monti, of Holbrook, in non-league action last Friday at Milliken Field.

Youth movement

Underclassmen played key role in lady laxers drive to tourney berth

By Mike Spellman
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There were some groans and even a few sneers when Cohasset High girls lacrosse coach Torin Sweeney started practicing his varsity and junior varsity teams together last year.

If he hadn't stuck to his guns, though, Coach Sweeney feels pretty certain his team would be on the outside looking in rather than preparing for a game in the state tourney next week.

"We had so many injuries to key veterans this year, I think we would have been in huge trouble if those sophomores and freshmen weren't as ready as they were to step in and contribute right away," said Sweeney. "It took those girls a while to get used to the greater skill level and speed of the game at the varsity level, but their baptism under fire came in practices."

Four sophomores, in particular, who have made the jump from JV to varsity contributors since the season got underway are Cassie Rosano, Mia Lieb Lappen, Charlotte Sida and Marissa Evans. Then there are the three freshmen-- Lindsay Durkin, Caren Garber and Colleen Richardson—whose development has been sped along via the varsity-JV practice mixers. They too have seen plenty of varsity minutes of late.

With injuries to key players such as Jesse Guild, Lisa Spirito and Lauren Rizzoti near the middle of the season, few would have been surprised if the Skippers fell out of the running for their third straight postseason berth. Instead, they went 7-2-1 over the final 10 games to finish with a 9-8-1 record.

"And the freshmen and sophomores were right in the middle of it all," said Sweeney, who has now directed his team to postseason play in all three years at the helm.

In fact, Durkin, Carber and fellow freshmen Kara Wilcox and Keilegh Swain each scored two

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Out of the running

Softball team falls short of postseason goal

By Evan Deutsch
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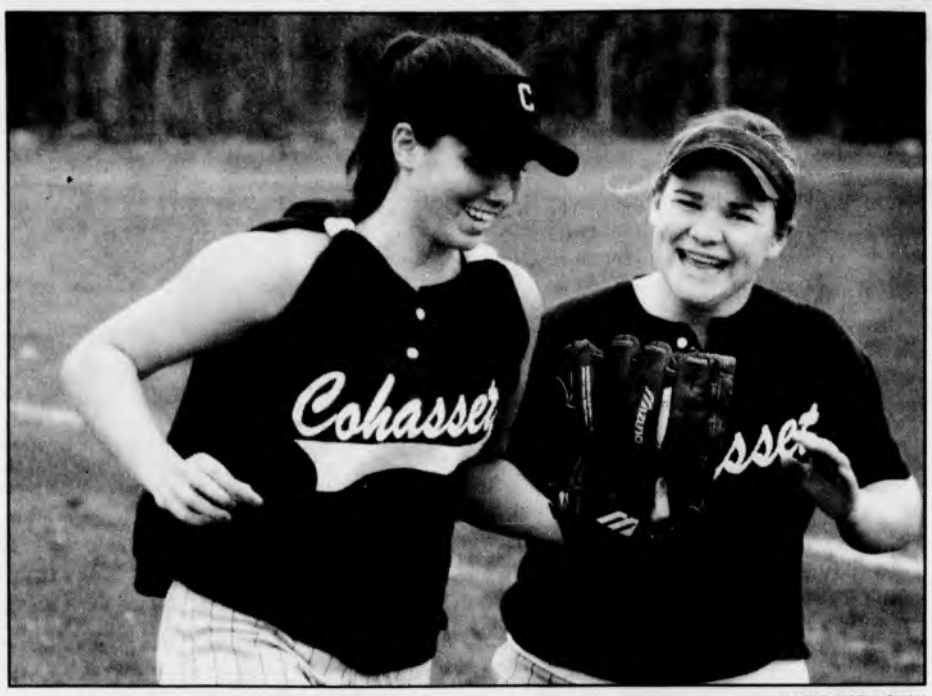
May 18 marks the day the Cohasset High softball team hit bottom at Freedom Field. The good news? The players know why they landed there and can rebound next season.

With the exception of two singles, compliments of Erin Liddell and Rachael Doyle, Cohasset went scoreless for the game against Sacred Heart.

The visiting team got down to business early, racking up five devastating runs in the top of the first inning. Later in the game, Sacred Heart added insult to injury when they scraped together two more runs resulting in a painful 7-0 Cohasset loss.

No one doubts where the problem lurks, a bad case of quiet bats. It cost the team this game as well as others in the past. So we know where the players will concentrate their efforts in the future. Having a new batting cage will certainly help.

When one looks at the Skipper defensive play and pitching, a totally different picture emerges. Infielders Danielle Pinkus, Rachael Dole and Katie James proved consistent. Outfielders Cecelia Chapman and Melissa Crowley-Buck turned in some nice defense as well. Freshmen Virginia Spofford continued to show talent from the mound.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Danielle Pinkus (left) and Melissa Crowley-Buck are all smiles as they head back to the dugout after a strong inning in the field.

"Sacred Heart sports a high-quality game," stated Coach Deb Bostwick. "Though our bats were tired, our defense resembled an experienced varsity team."

Two days later the Skippers hosted the last home game for the year against the Holbrook Bulldogs. Once again, the Skippers fell early, letting the Bulldogs hammer away with three runs in the top of the first. Unlike the prior game, the Skippers managed to strike back against Holbrook.

The bats of Erin Liddell and Caitlin Gontarz ignited in the second inning producing two Cohasset runs.

In the top of the third, the Bulldogs bit back with three more runs making the score 6-2. Then, in the top of the fifth, the Holbrook girls added another run to widen their already commanding lead to 7-2.

For the Skippers, their finest hour came in the bottom of the fifth, resulting in a major league comeback by the Skippers. Successive hits from Melissa Crowley-Buck, Rachael Doyle, Casey Anderson, Danielle Pinkus, and Katie James led to a tie score of 7-7.

Then came a frustrating meltdown in the top of the last inning. With one out, Holbrook scored two runs to make the score, 9-7. Cohasset failed to answer in the bottom half of the inning and the game ended.

Senior Caitlin Gontarz credited the Skippers aggressive base running and improved hitting for making this game so close. This was Gontarz's last home game in her high school career. Next year, the third baseman will play intramural softball at UNH.

Despite the season record of 5-12, the Skippers were honored by the selection of Danielle Pinkus and Casey Anderson to the SSL MVP game scheduled for May 30th. Rachel Doyle received honorable mention. SSL officials also recognized the Skipper team with a second place Sportsmanship Award.

Youth movement

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goals apiece in the Skippers tourney clinching 18-1 win over Hanover on Monday, not that there was a lot of drama involved in this one.

Ditto for the 15-3 win at home over Nantucket on Tuesday to close out the regular season.

Junior Lauren Rizzotti has paced the offense in the two lopsided wins, scoring a combined seven goals.

Senior Meg Marr and junior MacKenzie Holway have also been lauded for their improved play at the offensive end of late. Of course, everyone has seemed to benefit from team leading scorer Nicole Turgiss' willingness to settle into a playmaker's role as the Hanover and Nantucket coaches came to town with defensive game plans centered around shutting her down.

Speaking of defense, Sweeney also made a point of lauding his cast of hard workers who rarely grab the headlines of postgame glory.

Senior captain Ashley Faber is the recognized quarterback at both ends of the field, but senior Christen Reardon is the real anchor in back, according to Sweeney. Juniors Molly Kirk and Danielle Hajjar have also been stalwarts, noted the coach, and he figures the whole unit will only get stronger when junior Miranda Lanzilotti returns from injury for the postseason. Of course, Sweeney was quick to point out how nice a job sophomores Evans and Rosano did filling in during Lanzilotti's absence.

The state tourney seedings and brackets are expected to be released by the MIAA on Tuesday, with games to get underway on Tuesday.

Head of the Class

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Buckley teamed with juniors Mary Silvia and Nicole Whitney and sophomore Lisa Musto to take first place in the event at this past Saturday's South Shore Principal's Meet at Norwell High, combining to cover the 2-miles in a brisk 10:19.54.

Coach Lafountain insists he'd understand any choice Buckley made.

"It just stinks that the kids have to choose," said the sixth year coach. "Graduation is a very important day."

Two of the other three relay team members have also qualified to compete in solo events. Silvia will run the 800 (2:24) against Buckley and Whitney in the 200 (27.3).

Lafountain figures both Silvia and Buckley have very good shots at finishing top four in the 800 and qualifying for All-States.

Junior Lindsay Kennedy will join her teammates in Weston, having qualified in the 100-meter dash with a season best time of 13.3 seconds.

Unfortunately, no member of the boys team qualified for States.

CHS tracksters had a chance to tune up or simply compete one last time at Saturday's South Shore Principal's Meet, held at Norwell High. Over 1,100 athletes from 26 schools competed in the annual event.

South Shore Principals
GIRLS

As mentioned, the 4x8 squad ran away from all other comers for an impressive win in 10:19.54, finishing comfortably ahead of Notre Dame (10:21.98) and Brockton (10:28.17).

Silvia and Buckley conducted quite a battle in the 800, sprinting to the finish line with Carver freshman Ali Spicer, the three of them crossing with just six-100ths of a second separating them.

Silvia took third (2:24.52), Spicer fourth (2:24.56) and Buckley fifth (2:24.58).

Whitney also impressed in the 200, improving on her time from both the qualifier and semifinals heat to take a sixth place (28.47)

Kennedy's 10th place finish (14.17) in a 100 field stacked with some serious Class A talent was also pretty noteworthy.

BOYS

Senior Eric Belz closed out his fine high school track career with a strong 10th place finish in the 400 (55.57). Belz also ran a leg in the 4x400 relay that took 12th place (3:52.93).

Senior Drew Musto likewise called it a career with his respectable 27th place finish in the discus (95-03)

Junior Pete Bunstein opened some eyes with his 11th place finish in the 200 (26.32), as did freshman Brent Daley with his sold 22nd (26.07).

In the 800, junior Adam Haracz placed 21st (2:16.43) and sophomore Mark Bouchard 32nd (2:24.71).

GIRLS YOUTH LAX REPORT

Girls youth laxers unbeaten in weekend action

As the weather has warmed up, so has the Cohasset girls youth lacrosse program, which went unbeaten for the third straight weekend in May 23 action against Hingham.

At the 15-and-Under level (grades 7-8) Gabriella Flibotte's second goal of the game - the 100th goal of her girls youth lacrosse career - highlighted a dominating performance. Flibotte finished with three goals on the day, as did Caitlin Mahoney, as Cohasset raced to an 8-0 half-time lead and cruised to a 13-4 victory.

Katie Gaumer added two goals and an assist. Maura Barnes, Madeline Leahy Rebecca Evans, Lesen Haracz and Grace Clougherty added single scores; for Haracz and Clougherty, the scores were their first, while defender Evans dented the net for the second consecutive week.

Paige Strecker and McKenna Teague added assists and Thomson Jaffe made two outstanding saves and controlled loose balls and errant shots to help keep Hingham at bay.

At the 13-U (grades 5 and 6) level, the day started with Cohasset White playing to a 7-7 tie with Hingham's Black team.

Cohasset controlled the action most of the afternoon, but routinely clanged its shots off Hingham's goalie or the goalposts. Lindsay Allard stopped a two-goal Hingham run and Paige Smith converted a direct-free position, but sloppy defensive play led to a 4-2 half-time deficit.

The home team fell further behind to start the second half, before a three-goal run tied the score.

Amy Meikleham converted a direct-free position, Isabelle Franklin shook off a first-half injury to close the gap further and Allard netted yet another penalty shot to knot the score.

Hingham surged ahead again and might have gotten an insurmountable lead had it not been for two high-quality saves from Thomson Jaffe. Franklin then took care of the offense with a direct-free position and a score from inside to knot the game. Cohasset squandered chances to get a lead with under two minutes left, before finally getting the ball in its offensive zone as time was nearly out. Katie Hillman's dash to the goal led to a shot that went wide by inches as time expired.

The Cohasset Blue team started sluggishly against Hingham's White team in the game's final day, trading goals through most of the first half. Whitney Jaffe scored twice - once on a direct free position - and had a third goal called back, while Hannah Burgess, Maddy Altholtz and Lindsay Allard notched single markers as Cohasset got to an uneasy 5-3 lead at half-time.

After Hingham opened the second half scoring, Cohasset turned on its offense and the game quickly turned into a romp. Olivia Sullivan, Bridget Cahill and two goals from Isabelle Franklin - the second hitting the crossbar, then bouncing into the net off the back of the goalie's head - broke the contest open. Allard scored again and Chelsea Silvia finished a direct-free position and then fired home a loose ball as the home team rolled to a 12-5 win.

Olivia Murphy and Whitney Jaffe split the game in net, combining for two saves in the win

Cohasset's Blue and White teams are scheduled to play a combined game on Wednesday before taking Memorial Day weekend off.

Cohasset White is now 3-0-2 on the year, while Cohasset Blue is 4-1 and the Cohasset 15-U team is 5-0-1

For more information on Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, go to cohassetlacrosse.com.

Three local girls make lax league all-star team

Lindsay Allard, Isabelle Franklin and Amy Meikleham all made the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse league 13-U all-star team that is scheduled to play at the 2004 National US Lacrosse Festival the weekend of June 18-20 in Downingtown, Pa.

The three teammates making the squad means that Cohasset has more players on the all-star team than any other community.

Allard and Franklin will play midfield for the Mass Bay team, while Meikleham is likely to play both defense and midfield.

"The real honor is in being nominated for the team, because you never expect to have everyone you send to tryouts make the team," says Chuck Jaffe, who coaches the three girls on their Cohasset teams. "But to have all three make the team when so many players were cut and so many towns struggle to get one player on the roster says a lot for our program.

"We have several other girls who might have had a good chance if the league had allowed us to send more athletes."

Franklin and Meikleham have both been playing in the girls lacrosse program for three seasons, having started as fourth graders. Allard is in her second year with the Cohasset team.

At the 15-U level, defender Rebecca Evans and attacker/midfielder McKenna Teague were nominated for the all-star tryouts but did not make the squad.

"The competition at the 15-U level was particularly tough," says Jaffe, "but it must have been spectacular for our girls to have missed out. Both Rebecca and McKenna are quality players who a coach can build around. They must be sending one super team to the national festival if these girls missed out."

SPORTS NOTES

Co-Ed Basketball Clinic

This will be the eighth year that this instructional clinic will be offered to both boys and girls. This clinic is for any player who wants to learn, practice and improve all aspects of their game. Basic individual offensive and defense skills will be taught. Players will be placed on teams and will compete against players of similar ability. All participants are expected to understand that this week is a challenging week intended to teach all facets of the great game of basketball. Bring your lunch and good attitude. Coach Matt Poirier and the best collection of basketball coaches on the South Shore and great guest speakers every day. Cost $120.00

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(84B4) High School Boys Basketball Clinic: Grades 9 through 12, Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16, 2004, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, Scituate High School, Large Gym. This clinic is for any high school basketball player who wants to learn, practice and improve their basketball game. Individual offensive and defensive skills will be improved on. Players will be placed on teams and will compete against players of similar ability. All participants are expected to understand that this week is a challenging week intended to improve all facets of the great game of basketball. Bring your lunch and good attitude. Coach Matt Poirier and the best collection of basketball coaches on the South Shore. Cost $120.

Splash in to summer!

The summer brochures for the Cohasset Swim Center have arrived. Additional copies of the brochure with the membership and Red Cross Swim Lesson registration forms will be available at the Cohasset Town Hall and The Paul Pratt Library. The deadline is May 21 for members to take advantage of the mail-in Swim Lesson Registration.

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Major League Baseball roundup

Mets

Well, the moon and stars aligned perfectly for the Mets on a beautiful early summer evening on Barnes field. The mighty Mets faced off against the explosive Red Sox in what can only be called a nail biter. Through 5 innings it was a pitching and defensive battle with the Red Sox on top 1-0. Drew Cobin, in inning after inning, faced the mighty bats of the Sox and combined with the tough defense, kept the Sox to one run. Taylor Golz caught a pop up at 3rd to make an out. Gabe Seksay made the catch of the game with a diving catch down the dugout fence at first for a big out.

Robert Jones then fielded a line drive and flipped it to first for the final out.

Later on in the 4th inning McCunney grabbed a line drive and turned the double play at 1st to end the inning and a potential Sox rally. In the final inning for the Mets, and with runners in scoring position at 1st and 3rd, the Mets executed a 2-6-2 run down on the advancing runner to prevent the Sox from scoring another run. McCunney then struck out the next batter to end the Sox rally. The home team Mets then got to the plate. A Robbie McCunney homerun tied the game up. Drew Cobin then singled, Tom Condon, who played terrifically behind the plate all night, singled, and Gabe Seksay singled to load the bases. With two outs, Colin Tarpey, who successfully bunted earlier in the game, with 2 strikes on him, and the composure of a veteran, swung the bat for a single up the first base line to drive in the winning run.

Later in the week the Mets came out on top in a matchup with the Pirates. Robert Jones started the game on the mound for the Mets and pitched 4 strong innings, retiring 7. McCunney started the scoring for the Mets with a double in the first inning, and then Tom Condon drove in McCunney with a strong single. The Mets won 7-4. Later in the week the Mets faced the A's. A fourth inning rally by the A's couldn't be matched. Highlights include back to back home runs by Robbie McCunney and rookie Drew Cobin in the 5th inning. Taylor Golz was solid at the plate for the Mets wth two base hits.

Dodgers

It was a game of big hits and big plays as the Dodgers faced off against the Cardinals on Chase field. Veteran Chris "Brownie" Brown, who received a game ball, was instrumental in not one, but two double plays. In the first DP, Brownie caught a line drive at short and then stepped on second. In the second DP, it was a classic; from Justin Yeager at pitcher to Brownie to Jake Wheelright to end a Cardinal threat. Justin Yeager, also a veteran,pitched like a pro for the mighty blue. Sharing in the pitching duties wereDean McNary and Jay Salerno. Pat McCormick had two hits on the night.

Pat's second hit came at the top of the 6th inning, where he beat out the throw to get on base. Justin Yeager tripled to get the Dodgers on the scoreboard early. Jay Salerno and Chris Brown also provided big hits in this game. Despite all the fantastic action, the Dodgers fell short to the Cards. Later in the week, the Big Blue faced the Red Sox. Red Sox pitching ace, Jordan Berry was red hot through five innings, keeping the Dodgers from scoring. Conner Queenan and Terry MacCormick played solidly for the Dodgers in the outfield. Queenan also started a sixth inning rally that led to four runs for the home team Dodgers, but the Dodgers fell short to the Sox. Chris Brown, Jay Salerno and Dean McNary shared pitching duties.

Red Sox

Cool, calm and collected. There is no other way to describe the pitching performance that Jordan Berry treated the fans to in an incredible game versus the Mets. On a beautiful May evening, Jordan Berry took to the pitchers mound and faced batter after batter, holding the Mets scoreless through five innings. Jordan had great support in the field from his teammates.

In the bottom of the 1st, Jack Carrier made a great back handed catch at third and made the throw to 1st base for the out. Jeff Cavanaro fielded a tough hit at short stop and made the throw to Jodi Rosano for the out at 2nd. Pete McKenna at first base, came up with two consecutive outs to end a potential Mets rally in the 4th inning. With the bases loaded in the 6th inning, Terrence Durkin made a heads up play to home to tag the advancing runner out, preventing the go-ahead run from scoring. At the plate, the Red Sox were strong. It appeared that in the 1st inning, an RBI on a Jordan Berry hit was all the Red Sox might need to win. In the 4th inning, Jack Carrier had a strong single to get on base, however the Sox couldn't finish the inning with a run.

Jodi Rosano then doubled in the next inning, but again the Sox couldn't score. It looked as if the Sox were going to pad their lead in the top of the sixth inning. Jordan Berry doubled. Jack Carrier walked and then Jordan stole third. Only a heads up play by the Mets prevented the Sox from scoring. The final outcome, Red Sox 1, Mets 2. It doesn't get much better than that. Although they lost the next game to the Rangers, the Sox had some good action from veterans Jeff Cavanaro with a stand up double, Jack Carrier with a big base hit and some solid fielding from Pete McKenna at second base. The week ended for the Sox with a solid win over the Dodgers.

Jordan Berry, once again was stellar on the mound, holding the Dodgers hitless through five innings. Luke Ernst was solid at the plate for the Sox and began a strong scoring rally. Rookie Kyle Livingstone closed out the game for the Sox on the mound. A ground ball to Sam Richardson at shortstop to make the out at second ended the game with a win for the Sox.

Pirates

The Pirates squared up against the Mets this week. Robbie Hill took the mound for the black & gold, and despite an early rally by the Mets, kept his composure. Thomas Buckley started a fifth inning rally with a stand up triple, as the Pirates were down 7-2 in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Chris Walsh then singled, beating the throw to first, to drive in Buckley. Austin Meyer singled and then Chris Hayes laid down a perfect bunt to load up the bases. On a wild pitch, Meyer went to steal home, only to be thrown out by the alert Mets pitcher. The same fate was in store for Hayes, and the Pirates were unable to score any more runs. In the 6th inning, it looked as if the Pirates were again rallying back as Derek Youngman had a stand up double to start a rally, with two outs. The next batter grounded out and the Pirates came up short against the Mets. Tom Buckley closed out the game on the mound for the Pirates.

Rangers

The Rangers faced the Red Sox on Chase field this week. Eamon Davis pitched five solid innings for the Rangers in their 9-5 win over the Sox.

Graham Stevenson tripled in the first inning to start the scoring. The Rangers sealed the game with a scoring streak in the fifth inning. John Giuggio led off with a walk. Dean Driscoll then walked. Giuggio manufactured a run by stealing his way home. Jeff Charles had a strong hit to left field for a double and an RBI. Eric Wasel bunted, allowing Jeff Charles to steal home. Chase Stebbins closed out the game for the Rangers, shutting down the Sox in the final inning. Sunday night saw the Rangers matchup against the A's. Veteran Eamon Davis pitched very well for the Rangers through all six innings.

The Rangers held the A's scoreless through five innings by playing smart, aggressive defense. Jamie Faber was a pivotal player in center field, robbing two A's from getting big hits. John Giuggio was a threat at bat, driving a ball deep into right field for a triple. Dean Driscoll had a huge triple also to right field. Chase Stebbins then had a single that drove in Driscoll to go up 1-0. The scored stayed there until the bottom of the 6th when the A's manufactured enough runs to earn the win.

Athletics

The A's faced the Mets on a cold and dreary day on Chase Field. The visiting A's scored early, when a Brendan Doonan triple knocked in the first run. The first inning ended in a 2-2 lock up. Doonan pitched all six innings for the A's showing quiet strength and composure. Twice during the game, the Mets loaded the bases and Doonan ended the scoring threat by striking out the Mets batters. Big plays from the A's included that led to scoring were a double by Doonan, a single by Johnny Maher and a double by Jack Murphy. Maher eventually stole his way home to get the first go ahead run. Murphy also stole home. Later in the game, Jack Murphy had a stand up triple and he scored when EJ Culhane hit a nice double. The A's came out on top 10-4. Mike Monaco was solid behind the plate catching for Doonan. In the 4th inning Monaco caught a high pop up foul to end the inning and potential Mets scoring threat. Sunday night the A's faced the Rangers. Johnny Maher took the mound for the A's and pitched solidly through six innings, striking out seven and assisting on four outs at first.

The Rangers held the A's scoreless through five innings, with a 1-0 lead. "It's a tight game, a very tight game" Coach Doonan was heard saying.

In the bottom of the sixth, Thomas Barrett walked. A pinch runner, Chase Murphy, was put on first and stole second. EJ Culhane walked and then Jack Murphy hit a long single driving in the tying run. With two men on, Jake Kissick hit a long single to center to drive in the winning run for the A's.

Mike Monaco played solidly at first base, catching a high pop up foul to end a scoring threat. EJ Culhane, at third base, caught a line drive to end the 5th inning.

Cardinals

The Cardinals faced the Dodgers early in the week. It was an exciting game with the Dodgers coming out on top 10-5. Sebastien Braga broke the game open for the Dodgers with a three RBI triple. Todd Emanuello had two hits as did teammate John Kearney. Ben Campbell pitched three strong innings, allowing one run and striking out four. Emmanuello pitched two innings, and closer, Kevin O'Connell finished out the game for the Cards. Dan Sullivan and Alex Kinneally shared right field duties and shored up the defense for the Cards. Kinneally and Patrick Kearney had some timely hits. In a 9-1 win over the Red Sox, John Kearney struck out seven in the first three innings. Ben Campbell closed out the the pitching duties with another five K's. Brendan Horigan led the hitting attack with a booming triple while Alex Harper, John Collings and Todd Emmanuello chipped in with big hits.

The Redbirds definitely looked poised for a second half run as all players are contributing in the Cardinal's success.

Homerun Watch

Every little leaguers dream is to "hit one out"..So far this season we have seen some pretty awesome home runs. Mets veteran Robbie McCunney has seven, and teammates Max MacCleave and Drew Cobin (who is a rookie) each have one. Cardinals brothers John and Patrick Kearney have each knocked one beyond the fence. Patrick is a rookie ten year old, so hitting one out is pretty special. Jordan Berry for the Sox has four homeruns, with more on the horizon.

SPORTS NOTES

Clark's 3rd annual Fund Run set for June 12

When: Saturday, June 12

Events: 1 mile kids run- 9 a.m., 3.5 mile walk- 9:30am, 3.5 mile run- 10am

Where: The South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier Street, Cohasset, MA 02025

Entry fee: $12.00 before June 1, $15.00 after June 1, Kids run is $10.00 per child or $25.00 per family

Registration: begins at 8am for all events.

The U.S. National Guard will also be on hand with a HumVee and 25-foot climbing wall. Climbing instructions will be available to anyone interested.

Contact: Deb Beal (781-383-6100, x148) for more information or go to Coolrunning.com.

All race proceeds got to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund, named in honor of former Cohasset High Athletic Director Clark Chatterton, who lost his battle with cancer four years ago.

The Fund has already donated over $16,000 to several local causes and projects, among them the Milliken Field baseball renovation, the track and field discus cage at Alumni Field, the Cohasset Food Pantry, the CHS Athletic Trainor salary and the Presidential Class room at CHS.

This October, the Clark Chatterton Fund Committee will be sponsoring the first annual Clark Chatterton Golf Scramble at Hatherly Country Club in Scituate.

"Being a part of something like this has been very exciting," said Cohasset High Athletic Director and Fund Committee member Ron Ford of the Chatterton Fund. "This has already gone way beyond what we originally thought, and it just keeps getting bigger and bigger."

Anyone interested in making donations to the fund should directly contact a Clark Chatterton Fund Committee member. The members are Ford, Deb Beal, Jack DeLorenzo, Deanna Mulligan, Phil Mahoney, Bob Durkin, Gary Vanderweil and Linda Bolster, the Fund's President.

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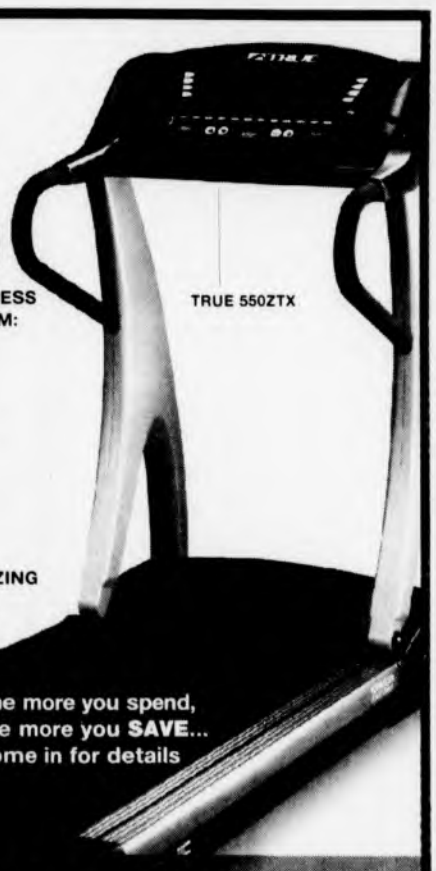
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Morin guts it out

Freshman tennis player leads the way in consecutive wins

By Mike Spellman
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Blain Morin is going to have a tough time matching this past week's worth of excitement on the tennis court.

Fortunately, he's got three plus more season ahead of him in which to try.

The CHS freshman pulled the Skippers fat out of the fire for the second time in 48 hours, on Thursday, as he hung on to win a three set thriller that lifted the Skippers to a 3-2 over Cape Cod Academy.

It was deja vu all over again, as Thursday's first four matches followed the same script they did in Tuesday's 3-2 win over Hingham: with wins coming from the first and second singles spots, but losses in both doubles matches.

This left it all to the 15-year old Morin.

"That was a lot of pressure on a young kid, but he's one of those kids that just seems to play better when the pressure is on," appraised Cohasset coach Kent Parrot. "He bares down and concentrates and plays it one point at a time rather than getting caught up in everything else."

Morin won the first set over his CCA counterpart, 6-4, but then lost the second, 3-6. It was early in the deciding third set he learned his match would determine the team's fate, with splits in the other four individual matches.

He went on to win virtually every other "big point" the rest of the way, pulling out the 6-2 win.

"Blain is definitely out M.I.P.," said Parrot, "our Most Improved Player. He's made tremendous strides this year, and that mental toughness makes him a nice fit for singles play."

Freshman Kyle DiTola also came up big in this match, as he moved up from second doubles to second singles, essentially replacing number one singles player Dan Sullivan, to pull out a win.

In Sullivan's absence, sophomore Nils Sceery moved up to the number one spot, and he too won easily.

Last week also featured a big 4-1 win over Harwich on the road that avenged an earlier season 4-1 loss.

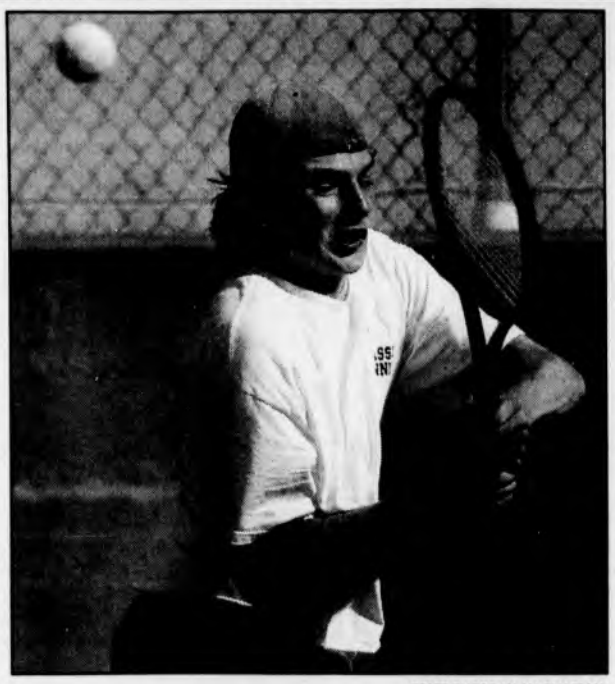
Sceery and Morin cruised to wins in straight sets, as they did in the first go round, but the difference this time was both Cohasset doubles teams—Chris Pescatore and Andrew Wise at number one and DiTola and Chris Donze at number two--avenging their personal losses.

Sullivan gave Harwich top singles star Craig Druschella a much tougher go than he did the first time around before falling in straight sets, 7-5, 6-4.

"That was a big win for us, mentally, heading into tourney," said Parrot. "We never should have lost to them the first time. We showed a lot of improvement and toughness coming back to prove that on Harwich's home court."

The Skippers headed into action this week with a 10-6 record, hoping to finish up strong in matches against Mashpee on Tuesday and Hingham yesterday.

Every win at this point could mean a step or two up in the seedings and further distancing from the top teams in the Div. 2 Eastern Mass Tourney, the seedings and brackets for which will be released by the MIAA this coming Wednesday, with matches expected to begin the next day.



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COhasset first singles player Dan Sullivan played hung extremely tough with Harwich senior star Craig Druschella before falling, 7-5, 6-4.

Stone put to the test

CHS tennis ace falls to Elder-Bush in finals

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

Those who braved the unseasonably cool weather on Saturday and made it to the Norwell High School athletic complex saw high school tennis at its best.

In the south sectional final of the MIAA girls individual tournament, Cohasset's Liz Stone squared off against Brookline star and former state champion Katrina Elder-Bush. Stone put forth a great effort, but Elder-Bush, who will play for Rutgers next year on an athletic scholarship, was just a notch or two better, taking a 6-4, 6-2 victory.

For a while, it looked as though Stone might be able to earn her first victory against an athlete she has played before in the sectionals and in USTA tournaments. After losing the first two games, the Cohasset junior took the next four, hitting some strong winners and forcing Elder-Bush to her backhand, not the strongest part of her game.

Down 2-4, however, the Brookline senior took her game to another level, showing great baseline coverage and controlling the match with some blistering serves. Elder-Bush wound up taking the next four games for the first set.

After a string of broken serves to begin the second set, Stone was serving, down 2-3. That is as close as it got, however, as Elder-Bush started mixing some great lob shots into her game.

Stone said her own game can only get better after playing a tough match.

"Mentally, it's very strengthening to play an opponent like that," she said. "You don't really learn very much playing easy matches. Matches like today's help you realize your weaknesses."

In full swing

Girls tennis team looks to carry 14-match win streak into postseason

By Mark Goodman
CORRESPONDENT

Just about the only thing that has stopped the Cohasset girls tennis team lately was a small patch of rain and hail.

An important match with Hingham to prepare for the state tournament was postponed from Monday to yesterday. Should they win, the girls would be on a 14-match winning streak going into the postseason.

That streak made it to 13 last Wednesday with a 5-0 win over Mashpee. Cohasset played almost all reserves, and still came away with a relatively easy victory.

"They all filled in great," said coach Kathy Prevett. "We won 5-0 and the only regular starter we played was Chelsea Grossman. That's how deep our team is."

Playing number one singles, Grossman cruised to a 6-2, 6-2 win. The other four wins were also in straight sets, but not quite so easy.

"Chelsea came over during a break in her match and asked if we were keeping score wrong, because the scores had us down 0-2 in all the other matches," Prevett said. "They were right, though. We were down 0-2 in all four."

Those deficits did not last for very long. Junior Emilie Shea, playing number two singles, actually went down 0-3 before winning 12 of the next 14 games to take a 6-3, 6-2 victory. Emma Grinnell also got off to a slow start and need a tiebreaker in her first set, but turned it on to take the second set 6-1.

Capping off the win for Cohasset were two doubles teams that had not played together before. Sophomores Susan Curry and Katie Bolger ran off 12 games in a row in their win at number one doubles. Curry, who has played some singles earlier in the year, was originally scheduled to play number one singles in this match, but a sprained ankle limited her to doubles action.

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Cohasset girls assistant coach Kathy Prevett

She played well through the injury, and with some help from her teammate, came through with a win.

"Katie played great at net," Prevett said. "She hasn't played doubles before, and she did a great job."

Another team of sophomores, Katherine Whoriskey and Devin Smith, took second doubles, 6-4, 6-4. Prevett said it was encouraging to see younger players step in and win some matches.

"These are the girls we're targeting to play next year," she said. "We're going to be losing four seniors."

The veterans figured to be back in action yesterday, however, and should be one of the top seeds when they begin defending their state title next week.

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Anticipation grows for CHS baseball team

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played no later than Monday afternoon.

The MIAA will announce seeding and brackets for the state tourney on Tuesday, with games expected to get underway a week from today.

The Skippers kept their floundering hopes alive with back-to-back wins last week over Holbrook in non-league play.

Skippers 9, Holbrook 2

Straughn threw his first career no-hitter in go round number one with the Bulldogs on the road Thursday, striking out 14 while walking six.

"Ted has a very good fastball and he mixed in his curve very effectively," said Gallotta. "He was throwing either pitch on any count, and that kept the Holbrook hitters off balance. It was a very strong performance."

Senior shortstop John Andrade homered in the first to start the Skippers out on the right foot.

The host Bulldogs kept it close, reaching Straughn for a couple of unearned runs in the third inning, a couple of walks and errors resulting in that brief uprising.

The Skippers defense settle down from there, and made the plays in the field the rest of the way. In fact, Gallotta noted that, other than that inning, he has been "very pleased with the defense of late."

The Skippers offense soon opened the game up. Junior Matt Casey paced an 11-hit attack with a double, a triple and two rbi. Junior catcher Louis Blanco and senior centerfielder Tim Anton also contributed a pair of hits.

Skippers 9, Holbrook 1

Back at home 24 hours later, the bats continued to produce, as the Skippers gave Dooley all the support he would need early on. The senior went six strong innings on the mound, striking out nine while scattering just three hits. Bryan went the final inning on the mound to get a little work in.

Casey had a big rbi double. Junior Jon Downey had a double and executed a suicide squeeze bunt to perfection, scoring Jeff Barrett.

They're in

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That was it for first quarter scoring, though, as both defenses began digging in.

Brigham scored twice inside the first 3:30 of the second quarter, though, to extend the Sailors lead to 4-0. The gifted junior athlete buried his first 58 seconds in, with Evans picking up the assist to return the earlier favors. Junior longstickman Bernie Carroll set up the game's fourth goal by picking up a ground ball in the defensive end and working it quickly up field, enabling Brigham to break in and bury it before the Cohasset defense aligned.

Evans made it 5-0 just 27 seconds later, as he finished on a pass from Brian Watson.

Sophomore Sam Brigham became the third Sailor to get on the board when he buried a cross field pass from Evans with 6:18 to go in the half, and senior Andrew Elsmore increased the lead to 7-0 when he converted on a feed from fellow middie Colby Hawkins exactly 1:01 later.

Sophomore Aidan Buick finally put Cohasset on the scoreboard when he finished on a pretty solo effort 3:48 before half, and senior Mike Rasmussen sent the Skippers into break with a bit of momentum when he netted another unassisted goal just 21 seconds before the break.

Buick kept things going for the Skippers after the break, finishing on a pass from Jake Previte 3:37 in, and team leading scorer Previte would bet the first of his two goals three minutes after that.

However, Evans and Brigham took turns to once again set up the other for goals in answer to these tallies, making it a 9-4 game at the three quarters mark.

The fourth quarter, as mentioned on top, looked like a mirror image of the second quarter, as the host Skippers seized control of play with some aggressive play, seemingly sparked at the defensive end by senior captain Conor Buick and freshman Jeff Brown.

Mark Davis scored two minutes in and Rob Carpenter scored a minute after that, as he camped by the left post to finish off of some pretty interior passing. Matt Davis won the ensuing face-off for the Skippers and a quick break-in allowed Previte to find the room he'd been denied much of the game. He faked low on Scituate netminder Matt Miner and then went top shelf, making it a 9-7 game with 8:26 to go in the fourth quarter.

Davis again won the face-off to start another break in, but this time Miner denied Previte on his hat trick bid, and started a break the other way, which ultimately resulted in Brigham's fourth goal of the game, off a nice feed from behind the net by Brett Clinton, and a 10-7 game with 7:15 to play .

Both teams saw some quality chances go by the boards over the next few minutes, as defensive units dug down and each goalie came up with a big save or two.

With Scituate attempting to clear the ball near the 3:30 mark, Rasmussen emerged from an extremely physical scrum near midfield to rush in on Miner from the right wing side and bounce one by him farside, making it a 10-8 game with 3:11 to play.

Nick Murphy came up with a big stop on a Brigham bid inside the two minute mark, and Cohasset got into its offense, patiently working the ball around until it found DeWayne Morris with a little daylight 30 yards out from the right post. The athletic senior captain spun off one check on his charge to the net, and then quickly fired a shot into the ground five feet in front of Miner, bouncing just over the top of his catcher and inside the far post to make it a 10-9 game with 1:14 showing.

Colby Hawkins won the ensuing face-off for the Sailors, and they appeared to be in control, as they spread the field against the desperate Skippers defense. However, a nice check by Cohasset senior captain Mike Devine near the sidelines resulted in the ball going out of bounds and coming back to the Skippers with 33 seconds to play.

No Skipper forward ever got a solid look on net in that final half minute, however, as the Scituate defensive core of Jamie Phinney, Chris Connelly, Josiahs Porter and Carroll did a nice job of sealing off the box through to the final horn.

Skippers 11, Milton 6

This win last Thursday was a solid overall effort, according to Coach Curran.

Mark Davis played a very strong two-way game, marking up with a top Milton player all over field and also chipping in on offense with two goals and an assist.

The offense was paced, as has been the case almost every time out of late, by junior attackman Jake Previte, with five goals and three assists.

His fellow attackmen, senior captain Mike Rasmussen and sophomore Aidan Buick, chipped in with four points (three goals, assist) and three points (goal, two assists), respectively.

Skippers 12, Nantucket 5

Monday's clincher improved the Skippers to 8-7 with just one game to go in the regular season (yesterday's hosting of Canton).

Previte again had the hot stick, finishing with five goals and an assist. Rasmussen added tow goals and two assists and Davis two goals and one helper.

Jeff Brown played another rock solid game on defense and also contributed an assist and a goal, an electrifying end-to-end rush that had his coach reaching for all sorts of adjectives in an attempt to describe it.

Murphy made five saves through three quarters, and then joined most of his fellow starters on the sidelines for the entire fourth quarter. Junior Chris Simms made three saves between the pipes in the fourth.

SPORTS NOTES

Red Sox ticket raffle

The Cohasset Middle-High School Athletic Department is holding a Red Sox Ticket Raffle/E-Mail Auction.

Thanks to the generosity of Cohasset High School Graduate Phillip Mahoney (class of 1987), we will again run a fundraiser to assist the CMHS Athletic Department raising the funds necessary to provide the Athletic Training Services for our program. This year's fundraiser will involve two options. The first is a ticket raffle.

There will be ticket package prizes::

Four tickets to Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay Devil Rays , Wed. August 11 (right field box seats) value $176.

Four tickets to Red Sox vs. Anaheim Angels , Wed. Sept 1 (right field box seats) value $176.

The top two student ticket sellers will receive two tickets each to the Red Sox vs. Toronto Blue Jays Wed. August 18 (right field box seats) value $176.

Raffle tickets will cost $5 per ticket or $20 for a package of 5 tickets. All student-athletes in grades 7-12 will be given 10 tickets to sell.

Additional tickets are available and unused tickets should be turned into Mr. Ford's office.

E-MAIL AUCTION

The second option is a silent auction for 4 tickets and 1 parking pass to the .406 Club to see the Red Sox play the Oakland A's on Tuesday, July 6th. The value of this package is $444. All auction bids can be emailed to Ron Ford, at rford@cohassetk12.org. All bidders will be updated as to the status of their bids.

All bidding and ticket sales will close on Friday, June 3 at 12:00 pm. The winners will be drawn at the High School Lunch Period at 12:15 pm on Friday, June 3 in the CMHS Cafeteria.

If you need any additional information please feel free to contact Athletic Director, Ron Ford at 781-383-6103.

CYBSA holding Calender Fundraiser

The Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association is once again holding its Calendar Card fundraiser. Our baseball and softball players are all over town selling the calendar cards and helping to raise funds for the Little League. Last years efforts raised over $20,000 which was used to pay off the debt to the town for the new fields, as well as help purchase two new scoreboards, bleachers, and the building of the concession stand. This years drawings begin on Thursday, May 13th and continue until June 13th with weekday drawings of $50, weekend drawings of $150 and a final grand prize drawing of $1000 at the All-Star game and cookout. We thank all of our players, parents, friends and families for helping to make this Calendar Card fundraiser another BIG success!!. Good luck!!

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Bookstore is setting for novel about everyday life

Scituate book signing is tonight

By Carol Britton Meyer
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"A bookstore is like a town square."

Whether browsing in Edwards Books in Springfield, Mass. — the setting for Suzanne Strempek Shea's captivating and humorous new book "Shelf Life: Romance, Mystery, Drama, and Other Page-Turning Adventures from a Year in a Bookstore" — or in Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset, the author's analogy couldn't be more accurate.

After all, bookstores are places where you can not only buy books or simply browse but also purchase tickets to a local theater production or school play or catch up on the latest local events that are posted on the bulletin board by the door as a community service. What better place to chat quietly with a friend you run into unexpectedly? Each bookstore has its own story.

Shea has firsthand knowledge of all this, having done readings and drop-ins at hundreds of bookstores and having had varied personal interactions with customers while working at Edwards.

"Customers are from all walks of life – federal judges, street people, waitresses, CPAs, high schoolers," Shea said. "Often at the shelves or in line at the register, one will comment to the next about the book or magazine they have, and then a discussion starts. Very often you'll have strangers chatting who might not otherwise have struck up a conversation. It's wonderful to watch."

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— Suzanne Strempek Shea, author "Shelf Life"

Shea captivated an audience of fans with her lively reading, evoking laughter throughout a recent book signing at Hingham Public Library, an event cosponsored by Buttonwood Books & Toys of Cohasset. The Hingham stop was one of the first on her current book tour. Buttonwood carries a supply of Shea's books.

Another signing is scheduled at Front Street Books in Scituate tonight, May 27, at 7 p.m. For further information, call (781) 545-5011.

Shea remarked about the "beautiful" newly renovated Hingham library. "It's wonderful to see a project like this finished," she said, noting that the town of Palmer, where she lives, is creatively renovating a former A & P into a library.

"Shelf Life" details Shea's experiences as a book lover, book writer, and eventually a bookseller at a family bookstore after her friend Janet Edwards asked her to spread the word that the bookstore was looking for help. Shea decided to give it a try, and she's glad she did.

Shea has found her experience working there anything but slow-paced, as she had previously expected. Instead, she found her days filled with new faces, experiences, and interesting requests.

'Lived and breathed'

While continuing to write, Shea "lived and breathed" books in a place she believes sells "ideas, stories, encouragement, answers, solace, validation, the basic ammunition for daily life" during her recovery from treatments for breast cancer in 2001. She continues to blend writing with bookselling at Edwards, where she spends one or two afternoons a week working the register, shelving new titles, creating seasonal window displays, setting up events, and answering "those many questions."

"Shelf Life" captures life inside a bookstore by providing interesting anecdotes and reflections on Shea's childhood reading, animal books, and visits to a Bookmobile as well as her current experiences at Edwards. The author describes every detail of bookstore life in a way that captivates the reader.

"Suzanne's book is really the book all of us would write, because every one of us has funny and heart-wrenching stories about customers who come into our shops," said Buttonwood owner Betsey Detwiler said.

Shea won the 2000 New England Book Award for Fiction and has written four acclaimed novels, "Selling the Lite of Heaven," "Hoopi Shoopi Donna," "Lily of the Valley," and "Around Again." "Becoming Finola" is scheduled to be published June 15.

Shea's first four novels are set in the western Massachusetts Polish-American community she grew up in. "Becoming Finola" was inspired by Shea's love of Ireland and a job offer casually made to her during a visit there.

Shea has also written a memoir, "Songs from a Lead-Lined Room: Notes – High and Low – from My Journey through Breast Cancer and Radiation." What started out as writing notes about "what went on in my head following breast cancer treatments to be shared with my husband and friends with the intention of eventually lighting a bonfire with them" unexpectedly led her to write "Songs." After unsuccessfully searching for a first-person account of a breast cancer survivor following her diagnosis, Shea decided she would write the book to help others who found themselves in a similar situation.



PHOTO/KATHLEEN MCGONIGLE

From left, author Suzanne Strempek Shea signs copies of "Shelf Life' as Betsy Detwiler, owner of Buttonwood Books, and Kathy Leahy, head of adult services at the Hingham Public Library, look on.

Where do all of Shea's ideas come from? "I have more ideas than I could ever have time to write," she said. "They spring from the littlest thing – an overheard comment, a question, the way somebody decorates their lawn, a classified ad. I just start thinking, 'Hey, I could write about that!"

Shea's advice to budding authors is: "All you need is an idea, and then run with it."

There's a mutual admiration between Shea and her fans. They love her books and she appreciates their support. "If no one was reading or selling my books, I wouldn't be able to do this for a living," she said. "It's a blast. I'm so lucky."

Shea also enjoys meeting other authors. In fact, her laptop is signed by Anne Lamott, author of the popular "Blue Shoe." "She said she had never done that before," Shea recalls with a smile. "She said it was like signing a baseball mitt!"

For someone who calls herself a "shameless self-promoter," Shea is amazingly laid back and understated in her approach. Talking with her is like having a chat with your sister or your best friend who lives next door.

"You can write the best story in the world, but you need readers to take it home in order to get another contract to write another book," she explained.

Sharing anecdotes

Her fans enjoyed Shea's sharing of an anecdote involving one of her books: "I have passed customers standing at the shelf with one of my books in hand and have said to them, 'I heard that's quite good.' Most have nodded, smiled, returned to their looking. One said, 'Doesn't look it.'"

Despite such occasional responses, Shea's books generally receive high marks. While she's appreciative of that, the popular author doesn't put too much weight in book reviews.

"Everybody's different, but my experience [facing a health challenge] made me realize what real problems are. So I don't cling to reviews or to opinions in general. At least, I try not to!" she said. "So much of what irks us or ticks us off is really not important."

Still, Shea is sincere in her appreciation of her fans and of bookstore owners like Detwiler who continue to provide a comfortable place where readers can meet and chat with their favorite authors.

Detwiler found Shea's "town square" analogy right on the mark. "A customer will head for the counter to make a purchase and get into a conversation about the book with someone else who's standing there," she said. "You hear all kinds of things being planned in bookstores, from P.T.O. events to fund raisers."

When Detwiler opened Buttonwood 15 years ago, she didn't have any idea of the variety of services that a bookstore provides to a community. "I very quickly found out what was involved," she recalls. "Sometimes customers come in with a lot on their plates."

Following Buttonwood's opening in November of that year, a woman came in on New Year's Eve at closing time looking for a book for her husband – an alcoholic who hadn't had a drink in three months – "to get him through the night."

Another time, a woman swept into Buttonwood looking for "that book for people who can't seem to do anything right in this world," referring to a Scott Peck self-help book with which Detwiler was familiar. Sympathizing with the woman, Detwiler "did something you never do – throw an arm around [a stranger's] shoulder. I told her I was sure there were many things she did right. The woman went off happy, saying she wasn't sure she would find help in the book, but that I had really helped her. . . . There's a strong desire on every bookseller's part to fulfil whatever request is made so the customer goes away satisfied."

Others come in just to browse and find a diversion from everyday life. Needs and interests vary from bookstore to bookstore, Detwiler noted. While a Cape Cod shop might feature books about shipwrecks, one in Vermont might display books about raising sheep and veterinary help close to the entrance.

Detwiler's advice to young mothers who say they don't have time to read is to make time to pick up a book. "Books take us away from the sameness and everydayness of raising kids and gives mothers something else to think about other than mealtimes and driving to soccer practices," said Detwiler. "That's all important stuff to do, and with a good heart, but parents need to stay people too. And children need to see their parents reading and making it an entertainment choice."

Author has keen eye for customers with character

By Carol Britton Meyer
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In attempting to meet the diverse needs of readers, booksellers often field unusual questions.

"Some of the inquiries aren't as direct as "What is the better title on the lives of the saints?" said author Suzanne Strempek Shea, who also works part-time at Edwards Books in Springfield, Mass. "I'm often racking my brain after being given too few clues about just what it is the reader wants so badly."

Shea, author of "Shelf Life: Romance, Mystery, Drama, and Other Page-Turning Adventures from a Year in a Bookstore," recently paid a visit to Hingham Public Library for a book signing and reading. (See related story.)

Customers often make unusual and challenging requests, Shea said, such as:

- "I'm looking for a book. I don't know the title. I don't have the author's name. I know that it's about a woman. A woman in another country. And it's fiction. The cover is red. My neighbor says it's good. Would you have it?"
- "What would you recommend for a flight to California? I'll be sleeping most of the time."

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- "It's by the author Shurshill – you know, C-H-U-R-C-H-I-L-L. Like the president."
- "I need some books for children who hate to read. My son hates to read. But I want him to read. Do you have any books that a child could read without realizing he was reading?"

Where else would all this occur but in a local bookstore – or a library — full of interesting and unique people, all with their own unique personalities and book preferences?

"I watch the customers browse, select, hug [their books], pay, hug again, leave, and return on another day in search of something else," Shea writes. "I watch it all. I'm a spy, a fly on the shelf-lined wall. One who'll now add to those shelves the story of her first year of working in a bookstore."

Many bookstores not only feature a wide variety of books, but an eclectic display of other items as well: "magazines, newspapers, and a wide selection that goes with the flavor of the community – local authors, poets, and children's illustrators. Edwards Books doesn't have a café or music section, but we do carry stationery, cards, toys, jewelry, pottery, and local souvenirs. Gifts are an important sideline these days," Shea said. "Atmosphere sort of creates itself if the customer feels welcome and assisted – or left alone if that's the preference!"

IT'S HAPPENING

Robert B. Parker discusses new book

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes Robert B. Parker discussing "Double Play" on Tuesday. June 1, at 7 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys. Robert Parker has long been acknowledged the dean of American Crime Fiction. "Double Play" represents a break from the mystery genre and another segue into historical fiction. Parker's novel is a fictional story about the legendary Jackie Robinson and Joseph Burke, a man hired by the Brooklyn Dodgers to be Robinson's bodyguard during this turbulent time. "Double Play" is receiving rave reviews from critics including a starred review from Publisher's Weekly. "A masterful recreation of a turbulent era that's not only a great and gripping crime novel but also one of the most evocative baseball novels ever written." Robert B. Parker is the author of more than 40 books, including the March 2004 Spenser novel "Bad Business," and the 2003 bestseller "Stone Cold" and "Back Story".

Born and raised in Massachusetts, Parker attended Colby College in Maine, served with the Army in Korea, and then completed a Ph.D. in English at Boston University. Parker was named Grand Master by the Mystery Writers of America at the 2002 Edgar Awards ceremony, an honor shared with earlier masters such as Alfred Hitchcock and Ellery Queen. Free and open to the public. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

Barbecue following Memorial Day Parade

The Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation is pleased to invite everyone for hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks or coffee immediately following the Memorial Day Parade May 31, at Bancroft Hall on Government Island.

The non-profit Lightkeepers Corporation was established in 1991 to renovate a former two-family lightkeepers' residence, no longer used as such because of automation of Minot's Light, and convert it into a function room for community use. The building is leased from the town but maintained and operated by the Lightkeepers Corporation.

The generosity of Cohasset residents and others provided the funds for renovation. Operating and maintenance expenses, and reserves for capital replacements or improvements, are recovered from rental of two apartments on the second floor, and from fees charged to non-residents for use of the function room facilities. Cohasset residents may use the facilities for a nominal fee, and non-profit organizations at no charge.

This will be the seventh year that CLC has hosted Memorial Day attendees in recognition of the generosity of our supporters and CLC expects to serve more than 1000 people again.

For further information please contact R. M. Campbell, President of CLC, at 383-0025.

Walk the Rails for Habitat on May 31

Walk the Rails for Habitat, Memorial Day, May 31, starting time, 9 to 10 a.m. Starting point: 190 Summer St., in Hingham (old Hingham Lumber Yard site) off Route 3A/3.5 mile walk along the Greenbush corridor.

Historic walk: view Foundry Pond, the Weir River, old quarries, sites unable to be viewed in the very near future. Hingham's committee for South Shore Habitat for Humanity benefit (non profit). Wheelchair accessible. Adults: $10, youth, $5, children free.

Proceeds will benefit Hingham's upcoming Habitat home 3.5 miles one way, van service available for return trip if necessary, sign-up: railsforhabitat@verizon.net or 781-749-3788 (to tell # walking).

For more information call, Barbara Delano at 781-749-5694.

Flower girls for Memorial Day

Girls ages 5 to 12 are needed to march in the Cohasset Memorial Day parade. Girls will meet at 11 a.m. and march from the common down to the memorial on the harbor across from American Legion Post. Lunch will be served to marchers after the service. If your daughters, granddaughter etc. are interested or if anyone has questions contact Brenda Douglas at 617-678-9137.

'Beauty and the Beast' on stage this summer

The Children's Drama Workshop invites you to "Be Our Guest" this summer as the 16 annual musical production presents: "Beauty and the Beast".

Children ages 5 to 12 are welcome to participate. Registrations will be held during the week of June 14, at Cohasset Town Hall. It is advisable to register on Monday, June 14, at 9 a.m., to ensure a space as registration is limited. The cost is $440 per child. Checks may be payable to CDW.

Auditions for this production will be at the Cohasset Town Hall on Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27. Rehearsals are held from, 1 to 3 p.m., every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon beginning Tuesday, June 29.

For more information, call 781-383-4109.

Six historic homes featured in Hingham

One of the finest tours ever offered by the Hingham Historical Society will take place on Sunday, June 13, when six authentic, unspoiled antique homes will be open to visitors from 1 to 7 p.m.

The 80th Annual House Tour of Historic Homes is the oldest tour of its kind in the country and by far the best-known house tour in Massachusetts. It is expected to attract up to 1,000 visitors from the Greater Boston area.

The oldest house on the tour is the 1745 mansion of the Rev. Daniel Shute, minister of Second Parish for 53 years. Within walking distance of each other are the stately 1755 home of John Fearing, the gracious 1799 Cape Cod house of John Leavitt and the elegant 1803 Federal dwelling of David Whiton.

Four historic sites on the tour include the c.1688 Old Ordinary, the 1818 Old Derby Academy, the 1681 Old Ship Meeting House and the Hingham Cemetery. A new exhibit, "Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past", displays antique tools from the society's collection and will be shown at the Old Ordinary on tour day and also from June 15 through Sept. 11, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Tickets at $15 in advance are now on sale at Bowl & Board, Andrew Zona, Noble's and Whitney Gordon in Hingham Square; the Hingham Public Library; Noble's in Lincoln Plaza and Queen Anne Plaza and The Glass House in South Hingham. Tickets are $20 on tour day and will be sold only at the Old Ordinary, 21 Lincoln St., after 10 a.m.

To order tickets by mail, send a SSAE and your check to The Hingham Historical Society, P.O. Box 434, Hingham, MA 02043. Mark the envelope "House Tour".

For further information call 781-749-1851.

Carriage House School art show and fund-raiser a hit

The Carriage House School Art show and Fund Raiser was held Saturday night at the First Parish House in Cohasset. The back drop of this gala event was the children's art which was created over the course of the school year. The children's creative pieces twinkled and mesmerized the crowd through the decorating and display geniuses of Suzanne Tynka , Cheryl Whetstone and their committee. Their creativity delighted and made it a magical event.

Vickie Belloli, Shari Hense and Lynda Parks organized this grandiose extravaganza. Their organizational abilities and professional fundraising talents culminated in a successful evening. Their hard work and their dedication to the school over the past year was clearly visible.

More than 130 patrons attended. During the evening, patrons were wined and dined by the Committee headed by Logan Bernstein and Sarah Gomez . A disc jockey, Tom Bleakney, donated his time and tunes to keep the evening alive with music and dancing. Anthony Everett was the Master of Ceremonies for the live auction He delighted the crowd with his humor and talented stage presence.

The Carriage House School would like to thank all the businesses and patrons who generously donated to support the school.

Getting grilled glazed salmon just right

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



The problem with glazed salmon on the grill is that it sticks and burns. The sweet glaze adds fuel to the fire since its sugars quickly incinerate and provide an impromptu glue that makes removing the filet virtually impossible. On top of that, I wanted perfectly cooked salmon with just enough glaze to complement the flavor of the fish without overwhelming it.

Farm-raised salmon is widely available and very popular despite the fact that it contains twice the amount of fat as compared to wild salmon. However, if put to a side-by-side taste test, the farm-raised has a milder flavor and moist, rich interior that is a crowd pleaser. Wild salmon often has a dry flaky texture and a stronger flavor. On top of the inferior texture, the lesser amount of fat in the wild salmon makes it much more difficult to grill. So, farm-raised was my first choice. In addition, fillets were preferred over steaks since there were no bones and fillets are easier to cook. Finally, to eliminate curling (as the skin shrinks it often makes the entire fillet curl up), I decided to remove the skin before cooking. Besides, who eats the skin anyway?

The next step was a marinade to boost flavor. Soy is an unbelievably great match for the sweet, buttery salmon and a teriyaki sauce (soy, mirin, sake and a bit of sugar) was the perfect partnership. I tried marinating the fish anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour and found 30 minutes worked best. The fish had picked up just enough flavor to be pleasantly seasoned, but not lose its identity. I also discovered that the fish gained better flavor if placed flesh-side down rather than what used to be the skin-side down during the marinating process. I placed the fillets in a single layer in a baking dish, which worked out well.

In most recipes, the glaze was made up of exactly the same ingredients used in the marinade. This method finishes the dish with an intense flavor boost as well as an attractive shiny glaze. ("Teri" means shiny and traditional teriyaki should have a shellacked appearance.) Preparing the glaze is a snap. All of the ingredients are combined in a small skillet and it is simmered until it is reduced and thickened. I thought that low-sodium soy sauce worked better in the glaze, although it didn't matter as much with the marinade. The proportions of the ingredients also needed to be adjusted; I reduced the amount of soy from four to three tablespoons.

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As for the cooking method, salmon grills best over medium-high heat – they are turned once and then removed. Fillets from the thick end are about 1 1/4 inches thick once the skin is removed and take about three minutes per side. If the grill isn't hot enough, the fish tends to stick so the grates should be well heated as well as oiled. (Use a long pair of tongs, vegetable oil, and a wad of paper towels. New grills' grates tend to stick. To season a new grate, grill a bunch of fatty sausages on it before using for more delicate foods.) I didn't see much of an advantage to applying the glaze during the grilling process. It adds a bit of color, but the risk of burning and sticking is greater than the reward. So once the fish is removed from the grill it is brushed with the glaze and served.

GRILLED GLAZED SALMON

Fillets are easier to work with than steaks and have no bones. Remove the skin before marinating.

Salmon and Marinade

4 tablespoons soy sauce or low-sodium soy sauce
2 tablespoons mirin (sweet cooking rice wine)
2 tablespoons sake
1/2 teaspoon sugar
4 6- to- 8- ounce salmon fillets skinned with pin bones removed (both can be done at the store)

For the Glaze

3 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
2 tablespoons mirin
2 tablespoons sake
1/2 teaspoons sugar

1. Place the soy, mirin, sake and sugar in a 9 x 13-inch baking dish and whisk to combine. Place the fillets in the marinade with the flesh side down (and what would have been the skin side should be facing up). Cover with plastic and refrigerate for 30 minutes. For the glaze: Combine all ingredients in a small skillet or medium saucepan and allow to cook over medium heat until the mixture is reduced by two-thirds and thickened to the consistency of maple syrup, about 3 to 4 minutes. Set aside.

2. Ignite grill. When fire is medium-high (you can hold your hand 5 inches over the flame for 3 to 4 seconds) rub cooking area with vegetable oil-soaked paper towel wad using long tongs. Place salmon on grill and cook until dark grill marks form and the fillets turn opaque about half way up the sides, about 3 minutes. Turn the fillets and cook for an additional 3 minutes or until well marked on second side and the salmon feels firm but not hard when pressed. (You may peek with the tip of a small knife; the very center should remain translucent.) Remove the fillets from the grill onto a warm platter, brush glaze over each fillet and serve immediately.

Serves 4

You can contact writers Christopher Kimball and Jeanne Maguire at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

ORGANIC FARMING

Holly Hill Farm educational events for adults & kids

The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. announce the Spring and Summer 2004 schedule of its Organic Gardening Workshop and Family Farm series. For adults looking to expand their knowledge of organic gardening or parents seeking activities for their children, the series events are designed to offer broad appeal to young and old alike. More information about Holly Hill Farm and The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. is available at www.hollyhillfarm.org

Organic Gardening Workshop Series Schedule

All workshops begin at 10 a.m. and end at noon, and admission for each varies.

Bees Buzz, Saturday, June 26

There are 20 hives on the farm producing honey that is sold at the farm and helps the farm's vegetables with pollination. The farm's expert apiarist, Luke Lambert, will guide attendees through the fascinating life of a bee on the farm, in its hive and the importance of bees in nature. (Cost: FHHF members $12; non-members $15)

Painting an Organic Landscape, July 10, 17 & 24

Local landscape painter, Sage Green Belber, will guide a group of intermediate to advanced painters in their preferred medium as they create a landscape from a scenic vista at the farm. Sage and the other painters will talk about their work and offer one another constructive critique. Cost includes all workshops and hours are negotiable to continue with your painting. Please call if you need an easel or other materials. (Cost: FHHF members $40; non-members $50)

Growing and Cooking with Herbs, Saturday July 31

Learn to grow culinary herbs - in a garden, in containers on the porch, or even indoors on a windowsill. Take a "tasting tour" of the farm's herb garden and learn to identify plants by their distinct flavors and aromas. Find out how to grow both annual and perennial herbs — from preparing the soil, to harvesting for the kitchen. Take home new recipes and learn how to dry and store fresh herbs for winter use. (Cost: FHHF members $20; non-members $25)

Growing Organic Cut Flowers, Saturday, Aug. 28

Delphinium, Cosmos and Echinacea to name a few: learn all about growing cut flowers in a home garden. Topics range from seed sources to sowing tips. Attendees will practice deadheading and harvesting and will make a bouquet to take home. (Cost: FHHF members $20; non-members $25)

Family Farm Series Schedule

Family Farming, Saturday, June 5

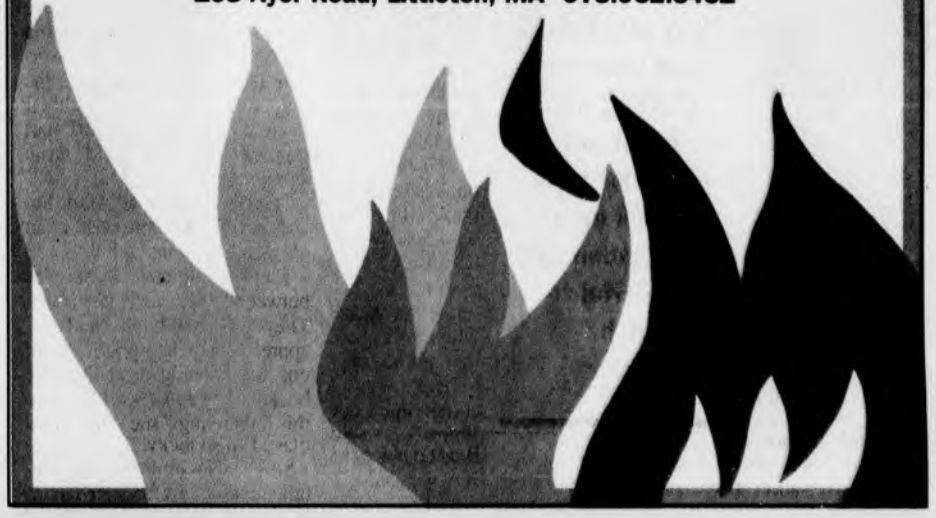
Parents and children are welcome to come and learn how to grow seedlings at home. Attendees will tour the farm's greenhouse, and learn about different containers, potting mix, and seed sources. They will plant some seeds to take home using recycled home materials. Supplies and seeds provided. (Cost: FHHF members $20 per family; non-members $24 per family)

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All ears!

Kids, seniors enjoy Read Aloud day



First-grader Zoe Young is eager to answer a question during Read Aloud day at Osgood, where senior citizens read to the youngsters.

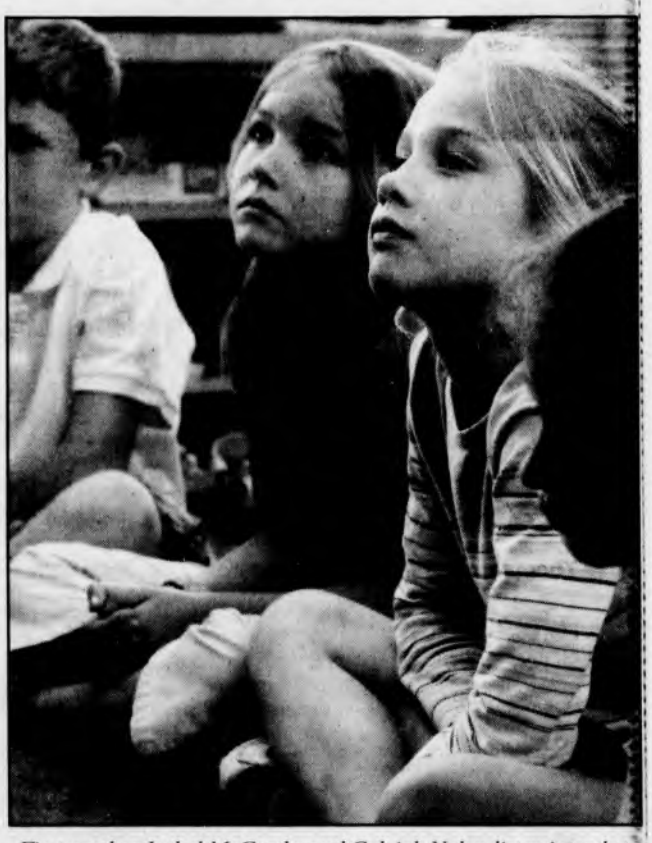


Jean Thompson reads to Mrs. Gibson's second-grade class at the Osgood School.

Photos by Robin Chan



Second-graders in Mrs. Gibson's class, Caroline Evans, Micaela Durkin, Cailey Hart, and Mars Nelson pay close attention to the story Jean Thompson is reading.



First-graders Isabel McCarthy and Caleigh Nolan listen intently to Barbara Elliott's story.

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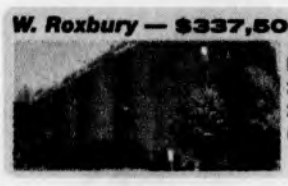
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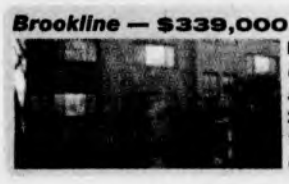
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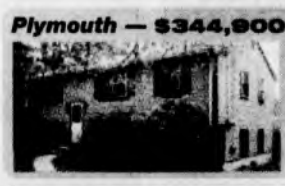
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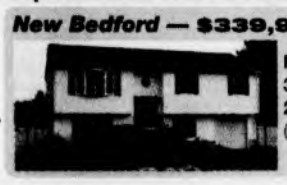
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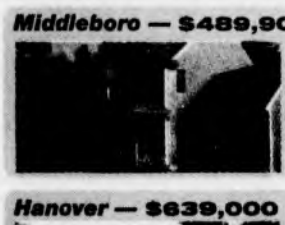
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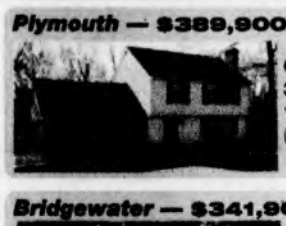
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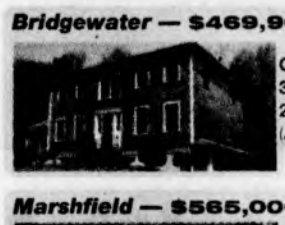
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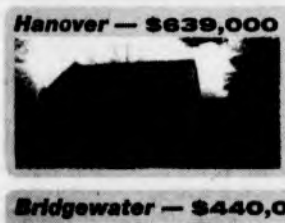
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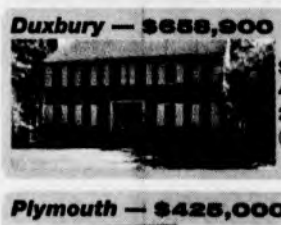
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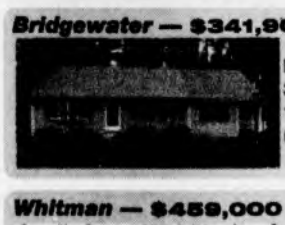
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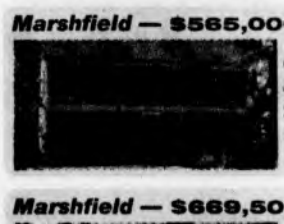
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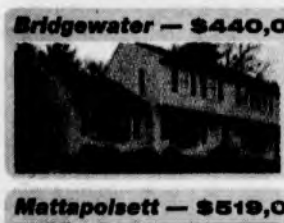
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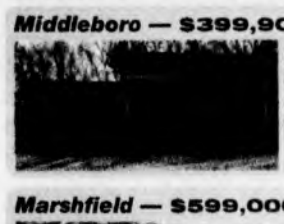
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At left: Lynne Layman and Susan Galligan light the grill at the CMI barbecue on Saturday at the boathouse.

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OBITUARIES

Walter B. Galo

Walter B. Galo, 61, of Port Charlotte, Fla., formerly of Hingham, died May 22, 2004, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Fla.

The son of Frank and Marie (Luggelle) Meallo of Hingham, Mr. Galo was born in Weymouth, and raised in Hingham. Prior to moving to Florida, he lived in Weymouth.

He served in the United States Navy.

Mr. Galo was employed as a software engineer for Verizon (formerly AT&T) for 30 years retiring in 2001.

An avid golfer and a member of the Ridder Country Club, he was an enthusiastic coach for baseball, basketball and football throughout the South Shore for many years. He also enjoyed music and loved food.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Galo leaves three sons, Walter and his wife, Cyndi, of Gorham, Maine, Robert Galo of Plymouth, and William Galo of Hanson; a brother, Ted Galo of Cohasset; six sisters, Roberta Martell of Cohasset, Lydia DeCoste of Abington, Barbara Achille of Port Charlotte, Fla., Frances McInnis, Dolores Johnson and Joyce Baglione all of Hingham; his former wife, Ellen (Jenkins) Galo of Hanson; three grandchildren Ashley, Richard and Vangelina Cox of Plymouth.

A memorial service was held on May 26, in St. John the Evangelist Church, Hingham.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Adelaide M. Pratt

Adelaide M. (Brown) Pratt, 93, of Cohasset and Chestnut Hill, died at her home in Cohasset on May 22, 2004.

Mrs. Pratt was born in Cohasset and was a graduate of the Windsor School in Boston.

A noted yachtswoman, Mrs. Pratt extensively cruised the waters from Eastport, Maine to the Florida Keys with her husband on board their yachts Wester Till and Fomalhaut. Through these trips she captured local scenery on camera and then gave lectures to garden clubs, historical societies and yachting groups. Her involvement with photography covered both the yachting world as well as trying to preserve in color the wildflowers of this region.

Mrs. Pratt received many photographic awards for her efforts. She was winner of camera club competitions for color and nature, Photographic Society of America honors and two Galaxy Awards. She was also honored for her work for the Wildflower Society's Garden in the Woods preservation project. Her award winning photographs of flowers, including many endangered species, and gardens were donated to the Wildflower Society for their archives as well as to the Smithsonian Institution archives, where she was recently honored.

Mrs. Pratt has had numerous honors bestowed upon her including life member of the Chestnut Hill Garden Club, the Cohasset Garden Club, of which she was a past president, and the Cohasset Yacht Club. She is a member of the Colonial Dames of America, The Country Club in Brookline and the Vincent Club. She was a former member of the Photographic Society of America, The Boston Camera Club, the New England Camera Club Council, the Junior League of Boston, of which she was a past treasurer, as well as a member of the Cohasset Historical Society, and the Cruising Club of America.

She was on the visiting committee of the Arnold Arboretum and was an honorary board member of the New England Wildflower Society.

Wife of the late Lewis S. Bell and the late Richard W. Pratt, she leaves her daughter, Virginia B. Gray of Hingham, and three granddaughters; Martha Music, Margaret G. Curtis and Ellen G. Dresser; and six great grandchildren. The funeral services and interment in the Hingham Cemetery were private.

The Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, Hingham, handled the arrangements.

For those who wish, donations may be made in her memory to the First Parish Church in Cohasset, 23 North Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025 or to the Cohasset Sailing Club, P.O. Box 111, Cohasset, MA 02025.

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Legal Notices

PARKES II NAME CHANGE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04C0062CA1

In the Matter of MICHAEL FRANCIS PARKES II
of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in a petition described:

A petition has been presented by SHIRLEY KEHOE praying that MICHAEL FRANCIS PARKES II of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be allowed to change his name as follows: MICHAEL FRANCIS PARKES II TO JOSEPH FRANCIS KEHOE.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON JUNE 23, 2004.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this
day, May 17, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#520538
Cohasset Mariner 5/27/04

ZBA/108-114 ELM ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Thurs., June 10, 2004 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to s.5.3.1 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Janet R. Fogarty** seeks to change condo to single family dwelling at 108-114 Elm St. according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-05-25a.

AD#525360
Cohasset Mariner 5/27, 6/3/04

ZBA/249 CEDAR ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Thurs., June 10, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal of building inspector's decision** pursuant to S.12 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Wendy S. Oleksiak, Tr. Monomoy Realty Trust** seeks to appeal decision regarding violation of a Special Permit at **249 Cedar St.** according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-04-15.

AD#519704
Cohasset Mariner 5/27, 6/3/04

ZBA/260 JERUSALEM RD.
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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Thurs., June 10, 2004 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s.8.7.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Albert Stefan** seeks to raze, relocate and rebuild a dwelling at 260 Jerusalem Rd. according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-05-25b.

AD#525345
Cohasset Mariner 5/27, 6/3/04

ZBA/7 PARKER AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Thurs., June 10, 2004 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s.8.7.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **John & Kathleen Lord Naples** seek to construct porch/deck at **7 Parker Ave.**, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-05-25.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, MAY 13

5:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:53 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, unfounded.

1:40 p.m. Doane St., burglary/breaking & entering, investigated/report taken.

2:33 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle crash, patient sign off.

3:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, patient sign off.

FRIDAY, MAY 14

7:41 a.m. Bow St., suspicious auto, arrest: Brenda M. Ford, 34, 48 Bay St., Hull. Charges: Warrant, two men in protective custody.

11:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

12:08 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., suspicious auto.

12:25 p.m. Cedar St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:47 p.m. Beechwood St., vandalism, investigated/report taken.

4:16 p.m. Highland Ave., officer wanted.

7:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted, area search negative.

10:17 p.m. North Main St., well being check, good intent call.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

12:17 a.m. Beach St., general services.

12:22 a.m. Broad St., fire, log entry.

12:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:26 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:46 a.m. Elm Ct., officer wanted.

11:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:06 p.m. Beach St, animal control.

1:35 p.m. Spring St., well being check.

1:59 p.m. Lower King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

3:32 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

5:22 p.m. King St., tree down.

5:33 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

6:35 p.m. River Road, animal control.

6:38 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

7:17 p.m. Cedar St., assist citizen, unfounded.

9:22 p.m. Border St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

10:13 p.m. Highland Ave., officer wanted.

11:46 p.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

1:01 a.m. Summer St., noise complaint, no police service necessary.

1:46 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, patient sign off.

8:41 a.m. Beechwood/Reservoir, noise complaint.

2:26 a.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control, unfounded.

4 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, medical aid, patient sign off.

5:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:31 p.m. Norfolk Road, fire, investigation, no fire service necessary.

10:21 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, brush, fire extinguished.

MONDAY, MAY 17

7:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, property found.

10:42 a.m. King St., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle crash, services rendered.

4:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle crash, area search negative.

4:19 p.m. Sanctuary Pond Road, motor vehicle crash.

6:07 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle crash.

6:48 p.m. North Main St., wires down.

6:58 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal control.

8:10 p.m. Lamberts Lane, officer wanted. 20-year-old Hull man in protective custody.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

12:29 a.m. Black Horse Lane, officer wanted.

6:46 a.m. Lamberts Lane, vandalism. 20-year-old Hull man summonsed on vandalism charges.

6:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:43 a.m. Hull St., animal control.

8:52 a.m. East St., animal control.

9:15 a.m. Spring St., officer wanted.

9:40 a.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

11:55 a.m. Beechwood St., Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

4:56 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious, 57-year-old Cohasset man in protective custody.

5:55 p.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

6:18 p.m. Border St., vandalism.

7:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disturbance.

8:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

11:06 p.m. Deep Run, suspicious.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

12:28 a.m. Black Horse Lane, general services.

12:50 a.m. Black Horse Lane, officer wanted.

12:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

1:40 a.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

4:17 a.m. Headquarters, officer wanted.

6:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Christos Deligianidis, 46, 211 South main St., Cohasset. Chrgs. License suspended, fail to stop/yield.

8:27 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:39 a.m. North Main St., general services.

11:04 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:42 p.m. Parking Way, parking complaint.

1:26 p.m. North Main St. and Green St., motor vehicle crash, investigated.

1:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle crash.

4:07 p.m. South Main St., suspicious person, area search negative.

5:29 p.m. Beechwood St. and South main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:52 p.m. Lamberts Lane, investigation.

6:55 p.m. Bancroft Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning

9:18 p.m. Hill St., Spring St., Cushing Road, general services.

9:38 p.m. Beechwood St. and King St., motor vehicle stop. traffic citation, warning.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

12:25 a.m. Headquarters, animal control.

1:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

12:04 p.m. Summer St., property lost.

12:31 p.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted, peace restored.

1:01 p.m. Atlantic Ave., disturbance.

3:11 p.m. Church St., burglary, breaking and entering.

3:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire brush.

4:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway traffic complaint.

4:34 p.m. Itchys Corner, traffic complaint, area search negative.

4:34 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

5:37 p.m. Smith Place, animal control.

6:13 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

7:43 p.m. Elm St., identity fraud.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

7:16 a.m. Spindrift Lane, power outage, no police necessary.

10:43 a.m. East St., assist other agency.

12:13 p.m. Old Pasture Road, property lost.

3:41 p.m. Beechwood St. and South Main St., well being check.

4:33 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

5:23 p.m. Pond St., disturbance gathering, brought to station. Juvenile arrest, age 15, Chrgs. Failed to disperse riot.

7:56 p.m. Border St., officer wanted.

9:12 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

11:07 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

1:31 a.m. Headquarters, missing person.

4:34 a.m. Ripley Road, medical aid.

10:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, services rendered.

12:52 p.m. Pleasant St., animal control.

1:32 p.m. Hill St., assist citizen.

1:51 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

2:47 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, vandalism/investigated/report taken.

3:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, investigated/report taken.

5:28 p.m. Jerusalem Road, lost property.

6:01 p.m. Elm St and Elm Court, parking complaint.

9:56 p.m. Doane St., motor vehicle stop.

10:30 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, general services.

10:46 p.m. South Main St., noise complaint.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

1:12 a.m. Norman Todd Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:19 a.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

7:44 a.m. Pond St., animal control.

9:31 a.m. King St., wires down.

10:40 a.m. North Main St., animal control.

1:31 p.m. Pond St., medical aid.

2:48 p.m. Old Pasture Road, officer wanted.

3:12 p.m. Bancroft Way, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

6:50 p.m. Jerusalem Road, runaway.

7:46 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

9:17 p.m. Norfolk Road, suspicious auto.

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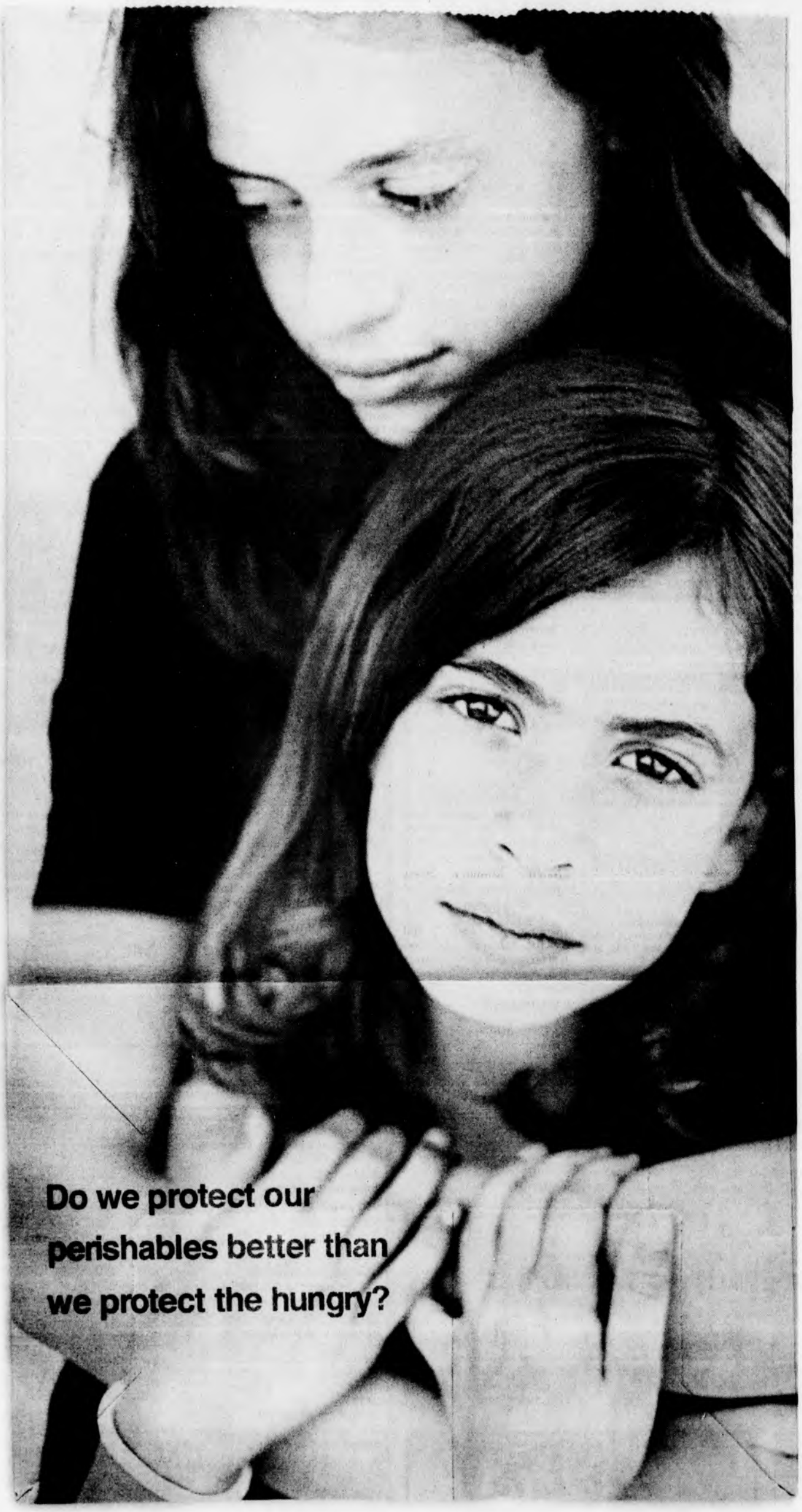
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THE SEVENTH ANNUAL JIMMY KENNEDY MEMORIAL RUN for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis will be held June 12. The five-mile charity run is also known as the New Balance "Squirrel Run" in honor of Jimmy's childhood nickname. Registration 9 a.m.- 2.5 mile walk begins 10 a.m.- 5 mile run starts. $15 pre-registration before May 23. $20 thereafter. All entries are non-refundable. Children admitted free. For information or to pre-register contact the Jimmy Kennedy ALS at 781-383-6008 or visit www.coolrunning.com.

HOUSING THAT WORKS: A CONFERENCE FOR THE OLDER ADULT CONSIDERING A MOVE, a free full-day seminar, will be held at the Hingham Town Hall on Friday, June, 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Panel discussions will focus on issues that concern seniors contemplating downsizing, including simplifying a move, Title V, housing alternatives (such as assisted living and long-term care), and financing options. A tradeshow (1 to 3 p.m.) will feature vendors who can help seniors have a stress-free move. Special raffle prizes. Free lunch. **Pre-registration required by May 28**, by calling Cohasset Elder Services 781-383-9112 or Hingham Department of Senior Services 781-741-1458.

THE NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION is planning its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, Aug. 2, at the Cohasset Country Club, Lambert's Lane in Cohasset, features a new practice range and putting area. Registration begins at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Tickets are $175 per person, and include a fun day on the greens, as well as a pre-game lunch, sit-down dinner, raffle and silent auction. Due to the tournament's popularity, foursomes are encouraged to sign up early. Rain date is Aug. 16.

FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITS WOODWARD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS Monday June 7, at the newly developed, private Black Rock Country Club in Hingham. For more information on how to participate or to have an event registration packet mailed to your home or business, contact The Woodward Golf Committee at 781.834.2063 or email rzaccardi@verizon.net. Registration begins at 10 a.m., with a shotgun start beginning at Noon.

SECOND ANNUAL TOUCH A TRUCK TO BENEFIT THE JETT FOUNDATION The Jett Foundation is searching for trucks and/or unusual and unique vehicles to participate in the upcoming touch-a-truck on June 13, at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. If you would like to participate, call 781-293-2667 or 781-294-8445 or visit www.JettFoundation.org Sponsorship deadline is May 1.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER'S 49TH ARTS FESTIVAL, Cohasset, June 18 to 20. Art and music for all generations, contemporary art to traditional handmade crafts. 781-383-2787 www.ssac.org

THE SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS announces the addition of a special concert featuring the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart conductor, to the Music Circus for the first time in a benefit performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South Shore Art Center. Tickets for concert can be purchased via Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and in person at the Music Circus box office Tickets are $101.25 and $90.25. A limited number of special ticket packages, which include a reception with the maestro, can be purchased from South Shore Art Center only. Call the SSAC at 781-383-2787 for information.

Thurs. 27

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Front Street Book Shop offers a supportive environment and encourages all levels of writing experience to attend. Bring a writing project to share. More info call: 781.545.5011.

Heart-Healthy Luncheon Program, Learn about **Staying Heart Healthy** with a complimentary luncheon program sponsored by Welch Home Care Services and Pfizer. Nurse Practitioner John O'Neil, from the Cardiology Office of Dr. Eric E. Johnson, Plymouth, will talk about maintaining heart health at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 27, at the Duxbury Council on Aging, 10 Mayflower St. Seating is limited. For information or to make a reservation, call 781-934-5774.

The Kingston Public Library, 6 Grove St., Kingston, presents **A Year in the People's Republic**. A series of photographs by **Matthew Gill,** a Weymouth writer, who taught English in the city of Shen Yang, China in 2001-2002. The exhibit will be on display for the month of May. 781-585-0517.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. May 20, through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

Jimbos Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, **Comedy Night** featuring **Chance Langton, Annette Pollack, Tim Kaelin, Cyndi Stiles, Troy Diamond and Joe Kringdon**. Reservations $10. Call 781-848-0300.

Front Street Book Shop, in conjunction with the Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., hosts **Suzanne Strempek Shea**, Author: songs from a Lead-Lined room will discuss and sign her new release: Shelf Life: Suzanne's auto-biographical account of her employment in a book store, as she struggles to reclaim her life after overcoming cancer. Free and open to the public.

The Friends of Plymouth Pound announce their **12th annual fundraising carnival** to be held at the Armstrong Skating Arena, May 27, from 6 to 10 p.m. May 28, (wristband night) 6 to 11 p.m. May 29, from 1 to 10 p.m. and May 30, from 6 to 11 p.m. Free admission.

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Next group meets 6 to 8 p.m. 781-545-5011.

Wizard of Oz Preview - Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the **Paul Pratt Memorial Library** in Cohasset on May 27, at 5 p.m. to catch a preview of the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of The Wizard of Oz. Many of your favorite characters will perform a selection of songs from the show. Meet the Munchkins. See the Flying Monkeys Open to the public, free of charge, and refreshments will be served following the performance.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree,, Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

Fri. 28

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays) Free with admission. A half-hour of storytelling. Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Borders Book Store in Kingston at the Independence Mall: - May 28, 10:30 a.m. Accompany Beth as she reads the **Pig in a Wig** and **What's That Awful Smell.**

The James Library, Norwell, 24 West St., Norwell, presents **The Changing Hues of Ireland,** by **J. Michael Sullivan,** through June 2.

Duxbury Bay Maritime School Benefit Sawashbuckler's Soiree The silent auction, dinner buffet and dance is May 28, and tickets are $90 per person ($70 is tax deductible). This event sells out every year so plan now. For information call Robin Nutter at 781-934-7555.

Country and Swing Dance: Friday, May 28. 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. Country Dance Promotions is holding a Country and Swing dance at the Dedham VFW, 84 Eastern Ave., Dedham. Dance lesson at 7:30; Food, cake and coffee. Smoke free. $10. 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937; 401-861-3114.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 28, **the Mojo King**. Show starts at 9:15 a.m. No cover.

Ascari Braintree @ F1, 290 Wood Road, Braintree 9:30 p.m. $5 Satch Romano's New Blue Revue **featuring House Rockers**. 781-848-2300.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **The Crust** May 28 and 29, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **The Infractions**. Handicap accessible.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **James Montgomery** on May 28. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance May 28, featuring **DJ Dave Joubert** from 8 p.m. to midnight. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $12 SSS members/$15 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.



BEST BET

deLima delights in humor of "Noises Off"

Throughout her stage career, Sarah deLima has played a diverse array of characters in works by everyone from Shakespeare to Sondheim. In most of those productions, the Cohasset performer has tackled just one role at a time. At Boston's Lyric Stage through June 5, however, deLima can be seen playing not one, but two roles in the classic British comedy, "Noises Off," by Tony Award-winning playwright Michael Frayn.

With "Noises Off," Frayn wrote two plays - a traditional sex farce, "Nothing On," and the backstage drama of what develops during the production's final rehearsal and subsequent tour. "I play Dotty Ottley, the actress who plays Mrs. Clackett, the housekeeper, in the play. Dotty is also an investor in the play so she really wants it to work," explained deLima by telephone last week. "This is one of the all-time want-to-do roles for an actress."

Rounding out the cast are local favorites including Jeremiah Kissel, Barlow Adamson, and Neil A. Casey, under the direction of Spiro Veloudos. "We have some very gifted comic actors in this company. The cast really understands farce and how to make it work beautifully. The first act takes place at a rehearsal on the set and the second act deals with the backstage turmoil that grips the company after the show has been out on tour for a while and things aren't going well. Everything is timed just right to show exactly what is happening on-stage and off. It is perfectly choreographed chaos," says deLima. "I hate to use superlatives, but this may be the most beautifully constructed piece of comic theater ever written."

"Noises Off" is at the Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon Street, Boston. For tickets and information, call 617/437-7172 or visit www.lyricstage.com.

—R. Scott Reedy

Sat. 29

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

The North River Arts Society celebrates **The 28th Annual Festival of the Arts**, May 29 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. The **Young Artists' Exhibit** is open to all youngsters pre-school through high school. 781-837-8091

Duxbury Bay Maritime School is hosting Family Day Festival, **featuring** the *HMS Bounty* for the annual Opening of the Bay celebration May 28-29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The magnificent 180-foot long ship, featured in the movies **Mutiny on the Bounty and Treasure Island**, will be open for tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. **Family Day** activities include children's games and crafts, a silent auction and raffle, ecology exhibits, knot tying demonstrations, music, refreshments and entertainment. Twelve local artisans will be displaying their work. The Festival is open to all and admission is free. The ***Bounty*** will be docked at the Duxbury Town float at Snug Harbor, off Washington Street at Mattakeesett Court. Call DBMS at 781-934-7555 for information or visit www.duxbayms.com.

The South Shore Art Center will host its biannual middle-school student exhibition **Art Forum** through June 7. Art work in all media is on display in this celebration of young South Shore students and their innovative creations from the following schools: Abington Junior High School, South and East Middle Schools in Braintree, Deer Hill in Cohasset, Duxbury Middle School,

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Plimoth Plantation, a new exhibit opens to the public on May 29. **Setting the Scenes for Colonial House** will focus on the museum's role in the popular PBS series. Free with paid admission to Plimoth Plantation. Tickets are $20 adults and $14 for children age 6 to 12. Located on Route 3A

The Air Mayfair Air Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Visitors can see vintage planes, authentic warbirds and experimental aircraft, as well as viewing a Technology Fair featuring renewable energy displays. Tickets $5 adults and $3 for students, under age 6 free. Lectures and conferences on renewable energy will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. each day. 508-830-1620 or www.plymouthchamber.com

Giant Yard Sale, May 29, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at **House of Prayer Lutheran Church**, 916 Main St., Hingham. Refreshments available. Rain or shine.

Vicki Larkin's Botanical Illustrations will be on display at the **Massachusetts Audubon Society's North River Wildlife Sanctuary** at 2000 Main St., (Route 3A) in Marshfield, May 1 through 29. Call at 781-837-9400 for details.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, presents **Wild Animal Portraits**, a photography exhibition by **Rich Turk**, on May 1-27, in the Vine Hall Gallery. Mr. Turk's exhibit includes pictures of wild animals from all over the world.. 781-659-2559 or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org_

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 29, **Cindy Daley Band**. Show starts at 9:15 a.m. No cover.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. May 29, **Part Time Lovers** 781-871-7175.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents May 29, **Commander Cody**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. 30

The James Library Center For The Arts, 24 West St, Norwell Center, holds its annual Memorial Day book sale on Monday, May 30 from 9 a.m. to noon On sale are hard-to-find titles, classics, new bestsellers, and more. Refreshments. Free. Held rain or shine. The sale follows the Memorial Day parade. Call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org.

Grand Opening Celebration at the Ocean Place Shops featuring **The Comfort Zone** - Hull's newest boutique featuring unique gifts, clothing, skin care and local artists' work (photography, oil prints, watercolor, jewelry), refreshments, massage and more at 121 Nantasket Avenue in Hull. Sunday, May 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free and all welcome. For more information, call 781-925-9499.

Families with Children from China (FCC) South Shore, has an active play group meeting every other week from 10 am until noon. Call Cissy White at 781-331-4679 for information. No cost to join.

The HMS Bounty will dock at Town Wharf on the Plymouth waterfront. Visitors can board the three-master from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Tickets are $5 Children under 6 are free. 508-830-1620.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury presents 48 members of the **Boston Printmakers exhibit** with more than 60 prints in **Time Remembered/Times Past**.

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury will offer an exhibition full of childhood remembrances and the images they evoke as expressed in **On their Own, Rhoda Rosenberg, printmaker**. The exhibit will run through June 13.

Sunday Brunch at the JFK Library and Museum nine Sundays beginning through June, Brunch served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. $36 adults; $12 children age 12 and under. Admission includes brunch, museum admission and all taxes and gratuities. Reservations strongly recommended by calling 617-514-1586. wwwjfklibrary.org

"Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance" every Sunday evening at **Raffael's Restaurant**, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Dance music by DJ Joe Pet. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Ron Towers** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **May 30, Fat City.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mon. 31

The Hingham Committee of South Shore Habitat for Humanity invites you to **Walk the Rails for Habitat** Memorial Day, May 31. Suggested start time 9 to 10 a.m. corridor open until 2 p.m. Parking, registration and beginning of walk will be at The former location of Hingham Lumber company Summer St., just off Route 3A. $ 10 per adult walker, $5 for youth 12-18, children free. 781-749-3788.

The North River Arts Society and the Ventress Memorial Library Board of Trustees presents the unveiling of **the Best Place in the Show,** an original pastel paintings by **Liz Haywood-Sullivan** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. This poster exhibit will run through June 19. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.



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Local performers shine at Elliot Norton Awards

Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Edward Albee ("Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?") was honored with a lifetime achievement award, and several South Shore performers were in the spotlight on May 17 when the Boston Theater Critics Association presented the 22nd annual Elliot Norton Awards at Boston's Cutler Majestic Theater.

A special citation was given to Overture Productions for its November 2003 production of "Follies In Concert," which featured Broadway veteran Len Cariou and a large cast of local performers under the musical direction of Michael Joseph of Weymouth. The company included eight singers from the South Shore, two of whom - Weymouth's Mary Callanan and Holbrook native and current East Bridgewater resident Paula Markowicz - were among those performing highlights from the Stephen Sondheim musical during last week's awards ceremony.

The 2004 Norton Prize for Sustained Excellence went to Paula Plum, while the Broadway in Boston and Huntington Theatre Company presentation of Theatre Royal Bath's perfectly realized "As You Like It" was named Outstanding Production by a Visiting Company. The New Repertory Theatre's staging of "Sweeney Todd" earned Outstanding Director, Small Company honors for Rick Lombardo and helped win Leigh Barrett the award for Outstanding Actress, Small Company. Last season, Barrett earned acclaim not only for her work in "Sweeney Todd" and "The Threepenny Opera" at the New Rep, but also for the Gloucester Stage Company's "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," and her haunting performance in "Follies In Concert." The Large Company acting nods went to Julie White for "Bad Dates," and Paxton Whitehead in "What the Butler Saw," both produced by the Huntington.

- R. Scott Reedy

Tues. 1

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A Cohasset,, welcomes **Robert B. Parker** discussing "Double Play" on June 1, at 7 p.m.. Free and open to the public. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

Massachusetts Boating Basics - May 25, 27, June 1, 8, and 15 at South Shore Vocational Technical High School, 476 Webster St., (Rt. 123) attendance required at all five classes from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Youths age 12 to 15 years of age and age 16 or 17. Pre-registration required 617-727-8760 or 508-790-9360.

The exhibit Into the Woods by **Paul Falcone** is the featured display at The Gallery, located at PACTV, 130 Court St.(rear building) Plymouth until June 5.508-830-6999 or visit www.pactv.org

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

CALENDAR, see next page



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Duxbury Bay Maritime School is hosting Family Day Festival, featuring the HMS Bounty for the annual Opening of the Bay celebration May 28-29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The magnificent 180-foot long ship, featured in the movies Mutiny on the Bounty and Treasure, will be open for tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Family Day activities include children's games and crafts, a silent auction and raffle, ecology exhibits, knot tying demonstrations, music, refreshments and entertainment. Twelve local artisans will be displaying their work. The Festival is open to all and admission is free. The Bounty will be docked at the Duxbury Town float at Snug Harbor, off Washington Street at Mattakeesett Court. Call DBMS at 781-934-7555 for information or visit www.duxbayms.com.



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Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset Thursday, May 27, at 5 p.m. to catch a preview of the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of The Wizard of Oz. Many of your favorite characters will perform a selection of songs from the show. The preview is open to the public, free of charge, and refreshments will be served following the performance.

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Insight Education Center, presents **Teaching The Active/Impulsive Child Self-Control,** (All ages) being held from 7 to 9 p.m. on June 2, at Mulberry Child Care Center, Canton. Certificates of attendance for teachers and child care providers. $25 per individual, $40 per co-parenting couple, $20 groups of four. Pre-register at www.insighteducation.com or call 781-294-8004. Another presentation date will be June 14, in Braintree.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

The Florence Crittenton League Adoption Agency is holding a general information meeting on June 2, at 7 p.m. at the Pembroke Public Library, 142 Center, Route 36, Pembroke. For information call 978-452-9671,

Thurs. 3

"An Evening With Carol Channing" starring **Richard Skipper as Carol Channing"** musical revue arrives at Raffael's Restaurant in North Quincy, on June 3 and 4, with a matinee and evening performance on each date. The musical revue will be presented for four performances only. All matinees will begin at 1 p.m. with lunch starting at noon sharp. The evening performances begin at 8 p.m. with the dinner starting at 6:30 sharp. Tickets are $35 for our matinees and $45 for the evening performances. The ticket price includes dinner, tax, gratuity and show. Groups of 20 or more may contact us for special group rates. For tickets or additional information call Raffael's during regular business hours at 617-328-1600 or visit us on the web at jmproductionspresents.com

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club**.** A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/ walknmass



The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Summer Rock Series** presents **Jesters** June 3. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

Fri. 4

The Scituate Animal Shelter will hold its First Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 4, at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. The afternoon tournament will feature numerous prizes - including a hole-in-one automobile, raffles, and Par 3 Poker. The $125 fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner at the Barker Tavern. The Shelter is also seeking corporate sponsorships and donations to raffle. All proceeds will go to the no-kill Scituate Animal Shelter. Registration forms are available at the shelter or by logging onto Fundraisers at www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter/. 781-545-8325.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its **25th Anniversary Blues Concert and Silent Auction** with **Guy Davis** at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. The show starts at 8 p.m. $13 members, $15 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. June 4, **Bill Downes** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents June 4, **Lydia Warren**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing Events

La Leche League is an international, non profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and encouragement to all women who want to breastfeed. Meetings are Thursdays, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12, at 7:15 p.m. in Pembroke. For information call: Joanne 781-924-1919/Lisa 781-829-9075/Heidi 781-582-1187. All expectant, new, and experienced mothers and their babies welcome.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com 1-508-830-4250.

South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Tickets on sale now for its 2004 season. Children's programs go on sale also. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org



Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly free meetings, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

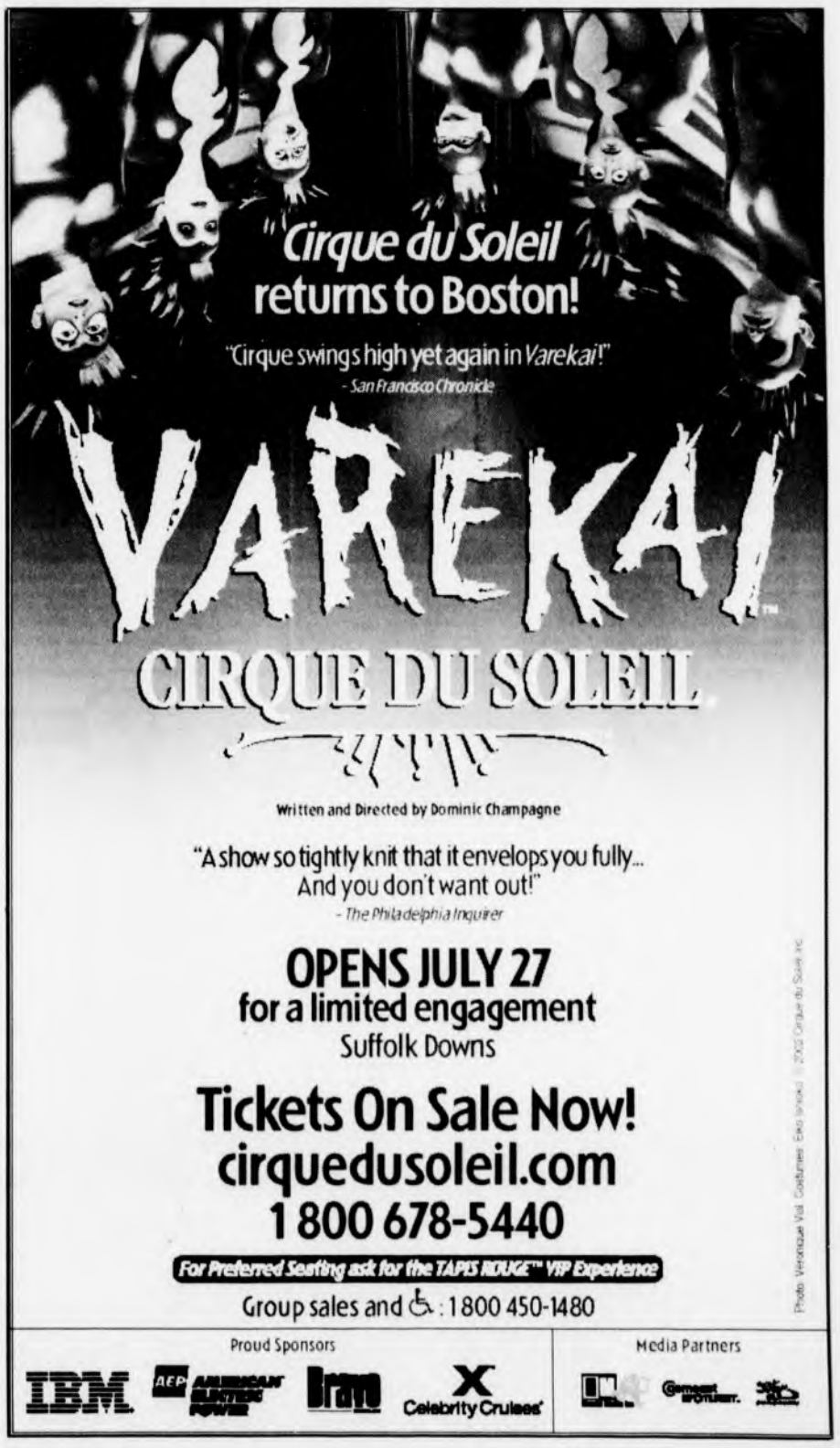
The Interfaith Book Study Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for March, Palace Walk by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036.

Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**, Broad St., Weymouth for children 4 1/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For more information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For more information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnolly@artsfirst.org



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A grateful town says 'thank you' to veterans

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With bright blue skies and a gentle breeze to keep flags proudly waving at a constant pace, Mother Nature was smiling down on Cohasset as residents gathered Monday to honor those soldiers who over the years have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom of our country.

"To my own Blue Star mother, thank you for my life, my values, and your courage during the times I have been in harms way. I love you."
Cohasset native
Major John B. Atkinson

From babies to grandmothers, many were dressed in red, white, and blue to commemorate this Memorial Day, and cheered as the parade rolled by. Some children rode their bikes alongside those who marched, while others sat atop their father's shoulders for a better view of the festivities, while the soldiers took their places at Veterans Memorial Park at Cohasset harbor just before noon.

Cohasset native and 1988 graduate of Cohasset High School, Major John B. Atkinson, US Marine Corps, returned to his hometown to serve as this year's Memorial Day speaker. Looking out into the crowd of faces, Atkinson recalled the days when he, too, was one of the children standing along the very same parade route, and how it felt to stand in

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Brenda Douglas, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, watches as flower girls toss flowers during Memorial Day ceremonies to pay homage to soldiers and sailors lost at sea. For more photos on the event, see page 19.

Police chief calls it quits

Jackson makes plans to retire

By Samantha Brown
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There's another change at the top in Cohasset as Selectmen announced Police Chief Robert Jackson's retirement Tuesday night.

His departure follows on the heels of Mark Haddad, who abruptly resigned as town manager early last month for personal reasons.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said Jackson submitted his intention to retire while on vacation last week. He added the board has a plan to implement an interim chief and will be interviewing a potential candidate at a special meeting to be held Thursday, June 3 at 7:30, and all are welcome to attend.

Selectmen have not announced who the candidate is, but said Jackson has agreed to stay on parttime to offer support when necessary to the interim chief. Sullivan said he would estimate it will be about a month before Jackson is fully retired.

"We would like to thank Bob for all he has done over the years," said Sullivan, adding the town appreciates his effort to help the interim chief.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris, who was a member of the police chief search committee to hire Jackson, wished him well in his retirement.

Jackson, 56, and a 25-year veteran of the department, has had a rocky year at the helm of the small-town police force that has been riddled with controversy.

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Stewart put light in Relay for Life

By Samantha Brown
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Anna Mary Stewart put the light in the Relay for Life. With her shining spirit and ever-present willingness to give, for years she helped those who had lost loved ones to cancer keep their memories alive by coordinating the Luminaria Ceremony at the Relay for Life.

But at this year's event on Friday, June 18, friends and family will light a candle to commemorate Stewart's life, not only as a mother and friend, but as an American Cancer Society volunteer who gave to the cause year after year, in the hopes that one day, there will be a cure. She lost her own battle with liver cancer in January.

A longtime volunteer for the American Cancer Society, Stewart originally became involved in the Relay when the disease hit close to home. Her husband had been diagnosed with cancer and she was looking for a way to lend support to the cause. Stewart's daughter, Mary Anne Gagne, said her mother spent endless hours reading articles and looking up the latest developments in research, and her participation in the Relay helped her feel she was making a contribution.

"It was definitely an emotional thing for her," said Gagne. "It was a way she could make a difference."

By participating in the Relay —

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'Oz' production is a family affair

By Samantha Brown
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When the curtain goes up on this year's Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of the "Wizard of Oz", not only will there be families in the audience, there will be families on stage. From witches to scarecrows to flying monkeys and munchkins, CDC actors range in age from five to 85, which allows everyone in the family to become involved.

Lisa Pratt and her two daughters, Logan, 11 and Madison, 6, are all participating in the CDC show. Lisa will be playing the Wicked Witch of the West while Logan will play a flying monkey, and Madison represents one of the lullaby league.

"This is the first play for them," Lisa said of the girls, but added she does have some acting experience under her belt, and her interest in theater may have rubbed off on them.

Lisa directed the CDC's production of "Little Shop of Horrors" and said "The kids loved it." They would come to some of the rehearsals and watch the performers and by the end, knew practically all the lines to the show.

"It was really fun," said Madison.

When the girls found out the next CDC show was going to be Oz, they couldn't wait to audition. "Madison was very excited about trying out," said Lisa, adding she knew if the girls really wanted her to try out, she was going to audition for the "most fun part I could sink my teeth into," and that came in the role of the Wicked Witch of the West.

Because of her prior acting experience, Lisa can cackle a little too convincingly. While Madison said she knows underneath all the green makeup it's still her mom, when she barges on stage with her broom, she admits she gets a little scared.

On opening night the three Pratts, will have a small cheering section in the crowd as youngest Pratt daughter, Halle, 4 isn't quite old enough to participate just yet. She is happy for now to sit with dad, Jeff, in the audience and cheer her mom and sisters on.

In the Murray family, each member has

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Lisa Pratt, playing the Wicked Witch, is just one family member in the production of the "Wizard of Oz." She is joined by her two daughters, Logan and Madison.

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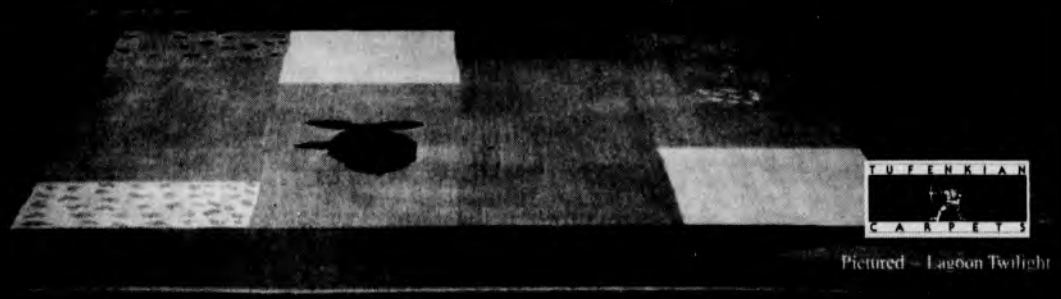
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Planning Board office hours set

Beginning June 7, the Cohasset Planning Board Office will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This revised schedule of hours will be in effect until Sept. 7. The Planning Board phone number is 781-383-3517.

Household hazardous product collection

Cohasset will have a joint hazardous waste collection day with Hull from 9 a.m.-1p.m., June 5 at a location to be announced.

Accepted materials include solvents, gasoline, motor oil mixtures and other automotive fluids, pesticides, photography chemicals, pool chemicals, acids and bases, thermometers, thermostats and poisons. Materials not accepted include industrial waste, radioactive materials, pathological and medical waste, pressurized gas cylinders, auto batteries and explosives. Paint, motor oil, propane tanks, fluorescent lamps and NiCd (rechargeable) batteries are collected regularly by many towns and may not be accepted at some collections. Latex paint is non-hazardous, and may be dried and disposed with trash. Bring chemicals in their original containers or labeled clearly as to their contents. Clean Harbors will conduct the collections.

Residents who turn in a toxic mercury thermometer or other mercury item may swap it for a digital thermometer. Visitors' mercury waste may be disposed but not swapped. Swaps sponsored by American Ref-Fuel at SEMASS or Mass. DEP.

For more detailed information and directions, call the South Shore Recycling Cooperative at 508-785-8318. Claire Sullivan, Solid Waste Planner.

Flushing of water mains continues

The water department will continue to flush water mains during the weeks of June 7 and 14. Flushing will take place Monday through Thursday between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. The anticipated flushing schedule for the two-week period is as follows:

June 7 – North Main St. from Forest Ave. to Elm St.; Pratt Ct.; Elm St., Margin St., Atlantic Ave. to Beach St, Beach St. and streets off these streets.

June 8 – Atlantic Ave. from Beach St. to Jerusalem Rd.; Nichols Rd.; Jerusalem Rd. from Atlantic Ave. to No. Main St.; Joy Pl.; Gammons Rd.; Redgate Lane and streets off all of these streets.

June 9 - Jerusalem Road from Forest St., to Atlantic Avenue and all streets off this section of Jerusalem Road.

June 10 – Flushing not completed on the three previous nights. (Please see Channel 10 and note placement of flushing notice signs in street.)

June 14 – Spring St.; So. Main St. from Elm to Beechwood St.; Summer St.; Sankey Rd.; Black Horse La.; Border St.; Parker Ave. and streets off So. Main St.

June 15 through June 17 – Virginia Lane; Woodland Rd. and Holly Lane. Completion of flushing not performed on previous nights.

Residents will be provided advance notification in the Patriot Ledger and Cohasset Mariner of the schedule for flushing each segment of the system. In addition, temporary street signs will be placed strategically around the affected area on the day of flushing. Notice will also be provided on the Water Dept.'s web site, www.cohassetwater.org and on the local cable access channel, Channel 10. Residents should monitor the cable channel for schedule changes.

"Flushing cleans out sediment and deposits which may have accumulated in the water mains and is an important part of the continuing efforts to improve drinking water quality to our customers," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission.

Do not wash clothes during the time the flushing occurs. If clothing becomes stained it can be cleaned by using "Iron Out" which is available for free from the Water Department.

During the flushing program, some temporary discoloration of the water may occur. Run the cold water faucet, preferably outside, for a short time until the discoloration clears. If your water is discolored, avoid using hot water until you flush your hot water tank by opening the valve at the bottom of the tank.

Call the Water Department at 781-383-0057 with any questions.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, June 10, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, June 3, 7:30 p.m.

Historical Commission, June 14, 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, June 9, 7 p.m. at the library.

Osgood School Council, June 8, 3:15 p.m., Osgood School conference room

Wastewater Committee, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

ZBA, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

All-facilities stickers to go on sale June 7

The expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. The "all facility sticker" for the next fiscal year will be on sale starting the week of June 7 during normal business hours at the town hall and at the DPW garage on weekends starting June 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. An "all facilities sticker" will be $30, the second vehicle $30 and seniors is $15.

This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, Sandy Beach as well as, include parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Dept. of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town. You are encouraged to purchase your sticker by mail by providing the appropriate fee, a copy of your current registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

Building permits

The following building permits were issued at Town Hall:

William Earon, 29 Gammons Road, remodel kitchen, five new windows, $30,000; Lighthouse Inn, Lighthouse Lane, re-roof, $10,500; Joe Mercurio, 671 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., single family dwelling, $500,000; Second Congregational Church, 22 Red Gate Lane, deck, $3,500; Robert Rafferty, 9 Margin Court, addition, $225,000; Gary Anderson, 13 Holly Lane, 10 x 12 shed, $2,450; Saltonstall, 224 Jerusalem Road, single family dwelling, $1,000,000; St. Sauver, 9 Fairoaks Lane, remodel, enclose breezeway, $18,000; David Drinan, 29 Cedar St., 20 x 38 in-ground pool, $35,000; and Gary Anderson, 13 Holly Lane, 10 x 12 shed, $2,450.

Also, James Kirk, 254 South Main St., replace porch with three-season room, $20,000.

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Boatyard plans are sunk

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After weeks of discussion surrounding the Mill River Boatyard, the planning board has denied a request to transform the dilapidated Border Street site into a full service boatyard complete with hauling, launching, storage and repair facilities.

Stating it thought the applicant, Mill River Boatyard LLC, had not provided enough information regarding the site's intended use, along with a failure to meet the parking requirement set forth in the town's bylaw and a failure to meet public safety requirements, the planning board voted 3-0 against approval of the plan. Planning Board Chairman Al Moore has recused himself from all conversations surrounding the project, and member Michael Westcott was on vacation.

Currently, the Mill River Boatyard is owned by Peter Roy of Margin Street, who also owns Atlantica, the Old Salt House and the Cohasset Harbor Inn. Donald Staszko is in the process of working out a deal to purchase the Mill River Boatyard from Roy, and Staszko's son Ryan would serve as the manager of the property upon successful renovations.

Member Stuart Ivimey said because the preliminary plans allow for every possible permitted use, including uses only allowed with special permits, there is a much wider scope the site could be used for, which has not been specified by the applicant. He added it is not the job of the board to figure out what the applicant may or may not do with the property.

"In the parade of imaginary horribles, the door has been left open to fast-food restaurants," said Ivimey, adding while the applicant has stated it will only operate businesses that are allowed by the town, with a special permit, a restaurant would not be a violation, and could be permitted. While he said he doubts very much the Zoning Board of Appeals would ever allow a fast-food restaurant on the site, "We can't rely on what we think other boards will do," when making a decision.

Member Peter Pratt, who served as acting chairman in place of Moore, said in his opinion, the fundamental issue of public safety has not been addressed. During an emergency, every minute counts, and he said a letter sent to the board from the fire department shows concern on the department's end that access on the site could be a problem.

Fire Captain Mark Trask attended the meeting and said the department is concerned about being able to access the property from all angles. Due to the topography of the property, which has much of the buildings standing over running water, there is limited access on the Border Street side.

However, Trask said one very impressive aspect of the plans is the use of fire sprinklers on site, which the department is always glad to see. "This is a quantum leap in terms of safety," Trask said, adding because the boatyard could potentially store many boats during the winter, the site has the potential to be a real breeding ground for fires, and sprinklers will help ease some of that worry.

However, with the potential increase of business to the site, Pratt said parking could become an issue as current plans do not show adequate parking spaces for the site, and vehicles would have no choice but to park on the street, which could impede access for safety vehicles. While developers say there will not be an increase in use for the site, the planning board disagrees.

Ivimey said he shared Pratt's concerns about parking on the site. He said he believes that there will be an increase in traffic as a result of the renovations, creating a demand for more parking. However, "We've heard over and over it doesn't make sense to use the space on site," for additional parking, because it will negatively affect the applicant, he said.

Ivimey said while the applicant could, he "chooses not to use his land for parking." He said while the proposed boatyard businesses have been compared to those currently operating in the Village, the harbor does not have any facilities such as the town parking lot to accommodate spillover parking.

Concerned residents attended the meeting as well, and many shared the parking concerns of board members. Paul Figueiredo, 173 Pond St., asked how many employees could be working on any given day at the site, because currently, when everyone in the fishing fleet goes out at once, that alone generates roughly 20 vehicles, and parking could become a real issue from the employees alone.

"I really don't know," said Charles Humphreys, attorney for the applicant. Since the boatyard would be affected by the seasons, he said the work being done would have lulls at certain points during the year, and "at this point, I do not know how many employees it will have."

Richard Karoff, 19 Border St., said while the applicants have repeatedly said they do not need additional parking on site, he said he did not see any way the board could approve plans that did not have the provisions necessary for adequate parking.

While the site plan was turned down by the planning board, Pratt said there is nothing preventing Mill River LLC from coming before the board again with a new set of plans.

MBTA ombudsman resigns

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset-Greenbush ombudsman Kristina Patterson has resigned from her position as a landscape architect at the Waterfield Design Group, and in turn will no longer be serving as the liaison between the town of Cohasset and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

Patterson said she has accepted an offer for post-graduate study in Canada, where she is originally from, and will be taking courses in sustainable design and eco-tourism management.

Since the town has a $120,000 contract with Waterfield, which was signed in October of 2002 and covers all costs related with the ombudsman position until the completion of construction, Patterson's resignation means another member from the Waterfield Group will be appointed to take her place. Money spent by the town for the ombudsman will be reimbursed by the MBTA as part of the town's Greenbush mitigation agreement.

Patterson said she has been sharing information with her colleague, Michael White, and he is ready to take over for her, so it should be a "smooth transition." Patterson's last day both at Waterfield and as the Cohasset ombudsman was Friday.

Patterson was hired to serve as a neutral third party, to keep the lines of communication open between the town and the MBTA during construction of the Greenbush line, and solve any potential adverse affects the train might have on the community. While Patterson was not slated to begin regular office hours in Town Hall until the beginning of construction, she was no stranger to the building, as she has worked with the town to resolve many different MBTA issues.

However, at the May 11 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, members began to question what Patterson's role should be. Because she had taken direction mainly from former Town Manager Mark Haddad, the board had not been kept abreast of her progress to date. Patterson said during her time in Cohasset, she had been writing monthly reports, which she said she gave to Haddad. She said there is a book of all topics relating to the Greenbush line at Town Hall, and copies of her reports should be there.

Patterson said she gave her formal notice at Waterfield on May 14. However, she and Craig Miller, principal of the Waterfield Design Group, were both present at the May18 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, and her role was discussed briefly again that night. Miller said because the date to begin construction is getting closer every day, it might be time to shift gears in terms of Patterson's role and turn it in to a more proactive position. Because Patterson had received her direction mostly from Haddad, Miller said he became concerned when he heard the Board of Selectmen had questions about Patterson's effectiveness, and was eager to work with the board to decide which direction he and Patterson should take from here.

"As far as we knew from Mark, he was very pleased with her work," he said, adding he and Patterson thought the change in Cohasset would provide the perfect opportunity to revisit Patterson's job description.

Since Selectmen had been concerned Patterson's records were not readily available, she said she would make copies of all her files kept at her Waterfield office in Winchester so they would be readily available for her on a daily basis. The records would be kept in Cohasset.

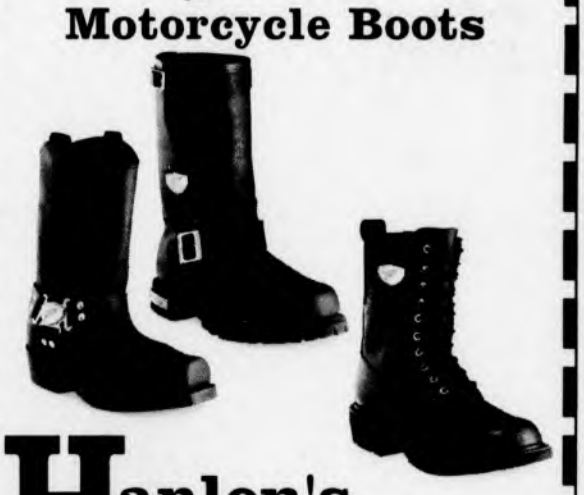
The board had agreed to discuss Patterson's role at upcoming meetings, but the town received a formal letter of resignation from Patterson last week, which was dated May 21. Selectmen did not announce Patterson's resignation at Tuesday's meeting.

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GREAT GOING

Hats off to Cohasset's Christopher E. Pratt on being awarded a bachelor of science in business

administration from Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I. on May 22.

Congratulations to Kevin Ladd DeVito who was awarded a bachelor of arts in economics and business from

Lafayette College in Easton, Penn.

PICTURE-PERFECT

Last weekend was the prom for Cohasset and some wonderful photos are available for viewing at

www.cohassetchamber.com, the Cohasset Chamber's website. Make sure to go and take a peek!

WHIMSICAL WIZARD

Come one, come all to the Cohasset Dramatic Club's performance of The Wizard Of Oz. The shows are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings, June 4,5,11,12 at 7:30 pm, and on Sunday, June 6th, and Sunday, June 13, at 2 pm. The cost per ticket is $12 and can be purchased at the door at the Cohasset Town Hall. This is a super family event to attend and the performance is filled with talent, spirit, whimsy and fun!

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Above: Nancy Shea Donovan (the Tin Man), Betts Murray (Scarecrow) and Jessica MacDonald (Lion) at a dress rehearsal for the "Wizard of Oz."

At right: Sara Silk plays Dorothy in the Cohasset Dramactic Club's version of the Wizard of Oz.



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To all Cohasset Sailing Club parents of beginning sailors: Come meet the 2004 Sailing Staff on Thursday,

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Junior sailing classes begin July 5, and Adult classes begin July 10. Any questions, please contact Emily Malone (781) 383-6379.

TAKE A VICTORY LAP

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life celebrates the lives of hundreds of local residents who have survived cancer, while offering the hope of finding a cure. To honor the incredible strength and courage of cancer survivors, all area survivors are invited to unite in a "Victory Lap" followed by a survivor reception at the Relay For Life event in Cohasset at the Cohasset High School on June 18, 2004.

The Victory Lap will take place directly after the opening ceremony at 6 p.m.

The Relay For Life event in Cohasset is an all-night community event bringing together teams of families, friends, churches, neighborhoods, and businesses - all with the same goal of curing cancer in the new millennium. Teams of walkers keep a continuous presence on the track throughout the night, walking in shifts to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

Dollars raised during Relay For Life help support American Cancer Society research, education, advocacy,

and patient services. Programs include Reach to Recovery, providing one-on-one support for breast cancer patients; and the Resource Centers, offering comfortable settings to research cancer information via computers, books, and videos. Relay For Life also helps maintain the American Cancer Society's toll-free 24-hour cancer information line 1-800-ACS-2345.

To find out how to get involved in Relay For Life or to volunteer, please call Justine Vanderlugt at

781-383-2956 or email at jvanderlugt@worldnet.att.net. Relay For Life is a handicapped-accessible event.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service. For more information, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

That is all for this week. Please continue to follow the deadlines and have all news and information to me

no later than 5 p.m. on Mondays with photos being dropped off at



The Talking Information Center for the Visually Impaired held an appreciation breakfast to thank all of its volunteers during National Volunteer Week. The TIC volunteer reader honored from Cohasset is Barbara Canney, being congratulated by TIC director of Development Susan Donahue.

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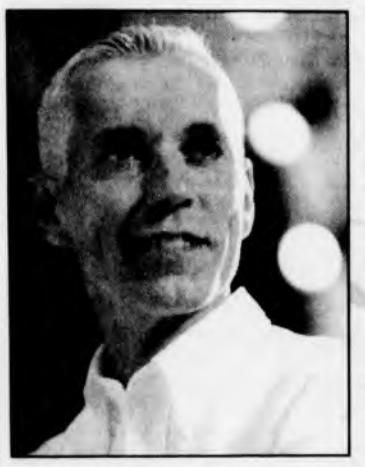
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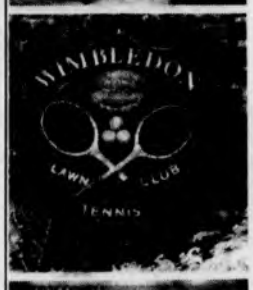


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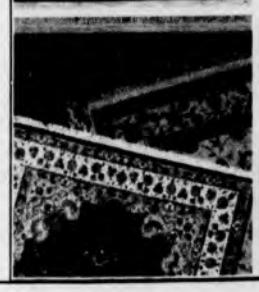




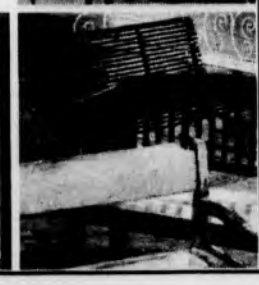










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Stewart put light in Relay for Life

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an overnight event where teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps to help raise money for the American Cancer Society — Stewart was able to not only give support to cancer research, but gain support by meeting people who had also endured seeing a loved one through a time of illness. Not only did Stewart see her husband through his illness, but one of her daughters was subsequently diagnosed with melanoma. While her daughter was able to battle the disease and survive, her husband passed away 16 years ago.

However, Gagne said throughout her father's illness while her mother was keeping up to date on the latest research, she was encouraged to see that during the six-year time span he lived with the disease, major developments had occurred in cancer research. Stewart could see there was a real difference being made in the kinds of treatment available. She was driven to help the cause in any way she could, and those who knew her say the Relay won't be the same without her.

Mary Shepherd, community executive for development at the American Cancer Society, said she met Stewart when she started working for the society more than six years ago. Stewart had already been volunteering for approximately 10 years. "I worked most closely with Anna Mary in her role as chairperson of the Luminaria Committee for the Relay For Life in Cohasset," said Shepherd, adding Stewart had led the Cohasset group since that Relay's inception eight years ago.

During the luminaria, paper bags with one votive candle inside are lit in memory of someone affected by cancer. Gagne said last year it was an awesome sight to see the luminaria as the number of bags allowed the word "hope" to be spelled out in the stands at the high school.

Shepherd said what sets the luminaria apart in Cohasset is that it is one of the few Relays in New England that still alphabetizes the luminaria bags that line the track at the high school. "We tried to change that tradition a couple of years ago, but because of the overwhelming response from Relay participants to keep it going, we obliged," Shepherd said. While that made Stewart's job of coordinating the display much more labor intensive, Shepherd said she never complained.

"She understood that it was important for people to be able to easily find the bags in honor or memory of their loved one as she had lost her husband to cancer," Shepherd said. Fellow volunteer and cancer survivor Karen Burns said for Stewart, the Luminaria Ceremony was her "baby."

"No one has ever taken care of this very important aspect of the Relay like Anna Mary," she said. From the initial organization and distribution of the luminary bags to the team captains, to the collection of the money and the last-minute selling on the day of the event, she said Stewart did it all. Burns also reiterated how important it was for Stewart that the luminarias continue to be placed in alphabetical order. "It was important to her that every family member and friend could find the candles lit in honor of their loved ones," she said.

Because of Stewart's devotion to the cause, Gagne said when she found out she had been diagnosed with cancer in 2002, she didn't tell anyone at first. In fact, she coordinated much of the Relay that year, while seeking opinions for her own condition. "I look back on it now and think, 'how did she do it'?" said Gagne. "We all learned a lesson from her on how to help others."

Stewart's memory will live on through all the lives she touched, and those who knew her are working hard to ensure this year's luminaria is just as spectacular as Stewart would have planned. "I know she will be with us in spirit at the event, especially during the Luminaria Ceremony, and I hope we make her proud as we carry on her tradition," said Shepherd.

For more information on the Relay for Life, please visit the American Cancer Society's web site at www.cancer.org.

Water main pipe replacement begins

The Water Commission has begun work on North Main Street from Forest Avenue to Jerusalem Road. This work will include the replacement of undersized water mains between Rocky Lane and Jerusalem Road with new 12 inch ductile iron water mains, along with new service connections, valves, fire hydrants and other street improvements. The contractor has begun to install bypass, and is expected to begin working in the street the week of June 7.

"This project will improve fire protection and water service in this area of North Main Street," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission. "One fire hydrant in this area has insufficient fire flow, which will be improved so it meets the recommended standards for fire protection."

The contractor will be L. Perrina Construction Company, who was the lowest bidder for the Water Commissions $1,300,000 2004 Distribution System Improvement Project, which will also include replacing undersized water mains on Gammons Road, Redgate Lane (North Main to Fernway), Jerusalem Road Drive, and Haystack Lane. Work is expected to continue into the fall.

"Work to complete the South Main Street water main replacement project will also begin during the first week of June," said Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt. "Completion of this project has been delayed so that engineering plans could be developed to correct drainage and run off problems in the area of South Main from the Scituate line to 353 South Main Street.

"The drainage improvements," said Pratt, "will be done in conjunction with the Cohasset Department of Public Works. Parker Avenue is scheduled for resurfacing during June. Pavement work will begin next week on Oak St , Hill St , Norfolk and Bancroft Rd, and will be completed in July in conjunction with the DPW's annual paving contract."

"The Water Commission will also begin work on the Sohier St well relocation project during June," said McNabb. "This project will be conducted well off the public way on Water Department and conservation land behind Fair Oaks Lane. The relocation of the well is made necessary by the MBTA, Greenbush project, since the right of way is located too close to the existing well location, and will be reimbursed by the MBTA.

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Buttonwood Books & Toys will present "Coffee with the Authors" on June 8, from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. at the Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset. Enjoy a continental breakfast and a stimulating morning with three authors as they discuss the art of writing and their latest work. Featured authors will be Patricia Gaffney for "The Goodbye Summer," Jim Collins for "The Last Best League: One Summer, One Season, One Dream" and Kate Whouley for "Cottage For Sale, Must Be Moved: A Woman Moves a House To Make A Home." Patricia Gaffney's novel, like her New York Times bestseller "The Saving Graces," explores the complex relationship between people, particularly family members. Jim Collins will discuss "The Last Best League", a narrative about baseball, the Cape Cod League and specifically about the Chatham A's. Kate Whouley's debut book, "Cottage for Sale, Must Be Moved" demonstrates Ms. Whouley's talent for observation and detail as she describes the process of moving a cottage to attach to her present home on Cape Cod.

Advance reservations and ticketing are required and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665. Tickets are $13 per person and non refundable.

Carillon recitals

St. Stephen Church presents its 80th annual Summer Carillon recitals on Sundays at 6 p.m. on the Cohasset Common.

- June 27: Suzanne Magassy, Canberra, Australia
- July 4: Sally Slade Warner, St. Stephen Church, Cohasset
- July 11: Dennis Curry, Kirk-in-the-Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
- July 18: James W. Smith, Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pa.
- July 25: Justin Ryan, Denver, Colo.
- Aug. 1: John Widmann, City Carillonneur, Frederick, Md.
- Aug. 18: Daniel Kerry Kehoe, Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.
- Aug. 15: David Hunsberger, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.

Enjoy these free recitals, rain or shine, on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon. Programs will be available at the recital. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic supper to the church courtyard on Highland Avenue or to the Common.

A tower tour and carillon demonstration will follow each concert.

Sally Slade Warner, Carillonneur; Mary Kennedy, Assistant Carillonneur; E. Clifford Cutler, Rector.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Looking for leaders

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."
— Oliver Wendell Holmes

The world changed September 11, 2001. For many young people graduating in 2004, that fateful day fell at the start of your sophomore year. You will remember where you were and what you were doing that day, much like people from previous generations remember where they were when Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, or when John F. Kennedy was assassinated, or when Allied Forces stormed Normandy Beach, or when Pearl Harbor was bombed.

For probably the first time in your young lives, you were living history instead of reading it out of a textbook. And whether you realize it now or not, the events of that day will have an impact on the rest of your life, much like D-Day, JFK and landing on the moon did for other generations.

Sept. 11 was particularly tragic in Norwell because the town lost one of its own — Jay Corcoran.

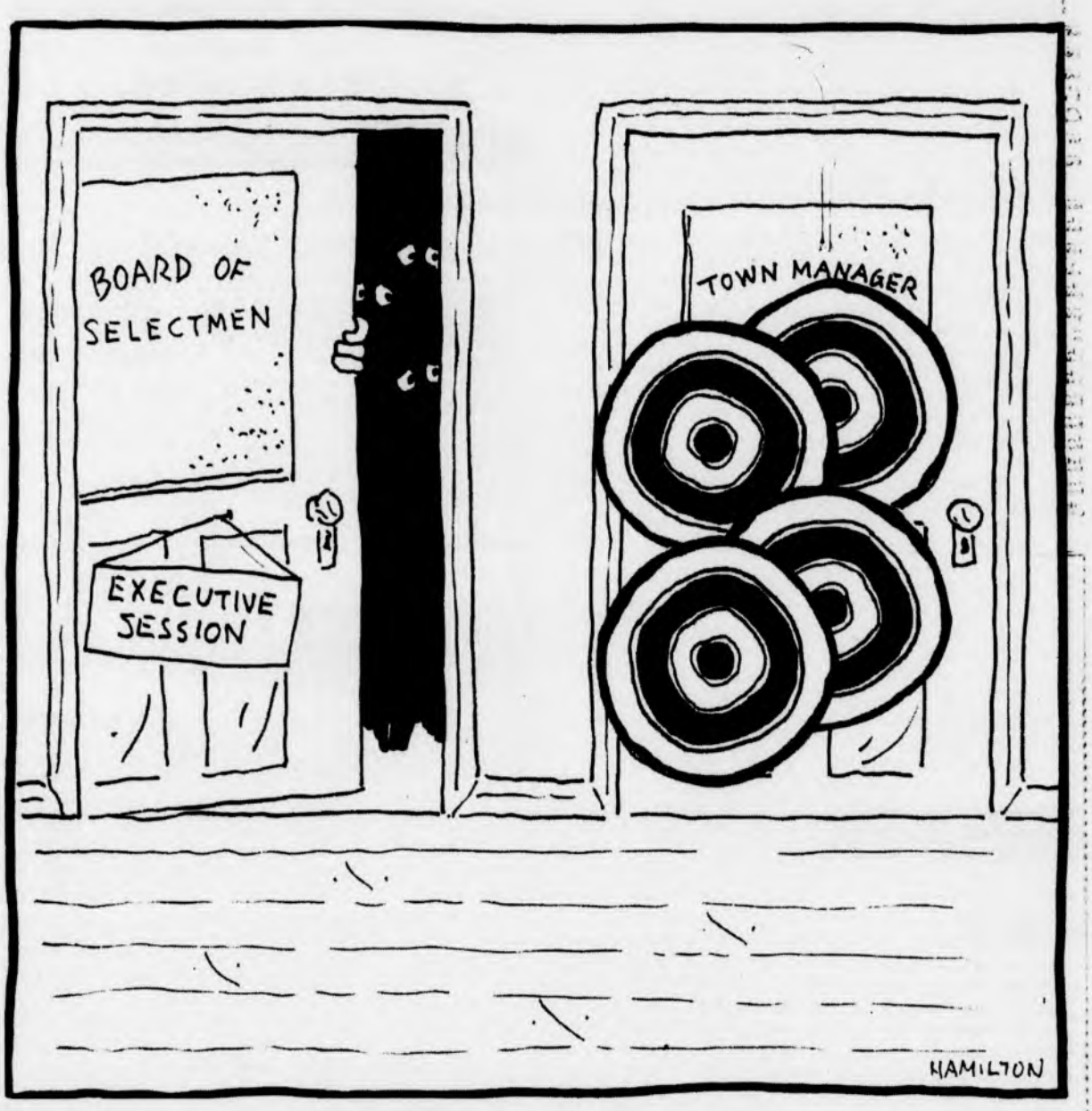
It's what you do with that knowledge and experience that will shape where you go from here. Many would argue that Sept. 11 was the worst day in American history, certainly recent American history. But think about all the positive things that have risen from those smoldering ashes in New York City and at the Pentagon and on a field in Pennsylvania. The images of courageous firefighters digging through the rubble from the World Trade Towers for days and days without rest, searching for survivors. The banding together of people from all walks of life along the streets of New York, mourning the loss of a loved one or mourning the loss of someone they did not know. The stories of hope, stories of despair and grief, stories of courage beyond belief, are all inspiring in their own way.

You don't soon forget something like that. In fact, you never forget.

What does all this have to do with you donning a cap and gown and receiving a diploma?

Graduation speakers will be encouraging you to reach for your dreams, to do the best you can, and to strive for excellence. All good messages, for sure, but what we really need now in our changing world is leaders. We're not talking about President of the United States (although that's always an option as well), but leaders in the community and in the workforce.

Leadership is what's needed to pull us through these trying times. Every generation needs leaders, so as you look around at graduation, see if there's a leader sitting to your left or right, or in front of you or behind you. And search within yourself to see if you have what it takes to lead — to stand out from the rest of the crowd as you head into college or the workforce.



LIBRARY CORNER

June display

On display in the Children's Room this month are books, videos, and sound recordings featuring: Fathers and Father's Day and Flag Day and patriotism.

Getting ready for summer

Explore other worlds @ your library is the theme of this year's statewide Summer Reading Program. All Cohasset school students are invited to participate. Registration will be held at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, in the Children's Room, beginning Monday, June 28, and will continue throughout the early summer. Registration hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays and from 1 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. At the time of registration, students will set a goal and be given a summer reading log on which to record their summer reading. At the completion of the summer program, Aug. 13, participants will bring their reading logs to share with Mrs. Moody. A tee shirt with the summer logo will be awarded to those participants who meet or exceed their goal.

We will be presenting a series of free Tuesday evening programs for families, suitable for children of all ages. These events will begin on Tuesday, July 6, and will end on Tuesday, Aug. 10.

Families that read together provide the strongest model for future readers. Research shows that young children from families that visit the library at least once a month show significantly more signs of emerging literacy than children whose families are not library users.

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Color your landscape with tinted foliages

GREEN THUMBS UP

SUZANNE MAHLER



Every growing season has its highs and lows. Those of us who sow, grow, weed and cultivate the soil in the northeastern United States become accustomed to a seemingly endless, yo-yo pattern of weather conditions. Temperature and moisture extremes are generally the norm rather than the exception, as every year one or more weather records seem to be surpassed.

It is worth keeping a gardening journal from year to year to note the season's weather conditions and those plants that stood out for their exceptional vigor. Garden maps or weekly photos of perennial borders further assist in identifying consistently good performers and plants that may have succumbed to severe weather conditions. For smaller landscapes, finicky plants may not be worth the space and pampering they require.

The color, texture and overall appearance of a plant's leaves should be paramount when selecting plant material for a landscape or the perennial border. A majority of hardy plants bloom for only a few weeks while a plant's foliage is likely to be prominent for 6 months or more. Plant foliage becomes especially important during the latter half of the growing season as the riotous colors of spring and early summer wane.

With the growing popularity of gardening and the increasing demand for new plants, innumerable new cultivars are being introduced that offer a multitude of foliage colors. Tremendous strides have been made in creating plants that offer a colorful alternative to our reliance on flowers for a dramatic, long-lasting display. Dozens of familiar plants now boast splashy, variegated cultivars with leaves of green, white and yellow. Diverse shimmering, silver-gray plants unify our borders while dazzling yellows and golds, blues, and handsome, deeply hued bronze, purple, or burgundy foliages are readily available to paint a colorful tapestry even when flowers have faded.

Recent additions to my own garden include a wide variety of both woody and herbaceous plants that display richly colored foliage and I have become particularly fond of plants which offer shades of bronze and burgundy. The insertion of just a few deeply tinted foliages into a sea of varying shades of green leaves creates a dramatic contrast that may serve as a focal point or a backdrop to highlight other flowers and foliages in the garden. In combination with leaves of gold, silver or blue, the effect is especially stunning.

Woody plants provide the backbone of our landscapes and bronze, burgundy and purple-leafed specimens offer sensational focal points in a predominantly green landscape. Look for 'Crimson King' maples, a magnificent Redbud cultivar called 'Forest Pansy', purple-leafed plums, and numerous varieties of Japanese maples which include dwarf threadleaf cultivars and taller ornamentals like 'Bloodgood'. A personal favorite is a purple-leafed smokebush, Cotinus 'Royal Purple'. Many shrubs feature deeply colored foliage including barberries, a gorgeous Ninebark, Physocarpus 'Diablo', and Weigela, 'Wine and Roses'. Several hours of direct sunlight are critical for many of these plants to maintain their vibrant colored leaves.

Perennial plants offer a number of attractive choices for bronze or burgundy foliage. A handsome clumping spurge, Euphorbia dulcis 'Chameleon', displays lime green flower bracts above bronze-tinted leaves. The tall, bronze-leafed loosestrife, Lysimachia ciliata, often becomes a nuisance as it spreads about the garden but it does provide a colorful addition to the sunny border. Eupatorium 'Chocolate', a purple-leafed Joe-Pye weed, offers handsome dark foliage and fluffy white umbels in late summer. There are several spectacular summer bulbs to enhance your display including the richly colored, giant tropical leaves of cannas and the bronze foliage of several new dahlia cultivars such as 'Bishop of Llandaff'.

Although foliage is always the predominant player in the well-planned perennial border it becomes especially important in the shady garden where flowering tends to be minimal and diminishes as the season progresses. The family of coral-bells (Heuchera spp.) has been extensively hybridized to produce dozens of handsome bronze-leafed varieties, 'Palace Purple' having been one of the first of these introductions. Other delectable cultivars include 'Chocolate Ruffles', 'Plum Pudding', and 'Stormy Seas'. Many of these are grown primarily for the foliage, but a few of the newer cultivars have lovely flowers in shades of pink and red that attract hummingbirds.

Several varieties of bugbane (Cimicifuga) offer handsomely tinted divided foliage and charming delicate fragrant bottlebrush blooms that sway in the breeze. New selections include 'Hillside Black Beauty' and 'Brunette' that exhibit striking deep purple foliage and are a fabulous companion for broad-leafed blue or gold colored hostas. Equally stunning for the moist, shady border are the dramatic leaves of Ligularia, especially a recent introduction, 'Britt Marie Crawford' that displays giant, glossy, chocolate-colored leaves. Clusters of golden orange daisies appear in late summer.

The family of herbs contributes a variety of purple-leafed representatives including basil and perilla, whose richly tinted aromatic leaves are elegant when combined with golden oregano or the silvery leaves of lavender, sage, or artemisia. Few plants rival the beauty of bronze fennel whose delicate, ferny, anise-scented foliage adds marvelous textural contrast to the border. Its elegant stature and bright yellow flowers resembling its relative, Queen Anne's Lace, make it an invaluable component of any garden.

Vibrantly tinted annual plants for containers or bedding include purple fountain grass (Pennisetum 'Rubrum'), sweet potato vines and various cultivars of celosia, begonia, New Guinea impatiens and the fabulous diverse selections of coleus. The addition of any of these richly tinted plants to the garden provides a season of colorful contrast to the monochromatic green of the typical home landscape.

Museum Passes

Check out the museum passes available to you at the library, compliments of the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Reserve the Boston by Foot pass and explore the city of Boston with guided walking tours. Boston by Foot offers daily, 90 minute regularly scheduled walking tours. Discover "Boston Underground" a view of the subterranean engineering of Boston including underwater tunnels, America's first subway, and the Central Artery/Tunnel project. The tour is one-third underground. This tour is scheduled Sundays at 2 p.m. and proceeds rain or shine. The pass admits four people free of charge. For more information on other tours available and their schedules, please check the Boston by Foot web site at www.bostonbyfoot.org. To reserve the pass, telephone the library at 781- 383-1348.

Art Show

The Tuesday Painters of South Shore Art Center are displaying their works at the library through July 1. Artists participating include Claire O'Callaghan and Tina Watson of Cohasset, Betty Rogers of Marshfield, Leo Harrington and Betty Tufankjian of Scituate, Barbara Walsh of Canton, Marjorie Murphy of Hingham, and Jane Flavell Collins of Duxbury. The paintings include many local scenes as well as those of Italy, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Computer help

Do you need help using the library's computers? Would you like to learn how to search the online catalog or reference databases? Sign up for a one-on-one tutorial with our Reference Librarian Judy Simons. Call the library to schedule a session.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why pay former manager?

TO THE EDITOR:

Yes the subject of this letter is our former Town Manager. As far as I'm concerned he's receiving too much press but I'm forced to express myself — I have to.

I think that since we're talking about taxpayers' money that we should be informed of the reasons why the individual resigned and the reasons why Cohasset should pay him anything. I'm a taxpayer and I think his contract with Cohasset and the separation agreement made with the Board of Selectmen should be public reading.

What I have to say is nothing new. Others have expressed the same thought and question and that is specifically — I cannot understand paying this individual anything but what's due him. And what's due him is his salary to May 5 — the day he resigned. His health benefits should be paid to May 5 — the day he resigned. If he pays a percentage of the health costs he should pay the town what's due. If he's due vacation time should he get paid for that? I don't think so since he resigned on his own volition. He should have known that with that move (resignation) he'd lose certain things — like more pay checks — like vacation time which evidently he had not taken — but he was not fired he resigned — he chose that route. He knew (or should have) that once he resigned he was forfeiting certain things — pay — vacation — health benefits — car mileage — other benefits of the job. He got an excellent salary ($101,365.75). He chose to give it up. He deserves the results of that "resignation" move.

As far as bringing into this picture the fact that we won't be paying out anything for the Town Manager for four months doesn't mean that we have to use that money for the ex-employee. It would seem that this was a "bonus" for the town's budget. Give it back to the taxpayers or use it to pay the interim Town Manager.

Hamilton and Shirley Tewksbury
81 Elm St.

High marks for Buckley

TO THE EDITOR:

True leadership sometimes means being alone or unsupported in doing the right thing. Kudos to Barbara Buckley and her committee for taking the leadership role in raising money to reinstate three teaching positions in the Cohasset schools. They understand that keeping class sizes small is the single most important thing that can be done to ensure the best possible education for our children. They also understand that in order to achieve what is right, one must take advantage of every opportunity, even if it has never been done before or means being questioned in their conviction. Let us as a community support this opportunity to reinstate three teaching positions knowing in our hearts that what it will provide to our children is what the goal is and not get caught up in the political rhetoric of questioning whether it sets a funding precedence or dilutes the school budgeting process. As someone who sat in a school committee chair when the decision was made to unfund these positions, I can tell you that it was always the hope of that sitting committee to find a "creative or alternative funding" opportunity to save those positions. The committee hoped reexamining and restructuring employee health benefits might save enough money to once again support those positions. As that opportunity has not panned out for this funding cycle let us be glad and appreciative someone has stepped up to offer another way of reaching the same goal and support them while we still have the chance. Please don't wait until you must see for yourself that large class sizes are impediments to learning and that the success or failure of one single school year can make a huge difference in your child's classroom and learning success before you act. Time is running out. Let's not miss this opportunity. Send your check to Barbara Buckley. You'll be glad you did.

Pat Martin
169 Linden Drive

HEALTH NOTES

Food handling tips

Cooking outdoors was once only a summer activity shared with family and friends. Now more than half of Americans say they are cooking outdoors year round. So whether the snow is blowing or the sun is shining brightly, it's important to follow food safety guidelines to prevent harmful bacteria from multiplying and causing foodborne illness. Use these simple guidelines for grilling food safely.

• When shopping, buy cold food like meat and poultry last, right before checkout. Separate raw meat and poultry from other food in your shopping cart. To guard against cross-contamination — which can happen when raw meat or poultry juices drip on other food — put packages of raw meat and poultry into plastic bags.

• Plan to drive directly home from the grocery store. You may want to take a cooler with ice for perishables. Always refrigerate perishable food within 2 hours. Refrigerate within 1 hour when the temperature is above 90 °F.

• At home, place meat and poultry in the refrigerator immediately. Freeze poultry and ground meat that won't be used in 1 or 2 days; freeze other meat within 4 to 5 days.

• Completely defrost meat and poultry before grilling so it cooks more evenly. Use the refrigerator for slow, safe thawing or thaw sealed packages in cold water. You can microwave defrost if the food will be placed immediately on the grill.

• Meat and poultry can be marinated for several hours or days to tenderize or add flavor. Marinate food in the refrigerator, not on the counter. If some of the marinade is to be used as a sauce on the cooked food, reserve a portion of the marinade before putting raw meat and poultry in it. However, if the marinade used on raw meat or poultry is to be reused, make sure to let it come to a boil first to destroy any harmful bacteria.

• When carrying food to another location, keep it cold to minimize bacterial growth. Use an insulated cooler with sufficient ice or ice packs to keep the food at 40 °F or below. Pack food right from the refrigerator into the cooler immediately before leaving home. Keep the cooler in the coolest part of the car.

• Keep meat and poultry refrigerated until ready to use. Only take out the meat and poultry that will immediately be placed on the grill. When using a cooler, keep it out of the direct sun by placing it in the shade or shelter. Avoid opening the lid too often, which lets cold air out and warm air in. Pack beverages in one cooler and perishables in a separate cooler.

• Be sure there are plenty of clean utensils and platters. To prevent foodborne illness, don't use the same platter and utensils for raw and cooked meat and poultry. Harmful bacteria present in raw meat and poultry and their juices can contaminate safely cooked food.

• Precooking food partially in the microwave, oven, or stove is a good way of reducing grilling time. Just make sure that the food goes immediately on the preheated grill to complete cooking.

• Cook food to a safe internal temperature to destroy harmful bacteria. Meat and poultry cooked on a grill often browns very fast on the outside. Use a food thermometer to be sure the food has reached a safe internal temperature. Whole poultry should reach 180 °F; breasts, 170 °F. Hamburgers made of ground beef should reach 160 °F; ground poultry, 165 °F. Beef, veal, and lamb steaks, roasts and chops can be cooked to 145 °F. All cuts of pork should reach 160 °F. NEVER partially grill meat or poultry and finish cooking later.

• When reheating fully cooked meats like hot dogs, grill to 165 °F or until steaming hot. After cooking meat and poultry on the grill, keep it hot until served - at 140 °F or warmer.

Keep cooked meats hot by setting them to the side of the grill rack, not directly over the coals where they could overcook. At home, the cooked meat can be kept hot in a warm oven (approximately 200 °F), in a chafing dish or slow cooker, or on a warming tray.

• When taking food off the grill, use a clean platter. Don't put cooked food on the same platter that held raw meat or poultry. Any harmful bacteria present in the raw meat juices could contaminate safely cooked food.

In hot weather (above 90 °F), food should never sit out for more than 1 hour.

S.N.Bobo

Tell us what you think!

We welcome letters from our readers. We urge brevity, both for effectiveness and the demands of space. All letters are subject to the same editing for clarity and space applied to our staff contributions. Writers should include their daytime phone number for verification purposes. Deadline for letters in noon on Monday for that week's issue of the Mariner.

Letters can be mailed to: Norwell Mariner, Letters to the Editor, 165 Enterprise Dr., Marshfield, MA 02050. Letters can be faxed to (781) 837-4540. Letters can be sent by e-mail to gmathis@cnc.com. All letters should be directed to the attention of managing editor Gregory Mathis.

Patrolling the pizza people

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I betcha didn't know there is an official way to make an authentic Neapolitan pizza and it's given a seal of approval by L'Associazione Vera Pizza Napolitana, much like the French stamp their best wines "appellation controlee."

I discovered this last week when I read that the Italian Agriculture Ministry has issued a new set of rules governing the production of the Neapolitan pizza to protect it from what can only be called counterfeit pizza elsewhere in the European Union.

Pizza, I am told, originated in Naples when a baker found that he had some bread dough left over so he rolled it out in a sheet, slapped a slice of cheese and a dollop of tomato sauce on it and called it whatever the Italian phrase is for a "piece a pie."

This is like the Chinese cook in the western mining camp who was faced with getting rid of the day's left over vegetables, so he sautéed them in his wok and served them as an authentic Chinese dish. When they asked him what it was called he told them "chop suey."

Fortunately, the Chinese Agriculture Ministry has not yet set down rules for making chop suey, mostly because they've never heard of it.

But I digress . . .

The authentic Neapolitan pizza, the new guidelines specify, should be no more than 14 inches in diameter, no thicker than a 10th of an inch in the center and have a crust an eighth of an inch thick with a soft texture that is easily foldable.

Whoever heard of eating pizza with a knife and fork? Eating pizza is best performed as a hands on job.

The new rules recognize only three types of Neapolitan pizza — marinara with garlic and oregano, margherita with basil and mozzarella cheese, and extra-margherita with fresh tomatoes, basil and buffalo mozzarella.

What, no pepperoni?

And that's not all. The pizza dough must be rolled out manually — and presumably measured by hand, too — then baked in wood-burning ovens at a temperature of 905 degrees.

Then, and only then, will an Italian pizzeria be allowed to display the label "guaranteed traditional specialty."

"These norms protect one of the most ancient and most important gastronomic traditions," Antonio Pace, president of the Italian Pizza Makers Union, told the Associated Press.

As investigative journalists, armed with a set of the new pizza making rules, my friend and I set out last week to see how an American pizzeria stacks up gastronomically.

Bertucci's in Hingham is one of a chain of Italian restaurants that boasts it is one of a handful of restaurants in America that has the Certificate of Authenticity from L'Associazione Vera Pizza Napoletana.

My friend took a tape measure from her purse . . . Whatsa matter, doesn't every woman carry a tape measure in her purse? The pizza was 12 inches in diameter, well within the 14-inch limit. Other requirements checked out, too.

Then we sent the waitress out into the kitchen to find out the temperature of the oven. The Globe Spotlight Team . . . Woodward and Bernstein . . . eat your heart out.

"About 850 degrees," she reported.

Bertucci's had better shape up if they want to keep that certificate.

Time to look back at 42 years of backyard birding

A BIRDER'S-EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON



For 42 years we have lived in the same house. For all these years we have hung bird feeders in the backyard. Our house sits on three-quarters of an acre of land about 0.1 mile from Rte. 228 in one direction, and about 0.7 mile from downtown Hingham in the other direction. Hidden away, our street has very little traffic, and our backyard dips down on one side into a glacial "kettle hole". Across the street is an open lot that drops off steeply to the Home Meadows salt marsh.

Over the years we have experimented with different types of bird feeders, their placement, and kinds of food. We have worked to outwit the squirrels. I have kept lists of birds visiting the backyard. We have been privileged to have a perfect viewing spot at our kitchen table, which faces a picture window looking out on the backyard. From this window for the past15 years I have done FeederWatch counts for Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Our "yard list" totals 102 species. We get common feeder birds such as juncos, chickadees, titmice, Downy Woodpeckers, cardinals, sparrows and finches. From time to time we have unusual birds as well. In the Blizzard of '78, a Snow Bunting flew onto our patio, dug a hole in the developing snowdrift and settled down to stay for the duration of the storm.

When we first moved to Hingham, a large elm tree graced the middle of our backyard. One day a Wood Duck flew into the top of it. Our children, who were fairly young at the time, were slightly incredulous that their mother was calling them to see a duck in the top of the tree. This was an opportunity to tell them about a duck that does not spend all its time in the water. Eventually the elm tree succumbed to Dutch elm disease. While the tree was in the throes of dying, and before the remains were carted away, we had regular visits from a pair of Hairy Woodpeckers. We have not seen them in our yard since. Baltimore Orioles used to nest in that elm tree. Now they nest elsewhere, but bring their fledged young to feed in our mulberry tree.

We have a small fishpond with a short waterfall using recirculating pond water. This is especially attractive to robins and waxwings, and occasionally warblers. Inch-long pet store goldfish gradually grow to six or eight inches in length. They eat whatever food falls naturally into the pond, with no supplements of store food from us. The fish survive the winter as long as we keep a hole in the ice to provide oxygen. This we do by running the pump a couple of times a day. In the last two years, our pond has been discovered by both Great Egrets and Snowy Egrets, who find the fishing as easy as the proverbial "shooting fish in a barrel". Survival for the fish depends on how fast they can burrow into the mud at the bottom.

All in all we have seen 15 species of warblers, but not necessarily the same ones each year. On rare occasions we have seen Scarlet Tanagers, a Swainson's Thrush, a White-winged Crossbill and a Fox Sparrow. Some years bring Pine Siskins or Common Redpolls. The American Tree Sparrow tends to come after a snowstorm, but not on a regular basis. Hummingbirds have eluded me until a couple of years ago. We finally got the feeder in the right place and enough red flowers to attract them. Three years ago we had a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker for the first time, and in 1981, we had a juvenile Red-headed Woodpecker. Downies and flickers are regulars. Two years ago we had visits from a Red-bellied Woodpecker.

Cardinals and catbirds regularly nest in our yard. In the past, chickadees and House Wrens used a bird house for their nests. More recently, it is the Carolina Wrens that have taken up year-round residence, nesting in our tool shed. For the past four years, a pair of Great-crested Flycatchers has successfully raised young in a dead apple tree. Each year it rots a little bit more. So far this spring the flycatchers are calling their distinctive "Weeep" sound, but have not set up housekeeping in the apple tree.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Bird feeders are a familiar sight in Joanne Norton's backyard.

We hear, and occasionally see, Great-Horned Owls and Eastern Screech-Owls most years. One summer night I heard a Barred Owl calling loudly from across the street. We see a lot of birds fly overhead, such as Chimney Swifts, Canada Geese, various kinds of gulls, and of course, Red-tailed Hawks and Turkey Vultures. Cooper's Hawks and Sharp-shinned Hawks are irregular visitors and have been seen taking birds directly from our patio or a feeder.

Two years ago we had many visits from a young Red-tailed Hawk who liked to sit on one of our feeder poles for 20-30 minutes at a time. The birds seemed to know that these hawks do not usually eat birds, because they continued to feed while he was there. They did, however, go to the other feeding station, rather than land directly beneath him! On an unusually warm early spring day, the hawk flew in carrying a snake which was 3-4 feet long. He landed on a branch and proceeded to tear apart and eat the whole snake. I assume the early warmth lured the snake out, but that it was too sluggish to get away.

My records show that all through the 1970s, Purple Finches came to our feeders as well as House Finches, whereas now, a Purple Finch is a rarity. There used to be more White-throated Sparrows than juncos in the winter. Now we see whitethroats during migration, but not the rest of the winter. It is the juncos that come in the largest numbers to our winter feeders. Mourning Doves have become occasional visitors, rather than arriving in groups of six or more to sunbathe in the dirt near the foundation of our house. Back in the '60s and '70s, we had pheasants and bobwhites wandering through the yard. These have not come for years. Instead we see Wild Turkeys meandering through the neighborhood from time to time. Wood Thrushes used to call regularly from across the street. Now we rarely hear them on our property. We used to see Red-breasted Nuthatches fairly often in the late '70s and early '80s. Then they disappeared until 1999 when a pair stayed around all winter.

This will be my last "A Birder's Eye View" column. Soon we will move to Hanover, New Hampshire. The birding will be different there. I will miss having easy access to seabirds, but I look forward to learning more about northern woodland species. Perhaps I will actually see a Three-toed Woodpecker, or a Bicknell's Thrush, or a Boreal Chickadee!

Joanne Norton is an avid birder, counts birds for Project FeederWatch, bands birds at Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, and until recently has been the Master Bander for the New England Wildlife Center.

Picture perfect



Ryan Ofsthun, Jess Guild, Ryan Tufts and Lucy Gardner are all smiles.



Cohasset prom-goers are dressed to the nines on the Cohasset Common just before they head off to their the big event at Venezia in Dorchester. It is tradition that students go to the Common where the town can enjoy seeing them before they are taken by trolley to their prom destination.



A night for beautiful girls, including Julia Schribner, Shelley Carter, Christen Reardon, Meghan Marr, Courtney Caron, Elizabeth Meikalham and Holly Grant.

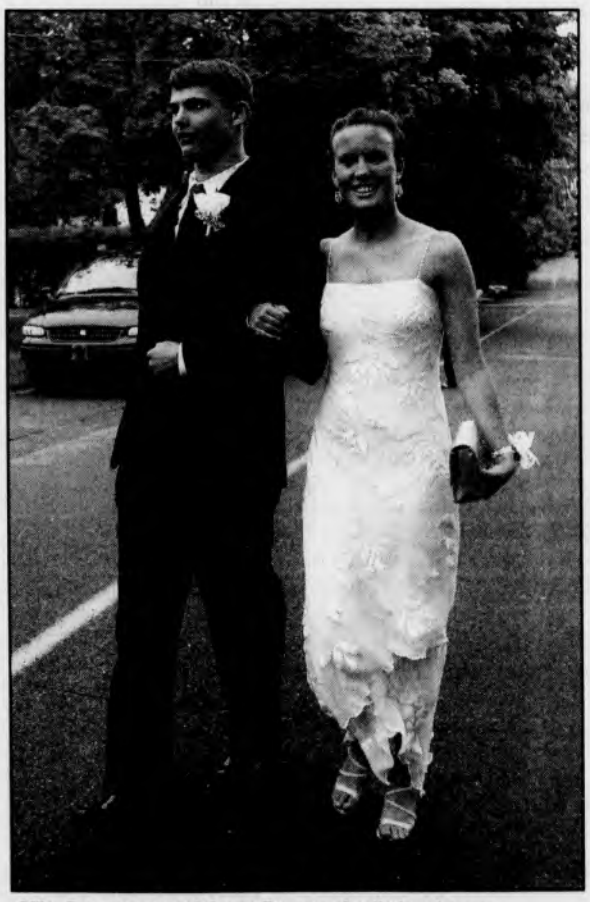
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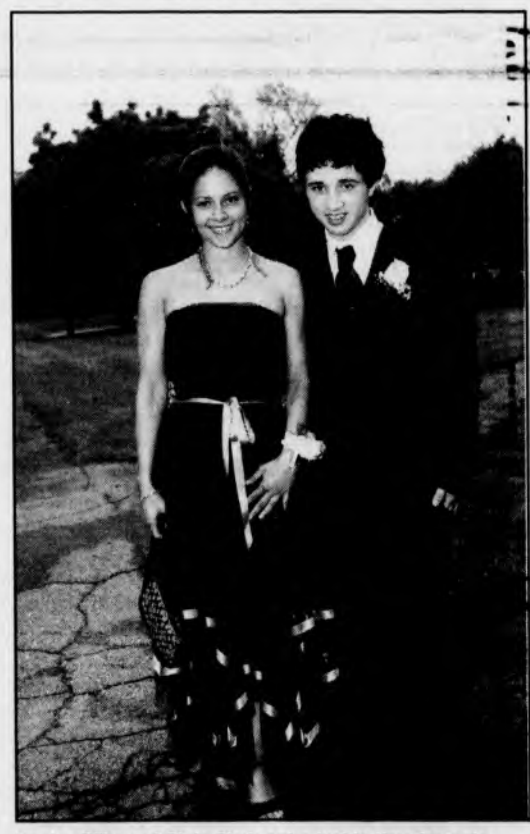
A motley crew, indeed. Rob Carpenter, Stephen Smith, joe Durkin, Chris Bilodeau, Matt Casey, Dwayne Morris, teacher Tony Rolfe, Mike Dolley, Anthony Truglia and Sean Connelly sport the latest tuxedo fashions.



Bill Chisholm, Caitlin Gontarz, Caitlin Condon and Chris Raymond look their best for the pre-prom festivities.



Mike Rasmussen and Corey Evans make their entrance.



Jessica Bilbo and Chris Clark arrive just in time for a picture.

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Police chief calls it quits

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Two officers who crossed paths with members of his family were placed on paid administrative leave last October. Two former dispatchers have filed sexual harassment lawsuits and the former animal control officer, who reported to Jackson, is also suing the town claiming unfair termination.

Sullivan said there has been no communication from Jackson that his retirement has anything to do with the two officers who are on paid administrative leave. However, he said the town and the department are working together to remedy the situation with the two officers, and the chief's retirement may bring the town one step closer toward that resolution.

Jackson has been on vacation an unavailable for comment on his retirement plans.

Jackson has a long history with the department and the town. He is a 1966 graduate of Cohasset High School who went on to graduate from the University of Virginia in 1970 with a bachelor of arts in foreign affairs. In 1978, he obtained a bachelor of science degree from Northeastern University in criminal justice. He served four years on active duty in the United States Navy. After his active duty he joined the Naval Reserves, until his retirement with the rank of captain in 2000.

Jackson has served as a permanent police officer in Cohasset since 1979, and was hired by former chief Randy Feola. In 1983 he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. He also served as police prosecutor for nine years under former chief Brian Noonan.

Jackson was named chief in February 2002 after a grueling search process that eventually narrowed down a field of more than 54 candidates to four. Jackson was sworn in that March to replace chief Noonan who retired after serving the town for 28 years. Jackson was the only local finalist for the job.

Sullivan said at this point, he isn't sure whether the candidate the board will interview Thursday could potentially be a candidate for the permanent position. However, when the time is right to begin looking for a new permanent chief, a search committee will be convened to help with the process.

Selectmen will be interviewing a new candidate for the position of interim police chief Thursday night at 7:30 in the Selectmen's meeting room. All are welcome to attend.

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A grateful town says 'thank you' to veterans

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front of his parent's home on the common, looking on in awe as the town's "great veterans and stoic gold star mothers" passed by. "These were the men who defeated the Nazis, beat back the Japanese, preserved Democracy in South Korea, and fought communists in Vietnam," he said.

But just as he recognized the courage of those who fought in battle, he acknowledged the courage it takes for mothers, who against all maternal instincts, have time and time again sent their sons and daughters into harm's way to fight for our country. "To our Gold Star and Blue Star mothers. Thank you. Thank you for honoring us all with your presence. Thank you all for your sacrifice and patriotism. Thank you all for your dignity, and most of all, thank you all for your selflessness."

Although Atkinson currently works at the Pentagon, he was deployed to the Middle East on Memorial Day 2003, and had been stationed in both Kuwait and Iraq during this past year. He paid a special tribute to his own mother, who like so many others has had to send her child off to battle. "To my own Blue Star mother, thank you for my life, my values, and your courage during the times I have been in harms way. I love you."

Over the years, Atkinson said our country has experienced many threats to freedom, and while they have come from many places and in many forms, they have all shared a common purpose, and that is the "fervent desire to break down the great spirit of freedom and liberty that each one of us cherish, and yes all too often take for granted as Americans. Just as generations have in the past, and will continue to do in the future, our country's young soldiers will be sent to fight in places like Afghanistan and Iraq to prevent the destruction of our freedom and "to ensure that which is worthy of defending will be carried forward to the next generation."

"I cannot offer more than words here today and my words are a poor exchange for their lives, and the sorrow that some here — and so many elsewhere — have endured. What we can all do here today is to ensure that what our brothers and sisters-in-arms, our sons, our friends did will not be forgotten and who they are will always be remembered. Remembered for as long as young Americans go forth to serve and defend our Nation's interests."

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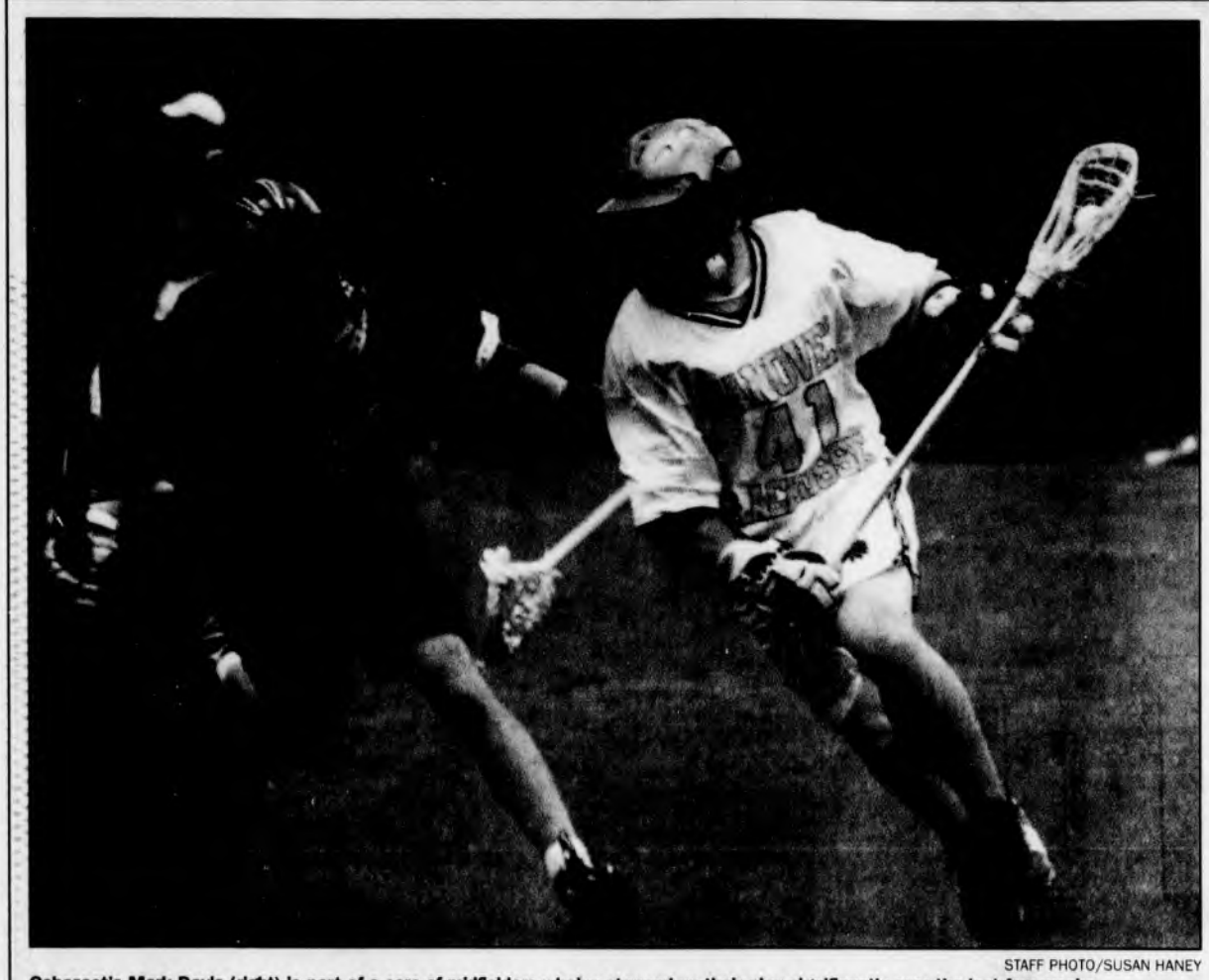
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Cohasset's Mark Davis (right) is part of a core of midfielders who've stepped up their play significantly over the last few weeks.

Laxmen host tourney opener today

By Mike Spellman
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State Lacrosse Tourney
Tri-County @ Cohasset
Today, 5 p.m.

The Cohasset High boys lacrosse team will open postseason play this afternoon (5 p.m.) at home versus Tri-County.

The Skippers earned the sixth overall seed in the Div. 3 state tourney on the strength of their difficult schedule and 9-7 overall record, and the home game that goes along with that honor. Tri-County received the 11th seed in the 12-team field after a 12-5 season against what MIAA officials felt was a far less competitive schedule than Cohasset's.

A win today would send the Skippers to Martha's Vineyard (third seed, 14-3), likely on either Saturday or Sunday, a team the Skippers fell to in the season opener way back on April 7, 7-6.

Of course, first year Skippers head coach Stu Curran will tell anyone who'll listen that the team he has right now barely resembles that squad he started out with—something well attested to, it seems, by the fact the Skippers won six of their final seven games, the one loss a 10-9 setback to fifth seeded Scituate.

For starters, the coach notes, there has been the return from injury of proven seniors Rob Carpenter and Mike Rasmussen. Carpenter provides some much needed depth and athleticism in the midfield while Rasmussen's return seems to have made over the entire offense.

Early in the season, junior Jake Previte and sophomore Aiden Buick were doing the

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End of the road

No CHS tracksters advance to All-State meet

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High track season is officially over.

None of the five CHS tracksters who qualified for this past Saturday's State Class D meet at Weston High were able to snare top four spots, so no one will be representing the school at this Saturday's All-State championships at Holyoke High School.

The highest finish by any Cohasset High trackster was turned in by senior captain Jenn Buckley in the 800, with a seventh place finish (2:28.21). Junior teammate Mary Silvia was right on her heels (2:29.54) in eighth.

Buckley also turned in a 10th place finish in the javelin (94-feet-11-inches) to close out her phenomenal high school athletic career that has seen her earn Mariner All-Scholastic nods in all three athletic seasons (soccer the past two falls, basketball this past winter and track the last two springs).

"Replacing someone like Jenn seems almost impossible at this moment in time," said CHS coach Al Lafountain. "She just did so many things well and was so committed."

A pair of Cohasset junior sprinters also showed respectably on Saturday.

Lindsay Kennedy placed 11th in the 100 (13.68) and Nicole Whitney was 12th in the 200 (28.74).

The 4x800 relay team of Buckley, Whitney, Silvia and sophomore Lisa Musto also placed seventh (10:29.10).

Musto showed a lot of guts just getting out there, as she was running with a pair of stress fractures.

Most of these times were well off previous bests by these athletes, which may or may not have had something to do with Cohasset High's prom being held the night before the meet.

"That's a problem we seem to run into a lot at state meet time, what with proms and graduations," said LaFountain. "I wish the MIAA would take a look at

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One man wrecking crew

Sacred Heart's Prugno delivers death blow to CHS baseball playoff hopes

By Mike Spellman
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Tom Prugno was a one-man wrecking crew: at least where the Cohasset High baseball team's dream of reaching the postseason was concerned.

The Sacred Heart senior threw a one-hitter and knocked in three of the four runs with a pair of laser beam triples to lead his team to a 4-1 victory over Cohasset on Thursday, officially knocking the Skippers out of postseason contention.

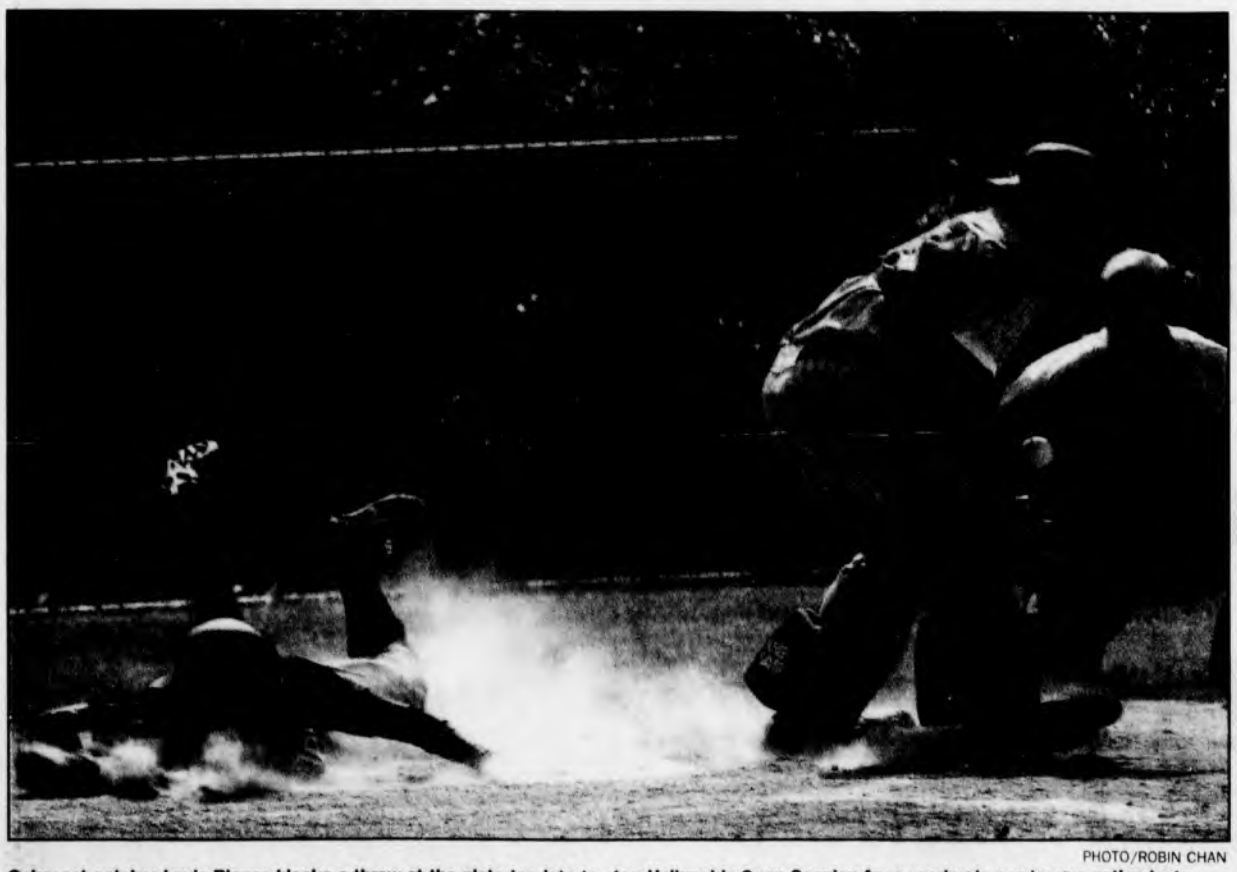
"In reality, Prugno looked like a man among boys out there," said Cohasset coach Al Galotta, who saw his team drop to 7-10 with the loss, with just one game remaining on the season. "I was told that (Prugno) was going to play in college next year, and I can't say that surprises me. He should do very well at the next level."

The Skippers scored their lone run in the first inning. After senior captain Mike Dooley reached third on an outfield error, team leading hitter Louis Blanco (.436) doubled him home with a shot to left center. But that would be it for Skippers offense on the afternoon.

So Dooley was the tough luck loser, striking out 12 while scattering just five hits. Unfortunately, a few of the baserunners he let reach were batting just in front of Prugno.

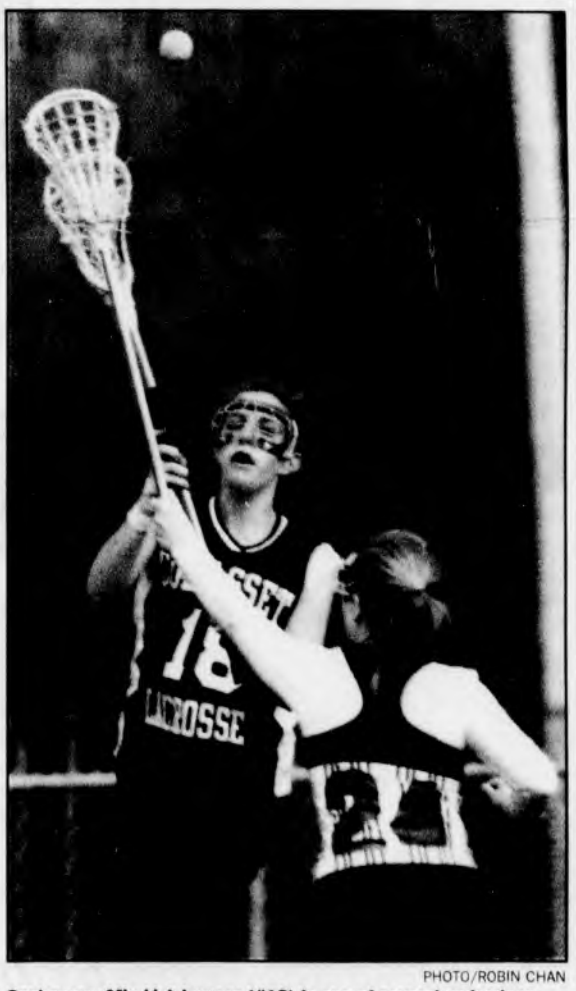
The Skippers had topped Sacred Heart on the road just 24 hours earlier, 7-3, to keep their playoff hopes alive a little longer. Sophomore Chris Bryan pitched his best game of the year—a

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Cohasset catcher Louis Blanco blocks a throw at the plate too late to stop Holbrook's Sean Scanlon from scoring in non-league action last Tuesday. The Skippers won this game to keep their postseason hopes alive a bit longer. Unfortunately, these came crashing down on Thursday when the Skippers fell to Sacred Heart, 4-1.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Sophomore Mia Lieb-Lappen (#18) is one of several underclassmen who stepped up big to take the place of injured veterans this season.

Adding insult to injury

Injury remains the prevalent theme of lady laxers season right to the end

By Mike Spellman
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It seemed sadly fitting that their season would end with an injury at the center of it all.

If injury was not already widely regarded as the predominant theme of the 2004 Cohasset High girls lacrosse season, it most assuredly passed all other story lines when team leading scorer Nicole Turgiss went down with an ankle sprain just five minutes into Saturday's first round state tourney showdown at Mansfield.

The Lady Skippers were up by a 2-1 score over the higher seeded host Hornets, with one of the goals coming from Turgiss, when the high scoring senior forward rolled her ankle. Mansfield went on to outscore the locals by a 9-1 advantage the rest of the way to pull out a 10-3 decision and advance to a date yesterday with top seeded Westwood (20-0).

"Honestly, I think a healthy Turgiss could have made all the difference in the world in that one," said third year Lady Skippers head coach Torin Sweeney. "Mansfield really didn't seem to have anyone wit the speed needed to match up with Nicole, and that was opening up chances for not only her but other people."

The Skippers were able to score once more before halftime, sending the hosts into the break clinging to a narrow 4-3 lead, but it was all Hornets in the second half, as the break chance their coaching staff a chance to install a new defensive game plan.

The loss of Turgiss, one of the few veteran players who remained relatively healthy all season, made it possible for the Hornets to double team both key Cohasset playmaker Ashley Faber and second team

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Co-captain Rachel Doyle (left) will be missed for her leadership and versatility in the infield.

Leaders in every sense

Graduating seniors played vital role in moving softball program forward

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Let's quickly get the bad news out of the way. On May 26, the Skippers softball team traveled to Sacred Heart, got off the bus, lost 13- 3, got back on the bus and called it a day…or should we say they called it a 5-13 season.

Beyond a fifth inning double by Alida Tanghlerini, there wasn't a whole lot for the Lady Skippers to crow over following this thorough pummeling.

Coach Deb Bostwick expressed frustration about the game.

"Both our hitting and our defense was flat," she said. "This was a disappointing last game."

The coach seemed happy to shift her comments away from the game and towards her graduating seniors.

Take UConn-bound Danielle Pinkus for example. Coach Bostwick simply described Danielle as the "quarterback of the infield." Danielle proved steadfast at the crucial shortstop position where she supplied the Skippers with Nomar-like fielding. She also held her own at the plate batting in the cleanup position.

Senior Caitlin Gontarz will also stay in New England. She wants to continue playing softball when she enrolls at UNH. Her Cohasset teammates will miss her zippy and accurate throws. Though Caitlin wished she hit more consistently throughout the season, her teammates credit her with hitting several of the game winning blasts.

Co-captain Rachel Doyle will head south this fall to the University of Richmond. Coach Bostwick described Doyle as "a dedicated leader." Rachel started out the year at third base and switched to second base after game five. Batting out of the number two position, Rachel established a nice reputation for her well-placed bunts and line drive hits to the right side of the field.

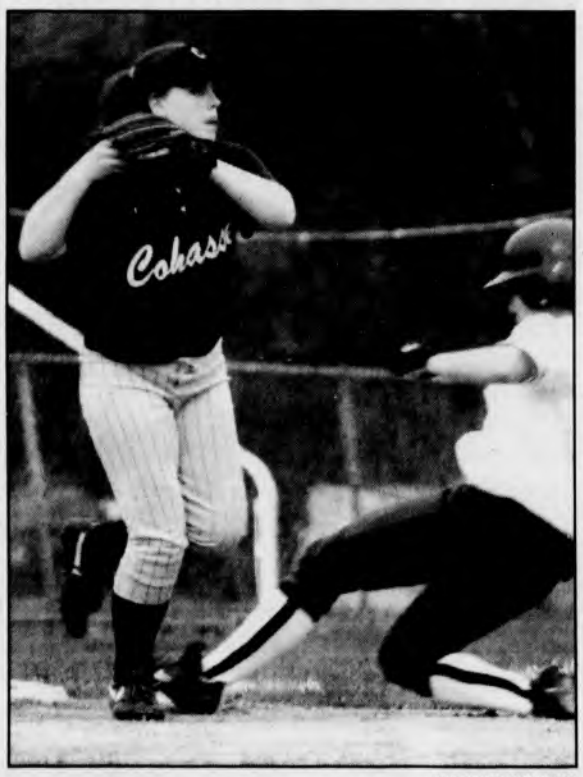
Like teammate Rachel Doyle, outfielder Caitlin Condon will leave the New England area for the University of South Carolina. Deb Bostwick admired Condon's ability to strategically think on her feet. Caitlin reliably backed up teammates who might have missed a ground ball or overthrown a base.

Head Coach Deb Bostwick and Assistant Coach Deb Beal expressed great respect for their senior players. In all her years of coaching, Coach Bostwick said this was the first time she could recall none of her players skipping a game or a practice.

At the end of the last home game, Coach Bostwick presented the four seniors with flowers. Many memories and a few tears were shed at the event.

Knowing that their Cohasset days were growing shorter, Bostwick reflected that "these were four ladies with style, charisma, dedication, and love for the game."

"They always made each other feel good about themselves," continued the coach. "They depended on each other, but never excluded others. As they move on, I want Caitlin C., Caitlin G., Rachel, and Danielle, to know how much they've helped me in building the team I have today."



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Senior Caitlin Gontarz (left) hopes to continue playing softball when she enrolls at UNH.

Swinging into action

Girls tennis team appears primed to defend state title

By Mark Goodman
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As defending state champs, Cohasset has been the highlight of everyone's schedule this season.

And despite the intensity of all their matches, the team has passed just about every test along the way. With a 3-2 win over Hingham last week, Cohasset finished the regular season with a 17-1 record and a 14-match winning streak.

Last Wednesday's match was the girls' second win over Hingham in eight days, although, much like the first one, it was not easy.

Both matches were tied at two as players and spectators turned their attention to the fifth and final match. This time, it came down to number three singles player Chelsea Grossman.

The sophomore got off to a slow start against Hingham's Jackie Cartier, losing the first set, 4-6. After making some adjustments, however, she took the next two sets and the match, 6-3 and 6-1.

One of the hardest hitters on the Cohasset team, Grossman had to change her style and simply out-volley her opponent. Cohasset head coach Gigi Meehan said her player showed some maturity in being able to diversify her game.

"Chelsea was getting very frustrated, but she was able to adapt her style," Meehan said. "She was able to out-hit the girl and wear her out. That was the strategy."

Another encouraging sign for Cohasset was a win at number two singles for senior Holly Graham. After taking the first set, 6-3, Graham and Hingham's Jamie Landers battled to a tiebreaker in the second set, which Graham won.

The two have played each other a few times in the past, and Meehan said it was a credit to Graham and her ability to pull out a tough match.

"Holly played really well," said the coach. "Jamie played great; probably the best match I have seen her play against Holly. It was great for Holly mentally to get back in there and win."

To complete the singles sweep, junior Liz Stone continued her undefeated season in team play with a straight-set 6-3, 6-1 victory.

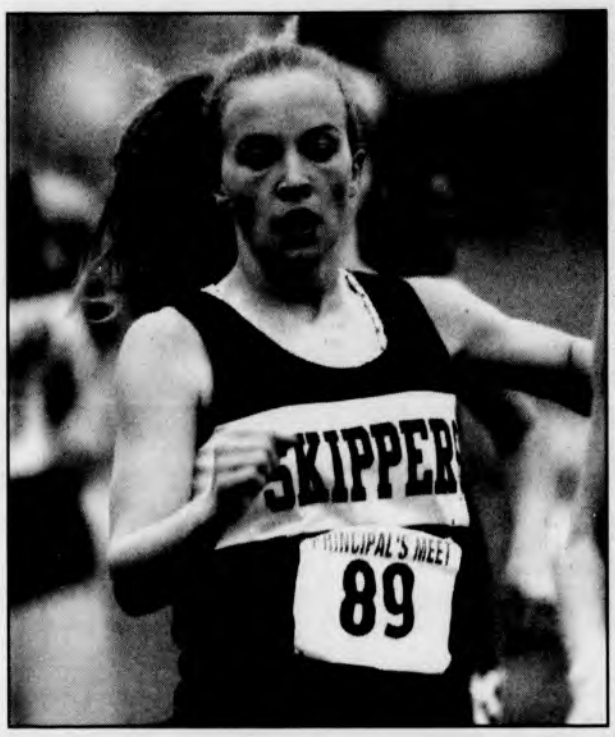
The win wrapped up a 17-1 regular season for the Lady Skippers, including a perfect 12-0 in South Shore League play, and was expected to assure them of a top four slot when the MIAA released its seedings and pairings yesterday afternoon for the Div. 2 state tourney. Matches could begin as soon as today. Of course, the Lady Skippers would appear to have a good shot of drawing a first round bye.

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that and maybe change the schedule of their meets. Why couldn't we do the meets on a Friday or a Sunday?

"It's tough to ask kids not to attend their proms or graduations so that they can run in a track meet. Those are huge parts of the high school experience. There's no reason they shouldn't be able to do both."



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At right: Junior Mary Silvia placed eighth in the 800-meterrace at this past Saturday's State Class D meet.

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bulk of the scoring, but the addition of the big and skilled Rasmussen alongside them on the attack seems to have let each settle into a more comfortable role. Previte now has more room to move without the ball and find his spots, while the heady Buick has settled more into a playmaker's role.

"Those three guys are complimenting each other better and better each time out," noted Curran.

There was also a period of adjustment early on at the defensive end, with Curran bringing in a few systematic wrinkles, but the quartet of senior captains Mike Devine and Conor Buick, junior Casey Coleman and freshman standout Jeff Brown would appear to have it all just about down now.

And playing in front of a proven senior goalie like Nick Murphy-- who played perhaps his best game of the season in the regular season ending 11-8 win over Canton last Wednesday, with 16 saves-- only makes things easier.

"That has become an extremely cohesive unit," said Curran. "Those guys have shut down some really talented scorers over the last several weeks."

The midfield is also much improved, with players like Sam Steele, Trevor Brady, Mark Davis and DeWayne Morris having really stepped it up over the second half of the season, according to Curran.

I like the way we're playing right now, and I think we're battle ready," concluded Curran. "Sometimes this is just about getting hot at the right time, and right now I think we're hot."

Adding insult to injury

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high scorer Lauren Rizzotti. The dinged up Skippers simply did not have any answers.

The team will lose five starters to graduation, including Turgiss and Faber. The others will be Chisten Reardon, Meg Marr and Coleen Richardson.

Nevertheless, Sweeney sounds as if he genuinely expects his team to be better next season, and points to players like Rizzotti (41 goals), Molly Kirk, Mackenzie Holway, Miranda Lanzalotti and Lindsay Durkin as potential cornerstone players.

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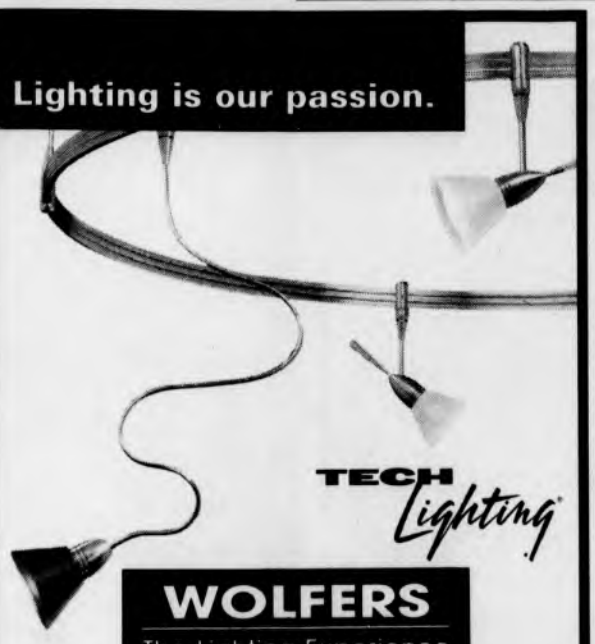
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Major League round-up

The highlight of the week was a fantastic Dodger win over the Pirates. With the lead changing hands throughout the game, the Dodgers came out on top 11 -10. Jake Wheelright led the scoring charge for the Dodgers with a huge triple to center field. Jay Salerno, Pat McCormack and Justin Yeager all contributed with strong hitting. Getting players into scoring position was a key strategy for the Dodgers and then they focused on getting the ball into play. Chris Brown pitched the last two and fi innings for the men in blue securing the win, along with Jay Salerno. Congratulations to the Dodgers !

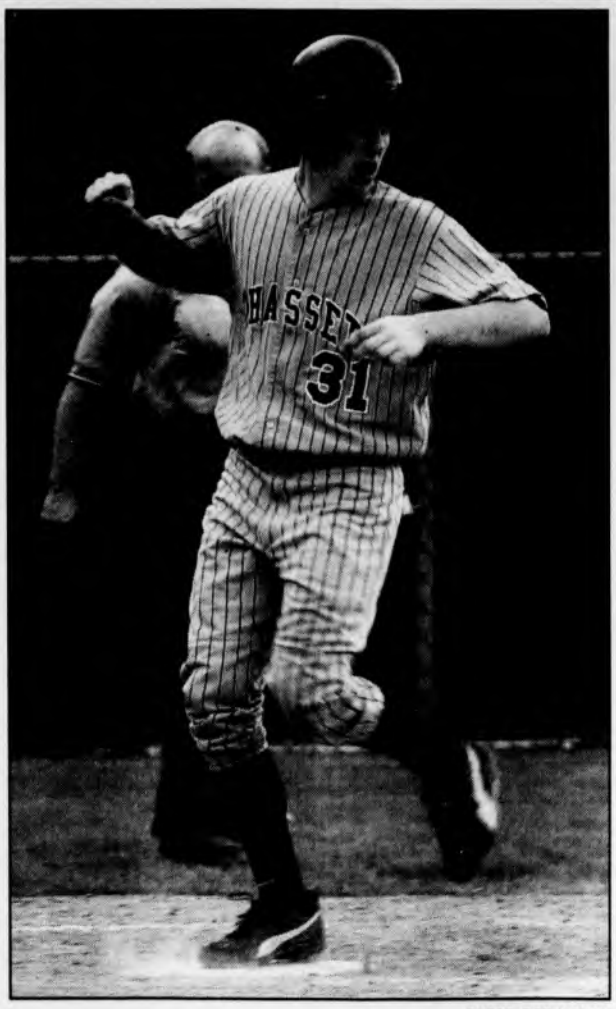
The game of the week was the match up between the Mets and the Rangers. On a cold, raw evening on Chase field, more like March than like May, the two teams squared off in

a battle of wills, a battle of arms and a battle of defensive strength. Graham Stevenson took the mound for the Rangers and Robbie McCunney pitched for the Mets. Batter after

batter faced the pitching dynamos. Strong defensive play and strong pitching kept

base runners to a minimum for both sides. The first three innings saw each side retiring the lineups, and no players reached scoring position. Things looked good for the Mets in the bottom of the third, as McCunney struck out the first two batters. However, on a passed ball on third strike, Christian Allard motored to first and got on base. "Wheels" Allard then stole second. Jamie Faber for the Rangers was at bat and walked, and meanwhile, Allard stole third. Faber's at bat was great, fouling off 3-4 pitches by McCunney. The next Ranger then popped up to third, where Met's third baseman, Jeff Durkin, confidently waved off his teammates and caught the ball to end the Ranger's scoring threat. In the top of the 4th, the Rangers retired the first three batters. In the bottom of the 4th, McCunney returned the favor and struck out the side. In the top of the 5th, the game got really interesting. Tom Condon, who once again shows great composure catching for the firing Robbie McCunney, hit one to the right field fence and reached home on two overthrows by the Rangers. The score was 1-0, Mets. The rest of the inning went scoreless. A line drive by Colin Tarpey was caught by a sliding Dean Driscoll in center field for the final out and an end to a potential Met's scoring threat. In the bottom of the 5th, Dean Driscoll then singled. He stole second with the next batter, and then Jeff Charles came to the plate. Jeff hit a double to right field that drove in Driscoll, the tying run. The game was tied 1-1. In the top of the 6th, Max McCleave had a base hit and Sam Leahy came in to pinch run for McCleave. The next batter popped up, Robert Jones walked and then McCunney gets to the plate. A solid double drove in two runs, and the Mets were up 3-1. The Mets then left men on base with the score 3-1. The bottom of the 6th for the home team Rangers began with a Christian Allard walk (who then stole second). Jamie "Big Hit" Faber then hit a double to deep left field to drive in Allard. The next Ranger grounded out to first, but Faber reached third. John Giuggio then comes to the plate and connects for a solid base hit that drives in Faber for the tying run. Giuggio then stole second, and then third and was on his way to stealing home, when the Ranger at the plate struck out to end the game. The final score, Mets 3, Rangers 3.

For the complete Major League roundup, see cohassetmariner.com.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset sophomore Chris Bryan, seen here rounding third in win last week over Holbrook, pitched his best game of the season, last Wednesday—a complete game 4 hit, two walk, eight strikeout performance to lift the Skippers to a 7-3 win over Sacred Heart.

One man wrecking crew

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complete game 4 hit, two walk, eight strikeout performance—to notch the win.

"Chris really stepped up in a big situation there," said Gallotta. "Hopefully, that kind of performance will give him a boost of confidence going into next season."

The Skippers were scheduled to play a final meaningless home game with Mashpee on Tuesday, but it was rained out, and will not be made up, as both teams are now out of postseason contention.

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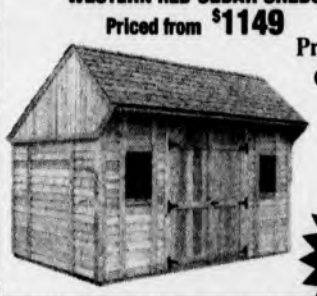
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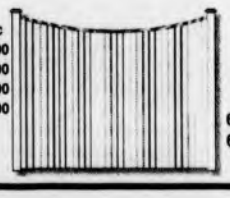
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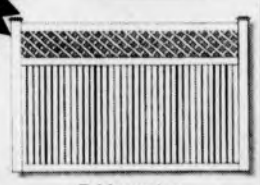
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'Oz' production is a family affair

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acted at one point or another, in many different family combinations. In the CDC's production of "Oliver", the whole family participated, including mom, Betts, dad, Wisner, son Wiz, 15, who played the lead role, and daughter Polly, 12. However, for this show, like the Pratts, only the girls will be on stage as Betts will play the Scarecrow and Polly will play a flying monkey.

Betts said having her daughter in the play has been very helpful to her because Polly has always been there to rehearse lines. Because Polly goes to school at Derby Academy, they have some time in the morning on the way to school to rehearse, and Betts said Polly has been a wonderful help.

But for Polly one of the best parts of having her mother in the same play is that as a flying monkey, she gets to pretend to pull the Scarecrow's arm off. "I get to beat my mom up on stage," she said with a smile.

For the Sisson-Game family, all four members will be involved on opening night. Father David Game will play one of the polishers in the land of Oz, while sons Sam, 11 and Adam, 6 will play a member of the lollypop guild and a munchkin. Mom Sally Sisson will play the flute in the orchestra.

While this will be the second production the two boys have been in together, there are sure to be more to come. Sam has had the acting bug since age 6 1/2, when he auditioned for his first play and landed the lead role of "Simba". Has been in five Children's Drama Workshop productions and a TV commercial for the "Arthur" show on PBS. This is his fourth production with the Cohasset Dramatic Club. While Adam also enjoys being on stage, Sally says he is a little more shy on stage than Sam. If his acting career doesn't pan out, there may be a future in his love of soccer and baseball.

Sam may have caught the acting bug from his father, as David has quite a long history of acting. He has held lead roles in many Shakespearean productions back in school and has also directed several plays. During college, he even wrote and performed comedy sketches at Cambridge Footlights, where the Monty Python Players got their start.

While Sally is very proud of all her boys, she said she'll leave the time in the spotlight to them, as she is very content playing in the orchestra for the show.

Performances of the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "The Wizard of Oz" will be held at Cohasset Town Hall June 4,5,6,11,12, and 13. Friday and Saturday night performances begin at 7:30 and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books and Springbrook Kids in Cohasset, as well as the Front Street Bookshop in Scituate. Tickets can also be purchased at the door or ordered by phone at (781) 544-0304. Girl Scout troops receive $2 off the ticket price when reserving group seating. Contact Wendy Guyder at (781) 545-1655 for more information and reservations.

Recycling new focus during arts festival

By Samantha Brown
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While most Cohasset residents see the South Shore Art Center's Arts Festival on the Common as the perfect kickoff to summer, members of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative see it as the perfect event to help promote recycling in the community.

Throughout the three-day festival, slated for Friday June 18 through Sunday June 20, visitors will be encouraged to toss their bottles and cans into recycle bins. Now in its 49th year, this will be the first time the festival has taken on the mission to recycle, and those involved with the project expect it will be a great success.

"It's a great opportunity for us to do something very positive," said events coordinator Diane Kennedy, adding the project would not have come to fruition without help from Merle Brown and the South Shore Recycling Cooperative. "We didn't have the funding or the professionals to help us out," she said, but added with the help from the Co-op, "I think it's going to work out tremendously well for us."

As chairman of the Co-op, Brown said upon hearing his organization had received a grant from the state's Department of Environmental Protection, he immediately thought of the festival as a potential project. The grant was awarded for the specific purpose of expanding recycling capabilities at large events throughout the South Shore.

"I thought it was a good opportunity to recycle," said Brown, because it is a three-day long event that draws large crowds and could promote awareness to a wide range of people.

Kennedy said she estimates there will be roughly 9,000 visitors to Cohasset during the festival, depending on the weather, and recycling should be very manageable. Since the food is usually served in one area of the grounds, it will help restrict food containers to one area, and bins for recycling will be readily available. She also said bins will be located around the premises and crew members designated specifically to help boost recycling will be on hand to encourage visitors to place their cans and bottles in the appropriate containers.

"I think we can do it very successfully," she said.

Kennedy said the help from the Co-op will greatly help the art center because trash cleanup will no longer fall solely on its shoulders. "We do have a crew for trash management," but the additional help will allow the art center to use its crew differently, freeing up staff to attend to some of the other aspects of the festival.

Brown said during the festival, he hopes he will be able to recruit some helpers from the DEP, local Boy Scout troops, and some high school students.

For more information on the Arts Festival, please visit the South Shore Art Center's web site at www.ssac.org. For more information on the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, please visit their web site at www.ssrc.info.

'It's Not History' - Survivors of clergy sexual abuse tell their stories

The Scituate Affiliate of Voice of the Faithful is sponsoring an enlightening talk and discussion at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St (Route 228), Hingham on Thursday, June 10 from 7-9 p.m. The program is entitled "It's Not History" - Survivors of Clergy Sexual Abuse Tell Their Stories.

Despite the diminishing publicity about the sexual abuse scandal, the effects of abuse do not go away. Oftentimes left on their own to deal with the issues created by abuse, the survivors need support, especially from all Catholics. VOTF is committed to offering that support. Too often, the sexual abuse scandal in the Boston Archdiocese has been viewed and depicted as abuse directed at boys only. While many of the victims have been boys, there have been many girls sexually abused by clergy as well. This program will present the experiences of both genders. At the event, Bill Gately and Jeannie Cratty will talk about how they have dealt with the trauma of their abuse.

Bill Gately is the New England Co-coordinator of Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP). In his teens, in the late 60's, he was abused by a Maryknoll priest. Today, Mr. Gately works as a mental health counselor and is studying for a doctorate in counseling psychology. He has been a frequent spokesperson for those who have been sexually abused. Mr. Gately is an accomplished speaker with a riveting tale to tell.

Jeannie Cratty is a victim advocate for SNAP. She is a survivor of childhood clergy sexual abuse who reached adulthood before coming forward with her story of abuse by the family's parish priest. Ms. Cratty, accompanied by her parents, was a speaker (along with Archbishop O'Malley) at the "Clergy Sexual Abuse: Models of Assessment and Treatment," conference for mental health professionals at Boston College in January of this year. The conference was sponsored by the B.C. Graduate School of Social Work.

If you are troubled by the abuse scandal and would like to support survivors and learn how they cope with the effects of abuse, you won't want to miss this event. The speakers have a powerful story to tell. All are welcome. This is a free event, but freewill donations will be appreciated.

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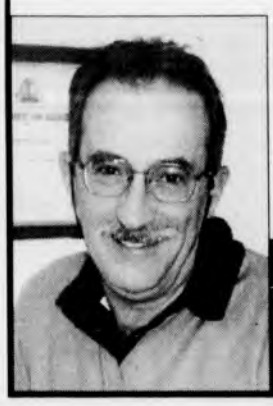
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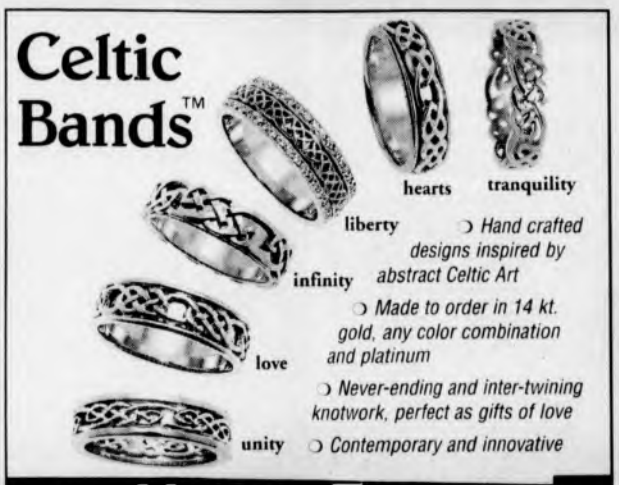
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1:21 a.m. Parker Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:18 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:04 a.m. Norfolk Road, medical aid, patient sign off.

9:45 a.m. North Main St., animal control, referred to other agency.

12:47 p.m. Spring St., vandalism, investigated, report taken.

1:43 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control, referred to other agency.

2:51 p.m. Bancroft Road, fire, investigation, investigated, report taken.

3:01 p.m. Pond St., animal control, referred to other agency.

5:16 p.m. Elm St., animal control, referred to other agency.

6:28 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire.

10:12 p.m. Route 3A, Beechwood, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:20 p.m. Pond St., suspicious auto.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

5:41 p.m. King St., medical aid, no Fire service necessary.

5:59 p.m. Highland Ave., animal control, services rendered.

8:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:12 p.m. Ledgewood Farms Drive, general services.

9:52 p.m. Brewster Road, general services.

10:07 p.m. Ripley Road and North Main St., officer wanted, summons.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

1:36 a.m. South Main St., fire, investigation, services rendered.

6:46 a.m. Hill St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control, referred to other agency.

8:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control, referred to other agency.

9:23 a.m. South Main St., suspicious activity.

9:38 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire, inspections.

10:35 a.m. Border St., officer wanted, services rendered.

11:10 a.m. Pond St., E911 call verification, false call.

2:01 p.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

4:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted, services rendered.

4:11 p.m. Hull St. and Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle crash, patient sign-off.

4:28 p.m. Summer St., noise complaint, dispersed gathering.

4:56 p.m. Sohier St., E911 call verification, false call.

5:13 p.m. Sohier and King sts., tree down, services rendered.

5:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., found property.

6:24 p.m. White Head Road, medical aid, services rendered.

8:09 p.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

4:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

8:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Lower King St., motor vehicle crash, investigated, report taken.

11:39 a.m. King St., E911 call verification, false call.

12:56 p.m. Beechwood and Church sts., officer wanted, no police service necessary.

5:49 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control, referred to other agency.

6:07 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:17 p.m. Border St., lost property, services rendered.

6:18 p.m. Border St., lost property, services rendered.

6:48 p. King St. and Sanctuary Pond Road, traffic complaint.

7:14 p.m. Black Horse Lane, lost property.

7:19 p.m. King St., motor vehicle crash, referred to other agency.

7:27 p.m. Highland Ave., vandalism, referred to other agency.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

12:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:51 p.m. Church St., officer wanted, investigated, report taken.

5 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

6:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:25 p.m. Elm St., assist motorist, no police service necessary.

7:05 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., found property, brought to station.

8:27 p.m. Clapp Road, animal control.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

3:17 a.m. Sohier and King sts., motor vehicle stop, arrest: James S. Buckley, 45, 495 Country Way, Scituate. Chgs.: operating under influence liquor (third offense), marked lanes violation.

3:47 a.m. Pond St., fire, investigation, false/accidental fire.

12:27 p.m. Ripley Road, officer wanted, peace restored.

1:55 p.m. Black Rock Road, general services, no police service necessary.

2:03 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:10 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

3:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle crash, removed to hospital.

4:14 p.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted, services rendered.

7:11 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:24 p.m. King St., abandoned 911 call, false.

7:51 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, summons.

9:43 p.m. North Main St., suspicious activity, no police service necessary.

11:20 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious activity, services rendered.

SUNDAY, MAY 30

1:05 a.m. Hill St., medical aid.

9:10 a.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.

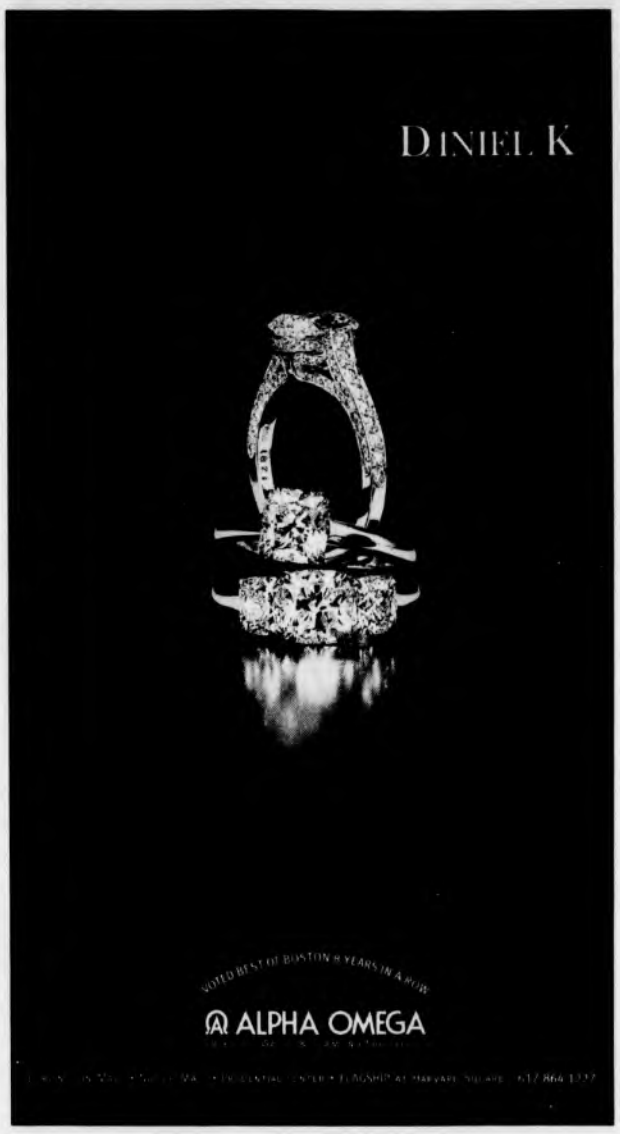
11:53 a.m. Howe Road, disturbance, advised to contact police if repeated.

3:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:16 p.m. Beechwood and Sohier sts., suspicious activity.

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OBITUARIES

Charlotte Conant Leland

Charlotte Conant Leland, 78, died due to Alzheimer's related illness on May 25, 2004, at Carrboro Senior Living Center in Carrboro, N.C.

Born in Boston, she was a longtime resident of Cohasset and Scituate, Due to childhood-related medical negligence, Ms. Leland was plagued with mobility challenges throughout her life. Despite these challenges, she was committed to making a difference in the world and worked as a social worker and on a wide variety of causes, including the Civil Rights movement, women's issues, environmental causes, human rights issues, and local, state and national politics.

Ms. Leland was the daughter of the late Lucille Conant Leland and Edmund Francis Leland, Jr. She leaves her daughter, Lisa Hamill, a grandson, Ian Slade, a granddaughter, Lauren Slade, all of Chapel Hill, N.C.; a sister, Suzanne LeFeber of Milwaukee, Wis.; a brother, Edmund Leland III of North Andover, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be held at the Old Ship Church in Hingham, at a future time and date to be announced.

Expressions of sympathy in her memory may be made to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 434 West 33rd Street, New York, NY 10001, or to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60601-7633, (800) 272-3900.

Olive Weisenfluh

Olive (Benson) Weisenfluh, 101, of Cohasset, formerly of Ridgway, Pa., died May 31, 2004.

Mrs. Weisenfluh, daughter of the late Carl Benson and Laura Montgomery Benson, was born, raised and educated in Ridgway, Pa. She was a resident of Cohasset for more than 30 years.

Wife of the late Fred Weisenfluh, she leaves a son, F. Allen Weisenfluh of Delray Beach, Fla., formerly of Cohasset; a brother, Clair Benson of Phoenixville, Pa.; a granddaughter, Pamela Lessard of Woodstock, Vt.; two grandsons, Kurt Weisenfluh of Larchmont, N.Y. and Baarton Weisenfluh of Falmouth, Maine; and four great-grandchildren, Taylor and Curtis Lessard and Matthew and Owen Weisenfluh. She was sister of the late Milton Benson.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 4, at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset. Interment will be private at the Ott Cemetery in Ridgway, Pa.

Visiting hours are omitted.

Arrangements are by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Town Planner has baby boy

Town Planner Liz Harrington gave birth Saturday morning to a beautiful baby boy. Jonathan Robert Manning weighed in at 8 pounds 4 ounces and both mom and baby are doing well.

Construction to start at Our World playground

Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said after meeting with Muffy Antico of Project Playground and Carl Sestito, DPW Superintendent, it seems as if construction for a new playground behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum should begin within the next few weeks.

Buckley said Paul Barry has volunteered to do most of the site work and the DPW has agreed to clear brush and repair the fences. In addition, the DPW has agreed to spruce up the adjacent basketball courts, and will fill and seal the cracks. Jack Worley of the Recreation Department and the Basketball Boosters said they will provide new backboards for the courts as well.

In addition, Roger Lowe, one of the Trustees of the Library, has forwarded photos of a "very tastefully constructed" skateboard park in Marshfield that could be a wonderful addition to the site. A T-ball field and walking path could also be accommodated on site.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she was very glad to see the walking path implemented that could be used by senior citizens in the community.

Buckley said currently the plans for the skateboard park and T-ball fields are all conceptual, but plans can hopefully move forward from here. Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said in the event the Cook property uses the library property as a leeching field, the treated water will flow under the parking lot and would not affect the ability to have a have either a skateboard park or T-ball field.

Legal Notices

ZBA/108-114 ELM ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Thurs., June 10, 2004 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to s.5.3.1 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Janet R. Fogarty** seeks to change condo to single family dwelling at 108-114 Elm St. according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-05-25a.

AD#525360
Cohasset Mariner 5/27, 6/3/04

ZBA/249 CEDAR ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Thurs., June 10, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal of building inspector's decision** pursuant to S.12 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Wendy S. Oleksiak, Tr. Monomoy Realty Trust** seeks to appeal decision regarding violation of a Special Permit at **249 Cedar St.** according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-04-15.

AD#519704
Cohasset Mariner 5/27, 6/3/04

ZBA/260 JERUSALEM RD.
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AD#525345
Cohasset Mariner 5/27, 6/3/04

ZBA/7 PARKER AVE.
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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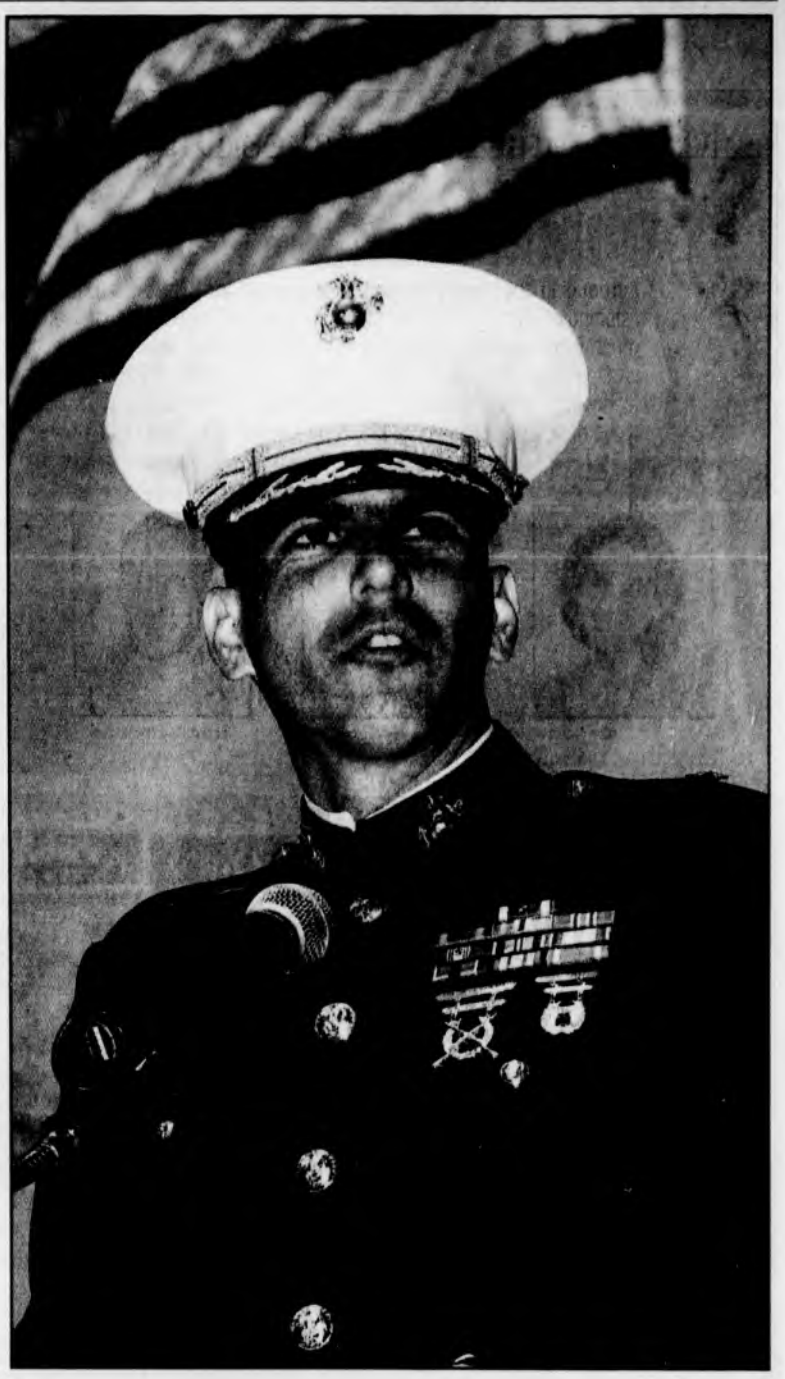
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A memorable tribute



Above: World War II veterans Austin Ahern, John Mello, and Ralph Parencello place a wreath honoring their comrades at the World War II Honor Roll monument.

At right: Memorial Day keynote speaker, Major John B. Atkinson, addresses those assembled Monday.







Above: Tucker Fulton and Elle Hansen show their pride while on the parade route.

At left: Barbara Dillon stands with the Daughters of the American Revolution during ceremonies at Veterans Park in Cohasset.

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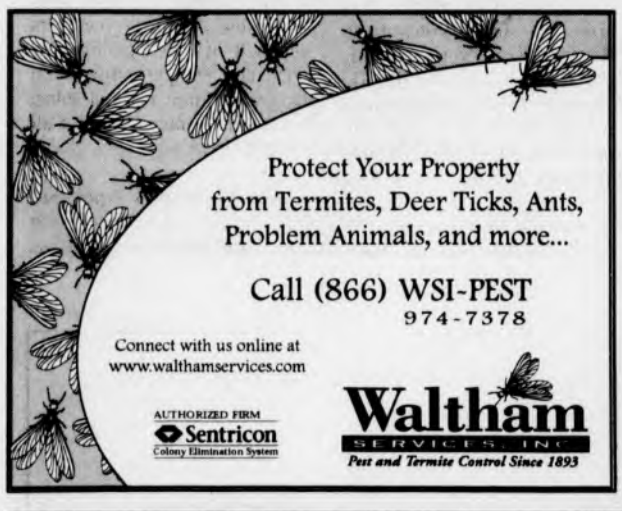
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Please meet at the Minot Beach parking lot off Henry Turner Bailey Road in Scituate at 9:30 a.m. The suggested donation is $3. For more information, please visit www.fhbwi.org or call 781-545-5987.

Salute to the soldiers of D-Day

The lives of billions of people were changed by a few hundred thousand on June 6, 1944, 60 years ago this year. Allied forces storming the beaches of Normandy, France, finally established a solid landward base from which to begin an eastern push through Nazi-controlled France and across Europe into Germany, ultimately bringing an end to the greatest conflict the world has ever known.

The Fort Revere Park & Preservation Society invites one and all to remember the soldiers of D-Day at a brief memorial ceremony at Frenchman's Park on Telegraph Hill, Fort Revere Park, on Sunday, June 6, at 9 a.m. A benediction will be performed before the playing of taps and the raising of the American flag.

For information contact John Galluzzo, President, Fort Revere Park & Preservation Society, at 781-724-7131 or Matt Tobin, DCR Site Supervisor, at 617-727-4468.

'Beauty and the Beast' on stage this summer

The Children's Drama Workshop invites you to "Be Our Guest" this summer as the 16 annual musical production presents: "Beauty and the Beast".

Children ages 5 to 12 are welcome to participate. Registrations will be held during the week of June 14, at Cohasset Town Hall. It is advisable to register on Monday, June 14, at 9 a.m., to ensure a space as registration is limited. The cost is $440 per child. Checks may be payable to CDW.

Auditions for this production will be at the Cohasset Town Hall on Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27. Rehearsals are held from, 1 to 3 p.m., every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon beginning Tuesday, June 29.

For more information, call 781-383-4109.

Free conference on senior housing

A free conference, "Housing That Works; A Conference for Older Adults Considering a Move" will be held Friday, June 4, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Senior Center at Hingham Town Hall.

The full-day conference of lectures, workshops and a trade show will offer information about housing choices and ways to minimize the stress of moving. Seniors and children of seniors facing the possibility of a future move are invited to attend.

The morning session will consist of several panels: Selling Your Home – how to simplify the process, and Profiles in Housing – information about different senior housing options. Afternoon panels will discuss: Title 5 septic regulations ("It's in the Tank") and The Rent is Due - financing options for the various types of housing.

Following the panel discussions will be a free lunch and a tradeshow (1-3 p.m.) where conference participants will have an opportunity to meet representatives from many local senior housing communities, and professionals who provide services to help seniors have a stress-free move. In addition special raffle prizes will be offered from many local businesses.

The conference is sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs and the Hingham Department of Elder Services, with support from the Allerton House of Hingham, Linden Ponds at Hingham, and the Transitions Program of Home Center Real Estate in Hingham. Pre-registration is required by May 28. Call the Hingham Department of Elder Services at 781-741-1458 or Cohasset Elder Affairs, 781-383-9112.

Lobster rolls at the Festival on Common

Lobster lovers will thrill to hear that First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on the Common will again be holding its lobster roll sale Friday, June 18; Saturday, June 19, and Sunday, June 20. The rolls will be sold all day long during the South Shore Arts Center's Festival on the Common. These are all-meat lobster rolls accompanied by a bag of potato chips for $10. each. The rolls will be freshly made by an enthusiastic committee co-chaired by Amy Leger, Ann Stenbeck, and Lucia Woods.

Woods, who had the idea two years ago, says, "It's the perfect June meal. Have a lobster roll with us and then have a strawberry shortcake dessert across the common at the Second Congregational Church. It's a truly delicious summer experience!" Lucia also suggests getting your co-workers together at lunchtime and coming to the festival for lunch or bringing lobster rolls home for dinner with family and friends.

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THE SEVENTH ANNUAL JIMMY KENNEDY MEMORIAL RUN for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis will be held June 12. The five-mile charity run is also known as the New Balance "Squirrel Run" in honor of Jimmy's childhood nickname. Registration 9 a.m.- 2.5 mile walk begins 10 a.m.- 5 mile run starts. $15 pre-registration before May 23. $20 thereafter. All entries are non-refundable. Children admitted free. For information or to pre-register contact the Jimmy Kennedy ALS at 781-383-6008 or visit www.coolrunning.com.

THE NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION is planning its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, Aug. 2, at the Cohasset Country Club, Lambert's Lane in Cohasset, features a new practice range and putting area. Registration begins at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Tickets are $175 per person, and include a fun day on the greens, as well as a pre-game lunch, sit-down dinner, raffle and silent auction. Due to the tournament's popularity, foursomes are encouraged to sign up early. Rain date is Aug. 16.

SECOND ANNUAL TOUCH A TRUCK TO BENEFIT THE JETT FOUNDATION The Jett Foundation is searching for trucks and/or unusual and unique vehicles to participate in the upcoming touch-a-truck on June 13, at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. If you would like to participate, call 781-293-2667 or 781-294-8445 or visit www.JettFoundation.org Sponsorship deadline is May 1.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER'S 49TH ARTS FESTIVAL, Cohasset, June 18 to 20. Art and music for all generations, contemporary art to traditional handmade crafts. 781-383-2787 www.ssac.org

THE SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS announces the addition of a special concert featuring the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart conductor, to the Music Circus for the first time in a benefit performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South Shore Art Center. Tickets for concert can be purchased via Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and in person at the Music Circus box office Tickets are $101.25 and $90.25. A limited number of special ticket packages, which include a reception with the maestro, can be purchased from South Shore Art Center only. Call the SSAC at 781-383-2787 for information.

Thurs., June 3

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate Harbor. presents a show of water color paintings by **Andrew Kusmin** at its new gallery. The show will run until June 27. 781-545-6150 or www.scituateartsassociaiton.com

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month, Josephine Bottari will exhibit her paintings for the month of June at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

The exhibit Into the Woods by **Paul Falcone** is the featured display at The Gallery, located at PACTV, 130 Court St.(rear building) Plymouth until June 5.508-830-6999 or visit www.pactv.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

Jimbos Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, **Comedy Night** featuring **Chance Langton, Annette Pollack, Tim Kaelin, Cyndi Stiles, Troy Diamond and Joe Kringdon**. Reservations $10. Call 781-848-0300.

"An Evening With Carol Channing" starring **Richard Skipper as Carol Channing"** musical revue arrives at Raffael's Restaurant in North Quincy, on June 3 and 4, with a matinee and evening performance on each date. The musical revue will be presented for four performances only. For tickets or additional information call Raffael's during regular business hours at 617-328-1600 or visit us on the web at jmproductionspresents.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree,, Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **Summer Rock Series** presents **Jesters** June 3. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri., June 4

Standish Humane Society Open House, 622 Congress St., Duxbury, June 6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Refreshments served.

James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents an exhibition of aerial photography by **Margot Cheel** of Cohasset, June 4 through July 5. Opening reception June 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. 781-659-7100

South Shore Hospital will host a free panel discussion on advanced care-planning for seniors and their families June 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch provided. Call 781-340-8795 to register.

Stone Temple Coffeehouse, United First Parish Church, 1306 Hancock St., Quincy, presents Folk Concert Singer/Songwriters **Greg Greenway and Rod MacDonald.** For tickets: 617-796-5882 for directions: 617-773-1290 Church web site with link www.ufpc.org

The Scituate Animal Shelter will hold its First Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 4, at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. The afternoon tournament will feature numerous prizes - including a hole-in-one automobile, raffles, and Par 3 Poker. The $125 fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner at the Barker Tavern. Registration forms are available at the shelter or by logging onto Fundraisers at www.town.scituate.ma.us/ animalshelter/. 781-545-8325.

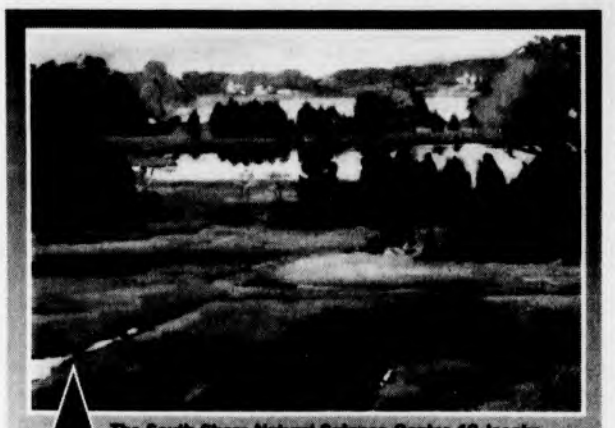
South Shore Folk Music Club presents its **25th Anniversary Blues Concert and Silent Auction** with **Guy Davis** at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. The show starts at 8 p.m. $13 members, $15 non-members. This event is alcohol and smoke free. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. June 4, **Bill Downes** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com



BEST BET

The Cape Cod-based Squibnocket Trio will return in concert at the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury, June 6, at 4 p.m. 781-934-6634 www.artcomplex.org



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South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays) Free with admission. A half-hour of storytelling. Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Single Executives Club, June 4, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rt. 228 Rockland, exit 14, off Route 3. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complementary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 .m. free door prizes. For single professionals 35 and over. Non smoking event. $10 before 9 p.m. $15 thereafter. Proper business dress and party finery for women. Co-sponsored by the Young Professional Club.

Oliveira's 300 Center St., (Rt. 36) Pembroke, presents **Dave Becker**, June 4, 9 p.m. to closing, no cover. 781-294-4700.

Cataloni's 86 VFW Parkway, Rockland, presents Comedy Show, **Bob Niles, Annette Pollack, Larry Lee Lewis, Malissa Hunt, Jesse Gersten, Sue Tracy and Steve Guilmette** $10 cover.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents June 4, **Lydia Warren**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat., June 5

Scituate Garden Club plant sale will take place at the Mann House at the corner of Stockbridge Road and Greenfield Lane on June 5, from 9 to 1 p.m. Rain or shine.

Gigantic Town-Wide Yard Sale, June 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Dozens of Milton residents and Museum members sell their new and gently used items and antiques. Admission and parking free. Rain or shine. Space still available to sell. Call 617-696-1815.

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Museum in Milton, June 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Professional appraisals of your treasures on everything from furniture and jewelry to artwork, collectibles, and toys. Appraisals by Antiques Roadshow appearing Peter Combs of Landry Antiques, Essex. $5 per appraised item. Call 617-696-1815 for more information.

Sneak preview of Spectacle Island - The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are organizing a cruise to Spectacle Island on Saturday June 5. The boat leaves Rowes Wharf in downtown Boston at 10 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m. A narrated tour will highlight the miles of walking trails and 360-degree views from the highest point in the inner harbor, with speakers describing its history from pre-colonial days up to the present. Tickets can be bought on the day at Rowes Wharf (cash only) and cost $25 for adults, $23 for seniors, $21 for Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members, $18 for children (3 to 12), and babies travel for free. For more information about Friends activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "The Wizard of Oz" at the Cohasset Town Hall, June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13. This well-known musical features dozens of munchkins, flying monkeys, winkies and other characters from all over the South Shore. Friday and Saturday night performances begin at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased at Front Street Bookshop in Scituate, Springbrook Kids and Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, at the door, or by phone at 781-544-0304. Girl scout groups receive $2 off the ticket price when reserving group seating. Contact Wendy Guyder at 781-545-1655 for information and reservations. Bring a can of cat or dog food, to be donated to the Scituate Animal Shelter, and receive $1 off admission at the door. Matinees on Sunday, June 6 and June 13 will feature a Dorothy Dress Alike/Look Alike contest with great prizes. Pictures with Dorothy, Toto, the Lion, Scarecrow and Tin Man will be available for sale at both Sunday matinees.

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JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

The South Shore Art Center will host its biannual middle-school student exhibition **Art Forum** through June 7. Art work in all media is on display in this celebration of young South Shore students and their innovative creations from the following schools: Abington Junior High School, South and East Middle Schools in Braintree, Deer Hill in Cohasset, Duxbury Middle School, Hanover Middle School, Hingham Middle School, Hull Memorial Middle School, Pierce Middle School in Milton, Goldman Middle School in Norwell, Rising Tide Charter School in Plymouth, Rogers Middle School in Rockland, Gates Intermediate School in Scituate, William Galvin Middle School in Canton, Coakley Middle School, and Qualters Middle School, Mansfield. The gallery hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

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Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. June 5, **Splash** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. June 5, **Comedy Show featuring Spike Tobin, Annette Pollack, John Joyce, Courtney Cronin and Mark Sherman**. 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **The Fat City Band**, June 5, 10 p.m. dinner optional beginning at 7 p.m. $10 admission. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 5, **Undaunted" Professor Harp,** Show starts at 9:15 a.m. No cover.

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Sun., June 6

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Fourth Annual Hatherly Hoopla at Hatherly School, Scituate, on June 6, from noon to 3 p.m. All are invited to enjoy pony rides, moonwalk, dunk tank, raffle, crafts, live music, and much more.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents a month long exhibit of paintings by Andrew R. Kusmin. The show starts June 2, and runs to June 27. Join the Scituate Arts Association by welcoming Andrew at an opening reception on June 6, at the gallery from 2 to 5 p.m. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located on 124 Front St., Scituate. 781.545.5160, or www.scituatearsts.com.

Families with Children from China (FCC) South Shore, has an active play group meeting every other week from 10 am until noon. Call Cissy White at 781-331-4679 for information. No cost to join.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, presents a mix of romantic and contemporary works by the **Cape Cod-based Squibnocket Trio** on June 6, at 4 p.m.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury presents 48 members of the **Boston Printmakers exhibit** with more than 60 prints in **Time Remembered/Times Past**.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury will offer an exhibition full of childhood remembrances and the images they evoke as expressed in **On their Own, Rhoda Rosenberg, printmaker**. The exhibit will run through June 13.

Sunday Brunch at the JFK Library and Museum nine Sundays beginning through June, Brunch served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. $36 adults; $12 children age 12 and under. Admission includes brunch, museum admission and all taxes and gratuities. Reservations strongly recommended by calling 617-514-1586. wwwjfklibrary.org

"Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance" every Sunday evening at **Raffael's Restaurant**, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Dance music by DJ Joe Pet. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

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Hajjar's Bar & Grille, 989 Washington St. (Rt. 53), Weymouth. **First Comedy Show** featuring Paul Nardizzi along with Pat Hicks, Adam Copithorne, Doug Mola and host, Annette Pollack. June 6, 8 p.m. Admission $10. Free admission into blues jam after show. 781-340-1870.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Lucinda Ellert's Happy Feet**.

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BEST BET

Carol Channing, in person, is star approved

Thanks to her larger than life stage persona, Carol Channing is often impersonated. It is rare, however, for the "Hello, Dolly!" star to actually enjoy the imitations, according to entertainer Richard Skipper. Skipper — who stars in "An Evening With Carol Channing" at Raffael's in North Quincy this week — won the Broadway legend's approval and admiration at the very first performance he gave as Channing 10 years ago.

"The New York Gay Men's Chorus was doing a concert of Jerry Herman music and I was invited to perform as Carol Channing at a post-show party. I had done Carol's voice in other shows, but this was the first time I actually performed in full hair and make-up as Carol, " recalled Skipper last week by telephone. "Carol was in the audience and she loved my show. She even joined my on 'Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend.' Carol told me she was pleased, because, unlike most other impersonators, I was not cruel to her. She told me it was the first time anyone had done her with such love and such polish."

Skipper, who has a long list of off-Broadway and regional theater credits, wouldn't have had it any other way. "I have the utmost respect for Carol, I don't impersonate or mimic her as much as I pay tribute to her. My entire show is done live, with my voice and no lip-syncing. "

Skipper, 43, says his song-list is from the classic Channing repertoire and more.

"It's funny, because I'm at the same age now as Carol was when she first did "Hello, Dolly!" on Broadway. I do "Before The Parade Passes By" and other songs from that show. About 85 percent of what I do is music associated with Carol, but I also do some songs that she has never done."

That Channing, who first gained fame more than 40 years ago, is still a star today does not surprise Skipper. "A talent like Carol Channing's will always sustain itself. It will always stand the test of time. What really made Carol a star was the same thing that worked for Judy Garland. Both women loved their audience. Carol is not just a performer, she is an entertainer. Her focus is not just on herself, but also on her audience."

J.M Productions and Raffael's Restaurant will present, "An Evening With Carol Channing, Starring Richard Skipper" on June 3-4. After five years, it will mark the final dinner theater offering at Enterprise Drive eatery which will close this later this month

Raffael's restaurants will remain open in both Hull and Walpole. JM Productions plans to announce a new Quincy location for its dinner theater productions very shortly. For tickets and information, call Raffael's at 617/328-1600 or visit www.richardskipper.com

- R. Scott Reedy

Summer Camps

THE NEW ENGLAND WILDLIFE CENTER (NEWC) in Hingham is still accepting registrations for its summer day camp (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) for students entering grades kindergarten through grade 6. These unique, one of-a-kind camps will feature outdoor nature exploration, close-up encounters with live owls, hawks and other wild animals, arts and crafts projects, and a wide variety of other activities. There will be six different camps this year: *The Secret of the Puddingstone, Reptiles, Team New England, To Fly, Wildlife Camp and Where's Fred's Head?* For a camp brochure, call the New England Wildlife Center office at 781-749-5387.

KIDSPOT'S SUMMER CAMP 2004. This year's production is the musical "Beauty And The Beast" Students age 7-14 will receive instruction in acting, singing and dance, as well as have a chance to work on the set, costumes and props. Classes begin on June 30 and run through Thursday July 29. All classes are held at the Marshfield Methodist Church, Rte. 139 from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays through Thursdays. Performances are on Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31, at the Duxbury High School. Tuition is $375, and space is limited. An advance tuition of $350 is offered if enrolled by June 7. Call 781-826-8550

THE SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER Summer Adventure Programs for children entering sixth through eighth grade. The Explorers Series, each five-day session explores a different theme, from Survival Skills to Marine Biology to The Great Outdoors. All of the Explorer sessions include hiking, canoeing, team-building, activities and experiments, a field trip and an overnight camping trip to the Boston Harbor Islands. For information, call Camp Director Bonner Boynton at 781-659-2559 x303 or visit the website at www.ssnsc.org

MILTON ACADEMY Summer programs. Options range from Sports PLUS camp; Summer hockey camp; Speed, Strength & Conditioning program for athletes; Kaleidoscope arts & creativity program and the Center Stage drama program. All classes are taught on the Milton campus by committed and enthusiastic instructors. For information: call 617-898-2480 or visit www.milton.edu

THE NORWELL VOICE STUDIO announces the beginning of its summer season vocal training program. Classes are open to students ages seven and up. All lessons are held at the Norwell Voice Studio on Lincoln Street and taught by performing artist and vocal instructor Les Sampou. Call 781-659-2410 for scheduling and information.

THE DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION AND THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY offers a summer program with a visual arts and music enrichment program for children age 5 to 9. "Under the Sea, Here Comes a Parade, Out of Africa, Asian Adventure, By the Shore, Animal Planet, Mexican Madness, Under the Sea." Tuition is $200 for DAA members and $250 for non-members. Call the DAA at 781.934.2731 ext. 4 to register or stop by the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street, Duxbury.

THE FRIENDS OF HOLLY HILL FARM, INC., in partnership with Weir River Farm and the Trustees of Reservation, announced the 2004 "Young Farmers Program" consisting of three, week-long sessions beginning July 12 and ending July 30; participants must commit to at least one full session. The "Young Farmers" will spend time outdoors exploring the fields and forests of Holly Hill Farm. More information about Holly Hill Farm and The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. is available at www.hollyhill-farm.org

KIDS SUMMER YOGA CAMP AT THE PRACTICE STUDIO teaches balance, focus, inner strength, and self-relaxation techniques as well as individual postures and flow yoga. Tuesday and Thursday, June 29 to July 22 9:30 to 11a.m. ages 7 to 11. Pre-registration required. Class size is limited. For information visit www.thepracticestudio.com or call 781-337-9495.

THE ORPHEUM REGIONAL PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY is now accepting registrations for its all new Summer Session of Children's Theatre Classes. The three week Summer Theatre Program is offered to children ages 7 to 18 years starting Aug. 2 and running through Aug. 20. Call the Orpheum at 508-543-2787 (ARTS) or visit www.orpheum.org for additional class information and/or brochures.

KALEIDOSCOPE is an arts and creativity program specially for kids aged 8 to 13 years, which runs for three weeks from July 29 to Aug. 13. For more details, contact Milton Academy at 617-898-2481 or visit their website at www.milton.edu.

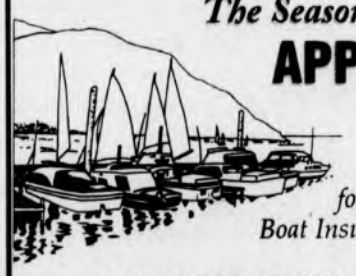
ASIA CAMP a two week day camp at Duxbury Middle School. In Asia Camp, students learn about the many facets of Asian and Chinese culture from July 6 - 16. For more information, contact American Learning at (617) 696-2081 or browse their web site at www.asiacamp.com.

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Orchestra featuring jazz from 1925-1935 show from 4 to 7 p.m. dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. $10 admission. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

Mon., June 7

First Annual Golf Tournament Benefits Woodward School For Girls Monday, June 7, at the newly developed, private Black Rock Country Club in Hingham. For more information on how to participate or to have an event registration packet mailed to your home or business, contact The Woodward Golf Committee at 781-834-2063 or email rzaccardi@verizon.net. Registration begins at 10 a.m., with a shotgun start beginning at noon.

The North River Arts Society and the Ventress Memorial Library Board of Trustees presents the unveiling of **the Best Place in the Show,** an original pastel paintings by **Liz Haywood-Sullivan** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. This poster exhibit will run through June 19. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincy-toastmasters.

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Tue., June 8

Hull Performing Arts announce auditions for "A Curate Shakespeare As You Like It," four men and three women. Show will be produced outdoors at Fort Revere at the end of July. Auditions to be held at Senior Center at Samoset Ave, Hull at 7:30 p.m. June 8 and 10. www.hullperformingarts.com 781-925-2406

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold its annual meeting with elections as well as a social knit on June 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Route 139, Marshfield. New members and guests welcome. Refreshments served. 781-740-4961.

New York Times Bestselling Author — Patricia Gaffney "The Saving Graces, Circle of Three" will be appearing at The Atlantica in Cohasset 9:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 8. She will be reading from her new book, "The Goodbye Summer."

Buttonwood Books & Toys will present "Coffee with the Authors" on June 8 from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. at the Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset. Enjoy a continental breakfast and a stimulating morning with three authors as they discuss the art of writing and their latest work. Featured authors will be Patricia Gaffney for "The Goodbye Summer", Jim Collins for "The Last Best League: One Summer, One Season, One Dream" and Kate Whouley for "Cottage For Sale, Must Be Moved: A Woman Moves a House To Make A Home". Advance reservations and ticketing are required and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665. Tickets are $13 per person and non refundable.

The Hingham Public Library Book Club is looking for a few good members. The book club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month in the library's Fearing Room. The selection for June 29, is *After Long Silence* by Helen Fremont. The June 29 meeting will be the last before the summer break, and a good chance to try out the club. Meetings will resume in September, so anyone unable to attend in June should mark their calendars for Sept. 28, and watch for postings of that month's chosen title.



BEST BET

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents The Fat City Band, June 5, at 10 p.m. dinner optional beginning at 7 p.m. $10 admission. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Wed., June 9

Folktales From the Forest with storyteller **Andrea Lovett** has moved to Island Grove Park, Abington, at the top of the hill in the gazebo. June 9, at 10 a.m. 781-871-5892. Take Grove Street or Lake Street in Abington

African Safari photography exhibit at the Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy Center, featuring photographs by wildlife photographer and Hingham resident **James J. Foley.** Through June 30. 617-376-1331

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs., June 10

Irish Connections Festival moves from Stonehill College to **Irish Cultural Centre,** 200 New Boston Dr. Canton June 11-13. Join a line-up of Irish musicians, dancers, artists, authors and athletes takes center stage. Irish Bread baking and poetry contests and much more. www.irishculture.org 781-821-8291.

The NSRWA's 11th Annual River Watch monitoring program will start with a training session the for new volunteers on Thursday, June 10 at 8 a.m. Volunteers will visit ten monitoring sites along the rivers, and receive instruction on how to take water samples. Volunteers will then choose a predetermined date to go out on your own and sample. This requires a three to four hour commitment on the training day and then the sampling day. It's easy and fun, and with our new sampling techniques you don't have get your feet wet. All sampling is conducted on weekdays.If you're interested in getting involved, or would like more information, call Paula at the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series June 10, **Sounds of Yesterday,** all concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents June 10, **Say When Music.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri., June 11

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Friday, June 11, with the Emanon Orchestra from 8 p.m. to midnight. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-Members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info. 781-331-0021 Web site: http:/www.southshoresingles.org

The Scituate Animal Shelter will hold its First Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 4, at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. The afternoon tournament will feature numerous prizes - including a hole-in-one automobile, raffles, and Par 3 Poker. The $125 fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner at the Barker Tavern. The Shelter is also seeking corporate sponsorships and donations to raffle. All proceeds will go to the no-kill Scituate Animal Shelter. Registration forms are available at the shelter or by logging onto Fundraisers at www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter/. 781-545-8325.



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The Scituate Arts Association Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate Harbor. presents a show of water color paintings by Andrew Kusmin at its new gallery. The show will run until June 27. 781-545-6150 or www.scituateartsassocialton.com

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. June 11and 12, **Ron Towers** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents June 11, **Swinging Steaks**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 11**, Mr. Nick Blues mafia**, Show starts at 9:15 a.m. No cover.

Oliveira's 300 Center St., (Rt. 36) Pembroke, presents **Dave Becker**, June 11, 9 p.m. to closing, no cover. 781-294-4700.

Ongoing Events

La Leche League is an international, non profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and encouragement to all women who want to breastfeed. Meetings are Thursdays, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12, at 7:15 p.m. in Pembroke. For information call: Joanne 781-924-1919/Lisa 781-829-9075/Heidi 781-582-1187. All expectant, new, and experienced mothers and their babies welcome.

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Front Street Book Shop offers a supportive environment and encourages all levels of writing experience to attend. Bring a writing project to share. More info call: 781.545.5011.

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Next group meets 6 to 8 p.m. 781-545-5011.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser. com, BookSpot www. bookspot. com 1-508-830-4250.

South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.



BEST BET

The Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "The Wizard of Oz" on stage at the Cohasset Town Hall, June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13. Friday and Saturday night performances begin at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased at Front Street Bookshop in Scituate, Springbrook Kids and Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, at the door, or by phone at 781-544-0304. Girl scout groups receive $2 off the ticket price when reserving group seating. Contact Wendy Guyder at 781-545-1655 for information and reservations. Bring a can of cat or dog food, to be donated to the Scituate Animal Shelter, and receive $1 off admission at the door. Matinees on Sunday, June 6 and June 13 will feature a Dorothy Dress Alike/Look Alike contest with great prizes. Pictures with Dorothy, Toto, the Lion, Scarecrow and Tin Man will be available for sale at both Sunday matinees.

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The day Reagan came to town

Makes campaign stop in Cohasset

By Mary Ford
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Hingham's Jim Claypoole found him charming and congenial — but didn't hold out much hope for his candidacy.

"Within three minutes he made me feel like he was talking one on one," Claypoole recalled about then presidential candidate Ronald Reagan during a campaign stop in Cohasset back in March 1980. "But I concluded he couldn't possibly be elected president."

Claypoole, who is the current chairman of the Hingham Republican Town Committee, said after being in the Massachusetts political environment he mistakenly thought the Bay State's attitude was the attitude of the nation. The following November, Reagan became the 40th US president, beating out President Jimmy Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale. He even carried the state of Massachusetts.

Reagan died Saturday in his adopted state of California from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was 93.

This week, the former presi-

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CHS Class of 2004 starts new chapter

86 were awarded diplomas Saturday

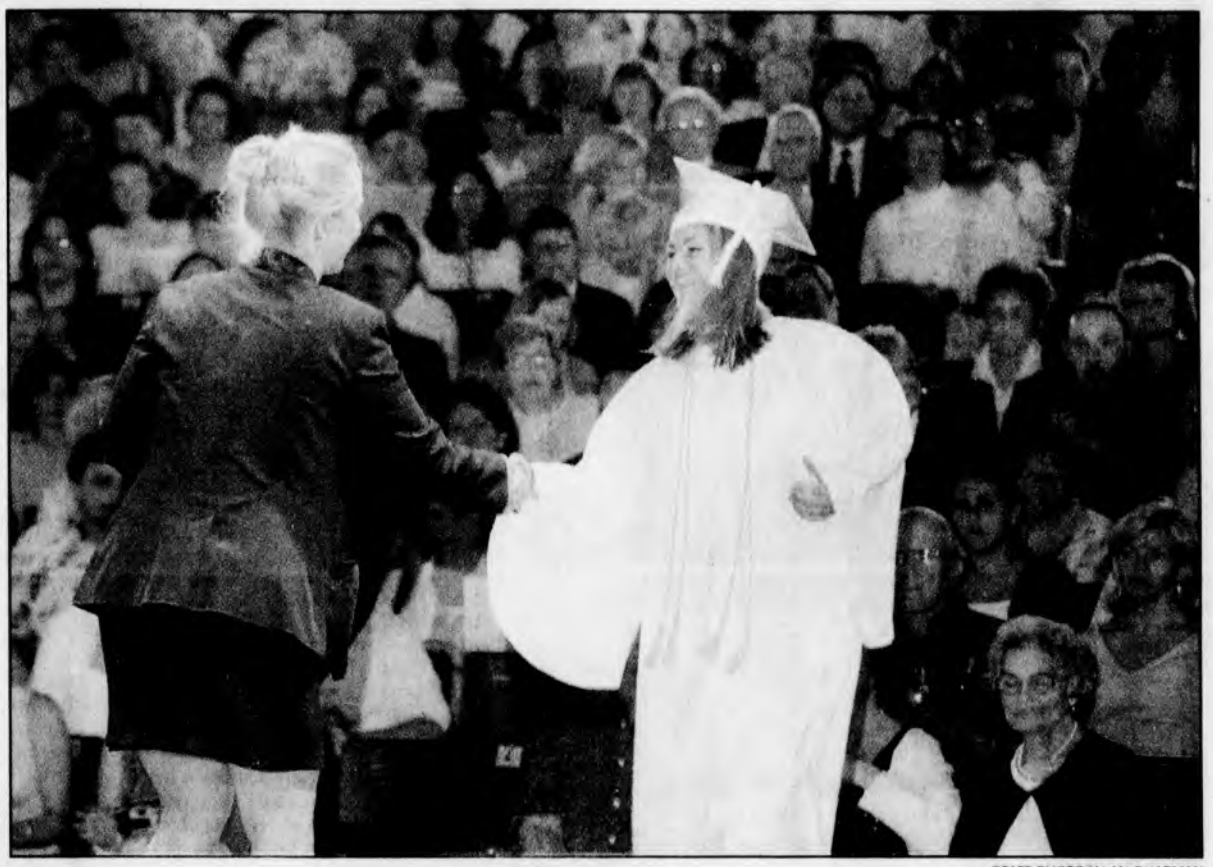
By Samantha Brown
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With Pomp and Circumstance being played by the middle-high school band, and the sun shining outside the tent of the South Shore Music Circus, the 86 members of the Cohasset High School class of 2004, gathered together for one last time to receive their diplomas.

Middle-high school Principal Michael Jones, who will leave his position in Cohasset at the end of this school year, gave a warm welcome to the crowd gathered to honor this year's graduates, and recognized the hard work the students have put in throughout their years of schooling.

Class President Elizabeth Meikleham, the self-proclaimed "welcome wagon" for the ceremony, likened their time at CHS to the "glory days" in the lyrics of the Bruce Springsteen song with that title. She said although she had heard the song many times before, with her upcoming graduation, they suddenly took on a new meaning. For the classmates, who were voted homecoming king and queen, or were ranked in the superlatives in the high school yearbook, or won the Mr. Skipper contest, like Sean Connolly, the memories are priceless and are truly a part of their glory days.

"Who knows when Sean will ever win a beauty pageant again?" she joked.



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Emilie Sullivan is all smiles as Jill Swenson presents her with an award from the National Honor Society.

She noted the impact Assistant Principal Jack DeLorenzo had on the Class of 2004, and how underneath his "tough exterior," they grew to find how caring he is, and will always remember his Friday afternoon mantra that they "make good choices."

Supt. Edward Malvey, who is retiring at the end of this school year, gave his sincerest congratulations to the class, noting how tirelessly its members have worked. He gave special recognition to the students who travel to Cohasset every day as part of the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity, or METCO program, beginning their day earlier than most, and asked those students, their families and host families to stand, while the crowd showered them with applause. "They give more to us than we could ever give back," he said.

Malvey also recognized those veterans and members of the military in the audience, and asked them to stand. "This community, this state, this country, owes you a debt of gratitude," he said, and the crowd cheered.

Malvey then addressed the graduates, and said while it's exciting to send them off into the world, "I'm not sure I want to let you go." However, he said

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Students given picture of prison life

CHS grad works in corrections

By Kelly Hurley
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

For the seventh year, Cohasset High School alumni Officer Bradley Potolicchio visited CHS to inform students of the U.S. Department of Justice's Federal Bureau of Prisons. Beginning in 1997, Officer Potolicchio fulfilled his passion for public speaking after being invited to speak to Mr. Newkirk's social studies class. After two years he invited fellow good friend and Officer Jason Nogz, graduate of Blue Hills High School Class of 1994, to speak to the class alongside him. Together they have presented the reality of prison life at both Cohasset and Scituate High Schools and hope to soon begin in Canton.

On their off days, the officers receive permission from their supervisors to sign out materials and publicly represent the bureau. During the officers' presentations the students were shown homemade tools, weapons and tattoo guns made of everything from fence pieces, beard trimmers to toothbrushes. Officer Potolicchio's goal is to "give (students) a general knowledge of the institution and open their eyes." He hopes to prove to students that prison "is not a good place…it's the type of place where you don't want to be" by informing them of the truth rather than scaring them into submission.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Brad Potolicchio, a CHS graduate, talks to Jack Buckley's law class about what it's like to be a corrections officer.

As pioneers in the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the officers share their knowledge of the facilities through their passion for public speaking. Being the only ones from their department to take on such a task, Officer Nogz explained his project as being "pretty much unheard of" and that they hope to expand it to "gain a part-time position

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Boston's former top cop to take reins in Cohasset

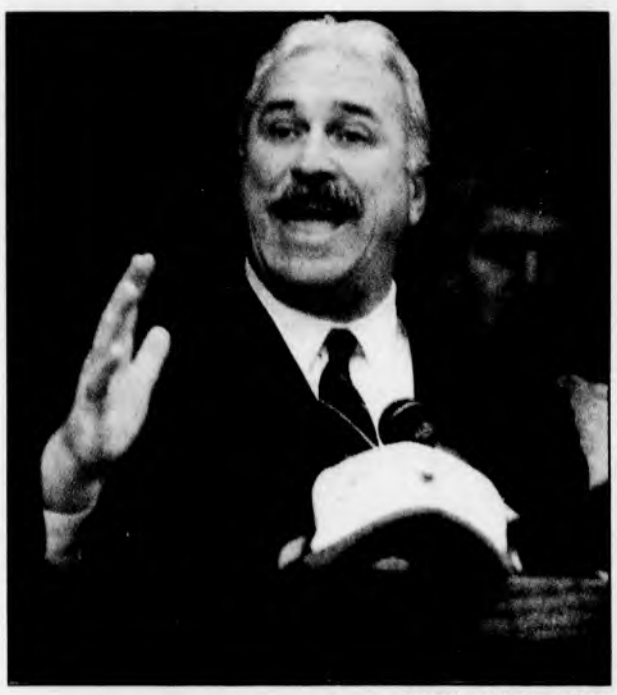
By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset has found itself a new police chief — at least until this time next year — as former Boston Police Chief James Hussey will take over at the helm of the department, replacing the retiring Robert Jackson.

Pending contract negotiations, Hussey is slated to come on board in Cohasset on June 21, although Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said he thinks Hussey will be around town becoming familiar with his new surroundings before then. Jackson has agreed to give help as needed while Hussey becomes familiar with the department.

In the wake of controversy which some say has turned the department upside-down, the 49-year-old Hussey is said to be just the kind of leader the department needs, relying upon the skills he has acquired during his 28 years with the Boston Police Department. Hussey has held many roles within the department, and is currently directing the Boston Police Academy. Hussey served as acting commissioner for the department for three months, during an interim period.

A certified mediator, Hussey said he looks forward to meeting with each member of the department individually, to gain feedback on what they see as the strengths and weaknesses of the department.



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James Hussey, 49, who is a Norwood resident, at a press conference in Boston.

Hussey's duties within the department have not been restricted to policing. He said he has taught civil rights to immigrants, instructed self-defense courses, served as a community liaison in high crime neighborhoods, and worked in the internal affairs division of the department.

"I was recruited to see if we

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, June 10, 7 p.m.

Common Historic District Commission, June 14, 7 p.m.

Cohasset Historical Commission, June 14, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, June 17 7:30 p.m.

Historical Commission, June 14, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, June 15, 7 p.m.

Elder Affairs, June 14, 9:30 a.m., 3 North Main St.

Planning Board, June 23, 7 p.m.

Downtown Revitalization Review Committee, June 9, 8 a.m.

School Committee, June 3, 7 p.m.

Wastewater Committee, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, June 17, 7:30 p.m., 339 King St.

Water Resources Protection Committee, June 22, 7:30 p.m.

ZBA, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Save the teachers internet auction

The Committee to Save Three Teachers will have a new auction web site up and running beginning Monday June 14. The committee has signed up to use the services of www.cmarket.com, which is much like the E-bay auction site, but can be used only by non-profit groups. Items for auction include a weekend on a private lake in New Hampshire, a chartered fishing trip, jewelry, sushi-making lessons, and spa services. The auction will run from June 14-24 and roughly 88 percent of the proceeds will go toward saving three teaching positions in town.

Manager Act Review Committee appointed

The Board of Selectmen has appointed Daniel Evans, Barbara Power, Glenn Pratt, Martha Gjesteby, Susan Kent, Melissa Brown, and Helen Daley, to serve on the Town Manager Act review committee. The committee will hold open meetings in the coming weeks, and all are invited to attend and provide input.

Town Manger search committee

The Board of Selectmen will be looking for residents who are interested in becoming involved with the search for a new Town Manager. The board expects to appoint members who will work together throughout July, August and September, to allow the board to hopefully hire a new Town Manager by Oct.1, in time for the next budget season. Interested candidates should contact the Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

Questions about train ombudsman

Selectman Fred Koed said he has received many phone calls regarding the departure of Cohasset-Greenbush ombudsman Kristina Patterson, and the subsequent appointment of a new ombudsman by the Waterfield Design Group.

After Patterson's resignation, one of her colleagues was designated by Waterfield to take over her role in Cohasset, but Koed said he would have liked to have heard from Waterfield before another appointment was made.

"It disturbs me," he said, that Waterfield would make an appointment without coming to the town first. "When did they get a contract to appointment an ombudsman?" he asked.

Selectman Rob Spofford said the board should talk to the firm about the appointment and find out what the contract states. He also said there is potentially someone in town who would carry out the duties of an ombudsman, but without the cost. To date, Waterfield has been paid $34,356 for ombudsman services dating back to Oct. 16, 2002.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she believes the firm might have been remiss had it not provided another ombudsman for the town, because it has been awarded a contract for the work. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer reiterated the board needs to take a look at the contract.

Koed said he wanted to know why the town didn't have anyone at recent 106 hearings. "The town didn't have anyone there," he said, and an ombudsman should have been there representing the town. "You can't manage this out of Winchester," he said.

The board said it will look at the contract between the town and Waterfield and discuss the matter at upcoming meetings.

Master Plan review

The Planning Board has scheduled a series of public meeting to review the Draft Master Plan for the Town of Cohasset. The Draft Plan will be reviewed during regular Planning Board meetings held in the months of June, July and August and thereafter, if required.

Planning Board summer meeting schedule (subject to change) is as follows: at 7:30 p.m., June 16, July 7, July 21, Aug 4, Aug 18 in the basement meeting room.

Contact the Planning Board Office at 781-383-3517 to confirm meeting dates and agenda times as the summer progresses.

Printed copies of the Draft Master Plan are available for review in the Planning Board Office, Office of the Town Clerk and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. An electronic version is available at the Town website, www.cohassetmass.org.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion.

Revaluation notice to property owners

The Cohasset Board of Assessors will resume its ongoing revaluation effort as it prepares for recertification by the Department of Revenue for Fiscal Year 2005. During the next few months the assessors' staff will be physically inspecting residential properties in town. Due to the high volume of inspections, the staff will conduct daily door-to-door inspections as time permits.

The staff will perform an interior inspection, noting any changes on the property record card. The entire inspection will take just a few minutes. Measurement of buildings will be verified, if necessary. Digital cameras will be used to produce photos of the exterior of the building for the database.

The assessors' staff will be able to produce proper identification. If the homeowner or a person over 18 years of age is not at home on the first call, a notice will be left asking the homeowner to call for an appointment.

The scope of this update is to test the quality of the town's database and make any necessary corrections.

Planning Board office hours set

The Cohasset Planning Board Office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This revised schedule of hours will be in effect until Sept. 7. The Planning Board phone number is 781-383-3517.

Building permits

The following building permits were issued at Town Hall:

Alan Gruber, 84 Jerusalem Road, addition, $75,000; Barret, 70 Pleasant St., remove/replace roof, finish guest only, $60,000; Donna McGee, 21 Hill St., more garage, $1,500; Donna McGee, 21 Hill St., single family dwelling, $250,000; McGoldrick, 740 Jerusalem Road, single family dwelling, $500,000; Gardner, 90 Beechwood St., re-roof, misc. repair, $17,400; Randy Nash, 122 Doane St., replace bay window, $6,193; Blackburn, 88-90 Elm St., sidewall 15 squares, $15,000; Stranganelli, 96 Aaron River Road, remove/rebuild three-season porch, $16,740; and Appleby, 17 Bates Lane, re-shingle roof, $4,000.

Also, Christine Murphy, 38 Cedar Acres Lane, remodel, $34,131; Tarpey, 18 Bancroft Road, 14 x 14 rear deck, $3,000; Farrag, 23 Hull St., finish basement, $23,069; Livingston Square, 130 King St., build out and vinyl siding rear, $40,000; Susan Davis, 257 Atlantic Ave., tent June 4 to June 7, $960; William Earon, 29 Gammons Road, tent June 4 to June 7, $720; Condo Trust, 17-19 Border St., re-roof rubber membrane, $11,000; R. O'Connell Family Trust, 5 Oak St., addition ZBA S.P., $150,000; Eisenhauer, 478 Jerusalem Road, re-roof wood, $35,000; Burchill, 34A Atlantic Ave., demolish interior/siding, $5,000; Breslow, 714 Jerusalem Road, replace decking/railings, $5,500; and Cohasset High School, Town Common, tent for pre-prom events, $0.

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Sun. 13	9:02	9.0	2:48	9:19	9.9	2:59
Mon. 14	9:54	8.9	3:40	10:03	9.9	3:46
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Changes at helm of the Skipper ship

DeLorenzo to stay, Jones has new job

By Samantha Brown
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For Michael Jones and Jack DeLorenzo, the last four years have been about teamwork. As the as the Principal and Assistant Principal of Cohasset Middle High School, the two have worked in tandem, tackling the challenges of administration together.

But next year there will be some unexpected changes to the duo, as Jones has accepted a position as Principal of Lexington High School, and DeLorenzo, who had planned to enter his retirement years, has decided to postpone that decision for at least one more year, as he has accepted an offer to stay, and take over for Jones.

At the beginning of the school year, the tables were turned. DeLorenzo had announced his intention to leave, and Jones had planned to stay. Jones said this winter, Lexington began looking for a new principal and had not been able to come to a consensus on a candidate, and in light of that, it re-opened its search in May. As part of Lexington's outreach, Jones said he was contacted to see if he would be interested in the job. "I decided I'd go for the interview," Jones said, and "from the get-go" it seemed like a perfect fit.

"It was something I hadn't considered earlier in the year, but it looked so attractive, I decided to take it," he said.

Part of the reason Jones decided to take the job is because of its proximity to his home in Lowell. While working in Cohasset, he has rented a room in Scituate which is where he stays at least four nights a week.

"Given the option of being 25 minutes from home," Jones said it will dramatically change his lifestyle. However, he said his job has been so good in Cohasset, it made the commute worthwhile.

But for DeLorenzo, a Cohasset resident who has sent his children through the school system, staying on to eventually end his career as a principal sounded like the perfect way to enter into retirement. "I spent most of my career as an assistant principal," he said, and when the opportunity presented itself, "I couldn't say no."

> **"I don't see we're going to miss a beat."**
> — Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey

Jones said because DeLorenzo has worked in the Cohasset schools for so long and lives in town, he has formed very special relationships with the students over the years. "He's known many of the kids since they were tiny," Jones said, adding he thinks DeLorenzo is the "perfect person for the job."

It is evident DeLorenzo, or "Mr. D" and he is affectionately known, has a great relationship with the students. During graduation, he received many hugs from graduates as they received their diplomas. "I believe in setting rules," he said, but added he respects the students, and they, in turn, respect him, which is why he believes he has formed so many friendships over the years.

Supt. Edward Malvey, who will retire at the end of this school year, said he has been working with the incoming superintendent, Denise Walsh, and she will appoint a principal after next year, which may or may not be DeLorenzo. However, Malvey said there was no hesitation on his part whatsoever when he asked DeLorenzo to stay for the interim period, and he has every confidence the school will be in great hands.

"He's the man of the hour. He has the institutional experience, the stability, and the friendly personality," Malvey said, which has allowed him to become well-liked not only by students, but by their parents and members of the community as well. "I don't see we're going to miss a beat."

However, Malvey said Jones has been a wonderful asset for Cohasset and that he "has done a terrific job for the Cohasset public schools." He added Jones came in as principal at a time when there were two major activities going on simultaneously, as the schools had just begun with plans for construction, and were also looking to gain re-accreditation.

Malvey said Jones is a true educator, and where many principals get caught up in the myriad tasks they are asked to tend to, Jones never pushed the education component to the side. "He really got the staff focused on what education is all about," Malvey said.

Malvey said had he not been retiring this year, he would "Sorely miss," Jones, as he is sure many in the community will next year. "He is truly an outstanding educator."

Jones said although he is sad to leave, he knows he is leaving the school in good hands. In fact, DeLorenzo was given high honors when he was named as the state's top assistant principal in 2002. However, DeLorenzo said working with Jones, there was never a large distinction between their two roles, and "It was always like we were co-principals, divvying up the responsibilities."

Next year, with DeLorenzo advancing to take over as principal, current Health Education Coordinator Michael Gill will move up to serve as assistant principal, which DeLorenzo said he is looking forward to. "We'll make a great team," he said.

Police matter costs climb

By Samantha Brown
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The Cohasset Police Department and the town are working to resolve the issues which placed two officers on paid administrative leave last October, and it is hoped a resolution will be decided upon soon. However, the costs associated with the controversy will not go away with the resolution, and the town will continue to pay for some time.

Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said so far, the town has spent around $121,000 on the police controversy, and that includes the costs for Deutsch Williams, which serves as Town Counsel, the court reporter, stenographer, and private investigator.

Buckley said the salary for Officer James McLean is about $966 a week, and for Sgt. William Quigley, about $1085 a week. The two continue to receive pay checks and the department has needed to cover their shifts while they've been out, but that doesn't mean replacements have been needed for every shift. When the officers are replaced, those filling in receive time and a half. Buckley said because every shift would need to be looked at to determine whether one of the officers would have been on, then determine how much overtime was paid to cover that, the exact costs for overtime have not been deciphered.

In addition, the appointment for Deutsch Williams is up July 1 and Buckley said the town will be reviewing whether it is in the town's best interest to keep the firm on board. "We owe it to ourselves and the people of the town," to make sure the attorney's the town has "are the best fit, personally and financially." He said the review is a fairly routine thing, and while it isn't done every year, the town went through a review process for Town Counsel two years ago. He said the town could choose to put out an RFP to see what else is out there, but they haven't done that yet.

Buckley said there is a $54,000 annual retainer for Town Counsel for routine matters. Anything outside the retainer is billed at $160 an hour. In 2004, the town has been billed $264,000 which does not include May or June. In 2003, the town's Deutsch Williams bill was $278,000.

Sgt. Pomarico retires

Sgt. David Pomarico has retired from his position on the Cohasset Police Department. The town received a formal letter of his intention to retire on June 1, and is effective Friday June 11.

Pomarico was recently named in a sexual harassment suit against the town, filed by former dispatcher Barbara DeWolfe.

Pmarico's retirement opens up a sergeant slot in the police department. In addition to Pomarico, there are four sergeants, Sgt. William Quigley, Sgt. David Cogill, Sgt. John Conte and Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon.

Water main flushing continues

The Water Department will continue to flush water mains during the week of June 14. Flushing will take place Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 2 a.m.. The anticipated flushing schedule is as follows:

- June 14 – Spring Street; So. Main St. from Elm to Beechwood St.; Summer St.; Sankey Rd.; Black Horse La.; Border St.; Parker Ave. and streets off So. Main St.
- June 15 through June 17 – Virginia La.; Woodland Rd. and Holly La. Completion of flushing not performed on previous nights. (Please see Channel 10 and note placement of flushing notice signs in street.)

Residents will be provided advance notification in the Patriot Ledger and Cohasset Mariner of the schedule for flushing each segment of the system. In addition, temporary street signs will be placed strategically around the affected area on the day of flushing. Notice will also be provided on the Water Dept.'s web site, www.cohassetwater.org and on the local cable access channel, Channel 10. Residents should monitor the cable channel (Channel 10) for schedule changes.

During the flushing program, some temporary discoloration of the water may occur. Run the COLD water faucet, preferably outside, for a short time until the discoloration clears. If your water is discolored, avoid using hot water until you flush your hot water tank by opening the valve at the bottom of the tank.

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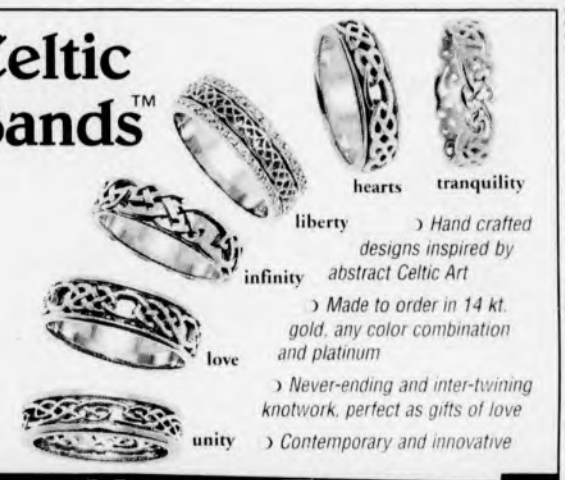
The Sons of the American Legion, the American Legion and Women's Auxiliary will conduct a flag burning ceremony at 2 p.m. Sunday at Woodside Cemetery.

Thomas Wigmore said the Legion has 20 bags of old American flags to burn.

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Board on hot seat over handling of Hussey appointment

Some say public process skirted

By Samantha Brown
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There has been much talk about having a more transparent government in Cohasset, but actions regarding the replacement for a retiring police chief have some residents concerned much business is still being conducted behind closed doors.

Police Chief Robert Jackson's retirement was announced one week ago Tuesday and James Hussey, a former interim chief for the Boston Police Department, was interviewed and subsequently recommended by the board to be appointed as interim chief two days later. Hussey will serve as interim chief for one year, pending contract negotiations.

Hussey was the only candidate interviewed by all five members of the board, and some residents believe with a position such as police chief, a wider search should have been conducted. In addition, because last Thursday's meeting, which served as a public interview, was the first time the town had been introduced to Hussey, some questioned just how much business had been conducted before that night and why the public wasn't involved.

Wigmore Pierson, 123 Atlantic Ave., said he questioned the process which brought Hussey forward as a candidate for the position. "I'm not questioning Mr. Hussey's qualification's necessarily," said Pierson, but added residents were given very short notice about the Thursday night meeting, and many wouldn't have known it was taking place, had they not read it in the newspaper. He said at some point, the town would have found out the board had already made its decision and would not have been given the chance to provide input at all.

Pierson also said there has been some concern that the interim appointment may in fact be a full-time position and at the end of a year, the public would again be provided with a decision the board had made, and Hussey would be the full-time chief, again with no input from the public.

However, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan explained Police Chief Robert Jackson has been discussing his retirement with the board for the past few weeks. In light of those conversations, Sullivan said the board began reaching out to area police departments with the intention of finding someone who would be willing to serve as interim chief, but before the retirement was official, it was not necessary to make their screening efforts known. "There have been many challenges the police department has been dealing with for the past year or two, and we wanted an interim chief to step in as soon as possible to try to work through the issues," he said.

Sullivan, who is a professional employment recruiter, said he began looking for and screening candidates for the position, and spoke with between six to eight individuals over the phone. However, many of the candidates interested in the position were former police chiefs, and because their retirement packages limit the hours and salaries they can receive, many had to decline the position.

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— Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan

Sullivan assured Pierson the appointment will be for one year only, and that Hussey is able to take one year of absence from the Boston Police Department in order to come to Cohasset.

"We need someone to come in and provide stability. We need to build some teamwork and it's very important we get that going on as quickly as possible," he said.

Currently, Hussey is heading up the Police Academy in Boston. When the time comes to appoint a permanent chief, the public will be involved and a search committee will be formed, Sullivan said. Once the year is up, the board isn't sure Hussey will be asked to stay on, Sullivan said.

Pierson asked what Hussey's salary will be once he comes to Cohasset, but Sullivan told him that question was "inappropriate." Pierson said that figure should be public and he questioned why Hussey would leave a reported $148,000 to come to Cohasset where Jackson was being paid roughly $86,000 a year. Sullivan answered because a contract has not been negotiated, a figure is not available, but would be once negotiations are complete. Sullivan declined to provide a minimum or maximum salary for Hussey, who said he is currently paid much less than $148,000.

Gabriel Gomez, 53 Highland Ave., asked how many total candidates were screened and was there a list of potential candidates that Hussey was measured against. Sullivan said he called five different chiefs he knew from various departments, including the chiefs of the Hingham and Wellesley, as well as two attorneys, and conducted some due diligence on his own. He said he inquired about retired chiefs that might be interested in taking on an interim position in the Cohasset department, and he interviewed three candidates himself.

Sullivan said each member of the board has met with Hussey and each conducted an interview with one of his references. Although some members of the board met with some of the candidates, the only candidate all five members met with is Hussey.

Gomez asked how comfortable the board feels that it has only collectively seen one candidate. For such an important position, he would think the board would want to have someone else to compare it to.

Ralph Dormitzer said he met with Hingham's police chief and after that meeting, he "Had a very good sense of who was out there and what was available to us." Dormitzer said he came away understanding Hussey had the kinds of qualities and experience the town was looking for, and that other candidates with similar requirements who are retired might not be available.

Selectman Rob Spofford said while the position is a very important one, it is still an interim position, and he feels very confident after speaking with Hussey that the community will be well served with him at the head of the department.

Residents question Hussey

Because Hussey will be taking over a department that is steeped in controversy, members of the public asked him some questions as to how he would specifically handle situations moving forward.

Former police officer Brian Curran, 289 Beechwood St., who is also Jackson's son-in-law, asked Hussey what he could do to stop retaliation from police officers who keep targeting the same people. "What can you do to ease people's minds?"

Hussey said any complaints about officers should be brought directly to the chief. While he acknowledges that in many cases, it is the officer's word against the civilian's, if the incident is documented, should it happen again, it would be much easier to distinguish a pattern. Hussey also said he would take action on all complaints.

Pierson said from the situation currently going on at the station, "It appears the complaints have been coming from others in the department. How do you deal with a situation like that?"

Sullivan halted the response and said it is too premature to get into that issue. "He doesn't know it to the detail you do," Sullivan said.

Gomez said currently, the department has two officers on paid leave, who may come back to work soon, and there have been rumors circulating that some officers have threatened to leave if they do. "What's your plan?" he asked.

However, Sullivan said, "I'm not sure it's appropriate to get into this," and wouldn't let Gomez ask the question. But Gomez rephrased and Hussey said in a situation where there are both laid-back officers working with proactive officers, it is best to gain feedback from both sides and give everyone the opportunity to be a part of the team. "People have a choice, they can either help, or be obstructionist."

Pierson asked how quickly Hussey thought he could bring replacements in if there were several resignations within the department. Hussey said he would try to work with the officers first, before they resigned, because no one should resign if they don't have to. "We don't want to have good officers resigning," he said.

Pierson also asked whether Hussey would welcome the appointment of a group of citizens to serve as an advisory board, to help come up with a philosophy for the department.

"We absolutely need it," Hussey said.

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Boston's former top cop to take reins in Cohasset

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could bring back confidence in the (Boston) police department," he said, adding one of his goals during that time was to help clear the names of some officers that had been falsely accused, while holding other officers accountable for their actions. He also worked in the hate crimes area of the Boston Police Department. "I headed that unit up for 18 months," he said.

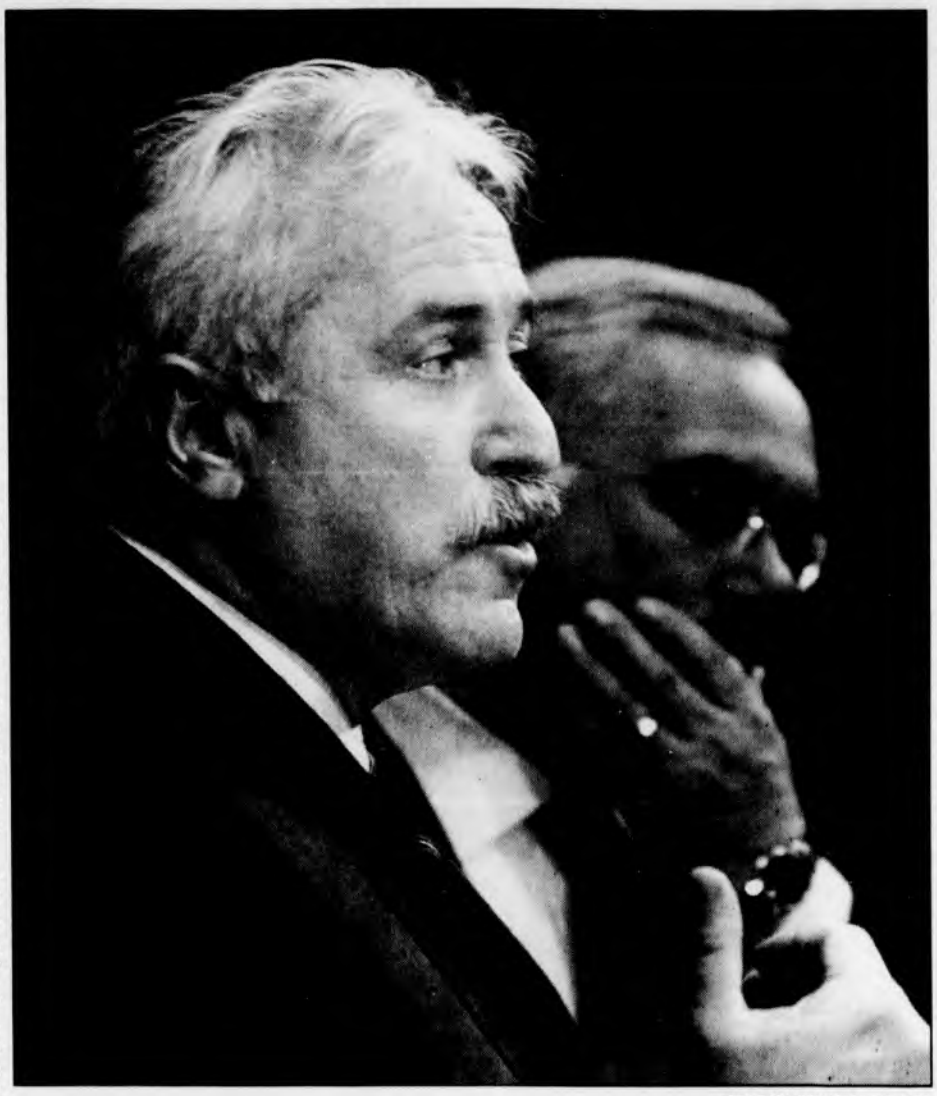
Hussey also worked in the Department of Youth Services in the late 1970s, and he has carried the experience he gained there with him ever since. "Working with kids is one of my loves. I've never lost that interest," he said.

Hussey said it's extremely important to work with the schools and would be happy to personally take that role on. He said teachers can be very effective in helping identify students that may be getting into trouble and may need help.

"I'm going to find someone who is willing to do it, or I'll do it myself. Kids need someone they feel they can trust," and said he will start a program with the schools if Cohasset doesn't have one already.

Hussey's love of children has carried over into his second "job," as he serves as an umpire for one of the Little League teams in his hometown of Norwood. "It's one of the jobs people shy away from," he joked. However, he said anyone that has served as an umpire knows you must, "Call it like you see it, and be decisive. You're not right 100 percent of the time, and every once in a while you flub one," he said, but added it's important to "Go with what you think is right and take the good with the bad."

But with all the positive experiences Hussey has had doing police work, just as with being an umpire, he said he has had to take the good with the bad. During the 2004 Super Bowl, while he was serving as acting police commissioner in Boston, riots broke out and a 21-year-old was killed. Hussey was seen by many as the man to be held responsible for the tragedy that occurred that night. However, Hussey explained what happened to selectmen last week, in an effort to help bring light to the situation.



BOSTON HERALD FILE PHOTO

James Hussey of the Boston Police Department at a press conference with Mayor Thomas Menino.

"There are some misconceptions out there," he said, adding by what was shown in the media alone, many people might have preconceived notions about him that are not the truth. Hussey said on the night of the Super Bowl, he was watching the game with his family, and 15 minutes after the game was over, he called into headquarters and was told everything was quiet. However, Hussey subsequently received a call from one of his superintendents who was on the scene, but the rioting was already over.

"It was 15 to 20 minutes, then it was done," he said, and he didn't find out about what had occurred until it was too late. Hussey said he spent the rest of that night talking back and forth with his superintendent and relaying information to the mayor who was out of town. He said he knew the media would need to be dealt with in the morning, and there was nothing that could be done before then, so he finally went to bed around 2 a.m., only to wake up at 4 a.m. to go to the station.

"It's an honor to sit before you tonight, and if you look deeper, I think you'll find I'm someone of character, someone who cares, and I will give you 1,000 percent in all that I do," he said.

Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer asked Hussey if he would have done anything differently during the night of the Super Bowl riots. Hussey responded that the plan put together that night was organized by special units who had developed the plans for the department for roughly four to six years prior to that night's incident. Looking back on the situation, he said he sometimes wonders, "If we had had 400 (officers on duty), would it have made a difference? Possibly, but I accepted the plan brought before me."

When asked by Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan what went awry that night, Hussey said there were a large number of people who were drinking, many of which were underage and were drinking in areas that were not visible. "It's very easy to point at the police when things go wrong, but who's responsible for the kids?"

"I appreciate your being an open book," said Selectman Rob Spofford.

Hussey said he has experience in policy writing, which he believes could help Cohasset. He said he was involved with re-writing the policy on internal affairs in Boston, because he saw that too many violations had been handled at the district level. He believed that only the most minor offenses should be handled at the district level, and helped change that policy for the department. In addition, Hussey said he was involved in re-writing the sexual harassment policy for the Boston Police Department, as well as the domestic violence policy. His efforts helped write a policy that would direct officers in how to handle responding to a call where another officer had been involved in a domestic dispute.

Hussey said he would like to get to know each member of the department individually, and find out who they really are. By getting to know where the officers are from, where they live, whether they are married or have children, he can make better assessments. "We are a team, I'll lead you the best I can, but I'll need your help," he said, adding that nine out of 10 times, when asked, officers will come up with some great solutions to problems.

Hussey said one of the most important aspects of every job he has had is making sure everyone is treated fairly across the board. He said he doesn't let the friendships he builds with fellow employees get in the way of his being able to make the tough decisions. He said during his tenure as chief of the Boston Police Department in 2001, he had six superintendents reporting to him, and during the budget season, he had to make tough choices to ensure all departments had what they needed. "I had to get people to give up what they could, in order to help those in need," he said. "I think people would tell you I was fair."

Selectman Ronnie McMorris asked Hussey why he would be interested to come to a small town like Cohasset after so many years of working in a big city. Hussey replied, "Whether you're in a big or small department, the philosophy should be the same," adding if the majority of police officers are asked why they wanted to become an officer, the number one answer will be that they wanted to help people, and that is how it should be.

Hussey said he will work together with not only the department, but the residents, business owners, clergy and schools, to make sure everyone is working together and pulling in the same direction. "I look forward to that challenge," he said.

Hussey added one thing that must be done in Cohasset is the police department needs to tap into everyone in the community. The department needs to talk to people in the community and figure out what some of the most important issues are that need to be addressed. "We need to do a survey, either on the Web, or in the mail with tax bills, and poll the people on the concerns they have," he said.

Hussey said he believes there are three edicts for police officers: prevention, intervention, and enforcement. He said that if there is any way officers can work to prevent incidents from happening and intervene to help an individual, that is what should be done, but there comes a time when enforcement is necessary. "If I can not arrest someone and help change them, that's a beautiful thing."

Chief Jackson said he watched Hussey's interview on television and thinks he will be a good fit for the town. "He handled himself like a real gentleman, seems well qualified, and will serve the town well," he said.

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Cohasset High School Graduates John Andrade, Ali Earon, & David Santiago file into the Music Circus for Saturday's Commencement

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Paul F. Digan graduates from St. Sebastian's School

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ST. SEBASTIAN'S GRAD

Hat's off to **Paul F. Digan** of Cohasset on his graduation from St. Sebastian's School in Needham. Paul is the son of proud parents, **Thomas and Mary Ann Digan**.

DERBY HONORS

Derby Academy Headmaster Edward Foley recently acknowledged qualifying 7th, 8th and 9th grade students who achieved academic First or Second Honors for the spring semester. The following students were awarded First Honors and earned an A- (90) or better average in all academic subjects. From Cohasset they are: **Sarah Brown** (8th Grade) and **Chris Kuppens** (8th Grade). Those students awarded Second Honors earned a B (84) or better average in all academic subjects. From Cohasset they are: **Gina Giuggio** (8th Grade); **John Giuggio** (7th Grade); **John McKenna** (7th Grade); **Sam Roth** (8th Grade); **Caroline Saltonstall** (7th Grade); **Grace Steele** (8th Grade); and **McKenna Teague** (8th Grade). All of you have done an amazing job this past spring. Enjoy the summer after all of that hard work.

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball calendar card raffle is still going strong. Since May 13, organizers have had more than 25 winners ! Through the generosity of the players, families and friends of the Cohasset Little League, this fundraiser raised more than $15,000 which will be used to further enhance the baseball and softball programs. But, the winning is not over. The grand prize drawing of $1,000 will take place at the Little League cookout and All-Star game this Saturday, June 12, starting at 11:30 am. The winner of the Home-Run Derby will draw the raffle ticket! So, come on down to the fields, enjoy a great BBQ, watch some exciting baseball and softball and maybe…be a $1,000 winner!

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

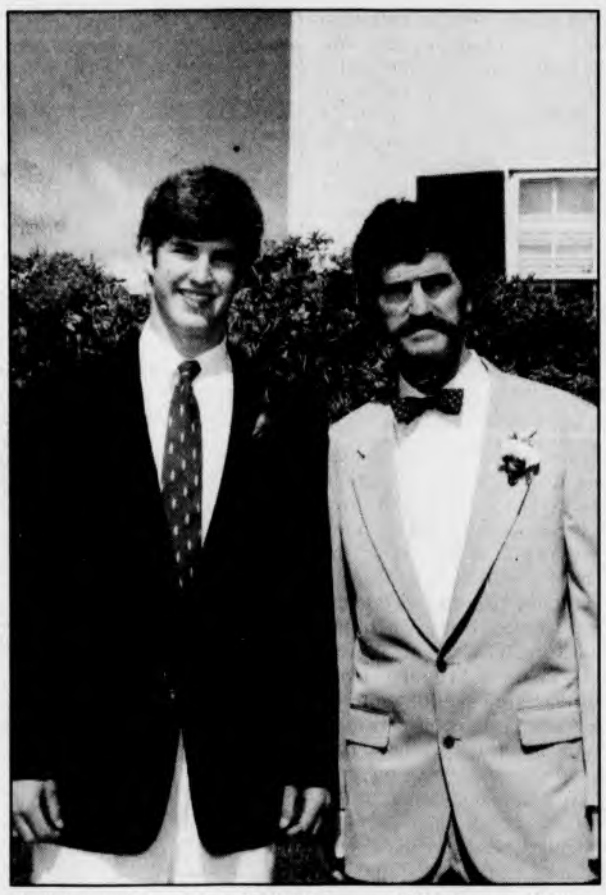
Charles P. Kelly and **Reed P. Smith** of Cohasset, 2004 graduates of Boston College High School, recently won scholarships at Senior Class Night, an evening set aside to celebrate and reward its seniors. Kelly won a scholarship to Roger Williams University; Smith won a lacrosse scholarship to the University of Denver. Congratulations to both of you.

LOBSTER DINNER

The Cohasset Sailing Club will kick off its summer season with their annual Launch Party taking place on Saturday, July 10 from 5-11 p.m. for the parents and adult members of the club. This year the club will be sponsoring a lobster dinner which includes clam chowder, steamers, corn, salad, hamburgers and hot dogs and soda. Please wear your best flowered shirt and/or grass skirt because we're going Hawaiian. After dinner a live auction will be held to benefit maintenance and upgrades planned for the club. Auction items include Patriots tickets, fishing charters, sunset wine and cheese sail, jewelry and many more. Don't miss the party of the summer, aloha! Tickets are $40 person (BYOB) and are available by contacting **Maureen McElgunn** at 383-1465 or **Karen Oronte,** 383-6737.

ART FESTIVAL IS COMING

In 1954, a group of South Shore artists pinned their artwork to clotheslines on Cohasset Common and in so doing planted the seeds for what was to become the South Shore Art Center. Since then the Art Center has grown into the region's largest center for the visual arts. As for the clothesline art show, it has become the most celebrated and well-attended annual arts festival on the South Shore.



St. Sebastian's graduate Paul F. Digan and Headmaster William L. Burke, III.

The South Shore Art Center's 49th Arts Festival will take place June 18 –20. With art and music for all generations, the South Shore Art Center Arts Festival offers something wonderful for everyone—from cutting-edge contemporary art to traditional handmade crafts. More than 90 juried artists will offer a wide variety of handmade items including jewelry, home and garden products, clothing, ceramics, toys, home décor, fine art and photography.

In addition to the individual booths housing these artists, the Art Center presents a Juried Art Exhibition, Members' Show and Young Artists' Exhibition in large exhibition tents. A children's art activity tent offers children and adults an opportunity to explore their creative side while plein air painters scattered throughout the grounds demonstrate their talents and capture the scene. Old-fashioned homemade strawberry shortcake will be served all weekend at the Second Congregational Church annual Strawberry Festival. The Festival Stage presents three days of toe-tapping musical entertainment ranging from singer-songwriters, bluegrass, jazz, to Sunday's annual Father's Day performance by the South Shore Bay Band. Arts Festival hours are Friday, June 18, 2 -7 p.m.; Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday, June 20, noon-6 p.m. South Shore Art Center Arts Festival is held outdoors, rain or shine. A free trolley shuttles visitors from near-by parking on Sohier Street. A $5.00 donation is requested at the entrance. The South Shore Art Center Arts Festival is sponsored in part through the generosity of Rockland Trust. For more information visit www.ssac.org or contact the Art Center: 781-383-2787.

SHORTCAKE DELIVERY

As part of its 16th Annual Strawberry Festival, Cohasset's Second Congregational Church will be offering free shortcake delivery on Friday afternoon, June 18 to local businesses ordering five or more fresh strawberry shortcakes. The church hopes to sell more than 2500 shortcakes during this annual fundraiser that runs alongside the South Shore Art Center's Festival on the Common, Friday June 18through Sunday June 20. Shortcakes are just $4 each and include a large buttermilk biscuit covered with fresh local strawberries and whipped cream. Proceeds benefit local charities in need including Father Bill's Place, The Mary Martha Learning Center, The Social Service League of Cohasset and Wellspring in Hull. Please call the church office at 383-0345 and place your order by noon on Thursday, June 17.

REGISTER FOR GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout registration is open and leaders are beeded Registration forms for girls entering Kindergarten in September through 18 years of age, who are interested in Girl Scouts, are available at the Recreation Department at the Town Hall. Deadline for Spring registration is June 30. Troop assignments will be announced in September. An active year of scouting this coming year is expected, as well the addition of many new girls to Girl Scouts. This creates the need for adults who are interested in volunteering as a leader or co-leader of a new troop. Requirements: a healthy, happy attitude; interest in serving as a mentor to girls; and a desire to share ideas and creativity. With as few as one meeting a month or as frequently as weekly troop meetings, you can serve as a guide and mentor to girls who want to experience Girl Scouts. For more information about becoming a leader, please contact **Lauren Curley**, town registrar, 781.383.6463, lpcurley@comcast.net or, **Joanne Lehr**, town coordinator, 781.383.1975, jlwido@aol.com.

SAILING CLUB PARENTS

To all Cohasset Sailing Club parents of beginning sailors: Come meet the 2004 Sailing Staff on Thursday, July 1 from 5 to 6p.m. at the Sailing Club. Questions will be answered and refreshments provided! Junior sailing classes begin July 5, and Adult classes begin July 10. Any questions, please contact **Emily Malone** (781) 383-6379.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Special Happy Birthday wishes go out to my husband **Bob** and our son **Daniel** who is turning 14(where did that time go?) on June 15! I hope that both of you have a wonderful upcoming year!

LOBSTER ROLL SALE

YUM, YUM, YUM, true signs of summer in Cohasset! First Parish U.U. Church in Cohasset on the Common will be holding its lobster roll sale Friday, June 18; Saturday, June 19, and Sunday, June 20.

These are all-meat lobster rolls accompanied by a bag of potato chips for $10. each. Pre-ordering is encouraged! Mail in your order to the Parish House, 23 No. Main Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Checks may be made out to "First Parish Cohasset" - $10 per lobster roll - or order by calling Lucia Woods at 781.383.1555. Your order may be picked up at the Parish House, 23 No. Main Street, Cohasset: Friday: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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Deer Hill students find socks drive has legs

Collect clothing for the homeless

By Samantha Brown
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What began as a lesson in letter-writing has turned into a lesson of compassion and generosity, as the efforts of students in two Deer Hill sixth-grade classes have led to some very hefty donations for area homeless shelters.

On Wednesday, June 2, roughly 800 pairs of socks as well as various clothing items, were delivered to the Pine Street Inn, Barbara McInnis House, and the Family Team offices of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless program, due to the hard work of students in both Susan Horigan's and Vicky Sullivan's classes.

In the sixth grade, Horigan said students learn how to write both persuasive letters and business letters, and that lesson provided the foundation for the sock drive. Horigan said she and her students first brainstormed to think of companies that sell socks, as well as places where they had purchased socks in the past. The students went on the Internet to do research, and each student chose at least one company to write to.

In their letters, students explained they had learned about the kinds of infections many of Boston's homeless have to endure from either not having socks to wear, or from wearing socks that are wet for too long. They asked for donations on behalf of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless program, and sent a brochure from the organization along with their request.

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"Between the two classes, there were between 50 and 60 letters sent," said Horigan, adding letters were sent to many companies, including Sears, Hot Sox, Lord and Taylor, and Nike, which all responded with generous donations. In fact, Nike was the largest contributor, sending roughly 600 pairs of socks for the cause.

"It is such a good lesson," said Horigan, adding whether they heard back from their companies or not, the students were working to make a difference.

Horigan said at first, the idea to ask family and friends for donations to the cause was floated, but in the end, they decided to write to companies which had the potential to have more of an impact. "We decided to go big," she said.

Dominique Rioux and Betsy Crawford, who are both in Horigan's class, both wrote to Sears, and received a very generous donation not only of socks, but pajamas, underwear, and other items of clothing. "They thought it was a really nice project and they were excited to help," said Betsy.

Dominique said a representative from Sears called the school to talk to the two girls, and the representative asked if they would like more than just socks for their donation. The girls said yes, and "two huge boxes" full of clothing items were delivered to the school.

Three of Horigan's students, Jeff Charles, Dana Valentine, and Kevin O'Connell, as well as Justin Yeager from Sullivan's class, all wrote to Hot Sox, a division of Ralph Lauren clothing. The result was the delivery of a big box of socks and underwear to the school.

Stephanie Sestito who is in Sullivan's class, said she wrote to Lord and Taylor, which also "sent a big box of socks," to the school.

Last week, three of Horigan's students, Sophie Bertolami, Lauren Blaze, and Ali Leger delivered roughly 800 pairs of socks to the three homeless shelters. Sophie's mother Meg, who works for the Boston Health Care for the Homeless program and initiated the idea to become involved with a project to benefit the homeless, drove the girls to Boston.

While at the shelters, the girls met and spoke with some clients. "We thought they would have been different," said Lauren. Sophie added that while they may have "looked a little rough, they were really nice."

The girls said many of the clients they spoke with had fallen into some bad luck, and were not homeless because they had any kind of addiction to drugs or alcohol, which they had expected prior to visiting. By being able to meet the people at the shelters, Sophie said "It makes you realize how much they need it and appreciate it."

For more information on the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, please visit their web site at www.bhchp.org, or call their administrative offices at (617) 414-7779.



Meg Bertolami, a parent, and Allie Leger sort stacks of socks to be donated to the homeless.



Deer Hill students show off packages of socks that were provided after they wrote to apparel companies. The socks and other clothing has been donated to homeless shelters.

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Sunday: 12 noon - 3 p.m. or until all are sold.

GOSPEL TIME

It's Gospel Concert time again! The Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus will perform again this year at First Parish's Meeting House on the Common in Cohasset - a concert of traditional and contemporary gospel music - 8:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, June 19, 2004.

The concert will again be presented in conjunction with the South Shore Art Center's Festival on the Common. Wrap up your day of Festival fun with the sounds of the Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus from Mattapan. Tickets are $10 and are available in advance or at the door. Contact 781-383-1100.

Please remember to send me all of your news and information NO LATER than MONDAYS by 5 p.m.! I write my column on Monday evenings and send it in on Tuesday. If your information comes to me on Tuesday, it will be put in the following wee'ks column.

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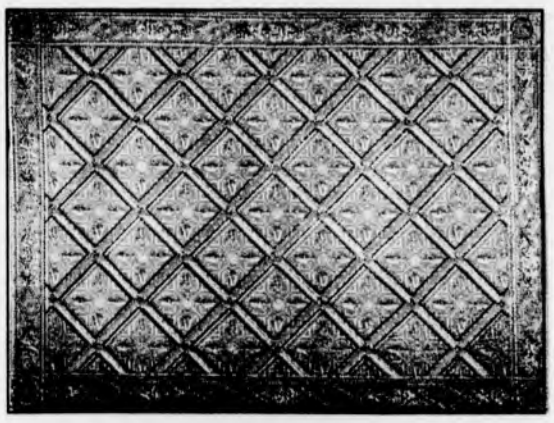
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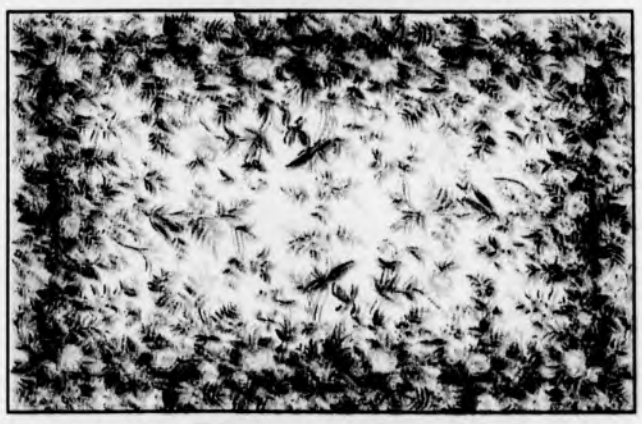
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Cohasset Sailing Club gears up for new season

While summer may be just around the corner, Cohasset Sailing Club Commodore Ann Musto and her Executive Board have been busy for months preparing for the 2004 opening of the Club on July 5, its 44th season. Several new docks have been put in service, repairs and upgrades have been made to many of the boats in their fleet, an impressive staff has been recruited and a number of social events are in the planning stages.

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The Cohasset Sailing Club is well-known for the quality of its staff and this year will be no exception. Vice-Commodores Emily Malone and Anne Rowland are pleased with the staff they have this year, which includes a majority of veterans including, Race Team Coach Pat Rynne and Head Instructors Pat Manion and Martha Henderson.

"While we want our students to have fun while learning," says Malone. "We want them to learn sailing from knowledgeable instructors in a safe environment".

This year's staff will include eight senior instructors who are certified US Level One sailors; several Junior instructors and a number of very enthusiastic participants in a new "Instructors in Training" program.

"We're very excited about this", says Rowland. "It give those students with a true love of the sport the chance to develop and share their skills, while, at the same time, allowing us to continue to field a talented staff".

The summer won't be all hard work, though. A number of special sailing events and social programs are planned, beginning with the Launch Party, scheduled for Saturday, July 10. More details on this will follow later, but an early clue is it includes lobsters! The Stanton Series of family races, where parents and students compete together, will continue on specific Sundays in July, with a barbecue afterwards. And, a new program is being offered on Friday evenings in July, the Women's Wind & Unwind, a part of the fee-based instructional program, offering women an opportunity to gather socially, while brushing up on their sailing skills. Finally, it will all come to a close on Sunday, Aug. 22, when the Closing Ceremonies are held, including races in the harbor, a cook-out and awarding of certificates and trophies to students.

The Cohasset Sailing Club is a non-profit organization that depends solely on the time of its volunteers to keep the program running smoothly and the generosity of its members and Cohasset citizens, as well as donations from sailing related organizations. This year, the Sailing Club is launching a fund-raising program in honor of Herb Towle, one of the Club's founders who passed away on Christmas Eve last year.

"Herb was passionate about both Cohasset and the Sailing Club", says Commodore Musto. "He loved sailing and the sea and felt strongly that all of Cohasset's citizens should have an opportunity to enjoy the waterfront, both on and off the water. In the 25 years since Herb helped build the existing Sailing Club building, very little has been done to it and it is beginning to show its age."

Fund-raising efforts will include a summer-long raffle to be awarded at the closing ceremonies and a repeat of the previously successful "Art for Sail" auction sometime in the fall.

For more information about the Sailing Club, including programs, events and Sailing Club clothing, visit www.cohassetsailingclub.com

At a glance:

- Cohasset Sailing Club opens July 5.
- Launch party, Saturday, July 10.
- Stanton Series family races, Sundays in July
- Women's Wind & Unwind, Friday evenings in July
- Ongoing fundraising in memory of Herb Towle
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Garden tour of 'Seaside Reflections'

The Cohasset Garden Club will open seven of its members' ocean-side and river-view gardens for its "Seaside Reflections" garden tour on June 16. These exceptional gardens, along Jerusalem Road, Atlantic Avenue and the Gulf River, offer views of sweeping waterscapes and craggy ledges, others open to more intimate vistas of orchards, hillsides and tranquil pathways. The tour starts at the historic Lightkeepers' Residence and includes a catered tailgate picnic on Sandy Beach, as an interlude during the tour.

Tickets for the Garden Tour and Lunch are $40 and can be reserved by calling Sarah Pease at (781) 383-1406.



Club President Patsy Dean(center) and Co- Chairs Carmen Schramm and Anne Vanderweil admire one of the Gulf River gardens to be included on the Cohasset Garden Club's "Seaside Reflections" garden tour.

The Cohasset Garden Club, affiliated with the Garden Club of America, was founded in 1925. Its projects and members support a spectrum of national and regional environmental and horticultural initiatives. Proceeds from the "Seaside Relections" garden tour will help the club to continue as an active participant in civic projects throughout the community. The Club has augmented plantings at schools and at the Cohasset Historical Museums, where members have long maintained the gardens. Club members also tend plantings at the Lightkeepers' Residence and care for the Knowles Watering Trough on Atlantic Avenue, a colorful oasis where the design changes with the season.

Tickets for the Garden Tour and Lunch are $40 and can be reserved by calling Sarah Pease at (781) 383-1406. Tickets will be held for pick-up at the Lightkeepers' Residence on the day of the Tour, June 16, from 10 a.m.. Or, they may also be picked up the day before the Tour, June 15 between 9:30 a.m. and noon.

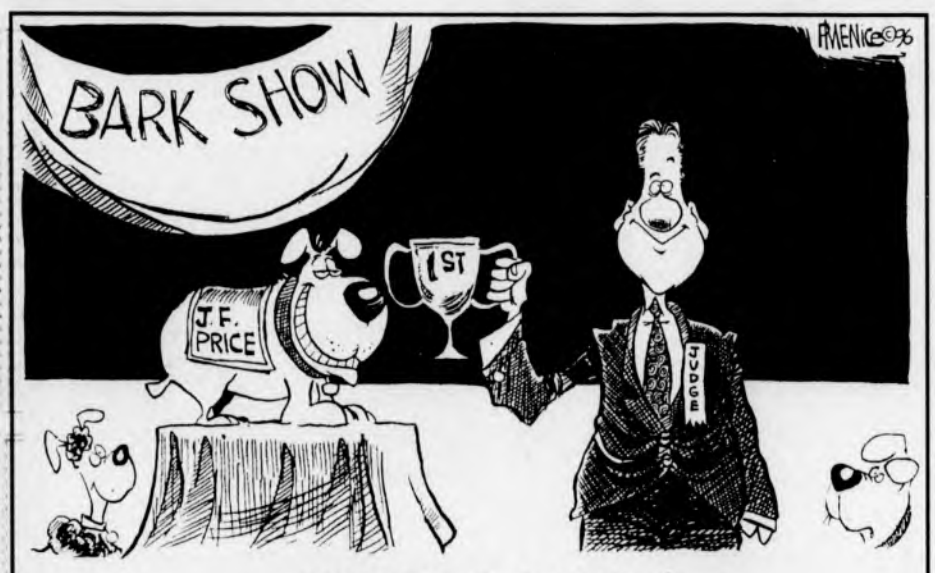
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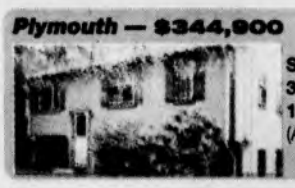
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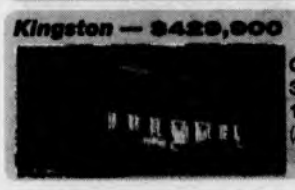
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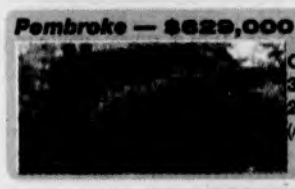
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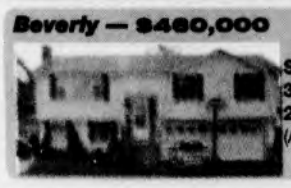
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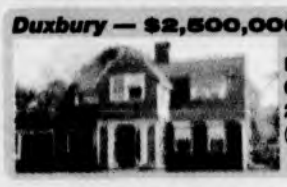
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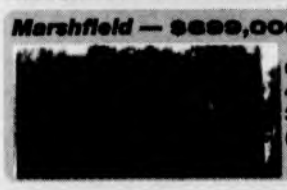
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CHS Class of 2004 starts new chapter

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ith the education the students ere given during their years in ohasset, both by the faculty at the hools and their parents and ends, he believes they have been epared well and have all the skills ecessary to become the future aders of this country.

As Malvey prepares to leave his ducational career behind and enter to retirement, he said he feels ry confident he will be leaving ong with the "top group" in ohasset. He again wished the ass the best of luck in the future nd said with a smile, "I have my ubs in the car and a tee time at ree. Good luck."

Salutatorian Tess Foley ddressed her classmates and said uring the past few weeks, they ave all had to endure the feeling of anting to move forward and leave eir small town, but at the same me are clinging to the past and mforts of living in a small com- unity. She said while the past is ot something that can be re-lived, very member of the class has been olded by the events they have ared over the years. While she aid everyone in America will remember where they were on Sept. 11, there are some memories hat only those who are a part of the lass will understand. "I don't know when we'll ever again be surrounded by a group that knows us so well," she said.

Valedictorian Brittany Novak also noted how close the class is, as many have lived their entire lives in Cohasset and have moved through the school system together. "Our family and friends have served as our foundation," she said. She recalled a video played for the seniors at a recent night held for the class, and how cute they looked as children, playing soccer together "before we could even reach the cross bars of the goals," and how they've been working together ever since.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

CHS graduate Caitlyn Gontarz receives her merit scholar award.

Over time, Novak said the members of her class have carved many niches for themselves, which have felt like smaller homes within the community. They have worked together in drama productions, have done their best to stay afloat together on the open ocean, have shared wins and losses on the fields, and have participated in volunteer activities such as the Appalachian Service Project.

She said as the members of the class of 2004 make their way in life, they will undoubtedly make other homes where they will feel they have a place, but that doesn't mean everything they have in Cohasset needs to be left behind. "You could say we're closing a chapter, but I don't think it's ever possible to fully close a chapter...While it's true in many ways you can't go home again, we can always revisit this chapter of our lives."

Along with the graduates, some teachers who will be leaving Cohasset this year were recognized as well. Honorary diplomas were given for: the 24-year career of middle-high school nurse Carol Ciciotte; the 34-years of Osgood teacher Marilyn D'Angelo; the 35 years of Deer Hill teacher Frank Deakin; the 30 years of Special Education from Florence Ely; the 32 years of Deer Hill teacher Ray Levine; the 35 years of Deer Hill teacher Joann Magoun; and the 23 years as the Deer Hill librarian for Marjorie Murphy.

As students prepared to accept what is the crowning achievement of their academic careers in Cohasset, Jones stood before them, the last class he will see graduate under his watch in Cohasset, commending members for the work which brought them to this turning point, and wished them well.

"You've distinguished yourselves in so many ways. You've grown up together and despite the differences, you've all begun your lives from one common ground. You'll always remain in my hearts and in my memories, and I wish you Godspeed in the future," he said.

'Beauty and the Beast' on stage this summer

The Children's Drama Workshop invites you to "Be Our Guest" this summer as the 16 annual musical production presents: "Beauty and the Beast".

Children ages 5 to 12 are welcome to participate. Registrations will be held during the week of June 14, at Cohasset Town Hall. It is advisable to register on Monday, June 14, at 9 a.m., to ensure a space as registration is limited. The cost is $440 per child. Checks may be payable to CDW.

Auditions for this production will be at the Cohasset Town Hall on Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27. Rehearsals are held from, 1 to 3 p.m., every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon beginning Tuesday, June 29.

For more information, call 781-383-4109.

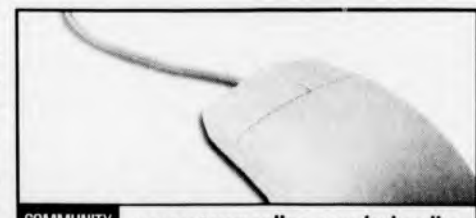
Seaside Adventures registration is slated

Seaside Adventures is now accepting applications for its' Second Summer Program.

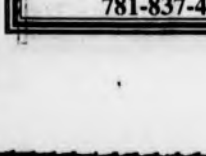
Seaside Adventures, located at 40 Parker Ave. in Cohasset, is open to all children who have completed third fourth, fifth and sixth grade. This program was a hands-on maritime program and learning adventure for almost 60 children last year. Ms. Lisa Mullen, seventh Grade Science Teacher at Cohasset Middle School will again be Director.

Seaside Adventures will run three two week Sessions, Session 1: July 5-16 (a morning and an afternoon session), Session 2: July 19-30 (a morning and an afternoon session) and Session 3: Aug. 2-13 (morning only).

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Transparent government

Believe it or not, Cohasset isn't the worst offender when it comes to conducting business behind closed doors.

Executive sessions are a common occurrence at town halls across the state. But nevertheless, over the years, we've found that many boards and committees routinely break the law going into executive session to discuss business that should be conducted in the open.

The fact executive sessions are routine and often illegal should serve as a red flag to all citizens, everywhere.

In another town we covered years back, the selectmen went into executive session to discuss diverting traffic from a main street to a small side street. They didn't want the residents on the side street to have advance knowledge about their decision because it would upset them.

You can imagine how those residents felt when they woke up to discover 18-wheelers barreling through their neighborhood. In a nutshell, they felt betrayed and disillusioned. They were also very angry.

The press can only do so much in objecting to executive sessions. Under the Open Meeting Law – which is a paper tiger – boards and committees don't have to tell us very much about the reason for going into executive session.

We have filed open meeting law violation complaints with the District Attorney's office over the years and will continue to do so when we see a blatant violation. It is time consuming and often fruitless to file complaints otherwise.

Minutes of an executive session can be withheld until the reason for the executive session is no longer valid. But without knowing the substance of executive sessions, it's tough for us to tell when the minutes should be made public. And, frankly, with so many executive sessions – it's hard to keep track.

Oftentimes newly elected or appointed board members either don't understand the Open Meeting Law or want to be team players and go along with their more seasoned counterparts in voting to go into executive session. It is also human nature to want to air a controversial subject with the board in secret to test the waters, so to speak.

However, it is critical that all elected and appointed officials keep in mind that executive sessions – for contract negotiations, certain real estate or personnel matters, and pending litigation — should be kept to an absolute minimum. Going into executive session is also a choice. There is no law requiring one.

In light of all the litigation Cohasset is embroiled in, selectmen have been calling executive sessions during nearly every meeting. We have no way of knowing whether these are legitimate or not.

With five members on the board, we'd like to believe that these executive sessions are justified. That each member is a police officer, so to speak, ensuring the public's right-to-know is paramount. We also sincerely hope that all discussion is limited to the subject of the executive session and doesn't stray to other issues.

In our view, the ends never justify the means. It's the process that the public needs to be part of, not just the decision itself.

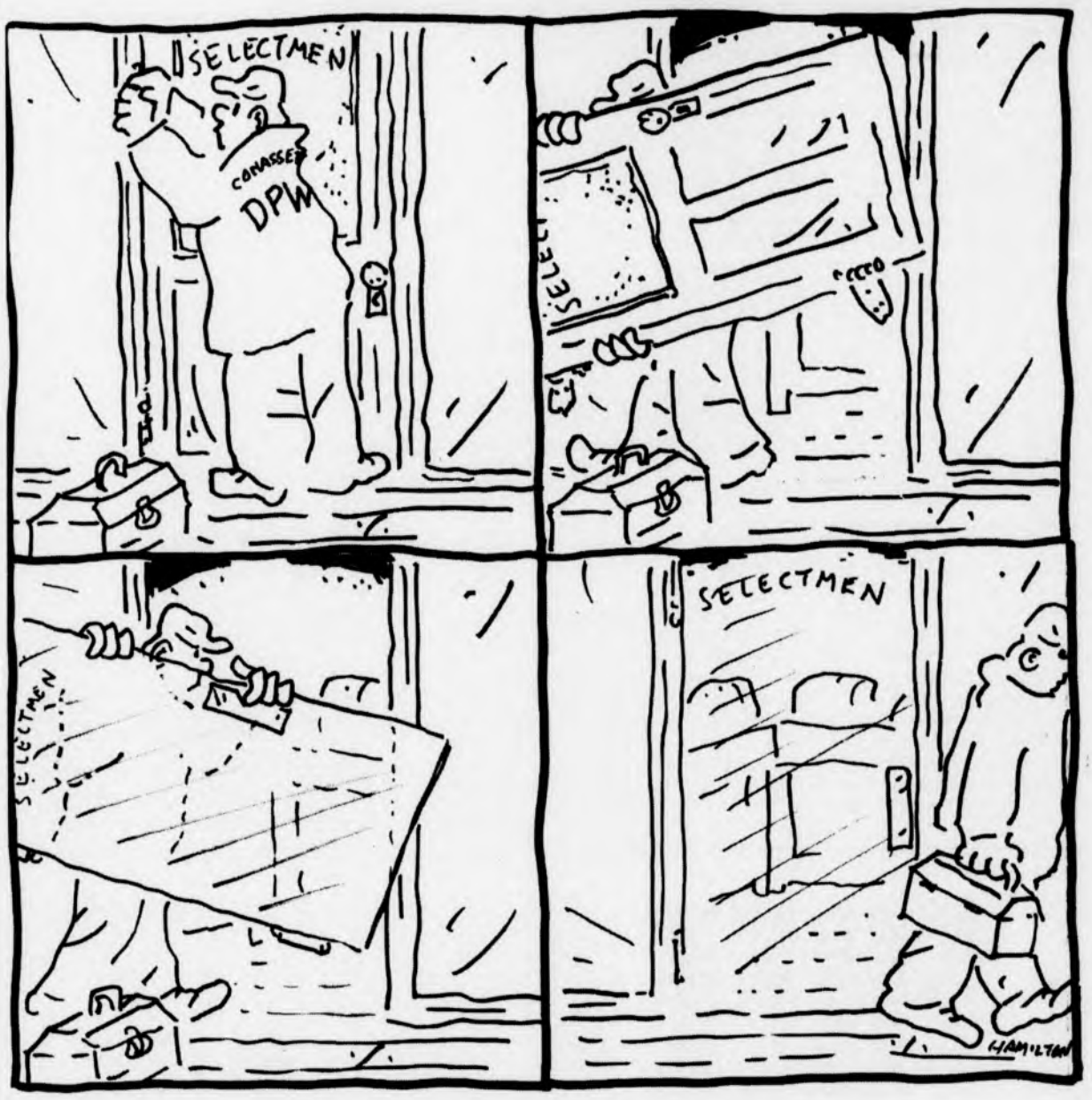
With all the changes going on at Town Hall, this is an opportune time to make government more "transparent." Let's see executive session minutes which are no longer restricted routinely put in the correspondence packet each week. We shouldn't have to ask.

We'd also like to see email correspondence in the packet. The use of email is one of the single, biggest challenges that "transparent" government faces. It's too easy for emails to be forwarded from board member to board member, which could constitute and illegal on-line meeting. Emails concerning town business are public documents.

The police and Town Manager controversies have awakened some of the electorate that is now demanding more openness. While these rabble-rousers are not making any friends at Town Hall, it's important to remember that by pounding their fists – others may benefit down the line.

If you disagree, just think about those residents who woke up to the sounds of tractor-trailers on their street.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't tinker with Town Manager Act

TO THE EDITOR:

Why all the nattering to the effect that "The town Manager has too much power, "the Town Manager Act needs to be revised to downsize his authority" and similar amateurish prescriptions.

If you have money to invest, which company would you invest in? The one in which the Board of Directors is afraid to employ a decisive take-charge-and-get-things-done type of CEO, lest the Board's influence be diluted? Or the company whose Board recognizes the need for such a CEO, and sees him or her as a pragmatic means for efficient and timely application of its policies and of conduct of the company's business? Which company will survive? Which the better rate of return?

Wouldn't you prefer a company whose CEO can choose and control his or her department heads, instead of a company so foolish that he or she doesn't choose, and hence doesn't entirely control, hie subordinates?

Our investment in our homes is only part of our investment in the Town, it is supplemented by an annual payment called "taxes". Hence it's not a bad idea to select the most effective form of government. Democracy is sufficiently exercised by the town meeting process and by electing the selectmen, the school committee, and a few regulatory bodies. We don't profit by mocking democracy by selecting all other officers and department heads by popular vote.

Let's keep in mind the blunt old adage: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it", and refrain from tinkering with the Town Manager Act.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Appalling display of intimidation of press

TO THE EDITOR

On Tuesday, I, and the audience of the Cohasset Selectmen's meeting, witnessed and appalling display of an attempt to intimidate the press by Selectmen Michael Sullivan and Ronnie McMorris. This raw display of power was directed at the Patriot Ledger and the Cohasset Mariner but even more egregiously at the reporters, Lisa Campenella and Samantha Brown that were present.

The public vitriolic criticisms were obviously intended stop the press from reporting negative stories about Cohasset by intimidating the reporters. They were charged with fabricating stories and creating connections from unrelated coincidences. They were accused of failing to talk to the community at large and basing their stories only on quotes form people that intended no good to Cohasset.

Compounding this abhorrent behavior was the disregard for the common decency of inviting these reporters to answer the charges that were made against them personally and against their papers.

When Selectman Ralph Dormitzer challenged these outlandish actions, he became a target for the Sullivan/McMorris attacks.

What I witnessed was appalling. It represents my worst fears of the disregard for the civility and was a crude attempt to manipulate the media. Certainly this is not becoming of the representatives of this Town.

I felt compelled to write this letter since commentary on the matter by either paper may be viewed as being defensive or unfair.

Louis S. Harvey
465 King St.

Times present town with an opportunity

TO THE EDITOR:

Recent events have brought unprecedented changes to Cohasset. In the short time since our last Town Meeting and general election, our Town Manager, Police Chief, School Principal, Student Services Director and Police Officers have resigned, an "interim" Police Chief has been named, a new Superintendent of the public schools has been hired and the list goes on. While initially unsettling, these changes present a unique opportunity for the Town and its elected and appointed officials.

Cohasset must seize this opportunity. The question is what shall we make of it? Public confidence in local government is essential to its success. It is not only time for a thorough assessment of our form of government, but of our policy making practices as well. This is the time to learn from past errors, not to defend or deny them. We must insist that our elected and appointed officials learn from the past and embrace the future.

Cohasset is a small Town of enormous capacity, generosity and talent. Together, we can chart a course for future health, prosperity and civic pride. Now, more than ever, it's time for every resident to get involved and let your voice be heard.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Library hours

Summer hours are in effect until after Labor Day as follows: Sunday closed; Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9 to 9; Friday and Saturday 9 to 5.

Edgar Awards

Check out the 2004 selections for the Edgar Award in the Best Novel category: "The Guards," by Ken Bruen; "Out," by Natsuo Kirino; "Maisie Dobbs," by Jacqueline Winspear; and, the winner, "Resurrection Men," by Ian Rankin.

These awards, named in honor of Edgar Allan Poe, are given by the Mystery Writers of America to honor the best works in mystery fiction and nonfiction.

Art show

The Tuesday Painters of South Shore Art Center are displaying their works at the library through July 1. Artists participating include Claire O'Callaghan and Tina Watson of Cohasset, Betty Rogers of Marshfield, Leo Harrington and Betty Tufankjian of Scituate, Barbara Walsh of Canton, Marjorie Murphy of Hingham, and Jane Flavell Collins of Duxbury. The paintings include many local scenes as well as those of Italy, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Museum passes

Check out the museum passes available to you at the library, compliments of the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Reserve the Boston by Foot pass and explore the city of Boston with guided walking tours. Boston by Foot offers daily, 90 minute regularly scheduled walking tours. Literary Landmarks, new this season, highlights the homes of Victorian authors Hawthorne, Thoreau, Alcott and Longfellow. Scheduled Saturdays at 2 p.m., the tour proceeds rain or shine. The library pass admits four people free of charge. For more information on the tours available and their schedules, check the Boston by Foot Web site at www.bostonbyfoot.org. To reserve the pass, telephone the library at 781 383-1348.

Computer help

Do you need help using the library's computers? Would you like to learn how to search the online catalog or reference databases? Sign up for a one-on-one tutorial with Reference Librarian Judy Simons. Call the library to schedule a session.

Remembering Ronald Reagan, and celebrating American ideals

COMMENTARY

MARY JANE HANRON

Words of admiration and affection abound in these days following the death of our beloved President Reagan. Efforts to pay tribute to him seem inadequate in the shadow of the greatness he inspired within the hearts of the citizens of this noble nation. Even his detractors and former political adversaries offer anecdotes of genuine fondness and gracious praise.

In this blessed free society, we all have preferred forms of expression. To those of us who choose the written word, a true challenge presents itself as we are reminded of Mr. Reagan's eloquence, timing and soft but commanding persuasion. Celebrating American ideals or relating his ever effectual "stories", otherwise known as "jokes" held the same passion and conviction as informing the nation of his plans and beliefs, or consoling the bereaved in their sadness. Since learning of his death late Saturday, despite much reflection upon the importance he played in my life, until this moment, my pen has fallen silent.

The first vote I cast in a presidential election was in 1980. I was an idealistic journalism student, living and loving life and enjoying the boundless options available to those of us just beginning our journey in adulthood. At the time, the Nixon presidency with all its complexities was a focus of study, particularly in journalism schools which had been filled with aspiring "Woodwards and Bernsteins" as a byproduct of Watergate. It was a fascinating time to be a student; this constitutional crisis had happened during our lifetimes, as had the tumultuous resignation of the President, followed by the brief and controversial, albeit ultimately healing term of Gerald Ford.

A consequence of the distrust and skepticism that permeated the United States following these events was the election of a well intentioned but unimpressive former Southern governor, Jimmy Carter. As Mr. Carter's term progressed, so did the troubles of the country. Domestic setbacks continued. Americans were held hostage overseas. Our military had been rendered inadequate due to extreme reductions in defense spending. Uncertainty crept across the nation and shrouded college campuses as talk of reinstituting the draft surfaced. The newspapers called it "malaise". More precise descriptions would label it "pessimism", "hopelessness" or "fear".

Meanwhile, a charming gentleman, a former Hollywood star turned conservative spokesman and GOP luminary grew large upon the horizon. He believed in America, embraced the determination and strength of its people, and thus won the hearts of those in every cross section of the country. Included among them were many of those who recently had come of age and eagerly awaited their first opportunity to have a voice in the selection of a President. The gentleman's name was Ronald Reagan.

The first vote I cast in a presidential election was in 1980. I was an idealistic journalism student, living and loving life and enjoying the boundless options available to those of us just beginning our journey in adulthood.

As he first became a national political figure, he was known to many of us new to the voting ranks as the man from the TV show, "Death Valley Days" who introduced the commercials for "Borateem". (A few of us, like me had heard of his talent and handsome good looks from our star struck mothers, who extolled him as the remarkably attractive and disarming actor in "Kings Row " and "Hellcats of the Navy")

Reagan returned national pride to a position of esteem in America. Countless young people of this new decade embraced Mr. Reagan and his philosophies. He reinforced the idealism, traditional values and infinite vision that had been instilled upon us as children at home with our families. At the dinner table, in grammar and secondary school assemblies, in neighborhood organizations and yes, as college students, future leaders and contributors to American society, we had been prepared for this legacy, pondered these principles and how we would each play a role in their fruition.

During the next eight years, President Reagan's unfailing belief in all things American provided a foundation for those of us entering the workforce, building lives and participating in this marvelous society outlined so thoughtfully by our Founding Fathers. There are no adequate words to describe his contribution to this country and to those of us who waited to fulfill its destiny. Possibly, even the timing of his death is an eloquently vital statement about the future. In his infinite love for the United States; in his final farewell, has he asked us to pause and consider our dedication to this nation? Do we need to contemplate the importance of our steadfast devotion to freedom, democracy and strength through world leadership?

Our nation treads in unprecedented waters. We face an enemy never before encountered. This is not unlike the state of affairs more than 20 years ago, when Mr. Reagan came to the helm of our nation. Communism, not terrorism was the foe. Determination, strength, unity and optimism were the answers. Though the enemy is different, as Americans, our answers are the same.

Let us honor President Reagan by contemplating all it means to be American, and by supporting the values we hold, as well as those in office who fight to keep them dear. May we do this with compassion, loyalty, kindness and good humor. I chose this course in 1980. I choose it again today. Despite the absence of words to honor this grand American, memories of his legacy and his part in the growth of young American voters at the time of his presidency and thereafter may be what he would have desired. May we have faith and stay the course as America strives to broaden the reach of freedom across the globe. May God Bless Ronald Reagan.

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No spanking in People's Republic

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



For a while there I thought the People's Republic of Brookline was about to open up a rich new field for legislative exploration. Or exploitation, take your pick.

But, alas, they chickened out at the last minute.

The Town Meeting was confronted with a resolution that "encourages parents and caregivers to refrain from the use of corporal punishment" when dealing with their recalcitrant youngsters, which was immediately recognized as an anti-spanking measure.

The Town Meeting voted to table Article 16 on the warrant indefinitely by the surprisingly large (for Brookline) margin of 105 to 78

Ah, there's hope for Brookline yet. Maybe some time in the future the members will be able to salute the flag at Town Meeting and the town's foreign policy will be amended now that the fighting is over in East Timor.

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But don't hold your breath. Those are pretty radical ideas for Brookline or Cambridge or even Amherst, where they were asking seriously not long ago to consider changing the name of the town because the original Amherst was mean to the Indians — or Native Americans, as they are called in Amherst.

Brookline's anti-spanking resolution was proposed by an engineer named Ron Goldman (no, not the waiter friend of O.J.'s ex-wife), who is most often described as "childless" and confesses that he was not spanked personally as a child.

"If it's not okay for an adult to hit another adult, why is it okay for an adult to hit a child? This is intended as a suggestion. It's about raising awareness," he said, speaking like a true Brooklinite.

It's hard to argue with that if you're childless but if you have a child and he likes to hold his breath until he turns blue and they won't let you trade him in for a more tractable model there's nothing better than a good whack in the nether regions to raise his awareness.

It's like the man with five strapping brothers who once told an interviewer, "Our old man never hit us kids — 'cept in self-defense!"

One Town Meeting member, Ben Birnbaum, father of three, was quoted by the Herald, as venturing the thought, "I know children who occasionally got a smack on the butt who turned out fine." Careful, Ben, talk like that in Brookline can get you into a witness program.

Brookline's problems with spanking brought to mind the old saying, "Spare the rod and spoil the child." I wondered where that came from. Not from Brookline, to be sure.

The original idea apparently comes from, of all places, the Bible. Proverbs 13:24 advises us that "those who spare the rod hate their children, but those who love them are diligent to discipline them."

But the actual phrase word-for-word was penned by the 17th century, minor English poet, Samuel Butler, who wrote:

"Love is a boy, by poets styled.
"Then spare the rod and spoil the child."

At the same time, the English monk/poet George Herbert was advising parents:

"Throw away thy rod,
"Throw away thy wrath,
"O my God!
"Take the gentle path."

Herbert, needless to say, would go over big in Brookline.

HEALTH NOTES

Low-carb diets and heart disease

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

According to Stephen Barrett, M.D., author of a Web page http://www.quackwatch.org, many promoters of dietary schemes would have us believe the fallacy that a special substance or combination of foods will automatically result in weight reduction. There are about 3,500 calories in a pound of body weight. To lose one pound a week, you must consume about 500 fewer calories per day than you metabolize. To lose weight, you must eat less, or exercise more, or do both. Most fad diets, if followed closely, will result in weight loss — as a result of caloric restriction. But they are invariably too monotonous and are sometimes too dangerous for long-term use. Moreover, dieters who fail to adopt better exercise and eating habits will regain the lost weight — and possibly more.

Most low-carbohydrate diets do not attempt to limit the intake of proteins, fats, or total calories. Promoters claim that unbalancing the diet will lead to increased metabolism of unwanted fat even if the calories are not restricted. This is not true, but calorie reduction is likely to occur because the diet's monotony tends to discourage overeating. Low-carbohydrate diets also produce ketosis. Ketones are a byproduct of fat metabolism (the breaking down of fat into energy). Normally, your body is efficient at removing these, but when certain enzymes are absent or damaged, the amount of ketones in the body can build up to dangerous levels. Ketosis can lead to coma and death if untreated.

The AMA Council on Foods and Nutrition, Consumer Reports, and many individual experts have warned that the unlimited intake of saturated fats under a low carbs food plan can increase the dieter's risk of heart disease.

The nutrition committee of the American Heart Association has issued a science advisory warning that high-protein diets have not been proven effective and pose health risks. The report covered the Atkins, Zone, Protein Power, Sugar Busters, and Stillman diets. The committee stated:

- Such diets may produce short-term weight loss through dehydration.
- Weight loss may also occur through caloric restriction because the diets are relatively unpalatable.
- The high fat content may be harmful to the cardiovascular system in the long run.
- Any improvement in blood cholesterol levels and insulin management would be due to weight loss, not the change in composition.
- A very high-protein diet is especially risky for patients with diabetes because it can speed the progression of diabetic kidney disease.

The American Heart Association has cautioned: "A high intake of saturated fats over time raises great concern about increased cardiovascular risk."

In 2003, experts who evaluated reports indexed since 1966 in Medline found that weight loss was associated with longer diet duration and calorie restriction but not with reduced carbohydrate content. The researchers concluded: There is insufficient evidence to make recommendations for or against the use of low-carbohydrate diets, particularly among participants older than age 50 years, for use longer than 90 days, or for diets of 20 g/d or less of carbohydrates. Among the published studies, participant weight loss while using low-carbohydrate diets was principally associated with decreased caloric intake and increased diet duration but not with reduced carbohydrate content. Bravata DM and others. (Efficacy and safety of low-carbohydrate diets: A systematic review. JAMA 289:1837-1850, 2003.)

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The bottom line

Although short-range studies have found that low-carbohydrate diets can produce weight loss, no study has demonstrated that such diets are safe or effective for long-term use. If you are planning to reduce carbs at the expense of guidelines promoted by most nutrition authorities, you are taking an undue risk.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

POLITICAL NOTES

Lt. Gov. Healey on Nichols Road Sunday

Live jazz band will be an added treat at a reception to honor Lt. Governor Kerry Healey, Sunday, June 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the home of Lisa Lojacono and Joe Offerman, 111 Nichols Road. Parking will be at Sandy Beach with shuttle service to 111 Nichols Road.

The reception is by invitation and reservations requested by RSVP to Michele O'Connor at 617-523-0844 ext. 249.

A partial list of committee includes from Hingham: Jamie and Sue Bush, Ann Collins, Guy and Jane Conrad, Bill and Gloria Jantzen, James Claypoole and Carl Harris, from Duxbury: Rita Strong and Ed O'Sullivan, from Norwell: Shawnie Littlehale, from Brockton: Lawrence Novak, from Cohasset: Bruce Herzfelder, Charles and Patsy Dean, Ralph Dormitzer, Louis Harvey, Gabriel Gomez, Jamie Williams, Mark and Bet Baker, Polly Logan, Terese D'Urso, Beth Marsden, Jamie Gilman, from Scituate: Eleanor Bleakie, Conley Ford, from Weymouth: Senator Robert Hedlund, Dana Toland, from Hull: Jean Robinson, Ronald Davy.

Spring dinner

On June 23, at 6:30 p.m., at The Second Congregational Church, speakers will be State Senator Bob Hedlund, U.S. Congressional Candidate Mike Jones, and other Republican office holders. The June meeting of The Cohasset Republican Town Committee will be held in the course of this evening. Requested contribution $15 includes dinner and speakers.

Lunch with Mike Jones - Candidate for U.S. Congress on June 12, (Saturday) from 1 to 3 p.m., at Tosca in Hingham. Featuring: U.S. Representative Kay Granger (R-TX). Requested contribution $50 (greater contributions are welcome).

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee has a website at: http://www.cohassetrepublicans.com/:

Hedlund office hours

The June office hours for State Senator Robert Hedlund will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall on Thursday, June 17, from noon to 1 p.m., on the 2nd floor in the 2A vestibule.

Hedlund also maintains a district office at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments with the Senator. The telephone number is 781-340-9866 or at the State House at 617-722-1646.

Gulf Assoc. annual meeting is June 24

The Gulf Association will hold its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 24, at the Lightkeeper's Cottage, Cohasset Harbor.

David Magnussen, Chairman of the Science Department at the Cohasset High School, and Jack Buckley, President of the newly formed Center for Student Coastal Research will present "The Gulf As Classroom." While reporting on recent successes in teaching science by involving students in hands-on projects they will describe the Department's current science philosophy and program overview including its experiential, interactive approach to learning, and how the Gulf fits into the curriculum. They will also hear from students who have participated in the Department's Summer Institute Program.

All who are interested in the sciences, and in preserving the environmental health of the Gulf River estuary and its watershed (which encompasses substantial portions of both Cohasset and Scituate) are encouraged to attend. Parents of students in Cohasset and Scituate's middle and high schools will be especially interested to hear how they can help develop a watershed- based curriculum involving community participation. Call 781-383-2982 with any questions.

Fiscal crisis may not materialize this year after all

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

June is always about the money at the State House, this one seemingly more so than most.

With the Legislature taking up seemingly a different billion-dollar bill every other day, attention in the building is on bonds and budgets and bottom lines. The House considered 183 amendments with almost no debate and sent a $2 billion package of transportation maintenance and improvement projects to the Senate. Meanwhile, House Ways and Means Chairman John Rogers said the six budget conferees expect to have a final legislative budget on the governor's desk by June 12 – an unusually workmanlike performance for budgeteers if the goal is achieved.

In some ways, this year has turned out to be the fiscal crisis that wasn't. In January, one expected much more of a sense of trauma in June. The negative reaction and dire predictions have not only subsided, they've been obscured by a steady stream of positive reports about revenue collections – so positive that a major emerging and unresolved question of this budget season is what to do with a surplus projected at about $500 million. Gov. Mitt Romney said last week the fiscal developments make tax cuts and a host of new spending initiatives suddenly possible.

But that rosy perspective only extends so far – perhaps only as far as Beacon, Bowdoin and Joy streets. If you run a shelter or a state agency or you're among the cut, it's a crisis. In early spring, Gov. Romney's own highway commissioner warned potholes would go unfilled this summer, and his public safety secretary said important parts of the security agenda would be neglected, under the Legislature's budget. Presumably, that hasn't changed. The picture wasn't made prettier by a break in the good news on revenues last week. The state announced that collections in May were off 6.4 percent from last year, with one more month of income for fiscal '04 left.

And the optimism certainly doesn't project as far as Springfield, where they absolutely know this is a crisis. The city's top officials were in the office of state Auditor Joseph DeNucci last Thursday, persuading the Municipal Finance Board to sign off on a state guarantee for Springfield's bonds. With the city's credit and operations at risk, Gov. Mitt Romney filed emergency legislation offering $50 million in grants and interest-free loans and proposing to put city operations under the control of a $2 million state-dominated receivership board. The bill was on the fast track before public employee labor unions, fearing an erosion of worker rights, temporarily delayed it.

Effects of local aid and state and local budget cuts don't just visit the urban centers in Springfield – the Globe told the gloomy tale of how Andover had to cancel a promising program to equip all public school children with laptops – the sine qua non of modern business and science.

Yet the obvious harbingers of recovery — the revenue numbers — have lifted a significant part of the pall that lay over the business of the State House for a number of years, as reps and senators and agency heads played the bad guy. Romney is on shaky ground if he starts criticizing the Legislature for not spending enough. Yet it could be that a fiscal year that started out being about what to eliminate and who to lay off winds up being about what to restore or how much to sock away now that the good times – maybe – are returning.

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• *Finneran says tax hike is premature* — The governor restated his position that the growing surplus calls for a reduction of the state income tax rate to 5 percent, and filed legislation to that effect. But House Speaker Thomas Finneran, D-Mattapan, said the time for that has not arrived. "We're on the path of stability and it might be a little bit premature to go and have a celebration, a tax-cutting celebration," Finneran said.

• *MTF: give UMass more power over its finances*— In a new report, "Removing Barriers to Educational Excellence at the State's Public Research University," the Mass. Taxpayers Foundation calls for the University of Massachusetts system to retain 100 percent of the tuition students pay; that money now flows through the General Fund and part of it sometimes stays there. MTF also said the UMass board of trustees, not the Board of Higher Education, should set tuition, and called for a number of other managerial reforms to make the UMass system more autonomous.

• *SJC says welfare dept. had the right to cut utility benefits* — Reversing a Superior Court finding, the Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the welfare department last year was within its rights to cut "emergency aid" benefits intended to help recipients pay utility bills. The benefits did go out because of the Superior Court injunction and subsequent legislative appropriations, but the SJC noted a similar situation could arise again anytime. Essentially, the justices found that there was nothing in the department's discretionary benefit-setting powers to prevent future cuts in the name of avoiding overspending.

• *Massport board would get six new members in t-bond* — Language in the transportation bond bill would add six members – residents of Massport-affected communities – to the board overseeing the airport/seaport/bridge authority. It's a response to years of complaints from locals about lack of accountability. The Senate and governor must concur, if the change is to take effect.

• *State could re-open enrollment in prescription advantage* — Officials at the Executive Office of Elder Affairs are considering a 30- to 60-day open enrollment period for Prescription Advantage, the insurance program for medication for seniors. An EOEA spokeswoman told the News Service the state could announce the open enrollment period June 15, but the details are still under review.

• *Romney taps Logan security commander to head state police*— Gov. Mitt Romney appointed Major Thomas Robbins as the new superintendent of State Police. Robbins, who is currently Logan Airport's security commander, joined the Massachusetts State Police in 1980. He was one of 22 candidates who applied for the position and one of four who were interviewed by Romney.

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May 31-June 4



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on two roll calls and local senators' votes on three roll calls from the week of May 31-June 4 and from prior sessions.

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES AND BACKGROUND CHECKS (H 4390)

House 147-7, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a bill allowing assisted living facilities to conditionally hire a job applicant for a position that involves direct care with residents, pending the receipt of criminal offender record information (CORI) on the applicant. The measure also requires the facilities to monitor the duties of the conditional employees during the waiting period. Current law allows nursing homes to conditionally hire these employees but does not permit assisted living facilities to do so. Override supporters said the bill simply gives assisted living facilities the same options afforded to nursing homes in order to ensure they have enough workers to care for their many elderly and disabled residents. They argued that many assisted living facilities are currently unable to hire adequate staff to care for their residents because applicants are not willing to wait for the results of the CORI check and often choose to take a job elsewhere. They said the bill is a reasonable compromise that allows the state Office of Elder Affairs to develop specific regulations for the monitoring of the conditional employees and includes sufficient safeguards to protect residents while ensuring that they receive necessary services. Override opponents said the new temporary exemption would weaken a system designed to protect these elderly and disabled residents. They argued that the exemption could result in ex-felons being allowed to provide direct care to residents until the facility receives the results of the CORI check. They noted that the vague provision requiring "monitoring" of the conditional employees is a well-intentioned but inadequate safeguard. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill allowing the hiring of conditional workers. A "Nay" vote is against the bill).

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STOP TRANSPORTATION BOND AMENDMENTS (H 4766)

House 124-27, approved an order prohibiting the filing of any additional amendments to a $2 billion transportation bond bill. Supporters of the ban said that legislators have had many hours to file amendments and argued that it is time to finish debate on more than 160 amendments and complete action on this important measure. Opponents of the ban said it is unfair and undemocratic to arbitrarily ban further amendments and argued that the ban erodes the power and input of individual members. (A "Yea" vote is for the ban. A "Nay" vote is against the ban).

Y Y

90-DAY GRACE PERIOD FOR RENEWALS (S 2282)

Senate 37-0, approved an amendment giving a 90-day grace period to an individual with an expired firearm identification (FID) card or license to carry (LTC) if the licensing authority has not acted on the person's renewal application. Amendment supporters said this important change would simply give responsible gun owners a grace period instead of unfairly allowing their licenses to expire because of a law enforcement backlog in handling applications. They noted that many gun owners have complained that their licenses have expired while they are awaiting a decision from authorities. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment allowing a 90-day grace period).

Y Y

CREATE FIREARM LICENSING REVIEW BOARD (S 2282)

Senate 37-0, approved an amendment creating a seven-member Firearm Licensing Review Board to hear cases of persons who have been denied an FID card or LTC because they were convicted of certain misdemeanors. The amendment also gives the board the power to restore the person's right to reapply for the card or license. Amendment supporters said that under a 1998 law, these people have automatically and unfairly been denied renewals. They noted that the amendment simply allows a small group of people, including some who were convicted of minor youthful indiscretions, an opportunity to reapply. They noted that the amendment is narrowly drawn and would still prohibit appeals by offenders convicted of more serious misdemeanors including drug crimes, firearm crimes and domestic abuse. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment creating the board).

Y Y

INCREASE LICENSE TERM FROM FOUR TO SIX YEARS (S 2282)

Senate 25-12, approved an amendment increasing from four to six years the period for which an FID card or LTC is valid. The amendment also provides $50,000 in funding for a newly-created review board to hear cases of persons who have been denied a card or license because they were convicted of certain misdemeanors. Amendment supporters said the increased period is reasonable and would help compensate for a 2002 hike from $25 to $100 in firearm licensing fees. They also noted that it is important to fund the review board in order to allow it to function. Amendment opponents said the increase to six years is unnecessary and goes too far. They argued that it would result in important background checks on renewal applicants being performed every six years instead of four. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment making licenses valid for six years and providing $50,000 for the review board. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

Y N

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The day Ronald Reagan came to Cohasset

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dent, California governor, and Hollywood actor is being fondly remembered by a grateful country. A staunch fiscal conservative who believed in a strong defense, Reagan earned respect from political allies and foes alike.

Reagan's 1980 campaign stop in Cohasset, organized by then state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray and her husband Philip, was followed by a gathering at the former Hugo's (now Atlantica) on Border Street.

It turned into one of those unique Cohasset affairs. Reagan's plane was snowbound in South Carolina, so he was late to the event held at the high school which was packed with a crowd of some 1,200 people.

Dr. Ed Woods of Cohasset played the bagpipes and Jack Conway of Jack Conway Real Estate, served as the emcee. The men kept the audience entertained until Reagan and his entourage that included his wife, Nancy, arrived.

"I had the loudest voice, so they asked me to be master of ceremonies," recalls Conway with a laugh. Conway, who keeps a framed photo of himself with Reagan and a letter from the former president in his Norwell office, said Reagan's charm won over the audience.

One person asked a question about the U.S. giving up the Panama Canal that Reagan did not hear. Nancy Reagan glanced at Conway, who immediately held his hand up and asked the man to stand up and repeat the question.



Drawing by John Anderson of East Bridgewater (formerly of Hingham).

"Afterwards, Reagan smiled at me and said, 'thank you, Jack,'" Conway recalled. "Reagan did a great job and had the room cheering."

John Cafferty of Hingham, who is the Republican State Committeeman for the Plymouth-Norfolk District, was a Democrat when he met Reagan that day in Cohasset. Cafferty, a friend of Mary Jeanette Murray's, was included in the small group of about 20 people who headed to Hugo's.

"After two minutes with Reagan and I was hooked on him from that day forward," Cafferty recalled. "He spoke beautifully." Cafferty described Reagan as about 6 ft. 2 ins. with jet-black hair.

"I told him I was a Democrat," Cafferty said. "And he told me I'd be a Republican someday. He said he was once a Democrat, too."

Wigmore Pierson of Cohasset, who is an "amateur presidential scholar," numbers Reagan as one of the four best presidents of the 20th century – along with both Roosevelts and Truman.

"He clearly had a commitment to his ideals and values and was able to communicate those to the public," he said.

Pierson hadn't yet moved to Cohasset back in 1980, but he did have occasion to meet Reagan in Washington, D.C. a year later. Although the meeting was very brief, it's a moment that Pierson will never forget.

"At about that time John Hinckley was getting off the bus," Pierson recalls. Just about 24 hours after Pierson met Reagan, Hinckley made his assassination attempt outside the Washington Hilton.

In Cohasset, Reagan joked with the crowd that he'd come to town to "get some sunshine" after being stuck in a foot of snow on a South Carolina runway, according to a local newspaper, the Mirror.

The Mirror reported Nancy Reagan delighted members of the audience by asking them for the state as an anniversary present. The couple had just celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary. [Reagan carried Massachusetts by just 3,829 votes out of 2.56 million cast in 1980 but won the state by a big margin in 1984]. Reagan said his reforms in California and his "turning red ink to black" as proof he could run the country

Mary Jeanette Murray remembers Reagan as down-to-earth and very sweet. "He was a plain Joe, I really liked him," she said.

Cohasset's Polly Logan, who served on the Republican National Committee in 1980, recalls stopping by the high school that day. She also met Reagan on several other occasions, as did Conway and Pierson.

Logan, who hails from Iowa, said Reagan's eyes twinkled and he possessed small-town, mid-western charm. Reagan's humble roots were planted in Dixon, Ill.

"He almost had as bad a childhood as Clinton's," Logan said. "He led a very simple life."

Logan also said Reagan had a great sense of humor and his years as an actor provided him with the ability to hold an audience and make his points. She bemoaned Pres. George W. Bush's "sing-song" speech pattern. "It wouldn't hurt if we sent all candidates to acting school," she joked.

Woods, who played the bagpipes while the Cohasset crowd waited, said the Murrays asked him to fill in the gap. He was also impressed by Reagan.

"He was a magical guy," Woods said.

Conway recalls inflation was soaring, unemployment was high and the stock market was in disarray when Reagan was running for president back in 1980.

"He was calm and took it all in stride," Conway said. "He was an honest, ethical and determined person. He had a lot of commonsense.

"The guy was great," he said. "We have not seen that kind of love for a president in a long while."



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Polly Logan, left, and Ronald Reagan, during one of the former president's visits to Boston.

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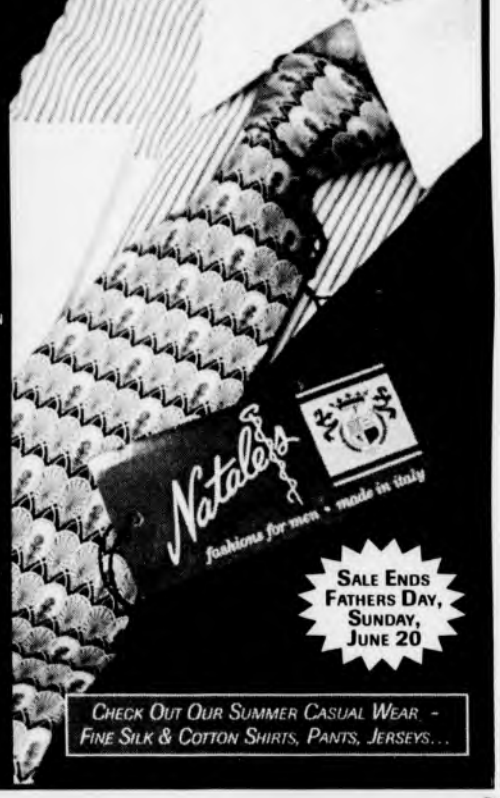
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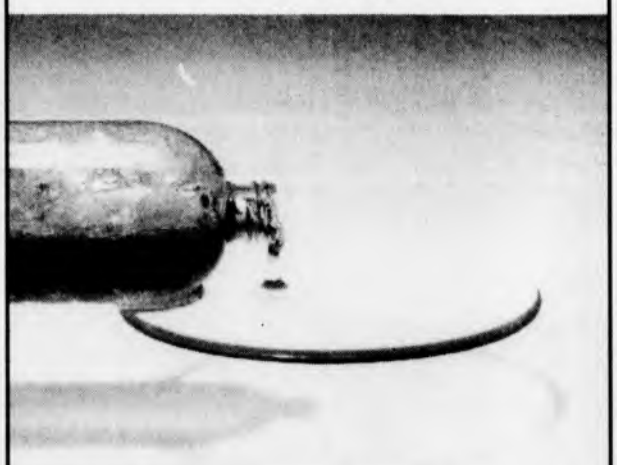
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Summer almond fruit tart shouldn't be missed

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



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A few years back, I started making freeform summer fruit tarts, the American version of the galette. Make a one-crust pie dough, roll it out, top it with fruit, sprinkle a few tablespoons of sugar on top, and then bake. It's rough and ready, great for summer entertaining. The next step was to add a frangipane (almond) filling along with the fruit.

For the pie pastry, I use a basic American dough which combines Crisco and butter. If you are averse to cooking with hydrogenated vegetable oil (i.e. Crisco), you can use all butter, but the resulting dough will be a bit less flaky. (One can use a variety of other doughs but this is the simplest to make and roll out.) I found it best to roll the pie dough into an 11-inchcircle which is then folded over to form a 9-inch tart. The pastry needs to be very well chilled in order to shape the tart. Limp dough falls apart.

For the almond filling, I started with nothing more than a simple layer of ground almonds that simply sits under the fruit. Our tasters barely knew that they were there. Next, I tested a real frangipane, a homemade French almond paste made from almonds, sugar, egg, butter and flavorings. I tested toasting the almonds first but preferred them raw. Starting with slivered almonds is best since they have to be ground extremely finely. A half-cup of sugar was just the right amount and the sugar and nuts need to be ground together so that the nuts don't turn into almond butter in the food processor. One whole egg was just right, using an extra white, as suggested by some recipes, simply made the filling too loose for this application. For our fruit tart I omitted the usual vanilla extract and reduced the almond extract to 1/4 teaspoon. Finally, I used a modest four tablespoons of butter to make the tart hold together better and to not overpower the fruit.

I tried using berries, stone fruit, and even rhubarb in the tart. My favorite variations were the peach, plum or apricot. With the peach or apricot I didn't mind a few blueberries thrown in. The amount of fruit to frangipane can be tricky — if too much fruit is used, the almonds get lost, and if too little fruit is used, the frangipane raises up and takes over. Four cups of fruit worked best in our 9-inch tart. I cut the peaches into1/2-inch wedges, the plums and apricots I quartered. I found the fruit needed a tiny bit of sweetening, so I tossed it with a bit of lemon juice and a tablespoon of sugar to balance its flavor with the frangipane. If I used any more sugar the tart was too sweet.

Baking the tart was a bit tricky since I needed the crust to be well browned, the fruit soft and juicy, and the frangipane cooked through. For best results I started the tart at 400 degrees and after 20 minutes lowered the oven to 375 where it remained for 20 to 25 minutes longer. It should be cooled for about 20 minutes before serving. Unlike fruit pies, this tart can be served slightly warm. To make the tart look extra special it can be glazed with apple jelly that has been heated and brushed on shortly after the tart comes out of the oven.

Summer almond fruit tart

If making the tart with peaches or apricots, a small handful of blueberries adds an extra burst of color and flavor. You can make the pie dough with all butter if you like, but the dough will be a bit harder to roll out and will also be less flaky.

For the pie dough:

5 tablespoons cold unsalted butter
1 1/4 cup all purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
5 tablespoons cold vegetable shortening (e.g., Crisco)
4 to 6 tablespoons ice water

For the Frangipane

1 cup blanched slivered almonds
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 large egg
1/4 teaspoon almond extract
4 tablespoons unsalted butter cut into 4 pieces and softened to cool room temperature

To finish the tart

4 cups prepared fruit, i.e. peach pits removed, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch wedges, or pitted apricots or plums, quartered
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
1/4 cup apple jelly (optional)

1. For the pie dough: Cut the butter into 3/4-inch pieces and place in freezer for 15 minutes. Mix flour, salt and sugar in a food processor fitted with the steel blade. Place the Crisco, cut into 1 tablespoon lumps, into the processor along with the butter pieces. Pulse 8 to 10 times (1-second pulses) or until the dough appears slightly yellow and pebbly in texture and starts to ride up the sides of the processor bowl. Turn the mixture into a medium bowl. Sprinkle 3 tablespoons of ice water over the mixture. Using a rubber spatula or your hands, fold and press down on the dough until the dough sticks together, being careful to evenly distribute the water. You may need to add up to three tablespoons more water if the dough will not come together. It is better for the dough to be too wet rather than too dry. Form the dough into a ball, flatten into a 4-inch disc, wrap in plastic and refrigerate for at least thirty minutes. The dough should feel firm but not hard.

2. For the frangipane: Process the almonds, sugar and salt in food processor until the almonds are very finely ground, about 45 seconds. Add the egg and almond extract and process until combined, about 10 seconds. Add the butter and process until well-combined and smooth, about 10 seconds longer. Set aside.

3. To finish the tart: Heat the oven to 425 degrees and adjust a rack to the lower position. Line a cookie sheet or jellyroll pan with parchment paper. Roll out dough into roughly an 11 1/2 inch circle on a lightly floured surface. Trim away the rough edges leaving a tidy 11 inch round. Transfer dough onto parchment lined sheet. (Drape dough over the rolling pin to transfer. A dough scraper or flat spatula works well.) Spread the almond cream onto the pie dough leaving a two-inch border. Toss the fruit with the lemon juice and sugar and place in an even layer over the almond cream. Lift the two-inch border of dough up and over the fruit and filling. (Dough will drape over the fruit in folds.)

4. Place tart in oven and bake for 20 minutes. Reduce temperature to 375 degrees and bake for an additional 20 to 25 minutes or until the crust is well browned, the fruit is soft and any exposed frangipane is lightly browned and puffy. Cool on a wire rack for at least 20 minutes before serving. May be served warm or at room temperature. For the optional glaze the jelly should be heated until bubbly and smooth and then brushed onto the surface of the fruit (don't glaze the crust) once it has cooled for about ten minutes.

Makes one tart. Serves 8

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Steven Gould at Senior Summit

Steven Gould of Cohasset Knoll joined 250 other seniors and activists from across Norfolk County at Norfolk District Attorney Bill Keating's annual Senior Summit on Friday, May 21. The program's goals were to build strong relations between area groups that serve senior citizens and to provide seniors with information to keep them safe and healthy.

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles presentation on functional impairment addressed both the difficulties that elder drivers face - Massachusetts alone has 60,000 licensed drivers over age 85 - and strategies to compensate for them.

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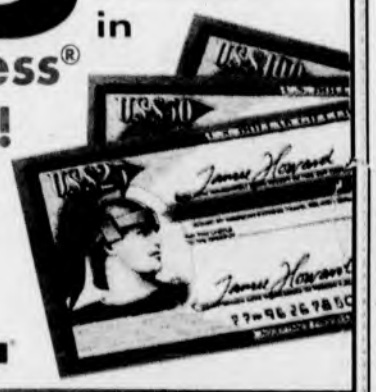
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The best is yet to come

First round tourney ouster a bump in road for young boys tennis squad

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

Rain, rain go away. It didn't happen. At least it didn't happen down in Seekonk last Thursday.

The rain came down, Seekonk's points made it up to three and that was all she wrote or he wrote, in an on-going effort to be P.C. (For those of you in never-never land, that's Politically Correct).

The best Cohasset boys tennis season since coach Kent Parrot took over three years ago came to an end in the preliminary round of Division Two play, as Seekonk defeated the Skippers, 3-0.

"It was just awful out there," claimed Parrot. "The rain just made it unplayable With Seekonk leading, 3-0, it was the right time to call the game."

The rainy end brought Cohasset's excellent season to 12-8. The best part of the big winning season is that it's a young Cohasset team. Things will only get better for the Skippers.

Two of the players returning next year are All-League sophomores Dan Sullivan and Nils Sceery.

Sullivan was the team's number one singles player and Sceery held down the team's number two singles spot.

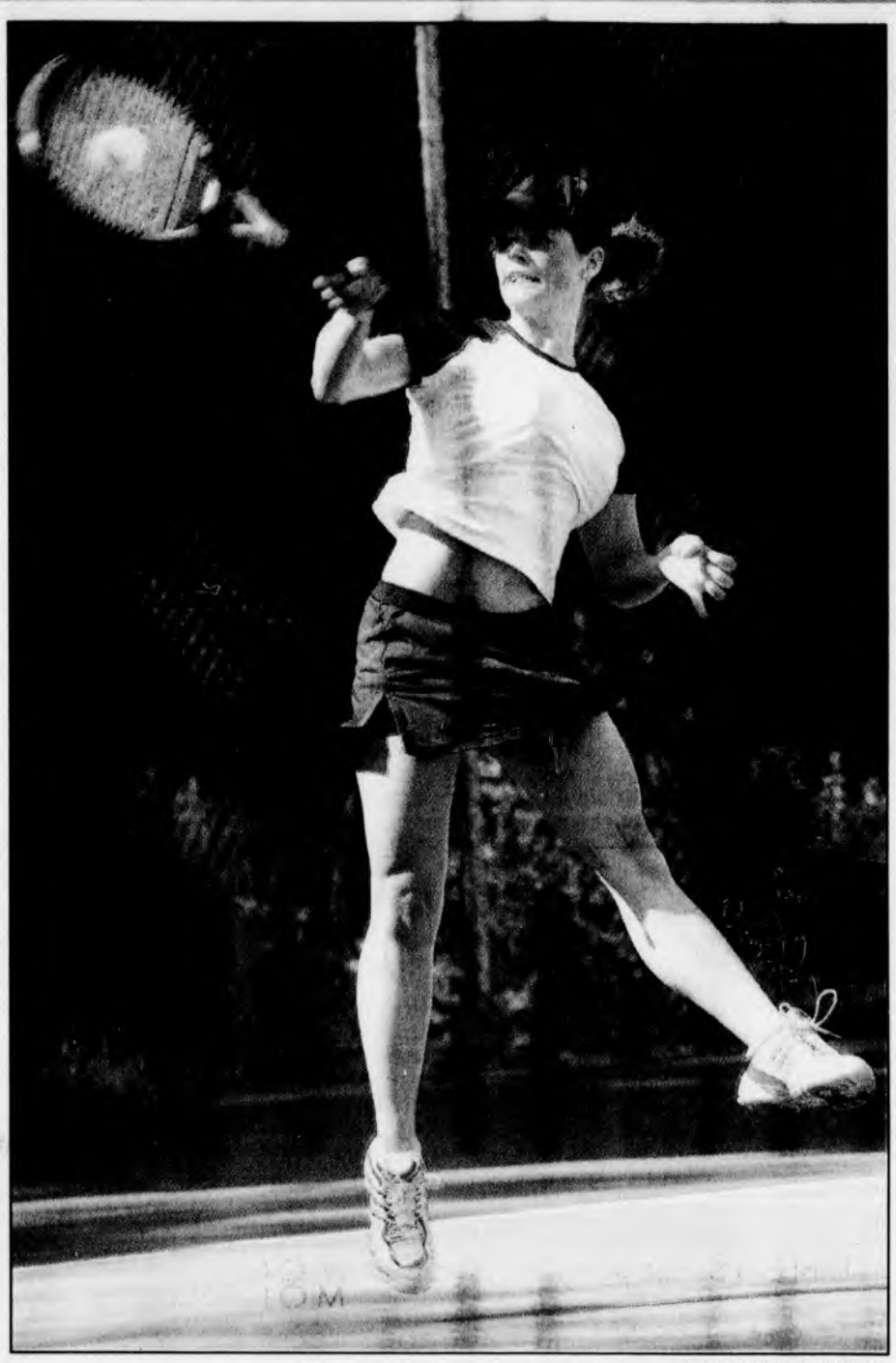
The number three singles position was held by freshman Blain Morin this season. Along with the three singles spot, the second doubles team of freshman Rich Donzo and sophomore Kyle Dattola should also be a year better next spring.

Cohasset will lose one senior to graduation, Andrew Wise, who made up one half of the first doubles team.

According to coach Parrot, Sceery was the team's leading scorer this season, finishing up with a 14-4 record.

"It was a very good season," said Parrot. "The team did very well and, best of all, it's a young team, a very young team at that.

"The team will only get better. A number of the team's member play at tennis clubs and practice just about year-round."



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset first singles star Liz Stone puts her all into this one in win over Canton Tuesday.

In full swing

Girls tennis team advances to semifinals with shutout of Canton

By Mark Goodman
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In some alternate universe, maybe it is the Cohasset girls tennis team that can't beat Canton.

Here on Earth, however, the two squads faced off in the state tournament for the fourth straight year on Tuesday. And for the fourth straight time, Cohasset came out on top, cruising this time to a 5-0 win.

The victory earned the girls a south sectional semifinal date at Medfield, yesterday, after the Mariner went to press. With a win yesterday, Cohasset would take on the winner of Ursuline-Old Rochester in the sectional final today.

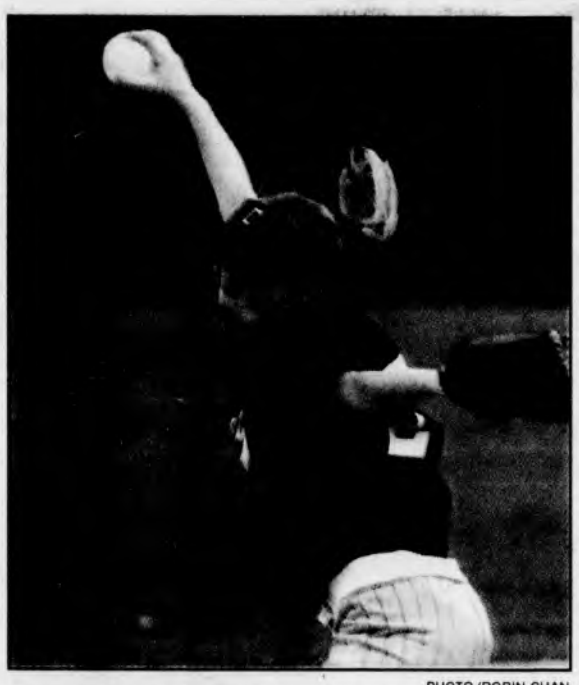
Four matches in four days is a tough stretch, but Cohasset handled the first half of it with relative ease, as both wins over Canton and Mansfield on Monday were done in about an hour.

After Tuesday's match, head coach Gigi Meehan said her team appeared to be peaking at the right time.

"They came out so fired up today," she said. "The whole team was cheering everybody on. There was just a lot of team spirit, a lot of camaraderie."

Considering how well everyone played, it would have been hard to not get excited. All five

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Virginia Spofford came out of the "bullpen" to strike out 50 hitters this season.

These looks prove deceiving

Young softball team showed major upgrades in year two

Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

At first glance, Cohasset's 5-13 varsity softball record appears second class, especially up against the likes of their SSL rivals such as Harwich and Abington. A closer inspection, though, reveals a team poised to excel in future seasons.

Of course, the girls of the blue and white recognize they have work to do, especially on offense.

Despite the disappointing win-loss record, team morale ran high. Coach Deb Bostwick closely monitored the ways in which her players interacted with each other. Both inexperienced players as well as veterans were treated with equal fairness and attention. Annoying cliques never surfaced during the season.

Other factors contributed to the positive outlook. The pitching squad included some jaw-dropping talent. Freshman Christina Pinkus started the season strongly with 16 strikeouts. Unfortunately, in a heated Carver game, Christina injured her pitching arm. Virginia Spofford and Katie James stepped up to the mound following Pinkus' injury. Katie racked up nine strikeouts by means of a killer fastball. Virginia Spofford ended the season with a staggering 50 strikeouts.

On a team basis, hitting never surfaced as a strong variable. However, if one looks at hitting on an individual basis, you could see how good morale never sagged. Katie James batting average in 2003 ended at .156. This year, she clobbered her way this year to end with a .408 average.

Catcher Casey Anderson bettered last year's .310 average by ending this year with a .361 mark. Seniors Caitlin

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Skippers sail on from Martha's Vineyard

Laxmen advance to semifinals with win over Vineyarders, 10-4

Boys lacrosse semifinals
Skippers at Dover-Sherborn
Friday, 3:30 p.m.

By Mike Spellman
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Stu Curran has been telling anyone who'd listen how far his Cohasset boys lacrosse team has come since he took over the program at the beginning of this season. On Monday, perhaps the best evidence to date supporting these bold assertions came, as the Skippers traveled to Martha's Vineyard and avenged an earlier season home loss with a relatively easy 10-4 win.

The win earned the Skippers a lot more than a pound of flesh, however; it also advanced them into a semifinals showdown in the Div. 3 state tourney at Dover-Sherborn tomorrow afternoon (3:30 start).

"That won't be an easy match, but we're playing very good lacrosse right now, and it's almost difficult to imagine us losing right now," said Curran. "It wouldn't surprise me at all if we're playing for a (state) championship next week."

The Skippers lost two of their better players to injury early on at Martha's Vineyard Monday in senior middie Mark Davis (thumb injury) and junior attackman Jake Previte (rolled ankle), the team's leading scorer. Both scored a goal before the injuries hit, and their losses left Curran a little anxious as he scrambled to compensate.

He needn't have worried.

Previte's normal attack line partners Mike Rasmussen (goal, assist) and Aidan Buick (two goals, assist) took on a greater load, and offense came from a few unexpected sources as well. Junior Sam Steele (two goals) and sophomore Jake Kovak (goal) helped fill the voids.

Freshman Mike Bunstein also scored a key third quarter goal that helped the Skippers begin to take over clear control of the game.

The defense did the rest.

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Sam Steele (#17) came off the bench to score two big goals in the Skippers quarterfinals win at Martha's Vineyard Monday.

MAJOR LEAGUE ROUNDUP

Athletics

Last week the A's faced the Cards in an "A" game format. Brendan Doonan pitched for the A's for three innings and struck out 7. Andy McKenna pitched three innings and struck out 3. It was a pitching and defensive battle. Big hits came from

Doonan (double RBI, and a triple), Andy McKenna a single and a triple, and base hits from Johnny Maher (RBI) and EJ Culhane. Strong defensive play came from Maher, Mike Monaco behind the plate, Culhane at short and Jack Murphy in center field. The A's went on to win 3-0. In a match up versus the Dodgers, the A's came out on top in an action packed game. Rookie Chris Murphy took the mound for the first time and displayed confidence and composure. Chris struck out 5 hard swinging Dodgers. Derek Froio pitched the middle innings for the A's in his major league debut. Derek fielded a few ground balls that came back at him and assisted in the put outs. Other game highlights include two home runs by veteran Brendan "my son" Doonan in back to back at bats. Other strong hitting came from Johnny Maher with a triple, Jack Murphy with a big single to center field and EJ Culhane. Chase Murphy expertly shored up left field catching a pop up and a line drive. The A's final game of the week, was also their toughest. The A's faced the Red Sox in a rematch of last year's championship contenders. Brendan Doonan pitched the first 5 1/3 innings, with Johnny Maher coming in relief. Doonan registered 11 strikeouts against the Sox, however it wasn't enough as the Sox sent the ball into the gaps and won 6-1. Brendan Doonan smashed a double with an RBI for the A's only run. Once again, Chase Murphy in left field used his speed and agility and made a tremendous diving catch in left field to end the top of the 5th inning. In a tough loss to the Pirates, the A's with their rally caps came back from an 11-2 deficit to score 5 runs in the top of the fifth inning. Andy Mckenna started the rally with a double.

Brendan Doonan, Johnny Maher, Jake Kissick and, Jack Murphy who each went 2 for 3, with 2 RBI's each, EJ Culhane and Chris Murphy, led the scoring charge for the A's. Derek Froio, Sean McKenna and Chase Murphy all reached base to help the A's get into scoring position. Thomas Barrett caught a shot to right field to end the 4th inning run-up by the Pirates. Due to darkness, the game was called and the A's momentum was cut short, and they lost 11-7.

Cardinals

The Cards faced the A's in a great match up this week. Todd Emanuello started on the mound for the Cards. He registered three K's in two innings. John Kearney doubled into left field in the bottom of the 1st for the Cards big hit of the game. John Collins played solidly at 3rd, fielding many A's line drives and making the out throwing to first.

Ben Campbell shored up the infield at short stop, stopping the hard drives by the A's. Todd Emanuello, who moved to catcher in the third inning, made a great run saving tag on an A who was stealing home on a passed ball. Very alertly, Todd scooped a passed ball and lunged for the tag at home plate. Despite solid team play, the Cards came up on the short side of the 3-0 score. Earlier in the week, the Cards were triumphant over the Pirates, 5-1. It was a tight game with the score 2-1. Tight, that is, until the last inning. Pitching was solid for the redbirds, with John Kearney striking out six, Todd Emanuello striking out three and Ben Campbell, closing the game and striking out four Pirates. Alex Harper had an RBI single that led a Cards rally late in the game. Pat Kearney also contributed with an RBI single. Dan Sullivan led the defense, shoring up the outfield and making several nice plays. The Cards next game was against the Rangers. Todd Emanuello pitched three innings of one run ball. He also had two big hits that broke the game open and led to a strong Cardinals win over the Rangers. Kevin O'Connell was the defensive strength for the Cards, controlling the infield for several putouts. Offensively, O'Connell had three big hits, Sebastien Braga contributed a strong double that kept the winning rally going. John Kearney pitched three solid innings, striking out six. In a loss to the Mets, the most exciting play of the season happened when Ian Porter stole home from third to score the tying run. Versus the Dodgers, the Cardinals, players and coaches alike, put on their rally caps in a great game. Kevin O'Connell and Todd Emanuello shared pitching duties, each registering three strikouts. Ben Campbell closed out the game on the mound for the Cards. Pat Kearney went 3 for 3 at the plate, with an RBI. Campbell and Emanuello each had strong doubles. Alex Harper

in center field and John Collins on third led the defensive charge for the redbirds. The final outcome, Dodgers won by 2 runs.

Red Sox

The Red Sox had a spectacular win over the A's and tough losses to the Pirates, Mets and Rangers. Jordan Berry registered another home run in a losing effort to the Pirates, while Jodi Rosano pitched three solid innings. The big game for the Sox came against the A's on the eve of Memorial Day. In the "A" game format, Jordan Berry pitched great for the Sox with nine strikouts. The Sox defense was flawless. Diving catches and smart in field play kept the A's from scoring. Berry caught two pop ups in the infield. Nick Cannon robbed an A's batter with a athletic diving catch on a shot to left field. Luke Ernst in center field made two spectacular catches on big hits, a sliding catch in the bottom of the fourth and a diving catch in the bottom of the sixth inning. In the bottom of the 5th inning, rookie Kyle Livingstone made a big league diving catch on a line shot to first base. Kyle said "when I saw the ball coming at me, I kept my eye on the ball and dove for it and caught it". Jodi Rosano played solidly behind the plate, keeping the A's from advancing around the base path. Offensively, Jack Carrier and Jeff Cavanaro sealed the win for the Sox each with an RBI triple in the top of the 5th inning. Other hits came from Sean Ahearn and Garrett Canney. Sluggers Jordan Berry and Jeff Cavanaro registered RBI doubles in the top of the 6th inning to put a "W" in the win column for the Red Sox. Later in the week, Jordan Berry hit a home run versus the Mets. Jeff Cavanaro, Kyle Livingstone, Pete McKenna and JoDi Rosano shared pitching duties for the Sox, but the Met's sluggers were on target for the night.

Dodgers

In another match-up, the Dodgers faced the A's. Chris Brown at shortstop controlled the infield. Hits by the A's were expertly handled by Brown who assisted in the put outs. Brown confidently handled a line drive in the top of the 3rd inning and then turned the double play with a throw to 1st to catch the base runner off the bag.

Tyler Judge pitched well for the Dodgers. Johnny McGoldrick was phenomenal at second base with a diving grab in the 4th inning for the out and then on the next batter, he fielded a blooper and tagged the runner going to second for back to back outs. In the next inning, McGoldrick caught a high pop up for an out. Offensively, the hit of the game was a shot by Jake Wheelwright to center field that one hopped over the fence. In baseball terms, this was a ground rule double, with an RBI. Chris Brown then followed up with a two RBI double. Also reaching base for the Dodgers in this game were Jay Salerno and Johnny McGoldrick with base hits, and Patrick MacCormack and Mitchell McNary.

The Dodgers and the Rangers toughed it out to a 6-6 tie. Vincent Kennedy had a great game pitching for Dodgers and he knocked in the tying runs with a 6th inning double.

Jake Wheelwright just missed hitting a home run, with the ball hitting the fence six inches below the homerun line. He made a spectacular catch in center field for one of the season's great plays. Veteran Justin Yeager pitched three rock solid innings for the men in blue. Chris Brown, Mitch McNary and Jay Salerno stay focused at the plate, providing great offensive action. The Dodgers posted a strong win over the Cardinals in their last outing of the week. Justin Yeager and Chris Brown shared pitching duties, with Jay Salerno closing the game out for the Dodgers. Strong, solid base hits to put men into scoring position allowed the Dodgers to come out on top. Yeager, Brown, Salerno, Johnny McGoldrick, Mitch and Dean McNary and Pat MacCormack all put the ball into play allowing runs to score with solid base hits.. Defensively, the Dodgers executed a perfect "pickle" on a Cardinal player attempting to steal home from third. Jake Wheelwright played solidly at third base. He fielded a line shot and then quickly threw it to first for an important third out in the third inning.

Pirates

The Pirates had an up and down week with a strong win over the Red Sox and tough losses to the Cardinals, Dodgers and Mets. Against the Cardinals, Tom Buckley pitched great one run ball and then made a tremendous diving catch in center field. Travis Craven was solid at second base. Once again, Geoff Evans played strongly behind the plate, quietly controlling the base runners with his ability to pick off any body who dare try to steal. Austin Meyer played with great confidence at short stop. It was a 2-1 game through five innings. The Cardinal bats came alive in the 6th inning. Chris Walsh, on the mound for the Pirates snagged a line drive for the first out of the inning. However, the boys in black & gold couldn't hold on and the Cardinals earned the victory. Versus the Mets, it was the top of the fifth, and the Pirates were down 4 to 1. Robbie Hill hit a huge RBI triple to make the game 4 -2. In a risky move, Hill then went to steal home, only to be tagged out by the Mets pitcher who was covering the plate on the passed ball. In the bottom of the inning, Thomas Buckley was pitching. Austin Meyer at short stop fielded a hard line drive that could have resulted in extra bases. Buckley then struck out the next batter, a base hit by the Mets moved the base runner to third. Buckley then returned the Mets favor, and tagged the advancing runner out at home. The final Mets batter of the inning was struck out by T-Buc. Despite all this great action, the Pirates couldn't cross the plate in the top of the 6th inning and the Mets went on to win.

Mets

Last week, slugger Robbie McCunney had a walk off home run. In an action packed game against the Red Sox, Robert Jones pitched three strong innings, allowing only one hit, which happened to be a homerun by Red Sox ace, Jordan Berry. Rookie Taylor Golz pitched well for two innings, followed by an inning of relief from Max McCleave. McCleave was a powerhouse at the plate for the Mets, going 4 for 4, including a double and 4 RBI's. David Hernon went 2 for 4 with a double to right center field. Sam Leahy hit a beauty, a double in fact, to deep left center field, that one hopped to the fence.

In a strong outing versus the Dodgers, Robbie McCunney and Robert Jones shared pitching duties. Tom Condon was terrific, going 3 for 3 with 3 RBI's. Once again he played great behind the plate, catching for the Met's hurlers. Charlie Pham had a great catch in right field for a putout. The Mets went on to win 9-2. In a close matchup with the Pirates the Mets were up 3-1 in the bottom of the 4th inning. With Max McCleave on third, Robert Jones hit a shot to center field to score McCleave and go up, 4-1.

Drew Cobin had a solid six innings on the mound for the Mets, still firing strikes in the final inning. The Pirates had a man on third, in scoring position who attempted to steal home on a passed ball. An alert Cobin, covered home plate coming from the pitcher's mound to tag the advancing runner out. In the top of the sixth inning, with the tying run on first base for the Pirates, Tom Condon, from behind the plate fired the ball to Robbie McCunney who was covering second to throw the advancing base runner out. The Mets went on to win 4-2.

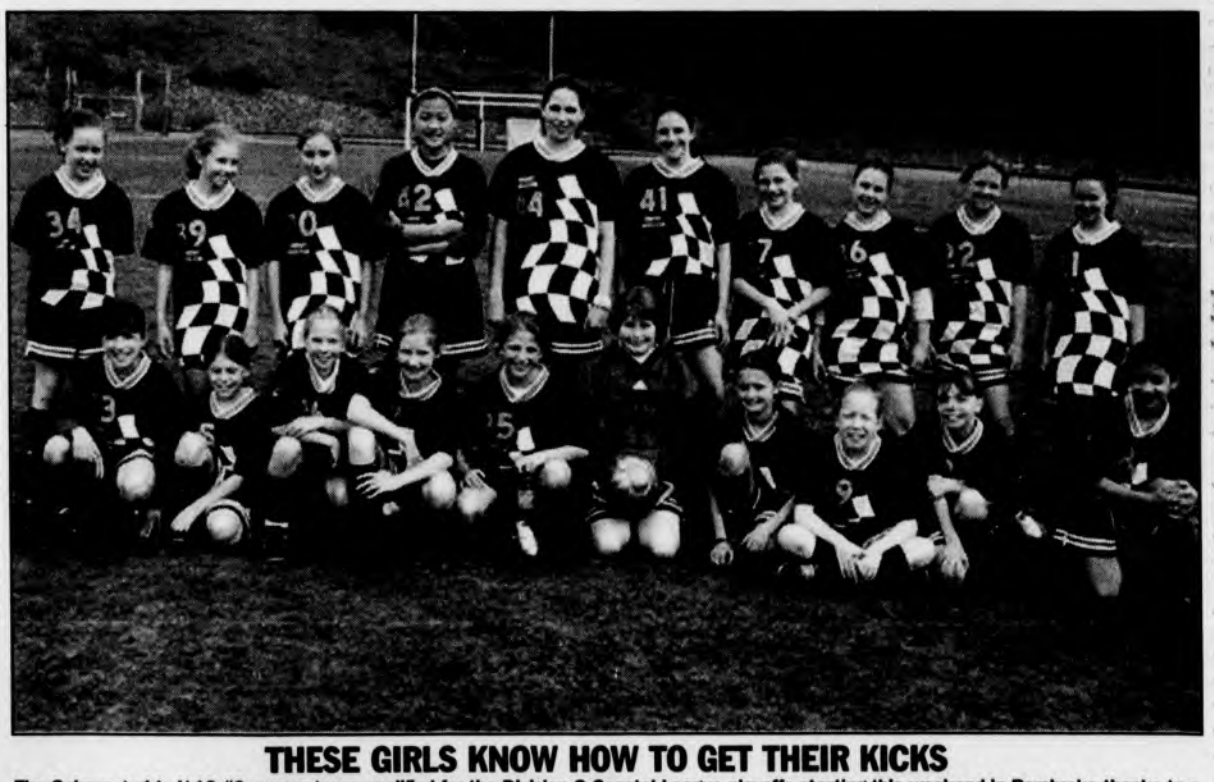
Rangers

Facing the Cardinals, Robbie Mahoney at third base displayed veteran level performance.

According to coach Steve Giuggio, "Robbie was awesome!". Jamie Faber led the team with three hits. Eamon Davis and Chase Stebbins shared pitching duties. Davis notched three strikeouts versus the Cardinals and Stebbins pitched one run ball. Davis led a Ranger rally with a gigantic double to center field that hit the fence. Jeff Charles, Graham Stevenson Christian Allard and Dean Driscoll continue to demonstrate team work and hard hitting for the Rangers. Despite heroic efforts, the Rangers fell short to the Cards, losing 12-4.

Later in the week, the Rangers battled the Dodgers to a 6-6 tie.

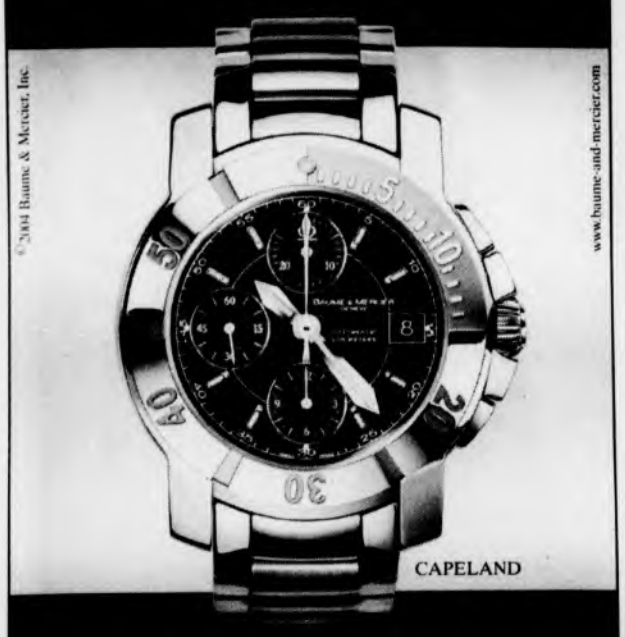
The Ranger bats were red hot in a terrific game versus the Red Sox. Veteran John Giuggio hit a huge triple in the top of the third inning, which was followed by an inside the park home run by Eamon Davis. Davis hit a shot to deep right field, and with his head down, following his coaches instructions, Davis motored around the bases with lightening speed. Jamie Faber pitched for the Rangers in this "B" game matchup. The Rangers went on to win 10-6.



THESE GIRLS KNOW HOW TO GET THEIR KICKS

The Cohasset girls U-12 #2 soccer team qualified for the Division 2 Coastal League playoffs starting this weekend in Pembroke thanks to a fine 8-1-1 record which earned them a first place finish in their six team section.
Members of the team are (kneeling, l-r): Rachel Fredey, Samantha Bobo, Michelle Berube, Kerry McCabe, Danielle Sooklasian, Claire Poznak, Olivia Adkins, Amy Costa, McCauley Braun, and Merrick Sease. Standing (l-r) are: Meghan Costello, Jessica Fusco, Emma Quigley, Kate French, Carli Haggerty, Mia Furtado, Rhianna Fitts, Sara Mavilia, Anna Michalowski, and Dylanne Axelson. Missing from photo was the team's super stopper, Lindsay Davis.

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Girls tennis advances to semifinals with shutout

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matches were straight-set wins, with no one losing more than three games in a set.

Perhaps the most promising development over the first two matches of the tournament has been the first doubles play of Courtney Caron and Rachel Garber.

Cohasset made a lineup change a few weeks ago, with Garber and Chelsea Grossman switching between third singles and first doubles.

The new team got off to a slow start, but their play of late has turned first doubles back into a position of great strength for Cohasset. Their match with Canton may have been their best yet.

"The girls they played were very aggressive," Meehan said. "But both girls played great. Rachel went over them with top-spin lobs, and Courtney was just hitting it through people. And both were great with their serves."

Also turning it around of late after some season-ending struggles is second singles player Holly Graham. Against Canton, the senior put together a strong 6-3, 6-0 win.

This came after an impressive 6-1, 6-2 win over Mansfield freshman Lauren Desmond on Monday. Graham played her style perfectly, returning every shot her opponent made and waiting for her to make a mistake. The Cohasset senior also had several strong backhand winners from the baseline.



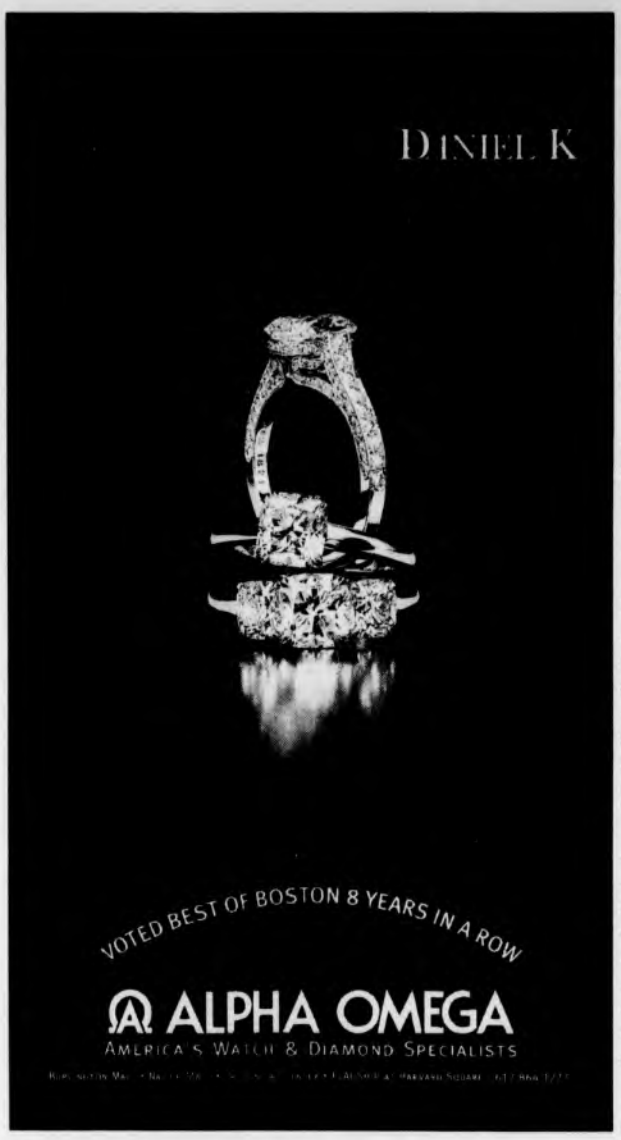
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Cohasset second doubles standout Corey Evans puts away a volley during Tuesday's win over Canton.

Grossman and Liz Stone both won on Monday without losing a single game, and each won Tuesday by the score of 6-1, 6-1. The number two doubles team of Emilie Sullivan and Corey Evans also won both their matches easily, displaying an unbeatable mix of strong serving and great reflexes at the net.Of course, things are a little different this year compared to last. As defending state champions, Cohasset has the proverbial bulls eye on their backs. And it may be even bigger than that, according to the coach.

"We have a bulls eye that covers our entire bus," Meehan said. "Clearly, the dynamic is different when you're the state champion. Everyone is gunning for you. It's been a tough position to be in, but the girls are really rising to the occasion."

If Cohasset is still alive as you are reading this, they will have risen to the occasion even further.



SPORTS NOTES

Clark's annual Fund Run set for June 12

When: Saturday, June 12

Events: 1 mile kids run- 9 a.m., 3.5 mile walk- 9:30am, 3.5 mile run- 10am

Where: The South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier Street, Cohasset, MA 02025

Entry fee: $12.00 before June 1, $15.00 after June 1, Kids run is $10.00 per child or $25.00 per family

Registration: begins at 8am for all events.

The U.S. National Guard will also be on hand with a HumVee and 25-foot climbing wall. Climbing instructions will be available to anyone interested.

Contact: Deb Beal (781-383-6100, x148) for more information or go to Coolrunning.com.

All race proceeds got to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund, named in honor of former Cohasset High Athletic Director Clark Chatterton, who lost his battle with cancer four years ago.

The Fund has already donated over $16,000 to several local causes and projects, among them the Milliken Field baseball renovation, the track and field discus cage at Alumni Field, the Cohasset Food Pantry, the CHS Athletic Trainor salary and the Presidential Class room at CHS.

This October, the Clark Chatterton Fund Committee will be sponsoring the first annual Clark Chatterton Golf Scramble at Hatherly Country Club in Scituate.

"Being a part of something like this has been very exciting," said Cohasset High Athletic Director and Fund Committee member Ron Ford of the Chatterton Fund. "This has already gone way beyond what we originally thought, and it just keeps getting bigger and bigger."

Anyone interested in making donations to the fund should directly contact a Clark Chatterton Fund Committee member. The members are Ford, Deb Beal, Jack DeLorenzo, Deanna Mulligan, Phil Mahoney, Bob Durkin, Gary Vanderweil and Linda Bolster, the Fund's President.

Donations can also be mailed to PO Box 652, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Splash in to summer!

The summer brochures for the Cohasset Swim Center have arrived. Additional copies of the brochure with the membership and Red Cross Swim Lesson registration forms will be available at the Cohasset Town Hall and The Paul Pratt Library. The deadline is May 21 for members to take advantage of the mail-in Swim Lesson Registration.

CYBSA holding Calender Fundraiser

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball calendar card raffle is still going strong. Since May 13th, we have had over 25 winners !! Through the generosity of the players, families and friends of the Cohasset Little League, this fundraiser raised over $15,000 which will be used to further enhance the baseball and softball programs. But, the winning is not over. The grand prize drawing of $1,000 will take place at the Little League cookout and All-Star game this Saturday, June 12th, starting @ 11:30 am. The winner of the Home-Run Derby will draw the raffle ticket!! So, come on down to the fields, enjoy a great BBQ, watch some exciting baseball and softball and maybe...be a $1,000 winner!!.

Skippers sail on from Vineyard

FROM SKIPPERS, PAGE 19

Senior captains Mike Devine and Conor Buick shut down Vineyards top attackman, and junior Kevin Dinsmore did a superb job, according to Curran, of filling in for the ailing Casey Coleman (mononucleosis).

"Kevin did a great job stepping into some big shoes," said Curran, "and Mike and Conor did just what you want your leaders to do. They've been so solid all year, but they both stepped up to an even higher level."

And senior netminder Nick Murphy was simply superb, stopping 17 of the 21 shots Vineyard players put on net.

More good news came the day after the game, as it was learned both Previte and Davis should be fit for duty for Friday's semifinals showdown.

Skippers 21, Tri-County 2

Not a lot of suspense here, obviously.

The host Skippers got a balanced effort to put this one out of reach early, with Aidan Buick leading the offense. The sophomore attackman finished with three goals and three assists, but seemed to have a direct hand in virtually every one of the early goals that helped the Skippers build their insurmountable lead.

"Aidan just took over in the early part of the game and we never looked back," said Coach Curran.

Junior attackman Jake Previte finished with a game best five goals and four assists, and the third member of the starting Cohasset front line, senior captain Mike Rasmussen, added four tallies.

Senior Mark Davis (goal, assist) played a strong game in the midfield, as did Trevor Brady, DeWayne Morris, Mike Bunstein and Jon Grimm (goal, assist).

The defense played well, with Leo Clougherty and Kevin Dinsmore doing a nice job stepping in for Casey Coleman (mononucleosis) at longstick. Regular starters Mike Devine, Conor Buick and Jeff Brown also did a nice job of helping to compensate for their downed running mate.

In net, senior Nick Murphy stopped four of the five shots he saw in the first half before giving way to his backups in the second half. Junior Chris Simms let in one goal in the third and sophomore Ben Libby shut the door in the fourth.

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Cohasset players, such as Christina Pinkus (left), came a long way this spring, but they also had some fun, as demonstrated by Katie James (right).

Young softball team showed major upgrades

FROM SOFTBALL, PAGE 19

Gontarz, Rachel Doyle, and Danielle Pinkus respectively jumped from .200 to .358, .279 to .345, and from .327 to .351.

Freshmen Christina Pinkus finished off the season with a high average of .389, while Laura Campedelli batted a highly respectible .394.

To celebrate the end of the 2004 season, Coach Bostwick hosted her team members at Bertuccis in Hingham. As part of the dinner the coach recognized certain players for their outstanding contributions including:

Sophomore Katie James - Best Offensive Player Award

Casey Anderson - Defensive Player Award

Caitlin Gontarz - Most Improved Award

Rachel Doyle - Coach's Award for help and dedication

Danielle Pinkus - Most Valuable Player Award

Melissa Crowley-Buck - Golden Glove Award for exceptional fielding.

"This season, we successfully proved we can compete with most SSL teams. We are a young and a growing team. With work we can become a top team," reflected Coach Deb Bostwick.

Casey Anderson echoed her coach's sentiments: "Right now, we have limitless potential. We can build on what we have."

First-baseman Erin Liddell also thought the Skippers could become championship contenders if they could further boost their confidence and hitting.

Coach Bostwick has already outlined her strategy for starting the 2005 team with a competitive edge. She has lined up AA baseball player Lew Rettman to run a softball clinic at Freedom Field during the off-season. Casey Anderson plans to help out at the camp.

Additionally, Bostwick has encouraged next year's hopefuls to take advantage of the new batting cage at Freedom Field or to play in a summer softball league. She also suggested her players explore the possibility of attending a highly-regarded camp at Wheaton College.

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Youth lady laxers just keep on rolling

The rains proved a more daunting opponent than Norwell or Pembroke for the Cohasset youth girls lacrosse teams on Sunday, June 6 at Deer Hill School.

Pembroke, for the second time this spring, simply used the rain as an excuse to avoid playing Cohasset, standing up the Cohasset White team. Norwell might have wished it had done the same, given the outcome of games at three different age levels.

The day started with Cohasset playing its first-ever game for 11-and-Under players, girls in grades three and four. Those children have played in a clinic all spring, instead of playing games, but you never would have known it was their first game by looking.

Whitney Jaffe opened the scoring and Danielle Healy finished off a feed from Claire Oswald as Cohasset got off to a 2-0 lead. Stephanie Brierly made several outstanding saves in the net, and a defense led by Ellie Tedeschi, Amanda and Nicole Farren, Taylor Kennedy and Zoe Whilton did a great job keeping Norwell at bay until late in the stanza. Were it not for two goals taken off the board, Cohasset would have entered the break much farther ahead than 2-1.

Norwell took control of the game early in the second half, scoring two goals to take a lead. But Cohasset's midfield play - led by Hope Kissick, Amber Silvia, Kate Bodner, Watson Leffel and Alison Whelan - turned the tide, even though Cohasset had trouble scoring. Jaffe's second score of the day tied the game and Sarah Evans finished a terrific afternoon with the game-winner with just moments left in the game. Danielle Frederick played the second half in the goal, standing tall to preserve the win.

Cohasset's older girls took the field next, with the Blue 13-U team (5th and 6th grades) squaring off against Norwell. While Cohasset was undermanned compared to its usual standards, it made little difference, as this game was a route from start to finish.

Hannah Burgess and Maddy Altholtz each scored three goals and picked up one assist, with Anna Michalowski and Sophie Bertolami adding two goals each, as Cohasset dominated the play. Bertolami and Lindsay Davis each added an assist.

Megan Richardson and Eliza Kinnealey were dominant in the defensive zone and Kate Hillman created several outstanding scoring opportunities at attack. Olivia Murphy and Whitney Jaffe split four saves between them to capture the shutout.

The shutout loss meant the Norwell 13-U team was O-for-Cohasset this season, having lost via shutout to Cohasset Blue in May. The combined score of the two games was 22-0.

The unbeaten Cohasset 15-U team was equally dominant in its turn on the field, romping past the visitors 11-2. Gabriella Flibotte scored a natural hat trick to open the game, and both she and Katelyn Ryan finished the day with four goals each. Katie Gaumer, Maura Barnes and Paige Strecker added solo scores, with Strecker, Sarah Brown and McKenna Teague adding one assist each on the day.

As good as the offense was, the defense was even better, frustrating Norwell at almost every turn. Lindsay Hill led the way, but Liz Tetrault and Natalie Hunt both put together their best defensive efforts of the season. Flibotte and Thomson Jaffe split the goaltending chores, splitting three saves between them.

Earlier in the week, the girls 15-U team squared off against Hull, and after trading early goals and staying at 1-1 for about 10 minutes, Cohasset scored six unanswered goals to blow the game open. Sixth-grader Thomson Jaffe's play in net was also a first-half highlight, stopping five of the six shots she faced; her first save marked the 200th stop she has made in three seasons playing in the cage for Cohasset's youth girls, and she would finish the afternoon with eight stops.

After a three-goal Hull rally opened the second half, Jenny Cahill's score on a solo dash to the net woke Cohasset up, and the home team cruised from there, winning 13-6.

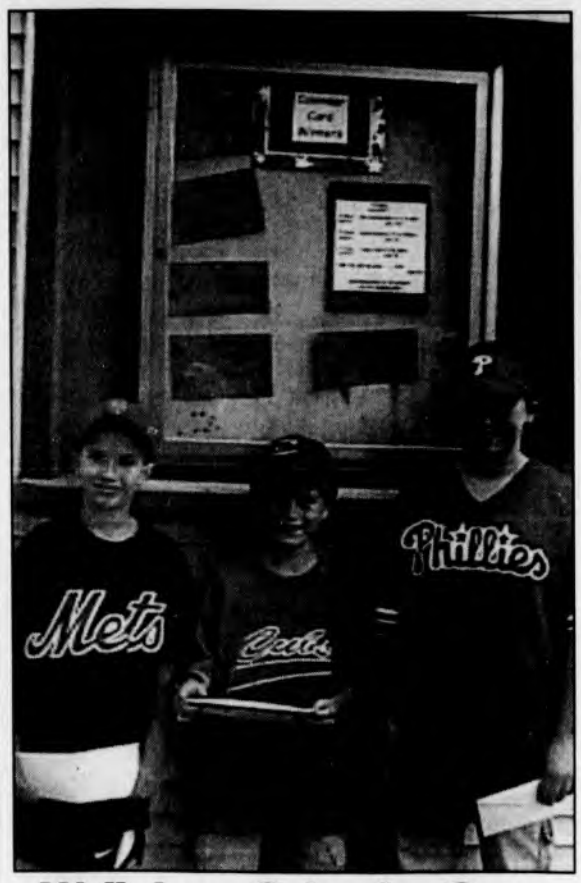
Gabriella Flibotte led the way on the day with five goals and two assists, but Katie Gaumer's hat trick included the play of the day, knocking down an outlet pass from Hull's goalie and depositing the ball in the back of the net.

Grace Clougherty picked up a goal and an assist, and Caitlin Mahoney, Kaley Madge and Madeline Leahy added single markers.

The 15-U girls are 7-0-1 on the season, with powerhouse Duxbury coming to town on Sunday, June 13. The Cohasset 13-U girls are a combined 8-2-2 on the season.

For more information on Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, go to cohassetlacrosse.com.

Sports hotline - (781) 837-4577



Well done Calendar Gang

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association congratulates the top three players who sold the most calendar cards during its recent fundraiser.

The are, from left to right, third place- Taylor Golz, first place- Max Montgomerty and second place- Nicole Robbins.

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Recreation Summer Playground signups

The Cohasset Recreation Commission announces Martha Equi will again be the director of the Summer Playground Program for children ages 31/2 to 12 years. Registration will be held the week of June 14 as follows: Monday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 17, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; and Tuesday evening, June 15, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Recreation Commission has also established fee charges for the 2004 playground program as follows:

- Full Day 5-12 year-olds: $350 for first child
- 1/2 Day 3-5 year-olds: $280 for first child
- $500 non-resident for either half or full-day program

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A $50 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover special in-house events and professional entertainment, arts and crafts supplies, swim walkers, T-shirts, etc. A separate check will be necessary.

- Limited enrollment has been set for each program
- Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis.
- All children must be toilet trained.

Programs meet at Osgood School, starting date is Tuesday, June 28.

The 5-12 year-olds, full-day program runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pre-school 31/2-5 year-old, half-day program runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Children must be born between Jan. 1, 1999 through March 1, 2001, to qualify.

Information regarding other summer programs: Drama Workshop, Youth Tennis, Teen Garage Activities, as well as adult programs will be forthcoming soon. Call 781-383-4109.

Shortcake delivery to local businesses

As part of its 16th Annual Strawberry Festival, Cohasset's Second Congregational Church will offer free shortcake delivery Friday afternoon, June 18, to local businesses ordering five or more fresh strawberry shortcakes. The church hopes to sell more than 2,500 shortcakes during this annual fund-raiser that runs alongside the South Shore Art Center's Festival on the Common, Friday June 18, through Sunday June 20. Shortcakes are $4 each and include a large buttermilk biscuit covered with fresh local strawberries and whipped cream. Proceeds benefit local charities in need including Father Bill's Place, The Mary Martha Learning Center, The Social Service League of Cohasset and Wellspring in Hull. Call the church office at 781-383-0345 and place your order by noon Thursday, June 17.

Coh. Dramatic Club presents 'Wizard of Oz'

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "The Wizard of Oz" at the Cohasset Town Hall, June 11,12 and 13. This well-known musical features dozens of munchkins, flying monkeys, winkies and other characters from all over the south shore. Friday and Saturday night performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinee is at at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased at Front Street Bookshop in Scituate, Springbrook Kids and Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, at the door, or by phone at (781)544-0304.

Girl scout groups receive $2 off the ticket price when reserving group seating. Contact Wendy Guyder at (781) 545-1655 for information and reservations.

Bring a can of cat or dog food to be donated to the Scituate Animal Shelter and receive $1 off admission at the door.

Matinee on Sunday, June 13 will feature a Dorothy Dress Alike/Look Alike contest with great prizes. Pictures with Dorothy, Toto, the Lion, Scarecrow and Tin Man will be available for sale at both Sunday matinees.

Learn to Row Day

Celebrate National Learn to Row Day on Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. down at the boathouse with Cohasset Maritime Institute, at their open house where people of all ages are welcome to stop by and learn more about the joys or rowing. Take a tour of the boathouse, see the variety of boats available to CMI members, learn how to use the new Concept2 Ergometers (indoor rowing machines), and meet the team of rowing instructors.

Last year hundreds of rowing clubs and thousands of people across the nation celebrated National Learn to Row Day. CMI Boathouse is located at 40 Parker Avenue Cohasset. Visit CMI online at www.rowcmi.org

Claire Cook at Buttonwood Books

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host Scituate author, Claire Cook, on Tuesday, June 22, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset. Claire will discuss her new book, "Multiple Choice", a witty and humorous look at your typical American family when children have outgrown the warm "I Love You" toddler years and are in the "Can I have the car, money, don't ask me any questions" teenage years. March Munroe and her daughter are going to college. Not at the same school but in the same area. The fun begins when they both show up for the same internship. Humor and compassion rule the day in Ms. Cook's latest novel on family dynamics. Claire's previous works include "Must Love Dogs" and "Ready To Fall". This is a free event and the public is welcome. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwood-books.com

Gospel concert at First Parish

It's Gospel Concert time again. The Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus will perform again this year at First Parish's Meeting House on the Common in Cohasset — a concert of traditional and contemporary gospel music — at 8 p.m. Saturday evening, June 19. The concert will again be presented in conjunction with the South Shore Arts Center's Festival on the Common. Wrap up your day of festival fun with the sounds of the Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus from Mattapan. Tickets are $10 and are available in advance or at the door. Call 781-383-1100 for advance ticket sales.

Lobster rolls! at Art Festival

First Parish U.U. Church in Cohasset on the Common will hold its lobster roll sale Friday, June 18, Saturday, June 19, and Sunday, June 20. These are all-meat lobster rolls accompanied by a bag of potato chips for $10. each. Pre-ordering is encouraged. Mail in your order to the Parish House, 23 No. Main Street, Cohasset, 02025. Checks may be made out to "First Parish Cohasset" - $10 per lobster roll – or order by calling Lucia Woods at 781-383-1555.

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St. Paul Parish picnic is Sunday

St. Paul Parish Picnic and Cookout will be held on June 13, at Hingham Harbor from 12:30 to 4 p.m. (rain date Sunday, June 20).

Highlights include the Armstrong Brothers Band, dunk tank, magician, games, food and more. Cost is $5 per person, or $25 max for a family of 2 adults and children.

Parishioners may call Sue Sullivan at 781-740-4464 for invitation. Replies can be mailed into St. Paul's at 147 North St., or put in collection baskets at Mass. Bring blankets and lawn chairs.

Musical theater workshop for kids

Starting this summer, South Shore Conservatory offers young drama enthusiasts, ages 5 to 8, the opportunity to take the stage at the Jane Carr Amphitheater, and immerse themselves in fun components of musical theatre.

The one-week program runs from July 26 to July 30, from 9 a.m. to noon, and is called First Time Musical Theatre Workshop. It is a new component of the renowned Musical Theatre Workshop program, now in its 15th season. Described by Director Ellen Kelly as a play-centered offering, the first-time program introduces children to basic elements of musical theatre such as singing, dancing and acting. The week concludes with a party presentation of work created by the students themselves.

Tuition is $150. Students interested in enrolling are asked call 781-749-7565, ext.10 to make an appointment to meet informally with the program director to determine if the program is suitable for them.

Carillon concerts to begin June 27

The 80th Annual Series of Summer Carillon Recitals will be given on the 57-bell carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset, on eight successive Sunday evenings at 6 p.m., beginning June 27, and continuing through Aug. 15. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic suppers to Cohasset Common or to the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension. Printed programs will be available in a stand by the courtyard, and will also be distributed on the common. In case of rain, listen from your parked cars. The concerts are free of charge. A tower tour and carillon demonstration will be offered after each program for those interested in viewing the instrument.

The first program on June 27, will be given by Suzanne Magassy, carillonneur from Canberra, Australia. Ms Magassy will play original carillon compositions by Australian composers John Gordon, Larry Sitsky and Christopher Lyndon-Gee, transcriptions of pieces by Copland, Saint-Sadns, Schubert, Gluck and Vivaldi, and arrangements of American folk and popular songs.

Carillonneurs for the remainder of the series are as follows: July 4, Sally Slade Warner (an all American program); July 11, Dennis Curry of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; July 18, James W. Smith of Merpersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pa.; July 25, Justin Ryan of Denver, Colo.; Aug. 1, John Widmann of Frederick, Md.; Aug. 8, Daniel Kerry Kehoe of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. The final recital will be played on Aug. 15, by David Hunsberger of the University of California at Berkeley. For information, phone Sally, Slade Warner at 978-475-2599, the Church office, 781-383-1083, or Mary Kennedy, Assistant Carillonneur, 781-383-9599.

Radio Disney at SpringBrook

The radio station "Just for Kids" is coming to SpringBrook Kids on Saturday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Radio Disney on-site from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.). SpringBrook Kids of Cohasset has invited Radio Disney Boston to participate in its summer community outreach event intended to share the joy of playing games and using the imagination with area children and their families from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on event day.

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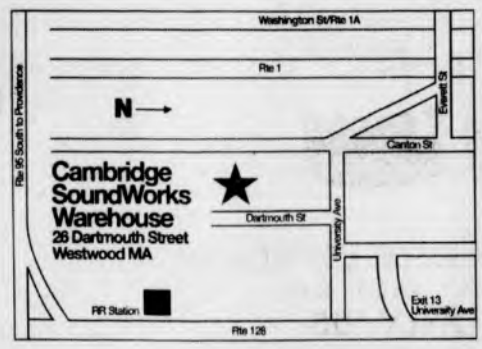
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Cohasset High awards and scholarships

The following awards and scholarships were presented on Class Night last Wednesday:

Margaret Mary Hardy Scholarship — **Rachel E. Doyle, Elisa A. Ninde-Jerome, Danielle E. Pinkus, Alicia M. Sanchez, Julia G. Scribner, Kristen A. Watts**

Alice and Walter Shuebruk Scholarship — **Sean M. Connolly, Nicole E. Durant, Alison E. Earon, Elizabeth C. Meikleham, Shan Shan Nie, Emily N. Simmons, Carling L. Sturino, Nicole A. Turgis**

Malcolm H. and Helen C. Stevens Scholarship — **John J Andrade, Jefferson T. Barrett, Caitlin C. Condon**

Princeton Prize for Race Relations — **Shan Shan Nie**

American Legion Auxiliary — **Jennifer M. Fiori, Anthony J. Truglia**

American Legion - George H. Mealy Post #118 — **John J. Andrade, Stephen F. Davis, Jennifer M. Fiori, Kristin N. Howard, Meaghan E. Marr, Laura A. Marks, Daniel J. Roth, Anthony J. Truglia**

Sons of American Legion — **Meghan E. Marr, Kristen A. Watts**

Cohasset Veterans of Foreign Wars, #9146 - The William T. Barnes, Jr., Memorial Scholarship — **Jennifer M. Fiori, Meghan E. Marr, Daniel J. Roth**

Coach Dennis Walsh Hockey Scholarship/Cohasset Hockey Boosters — **Mike W. Devine**

Cohasset Teachers Association Scholarship — **Brenna E. O'Donnell, Emilie H. Sullivan**

PCEA — **Emilie H. Sullivan**

Cohasset Firemen's Benefit Association — **Holly R. Bilodeau, Meaghan E. Marr**

Cohasset Permanent Firefighters Scholarship — **Holly R. Bilodeau, Meaghan E. Marr**

Cohasset Farmers Market Scholarship — **Laura A. Marks, Michael F. Rasmussen, Anthony J. Truglia**

Cohasset Gridiron Club — **Christopher Bilodeau, Sean M. Connolly, Stephen F. Davis, Dennis M. Dooley, Jr., DeWayne L. Morris, Anthony J. Truglia**

Cohasset Dental — **Jefferson T. Barrett, Laura A. Marks**

Cohasset METCO Scholarship — **Danielle A. Johnson, Dewayne L. Morris,**

Shan Shan Nie, Tiyanna A. Pope

Cohasset Arts Awards — **Shelly B. Carter, Caitlin M. Gontarz**

C.H.S. Student Council Scholarship. — **Emilie H. Sullivan, Nicole A. Turgiss**

Cohasset Policemen's Association — **Anthony J. Trulia, Kristen A. Watts**

Cohasset Soccer & Boosters Club Scholarships — **Brenna E. O'Donnell, John T. Oronte**

Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Scholarship — **Ashley M. Faber, Tess A. Foley, Elisa A. Ninde-Jerome, Delia W. Regan**

Cohasset Wrestling Boosters Scholarship — **Jake W. Berger, Alicia M. Sanchez**

Mary Staunton Scholarship Award — **Jake W. Berger**

Cohasset Youth Baseball Association Scholarship — **Jefferson T. Barrett, Jonathan K. Downing**

Community Garden Club of Cohasset — **Ryan R. Ofsthun**

D.A.R. Good Citizen Award — **Daniel Tarpey, Nicole A. Turgiss**

The John F. Creamer Memorial Scholarship - Susan McCarthy — **Brenna E. O'Donnell**

Cohasset Basketball Boosters - The Susan DeMichele Scholarship — **John J. Andrade, Christopher Bilodeau, Jennifer Buckley, Sean M. Connolly, Ashley M. Faber, Caitlin M. Gontarz, Danielle E. Pinkus, Danielle Tarpey**

The Gia Baressi Memorial Scholarship — **Tess A. Foley**

Robert A. Goyette Memorial Scholarship — **Jonathan K. Downing, Danielle E. Pinkus**

Jean F. Higgins Community Service Award — **Shan Shan Nie**

Joseph F. Walsh, III, Memorial Scholarship: Democratic Town Committee — **Kristin N. Howard**

Republican Town Committee — **Jessie W. Guild, Daniel J. Roth**

Max Lax Scholarship — **Ashley M. Faber, Michael F. Rasmussen**

Catherine W. Mulcahy Scholarship — **Phillip M. Strazzulla**

Nichols Fund Committee — **Brittany M. Novak**

The Henry David Thoreau Scholarship — **Brittany M. Novak**

Robert S. Pape Charitable Trust — **Kristin A. Watts, Laura A. Marks**

Burtram J. Pratt Memorial: Cohasset Historical Society — **Elise A. Ninde-Jerome**

Rotary Club of Cohasset — **Sean M. Connolly, Jonathan K. Downing, Jesse W. Guild, Kristin N. Howard, Mariel P. Koed, Laura A. Marks Shan Shan Nie, Elisa A. Ninde-Jerome, Brenna E. O'Donnell, Daniel J. Roth, Michael F. Rasmussen, Alicia M. Sanchez**

Valedictorian Award — **Britany M. Novak**

Salutatorian Award — Tess A. Foley

Stanton Family Scholarship — **Holly R. Bilodeau, Kristin N. Howard, Meghan E. Marr**

Scott Sandblom Memorial Scholarship —**Jesse W. Guild**

Fred Troy Memorial Scholarship — **Brenna E. O'Donnell**

Student Council Award — **Ian P. Hickey, Nicole A. Turgiss**

NROTC — **Erik C. Belz**

MAFLA Award: French — **Brittany M. Novak;** Spanish — **Rachel A. Doyle**

Jennifer Wing Baird Citizenship Award — **Christopher Bilodeau, Kathleen Hurley**

Dorothea O. Casey Memorial — **Laura A. Marks**

Cohasset Mariner Scholarship — **John Thomas Oronte**

Principal's Leadership Award — **Nicole A. Turgiss**

Noel Ripley Scholarship — **Holly R. Bilodeau, Scott A. McArthur**

The William Ripley Scholarship — **Andrew P. Busk, Andrew P. Musto**

Rockland Trust Company Scholarship — **Elisa A. Ninde-Jerome, Kristen A. Watts**

National Merit Finalist — **Tess A. Foley**

Stanley Z. Koplik Award — **Rachel A. Doyle, Emily M. Simmons**

The Social Service League — **Jennifer Buckley**

Teen Ink Awards — **Jefferson T. Barrett, Meghan E. Marr, Carling I. Sturino, Daniel Tarpey**

Hingham Sons of Italy — **Anthony J. Truglia**

South Shore Arts Center Scholarship — **Shelly B. Carter**

Massachusetts Elks Scholarship — **Elise A. Ninde-Jerome**

Massachusetts AFL-CIO Scholarship — **Nicholas J. Murphy**

Student Government Awards — **Erik C. Belz, Brittany M. Novak**

John DeLorenzo, Assistant Principal, presented the following awards:



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CHS graduates Elisa Ann Ninde Jerome, Shan Shan Nie and Jenna Lowe outside the Music Circus on Saturday.

Class of 2005:

Bausch & Lomb Science Award — **Toby Norman**

Dartmouth Book Award — **Jonathan Grimm**

Harvard Book Award — **Toby Norman**

Holy Cross Book Award — **Jack Carroll**

Rensselaer Award — **Elizabeth Stone**

Smith Book Award — **Elizabeth Stone**

Wellesley Book Award — **Lindsey Kennedy**

Williams Book Award — **Domenic Strazzulla**

The "Golden Apple" Award — **Christine Berman**



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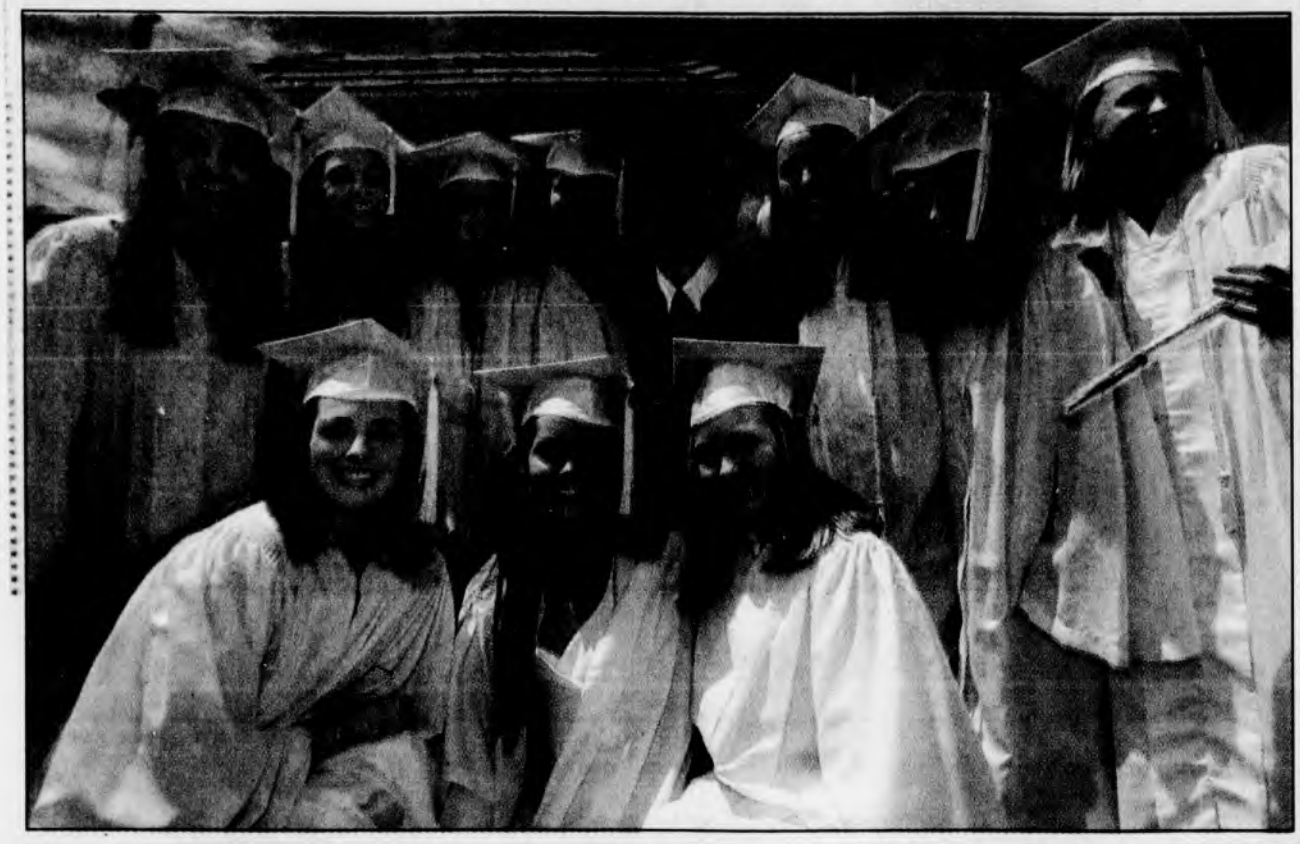
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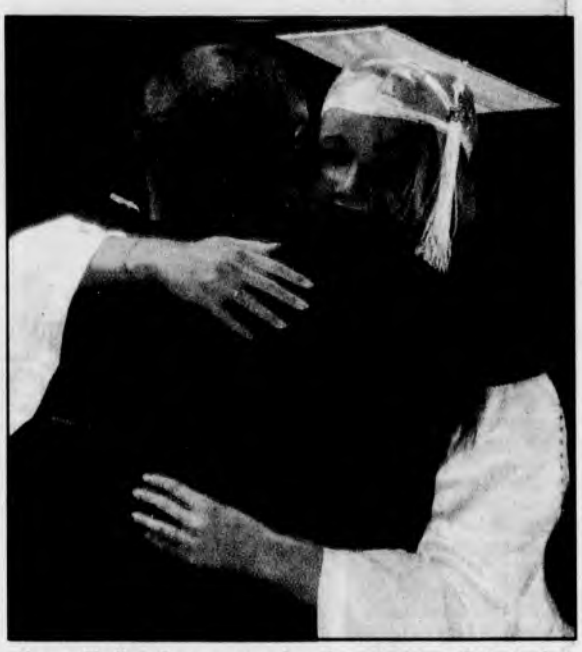
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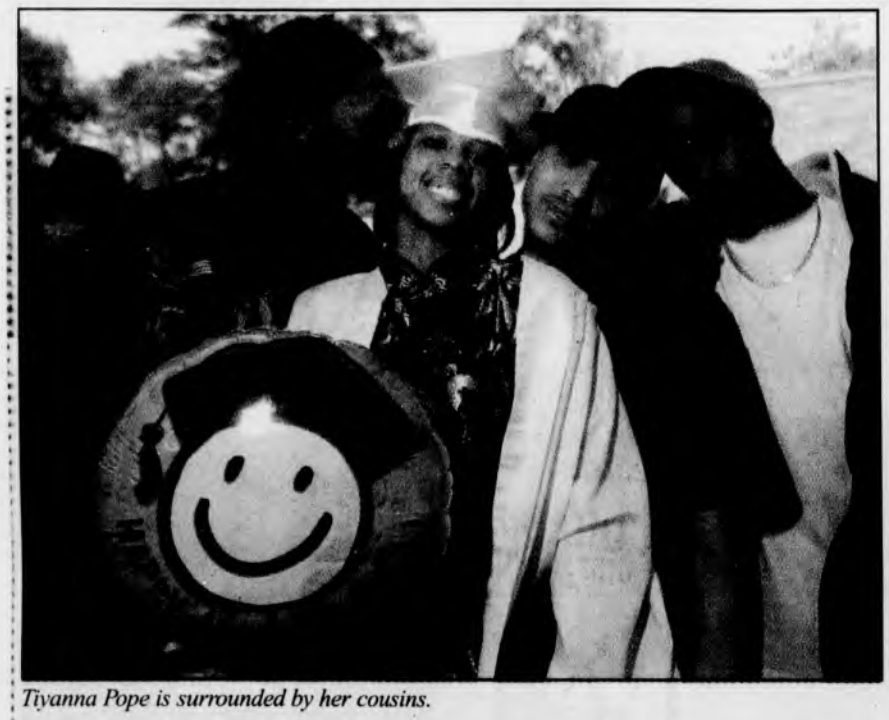
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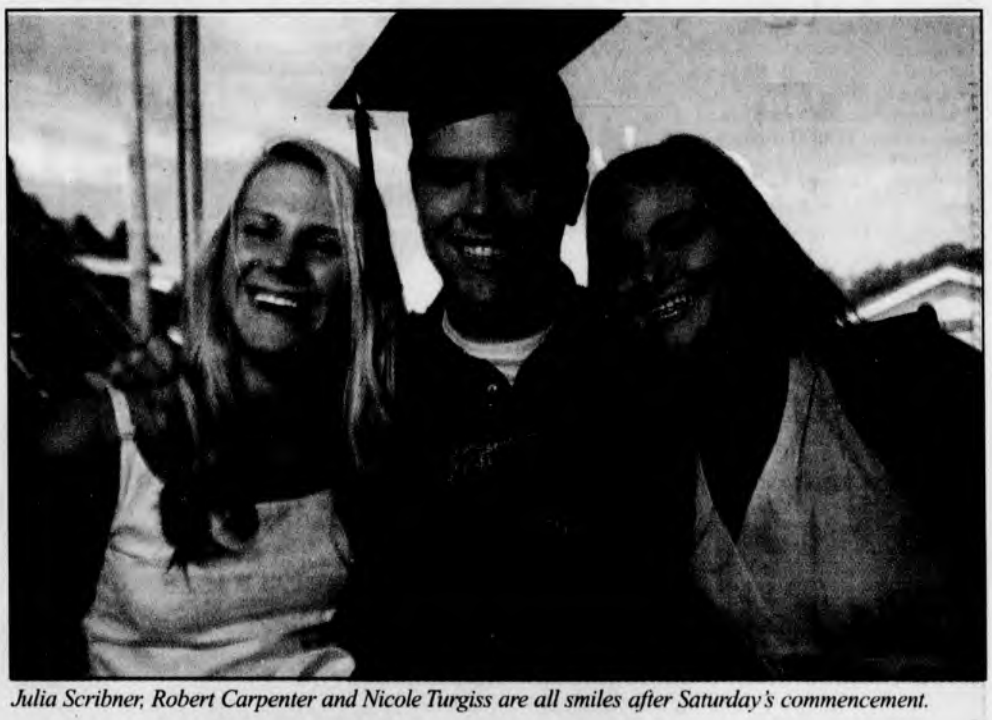


Above: Shelley Carter gets a hug from Assistant Principal Jack DeLorenzo.

At left: Ryan Tufts is surrounded by female classmates at Saturday's commencement. Back row, Sarah Lambert, Sara McMorris, Fran Noble, Corey Evans, Ryan Tufts, Tess Foley, Leah McMorris and Jessie Guild. Front row, Brenna O'Donnell, Kathleen Hurley and Kristin Howard.



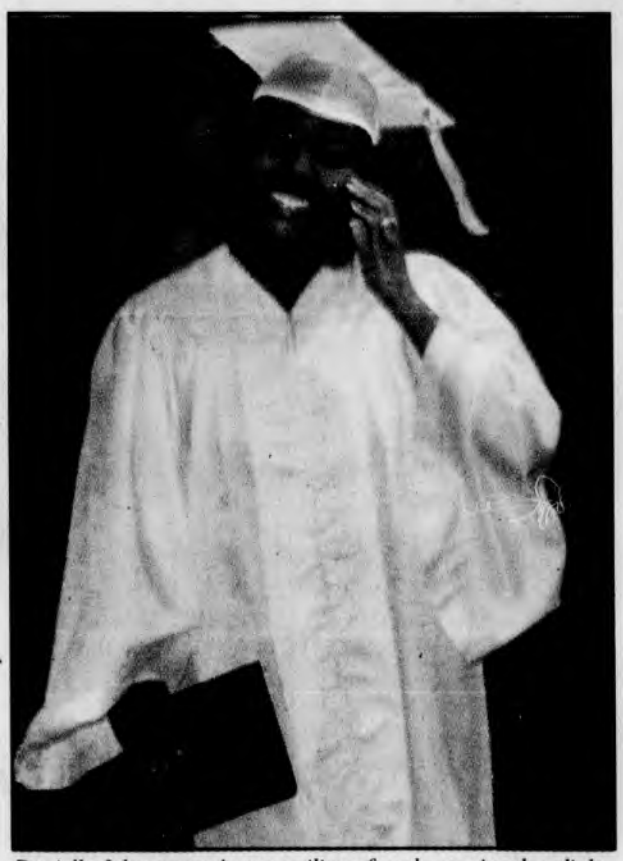
Tiyanna Pope is surrounded by her cousins.



Julia Scribner, Robert Carpenter and Nicole Turgiss are all smiles after Saturday's commencement.



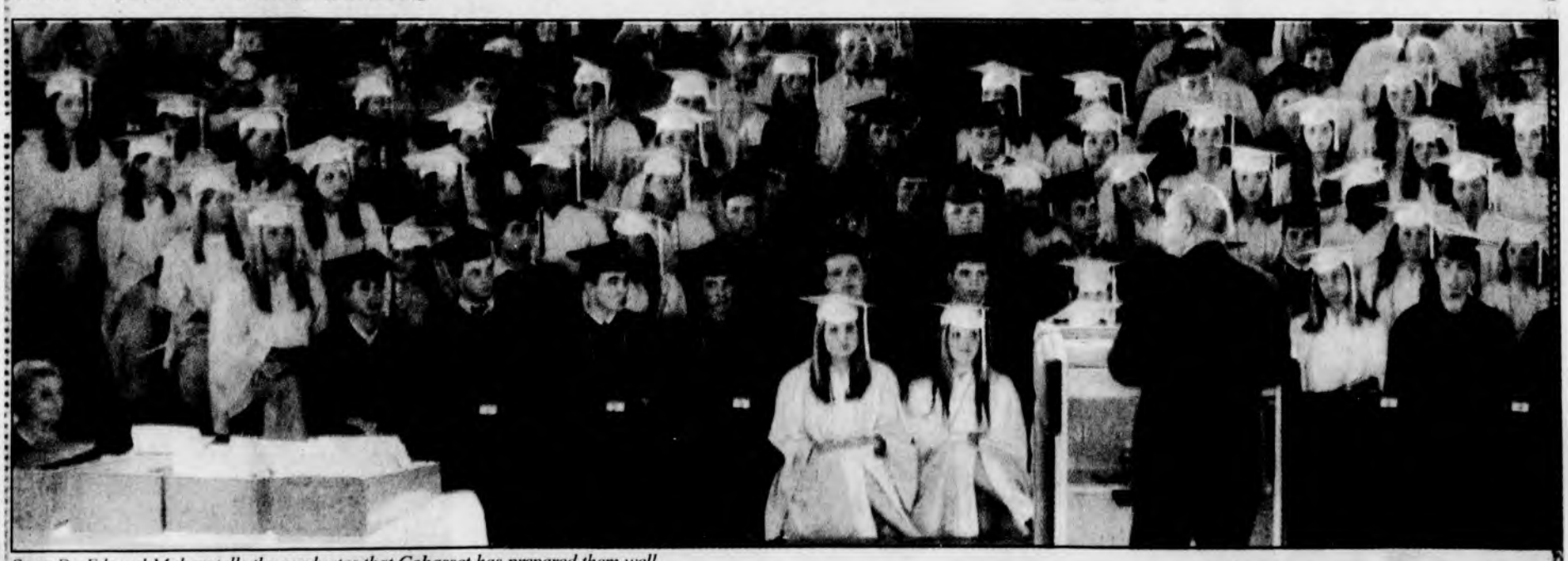
Class president Libby Meiklehan likened her classmates' time at CHS to the "glory days" in Bruce Springsteen's song.



Danielle Johnson can't stop smiling after she receives her diploma.



Tess Foley, salutatorian, talks about growing up in a small community.



Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey tells the graduates that Cohasset has prepared them well.



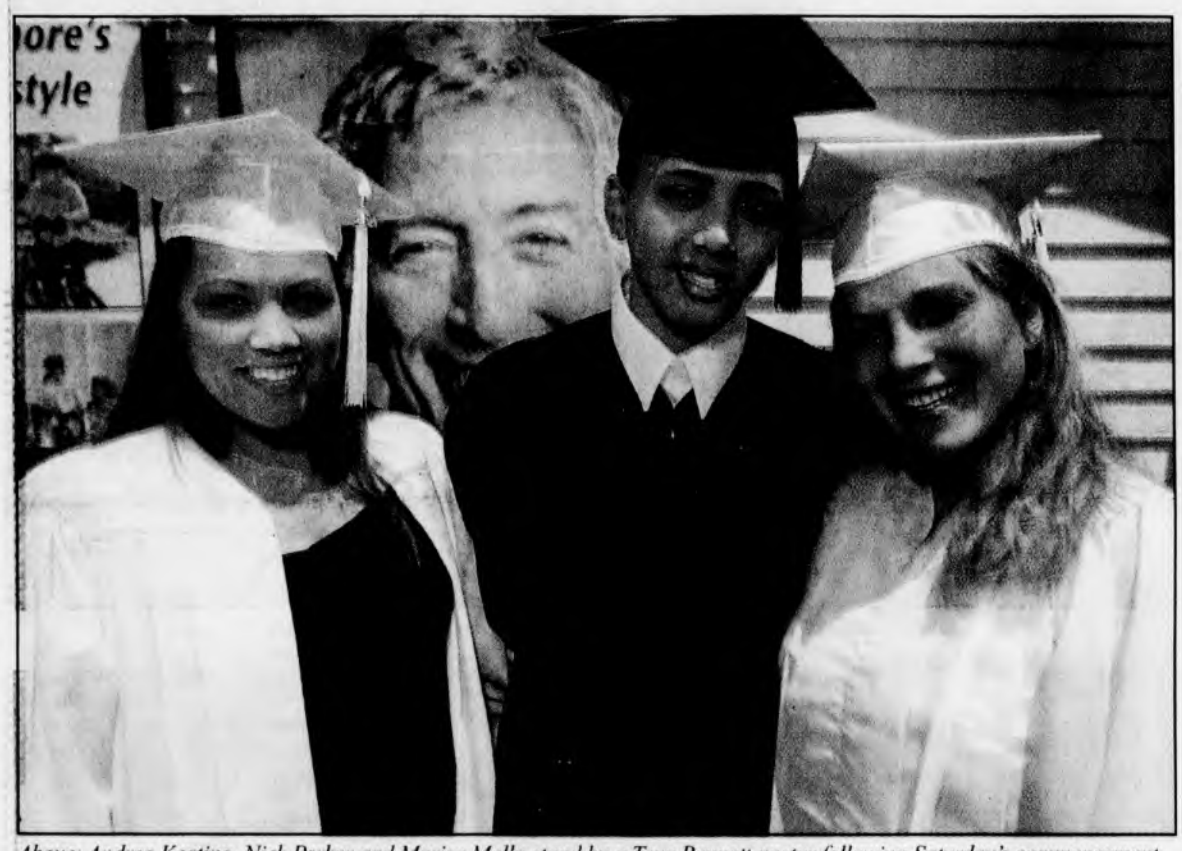


Above: Laura Marks gets congratulatory kisses from her mom and dad, David and Kathy Marks.

At left: Jill Fiori holds a red rose after graduation.

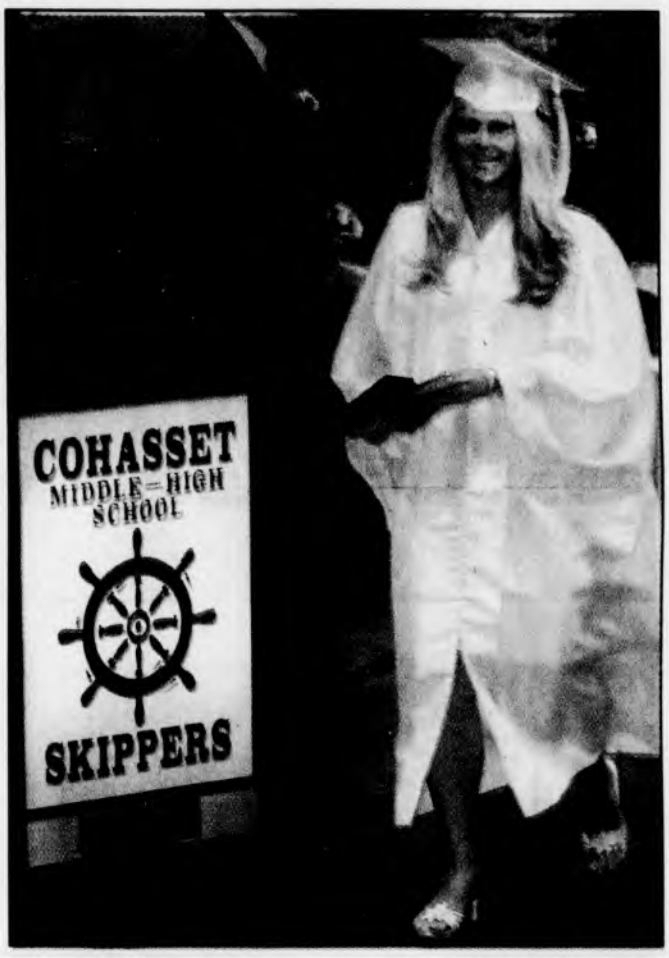
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CHS Class of 2004 starts new chapter



Above: Andrea Keating, Nick Parker and Marisa Mello stand by a Tony Bennett poster following Saturday's commencement.

At right: Julia Scribner strides across the stage with her diploma.

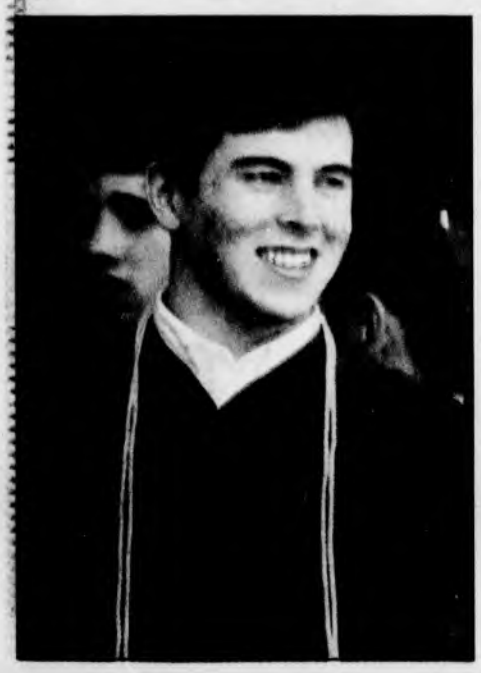




Brittany Novak, valedictorian, shared memories of the years the class spent together.



Above: Amyra Chase gets a hug following the ceremony.

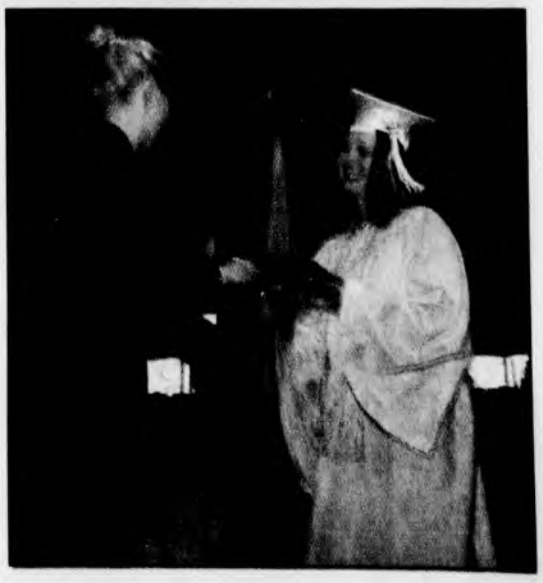




At left: Retiring Deer Hill teacher JoAnn Magoun and other retirees are recognized with an honorary diploma.

Far left: Philip Strazzulla exits the Big Tent following graduation on Saturday.

At right: Ali Earon is presented with her diploma from National Honor Society advisor, Jill Swenson.



Students given picture of prison life

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enlightening students."

Both officers began working for the all male Federal Medical Center (FMC) in Devens, Mass. last spring as correctional officers. Employed alongside 50 other officers, Nogz and Potolicchio work to protect the inmates and facilities, while defending the public from escapees. Never in the FMC's history has an inmate escaped, but this does not stop attempts and the level of protection from the officers. Being a medical center, the FMC houses 1,500 inmates who are mentally and physically ill and is fully equipped with a hospital wing. The facility also houses inmates of all levels of security from the age of 18 to 80. In order to maintain an eye over every inmate, each shift of 50 officers requires a random search of five cells or common areas, known as "shakedowns."

In order to work for the government law enforcement, the officers explained their eight-week training process in Brunswick, Ga. For eight weeks, more than 75 different organizations learned every possible scenario within the confines of the old Naval Base on which it resides. There individuals become fully prepared to continue at any level of law enforcement because of the camp's basic training.



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CHS students in Jack Buckley's law class are shown a weapon fabricated in prison by an inmate.

Currently residing in Hull, Officer Potolicchio plans to continue his involvement in the government law enforcement. After working as a harbormaster, correctional officer at Norfolk Sheriff's Department, an environmental police officer and as an animal control officer, Potolicchio has found his niche in the government's justice position. After working at the FMC for the past year, Officer Nogz will also continue in the government law enforcement.

Through the officers' presentations, students were made knowledgeable of the truth in prisons, the lack of privacy and the limitations of visitors or mail. By avoiding scare tactics, students were able to see a non-violent approach to fighting crime, rather than the abuse they are exposed to daily. With support, Potolicchio and Nogz hope to expand their presentation and to educate more students on their knowledge of government law enforcement and the U.S. Department of Justice's Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Kelly Hurley is a senior at Cohasset High School.

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Dean Morrissey in Scituate art exhibit

By Matthew J. Gill
MGILL@CNC.COM

Lovers of fine art and children's fiction have a reason to celebrate together this weekend.

Scituate's Dean Morrissey, who's both an accomplished painter and writer, will showcase both of his professional talents this weekend when for the first time, he will display his artwork in the town of Scituate.

Visitors to the exhibit, which will be housed in a friend's spacious wooden barn at 292 Clapp Road, will have the opportunity to view approximately 35 of Morrissey's oil paintings, sketches, and lithographs as well as a handful of the seven colorful children's books he's published in the last decade.

Morrissey's first book, Ship of Dreams sold more than 400,000 copies and ascended to the third spot on the New York Times bestseller's list. The newspaper also named the book one of the best illustrated children's books of 1994.

Images from the book are so popular, they have appeared on the cover of FAO Schwartz' Christmas catalog, as well as in the windows of Saks Fifth Avenue stores across the country.

A full-time painter since the late 1970s, Morrissey will take a break from his busy schedule in front of the easel to chat with visitors on Saturday and Sunday, and sign any of his children's books.

In his paintings, Morrissey often incorporates images from Scituate — The Quarterdeck shop on Front Street has appeared in a handful of paintings — as well as the portraits of numerous neighbors, friends, and relatives.

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While painting his own renditions of characters from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, Morrissey elicited the help of Scituate's Billy Damon and Marty and Peter Noenicky to stand in as models in contemporary British attire.

"I've discovered over time if I use people that I know, or places I'm familiar with," said Dean, "it adds an intangible that can make the difference between a competent picture and an inspired picture."

A self-taught artist, Morrissey worked in New York for more than ten years as a freelance book-cover illustrator, winning numerous awards, prior to the release of Ship of Dreams.

He's since completed award-winning works including The Great Kettles: A Tale of Time, The Christmas Shop, and The Monster Trap.

Although he was working in his field in New York, and winning awards for his efforts, Dean said he eventually cane to realize the paintings he was creating as jacket covers and posters for others had very little to do with him, and it left him "creatively wanting."

The writing and painting he's been completing for the children's books — and the often personal connections represented within —however, have refired him for the work which he describes as a "lifelong pursuit" that may never have an end.

"This has restored me to do what I really love to do," he said.

"Dean's work is very different," added his wife Shan Morrissey, who with the art barn's owner Cynthia Robbins, has been busy preparing the art pieces for exhibit.

Like Dean's work, this weekend's display of his images will also be "different," said Shan, as not a single traditional easel will be used.

Instead of hangers and a standard arrangement of images on a gallery wall, Shan and Cynthia have employed the use of wood boxes and antique tables and chairs to properly display the paintings with a nostalgic look.

The arts barn will be open to the public Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and all of the images on display are for sale.

For more information on the show, call Shan Morrissey at (781) 545-6261

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Where do you see yourself in 10 years?



Class Valedictorian Brittany Novak: "Happy, successful, and doing what I love. I'll hopefully be out of school, but probably not."



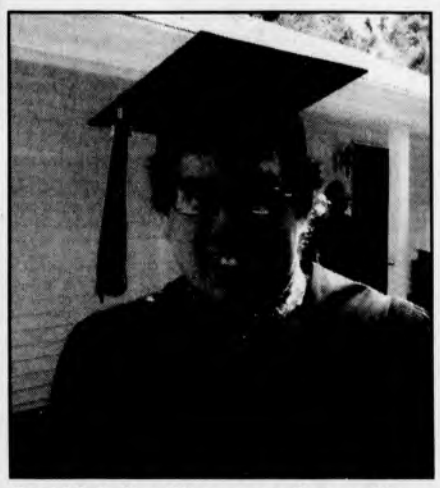
Caitlin Condon (with sister Whitney and brother Tom): "Doing something pharmaceutical."



From left, Krissy Watts: "Married and owning my own restaurant." Carling Sturino "Graduated from college and probably a lawyer." Rachel Doyle: "Traveling the world." Danielle Pinkus: "Happily married with kids."



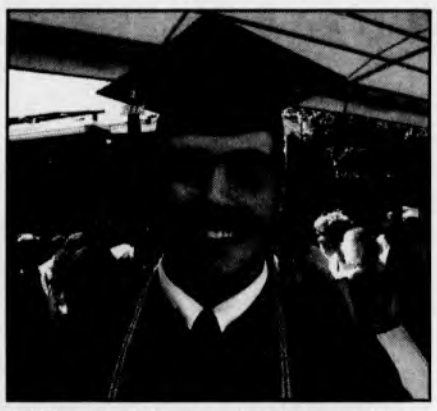
Jessica O'Connell: "I guess we'll see when we get there."



Scott McArthur: "Success at whatever I'm doing."



Libby Meikleham and Meghan Marr: "Probably working."



Jeff Barrett: "I have no clue, but something good."



Tiyanna Pope: "On stage rapping."

Interviews and photos by Samantha Brown

CHS Class of 2004 college destinations

CHS graduates are headed to the following colleges:

Mariel Koed – Suffolk University; Sarah Lambert – Hobart and William Smith Colleges; Jamie Litchfield – United States Marines; Jenna Lowe – Boston University; Laura Marks – Emmanuel College; Meghan Marr – Providence College; Scott McArthur – New England Institute of Art; Leah McMorris – Fairfield University; Sarah McMorris – Marist College; Elizabeth Meikleham – Boston College; Marisa Mello – Year Off; DeWayne Morris – Assumption College; Nicholas Murphy – Wentworth Institute of Technology; Andrew Musto – Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Shan Shan Nie – Boston University

Elisa Ninde- Jerome – St. Joseph's University; Sarah Noble – Connecticut College; Brittany Novak – Harvard University; Jessica O'Connell – Career Education Institute; Brenna O'Donnell – University of Vermont; Andrew O'Keeffe – Traveling Abroad and pursuing music; Ryan Ofsthun – University of Vermont; John Oronte – Fairfield University;Nicholas Parker – New England Institute of Technology

Danielle Pinkus – University of Connecticut; Tiyanna Pope – Undecided; Michael Rasmussen – Widener University ; Christen Reardon – Fordham University ; Delia Regan – Assumption College; Daniel Roth – Framingham State College; Alicia Sanchez – Salve Regina University ; David Santiago – Deferring a semester; Julia Scribner – UMass Amherst; Emily Simmons – Gordon College

Phillip Strazzulla – New York University; Carling Sturino – Assumption College; Emilie Sullivan – Lafayette University; Daniel Tarpey – United States Naval Academy; Adam Thayer – Working; Julie Trahon – Wagner College; Tony Truglia – St. Anselm College; Ryan Tufts – Bryant College; Nicole Turgiss – Colby College; Kristen Watts – Bryant College; Gillian Weber – Boston University; Andrew Wise – UMass Amherst

Alzheimer's support group meets June 16

"Maximizing Efficiency while Minimizing Stress" will be the title of a special program for caregivers on Wednesday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc.

Stacy Carruth, is research coordinator for the Caregivers Study at Boston University School of Medicine.

Seventy-four caregivers in the study prepared with a five-week training course that identified typical problematic behavior in caring for a patient at home. The control group learned specific method to ease the behavior while dealing with the associated stress. Although this study is ongoing. The preliminary results point to ways to improve both the patient's care and carepartner's well being. Carruth will share the findings, as well as helpful techniques of caregiving.

This meeting is free and open to the public and will be held at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St., For more information, call JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417 or Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426.

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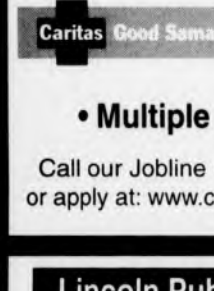

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LEGAL NOTICE
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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P1308AA

In the Estate of CLARK N YOUNG AKA CLARK HYE YOUNG, JR

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death December 5, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE WILL ANNEXED

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CLARK NYE YOUNG III of SAN JOSE in the state of CALIFORNIA or some other suitable person be appointed as administrator with the will annexed of said estate to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 7, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and ground upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this
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Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, MAY 31

12:31 a.m. Brook St., suspicious auto.

1:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other police department.

7:52 a.m. Beechwood St., officer wanted.

12:23 a.m. Summer St., traffic complaint.

2:13 p.m. Parking Way, property (lost).

2:52 p.m. Ash St., traffic complaint.

8:19 p.m. Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

8:50 p.m. Beechwood St., and Doane St., suspicious (other).

9:03 p.m. Highland Ave, suspicious (other).

10:10 p.m. Sohier St. and North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

12:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:42 a.m. Beechwood St. and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:15 a.m. South Main St., and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:52 a.m. Forest Ave, and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:44 a.m. Spring St., assist citizen.

8:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, removed to hospital.

10:14 a.m. Beechwood St., fire, inspections.

11:25 a.m. Lamberts Lane, property (found).

1:07 p.m. Border St., disturbance, area search negative.

2:40 p.m. Ash St. and Short St., fire, investigation.

7:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disturbance, dispersed gathering.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

2:47 a.m. Bancroft Road, medical aid.

10:24 a.m. Lamberts Lane, property (found).

10:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, well being check.

11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:49 a.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

3:49 p.m. Stoneleigh Lane, medical aid, patient sign off.

5:41 p.m. Jerusalem Road, notification.

6:40 p.m. Beechwood St., fire, investigation.

7:28 p.m. Forest Ave, officer wanted.

8:32 p.m. North Main St., and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:38 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

5:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:30 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

8:30 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious (other).

8:43 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assault, investigated/report taken.

10:27 p.m. King St., suspicious auto.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

12:32 a.m. Elm St., disturbance family, arrest: Paul J. Laugelle, 51, 35 Elm St., Cohasset. Charges: A&B.

6:52 a.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:23 a.m. Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:01 a.m. Black Horse Lane, animal control.

8:20 a.m. North Main St., notification.

8:22 a.m. Black Rock Road, notification.

8:53 a.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

10:20 a.m. Beechwood St., assist citizen.

12:10 p.m. Norman Todd Lane, animal control, peace restored.

2:32 p.m. Appletree Lane, animal control.

3:09 p.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

3:25 p.m. Bancroft Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:28 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle crash, area search negative.

6:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted, advised legal help.

9:10 p.m. Forest Ave., and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:30 p.m. Aaron River Road, officer wanted.

10:48 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, no police service necessary.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

3:13 a.m. Jerusalem Road, and Nichols Road, motor vehicle crash.

9:23 a.m. Jerusalem Road, traffic complaint, area search negative.

11:20 a.m. North Main St., disturbance, area search negative.

12:40 p.m. King St., medical aid, no fire service necessary.

1:27 p.m. Parker Ave., fire, investigation.

1:47 p.m. Bancroft Road, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

2:31 p.m. Elm St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

2:43 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, suspicious (other).

3:24 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious (other).

5:42 p.m. Lantern Lane, motor vehicle stop.

6:29 p.m. Jerusalem Lane, general services.

6:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pont St., motor vehicle stop.

7:20 p.m. Border ST., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:50 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle violations, area search negative.

9 p.m. Border St., general services.

10:25 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

10:33 p.m. Beach St., property damage.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

12:38 a.m. Highland Ave., open door/window.

12:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

7:27 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:21 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:26 p.m. Lamberts Lane, disturbance family, investigated/report taken.

3:16 p.m. James Lane, animal control.

6:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, open door/window.

7:34 p.m. Pond St., general services.

8:33 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:44 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

Police arrested 11 in May

May was a relatively busy month for the Town of Cohasset Police Department, there were 11 arrests, two for Larceny over $250, one for an Outstanding Warrant, one for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, two for Failure to Disperse, one for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, and finally four for Protective Custody, Police Chief Robert Jackson said.

During the month of May the police department investigated 17 Motor Vehicle Accidents, two of which resulted in personal injury. There were 54 Motor Vehicle Citations issued totaling $1,175 in fines. Additionally, there were 40 parking tickets issued for $1,150 in fines, Jackson said.

Also in the month of May the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 821 calls for police services of those 117 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls.

In the month of May there was 3 Breaking and Entering of a residence. Also in May there were six Criminal Complaint issued.

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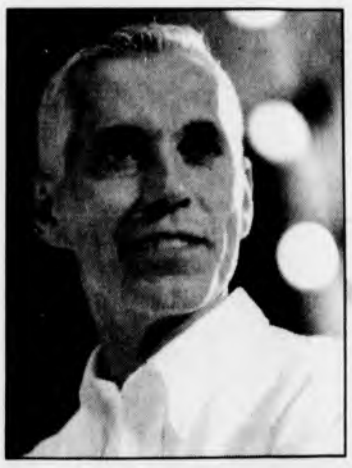
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Couple says restoring antique Cape was labor of love

Home featured on House Tour

By Constance Gorfinkle
SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Jonathan and Isabel Asher will be welcoming visitor to their home, the John Leavitt House, for the Hingham Historical Society House Tour, June 13.

The expanded Cape at the Corner of Common and Main streets in Hingham seems to beckon from another time. In high summer, hollyhocks and roses in flamboyant hues compete for the passerby's attention, while the house itself maintains the elegant poise it has possessed for two centuries.

This is the home of Jonathan and Isabel Asher, who, in just five years, have restored the John Leavitt House to its ancient charm, while adding amenities that make present-day life comfortable.

Visitors will have a chance to see what the Ashers have accomplished on June 13, when their home will be one of five antique residences on view in the 80th annual Hingham Historical Society house tour.

Isabel, who grew up in colonial Duxbury, and Jon, whose affection for old houses was nurtured in his hometown of Rhinebeck, N.Y., knew they wanted a large cape "with a small yard," and the Leavitt house filled the bill.

For the couple, who came to Hingham from the Washington, D.C. area, where Jon had worked as a technical information advisor to the Federal government, it was love at first sight, says Sandy (as Isabel is known to her friends).

"After 30 seconds, we knew we wanted this house to be our home forever," she added. The Ashers felt that way despite the fact that the front door opened into a tiny entry where ductwork was plainly visible, a new and reconfigured kitchen was needed, and a slew of fixes – inherent in any antique - had to be addressed.

Not that the house hadn't been cherished by its previous owners, many of whom had been descendents of John Leavitt. And it had the added advantage of being in another family for half a century.

Filled with light from large windows and a sense of airiness due to high ceilings, the Ashers' home is a blend of luxurious and cozy. Sandy, who plainly decorates from the heart, and is an avid collector of antiques, has filled the house with appropriate period pieces that provide a link to its 18th-century beginnings, such as the spare and graceful candelabra that hangs over the dining room table. There is even on display a child's crutch – unearthed during the restoration – which she estimates to be at least 200 years old.

But it is how the old and the new have been married to create a welcoming atmosphere that makes the house a gem.

"We wanted people to feel at home here," Sandy says simply.

The Ashers have achieved that goal. Though the kitchen – designed by Hingham architect Sally Weston — was gutted, and a wall moved to create the space needed to accommodate a table, an island, storage and modern appliances, the room invites a visitor to take time out from the stress of modern life. That is underscored by the cabinets in warm ivory — built by carpenter Ben Wilcox — that capture the Federalist style of the house, and by the attractive needlepoint cushions in an old-fashioned floral design made by Sandy that cover the stools in front of the marble-topped island.

Intricate needlework is a special skill of Sandy's. That can be seen in the framed works hanging on her dining room wall, whose subjects are chairs rendered in exquisite needlepoint. Sandy, as well, collects chairs in miniature, delightful examples of which show up in unexpected places.

Besides her and Jon's love of antiques, which takes them to shops and shows throughout the region, the decoration of each room, she says, always is inspired by a work of art. Thus in their lovely bedroom, which is dominated by a four-poster bed, Sandy indicates a painting of roses, whose design is echoed throughout the room, including in the delicate lace curtains on the windows.

Though the point of their restoration was, indeed, to restore, it was necessary for the Ashers to add a couple of things to the house — two rooms to be exact, a sunroom that opens to their lush garden and an office for Jon above it. But by replicating the house's original windows in the sunroom and using fabrics that recall another era, the journey from the 18th to 21st century is seamless. As for Jon's office, that is clearly his private domain and, therefore, has to make no concessions to an earlier time.

Having fulfilled this labor of love, the Ashers are busy these days researching the John Leavitt House. Though it is agreed upon among experts that the oldest part of the structure probably does date to the late 1700s, the couple are looking for documentary proof to establish the exact date. That requires looking at all the old probate records, a process that has taught them a lot about their predecessors and about the responsibilities of owning a historic house.

Jon puts it plainly: "We're merely the stewards of this property."

Also on the tour are Old Derby, Old Ship Meeting House, Hingham Cemetery, Hingham Common and Old Ordinary, the society's house museum, where on view will be an exhibit of antique tools from the Society's collection.

Tickets for the Hingham Historical Society's 80th annual house tour are $15 in advance and $20 on tour day. In advance, they are available at Bowl & Board, Andrew Zona, Noble's and Whitney Gordon, in Hingham Square; the Public Library, on Leavitt Street; Noble's, in Lincoln Plaza and Queen Anne Plaza, and the Glass House, on Route 53.

Tickets on tour day will be sold only at the Old Ordinary, 21 Lincoln St, after 10 a.m. Beginning at that time also, tickets may be exchanged for tour books. The tour runs from 1 to 7 p.m.

Refreshing addition to House Tour

By Constance Gorfinkle
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The Hingham Historical Society House Tour, which takes place on June 13, may be 80 years old, but for this organization it's never too late to try something new. For the first time, a restaurant will provide the refreshments for those taking part in this venerable event.

Bridgeman's, the popular Italian restaurant that has been drawing crowds since it opened two-and-half years ago across from Nantasket Beach in Hull, will serve wood grilled bruschetta and eggplant involtini (eggplant stuffed with sausage, mushrooms and ricotta cheese) at Old Derby, the Society's headquarters on Main Street.

For the owners of Bridgeman's, Joe and Susan LaSpada, this will be a labor of love. Hingham residents for the past six years, and the owners of an antique home themselves, they have long appreciated the work done by the Historical Society to promote awareness of Hingham's history and to educate the public on the importance of preserving that history.

Susan, who often has gone on the HHS house tours, and is in the process of restoring the couple's 1817 home on lower Main Street, "had been asked by the Society to put my own house on the tour. But I thought a better idea would be to donate the refreshments, even though we realized it would be a big commitment to serve the 700 or so people it's estimated will be on the tour."

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JUNE 10 - 18, 2004

Thurs. 10

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The NSRWA's 11th Annual RiverWatch monitoring program will start with a training session the for new volunteers on Thursday, June 10, at 8 a.m. Volunteers will visit ten monitoring sites along the rivers, and receive instruction on how to take water samples. Volunteers will then choose a predetermined date to go out on your own and sample. This requires a three to four hour commitment on the training day and then the sampling day. It's easy and fun, and with our new sampling techniques you don't have get your feet wet. All sampling is conducted on weekdays. For information call Paula at the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org

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2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series June 10, **Sounds of Yesterday,** all concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents June 10, **Say When Music.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month, Josephine Bottari will exhibit her paintings for the month of June at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree,, Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

Fri. 11

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center will present four performances of the female version of **The Odd Couple** at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $8 senior citizens and students, and $5 for Dreamchasers students. June 11, at 7 p.m.; June 12, at 2 and 7 p.m. June 13, at 2 p.m. Tickets on sale at theatre or 30 minutes prior to each performance. Suitable for all ages. www.dreamchaserstheatre.org 508-224-4548.

Borders Store, Independence Mall, Kingston. June 11, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime - Jump In! Dive into some great books with Beth as she reads "Froggy Learns to Swim" and "I Can Swim."

JC Dee's Restaurant & Lounge, 312 Bridge St., (Rte. 3A), No. Weymouth. **Comedy Night** June 11, at 9 p.m. Featuring: **Mark Riley with Annette Pollack, Stephen Smith, Eric Davis, Kimberly Egan, Jason Margaca and Glen Gordon**. Admission is $10. Reservations recommended. Call 781-337-1020.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays) Free with admission. A half-hour of storytelling. Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Irish Connections Festival moves from Stonehill College to **Irish Cultural Centre,** 200 New Boston Dr. Canton June 11-13. Join a line-up of Irish musicians, dancers, artists, authors and athletes takes center stage. Irish Bread baking and poetry contests and much more. Www.irishculture.org 781-821-8291.

James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents an exhibition of aerial photography by **Margot Cheel** of Cohasset, June 4 through July 5. 781-659-7100.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Friday, June 11, with the Emanon Orchestra from 8 p.m. to midnight. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-Members Proper dress required: no jeans or athletic shoes. Info. 781-331-0021 Web site: http:/www.southshoresingles.org

The Scituate Animal Shelter will hold its First Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 4, at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate. The afternoon tournament will feature numerous prizes - including a hole-in-one automobile, raffles, and Par 3 Poker. The $125 fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner at the Barker Tavern. The Shelter is also seeking corporate sponsorships and donations to raffle. All proceeds will go to the no-kill Scituate Animal Shelter. Registration forms are available at the shelter or by logging onto Fundraisers at www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter/. 781-545-8325.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. June 11and 12, **Ron Towers** 781-834-1910. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

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The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 11, **Mr. Nick Blues mafia**, Show starts at 9:15 a.m. No cover.

Oliveira's 300 Center St., (Rt. 36) Pembroke, presents **Dave Becker**, June 11, 9 p.m. to closing, no cover. 781-294-4700.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Pro Boxing returns to Plymouth June 11, at Memorial

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Summer Camps

SUMMER YOUTH THEATER WORKSHOP Theater in the Middle at Curtain Call Theatre, Braintree. Acting workshop for young people ages 11-14 Five week session Jun 29 - Jul 29(shorter enrollment is possible) Three days/week T/W/Th Morning or afternoon session Call 781-848-0058 for information

THE NEW ENGLAND WILDLIFE CENTER (NEWC) in Hingham is still accepting registrations for its summer day camp (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) for students entering grades kindergarten through grade 6. These unique, one of-a-kind camps will feature outdoor nature exploration, close-up encounters with live owls, hawks and other wild animals, arts and crafts projects, and a wide variety of other activities. There will be six different camps this year: *The Secret of the Puddingstone, Reptiles, Team New England, To Fly, Wildlife Camp and Where's Fred's Head?* For a camp brochure, call the New England Wildlife Center office at 781-749-5387.

KIDSPOT'S SUMMER CAMP 2004. This year's production is the musical "Beauty And The Beast" Students age 7-14 will receive instruction in acting, singing and dance, as well as have a chance to work on the set, costumes and props. Classes begin on June 30 and run through Thursday July 29. All classes are held at the Marshfield Methodist Church, Rte. 139 from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays through Thursdays. Performances are on Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31, at the Duxbury High School. Tuition is $375, and space is limited. An advance tuition of $350 is offered if enrolled by June 7. Call 781-826-8550

THE SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER Summer Adventure Programs for children entering sixth through eighth grade. The Explorers Series, each five-day session explores a different theme, from Survival Skills to Marine Biology to The Great Outdoors. All of the Explorer sessions include hiking, canoeing, team-building, activities and experiments, a field trip and an overnight camping trip to the Boston Harbor Islands. For information, call Camp Director Bonner Boynton at 781-659-2559 x303 or visit the website at www.ssnsc.org

MILTON ACADEMY Summer programs. Options range from Sports PLUS camp; Summer hockey camp; Speed, Strength & Conditioning program for athletes; Kaleidoscope arts & creativity program and the Center Stage drama program. All classes are taught on the Milton campus by committed and enthusiastic instructors. For information: call 617-898-2480 or visit www.milton.edu

THE NORWELL VOICE STUDIO announces the beginning of its summer season vocal training program. Classes are open to students ages seven and up. All lessons are held at the Norwell Voice Studio on Lincoln Street and taught by performing artist and vocal instructor Les Sampou. Call 781-659-2410 for scheduling and information.

THE DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION AND THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY offers a summer program with a visual arts and music enrichment program for children age 5 to 9. "Under the Sea, Here Comes a Parade, Out of Africa, Asian Adventure, By the Shore, Animal Planet, Mexican Madness, Under the Sea." Tuition is $200 for DAA members and $250 for non-members. Call the DAA at 781.934.2731 ext. 4 to register or stop by the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street, Duxbury.

THE FRIENDS OF HOLLY HILL FARM, INC., in partnership with Weir River Farm and the Trustees of Reservation, announced the 2004 "Young Farmers Program" consisting of three, week-long sessions beginning July 12 and ending July 30; participants must commit to at least one full session. The "Young Farmers" will spend time outdoors exploring the fields and forests of Holly Hill Farm. More information about Holly Hill Farm and The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. is available at www.hollyhillfarm.org

KIDS SUMMER YOGA CAMP AT THE PRACTICE STUDIO teaches balance, focus, inner strength, and self-relaxation techniques as well as individual postures and flow yoga. Tuesday and Thursday, June 29 to July 22 9:30 to 11a.m. ages 7 to 11. Pre-registration required. Class size is limited. For information visit www.thepracticestudio.com or call 781-337-9495.

THE ORPHEUM REGIONAL PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY is now accepting registrations for its all new Summer Session of Children's Theatre Classes. The three week Summer Theatre Program is offered to children ages 7 to 18 years starting Aug. 2 and running through Aug. 20. Call the Orpheum at 508-543-2787 (ARTS) or visit www.orpheum.org for additional class information and/or brochures.

KALEIDOSCOPE is an arts and creativity program specially for kids aged 8 to 13 years, which runs for three weeks from July 29 to Aug. 13. For more details, contact Milton Academy at 617-898-2481 or visit their website at www.milton.edu.

ASIA CAMP a two week day camp at Duxbury Middle School. In Asia Camp, students learn about the many facets of Asian and Chinese culture from July 6 - 16. For more information, contact American Learning at (617) 696-2081 or browse their web site at www.asiacamp.com.



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Hall. Jimmy "The Dream" LeBlanc, headlines "*Plymouth Rocks*," LeBlanc of South Boston, is matched against **William Foster** of New Haven (Conn.), in the main event. Another South Boston fighter, junior middleweight **Martin "The Irish Assassin" Thornton** takes on former WBF welterweight champion **Bruce Corby** of Scranton (Pa.), in the co-feature. Also expected to fight in separate bouts, are unbeaten bantamweight **Denise "Mighty" Moses** of Lawrence (Mass.), and junior middleweight **Jose Medina** of Tilton (N.H.). Tickets, $50 for reserved seats and $30 for general admission, may be purchased at Plymouth Memorial Hall or any of Brennan's Smoke Shops. For information call 508-746-5711 or 781-826-5773. Doors open at 7 p.m., the first bout starts at 8 p.m.

The Sparrow House Museum presents **Judy Quinn "Transitions"** on display June 11 to July 12. An opening reception will be held Friday June 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sparrow House, 42 Summer Street Plymouth. For more information call (508) 747-1240 or visit www.sparrowhouse.com.

Sat. 12

Dean Morrissey, award winning local artist and author, will be having his first local art exhibition in Scituate on June 12 and 13, from 2 to 5 p.m. at 292 Clapp Road. In addition to original oil paintings, there will also be pencil work, lithographic prints, and his books for sale. It will be a great opportunity to see Dean's work, ask him questions, and have him personalize books. Some of Mr. Morrissey's books include "Ship of Dreams," "The Great Kettles," and "The Christmas Ship.".

Sidewalk Sam, the famous street artist whose chalk murals have been a signature part of Boston for the past 25 years, is appearing at the **Irish Connections Festival** on Saturday afternoon, June 12. He'll be working with children and adults at the festival to create a giant mural called "Express Your Irish Self." The Irish Connections Festival runs from June 11-13, at the 46 acre Irish Cultural Centre in Canton. Now in its 14th year, the festival was previously held at Stonehill College. In addition to art projects, the festival also offers a wide array of children's activities, including tin whistle lessons, Celtic calligraphy, face painting and carnival rides. Irish dancer Kieran Jordan will premier her original choreography, *Irish Roots, American Wings*, at the upcoming Irish Connections Festival at the Irish Cultural Centre in Canton at 9:30 p.m. on June 12, on the Main Stage. For details call 1 888 GO IRISH or visit www.irishculture.org.

Quincy Animal Shelter presents **Paws in the Park** at Faxon Park in Quincy, June 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Dog contests, kids activities, K9 and human vendors, agility demo, animal behaviorist. Visit www.quincyanimal shelter.org for registration form or call 617-376-1349. Rain date June 13,.

South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

Mass Audubon on the South Shore is holding its first annual Flea Market at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary on Winslow Cemetery Road, Marshfield from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A wide variety of items will be offered for sale ranging from fine crafts and art to used household items. Refreshments will be available. Admission $2. Rain date, Sunday, June 13. For information contact Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400.

"Nature's Own Palette" an art exhibit by Gayle A. Polsinello at the Mass Audubon, will be on display at the Mass Audubon North River Sanctuary, 2000 Main St (Rte 3A) Marshfield, from June 12 through July 10. An opening reception will be held on June 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. For information contact the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400

The Yellow Brick Road Project, Inc., a non-profit organization that works with women who have experienced controlling partners/domestic abuse, is holding a Benefit Swing dance on Saturday, June 12, at the Quincy Masonic Temple, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy. A free swing dance lesson will be given from 8 to 9 p.m. followed by dancing until midnight to the Compaq Big Band, a 21 - Piece Swing Ensemble. Admission is $15. Contact Jodi Lent Beldotti for information or to make a donation at: 781-871-8901 or jodiybr@juno.com

The seventh annual Jimmy Kennedy Memorial New Balance Squirrel Run to include a Fitness Walk and Special Children's Events all proceeds will go directly to Lou Gehrig's Disease Research at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Veteran's Memorial Stadium, Hancock St., Quincy. Saturday, June 12. 8 a.m. Registration; 9 a.m.- 2.5 mile walk begins; 10 a.m.- 5 mile run starts; Children's Events - All Morning. $20 registration. Children admitted free. For information or to pre-register contact the Jimmy Kennedy ALS at 781-383-6008 or visit www.coolrunning.com.

Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "The Wizard of Oz" at the Cohasset Town Hall, June 11, 12 and 13. This well-known musical features dozens of munchkins, flying monkeys, winkies and other characters from all over the South Shore. Friday and Saturday night performances begin at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased at Front Street Bookshop in Scituate, Springbrook Kids and Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, at the door, or by phone at 781-544-0304. Girl scout groups receive $2 off the ticket price when reserving group seating. Contact Wendy Guyder at 781-545-1655 for information and reservations. Bring a can of cat or dog food, to be donated to the Scituate Animal Shelter, and receive $1 off admission at the door. Matinee on Sunday, June 13, will feature a Dorothy Dress Alike/Look Alike contest with great prizes. Pictures with Dorothy, Toto, the Lion, Scarecrow and Tin Man will be available for sale at both Sunday matinees.

The South Shore Natural Science Center 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 off route 3 in Norwell, announces "From Boston to Your Town," a collection of paintings by South Shore artist Dianne Panarelli Miller in Vine Hall Gallery June 1 to 30. The exhibit includes intimate paintings of local scenes from Boston to Plymouth, as well as still life paintings. The exhibit can be viewed June 1 to 30, during regular business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, June 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. 781-659-2559 or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org.

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Sun.13

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The Eighth Annual Codman Square house tour will be held June 13, from noon to 5 p.m. and feature 14 homes in three neighborhoods - Melville Park, Ashmont Hill and Carruth Street, all within walking distance of the Shawmut and Ashmont MBTA stations. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased at The Great Hall on tour day, at 11 a.m. For information call 617-265-7460 or visit www.codmansquarehousetour.com

Second Annual Touch A Truck to Benefit The Jett Foundation June 13, at the Marshfield Fairgrounds., call 781-293-2667 or 781-294-8445 or visit www.JettFoundation.org

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center presents the musical "Men In Tights," A Tale of Robin Hood, on June 12, 19, and 26, at 7 p.m. and June 13, and 27, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Commerce Center, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets Adult $10/Child $5. 508-747-1234 or visit www.ssarc.org

The Coastal Quilt Artists are presenting an exhibit of mostly contemporary quilts at the North River Art Society in Marshfield Hills Village. The show opens with a reception on June 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the North River Art Society Gallery and continues until July 11. The gallery is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and on weekends from noon to 3 p.m. (except Independence Day weekend). The exhibit consists of recent works by all members of the Coastal Quilt Artists, a small diverse group of quilt-makers and artists from the towns of Scituate, Marshfield, Pembroke, Kingston, Abington, Bridgewater, Weymouth, Hingham, South Yarmouth, and Sherborn.

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THE COMPANY THEATRE in Norwell, presents "Big River" July 30 to Aug. 22. Mark Twain's timeless classic. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by phone at 781-871-2787 - Wednesday and Sunday $23., Thursday, Friday and Saturday $25. www.companytheatre.com/order.html

MOUNT BLUE ANNUAL SUMMER FUNDRAISER - July 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit Marshfield's Talking Information Center (TIC), a 26-year-old, private, non-profit broadcast radio reading service for the visually impaired. Reservations $50 per person by mailing a check payable to Mount Blue/TIC, to PO Box 916, Norwell, MA 02061. If you are unable to attend the event but would still like to make a donation to TIC, please send a check made payable to "TIC" to 130 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050. Mount Blue, located at 707 Main St. Norwell Center (Rte. 123) An evening of socializing accompanied by sumptuous food and cocktails, great music and more than 100 auction items.

FOLK LEGEND JONATHAN EDWARDS hits the stage of The Company Theatre in Norwell, on Saturday, June 19 at 8 p.m., for an evening of music and stories. Tickets priced at $25 are available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by phone at 781-871-2787.

THE NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION is planning its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, Aug. 2, at the Cohasset Country Club, Lambert's Lane in Cohasset, features a new practice range and putting area. Registration begins at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Tickets are $175 per person, and include a fun day on the greens, as well as a pre-game lunch, sit-down dinner, raffle and silent auction. Due to the tournament's popularity, foursomes are encouraged to sign up early. Rain date is Aug. 16.

THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER'S 49TH ARTS FESTIVAL, Cohasset, June 18 to 20. Art and music for all generations, contemporary art to traditional handmade crafts. 781-383-2787 www.ssac.org

THE SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS announces the addition of a special concert featuring the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart conductor, to the Music Circus for the first time in a benefit performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South Shore Art Center. Tickets for concert can be purchased via Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and in person at the Music Circus box office Tickets are $101.25 and $90.25. A limited number of special ticket packages, which include a reception with the maestro, can be purchased from South Shore Art Center only. Call the SSAC at 781-383-2787 for information.



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The Helen Bumpus Gallery of the Duxbury Free Library presents Selected Works by Board members in June, July and August. An opening reception will be held Thursday, June 10 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The library is located at 77 Alden Street Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-2721.



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Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center will present four performances of the female version of The Odd Couple at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $8 senior citizens and students, and $5 for Dreamchasers students. June 11, at 7 p.m.; June 12, at 2 and 7 p.m. June 13, at 2 p.m. Tickets on sale at theatre or 30 minutes prior to each performance. Suitable for all ages. www.dreamchasersthetre.org 508-224-4548.



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The Sparrow House Museum presents Judy Quinn "Transitions" on display June 11 to July 12. An opening reception will be held Friday June 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sparrow House, 42 Summer Street Plymouth. For more information call (508) 747-1240 or visit www.sparrowhouse.com.



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er for South Shore Natural Science Center 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, in an effort to raise $5,000 to build the "North and South River Photo Panel" exhibit in the South Shore Natural Science Center's EcoZone. The EcoZone is a multidimensional exhibit area being built with the help of the Animal Planet's Jeff Corwin. The party will be held at the South Shore Natural Science Center on Sunday, June 13, from noon until 5 p.m. This is a family fun event that includes a cookout, children's activities, games, face painting, nature walks, EcoZone tours, and music by the band Disturbing the Piece. Open to the public $25 per family, or $10 per person tax deductible donation will go directly towards the North and South River Photo Panel. Advance admission tickets can be purchased during regular business hours at the Science Center. For information, call Lunn Electrical at 781-659-2905.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents a month long exhibit of paintings by **Andrew R. Kusmin**. The show runs to June 27. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located on 124 Front St., Scituate. 781-545-6150., or www.scituatearsts.com.

Families with Children from China (FCC) South Shore, has an active play group meeting every other week from 10 am until noon. Call Cissy White at 781-331-4679 for information. No cost to join.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury will offer an exhibition full of childhood remembrances and the images they evoke as expressed in **On their Own, Rhoda Rosenberg, printmaker**. The exhibit will run through June 13.

Sunday Brunch at the JFK Library and Museum nine Sundays beginning through June. Brunch served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. $36 adults; $12 children age 12 and under. Admission includes brunch, museum admission and all taxes and gratuities. Reservations strongly recommended by calling 617-514-1586. wwwjfklibrary.org

"Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance" every Sunday evening at **Raffael's Restaurant**, One Enterprise Drive, State Street Bank Bldg., N. Quincy. Exit 12, Neponset St., Rte. 3A south, exit off Expressway. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Dance music by DJ Joe Pet. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneys foodandspirits.com



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"Nature's Own Palette" an art exhibit by Gayle A. Polsinello at the Mass Audubon, will be on display at the Mass Audubon North River Sanctuary, 2000 Main St (Rte 3A) Marshfield, from June 12 through July 10. An opening reception will be held on June 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. For information contact the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400

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The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents Dixieland Jazz concert featuring **Jeff Hughes and His Kool Kats**. June 13, from 4 to 7 p.m., dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. $10 admission. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

Mon. 14

Insight Education Center presents **Teaching The Active/Impulsive Child Self-Control,** June 14, at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Braintree. Certificates of attendance for teachers and child care providers $25 per individual, $40 per co-parenting couple, $20 groups of four and over. Pre-register at www.insighteducation.com or call 781-294-8004.

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books welcome Weymouth resident **Stephen Puleo** discussing "Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919" on Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library. Stephen Puleo's account of what happened in Boston's North End on Jan. 15, 1919, is a somber and engrossing account of this little known part of Boston history.

The North River Arts Society and the Ventress Memorial Library Board of Trustees presents the unveiling of **the Best Place in the Show,** an original pastel paintings by **Liz Haywood-Sullivan** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. This poster exhibit will run through June 19. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincy-toastmasters.

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Tues. 15

The Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St. Hingham. An exhibit, **Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past** features antique tools from the society's collection and is on view during museum hours. The Old Ordinary is open from June 15 to Sept. 11. For information call 781-749-0013 or visit http://www/hinghamhistorical.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display . www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

Clift Rodgers Free Library hosts **a tour of six gardens in Marshfield Hills** on Tuesday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Local artists will be painting in various gardens, refreshments will be served, and a small boutique will be open at the Library. Tickets are $15 and available at Kennedy's Country Gardens on Rt. 3A, The General Store in Marshfield Hills, Marshfield Florist in Marshfield Center, Petit Maison in Hingham, Octavia's Home Decor and Folk Art Antiques in Duxbury, Mug Shots in Norwell, and at Clift Rodgers Library, 540 Pleasant St., Marshfield Hills. For information, call Clift Rodgers Library at 781-834-4597, or Judy at 781-834-5808.

The Hingham Public Library Book Club is looking for a few good members. The book club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month in the library's Fearing Room. The selection for June 29, is *After Long Silence* by Helen Fremont. The June 29 meeting will be the last before the summer break, and a good chance to try out the club. Meetings will resume in September, so anyone unable to attend in June should mark their calendars for Sept. 28, and watch for postings of that month's chosen title.



BEST BET

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center presents the musical "Men In Tights," A Tale of Robin Hood, on June 12, 19, and 26, at 7 p.m. and June 13, and 27, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Commerce Center, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets Adult $10/Child $5. 508-747-1234 or visit www.ssarc.org

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Wed. 16

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of The South Shore, will sponsor "Maximizing Efficiency while Minimizing Stress," a special program for caregivers on June 16, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is free and open to the public at The Hingham Senior Center, 224 Center St. Call 781-749-5417 or 781-740-2426 for information.

Borders Store, Independence Mall, Kingston. June 16, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime - I Can Fly! Kiss the sky with Beth as she reads "Going on a Platte."

The Norwell Public Library & Buttonwood Books & Toys will host John R. Stilgoe, Norwell resident and Harvard Professor, on Wednesday, June 16, 7 p.m. at the Norwell Public Library. Mr. Stilgoe will discuss his latest work, "Lifeboat."

African Safari photography exhibit at the Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy Center, featuring photographs by wildlife photographer and Hingham resident **James J. Foley** through June 30. 617-376-1331

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 17

Front Street Book Shop, in conjunction with the Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., hosts **Kate Whouley**, Cape Cod author: **Cottage For Sale: Must Be Moved**. Free and open to the public.781-545-5011 www.frontstreet-bookshop.com

Long-term health care insurance - helping to protect your nest egg," a seminar hosted by Duxbury resident and financial Advisor Louis NeJame of Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc. will take place on June 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sun Tavern in Duxbury. Free includes drinks and appetizers, reserve your seat by calling 617-951-9865.



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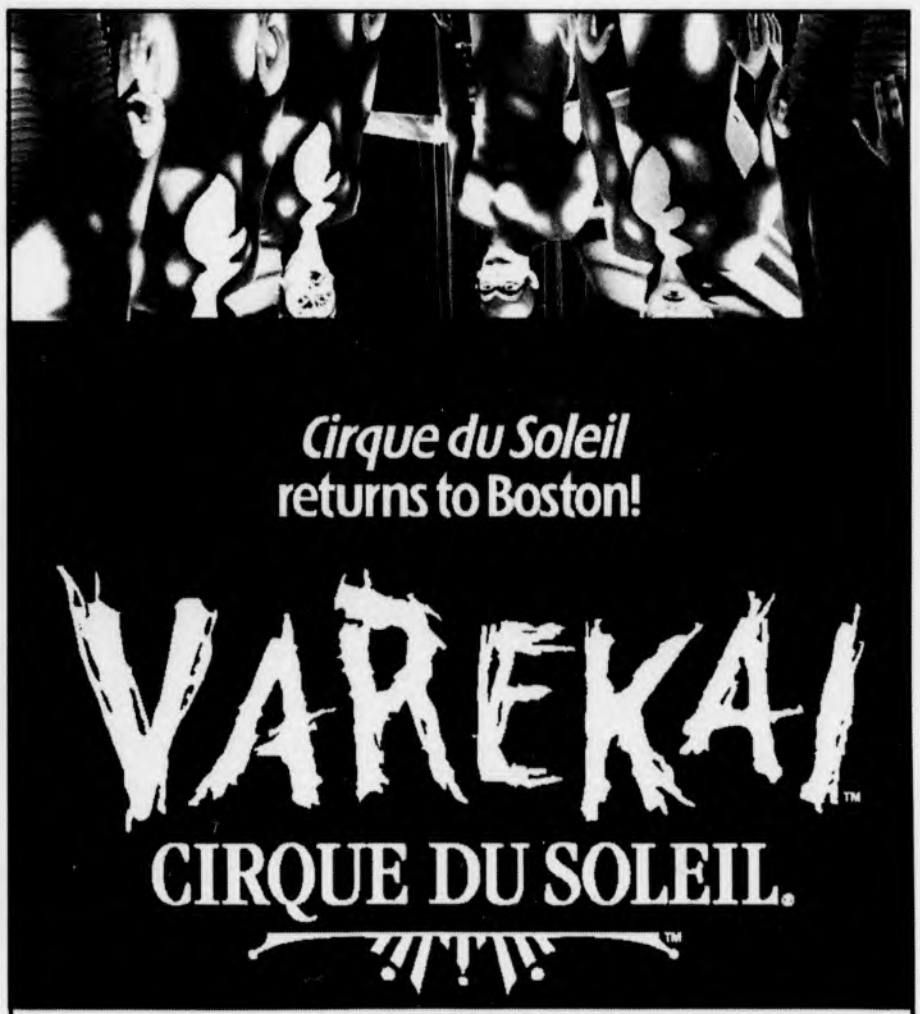
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Not all burners lit for Cook Estate senior housing project

Septic issues at the forefront

By Samantha Brown
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Six months after the town opted to purchased the Cook property, it is still without a plan for wastewater disposal, has spent more than $97,000 during fiscal year 2004 on the project — which does not include the $200,000 deposit paid to secure the deal — and Town Counsel has been asked whether the project will need to go back out to bid.

While the money that has been spent will be covered by the $925,000 the town will gain from the deal, every dollar used to cover costs associated with the project takes away from the profit the town is slated to gain. However, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said it was necessary to spend some money on the project because without proper testing on site, the town would not have known whether it was a good investment and should move ahead.

Plans for the development, which will be known as "The Villages at Deer Hill," include 95 units of senior housing.

Voters at the 2003 special Fall Town Meeting allocated $4.5 million for the purchase of the 22-acre parcel of Cook-owned property, located off Sohier Street, and the property was then marketed to developers along with the town's 8.7 adjoining acres. Sullivan said the town will continue to work toward making this project work and said the Board of Selectmen will give the public an update on the progress being made at one of its upcoming meetings.

Plans for the development, which will be known as "The Villages at Deer Hill," include 95 units of senior housing. Plans currently feature 60 townhouse style attached condominium residences, spread throughout four duplex buildings, 12 triplex and four quads. There will be two rental apartment buildings, one with 18 units and one with 17, for a total of 35 mixed-income rental apartments. At the time the bid was accepted, developers expected construction to be complete by December of 2006.

The town is currently working on solving the problem of disposing of wastewater from the Cook estate site, which has affected the project's ability to move forward. Preliminary testing, which took place before the Requests for Proposals went out, suggested an on-site system would be feasible. Further tests, which took place after the town had accepted a bid, have concluded that is not the case. The town is looking at land to serve as a leaching field for the Cook property, and would run pipes down the street to a second parcel that could handle the wastewater.

Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said the $97,000 spent to date on consultants, engineers, appraisers and town counsel, will

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Cohasset joins $7 million club

Whitehead Road site gets top dollar

By Mary Ford
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When a property sells for upwards of $7 million it's bound to raise a few eyebrows even in a upscale town full of homes with ocean views that routinely sell for a million-plus.

A brick, Georgian colonial on Whitehead Road has done just that here in Cohasset. H. MacKenzie Freeman, a noted eye specialist, at 100 Whitehead Road has sold his 15-room house for $7.3 million in a private sale.

The house, built in 1908, sits on a 2.3-acre island promontory at the mouth of Cohasset Harbor and possesses the most spectacular 360-degree vistas including an unfettered view of Minot Ledge Light.

Tom Hamilton, president of Dean and Hamilton Realtors on Elm Street, sold the home to Freeman some 26 years ago for about $500,000. At the time it was the largest residential sale for an individual home on a lot in New England, Hamilton recalled.

The then owner Arthur Harrington was leaving Cohasset to work for Harold "Hap" Brown, Secretary of Defense in the Carter Administration.

Another previous owner was John Fox, publisher of the Boston Post, who was in desperate straits financially. Fox is remembered for publishing a page-one editorial endorsing John F. Kennedy when it was expected the paper would back the Republican, Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. in the 1952 US Senate race. Some described it as the "$500,000 editorial" because JFK's father Joseph P. Kennedy, who learned Fox needed cash, reportedly gave him a loan in that amount. According to published reports, the Post endorsement is credited with helping Kennedy win the senate seat, set-

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From left, Lynne DeGiacomo, David Wadsworth and Paula Morse of the Cohasset Historical Society with the book they compiled and authored, "Images of America: Cohasset."

Preserving the pictorial past

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset is a town rich in history, and many have captured its essence in the pages of books. Most recently, members of the Cohasset Historical Society have joined the ranks of authors who have put their heart and soul into preserving the town's past, through the publication of the most recent book, "Images of America: Cohasset."

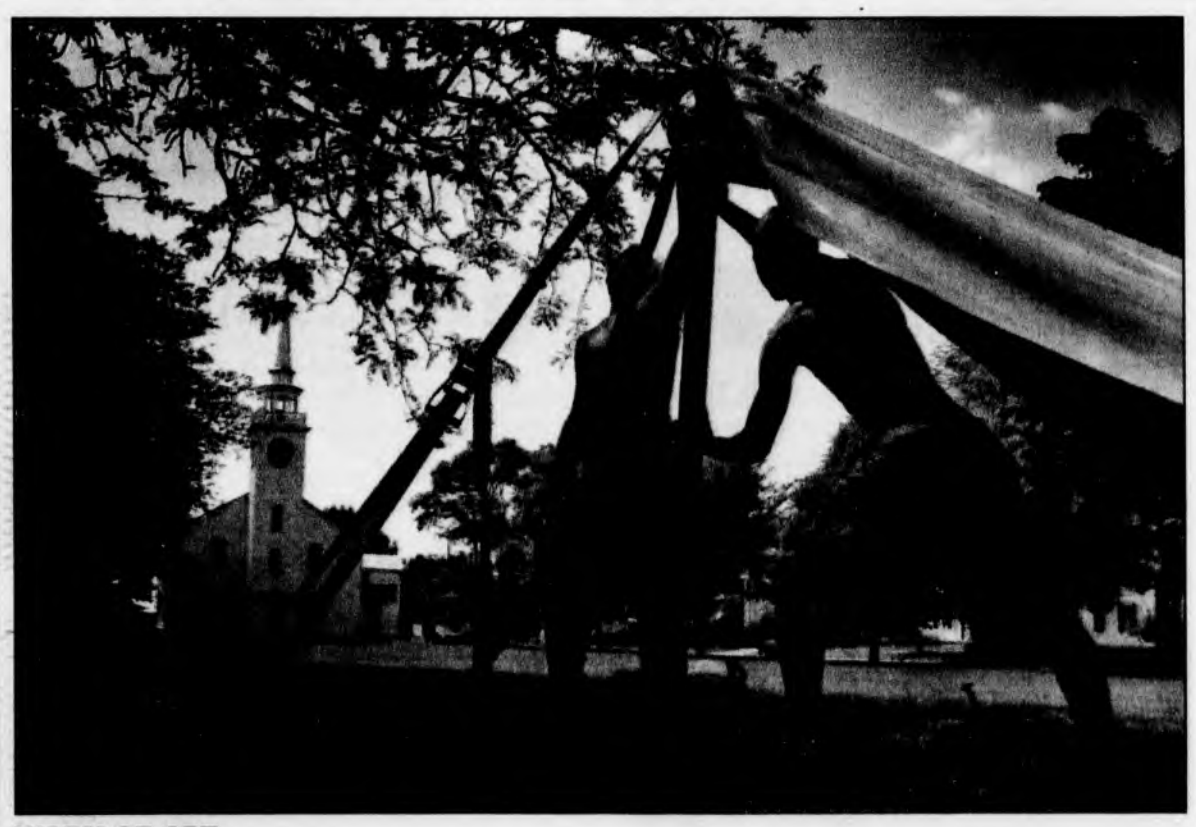
The Historical Society has produced the first pictorial history of the town, bringing the images from days of summer homes and fishing villages back to life.

Authors David H. Wadsworth, historian and former curator for 20 years, Paula Morse, co-president, and Lynne DeGiacomo, executive administrator, began working on the book last spring. A photographic history of the town, its roughly 130 pages are filled with black and white images of days gone by. With photos of the common, the villages — as there used to be three — and residents from school children to fishermen to those who only spent their summers in town, the book depicts a wide variety of photos from Cohasset's history, with detailed captions to help give readers insight.

Many of the photographs for the book came from the Historical Society's archives. While Wadsworth said he was primarily responsible for pulling the photographs from the archives, DeGiacomo and Morse were responsible for their page layout. All three shared in the writing.

"We have a very fine photo collection," said Wadsworth, adding the book only represents one-tenth of the society's collection. Since the book has been printed as part of a series of books which all depict the history of towns and cities

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WORK OF ART

PHOTO/BERT LANE

David Flynn, 20, and Ryan Palizzopolo, 18, of Tent and Awning Co., work together pulling up one of the tents for the Festival on the Common, which starts tomorrow. For more on the festival, see page 25.

'Hunger banquet' served up at CHS

Part of program on worldwide problem

By Mary Ford
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Imagine having a small bowl of rice, one slice of bread and a cup of water at Cohasset High for lunch and not being on a fad diet?

Then imagine having that for your only meal of the day and being glad to receive it.

For 80 percent of the high school students Friday – the meager lunch provided a window into what much of the world faces on a daily basis: hunger.

In a creative program to illustrate the problem of world hunger, green or pink tickets were distributed during lunch to students who volunteered to participate in the program. Those who got the pink tickets – about 20 percent representing the "haves" — sat at tables in the cafeteria adorned with white tablecloths and had their pick of sandwiches and rollups, potato chips, salsa dip, salads, dessert, milk and orange juice. Their classmates – representing the "have-nots" — sat a small distance away on the floor on gym mats with a small bowl of rice, slice of white bread, and a cup of water.

The program conducted in conjunction with National Hunger Awareness Day sprang from the social studies classes at the high school. Social studies teachers incorporated hunger awareness into the curriculum over the past two weeks. Postings along the school corridors with messages such as "16,000 children die each day of hunger" or "32 nations face a food emergency" stood as reminders of the world hunger crisis.

At first it was difficult Friday for the "haves" not to gloat as they looked over the makeshift fence to their fellow students, who had so much less to eat. But then the guilt set in.

"I like being able to eat all this," said Courtney Hurley, a junior, and one of the "haves." "But I feel bad. It's a shame not being able to share."

A few salads were soon spotted

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The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, June 29, 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, June 17 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, June 23, 7 p.m. (Public hearing, 154-156 King St., 8: 30 p.m.)

Recreation Commission, June 22, 6 p.m.

School Committee, 7 p.m., June 17, high school library.

Water Commission, June 17, 7:30 p.m., 339 King St.

Water Resources Protection Committee, June 22, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

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Town Manager Act committee meeting

There will be a meeting of the Town Manager Act review committee Thursday June 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's office. All are invited to attend.

Farmer's Market open Thursday

Today marks the first day of the Farmer's Market on Cohasset Common, and it will be held every Thursday from June 17 to Oct. 15. Vendors will sell fresh organic produce, flowers, and other items from 2:30 to 6:30.



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Tent and Awning Co. workers Ryan Palizzopolo and Ryan Salter lay the groundwork Tuesday morning to install one of the tents for the Festival on the Common.

Ombudsman meeting

There have been some concerns regarding the position of the MBTA ombudsman recently and some residents have expressed concern that their issues have not been addressed. The Board of Selectmen will hold a special meeting to discuss the issues surrounding the MBTA and anyone who is interested is asked to call the Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105 and you will be informed when the date is set.

CEA appoints new members

The Council on Elder Affairs has appointed new board members George Benedict, Dolores Roy, and Jean Thompson. Members Anna Abbruzzese, Susan Galligan, James Kearney, and Edward Mulvey have been re-appointed to the board.

MAPC looking for new members

With the departure of Town Manager Mark Haddad and with Town Planner Elizabeth Harrington on maternity leave, the town currently does not have a representative on the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Interested residents are asked to contact the Selectmen's office at (781) 393-4105.

Planning Board office hours set

The Cohasset Planning Board Office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This revised schedule of hours will be in effect until Sept. 7. The Planning Board phone number is 781-383-3517.

Master Plan review

The Planning Board has scheduled a series of public meeting to review the Draft Master Plan for the Town of Cohasset. The Draft Plan will be reviewed during regular Planning Board meetings held in the months of June, July and August and thereafter, if required.

Planning Board summer meeting schedule (subject to change) is as follows: at 7:30 p.m., July 7, July 21, Aug 4, Aug 18 in the basement meeting room.

Contact the Planning Board Office at 781-383-3517 to confirm meeting dates and agenda times as the summer progresses.

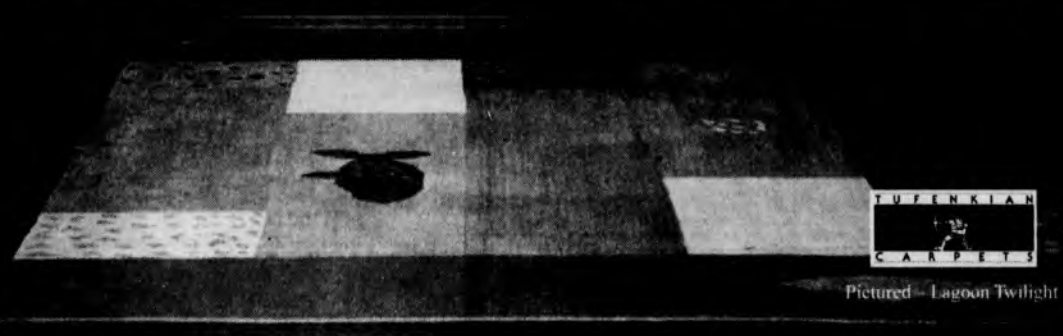
Printed copies of the Draft Master Plan are available for review in the Planning Board Office, Office of the Town Clerk and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. An electronic version is available at the Town website, www.cohasset-mass.org.

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From left, Bob Callahan, Arthur Lehr and Hal Couglin staff the secondary Emergency Operating Center during a recent drill on hurricane preparedness.

Hurricane drill

Cohasset team preparing for possible storms

In the event of a disaster and the telephone/cell phone systems are down, as was the case during Sept. 11, 2001, these amateur radio operators can communicate with state agencies and the Red Cross.

On June 7 at 7 p.m. the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency called the towns of Sector 2B by radio to check in for the hurricane drill. At the Cohasset secondary Emergency Operating Center, Cohasset emergency management director Arthur Lehr directed the effort for Cohasset and was assisted by Hal Coughlin, Cohasset's RACES radio officer with help from a fellow amateur radio operator Bob Callahan of Scituate.

This training drill simulates emergencies caused by a hurricane and reports from radio operators around town were radioed to the Cohasset Emergency Operating Center where they were then relayed to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Region 2 Headquarters at the state prison grounds in Bridgewater.

In the event of a disaster and the telephone/cell phone systems are down, as was the case during Sept. 11, 2001, these amateur radio operators can communicate with state agencies and the Red Cross. Other towns participating in this drill were Scituate, Hull, Hingham, Marshfield, Whitman, Kingston, Plymouth, Bridgewater, Bröckton, and Pembroke.

All-facilities stickers on sale at Town Hall

The expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. The "all facility sticker" for the next fiscal year is on sale during normal business hours at the town hall and at the DPW garage on weekends from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. An "all facilities sticker" will be $30, the second vehicle $30 and seniors is $15.

This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, Sandy Beach as well as, include parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Dept. of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town.

Avalon appeal in Land Court Tuesday

By Mary Ford
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Although the Zoning Board of Appeals gave AvalonBay, the 200-unit apartment complex proposed off Route 3A, the go-ahead last October, the project has not yet broken ground.

That's because a short time later, the water commission appealed the ZBA decision to issue Avalon a comprehensive permit over concerns wastewater from the apartments would negatively impact the Lily Pond Watershed, the major source of the town's drinking water.

"We have serious concerns the 40,000 gallons of effluent per day we estimate the project would generate – however it's treated – would adversely affect the Lily Pond Watershed," said Water Commission Chairman John McNabb.

But Scott Dale, vice president of development for Avalon, says that's ridiculous.

"If you clean it to drinking water standards how could it have any effect at all?" asked Dale, who said the design estimate for the package treatment plant is 36,000 gallons per day but the project is expected to generate about 25,000 gallons of wastewater per day.

Avalon filed a motion to dismiss the water commission's appeal on the basis the commission has no standing. The motion to dismiss and the water commission's opposition to Avalon's motion are what is before the Land Court in Boston at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Concerns about the effect of storm-water discharge on Lily Pond and hazardous waste cleanup are also part of the water commission's appeal.

The ZBA issued AvalonBay a comprehensive permit under Chapter 40B, the state law that allows developers to skirt local zoning regulations in exchange for providing 25 percent affordable housing. Cohasset is vulnerable to "40 B" projects that usually include higher density than a town would otherwise allow because Cohasset falls below the state threshold of having 10 percent of its housing stock as affordable.

The Avalon project cannot go forward while the appeal is pending and during the appeal process, the town is still vulnerable to more "40-B" projects because the state won't allow the units to count until the developer pulls the bulding permit. The state encourages rental housing, so with Avalon, which is a rental project, all units — affordable and market rate — would be counted toward the town's affordable housing inventory and would put the town at the 10 percent goal set by the state.

As a condition of the comprehensive permit, Avalon must obtain a groundwater discharge permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection prior to construction. The town will also conduct a peer review during the groundwater discharge permit process.

But the ZBA conditions did not satisfy the water commission.

McNabb said the water commission is also not confident that privately owned and operated treatment plant would stand the test of time. He pointed to the treatment plant, which has had problems, at 100 Pond St., a cluster development of cape-style condominiums built in 1984.

But Dale said package treatment plants are tightly regulated and licensed by the DEP.

"You can take a negative approach toward anything," Dale said about McNabb's theoretical argument. "But the fact is there are many examples of privately owned and well maintained package treatment plants across the state."

The Avalon site, which was occupied by Webb-Norfolk Conveyor, is also a hazardous waste site where some chemicals from the manufacturing process contaminated the soil in amounts that well exceed state limits. The commission does not think the ZBA should have issued the comprehensive permit until the area is fully cleaned up.

Concerns about storm-water discharge and its effect on Lily Pond is also part of the water commission's appeal although the ZBA said Avalon must adhere to a comprehensive storm-water management plan that was detailed in its decision granting the permit.

Avalon's motion to dismiss the water commission's appeal is based on a case in Hingham. The state Supreme Court ruled the Hingham Planning Board did not have legal standing to appeal the Hingham ZBA's issuance of a comprehensive permit for the Erickson Retirement Campus off Whiting Street because it was not an aggrieved party. The Hingham Planning Board had appealed because the ZBA did not have a guarantee that at least 25 percent of the units would be accepted as affordable by the state.

McNabb said the Cohasset case is different. "We are a municipal corporation that sells a product that could be damaged by this development – that's a world of difference."

"We have serious concerns the 40,000 gallons of effluent per day we estimate the project would generate – however it's treated – would adversely affect the Lily Pond Watershed."
Water Commission Chairman John McNabb

But Dale said he thinks Avalon will prevail Tuesday. "We're asking the judge to dismiss this whole issue and we're hopeful he will."

He said if the water commission has concerns about the wastewater treatment facility then the avenue to voice those concerns is through the DEP groundwater permit process.

Dale said Avalon is still committed to the project and is in the process of preparing the groundwater discharge permit application to be filed this summer with the DEP. He said Avalon also has some more work to do with the state regarding traffic and access issues.

"We are also working everyday with testing and evaluation for the package treatment plant," he said. "Our level of activity has not slowed down. In fact, we are having a greater level of activity."

He also said cleanup of hazardous waste at the site is the landowner's responsibility. Avalon's purchase of the property is contingent on obtaining all the necessary permits. Dale said the property owner is in the process of going through the necessary regulatory stops with the DEP to cleanup the site.

McNabb said the water commission did try to reach a settlement with Avalon out of court but was not successful. "We did try to settle it to save legal costs on the town side," McNabb said.

Nevertheless, McNabb said the water commission is confident it has a good case. "We are doing our best to protect the drinking water supply for the residents of the town," he said.

Others were also opposed the Avalon project, including a citizens group, but the water commission filed the only appeal.

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Not all burners lit for Cook Estate senior housing project

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not be reimbursed if the deal does not go through. So far, the town has asked for an extension on the closing until Oct. 31 of this year. The town can ask for two additional 30-day extensions, which will cost the town $20,000 each time. At the closing that money would deducted from the purchase price of the land. It is unclear whether that money would be refunded should the deal fall through. The town also needs to obtain a groundwater discharge permit from the Department of Environmental Protection as well as a special permit from the planning board before the closing can take place..

Northland Residential, the company the town has been working with to develop senior housing on the Cook site has been paying for the additional testing on the possible leaching sites, said Buckley. So far, test pits have been dug behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, in the Music Circus parking lot, on Red Fox lane, and the town is looking at the possibility of digging at Wheelwright Park. Buckley said the town has needed to pay for Health Agent Joseph Godzik to witness all the tests, and the town has provided its own backhoe.

The Request for Proposals, which laid out what the town would like to see developers incorporate into their plans, asked developers design with an on-site septic system in mind. However, since an on-site wastewater system is no longer an option — meaning the bid specifications changed after bids accepted — raising the question of whether the project will need to go back out to bid. Sullivan said it is Town Counsel's opinion that the project will not have to be re-bid because it was an even playing field at the time the RFPs went out.

The sites which have been tested around town are not looking favorable for accommodating a leaching field, and the sewer commission has denied Northland's request to hook up to town sewer. But that doesn't mean the quest to sewer the project is over. At the sewer commission meeting in April when the board denied Northland's request, Chairman Ray Kasperowicz suggested bringing the matter before Town Meeting to let the residents decide.

However, the sewer commission has told other developers – including Cedarmere which is proposing senior housing on the former Hayes Estate off Beechwood Street – there is no capacity.

Sullivan said it is a possibility the town will vote on whether to allow the Cook estate to hook up to the sewer at the fall Town Meeting. He added if the Cedarmere developers wanted, they could get together 10 signatures and get themselves on the Town Meeting Warrant as well.

The town began spending the first of the $97,000 last July, when former Town Manager Mark Haddad approached the advisory committee to ask for a reserve fund transfer of $25,000 to pay for GLC's consulting services. He felt he needed a company to help market the Cook property to developers and the advisory committee obliged. That money was added back into the reserve fund at the November fall Special Town Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen's general expenses were increased by $24,820 at Town Meeting as well, to cover the bill from engineer John Cavanaro, who dug test pits as the first part of the due diligence for the Cook property. In addition, this January, Haddad came before the advisory committee again to ask for $25,000 to pay for hydrogeologic testing, a second phase of due diligence, done by Coler and Colantonio on the Cook site. Those costs, in combination with other fees from town counsel and appraisers total the $97,000.

The $200,000 deposit the town has already put down should be reimbursed from Northland at the closing. Northland put down $100,000 at the signing of the purchase and sale with the town and is supposed to put down the other $100,000 when the town and the company sign the land disposition agreement.

Cook property expenses for FY 2004

Coler and Colantonio — engineering services	$24,969
GLC Development — consultants	$41,306
John Cavanaro — engineering services	$14,098
Thomas Mulhern — appraiser	$4,200
Deutsch, Williams — town counsel	$12,679
Total	$97,252

Cook Estate timeline

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Fall 2002-June 2003
Board of Selectmen sends letter to Cook heirs, asking if they would be willing to grant the town an easement to access the town property that abuts the Cook property, allowing the town to build affordable senior housing on its parcel. Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris, Selectman Michael Sullivan, and Town Manager Mark Haddad meet with David Rosen of Landvest, the company hired by the Cook heirs to market the property, and are told the heirs are not interested in an easement, but would be interested in working with the town to create senior housing on the site.

June 3, 2003
The Board of Selectmen holds their first meeting in executive session to discuss the possible acquisition of the Cook property. The board discusses sewer capacity for the development as well as neighborhood concerns.

June 10, 2003
The Board of Selectmen, along with Ray Kasperowicz, John Beck, and Sean Cunning of the sewer commission and Al Moore, Robert Sturdy, and Peter Pratt of the planning board, meet in executive session to discuss various issues pertaining to the purchase of the Cook site, including neighborhood concerns.

July 15, 2003
The board discusses the request made by the Cook heirs that all discussion pertaining to the purchase of the property be conducted in executive session until either the town purchases the property or declines interest. Haddad says he needs $25,000 to hire a consultant to formulate an offer to the Cooks. Because the Community Preservation Committee would not entertain the matter in executive session, Haddad said he would like permission instead to approach the Advisory Committee, and the board agreed.

July 17, 2003
Haddad comes before the Advisory Committee to ask for a $25,000 reserve fund transfer to hire a consultant to formulate an offer to the Cooks. The committee gives its permission.

Aug 12, 2003
Haddad informs the board in executive session of the appraised value of the Cook estate, and the board gives Haddad approval to begin negotiations for the purchase of the Cook estate.

Sept. 9, 2003
Haddad tells the board in executive session that the town has offered to purchase the Cook estate for $4.25 million.

Sept. 16, 2003
Haddad informs the board the Cook's have accepted the town's offer, and that the purchase will be subject to both Town Meeting approval and the procurement of a buyer and developer for the property.

Sept. 30, 2003
Haddad tells Planning Board selectmen are optimistic an on-site septic system for the Cook site will work.

Oct. 7, 2003
Selectmen sign the purchase and sale for the Cook property, and Haddad says due diligence on the property can officially begin. He said he has received bids from three companies and hopes due diligence can be completed by the end of October.

Oct. 14, 2003
Selectmen hold public hearing on Cook estate where residents are told the estimated tax revenue for the project is $400,000 a year.

Oct. 20, 2003
Haddad comes before the Community Preservation Committee to request they provide the funds to pay for due diligence on the Cook property. However, documents suggest, Haddad had already hired John Cavanaro of John Cavanaro Consulting to conduct site surveys and soil evaluations and Coler and Colantonio to conduct a 21E assessment. Haddad states after the meeting, that he wouldn't feel comfortable marketing a piece of property to developers if he hadn't done the proper testing on the site.

Nov. 17, 2003
Voters approve the purchase of the Cook Estate for $4.5 million, with a selling price of $5.2 million. A reserve fund transfer of $25,000 passes, which is used to replace funds borrowed from the Advisory Committee, and the Board of Selectmen's general expenses are increased by $24,820 to help cover Cook costs as well.

Dec. 3, 2003
Town begins advertising the Cook Request for Proposals and a due date for bid proposals is set for Jan. 22, 2004. Haddad announces residents will be asked to participate in the bidder selection process.

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Jan. 7, 2004
Haddad comes before the Advisory Committee to ask for a reserve fund transfer of $25,000 to pay for a hydrogeologic study, to be conducted by Coler and Colantonio.

March 15, 2004
The Board of Selectmen sign a revised purchase and sale agreement with the trustees of the Cook estate that extends the closing date to October 31, 2004 if the town has not obtained a groundwater discharge permit by July 31, 2004, provided the buyer applies for the permit by March 31, 2004 or at a time as mutually agreed to by both parties. If necessary, the closing may be extended for up to two 30-day periods, but the town will be asked to pay $20,000 for each 30-day period. At the closing, the deposits will be applied to the purchase price.

March 16, 2004
Northland Developers are selected to work with the town to build on the Cook estate.

April 14, 2004
Mariner reports preliminary testing on the Cook property has shown the on-site system the town had planned will not be feasible. Haddad says alternate solutions are being looked into, but it will not affect the project's ability to move forward. Haddad says a mounded system would virtually create a mountain on site. In addition, because there are many issues surrounding sewer tie-ins and available capacity, Haddad said that option may not be viable either. In addition, results from the 21 E assessment show the site passed that test.

April 14, 2004
Northland Residential files for a town sewer connection.

April 22, 2004
The Mariner reports testing conducted behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library indicate its soils may be able to serve as a leaching field for the Cook property.

April 29, 2004
The Mariner reports the water commission has doubts about whether leaching to the library is a viable alternative. While the commission is working with the town to help try to resolve the wastewater issue in the best interest of the town, the commission thinks the land could be too close to the Sohier Street and Ellms Meadow well fields and that the Department of Environmental Protection might not grant a groundwater discharge permit for the site.

May 19, 2004
Soil tests are conducted at the South Shore Music Circus parking lot. Cavanaro witnesses the tests along with Health Agent Joseph Godzik. Both agree the water table is too high to consider the site as a leaching field for the Cook estate.

May-Present
The town continues to search for a wastewater solution and have dug test pits on Red Fox Lane and are looking at Wheelwright Park as alternate sites. The town may be asked to vote at the fall Special Town Meeting this November to hook the project up to town sewer.

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Preserving the pictorial past

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across the nation through photographs, the publishers gave limitations on the number of pages and photos which could be included, which in turn limited the choices the three had.

Because the Society's archives have more than 2,000 photos total, and the book only allowed for roughly 200, there were some tough decisions to make. "It was hard. We had to eliminate some great photos," said DeGiacomo, adding there was a lot of shuffling around, but in the end, they were all very pleased with the results.

Other surrounding communities such as Scituate, Hull and Weymouth have all published books in the same series, and the publishers approached Cohasset's Historical Society with the idea that they publish one too. "They said it's time for Cohasset to do one," said Morse, and the three were happy to oblige.

When the three set out to compile the books, Morse said they had to decide which subjects they wanted to cover, keeping in mind they had limited space. "We knew we wanted people," said Morse, and they knew they wanted each chapter to be the same size, and had to work to lay the photos out accordingly, chapter by chapter.

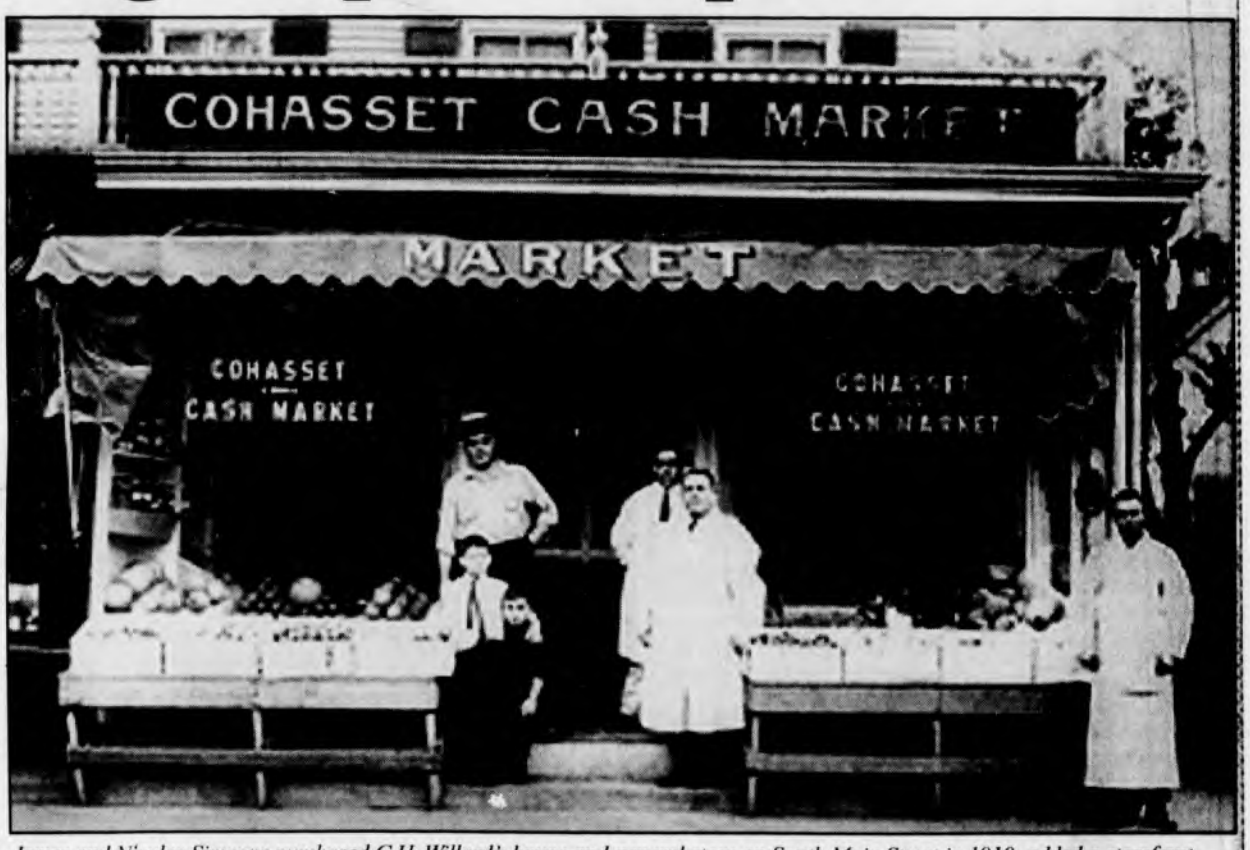
Working in the new Historical Society building, which used to serve as the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, provided the perfect work space, said Morse. There are many big tables so the photographs were able to be laid out and organized with plenty of room.

Even with the extensive photo collection of the society, the three wanted to reach out to the community and see if there were any interesting photos residents had, which were unlike the photos in the archives. "The people we reached out to were so willing to help," said DeGiacomo, adding many went into attics and barns looking for unique photographs that could be included in the book. DeGiacomo said she is sure there must be many people in town who have photos of Cohasset's past stored away somewhere, and the society is always happy to accept donations of photos or are happy to make copies and return the originals.

The three say they hope their book can be used as another resource, alongside the three volumes of the town's history. "There's so much more to the story than we could write," DeGiacomo said, as the captions for the photos can only say so much, and the volumes of the town's history can help provide much of the story behind the photos in the Historical Society's book.

In the future, the Society has plans to build an exhibit where each chapter of the book can be represented by photos and artifacts in the Historical Society building. "When people come here to pick up or buy their books, they can get a closer look at Cohasset," DeGiacomo said. She added the exhibit will be sponsored by the generosity of Glenn Pratt.

To purchase a copy of "Images of America: Cohasset," please stop by the Historical Society to fill out an order form, or order by phone at (781) 383-1434. Half of the proceeds from the sale of the books go toward the society when purchased at the Historical Society building. The Historical Society is open from 10-4 during the week, and visitors are always welcome.



James and Nicolas Simeone purchased C.H. Willard's house and general store on South Main Street in 1910, added a storefront, and opened the Cohasset Cash Market. James stands at center front, with meat cutter Frank Rego behind him and Eugene McSweeney to his right. Next door is the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company.



Frank Browne's drugstore was relocated to the Tilden Block from South Main Street in 1913. Here Minot Browne stands behind the counter of his father's pharmacy, where the town's first soda fountain was found.



PHOTOS FROM "IMAGES OF AMERICA, COHASSET"

Maria Valine, at the left, Adelaide Monteiro, at the right, and an unidentified friend enjoy Cohasset's summer weather. The Valines and Monteiros were among the Azorean families who worked their way across the Atlantic in ships, entering the United States at the Port of Cohasset. Their immigration papers may have been processed at the custom house at the corner of Summer and Border Streets.

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'Hunger banquet' is served up at CHS



CFS students line up in the "have-nots" line for a bowl of rice, slice of white bread and water.



PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Ninth-grader Caitlin Hurley, holding a bowl of rice, is framed by the fence that separates her from the privileged students who ate a banquet-style lunch.

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being handed across the fence to hungry classmates.

As part of the program, students also brought in non-perishable food items and other groceries for the Cohasset Food Pantry that is housed in the rectory at St. Anthony's on South Main Street.

Matt Steele, whose wife Marjorie Steele is the director of the food pantry, was on hand at CMHS Friday. He added a perspective that some of the students hadn't thought about: Cohasset has people in need.

Steele said the pantry, which is in its 12th year, is currently helping 30 families that come twice a month for assistance.

"They are no different than you or I," Steele said. "They are not homeless, they've hit a rough spot." He explained the food and other items donated by the students is especially needed this time of year because the bulk of donations come during the holidays.

Chelsea Richardson, who is one of the students spearheading the program, said hunger in eastern Massachusetts is a "silent epidemic." She said for about 170,000 children in the greater Boston area, summertime doesn't mean "fun in the sun" but going hungry because school that provides them with breakfast and lunch closes for the season.

Social Studies teacher Jack Buckley thanked the PSO and Cohasset Diversity Committee for their support of the program, Bob Levy and the cafeteria workers, and the three students who helped organize the "hunger banquet," Chelsea Richardson, Ricky Lordan and Molly Kirk.

Principal Michael Jones explained participation in Friday's hunger banquet was voluntary, although most students did take part. Some could not because of health concerns, he said.

For the "have-nots" Friday's lunch was a learning experience.

"It was helpful to see the numbers," said Kelsey Bell, a sophomore, about the percentage of people in the world that are going hungry. "Only six tables have food."

Ben Bolster, a sophomore, said the program provided a good look into people who are not as privileged.

And 10th-grader Steve Abrams said the bowl of rice wasn't enough for him.

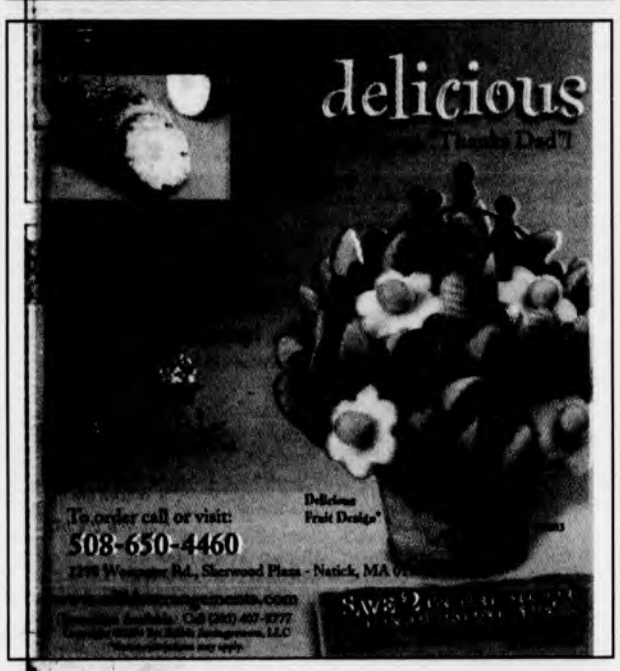
"I'm still hungry," he said.

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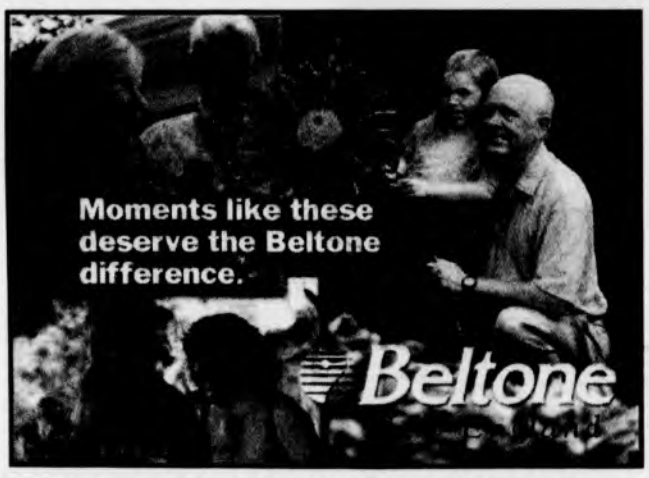
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HONORS GRAD

Caitlin E. Slodden, daughter of **Henry and Karen Slodden** of Cohasset, received a bachelor of arts degree from Colby College in Waterville, Maine on May 23. Caitlin, a Thayer Academy graduate, majored in anthropology and women's gender and sexuality studies. Caitlin was on the dean's list, earned distinction in both majors, and graduated *summa cum laude*. Excellent news Caitlin.

TRINITY GRADUATE

Jennifer L. Chastain, daughter of **Linda and Ernie Chastain** of Cohasset, graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. with a bachelor of science degree in psychology and educational studies. Awesome!

AWARD WINNER

Christopher Pratt of Cohasset was the recipient of a commencement award at Bryant College. Christopher received the Reserve Officers Training Corps Achievement Award for excellence and superior leadership potential in military science studies. He was also awarded a bachelor of science in business administration in management at Bryant's commencement exercises May 22. Super job Christopher.

WITH DISTINCTION

Jessie L. Zerendow, daughter of **Donald and Victoria Zerendow**, has graduated from Colby College with a bachelor of arts degree. She majored in international studies and minored in anthropology. A Cohasset High graduate, Jessie finished her college career with distinction in her major, on the dean's list and graduating cum laude. Best of luck to you Jessie.

GLOBAL STUDIES

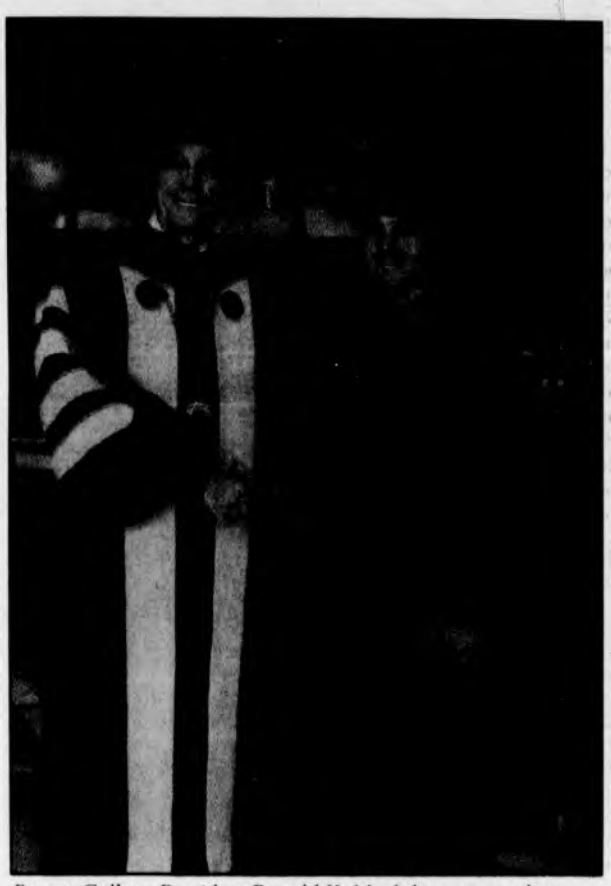
Caitlin D. Donovan graduated from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. May 16 with a degree in global studies and a minor in African studies and sociology. Great work, Caitlin.

DEAN'S LIST

Anna Roche, a sophomore, studying nursing in the School of Nursing and Health Studies at Georgetown University, Washington DC, was named to the dean's list for the second semester. She is working this summer in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at South Shore Hospital. Congratulations to you Anna, your family and friends are so proud of your accomplishments.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Stephen S. Kovach, son of **George and Joan Kovach** of Ripley Road, received a bachelor of arts from Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. on May 23. Stephen graduated with a degree in English literature. Congratulations Stephen.



Bryant College President Ronald K. Machtley congratulates Christopher Pratt, recipient of a Commencement Award.

FARMER'S MARKET

The seventh annual Farmer's Market is kicking off the season today and hopes that you and your family will stop down. Opening Day is today on the Cohasset Common from 2:30-6:30 p.m.. The Farmer's Market is held every Thursday through the summer and has fresh produce, fruit, flowers and so much more. Opening Day is dedicated to our local fire department with "Touch a Truck." Bring the family, meet your friends and come on down to this fun-filled way to spend the afternoon.

PSO DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

The Cohasset PSO Diversity Committee is holding an evening meeting on June 22, 7:30 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Library. All interested residents and friends are invited. Please join us to learn about our plans! The Committee and town of Cohasset are members of the No Place For Hate Community Program. Contact **Allison Moskow** at 781-383-9242 or allisonmoskow@hotmail. com for further information.

CEA VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed at the Cohasset Elder Affairs here in town. Van drivers, luncheon assistants, office assistants, friendly visiting and escort shopping are just a few of the areas where volunteers are needed. If possible, take a look at your summer schedules and see if you have a few hours that you could offer, it all makes a difference in the lives of our seniors. Call the Cohasset Elder Affairs for more information at 781-383-9112.

Some of the Upcoming Events at the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs are: June 24- Annual Cookout at the Life Care Center in Scituate, July 15: Learn about Medicare Drug Discount Cards with Carol Barrett who will be hosting a Question and Answer period regarding Medicare Drug Discount Cards in the CEA's dining room.

STRAWBERRY FEST

The year's 16th Annual Strawberry Festival is just another great reason to stop by Cohasset Common this weekend! Fresh strawberry shortcakes, grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, cold drinks and more will be available at the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue throughout the weekend. Folks can relax and enjoy a snack or meal at the church's outdoor café, or take a treat "to go" as they explore the South Shore Arts Festival on the Common. Proceeds benefit local charities in need including Father Bill's Place, The Mary Martha Learning Center, the Social Service League of Cohasset and Wellspring in Hull.

SWIM & DIVE TEAM TRYOUTS

Cohasset Swim Team tryouts will be held on Monday June 21 from 4-6pm at the swim center pool. Swimmers must be 6yrs of age by July 1, 2004 and no older than 17yrs. There are limited opening this year. Cohasset Dive Team tryouts will be held on Monday June 21 at 6-7pm at the swim center pool. There are limited openings. The rain date for tryouts is Tuesday, June 22.

LOBSTER ROLL SALE

First Parish U.U. Church in Cohasset on the Common will be holding its lobster roll sale Friday, June 18; Saturday, June 19, and Sunday, June 20. These are all-meat lobster rolls accompanied by a bag of potato chips for $10. each. Pre-ordering is encouraged!!! Mail in your order to the Parish House, 23 No. Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025. Checks may be made out to "First Parish Cohasset" - $10 per lobster roll - or order by calling Lucia Woods at 781.383.1555. Your order may be picked up at the Parish House, 23 No. Main St.: Friday: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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Jessie Zerendow graduates with honors from Colby College.



Caitlin Slodden graduates with honors from Colby College.

AROUND TOWN

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Sunday: 12 noon - 3 p.m. or until all are sold.

IT'S GOSPEL CONCERT TIME!

The Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus will perform again this year at First Parish's Meeting House on the Common in Cohasset - a concert of traditional and contemporary gospel music - 8 p.m. on Saturday evening, June 19. The concert will again be presented in conjunction with the South Shore Art Center's Festival on the Common. Wrap up your day of Festival fun with the sounds of the Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus from Mattapan. Tickets are $10 and are available in advance or at the door. Contact 781-383-1100 for advance ticket sales.

RELAY FOR LIFE

As all of you know, this weekend is also the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life taking place tomorrow and Saturday at CHS. The following are only a few of the wonderful, inspiring and amazing events that will take place during this 27 hour long event. Please make sure to take some time to stop in, walk a few laps and see what is going on at the track.

CUT-A-THON

Adrian Morris is going to host a cut-a-thon at his salon for the second year in a row, with all of the proceeds to go directly to the American Cancer Society. He is a member of the Life Strides team, that is co-captained by **Kelli Gaumer** and **Oriana Sadler**. The cut-a-thon will be held on Saturday June 19 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. No appointments are necessary and the cost of a Wet cut is $20. What a win-win opportunity! A great cut for a great cause!

The Life Strides team will also be hosting **Elizabeth Kissick** from EK Designs. Elizabeth's signature jewelry will be available for sale at the Relay from 5-8 p.m. on Friday evening, June 18. All of the profits from these sales will go directly to the AMC.

ALL-STAR FOOTBALL

Shriners Football Classic Triple Honor and what an honor it is! This years Shriner High School All-Star Football Classic will kick off tomorrow night, Friday, June 18 at 7 p.m. at U. Mass Lowell. Shriners nominees, **Chris Bilodeau** and **Stephen Davis** will play for the South Team. Cohasset's football coach **Tony Rolfe** will be head coach of this year's classic. Congratulations to all. Go South Squad!

LAUNCH PARTY

The Cohasset Sailing Club will kick off tis summer season with their annual Launch Party taking place on Saturday, July 10 at 5 -11 p.m. for the parents and adult members of the club. This year the club will be sponsoring a lobster dinner which includes clam chowder, steamers, corn, salad, hamburgers and hot dogs and soda. Please wear your best flowered shirt and/or grass skirt because we're going Hawaiian. After dinner a live auction will be held to benefit maintenance and upgrades planned for the club. Auction items include Patriots tickets, fishing charters, sunset wine and cheese sail, jewelry and many more. Don't miss the party of the summer, aloha!! Tickets are $40 person (BYOB) and are available by contacting **Maureen McElgunn** at 383-1465 or **Karen Orante** at 383-6737.

AHOY PARENTS!

To all Cohasset Sailing Club parents of new sailors: Come meet the 2004 Sailing Staff on Thursday July 1 from 5 -6p.m. at the Sailing Club. Your questions will be answered and refreshments provided! Junior sailing classes begin July 5, and Adult classes begin July 10. Any questions, please contact **Emily Malone** (781) 383-6379.

That is all for the week. Get all your news, event information and bragging info to me no later than Mondays at 5 p.m. Anything received after that time will automatically be placed in the following weeks edition, NO EXCEPTIONS MADE!

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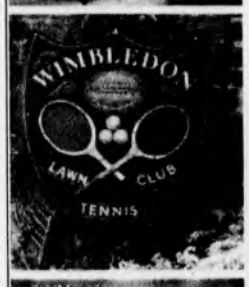


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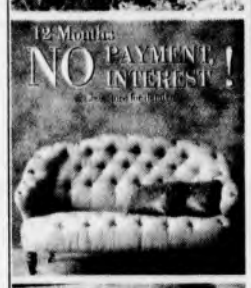




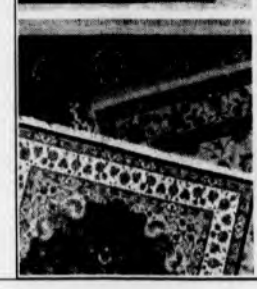


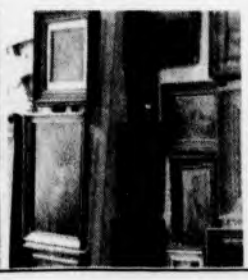










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More questions surround MBTA ombudsman position

Board disagrees over role, contract and who should tackle the job

The MBTA pays for the service through the town's Greenbush railroad mitigation agreement.

By Samantha Brown
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What began as an item during the selectmen comment period of Tuesday's meeting turned into an hour-long discussion as Selectman Ralph Dormitzer suggested the board try to resolve the issues surrounding the Cohasset-Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ombudsman position, which serves as a liaison between the MBTA and the town.

The MBTA pays for the service through the town's Greenbush railroad mitigation agreement.

In May, board members began questioning the ombudsman's role, then held by Kristina Patterson, because they said they hadn't been kept up to date on the work being done.

Patterson, who worked for Waterfield – which is the design group hired by the town for both the village revitalization and James Brook flood control projects — resigned from Waterfield May 14 and the company appointed a new ombudsman. Board members then questioned whether it was in Waterfield's purview to appoint another ombudsman or appoint their own.

Because the board had not seen the contract, it was unclear whether Waterfield should have contacted the town to gain input on a new ombudsman.

Dormitzer said after reading the contract, he had some serious concerns that the wording suggests neither party can terminate the contract without the other party's consent. If the town had questions about the ombudsman's performance at any time, this contract would suggest there is nothing that can be done to break it without Waterfield's consent. "My recommendation is to ask them to relive us from this contract," Dormitzer said.

Dormitzer added he feels the ombudsman should be someone from the town who can serve as an advocate for residents. When the position was initially advertised, he said roughly 15 people applied from the town, and "So far as I know, not one of them was interviewed." He added that Waterfield applied for the position the day before the process was to end, and that the company, which operates out of Winchester, was chosen rather than someone from the town.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris suggested tabling the discussion to another meeting because it should be included on the agenda. She said she would like to be able to review the contract before having the discussion.

But Selectman Fred Koed said the contract, which was not available at Town Hall when the board requested it, was available in the board's information packet for the week, and should be discussed. He said he tends to agree with Dormitzer that the ombudsman should be someone from the South Shore or the town who is in and around Town Hall consistently.

However, McMorris said when the board is talking about "nullifying a contract for an amount over $100,000," it should not be taken lightly and should be a scheduled item on the agenda and that Waterfield should be brought in to be a part of the discussion.

If the board is questioning whether to terminate a position based on performance, "We need to be clear on what the terms are," McMorris said, adding the ombudsman was not supposed to serve as an advocate for the town, but to help handle complaints brought to her by residents. She said the MBTA allocated money to the town for the position, and the board needs to be careful about what role they're asking the ombudsman to play.

But Dormitzer said the conversation really shouldn't be about Waterfield, but about people in the town who were given the impression the ombudsman would be a local person. "The ad was targeted at townspeople and the day before the closing, Waterfield comes in," he said. "Whether some engineering firm from Winchester should be an advocate for this town I think is a philosophical question."

McMorris said it is important for the board to remember its role and realize it is not their job to hire or fire employees — that is the job for the Town Manager. She added the discussion should be continued to a later date and if Dormitzer has concerns with the advertisement, he should bring a copy so the board can see it and be fully informed.

Dormitzer then brought the contract back to the forefront and read: "Neither party may assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of this agreement or any of its rights hereunder or otherwise delegate any of its duties without the prior written consent of the other party. Any such attempted assignment or other disposition without consent shall be null and void and no force and effect." He said that passage is, "Unusual and surprising," and that he can't believe that's the kind of contract the board would want the Town Manager to enact. "We can't even reassign this based on performance," he said.

McMorris said she has not heard any complaints which would lead the board to terminate the ombudsman, and that Waterfield has been keeping a log of any interaction with residents of the town and therefore, the company should be present for the conversation.

However, Koed reiterated Dormitzer's point and said the fact that the contract can't be broken is very unusual. "Where was the contract? It wasn't at Town Hall. We had to go to Winchester to get it," he said.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said the contract has already been signed and when you have a contract with a vendor, if there are some issues that arise during that time of service, it has not been the town's practice to automatically dismiss them. "Not everyone who has been elected to this board has liked everything that happened before you (Dormizter) got on," he said, adding a Request for Proposals went out for the position and the decision to hire was made by the designated representative of the town at that time.

Dormitzer said the board should decide whether it wants someone from the outside to do the job. However, Sullivan said the matter has already been decided, the contract is signed, and the town hasn't even had any conversations with Waterfield.

McMorris said Dormitzer is insinuating Waterfield isn't getting the job done, and she said she hasn't heard any complaints.

Koed brought up the Barnes property on 3A which is near the tracks and station site, and said "No one told them they were losing their business." He asked what the ombudsman should be doing if not helping the local businesses with the train coming to town.

McMorris said the ombudsman was supposed to intercede on resident's behalf, but not take on the responsibility of a representative of the board of selectmen or anyone else. "Their job is not to represent the community," she said.

Selectman Rob Spofford said he is "Not a fan of breaching contracts," and asked whether the town could dovetail a local person to work with the ombudsman and serve as an advocate. Sullivan said until recently, the Town Manager has served in that capacity.

Dormitzer said he recently saw some MBTA plans which were 90 percent complete and were still showing many things that were against what the diagnostic team had told Cohasset was happening in town. He said someone needs to be keeping an eye on what is happening with the plans to make sure the changes are made, and he thought the ombudsman was that person.

McMorris said that is why there are two members of the board of selectmen who have been asked to serve as a representative for the town.

But Koed, who serves as the MBTA liaison, said the town is paying more than $100,000 for an ombudsman, and they should be responsible for looking over the plans. "I don't think that's the job of a selectmen who makes $83 a month," he said.

The board said it will invite Waterfield to attend a meeting within the next couple of months to iron out the details of the ombudsman position.

Sandy Beach open for summer season

Life guards will be on duty 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Labor Day (Sept. 6).

Sandy Beach officially opened for the 2004 summer season on Saturday June 12. Life guards will be on duty 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Labor Day (Sept. 6). Bathhouse facilities are available for use during the same hours. The following rules are issued to assure the safety of beach visitors and to protect the environment:

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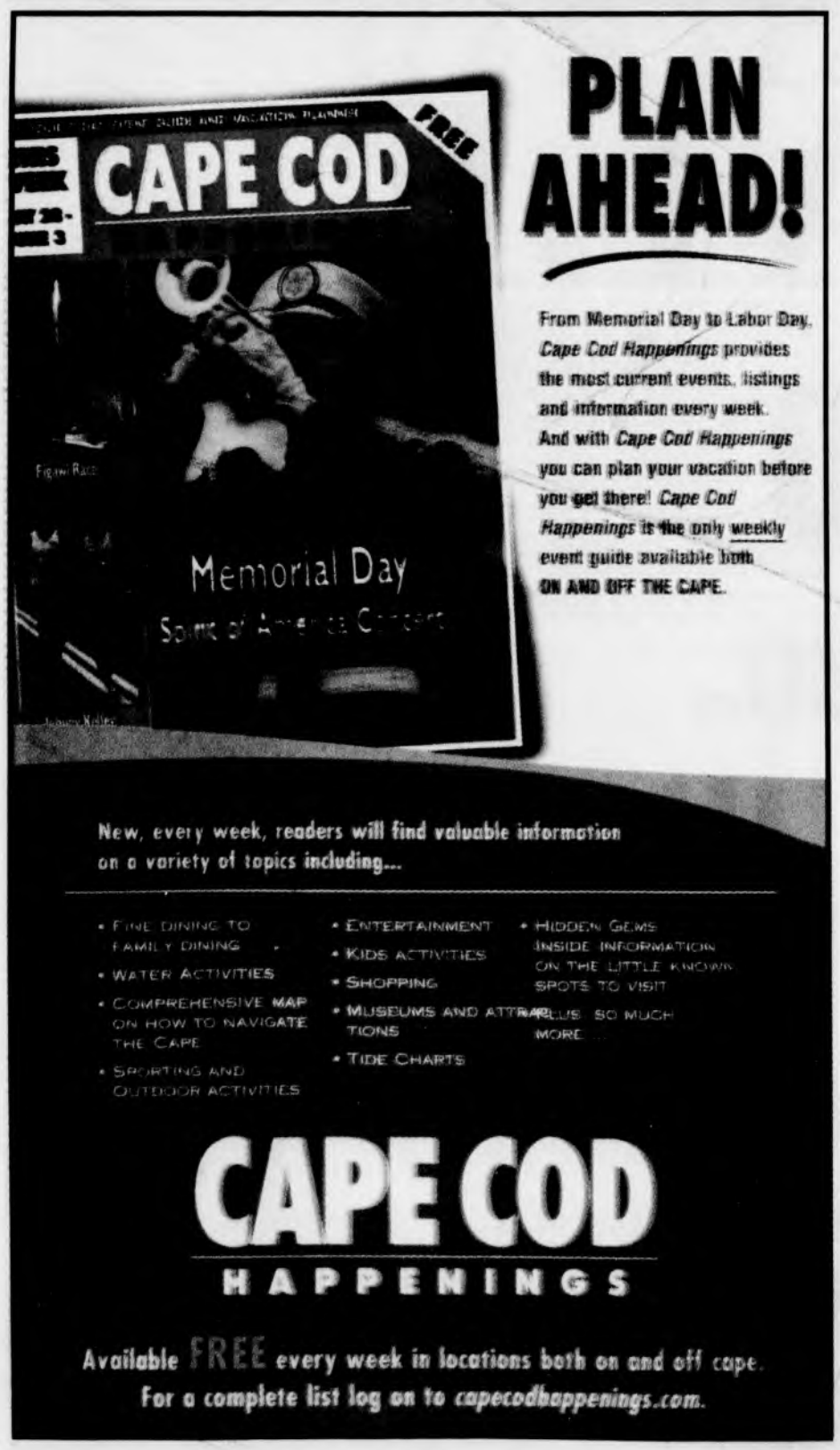
Beach visitors are invited to enjoy many days at the "Jewel of Cohasset" in a safe and environmentally manner.

Gulf Assoc. annual meeting is June 24

The Gulf Association will hold its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 24, at the Lightkeeper's Cottage, Cohasset Harbor.

David Magnussen, Chairman of the Science Department at the Cohasset High School, and Jack Buckley, President of the newly formed Center for Student Coastal Research will present "The Gulf As Classroom." While reporting on recent successes in teaching science by involving students in hands-on projects they will describe the Department's current science philosophy and program overview including its experiential, interactive approach to learning, and how the Gulf fits into the curriculum. They will also hear from students who have participated in the Department's Summer Institute Program.

All who are interested in the sciences, and in preserving the environmental health of the Gulf River estuary and its watershed (which encompasses substantial portions of both Cohasset and Scituate) are encouraged to attend. Parents of students in Cohasset and Scituate's middle and high schools will be especially interested to hear how they can help develop a watershed-based curriculum involving community participation. Call 781-383-2982 with any questions.



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Press coverage is called into question

Two selectmen lash out at media

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Due to an editor's production error, this story which came out of last week's selectmen's meeting did not run in last week's Mariner. It was posted on the Cohasset Mariner web site but did not appear in print.

Selectmen have been under intense scrutiny by both the public and the press in recent months, as many controversial issues have surfaced in rapid succession.

Tension hit a boiling point last Tuesday (June 8) when Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan and Selectman Ronnie McMorris attacked the local press. They criticized coverage of recent events and challenged credibility of the journalism being practiced, accusing local papers of fabricating stories not based on fact.

Sullivan said he thinks there is currently a "very inaccurate perception of this community," which has been portrayed by the media, especially the daily Patriot Ledger. While he said the board is dealing with some issues and there have been "bumps in the road on occasion," it is nothing the town can't work through. In addition, he said he has spoken to many people who "appreciate the efforts being put forth to resolve these issues."

Sullivan said the Patriot Ledger should reach out beyond the small "circle of friends" who are continually quoted in articles, to those who believe the board is acting in the best interest of the town.

"The community has a very positive spirit, and the whole community does not need a major dose of Prozac as the Patriot Ledger would lead people to believe," he said.

Sullivan said problems in town revolve around five or six employees, and a downtown project that is not going "as smoothly as it should have been." People continue to move to the town and like living here, he said, and that needs to be kept in perspective.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said there has also been an image given to the town that it is somehow the "perfect" community. "It is made up of average people, and many live in modest homes," she said. She added that people continue to go about their daily lives, making doctor's appointments, taking their children to school, and "we're not perfect," but the media — including the Cohasset Mariner — has jumped on certain issues and splashed them across the front pages.

McMorris also said Chief Robert Jackson, who just retired, and his family have "been put through the wringer." She said Jackson has seen his family's reputation and his own reputation brought down because of allegations and not facts, which were printed in the papers.

McMorris accused the media of taking pieces of information and piecing them together to "create a story," every week, which are based on allegations and unnamed sources. She made reference to a recent Mariner editorial, which she said listed a number of facts which she believes were not factual. In the editorial, the Mariner stated during the 45-day "cooling off" period between the town and two officers who have been on paid administrative leave, there were no mediation sessions.

"This board took the time to try to mediate," McMorris said. "We participated in two different sessions." She described the meetings as productive with both parties coming together to try to come to a resolution. While she said it didn't result in a final outcome, "We were working in good faith to come to resolution."

She said when the Mariner printed there were no mediations conducted within the 45-day period, it was "not a fact, and is not true." [There was no mediation during the 45-days as stated in the editorial. The two mediation sessions occurred prior to the enactment of the cooling-off period.]

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer defended the press saying he believes the press has an important constitutional role to play, which "provides a check and balance against us." Dormitzer said the board has an obligation to provide information to the press, and suggested the board provide more than it has been, both so the board can get out in front of the story, and the press "doesn't have to dig." He said the board should consider writing a weekly press release, as well as perhaps having a weekly column, written on a rotating basis by different members of the board, which would enable it to "get out more of our own story."

"I do not find the press to be a problem. Partly, it's our own fault for not being as open as we should," Dormitzer said.

In a telephone interview the following day, Sullivan said his comments from the previous night were directed at only the Patriot Ledger. "The town is dealing with a number of important issues that were not created by the board, but have to be dealt with by the board. For the Patriot Ledger to continue to depict a very negative picture about Cohasset and the way it's run is just wrong."

Mark Skala, editor in chief for the Mariner, said his staff stands by its coverage. "Our job is to report the news and dig for information, even if that isn't in favor with those in authority. Our job is not to be liked by officials, but to be fair and balanced in our overall coverage. Cohasset has taken some hits lately, but this seems to be one of those old clichés of 'shooting the messenger'."

Auction raises funds to save teachers

By Samantha Brown
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Getaways, spa treatments, and sports tickets are just some of the items to be auctioned off at the Committee to Save Three Teachers fund-raising event. But unlike many other auctions, those who attend need not leave the comforts of home, provided they has Internet access.

"What we are doing is very, very exciting," said Barbara Buckley, who has spearheaded the efforts, adding the auction her group is hosting is on a Web site almost identical to E-bay, but is used only for non-profit organizations. The auction opened Monday, June, 14 and runs until June 24, the last day of school.

The committee has been working with the Cohasset Educational Foundation since April to raise the funds necessary to retain three elementary teaching positions not funded as part of this year's budget. So far, the group has reached the halfway point, as $52,000 has been raised to date. With $53,000 to go in order to ensure all three teachers can be retained for next fall, the group is initiating its last final fund raising push.

With 21 categories of items to bid on — including food, lawn and garden, jewelry, sports, DVDs, and toys — there is something for everyone in the family to enjoy.

Buckley said the fund raising has "snowballed," in a very short amount of time. "We went from a flake to an avalanche," she said, adding she fully expects to raise the remaining $53,000 from the auction.

Items to be auctioned include a 25-foot Hunter sailboat as well as a week at a condo at Okemo Mountain, both of which were donated Sunday. Other bid items include a weekend getaway to an apartment in New York City, located at the corner of 14th and 1st, a chartered fishing trip, a private wine tasting and private sushi making lessons.

Buckley said some local "Cohasset celebrities" will also be donating their services for the cause. Former college baseball player Dan Rice will throw batting practice and work on fielding and throwing skills with Little League aged player or players; beloved children's librarian Sharon Moody will come to the house to read children bedtime stories, and Lilly Sestito will sing for a special occasion.

"We went from a flake to an avalanche."
— Barbara Buckley, coordinator

"All these cool services are local people who have generously donated their services," Buckley said, and she believes their generous contributions will help make a difference in the fund raising campaign. "Will we make it to $105,000, maybe. Will we make it to $70,000, I'm very confident," she said.

Buckley said she acknowledges this campaign is only a one-year fix but through its efforts, the committee has realized a much larger vision for the long term has been established. She said many who have become involved with this project have decided to establish a Cohasset Educational Advocacy Forum which will monitor what's going on at the local, state and national level in terms of education. She said the group will keep tabs on the decisions that are being made and share information with all the people who have shown they are like-minded. "Had we acted with this effort months ago, maybe all of this could have been avoided," she said.

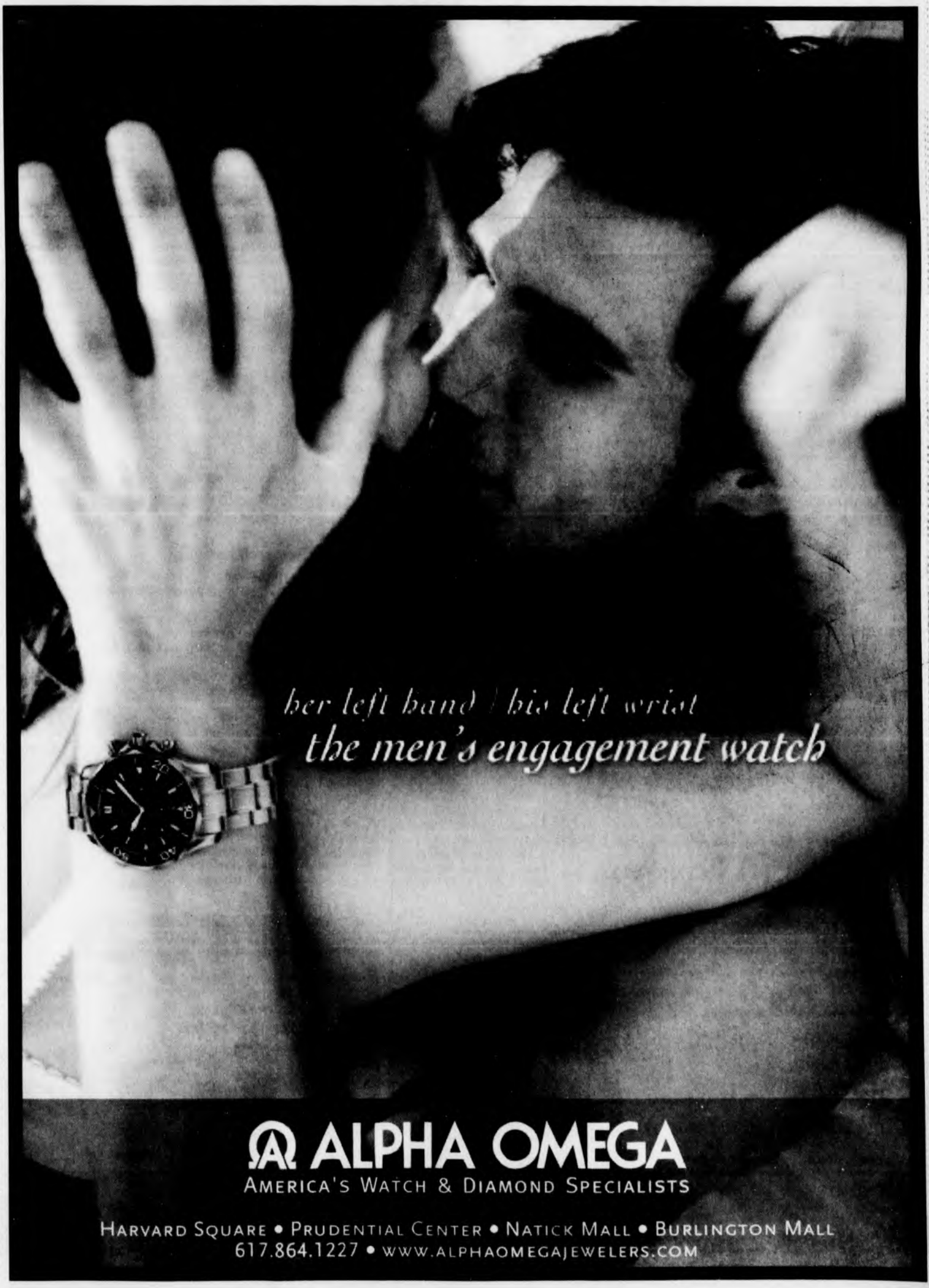
Buckley also reiterated the committee is not faulting any decisions that have been made in the past, and that she and the committee think the School Committee and others who have had to make the tough decisions have done a great job. She said her committee is only trying to supplement what has been done.

To visit the Committee to Save Three Teachers auction, please visit www.cmarket.com. The link can be found on the left hand side of the screen under featured auctions. There is no charge to browse through items and the site also has the option to donate an item to be auctioned off. The auction closes June 24.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Froio, 327 Forest Ave., re-roof 8 squares cedar, $6,400; Joseph Buckley, 28 Linden Drive, re-roof 24 squares, $8,900; Thomas McGrath, 138 Linden Drive, re-roof 38 squares, $12,900; John Cavanaro, 39 Arrowwood St., addition 24 x 25, $64,000; Matt Trustee Montefusco, 237 Hull St., garage addition, $70,000; John and Sarah Inferrera, 404 Beechwood St., interior renovations 1st. floor, $20,000; Robert Hillman, 21 Norfolk Road, re-roof 10 squares, $1,900; Arts Festival, Town Common, tents, N/A. Henvey/Castro, 39 Elm Court, shed 10 x 16, $1,000; Bryan, 44 Howe Road, deck, $5,000; Bowen, 15 Carbone Lane, finish basement/bath, $39,000; Lehr, 306 North Main St., 3 car garage, $50,000; Gaughen, 351 Forest Ave., sidewall 14 squares, $8,400.



OPINION

EDITORIAL

Emergency response

South Shore Hospital's emergency department is not unlike many regional hospitals in the nation that are overused and overburdened.

Except for the fact that it's even busier than most.

In fact, the ER at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth is ranked third busiest in the state, behind Bay State Medical Center in Springfield and Boston Medical Center. The emergency department treats 200-plus patients on an average day. More than 25 percent of patients come by ambulance, compared to the national average of about 12 percent. Of the 200-plus per day, 25 percent need admission compared to the average of 16 percent.

What all these facts illustrate is that more and more people have come to rely on the hospital's emergency department. Like South Shore, many hospital emergency departments are busier than ever. Nationally, there are more than 112 million patient visits each year — up 16 percent since 1996. Emergency department overcrowding is a major national issue and one facing scrutiny here on the South Shore after two recent problems arose at the Weymouth facility.

Two women have come forward in recent weeks to complain about what they see as a lack of quality care while in the hospital's emergency room. A Braintree woman who was having an asthma attack while in the ER got so tired of waiting she dialed 911 and was taken by ambulance from South Shore Hospital to a facility in Quincy. In another case, a woman was taken by ambulance to South Shore and she said she waited six hours to be treated for stomach pains. While in the ER, her appendix burst.

The two incidents have cast a spotlight on the hospital's emergency department services to the point where the state Department of Public Health conducted an investigation at the facility last week.

Hospital officials say they welcome the review and well they should. Dr. John Benanti, chief of the emergency medicine, says the two incidents provide an opportunity for the hospital to "do better work." And we believe he means it.

Benanti is willing to accept responsibility for the fact that some patients may not be satisfied with their level of care. "Our staff has the same level of expectation about care and service as the community," he said. "We want to be our best and strive to improve every day. Whether it's personnel or technology, we want to do all the things that make us better."

It's understandable the hospital is a bit defensive these days. Solving emergency room issues won't be easy. Almost everyone can relate a story about long waits and lack of communication when using the emergency room, whether it's South Shore or another regional hospital.

But residents should take comfort in the fact that South Shore Hospital is being proactive and officials aren't just turning a blind eye to the challenges they face. Benanti said the hospital ER is staffed with some 350 people, including doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals, so he doesn't see the current challenges related to staffing levels.

It's obvious the nation's health care delivery system is flawed and in dire need of overhaul. There are more than 40 million people in our country of 290 million who are without health insurance and rely on emergency department doctors for routine care.

At the local level, though, we are encouraged by the many steps being taken at South Shore Hospital to improve and enhance emergency room care. Some of those measures include:

- A new five-tier triage system to improve and expedite patient assessment — a system in place only two days when the hospital received its media attention because of the two incidents mentioned.
- Creation of a hospitalist position — the only facility in the region to have the position 24 hours. Essentially an internist, who has no private practice, is at the hospital who works with a patient's private physician in the community to expedite care and treatment.
- Bedside registration, allowing people to move more quickly from a waiting room to a treatment area.
- Development of the Friends of Emergency Care board. The advisory group is made up of people who have used the ER and offer advice, input and recommendations to Benanti, who meets monthly with the group.

The hospital, Benanti points out, must also come up with ways to better communicate with emergency room patients and their families. "Too often they don't know what is going on and wonder why they are waiting so long. Our job is to give them more information and share with them about what steps are being taken to provide them with care."

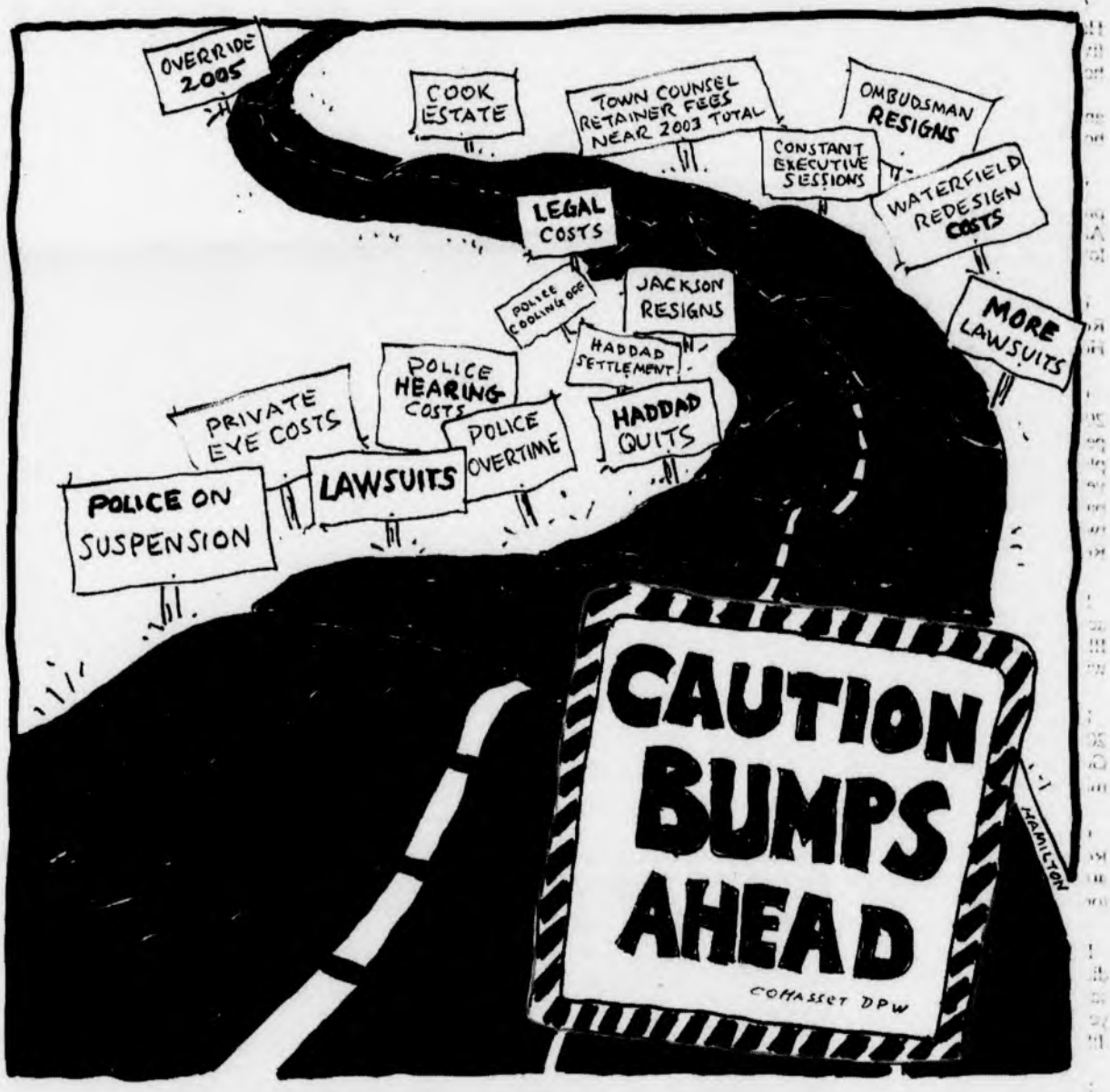
The public most also do its part, however, to improve the health care system. It's called personal accountability. A good example to illustrate this point: several children were brought in to the ER last weekend after a car accident because they weren't wearing seat belts. Something as simple as clicking those belts would have prevented even needing to go to the ER.

Having a primary care doctor is another simple step people can take. Too many visits to emergency rooms are a result of someone not having a primary care doctor to consult with and that results in filling up an already overcrowded emergency system.

It all sounds reasonable enough, yet it requires everyone's help — not just the doctors, nurses and medical staff — to help heal our nation's ailing emergency department system.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Contract non-renewal for Callahan is faulted

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter to inform the people of Cohasset that Paul Callahan, the former Deer Hill principal, has been appointed as the principal of the Chaffee Elementary School in Oxford, Mass. His family would like to thank all of the many wonderful and caring people in Cohasset Paul came to love. I especially want to thank those who made phone calls or wrote letter to the superintendent and school committee to show their concern during his last year there.

As many of you know, in June 2002, Dr. Malvey, the Superintendent of Schools, decided not to renew Paul's contract with the Cohasset Public Schools. Paul had been an innovative, dedicated, and tireless worker for Cohasset since 1996. In his seven years he never took a sick day and was always there for everybody — parents, teachers, and most of all for the students of the Deer Hill School.

In March 2003, Dr. Malvey reported to the school committee that he was not renewing Paul's contract. The school committee accepted this decision without question and some publicly supported Dr. Malvey. I ask — Why does a principal like Paul Callahan be so unfairly removed after seven years of uncountable hours, true dedication, and excellent leadership, especially during the renovations and additions to the building? Good question!

Paul was devastated emotionally and financially. He has not been employed since July 1, 2003. For almost two years, Paul and his family endured the stress, defamation of reputation, and public embarrassment that are part of a contract non-renewal. Under the Education Reform Act principals serve at the whim of the superintendent, who determines their salary and employment. Also, under this law, there really is nothing that a principal can do when their contract is not renewed. Due process, which did not occur, should be part of the procedure. There is no severance pay for a principal, as others in Cohasset have received.

Paul has spent one year unemployed and disheartened because of one man. He had interviewed in many communities with the knowledge that he had no support from Dr. Malvey.

As an educator for 26 years I am appalled at this abuse of power. The power given to superintendents in Massachusetts by the Education Reform Bill of 1993 was never intended to ruin the careers of excellent educators such as Paul Callahan.

To the wonderful and caring people of Cohasset, Paul will never forget his days at Deer Hill. Thank you to them.

Mrs. Patricia Callahan
Hingham

Research lawsuits

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm a very happy former resident of Cohasset.

After being advised of how terrible a town it was before I moved in, advice of which I well should have listened, I learned the hard way.

Last week's article on the Mariner Web site [and in this week's paper], quotes the same people whining about poor press coverage. It follows a town manager and police chief leaving under stressed circumstances. Now there is controversy over a new chief being brought in. This man should run as fast as he can the other way.

Over the years the town has engaged in politically driven lawsuits, spending town money well into six-figures, as town departments suffer.

Please research and print the stories of the legal funds spent over the past years, what they were spent for, and what the results of the suits were.

Another former resident, (very happy as well) who had prominent business office in Cohasset, and was well qualified for his role, said to me, "I drove through the place the other day, and I couldn't figure out anything I missed about the place."

Mark Bell
Westfield, Mass.

Why no tirade over interim principal?

TO THE EDITOR:

Isn't it amazing that an interim high school principal overseeing more than 300 persons was chosen without a search committee, while the police chief's appointment to interim position without a search committee evoked a tirade?

Katherine F. Stanton
30 Clay Spring Road

Frannie Coffey will be missed

TO THE EDITOR:

I was stunned to see in tonight's paper that Frannie Coffey had died suddenly. Frannie was a man who enjoyed working with people to help others. For 27 years he had been involved with me and Sharpless Jones in the running of the Cohasset Road Race By the Sea.

Frannie was always there to help in any way he could. He came up with some wonderful ideas that helped us to improve the race. He joined with us to ensure that the focus of the race was on the participants and to make sure that safety of the runners was a primary factor.

Thank you Frannie for your years of giving. We'll miss you greatly.

F. Roy Fitzsimmons
116 Doane St.

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SENIOR SCENE

For more information, contact the CEA at 781-383-9112.

Volunteers

The following volunteer positions are needed at the Cohasset Elder Affairs:

- Van drivers
- Luncheon Assistants
- Office Assistants
- Friendly Visiting
- Escort Shopping

Call the Cohasset Elder Affairs for more information! 781-383-9112

Upcoming events

June 24, Annual Cookout at the Life Care Center in Scituate.

July 15, Learn about Medicare Drug Discount Cards with Carol Barrett.

July 15, Carol Barrett will be hosting a Question and Answer period regarding Medicare Drug Discount Cards in the CEA's dining room.

Oct. 13, Safety First

Ongoing programs

Book Club: - 10 a.m., second Friday of the month

Bridge-ACBL: Mondays, 12:15 p.m.

Bridge- Drop In: Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Bridge- Learn to Play: Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga: Thursdays, 1:15 p.m.

Computer Technology: Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Firming and Toning with Karen: Tuesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m.

Gourmet cooking with Anna: First and third Wednesday of the month

Knitting with Edna: Fridays, 1 p.m.

Legal Consultation: Monthly by appointment

Lunch at the center: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, noon

Pedi-care with Jean: Second Wednesday, by appointment

Transportation

Church: Sundays, by request.

Cohasset Village: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

Escorted Shopping: Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m.

Lunch at the Center: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Medical Appointments: Monday through Thursday, by request.

Shaw's: First and third Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Stop & Shop: Monday and Friday, 9:30 p.m.

Christmas Tree Shop: Second Wednesday, 9 a.m.

First graders' thoughts on President Reagan

The following essays were composed by Miss Thorell's first-grade class.



Miss Thorell's first-grade class at the Osgood School.

On Saturday the President died. He loved to ride horses. He lived until he was 93. He was an actor. He spoke on television. He was a good President.

— Colby Williams

On the fifth the President Ronald Reagan died. He was the oldest president alive. Ronald Reagan lived all over the United States. I have been to his home town a lot of times. He did many athletics.

These are them, he was a swimmer, an actress and a football player and a school leader. He loved horses. He was a good president.

— Kristin Timothy

Ronald Reagan died on June 5. He was the 40th president. He had jobs. They were football player, Army soldier and actor. He also was President He loved horses.

— Nicholas Tetreault

Unfortunately, Ronald Reagan died June 5, 2004. Ronald loved horses. He lived in the white House. He was President and actor. I liked him.

— Tyler Stidling

Unfortunately, Ronald Reagan passed out June 5, 2004. He was 93. He loved to ride horses. Many people were sad. He loved his wife Nancy. Also he played football. He loved to swim. Also he was a very good announcer it was like he was at a real baseball game. Nancy had four children. She had two children first. I love to study about Ronald Reagan.

— Emma Steele

Ronald Reagon passed away on June 5. He liked acting. Ronald also loved sports. He grew up in Illinois. He was the Governor of California. We will miss him.

— Cole Morrison

Unfortunately, Ronald Reagon died on June 5, 2004. He spoke on the news. He acted. He was also Governor. He had a wife. He passed away. We will miss him!

— Miles Morin

Unfortunately, Ronald Reagon passed away Ronald died on Saturday June 5, 2004. He was the 40th president. He was the oldest president in history. I miss Ronald.

— Caroline Kennedy

Ronald Reagan June 5, 2004, newspaper he had died. Many Americans thoughout the country are sad. He was a brave man. He went to war for four years. He even was a movie star. He lived a good .life.

— Derek Jamieson

Ronald Ragin unfortunately died. A lot of people are sad. He was a good president. He ran the country well. Nancy was his wife. He might be dead but he still lives in our hearts. I am sad he died and I bet you are too.

— Hollis Hunnewell

Unfortunately Ronald Reagon died on June 5, 2004. He was the oldest President at 93. Ronald Reagon was the 40th President. He was an Army hero, an actor and a Governor. Ronald was a very good president.

— Timothy Hayes

Sadly Ronald Reagon passed away. Ronald Reagon was the 40th President. Miss Thorell told me that he loves horses. A lot of people are sad. Even his wife is sad. He was the oldest President to live. When he died He was I think 93.

— Jacqueline Hart

Ronald Reagon passed away last week. He loved to ride horses. We miss him a lot even his wife Nancy. He was the oldest President in the United States. He stayed until he was 93 years old. On the news I saw every boddy had to stay up even the people inside. That's what I learned about Ronald Reagon.

— Meghan Flaherty

Ronald Reagon passed away on June 5, 2004. He was our 40th President He loved horses. He had over four jobs or so. He was 93 years old He was in the Army. He was an actor in 50 movies and I like that!

— Tucker Desisto

Sadly Ronald Reagon died on June 5, 2004. He loved horses and acting. He was the oldest President. He was 93. He was the 40th President. Many people were sad especially Nancy. He loved Nancy. He was a good President.

— Emma Davis

Ronald Reagon passed away lost week. He loved to ride horses. We miss him very much. Even his wife, Nancy. He was the oldest President of the United States. We love him very much.

— Emily Curran

Unfortunately, Ronald Reagon passed away on June 5, 2004. He was 93 when he passed away. He was the 40th President. He was a swimmer. Ronald Regan got shot but the good thing is he didn't die. He is a good President.

— Audrey Brown

Ronald Reagon was a President. He died on June 5, 2004. His funeral took a long time. He loved horses. He got shot but he did not die that day. His family misses him a lot. I'm sure they do. We miss him too.

— Carly Norton

LIBRARY CORNER

Summer reading for schoolchildren

Explore other worlds at your library, is the theme of this year's statewide Summer Reading Program. Registration will be held at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, in the Children's Room, beginning Monday, June 28, and will continue throughout the early summer. Registration hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays and from 1 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

At the time of registration, students will set a goal and be given a summer reading log on which to record their summer reading. At the completion of the summer program, Aug. 13, participants will bring their reading logs to share with Mrs. Moody. A tee shirt with the summer logo will be awarded to those participants who meet or exceed their goal.

We will be presenting a series of free Tuesday evening programs for families, suitable for children of all ages. These events will begin on Tuesday, July 6, and will end on Tuesday, Aug. 10.

Families that read together provide the strongest model for future readers. Research shows that young children from families that visit the library at least once a month show significantly more signs of emerging literacy than children whose families are not library users.

Explore other worlds at your library

Tuesday evenings at 7p.m. for all family members.

July 6 - Steve Rudolph - Around the World with Magic

July 13 - Animal Adventures - A hands-on animal experience

July 20 - Keith Michael Johnson - Hats off to Reading

July 27 - Diana Kane - Beyond Books

Aug. 3 - Drawbridge Puppet Theater - Jack and the

Beanstalk

Aug. 10 - Sparky's Puppets - Explore the Land of

Enchantment

*Generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library

Cell phone use policy

Cell phone use within the library can often prove disruptive to patrons and staff. Please turn off cell phones before entering the library, or set ringers to vibrate. All cell phone conversations should be conducted in either the side (parking lot) lobby or front (Ripley Road) lobby.

Artist exhibit

South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist, Ted Polomis, presents an exhibition of oil paintings at the library from July 2 to Aug. 30. The show features a variety of intimate still lifes and studies painted in the tradition of classical realism. The public is invited to an opening reception on Friday, July 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. Visit the artist's web site at www.polomis.com.

Historical Society book

Copies of the Society's new book, "Cohasset," written by David H. Wadsworth, Paula Morse and Lynne DeGiacomo are on sale at the library. The town's history and natural beauty are showcased in more than 200 vintage photographs. The book, priced at $21, would make an ideal Father's Day gift.



NATURAL VIEW



JIM SHIPSKY

Last week one of the most beautiful parts of the world was destroyed. I can be reached at jimshipsky @NetZero.com



Is 'She' there? Check the Ls!

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

At this time next week, you'll probably be standing in line at Barnes and Noble, waiting with mounting impatience to plunk down $35 for the purchase of the most important book of this century.

Yessiree, three years after accepting a $10 million advance from Knopf and after a year of explaining why it was not finished yet, Bill Clinton's autobiography, creatively titled "My Life," will finally hit the stands next Tuesday.

On second thought, this may not be the most important book of this century, but only since publication of "Living History," (dig those creative titles) by another Clinton in June, 2003.

When is Chelsea's book coming out? And what will it be called?

Has anyone checked in on Carter and Ford lately?

Do you have the feeling, as I do, that we have been assaulted by ex-presidents of late, what with Reagan buying the farm, Bush XLI jumping from an airplane to celebrate his 80th birthday (with parachute, of course) and, now, Clinton.

Has anyone checked in on Carter and Ford lately?

Once you have purchased Bill's book, all 957 pages of it, I'll bet the next thing you do is turn to the index and thumb down to the letter "L" to see if She is mentioned.

After all, didn't Bill tell publishers and editors at the trade show BookExpo America, "I don't spare myself" in the book?

And didn't Wilt Chamberlain extend the literary perimeters by claiming to have known 20,000 women in the Biblical sense in his autobiography a few years ago?

I wish I could tell you whether or not She is mentioned in Bill's book but my review copy appears to have gone astray between the Knopf mail room and my mail box.

Personally and economically, I think it would be a big mistake for Bill to ignore Her in his book. If it were me, I'd devote a whole chapter to a critique of Her performance as an intern in the White House.

Knopf has order a whopping first printing of 1.5 million copies and has orders from bookstores for 2.3 million.

If it was confirmed that She has a lead role in the book, prepublication orders might jump to 4.6 million before you could say Ken Starr.

Cigar stores would be stocking up on extra supplies, too.

If you think the assault of ex-presidents will be over once Bill's book is published, be advised that it has just begun. We'll have at least another month of it.

Bill's book tour starts next Sunday on "60 Minutes," continues Tuesday with "Oprah," then Wednesday with "Today" and "Good Morning, America," Thursday with Larry King and Friday with Charlie Rose.

And then there is the Democratic National Convention at the Fleet Center starting July 26, when, at the urging of Knopf, of course, card tables will be set up at every available McDonald's, Dunkin' Donuts and Laundromats all over Boston.

Will "My Life" be worth it? Will the book truly reflect life as Bill Clinton lived it? I'm not saying it will or it won't but I subscribe to George Orwell's definition of autobiography, any autobiography.

It is, he said "the most egregious form of fiction."

LETTERS

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Letter criticized

TO THE EDITOR:

I am responding to a letter from Louis Harvey in the June 10 edition of the Cohasset Mariner. This letter is in regard to his personal attack toward two selectmen. Let me edit his letter. He could have left out the following adjectives: appalling, raw, vitriolic, abhorrent, outlandish, and crude, and his letter would still have had the same effect.

Although Mr. Harvey certainly can express his thoughts and views, his hostility, negativeness, and just plain nastiness is not appreciated, at least by this writer. As I've said before, reasonable people can agree to disagree reasonably.

Peter J. Wood
77 Summer St.

HEALTH NOTES

Summer is seafood time in Massachusetts

A wise consumer is advised to adhere to the certain guidelines when purchasing, storing, handling, and preparing seafood.

In Massachusetts, the start of summer is the signal for many people to think about preparing and eating more fresh seafood, especially boiling up lobster, and preparing clam bakes and clam boils. Throughout the year, the staff of Seafood Inspection Unit of the Division of Food and Drug within the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is on duty to assure the citizens of the Commonwealth that the product that is purchased from the local market or restaurant is a safe product. However, a wise consumer is advised to adhere to the following guidelines when purchasing, storing, handling, and preparing seafood.

〈 For those who enjoy recreational fishing and shellfishing, it is important to follow state and local regulations and be aware of health and safety advisories about fishing and harvesting areas.

〈 Temperatures are particularly important, especially for fishing and digging clams. A fish held at 50 degrees F will spoil five times faster than one held at 32 F. A good rule of thumb is that product shelf life is cut in half by every 10 F increase in temperature. So remember, when fishing or clamming, bring a cooler of ice for the catch.

〈 Always wash hands thoroughly with hot, soapy water before and after handling raw seafood.

How to purchase

〈 Know your seafood dealer — buy products from approved, reputable licensed markets with evidence of good refrigeration, icing, and sanitation. Never buy swollen, dented cans or containers of fish and seafood.

Fresh Fish

〈 Fresh fish should have a mild sea breeze odor. A strong, fishy odor generally is not acceptable.

〈 Whole fish should have bright, clear and shiny eyes. Scales should be shiny and cling tightly to the skin. Look for bright pink or red gills; steaks and fillets should be moist and free from drying or browning around the edges.

〈 At the market, be sure that cooked seafood products are not in contact with raw seafood products in the display case.

Frozen Fish

〈 Make sure pre-packaged products are undamaged and fillets or steak are solidly frozen in their wraps.

〈 Fish should be free of ice crystals and freezer burn (i.e., discoloration or drying.)

〈 Avoid packages that are above the frost line in a store's display freezer.

Fresh Shellfish

"Shell on" products such as mussels, clams, and oysters should be purchased alive. Shells of live clams, mussels and oysters may gap naturally, but will close tightly when tapped, indicating that they are alive.

〈 Live crabs and lobsters will show some leg movement and live lobsters will curl their tails tightly beneath them when handled.

〈 Freshly shucked oysters and scallops have a fresh odor and be surrounded by a clear, slightly milky or light gray liquid. If in doubt about the source or raw oysters, clams, and mussels, ask seafood market personnel to show you the shipper's tag that accompanies "shell on" products or check the shipper number on the container of shucked oysters.

Frozen Shellfish

〈 Be sure that shellfish is packed in close-fitting, moisture-proof containers.

〈 Frozen, prepared items such as crab cakes or breaded shrimp should be frozen solid with no sign of freezer burn (i.e., discoloration or drying) and no unpleasant odor.

How to store and handle

〈 Get seafood into the refrigerator as quickly as possible. Do not leave perishable items in hot cars or out in the sun for extended periods, unless packed in ice or in a cooler.

〈 Keep seafood products cold to keep them safe. Maintain your refrigerator between 34 F and 40 F and your freezer at 0 F or colder.

〈 Store fresh fish in the coldest part of the refrigerator — under the freezer or in the "meat keeper" drawer. If you are not going to use the seafood within one or two days, freeze it. However, do not refreeze previously frozen products.

〈 Clams, oysters, and mussels should be refrigerated in containers covered by clean, damp cloths — no air-tight lids. Use within one or two days.

〈 Keep frozen fish and shellfish frozen at 0 F and for best quality use them within three to six months. The longer these foods are frozen, the more likely they are to lose flavor, texture, and moisture.

〈 Pasteurized products like crabmeat can be stored up to six months in the refrigerator. Once opened, use within three to five days. (Pasteurized products should not be frozen.)

〈 Store canned seafood in a cool, dry place for up to one year.

〈 Refrigerate and freeze leftovers immediately in moisture-proof packages or containers.

How to prepare

〈 Thaw frozen seafood slowly to minimize drip loss and protect flavor, aroma, and texture. During thawing, always place the product in drain pans or other containers that prevent build-up of melt water and drippings. Quality of seafood held in water deteriorates rapidly.

〈 Defrost frozen seafood in the refrigerator, allowing about one day to defrost. For quicker defrosting, place the seafood package in a re-sealable plastic storage bag and immerse in a pan of cold water in the refrigerator for one to two hours per pound of seafood. Another defrosting method is to put the original package in a plastic bag, place it in a pan, and run cold water around it in the sink until thawed. If defrosting the seafood in the microwave, cook the product immediately.

〈 Don't leave seafood, raw or cooked, out of the refrigerator for more than two hours, including preparation and serving.

〈 Before cooking, rinse

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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June 7-11



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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on five roll calls from the week of June 7-11. There were no important roll calls in the House last week.

EMPLOYEES' INJURIES (S 956)

Senate 37-0, gave initial approval to a bill voiding any section of an employment agreement that requires an employee, as a condition of employment, to waive liability for injuries or death caused by a third party. The bill was proposed in response to a case in which an employee of a security company was injured while working at a Boston Edison facility. The employee was a so-called "leased employee" who was hired by the security company and then sent to work at the third party Edison facility. The employee had signed a waiver releasing any third party from liability and the courts upheld the waiver. Supporters said some companies unfairly require their employees to sign these waivers as a condition of employment. They noted that this anti-worker practice helps these companies to secure contracts with third parties that prefer to contract with companies that require the waiver. They argued that the bill is a pro-worker one that would simply protect workers and ensure that they are allowed to sue a negligent third party. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Y

VEHICULAR HOMICIDE PRISON SENTENCES (S 2322)

Senate 38-0, gave initial approval to a bill increasing the maximum prison sentence that can be imposed for reckless motor vehicle homicide. Current law provides a sentence of between 30 days and 2.5 years and/or a fine of $300 to $3000. The bill would impose up to a ten-year prison and/or up to a $3000 fine. The measure also revokes for ten years the driver's license of a person convicted of vehicular manslaughter. Supporters said 2.5 years is an insufficient maximum sentence for a judge to impose on a person that kills someone while driving recklessly. They argued that increasing the maximum sentence would give judges more flexibility and show irresponsible drivers that the state is cracking down and is serious about keep the roads safe. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Y

WARRANTLESS ARREST FOR VEHICULAR HOMICIDE (S 2286)

Senate 38-0, approved new language in a bill allowing police officers to arrest, without a warrant, a reckless or negligent driver who causes a death. Current law only allows the arrest if the driver is negligent or reckless and also under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Supporters said the bill was filed following the 2002 death of Worcester State college student Robert Martinelli who was killed by a pick-up truck driver later convicted of vehicular homicide. Current law prohibited police officers from arresting the driver because alcohol and drugs were not involved. Supporters said the bill would ensure that these reckless drivers are immediately removed from the streets, held for at least 24 hours and swiftly processed through the judicial system. They argued that it is unfair to let them leave the scene after causing a horrible death and noted there are at least ten other motor vehicles violations for which police officers can make these warrantless arrests. The Senate later gave near final approval to the measure and sent it to the House. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Y

LABOR UNIONS AND POLITICAL EDUCATION (H 4330)

Senate 37-1, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a section allowing employees of public employee labor unions to authorize a fee-free payroll deductions to contribute to any committee on political education. Override supporters said this would stop the Romney administration's unfair plan to impose a ten-cent per transaction fee on these contributions. They said it is unfair to charge a fee for contributions to these important committees that mobilize people to participate in political activity that supports the agenda of working families. In his veto message, the governor said that it is inappropriate to use state resources and facilities to raise political contributions on behalf of private interests." (A "Yea" vote is for allowing the fee-free payroll deductions. A "Nay" vote is against allowing them).

Y

SAGAMORE ROTARY PROJECT (S 2377)

Senate 34-2, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill allowing the state to take 1.3 acres of open space land from the town of Bourne and in exchange give Bourne more than four acres of land, a new firehouse and a visitor's center. Supporters said this land-swap is necessary in order to begin construction on the $58 million so-called "flyover project" that would eliminate the existing Sagamore Rotary, replace it with a direct connection from Route 3 to the Sagamore Bridge and provide a new underpass for local traffic. They argued that the current rotary is an outdated and dangerous source of many accidents and often causes up to ten-mile traffic backups during the tourist season. They said the new project is a fiscally sound and environmentally friendly one that would reduce traffic congestion and help businesses. Opponents said the Romney administration is unfairly putting this project ahead of other important construction projects across the state that have already been approved including a commuter rail extension for the New Bedford and Fall River areas. They argued that the Sagamore project is a costly and environmentally unfriendly one that is being pushed by the governor to benefit wealthy families with vacation homes on the Cape. The measure now goes to the House where a group of lawmakers that oppose the project have pledged to fiercely fight the land-swap. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it).

Y

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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Local Republicans host lieutenant governor



Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey brought along her husband, Sean, and kids, Averil and Alex. Here the Healeys pose with party hosts Lisa Lo Jacono and Joe Offerman and Lo Jacono's three sons, Stephen, Nathan and Christian.



Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey visits with Don Hussey, who is chairman of the Hingham Republican Town Committee and a candidate for the Governor's Council.



State Secretary of Environmental Affairs Ellen Roy Herzfelder was on hand Sunday for the event honoring Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey. She is flanked by Dr. James Alex and his brother George Alex of Atlantic Avenue.



Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey recognizes long-time Republican activist and GOP state committeewoman Polly Logan of Nichols Road.



Lou Harvey of King Street, left, chats with Jacqueline Dormitzer of Atlantic Avenue at the Nichols Road event honoring the lieutenant governor.



The crowd at Sunday's event honoring Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey toasts the late President Ronald Reagan, who passed away June 5.



Polly Logan, right, visits with Elizabeth and Mike Kissick at the Cohasset GOP garden party on Sunday.



Guy Conrad, of Hingham, center, catches up with old friends at the Republican event hosted by Lisa Lo Jacono and Joe Offerman.

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Summer is seafood time in Massachusetts

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seafood in cold water for several seconds to remove surface bacteria.

〈 When marinating fish and shellfish, place marinade and seafood in the refrigerator. Do not marinade at room temperature. After use, discard marinade.

〈 Bacteria lingers in towels, cloths, and sponges used during preparation, so keep them clean. If a dishcloth or sponge is used to clean raw juices from fish or shellfish, do not reuse the dishcloth or sponge — wash it first.

〈 Wash counters, utensils, plates, cutting boards and other surfaces touched by raw seafood with hot, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly with clean water. Sanitizers containing phenols, such as Lysol and Pinesol, should never be used on seafood contact surfaces.

Cooking

Fish

〈 The 10-minute rule is a good guide to cook fish and applies to baking at 450 F, broiling, grilling, steaming, and poaching only. Measure the fish — whole, steaks, or fillets — at its thickest part. Calculate 10 minutes of cooking time per inch of thickness.

〈 Cook a one-inch thick fish steak 5 minutes per side.

〈 Pieces of fish that measure one-half inch or less do not need to be turned.

〈 Add five minutes to the cooking time if the fish is cooked in foil or sauce. Double the cooking time for frozen fish that has not been defrosted.

〈 Fish is done when the flesh is opaque and begins to flake easily. If checking with a thermometer, fish is usually ready when the internal temperature reaches 145 F.

Shellfish

〈 Clams, mussels, and oysters in the shell should open when cooking. Remove them as they open and continue cooking until all are done.

〈 Shucked shellfish, such as clams, mussels, and oysters become plump and opaque when cooked and ready for eating. The edges of the oysters start to curl.

〈 Raw shrimp turn pink and firm when cooked. Depending on size, it takes from three to five minutes to boil or steam one pound of medium-sized shrimp in the shell.

〈 Scallops turn milky white or opaque and firm. They take three to four minutes to cook thoroughly depending on size.

〈 Submerge fresh lobster in a pot of rapidly boiling water. Allow five to six minutes per pound, starting the timer when the water returns to a boil. A cooked, boiled lobster will turn bright red.

Raw Seafood

Many Massachusetts people love raw seafood - little necks on the half shell, oysters, and sushi. Healthy individuals who choose to eat seafood can minimize risks by ensuring that raw clams and oysters come from certified waters. For home consumption, keep raw seafood well refrigerated until time of consumption.

Who Should Avoid Consuming Raw Seafood

Certain people should avoid raw or under-cooked animal proteins, including seafood. These at-risk people include anyone who has a weakened immune system, because the immune system cannot fight bacteria as effectively. These people should not stop eating seafood, but it is strongly recommended that they eat seafood only in the cooked form. Those who may be considered at-risk include anyone with liver disease, either from viral hepatitis, alcohol over-use, or other causes; diabetes; cancer; kidney disease; long-term steroid use, as for asthma and arthritis; immune disorders, including HIV infection and AIDS; stomach or blood disorders; and hemochromatosis, an iron disorder. For those who are uncertain of their risk of consuming raw seafood, it is recommend that they consult with their physicians.

A final note

The formula for safe seafood consumption is preventing spoilage. The formula is very simple: Keep seafood clean, cool, moist, and moving. Handle seafood with care and pay close attention to temperatures and sanitation.

Sources: New National Fisheries Institute, Arlington, Va. Handle with Care: A Retail Seafood Quality Primer, Alaska Seafood, Bellevue, Wash., 1990. Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Juneau, Alaska.

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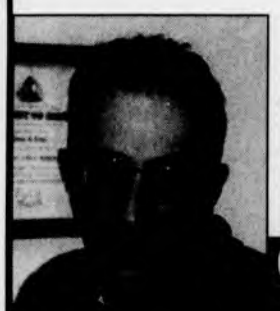
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Cohasset joins the $7 million club

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ting the stage for his presidential run eight years later.

Despite its history and spectacular views from Whitehead, whose rocks are a landmark for yachts, Hamilton said the property was recently appraised at $5 million to $7 million and sold on the "high end."

"It's a great house that needs a lot of work," he said, adding because there is already a house and septic system on the site rebuilding and repairing shouldn't be a problem.

"You are allowed to rebuild what's there," Hamilton said, explaining new construction on a vacant lot near the water can be difficult under today's environmental codes.

The 6,210 square-foot house that is reachable by car over a small bridge is assessed at $3.3 million, according to the assessor's office at Town Hall. Whitehead Road is a private way off Atlantic Avenue.

Local historian and town archivist David Wadsworth said the house was built by Harry V. Long on Whitehead which is an ancient name. During the War of 1812, local militias that constructed earthworks on Whitehead kept British ships from entering the harbor. Whitehead was also the site of the first volunteer lifeboat station in America.

Rumors are the new owner is British, very rich, and plans to tear down the house, which has fallen into disrepair.

Wadsworth said Dr. Freeman was kind enough to allow members of the historical society to walk the island a few years ago. "It's a beautiful place," Wadsworth said. "I'm sorry to see a house of that caliber and history demolished."

Edward Long, the grandson of Harry V. Long who built the house, lives on Nichols Road. He said his grandfather was in the investment business and was "very capable." His grandparents lived in Boston and built the home in Cohasset as a summer house. As a boy, Edward Long spent every Sunday afternoon in the summer on Whitehead where his family had afternoon tea and he climbed the rocks with his brother, William.

He described the house as "very well done" and recalled an interior fountain with glass windows all around and glass balls floating in it. "We used to push the balls around and tried not to break anything," he recalled.

David Drinkwater, president of Grand Gables Realty Group in North Scituate, said the sale was private and not done through the MLS (Multiple Listing Service) system. He's not surprised by the sales price and notes there are other homes in town, such as the Roy mansion on Margin Street, that would sell for even more. A property in Duxbury sold this year for $10 million, Drinkwater said.

"Cohasset, which is full of hidden alleyways and private roads, is one of the most desirable communities in eastern Massachusetts with its proximity to Boston, location, way of life, culture and schools," he said.

Drinkwater also said land, which is scarce in Cohasset, can be a greater component in the sales price of a property than the house; hence, all the tear-downs.

Currently there are 66 single-family homes on the market in town with a median list price of $929,000 and an average list price of $1,276,000, according to the MLS Property Information Network, Drinkwater said.

According to the Warren Group, publishers of Banker and Tradesman, Cohasset has joined an exclusive club this year with the $7.3 million sale.

Four other homes have sold in that range in the state in the past five months, including a home in Weston ($7 million); Needham ($7.5 million); Edgartown ($7.75 million) and Boston's Beacon Street ($8.5 million).



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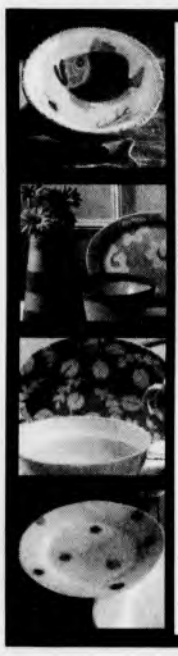
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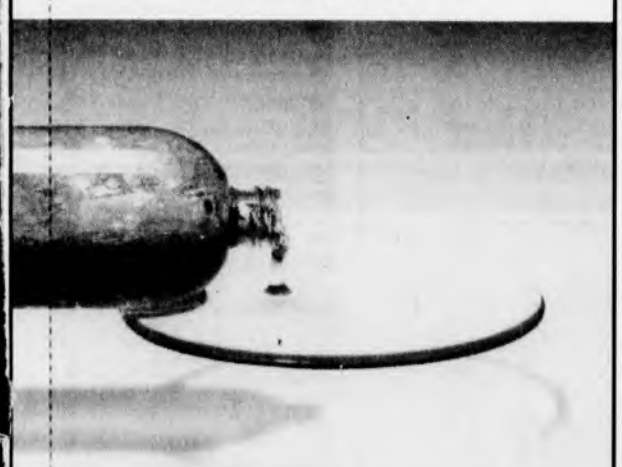
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Buttonwood Books & Toys will host Scituate author, Claire Cook, on Tuesday, June 22, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset. Claire will discuss her new book, "Multiple Choice", a witty and humorous look at your typical American family when children have outgrown the warm "I Love You" toddler years and are in the "Can I have the car, money, don't ask me any questions" teenage years. March Munroe and her daughter are going to college. Not at the same school but in the same area. The fun begins when they both show up for the same internship. Humor and compassion rule the day in Ms. Cook's latest novel on family dynamics. Claire's previous works include "Must Love Dogs" and "Ready To Fall". This is a free event and the public is welcome. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

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The radio station "Just for Kids" is coming to SpringBrook Kids on Saturday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Radio Disney on-site from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.). SpringBrook Kids of Cohasset has invited Radio Disney Boston to participate in its summer community outreach event intended to share the joy of playing games and using the imagination with area children and their families from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on event day.

Everyone is invited to visit SpringBrook Kids for an enjoyable day complete with today's latest music, toy and product demonstrations, exciting games, great prizes, balloons, free samples, coupons and lots of family fun. What's more, Outside the Box Productions will be at the event to provide a special percussion workshop. There will also be food sampling from Horizon Foods and Starbucks.

SpringBrook Kids is located at 779 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Route 3A.

50th reunion planned

Early planning is under way for a reunion bringing together the members of the 1954 graduating class of Cohasset High School. As well, a search is under way for those who were members of that class but were separated prior to graduation and would like to join in on the festivities. Knowing that most of those who were associated with this class have left Cohasset, it is hoped that friends who still live in town will inform them, as soon as is possible of the plans for the event.

Individuals who have not already been informed of the event and want to be included in on all plans should contact Norman Jason, P.O. Box 46, Durham, CT 06422 or call 860-349-3438. Much work is still to be done but it is necessary to know who is going to be in attendance before plans can be completed.

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset High senior DeWayne Morris (#22) played arguably the best game of his lacrosse career in his final game, as he was a force at both ends of the field in the Skippers semifinals loss to Dover-Sherborn Friday.

Raiders sink Skippers

CHS laxmen fall in semifinals to Dover-Sherborn

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Cohasset had just scored with a man advantage to even the game at 5-5 with under two minutes remaining in the third quarter.

The momentum appeared to be with the Skippers in this Division 3 East boys lacrosse semifinal matchup, Friday. But then, in the final 35 seconds of the quarter, second-seeded Dover-Sherborn scored twice and Cohasset went to back to its bench looking like a club fighter who had just been dazed by a vicious 1-2 combination.

Then Raiders' senior tri-captain Chris Carter delivered the knockout punch.

Carter won the faceoff to start the final quarter and quickly fed Nate Higley, who scored his third goal of the contest just 14 seconds in the period, giving D-S an 8-5 lead.

Over the next 30 seconds, Carter won two more faceoffs and scored two more goals, sparking his squad to a 12-6 home win over the sixth-seeded Skippers to advance to the Div. 3 state championship game versus Medfield this past Monday. D-S (17-5) wound up falling there, 10-6.

Carter's second tally capped a five-goal Raiders' outburst over just 1:19 to put away the Skippers (11-8).

"We just suffered a meltdown," noted Cohasset first year coach Stu Curran. "We didn't seem to pick up quickly enough on defense where the slides were coming from, and (D-S) burned us.

"It certainly didn't help that we didn't have our regular faceoff guy in Mark Davis. We threw a couple of different guys in there on faceoffs, but Carter is just one of the best at that in Eastern Mass. It was asking a lot to have someone without much experience go in there against him."

Davis, a hard working and gritty senior, played in the game despite suffering a broken thumb in last week's quarterfinals win over Martha's Vineyard. Understandably, though, he was unavailable for face-offs.

"Mark is a true gamer, but there was only so much he could do," noted Curran. "Thumbs are pretty important in this game."

It was the pair of D-S scores late in the third that got things going. Higley got the first one, when he fired a shot from the left side past Cohasset goalie Nick

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Heartbreaker

Girls tennis team ousted in state semis thriller by Manchester-Essex, 3-2

By Mark Goodman
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High school tennis fans might as well pencil in Cohasset and Manchester-Essex for the state semifinal next year.

And while we're at it, let's figure that the match will be tied at two and come down to number two doubles to decide the outcome.

For the second year in a row, the Cohasset team of Emilie Sullivan and Corey Evans were the last ones playing, as they took their deciding match to a third set.

In 2003, they were able to pull it out and propel Cohasset to the state championship match. This time around, despite a great effort from the CHS duo, the Manchester-Essex duo of Alex de Sherbinin and Paige Journey were a little bit better on Tuesday. They took the match and the win for their team, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.

For a while, it looked as though Cohasset would be able to pull it out once again. A combination of great shots at net and some strong serving from Sullivan give the Skippers a 3-2 lead in the third set.

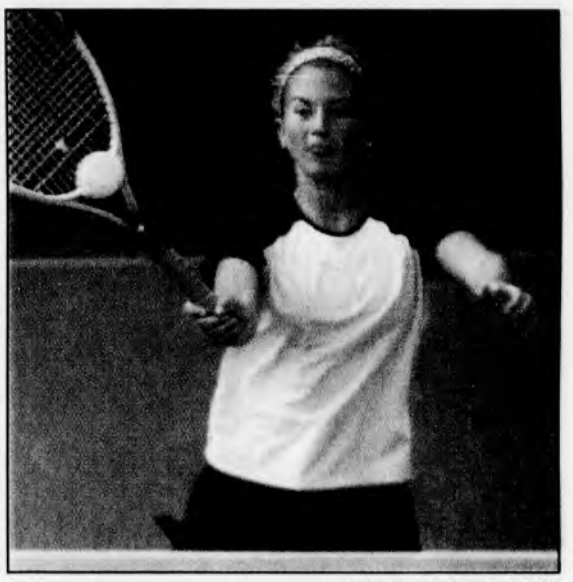
At that point, however, de Sherbinin and Journey went into another gear, hitting a number of winners between and over their opponents. They took the final four games, and the match.

Afterwards, head coach Gigi Meehan said her doubles team had nothing to hang their heads about.

"They have won more clutch points than anyone in the history of this team," she said.

Being the defending state champions, everyone was gunning for Cohasset this season. Nonetheless, they lost only once during the regular season, and took their second straight sectional championship. Finishing 19-2 under the kind of pressure the team

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Second doubles standout Emilie Sullivan (pictured) and partner Corey Evans have pulled out numerous crucial matches over their CHS careers, but simply could not find that winning touch in Tuesday's state semifinals loss to Manchester-Essex.

Clark's memory well served

Third annual Clark Chatteron Fund Run raises over $4,000 for youth sports

By Mike Spellman
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By George, I think they've got it. Or should that read "*By Clark?*"

The third annual Clark's Fund Run in Cohasset went off with nary a hitch, on Saturday, and an estimated $4,000 to $5,000 was raised for the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund, which supports a variety of worthwhile causes in Cohasset.

The event featured a one-mile kids run, a 3.5 mile walk and the featured 3.5 mile run along a scenic course that starts at the South Shore Music Circus and takes runners through Cohasset Common, past Sandy Beach and then past the Chatterton house on the loop back toward the Music Circus finish line.

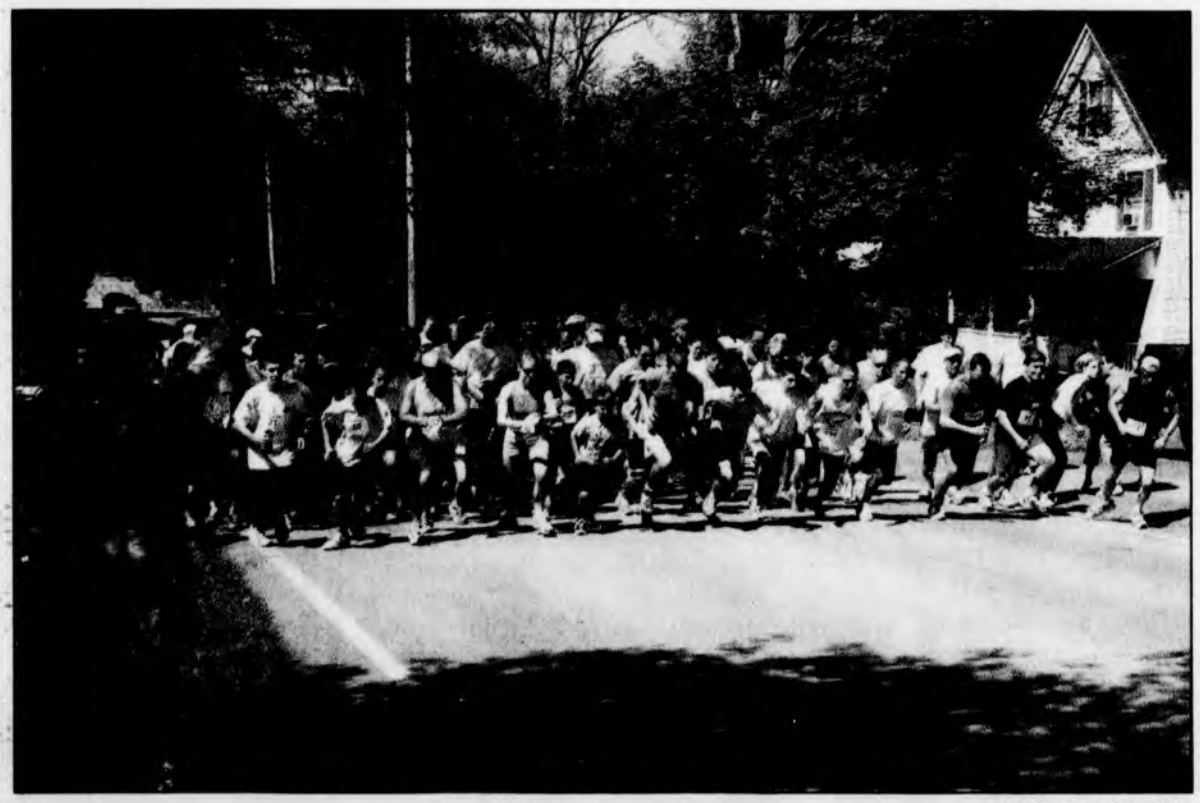
"This was no doubt about it the best organized race we've run so far," said race coordinator Deb Beal. "We had some volunteers who really stepped up, and the (Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund) Committee members were great, and so was (CHS track coach) Al Lafountain. It was a good day."

Helping to carry things off smoothly, the weather cooperated for the first time in the brief history of the Clark Fund Run, named in memory of former Cohasset High Athletic Director Clark Chatterton, who lost his battle with cancer four years ago. In 2002, rain fell throughout the race and last year there was rain in the morning, which may have convinced a few runners to stay away.

"It was an absolutely perfect day for a race," said Beal.

"I think Clark might be pulling a few strings for us up there," she continued with a smile. "Someone said to me he's probably figured out now this is going to be an annual event, so he's put in a request

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

...GO! Deb Beal fires the starting gun to get the third annual Clark Chatterton Fund Run going on Saturday.

Running near empty

CHS track teams desperate to increase ranks

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

The Spring of '04 will go down in Cohasset women's track history as one chock full of personal achievements.

In his seventh year of coaching, Al LaFountain felt reasonably satisfied with his team's performance. Said the head coach: "This was a very successful year, especially for the girls."

Five female athletes qualified to enter the states.

Jen Buckley placed seventh at the All-State track championships in the 800, closely followed by Mary Silvia with an eighth place finish.

Nicole Whitney sprinted well in the 200 while Lindsey Kennedy placed ninth in the 100.

The 4x400 relay team of Lisa Musto, Whitney, Buckley and Silvia captured the South Shore Principles with a quick time of 10:19.

In moving from the track to the field area, Jen Buckley tossed the javelin almost 109 feet. Nicole Whitney triple jumped 31.11 feet. High jumpers Jenny Daley, Lauren Strazulla, and Ellen Wise respectively cleared the bar at 4'2, 4'2, and 4'0.

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Close but no cigar

Post 118 baseball squad still seeking first win

By Mike Spellman
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Well, it's not a win, but at least they're getting closer...not to mention more exciting.

Down to their final out, Monday night in Stoughton, the Cohasset G.H. Mealy Post 118 Legion baseball team rallied for five runs to take a 7-5 lead and ultimately, an effort that ultimately brought them a 7-7 tie—the first non-loss of the season.

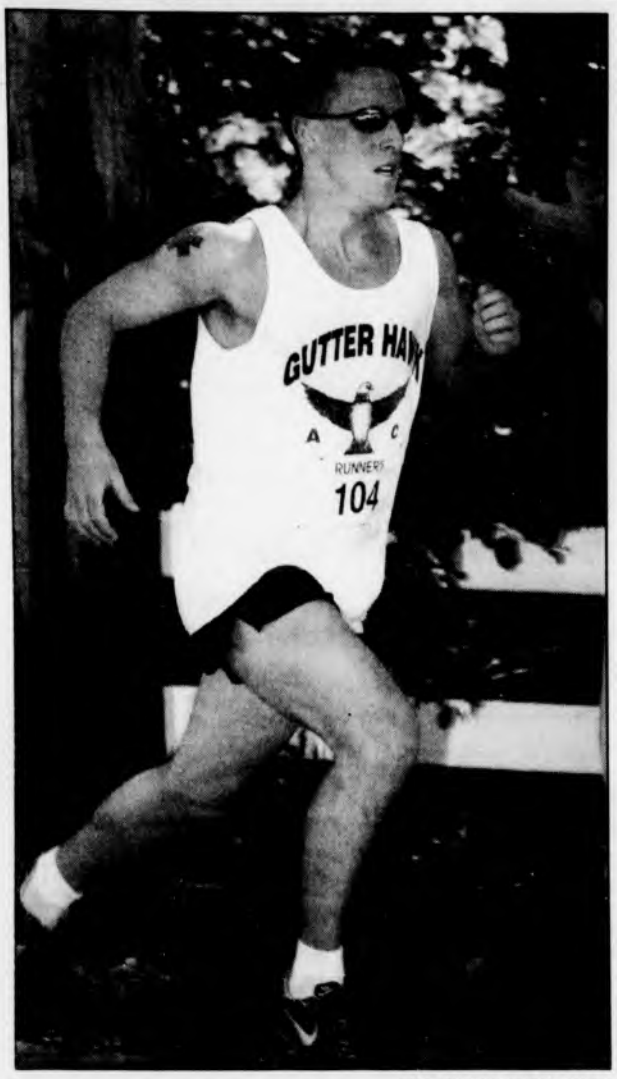
The Post 118 squad, made up exclusively of players from Scituate and Cohasset, opened the season three straight losses, the last two in dramatic fashion, but bounced back to play its best game of the season Monday on the road.

"We're getting better every time out," asserted coach Mike Duggan. "The wins will start coming soon, and then it wouldn't surprise me if they came fast. Our goal is still to make the playoffs."

Monday's effort was certainly one the locals can build around.

Trailing 5-2, Cohasset saw its first two hitters in the seventh and final inning ground out.

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Above- Local road race star Jamie Gallagher, of Hull, won Clark's Fund Run with the race's best ever time, 19:14.

Below- The top female finisher, Vanessa Rae, was also the only non Massachusetts resident in the race. The native of Kapolei, Hawaii placed 13th overall with a solid time of 23:15.









STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

Left to right- Scituate's Ted Coyle, Cohasset's Mike Kearney and Doug Yeager, also of Cohasset, finished fourth, sixth and ninth, respectively.

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for good weather on that day."

Unfortunately, Clark couldn't take care of everything. The total of 170 registered runners was actually down a bit from last year, which Beal felt had more than a little to do with the popular seventh annual Squirrel Run taking place at the same time in Quincy.

"Considering we were competing with the Squirrel Run, I think 170 was a pretty good number," said Beal. "We had about 70 percent Cohasset people, which is what we want. We're not looking to run a huge race."

There were other indications, though, that the 3.5-mile race is gaining steam. Local road race star Jamie Gallagher, of Hull, turned out for the first time ever and, to no surprise, won it with a best ever Clark's Fund Run time of 19:14.

"When I saw Jamie there I said right away that this makes it really feel like a race," said Beal, who herself competes regularly in local road races. "It's a nice honor that he chose our race. Maybe that will help get a few other top runners from the area in here next year. That would be good."

Scituate High track star Brian Stewart finished second for the second year in a row, but greatly improved his time from 2003, as he raced across the finish line just 22 seconds behind Gallagher (19:36).

Cohasset's own Patrick Kennedy placed third (20:14), and another well known local race standout, Scituate's Ted Coyle, was fourth (20:49).

Stewart's SHS track teammate, Thomas Pollard, was fifth (21:01) and last year's winner, Cohasset's Mike Kearney (21:18) was sixth, running 21 seconds off last year's pace.

The top female finisher was also the only non Massachusetts resident in the race. Vanessa Rae—in town visiting from Kapolei, Hawaii—placed 13th overall with a solid time of 23:15. This placed her just one spot and nine seconds ahead of the second female finisher, Cohasset's own Jennifer Lankow (23:24), who was recently hired as a history teacher at CHS.

Recent high school graduate Jenn Buckley, a three sport Mariner All-Scholastic honoree during her time at CHS, was the third female finisher (16th overall, 23:41) with Barbara Buckley (no relation) fourth (17th overall, 23:49).

For more results, go to coolrunning.com.

Race Notes

Garret Canney, a fifth Grader at Deer Hill School, won the 1-mile kids run with a time of 7:10.

The Clark Chatterton Fund has already donated over $16,000 to several local causes and projects, among them the Milliken Field baseball renovation, the track and field discus cage at Alumni Field, the Cohasset Food Pantry, the CHS Athletic Trainor salary and the Presidential Class room at CHS.

CHS girls tennis coach GiGi Meehan, Coca Cola and The South Shore Music Circus all made a sizeable cash donations on race day to the Clark Chatterton Fund.

A total of 18 $10 gift certificates to Starbucks were given out to winners in various categories—a tribute to Meehan, who, legend has it, has singlehandedly kept a few of the popular South Shore java houses in business.

Music Circus owner Vince Long once again generously opened up his facility—payback, so to speak, for all the years Clark Chatterton worked on his concessions stands.

Many other families and businesses also donated money or supplies for the race. They will all be recognized in the post race results book.

The present Chatterton Committee Members are Jack DeLorenzo, Deb Beal, Ron Ford, Lind and Larry Schultz, Linda Bolster, Deanna Mulligan, Phil Mahoney and Bob Durkin.

Cohasset School Teachers who ran the race were Scott Newkirk, Al LaFountain, Nina Berkowitz, Pattie McGrail and Carole Bierman.

The U.S. National Guard was on hand with a HumVee and 25-foot climbing wall.

Monday, October 18, 2004, the Chatter Committee will host the first annual "Clarks Fall Scramble" a golf tournament at Hatherly Country Club in Scituate. Anyone interested in playing should contact Phil Mahoney at: PO Box 652, Cohasset Ma 02025

Clark's grand daughter, Tori Litchfield, covered the course in a respectable 31:28, good for 89th place overall.

An extra special thanks to Deb Bostwick, CHS field hockey and softball coach, for rounding up volunteers from these two teams to man water stations and cover the course mile markings and intersections, and to the Lynner Family, who set up a water station on Beach Street.

Anyone interested in making donations to the fund should directly contact a Clark Chatterton Fund Committee member. The members are Ford, Deb Beal, Jack DeLorenzo, Deanna Mulligan, Phil Mahoney, Bob Durkin, Gary Vanderweil and Linda Bolster, the Fund's President. Donations can also be mailed to PO Box 652, Cohasset, MA 02025.





STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

Recent CHS grad Jenn Buckley (left) placed third among all female finishers and Cohasset's Barbara Buckley (no relation...imagine that) was fourth.

Raiders sink Skippers

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Murphy to regain the lead for D-S.

Then tri-captain Jake Sharpless (3 goals) had the most spectacular goal of the contest, scoring off a loose ball while falling to the ground with just three seconds left in the period.

"That was a killer," said Curran. "Jeff Brown threw a great check to knock the ball free and we just plain missed the scoop up and then (Sharpless) just scooped it up and fired in one motion from a real awkward position. And it just happened to find the top corner of the net."

The Raiders had the crowd involved early, scoring the game's first three goals within 5:29. Of course, Cohasset had a handful of regular starters on the bench for disciplinary reasons.

Cohasset battled back and cut the lead to 5-3 at halftime. When junior attack Jake Previte scored with the man advantage with 1:47 left in the third, the Skippers had come all the way back to tie the score.

But then Carter (4 goals, 1 assist) took over and the D-S defense-- led by Toby Schreiner, Ben Fuller-Googins and Dan Linehan-- tightened. Goalie Jimmy Hitchings was big in net, stopping 11 shots for the win.

"(Previte) did a lot of dancing behind the net, but our defense did a nice job sliding," D-S coach Brian McLaughlin said.

Sophomore attackman Aidan Buick (three goals) was the one most responsible for keeping Skippers in the game, in Curran's mind.

"Aidan has been coming on strong down the stretch and he probably played the best game of his career (against D-S)," said the coach. "D-S did a nice job defensively of sliding with our guys, but Aidan kept things moving and still managed to create some very nice opportunities."

The other Cohasset goals were scored by seniors Mike Rasmussen and Ryan Tufts.

Another player singled out by the coach for his play was senior middie DeWayne Morris.

"The last game of DeWayne's high school career might well have been his best too," noted Curran. "He was huge for us coming back to help on D and in transitioning the ball to the offensive end. He's a player who really came to play."

The Skippers will lose nine players to graduation, chief among them Pilgrim Conference second team all-scholastics Conor Buick and Mike Devine, both captains and defensive stalwarts. P.C. Honorable Mentions Nick Murphy, the team's goalie, and Mark Davis also go the way of the caps and gowns, as do Morris, Steven Davis, Tufts, Rob Carpenter and Mike Rasmussen.

Despite these losses, coach Curran sounds confident his team will be right back in the postseason next spring.

Team leading scorer Jake Previte (80 points), another second team Pilgrim Conference selection, will be back for his senior year and Aidan Buick for his junior campaign, so the offense should be in good hands.

Brown earned a Pilgrim Conference Honorable Mention nod as a freshman this spring, and is expected to anchor the longstick line next season, along with senior-to-be Casey Coleman (who missed the entire playoffs due to mononucleosis).

The midfield is particularly hard hit by graduation, but juniors Sam Steele and Joe Durkin will be looked upon to take it to the next level. Also, fortunately, this was an area of strength in the underclass ranks.

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South Shore League officials tipped their hats to Jen Buckley and Lindsey Kennedy, naming them both league all-stars.

Buckley has captained this squad since her sophomore year, a notable achievement. LaFountain used words like "motivated, competitive, and a clear team leader" to describe Buckley.

Now on to the male side of the track team.

Compared to the women's 2-3 overall record, the men fell to 0-5. With only six males participating on the team this year, though, it is not shocking to end up with such a record.

Assistant Coach Lisa Mullen summed up the situation in four words: "We need more people!"

Harvard-bound Erik Belz snagged a League All Star award for his 54.2 time in the 400.

Junior Adam Haracz attained an extremely low time of 2:12 minutes for the 800 event.

Freshmen Brent Daley also showed some pep in his step with time of 25.3 seconds in the 200, 11.6 seconds in the 100, and a length of 33-feet-6-inches in the triple jump.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

CHS freshman Brent Daley (right) showed some pep in his step this season, running a best of 25.3 seconds in the 200, 11.6 seconds in the 100, and hitting 33-feet-6-inches in the triple jump.

In other field events, the Skippers displayed some great arm strength in senior Drew Musto and sophomore Mark Bouchard. Drew unleashed the discus 100'8". He also heaved the shot put just under 37 feet. Bouchard launched the javelin for an eye- popping 116 feet.

"A lot of the boys pulled through this year," stated assistant coach Lisa Mullen. "Though they didn't make it to the State's, they have shown tremendous improvement over the season."

Coach LaFountain agreed with Coach Mullen that the size of the track team for both men and women will present a challenge going forward. He cited the departure of four high performers - Frannie Noble, Jen Buckley, Erik Belz, and Drew Musto. Their graduation leaves the Skippers with only 14 potential returnees to the team track, a small pool of competitors in a challenging league.

SPORTS NOTES

Big week for two CHS coaches

Cohasset High coaches Tony Rolfe and Gigi Meehan are being honored in a big way by their peers this weekseehave

Rolfe, the sixth year CHS head football coach, has been named to be head coach of the South team for the 2004 Shriner's high school game. The annual showcase for top high school senior players will be held at UMass-Lowell this Friday, June 18.

Rolfe has directed the Skippers to South Shore League championships and runs to the Super Bowl playoffs in 2001 and 2003. Playing in that game will be two stars from Rolfe's 2003 championship team, now CHS graduates Chris Bilodeau and Steven Davis.

Girls tennis coach Gigi Meehan, who's team came up just short on Tuesday (in the state semifinals) in its drive toward a secodn straight stat championship, has been selected as USPTA-New England High School Coach of the Year.

Summer wrestling clinic grades 1 to 12

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for a summer wrestling clinic to be held at Cohasset High School starting Tuesday, July 27 through Friday, July 30.

The clinic will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for grades 7 to 12 and cost $125 per wrestler. Grades 3 to 6 will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and cost $55 per wrestler.

This unique wrestling opportunity will be run by CHS wrestling coach Torin Sweeney.

Registration forms are available at the Cohasset Recreation Department officer, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

South Shore Basketball School Basketball Clinic ages 8 to 11 and 12 to 15

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Basketball School's week long Basketball Clinic.

The clinic will be held the week of Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16, and will meet each day, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 8 to 11, and from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 12 to15.

The fee for each age group is $120 per player. This program will be run by CHS basketball Coach Ron Ford and will be held at the Cohasset High School Gym.

To register, complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Cohasset Recreation South Shore Soccer Camp Boys and Girls ages, 7 to 18

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's one-week long Soccer Clinic starting Monday, Aug. 2, through Friday, Aug. 6.

The Camp will meet each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for boys and girls ages 7 to 18. The fee for the one week session is $245 per participant with a $20 discount for the second child. Fee includes a camp shirt and appropriate-size ball for each participant, both available the first day of camp.

To register, complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Cohasset Recreation South Shore Soccer Camp Soccer Squirts ages 4, 5 and 6

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be on-going at the Town Hall for South Shore Soccer Camp's week long Soccer Squirts Clinic which begins Monday, Aug. 2, through Friday, Aug. 6.

Soccer ABCs for ages 4 and 5 will meet each day from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The fee is $85 per participant and includes a camp shirt and appropriated-size soccer ball for each participant, both will be available the first day of camp.

To register, complete the application form at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse Camp

This one-week camp for boys and girls is designed to work on fundamental lacrosse skills, so that young players are prepared to deal with game situations next year. Each day will include drills designed to improve a player's stick-handling abilities, foot work and positioning, conditioning and stamina and knowledge of the game.

The camp is designed particularly to work with new and less-skilled players, helping them to decide in a relaxed setting whether lacrosse is a sport they want to play during the school year.

This camp is for players entering grade 3 through 6 in the fall. While the program is run by the Cohasset Recreation Department, it is open to players from other communities.

Chuck Jaffe, who runs the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program, heads the camp. Jaffe started Cohasset's youth program in 1996 and coached boys' teams for six years until starting the girls' program in 2002. He has been a player and coach in a variety of programs around the country, ranging from his days as a player at the University of Michigan, through being an all-star player and coach with his Tampa Bay Lacrosse Club, the Lehigh Valley Killian's Red Lacrosse Club and more. He still plays regularly with the Brine/Atlantic Sportswear Club in some of the elite master's tournaments around the world.

Jaffe will be assisted by Jennifer Palmer of the Cohasset girls' program and several former Cohasset High School players. The camp's player-coach ratio will be no more than 10-1. The camp is held the week of July 19-23, and starts at 7:30 a.m. on all days. The camp ends at 10 a.m. on all days but Friday, when it runs until 10:30. The camp is held rain or shine — in all conditions except lightning — and parents should be prepared to retrieve children who have been playing in rain or rolling in mud.

Players need full equipment. For girls, this means a stick, goggles and a mouth-guard. For boys, it means a helmet (including mouth-piece), gloves, arm and shoulder pads and a stick.

Parents: The camp's director believes strongly in having properly sized equipment. For boys, that means sticks may be cut to 36 inches in length. Girls' sticks are sized based on their body size. Counselors will cut sticks for those players who need it, so parents providing their children with a stick borrowed from a friend, neighbor or relative should use tape to label the stick with the words "Do not cut," and should inform counselors. Players should bring their own water, juice or sports drinks to each day's sessions. Registration is $85. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 for more information or to register.

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Summer sports school/programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 2004, designed specifically and individually for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18 years.

South Shore Baseball Club will be held at Milliken Field Monday, June 28 through Friday, July 2, directed by South Shore Baseball Club, Frank Niles. For ages 7-12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., $175; ages 5-7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., $100.

South Shore Baseball Club (Week 2) to be held at Barnes Little League Complex Monday, Aug. 9 through Friday, Aug. 13, directed by South Shore Baseball Club, Frank Niles. For ages 7-12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., $175; ages 5-7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., $100.

South Shore Basketball School, ages 8-15, will be held at Cohasset High School Gym Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16, directed by Coach Ron Ford. Boys and girls ages 8-11, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., $100; ages 12-15, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., $100.

Lacrosse: Girls Clinic & Lacrosse: Boys Clinic will be held at Milliken Field, Monday, July 19 through Friday, July 23, directed by Chuck Jaffe. Grades 3-6, 8 to 10 a.m., $85. A few days will run longer than 10 a.m., director will advise.

Wrestling Clinic to be held at Cohasset High School Tuesday, July 27 through Friday, July 30, directed by Torin Sweeney. Grades 7-12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., $125; grades 3-6, 1 to 2:30 p.m., $55.

Soccer Squirts - South Shore Soccer Camp at Milliken Field Monday, July 28 through Friday, Aug. 1, directed by SSSC, Jon Anderson and Larry Shultz. Soccer ABCs, ages 4 and 5, 8 to 9:30 a.m., $85; 1/2 day program, ages 6 and 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., $125. Price includes ball and camp shirt.

South Shore Soccer Camp at Milliken Field Monday, Aug. 2 through Friday, Aug. 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., directed by SSSC, Jon Anderson and Larry Shultz. Boys and girls, ages 8-18, $245 ($20 discount for second child). Price includes a camp shirt.

All programs have individual application forms. To register for any of these programs call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109 or stop by the office, first floor, Town Hall. Programs are limited in size. To insure acceptance into a program, register as soon as possible. Family discounts are available for most programs. Sports camps are scheduled to meet regardless of weather conditions in most cases and should it be necessary to move into the high school, you will be notified at drop-off time.

Close but no cigar

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Catcher Terence O'Brien started the improbable six run rally by reaching on an error. That was followed by back-to-back singles by Jack O'Leary and Scott Carroll, the latter base knock plating O'Brien. This prompted Stoughton's coach to go to his ace, John Cremmins, who is reportedly being scouted by several Major League teams.

Looking to knock the fireballer a bit off balance out of the gate, Post 118 manager Scott Arnold called for a double steal on his first pitch, and it worked, as O'Leary slid in safely at third and Carroll trotted into second. It also seemed to have the desired effect on Cremmins, as Duggan laced the next pitch into left to plate the two runners and tie the game at 5-5.

It appeared that would be it when Ted Straughn followed with a fly to right, but that ball was misplayed and the inning continued. Cohasset High senior-to-be Tim Pilczak made Stoughton pay for the miscue, as he drilled a pitch down the right field line for a two-run triple, giving Post 118 its first lead of the game at 7-5.

Unfortunately, tough luck starter Joe Duggan was touched up for a couple of runs in the home half of the seventh. He bounced back strong in the eighth, though, to shut Stoughton down and preserve the 7-7 tie.

"Tim Pilczak was our player of the week," said Coach Duggan. "He came up with a couple of big hits in big situations. You can tell already he's a guy who's really going to help us this season. You can put him anywhere on the field and he'll do the job for you, and he's a tough-minded kind too."

Pilczak also led the charge back 24 hours earlier at home versus Quincy, as his three run homer over the fence in left center at Scituate High capped a five-run seventh inning. Unfortunately, that blast still left the Cohasset squad a run shy in the 8-7 setback.

"It looks like we've got a little bit of that cardiac kids element about us," noted Duggan. "Hopefully, we can start finding a way to get a little bit of this offense in the early part of the game too."

Last Friday's 5-3 loss to Morrisette under he lights at Quincy's beautiful Adams Field complex squandered a strong complete game effort from Straughn. The Cohasset High senior-to-be scattered six hits while striking out nine in his six innings of work, and was victimized by a couple of unearned runs.

Last Thursday's season opening loss at home to West Roxbury, 10-1, was just ugly, with only one of that game's runs charged to Duggan, who again went the distance. West Roxbury exploded for nine runs in one inning with the help of four Post 118 errors.

"We put that one behind us quickly," said Duggan. "And the good news is our defense has been much better since then. Really, everything else has been better too. Those wins will start coming soon."

Post 118 is scheduled to get back into action tomorrow night versus Braintree at Cohasset's Milliken Field, and will also host Dorchester at Milliken on Sunday. The first pitch in both games is 5:45 p.m..

The coaching staff has been juggling the lineup and batting order a bit in the early going, but Coach Duggan says they'll likely settle into a more settled lineup in the next week or two.

For now, the core lineup features Straughn at first, Mike Barba at second, Kevin Signorelli at third and Carroll at short, with O'Brien doing most of the catching.

Jeff Ciulla and Duggan (when he's not pitching), 2003 SHS grads who are back for one final season of Legion ball, are regulars in the outfield, as is O'Leary, a senior to be at Scituate High.

Pilczak has jumped all over the place and Jeff Radding (3-for-7 in the first two games) has played a couple of games at first base.

Duggan, Straughn and O'Leary are lead candidates to do much of the pitching, but there are a few other candidates to see mound time on the 18-player roster. The team was counting on SHS sophomore Mark Rennie, the ace of this spring's Patriot League champion Sailors team, to be a regular starter as well, but he tore ligaments in a finger on his pitching hand in the Sailors state tourney win over Plymouth South and will likely have to miss the entire summer season.

Post 118 Roster

Manager- Scott Arnold

Coaches- Mike Duggan and Kevin Rennie

Players- Scott Carroll, Jack O'Leary, Joe Duggan, Ted Straughn, Kevin Signorelli, Jeff Ciulla, Terrence O'Brien, Jeff Radding, Mike Barba, Merk Rennie, Tim Pilzak, Eric Dmohowshi, Chris Bryan, Shane Caffrey, Nick Infusino, Greg Malley, Ben Murphy, Brandon Stella

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CYBSA All-Star Saturday

Just as the annual parade commences the CYBSA season, the annual All-Star Saturday Cookout signals that the season is soon to end.

On Saturday, the CYBSA hosted its annual cook out and All Star festivities. The boys and girls major league All Stars were selected by their coaches based on consistent strong performance all season long. Both boys and girls participated in Skills activities and an All Star Game.

For the girls, representing the East were Maddy Altholtz, Paige Collins, Christine Coner, Samantha Crough, Grace Curry, Rebecca Dickinson, Margeux Donze, Vanessa Durham, Isabelle Franklin, Eliza Kinneally, Jennifer Magruder and Johanna Regan. Representing the West were Melissa Campadelli, Courtney Culhane, Taryn Donahue, Erin Fontaine, Kelsea Hindley, Meredith Kelly, Tori Lehr, Sarah Libby, Lucy Noble and Dakota Routhier. All of the girls participated in a hitting contest. Each player was pitched to ten times and points were awarded for the length and type of hit. Samantha Crough secured third place, Tory Blair came in second place, and the hitting contest winner was Erin Fontaine. Erin's strength and placement of the hit balls allowed her to get the top score.

Representing the Boys Red All Star Team were Robby McCunney and Robert Jones From the Mets, Johnny Maher and Mike Monaco from the Athletics, Jordan Berry and Jodi Rosano from the Red Sox, John Kearney and Todd Emanuello from the Cardinals, Derek Youngman and Chris Walsh from the Pirates, Tyler Judge and Jake Wheelwright from the Dodgers and John Giuggio and Dean Driscoll from the Rangers. On the Blue All Star Team were Tom Condon and Gabe Seksay from the Mets, Brendan Doonan and Andy McKenna from the Athletics, Jack Carrier and Jeff Cavanaro from the Red Sox, Kevin O'Connell and Ben Campbell from the Cardinals, Tom Buckley and Austin Meyer from the Pirates, Chris Brown and Justin Yeager from the Dodgers and Eamon Davis and Graham Stevenson from the Rangers. The boys participated in three skills competitions; the Hitting & Home Run contest, Race around the bases, and the Golden Arm Throw.

In the Home Run contest, Brendan Doonan and Robby McCunney tied for first place with three home runs each. Jordan Berry registered two home runs, and John Kearney and Jake Wheelwright each had one. Ranger John Giuggio won the hitting contest, accumulating the most points based on ball placement and distance.

In the Race Around the Bases, the finalists based on the quickest time running from home plate around all of the bases and back to home were Jodi Rosano, Robby McCunney, Jeff Cavanaro, John Kearney and Dean Driscoll. Veteran John Kearney of the Cardinals had the quickest time and was the winner. Finally, the Golden Arm challenges the boys' throwing strength and accuracy. From center field each All-Star had three balls to throw to a plywood stand with a circle cut out of it that resided over home plate. Points were awarded based on hitting the board or throwing through the hole. Todd Emanuello of the Cards, with strength and accuracy secured the top place in this competition. Winners of both the boys and girls events were awarded gift certificates.

The boys All Star game began immediately after the skills competition. With Only red or blue baseball caps to distinguish the teams, the boys took the field. As in MLB, the boys wear the uniform of their own team. The Red team was the "home" team and took defensive positions first. Each team used different pitchers in each inning and players rotated throughout the field of play. Big plays for the Red Team came from John Giuggio (double and a base hit), doubles from Jodi Rosano and Derek Youngman (who drove in 2 RBI's) and home runs from John Kearney and Robby McCunney. In the field solid play came from Robert Jones at second who caught a line drive and from Chris Walsh playing at third who caught back to back line drives for consecutive outs. Johnny Maher struck out three Blue Team batters. For the Blue team, big hits came from Brendan Doonan (long double deep into right field), Justin Yeager, Gabe Seksay (2 RBI's) with two base hits, and Eamon Davis (double RBI). In the field, the Blue team executed a 1-2-5 double play with Davis on the mound who flipped the ball to Chris Brown catching to prevent the run from scoring, to Ben Campbell on third to get the advancing runner out. Austin Meyer also made back to back outs for the Blue team first catching a line drive at second and the fielding a one hopper and making the easy out at first. The Blue team came out on top in this All Star game.

Under the capable direction of National League (7-8 year olds) Commissioner, Peter Buckley, the coaching staff of the National League cooked burgers & dogs for players, parents and fans. Organizing grill duties, supply pickups and trash detail, the National League group did an excellent job upholding the tradition of the CYBSA cookout.

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Youth laxers earn split in final regular season weekend

The Cohasset youth girls lacrosse teams split two games in preparation for the final weekend of the season, the lacrosse jamboree and Family Day.

The Blue and White 13-and-Under teams combined to play Duxbury's Green squad and jumped out to a 4-2 halftime lead on the strength of goals from Isabelle Franklin, Hannah Burgess, an interception-turned-putback from Paige Smith and a Lauren Blaze-to-Kaleigh Teague fast-break finish.

From there, however, Cohasset's offense took the rest of the day off, failing to score a second-half goal, missing on several quality chances. Meanwhile, Duxbury was able to capitalize on its scoring chances to take home a 6-4 come-from-behind win.

Sisters Thomson and Whitney Jaffe split the Cohasset goaltending duties, combining for five saves on the day.

The game marked the second time this season when Cohasset had combined its teams, both times resulting in losses.

Next, it was Cohasset's youngest girls, from grades three and four, playing in just their second game of the season against a battle-tested Duxbury squad. Cohasset's 11-and-Under girls played in a weekly clinic until the end of the season, and the Duxbury game turned into a second straight win.

Sarah Evans opened the scoring and Danielle Healy followed quickly thereafter with the game's second goal. After a Duxbury tally narrowed the gap, Hope Kissick scored and the contest stayed at 3-1 until the half.

Kissick answered a Duxbury score to open the second half, and Sally Long fed Nicole Hajjar to answer a second Duxbury goal. From there, the two teams traded opportunities, but nothing reached the net until Duxbury snuck one past Cohasset goalie Stephanie Brierly as time expired. Brierly finished the contest with four saves, and Cohasset came away with a 5-4 win.

Cohasset's 13-and-Under and 15-and-Under girls will play in the South Shore Lacrosse League's Girls Day Out Jamboree in Abington on Saturday, June 19, and the 13-and-Under and 11-and-Under girls will play in Blue-versus-White games at Milliken Field on Cohasset's Family Day on Sunday, June 20. The younger girls will play at 1 p.m., with the fifth and sixth graders to follow at 2:15 p.m.

Girls tennis team ousted in state semis thriller by Manchester-Essex, 3-2

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surely experienced this year is certainly something to be proud of.

"It was a tough position to be in, but everyone came together and played phenomenal tennis this whole tournament," Meehan said.

Cohasset's two points on Tuesday came in first and third singles. Junior Elizabeth Stone won in typically dominating fashion, 6-0, 6-1. Sophomore Chelsea Grossman took a tough three-set match, 6-2, 1-6 and 6-1.

To get to Tuesday, Cohasset went up against Old Rochester on Friday at Hingham for the Div. 2 South sectional title. OR was coming off a semifinal win over Ursuline, the only team to beat Cohasset during the regular season. The blue and white were up to the challenge, however, and came away with a 4-1 victory.

Stone played a fairly difficult match against OR junior Cayla Clancy, whose only loss on the season was to Stone in the state individual tournament. After winning the first set, 6-0, the Cohasset star had to work hard to take the second set, 6-3. The match took about an hour and a half, one of the longest matches Stone played all year.

"Cayla is a great player," Meehan said. "Liz just had that added mental toughness."

Both doubles teams were victorious. Sullivan and Evans won rather easily, 6-2, 6-0. The first doubles team of Courtney Caron and Rachel Garber took their first set, 6-2. They made things interesting in the second set, but took that one as well, 7-5, for the straight-set victory.

Grossman won via forfeit after her opponent, Caslie Brodie, hurt her ankle in the very first game of the match.

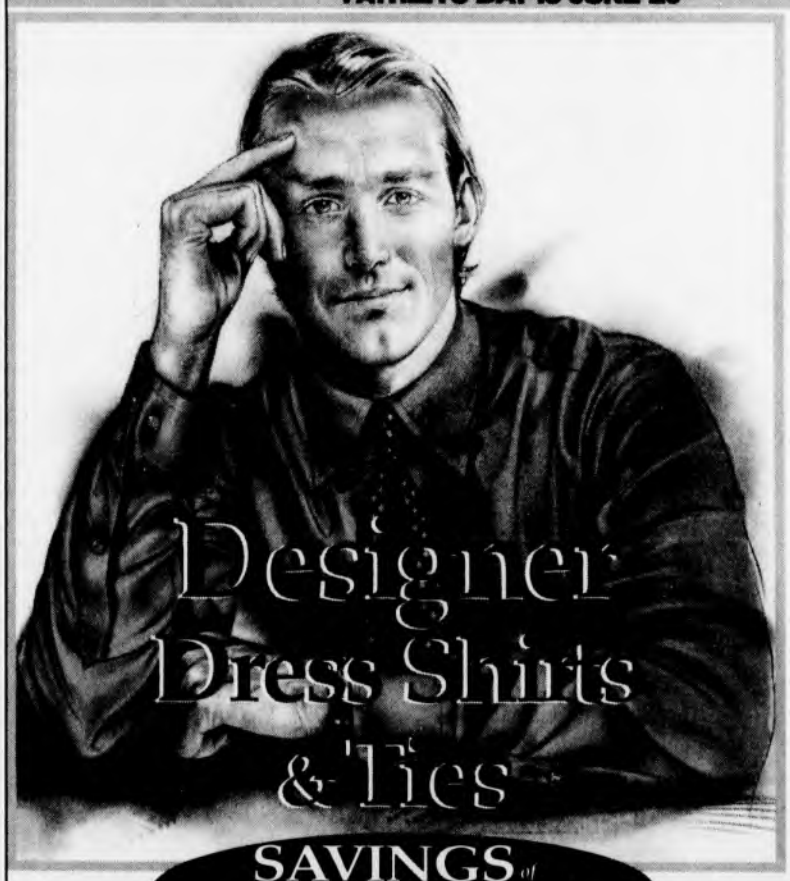
As their coach said, Cohasset was playing their best tennis of the year when it mattered the most. It looked for a while as though they would be able to recapture their 2003 magic, but it was not meant to be.

"It's so hard to do that two years in a row," said assistant coach Kathy Prevett. "It was their turn this year."

Cohasset will need some reserves from this year to step up next year, as Caron, Sullivan, Evans and second singles Holly Graham have all graduated. If they build on the promise that they showed when they got their chance this year, Cohasset could very well be playing into mid-June in 2005.

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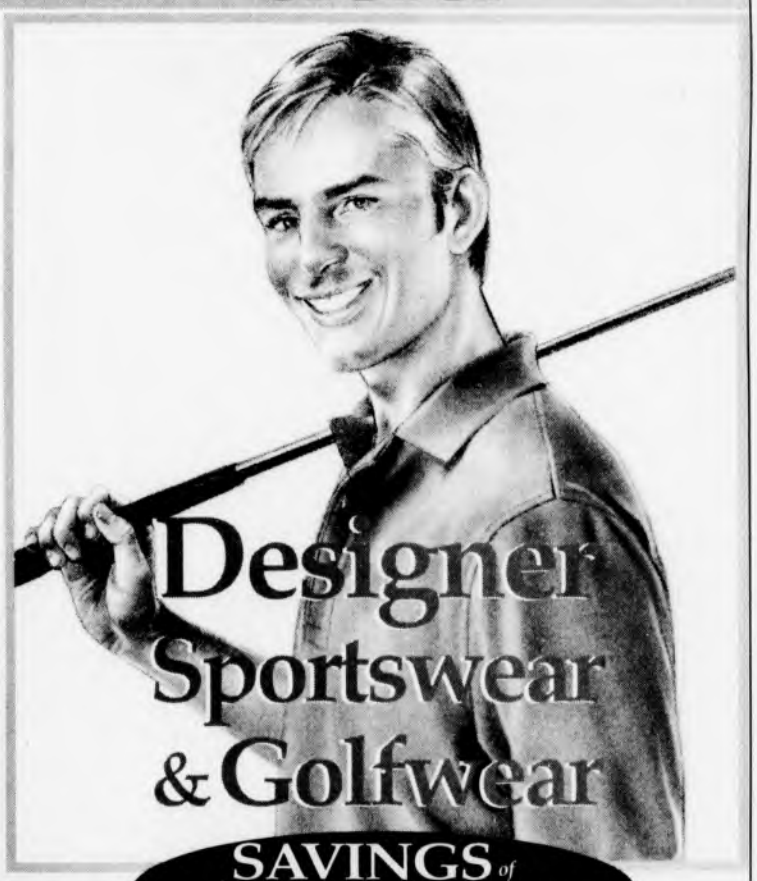
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'Alice in Wonderland' Music Circus signups

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct a Music Circus Registration for "Alice in Wonderland" Tuesday, June 22, from 9 a.m.-noon and again from 5-7 p.m., at the Recreation office in the Town Hall for children in the Playground Program.

Music Circus Registrations for children involved in The Playground Program will be held every Tuesday at the Recreation office from 9 a.m.-noon and from 5-7 p.m. at the Recreation office in the Town Hall.

"Alice in Wonderland" will be held at the Music Circus on July 8. Children will be walked down from Playground with their counselors.

Band concerts

During the past 11 seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates Inc. Each June the Board of Directors of the South Shore Music Circus take under consideration the request of the Recreation Commission, for concert funding, hence, certainty of concerts are not absolute until mid-June each season. The S.S.M.C. donations are matched by a grant from the American Federation of Musicians, N.Y.C.

Based upon continued S.S.M.C. funding, the schedule for the 2004 season is as follows:

Tuesday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., Town Common

Tuesday, July 27, 7:30 p.m., Town Common

Performances will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh. Concerts are free of charge and open to the public. It is suggested bringing lawn chairs or blankets and insect repellent. Call the Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109 to check on the status of concerts if the weather is doubtful.

Dog obedience starts on June 21

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer another session of dog obedience classes taught by Happy-Dog Training School this season.

Classes will be held on Monday evenings, on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting June 21. For all classes the fee is $100 for the five-week, one-hour-per-week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots up to date.

The advanced classes will be held from 6-7 p.m. The Beginner classes will be from 7-8 p.m.

To register for the next available session, call the Recreation office at 781-383-4109. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first-enrolled basis.

Summer sports

South Shore Baseball Club
Milliken Field
Monday, June 28 - Friday, July 2
Ages 7-12 ~ 8:30 am to 2:30 p.m. ~ Price $175
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Directed by: South Shore Baseball Club - Frank Niles

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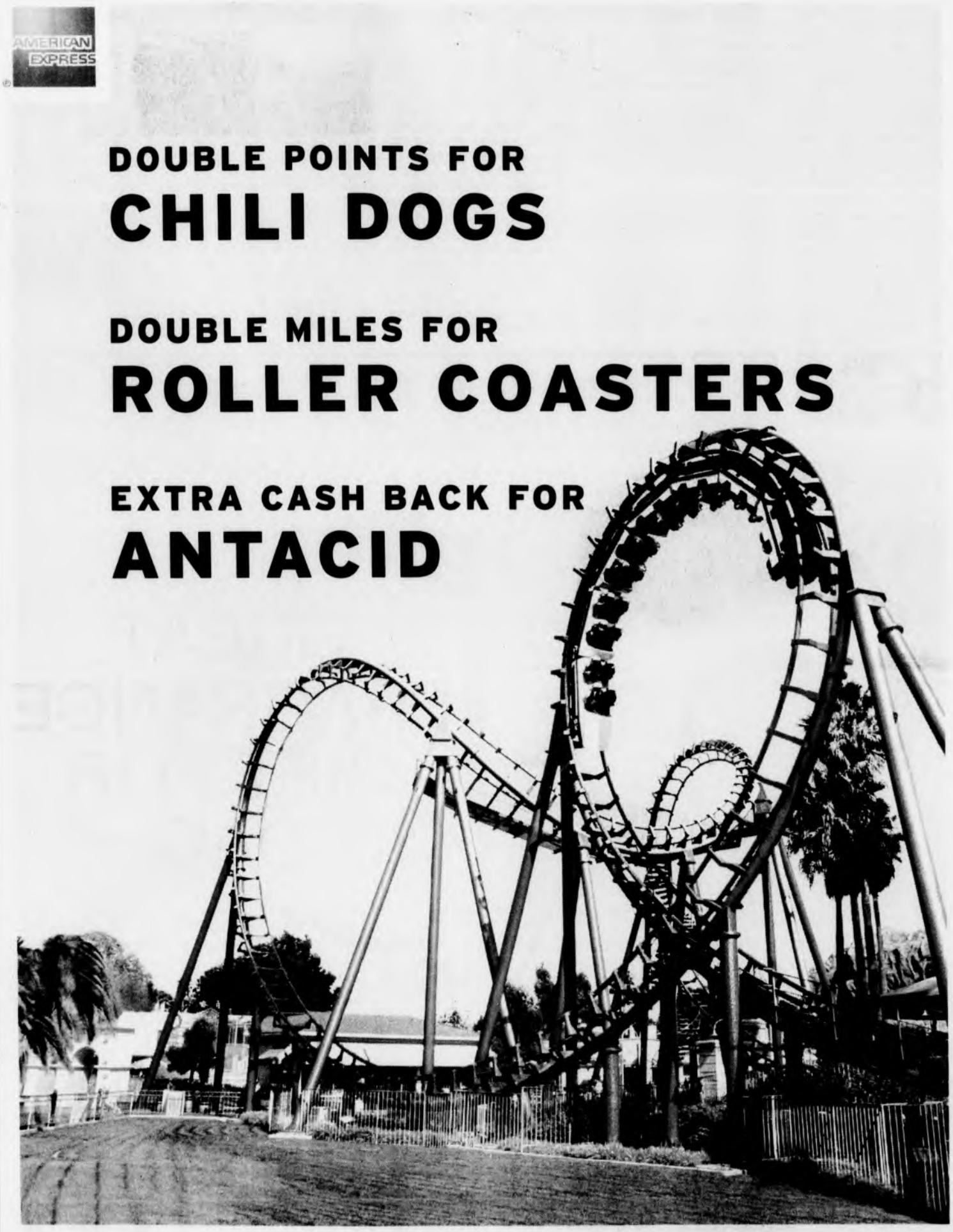
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49th Arts Festival kicks off Friday

In 1954, a group of South Shore artists pinned their artwork to clotheslines on Cohasset Common and in so doing planted the seeds for what was to become the South Shore Art Center. Since then the Art Center has grown into the region's largest center for the visual arts. As for the clothesline art show, it has become the most celebrated and well-attended annual arts festival on the South Shore.

The South Shore Art Center's 49th Arts Festival will take place June 18–20. With art and music for all generations, the South Shore Art Center Arts Festival offers something wonderful for everyone — from cutting-edge contemporary art to traditional handmade crafts. More than 90 juried artists will offer a wide variety of handmade items including jewelry, home and garden products, clothing, ceramics, toys, home décor, fine art and photography.

In addition to the individual booths housing these artists, the Art Center presents a Juried Art Exhibition, Members' Show and Young Artists' Exhibition in large exhibition tents. A children's art activity tent offers children and adults an opportunity to explore their creative side while plein air painters scattered throughout the grounds demonstrate their talents and capture the scene. Old-fashioned homemade strawberry shortcake will be served all weekend at the Second Congregational Church annual Strawberry Festival. The Festival Stage presents three days of toe-tapping musical entertainment ranging from singer-songwriters, bluegrass, jazz, to Sunday's annual Father's Day performance by the South Shore Bay Band.

Arts Festival hours are Friday, June 18, 2 -7 p.m.; Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday, June 20, noon-6 p.m. South Shore Art Center Arts Festival is held outdoors, rain or shine. A free trolley shuttles visitors from near-by parking on Sohier Street. A $5.00 donation is requested at the entrance. The South Shore Art Center Arts Festival is sponsored in part through the generosity of Rockland Trust. For more information visit www.ssac.org or contact the Art Center: 781-383-2787



The Holways of Cohasset add their mark to the community sculpture at the South Shore Art Center's Festival, June 18-20.



Art center gallery artist Michael Moss captures the scene at the Festival on the Common.

Strawberry Festival shouldn't be missed

Be sure to save your appetite for what has become one of Cohasset's tastiest traditions! The 16th Annual Strawberry Festival will again be held in conjunction with the South Shore Art Center's Art's Festival on the Common, Friday June 18 through Sunday June 20.

While strawberry shortcakes are the mainstay of this popular event hosted by the Second Congregational Church, festival fare also includes grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, cold drinks and more.

The church's brick courtyard (next to Cohasset town hall) will be transformed into an outdoor café where Arts Festival visitors can rest and enjoy a snack, lunch or dinner brought to their table by friendly wait staff. (Indoor tables are also available.) And no Arts Festival visitor should leave the common without at least sampling the church's buttermilk biscuits heaped with fresh local strawberries and whipped cream.

"We hope to sell close to 2,500 shortcakes again this year," noted Debbie Anderson, one of the organizers of this fundraiser. "We've raised more than $100,000 at this event over the last 15 years, and proceeds have gone to support local charities including The Mary Martha Learning Center, Father Bill's Place, the Social Service League of Cohasset and Wellspring in Hull."

Shortcakes and other fresh baked goods, fruit cups and cold drinks will also be available "to go" for those who wish to enjoy their treats as they explore the more than 80 exhibits and attractions of the Arts Festival on the Common.

Strawberry Festival hours are Friday June 18 from 2 to 7 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. For information or to volunteer to help, call the Second Congregational Church at 383-0345.

South Shore Art Center Arts Festival

June 18–20, Cohasset Common
Schedule of Activities
Ongoing

•Free Parking and trolley service from Sohier Street
Cohasset Swim Center, Friday
Deer Hill School, Saturday and Sunday
• Over 80 juried craft and fine artists showcase and sell unique handmade items
•Food Court
• $5 donation requested at entrance arbors
•Main Exhibition Tent Members Show and Juried Exhibition
• Artist Demonstration Tent South Shore Art Center- artists
• SSAC 50th Anniversary Tent Info and raffle for Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra benefit concert!
• At the South Shore Art Center: *Summer Inspirations: Visiting Artists* exhibition
• *Kidstent* Young Artists' Show, art activities and new Kidsmarket!
•First Parish Church: Lobster salad sales
• Second Congregational Church: Strawberry Festival

Friday, June 18 , Festival Open 2–7p.m.

Kidstent, 3–5 p.m., Free Children's Art Activities
Recycling Poster Contest
Kidsmarket: items priced at $10 or less

Festival Stage, 3:30–4:30 p.m., Hingham High School Jazz Band, Doug Wauchope, director; 4:45–5:30 p.m., Caitlin O'Connell & Molly Trisler, guitar/vocals; 5:30 p.m., Art Awards Ceremony South Shore Art Center; 7 p.m., Festival *off*Common Kickoff party and silent auction with festive libations and music $30 ($25 SSAC members). SSAC, 119 Ripley Road. Call 781-383-2787 for reservations.

Saturday, June 19, Festival Open 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

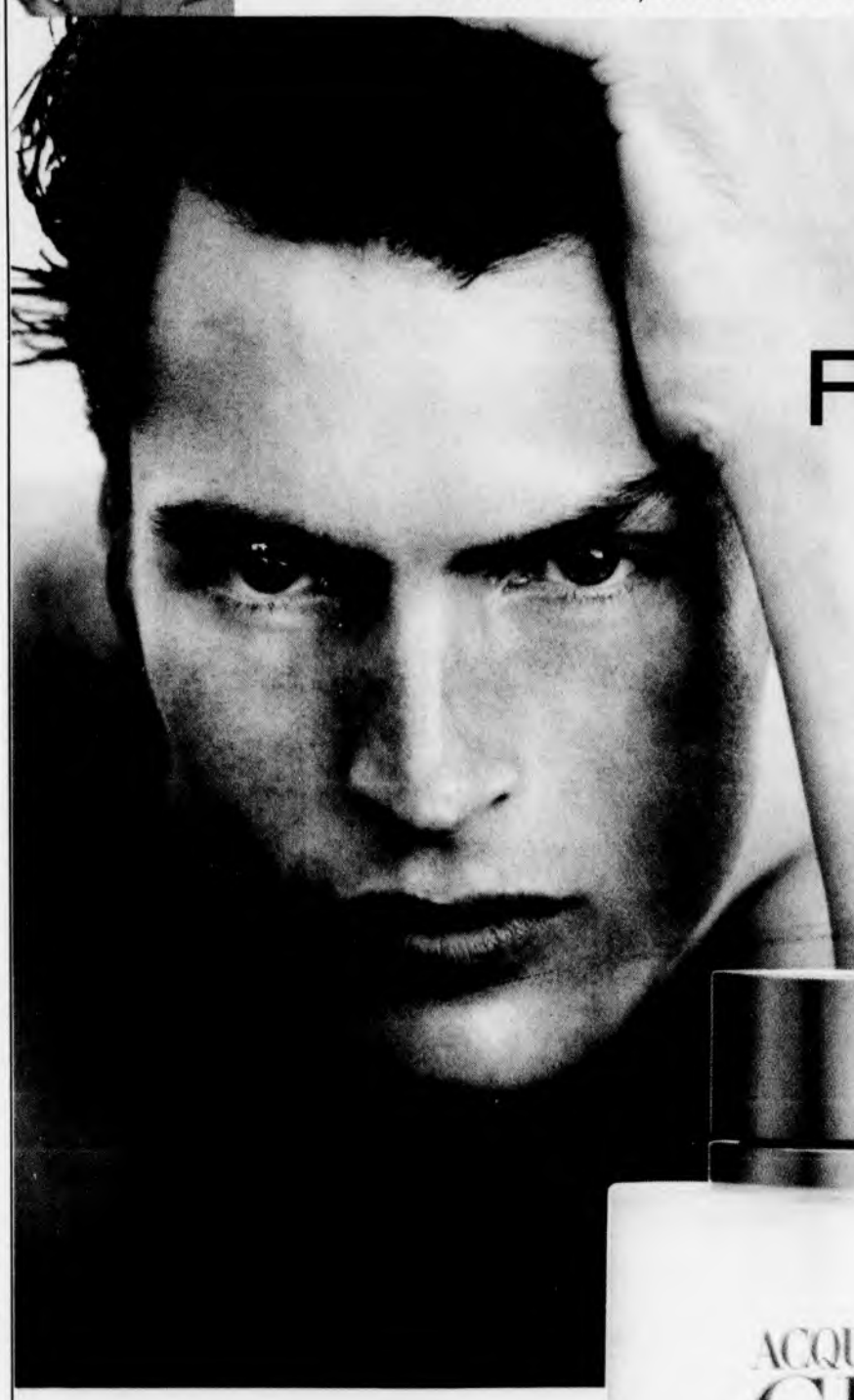
Meeting House Pond, Sailing of replica boats by the Marine Modeler's Association of NE
Kidstent, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Recycling Poster Contest
Father's Day projects
Kidsmarket: items priced at $10 or less
Festival Stage, 10:00–10:45 a.m., Rusty Skippers
10:50–11:40 a.m., students of the Suzuki School of Newton, Directed by Rebecca Schellenberg, Aimee Morrill & Ben Peterson Sachiko Isihara, Director, Sponsored by *Our World, Children's Global Discovery Museum*
11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Ana Buckley. The Brown Sisters: Abby, Sarah and Audrey
1–3 p.m., Watson Reid & Americana
3:30–5:30 p.m., The O'Reilly's
6–7 p.m., Sides, featuring Nat Seelen, saxophone; Pat Kracunas, guitar; Dave Fitzgerald, bass; and Greg Settino, drums.
5–7 p.m. Opening Reception, *Summer Inspirations: Visiting Artists* Free. Sponsored by Image Resolutions, Commercial & Giclée Printing. South Shore Art Center.
First Parish Church, 8 p.m., Morningside Baptist Church Gospel Chorus. Presented by the First Parish Church on Cohasset Common For more information and tickets ($10) call 781-383-1100.

Sunday, June 20, Festival Open, noon–6 p.m.

Happy Father's Day
Kidstent, noon–5 p.m., Recycling Poster Contest
Father's Day projects
Kidsmarket: items priced at $10 or less
Festival Stage: noon, St. Stephen's Carillon
12:30–2:30 p.m., Big Daddy Jazz
2:45–3:30p.m., Harvest
4 –6 p.m., South Shore Bay Band
Programs, artists and schedule subject to change.



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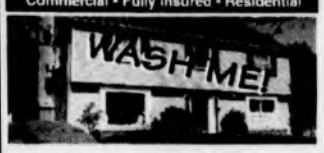


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Cohasset cooks up plans for Relay



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Lily Smith fills a bag with sand at Alumni Field for the Luminaria Ceremony at last year's Relay For Life. This year's Luminaria Ceremony gets underway at 9 p.m., Friday.

By Samantha Brown
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Volunteers and participants in this weekend's annual Relay for Life in Cohasset won't be lacking in food options to keep energized.

Participants can get might hungry as they walk or run in teams throughout the night to raise money for the American Cancer Society, but there will be plenty of food and drink on hand, thanks to local restaurants who have generously donated their culinary skills to the fifth annual Taste of the Relay.

This year, booths featuring area restaurants such as Atlantica, the Nautical Mile, Schooners, and the Red Parrot will be serving dinner to participants from 6:45 to 8 p.m. in the Cohasset High School cafeteria. All the restaurants have volunteered their time and their food to help benefit the cause.

Jeff Mushin is a volunteer who has coordinated the Taste of the Relay since its inception five years ago. He said the experience he has gained from many years in the food industry has enabled him to make many contacts, and he said he never has any trouble finding willing volunteers to participate.

In fact, through the combined efforts of Mushin and his business partner Steven Leaman, who together own and operate the Nautical Mile Restaurant in Humarock, Nautical Mile Market in Scituate Harbor, and Nautical Mile Catering company, Mushin will be providing many dishes of his own at the Taste of the Relay. Leaman said Tim Hunter, who is the chef at the Nautical Mile Restaurant, will be preparing blue marlin and mini crab cakes to hungry Relay participants.

Leaman said he and Mushin will be working "around the clock" for the next few days in preparation for the Taste. But lending their services on a volunteer basis is nothing new, as Leaman said Nautical Mile Catering provides food for many charity events. He said they have donated many gift certificates in the past to various organizations, and look forward to supporting the American Cancer Society this weekend.

Atlantica, located on Cohasset harbor, has been participating in the Taste of the Relay for the past four years. Katie Howard, director of marketing and sales, said this year she will be serving up New England clam chowder as well as roasted red pepper, eggplant, and goat cheese canapes in phyllo dough cups, prepared by chef Ritchie Blinn.

"We're definitely interested in community events," said Howard, adding Atlantica is always looking for ways to become involved with the community. However, she added that with an event such as the Relay for Life, the involvement comes not only from a business standpoint, but a personal and family standpoint, as many staff members at the Cohasset Harbor Resort have had family members pass away from cancer.

Mushin said last year the Taste alone generated roughly $3,000, 100 percent of which is donated to the American Cancer Society. "Everyone volunteers their time and their own food, and every restaurant works their own booth," he said. Because many people's lives have been affected by cancer, Mushin said by becoming involved with the Relay, it is one way people have been able to give back to the cause. "It makes you feel good," he said.

The eighth annual Relay For Life in Cohasset is set for June 18-19 at Cohasset High School. It is a community event which brings together teams of families, friends, churches, neighborhoods, and businesses all with the same goal of curing cancer in the new millennium. Residents from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate and other surrounding towns are encouraged to attend. Last year, 13 events were held in towns across southeast Massachusetts raising close to $2.7 million for the American Cancer Society. The Taste of the Relay will be held Friday night from 6:45 to 8, and will be located in the Cohasset Middle High School Cafeteria.

New England images at Lifesaving Museum

The Hull Lifesaving Museum and the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities announce "The Camera's Coast" opening reception at the Lifesaving Museum will be June 19, at 7 p.m.

"The Camera's Coast" is a sampler of historic coastal New England images from the collections of SPNEA. The pioneering photographers represented from SPNEA include Nathaniel Stebbins, Henry G. Peabody, Baldwin Coolidge, and Emma Coleman. Subjects depicted include square-riggers, coasting schooners, fishing vessels and fishing ports, small boats and large yachts, summer hotels and fishermen's shacks, fishermen, seaweed gatherers, and salt-marsh haymakers.

Curated by noted author and maritime historian William H. Bunting, "The Camera's Coast" illustrates life along the New England coast in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. These were years of great social and economic change. Many traditional maritime occupations, from longshore fishing and shipbuilding to deep water voyaging were in decline. With mushrooming industrialism and growing numbers of people able to take vacations – and increasingly hot, crowded, and dirty cities from which to flee – coastal recreation boomed.

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From left, at the No Place for Hate Certification Ceremony, are Michelle Garcia, Susan Etkind, Allison Moskow and Aleisa Gittens-Carle.

Cohasset was among 28 communities that the Anti-Defamation League New England Region (ADL) officially re-certified as No Place For Hate at a June 8 ceremony.

"We are proud to partner with Cohasset in committing to provide a safe and hospitable environment for people of all backgrounds," said ADL Regional Director Robert Leikind. "To protect and celebrate people of all faiths, races, ethnicities, and sexual orientations is the best way to ensure that our society truly is no place for hate."

In order to be certified No Place for Hate, a community must demonstrate a commitment to building understanding and respect for diversity by engaging residents in at least three new programs created to facilitate inter-group dialogue and inhibit tensions and hate crimes. Certified communities are awarded a billboard to post at the "entrance" to their municipality stating "This is a No Place for Hate community."

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Social Service League holds annual meeting

The Social Service League of Cohasset held its 92nd Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 18, at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset. Amy Cutler, President; Gretchen Gold, Cohasset Consignment Shop Manager; and committee chairs, Mary McGoldrick, Holly Hill, and Diane Shipp, gave year-end reports. Successful fundraising efforts, strengthening of ties with the schools, and a lot of hard work made for a strong year with regard to program offerings.

After thanking the shop volunteers for their time and commitment, Ms. Gold was pleased to inform everyone that the shop was voted the Best Consignment Shop for 2004 in the Reader's Choice Award that is sponsored by The Community Newspaper Corporation.

In her President's report, Ms. Cutler spoke of the continuing evolution of the League and its changing mission. Of special note were her remarks concerning the Board's decision to expand the League's collaboration with the Wellspring Multi-Care Center in Hull. Instead of having its own social worker on staff to provide the individual counseling component of the League's offerings, a significant contribution will be made to Wellspring with the stipulation that it be used to provide direct services. The general public will be even better served as a result of the strengthened relationship between these two fine organizations. Mr. Vinny Harte, Wellspring's Executive Director, was on hand for the announcement.

New League staff members, Gretchen Gold, Shop Manager, Amber Nolan, Assistant Shop Manager, and Leslie Lemaire, Administrative Secretary, were formally introduced and warmly welcomed. Holly Hill, Chair of the Nominating Committee, introduced the new Board members. They are as follows: Tanna Carlson, Marita Carpenter, Elaine Smoot, Kathy Wuttke, and Catherine Cantillon. Directors retiring from the Board are: Amy Cutler, President; Kathy Anderson, Treasurer; and Susan Magruder, Secretary.

The following Board members will begin serving two-year terms as officers: Jane Reardon, President; Sandra Halverson, Vice-President; Kathy Prevett, Treasurer; Holly Hill, Assistant Treasurer; and Patty Smith, Secretary.

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Holly Hill Farm educational events for adults & kids

The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. announce the Spring and Summer 2004 schedule of its Organic Gardening Workshop and Family Farm series. For adults looking to expand their knowledge of organic gardening or parents seeking activities for their children, the series events are designed to offer broad appeal to young and old alike. More information about Holly Hill Farm and The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. is available at www.hollyhillfarm.org

Organic Gardening Workshop Series Schedule

All workshops begin at 10 a.m. and end at noon, and admission for each varies.

Bees Buzz, Saturday, June 26

There are 20 hives on the farm producing honey that is sold at the farm and helps the farm's vegetables with pollination. The farm's expert apiarist, Luke Lambert, will guide attendees through the fascinating life of a bee on the farm, in its hive and the importance of bees in nature. (Cost: FHHF members $12; non-members $15)

Painting an Organic Landscape, July 10, 17 & 24

Local landscape painter, Sage Green Belber, will guide a group of intermediate to advanced painters in their preferred medium as they create a landscape from a scenic vista at the farm. Sage and the other painters will talk about their work and offer one another constructive critique. Cost includes all workshops and hours are negotiable to continue with your painting. Please call if you need an easel or other materials. (Cost: FHHF members $40; non-members $50)

Growing and Cooking with Herbs, Saturday July 31

Learn to grow culinary herbs - in a garden, in containers on the porch, or even indoors on a windowsill. Take a "tasting tour" of the farm's herb garden and learn to identify plants by their distinct flavors and aromas. Find out how to grow both annual and perennial herbs — from preparing the soil, to harvesting for the kitchen. Take home new recipes and learn how to dry and store fresh herbs for winter use. (Cost: FHHF members $20; non-members $25)

Growing Organic Cut Flowers, Saturday, Aug. 28

Delphinium, Cosmos and Echinacea to name a few: learn all about growing cut flowers in a home garden. Topics range from seed sources to sowing tips. Attendees will practice deadheading and harvesting and will make a bouquet to take home. (Cost: FHHF members $20; non-members $25)

Family Farm Series Schedule

Family Farm Tour Saturday, Aug. 14

Farmer Jean White will lead a guided tour around the farm with visits to the greenhouse and growing fields. Attendees will also get to meet the farm animals. (Cost: FHHF members $12 per family; non-members $15 per family)

For additional information and registration, contact Jon Belber by phone at 781-383-1455 or by email at jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com.

About The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc.

To further its goals, Holly Hill Farm, a certified organic farm located in Cohasset, , established in 2002 the non-profit organization - The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. (Friends). The principle activities of the Friends are the development and support of educational resources and programs at Holly Hill Farm for use by the educational institutions and citizens of Cohasset and its surrounding towns. Programs include farm visits for school groups, a summer work program for teens, an organic farming course for high school students, guided walks, and a series of organic gardening workshops. More information about Holly Hill Farm and The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. is available

Summer fun offered at community center

Camp for boys and girls ages 4-9 at The South Shore Community Center.

Come join Susie O'Brien, Mary Brennock, and other staff members for a fun-filled week of gymnastics, sports, bowling, face-painting, crafts, water play with small pools and sprinklers, and much, much more.

Bring lunch, snack, towel, and swim suit daily. Limited sign-up. ($35. Cancellation fee.)

Week one - Aug. 16-19, Week two - Aug. 23-26, Week three - Aug. 30 - Sept. 2. Time is from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Monday-Thursday, the cost is $125, second sibling is $105.

For more information, call 781-383-0088.



Joseph Protulis, 4, and Haley Ardizzoni, 7, love camp!



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Carillon recitals

St. Stephen Church presents its 80th annual Summer Carillon recitals on Sundays at 6 p.m. on the Cohasset Common.

- June 27: Suzanne Magassy, Canberra, Australia
- July 4: Sally Slade Warner, St. Stephen Church, Cohasset
- July 11: Dennis Curry, Kirk-in-the-Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
- July 18: James W. Smith, Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pa.
- July 25: Justin Ryan, Denver, Colo.
- Aug. 1: John Widmann, City Carillonneur, Frederick, Md.
- Aug. 18: Daniel Kerry Kehoe, Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.
- Aug. 15: David Hunsberger, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.

Enjoy these free recitals, rain or shine, on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon. Programs will be available at the recital. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic supper to the church courtyard on Highland Avenue or to the Common.

A tower tour and carillon demonstration will follow each concert.

Sally Slade Warner, Carillonneur; Mary Kennedy, Assistant Carillonneur; Rev. Clifford Cutler, Rector.

For further information, call 978-475-2599 or 781-383-1083.

Hooray for Iceberg!

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

This is a confession. I am sick and tired of limp, designer greens: droopy mache, listless red leaf, and rusty romaine so long out of the ground that I have to throw away 80 percent of the outer leaves to find the crunchy heart. Once in a while I want a salad I can really sink my teeth into and that means iceberg. Let the dressing carry the flavor and the lettuce provide the crunch!

The first question was how to break up the iceberg. I enjoy wedges of romaine and thought that iceberg would fare well as wedges too. So, I removed the outer leaves, cut the head into quarters and removed the core. If you are using heads much larger you may want to cut it into sixths.

Now I had to figure out which big-flavor dressings would be best. Green Goddess was my first stop but my recipe was a bit on the thick side. It turned out the best way to thin it out was with water — buttermilk was too thick; milk or cream gave it a slightly off taste. The dressing is not only great with the iceberg but pairs nicely with tomatoes and cucumber. Of course, there are no strict rules here and one can add other vegetables as desired.

Blue cheese dressing also works well and the salad is even better when topped with crispy bacon. For color and flavor I also added sliced ripe tomatoes—probably Tasty Toms are the best choice this time of year. A classic steakhouse vinaigrette also works well here. Olive oil is tempered with vegetable or canola oil — beautiful fruity green olive oil is so out of place with a head of iceberg. It has too much body and their flavors don't really match. My vinegar of choice is white balsamic although wine vinegar works if the amount is slightly reduced. I omitted the mustard — it seemed too refined. Instead I used a pinch of sugar for a lowbrow touch. The vinaigrette is light and bright unlike the above creamy dressings. It works well with the lettuce, tomato and sliced shallots or Bermuda onion.

Iceberg wedges with green goddess dressing

Rather than serving four individual wedges, you may serve one large tossed salad. Simply break or cut the head of iceberg into bite-sized pieces and place all of the ingredients in a large salad bowl.

For the dressing:

1/2 cup mayonnaise (regular or low fat)
1/2 cup sour cream (regular or low fat)
1/4 cup flat parsley leaves
1 tablespoon tarragon or chervil leaves
1 small shallot, chopped (about 2 teaspoons)
1 large or two small anchovy fillets, chopped (optional)
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 cup finely chopped chives
1/8 teaspoon salt (reduced to a generous pinch if using the optional anchovy)
Freshly ground pepper to taste
2 to 3 tablespoons water

To finish the salad

1 head iceberg lettuce, about 1 1/2 pounds, outer leaves removed, quartered and cored.
1 cup cucumber, peeled and seeded as desired, halved lengthwise and cut into 1/2 inch slices
1 ripe tomato sliced, or 6 Tasty Toms quartered, or 12 cherry or grape tomatoes halved

1. For The Dressing: Place first seven ingredients (the mayonnaise through the lemon juice) in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the metal blade. Process until the parsley is very finely chopped and the mixture is pale green. Add the chives, salt and pepper and pulse once or twice to evenly incorporate the chives. Taste for seasoning and adjust with salt if necessary. Stir in enough water so that the dressing is thick but pourable. Refrigerate, covered, for an hour to allow flavors to meld. May be refrigerated overnight.

2. For The Salad: Place each iceberg wedge on a salad plate and top with about three tablespoons of the dressing. Garnish each plate with cucumber and tomato and serve immediately.

Serves 4 with a bit of dressing to spare

Iceberg wedges with blue cheese dressing

A creamy, not a dry, blue cheese is best here such as Stella or Maytag.

For the dressing

1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
6 tablespoons buttermilk
2 tablespoons sour cream
1 tablespoons mayonnaise
2 teaspoons white wine vinegar
1/4 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt or to taste
Freshly ground black pepper

To finish the salad

1 head iceberg lettuce, about 1 1/2 pounds, outer leaves removed, quartered and cored
1 ripe tomato sliced, or 6 Tasty Toms quartered, or 12 cherry or grape tomatoes halved
6 slices bacon cut into 1/4 inch slices, fried until crisp and cooled

1. For The Dressing: Mash the blue cheese with a fork until the size of small- curd cottage cheese. Add the buttermilk and stir to mix. Add remaining ingredients and stir until well combined. Adjust seasonings and serve immediately or store covered and refrigerated for up to two weeks. Makes about 1 cup.

2. For The Salad: Place each iceberg wedge on a salad plate and top with about three tablespoons of the dressing. Garnish each plate with tomato and bacon and serve immediately.

Serves 4 with a bit of dressing to spare

You can contact writers Christopher Kimball and Jeanne Maguire at kitchendetective@bcpress.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball◊s public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Maintaining the June landscape

GREEN THUMBS UP



SUZANNE MAHLER

As glorious perennials thrive during this damp, cool spring, so do our weeds and misplaced wildflowers. Our devastating winter weather seems to have done little to deter these trespassers. Some are sneaky, their foliage similar in appearance to our desirable plants. Rather than pull out a plant we do not recognize, we allow the intruder to flourish only to discover that it soon begins to invade our beds relentlessly. Others are brazen right from the start, growing by leaps and bounds and crowding out the good guys. Whatever their nature, pull early and often as these unwanted guests compete for nutrients and moisture no matter what our growing season has to offer and the weeds always seems to succeed far better than the exotic plants we introduce.

Chemicals are not my preferred means of weed prevention but there are times when even the most dedicated gardener must resort to drastic measures, if only to break the cycle. Some weeds are easily extricated with a simple tug, but others are considerably more persistent with taproots or underground runners. For these intruders, the use of a herbicide may be required. The careful application of Roundup or Finale to the leaf surface of the unwanted guests may be the only solution, but keep in mind that these chemicals are non-selective and cannot recognize a weed from your most desirable, expensive acquisition. In tight spaces or in instances where the weed has infiltrated an established clump, apply the herbicide with a small sponge brush or paint brush. Multiple applications may be necessary for especially noxious, persistent weeds.

Once the gardens have been thoroughly weeded, the application of a weed preventative chemical like Preen, will minimize the emergence of weeds from seeds. These chemicals will not prevent those intruders that are produced on runners nor will they kill existing weeds. After application, it is best not to cultivate the soil, which will disrupt the chemical barrier that has been established enabling those persistent little trespassers to germinate. Often the best approach to a relatively weed-free landscape is to pull existing weeds in early spring, spray the more difficult invaders with a non-selective herbicide, apply fertilizer and a weed preventative and then apply a layer of mulch.

The use of summer mulches offers many benefits to all types of plantings. Perhaps their greatest value, in our times of frequent water bans, is that summer mulches help soils to retain moisture in addition to keeping soil temperatures more evenly regulated which results in less stress to our plants. Even a thin layer of shredded bark significantly reduces the emergence of weeds and creates an attractive, uniform background that sets plants off beautifully. Apply two inches of pine bark mulch over the root systems of trees and shrubs but avoid contact with the trunks and branches. Use only an inch or so around perennials. Care should be taken not to bury the crowns of perennials, as this can lead to rot or suffocation of the plants. As the mulch breaks down over the growing season, it provides valuable, moisture-retentive, organic matter to the soil surface that can be worked into the soil early next spring.

Throughout the growing season, I rarely venture into the yard without my trusty pruning shears. There always seems to be a tree, shrub, or perennial in need of a trim. As the beautiful blossoms of rhododendrons, lilacs, and spring-blooming trees and shrubs fade, major pruning of overgrown specimens can begin in earnest. The removal of up to one-third of the growth will not adversely harm these plants. In the case of suckering shrubs like forsythia or lilacs, old canes can be cut to the ground to stimulate new, vigorous shoots. When reducing the size of trees and shrubs, cut back to an existing side shoot to avoid leaving ugly stubs or thin out entire branches to the main trunk to allow light and air to reach the interior of densely growing plants. Similarly, the removal of spent flowers and flower stalks, a practice known as "deadheading", should be performed whenever possible. Deadheading gives the garden a neat, tidy appearance but perhaps more importantly, it enables plants to put their energy into making new growth, including the formation of stronger root systems and larger plants, and in many plants it encourages the development of new flowers. As I deadhead, I pinch back the stems of asters, chrysanthemums and other late-summer bloomers to promote compact, bushy plants that will produce more blooms.

As dusk approached, I stepped back to admire my efforts. One small bed was weeded, trimmed, edged, and cultivated. A huge mountain of weeds and clippings were ready for the compost heap. Only a few dozen gardens to go!

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.5-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years.

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Veronica Cadose

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"Vonnie" Veronica Cadose of Scituate and a short stay in Andover, died May 20, 2004 at her daughter's home, just three months after her husband's passing, Babe Cadose.

She worked 30 years for A&P Supermarket in Cohasset and raised German Shepherds for years. She devoted her life to her daughter, Bonnie, severely hurt in an auto accident in the 60's. Until recently she was out and about shopping, visiting and always seen at Jamie's in N. Scituate with Big-Bon. She enjoyed her family and friends. She will be dearly missed.

She leaves her three daughters; Laurie Gonsalves of Andover, Bonnie Leone of Scituate, now Andover, and Gerry Henry of Cohasset, seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, June 25, at 11 a.m., at St. Theresa's Church, Winter St., in N. Reading, Mass.

Francis Ruane Coffey

Francis Ruane Coffey, 59, of Cohasset, died June 13, 2004, suddenly at his home.

He was born in Brighton, son of the late Francis L. Coffey and Mary (Ruane).

Mr. Coffey was a 1962 graduate of St. Columbkilles High School and a 1966 graduate of Boston College and a 1969 graduate of Suffolk Law School.

He was a Scituate summer resident, in the Peggotty Beach section until his family home was destroyed in a storm in 1978.

He was a former owner of Red Lion Restaurant in Cohasset, in the mid 80's, from 1985-1990. He sold the restaurant and retired. He worked in Boston, South Shore and Cape Cod. Mr. Coffey also worked in the catering service for many years. He was an expert appraiser of antiques, oriental rugs and furniture, he was also an auctioneer for 25 years.

Mr. Coffey was involved in the Cohasset Rotary.

He leaves his wife, Katherine 'Kit' (Hayes) Coffey; one daughter; Alexandra H. Coffey of Cohasset; one son, John F. Coffey of Cohasset; one sister; Winifred Carroll of South Weymouth.

The Funeral Service was at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset.

The Clergymen were the Rev. Jon Mulverhill and Rev. Walter Waldron.

The Interment was in Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

Arrangements were by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to People In Need, c/o Fr. Walter Waldron, 10 Magazine Street, Roxbury, MA 02119.

Victor Shapiro

Victor Shapiro, a long time resident of Cohasset, died at the home of his son, Samuel and daughter-in-law Ellen, in Marlton, N.J. on May 26, 2004. He was 96 years old.

He and his wife, Henrietta, owned and operated Victor's Bakery in South Braintree Square for 17 years.

In 1997 he sold the family home in Cohasset to his grandson, Captain Sean Curry, and moved to Marlton.

Mr. Shapiro was a member of the Konohassett Lodge in Cohasset.

He leaves his son and three daughters, Grace Haigh, Franca Curry both of Scituate, and Marina Singer of Bath, Maine; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. July 11, at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom 1112 Main St., Hingham, MA.

Arrangements were handled by Platt Memorial Chapels Inc. 2001 Berlin Rd. Cherry Hill, N.J

Contributions in his memory may be made to Samaritan Hospice, 5 Eves Drive, Suite 300 Marlton, N.J.

Betty Driscoll

Betty Driscoll, 72, of Scituate, formerly of Cohasset, died June 11, 2004 suddenly at her home.

Born in Northbridge, Mass., she was the daughter of the late Louis J. Sacco and Elizabeth M. Sacco, she grew up in Uxbridge, Mass.

Mrs. Driscoll attended the Boston Conservatory of Music and graduated from Salve Regina College in Newport, R.I., with a degree in early childhood education. She taught briefly in New Bedford. On August 27, 1955, she married her husband, Bennet F. Driscoll. Mrs. Driscoll worked at various family business ventures in numerous volunteer initiatives, retired from Aetna Insurance and most recently at Cards n' Shards in Cohasset. Her most rewarding avocation was that of a homemaker. Besides her parents, she was pre-deceased by her husband, Bennet, and her grandson Kyle Bennet.

She leaves her children; Bennet F. Driscoll, Jr., his wife Tawn and grandson; Sean B. of Glens Falls, N.Y., Elizabeth G. (Jenny) Farrell, her husband Irving, and her grandson; Jason A. and Michael W. Banks of Pascoag, R.I., Robert M. Driscoll and his wife Christen S., grandson; Robert M. Jr., and granddaughter; Brooke R. of Cohasset, Martha S. Hulverson and her husband Richard, her grandson; Bennet J. and granddaughter; Caroline D. of Hull, also a brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. Jerome Sacco of Bellingham, and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Driscoll, of Gloucester, and nieces and nephews and many cousins. Her family was truly her life.

A Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Catholic Charities of Worcester County, 15 Ripley St., in Worcester, Mass. 01610.

Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

Virginia Phillips Reed Waaser

Virginia Phillips Reed Waaser of Marshfield, mother of Virginia and Sandra died peacefully on Feb. 6, 2004.

Born in Somerville, she was the daughter of the late George and Lillie Reed. Her family moved to Cambridge and she graduated from the Cambridge High and Latin.

While managing various shops in Boston and Cambridge, she spent summers sailing along the Maine Coast aboard the schooners out of Camden. One summer she met warrant officer, Charles Waaser of the U.S. Army.

After their marriage, they resided in Cohasset and together with their two daughters sailed out of that harbor every possible day all day long and into the fall months.

She liked volunteering to care for the children in the nursery at Saint Stephen's Church and was most active on the Altar Guild for many years. She saw her daughters through Brownie and Girl Scouts as the local leader. For decades she worked at Cohasset High School and volunteered working on the computer at the Cohasset Consignment Shop.

After living in Cohasset for more than 40 years, she moved to Marshfield. She continued the volunteer work in Cohasset and delivered meals-on-wheels in Marshfield. Driving to Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Duxbury and Kingston, she and her friends met and enjoyed line dancing.

Full of dignity and grace, Mrs. Waasser loved her family and friends and life. She walked briskly for miles every day, summer, spring, winter, fall - usually along Brant Rock. She enjoyed ocean, sky and garden. A loving lady will be so nussed by her family and friends.

She leaves two daughters Virginia MacCoy and Sandra Ross; five grandchildren Virginia, Bentley and Malcolm MacCoy and Dawn and Mark Ross and spouses; five great-grandchildren Amelia, Matthew, Nicholas, Heather and Malcolm Jr. She was predeceased by her husband Charles Winslow Waaser and her grandson Stephen Ross.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Contributions in our Mrs. Waaser's memory may be made to the Stephen B. Ross, Scholarship Fund, c/o Robert Gillis at Cape Ann Savings Bank, 109 Main St., Gloucester, MA 01930.

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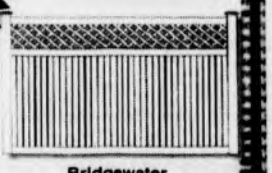
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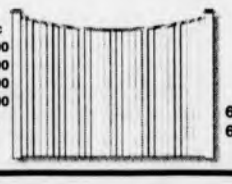
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JUNE 7

12:05 a.m. North Main St., assist other police department.

9 a.m. Cedar Ledge Village, disturbance family, removed to hospital.

10:30 a.m. Lamberts Lane, traffic complaint.

11:49 a.m. Lamberts Lane, traffic complaint.

2:14 p.m. Elm St., larceny, investigated/report taken.

2:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other agency.

4:11 p.m. Beach St., traffic complaint, no police service necessary.

5:47 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, patient sign off.

6:62 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:18 p.m. Bayberry Lane, suspicious auto, good intent call.

11:23 p.m. Jerusalem Road, disturbance.

11:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

8:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

11:59 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:06 p.m. Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:48 p.m. North Main St., animal control, no police service necessary.

5:33 p.m. Highland Ave., officer wanted, 39-year old Marshfield man in protective custody.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

12:40 a.m. Pleasant St., disturbance, area search negative.

1:32 a.m. Pond St., vandalism, investigated/report taken.

5:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control, area search negative.

6:05 a.m. King St., medical aid, patient sign off.

7:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other agency, area search negative.

9:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violations, traffic citation issued.

9:49 a.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

10:16 a.m. Atlantic Ave., noise complaint, peace restored.

2:43 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:57 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist motorist.

3 p.m. Beechwood St., and Ox Pasture Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:42 p.m. King St., animal control, area search negative.

5:03 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:14 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:17 p.m. Cove, officer wanted, services rendered.

5:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:57 p.m. Highland Ave., officer wanted, area search negative.

8:15 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal control.

9:04 p.m. Black Horse Lane, fire, investigation, services rendered.

9:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, power outage, log entry information.

9:20 p.m. Margin Ct., general services.

9:30 p.m. Through Out Town, power outage.

9:49 p.m. Sohier St., fire, investigation.

9:54 p.m. Arrowwood Road, suspicious auto.

10:19 p.m. Summer St., fire, investigation.

11:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

12:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other agency.

6:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control, referred to other agency.

7:06 a.m. Ripley Road and Sohier St., general services.

8:22 a.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

8:25 a.m. King St., medical aid.

8:31 a.m. Beechwood St., and South Main St., animal control, area search negative.

10:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:38 a.m. North Main St., and Cedar St., motor vehicle crash, traffic citation issued.

1:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:59 p.m. Cairo Circle, property (lost).

3:33 p.m. Beechwood St., and Wheelwright Farm, well being check, area search negative.

4:10 p.m. North Main St., animal control, referred to other agency.

6:09 p.m. Beechwood St., and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:55 p.m. King St., officer wanted, services rendered.

8:11 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:24 p.m. King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

1:45 a.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

5:22 a.m. South Main St., general services.

6:36 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:17 a.m. Hillside Drive, vandalism.

8:26 a.m. Howe Road, officer wanted.

9:16 a.m. Elm St., officer wanted, investigated/report taken.

3:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

3:38 p.m. Black Rock Road, disturbance.

3:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

6:03 p.m. Beach St., suspicious (other), area search negative.

7:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:22 p.m. Parker Ave., parking complaint, services rendered.

7:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:45 p.m. Hillside Drive, disturbance, area search negative.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

12:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:02 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:17 a.m. King St., suspicious (other).

6:56 a.m. Stagecoach Way, animal control.

11:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assault, investigated/report taken.

12:46 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:23 p.m. Red Gate Lane, traffic complaint.

6:03 p.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Road, general services.

6:38 p.m. Border St., parking complaint.

6:57 p.m. Pond St., suspicious person.

7 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

7:26 p.m. King St., assist citizen.

7:37 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

7:46 p.m. Stevens lane, suspicious person.

8:05 p.m. North Main St., and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:09 p.m. Summer St., and Summer St., assist citizen.

10:53 p.m. South Main St. and Spring St., animal control, area search negative.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

3:08 a.m. Norfolk Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:28 a.m. Headquarters, property (found).

10:16 a.m. Elm St., larceny, investigated/report taken.

10:24 a.m. Summer St., fire, investigation, investigated/report taken.

12:39 p.m. Windy Hill Road, fire, investigation, fire extinguished.

1:38 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

2:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious (other), area search negative.

8:38 p.m. Driftway, assist other police department, referred to other agency.



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On the South Shore

JUNE 17 - JUNE 25, 2004

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THE COMPANY THEATRE in Norwell, presents "Big River". July 30 to Aug. 22. Mark Twain's timeless classic. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by phone at 781-871-2787 - Wednesday and Sunday $23., Thursday, Friday and Saturday $25. www.companytheatre.com/order.html

MOUNT BLUE ANNUAL SUMMER FUNDRAISER - July 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit Marshfield's Talking Information Center (TIC), a 26-year-old, private, non-profit broadcast radio reading service for the visually impaired. Reservations $50 per person by mailing a check payable to Mount Blue/TIC, to PO Box 916, Norwell, MA 02061. If you are unable to attend the event but would still like to make a donation to TIC, please send a check made payable to "TIC" to 130 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050. Mount Blue, located at 707 Main St. Norwell Center (Rte. 123) An evening of socializing accompanied by sumptuous food and cocktails, great music and more than 100 auction items.

THE NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION is planning its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, Aug. 2, at the Cohasset Country Club, Lambert's Lane in Cohasset, features a new practice range and putting area. Registration begins at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Tickets are $175 per person, and include a fun day on the greens, as well as a pre-game lunch, sit-down dinner, raffle and silent auction. Due to the tournament's popularity, foursomes are encouraged to sign up early. Rain date is Aug. 16.

THE SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS announces the addition of a special concert featuring the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart conductor, to the Music Circus for the first time in a benefit performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South Shore Art Center. Tickets for concert can be purchased via Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and in person at the Music Circus box office Tickets are $101.25 and $90.25. A limited number of special ticket packages, which include a reception with the maestro, can be purchased from South Shore Art Center only. Call the SSAC at 781-383-2787 for information.

Thurs. 17

Front Street Book Shop, in conjunction with the Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., hosts **Kate Wilhelm**, Cape Cod author: **Cottage For Sale: Must Be Moved**. Free and open to the public.781-545-5011 www.frontstreetbookshop.com

"Long-term health care insurance - helping to protect your nest egg," a seminar hosted by Duxbury resident and financial Advisor Louis NeJame of Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc. will take place on June 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sun Tavern in Duxbury. Fee includes drinks and appetizers, reserve your seat by calling 617-951-9865.

Archaeologist Richard Muzzrole presents Bunker Hill Quarry slide lecture at the Thomas Crane Library, titled Wet Quincy: Home of the Bunker Hill Monument and America's First Railroad on June 17, at 7 p.m. Free. 617-376-1301.

Boston Children's Museum will open Access/Ability June 17. This exhibition is a highly interactive, yet sensitive disability awareness exhibit that delivers the message to children, parents and educators that as human beings, we are more alike than different. Visitors will have a chance to learn phrases in American Sign Language, type their name in Braille, try a hand-pedaled bike and take part in a multi-sensory City Walk. 617-426-8433.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate Harbor, presents a show of water color paintings by **Andrew Kusmin** at its new gallery. The show will run until June 27. 781-545-6150 or www.scituateartsassociation.com

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month, Josephine Bottari will exhibit her paintings for the month of June at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Club 58 (formerly Shooters) 58 Ross Way , Quincy, (behind Hancock St.) **First Comedy Show**, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. Featuring: **Paul Nardizzi, Annette Pollack, Joe List, Adam Copithorne, Jan Flanagan and Brian Melvin**. Admission $10. Free pool from 5 to 7 p.m. Call 617-471-7788 for details.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

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2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series June 17, **Legion Bud Band** all concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Level Ride,** original rock, June 17.Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 18

The South Shore Art Center's 49th Arts Festival, Cohasset Common, June 18 to 20. Art and music for all generations, contemporary art to traditional handmade crafts. Old-fashioned homemade strawberry shortcake will be served all weekend at the Second Congregational Church annual Strawberry Festival. The Festival Stage presents three days of toe-tapping musical entertainment ranging from singer-songwriters, bluegrass, jazz, to Sunday's annual Father's Day performance by the South Shore Bay Band. 781-383-2787 www.ssac.org

Borders Store, Independence Mall, Kingston. June 18, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime - We Love Dad! Celebrate Father's Day with Beth as she reads "My Daddy and I."

Fathers Day Playshop at Plaster Play, 263 Washington St., Norwell, on June 18. Paint a special gift for Dad. For information call 781 659-0011.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays) Free with admission. A half-hour of storytelling. Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents an exhibition of aerial photography by **Margot Cheel** of Cohasset, June 4 through July 5. 781-659-7100.

Bay Colony Productions presents **Tommy,** The Who and Peter Townsend's tale of a young boy's journey from pain to triumph. at the Orpheum Theater, Foxboro, on June 18 and 25, at 8 p.m.; June 19 and 26, at 8 p.m. June 20 and 27 at 2 p.m. $21 adults; $18 seniors, $15 students 18 and younger. The Orpheum is located on the rotary at 1 School St., Foxboro. Handicapped accessible. 508-543-2787 (ARTS) for information on ticket and group sales or s on-line at www.orpheum.org.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. June 11and 12. **Ron Towers** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

The Sparrow House Museum presents **Judy Quinn "Transitions"** on display through July 12. at the Sparrow House, 42 Summer Street Plymouth. For information call 508-747-1240 or visit www.sparrowhouse.com.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance, June 18, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rte. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals age 35 and over. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business dress is required. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and www.se-4you.com http://www.se-4you.com

Oliveira's 300 Center St., (Rt. 36) Pembroke, presents live music featuring **Cruisin'** June 18, 9 p.m. to closing, no cover. 781-294-4700.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Chris Fitz Blues Band,** blues, rock, June 18.Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 19

Dr. G.Frederick Guzasky will give an organ concert at **St. Nicholas United Methodist Church,** 130 Spring St., Hull Village, June 19, at 7 p.m. Tickets $8. To purchase in advance call 781-925-9191.

The 154th annual First Parish Church Fair will take place on June 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church (842 Tremont Street/Route 3A next to Town Hall in Duxbury).

Food, games, and bargains provide something of interest for all ages. Auction at 11 a.m. Free admission and parking. Rain or shine. From Route 3, take exit 10 and go a little over two miles on Route 3A north. 781-934-6532.

Duxbury Bay Maritime School Summer Rowing Program Classes for teens and adults No need to go to Boston to learn to row this summer — Duxbury Bay Maritime School offers sliding seat rowing programs for juniors and adults right here on the South Shore. Novice rowing classes are taught in Hudson touring shells rigged as quads - 4 rowers, each with two oars, and a cox. No prior rowing experience is required. Call the Duxbury Bay Maritime School at 781-934-7555 or visit www.duxbayms.com for information.

The North River Arts Society and the Ventress Memorial Library Board of Trustees presents the unveiling of **the Best Place in the Show,** an original pastel paintings by **Liz Haywood-Sullivan** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center. This poster exhibit will run through June 19. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center presents the musical "Men In Tights," A Tale of Robin Hood, on June 19, and 26, at 7 p.m. and June 27, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Commerce Center, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets Adult $10/Child $5. 508-747-1234 or visit www.ssarc.org

South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

"Nature's Own Palette" an art exhibit by Gayle A. Polsinello at the Mass Audubon, will be on display at the Mass Audubon North River Sanctuary, 2000 Main St (Rte 3A) Marshfield, through July 10. For information contact the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400

The South Shore Natural Science Center 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 off route 3 in Norwell, announces "From Boston to Your Town," a collection of paintings by South Shore artist Dianne Panarelli Miller in Vine Hall Gallery June 1 to 30. The exhibit includes intimate paintings of local scenes from Boston to Plymouth, as well as still life paintings. The exhibit can be viewed June 1 to 30, during regular business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 781-659-2559 or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Folk legend Jonathan Edwards hits the stage of **The Company Theatre** in Norwell, on June 19, at 8 p.m., for an evening of music and stories. Tickets priced at $25 are available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by phone at 781-871-2787.

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Hard Hats in the opera house



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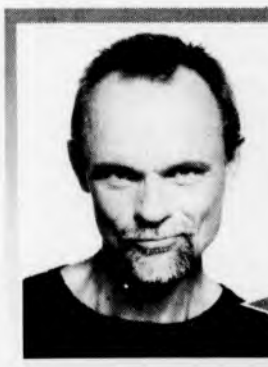
On Monday, June 28, a host of local performers will take the stage at the newly renovated Boston Opera House for "The Hard Hat Concert — A Boston Vaudeville." The one-night-only performance —done in the format of the vaudeville shows for which the Opera House was originally built in 1928 — is being directed by Scott Edminston and produced by Broadway in Boston President Tony McLean. Broadway in Boston/Clear Channel Entertainment recently completed a $40 million restoration of the Opera House, which was originally known as the B.F. Keith Memorial Theatre, and will open "The Lion King" there on July 16.

Before that Tony Award-winning mega-musical comes to town, however, Boston area performers and representatives of local arts organizations will perform musical numbers, monologues, comedy sketches and dance pieces in an evening to be hosted by comic Jimmy Tingle. The concert — a benefit for StageSource, the alliance of theater artists and producers serving greater Boston and New England — will serve as a dress rehearsal for Broadway in Boston and the new staff of the Opera House to ensure that all new systems in the building are fully operational.

The South Shore will be represented by Hanson native Brian Patton and his cabaret partner Mary Callanan of Weymouth. Callanan will also be featured with her co-stars from the Boston company of "Menopause The Musical," including onetime Hingham resident Adrienne Cote. The company of last season's Gloucester Stage Company production of "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," including Cohasset's Caroline deLima, will be on hand. It is also expected that singers featured in Overture Productions highly acclaimed November 2003 staging of "Follies In Concert," including Callanan, both Caroline and Kate deLima and East Bridgewater resident Paula Markowicz under the musical direction of Michael Joseph of Weymouth, will perform selections from that show. Additional performances will be offered by members of The Boston Ballet, The Handel and Haydn Society, Sugan Stage Company, Theater Offensive, The Boston Gay Men's Chorus, and Wheelock Family Theatre.

("The Hard Hat Concert — A Boston Vaudeville" will be presented on June 28 at 8 p.m. at the Opera House, 539 Washington Street, Boston. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, all Filene's Ticketmaster Outlets and Bostix locations.)

—R. Scott Reedy



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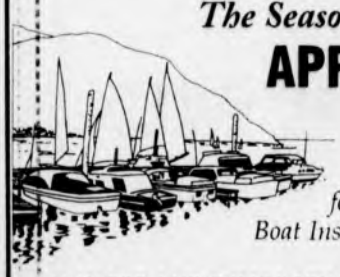

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The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. June 19, **Al Ross Band** 6 to 11 p.m., 781-871-7175.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Power House**, rhythm and blues, June 19.Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun.20

The Art Complex in Duxbury 189 Alden St., Duxbury, presents Boston artist **John Christian Anderson**. He will exhibit eight to 10 sculptures which have never been show in New England. Visitors opening reception June 2, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. 781-934-6634.

Massachusetts Battleship Cove A walk of Fall River will take place on June 20. The walk route overlooks Battleship Cove with the world's largest collection of historic naval ships. The trail then travels through downtown Fall River and passes Lizzie Borden's home where the infamous ax murders took place. A five-kilometer and a ten-kilometer (3.1 or 6.2 mile) route is available. The trail is rated reasonably easy suitable for strollers but not wheelchairs. The start point is Fall River Heritage Park, Davol Street, Fall River between 9 a.m. and noon. There is a museum fee for those who wish to visit the war ships. The walk is sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volksport Club. For information contact 508-678-5567 or erdnetel@JUNO.com.

South Shore Pride - Plymouth. Interfaith Service, Parade and Picnic Celebrating Family Values June 20, at noon- Service at First Parish Unitarian (19 Town Square) 2 p.m. - Parade start and finish at Nelson Park. www.SouthShorePride-MA.org

The Coastal Quilt Artists are presenting an exhibit of mostly contemporary quilts at the North River Art Society in Marshfield Hills Village. and continues until July 11. The gallery is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and on weekends from noon to 3 p.m. (except Independence Day weekend). The exhibit consists of recent works by all members of the Coastal Quilt Artists, a small diverse group of quilt-makers and artists from the towns of Scituate, Marshfield, Pembroke, Kingston, Abington, Bridgewater, Weymouth, Hingham, South Yarmouth, and Sherborn.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents a month long exhibit of paintings by **Andrew R. Kusmin**. The show runs to June 27. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located on 124 Front St., Scituate. 781-545-6150., or www.scituatearsts.com.

Families with Children from China (FCC) South Shore, has an active play group meeting every other week from 10 am until noon. Call Cissy White at 781-331-4679 for information. No cost to join.

Sunday Brunch at the JFK Library and Museum nine Sundays beginning through June, Brunch served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. $36 adults; $12 children age 12 and under. Admission includes brunch, museum admission and all taxes and gratuities. Reservations strongly recommended by calling 617-514-1586. wwwjfklibrary.org

Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance every Sunday evening at **Raffael's Restaurant** Nantasket, Clarion Hotel, 45 Hull Shore Dr., Hull 781-925-4515. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Live dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and The Presidents Club of Boston.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

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The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents Father's Day Jazz With Dad brunch buffet June 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monte Carlo Jazz ensemble. $22 includes tax and gratuity. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Lonesome Jukebox CD release party,** western swing, country, two shows 4:30 and 8 p.m. June 20. All ages admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Summer Camps

CROSSROADS FOR KIDS - New England Camp Program for children affected by Sept. 11, headquartered at Camp Wing in Duxbury. For information call Liz Strom at 781-834-2700.

SUMMER YOUTH THEATER WORKSHOP Theater in the Middle at Curtain Call Theatre, Braintree. Acting workshop for young people ages 11-14 Five week session Jun 29 - Jul 29(shorter enrollment is possible) Three days/week T/W/Th Morning or afternoon session Call 781-848-0058 for information

THE NEW ENGLAND WILDLIFE CENTER (NEWC) in Hingham is still accepting registrations for its summer day camp (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) for students entering grades kindergarten through grade 6. These unique, one of-a-kind camps will feature outdoor nature exploration, close-up encounters with live owls, hawks and other wild animals, arts and crafts projects, and a wide variety of other activities. There will be six different camps this year: *The Secret of the Puddingstone, Reptiles, Team New England, To Fly, Wildlife Camp and Where's Fred's Head?* For a camp brochure, call the New England Wildlife Center office at 781-749-5387.

KIDSPOT'S SUMMER CAMP 2004. This year's production is the musical "Beauty And The Beast" Students age 7-14 will receive instruction in acting, singing and dance, as well as have a chance to work on the set, costumes and props. Classes begin on June 30 and run through Thursday July 29. All classes are held at the Marshfield Methodist Church, Rte. 139 from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays through Thursdays. Performances are on Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31, at the Duxbury High School. Tuition is $375, and space is limited. An advance tuition of $350 is offered if enrolled by June 7. Call 781-826-8550

THE SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER Summer Adventure Programs for children entering sixth through eighth grade. The Explorers Series, each five-day session explores a different theme, from Survival Skills to Marine Biology to The Great Outdoors. All of the Explorer sessions include hiking, canoeing, team-building, activities and experiments, a field trip and an overnight camping trip to the Boston Harbor Islands. For information, call Camp Director Bonner Boynton at 781-659-2559 x303 or visit the website at www.ssnsc.org

THE NORWELL VOICE STUDIO announces the beginning of its summer season vocal training program. Classes are open to students ages seven and up. All lessons are held at the Norwell Voice Studio on Lincoln Street and taught by performing artist and vocal instructor Les Sampou. Call 781-659-2410 for scheduling and information.

THE FRIENDS OF HOLLY HILL FARM, INC., in partnership with Weir River Farm and the Trustees of Reservation, announced the 2004 "Young Farmers Program" consisting of three, week-long sessions beginning July 12 and ending July 30; participants must commit to at least one full session. The "Young Farmers" will spend time outdoors exploring the fields and forests of Holly Hill Farm. More information about Holly Hill Farm and The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. is available at www.hollyhillfarm.org

KIDS SUMMER YOGA CAMP AT THE PRACTICE STUDIO teaches balance, focus, inner strength, and self-relaxation techniques as well as individual postures and flow yoga. Tuesday and Thursday, June 29 to July 22 9:30 to 11a.m. ages 7 to 11. Pre-registration required. Class size is limited. For information visit www.thepracticestudio.com or call 781-337-9495.

KALEIDOSCOPE is an arts and creativity program specially for kids aged 8 to 13 years, which runs for three weeks from July 29 to Aug. 13. For more details, contact Milton Academy at 617-898-2481 or visit their website at www.milton.edu.

ASIA CAMP a two week day camp at Duxbury Middle School. In Asia Camp, students learn about the many facets of Asian and Chinese culture from July 6 - 16. For more information, contact American Learning at (617) 696-2081 or browse their web site at www.asia-camp.com.

Mon. 21

The Cole Bros. Circus returns to Abington's Memorial Field Monday, June 21 and Tuesday, June 22. Showtimes both days are 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Abington Night before the 4th of July Committee. Advance tickets are available at Storage USA, Mike & Dave's Barber Shop, Douglas Jewelers, the committee ticket wagon in Miracle East Parking Lot (Saturday and Sunday only), at www.tickets.com or by phone at 888-332-5600. For information call 781-857-2996.

South Shore ARC Lou Bailey 17th Annual Golf Outing will be held on June 21, at South Shore Country Club in Hingham. 7:15 a.m. shotgun start For information call Mary Ann Walsh at 781-335-3023x2230

Duxbury Art Association 87th Annual Midsummer Art Show - Member artists and children are welcome to register at the Ellison Center for the Arts on Sunday, July 18 from noon to 4 p.m. and Monday, July 19. from 9 a.m. to noon at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. Adults may submit two pieces of original artwork, not larger than 40" x 36" provided that the work has not been previously exhibited at a DAA show. Cash prizes will be awarded for Best in Show and First Place in each category. Artwork categories are: Oil/Acrylic; Watercolor; Drawing/Pastel/Print; Photography; Three-Dimensional; and Crafts. The entry fee is $10 per piece and current DAA membership is required. Artists may re-new their membership or join the Association at registration.

Hull Lifesaving Museum's Shellback Dinghy workshop. Led by boatwright, Reuben Smith, students in this 10-week course will build an elegant plywood sailing Shellback Dinghy at the Windmill Point Boathouse. The class will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m., June 21 though Aug. 26. This project is well suited for amateurs and backyard tinkerers, as well as skilled boatbuilders. Course fee for museum members is $560 and $600 for non-members. To enroll, or for more information, contact Corinne Leung at the museum, 781-925-5433 or Reuben Smith at 617-462-7215 lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net bostonharborheritage.org

Front Street Book Shop, in conjunction with the Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., hosts **Claire Cook**, Scituate author of **Must Love Dogs** and **Ready to Fall.** Join Cook on the day her new novel **Multiple Choice** makes its debut. Free and open to the public.781-545-5011 www.frontstreetbookshop.com

Toastmasters Club. The Quincy Toastmasters Club will be meeting every Monday night, from September - June, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., at The Quincy Recreational Center (formerly The Fore River Club) on 16 Nevada Road, Quincy. Overcome the "sweaty palms" and the fear of public speaking within the confines of a mutually supportive environment. 617-770-4303, or www.angelfire.com/ma3/quincytoastmasters.

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

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The Doobie Brothers will perform at the South Shore Music Circus Saturday, June 19.

BEST BET

Original member and guitarist and songwriter Pat Simmons will once again be on stage this Saturday when the group he helped form almost 35 years ago plays the South Shore Music Circus.

"We don't do quite as many dates as we did in the early days," explained Simmons by telephone last week from his home in Hawaii. "Otherwise, it is pretty much the same as it has always been. Our audiences are great, because we have a catalogue of tunes that people recognize and anticipate. It brings the energy level up very quickly at our shows."

Key to that catalogue are its many hits, including the Simmons composition "Black Water," from the group's fourth album *What Were Once Vices Are Now Habits*, which went to number one in 1975. That same year, illness forced the Doobies' original lead singer, Tom Johnston, to leave the group. In just five years, Johnston's vocals had helped the Doobies reach the Top 20 singles charts with "Listen to the Music" and "Long Train Running." Before the 1970s were over, Johnston's replacement, Steely Dan alumnus Michael McDonald, had led his new bandmates to even greater critical and commercial success with their second number one single, "What a Fool Believes," from the best-selling album *Minute by Minute*.

A singer and keyboardist, McDonald took the Doobies in a less guitar-driven, more rhythm-and-blues direction with hits like "Takin' it to the Streets." The rocking sound of the early Doobie Brothers, with Johnston on lead vocals, gave way to the jazz-influenced stylings of McDonald. McDonald would later leave for a solo career. Johnston returned to the group and continues to tour today along with Michael Hossack, Keith Knudsen, John McFee and Simmons. The Johnston and McDonald periods represent two distinct versions of the group, first founded in northern California and named for a slang term for marijuana. Having seen the virtue of both styles firsthand, Simmons doesn't take sides.

"I truly have no preference. I liked playing with both Tommy and Mike. In the Johnston era, we were definitely a blues, rock 'n' roll, guitar-based band. With Michael, there were more keyboards, fewer guitars and a much more R&B sound," recalls Simmons.

The past, however, won't be the only thing on display by the group long known for its musicianship. "On this tour, we're incorporating an acoustic set for the very first time. We'll do some songs acoustically that we wouldn't do otherwise, like 'Listen to the Music.' With an acoustic set, you don't have to worry about building momentum. It is all about the solos."

The willingness to try something new even after so many years of success is vintage Doobie Brothers.

"We never felt the pressure to make one hit after another. We just wanted to be respectable musicians."

(The Doobie Brothers will be at the South Shore Music Circus, Sohier Street, Cohasset, on Friday, June 18. For tickets and information, visit the box office or call 617/931-2787. For a complete SSMC schedule, visit www.musiccircus.com *.*

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Tues. 22

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host Scituate author, **Claire Cook**, on June 22, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset. Claire will discuss her new book, "Multiple Choice" a witty and humorous look at your typical American family when children have outgrown the warm "I Love You" toddler years and are in the "Can I have the car, money, don't ask me any questions" teenage years. Cook's previous works include "Must Love Dogs" and "Ready To Fall". Free and open to the public. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association (NSRWA), in partnership with the Massachusetts River Restore Program, will be hosting a community Information meeting on June 22, at the Church Hill United Methodist Church at 11 Church St., Norwell, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. All are welcome. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview of the NSRWA's Third Herring Brook Restoration Project, with particular attention focused on answering many of the questions which have been raised by members of the community. For information, contact Samantha Woods at 781-659-8168 or Karen Pelto at 617-626-1542.

Has anyone ever told you you were funny??? Pat Hicks and Annette Pollack will be teaching the Beginners Comedy Workshop again at Jimbos Restaurant in Braintree 5 Corners. Class will begin on Tuesday, June 22 and will be on four Tuesday nights: June 22, 29, July 6 and 13. A make up class will be held on July 20 for anyone who missed any class from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is $120 with a deposit of $50 due before the first class, and the balance of $70 due by the first class. This workshop is geared for the beginner. A comic who has either never done stand-up, and who would like to try it. Someone who would like to improve their public speaking abilities or a stand-up comic in their first two years of performing who need help in either their writing or performing. Free parking.

The Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St. Hingham. An exhibit, **Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past** features antique tools from the society's collection and is on view during museum hours. The Old Ordinary is open from June 15 to Sept. 11. For information call 781-749-0013 or visit http://www/hinghamhistorical.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display , www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

Clift Rodgers Free Library hosts **a tour of six gardens in Marshfield Hills** on Tuesday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Local artists will be painting in various gardens, refreshments will be served, and a small boutique will be open at the Library. Tickets are $15 and available at Kennedy's Country Gardens on Rt. 3A, The General Store in Marshfield Hills, Marshfield Florist in Marshfield Center, Petit Maison in Hingham, Octavia's Home Decor and Folk Art Antiques in Duxbury, Mug Shots in Norwell, and at Clift Rodgers Library, 540 Pleasant St., Marshfield Hills. For information, call Clift Rodgers Library at 781-834-4597, or Judy at 781-834-5808.

The Hingham Public Library Book Club is looking for a few good members. The book club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month in the library's Fearing Room. The selection for June 29, is *After Long Silence* by Helen Fremont. The June 29 meeting will be the last before the summer break, and a good chance to try out the club. Meetings will resume in September, so anyone unable to attend in June should mark their calendars for Sept. 28, and watch for postings of that month's chosen title.



BEST BET

The Abington Night before the 4th of July Committee. Advance tickets are available at Storage USA, Mike & Dave's Barber Shop, Douglas Jewelers, the committee ticket wagon in Miracle East Parking Lot (Saturday and Sunday only), at www.tickets.com or by phone at 888-332-5600. For more

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Wed. 23

The Town of Marshfield, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) and the North and South Rivers Watershed Association (NSRWA), will hold a Stormwater Management Educational Workshop on June 23, in Hearing Room 2 in Marshfield Town Hall. Marshfield Town staff is invited to attend Part 1 of the Workshop from 3 to p.m., and the general public and businesses, including members of the Marshfield Center Improvement Association, are invited to attend Part 2 of the workshop from 7 to 9 p.m.

Borders Store, Independence Mall, Kingston. **June 23,** at 10:30 a.m. **Storytime – More Rhyme Time** join Beth as she reads **There Was a Bold Lady Who Wanted a Star** and **Aunt Lucy Went to Buy a Hat**.

African Safari photography exhibit at the Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy Center, featuring photographs by wildlife photographer and Hingham resident **James J. Foley** through June 30. 617-376-1331

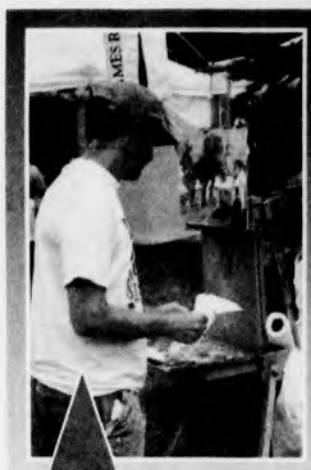
Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 24

Westwinds Bookshop and the Duxbury Free Library will welcome **George Howe Colt**, the author of *The Big House*. Mr. Colt will be presenting his newest book at the Library's Merry Room at 7 p.m. After a brief presentation and discussion of his work, Mr. Colt will be on hand to sign copies of his book which will be available for sale that evening courtesy of Westwinds Bookshop. Advance tickets are required and free and may be picked up at the bookshop or the Library. Call 781-934 2128, visit www.westwindsbookshop.com

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series June 24, **Johnny Souza Quintet** all concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Tokyo Tramps**, original rock, June 24.Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com



BEST BET

Gallery Artist Michael Moss captures the scene at the South Shore Art Center Arts Festival.

Festival. The Festival Stage presents three days of toe-tapping musical entertainment ranging from singer-songwriters, bluegrass, jazz, to Sunday's annual Father's Day performance by the South Shore Bay Band. 781-383-2787 www.ssac.org

Fri. 25

Borders Store, Independence Mall, Kingston. June 25, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime – New from Eric Carle, join Beth as she reads the latest from Mr. Carle, **Mister Seahorse.**

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance June 25, featuring DJ music with Dave Joubert from 8 to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or wwwsouthshoresingles.org

Oliveira's 300 Center St., (Rt. 36) Pembroke, presents live music featuring **Ed Lynch,** June 25, 9 p.m. to closing, no cover. 781-294-4700.

Ascari F1Boston, Braintree, presents **The Houserockers** blues party.



BEST BET

The Sparrow House Museum in Plymouth Presents "Echo of the Dreamer" a jewelry trunk show from June 18-22 featuring gorgeous, unusual stones, contemporary one-of-a-kind art to wear. The Sparrow House is located at 42 Summer Street. For hours and information call (508) 747-1240.



BEST BET

The New Art Forum of Kingston presents the exhibit "I Lost it at the Movies," opening Friday, June 18 at 7 p.m. in the Yellow Yankee Barn, 228 Main Street in Kingston. The exhibit will run Saturdays and Sundays through June 27 from 2-5 p.m, Monday, June 21 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Route 3A renaissance is taking shape

KoKo Island site changing

By Samantha Brown
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"Businesses are choosing to stay in Cohasset. It is great for tax revenues and adds greatly to the business climate."
— Peter Pratt, planning board

It is arguably the most traveled road in Cohasset and in certain sections, one of the most unattractive. And, now it may be in the process of an overhaul.

Many businesses looking to expand are finding the space they need on Route 3A — dubbed Chief Justice Cushing Way or King Street depending on where you are — and are sprucing up the area one building at a time.

"It's kind of like a 3A renaissance," said planning board member Peter Pratt, adding during the past few meetings, he and his board have seen a resurgence in the amount of businesses coming forward with plans to build or move into and renovate buildings along the main road.

When Hingham Lumber began operating out of Cohasset in March 2003, Pratt said he believes it ushered in a new revitalization for 3A. "Businesses are choosing to stay in Cohasset," said Pratt, adding when businesses stay, "It is great for tax revenues and adds greatly to the business climate."

During the last few meetings of the planning board, Pratt said some current and potential business owners have presented plans to renovate buildings on 3A. Businesses interested in potentially buying space on 3A have even come before the board at the most preliminary stages seeking its insight.

At its June 2 meeting, Pratt said the board had a discussion with potential new owners for KoKo Island and Hair Affair, who were represented by Cohasset attorney Richard Henderson. While Pratt said nothing was formally presented, the potential owners from Brookline said they are eager to work with the board to provide the kinds of businesses the town needs. *(The Planning Board scheduled a public hearing on the KoKo Island site last night, June 23, after the Mariner went to press.).*

The potential owners said they were interested in turning the current Hair Affair salon into a donut shop [reportedly a Dunkin' Donuts] and KoKo island into a family-style restau-

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN
KoKo Island may become the site of a family-style restaurant.

Latin could be dead language at CMHS

Trouble finding the right teacher

By Samantha Brown
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Latin classes have been put on hold at Cohasset Middle High School for at least fall semester of next year, and may not be offered at all if a suitable candidate for a vacant Latin teaching position cannot be found.

Middle-high school principal Michael Jones said the current combined Latin and Spanish teacher is leaving. The school is looking for someone who will be able to teach either Latin and Spanish or possibly Latin and French, but at this point, he has not seen a candidate who matches the criteria Cohasset is looking for.

Jones said the opening for a combined Latin and Spanish teacher has been advertised in a number of different places, and "we're not getting the person we want." He said the schools have the option to continue interviewing over the summer, because a lot can happen in terms of candidates coming forward. But he said, "the likelihood isn't great," that the perfect person will present themselves, especially as the hiring season continues to press on. "Latin has had a resurgence, but it's still not as popular a major in college," said Jones.

"Some (of the candidates) have extensive experience," in Latin, said Jones, but the person Cohasset hires will need to be able to double up and teach another language, "because we have needs in both Spanish and French." He said one of the social studies teachers is currently teaching French classes, which is taking him away from teaching social studies.

In the interest of time, Jones said the school could hire someone who can teach Spanish and French, which would relieve the

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SUMMER STARTS
Melinda Kissick and Colby Callahan negotiate the rocks behind the bathhouse at Sandy Beach, which is now officially open for the season.

Festival draws crowd of about 8,000

By Samantha Brown
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For the 49th year in a row, Cohasset Common was transformed once again into a lively celebration under the white tents, during the South Shore Art Center's annual Arts Festival on the Common last weekend.

The traditional kick-off to summer, the festival ran from Friday afternoon until Sunday evening and featured art exhibits, craft exhibitors, musical entertainment, and fun for the whole family.

With an estimate of more than 8,000 visitors over the three days, Event Coordinator Diane Kennedy was thrilled with the turnout. "It was packed the entire weekend," she said. While the majority of visitors came to the festival Saturday and Sunday, she said there were a good number of Cohasset residents who came Friday afternoon after school and into the evening.

More than 80 craft exhibitors displayed various items on the Common, including brass door knockers, homemade soaps,

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Duncan and Ian Routh and Katie Perez check out the metal butterfly sculptures at the Festival on the Common. For more photos, see page 23.

'Those affected by cancer aren't alone'

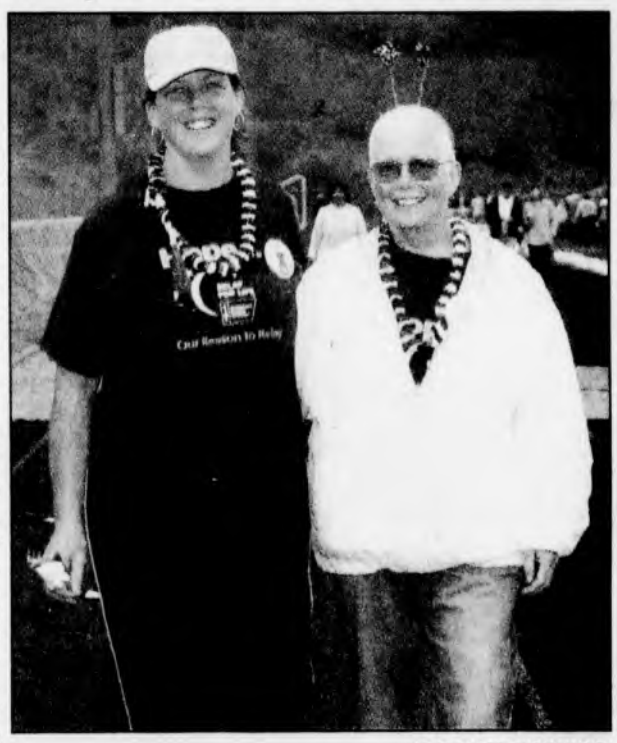
Relay For Life raises $136K

By Mary Ford
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Maddie Dillon, 9, likes suncatchers in the window, the colors of the rainbow, horses and doing flips in gymnastics. She also has a big smile and isn't shy about dancing the Macarena and doing the Limbo with a little encouragement from a DJ and a lot of friends.

From all appearances she is just like any other third-grader. Even with a bandana on her head – it wasn't immediately clear she was suffering from cancer at the annual Relay for Life this past weekend in Cohasset. That's because her school friends, teachers and even Betsy Connolly, special education and guidance chairperson at Foster School in Hingham, wore matching rainbow-colored bandanas, too. The members of Maddie's team, "The Flipping Rainbow Horses" — and 36 other teams – were in fact, all

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Cancer survivors, Caryn Sylvester and Michele Glennon, walk a lap together Friday at the Relay For Life.

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SOLEMN CEREMONY

Area veterans fold worn-out flags to be burned at a special ceremony held on Flag Day (June 13) at Woodside Cemetery. For more photos, see page 26.

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Correction is noted

Last week, the Mariner incorrectly reported the town has signed a purchase and sale agreement with Northland Residential, the company the town is working with to build on the Cook estate property. The town has actually signed a Letter of Intent, which enabled Northland to begin due diligence on the property, and will sign the Land Disposition Agreement, which is the same as a Purchase and Sale agreement, after due diligence on the property is complete. The Mariner regrets the error.

Town requests Patrolman list

The town is in the process of requesting a Civil Service Patrolman List to replace Sgt. David Pomarico who retired from the Cohasset Police Department, effective June 11. Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said the town requested the patrolman's list because a current patrolman from the department will be asked to step up to take on the open sergeant's position.

Hussey attends executive session

Police Chief James Hussey, whose first official day was Monday, participated in an executive session meeting with the Board of Selectmen Tuesday, to discuss "litigation and contract negotiations." Hussey was sworn in on June 17 and signed his contract the same day. According to Town Manager Michael Buckley, Hussey's salary will be $101,800 and he will be given a phone, beeper and has been given the keys to former Chief Jackson's Crown Victoria, which is the standard chief's car in Cohasset.

Selectmen hold MBTA ombudsman names

The Board of Selectmen will need to speak with Town Counsel before it will release the names of the roughly 15 candidates, who applied for the Cohasset-Greenbush ombudsman position. Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said it has been the town's practice to keep names of applicants confidential, and said that practice should continue. Selectman Ronnie McMorris said since the applications were submitted two years ago, confidentiality shouldn't be as much of an issue, and the board agreed to seek a legal opinion on the matter.

At the June 15 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Selectman Ralph Dormitzer mentioned many Cohasset residents had applied for the position, and he said on the last day applications were being accepted, the Waterfield Design Group made its interest known and was ultimately hired to perform the job.

Open Meeting Law violation addressed

The Board of Selectmen may have violated the Open Meeting Law last Wednesday when three of its five members attended a meeting, which was not posted, to discuss the James Brook Flood Project. Members Ronnie McMorris, Ralph Dormitzer, and Fred Koed attended, as did Town Manager Michael Buckley, Building Inspector Robert Egan, and representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Waterfield Design Group.

McMorris addressed the issue Tuesday and the board's scheduled meeting, and said the meeting was open to the public, and in fact some members of the public did walk in and attend. However, she added that meetings like last Wednesday's "Will be posted in the future," and the board was not trying to conduct business behind closed doors.

The Open Meeting Law applies to "every meeting of a quorum of a governmental body if any public business over which the governmental body has jurisdiction is discussed or considered." Buckley said the incident was a "rookie mistake," and that he thought only two selectmen were going to attend the meeting.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas said governmental meetings involving a quorum of any board must be posted 48 hours in advance. She said Sundays are considered a legal holiday, but Saturdays are not, which means a meeting scheduled for Monday must be posted by Friday.

Town Manager Act board meets tonight

There will be a meeting of the Town Manager Act review committee Thursday June 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's office. All are invited to attend.

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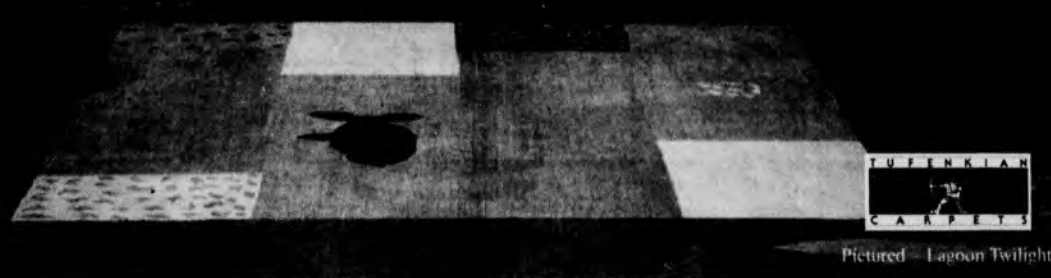
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Retiring Malvey gets high marks

By Samantha Brown
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After six years at the helm of the Cohasset School Department, Supt. Edward Malvey will trade his suit jackets for golf shirts for the time being as he enters temporary retirement.

Malvey, who has led the schools through major construction projects and the re-accreditation of Cohasset High School, announced his intention to retire in October, and said he has plans to re-connect with family and spend time with his only grandson who is 10 months old and lives in Georgia. A retirement party was held for Malvey on Friday, June 18 at the Cohasset Harbor Inn.

"It is an absolute thrill for me to have the opportunity to end my Massachusetts service in Cohasset," Malvey said, adding he intends on taking some quiet time to re-group, but plans to look for employment again in the future, perhaps at the college level, or in a position similar to the one he has held in Cohasset.

"I am ready to serve and hope things will work out professionally for me as well," he said.

When he first began his career in education, Malvey said he had looked at coming to Cohasset, but the opportunity never panned out. Malvey has been working in education since 1970, and spent the first 18 years of his career as a classroom teacher and assistant principal. He served as an assistant superintendent for 10 years, including Mansfield from 1989-1992, before becoming superintendent of schools in Griswold, Conn. Malvey came to Cohasset in the fall of 1998, after former superintendent Stephen Hart retired. However, all these years later, Malvey said he now finds himself ending his Massachusetts career in "one of the top districts in the state."

"Cohasset has an outstanding reputation, not only because of its beautiful views, but because of its first-rate schools," he said.

School Committee member Rick Flynn wished Malvey the best, and said how much he has enjoyed working with Malvey over the past four years. During the time Flynn was chairman, he said he really appreciated Malvey's leadership.

"I enjoyed getting to know him on a weekly, and sometimes daily basis," joked Flynn, who spent many hours with Malvey during budget season last fall.

Flynn also mentioned the departure of principal Michael Jones, who is moving on to take over as principal at Lexington High School. He recalled the first meeting he ever had with Jones, during which time Jones gave a 15-minute synopsis of his thoughts on education. "I had goose bumps on the back of my neck by the time he fished," Flynn said. He added both Jones and Malvey have left the district in a better position than when they started.

School Committee member Chartis Tebbetts said she joined the committee at about the same time as Flynn, and has seen Malvey lead the schools in many ways. She said as a board member, she always felt well prepared to make decisions regarding school policy, adding "I thank Ted for that."

Tebbetts said regardless of where Malvey decides to go in the future, she is sure he will bring the same skills and leadership he brought to Cohasset. She encouraged him not to sit idle for too long, and to "bring those talents to areas of the country where they are needed."

Tebbetts also thanked Jones for his years of service, and said she was so glad to have had a principal who focused on education, but not just in the realm of the three "Rs." She said Jones promoted music and the arts, which are important components for giving students a broad-based education. "You made it important for kids to be their best selves."

Member Adrienne MacCarthy said she worked for six years under Malvey's direction on the school building and facilities committee, prior to becoming a member of the school committee, and said with his guidance, the construction on the schools was able to finish on time and on budget. She wished Malvey well and told him to enjoy his grandson. "That's the best time of life — so I hear," she joked.

Member Jamie Williams also wished Malvey well, adding she applauds the fact that he is leaving the position with everyone well prepared to take over after his departure.

School Committee Chairman Rick Shea had a more unique approach to saying his goodbyes. In true David Letterman fashion, he compiled a list of "The top 10 things Ted won't miss in his retirement."

Justifying the school budget at Town Meeting

9. Explaining the budget to selectmen three weeks in a row.

8. Defending the budget before the advisory board.

7.Negotiating the budget with the town manager and town accountant.

6. Telling the school building and facilities committee there is no money left in the budget for the utilities.

5. Having to cut back the budgets submitted by the three principals.

4. Listening to the school committee discuss the budget at 10 p.m.

3. Getting a call at 2 a.m. to be told the boiler room pipes burst.

2. Spending the evening at the Days Inn in Hyannis to attend a superintendent's conference.

1. Setting the alarm for 4 a.m. to wake up in time to make the call on snow days.

Shea then presented Malvey with a proclamation praising his years of service in the Cohasset School system. "Thanks again for a terrific job, and best wishes to both you, and Mike (Jones)," Shea said.

Malvey said he wishes incoming Supt. Denise Walsh the best of luck, adding, "I think the committee has made a wise choice with their new superintendent." He said the amount of time Walsh has spent getting acquainted with her new school district, while still being employed full-time with her current district is "unprecedented," and that she pays a visit to Cohasset almost every week.

While Malvey said he has mixed emotions about leaving and sometimes wishes he could stay longer, the time has come for him to begin the next chapter in his life, and he thanked everyone in the town of Cohasset, from the school employees, to the students, to their families, for making his time in Cohasset so enjoyable. "It's been a great six years," he said.

Taking lifesaving to heart

Fire Dept. seeks new defibrillators

"Our goal is to meet the requirements of a heart-safe community."
— Capt. Robert Silvia

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If the Cohasset Fire Department has its way, life-saving Automated External Defibrillators, which can be used to shock a patient that has gone into cardiac arrest, will be available at many of the public buildings where people congregate in the near future.

Members of the department, including Capt. Robert Silvia, paramedic John Dockray, and Advanced Life Support coordinator Hugh Devlin, came before the Board of Selectmen for preliminary approval to oversee an initiative that would make AEDs available for public use, beginning with the schools and hopefully branching out to include other public buildings such as the library and Town Hall.

"Our goal is to meet the requirements of a heart-safe community," said Silvia, which means having equipment on hand that even someone with minimal training can use to save the life of someone who has gone into cardiac arrest. Silvia said studies have shown if a person can be defibrillated within one to two minutes of going into sudden cardiac arrest, there is an 80 percent chance of survival. However, that survival rate decreases with every passing minute, and with a delay of 10 minutes, there is a less than 5 percent chance the person will be able to pull through. "The quicker you can get this to them, the better chance of survival," Silvia said.

When any town begins an AEP program, Silvia said there needs to be medical direction from a hospital or physician who is willing to look at the AED reports. He added the fire department would like to work with South Shore Hospital on the initiative, as it already has guidelines in place for bringing AEDs into the schools. However, the hospital has nothing drafted to regulate bringing AEDs into public buildings, which the department wants. Silvia said he hopes to be able to work with the hospital to allow that initiative to begin.

"We would be the perfect agency to oversee this. We know how to use them, we know the hospital, and if they're used, we're going to get called," Silvia said. He added with the train coming to town and possible delays in response time for the department when the gates are down, having residents on hand that have been trained to use an AED will greatly improve the survival rate for someone who has gone into cardiac arrest.

If the department does oversee the installation of AEDs around town, it will be responsible for inspections to make sure the equipment is working properly, and will provide training on how to use the device. "It serves no purpose if it hangs there," Silvia said. He added that AEDs are a new trend in life-saving technology and the American Heart Association has begun giving CPR classes which includes AED training. He said AEDs can be found everywhere from Disney World to American Airlines flights, and they will be installed around town whether the department has been a part of the process or not.

Devlin said from his experience working as a paramedic for the past nine years both in Cohasset and in Quincy, "I think its an incredible piece of equipment." He said AEDs are very user-friendly and they can speak and tell the person using it what to do. He brought an AED to show to the board, and said its battery will run for five years, or 300 shocks, and comes with two adult pads and one pediatric pad. He said the unit is also color coded to help the user.

Russ Bonetti, 20 Parker Ave, said he works for a company that sells AEDs and agreed that they are very easy to use. "If it doesn't tell you to shock and you panic and do it anyway, it won't let you," he said. He added that the machine will also alert the user if there is a pulse, so they can begin CPR. Bonetti said Logan Airport has AEDs in its terminals, and "They're absolute life savers. They're worth every nickel."

Silvia said his intention is to run the program at no cost to the town. He said the board of health has some grant money it is willing to spend on an AED and there are some available funds from a Homeland Security Grant the department could use to get the initiative started. He said the town of Yarmouth on Cape Cod has roughly 17,000 people and it has been able to install 45 units, and all the training costs and purchase of equipment has been done through private donations. He said Yarmouth held a golf tournament fund raiser recently, and raised $9,000 for the purchase of AEDs, and he hopes Cohasset will be able to raise funds in similar ways.

Silvia said saving someone from a sudden cardiac arrest gives real purpose to what the members of the fire department do, and the AEDs will help ensure more people survive after going into cardiac arrest. Being able to save someone's life who otherwise might not have "lived to see his kids grown," is one of the best experiences to have.

The department was given approval to move forward with the initiative and will speak to the hospital and come back before the board with a more detailed proposal soon.

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Route 3A renaissance is taking shape in Cohasset

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rant. While the board does not have the jurisdiction to specify the kind of restaurant it would need to have on the site, Pratt said the board stressed it would like to see a family style restaurant rather than a sports bar that would make a profit through the sale of alcohol.

Another project in the works is the potential construction of three office buildings behind Sunrise Assisted Living. Cohasset resident Rob Schwandt presented the planning board with a preliminary concept plan, outlining what could be considered for the 12.5 acres of land which stretches behind Sunrise on 3A and the medical building off Crocker Lane.

"We get inquiries about general office space every four to six weeks," Schwandt said, adding many businesses say they are looking for a small amount of office space that can be used to compliment their main headquarters. Schwandt said he has already spoken with a couple of local businesses that might be interested in occupying the new office space once completed, and while nothing has been finalized just yet, he is currently looking at the possibility of building three office buildings on roughly four or five of the 12.5 available acres.

Schwandt has already been given approval to raze the small white Cape-style house that housed Sweet Surprises candy shop at the corner of 3A and Crocker Lane and build a new brick office building.

Another local business looking to branch out is King Jewelers. After 43 years of business in Cohasset, owners are looking to move from their current location in Cohasset Plaza, and have been given approval with conditions by the planning board to raze and rebuild further south at 812 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, which currently houses both Peridot and Dwyer and Mullin Real Estate. Valerie King said she and her family wanted to keep the business in town because "We've been here forever. This is where our customers come from and we love it here," she said.

Atlantic Bagel at 166 King St. is planning to move into the former Cards and Shards building in the village the end of August. Roger Hill who owns the Good Sport building that includes Atlantic Bagel said he hasn't even advertised and has had at least half a dozen inquiries. He couldn't comment on a potential tenant saying "plans are under wraps for the time being."

Pratt sees the changes as a boon to the town. "We're potentially looking at several millions of dollars (in tax revenue) in pretty much the near term," he said.

Changes at Cohasset Plaza

With King Jewelers' plans to move into a new building to be constructed farther south on Rte. 3A; the Shoe Market heading to Hingham's Derby Street Shoppes and the Dunkin' Donut potentially moving to the Hair Affair – Cohasset Plaza could have a different mix of retailers in the months ahead.

Plaza owner Donald Staszko said change is not happening overnight. He explained the Shoe Market will remain in the plaza until the end of the year; Dunkin' Donuts has a 1-1/2 years to go and King Jewelers, two years.

He's not concerned about attracting new tenants.

"We get about 10 calls a week from people who want space," Staszko said.

Meanwhile plans to expand Super Stop & Shop by 20,000 feet and construct a new 30,000 square foot retail building at the back of the plaza are moving forward, Staszko said. The new retail building will either be occupied by one major tenant or subdivided into two 15,000 or three 10,000 square-foot spaces, he said.

Staszko said while there has been a lot of interest in the former South Shore Chevy Geo dealership site which he also owns and is located on Rte. 3A near the Scituate line – nothing has come to fruition. The "pet hotel" proposed for part of the building plans to appeal the Zoning Board of Appeals' decision to deny a special permit because it didn't meet the setbacks required for dog kennels.

New Deer Hill report cards to make the grade next year

By Samantha Brown
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Report cards will look different for students at Deer Hill this fall, as revisions intended to better communicate student progress to parents have been implemented as part of the Deer Hill school improvement plan for the 2004-2005 school year.

Where report cards used to have more limited categories under subject areas, with letter grades and sub-topic remarks such as outstanding, satisfactory, and needs improvement — the new report cards will use numbers one through four to grade academics, and personal and social development will be graded as consistently, usually, sometimes, or rarely.

Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley said the changes were made in part because many parents "not only want to know how their children are doing in math or reading, but how they're behaving in art or computer class." With the former report card, grading was split into three categories for many subjects, grading students only on effort, conduct, and homework. The new report card covers all subject areas, and includes more sub-categories where children can be graded on their understanding of subject matter on various levels.

Gauley said while the new report cards are more in-depth, it will not necessarily mean more work for the teachers who fill them out. He said the new format can be completed on the computer, and by using Excel, the report cards can be linked directly to a grade book program the teachers can use. With a networked system, another teacher could call up the same report card for any given student, and add their comments, which makes the process much easier. Gauley said the school is working on implementing the networking technology.

Deer Hill compiles a new improvement plan annually, and as part of the Deer Hill School Improvement Plan for the 2003-2004 school year, a survey was sent out to parents of all Deer Hill students. From that survey, Gauley said responses indicated many parents wanted to see more communication relating to student progress. While 28 percent "strongly agreed" and 44 percent "agreed" with the statement that there is good communication between the home and school regarding progress, 12 percent said "usually" and 14 percent said they "disagreed." In light of those answers, Gauley said this year, the school decided changing the report cards would be one way to address the issue.

A report card committee, made up of parents and school staff, was charged with making potential changes to the report cards, and Gauley brought the new cards before the school committee for feedback.

School committee member Adrienne MacCarthy asked Gauley why the report card committee chose to move away from letter grades. She said when parents see a letter grade, it is easy to tell how their child did and whether certain subjects need improvement. However, Gauley said at the elementary level, and especially since Deer Hill will take on the younger third-grade students next year, letter grades are not tied to a percentage, which makes it a more difficult system to rely on. He said while many students are in fact average for their age group, giving a young child a "C," which is average, doesn't adequately represent the work that has been done.

School committee vice chairman Chartis Tebbetts said the detail the report cards go into, "cries out for a conference," and said parents need to be aware that they have the option to meet with their child's teachers not only during the allotted time set aside for parent and teacher conferences, but that every teacher is required by contract to have time set aside daily to meet with parents. She said she hopes the new report cards will help initiate more verbal communication between school and home.

School committee member Rick Flynn said from comparing the two report cards, he thinks "you're going to know a lot more about what your kid did," while at school, because of the detail the report card goes into, and said it is a much better model than what the school had before.

School committee chairman Rick Shea said the only concern he has with the technology aspect, is the ease with which teachers could fill out the comment section of the report cards, which may cause many students to get cookie-cutter comments such as "pleasure to have in class." Gauley said there are roughly 100 prepared comments teachers can plug into the report cards, but if nothing fits with the individual student, the teacher always has the option of writing a comment in by hand.

While the report cards are roughly 90 percent complete, Gauley said he would be willing to look at making some revisions. MacCarthy said she would like to see a specific category for effort for each subject, because while the categories on the current report card are very specific, a student could be receiving high marks, but is not necessarily doing their best work. If a students is getting a two for academic assessment — which means a student is approaching the expected standards — but is consistent in their effort, she said that would indicate to her the students are trying their best. As a parent, effort is of highest importance to her, and she would like to make sure overall effort is conveyed in the report cards.

Latin could be dead language at CMHS

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social studies teacher. Latin, which has been suspended for the first semester, could either be rescheduled for second semester if a teacher is found, or cancelled for the entire year. However, dropping Latin will have an effect on the schedules of the 50 students who take Latin I, II, and III.

Jones said one possibility would be to continue looking for a combined Latin and Spanish teacher, but also begin interviewing candidates for a combined Spanish and French position. The money is already in the budget to cover the salary of the language teacher, who is leaving.

In the event only a Spanish and French teacher can be found, Jones suggested possibly looking for a retiree to teach Latin as a half-time position. However, that would require making a financial commitment, and a part-time language teaching position could cost the schools up to $20,000. Jones said the school would be more likely to find a full-time Spanish and French teacher than a Latin teacher with a second language.

School committee member Rick Flynn said "rather than trying to fit a square peg into a round hole," the school should continue looking for the person who is a correct fit for the position even if that means finding a Spanish and French teacher and going back later to solve the Latin problem.

The school committee gave the go-ahead for Jones to begin interviewing candidates for the French and Spanish position. If a combined Latin and Spanish teacher can be found, that would be the first preference, but in either case, the school needs to hire a language teacher for this fall.

Time change for Cohasset schools

The school committee voted to implement suggested changes to next year's school start times and will be changing start times as follows:

	Current start time	New start time	Current end time	New end time
CMHS	7:20 a.m.	7:50 a.m.	2:06 p.m.	2:36 p.m.
Deer Hill	8:35 a.m.	8:10 a.m.	2:35 p.m.	2:10 p.m.
Osgood	9:05 a.m.	9:05 a.m.	3:05 p.m.	3:05 p.m.

Busing at the middle-high school will have students in grades six-12 riding on buses together.

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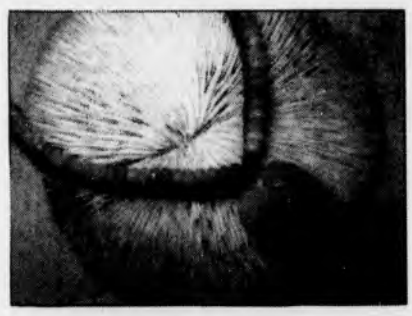
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School lunches serve up a profit

Students like healthy options

By Samantha Brown
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In an effort to help balance the books, Cohasset schools implemented a new in-house food service program last fall. That, combined with an increase in the cost of school lunches has proved to be a wise choice, as the final tally on cafeteria sales shows the schools have made a profit for the first time in years.

Food Services Director Robert Levy said there has been an overwhelmingly positive turn in sales compared to figures compiled at the end of last year, and the additional revenue is making things a little easier on the school budget "It's thousands of dollars," said Levy, adding sales are up roughly 14 percent overall since the end of May last year. He said this will be the first year in a long time there hasn't been an increase in lunch prices at the schools.

For 15 years, Cohasset relied on Chartwells Educational Dining Services, a company that provides food service to more than 500 school districts in the United States, serving more than 1.5 million meals daily. However, when the Chartwells contract expired at the end of school last year, Supt. Edward Malvey had to make the decision to bring food services in-house and try to increase profits. Levy, who had previously worked for Chartwells, stayed on as a private employee for the schools, and has transformed the way students eat in the cafeteria, which may have had an effect on sales.

At the request of the board of health, the schools began converting the lunch menu to offer healthier options.

At the request of the board of health, the schools began converting the lunch menu to offer healthier options. Levy spearheaded the effort including switching to frozen yogurt and ice pops instead of ice cream, offering only water and 100 percent juice and overhauling snacks in vending machines. That was followed by offering more deli-style sandwiches with lean meats and vegetables, and less food high in fat and grease, such as burgers and fries.

While Levy said the schools have eliminated a tremendous amount of snacks from the cafeteria, it hasn't taken away from sales. "We've picked up the salary of the van driver," who delivers the food to Osgood and Deer Hill from the high school. All food is prepared at the middle-high school and shipped down to the other schools, and that driver now handles the mail as well. The money to cover the van driver used to come out of the custodial budget, but "We've assumed that money," Levy said. Where before, the cafeteria program hoped to break even, it is now able to help pick up some of the costs associated with wages and vacation time for food services employees.

Last year, the schools began charging an additional 10 cents for each lunch purchased, bringing elementary school lunches up to $2.25 and high school lunches up to $2.50. Teacher lunches were $3.50. Levy said with the sixth-grade class coming up to the middle-high school next year, he expects sales will continue to increase, and he would not suggest increasing the cost of meals this year.

However, there are still some kinks to work out, as this was the first year food services have been handled in-house. Levy said now that it is the end of the year, the schools are left with roughly $4,000 worth of inventory, which wasn't expected. He said the surplus in food is partially due to the fact that students have been going on field trips and haven't been in the buildings to buy their lunches. "The cafeteria workers should know when people are going to be out," Levy said, adding he will be working on that in the future.

Teachers could give nurses a hand

Medication policy could be changed

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When a child is suffering from a severe allergic reaction, it is essential they receive medication as quickly as possible. During the school day, it is the sole responsibility of the school nurse to administer the medication to the student, but school officials say that policy could soon change.

Cohasset schools have applied with the Department of Public Health to allow trained school personnel to administer medication in the absence of the school nurse, provided they have been given the proper training. Applications which would allow specific members of school personnel to administer prescription medications on field trips and short school trips, as well as Epinephrine during life-threatening situations have both been filed.

Deer Hill nurse Karen Murphy, who is spearheading the effort, said she is frequently asked to accompany classes on field trips, so she will be available to administer medication should anything happen on the trip. However, she said every time she leaves during the school day, a substitute nurse has to be found, which is not an easy task. By having teachers chaperone the field trips who have been taught to administer the medication, Murphy will be able to stay at school, a substitute will not need to be called, and the student will be well taken care of if there is an emergency.

"We have 43 asthmatics and 12 who need EpiPens," said Murphy, adding many children are allergic to peanuts or bee stings. "Those two need delegation," she said, adding to date, an Epi-Pen has never been administered for an allergic reaction to peanuts, which is most likely a result of the strong education children receive at the lower grade levels on peanut allergies.

Murphy brought the matter before the school committee last week and said she would be responsible for training teachers in the proper way to administer medication, and will most likely begin training teachers at the middle-high school first. She said it is especially important to have teachers trained at the middle-high school because of its size. Committee members discussed possibly changing the location of available medicine to make it easier for teachers to locate the prescriptions during an emergency. If the school nurse is not administering the medication, it makes sense to have EpiPens in a central location.

"The teachers are willing to do it," said Murphy, adding the worst thing in an emergency situation is not knowing what to do. Murphy said because she will be leading the training sessions, she feels comfortable delegating the responsibility.

Teachers will only be allowed to delegate medication to students whose parents have given authorization. Murphy said she is currently discussing the changes with parents and expects everything will be ironed out over the summer.

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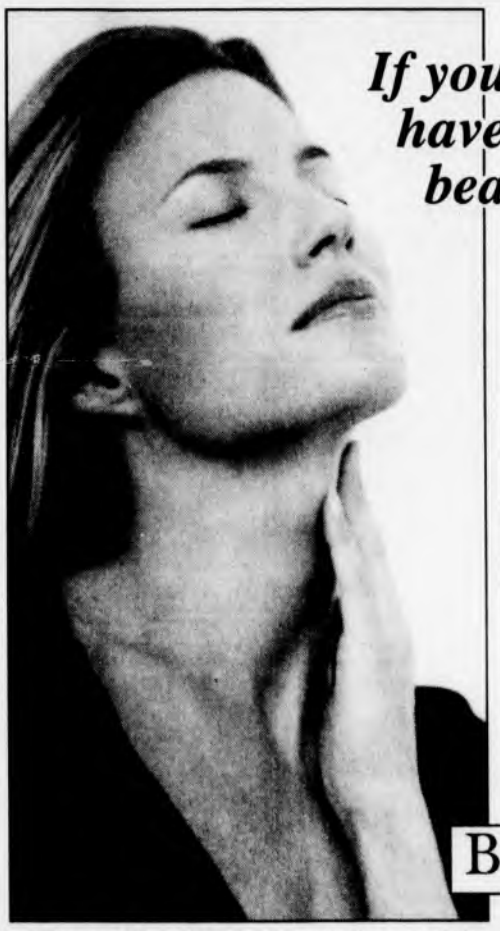
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Cohasset's Allison Berg graduates from US Naval Academy

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SCHOOL'S OUT

Hooray, school is out for all! I am so happy although will be even happier when the temperatures reflect the season! Congratulations to everyone young and old on graduations, finishing up a grade or turning that magic number that makes you old enough to look forward to school in September. Enjoy the summer as we know how fast it goes, use lots of sunscreen and bug spray(is it me or are the mosquitoes growing in numbers and size?) and stay safe in whatever fun activities you are doing.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWS

All news and information for next weeks column should be sent directly to **Mary Ford** at mford@cnc.com as I will be one a one week break. After that, you can resume sending the information to me at aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com with photos going to Mary. Have a great week and Happy Fourth of July in advance!

RELAY FOR LIFE REFLECTIONS

I want to congratulate the planners and organizers of this past weekend's, "Relay For Life" held at Cohasset High School. It is amazing to me every year to see and be a part of such an important and emotional event. To see and meet so many survivors is wonderful, the sadness from those of us who lost someone battling cancer or who are battling this disease themselves is definitely helped by all being together and focusing on the theme of this year's event, "Hope!" The number of children involved this year was overwhelming to me. So many children who had stories of their friends who are battling or have won the battle, all working together for the most part to help raise money right alongside all of the adults. Great job to all and let's look ahead to next year's Relay!

NEW ARRIVAL

Arlene Tuohey of Cohasset is a very proud grandmother of **Nolan Thomas Tuohey** who arrived on May 11. His parents are **Christine and Stephen Tuohey** of Braintree. Sharing hugs with Arlene is Nolan's maternal grandmother **Grace Bannen** of Hull. Oh, the joys of babies in our lives. Congratulations to all.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

A very special birthday was had by **Peter Laugelle** and **Polly Litchfield** on June 17! Happy Birthday to you both from your family and your friends. You are both loved by so many.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR

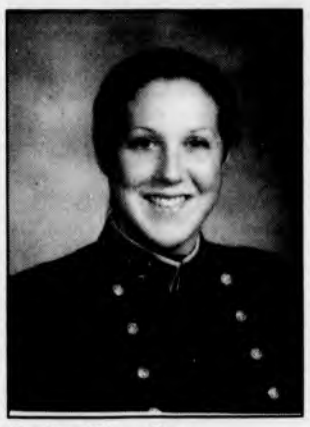
Colton T. Ralston, son of **Jacqueline and Robert Ralston**, received a bachelor of arts from Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. on May 8. Colt graduated with a major in communications and a minor in business. He is busy setting up his own business in Boca Raton, to market and sell motorcycles and cars nationally. Congratulations Colton and best of luck with your entrepreneurial venture.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRAD

Matthew N. Pilczak of Cohasset graduated from Franklin Pierce College with a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice. Best of luck to you Matthew in your future..

ANNAPOLIS GRAD

On May 28, **Allison May Berg** graduated with a bachelor of science degree in honors oceanography from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. **Allison** graduated with a minor in French. At her graduation ceremony **Allison** was commissioned as an ensign in the United States Navy.



Ensign Allison Berg

While at the US Naval Academy, **Allison** was a member of the Women's Varsity Swim Team, a member of the Gold Key Society, a member of Sigma Xi (The Scientific Research Society), and her Battalion Honor Representative.

Allison will be attending the Secretary of the Navy-Sponsored Oceanography Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Woods Hole Oceanography Institute to complete her Master's degree in Physical Oceanography.

She is the daughter of **Miki** and **Peter Berg** of Cohasset.

ART EXHIBIT AT SCIENCE CENTER

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell presents a collection of paintings by Cohasset artist **Alix White**, titled "Weather Report", July 2 through Aug. 30. "I primarily paint on location," Alix says. "Living near the coast, I am in awe of how quickly a view will change based on atmospheric conditions – the dialogue between the sky and the ocean for instance. Colors can invert. Winds can change and my composition changes."

The works in her exhibit include locations from Marshfield to Quincy and strive to portray the natural world in the 21st century. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, July10 from 2-4 pm. The exhibit can also be viewed during regular business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30am to 4:30pm. For directions or more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559. Visit its Web site at www.ssnsc.org.

BU GRADUATES

Receiving degrees this spring from Boston University are Cohasset residents **Liam T. O'Donnell** and **Leila M. Tighe**. Liam graduated with a bachelor of arts in political science and Leila received her masters in social work. Super job.

DEAN'S LIST

Thomas N. Anderson and **Scott D. Faber**, both freshman, were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Connecticut College. Both Tom and Scott had to have grade point averages form 3.3 to 3.69 to achieve this honor! All that hard work paid off, great job.

'EVENING WITH COSBY'

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is hosting "An Evening With Bill Cosby" at the South Shore Music Circus on Saturday evening, Aug. 7. Tickets are $50 per person and include the show at 7 p.m. and a gathering in the Hospitality Tent from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with complimentary appetizers and cash bar. Limited availability. Tickets available at Pilgrim Co-operative Bank, Village Wine & Spirits, and Conlon Chiropractic, or by calling 781-383-1616.

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To all Cohasset Sailing Club parents of new sailors: Come meet the 2004 Sailing Staff on Thursday July 1 from 5 to 6p.m. at the Sailing Club. Questions will be answered and refreshments provided! Junior sailing classes begin July 5, and adult classes begin July 10. Any questions, please contact **Emily Malone** (781) 383-6379. That is all for this week.

CHEERLEADING VOLUNTEERS

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football & Cheerleading needs two to three volunteers to help coach the eighth grade Sharks A Cheerleading team. This commitment will involve being at practices from Aug. 16, through Sept. 9, Monday through Thursday 5 to 7 p.m. and attending the weekend games from Sept. 12 through Nov. 14. Cheerleading experience is not necessary as you will have junior coaches working on cheers and dance with the squad. If you have an interest and can make the commitment, call Lorie Neil at 781-545-4526.



WORLD TRAVELERS

Arne and Martha Gjesteby are pictured at Monday night's Cohasset Rotary Club meeting, describing their recent trip to Osaka, Japan to attend the 95th annual Rotary International Convention, where Arne attended as a delegate.

BC HIGH AWARDS

William J. Kemeza, President of Boston College High School, is pleased to announce the following Cohasset students recently received special awards at an assembly to honor BC High undergraduates.

Andrew J. Flynn '05 won the New England Math League award; the John A. Lahive, Jr. '45 Memorial Award given by the firm of Lahive and Cockfield to a student who excels in physics; an excellence award for four subjects: Government Honors, Calculus AB AP, Ethics and Social Justice, Physics Honors; and a Harvard University Collegiate Book award.

Patrick T. Kelly '05 won an excellence award for Studio Arts I.

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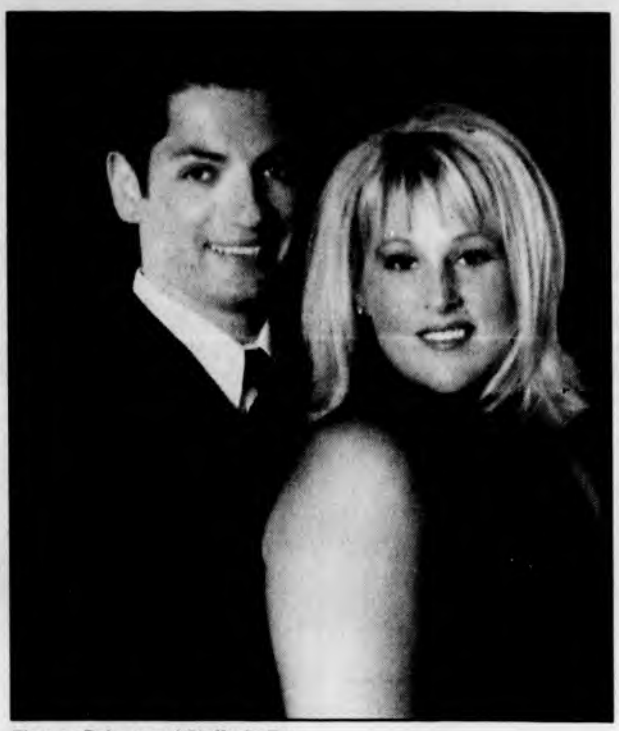
Fox-Palmer

Ed and Kathleen Fox of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Steffanie Fox to Thomas Palmer, the son of Gail Plant of Rockland and Thomas Palmer of Quincy.

The bride-to-be is employed as a hair stylist at Salon DiCarlo in Hanover.

Her fiancée is employed at Boston Interiors.

A September 24, 2004 wedding is planned.



Thomas Palmer and Steffanie Fox

Manchester-Lubitz

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Manchester of Shelburne, Vt., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Wood Manchester of Boston, to Gerhard William Lubitz also of Boston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Lubitz of Cohasset.

An October wedding is planned.



Jessica Wood Manchester and Gerhard William Lubitz

Dwyer-Snider

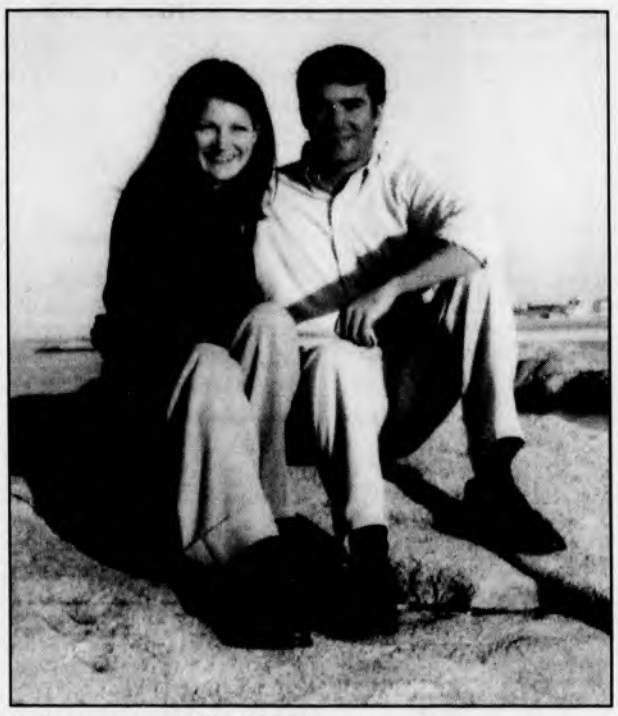
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Dwyer announce the engagement of their daughter, Keeley Dwyer to Britt Arnold Snider, the son of The Honorable and Mrs. L. Britt Snider of McLean, Va.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy in Hingham & Catholic University, Washington, D.C. She is employed as a Director of Deferral Compensation for Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Her fiancé is a graduate of St. Albans School in Washington, D.C., Amherst College, Amherst Mass. and Kenan Flagler School of Business, UNC, Chapel Hill, N.C.

He is employed as Assoc. in Real Estate Investment Banking at Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co., in Arlington, Va.

A June 11, 2005 wedding is planned.



Keeley Dwyer and Britt Arnold Snider

Martin-Young

William and Joanne Martin of Scituate and John and Sharon Krawczyk of Duxbury announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Ann Martin to Linton Hopkins Young, III, the son of Linton and Kathryn Young of Memphis, Tennessee, formerly of Cohasset.

A graduate of Boston College, Mr. Young is currently employed by Kensington Technology Group in San Mateo, Calif., and resides in Boston.

Ms. Martin is a graduate from Stonehill College and Wheelock College Master's program and will be a kindergarten teacher at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham beginning this Fall. Ms. Martin resides in Scituate.

A September 5, 2004 wedding is planned.



Jill Ann Martin and Linton Hopkins Young, III

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Commuter boat no longer caught in undertow

Customer cost relief expected

By Mary Ford
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With Greenbush construction taking center stage in South Shore towns – commuter boat service had seemed to be adrift.

Cutbacks in the schedule, rising fares and parking fees have resulted in 30 percent fewer riders even though train service is still at least 18 months away. Prior to fare and parking hikes, Boston Harbor Cruises – the private contractor hired to provide the service — was carrying upwards of 4,000 commuters a day from 14 towns. Today ridership is down to about 2,700 per day.

The situation isn't lost on state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, a long-time train critic and commuter boat proponent.

He's had three recent meetings with state Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas to try and put the commuter boat on the radar screen of an agency – the MBTA – that is so firmly anchored by rail service. And earlier this week, he met with Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey. Both Grabauskas and Healey are receptive to providing relief for the beleaguered commuter boat rider, Hedlund said.

Hedlund says the MBTA views the ferry as a first-class service warranting higher fares.

"It's viewed as a Cadillac system and users should pay accordingly," he said. "But the problem is to make it competitive to get people out of their cars and onto mass transit and not be penalized for it."

Jon Carlisle, spokesman for Grabauskas, says while the state is committed to ferry service, it has to face fiscal realities.

"The MBTA is operating at a loss and we have to look at the best way to spend scarce resources," he said. Carlisle said Grabauskas is committed to multi-modal public transportation and is working with local legislators to explore how to build boat ridership.

"The commuter boat is an efficient, clean, comfortable way to commute into the city but it is also a very costly one," he said.

Hedlund says a commuter on the boat from Hingham to Rowe's Wharf today pays $12.80 per day including $2 for parking. The same trip cost $6.80 back in 1997 when the MBTA took over the service.

"This cost is completely disproportionate with other options available for commuters," he said, making the system unable to compete with the Red Line or commuter rail.

Although he couldn't elaborate at this time, Hedlund said the administration's goal is to provide some immediate short-term relief for commuter boat riders is expected soon.

"In addition to that language will be put in the senate version of the Transportation Bond Bill establishing a commission that would be legally empowered to look at equity in the fare structure as it relates to Greenbush," he explained.

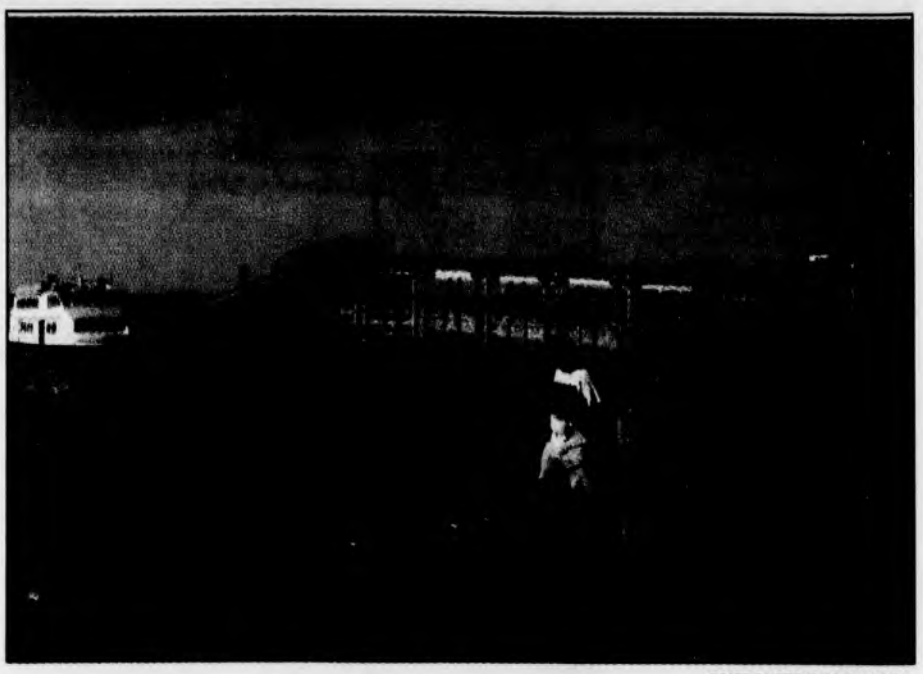
If nothing were done, the future would look gloomy. The proposed fare from the West Hingham Station to Boston on the Greenbush Line is $3.50 one-way and the railroad station is within a mile of the commuter boat in Hingham.

The MBTA structures its fares in geographic zones and the goal would be to rezone the commuter boat on par with Greenbush so there is not such a huge disparity with the two forms of mass transit. The boat would be in the same zone as the West Hingham Station.

The commission would look at the zone issue, fare structure and scheduling matters, Hedlund said.

Grabauskas has to make the rationale for a fare change to the MBTA board of directors charged with setting the fare structure and this is where the new commission could help. A potential problem is the possible outcry from city residents who rely on mass transit and may object to commuters in Hingham and Cohasset getting a reduction, Hedlund explained.

Both Hedlund and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, registered their opposition in writing to the MBTA back in December 2002 when the $2 fee for parking at the commuter boat was enacted. The "park and ride" lot had been free for 25 years. The legislators warned the fee that was announced without discussion with state and town officials would restrict growth of commuter boat ridership and increase traffic on busy Route 3A.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

A commuter makes his way down the walk after arriving on the ferry Monday. Higher fares and parking fees have reduced ridership resulting in cutbacks in service.

Hedlund said the parking fee can be eliminated unilaterally by the MBTA general manager and Sec. Grabauskas.

Last fall, commuter boat fares went up by 25 percent, and June 1 service was cut from 24 round trips a day to 18 due to decreasing ridership.

Hedlund said those who take the boat now and decide they must transfer to the Greenbush train for cost reasons, would save about $750 a year.

John Bewick, president of AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives), says midday cutbacks have been a great inconvenience for him and others who travel to Boston for noon meetings with clients or to meet family members for shopping and lunch.

"To make things worse, these service cuts took place without public warning or input," he said.

"This cost is completely disproportionate with other options available for commuters."
— Sen. Bob Hedlund

Bewick said the fare increases and service cutbacks are in violation of the 1990 Central Artery Memorandum of Understanding that led to a state order for mitigation of the Central Artery impacts.

He said the MOU required that fare increases not exceed cost of living or fuel increases, whichever is less. Bewick said the 75 percent cost increase exceeds the cost of living by 38 percent since 1990.

In a letter to Gov. Mitt Romney, Bewick stated when a state agency ignores legal agreements, it sets a terrible example for ordinary citizens. He said Romney decided to proceed with Greenbush using Central Artery mandates as an excuse and is not now complying with those mandates.

"This is a double standard, which every voter in the Greenbush corridor is watching," Bewick stated.

The Greenbush commuter rail subsidy is about $3.50 per rider for operating costs and about $15 per rider for debt. In comparison the commuter boat subsidy is about $1 per rider and there is no debt.

Commuter boat customer Thomas Maloney of Hingham urged Hedlund and Bradley not to give up the fight.

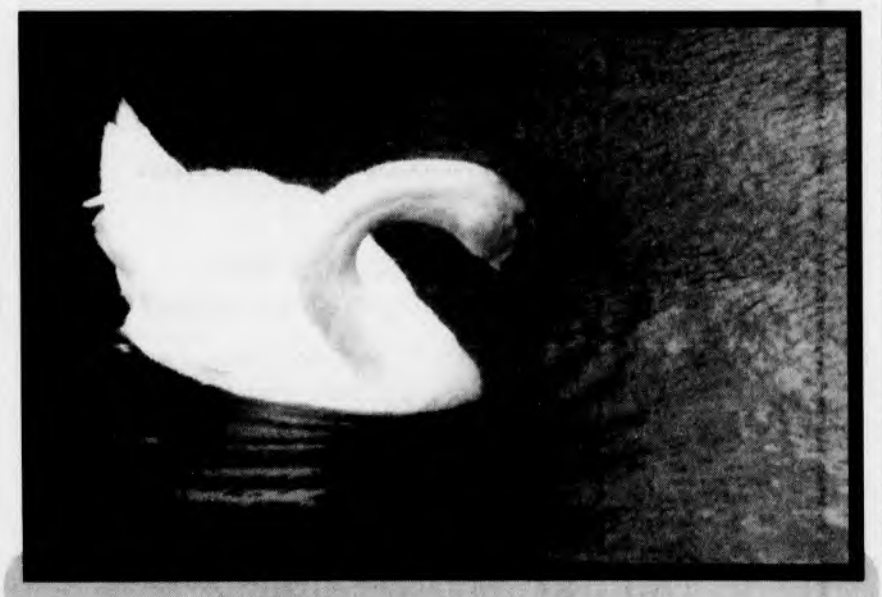
"People around town are continuing to talk about how they have switched to the Red Line or are driving now," he stated in a letter to Hedlund that was also sent to the Hingham Journal. "It is so infuriating to watch this destruction of a very valuable transportation method on the South Shore and one that commuters actually enjoy."

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Deer Hill class inspired by girl's book on autism

By Mary Ford
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Christine Doherty, 9, of Duxbury, and the members of Miss Taylor's class at Deer Hill live in different towns. But they do have something in common: they both love a child with autism.

For Christine it's her younger sister Rosie and for the fifth-graders at Deer Hill, it's classmate Max Reel.

"Disabilities don't matter. You can still be a friend."
— Christine Doherty, young author

Both Rosie and Max are autistic, which means they interact differently than other children.

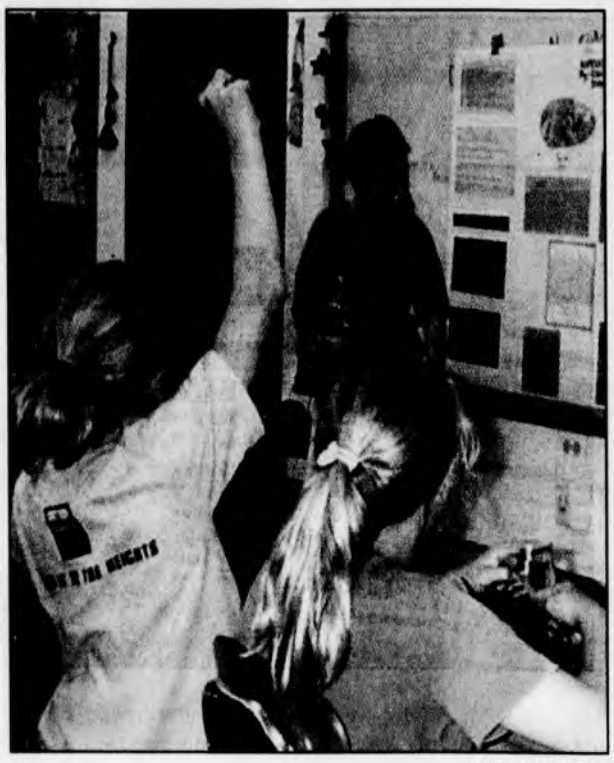
For Christine, Rosie provided the inspiration for a yet unpublished book, "A True Friend," she wrote about a 13-year-old girl who is partnered with an autistic boy in gym class.

"At first she isn't happy because classmates teased her," Christine says. "But in the end she and the boy become best friends and ignore the teasing."

Christine, whose mother is friends with Max's mother Anne Reel, said she wrote the book after thinking about Rosie and realizing that true friends can come in all packages.

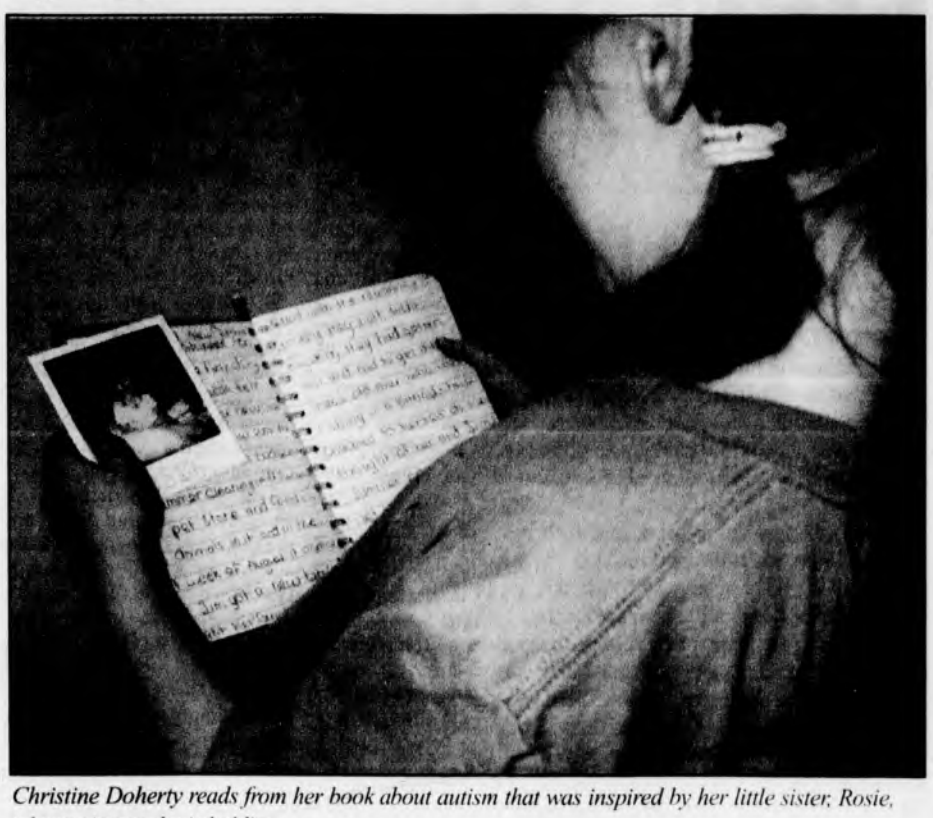
Max showed the book to his teacher, Miss Taylor, who read it to the class. The children loved the book and wanted to meet its author.

"The kids love Max," says Miss Taylor. "So it was good to learn about the boy Christine wrote about."



PHOTOS/MARY FORD

Christine Doherty answers a question about autism from a student in Miss Taylor's class.



Christine Doherty reads from her book about autism that was inspired by her little sister, Rosie, whose picture she is holding.

Christine was invited to the Deer Hill class with her mother, Terry Doherty, last Thursday. She presented her science fair project on autism to the class, answered a lot of questions and read the first chapter of "Best Friend, Best Teacher," the sequel to her book.

She passed around photographs of Rosie, 7, and explained how the autistic and non-autistic brains are different.

"There's no cure yet and no one knows the cause," Christine explains. She says autism can take different forms, In overly sensitive children, for example, they can't block out loud noises and might be really bothered by a scratchy shirt.

She said autistic kids can be really bright and have incredible memorizing skills; some can memorize entire phone books. Some can't talk and communicating is difficult. "But they love to play," Christine said. "And having autism doesn't mean they can't succeed.

"It's not contagious and it has nothing to do with parents," she says.

Christine hopes her book can help schoolchildren understand autism. "Disabilities don't matter," she said. "You can still be a friend."

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Moving forward

The board of selectmen is becoming the best show in town but not for the right reasons. While no amount of positive spin is going to change the fact the town is in transition, abruptly losing a town manager after seven years and one who had a ton of information at his fingertips would be enough to throw elected officials in any town into temporary disarray.

But it is critical that good decisions are made moving forward and that the taxpayers have confidence that selectmen are rising to the challenge. They can't do that if there are petty disagreements and infighting on the board itself.

Selectmen's meetings of late have been frustrating affairs for all involved. We think disagreement can be healthy because it can provide fodder for good debate, thoroughly airing an issue. But meetings bogged down in minutia and finger-pointing are counter-productive and are a throw-back to the pre-Haddad days when taxpayers led a revolt and changed the government.

We believe elected officials must be held accountable for their actions or inaction as the case may be – even when it is unpleasant. While they are volunteers, no one held a gun to their head to run for office.

But, with that being said, Haddad's departure and its aftermath were not expected. To their credit, selectmen acted quickly appointing interim Town Manager Michael Buckley and are trying to do what is best for the town.

There are a lot of pieces that have to be picked up – not the least of which are the wastewater issues with Cook Estate project that need to be resolved. Greenbush construction is going to start in earnest and the town needs to insure that it is protected with an ombudsman position, whose duties like those who hold similar positions in Scituate and Hingham stretch beyond handling complaints from the public. The village revitalization and flood control projects also need to stay on track.

In short, this is no time to play the "blame game" when the town needs solid leadership.

At the annual Town Meeting, Selectman Ronnie McMorris read a "state of the town" message that enumerated recent town accomplishments that included completing the Master Plan; expansion of the police-fire station; and completion of construction at Deer Hill and the middle-high schools, to name a few.

Cohasset had a lot to be proud of back in March – that hasn't changed in the short time since.

— Mary Ford
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Pratt Building apartments progressing

Cohasset Historical Society's conversion of space at the Pratt Building into two apartments is proceeding at a fast clip. Each apartment has its own entrance at the rear of the building and will have new parking spaces for two cars at the front of the building.

The fully air conditioned apartments should be ready for occupancy on Sept. 1, and the Historical Society suggests applicants call 781-383-1168 or stop by at 106 South Main St., between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays for the necessary application papers. There will be no pets or smoking allowed. Priority will be given to Cohasset residents. Rent will be $1,500/month and tenants must be 55 years of age or older.

In August, the Cohasset Historical Society will have an Open House featuring its two new apartments.

Sandy Beach open for summer

Sandy Beach has officially opened for the 2004 summer season. Life guards are on duty 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Labor Day (Sept. 6). Bathhouse facilities are available for use during the same hours. The following rules are issued to assure the safety of beach visitors and to protect the environment:

Life guards are on duty 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Labor Day (Sept. 6).

Prohibited:

Alcoholic beverages, dogs between 8:30 am and sunset, flotation devices, glass containers, open fires, rock climbing, walking on dunes, water craft in marked swim area. Allowed – *only* in orange cone marked area: Frisbees, hard balls, kites, "Skimmers"

Beach visitors are invited to enjoy many days at the "Jewel of Cohasset" in a safe and environmentally manner.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Applause for new Deer Hill principal

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to publicly thank Keith Gauley for an impressive job in his first year as principal of the Deer Hill School. He has shown outstanding leadership, vision, and dedication to learning. During his first year he has revitalized the School Council and has actively sought parent input, feedback and partnership in the daily education of our children. He already clearly has a strong grip on the curriculum and what's going on inside the classrooms. With several teachers retiring this year, I have confidence he will make wise hiring decisions and select the best available teachers for our children.

Mr. Gauley came aboard just after the Deer Hill aide positions were cut. Those who think there is still fat to be cut from our school budgets should come by and see him answering phones and "xeroxing," as well as supervising lunch and recess. He does this cheerfully and professionally, and it's clear he loves what he does. Each day he begins his morning announcements with a "This day in history" lesson, and he infuses his love of learning in all he does.

Mr. Callahan is a wonderful man and missed by many. But it is time to move forward and embrace this change. Let's all give Mr. Gauley a well-deserved round of applause for an excellent job. Cohasset is lucky to have someone of his caliber. Let's hope he stays for a long time; another school district would scoop him up in a second.

Sally Sisson Game
392 South Main St.

Interim principal

TO THE EDITOR:

In the June 17, "Cohasset Mariner" there was a letter to the editor titled "Why No Tirade over Interim Principal?". The Interim Principal of The Cohasset Middle High School has been in The Cohasset School System for 17 years. Many of those years as the assistant principal of the Cohasset Middle High School. He is a known quantity. The Interim Principal, Jack DeLorenzo has done an outstanding job as assistant principal for numerous years. I am very thankful that Jack DeLorenzo has stepped up to the plate. There is no doubt he will do an outstanding job.

Several months ago, Jack DeLorenzo had expressed his intention to retire at the end of this school year. We, the citizens of Cohasset, are truly lucky to have Jack DeLorenzo at the helm of The Cohasset Middle High School.

Peter Guild
119 North Main St.

Heartfelt thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

Our family was astounded by the unexpected outpouring of love and support shown to us upon Franny's death. We will always be grateful and feel so fortunate to be wrapped in the arms of such a caring community.

Kit Alex and John Coffey
25 Norfolk Road

Why dwell on dysfunction?

TO THE EDITOR:

"Spread the word! We're dysfunctional"! "The town manager quit under mysterious circumstances, the police chief resigned, and we're paying for two cops to be idled for months for no good reason"! One hears these cries of despair about dysfunction all over town from all sorts of people, although I suppose research could identify a few who are fueling the flames.

But come now! The town hall is functioning, the town's grass is being cut, the tax bills and water bills are getting delivered, the school buses have continued to run, nobody is on strike, there is no crime wave, every Thursday the indispensable Mariner brings us comprehensive news of the good things and many of the foolish things our fellow citizens are doing, the beach is popular, our many boards, commissions and committees continue to attract few observers to their meetings while being damned for being not transparent enough; in short, the town is functioning pretty much as it always has.

What little has gone wrong doesn't seem to result from evil intentions by really evil people, but rather from misjudgments by honorable people trying to do what they thought was right thing to do. So let's get a bit intolerant of spiteful denunciations, and substitute constructive support to those we've elected and appointed to serve the town. It won't make the sun rise any earlier, but the days will seem more cheerful.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

An asset to Cohasset

TO THE EDITOR:

Once again, the South Shore Playhouse Associates have granted the Cohasset High School Arts Boosters a generous grant of $1,000. This grant will help to fund our operating expenses for the upcoming school year. The money raised by Arts Boosters goes directly to the students in the form of enriching the arts and music curriculum with extra supplies, paying entry fees for Drama competitions, and granting requests from the teachers for special events or projects which are not included in the school budget. This grant will enable us to begin the year on a sound financial basis.

The South Shore Playhouse Associates and the South Music Circus are true assets to the town of Cohasset. The faculty, students and parents of Cohasset High School thank them for their generosity and sincerely hope that the 2004 season will be a huge success.

Donna O'Donnell, President
Cohasset Arts Boosters

SENIOR SCENE

For more information, contact the CEA at 781-383-9112.

Volunteers

The following volunteer positions are needed at the Cohasset Elder Affairs:

- Van drivers
- Luncheon Assistants
- Office Assistants
- Friendly Visiting
- Escort Shopping

Call the Cohasset Elder Affairs for more information! 781-383-9112

Upcoming events

July 15, Learn about Medicare Drug Discount Cards with Carol Barrett.

July 15, Carol Barrett will be hosting a Question and Answer period regarding Medicare Drug Discount Cards in the CEA's dining room.

Oct. 13, Safety First

Ongoing programs

Book Club: - 10 a.m., second Friday of the month

Bridge-ACBL: Mondays, 12:15 p.m.

Bridge- Drop In: Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Bridge- Learn to Play: Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga: Thursdays, 1:15 p.m.

Computer Technology: Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Firming and Toning with Karen: Tuesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m.

Gourmet cooking with Anna: First and third Wednesday of the month

Knitting with Edna: Fridays, 1 p.m.

Legal Consultation: Monthly by appointment

Lunch at the center: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, noon

Pedi-care with Jean: Second Wednesday by appointment

Transportation

Church: Sundays, by request.

Cohasset Village: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

Escorted Shopping: Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m.

Lunch at the Center: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Medical Appointments: Monday through Thursday, by request.

Shaw's: First and third Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Stop & Shop: Monday and Friday, 9:30 p.m.

Christmas Tree Shop: Second Wednesday, 9 a.m.

HEALTH NOTES

Partnership helps schools and town

Science program is cooperative effort

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The new changes in the school system have already started to have an effect on relationships with other groups in town, and not the least is the new and very promising relationship with the Cohasset Board of Health.

The board of health has two important duties when it comes to our schools. The first is to ensure that the schools are providing a healthy environment for the students. For this reason we carry out an annual health and safety inspection of the class rooms and other spaces used by the pupils. But further, the board believes that it has responsibilities in ensuring a healthy diet. Accordingly, we established the Food Nutrition Advisory Committee.

The second duty, no less vital, is to ensure that the most important of the town's resources: — its youth population — learns and participates in maintaining a healthy environment throughout the town. This activity by the board of health covers literally hundreds of tasks from providing "mutt mitts" on the common so that dog owners can pick up their pet's residue; to sanitary inspections in our eateries; to nursing duties; sanitary code compliance; and even to beach closings. It might surprise you to know that there is a modicum of student participation in many of these activities.

One change to which we are referring is the relationship we have with elements of the school management. We have already had discussions with the new principals of both the high and middle school. The first outcome of these discussions is a change in the way the School Nutrition Advisory Committee interacts with the school system. Like the nutrition committee, there are a number of organizations dedicated to providing help, support, and assistance to our schoolchildren. These include, police, clergy, Project Safeguard, organizations sponsoring diversity training, groups concerned with the bullying problem, character education, and many others.

According to Osborne Ingram, who was on the school committee for a number of years, there are always groups who want to help the professionals run the system better, and if the schools listened to all of them, nobody would get an education.

Recognizing this problem, Jack DeLorenzo, the new principal of the middle-high school, and Mike Gill, new assistant principal of the middle-high school, are planning sometime at the beginning of the next term a meeting of representatives of all of the groups that want to have an input into our student education system. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the various points of view of the groups and report what is now being done to address the various concerns. Then, there can be an orderly review and a plan to adjust any school initiatives if the school committee, which has overall management responsibility, agrees that there is a need. This will eliminate the need for many time-consuming individual meetings with the numerous groups now contacting our busy school staff.

The second change is the way the school system views outside activities. The board of health has a long history of involving students in assessment activities for our water bodies and other environmental resources. We have monitored the Gulf, Little Harbor, Cohasset Cove, for a number of important environmental threats, providing a learning experience for students and vital environmental data for the town. Heretofore, for the school system, this has always been a necessary nuisance. Students have had to miss important class time to go out and wade around in bogs, collecting data.

All that changed with the great success of Jack Buckley's Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR). Not only have students collected important scientific data for the board of health, but students have been able to provide colleges with important evidence of real scientific achievement resulting in scholarships, grants, and acceptance in better schools. Moreover, significant numbers of students have been sufficiently enthused by their experiences to pursue degrees in environmental science. Also, spending for vital scientific apparatus for the CSCR has provided more scientific instrumentation than the science program at the high school. Accordingly, there is good evidence that the science done by the CSCR will augment the school science program and not act as a deterrent to school studies. As an example of this change, Dave Magnussen, director of the science program at the high school will provide a presentation to the Gulf Association's annual meeting tonight titled "The Gulf as a Classroom." Hopefully this is the beginning of a closer relationship and more formal ties between the CSCR and the high school science program.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Dog Day circada and other species are becoming stars

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN



You wouldn't think that a blunt headed, stout legged insect with bulging bright red eyes, a devilish black body and orangey wing veins would become the toast (literally, but more about that in a minute) of the town, but after 17 long years in the making, the family of *periodical* cicadas known as Brood X is, indeed, ready for its close up.

Nearly two decades ago, after hatching as nymphs, Brood X went underground. At a depth of two or three feet, the wingless, khaki-colored, grub-like nymphs happily fed on the juicy rootlets of deciduous trees and underwent several growth stages called instars, all in preparation for their debut several weeks ago when the soil temperature reached just the right warmth — about 64 degrees. Right on cue, trillions of nymphs emerged from the soil in 15 states from New York to Washington, D.C., and west to Indiana and Tennessee. Here in Massachusetts, we're outside of Brood X's range, but we'll have our own mini performance of cicadas when the *annual* cicadas appear later this summer. And come 2008, Brood XIV, last seen in these parts in 1991, will be making a return visit to the Bay State.

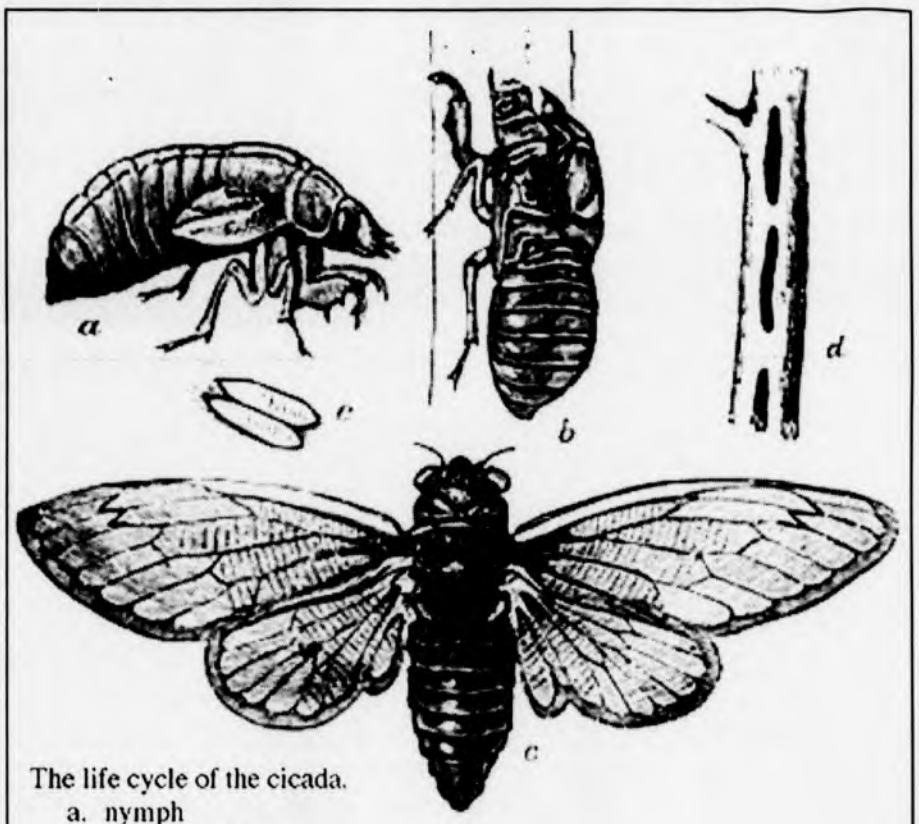
For the adventurous eaters among us, the Internet is alive with recipes for toasting and sautéing the insects, for cicada chowder, cicada tacos, cicada and rhubarb pie, and chocolate dipped cicadas.

Since their emergence a few weeks ago, Brood X (designating the Roman numeral 10, a system of documenting the various families, or broods, of periodical cicadas) has been given the kind of hype that Hollywood stars dream about. The newspapers are telling their story nationwide, as are the national news magazines. There are cicada t-shirts, including "retro" T-shirts from 1987 when Brood X last made an appearance, cicada coffee mugs, tote bags, mouse pads and calendars. One enterprising artist has collected dried cicada exoskeletons, inserted tiny electric light bulbs, and created an illuminated display. For the adventurous eaters among us, the Internet is alive with recipes for toasting and sautéing the insects, for cicada chowder, cicada tacos, cicada and rhubarb pie, and chocolate dipped cicadas.

Said to taste like cold, canned asparagus (I'll take their word for it, and so will 87 percent of the people who responded, "No way," to a recent Internet poll asking, Would you eat a cicada?) the cicada is not the only insect that has earned a following with epicureans over the course of human civilization. Caterpillars, moths, dragonflies, crickets and waterbugs have all been coveted by various cultures for their low fat and high protein as well as their "delicate" flavor. Eating such exotic morsels is however, not without its risks. Take, for instance the poor fellow in Indiana who, unable to pass up nature's bounty, recently cooked and ate several dozen Brood X cicadas. He promptly found himself in a hospital emergency room with a serious allergic reaction.

It may be that the cicada's mysterious life cycle and its longstanding place of honor in human culture as a symbol of immortality, rebirth and perpetual youth explains, in part, the human willingness to ingest the critter. As early as the 4th century, B.C., Aristotle described the cicada's life cycle, noting that it emerges from the earth, sheds its skin and deploys its wings, thus resurrecting itself. Ancient cultures from the Greeks and Chinese to Native Americans have depicted the cicada on bronzes, jade and pottery.

The cicada's life cycle is, indeed, one of nature's more fascinating processes, particularly the life cycle of the periodical cicada, so precisely synchronized that the species are virtually absent between emergences. Often mistakenly referred to as locusts (which are members of the grasshopper and cricket order Orthoptera), the cicada is a member of the bug order Hemiptera and is related to aphids, leaf and tree hoppers, and bed bugs. Cicadas undergo an incomplete metamorphosis (butterflies, on the other hand, undergo a complete metamorphosis) where the nymphs look like small versions of the adult. Skipping the pupal stage, the immobile state during which adult organs develop, the cicada adult gradually develops from the hatched nymph.



The life cycle of the cicada.
a. nymph
b. dried exoskeleton
c. adult cicada
d. twig slits for egg deposit
e. cicada eggs

160 species

North America boasts more than 160 species of cicada, ranging in size from 1-3 inches and in habitats from grasslands to woodlands. Two distinct genera of cicada are recognized, the genus *Magicicada*, the periodical cicada, found only in Eastern North America, with 13 year (three broods) or 17 year (12 broods) life cycles, and the *Tibicen*, the annual or Dog Day cicada, so named because it makes its appearance during the sultry dog days of midsummer, between July 3 and Aug. 11, when Sirius, the Dog Star, rises with the sun. The ancients, certain that the brightness of Sirius contributed heat to the Earth, attributed the sultriness of midsummer to Sirius rising in conjunction with the sun. With their 2-4 year life cycles, the Dog Day cicada broods overlap and emerge throughout the summer, filling the treetops each summer with buzzing and whining music.

Both the periodical cicada, which has the longest life cycle of any insect, and the Dog Day cicada begin life as tiny, ant-sized nymphs. Reaching maturity underground, the nymphs emerge at sunset, anchor themselves to upright vegetation or vertical surfaces and begin their final molt, splitting their exoskelton (cuticle) down the middle of their back. What emerges from the dark exuvium is a soft, moist, white body. After several hours, during which the wings inflate and the body hardens, the cicada is ready to begin its brief life, a life devoted to singing and mating, what one Greek scholar called a life of "eros and eloquence."

To the treetops the cicadas crawl. The males begin their mating songs (the Dog Day cicada can be distinguished from the periodical cicada by the rise and fall of its song) using two membranes called tymbals located on the abdomen. The males of nearly all species "sing" and each species has its own song that can be heard from a mile away. They'll make short flights to join females.

Within a week, cicadas have mated and the female deposits as many as 600 eggs in 40-50 longitudinal slits made by her ovipositor on the underside of small tree twigs. Within six to 10 weeks the eggs hatch and the nymphs drop to the ground, burrow, and begin their long sleep. By then, the adults have long since died.

For Midwestern residents who are enduring the invasion of Brood X, and for those of us who will experience the onslaught of Brood XIV in 2008, the good news is that cicadas are harmless to humans and the environment. Though their populations can reach densities of more than one million per acre (about the size of a football field), they neither bite nor sting. They do not swarm or carry disease. Except for minimal damage to the tips of twigs during egg laying — a pruning that arborists say can be beneficial — they leave the trees that shelter them intact. For songbirds, snakes and spiders, the mass of cicadas will seem like a banquet table, though by their sheer numbers the reproduction and survival of the cicada is guaranteed.

Largely unseen during its brief lifetime, and leaving behind little more than a drab, dried, brown exoskeleton clinging rather eerily to a window sill or tree trunk, you have to wonder about the cicada's purpose here on Earth. How do we make such a creature appealing to a human sensibility? They have not the majesty of a Humpback whale, the exquisite beauty of a Monarch butterfly, nor the amusing behavior of a Grey Squirrel. But they do have mystery. It may be, as the ancient Greeks understood, that the cicada is here to remind us of the journey from darkness to brightness, that change is essential to fulfillment, that in change — and the pursuit of knowledge — is the promise of a higher state of being. When the cicadas begin their song of yearning later this summer, we might stop and listen, and hear our own song deep within.

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Rewriting history again

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see that colonial history is being rewritten in Deerfield where, 300 years later, political correctness is turning an Indian raid that killed 50 settlers and sent 112 more into winter captivity into something like a friendly game and camping trip.

Monuments and plaques commemorating the raid and its aftermath all over town are being checked for uncomplimentary 18th century references that may have been used for the Indians and change them to the more sensitive terms used in the 21st century.

Not that the keepers of Deerfield's history are physically changing their monuments and plaques. No, they're just placing over them a removable cover containing the new words, presumably so it can be removed when the old version becomes trendy again.

"You can't just wipe it out, you have to update them," Brian Deer, the Deerfield Historical Society's Indian adviser, told the Globe. "Replacing them would border on political correctness. So you leave it all there and reword them to today's language."

It's one more proof that Napoleon was right when he said, "History is lies agreed upon." Only I would add that it depends on the time and place which lies are used.

There is a move afoot to rehabilitate Thomas Morton of Clifford's Inn, Gent., as he used to sign himself, whose Maypole at Merrymount and intimate relations with the Indians, chiefly their women, irritated the Pilgrims of Plymouth no end.

When he started selling guns to the natives, Captain Myles Standish --- Captain Shrimpe, Morton called him --- and his army of eight men with their blunderbusses were dispatched to slap him in irons and ship him back to England.

Modern scholars, however, insist that Morton was just a good businessman who treated the Indians well to get them to trade with him rather than the Pilgrims and that Maypole, well, he was just a good Anglican having fun in a way serious Pilgrims wouldn't understand.

If PC can do that to Deerfield and Tom Morton, think of what they'll be able do with Hannah Dustin, the colonial goodwife who was captured by Indians up Lawrence way, killed her captors while they slept, scalped them and returned triumphantly to her home.

It has always irked me slightly that my hometown of Braintree has not seen fit to dedicate a plaque to Nicolo Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti.

When folks from the Midwest and the South visit me and I ask them what they want to see, most of them say, not the Sylvanus Thayer birthplace or the late Bill Brooks' Five Corners, but the place where Sacco and Vanzetti killed the paymaster and the guard.

"Why is there not a marker here?" asked one visitor, a Nebraskan who lives not far from Rock Creek where a marker shows you where Wild Bill Hickock shot up the McCandles gang. "Why no marker?"

"I don't know," I lied.

It didn't make any difference. As we all know, Sacco and Vanzetti didn't do it. Mike Dukakis said so 60 years later.

Gulf Assoc. annual meeting is tonight

The Gulf Association will hold its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 24, at the Lightkeeper's Cottage, Cohasset Harbor.

David Magnussen, Chairman of the Science Department at the Cohasset High School, and Jack Buckley, President of the newly formed Center for Student Coastal Research will present "The Gulf As Classroom." While reporting on recent successes in teaching science by involving students in hands-on projects they will describe the Department's current science philosophy and program overview including its experiential, interactive approach to learning, and how the Gulf fits into the curriculum. They will also hear from students who have participated in the Department's Summer Institute Program.

All who are interested in the sciences, and in preserving the environmental health of the Gulf River estuary and its watershed (which encompasses substantial portions of both Cohasset and Scituate) are encouraged to attend. Parents of students in Cohasset and Scituate's middle and high schools will be especially interested to hear how they can help develop a watershed- based curriculum involving community participation. Call 781-383-2982 with any questions.

Cohasset has a move afoot for chemical-free green lawns

Go-Green effort should take root

By Samantha Brown
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Imagine a lawn that needs to be mowed only once a month. It stays green all summer long with little watering, has no weeds, and doesn't need fertilizer to maintain its condition.

Sounds too good to be true?

Through organic lawn-care methods, Community Garden Club member Sandra Durant says an environmentally friendly lawn is possible. And she should know. The Community Garden Club member had such a lawn at her previous home in Marshfield, and is in the process of converting her Cohasset lawn.

She says by using organic fertilizer and implementing all-natural landscaping practices, it is much healthier than the alternative. "The more we can eliminate chemicals from our environment, the better everything else will be," Durant said.

As it turns out Durant is not alone in her efforts. The garden club is working with the board of health, conservation commission, open space committee, and water commission to initiate "Cohasset Go Green," an organic lawn care program that will encourage residents to stop using chemical fertilizers and pesticides on their lawns and practice all natural methods of lawn care.

Chemicals from herbicides and pesticides can flow into waterways along with rain or from watering the lawn. By maintaining a natural lawn, Durant said she is helping protect Cohasset's fragile environment as well as her own health. By making some very simple changes, she says anyone can have a lush, green lawn, that looks good and is chemical free, while protecting family and neighbors from the chemicals' potential adverse affects.

Durant said many people today are looking to achieve the perfect "carpet" lawn and seed their yards with Kentucky bluegrass, which is not native to this area. Kentucky bluegrass goes dormant during parts of the summer because of the heat and needs to be constantly watered to keep its color.

By planting grasses that are native to this area, such as Dutch clover, fescues, and ryes, they will be much more resilient to the weather, both in the summer and winter. The clover crowds out weeds, which eliminates the need for herbicides, and when the lawn is mowed, it provides nitrogen for the soil which acts as a natural fertilizer. In addition, clover stays green 10 months out of the year, needs less water than Kentucky bluegrass, and because it doesn't grow very tall, needs to be mowed less often, Durant explained.

Conservation commission chairman Debbie Cook, who is also on the open space committee, said, "People have to get used to thinking they don't need the green carpet lawn, because it's doing a lot of damage." She said the Water Department did a study on Little Harbor that said for every pound of fertilizer placed on a lawn, it creates a pound of organic material. "If it doesn't stay on the lawn, it ends up in places like Lily Pond and Little Harbor," which causes algae to grow on the water. She said Lily Pond is losing depth every year as organic material continues to die and settles on the bottom of the pond. "It would cost a ton of money to dredge Lily Pond," she said.

Cook said what many people don't realize is that fertilizer actually weakens the shafts of grass. "It makes them grow so fast and they put so much energy into growing," she said, that the blades aren't as strong. This in turn requires homeowners to use more fertilizer to help feed the grass to strengthen it.

She spoke about the harmful effects chemicals can have not only on people, but their pets. When animals run and play in the grass, they come in contact with anything that has been put on the lawn. "I truly believe the incidents of cancer in animals," has been caused by the use of pesticides, she said.

Durant said she has heard of studies which link chemical use to an increased risk of developing diseases such as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's Disease. She said some people think living down wind from a baseball field or golf course, which uses chemical fertilizers, can have effects that are just as harmful as using chemicals on their own lawn, as they are very powerful and can be carried by the wind.

This spring, the groups will be embarking on a major project to help show the residents of Cohasset how easy having an organic lawn is, and how good it looks, as they have plans to transform Cohasset Common into a natural, chemical free lawn.

"We'll be trying to seed it with Dutch white clover, and fescues," Durant said. She hopes the work done on the common will encourage others to try organic lawn care.

Cook said people should understand chemicals aren't needed to have a green lawn. While it may not look like a perfect carpet, it will look green and it will be better for the environment. "My yard is a mix of clover and that's just the way it's going to be," she said.

Cohasset Go Green lawn care calendar

June
Be certain soil is watered only when needed. Depending on rainfall, healthy lawns need 1 to 1-1/2 inches of overhead watering once a week.

July
Flea, tick, mosquito control: Rid property of standing water or add drop of oil in rain barrels. Lemon grass oil and peppermint oil are effective repellents. Use garlic spray in high traffic areas.

August
Poison Ivy: Clip to the ground by mowing and place mulch of cardboard covered with wood chips over the area. Burn Out or Scythe are also effective lemon juice and vinegar solutions.

Early Fall
Re-seed heavily. Look for varieties of mix which will provide natural protection against some insects and fungal diseases. For last fall mowing, set blade height at 2 inches. Aerate if it hasn't been done for several seasons and the soil is hard, dry, and compact. Mow two times with mulching mower and leave chopped leaves to serve as organic fertilizer, which will cut future fertilizer need by 50 percent.

Early to mid-April
Soil test: available from UMA Amherst (413-545-2311) orwww.umass/edu/plsoil/soiltest. If pH is below 6.0, add lime; if above 7.0,add gardener◊s sulphur. Top dress lawn to 1/4 inch depth with organic compost. Apply organic fertilizer if needed. However, keep fertilizer away from driveways and walkways. Overseed bare spots. Plant insect and disease resistant cultivars of turf grass such as fescues, ryes, clover and some bluegrass. The clover will provide your lawn with nitrogen. Sharpen mower blades and set height at 2 inches for first spring mowing; reset to 3-3.5 inches for the rest of season. Always leave lawn clippings on lawn.

Late April
Crab grass/weed control. If weeds need to be controlled (note: many weeds are beneficial to the lawn ecosystem), apply corn gluten meal for pre-emergent control. Apply between Forsythia and Lilac bloom, before crabgrass emerges. Reapply in early summer. Two good products for unwanted weeds such as dandelions or plantain are Burn Out and Scythe — spot spray carefully (read directions). Treat weeds as individuals, not whole lawn. Maintain correct pH. Overseed with a fescue blend and clover. Leave leaves in flower and shrub beds as organic fertilizer and mulch (In the Fall mowing leaves w/mulching blades or mowing twice and leaving the chopped leaves on the lawn will cut fertilizer need by 50 percent). Lastly, if you live on or near water or wetlands, consider creating a vegetative buffer zone or meadow. This will slow down Canadian Geese from walking up onto the lawn and it will slow down nitrogen run-off from fertilizers.

Mid May
Grub control: When soil warms to 55 degrees, apply Milky Spore for long term control of Japanese and Oriental beetle grubs; for short term control, apply beneficial nematodes. See http://ma.nofa.org for product names and sources.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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June 21-25

QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' and senators' votes on two roll calls from the week of June 14-18.

$22.5 BILLION FISCAL 2005 STATE BUDGET (H 4850)

House 152-0, Senate 38-1, approved the House-Senate conference committee version of a $22.5 billion fiscal 2005 state budget. The House and Senate had approved different versions of the package and a conference committee hammered out a compromise. The package is partially funded by the use of $673 million in one-time reserves including $340 million from the rainy day fund and $25 million from the sale of surplus land. Provisions include a one-year moratorium on the creation of new Commonwealth Charter Schools; a $14 million increase in funding for the Prescription Advantage program for seniors over age 65 and low-income individuals with disabilities who work less than 40 hours per week; increases of $72 million in Chapter 70 education aid and $80 million in special education reimbursement; and level funding of Lottery Assistance and Additional Local Assistance at last year's funding levels. The package did not include several initiatives that were in the Senate version including repeal of a 1913 law that prohibits out-of-state couples from getting married in Massachusetts if their home state does not recognize the union; a section allowing stem cell research on donated human embryos, three to five days old, remaining after in vitro fertilization for fertility treatment; and a provision requiring certain nurse to patient ratios in hospitals. Supporters said the package is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that does not raise taxes, increases education aid, provides some new, bold initiatives and restores some of the cuts made in last year's budget. Opponents said they could not support the package because too many of the important initiatives included in the Senate version were left out of the conference committee package. The budget now goes to Gov. Romney who has ten days to review it. The governor is expected to sign the budget into law after he vetoes many sections. (A "Yea" vote is for the budget. A "Nay" vote is against it).

PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CHANGES (S 2358)

House 155-0, gave near final approval to a bill making changes in the state's public construction laws. Provisions include requiring the state Division of Capital Asset Maintenance and Management to certify subcontractors to participate in public projects; mandating pre-qualification of general contractors and subcontractors on projects costing more than $10 million; requiring that agencies and municipalities hire a project manager for any project costing more than $1.5 million; and codifying the state's affirmative marketing program to encourage businesses owned by minorities and women to participate in public construction projects. Supporters said these long overdue reforms would overhaul the state's antiquated public construction laws, streamline the development process, make contractors more accountable and save taxpayers' dollars by minimizing costly project overruns. The Senate has approved a different version of the measure and the House version now goes to the Senate for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

WRONGFUL FELONY CONVICTIONS (S 2392)

Senate 39-0, gave initial approval to a bill establishing a system allowing someone who has served time in prison to seek compensation of up to $500,000 for damages against the state for a wrongful felony conviction and imprisonment. The measure also allows the court to order the state to provide services to address any emotional or physical damages to a claimant caused by the conviction and prison sentence and to give him or her a 50 percent reduction on tuition fees at any state colleges. Supporters said that current law presents many obstacles to filing and collecting these damages. They noted that there are currently at least 22 men who have been released from jail over the past several years after serving extensive jail time for crimes they did not commit. They argued that these men would never be given back the years that they lost but noted it is time for the state to step forward and ensure that they are given at least some small measure of compensation. The House has approved a different version of the proposal and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

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Lt. Gov. Healey shines spotlight on Sen. Kerry's voting record in Washington

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL P. NORTON

It was a case study in politics trumping policy.

The long-awaited $24.5 billion House and Senate budget accord had just been filed at 8:15 am Tuesday (June 15) and reporters, lawmakers and special interest groups were scrolling like maniacs through its details to learn what was in and what was out.

Stem cell research legalization? Dropped. Transportation bureaucracy overhaul? Held for further vetting. Mandatory nurse staffing ratios? Held. Repeal of the 1913 law cited to block out-of-state gay couples from marrying here. Unresolved. Prescription drug purchasing reforms? Sidelined again.

Just as reporters learned most high-profile policy changes had been excised from the budget, largely because the House had not considered the issues in its spending bill, Gov. Mitt Romney's aides were enticing the media to gather on the third floor for a big announcement.

The print and electronic media flocked to the entrance to the governor's office, where Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey, on behalf of Romney who was at an education event in Framingham, demanded that Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry resign because of an abysmal attendance record since early 2003.

Healey backed up her portrayal of Kerry as an absentee senator by pointing out that in a chamber almost evenly divided among Republicans and Democrats, Kerry missed 64 percent of Senate roll call votes last year and an additional 87 percent this year. In short, Healey said Kerry is not representing his state well.

Reporters returning from the press conference noted that partisan observers laughed out loud when Healey announced her call for Kerry's resignation. How dare a political novice call on the national Democratic presidential nominee to step down? Where was Healey's indignation when Texas Gov. George W. Bush was leaving others to run the Lone Star State while he did battle with Al Gore in 2000? And wasn't Healey being a little self-serving, since she could ostensibly be appointed to succeed Kerry if he resigned? In a nutshell, her critics thought, such a blatant political foray could not be taken seriously, could it? Of course it could.

Healey did not really expect Kerry to give up his seat and his vote, even though he apparently values campaigning for the highest office in the land more than responding to roll call votes for the office which he was elected to serve. But she did expect to get what she got.

Healey's announcement drew the attention of not just local, but national press. She raised awareness of Kerry's voting record, which likely raised eyebrows among voters. She drew the media away from state Democrats crowing about their ability to deliver a fair and balanced budget in tough fiscal times. And to top it off, Romney had managed to attack Kerry through a surrogate without getting his hands dirty.

The political sizzle balanced off a week only a policy wonk could love.

• *Legislature's budget leaves big structural deficit* — While projecting a balanced bottom line on June 30, 2005, the Legislature's budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2004 will leave the state with a $670 million gap between spending and revenues come July 1, 2005. That's because in order to avoid spending cuts, facilitate level funding of many programs and make investments in areas like health care, lawmakers opted to draw $670 million from state reserve funds and spend it next fiscal year.

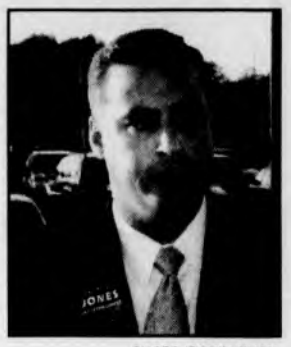
• *Rail line extension rider complicates Sagamore rotary plans* — The House approved legislation Gov. Mitt Romney has been demanding that would allow highway department land takings and the reconfiguration of the Sagamore Rotary in Bourne. Project supporters want to eliminate the dangers of the rotary by separating local and Cape Cod traffic. The Senate-approved bill does not include a measure adopted by the House that directs the MBTA to fast track permitting and spending on commuter rail line extensions to New Bedford and Fall River. Gov. Mitt Romney wants to begin the rotary project soon, but is against the rail extension at this time.

• *Senate advances compensation for wrongful felony convictions* — During a heavy day of legislating last week, the Senate approved legislation making those wrongfully convicted of felonies eligible for up to $500,000 in compensation. Supporters of the bill said that over the years the state has only apologized to those found innocent after spending years behind bars. Some limited compensation is the least the state could provide to address the injustice, they said.

• *Emergency contraception bill clears the senate* — Without a word of debate, the Senate approved and sent to the House legislation intended to make sure all hospitals guarantee rape and sexual assault victims access to emergency contraception, more commonly known as the morning-after pill. The bill was filed to address Catholic hospitals that do not offer emergency contraception for religious reasons.

POLITICAL NOTES

Texas congresswoman campaigns for Jones



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Congressional candidate Mike Jones campaigns in Scituate on Monday evening.

This past weekend Congresswoman Kay Granger from Texas traveled to Massachusetts to endorse Mike Jones' candidacy for the 10th Congressional District.

Granger's visit included stops in Hingham, Hyannis, and Plymouth. Elected to Congress in 1996, Granger emphasized the dire need for a change in Congressional representation for this region.

At a luncheon at Tosca in Hingham, Granger talked about her first run for Congress in Fort Worth, the district she represents. When she announced her candidacy, many argued the district was unwinnable by a Republican. But Granger persevered and won.

Granger related her own experiences as a small business owner to those on the South Shore. The Congresswoman described how Bill Delahunt's ardent opposition to any tax cut placed small businesses on the South Shore at risk. Small businesses from the backbone of the South Shore's economy, with nine out of 10 South Shore residents employed by such businesses.

Jones' five point agenda is: strengthen small businesses and individuals through tax cuts, fight to keep Social Security and Medicare solvent, actively support the troops in the war on terror by modernizing and equipping the military sons and daughters, fight to ensure all Americans have affordable access to healthcare, and to honor the veterans by fighting for VA programs.

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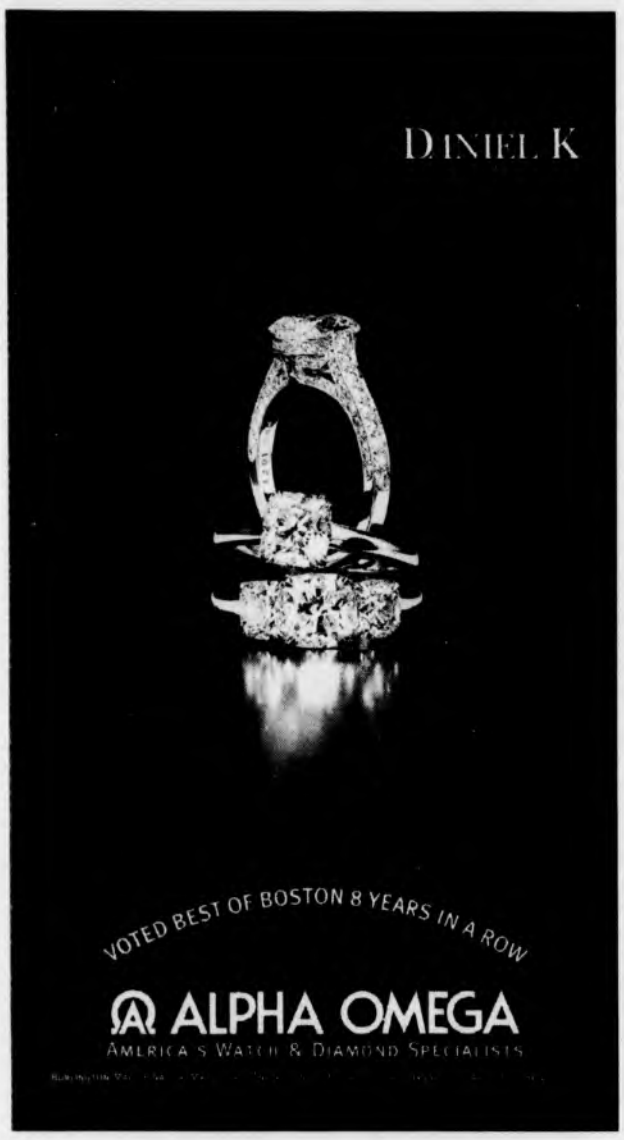
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Fruit salsas dress up dinner on the grill



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



The notion of fruit salsas is nothing new, but we probably have to credit Chris Schlesinger and John Willoughby, authors of "The Thrill of The Grill", for making them a de facto part of American cooking. Typically the ingredients consist of tropical fruit, sweet bell pepper, something from the onion family, chiles, herbs, spices and fruit juices. We loaded up on produce and started testing ingredients.

We started with the fruit. Pineapple is a bit too acidic and hard to balance with other flavors; mango is great; melons don't have enough flavor; papaya is terrific but it is almost impossible to find a truly sweet, ripe specimen; peach is easy to find and perfect for this application; plums are too soft; apricots are too delicately flavored; citrus fruits such as orange and grapefruit don't pair well with other ingredients; and banana is a bit off the mark in terms of flavor. So that left us with peaches and mangoes as a base.

Next, we had to figure out what to pair them with. Starting with very sweet, ripe peaches (don't bother with this recipe if the peaches are less than great), we used two large peaches to yield 2 cups diced. The peaches, as with all of the other ingredients in the salsa, have to be chopped fairly small. We tried using scallions, red onion, Vidalia onion, and shallots in this recipe and the shallots were the clear winner, although red onion will do in pinch. Just one small clove of garlic was enough to add depth. We liked red bell pepper since it adds crunch. For heat, we ended up liking the smoky heat of chipotle chile in adobo sauce. I used half of a chile that was chopped fine.

In our research we had seen a peach salsa recipe with olives. Salty Kalamata olives combined well with the sweet peaches, smoky chiles and fresh crunchy shallots and pepper. In terms of herbs, cilantro was the clear winner. Ground spices were tested and discarded as possibilities. The liquid most commonly used in any of these fruit salsas is fruit juice. We tried pineapple, lemon, lime and orange alone and in combination with each other. The lemon juice was too sour; the pineapple and orange clashed with the peach. Lime juice was our favorite by far. I used a quarter cup for our recipe. Salt was the last addition and then we found it best to let the salsa sit for an hour (or up to two days). The flavors meld and improve.

Summer peach salsa

Use only ripe, sweet, juice peaches for the salsa. If you can't find great peaches, skip this recipe.

2 cups peaches, peeled, and cut into 1/4 inch dice, about 2 large
1/3 cup shallots cut into 1/4 inch dice, about 2 large
1/3 cup red bell pepper cut into 1/4 inch dice, about 1/4 medium
1 small clove garlic, minced or pressed
1/4 cup chopped kalamata olives
1 teaspoon finely chopped chipotle chile en adobo, about 1/2 large chile or to taste
1/4 cup lightly packed chopped cilantro leaves
1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lime juice from 2 large limes

Combine all of the ingredients in a small mixing bowl. Mix well and refrigerate for at least one hour or up to two days. Serve as an accompaniment to grilled chicken or fish or with tortilla chips.

Makes about 2 1/2 cups.

Mango Salsa

As with the peaches, the mangoes should be ripe and juicy. For this recipe I used 1 1/2 cups diced mango from one large or 1 1/2 medium sized fruits. We loved the taste and color of black beans with mango and 1/2-cup worked well. You can use drained canned beans, although if you cook them yourself they have much more flavor. Red onion was great with the beans (a half cup), red bell pepper was in, and we preferred Jalapeno pepper to chipotle, just a teaspoon was fine. Cilantro or parsley finished up the recipe along with a quarter cup of lime juice and salt.

Mango and black bean salsa

Use only ripe mangoes for this recipe. It is impossible to remove the pit so slice off the two sides (lengthwise), cutting as close to the pit as possible. Place each side on a cutting surface, skin side down, and cut a cross-hatch pattern with a paring knife (as you would for an avocado). Turn each side inside out and, using the knife, slice the diced sections off from the skin. Finally, trim along the circumference of the pit, remove the peel, and dice the remaining strips of fruit.

1 1/2 cups mango cut into 1/4-inch dice from 1 large or 1 1/2 small mangoes
1/2 cup cooked black beans, either homemade or canned, drained
1/2 cup Bermuda onion cut into 1/4 inch dice, about 1/2 small
1/2 cup red bell pepper cut into 1/4 inch dice, about 1/2 small
1 teaspoon finely minced jalapeno pepper, about 1/2 small
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro or parsley leaves
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lime juice from about 2 large limes

Combine all of the ingredients in a small mixing bowl. Mix well and refrigerate for at least one hour or up to two days. Serve as an accompaniment to grilled chicken or fish or with tortilla chips.

Makes about 2 1/2 cups

You can contact writers Christopher Kimball and Jeanne Maguire at kitchendetective@bcpress.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to http://www.cooksillustrated.com/. For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to http://www.americastestkitchen.com/.

Cohasset lawfirm wins tournament second prize

The team of Attorney Charles J. Humphreys won second prize at the 1st Annual Golf Tournament for the South Shore Breast Cancer Fund at MDH on Monday, May 24.

Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey was on hand to support the Fund and present the awards. "Your participation in this golf tournament is an example of your commitment to helping save women's lives by increasing breast cancer screening with state-of-the art digital mammography," said Healey. "Congratulations, for a winning game and for your support of the South Shore Breast Cancer Fund's screening and community outreach programs."

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— Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey

Local sponsors from Cohasset included the Red Lion Inn, the Cohasset Harbor Inn and Atlantica, and the South Shore Music Circus which each donated to the tournament's silent auction. They joined other local sponsors, including: Rockland Trust, New England Spas and Sunrooms of Norwell, the Ground Round, Signet Communications of Norwell, BMW of Norwell, and Easter Bank. Rockland Trust, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, and Physicians Insurance Agency of the Massachusetts Medical Society were tournament sponsors.

The South Shore Breast Cancer Fund at MDH is a community-based fund to save lives and promote good health by increasing early detection and awareness of breast cancer directly on the South Shore. In addition to digital mammography screening programs, funds are used to support community outreach and community health programs.

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Artist exhibit

The Tuesday Painters of the South Shore Art Center are displaying their works at the library through July 1. Artists participating include Claire O'Callaghan and Tina Watson of Cohasset, Betty Rogers of Marshfield, Leo Harrington and Betty Tufankjian of Scituate, Barbara Walsh of Canton, Marjorie Murphy of Hingham, and Jane Flavell Collins of Duxbury. The paintings include many local scenes as well as those of Italy, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Upcoming exhibit

South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist, Ted Polomis, presents an exhibition of oil paintings at the library from July 2 to Aug. 30. The show features a variety of intimate still lifes and studies painted in the tradition of classical realism. The public is invited to an opening reception on Friday, July 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. Visit the artist's web site at www.polomis.com.

Puzzle Club

Puzzle Club is back! Marjie Murphy will host Puzzle Club for one more year. All students in grades 4 and up are encouraged to drop in on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:45 p.m.. Come read a short mystery and find the clues and solutions in puzzles. Come with friends or meet new friends! Join the Puzzle Club Team!! No registration is required.

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Summer calendar

June 28, - Registration begins for the summer reading program-school age children.

July 1, - Registration begins for Story & Craft - ages 3-6 - registration required

July 6 - Aug. 10, - Free Tuesday evening family programs - all ages - 7p.m.

July 12 - Aug. 2, - Drop-In Story - all ages- no registration required- 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

July 12- Aug. 9, - Puzzle Club - 7 to 8:45p.m.

Grades 4 and up - Hosted by Marjorie Murphy

July 15 - Aug. 5, - Story and Craft - previous registration required - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Aug. 16, - Summer reading program ends - pick up incentives

RECREATION NOTES

Rec. Music Circus 'Rapunzel' signups

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct another Music Circus Registration for "Rapunzel" Tuesday, June 29, from 9 a.m. until noon and again from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Recreation office in the Town Hall for children in the Playground Program. Tickets are $7.50 each.

Music Circus Registrations for children involved in The Playground Program will be held every Tuesday at the Recreation office from 9 a.m. until noon and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Recreation office in the Town Hall.

"Rapunzel" will be held at the Music Circus on July 22. Children will be walked down from the Playground with their counselors.

Band concerts

During the past 11 seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates Inc. Each June the Board of Directors of the South Shore Music Circus take under consideration the request of the Recreation Commission, for concert funding, hence, certainty of concerts are not absolute until mid-June each season. The S.S.M.C. donations are matched by a grant from the American Federation of Musicians, N.Y.C.

Based upon continued S.S.M.C. funding, the schedule for the 2004 season is as follows:

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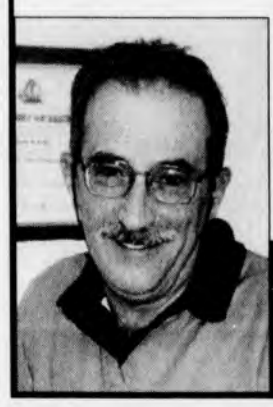
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Getting in swing

Many changes instore for CHS baseballers in '05

By Mike Spellman
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In terms of prospective talent he'll be getting next year, Cohasset High baseball coach Al Gallotta is pretty forthright, noting "a lot of that depends on what's coming up from the JV team, so it's really too early to tell."

Of course, with only six of 14 varsity players returning next year, the veteran coach would probably look a little silly saying anything else.

In terms of collective attitude, however, the coach could not be more thrilled with what he's got coming back.

"I think the chemistry and mindset on next year's team is going to be fantastic," said the second year CHS head coach and former longtime Archbishop Williams coach. "(JV coach) Bob (Rodgers) keeps telling me I'm going to love working with a lot of the group he had this year."

Continuing that train of thought, it's difficult to not be reminded at least somewhat of the old gag line: *The bad news is only five members of this team are coming back next year, but the good news is only five members of this team are coming back next year.*

After all, with basically the same core of players, the Skippers have gone 14-21 over the last two seasons, with far fewer than half of those wins coming against South Shore League rivals.

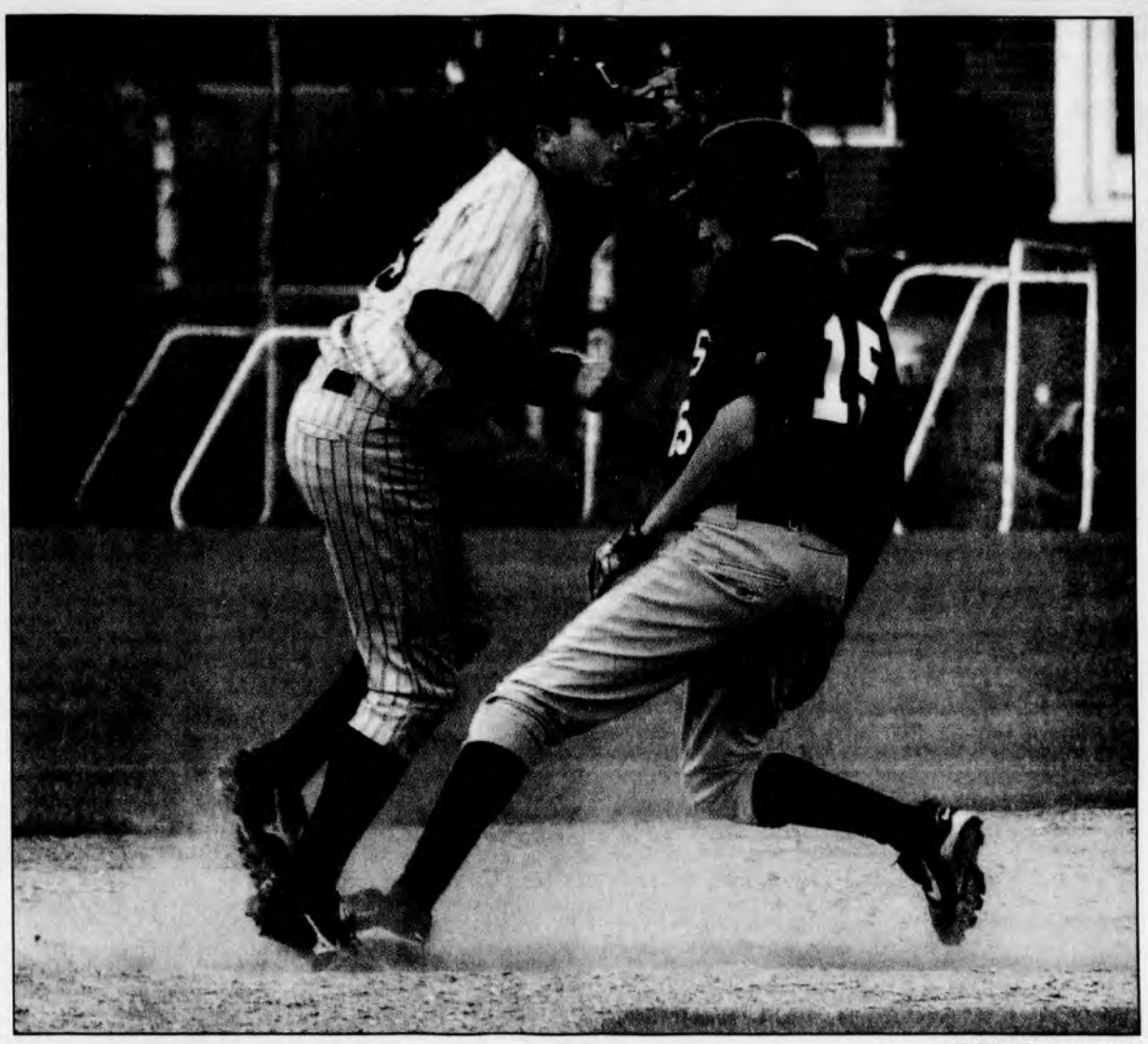
"Nothing against the players who won't be back, but I don't think an infusion of new blood is the worst thing in the world," said Gallotta. "With the leadership I know (captains elect) Ted Straughn and Louis Blanco will provide, and the enthusiasm the new players should bring, I think I'm going to have a very enthusiastic group.

"I'm looking forward to a strong team chemistry, and having kids come out every day willing to work hard and take baseball seriously, wanting to learn and get better. I have a passion for the game, and I want to see the same thing in my players. That's the mindset I'm trying to bring to Cohasset baseball."

Gallotta continues by comparing his program to that of top South Shore teams: "If our players want to be like Hull, Norwell and Abington, they're going to have to be ready to come to play or practice every day.

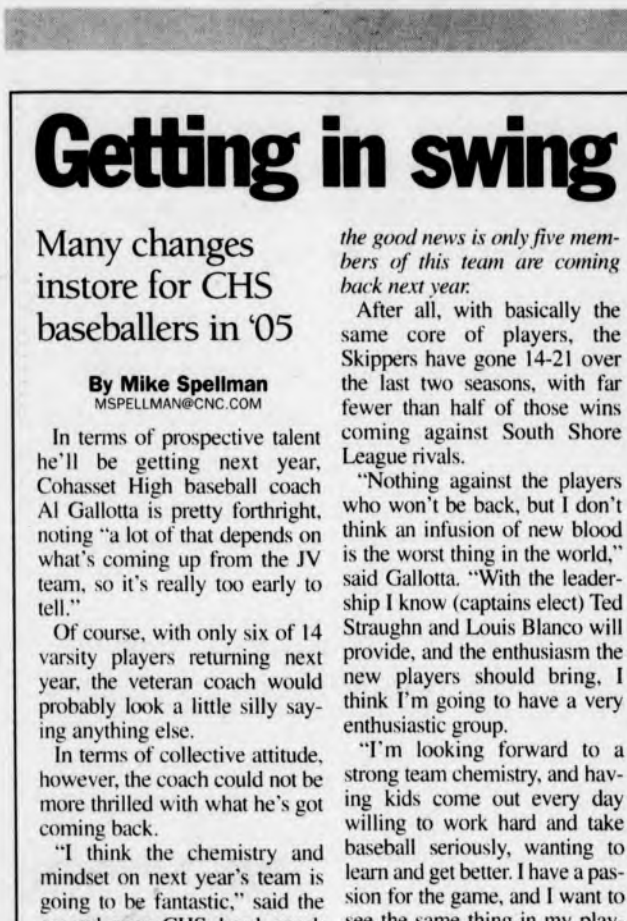
Five of the six varsity

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Shortstop John Andrade (left) will be missed next season, as will the other eight CHS players who've been lost to graduation.



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Holly Graham was a steady singles performer the last three years for the Lady Skippers, and always seemed to be at her best in big matches.

A hard road for Post 118

Nothing coming easy for Legion baseball team

By Mike Spellman
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The die was probably cast at about the time members of the Cohasset Post 118 Legion team started believing their first win was going to come easy. Silly, silly baseball players.

Nothing had come easy for the local nine to that point. What made them think that was going to change? A quick 8-0 lead on the road over Old Dorchester Post? Silly lads.

"Yeah, we just don't seem to like good fortune," noted coach Mike Duggan.

The host Dorchester squad scored four in the second and four more in the fifth, and the Post 118ers had to sweat out every batter down the stretch to hang on for a 9-8 win, which brings their record today to 1-4-1.

"A win is a win is a win," noted team manager Scott Arnold. "At this point, we'll take 'em any way we get them. I do think this team has it in them to get quite a few more, though. It's early. Hopefully, this will get us going."

The visiting Cohasset squad opened the game played on a chewed up Dorchester Field with a pair of runs in the first inning. Leadoff man Jack O'Leary singled and went to third on a double by Scott Carroll (2-for3, 2 RBI), Joe Duggan (3-for-3, 3 RBI) then brought them both home with a solid single to left.

The big blasts came in the second, as the locals exploded for six runs on six hits, four for extra bases. Catcher Terence O'Brien opened the frame with a triple and then scored on a Jeff Ciulla infield single. An out later, Carroll blasted a 2-run homer.

Duggan started it back up again with a base hit, and he was brought home on a triple by cleanup man Tim Pilczak, who himself came around a few moments later on Ted Straughn's

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All-Scholastic girls tennis team

Cohasset's Stone, Graham, team of Caron and Grossman named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

While Cohasset High is certainly well represented, with four team members named, there was strong consideration for making it six. The senior second doubles tandem of Emilie Sullivan and Corey Evans went unbeaten in South Shore League play for the second year in a row and earned SSL all-star honors. In fact, many league coaches felt the Sullivan/Evans pairing was the second best in the league, behind only the Skippers first doubles pair of Courtney Caron and Chelsea Grossman, who did receive All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

"Emilie and Corey were all about heart," said Cohasset coach Gigi Meehan. "They weren't the most talented players, but they never gave up and they were extremely intelligent. Corey Evans is probably the smartest player I've ever coached. You talk about a player getting the absolute most out of her abilities, and that was her."

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just nine singles players and four doubles teams, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top female tennis players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

ALL STARS, PAGE 18

Dream teammate

Cohasset High's Crowley-Buck a true asset both on and off the field

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Perhaps you have seen her diving for a line drive on the softball field. Or maybe you caught a glimpse of her scoring goals on the boys varsity hockey team. Or possibly you saw her stopping soccer balls like a brick wall for the varsity soccer team. Whatever you've noticed this young wonder woman doing, it doesn't take a particularly keen eye to see sophomore Melissa Crowley-Buck's natural athletic ability.

Melissa emerged as a backbone in the outfield for the varsity softball team this past season. Her total of 17 putouts (catches or throw outs) proves this point. Utilizing her superior communication skills and leadership qualities, Crowley-Buck proved key in holding together one of the toughest defenses in the South Shore League.

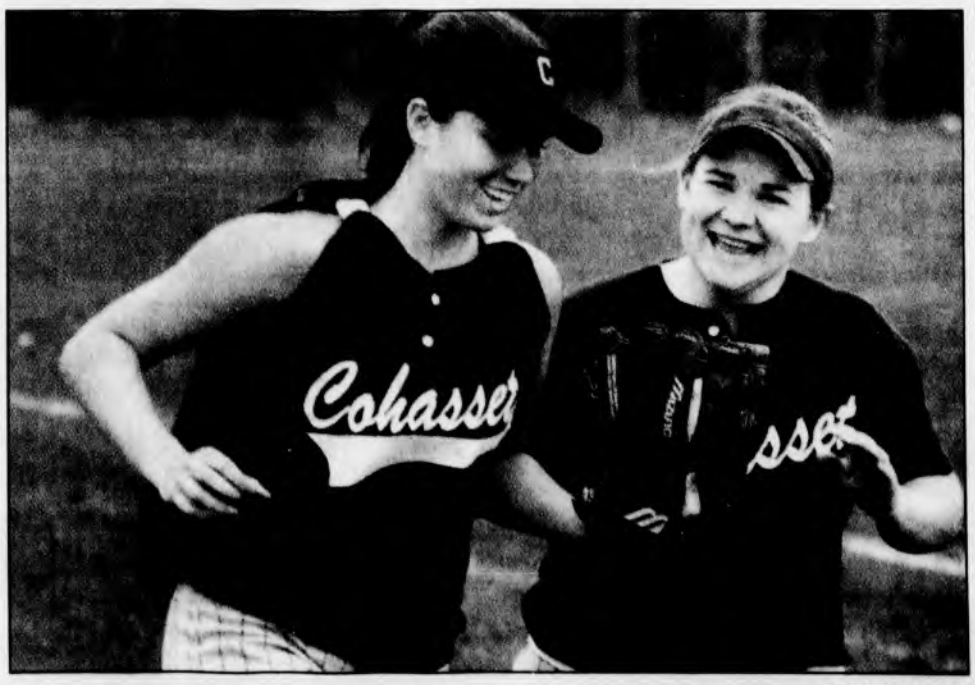
Melissa also excelled at the plate, finishing with an overall .295 batting average. She became known in the league for her clutch late game RBIs and high-speed line drives. As the season progressed, coach Deb Bostwick moved her from near the bottom of the batting rotation to lead off hitter.

Even with her natural ability in softball, Crowley-Buck has diligently worked through her life time to improve her skills. Her older brothers introduced her to the game of baseball at Melissa's age six. She continued to play the sport until softball became popular in Cohasset. Encouraged by her friends, Melissa has just finished her fifth year of playing softball.

With all this achievement, one is bound to get cocky. Yet Crowley-Buck has managed to maintain her self admiration at a very reasonable level. In fact, Coach Bostwick described Melissa as "a bit too hard on herself when it comes to improvement".

Crowley-Buck very much wants to sustain her high level of athletic competition in her upcoming junior year. Yet, she also wants to remain a well-rounded person. During the summer, Melissa enjoys sailing, golf, and tennis. She also

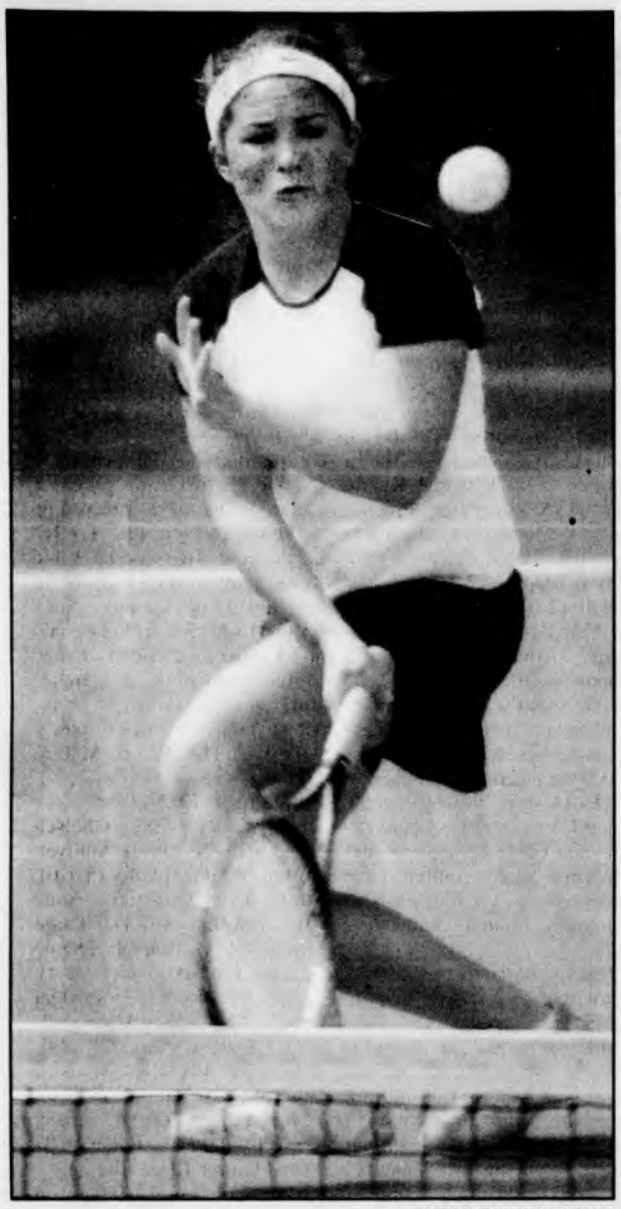
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Melissa Crowley-Buck (right) laughs it up with teammate Danielle Pinkus as they head off the field after a good inning in late season action last month.

Cohasset's Stone, Graham, team of Caron and Grossman named among area's elite



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A switch in partners did not prevent Courtney Caron from earning her second straight selection as an All-Scholastic doubles player.

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Singles:

Elizabeth Stone - Junior
First Singles - Cohasset



Elizabeth Stone

Arguably the most dominant player on the South Shore... helped lead the Skippers to three straight South Shore League titles...was number one singles player on state championship team as a sophomore and on Eastern Mass finalist team this year... is 45-0 in three years of South Shore League play...has yet to drop a single set in regular season play...went 17-0 in regular season, including 5-0 in postseason play...made it to south sectional finals in the state individual tourney, where she lost to Brookline senior Katrina Elder-Bush, a three time sectional champ, 4-6, 2-6...bested fellow Boston Globe All-Scholastic Cayla Clancy, a junior at Old Rochester, 6-0, 6-3, to lead Skippers past O.C. in the south sectional semifinals...nthree time Mariner All-Scholastic...appears to have no weaknesses in her game... has been ranked as high as ninth in the USTA New England section in the 18-and-Under division... Boston Globe All-Scholastic...Boston Herald All-Scholastic...expects to play in several USTA tourneys, both locally and nationally, this summer, including this month's New England championships at Yale University... an excellent student who currently ranks third in her class with a 4.2 GPA...National Honors Society member...has won several academic awards for math and science achievement, including the Rennsalear Medal Scholarship and also the Smith Book Award...plays tennis year round...plays golf for the high school team and has previously played soccer as well for CHS...also enjoys skiing...Special Olympics volunteer...Cohasset coach Gigi Meehan: "There's no question Liz was physically stronger this year and that the work she did in the off season paid off, but the biggest gains were in her mental toughness and confidence. As an underclassman, sometimes she'd give players she was stronger than a window of opportunity to stick around in a match, and sometimes that could burn her. Not this year, though. She was ready every time out and took care of things quickly and efficiently."

Holly Graham – Senior
(Capt.)
Second Singles – Cohasset



Holly Graham

A steady singles performer the last three years who always seemed to be at her best in big matches...had several key wins as a singles player during the Lady Skippers marches to a state championship in 2003 and a sectional championship this spring... unbeaten in South Shore League play this season, playing most of her matches at second singles...South Shore League all-star...strong baseline player...posted a 16-5 record, including 3-2 in postseason...had a huge win over Medfield star Allison Carney, 6-4, 6-4, to clinch Lady Skippers sectional semifinals win... had non-league losses to number twos from Duxbury, Ursuline and Hingham's number two, but won her matches the second time around against those schools... beat Ursuline's number one singles player after losing to their number two earlier in season...Honor Roll student ...also a Mariner all-scholastic in soccer...was previously a member of school swim team...may play college tennis or soccer...will attend the University of Vermont...undecided on major... Cohasset coach Gigi Meehan: "There were a few matches this year that Holly probably would have won if we needed it as a team, but once we clinched the team win she knew there really wasn't a need. In those matches that we thought were going to be tight, that's when Holly was at her best. She'd regularly beat girls who might be more talented than her. She just had the ability to outlast people mentally and wear them down."

Alex Eckhardt -
Senior (Capt.)
First singles - Marshfield

A three-year varsity player for MHS, Eckhardt moved up the ladder from third singles to first this season...Was one of just a pair of seniors on the starting squad and was key to the Lady Rams going 13-3 in the Old Colony League to tie Falmouth for second place...The squad went 14-4 overall and qualified for the postseason tournament...A skilled and smart player, Eckhardt's highlight of the season came when she knocked off the previously unbeaten No. 1 player from Barnstable, the OCL champs and Div. 1 state finalists...As the goaltender for the MHS soccer squad, Eckhardt helped lead the Lady Rams to the Div. 1 South Sectional finals last fall...The OCL All-star plans to continue her soccer career at Stonehill next fall. Marshfield coach Roberta Daniele: "Alex has such great anticipation. She knows where to move before the ball is even hit. She was an excellent leader and really knows how to take charge. She's just an overall fine person."

Terry Duffy - Sophomore
Second singles - Marshfield

Quickly emerging as one of MHS's more talented young athletes, Duffy had a great season at second singles...Just a sophomore, Duffy was Marshfield's most reliable player, going 17-1 during the regular season...She also reached the second round of the State Individual tourney...Her play helped the Lady Rams tie Falmouth for second in the Old Colony League (13-3) and qualify for postseason play...One of the highlights of the season was when she defeated the previously unbeaten No. 2 player from Barnstable, the OCL champs and Div. 1 state finalists...Also a standout basketball player at MHS, the OCL All-star will captain the tennis team as a junior next spring. Marshfield coach Roberta Daniele: "Terry was so dependable. She learns strategy quickly and applies it to the match. She also sizes up her opponent well and plays to their weaknesses. She's the best singles player at coming to the net."

Meaghan Doyle - Junior
First singles - Hingham

A three-year starter at the No. 1 singles spot, Doyle is a three-time Patriot League All-star as well...Since breaking onto the PL tennis scene as a freshman, Doyle has established herself as one of the premier singles players...The junior had only one loss in league this season, splitting matches with Scituate's No. 1 player...Her solid play this season helped lock up a share of the Patriot League title (11-1), the team's fifth in as many seasons...Also competed well at the State Individuals...Hingham went 15-3 overall and qualified for postseason play in the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney. Hingham coach Deb Boles: "It was another solid season for Meaghan. She's very attentive and strong and does what she's supposed to do. She's extremely competitive and always does what she can to help the team."

Angie Bizzozero - Senior
First Singles - Norwell

Samantha Santorella-
Sophomore
First Singles- Scituate

Brittany Miller - Junior
Second Singles- Scituate

Heather Haggerty - Junior
First singles - Hanover

Doubles:

Chelsea Grossman/Courtney Caron
First Doubles - Cohasset



Chelsea Grossman

This pair continues a legacy of excellence, making the fourth straight Cohasset first doubles pair to earn Mariner All-Scholastic honors...Grossman, a sophomore, replaced Julie Shea (Class of '03) as partner to Caron, a senior, this spring, and the pair went unbeaten in SSL play, their only losses coming in non-league play to Hingham and Duxbury... South Shore League all-stars...advanced to semifinals of state individual tourney, where they fell to Hingham's senior team of Jess Purcell and Diana Trebino, two time Mariner All-Scholastics, in a marathon three set thriller...both played key roles in Lady Skippers runs to Div. 2 state championship in 2003, Grossman filling in regularly at singles and Caron at second doubles, and in run to Eastern Mass. finals this spring...This is Caron's second selection as a Mariner All-Scholastic doubles player...an exceptional athlete who covers the court extremely well, has a powerful overhand shot and a bullet serve...she plans to attend Wilbraham & Munson Academy in Wilbraham, Mass. next year to improve her college options, but she is being looked at seriously by several college tennis coaches... plays tennis year round as a member at the Driftway Club and Weymouth Tennis Club...hoping to play tennis and possibly field hockey as well in college... a sensational field hockey player who led the Lady Skippers in scoring this past fall and was a Mariner All-Scholastic for that sport as well...Chelsea is the sister of three-time tennis All-Scholastic Lindsay Grossman (Class of '03), now at Colgate...Chelsea jumped back and forth quite a bit to third singles this season, and earned one of Skippers two points in Eastern Mass championship loss the Manchester...also like her older sister, Chelsea is a very good basketball player, earning the starting varsity point guard spot this past winter for the Lady Skippers...Chelsea, and Honor Roll student, hopes to play second singles next season and plans to play in several USTA tourneys this summer, as well as in the Bay State Games...plays tennis year round at the Weymouth Tennis Club and Cohasset Tennis Club...Cohasset coach Gigi Meehan: "Chelsea was a swing player for us a lot. We moved her back and fourth between singles and doubles, and she adjusted very well to that. She and Courtney developed a nice chemistry together as the year went on, and got some big wins for us. They were a lot of fun to watch together when they were really clicking."



Courtney Caron

Jess Purcell /
Diana Trebino -
First doubles - Hingham

Lindsay Horne/Shane
Kelly/Lauren Tibets
First doubles - Scituate

Chelsea Grossman/Courtney
Caron
First Doubles - Cohasset

Erin McElaney /
Kasey Talbot -
First doubles - Marshfield

Honorable Mention:

Singles

Lauren Mullen- Sr.- First Singles- Braintree

Morgan Mueller - Sr. - Second Singles - Hanover

Jenna Wright- Sr.- Second Singles- Norwell

Taylor Cleaves- Soph.- Third Singles - Norwell

Krystal Despins – Jr.- First Singles - Silver Lake

Stephanie Kimball - Sr. (Capt.) - First Singles - Weymouth

Doubles

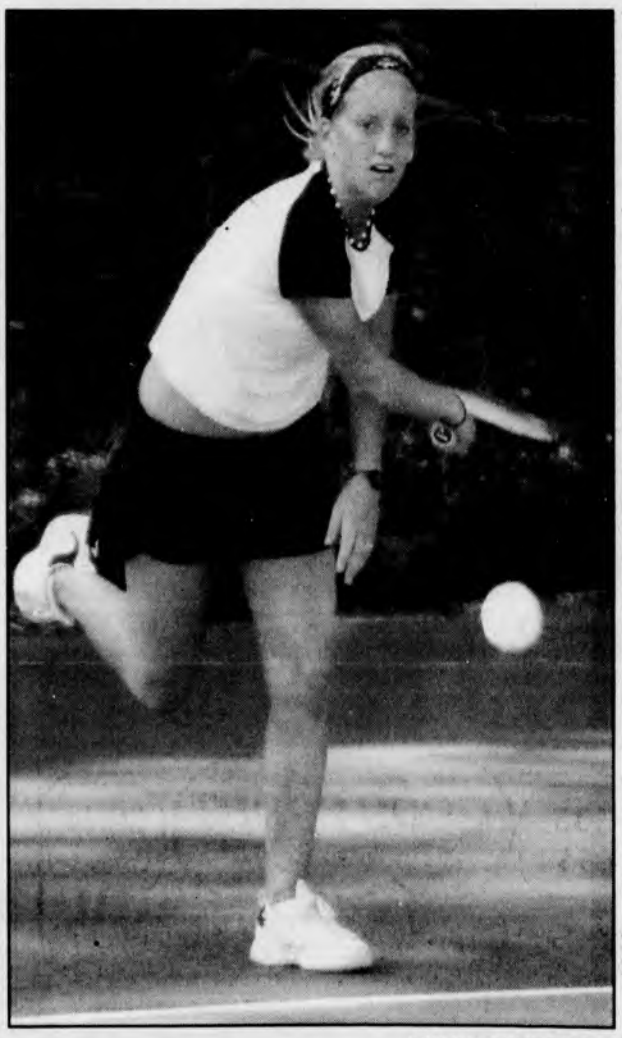
Emilie Sullivan (Sr.)/ Corey Evans (Sr.) - Second Doubles – Cohasset

Jess Hatfield (Jr.) /Alex Hosea (Jr.) - Second Doubles - Hingham

Ally Niemman (Fr.) / Caroline Bagby (Fr.) - Second Doubles - Marshfield

Carly Arena (Jr.) / Kathryn Ankner (Soph.)- Second Doubles- Norwell

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Chelsea Grossman transitioned back and forth smoothly this season between singles and doubles play, but earned Mariner All-Scholastics honors for her performances in the latter role.

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Getting in swing

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returnees will be seniors next year, and Gallotta clearly expects them all to set the type of example he espouses here, beginning with Straughn and Blanco.

"I'm thrilled with the potential of Ted and Louis to lead and set a strong example," said Gallotta. "I'm looking for big things from both of them next year both on and off the field."

On the field, these two were arguably his most valuable players this season.

Blanco, the team's two-year starting catcher, was the team's lone representative on the South Shore League all-star team. He was far and away the team's leading hitter, batting .436 (24-for-55), with four doubles and three triples, and knocked in a team best 15 runs. Even more impressive, he struck out only one time all season.

"Louis reached a point six or seven games into the season when he just took off offensively and defensively," said Gallotta. "He's always had the raw talent, but he was a little undisciplined. That started to turn around this year. His determination and attitude really came a long way. I think once he started seeing some real success, his confidence started to soar, and he just took off from there. It was a very encouraging thing to see."

As mentioned, this carried over to his defensive responsibilities. Where once Louis seemed to take that part of his game a little for granted, he suddenly started requesting his coaches spend extra time with him working on defensive drills, such as blocking the ball and quick releases.

Straughn-- a serious year round baseball player, playing previously with various AAU teams and now a third year member of the Cohasset Post 118 Legion team—was the Skippers number one pitcher this spring. There were times he was simply overpowering on the mound, as witnessed by the 62 strikeouts in 35 innings pitched, but his lack of consistent control often made it tough for Gallotta to stick with him.

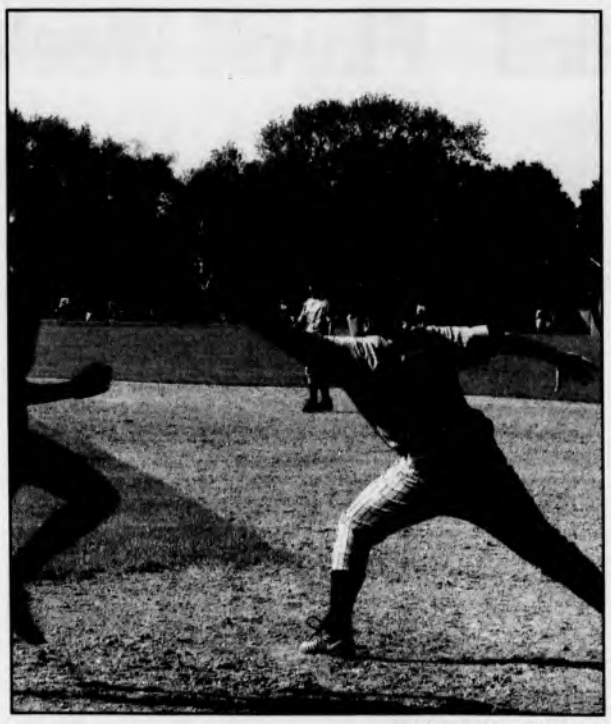
It's hoped he can pick up next season where he left off this one, as he finished with two straight strong outings on the mound, which included a no-hitter against Holbrook in the final week of the regular season.

"Ted takes the game seriously, and I'm sure he'll do all he can to get ready," said Gallotta.

Regardless of how he pitches, Straughn will be an all-star caliber performer in centerfield and should wield a big stick in the middle of the batting order as well. He hit under .250 this year, but the coach thinks that was probably the result of a cold start and then some over-thinking at the plate.

The other returnees are current juniors Matt Casey, Tim Pilczak and Jim DeGiacomo and sophomore Chris Bryan.

Casey turned out to be a pleasant surprise this year, batting a respectable .289 while playing solidly in the outfield.



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Cohasset first baseman Jeff Barrett, seen her stretching out to take a throw, is one of eight CHS players who've been lost to the caps and gowns.

Pilczak struggled a bit at the plate for the Skippers this spring, but he is presently tearing it up for the Cohasset Legion team, which generally faces top high school pitchers. He hit a home run over the fence at Scituate High, last week, and has been batting out of the cleanup spot the last several games. Of course, this does not sound like it surprises Gallotta as all.

"I think Tim is a good hitter and good baseball player," said Gallotta. "It just didn't come together for him this year at the plate. But I loved his versatility. I could put him in the outfield one day and third base the next, and you could pretty much count on a solid performance."

Pilczak seems likely to start at third next year, filling the void created by the graduation of Mike Dooley.

DeGiacomo shows promise as a hitter and played some first base this season.

Bryan was the team's third starter. Like Straughn, he did his best pitching toward the end of the season, an encouraging sign.

The players going the way of the caps and gowns are Dooley, Jon Downing, John Andrade, Tim Anton, Jeff Barrett, Dan Tarpey and Sean Connelly.

Andrade was a solid glove man at shortstop.

Dooley was the team's number two pitcher and regular third baseman, and finished third in the team batting race (.291).

Downing also saw some time on the mound and saw a good deal of time at second base.

Barrett was the team's starting first baseman.

Andrade, who had not played since his freshman year, was perhaps the team's most pleasant surprise this season, as he played solidly in the outfield and finished second on the team in hitting (.382).

Junior Jack Carroll, the team's backup catcher this season, will also not be back next season, as his family is moving out of town.

Seeming the likeliest to fill these voids, according to Gallotta, are junior Andrew Lovallo sophomores Brian Straughn (Ted's brother), Brendan Barrett (Jeff's brother) and Chris Ofsthun and freshman Nick Zappolo.

Barrett, a first baseman/outfielder, led the 7-7 JV team in hitting this spring, batting an even .500.

The slick fielding Zappolo may well compete for a regular spot on the left side of the infield and, if he succeeds, it certainly appears he has enough in his bat (.476) to keep him there.

Straughn was the ace of the JV squad. He was solid defensively at both first and third base when he was not on the mound and hit a very respectable .342.

Ofsthun hit .378 and performed well in the outfield.

Lovallo, who received a couple of varsity call-ups over the course of the season, likewise showed himself to be a good fielding outfielder.

"Obviously, we'll need at least a few guys to step up from the JV team," said Gallotta. "Maybe it'll be these guys. They look ready to step up, but there could be a few surprises in there. Maybe someone will really pick it up over the next several months. You just don't know."

Youth lady laxers finish season at Jamboree

The Cohasset youth girls lacrosse teams played six games at the first-ever South Shore Girls Lacrosse League Jamboree in Abington on June 19, coming away with three wins, two losses and a tie.

The 15-and-Under girls (grades 7-8) - playing shorthanded due to soccer playoffs - saw a two-year unbeaten streak end in the season's final game, with a comeback that fell just short.

In the opening contest, Gabriella Flibotte scored three goals and Paige Strecker two, the last on a direct-free position with moments left to secure a 5-4 win. Thomson Jaffe made three stops in the net to backstop the win.

Next, Cohasset played a winless Abington team, and after allowing the event hosts to stay close for the first third of the game, rolled to a 6-2 win. Katelyn Ryan, Katie Gaumer and Madeline Leahy each scored twice, with Gaumer also picking up an assist. Gabriella Flibotte played in the Cohasset nets, stopping five Abington shots and getting strong defensive help from Natalie Hunt and Liz Tetrault.

In the team's final game of the Jamboree and the season, Cohasset fell behind Braintree 3-0 early in the game, then dominated the rest of the way. Goals by Katie Gaumer and Katelyn Ryan made the score 3-2, and Cohasset proceeded to hit two goalposts, the crossbar and to have a score called back. Braintree finally broke free for a late goal to salt the game away 4-2. Flibotte - the team's leading scorer, but the day's substitute goalie - made two stops in the net.

Cohasset's 15-U team finished the season at 9-1-1, particularly impressive after most of the players from the team that went 11-0-1 in 2003 moved on to play high school ball.

Gabriella Flibotte led the team's scoring parade for the season with 33 goals and 4 assists for 37 points. Other scoring totals for the team this season include: Katelyn Ryan (12 goals, 2 assists, 14 points), Caitlin Mahoney (11-1-12), Katie Gaumer (10-2-12), Maura Barnes (9-3-12), McKenna Teague (5-4-9), Paige Strecker (3-3-6), Madeline Leahy (5-1-6), Grace Clougherty (2-1-3), Kaley Madge (2-1-3), Jenny Cahill (2-0-2) Rebecca Evans (2-0-2), Lesen Haracz (1-0-1), Sara Brown (0-1-1) and Thomson Jaffe (0-1-1).

Jaffe was the team's primary goaltender, stopping 42 shots against 34 goals surrendered for a .553 save percentage. Flibotte made 14 stops versus 7 goals against for a .667 save percentage, and Grace Clougherty and Madeline Leahy combined for two saves against four goals in extremely limited goaltending duty.

The 13-and-Under girls teams combined to play in the Jamboree and, like their older counterparts, were shorthanded due to soccer and all-star lacrosse conflicts. That did not stop the team from playing three spirited games, starting with a 4-4 tie against Abington, in which Hannah Burgess scored twice, with Lindsey Davis and Kaci Kucinski adding solo scores.

Next it was a tough and physical Braintree squad, and Cohasset's only goals game on direct-free positions - penalty shots - from Chelsea Silvia, Leigh Collins and Paige Smith. Olivia Murphy made three saves in the net, but Cohasset was unable to come all the way back and dropped the contest by a 5-3 score.

Finally, Cohasset took on Plymouth to close the season, with Sophie Bertolami scoring twice, Chelsea Silvia once and Whitney Jaffe blasting one home near the end to salt away the game. Leigh Collins, playing in the goal for the first time ever, made three saves to preserve a 4-2 victory.

The Cohasset Blue team finished the season with a 5-1 record, the White team ended 3-0-2 and the two teams played 5 games combined to a record of 1-3-1, for a total record of 9-3-3 on the year. The scorebook for those games shows Isabelle Franklin as the leading scorer for the 13-U girls with 24 goals and 1 assist for 25 points. Other scorers included Hannah Burgess (14-2-16), Amy Meikleham (12-2-14), Lindsay Allard (11-1-12), Maddy Altholtz (10-1-11), Sophie Bertolami (9-2-11), Kaci Kucinski (9-1-10), Chelsea Silvia (6-1-7), Olivia Sullivan (6-0-6) Whitney Jaffe (5-1-6), (Leigh Collins (5-0-5), Anna Michalowski (4-0-4), Paige Smith (4-0-4), Kaleigh Teague (3-1-4), Lindsey Davis (2-2-4), Kathleen Kelly (3-0-3), Bridget Cahill (2-1-3), Polly Murray (2-0-2), Elizabeth Saltonstall (2-0-2), Abby Faulkner (0-2-2), Lindsay MacNaught (1-0-1), Mimi Mahoney (1-0-1), Missy Seas (1-0-1), Katy Baker (0-1-1) and Lauren Blaze (0-1-1).

In the Cohasset net, Thomson Jaffe stopped 35 shots against 34 goals, for a save percentage of .507. Her younger sister Whitney Jaffe - splitting time in the net for the Blue team - made 20 saves against 16 goals for a .555 save percentage. Olivia Murphy stopped 11 of 28 shots for a .400 save percentage and Leigh Collins made her cameo appearance in the season's final game, stopping three of the five shots she faced.

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Major League Baseball– Playoff Week

The playoffs began last week with some exciting action. The first place Mets earned a bye in the first round, so the action centered around the remaining six teams.

The Cardinals faced the Red Sox on Barnes field. Redbird John Kearney and Red Sox Jordan Berry locked horns in a classic pitching dual for the first three innings. With Kearney on the mound, and Berry at the plate, with two outs, Kearney challenged Berry with a fastball that Berry stroked beyond the fence for a two run home run. In the next inning, on a fielders choice, Kearney got an RBI as Todd Emanuello crossed the plate to score. The score was 2-1, Sox.

The Red Sox bats came alive in the next inning as they scored six runs. But, the game wasn't over. In the next inning, the Cardinals brought fifteen batters to the plate and scored ten runs to go ahead by two. Dan Sullivan came up with a clutch hit to lead the rally. Aggressive base running served the Cardinals well.

Todd Emanuello got the last Sox batter swinging leaving the bases loaded. The Cardinals earned a spot in the next round. Retiring Red Sox players Jordan Berry and Jodi Rosano leave a legacy of playing hard to win. Sean Ahearn, Shane Cummings, Terrence Durkin and Nick Cannon also are hanging up their little league cleats this year and will be missed for their dedication and team work. Jeff Cavanaro, Jack Carrier, Peter McKenna, Kyle Livingstone, Garret Canney, Luke Ernst and Sam Richardson will lead Red Sox Nation next year.

In other first round action, the Athletics had a decisive win over the Dodgers.

The A's broke the game open in the third inning with a Johnny Maher three run home run to extend the lead to 4-1. Brendan Doonan registered a grand slam home run in the bottom of the fourth inning to secure the win. For the Dodgers, veteran Justin Yeager pitched well for the men in blue against the hard hitting A's. Shortstop Dean McNary stopped many an A from getting on base with strong fielding. Tyler Judge was strong at the plate for the Dodgers. Chris Brown began the game behind the plate, catching for Yeager. Brownie kept control of the field of play, not allowing many A's to steal. Departing twelve year olds Chris Brown, Justin Yeager, Jake Wheelwright, Terry MacCormack, Tyler Judge, and Conner Queenan, will be missed for their leadership and hard work. Dean and Mitch McNary, Patrick McCormack, Johnny McGoldrick, Jay Salerno, Vincent Kennedy and Jeremy Cundall, will be the foundation for a strong and mighty Dodger team next year.

The last game of the first round was a Pirate-Ranger match up. Eamon Davis pitched solidly for the Rangers and had two doubles. Thomas Buckley pitched for the Pirates. The Rangers, through consistent play offensively and defensively won the game. For the Pirates, Alex Evans kept the scoring threat alive by getting on base three times for the black & gold. Austin Meyers anchored center field, while twelve year old Paul Guinee took charge of left field. Paul had back to back strong games for the Pirates, with solid play in their last regular season game and in this game. The Pirates retired several twelve year olds at the conclusion of this game, with the traditional run around the bases.

Derek Youngman, Sean MacCarthy, Paul Guinee, Christopher Hayes, Austin Meyers, Geoff Evans, Joe Leighton, Chris Walsh and Tom Buckley, each ran the base path to the cheers and support of players, fans, and parents. All of the retiring players will be missed for their contributions on and off the field. Leading the Pirates for next year will be Alex Evans, Robbie Hill, Patrick Lewis, and Travis Craven.

In round two of the playoffs, the A's met the Rangers in a best of three series. The Rangers are the only team to have beaten the A's twice during the regular season.

Solid pitching, defensive playing and strong hitting allowed the A's to win the series in two games. Veterans Brendan Doonan (six hits, three RBI's, one home run), Johnny Maher (five hits, four RBI's), and Jack Murphy (four hits, one RBI) led the charge. Great play in the field came from EJ Culhane, Jake Kissick, and Andy McKenna at short stop, Thomas Barrett made a great catch at second base in the second game to slow down a Ranger rally. Rookie Chris Murphy had a spectacular catch in right field.

Graham Stevenson and Jamie Faber shared pitching duties for the Rangers, with Chase Stebbins coming in relief in both games. Veteran Eamon Davis controlled the infield for the Rangers with his quick glove and precision throwing. Catcher John Giuggio didn't let much get by him, preventing the A's from stealing extra bases.

Dean Driscoll and Eric Wasel were in command in the outfield. In the first game, Driscoll made a picture perfect running two handed catch in left field to end an A's offensive threat. Eric Wasel grabbed a high pop up in deep right field that prevented a run from scoring. Graham Steveson on first base, turned a double play grabbing a line drive and then tagging the base runner out, who was off the bag. Charlie Neaves made a big league catch at third base in the second game, preventing the runners from advancing. Retiring players Eamon Davis, Dean Driscoll, John Giuggio, Graham Stevenson, Chase Stebbins, Ian Quinlan and PJ Pergola ran the bases at the end of the game, only to be joined by their team in a team Ranger run. Returning players for the Rangers include rookie sensation Jamie Faber, Christian Allard, Eric Wasel, Robbie Mahoney, Charlie Neaves, and Jeff Charles.

The Mets and the Cardinals took the series to three games this week. In the first game, the Cardinals came out on top behind a John Kearney grand slam home run. The mighty Mets won decisively in the second game, tying up the series 1-1. Mets rookie phenom Drew Cobin pitched shut out ball. The deciding game was played on a beautiful evening with balloons, signs and banners adorning Barnes field for both teams. Mets veteran Robby McCunney pitched five strong innings for the Mets, striking out eight. Robert Jones came in relief in the sixth inning for the save. In the first inning leadoff Cardinal Todd Emanuello planted the second pitch of the game just beyond the flag pole for a home run. Kevin O'Connell drove in a second run in the inning, as his hit dropped into short center field. John Kearney took to the mound for the Cardinals and pitched five solid innings, striking out eleven. Kearney also registered an RBI triple.

Other key hitting for the Cards

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A hard road for Post 118

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home run.

After Dorchester had cut that lead in half with four runs in the home half of the second, Ciulla scored the run that turned out to be the difference in the game in the top of the third. He opened the frame with a double and then came around to score on a two-out Duggan base knock.

After the tough second inning, Cohasset starter Greg Malley settled down to throw a scoreless third and forth, but Dorchester got it rolling again in the fifth and hung another four spot on him, making it a 9-8 game. O'Leary was brought in to put out the fire, though, and he came through with the last out.

O'Leary was also strong in the sixth and seventh frames, keeping Dorchester off the board to pick up a quality save.

Milton 9, Cohasset 2

Not that it much matters, but, throw out the first two innings, and this was a 2-2 game.

Jeff Radding was put into a tough spot when he was given the ball last minute to take the place of scheduled starter Joe Duggan, who had trouble getting loose in pre-game warm-ups.

Radding had trouble keeping the ball down, but the defense behind him didn't provide a whole lot of support. The end result in this Monday night game at Scituate High was a 7-0 lead by league leading Milton (5-0) after two innings.

"We put Jeff in a tough spot," conceded Duggan. "No one wants to go in an pitch in a situation like that, but he stepped up and took the ball. A few more plays defensively, and his showing wouldn't have looked all that bad on paper."

Duggan came on in the second to induce the final out after four runs had crossed, and then was solid the rest of the way. The former SHS star and current Mass Maritime sophomore-to-be gave up only two hits and one unearned run in his first four full innings of work before getting touched up for a run on three hits and a walk in the seventh.

Cohasset hitters made a lot of good contact in the game, but the defense they saw made it a whole lot easier to understand why Milton sits atop the Zone 6 standings. Pilczak and O'Leary twice hit the ball hard, but were left with nothing to show for it at the end of the night.

Cohasset finished with eight hits and walk, with second baseman Mike Barba (2-for-3) the only player to reach base more than once.

Only once all game did the Post 118ers string together multiple hits, and that resulted in both of their runs. Straughn, O'Brien and Barba opened the home half of the second with singles to load the bases. Kevin Signorelli plated Straughn with a fielder's choice to short, and O'Brien scored when he and Signorelli successfully pulled off a first and third double steal. That would make it a 7-2 game, but that would be it for the locals' offense on the night.

Duggan lined a shot off the fence in left in the third and Barba and Ciulla had hits in the fourth, as the hitters started to catch up to the Milton's hard throwing starter. That's when Milton's coach switched to a junkball hurler. The altered look seemed to give the Cohasset hitters trouble, at least the first time around the order, as they had just one hit over the final three innings.

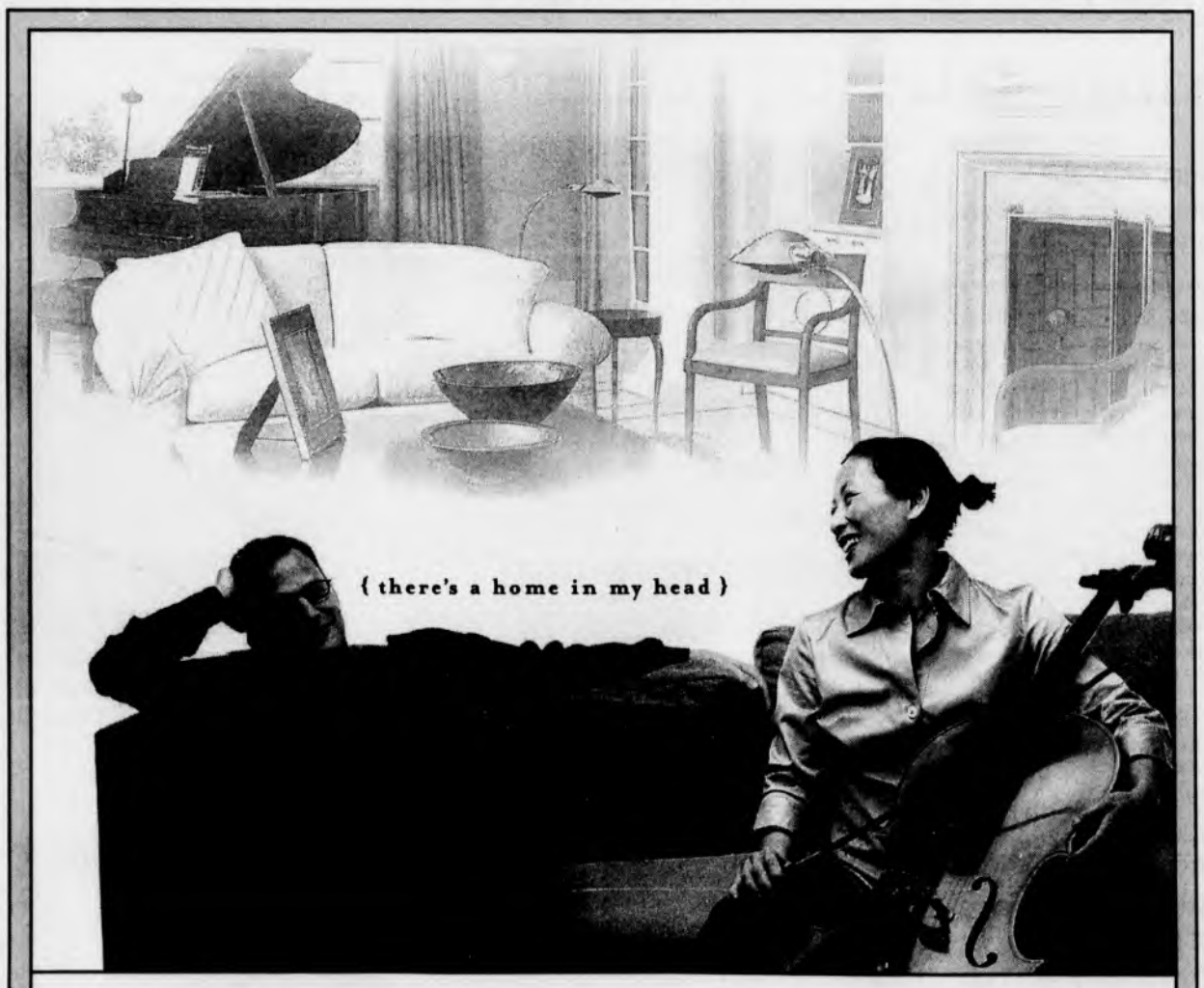
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The team had Tuesday's scheduled game at Canton postponed to this coming Tuesday. They were slated to host Weymouth at Milliken Field in Cohasset yesterday and will play at West Roxbury tomorrow under the lights at Billings Field. This will be followed by four games in four days: a hosting of Morrisette at Scituate High Sunday (5:45 p.m. start), a trip to Adams Field to take on Quincy Monday (5:45 p.m.) and then Canton on Tuesday (5:45), and finally back at Scituate High on Wednesday, with Stoughton coming to town (5:45).

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Manager Scott Arnold-- who basically started the Post 118 team from scratch more than a decade ago and was largely a solo act for many years after that (both on and off the field)-- has not been able to make as many games this season as he would have liked, as he's recently started a new job as a restaurant manager.

Arnold continues to take care of the administrative end of things, though, and former team standouts Brian Woods and Mike Gulinello have come on board to help Duggan on the field.



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Cohasset's Relay for Life raises $136K



Maddie Dillon, center (with hands together), is surrounded by some of the members of her team from Foster School in Hingham, the "Flipping Rainbow Horses" at the Relay for Life.



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The crowd at the Relay For Life cheers on the survivors during the Survivor's Lap on Friday.

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playing on the same side: the one fighting to put an end to the dreaded disease forever.

Maddie, who has leukemia, was one of hundreds of cancer survivors at the event that helped raise a total of $136,817 to support the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, and service to patients and their families.

Young, old and in between, those at the Cohasset event now in its eighth year – all have a personal story to tell. Some have lost loved ones and friends, others are living with the disease but they all share the same determination of spirit.

For Gordon Behrer of Quincy, the relay is a community oriented support system not only for survivors but for family members as well. It's a cause that is close to Behrer's heart. He lost his mother to cancer some 30 years ago when there was no support system.

"The relay not only raises money but it shows those affected by cancer are not alone," he said.

In the months leading up to the Relay, participants collect pledges. The event itself revolves around team members taking turns walking laps for 24 hours. Luminaries — bags inscribed with a personal message and containing a candle — are sold for $5 each and are available to the entire community to purchase. This year 3,500 luminaries surrounded the track during a special ceremony Friday night. The event also includes a survivors' lap — with 60 taking part this year — and "Taste of the Relay" in which area restaurants donate their time and food for the event.

Mary Shepherd of the American Cancer Society said moving the Cohasset Relay from May to June this year increased participation. May was just too cold for the overnight event during which many stay over in tents installed on the middle-high school athletic field.

"I don't remember seeing so many people at the opening ceremonies and at the luminaria," Shepherd said.

Relays were also held in the spring in other South Shore towns including Braintree, Marshfield, Abington and Plymouth. About 25 Relays were held this year in eastern Massachusetts including Cape Cod and the islands.

Laurie Hall, who captained the Scituate Dream Team with her husband that raised about $4,000, wore a button with a photo of her friend and former teammate Mary Beth Anderson, 39, also of Scituate, who lost her courageous battle with cancer in May.

Hall said Anderson chose to say she was living with cancer and accepted experimental treatments and anything that came her way. "They ran out of medical options for her," Hall said.

Hall lost her dad to cancer in 1989 and her 34-year-old sister to cancer eight years ago. At 80, her mother, who is a breast cancer survivor, walked the Survivors' Lap.

"This is a cause I'm passionate about," Hall said.

The Scituate Dream Team's colors – red, white and blue – were Anderson's idea, Hall said. Hall's son, Justin, led the Scituate Teen Team that stayed all night and raised about $700.

"We're looking for the day when we don't have to come out and do this anymore," Hall said about her hopes for a cure.

The festival-like atmosphere included a DJ who encouraged everyone to join in the Macarena and Limbo when they weren't walking laps.

Pitching in for a student with cancer is not new at Foster School. Maddie Dillon walked the Survivors' Lap with Katie Egan, now a student at Hingham High School. When Katie was at Foster School she was diagnosed with cancer and the school came together with a Relay team for her, "The Yellow Polka Dotted Penguins."

Maddie's grandparents, Charles and Jean Kachin, both cancer survivors also walked. "Everyone here is fighting for the cure," said Connolly, the vice principal. Connolly said Maddie's team raised about $7,000.

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The Relay results are as follows: Highest Individual Fundraiser was Ed Lappen of Cohasset (for the second year in a row). Highest Team Fundraiser was the "Impossible Dream Team" from Hingham. Highest Team Fundraiser (Average) was "Pilgrim Difference" (Pilgrim Cooerative Bank). This award takes each team total and divides by number of members to put everyone on a level playing field. Best Decorated Campsite was "Hopeful Steps" of Cohasset. Most Team Spirit was a tie between "The Happy Kids" of Hingham and "Flipping Rainbow Horses", also of Hingham.



Natalie Hunt, Grace Clougherty, Maura Barnes, Lindsay Hill, Madeline Leahy, Katie Gaumer and Sarah Goggins (in front) make up the Lobsters relay team that raised money to help fight cancer.

Ross Lieb-Lappen brings Relay to Middlebury College

Receives special award for effort

More than two years ago, while still in high school, he began volunteering on the "Relay for Life" committee in his hometown.

Ross Lieb-Lappen, of Cohasset, received a 2004 Middlebury College Public Service Leadership award at a special dinner during his spring term at the small liberal arts college in Vermont.

Of the record-breaking 56 students nominated for volunteerism by service agencies, schools and individuals in the Middlebury area, Lieb-Lappen and five others garnered special recognition for their service contributions on campus and in the greater community.

Lieb-Lappen was nominated for his service to the American Cancer Society's national fundraising campaign called "Relay for Life." More than two years ago, while still in high school, he began volunteering on the "Relay for Life" committee in his hometown. A first-year student at Middlebury this year, Lieb-Lappen decided to bring the event to college.

Serving as the co-chair, he and his committee of 20 college students, faculty and staff members put together 42 teams, comprised of members of both the college and town communities, to participate in the walkathon on campus April 30. The event was an overwhelming success, raising $80,000 for cancer research.

The Public Service Leadership Award prize was a $300 donation to be made by the college on behalf of each award-winner to a nonprofit agency to be designated by the student. Lieb-Lappen chose to donate his prize to the American Cancer Society "Relay for Life."

The College's public service leadership awards were initiated in 1993 by Patrick Durkin, a 1979 Middlebury graduate who continues to underwrite the award program. Each year in February or March, the call for nominations goes out to the community to begin the selection process for the awards. Decisions are based on students' demonstrated dedication to a cause, level of help toward making a positive change for an individual or for the community, and initiative toward increasing the awareness and involvement of other Middlebury College students in public service. Each nomination is returned to the College's Alliance for Civic Engagement Office and reviewed by a committee of College students, faculty, and staff.



Cohasset resident Ross Liep-Lappen, center, receives a Public Service Leadership Award from Middlebury President John M. McCardell, Jr., and Director of the Middlebury College Alliance for Civic Management Tiffany Nourse Sargent at the college's annual public service award dinner.

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Dream teammate

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works at JJ 's Dairy Hut and helps out her mother in a charity organization called Gems of Hope. Melissa and her mother have traveled to third world countries to assist women and children in need.

Crowley-Buck finds time to have fun with her many friends despite her varied and demanding commitments. Senior captain Danielle Pinkus voiced strong admiration for her.

"Melissa is one of the most energetic and positive people I have met in my entire life," said Pinkus. "I find her an incredibly dedicated and reliable friend."

Coach Bostwick echoed Pinkus's comments about Melissa's remarkable personality.

She is one of the most coachable players I have ever had," said Bostwick. "She keeps an open mind and gladly accepts positive criticism."

Her fellow athletes refer to Crowley-Buck as the "team comedian" who always keeps her teammates laughing.

This lively 16-year older feels all of her activities pay off.

"Softball and other activities are a wonderful way to make new friends." Melissa went on, "athletics and my jobs have taught me many valuable life lessons."

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Major League Baseball– Playoff Week

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came from Kevin O'Connell two singles (2 RBI's), Ian Porter and Alex Kinneally each with singles, and Sebastien Braga with a big 2 RBI single in the top of the sixth. For the Mets, Drew Cobin was on fire at bat with an RBI single and an RBI triple. McCunney had a single and a double, Jones and Sam Leahy each had an RBI triple and Colin Tarpey had a strong double. The Mets came out on top despite a sixth inning rally by the Cardinals. Retiring Redbirds are John Kearney, Dan Sullivan, Alex Kinneally, Todd Emanuello, Ian Porter, Sebastien Braga, and Kevin O'Connell. Alex Harper, Patrick Kearney, Vinnie Calorio, Ben Campbell, Brendan Horigan and John Collins will proudly wear the Cardinal red next year. The Mets will face the returning 2003 champions Athletics in the best of three championship series.

SPORTS NOTES

Softball Clinic

Deb Bostwick would like to remind athletes of all ages of her softball and field hockey camps this summer. Deb and former Yankee player Lew Rettman will be running a softball clinic for all ages at Freedom Field from July 5-9 and July 12-16. She will also be organizing a field hockey camp in the second week in August. Deb urges anyone interested to call the Cohasset Recreation Department.

Wrestling Clinic grades 1 to 12

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for a summer wrestling clinic to be held at Cohasset High School starting Tuesday, July 27 through Friday, July 30.

The clinic will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for grades 7 to 12 and cost $125 per wrestler. Grades 3 to 6 will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and cost $55 per wrestler.

This unique wrestling opportunity will be run by CHS wrestling coach Torin Sweeney.

Registration forms are available at the Cohasset Recreation Department officer, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

South Shore Basketball Clinic ages 8 to 11 and 12 to 15

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Basketball School's week long Basketball Clinic.

The clinic will be held the week of Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16, and will meet each day, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 8 to 11, and from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 12 to15.

The fee for each age group is $120 per player. This program will be run by CHS basketball Coach Ron Ford and will be held at the Cohasset High School Gym.

To register, complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

South Shore Soccer Camp

Boys & Girls, 7 to 18

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's one-week long Soccer Clinic starting Monday, Aug. 2, through Friday, Aug. 6.

The Camp will meet each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for boys and girls ages 7 to 18. The fee for the one week session is $245 per participant with a $20 discount for the second child. Fee includes a camp shirt and appropriate-size ball for each participant, both available the first day of camp.

To register, complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

South Shore Soccer Camp

Squirts ages 4, 5 and 6

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be on-going at the Town Hall for South Shore Soccer Camp's week long Soccer Squirts Clinic which begins Monday, Aug. 2, through Friday, Aug. 6.

Soccer ABCs for ages 4 and 5 will meet each day from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The fee is $85 per participant and includes a camp shirt and appropriated-size soccer ball for each participant, both will be available the first day of camp.

To register, complete the application form at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse Camp

This one-week camp for boys and girls is designed to work on fundamental lacrosse skills, so that young players are prepared to deal with game situations next year. Each day will include drills designed to improve a player's stick-handling abilities, foot work and positioning, conditioning and stamina and knowledge of the game.

The camp is designed particularly to work with new and less-skilled players, helping them to decide in a relaxed setting whether lacrosse is a sport they want to play during the school year.

This camp is for players entering grade 3 through 6 in the fall. While the program is run by the Cohasset Recreation Department, it is open to players from other communities.

Chuck Jaffe, who runs the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program, heads the camp. Jaffe started Cohasset's youth program in 1996 and coached boys' teams for six years until starting the girls' program in 2002. He has been a player and coach in a variety of programs around the country, ranging from his days as a player at the University of Michigan, through being an all-star player and coach with his Tampa Bay Lacrosse Club, the Lehigh Valley Killian's Red Lacrosse Club and more. He still plays regularly with the Brine/Atlantic Sportswear Club in some of the elite master's tournaments around the world.

Jaffe will be assisted by Jennifer Palmer of the Cohasset girls' program and several former Cohasset High School players. The camp's player-coach ratio will be no more than 10-1. The camp is held the week of July 19-23, and starts at 7:30 a.m. on all days. The camp ends at 10 a.m. on all days but Friday, when it runs until 10:30. The camp is held rain or shine — in all conditions except lightning — and parents should be prepared to retrieve children who have been playing in rain or rolling in mud.

Players need full equipment. For girls, this means a stick, goggles and a mouth-guard. For boys, it means a helmet (including mouthpiece), gloves, arm and shoulder pads and a stick.

Parents: The camp's director believes strongly in having properly sized equipment. For boys, that means sticks may be cut to 36 inches in length. Girls' sticks are sized based on their body size. Counselors will cut sticks for those players who need it, so parents providing their children with a stick borrowed from a friend, neighbor or relative should use tape to label the stick with the words "Do not cut," and should inform counselors. Players should bring their own water, juice or sports drinks to each day's sessions. Registration is $85. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 for more information or to register.

Legal Notices

GRANVILLE ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P1452EP

In the Estate of ANNE R GRANVILLE

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 9, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that ANNMARIE E LOCONTE of MARSHFIELD in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 28, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and ground upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, June 16, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#549693
Cohasset Mariner 6/24/04

TAGUE III ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P1407EP

In the Estate of PETER F TAGUE III

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death April 26, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CAMBRIDGE TRUST COMPANY of CAMBRIDGE in the County of MIDDLESEX and SARA C TAGUE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 21, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and ground upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, June 17, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
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AD#546883
Cohasset Mariner 6/24/04

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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., July 6, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §4.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Helder Garcia**, seeks to open fast food restaurant at **156 King St**. according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-06-14.

AD#543716
Cohasset Mariner 6/24/04

ZBA/579 JERUSALEM RD.
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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., July 6, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s. 8.7.2 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Stephen K & Ann M Lucitt** seek to construct an addition at **579 Jerusalem Rd.** according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-06-10.

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Allison, Lindsay and Colby Hoffman show off their Rainbow Art signs painted by Samuel Kim.



Natalie Devin checks out the fun at the 49th annual Art Festival on the Common that included lots of food vendors.



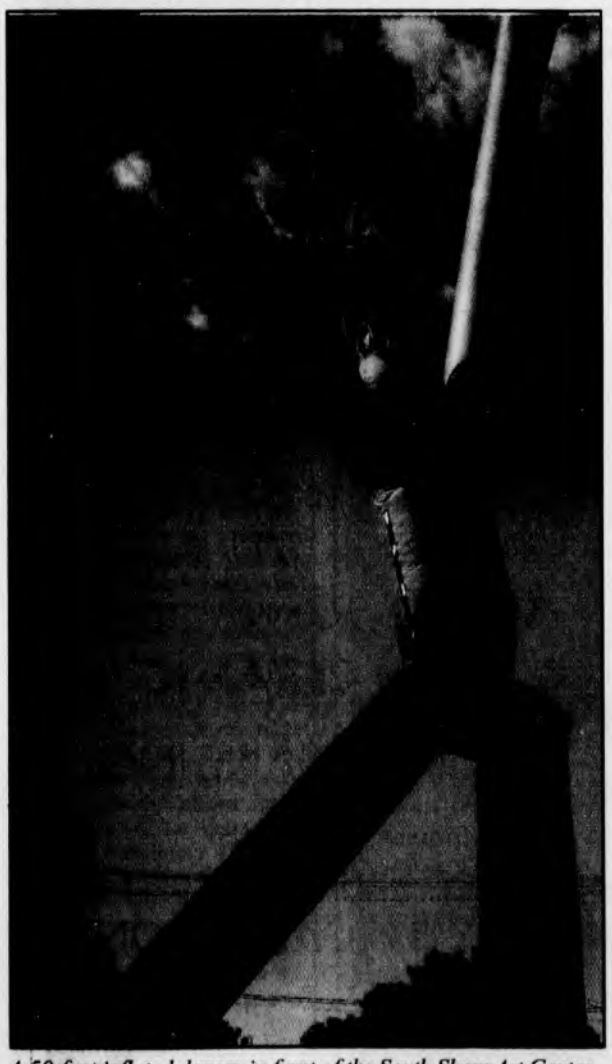
The South Shore Bay Band entertains the crowd at the Festival on the Common on Sunday.



The duck pond provides the perfect backdrop for a martini serendipity sprinkler by Copperkrafts.



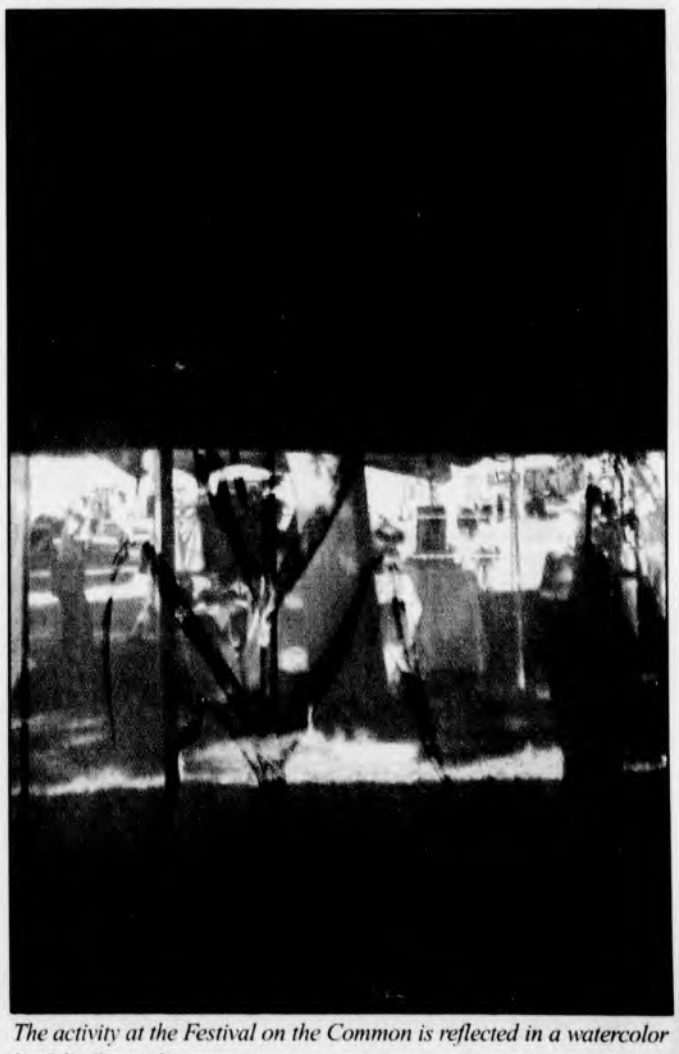
Children's art hangs out in the popular kids tent.



A 50-foot inflated dancer in front of the South Shore Art Center beckons folks to the 49th annual Festival on the Common.



Nancy Cusak, president of the South Shore Art Center Board of Directors, tries on a jacket while Teegan Dooley checks out the clothing at the 49th annual Arts Festival on Sunday.



The activity at the Festival on the Common is reflected in a watercolor by Julie Simms Messenger.

Henry David Thoreau makes Cohasset stop on Saturday

By John Galluzzo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The visit by Thoreau is just the kickoff event for the 2004 Back Roads of the South Shore Open House Day.

More than a 150 years after he last left the South Shore, Henry David Thoreau is set to make his return.

On his way to visit Cape Cod in 1849, the Concord native wound his way down the coast from Hull, collecting his thoughts and observations for a book that would be posthumously published under the name of his intended destination, Cape Cod. As fate would have it, he passed through Cohasset in the aftermath of the town's worst ever maritime tragedy, the destruction of the brig St. John, which carried nearly 100 Irish immigrants to their deaths within sight of their new home after a transatlantic journey. Thoreau's observations of that day offer the most detailed account of the wake of that tragedy.

This Saturday, June 26, at 10 a.m.., Henry David Thoreau returns to Cohasset, in the form of living history interpreter Richard Smith of the Concord Museum, to bring back the memories of the tragedy of the St. John, through a reading of selected passages from Cape Cod. After the reading, Thoreau/Smith will lead a walk to the Cohasset Central Cemetery and the marker placed in memory of the St. John victims 60 years later by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, a Celtic cross overlooking the harbor where the tragedy occurred.

Then, the day is yours.

The visit by Thoreau is just the kickoff event for the 2004 Back Roads of the South Shore Open House Day, this year featuring maritime history sites from Hingham to Plymouth.

"We are very excited to be able to bring the Maritime Trail Open House Day to the people of the region," said Patrick Browne, executive director of the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society and chairman of the Back Roads of the South Shore operating committee. "Maritime history is one common thread that ties all of our towns together, yet each community made its own specific contribution that makes moving from museum to museum that much more interesting."

At 11 a.m.., maritime history sites in Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Duxbury, Kingston and Plymouth will simultaneously open, ad will remain open free of charge until 4 p.m..

Some sites are "naturals" for a maritime open house day. The Hull Lifesaving Museum tells the stories of America's heroic early Coast Guardsmen, the men of the United States Life-Saving Service and the volunteer lifesavers of the Humane Society of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Cohasset Maritime Museum focuses on the community's sailing past and the story of Minot's Light, while holding a treasure trove of local artifacts. The Scituate Maritime & Irish Mossing Museum covers everything from shipbuilding to shipwrecks, with lighthouses, lifesaving and the gathering of Irish moss thrown in between. This year the Scituate museum features a brand new exhibit on the steamer Portland, designed and hung in coordination with the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Duxbury's King Caesar House brings to life the stories of Ezra Weston and his shipping and shipbuilding empire on Powder Point, while Kingston's Jones River Marine Ecology Center, a budding and growing attraction on the South Shore, shines light on the early boatbuilding efforts of George Shiverick and others. The site overlooks the land where the brig Independence was built for naval combat in the American Revolution. The Ecology Center's mission is to repopulate the Jones River with both fish and boats, through scientific study of the river's condition and research into its historical past.

Other sites would be less likely to open on a Maritime Trail Open House Day at first glance, but instead offer some hidden stories. Hingham's Old Ordinary, while most logically thought of as a stagecoach stop and tavern, will reveal the story of the ill-fated bark Kadosh, wrecked off Hull in 1872. Due to a washout of the road to Hull Village, the victims of that wreck were transported to Hingham for burial. Marshfield's Winslow House and Kingston's Major John Bradford House, both 17th century dwellings, have seen a lot over the years, from seafarers to shipbuilders to money-making merchants. Pilgrim Hall, America's oldest continually operating museum, is the home of the 17th century keel of the Sparrowhawk and the story of the *Mayflower*.

"There's no doubt there's a lot to see on the South Shore," said Paula Fisher, marketing manager for the Plymouth County Development Council and Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The great thing about the Back Roads group is that they are showing us different ways to take the same road, Route 3A, and to not see the same thing twice. Last year it was house museums. This year it's maritime history."

"This has been a wonderful collaboration once again this year," said Norman Tucker, president of Kingston's Jones River Village Historical Society, stewards of the Major John Bradford House. "We hope that many people will take advantage of this year's open house day, and that they learn something they didn't know at every stop."

For more information on the Back Roads of the South Shore Maritime Trail, visit www.southshorebackroads.org or call Patrick Browne at 781-934-6106.

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Festival draws about 8,000

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handbags, and pottery, and no two booths were alike.

Colorful beaded jewelry by EK Designs was on display, as well as pearl jewelry and Japanese rice paper jewelry. For the garden, there were glass hummingbird feeders, copper garden sprinklers, and cement castings in the shape of seahorses, sand dollars, and starfish.

There were many craft exhibits for children as well, ranging from clothing to hand-painted stools in the shape of fish, to stuffed animals and dolls.

Being an arts festival, there were many pieces of hanging art on display, many of which were created by Cohasset residents. Helen J. Gallop's piece, "Chimneys and Rooftops of France," won third place for watercolors. JoAnne Chittick's watercolor, "Beagle Dreams" won honorable mention.

Other Cohasset residents who participated include Anthony W. Lanier, who submitted a color photograph titled "Mill with Border Street Bridge." The photo depicted the scene at the Mill River Boatyard, including the dilapidated Eastwick building, from underneath the Border Street Bridge. Mary Lou Clark's oil painting, "Splash," was a mix of greens and blues behind one single boat.

On the other side of the art tent, a stage was set up for entertainment. Saturday afternoon, The Brown Sisters, including Abby,10, Sarah, 8, and Audrey,6 shared their musical talents while singing and playing guitar. The three sang many songs in perfect harmony, including "Amazing Grace," and the Alison Krauss rendition of "When you say nothing at all."

In the children's tent, young visitors at the festival were invited to participate in arts and crafts projects, including making coffee filter butterflies. Others left with brightly colored face paint adorning both cheeks.

Artwork created by area students was also on display. Osgood first grader Isabelle Dunne's creation, "Cat on a Stool" won first prize. Other young artists from Cohasset with pieces in the show include Osgood first grader Alexandra Raymond for her piece titled, "Monet's Pond," which featured a three-dimensional paper frog jumping off the page, and Deer Hill fourth grader Alec Hurd's sculpture of the Statue of Liberty.

There was an behind-the-scenes project at the festival this year as well, as it was the first time a recycling initiative had been started. "It went very well," said Kennedy, adding Secretary of Environmental Affairs and Cohasset resident Ellen Roy Herzfelder gave a speech Friday, about the grant the South Shore Recycling Cooperative received which made the recycling effort possible. Kennedy said the initiative wouldn't have been possible without the help of co-op chairman Merle Brown. Not only did he help initiate the project, "He brought down some Boy Scouts," who helped with the effort, said Kennedy, and overall it was a very easy transition to add recycling to the rest of the events of the day. She said younger residents also became involved as there was a recycling poster contest in the children's tent and it was "bustling."

Although the festival only wrapped up Sunday, Tuesday afternoon Kennedy said she and others at the Art Center were already discussing next year's events. With a 50th anniversary on the horizon, she said it's important to start writing down what worked this year, so it's not forgotten by the time next year's events roll around. Overall, she said the weather cooperated, there was a great turnout, and she couldn't have asked for more. "Everything went very smoothly," she said.

HAPPENINGS

Bitter Man hosts comics at Red Lion

The Bitter Man at The Red Lion Inn, 71 S. Main St., presents Teddy Bergeron and two of Boston's Best Comics on Saturday night, June 26, at 9 p.m. The show is being hosted by Lance Norris from WZLX-FM. Tickets: $10 and may be purchased in advance by calling 781- 383-1704.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, July 9, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in Grade 6 to Grade 8 as of Sept. is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Carillon concerts to begin June 27

The 80th Annual Series of Summer Carillon Recitals will be given on the 57-bell carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset, on eight successive Sunday evenings at 6 p.m., beginning June 27, and continuing through Aug. 15. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic suppers to Cohasset Common or to the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension. Printed programs will be available in a stand by the courtyard, and will also be distributed on the common. In case of rain, listen from your parked cars. The concerts are free of charge. A tower tour and carillon demonstration will be offered after each program for those interested in viewing the instrument.

The first program on June 27, will be given by Suzanne Magassy, carillonneur from Canberra, Australia. Ms Magassy will play original carillon compositions by Australian composers John Gordon, Larry Sitsky and Christopher Lyndon-Gee, transcriptions of pieces by Copland, Saint-Sadns, Schubert, Gluck and Vivaldi, and arrangements of American folk and popular songs.

Carillonneurs for the remainder of the series are as follows: July 4, Sally Slade Warner (an all-American program); July 11, Dennis Curry of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; July 18, James W. Smith of Merpersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pa.; July 25, Justin Ryan of Denver, Colo.; Aug. 1, John Widmann of Frederick, Md.; Aug. 8, Daniel Kerry Kehoe of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. The final recital will be played on Aug. 15, by David Hunsberger of the University of California at Berkeley. For information, phone Sally, Slade Warner at 978-475-2599, the Church office, 781-383-1083, or Mary Kennedy, Assistant Carillonneur, 781-383-9599.

Chamber sponsors 'Evening with Cosby'

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is hosting "An Evening With Bill Cosby" at the South Shore Music Circus on Saturday evening, Aug. 7. Tickets are $50 per person and include the show at 7 p.m. and a gathering in the Hospitality Tent from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with complimentary appetizers and cash bar. Limited availability. Tickets available at Pilgrim Co-operative Bank, Village Wine & Spirits, and Conlon Chiropractic, or by calling 781-383-1616.

Jade Forest to host back pain seminar

Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi will host Lawrence Gold for a weekend seminar on managing/eliminating back pain through the use of Somatics exercises. Somatics represents a revolutionary approach to optimal body wellness by eliminating somatic muscle amnesia. This is accomplished by reconditioning the brain/muscle connection to restore patterns that give the freedom of movement so necessary for a trustworthy back. The weekend seminar will be conducted on Friday evening, July 16 through Sunday, July 18. Cost to attend is $225. Contact John Loupos at 781-383-6822 for scheduling details or to preregister. E-mail to jadeforest@comcast.net.

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Photos by Bert Lane



Rifles wait for a 21-gun salute during a flag burning ceremony June 13 at Woodside Cemetery. Below: Thomas Wigmore, national chaplain for the Sons of the American Legion, conducts the proceedings.



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OBITUARIES

Memorial Service for Justin Langham

Justin Langham, the son of Kazue and Steve Langham, died suddenly April 26, 2004, while studying at the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

Educated in the Cohasset school system, Langham graduated as President of the Cohasset High School Class of 2001. An avid sportsman as well as a natural leader, Langham was a three-sport athlete who captained the Cohasset High School football, wrestling and lacrosse teams. Bright, polite, fun-loving and incredibly kind, he will be deeply missed by his many friends and family.

A Memorial Service will be celebrated at the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, 43 Highland Ave., Saturday, July 10, at 11 a.m. Immediately following the service, a reception will be help at the Red Lion Inn's Lion's Hall.



Shirley Marie Gardner

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Shirley Marie Gardner, died June 6, 2004 in her home in Sugarmill Woods under the care of her husband, children and Hospice of Citrus County. She was born in Bayonne, N.J. to Nathaniel and Marie Potter. She and her husband moved to Homosassa from Scituate/Cohasset in 1980.

Shirley was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and skilled homemaker. While living in Massachusetts she was a member of Hatherly Country Club and St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church.

She was a member of Sugarmill Woods Country Club and St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Florida. Shirley and her twin sister while in high school were selected to be "Beech-Nut twins at the World's Fair held in Flushing N.Y.

She lived a full and exciting life having lived in many different cities throughout the country, and enjoyed many trips outside of the U.S.A.

She leaves her husband of 62 years George, and children George Jr., Gayle, Shelley and Geoffrey. She had 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She also leaves her twin sister Harriet and her younger sister Beverly as well as her daughter-in-laws Anne and Maria and son-in-law Bill, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Alzheimer's Research.

Barbara Nickerson

Barbara (Frazier) Nickerson, 70, of Cohasset, died June 21, 2004, at Life Care Center of the South Shore in Scituate.

Mrs. Nickerson was born in Weymouth. She worked as a nurses aid for Stonecrest Nursing Home and as a baker for Scituate High School

She was active at the Cohasset Senior Citizen's Center.

Wife of the late William L. Nickerson (former Cohasset Fireman), she leaves her children, William Nickerson of Hingham, Linda Nickerson, Richard Nickerson and Cynthia Nickerson, all of Cohasset; her grandchildren Renee Batts, William, David and Julie Nickerson and James Hynes; a great-granddaughter, Julia Dawber; three sisters Gertrude Hall of Mansfield, Virginia Drew of Scituate, Jacqueline Rainho of Ashland; three brothers, Francis, Paul and Peter Frazier, all of Hull.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St. (off Central St.), HINGHAM Thursday at 9 AM. Funeral Service in the MA National Cemetery, Bourne at 10:45 a.m.



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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JUNE 14

12:26 a.m. Sohier St. and Fairoaks Lane, animal control.

12:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:58 a.m. Cedar St., general information.

1:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:24 a.m. West Gate Lane, animal control, referred to other agency.

8:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:21 a.m. Sohier St., animal control, referred to other agency.

9:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:54 p.m. Bancroft Road, animal control, referred to other agency.

5:09 p.m. Ash St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:12 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:53 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

12:44 a.m. South Main St., suspicious activity, investigated.

2:10 a.m. Ash St., suspicious activity, referred to other agency.

2:30 a.m. Ash St., suspicious activity.

8:21 a.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

9:39 a.m. Jerusalem Road, found property.

10 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:15 p.m. Border St., harbor enforcement/services, dispersed gathering.

12:27 p.m. South Main St., fire, investigation.

12:47 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled auto.

2:12 p.m. Border St., parking complaint, peace restored.

2:30 p.m. Pond St., outside fire, extinguished.

3:06 p.m. Border St., harbor enforcement/services, gathering dispersed.

3:34 p.m. Border St. and Parker Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:20 p.m. Police Headquarters, public service.

4:20 p.m. Aaron River Road, animal control.

4:21 p.m. Norfolk and Cushing roads, traffic complaint.

5:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:45 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:33 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

7:36 p.m. Sohier St., lost property, investigated.

7:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted, dispersed gathering.

8:27 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person, area search negative.

8:29 p.m. North Main St., lost property.

10:56 p.m. Doane St., suspicious auto, no police service necessary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

7:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:02 a.m. Brewster Road, motor vehicle crash, patient sign off.

9:40 a.m. Elm St., serve restraining order.

10 a.m. Pleasant St., fire, inspections, verbal warning.

10:52 a.m. Bancroft Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:06 p.m. Border St., harbor enforcement/services, dispersed gathering.

4:36 p.m. Elm St., serve restraining order, 209A served in hand.

5:04 p.m. King St., motor vehicle crash, patient sign off.

7:16 p.m. Forest Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:16 p.m. Beechwood St., traffic complaint, services rendered.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

1:16 a.m. Headquarters, assist other police dept.

3:55 a.m. Margin Court, animal control, services rendered.

6:13 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:22 a.m. Summer St. and Black Horse Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:32 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:42 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:14 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:33 a.m. King St., medical aid.

10:13 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle crash, investigated, reported taken.

5:21 p.m. Highland Ave., public service.

8:38 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:48 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, arrest: Jean Chase, 48, 39 Nichols Road. Chgs.: operating under influence liquor, marked lanes violation.

9:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., noise complaint, area search negative.

11:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:53 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious person, area search negative.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

1:41 a.m. Doane St., noise complaint.

8:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle crash, removed to hospital.

9:56 a.m. Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road, traffic complaint, services rendered.

11:32 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:58 p.m. Pond St., serve restraining order, 209A served in hand.

8:10 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist, referred to other agency.

11 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle crash, no police service necessary.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

12:55 a.m. Forest Ave., fire.

1:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.

2:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police dept.

9:57 a.m. Border St., road rage.

12:14 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

12:39 p.m. South Main St., vandalism, investigated, report taken.

1:59 p.m. Parking Way, general services.

2:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:09 p.m. Highland Ave., assist motorist.

4:32 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:50 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted, peace restored.

4:58 p.m. Norman Todd Lane, animal control.

7:02 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:04 p.m. Lantern Lane, open door/window.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

3:46 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle crash, arrest: Christopher Bell, 21, 10 Whiting Lane, Hingham. Chgs.: operating under influence liquor, marked lanes violation.

7:17 a.m. Border St., lost property.

11:30 a.m. Beechwood St., parking complaint.

11:38 a.m. Norman Todd Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:42 p.m. Lower King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:09 p.m. Highland Ave., parking complaint.

5:05 p.m. Bancroft Road, parking complaint.

8:37 p.m. King St., assist citizen.



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On the South Shore

JUNE 24 - JULY 2, 2004

Thurs. 24

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Front Street Book Shop offers a supportive environment and encourages all levels of writing experience to attend. Bring a writing project to share. More info call: 781.545.5011.

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys will host **Philip R. Craig** at the Hingham Public Library on Thursday, June 24, at 7 p.m. Mr. Craig will discuss his latest Martha's Vineyard Mystery, "Murder at a Vineyard" Free and open to the public.. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate Harbor. presents a show of water color paintings by **Andrew Kusmin** at its new gallery. The show will run until June 27. 781-545-6150 or www.scituateartsassociaiton.com

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree,, every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

Westwinds Bookshop and the Duxbury Free Library will welcome **George Howe Colt**, the author of **The Big House** at the Library's Merry Room at 7 p.m. Mr. Colt will be on hand to sign copies of his book which will be available for sale that evening courtesy of Westwinds Bookshop. Advance tickets are required and free and may be picked up at the bookshop or the Library. Call 781-934 2128, visit www.westwindsbookshop.com

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series June 24, **Johnny Souza Quintet** all concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Tokyo Tramps**, original rock, June 24.Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 25

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Tales from the Wild** every Friday at 10:30-11a.m. (except holidays) Free with admission. A half-hour of storytelling. Call in advance if you plan to attend 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents an exhibition of aerial photography by **Margot Cheel** of Cohasset, June 4 through July 5. 781-659-7100.

Bay Colony Productions presents **Tommy,** The Who and Peter Townsend's tale of a young boy's journey from pain to triumph. at the Orpheum Theater, Foxboro, on June 25, at 8 p.m.; June 26, at 8 p.m. June 27 at 2 p.m. $21 adults; $18 seniors, $15 students 18 and younger. The Orpheum is located on the rotary at 1 School St., Foxboro. Handicapped accessible. 508-543-2787 (ARTS) for information on ticket and group sales or s on-line at www.orpheum.org.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Borders Store, Independence Mall, Kingston. June 25, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime – New from **Eric Carle**, join Beth as she reads the latest from Mr. Carle, **Mister Seahorse.**

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance June 25, featuring DJ music with Dave Joubert from 8 to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission is $7 SSS members/$10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www-southshoresingles.org

Oliveira's 300 Center St., (Rt. 36) Pembroke, presents live music featuring **Ed Lynch,** June 25, 9 p.m. to closing, no cover. 781-294-4700.

Ascari F1Boston, Braintree, presents **The Houserockers** blues party.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **New Blue Revue**, June 26.

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Country Dance at Dedham VFW, 84 Eastern Ave., Dedham, Friday, June 25, with DJ Paul DeMaria. 7:30 lesson; 8:00 to 11:30 couples and line dancing. Cash bar. $10 admission. 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937.

Sat. 26

Verein, will host its Annual two day **German Sommerfest** on its grounds on Route 109 in Walpole. Music will be supplied by **Matt Lebar Band** from Toronto, Canada. June 26, from noon to11 p.m. and June 27 from noon to 6 p.m. wheelchair accessible $5 per person, children under 12 free 508-660-2018

Meow More than Ever-Adopt a Shelter Cat Adopt-a-thon event at Quincy Animal Shelter, 56 Broad St., Quincy. 617-376-1349 June 26, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Handicap accessible Meet the cats and dogs in need of loving homes. www.quincyanimal-shelter.org.

Mark Your Calendar

MASS AUDUBON AND THE NORTH & SOUTH RIVERS WATERSHED ASSOCIATION - Family Overnight Kayaking Adventure on the North River, Aug. 17 and 18, or Aug. 19 and 20. Boats and Camping Gear Provided. Dinner provided (bring two lunches) Kayak the 14-mile North River, overnight at Couch Beach Cost: $225 for a family group of three or less per two-day excursion (add $15 for each additional member) For parents of all ages and children of at least 10 years of age Learn Paddling techniques and rescue and reentry Monday Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon ($15) Call Ellyn Einhorn at Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400 Or Wendy Garpow at NSRWA at 781-659-8168

MOUNT BLUE ANNUAL SUMMER FUNDRAISER - July 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit Marshfield's Talking Information Center (TIC), a 26-year-old, private, non-profit broadcast radio reading service for the visually impaired. Reservations $50 per person by mailing a check payable to Mount Blue/TIC, to PO Box 916, Norwell, MA 02061. If you are unable to attend the event but would still like to make a donation to TIC, please send a check made payable to "TIC" to 130 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050. Mount Blue, located at 707 Main St. Norwell Center (Rte. 123) An evening of socializing accompanied by sumptuous food and cocktails, great music and more than 100 auction items.

THE NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION is planning its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, Aug. 2, at the Cohasset Country Club, Lambert's Lane in Cohasset, features a new practice range and putting area. Registration begins at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Tickets are $175 per person, and include a fun day on the greens, as well as a pre-game lunch, sit-down dinner, raffle and silent auction. Due to the tournament's popularity, foursomes are encouraged to sign up early. Rain date is Aug. 16.

THE SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS announces the addition of a special concert featuring the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart conductor, to the Music Circus for the first time in a benefit performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South Shore Art Center. Tickets for concert can be purchased via Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and in person at the Music Circus box office Tickets are $101.25 and $90.25. A limited number of special ticket packages, which include a reception with the maestro, can be purchased from South Shore Art Center only. Call the SSAC at 781-383-2787 for information.

THE SECOND ANNUAL JETT GOLF CLASSIC will be held on Oct. 6, at the Pine Hills Golf Club in Plymouth. A scramble format is planned. Registration and putting contest will begin at 10 am and a shotgun start is at 11:30 am. The Jett Foundation is seeking golfers and non-golfers, volunteers to help organize the event, as well as items for silent/live auction, raffle and prize donations. All levels of sponsorship are available. Dinner only tickets will also be available for those wishing to attend the awards, auction and raffles at the Pine Hills Golf Club. Anyone wishing to get involved with this worthwhile event may call the Jett Foundation president, Christine McSherry, 781-293-2667.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619. **Beatlemania-LIVE!** is produced by Loretta LaRoche Productions



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The Wampanoag Indigenous Program of Plimoth Plantation including staff and members of the Wamanoag community who recently appeared on the PBS program Colonial House will celebrate the Patuxet Strawberry Thanksgiving at the museum's Hobbamock's Homesite on June 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. $20 adults, $12 children 6-12, $18 seniors and children, under 6 free. 508-746-1622 www.plimoth.org

Black Pond Bog Walk - Norwell's Hidden Gem, Saturday, June 26, at 8:30 a.m. Join wetland scientist and naturalist Steve Ivas, on an exploration of the various habitat types in the Black Pond Bog on Mt. Blue St. in Norwell. Contact the NSRWA at (781)-659-8168 for required advance registration, as the walk is limited to 20 people. Suggested donation is $5 per person.

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes Shrewsbury resident, April Jones Prince, Author and Scituate resident, Joan Paley, Illustrator. They will be discussing their new book "Meet Our Flag, Old Glory" on June 26, 10 a.m. Free and open to the public. If you would like a signed book but are unable to attend, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

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Duxbury Bay Maritime School Summer Rowing Program Classes for teens and adults. Duxbury Bay Maritime School offers sliding seat rowing programs for juniors and adults right here on the South Shore. Novice rowing classes are taught in Hudson touring shells rigged as quads - 4 rowers, each with two oars, and a cox. No prior rowing experience is required. Call the Duxbury Bay Maritime School at 781-934-7555 or visit www.duxbayms.com for information.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center presents the musical "Men In Tights," A Tale of Robin Hood, on June 26, at 7 p.m. and June 27, at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Commerce Center, Plymouth Mill #1, Lower Level. Tickets Adult $10/Child $5. 508-747-1234 or visit www.ssarc.org

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THE CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK (PG13) Nightly at 9:30
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P.S. Paint solvents and anti-cancer drugs such as cisplatin are responsible for nearly 80,000 cases of hearing loss in this country annually.

Calendar

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South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

"Nature's Own Palette" an art exhibit by Gayle A. Polsinello at the Mass Audubon, will be on display at the Mass Audubon North River Sanctuary, 2000 Main St (Rte 3A) Marshfield, through July 10. For information contact the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400

The South Shore Natural Science Center 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 off route 3 in Norwell, announces "From Boston to Your Town," a collection of paintings by South Shore artist Dianne Panarelli Miller in Vine Hall Gallery June 1 to 30. The exhibit includes intimate paintings of local scenes from Boston to Plymouth, as well as still life paintings. The exhibit can be viewed June 1 to 30, during regular business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30a.m. to 4.30 p.m. 781-659-2559 or visit our website at www.ssnsc.org.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Joe Ker's Boston Comedy show** featuring **Kevin Knox, John David and Jessica Casciano**. Admission $15 dinner optional beginning at 6:30 p.m. show begins at 9 p.m. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505

Oliveira's 300 Center St., (Rt. 36) Pembroke, presents live music featuring **Cruisin'** June 26, 9 p.m. to closing, no cover. 781-294-4700.



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Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents Marine and Local Scenes at Its New Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, through Aug. 29. 781-545-6150, www.scituateartsassociation.com

Reunions

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1964 will be holding its 40th class reunion at Plimoth Plantation on Oct. 23, 2004. Tickets are $40 per person and will include buffet dinner. Call Mary (Reed) Dupuis at 781-837-2641 or Ron Bersani at 781-837-0645.

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL 1964 - looking for classmates for future reunion. Contact marshfield1964@yahoo.com or Joey, P.O. Box 249, LaPorte, TX 77571

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964 will hold its 40th reunion on Oct. 30, 2004 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Clarion Hotel, Nantasket Beach, Hull. Further details will be provided via mail to last known addresses or contact Heather McHugh Allen 781-749-5484 email hinghamite@aol.com or Mike Studley 617-572-9253 (weekdays).

THE MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1984 The Class of '84 will have its 20th Reunion on Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at the Rockland Ramada. Tickets are $45. Anyone interested in helping with the reunion contact Jim Cantwell (837-5757) or Marie (Gagnon) Malmin (319-0432). http://www.marshfield.net/School/reunion84.html

SHS CLASS of '84 WHERE ARE YOU? The Scituate High School Class of 1984 Is looking for classmates to join in a 20th reunion celebration to be held Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004 at the Scituate Country Club. The reunion committee needs immediate help tracking the whereabouts of '84 alumni. Email your address, phone number, and contact information for any of your classmates to Matt Brown at katemattbrown@attbi.com.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL class of 1974 is looking for the whereabouts of classmates for its 30th class reunion scheduled for Sept. 2004. Contact (Diane Pizziferri)Hobart at 781-826-2784 or (Janet Nickerson) Maple Jan.Maple@comcast.net

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Brian Templeton** June 26.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. June 26 **Stone Crazy** featuring bassist **Danny Klein from the J. Geils Band** 6 to 11 p.m., 781-871-7175.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Paul Rishell-Annie Raines Electric Band**, blues – June 26. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com



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Folktales in the Forest with storyteller Andrea Lovett, Island Grove Park, Abington, June 30, at 10 a.m.. The stories will be told at the top of the hill. 781-871-5892

Sun.27

The Scituate Arts Association presents an outdoor water color workshop with watercolor instructor, **Peter Spataro**. Classes will be held on June 26 and 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. Painting will be held at local venues with demonstrations by Peter and on-site painting, instruction and individual attention. Cost is $100 for members, and $120 for non-members. For registration and details, call Joanne Papandrea, at 781.545.4929 or contact the SAA at 781.545.6150.

49th South Shore Art Center Arts Festival. *Summer Inspirations* exhibition at the **Bancroft Gallery:** Visiting Artists include Dan Welden, Ambreen Butt, Lee Boynton, Linda Funk, Peter Schroth, George Nick, Peter Madden, Nona Hershey, Dillon Gallery: Joan DeRugeris, David Hilbert, Nanci Jaye, Timothy Kussow, Michael Moss, Faculty Feature: Sandy Donnellan

Talespinners Storytellers will share their stories on the front porch of the Marshfield Hills General Store, 165 Prospect St., Marshfield Hills, on June 27, at 5 p.m. 781-837-9720.

Aiko Rogers will present the first in a series of three public tea ceremonies at **The Art Complex,** 189 Alden St., Duxbury on June 27, at 2 p.m. Free admission. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org

The Coastal Quilt Artists are presenting an exhibit of mostly contemporary quilts at the North River Art Society in Marshfield Hills Village, and continues until July 11. The gallery is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and on weekends from noon to 3 p.m. (except Independence Day weekend). The exhibit consists of recent works by all members of the Coastal Quilt Artists, a small diverse group of quilt-makers and artists from the towns of Scituate, Marshfield, Pembroke, Kingston, Abington, Bridgewater, Weymouth, Hingham, South Yarmouth, and Sherborn.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents a month long exhibit of paintings by **Andrew R. Kusmin**. The show runs to June 27. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located on 124 Front St., Scituate. 781-545-6150., or www.scituatearsts.com.

Families with Children from China (FCC) South Shore, has an active play group meeting every other week from 10 am until noon. Call Cissy White at 781-331-4679 for information. No cost to join.

Sunday Brunch at the JFK Library and Museum nine Sundays beginning through June. Brunch served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. $36 adults; $12 children age 12 and under. Admission includes brunch, museum admission and all taxes and gratuities. Reservations strongly recommended by calling 617-514-1586. wwwjfklibrary.org

Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance every Sunday evening at **Raffael's Restaurant** Nantasket, Clarion Hotel, 45 Hull Shore Dr., Hull 781-925-4515. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Live dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and The Presidents Club of Boston.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents "Boomer" Trio playing classic rock of the 60's and 70's in the lounge beginning at 9:30 p.m. No admission charge. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

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When Dewey Bunnell, Gerry Beckley and Dan Peek — founding members of the folk rock band "America" which plays the South Shore Music Circus on July 1 — first met in 1967, they were high school students growing up on a US Air Force base in England where their fathers were stationed. Living just outside London, the young men spent their free time at rock concerts. Just four years later, however, the trio had moved from the audience to the stage. Signed to a Warner Bros. recording contract, they charted their first number one single, with Bunnell's "A Horse With No Name," had a million-selling album, and won the "Best New Artist" Grammy Award.

"We all met at Central High School and started going to concerts by people like Jimi Hendrix and the Rolling Stones. We got a sense of the British scene in the clubs and concert halls and a feel for American music of the time on the base. We were really influenced by the Beatles and the Beach Boys and we started playing dance music in our own band, which was really more like a teen club act. We always enjoyed vocal harmony, so after trying to apply those harmonies to the pop songs we loved, we just started to write our own music," said singer, songwriter and guitarist Bunnell, 52, by telephone last week from a tour stop in Dubuque.

In just the next dozen years, what followed was a string of top-selling albums that featured two number one, seven top-ten, and eleven top-forty hits including "Sister Golden Hair," "Tin Man," "I Need You," "Ventura Highway," and "You Can Do Magic." In addition to their self-titled 1971 debut album, America's string of million selling records includes *Homecoming* (1972), *Hat Trick* (1973), *Holiday* (1974), *Hearts* (1975), *History* (1975), *Hideaway* (1976), and *View From The Ground* (1982). Although Bunnell and Beckley can take credit for writing most of America's 200-song catalogue, legendary Beatles producer, George Martin, was also key to the success of the group in the 1970s.

"We have had many great experiences over all these years and met many fantastic people, but perhaps the biggest thrill has been our opportunity to know and work with George Martin," recalls Bunnell. "We were very fortunate that our paths crossed when they did. We had recently finished our third record "Hat Trick" and although we were happy with the results, the actual job of producing was becoming harder and harder. George, having completed his excellent body of work with the Beatles, was looking for something new to get involved in. We flew to England to work on "Holiday" our first record together which had hits like "Tin Man" & "Lonely People" and we ended up doing seven studio albums with him."

When Peek unexpectedly departed the band in May 1977, Bunnell and Beckley decided against replacing him. "When Dan left, we went through a rocky period. Gerry and I have been a duo since then," Bunnell points out. "We pride ourselves on the fact that we have stayed together for so long. We're also very proud of our little place in music history, because we know our music spoke to a generation. It may not have been innovative, but we carried on the tradition of good song-writing. It was always worth it for us to spend more time on the music than on our image. A well-structured song, with good lyrics, will always last."

(America will perform at South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset July 1. For tickets and information, visit www.musiccircus.com <http://www.musiccircus.com> or call Ticketmaster at 1-617-931-2787.)

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Mon. 28

The Hingham Public Library and **Buttonwood Books & Toys** hosts Hingham native, **Lisa Carey,** for her latest book "Love in the Asylum", Mon. June 28, 7 p.m. at the Hingham Library. Free and open to the public. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Tues. 29

Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents **Marine and Local Scenes** at its New Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, through Aug. 29. 781-545-6150, www.scituateartsassociation.com

The Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St. Hingham. An exhibit, **Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past** features antique tools from the society's collection and is on view during museum hours. The Old Ordinary is open through Sept. 11. For information call 781-749-0013 or visit http://www/hinghamhistorical.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display . www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

The Hingham Public Library Book Club is looking for a few good members. The book club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month in the library's Fearing Room. The selection for June 29, is *After Long Silence* by Helen Fremont. The June 29 meeting will be the last before the summer break, and a good chance to try out the club. Meetings will resume in September, so anyone unable to attend in June should mark their calendars for Sept. 28, and watch for postings of that month's chosen title.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Wed. 30

Between the Lines: Capturing the Experience of Life - This writing workshop meets through the summer in air-conditioned comfort and welcomes new members at the beginning of each five-week session. Next 5-week series: Wednesdays, June 30 — July 28, 1-3 p.m., at Four Seaport Drive, North Quincy (wheelchair accessible). Advance registration and $55 fee are required. The group explores far-reaching interests and varied points of view in a stimulating and inspiring atmosphere. So try something new or dust off some old interests — and amaze yourself. No previous writing experience is required, only curiosity and a pen. For program information and directions, call Quincy Department of Elder Services, 617-376-1506 or E-mail journalguru@yahoo.com

Folktales in the Forest with storyteller Andrea Lovett, Island Grove Park, Abington, June 30, at 10 a.m.. The stories will be told at the top of the hill. 781-871-5892

Borders Store, Independence Mall, Kingston. June 30, at 10:30 a.m. **Storytime –Cat Tales** join Beth as she reads **Skippjon Jones** and **Cat Show.**

Buttonwood Books & Toys hosts **Sarah Messer** discussing "Red House: Being a Mostly Accurate Account of New England's Oldest Continuously Lived-In House" June 30, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. Free and open to the public. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

African Safari photography exhibit at the Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy Center, featuring photographs by wildlife photographer and Hingham resident **James J. Foley** through June 30. 617-376-1331

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The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents **Big River** July 30 to Aug. 22. Mark Twain's timeless classic. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by phone at 781-871-2787 - Wednesday and Sunday $23., Thursday, Friday and Saturday $25.www.companytheatre.com /order.html

Thurs. 1

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Fri. 2

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Linda Ronstadt** July 2, at 8 p.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or at box office at 130 Sohier Street. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org

The Satuit Band will be performing at Scituate Harbor, July 2, at 7:30 p.m.

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The Turntables will perform favorite hits from the 50s, 60s and beyond Friday, June 25 and Saturday June 26 at the River Club (formerly the Golden Rooster) 78 Border Street in Scituate. Show starts at 8 p.m. Enjoy a decadent dessert buffet. For reservations and tickets call 508-746-2939. Or visit www.theturntables.net.

Call for Artisans

37TH ANNUAL PEMBROKE ARTS FESTIVAL Call For Entries Area artists are invited to compete for $1,850 prize money in the, Aug. 7-8.The juried prize structure includes a $500 award for Best of Show. All media is eligible including photography and fiber art. Judges are David Brega, Leslie Brown, Joyce Coulter and Deborah Edmiston. Entries must be delivered to the Pembroke Community Center, Route 14, Pembroke, on Friday, July 23, between 7 to 9 p.m. or Saturday, July 24 between 9 am - noon. The non-refundable entry fee is $10 per entry. To request a prospectus, write P.O. Box 1453, Pembroke, MA 02359 or e-mail: BrooksKelly@aol.com. The Pembroke Arts Festival, Inc. is a non-profit organization supported in part by a grant from the Pembroke Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

28TH ANNUAL CORN FESTIVAL The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is seeking craft demonstrators for its on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date Sept.12 Artisans of traditional or colonial crafts are needed to demonstrate their skills and/or sell their handiwork. Vendors offering unique handmade crafts are also needed. Interested individuals who are skilled in making quilts, rugs, baskets, chairs, leatherwork, tinsmithing, candles, woodcarving or other traditional crafts should call Joan Reid at the Center at 781-659-2559 x203



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on its grounds on Route 109 in Walpole. Music will be supplied by Matt Lebar Band from Toronto, Canada. June 26, from noon to11 p.m. and June 27 from noon to 6 p.m. wheelchair accessible $5 per person, children under 12 free 508-660-2018



Celtic pri

MacMaster fiddles around at SSMC festival

Canadian fiddle phenomenon Natalie MacMaster grew up on Cape Breton Island, off the east coast of Nova Scotia, so it was no surprise that she first picked up the instrument at age 9.

"It was just something I grew up around at square dances and other events," explained MacMaster, 30, last week by telephone from a tour stop in New Mexico. "From the time I was a little girl, I knew I would always play the fiddle, but I never imagined I would make a living doing it."

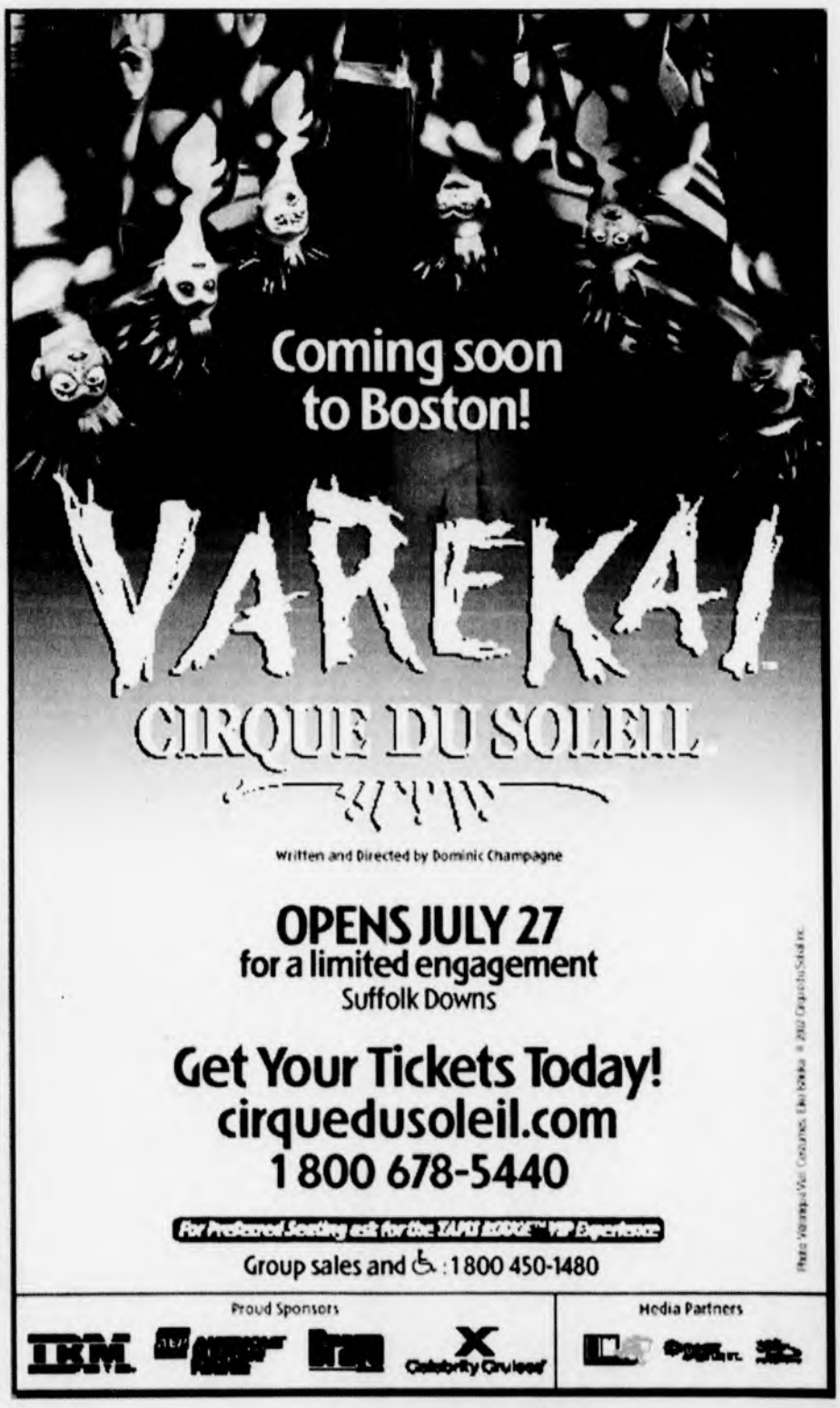
MacMaster — who headlines a Celtic Festival featuring the Cape Breton folk quartet The Cotters at the South Shore Music Circus on Saturday — is the niece of famed fiddler Buddy MacMaster. She quickly became a name in her own right, however, thanks to contemporary albums like *In My Hands*, with vocals by Allison Krauss, as well as the more traditional *My Roots Are Showing*, which earned a 2000 Grammy nomination for Best Traditional Folk Album. An exhaustive schedule of live performances has led some to call MacMaster the busiest woman in the Canadian music business.

"Earlier in my career, I went out and played just about every venue possible. In those days, I was doing something like 260 shows a year. Then there came a point where it was just too much of a good thing. These days, I do about 100 shows. I have definitely become selective about where and when I work, and I enjoy it more."

With appearances on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien" and "Good Morning America" to her credit, MacMaster has branched beyond the music that brought her fame, but has no plans to put her fiddle away. "I absolutely love recording and touring. The spin-offs from that, like commercials and acting, just help to keep my life interesting. People always say 'never say never.'" MacMaster comments with a confident laugh. "Well, I'm saying never. I will never stop playing the fiddle."

(Natalie MacMaster will be at South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset on June 26 at 8 PM. For tickets and information, visit the SSMC box office or call Ticketmaster at 1-617-931-2787.)

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Officers are back on the job in time for Fourth

By Mary Ford
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Most people are looking forward to some time off over the Fourth of July holiday – but that's not the case for two Cohasset police officers.

Sgt. William Quigley and Officer James McLean want to get back to work after their "vacation from hell."

Like most "vacations," the two officers were paid their regular salary – but rather than relaxing on a tropical island somewhere – they spent the past eight months defending their reputations and trying to get their jobs back.

Now they are getting their wish. The officers were expected to return to duty today (Thursday).

While there will be familiar faces greeting the officers at the police department, there have been some major changes. A new police chief, James Hussey – who is on a leave of absence from the Boston Police Department to take the Cohasset post – is at the helm. And former Police Chief Robert Jackson and long-time officer Sgt. David Pomarico have retired.

"It's time to move forward and put the past behind us."
— Police Chief James Hussey

Hussey replaces Jackson, who stepped down amid the police controversy after two years leading the department and 25 years on the force.

In a prepared statement released yesterday, Hussey stated:

"I have met with Sgt. Quigley and Officer James McLean and I look forward to working with them and they look forward to getting back to work," Hussey stated. "I have determined there will be changes in police department operations.

"Sgt. Quigley will be assigned to days where I will work with him on enhancing our community policing philosophy. Officer McLean will return to his former duties," he stated. [Quigley had commanded the 4-midnight shift and McLean worked the midnight shift.]

"I am in the process of evaluating the department to determine the training needs of these officers and others in the department. I look forward to leading our police personnel in working with the Cohasset community in developing our community policing plan."

There was also a big change at town hall while the officers were out. Mark Haddad quit his post as town manager in May after seven years, which had the side effect of potentially nixing any plans to continue the police hearings on allegations the officers abused police power during some arrests and drank beer while on-duty following weapons training in May 2003. Haddad served as the hearing officer.

The town presented its case over three days but the hearings were cancelled to enter into a 45-day "cooling-off period" before the town finished and officers could present their side.

The officers continue to deny

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Flexing muscle over hookups

Sewer commission seeks more power

By Samantha Brown
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The sewer commission may be setting the stage to hook the Cook Estate project up to the town sewer and for potential bylaw changes to ensure other proposed developments are not granted sewer access.

Two bylaw changes — which are slated for the special Town Meeting Warrant this fall and were drafted by the sewer commission — could give the board complete control over sewer issues in town.

In addition, there is potential for a selectmen's article that would allow the Cook Estate to become a part of the Cohasset Central Sewer District giving it sewer preference over the multi-unit Avalon and Cedarmere projects.

Soils at the Cook Estate cannot handle the wastewater expected to be generated from the development; engineers have looked at other areas around town to install a leaching field with a plan to pipe the wastewater off Cook site. A sewer connection would remove the cloud over the project, which is hamstrung without a wastewater solution.

While Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said no decisions have been made about the Cook Estate hookup article, the sewer commission discussed the possibility at length Monday night.

Sewer commission chairman Raymond Kasperowicz said he originally suggested the Cook Estate bring its case to Town Meeting and let voters decide whether they would like to see the property connected to town sewer.

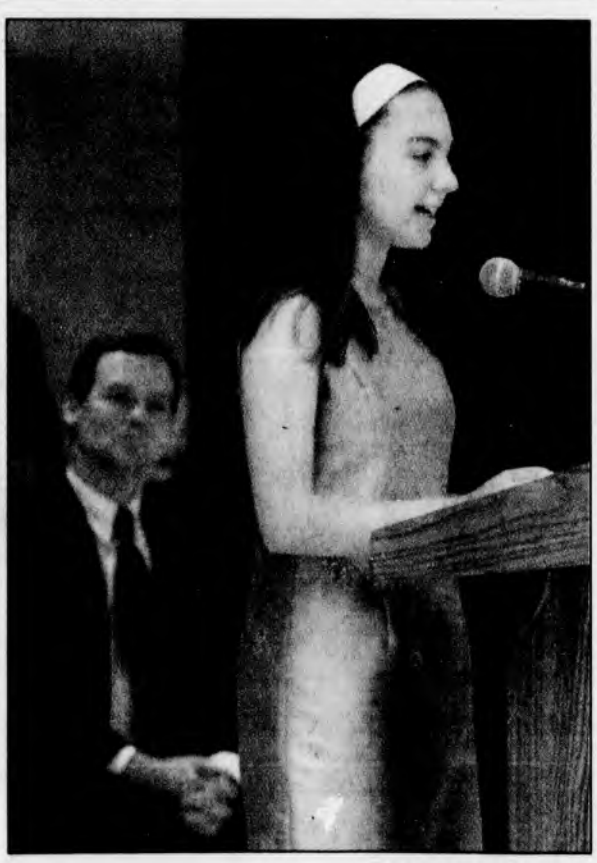
However, the commission has said repeatedly that there is no excess capacity at the town's wastewater treatment plant and denied sewer applications for

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JUST AS BEAUTIFUL
Mary Griffin, now and then, at the beauty contest held at the Senior Center last week in which participants brought in old photographs of themselves.



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Gabrielle Rodman gives a speech at the sixth-grade graduation as Principal Keith Gauley listens.

Last sixth-grade class graduates

Deer Hill School holds ceremony

By Samantha Brown
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Wearing ties and dresses, and bright smiles across their faces, the 137 members of this year's graduating Deer Hill class celebrated their promotion to the middle-high school as well as their part in history, as they will be the last sixth-grade class ever to graduate from the school.

As the students marched in to the music played by the fifth-grade band, flash bulbs went off in the audience, as parents, siblings and friends came to wish the class well. Just as the students took their seats, the crowd rose to its feet once more for the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Tyler Durant, and the Star Spangled Banner, sung by Savanna Young-Norris.

Principal Keith Gauley, who just finished his first year at the school, welcomed the guests to the new gymatorium, which was built as part of the renovations the students had to live through during their three years at the school. Now that renovations at both Deer Hill and the middle-high school have come to a close, the buildings are ready to accommodate more students, which means sixth grade will be housed at the middle-high school beginning next year. Deer Hill will therefore be sending two grades of students to Pond Street in September. Because fifth graders will be promoted as a result of the reorganization, they were given a small ceremony on Wednesday, June 24 as well.

But the fifth graders were happy to lend their talents to the sixth grade ceremony, as their chorus, under the direction of Jack McInnis, sang two graduation songs for the occasion.

Gauley recognized Keegan Flynn, who was chosen as one of two recipients of the Student

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Town Manager Act under microscope

By Mary Ford
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In the months ahead a lot of people are going to be educated about the Cohasset Town Manager Act and what form of government other towns use at their respective town halls.

With the abrupt departure of former Town Manager Mark Haddad in early May, the seven-year-old legislation — that made a profound change in the way Cohasset runs — is now under scrutiny. A nine-member Town Manager Act Review Committee, appointed by selectmen, has been charged with going over the act and potentially recommending changes.

But just what, if anything, will change is an open question.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," said review committee member Barbara Power, who also sits on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

"But the debate is about whether something's broken, right?" replied member Dan Evans, a former member of the advisory committee, at the review committee's first meeting last week.

"We are looking forward not backward."
— Rob Spofford, review committee

The committee will ask Duxbury Town Manager Rocco Longo and Hingham Town Administrator Charles Cristello, and possibly others, to an upcoming meeting to discuss what powers and duties they have in relationship to their boards of selectmen. The committee will also examine the job descriptions of town managers, town administrators and executive secretaries in various communities.

Haddad, who could be a controversial figure, was essentially the first and the only person to serve in the Cohasset post which has the authority to hire and fire, among other duties. Town Meeting approved the Town Manager Act in March 29, 1997

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., July 15

Board of Health, July 20, 7 p.m.,

Conservation Commission, July 1 & July 15, 7:30 p.m.

Library trustees, July 14, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, July 14, 7 p.m.

Recreation Commission, July 13, 6 p.m.

School Committee, July 19, 7 p.m., Aug. 9, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, July 13, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, June 28, 6 p.m.

Town Manager Act Review Committee, June 24, 7:30 p.m.

ZBA, July 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Apartments at Pratt Building

Cohasset Historical Society's conversion of space at the Pratt Building into two apartments is proceeding at a fast clip. Both apartment areas have been carved out with the contractors dividing each apartment interior into living room, kitchen and dining area, bedroom, and bathroom. Wiring is done and sheet rocking will start this week. Each apartment has its own entrance at the rear of the building and will have new parking spaces for two cars at the front of the building.

The fully air conditioned apartments should be ready for occupancy on Sept. 1, and the Historical Society suggests applicants call 781-383-1168 or stop by at 106 South Main St., between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays for the necessary application papers. There will be no pets or smoking allowed. Priority will be given to Cohasset residents. Rent will be $1,500/month and tenants must be 55 years of age or older.

In August, the Cohasset Historical Society will have an Open House featuring its two new apartments.

Beach closing

The gates at the Sandy Beach parking lot will be closing at 11 p.m. every night, beginning Friday, July 2, preventing cars from entering or exiting the property. The gates will open again at sunrise.

Town Manager Selection Committee

The board of selectmen is looking for interested candidates to take part in a Town Manager Selection Committee. Those interested are asked to call the selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105 before July 13.

Fire Chief recovering well

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln is recovering well from back surgery, and should be back on the job within the next few weeks. Fire Captain Robert Silvia is serving as acting chief in Lincoln's absence.

Village task force work completed

Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer said the Village Revitalization Task Force has concluded its investigation of the downtown project, and will be coming before the board of selectmen July 13 with a report of its findings. "There was a lot of consensus and it felt good to have that many people working together on it," Dormitzer said.

RTF closed July 4

"The Recycling Transfer Facility will be closed on Sunday, July 4.

It will re-open on Wednesday, July 7."

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Sun. 4	12:51	12.1	7:19	1:35	10.3	7:31
Mon. 5	1:46	11.9	8:12	2:30	10.3	8:26
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Acting Fire Chief Robert Silvia said there has been a wonderful response from residents who would like to help the department raise funds for Automated External Defibrillators, which can be used to shock a patient that has gone into cardiac arrest. In light of the response, an AED gift fund has been created. The goal of the department is to have as many AEDs in public buildings around town as is possible, as they are proven lifesavers.

Silvia said the department has already received two AEDs from the Executive Office of Public Safety, which it did not know it was going to receive, the board of health has plans to purchase another, a Homeland Security grant should pay for five more. Silvia said a few more residents are interested in donating funds for either AEDs or training. The cost for one AED and the alarmed cabinet to mount it on the wall is roughly $2,200.

For those interested in making a donation, checks made out to the town of Cohasset can be sent to the Cohasset Fire Department, c/o Captain Robert Silvia, 44 Elm St.

Planning Board office hours set

The Cohasset Planning Board Office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This revised schedule of hours will be in effect until Sept. 7. The Planning Board phone number is 781-383-3517.

All-facilities stickers on sale at Town Hall

The expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits was June 30. The "all facility sticker" for the next fiscal year is on sale during normal business hours at the town hall and at the DPW garage on weekends from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. An "all facilities sticker" will be $30, the second vehicle $30 and seniors is $15.

This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, Sandy Beach as well as, include parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Dept. of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town.

Community Conference room almost complete

Supt. Edward Malvey had hoped to have the Community Conference room, located near the superintendent's office at the high school, completed and ready to host School Committee meetings before his departure at the end of this school year. However, he said there is some equipment that has not arrived, which would prevent the meetings from being conducted on camera. Malvey said there will be a new banner arriving to serve as a nice-looking backdrop for when meetings are broadcast on cable television. "It is coming on line soon," said Malvey.

Transportation fee discussion continues

School Committee members Jamie Williams and Adrienne MacCarthy have formed a subcommittee to take a closer look at the transportation surveys sent out by former committee member Pat Martin, to further analyze the data collected. The two said before any discussion takes place regarding implementing of fees for children riding the school bus, it's important to take a look at what parents of the children want. The surveys deal with a much broader scope than just fees, and ridership issues, which could affect fees, will be looked at as well.

Master Plan review

The Planning Board has scheduled a series of public meeting to review the Draft Master Plan for the Town of Cohasset. The Draft Plan will be reviewed during regular Planning Board meetings held in the months of June, July and August and thereafter, if required.

Planning Board summer meeting schedule (subject to change) is as follows: at 7:30 p.m., July 7, July 21, Aug 4, Aug 18 in the basement meeting room.

Contact the Planning Board Office at 781-383-3517 to confirm meeting dates and agenda times as the summer progresses.

Printed copies of the Draft Master Plan are available for review in the Planning Board Office, Office of the Town Clerk and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. An electronic version is available at the Town website, www.cohassetmass.org.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion.

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Concerns brewing for abutters of proposed coffee shop

By Samantha Brown
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While coffee-lovers might be thrilled at the prospect of a new Dunkin' Donuts drive-thru on Route 3A, abutters to the shop, slated for the Hair Affair building at 154 King St., are concerned a drive-up window will cause excessive traffic, noise pollution, and air pollution in an already crowded area.

Roughly 15 residents of Fairoaks Lane came to the planning board's public hearing last Wednesday, where developers discussed the possibility of renovating and conjoining KoKo Island and Hair Affair, turning the former into a family-style restaurant and the latter into a donut shop with a drive-up window. Fairoaks Lane is off of Sohier Street and abuts the 3A site to the east, directly behind the property.

The majority of abutters in attendance said if renovation plans did not include a drive-thru, they would not be concerned with the proposed changes to the site. However, the plans for the site have been designed around the premise that a drive-thru window will be a part of the renovations.

Abutters said they were concerned about the potential noise the speaker at the drive-up window could generate...

"I could live with a restaurant, but the coffee shop concerns me," said Paul Quintin, 239 Fairoaks Lane, adding it will generate constant activity on site between the traffic and noise from those ordering at the window. He added that this Dunkin' Donuts would be the third in a stretch of road less than a mile long, and questioned whether that is really a need the town has.

Michael Tack, a representative for the Nauset Group, which is looking to renovate the site, explained the plans were drawn under the assumption that the Dunkin' Donuts currently located in Cohasset Plaza will be moving from its current location to the 3A site, which would make for one less donut shop on 3A. He added the site has been designed to accommodate for the drive-thru and he would be willing to work with abutters to address their concerns.

John Cavanaro of John Cavanaro Consulting, the engineer for the project, said the parking lot was designed to help direct the flow of traffic, and roughly 17 cars could be accommodated in drive-up line. However, members of the board asked what happens if on the busiest day of the year, more than 17 cars want to get in line, and even worse, how will traffic get back onto 3A, without a traffic light to help provide a break in traffic. Members said currently, traffic prevents easy access onto 3A in either direction from Sohier Street, which is closer to the light at Stop and Shop than the KoKo Island site, and a coffee shop which generates a good deal of traffic during the commute would potentially cause a traffic disaster. Members said cars are more than likely going to have to wait when exiting, and any more than three cars in the left turn exit lane would cause a back up into the coffee line.

Sherry Sturino, 179 Fairoaks Lane, said she too was concerned with the potential for traffic, as well as pollution from cars. She noted Sand Castle Child Care is next door, which generates traffic on its own, but with idling cars in the Dunkin' Donuts line, it might not be healthy for children playing on the playgrounds to be breathing the fumes in.

Tack said the proposed Dunkin' Donuts would most likely hold the same hours of operation as other chains, which is 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Abutters said they were concerned about the potential noise the speaker at the drive-up window could generate, as early risers may have to raise their voices to make their early morning orders, and that noise would carry into earshot of their homes. Tack said the option of looking into only having window orders for a certain timeframe in the morning, which would cut back on the noise, could be considered as an option.

However, no matter what the outcome of the site, Cheryl Lund, 193 Fairoaks Lane, said she will have a line of traffic 10 feet away from her home. "It absolutely devastates me," she said.

Planning board member Robert Sturdy said while it is always good to have abutters become a part of the process, the board only has jurisdiction over what is shown in the plans. "Whatever is said verbally has no bearing on anything," he said. He said any changes discussed at the meeting need to be submitted in revised drawings.

The planning board will continue the public hearing for KoKo Island and Hair Affair Wednesday, July 14.



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Changes are afoot for the KoKo Island site.

"There is a serious public safety issue here."
— Robert Sturdy, planning board

Hair Affair plans miss window of opportunity

Donut drive-thru is too problematic

By Samantha Brown
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Plans to include a drive-up window as part of the proposed renovations to the current Hair Affair building on Route 3A may have hit its first roadblock, as the planning board has recommended the zoning board of appeals not approve the special permit which would make that window possible.

The planning board is currently going through the site plan review process with developers who are looking to renovate and conjoin KoKo Island and Hair Affair, turning the former into a family-style restaurant and the latter into a donut shop with a drive-up window. Without the completion of the site plan review, the planning board doesn't feel the ZBA should grant the special permit, due to the fact that concerns regarding safety surfaced at the first public hearing, and plans for the site may need to be changed.

"There is a serious public safety issue here," said planning board member Robert Sturdy, in regards to the amount of traffic a drive-up window could potentially generate at that location on 3A. He added the planning board has been studying 3A traffic for the past 21 years, and this addition would only make the problem worse. Sturdy said he would recommend denying the project "without prejudice," which would allow the applicant to apply again for the special permit at a later date, which would give the planning board time to thoroughly go through the site plan review process.

Member Stuart Ivimey agreed with Sturdy and said the ZBA doesn't have enough information to make a decision, because the site plan review process has not been completed and the planning board needs to continue vetting the issue. He said he agreed with Sturdy that recommending the ZBA deny the application without prejudice would be the way to proceed. Member Peter Pratt agreed, as did Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, who said if the board decided to recommend granting the special permit, the timeline the ZBA must follow for special permits would force it to decide too early.

Any restaurant seeking a drive-up window must apply for a special permit with the ZBA. While the Hair Affair building is slated to become a donut shop — most likely a Dunkin' Donuts — granting the special permit for a drive-up window would allow any future business that moves to the site access to a drive-thru as well.

The ZBA will discuss the matter at its next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, July 6.

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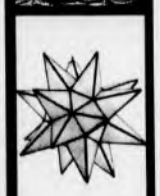
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Sewer commission looks to reign supreme on hook-ups

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both Cedarmere off Beechwood Street and Northland Residential, developers for the Cook Estate.

Cedarmere, which is appealing the sewer commission's denial of a sewer connection, was the first project to file under the town's Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw and proposes 105-units of senior housing on 41-acres. That project, whose developers insist there is adequate capacity for Cedarmere and more, is currently stalled. Northland is working with the town to build senior housing on the Cook Estate site and has not appealed the commission's denial to hookup.

Developers for Avalon, a 40B project which came to town prior to Cedarmere, were told there was no capacity for the 200-unit project and therefore, did not file a sewer application but spent a considerable sum seeking wastewater disposal options for the site. The 200-unit Avalon project off Rte. 3A is seeking a groundwater discharge permit from the Department of Environmental Protection over objections from the water commission, which is concerned any septic treatment on site would degrade the Lily Pond Watershed. With a sewer hookup, there would be no need to fight the water commission and spend months working with the DEP for a groundwater permit.

Daniel Coughlin of Tutela Engineering Associates, the sewer commission's engineering consultant, said he thought it would be in the Cook Estate's best interest to look into getting into the central district "from the get-go," to ensure that if it is determined there is capacity, it will be eligible.

However, Kasperowicz said no matter what the outcome of the special Town Meeting, if capacity doesn't exist, the project will not be hooked up.

Regardless of the whether the Cook Estate is voted in or out of the Central District, the proposed bylaw changes would give the sewer commission complete control over town sewers, allowing the commission to make exceptions for property which would normally not be eligible. It could also prevent others from hooking up, even to the treatment facilities of other towns like Hull. While only one of the bylaws has been given unanimous support by the commission, the second will not receive a formal vote to move forward until the board receives an opinion from Town Counsel.

"Should we be assigning whatever capacity we can to developers of new projects when we have people who want it now?"

— Ray Kasperowicz, sewer commission

'Checker-boarding'

The board voted in favor of adopting a Home Rule Petition, which, if passed at Town Meeting, would amend the Cohasset Sewer Act to allow the commission to expand the sewer district, to encompass areas that would not otherwise be allowed to tie-in. The bylaw is very similar to a Home Rule Petition adopted by Provincetown, and allows for "checker-boarding" of sewer districts in areas where the sewer commission deems it is necessary.

Kasperowicz said the way he understood, enacting it would take care of any lawsuits, past or present. But member John Beck said he didn't think it would negate existing suits.

The Home Rule Petition, even if passed at Town Meeting, will need to come before the Attorney General and the Legislature, and it could be Fiscal Year 2006 before it could be enacted. "So, it doesn't really help us for a few years," said Kasperowicz.

"But it's the responsible thing to do," said Beck.

The board also entertained another potential bylaw change, which would amend Article 9 of the current General Bylaws. While Town Counsel will give final approval on the wording, the version the commission is working with reads, "No other sewers shall be constructed in any public roads or ways of the town which are not within the limit of such designated sewer districts and which are not under the control of the before mentioned Sewer Commission."

Kasperowicz said his interpretation of this bylaw would prohibit anyone outside the central district from tying in because the sewer commission would have control over public roads. "If you've got a district and they want to do something outside, they can't," he said. However, if the Home Rule Petition passes, the commission would be able to make exceptions at its discretion and allow property in the central district if it would like.

"Can we end up with a lawsuit?" asked Kasperowicz of the bylaw change, to which Beck replied, "Yes, " adding if the Cook Estate was included in the central district, he could not imagine others in town looking for sewer would not sue. Member Sean Cunning said the board could decide to allow both Cedarmere and the Cook Estate to become part of the central district, but that option was not discussed.

Kasperowicz said he had heard Avalon had been looking to run pipes to Hull, to tie into that town's treatment facility. "Are we protected with these (bylaw) changes from a developer making a connection to the sewer by the state highway?" he asked.

Cunning said maybe that is an issue that is not within the jurisdiction of the board because it is a state highway. "That's very wimpy of you," quipped Kasperowicz.

Kasperowicz said he would like to see the two sewer commission bylaw changes brought to Town Meeting. However, he said the question still remains, "Should we be assigning whatever capacity we can to developers of new projects when we have people who want it now?"

Cunning said the money charged to hook up larger projects could be used to help the people who want their homes hooked up. At around $15,000 per dwelling unit, a lot of money could be put aside to help with sewer issues.

However, Kasperowicz said, "In my mind, there is still an element of risk," because it has not been determined adequate capacity exists.

Officers are back on the job in time for Fourth

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any wrongdoing.

Haddad placed Quigley and McLean on paid administrative leave Oct. 20, 2003. The officers claim the town's disciplinary action was in retaliation for their actions relative to the police chief's family, although Haddad denied that had anything to do with the disciplinary action.

Quigley arrested Keith Jackson, the chief's son, the night of an alleged altercation at the Legion post and was on duty when Keith Jackson's former girlfriend and her father went to the station to file a complaint that Keith Jackson had hit her on several occasions.

McLean admonished then-Officer Brian Curran, the Jackson's son-in-law, for not following proper union procedures relative to an overtime grievance that resulted in Jackson stripping McLean of his collateral duty as fleet manager. McLean then notified the national police union about unfair labor practices.

The "Legion case" was included in the town's charges against Sgt. Quigley, who is suing Haddad and Jackson personally and the town for interfering with Quigley's employment as a police officer and invading his privacy. The town hired a private detective to look into Quigley's background.

Hussey, who declined to comment on the lawsuits, said there are still issues that need to be resolved but bringing the officers back sends a message that " it's time to move forward and put the past behind us."

In terms of working with the community, Hussey plans to conduct a survey to gauge what the problems are including concerns about crime and quality of life issues. "It will have a wide variety of questions to help us partner with the community," he said.

Hussey also wants to set up a Police Advisory Council made up of a cross-section of people in town who can work with the police department, "so we're not operating in a vacuum."

Quigley's civil attorney Kevin Powers said this development does not resolve the civil suit Quigley has pending but it deals with one of the important issues – the sergeant's return to work.

"It's an important first step and shows they (town) are trying to act in good faith to resolve this matter," Powers said.

Doug Louison, the officers' union attorney who represented them in the hearings, is on vacation and could not be reached for comment.

In March, the District Attorney's office notified the town it had looked into a series of police stops and arrests that then Chief Jackson provided and based upon the information furnished could not find any wrongdoing. But the DA said if the town had more information to send it along so the office could satisfactorily respond to Jackson's request for an investigation.

Reached by telephone Quigley would only say he was happy to be back.

"I'm looking forward to returning to work," he said.

Cost of police saga difficult to pinpoint

Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said earlier this month so far, the town has spent around $121,000 on the police controversy – not including the officers' salaries and police overtime — for Deutsch Williams, which serves as Town Counsel, the court reporter, and private investigator.

Buckley said the salary for Officer James McLean is about $966 a week, and for Sgt. William Quigley, about $1085 a week. The two continued to receive pay checks while they were on administrative leave and the department needed to cover their shifts while they were out. Officers filling in for Quigley and McLean received time and a half. Buckley said overtime costs while the officers were out have not been calculated.

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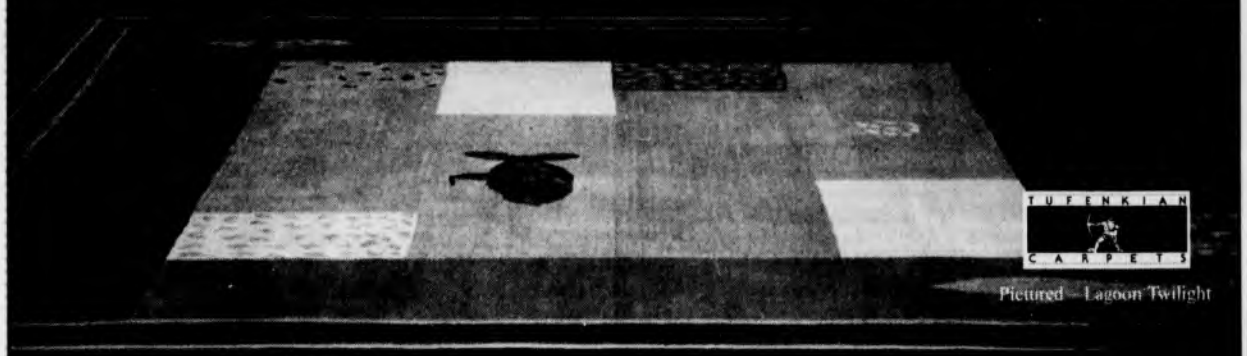
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Democratic Convention congestion is on the horizon

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When it comes to the Boston commute during the Democratic National Convention next month, South Shore residents can be grateful for one thing — they're not North Shore residents.

While a number of roadways are being heavily restricted north of the city, including Interstate 93 south, Route 1, and Storrow and Memorial Drives, South Shore commuters will most likely only experience traffic troubles on I-93 north going into the city.

There will be traffic restrictions on I-93 north for the entire week of the convention, July 25-30. But the MBTA's southern trains and buses will be minimally effected, unlike those north of the Hub.

For the morning commute, starting in Braintree from Sunday, July 25 through Friday, July 30, there will be no HOV (carpool) lane on I-93. The highway will be reduced from five to three lanes and officials have told drivers to expect delays.

The worst of the commuter crunch south of the city will begin in late afternoon that week, with on-ramps to I-93 north closing beginning in Braintree. There will be no northbound access to the highway from Quincy, Milton or Dorchester from Monday July 26 through Thursday, July 29.

Off-ramps will remain open to exit 20 (the Mass Pike and South Station) where all traffic must exit.

Officials could not give a time estimate on when the on-ramp closures would occur, noting that it is both a matter of security, and based of traffic flow.

"We have certain times that cars need to be off certain stretches of the roadway for security reasons…we can't tell you those exact reasons, but those decisions will be made rationally," said Boston Police spokeswoman Mary Ellen Burns. "Clearly things in the city will be shut down last, from the outermost points they'll start restrictions."

If you live on the South Shore and you don't have to be in Boston, stay home and enjoy the ambiance."
— State Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield

During the convention, large commercial vehicles will be randomly searched on their way into the city, but there will be no random car searches, according to Boston Police Supt. Robert Dunford.

"The big thing that people in the city and coming into the city must remember is that if they give themselves additional time, and plan coming into the city, they shouldn't experience the significant delays that everyone has predicted," Dunford said.

Dunford warned that drivers may experience delays on back roads during the week as well, as traffic will be diverted from the highway to streets like Routes 128 and 3A.

Transportation officials are encouraging those coming into the city to use public transportation, which is where South Shore residents hold the strongest advantage over those on the North Shore.

While North Station had to be closed for the duration of the convention due to its close proximity to the Fleet Center, South Station will remain open, and the highways will remain open to MBTA buses, as well as emergency vehicles.

According to MBTA General Manager Michael Mulhern, the city's subway trains and trolleys will be minimally affected, except around North Station. In fact, the trains will run more frequently as they will be on a rush hour schedule at all times during the convention.

Some commuter rail trains from the South Shore will have minor schedule adjustments, but Mulhern said those have not been finalized yet. All commuter boat service south of Boston will run on schedule, with some possible minor adjustments at Rowes Wharf, as a number of U.S Senators will be holding meetings at the Boston Harbor Hotel.

According to Burns, a number of Boston companies, including John Hancock, Gillette, Putnam Investments and Fidelity Investments, have agreed to adjust their hours of operation, change their employees' work sites or make other accommodations in order to decrease the number of commuters on the roads and railways coming into the city that week.

"The convention is taking place exactly a month today so we're hopeful that this will be sufficient time in advance for people to make necessary adjustments," said state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, the Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on Transportation. "If you live on the South Shore and you don't have to be in Boston, stay home and enjoy the ambiance."

For additional information, residents are asked to look at either Boston's Web site at cityofboston.gov; the Convention Host Committee's website at boston04.com; the MBTA's Web site at mbta.com; or call Mayor Thomas Menino's convention hotline at (617) 635-2004.

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Town's parting pact with Haddad released

By Samantha Brown
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The town has released the amendment to former Town Manager Mark Haddad's employment contract, which spells out the terms of his resignation negotiated between by the board of selectmen and Haddad.

The document, dated May 5, lists 10 conditions as part of the amendment to the employment agreement.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said the board worked together and worked quickly to come to the agreement with Haddad after his resignation. "We, as a board, thought the agreement was in the best interest of the community," he said.

While Haddad's three-year contract with the town is considered a public document, acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said the resignation agreement — negotiated behind closed doors — had been subject to pending litigation, and was therefore, not immediately released.

The Mariner requested a copy of the employment agreement amendment under the state Public Records Law and the town complied.

In addition to the information selectmen had already released — including that Haddad was to receive $50,000 upon his departure and the town would continue to pay his health insurance for six months — the document states Haddad agrees to cooperate and assist with legal matters and assist the town in completing projects or business, which began during his employment with the town.

Haddad also gave permission for the town to make use of all his office furnishings and computer equipment at Town Hall, and agreed to release the town from any and all claims of action arising out of his employment with the town.

Haddad was given 21 days to fully consider the amendment. The agreement became binding and effective eight days after it was signed. Haddad's signature is dated May 5 and the selectmen's signatures are dated May 11.

Selectmen said Haddad, who was hired in July 1997 and started that August, abruptly resigned due to personal reasons on May 5 from the position he had held for roughly seven years.

Buckley said the cost on the town's side to cover Haddad's insurance is roughly $800 per month; Haddad will continue to pay 30 percent of the total cost, or roughly $345 a month. The $50,000 is being paid for accrued benefits, including vacation and sick time, and is roughly what Haddad would have received for six months of his salary. At the time of his resignation, Haddad's salary was roughly $110,000.

Haddad signed his most recent contract with the town on March 5, 2002; it was slated to expire on June 30, 2005. One provision of the contract stated he would agree not to seek or accept any other employment during the first 2-1/2 years, with the exception of the Town of Andover, should that position be advertised. Andover is Haddad's hometown and is not currently looking for a Town Manager.

Although specific steps to be followed were spelled out in Haddad's contract should he be fired, there was nothing in the contract outlining what benefits he would be entitled to in the event he resigned from his position.

Selectmen continue to be mum on any specifics about why Haddad quit, prompting some residents to question why Haddad resigned and why he received any compensation.

According to the contract, had Haddad been terminated by the town before the expiration of his contract and was still willing and able to perform his duties under the agreement, the town would agree to pay Haddad a lump sum cash payment equal to six months salary, plus the value of benefits and deferred compensation, earned sick leave, vacation, holidays, compensatory time and other accrued benefits to date.

Had he been fired for cause, the town would have no obligation to pay any severance.

Employment Agreement Amendment #1

The is the text of the employment agreement:

This Amendment #1 is made between the Town of Cohasset ("Town") and Mark W. Haddad ("Haddad") this 5th day of May 2004.

The Employment Agreement dated March 5, 2002 ("Agreement") by and between the Town and Haddad is dully amended as follows:

Haddad resigns from his employment with the Town effective as of May 5, 2004 in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Town hereby' accepts Haddad's resignation, which shall be irrevocable.

The Town agrees to continue to pay Haddad his regular current salary as set forth in the Agreement, minus all applicable payroll taxes and deductions, until Haddad has received a total of $50,000.00.

The Town agrees to continue Haddad's health insurance, on the same terms as received by Town employees, for six months following the effective date of this Amendment #1.

Haddad agrees to cooperate fully in the defense of and to assist the Town with any and all litigation currently pending or hereafter arising in connection with Haddad's employment by the Town. Haddad agrees to cooperate reasonably in providing information or otherwise assisting the Town in completing projects or other business which began during Haddad's employment with the Town.

Haddad authorizes the Town to access, make use of and employ for any and all public purposes the office furnishings and computer equipment at Town Hall.

Haddad agrees to release the Town from any and all claims or causes of action whatsoever arising out of his employment with the Town.

The parties agree to reasonably cooperate in agreeing on a letter referencing Haddad's dates of employment, position held, job duties, accomplishments, and the fact that he resigned. In accord with Town policy, no other information will be released in response to inquiries regarding Haddad's employment with the Town.

The Agreement is otherwise amended to end on May 5, 2004, is concluded and cancelled, without any further rights, obligations, duties or recourse by and between the parties.

Haddad acknowledges that he was advised in writing to consult with an attorney and has had an opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to executing this Amendment #1.

Haddad understands that he is entitled to twenty-one (21) days within which to fully consider this Amendment #1. Following the date that he signs this Amendment #1, Haddad shall have a period of seven (7) days within which to revoke it. Any such revocation must be in writing and delivered to Peter Berry, Esq., Deutsch Williams, et al, 99 Summer St., Boston, MA 02110. Absent timely revocation, this Amendment #1 shall be binding and become effective eight (8) days after Haddad has signed it. If Haddad exercises his right to revoke this Amendment #1 all promises hereunder shall be null and void.

New committee puts Town Manager Act under microscope

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and it went into effect that July 1.

Haddad replaced interim Town Administrator Ed McCann, who actually served as the first town manager for a few weeks after the act went into effect on July 1 until Haddad came on board that August. McCann had replaced former Town Administrator Gregory Doyon, who resigned.

Some citizens say the combination of power and Haddad's aggressive personality went beyond the bounds of the Town Manager Act. Others think selectmen didn't exercise as much oversight as they could have under the act over some of Haddad's actions and decisions.

But at the first review committee meeting last Thursday(June 24), chairman Rob Spofford set the tone by stating the committee would focus on reviewing the act, staying away from politics and personality.

Reached by telephone Tuesday, Spofford said the was pleased with the tenor of that meeting.

"The spotlight is not on individuals but the Town Manager Act itself," he said. "We are looking forward not backward ."

He stressed the committee is not looking to do away with the town manager position but will examine the act line by line to see if it needs any tweaking.

During last week's meeting Selectman Fred Koed said the question is whether the Town Manager Act puts too much power in too few hands. He said he likes a separation of powers with strong elected and appointed boards.

"I'm opposed to consolidating for the sake of efficiency," he said.

Tom Callahan, a former selectman, was one of about 10 members in the audience last week. The meeting was also televised on cable-TV. Callahan said it was important for the review committee not to focus on titles but the actual authority of a town's chief administrative officer.

He pointed out there are eight or nine points on the continuum under state law regarding municipal government ranging from a weak executive secretary to a city mayor.

"People may be called a town manager but not have that much authority," he said. "...we [Cohasset] essentially had a weak executive secretary [in terms of authority] and did a 180 to the strongest form of town manager."

Review committee member Susan Kent, who is also chairman of the advisory committee, said the group may find the act is OK the way it is. "Maybe we are just not following it very well," she said.

The review committee is separate from the Town Manager Search Committee which has yet to be appointed. Spofford said the search committee should begin the process soon of finding a new town manager.

But Wigmore Pierson, 123 Atlantic Ave., who was in the audience, cautioned a rushed review of the Town Manager Act would be in danger of becoming perfunctory rather than reflective.

"I'm not saying we should not take our time," Spofford replied. "But I think we can get the selection committee together to begin the process."

In addition to Spofford, Koed, Evans, Power, and Kent, the committee includes acting Town Manager Michael Buckley, water commissioner Glenn Pratt, former selectman Martha Gjesteby and Helen Daley, who has a masters in public administration and experience in city government management. Buckley, who is also the director of finance and before that was the town accountant, has worked in Cohasset for 12 years.

Any changes to the Town Manager Act would have to go before Town Meeting. Peter Pratt, who was in the audience and is a member of the planning board, said the act allows Town Meeting to make changes up to a threshold without having to send the revisions to the state legislature.

The consensus from some in the audience last week centered on whether the board of selectmen didn't have enough "backbone," as Murray Campbell, 217 Jerusalem Road, described it – not whether the act itself needs an overhaul.

Lou Harvey, 465King St., said the act gives selectmen broad powers that they weren't using.

"Much could be enacted by policy set by the board of selectmen," Harvey said. "That's a loophole through which you could drive a truck."

The review committee will likely meet again the week of July 12. Check the Town Clerk's office for date and time, 781-383-4100.

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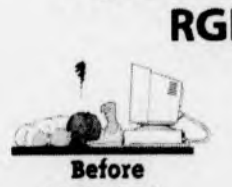
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Greenbush ombudsman position is back on track

By Samantha Brown
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With the departure of former Town Manager Mark Haddad, questions began to surface about what the role of the MBTA ombudsman should be, what she had been doing for the town, and what her role should be moving forward. To help iron out those issues, the board of selectmen and representatives from the Waterfield Design Group met Tuesday to come to an agreement about what each expected when entering into the contract.

Craig Miller of the Waterfield Design Group said his company signed a contract with the town that allowed it to appoint one of its employees to the ombudsman position. He said he understood the position would provide the town with a point person who could act as a liaison with the town and townspeople, and could field concerns, complaints, and gather feedback, and bring the information back to the MBTA. He said the ombudsman was to also serve as a liaison for former Haddad with the MBTA.

"He was a point person," said Miller of Haddad, noting Haddad had a lot of knowledge about the project and would direct Waterfield in its action. "We were the arms and legs for Mark," said Miller, adding his company worked very closely with Haddad on every MBTA issue that came up.

The selectmen asked Kristina Patterson, who was a landscape architect for Waterfield, and was appointed to take on the extra duties of an ombudsman for Cohasset as a part-time additional job, what the cases were that she worked on during her time as ombudsman. Patterson resigned from Waterfield, and subsequently from her position as ombudsman, in May to allow her to pursue a graduate degree back home in Canada, and her colleague Michael White will be taking over as the new ombudsman for the town.

Patterson said many of the calls she received dealt with abutters to the railway whose properties were very close to where the train will be. She said she informed Haddad of the calls when they would come in to her, but added, "He almost always knew about the problem," because most had come up before. She said the larger projects she was involved with included working out issues with the Town Parking Lot, the former ABB Optical building, and the town's quest for four-quadrant gates.

Patterson said if someone would call her with a complaint, she would call Haddad or the MBTA for background information if necessary, and she would facilitate a meeting between the MBTA and the abutter. "Basically I was a conduit to get the person in touch with the appropriate person," she said.

Patterson said she would also receive calls from residents who had tried to get in touch with the MBTA and had not been successful, and she would be able to help them get in touch with the appropriate person. Miller added the ombudsman position was very effective that way, because it enabled residents to be able to get in touch with the correct person in a large organization like the MBTA where their call could have easily been lost.

"I never had a meeting with the T where they didn't have 12 people," said Patterson, and her contacts enabled her to direct residents to the correct person.

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Patterson told selectmen during her tenure as ombudsman, she fielded complaints from between 50 to 100 residents, and every complaint is filed in a database, of which the town has a copy. Miller pointed out, the ombudsman position was expected to be relatively small at the beginning, prior to construction, and once the MBTA began its work, Patterson was slated to be in Cohasset two mornings a week, at her own office in Town Hall.

Miller said since Haddad's departure, there has been some question of the nature of the ombudsman position. He said every complaint filed has been handled by the ombudsman, who has acted aggressively, but not against the MBTA. "We're an advocate, but we're not taking an overly aggressive approach," said Miller, adding that is the way his company has operated in the past, and it has worked out well during negotiations with the MBTA. "If that's what the town wants, you're not going to get that with us." Miller said in his company's dealings with the MBTA, if the organization says no five times, "We're probably not going to go back a sixth," and said if the town wants to change the tone of the position, "We should probably part ways because we're not interested in that." He added, "When Mark was here, we had outstanding success with the issues."

Technical questions

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said he was under the assumption that the position was supposed to encompass more than it has. "You did have an obligation to provide comments to drawings," drafted by the MBTA, to make sure they reflected what the town wanted to see. Dormitzer read from the advertisement for the position the town posted, which Waterfield responded to, which said, "Responsibilities include serving as the town's liaison with the MBTA and its General Contractor by dealing with public questions and complaints; observing construction activities; reporting deviations from plans and specifications; monitoring construction progress against construction schedule; and providing weekly updates to the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen."

Miller said he hadn't thought the ombudsman needed to comment on drawings and he didn't "read it that way," and Dormitzer said he thought the ad was pretty straight forward.

"This is what you responded to," said Dormitzer, adding he thought the ombudsman should have been formally reviewing drawings at their 30 percent complete stage to their 90 percent stage. He said parts of the plans do not reflect what the town wants, and there needs to be someone who can be an advocate for the town in that capacity.

Patterson explained some of the plans may not have changes the town wants because the diagnostic team, which includes people in town, including the fire and police chiefs, must file their final report first, in order for plans to be completely finalized. If that report is not in, the plans will not reflect the town's decisions.

Dormitzer said while he understands, "broadly, it leaves me uneasy," to think of plans being 90 percent complete and still leaving out some very important information.

Miller said he agreed with Dormitzer and the town must have someone to watch to make sure the plans reflect what they are supposed to. However, "It was never our understanding the ombudsman was supposed to overlook drawings. It was not a part of the contract we have," he said. Miller suggested the town look for a technical person to be responsible for making those reviews to plans, because that role had previously been filled by Hadadd.

Miller said originally, his company was hired to serve as a technical eye for the Village Streetscape project, and was later hired to provide the ombudsman, and Haddad had set up an estimated $20,000 budget to pay for technical review services on an as-needed basis. Miller said he thought the work was included as an addendum to the streetscape project, but he wasn't exactly sure where the money came from. He suggested something similar be done by the town for this project as well.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said if someone needs to be hired to take on a technical role for the town, the money may need to come out of the ombudsman position at first, then be reimbursed at a later date, perhaps by the MBTA. Selectman Rob Spofford said before anyone is hired, he needs to know how much the position will cost, and asked Waterfield to draft a proposal of what they would charge for the work. The board will address the issue at a later meeting.

Ombudsman candidates kept confidential

By Samantha Brown
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When the MBTA ombudsman position was advertised in July of 2002, the Waterfield Design Group was only one of many interested candidates for the position. However, the town is keeping mum as far as who the other applicants were even now, two years after the fact.

At the June 15 meeting of the board of selectmen, Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said he believed when the position was initially advertised, roughly 15 people applied from the town and as far as he knows, not one of them was interviewed. He said he believed Waterfield submitted its application for the position one day before they were due, and that company, which operates out of Winchester, was chosen rather than someone from the town.

The Mariner has made a verbal request under the state Public Records Law, and has been denied the names of the ombudsman applicants. Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said it has always been the town's practice to keep the names of applicants confidential, and normally only the names of the finalists for a position are ever made public. Buckley said as far as he knows, there was only one finalist for the position and Town Counsel has advised the other names not be released.

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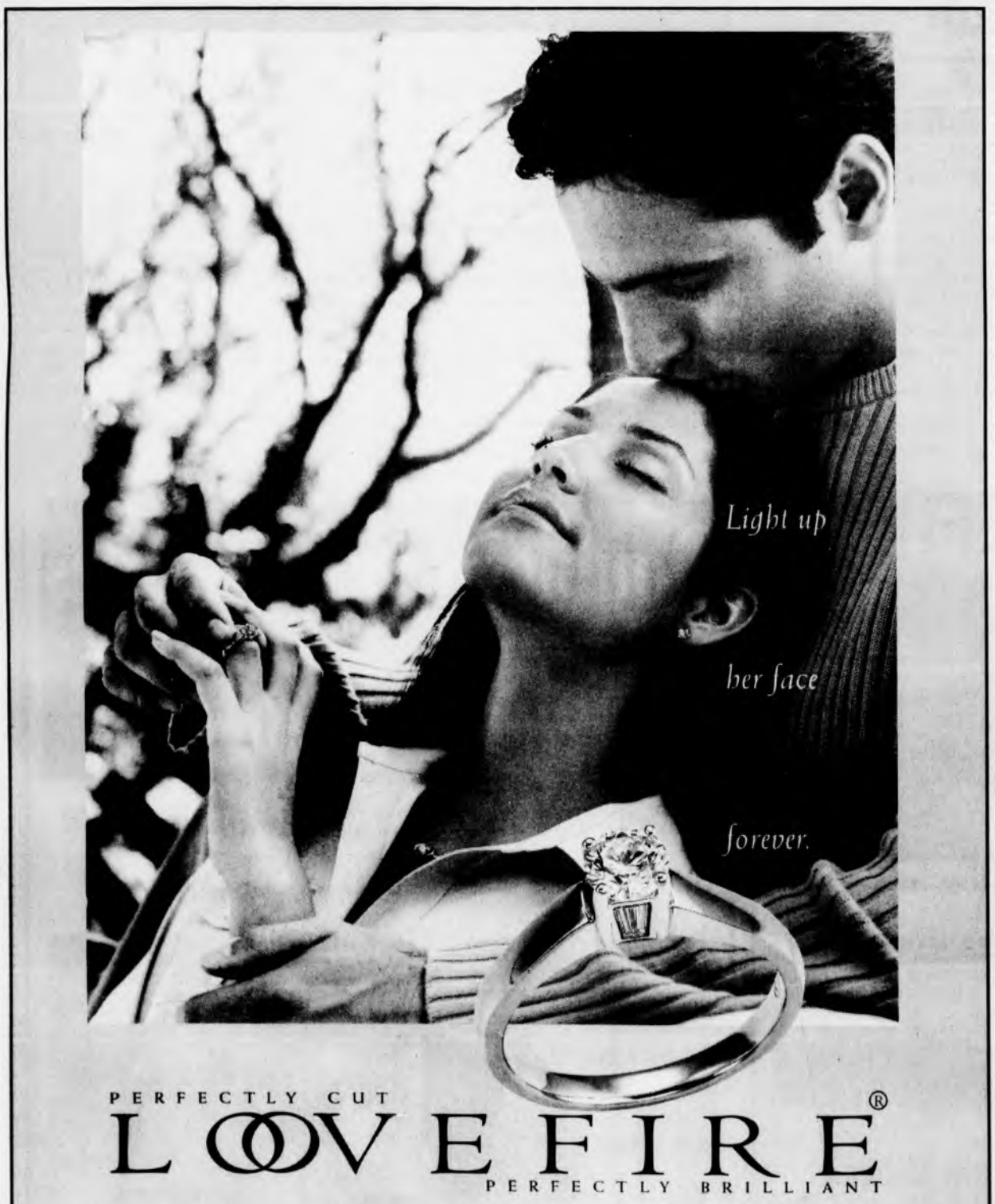
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Attention all hockey players and their fans: the Stanley Cup is coming to Cohasset. **Steve Baker**, a former goalie with the New York Rangers and scout for the Tampa Bay Lightning for the past eight years, would like to share the Stanley Cup with the public for about an hour from 11 a.m. to noon, Monday (July 5) at the Olde Salt House on Border Street.

The Tampa Bay Lightning are the current National Hockey League champions.

Youth hockey players especially are invited to stop by and take a photo with the cup!

Steve, a graduate of Archbishop Williams High School, played goalie for Union College and burst onto the national hockey scene as part of the first wave of American-born players who came into the NHL in the mid- to late-70s, thus changing the game forever from a league dominated by Canadians to a truly international league.

He joined the New York Rangers and lost only one game in his first nine starts. Steve's goalie mask features the red, white and blue of the Rangers and USA, and a stylized image of the Empire State Building. This was one of the first masks to honor the city for which a goalie played and is on permanent display at the National Hockey League Hall of Fame in Toronto.

So stop by Monday and meet Steve and see the Stanley Cup!

HOLWAY WINS BASS TOURNAMENT

Fifteen-year-old **Conor Holway** of Cohasset won the Sons of the American Legion's first annual striped bass tournament which was held from sundown Thursday, June 24 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 27. His 29 in., 26-1/2 lb. bass caught Thursday night, topped a field of 50 entrants in the tournament. Conor is not a stranger to winning bass tournaments. Two weeks earlier he won the "Save the Bay" tournament and earned an inflatable dingy for the effort. Conor, his brother **Patrick** and uncle **David also** of Cohasset fished by boat right off the rocks near the entrance to Cohasset Harbor.

PERFECT TIMING

Steve and Cheryl Stelljes of Beechwood Street have perfect timing! Their new baby boy, **Adam**, arrived precisely at 10:12 p.m., Sunday (June 27, 2004) exactly four years later and almost to the minute after their daughter **Lindsay** made her debut at 10:09 p.m. June 27, 2000.

Adam weighed in at 8 lbs., 8 oz. and measured 20-1/2 in. long. Happy grandparents are **Brian and Dee Wilkinson** of Middleboro and **Mike and Sally Stelljes** of Rochester, N.Y.

Steve says Lindsay is happy to share her birthday. She didn't get to have her cake Sunday as planned but got the best present in the world – a new baby brother! Steve says when he and Cheryl learned the due dates (June 15) were the same, it was just a funny little story but they never thought Adam would actually arrive on the same date and time as his sister.

A proud dad, Steve, says everyone is happy and healthy! Congratulations!

B.C. HIGH HONORS

Hats off to **Andrew J. Flynn,** Class of 2005 and **Alexander G. Hunt** '07 of Cohasset achieved high honors for the fourth quarter at Boston College High School. For high honors a student must have at least a 3.80 quality point average.

Christopher P. Barber '05 achieved Honors, receiving a Q.P.A. of at least 3.2.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY

Congratulations to **Alanna H. Hughes**, daughter of **Lauren Souza** and **Bruce Hughes**, on being named to the honor roll for the spring term at Phillips Acadmey, better known as Andover. Alanna is a member of the Class of 2004.

BELMONT HILL GRAD

Gregory Michael O'Connell, son of **Rosemary and Michael O'Connell**, graduated *cum laude* from Belmont Hill School on June 7. Congratulations!

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Annette Sawchuk and Richard Sutton, who installed her new greenhouse.



Conor Holway hoists his bass tournament trophy.

Lindsay Stelljes gets a new baby brother

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SPECIAL PRESENT

Annette Sawchuk is all smiles about the delivery and installation of her recent birthday present. Her husband **Wayne** located a British greenhouse manufacturer on the Internet, and had one shipped over, and then asked the distributor, **Richard Sutton**, of www.Greenhouses-UK.com, shown with Annette in front of her new gift, if he would fly over from England and install it for him. He agreed, and arrived last Wednesday night. The installation was completed by Saturday, and Richard returned back to Great Britain on Sunday.

ALOHA, LOBSTER LOVERS

Hungry for lobster? Then you won't want to miss the **Cohasset Sailing Club**'s annual launch party Saturday, July 10 from 5-11 p.m. for the parents and adult members of the club. This year the club will be sponsoring a lobster dinner which includes clam chowder, steamers, corn, salad, hamburgers and hot dogs and soda. Please wear your best flowered shirt and/or grass skirt because the party is going Hawaiian. After dinner a live auction will be held to benefit maintenance and upgrades planned for the club. Auction items include Patriots tickets, fishing charters, sunset wine and cheese sail, jewelry and much more. Don't miss the party of the summer, aloha! Tickets are $40 person (BYOB) and are available by contacting **Maureen McElgunn** at 383-1465 or **Karen Oronte** at 383-6737.

DEAN'S LIST

Ethan Michael Begley, a May graduate of Assumption College and the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Kevin J. Begley** of Beechwood Street, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Excellent!

QUINNIPIAC GRAD

Congratulations to Cohasset's **Alissa Conley** on receiving her bachelor's degree from Quinnipiac University on May 16.

YARD-BAKE SALE

There will be a yard/bake sale at the Beechwood Church on Church Street on Saturday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brand-new items as well as good used treasures ranging from furniture to toys will be sold. Proceeds raised will benefit church projects.

CHEERLEADING VOLUNTEERS

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football & Cheerleading needs two to three volunteers to help coach the eighth grade Sharks A Cheerleading team. This commitment will involve being at practices from Aug. 16, through Sept. 9, Monday through Thursday 5 to 7 p.m. and attending the weekend games from Sept. 12 through Nov. 14. Cheerleading experience is not necessary as you will have junior coaches working on cheers and dance with the squad. If you have an interest and can make the commitment, call **Lorie Neil** at 781-545-4526.

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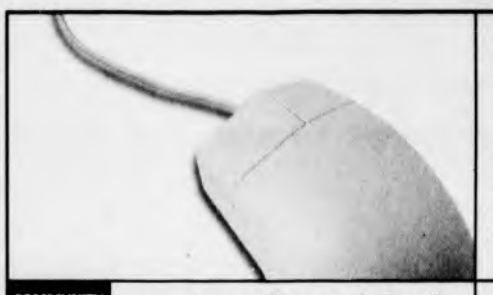
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Above: Lindsay Stelljes holds her new baby brother, Adam. Lindsay and Adam share the same birthday, June 27!


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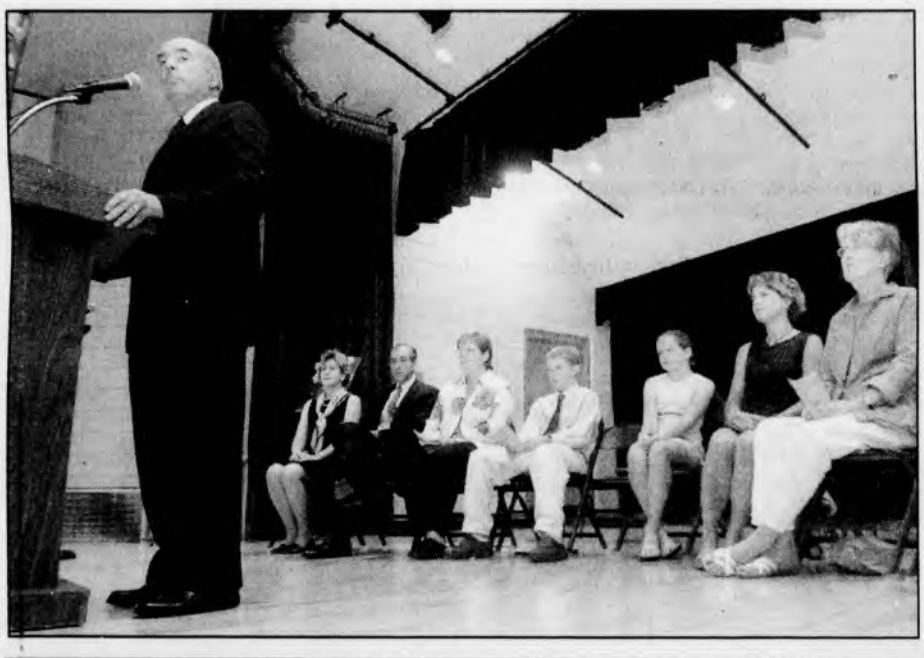
Sixth-grade moves up to the middle school





Above, Sam Game receives his graduation certificate from school committee member Rick Flynn. Above right, Savanna Young-Norris sings the "Star Spangled Banner" during the sixth-grade graduation at Deer Hill last Thursday.

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Clockwise from top left, Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey addresses the assembly; in the background student award winners Keegan Flynn and Megan Richardson, center, are flanked by members of the school committee and faculty. School Committee member Chartis Tebbetts congratulates Abby Perkinson. Sixth-grader Dominique Rioux addresses classmates, family and friends. Rebecca Dickinson and Emily St. John sing "God Bless the U.S.A." Above, Nick Lieberman speaks to the crowd.



Above: The fifth-grade chorus under the direction of Jack MacInnis sings "We Have Graduation."



At right: Hilary Gaumer, left, and Olivia Sullivan recite a civil rights ballad.

Last sixth-grade class graduates from Deer Hill

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Achievement Award. Gauley said every year, two students — one boy and one girl — are commended for outstanding accomplishments during the school year.

Keegan thanked Gauley, his teachers, and the staff for the honor. "These three years have been wonderful," he said. He told his classmates to have a wonderful vacation and wished them good luck in the future.

Supt. Edward Malvey, who is retiring from the Cohasset School System, addressed the class, and said as the students move on to their new school, it will be a time of change, which he can relate to as his future is somewhat uncertain as well. "I don't know what's going to happen when I don't meet the school bus next year," he said. He told students if they get nervous about the transition, to remember, "There are people here who love you and will support you." Malvey wished the students all the best, and told them to have a fun summer, but to remember to make wise choices and come back next year safe and sound.

Representatives from Elizabeth Cisneros' class — Emily Bertovich, Abigail Faulkner, Thomson Jaffe, and Johanna Regan — then played a song on their flutes and clarinets. Their performance was followed by Gabrielle Rodman, who reminded the students that while they may have changed as they have gotten older, they are only becoming more sure of themselves. "The shy student has become more outgoing, the quiet boy has become more confident," she said. On their final day at Deer Hill, she reminded students to not only be tolerant, but accepting of others as they continue on their way. "Thanks to all of you for your support, guidance, and friendship," she said.

Representatives from Nancy Magnussen's class then paid their tribute to the class, which began with Charlotte Malone. She recalled how nervous she was when she began attending Deer Hill, because she didn't know what to expect. "I got over that, and I'm glad I did because i've learned more in these three years than I could have ever imagined," she said. She said the teachers at Deer Hill are not just liked, they're loved and they come to school each and every day to help their students succeed. "Instead of wondering what will become of us," she encouraged her classmates to step forward and choose what will become of them.

Charlotte was followed by Rebecca Dickinson and Emily St. John who sang "God Bless the USA."



STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Librarian Marjorie Murphy and teacher Joan Magoun receive retirement gifts from Lisa Pratt during last Thursday's sixth-grade graduation at Deer Hill.



School Committee member Jamie Williams gives Lauren Blaze her promotion certificate.

Representatives from Susan Horigan's class then addressed the audience, and Dominique Rioux encouraged her fellow classmates to "go out on a limb, isn't that where the fruit is?" She said as the class moves on, the challenges they face will become greater, but only those who dare to stretch their minds and take the good opportunities that come there way will be able to stay on "sturdy boughs."

Dominique was followed by Will Wise, who recited "Freedom Isn't Free," a ballad about segregation.

Megan Richardson, the second recipient of the Student Achievement Award then said a few words, reminding her classmates that over their past seven years of school, they have endured lots of tests, both in and out of the classroom. "We had to see if we were strong enough to be ourselves," she said.

Terry MacCormack and Sam Game then played the theme song for Harry Potter on their clarinet and saxophone, respectively, and Courtney Culhane played a song on the piano. All three are from Damian D'Angelo's class.

Paige Collins of Joann Magoun's class likened Deer Hill to a stepping stone that will bring each and every student another step higher on the staircase of life, and told classmates the memories of Deer Hill will always stay in their hearts.

Ian Porter, also of Magoun's class, said he cannot wait to go to a new school, because he has been prepared well. He said while there are still some uncertainties, including how much homework his new teachers will give him, whether the older kids will shove them into lockers or take their lunch money, he knows the class will overcome any challenges that come their way because they are prepared.

Reminding classmates it's nice to have an end to journey to, but in the end, it's the journey that really matters, Nicholas Lieberman of Victoria Sullivan's class reminded the sixth-grade class of all the fun times they've had over the years. Nicholas was followed by classmates Hilary Gaumer and Olivia Sullivan who recited the civil rights ballad, "Terrible Tragedy."

Gauley, the principal, then recognized all the teachers and staff at Deer Hill for their help throughout the year. He paid special tribute to two teachers who will retire at the end of this year, including Magoun, and the Deer Hill librarian Marjorie Murphy. The two were presented with watercolors of Deer Hill, painted by local artist JoAnne Chittick.

Students were then presented with their certificates of promotion and watched a video montage of the class participating in sports, during class, and just hanging out at recess. As the ceremony concluded and students wrapped up their last day at Deer Hill, Gauley praised the students who were the first to be promoted under his watch. " Congratulations and good job to the sixth-grade class. I will miss you very much."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Change of heart needed

Pardon the pun, but we believe that the Legislature should have a change of heart when it comes to permitting a medical procedure that South Shore Hospital (SSH) wanted to incorporate into its services.

Last week, the State House shot down an amendment to the state budget, added by local legislators, which would have allowed SSH to perform angioplasty surgery on an elective basis.

At the moment under Department of Public Health (DPH) regulations, SSH is only allowed to perform such surgery on an emergency or primary basis when someone is suffering a heart attack.

In practical terms, if a patient arrives at SSH having a heart attack and needs immediate open heart surgery, he or she must be taken by ambulance to a Boston hospital which is licensed to perform the surgery.

This means that precious time is lost.

Without getting into too much detail, this type of surgery involves threading a balloon tipped catheter into arteries around the heart to clear blockages.

It has become a popular method in recent years to treat heart attacks and heart disease and is considered less invasive than traditional open heart surgery.

Angioplasty is a procedure in which a catheter is threaded through an artery, starting in the groin area, into the coronary arteries of the heart.

The catheter is equipped with various devices to perform repairs to the coronary arteries to clear blockages and restore blood flow. A stent is then placed in the artery to shore up the artery walls.

Over the last two years, we're told that the introduction of drug-eluting stents and more sensitive equipment for delivering these stents have made elective angioplasty the procedure of choice for many heart conditions which were previously corrected using open heart surgery only.

SSH has been seeking a cardiac surgery license for four years.

Six hospitals, including SSH, initially applied for three available licenses in 2001.

The DPH granted licenses to Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, South Coast Hospital in Fall River, and North Shore Medical Center in Salem. SSH was not chosen, but has actively sought approval ever since.

State Rep. James Murphy, D-Weymouth, who introduced the amendment to the budget proposal, argued last month that there is no reason why SSH should not be able to perform the surgery on an elective basis.

"It makes no sense that a hospital may perform this procedure when someone is suffering a heart attack, but cannot make an appointment two weeks from now to perform the same surgery to prevent a heart attack," he said.

This sounds logical to us, but evidently not everyone agrees.

According to Richard Pozniak, SSH's director of public affairs, the angioplasty surgery amendment was discarded during the conference committee's consideration of the budget.

He said it was his understanding that the committee "did not want to deal with health care issues" within the budget.

Understandably, Pozniak expressed dismay about the way things turned out.

"We're very disappointed, but we will continue to fight for approval of comprehensive cardiac services," he said.

Pozniak mentioned something about the decision which strikes us as "a puzzlement," quoting Yul Brynner in "The King & I."

The doctors who perform the surgery on an emergency basis in Weymouth are the same ones who do it in Boston on an elective basis, meaning that patients decide on the surgery as a means of preventing heart attacks and other failures.

Pozniak is confident that elective angioplasties could be done at the SSH with no problems.

"We can perform this surgery with the highest degree of safety and care," he said. "There is no clinical reason why we should not be offering elective angioplasty to the people of the South Shore."

Pozniak is convinced that patients should not have to travel to Boston to have this surgery performed.

"If doctors can do it in Boston successfully, why can't they do it here?" he said.

This is a legitimate question which deserves a satisfactory answer from the Legislature.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Transparency a must in review of TM Act

TO THE EDITOR:

An open letter to Chairman Rob Spofford and the Town Manager Act Review Committee:

Openness and free discourse prevailed at last Thursday evening's well-attended meeting where revisions to the Town Manager Act were discussed. Citizens were able to air their views and make specific suggestions regarding the act. It is my hope that this sort of cooperation between the committee, town officials and voters will continue.

To make the TMA revision work successfully, the process must always be simmering on the front burner and moving forward in full view. TMA Committee, selectmen and interested citizens must work together to make this happen. Transparency and two-way communication are essential here, and to that end comments by townspeople should always be welcome.

In order to preserve open records of "who said what", I support Rob's statement that he will accept written input from the public. However, I would go one step further. At this point in history, "written" must, as often as possible, take the form of copied e-mails. And ideally these messages should flow both ways! Thus transparency is established from the get-go, and no single person or group takes control over what the TMA committee sees and doesn't see, or what the public hears and understands. If I send a suggestion or objection to the committee, I will also copy it to others. If the committee chooses to adopt or ignore it, that becomes immediately known.

"Executive sessions" should play no part in the TMA revision endeavor. I disagree with any who suggest that expediency should be valued above accuracy, or that a steady march to consensus be sacrificed for a rush to finalize. (Remember Aesop's hare and tortoise!) Progress reports of the committee should be published frequently; public comments and suggestions should be invited at well-publicized open meetings.

This moment in time presents a perfect opportunity to benefit from Cohasset's recent mistakes. The process is, and should be, an open book. Citizens are watching carefully to see what unfolds, and we look forward to constructive participation.

See you on July 7.

Nancy Garrison
429 King St.

Commonsense erupts on TM Act review board

TO THE EDITOR:

What a pleasant surprise to find that the attendees at the first meeting of the Town Manager Act Review Committee seemed to agree that their objective should be to enable the town manager to most effectively execute the policies and directives of the selectmen, and generally have the authority and responsibility to manage the affairs of the town through his office and through the various town departments. I had expected to hear a lot of counter-productive nonsense about curbing his powers, decentralizing decision making and control as being more democratic; but instead the emphasis seemed to be on effectiveness. That effectiveness, of course, we have had for the last several years and sorely need to continue to have.

But the Committee needs to expedite its work, despite the impressive agenda of consultations it is considering. We can't expect Michael Buckley to be both Director of Municipal Finance and Town Manager for very long; both jobs require much time-consuming attention to detail. The search for a new TM must start very soon, but any manager worth having will want to know ***before*** signing on just what is expected of him or her, and what are the limitations or powers that influence his or her ability to do the job.

Let us hope that the Committee will continue to concentrate on helping the TM be effective, and not go up the blind alleys of curbing his authority or diffusing the structure of decision making and control. The selectmen are not strengthened by emasculating the TM position, nor would the people's business be better conducted by setting up a loosey-goosey structure that no good private business would contemplate.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

DPW workers effort praised

TO THE EDITOR:

The following letter to DPW Supt. Carl Sestito was in selectmen's correspondence:

I wanted to make you aware of the help that two of your employees provided to me last week that went above and beyond their normal duties.

I had just purchased a new boat a few days earlier and I needed to bring the boat and trailer back to the dealer for service. On the morning of May 29, I was leaving my driveway when the trailer with the boat attached came loose from the hitch and fell down to the pavement and under the car. A few minutes later as I was looking at the problem and trying to figure out what to do, Herb Marsh and Ken Thayer drove past.

Without any request on my part these two men stopped to see what assistance they could provide. Herb and Ken helped me move the trailer from the inclined driveway onto a flat space on Jerusalem Road so I was not blocking my neighbors. Herb and Ken then proceeded to help me jack up the trailer and using some "yankee ingenuity", reattach the trailer to the hitch.

Without the help of Mr. Marsh and Mr. Thayer I would not have been able to correct the problem on my own and would have had to call a marine towing service.

It is nice to know that the Cohasset Public Works Department has such helpful employees as Herb Marsh and Ken Thayer. Employees who will help a citizen even though this was not part of their daily job.

John Fairchild
800 Jerusalem Road

Art Center grateful for festival support

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of the South Shore Art Center, we would like to thank the many, many people who helped make this year's Arts Festival a tremendous success.

There are two individuals whom we truly "couldn't do it without." They are incredibly generous with their time and commitment — a million thanks to Mary Foley and Beverly Bielewicz and their families!

Thank you to Merle Brown for suggesting the Arts Festival as an event for a state sponsored recycling program, for bringing the right people together, and then being on-site to execute the recycling throughout the weekend. Also, thanks to the Board of Selectmen, Ellen Wynne, Dept. of Public Works, and Dr. Ted Malvey. Thanks to the many local businesses and individuals that make all the small details more manageable: Party by Design, Bruce Cameron, Tom Hamilton, Andrea and Joe Kinnealey and Kinnealey Meats, Lower Mills Seafood, Cohasset Harbor Marina, Peacock Press, Beacon Investment Management, LLC; Conway Insurance Company, First Parish Church, Second Congregational Church, Hingham Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Bernard's, Granite City Electric, Cohasset Collision Center, L.P. Carpenter Interiors, The Hurley Group, Lappen Auto Supply Co., Ritz Camera, Village Wine and Spirits, Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, Graham Waste Services, Reed's Country Way Nursery, Atlantic Bagel and Glenn Pratt and the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee.

More than 100 volunteers, artists, and students gave their time ensuring that the Arts Festival not only ran smoothly but continues to be regarded as one of the "best" shows our exhibitors participate in. Thanks to the many talented Cohasset musicians who participated: Caitlin O'Connell and Molly Trisler; the Rusty Skippers; Sachiko Isihara and the Suzuki School of Newton; Joe Armstrong; Ana Buckley; and Abby, Sarah and Audrey Brown. And a huge thanks to our Cohasset High School interns Peter Bunstein and Allison Dean—and Jack Buckley for sending them our way!

The Art Center's Platinum Corporate Sponsor Rockland Trust, as well as the many local businesses that support the Festival — particularly Community Newspaper Company and BMW Gallery, Norwell — make it possible for the Art Center to present a Festival that showcases art and celebrates the wonderful and creative community of the South Shore. See you for the 50th South Shore Art Center Arts Festival, June 17-20, 2005!

Diane Kennedy, festival coordinator
Sarah Hannan, executive director
Monica McKenney,
director of development

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HEALTH NOTES

It's important to be prepared for health and other emergencies

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

When one thinks of an emergency, it's either a sudden illness, an accident like a fall or a car wreck, an attack such as a mugging or assault, or a natural disaster, such as a blizzard. We tend not to worry about some emergencies because of the low probability of their occurring, while for others we may take out insurance because we know that at some time something will happen.

A town like Cohasset has to be aware that such situations exist, but on a larger scale. Similarly, there is a debate going on at a national level about the response to events affecting many people, such as terrorism.

This is important to the town for two reasons: We need to be prepared. Also, Federal and State money has become available to help. For most of us, the possibility of being affected by events stemming from a terrorist attack is extremely small. Nevertheless, it is necessary for the country as a whole to respond to such a threat and prepare. This means planning and planning costs money.

Accordingly, the Federal and State government has allocated funds for such preparation. Our portion of these funds are very small when viewed as a portion of the national or even the state commitment. But because of the way the funds are allocated, we have a small pot of money which will be of significant assistance in some of our more mundane day-to-day threats. Of the some $17,000 given to the Town to prepare for emergencies, the board of health has received $5,000, much of which will be spent on medical equipment (among other things, a defibrillator).

The Town would not otherwise have considered this a good investment because of the low probability that it would be needed. Nevertheless, national statistics indicate that, where the right equipment has been available, *and trained people available to use it*, probabilities of survival from medical emergencies have increased dramatically.

Other equipment to be purchased under the present grant are radiation sensors to be used to alert emergency personnel of the presence of radiation at the scene of an emergency. These sensors till be used by selected personnel who have been trained to use them. In addition, an emergency response survey kit will be purchased which will have sensors to tell what type of hazard is being dealt with.

Further, you may know that the selectmen approved purchase of defibrillators for the fire department, to be paid for by a grant obtained by the department as well as funds raised by firefighters, who have volunteered to begin a fundraising campaign. Actually, sufficient funds have already been donated to purchase two defibrillators, as well as some training. Selectmen voted to establish an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) gift fund for such purposes. If you are interested in supporting your fire department for a good cause, call the fire station and ask for Captain Robert Silvia to find out the details.

So even a small amount of money necessitates planning and organization, lest it be wasted. For example, where should the equipment be located, who should receive extensive training, and to whom should simple generalized instructions be given? For this reason, several events have been planned. Meetings of the Local Emergency Management Planning Committee are regularly scheduled to plan, discuss progress and disseminate information. The committee membership is flexible and may change as new needs are recognized and new expertise is needed, but the prime movers are chairman Arthur Lehr, associate chairman Glen Pratt, chief coordinator, Police Chief James Hussey, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, health coordinator Joe Godzik and Judy Fitzsimmons, public health nurse. Training seminars are ongoing, and workshops are attended regularly by selected personnel.

For example last Wednesday Judy Fitzsimmons, Joe Godzik and I went to Boston to attend a conference on forensic epidemiology, a skill which would never have been considered necessary before recent events demonstrated a need.

It may never happen, but at least, thanks mainly to Glenn Pratt, the Town has changed from being one of the less well prepared communities, to having a responsible well coordinated emergency program; not perfect, but getting better every day.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Butter is key for classic all-American cupcake

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Cupcakes are more than "little cakes" since they need a bit more structure to be held in one's hand (otherwise they readily crumble and fall apart). At the same time, one wants a tender crumb and big flavor. So, with these competing goals in mind, we set out to resurrect the classic American cupcake, frosting and all.

After researching a half dozen cupcake recipes – many of which were so delicate that we couldn't even remove the paper cups without damaging them – we put together a working recipe that yielded an even dozen and included all-purpose flour, sugar, baking powder, butter, milk, eggs, salt, and vanilla. We first tested flours and finally settled on half all-purpose (on the tough side) and half cake flour (on the crumbly side). Granulated sugar was the winner here and 7/8 cup was just right. The amount of baking powder varied significantly from recipe to recipe, but we found that a mere 1-1/2 teaspoons was best. More baking powder did not producer either taller or lighter cakes.

Butter is key here but too much makes an oily, greasy cupcake. We played with amounts from six to ten tablespoons and eight turned out to be the magic number. A half-cup of milk was a winner in the dairy department, a bit of a surprise since buttermilk and sour cream often make great baked goods. As we often discover a mixture of whole eggs and egg yolks was best: In this case, one whole egg and two yolks was the right combination. (All yolks made the cupcakes too rich and all whole eggs left them dry and crumbly.)

The method is a bit unusual in that most cupcake recipes call for creaming the butter. We found a simple two-step process worked better. We simply added the dry ingredients to the bowl of the mixer along with the butter and some of the milk. After these are mixed, the balance of the wet ingredients are added in three batches.

The recipe makes 12 cupcakes but can easily be doubled. I found the cupcakes should definitely be made in papers. They are obviously easier to remove from the pan and it makes better sense for frosting and serving. As for frosting, we chose our Old Fashioned Chocolate Frosting, one of our favorites. For a variation, we filled the cupcakes with a Rich Lemon Filling. We cut out a disc from the top of each cake, filled the cavity with the lemon filling, placed the disc back onto the cupcake and then sprinkled with confectioners' sugar. If that is too fussy you can simply place a dollop of the filling on top of each cake and dust with the confectioners' sugar.

All-American cupcakes

This recipe yields 12 cupcakes, although it can easily be doubled. The cupcakes are best eaten on the day they are made.

1/2 cup whole milk
1 large egg plus two yolks
1 teaspoon vanilla
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
3/4 cup cake flour
7/8 cup granulated sugar
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 stick unsalted butter at room temperature

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Line a 12-cup muffin/cupcake pan with paper liners. Whisk 1/4 cup milk (reserving 1/4-cup), the egg and yolks and the vanilla in a small bowl until well combined.

2. Place the flours, sugar, baking powder and salt in the bowl of a standing mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Mix on low speed for 30 seconds to blend. Add the butter and remaining 1/4 cup milk and mix on low speed until dry ingredients are moistened, about 1 minute. Increase the speed to medium and mix until the batter comes together, about 30 seconds. Increase the speed to medium high and mix for two minutes, stopping to scrape down the sides of the bowl once or twice. Add the milk/egg mixture to the batter in three batches mixing for about 20 seconds after each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and beat on medium high until batter is homogeneous and fluffy, about 1 minute.

3. Evenly distribute the batter between the paper-lined cups using a scant quarter cup for each. Bake until the cupcakes are golden brown and a toothpick or cake tester comes out clean, about 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes and then remove cupcakes from pan to cool on a rack to room temperature, an additional 30 minutes. Finish with either the Old Fashioned Chocolate Frosting or Rich Lemon Filling as described below.

Old fashioned chocolate frosting

The trick with this recipe is cooling the chocolate mixture until it thickens but is not stiff.

1/2 cup heavy cream
4 ounces bittersweet or semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
2 tablespoons light or dark corn syrup
8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter at cool room temperature, cut into 1-inch pieces
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar

1. Place the cream in a small saucepan over low heat until it is just simmering and small bubbles are forming around the edges of the pan. Remove from heat; add the chocolate, and whisk mixture until homogeneous, shiny and smooth. Transfer to a mixing bowl and cool until the mixture thickens but is not stiff. You may refrigerate the bowl to speed up the cooling process, checking about every 15 minutes. Do not allow the mixture to harden.

2. To the bowl add the corn syrup, butter and vanilla and beat with an electric mixer until well-combined, about one minute. Add the confectioners' sugar and beat on low to combine. Increase the speed to high and beat for about 5 minutes more or until the mixture has lightened in color and the texture is spreadable.

3. Spread a generous 2 to 3 tablespoons of frosting on top of each cooled cupcake and serve.

Rich lemon filling

The key to any cornstarch-thickened pudding/filling is to whisk gently. Over- whisking can lead to a thin texture.

1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
Pinch salt
1/2 cup less 1 tablespoon cold water
1 large egg yolk
3 tablespoons lemon juice from one lemon
1 teaspoon lemon zest
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
Confectioners' sugar for dusting

1. Whisk the sugar, cornstarch, salt and water in a 2-quart non-reactive saucepan. Bring the mixture to a simmer whisking frequently but gently. When it starts to turn translucent and simmer, add the egg yolk and whisk to combine. The filling will be very thick at this point. Add the lemon juice and zest (the filling will thin out) and bring the mixture back to a simmer, stirring constantly until bubbling and thickened. Remove from heat; stir in the butter until melted. Cool to room temperature.

2. Using a paring knife, cut a disc from the top of each cupcake. Starting from about 1/2 inch from the outer edge, stick the knife into the cupcake at about a 45-degree angle down toward the center and work your way around the cupcake. Remove the disc and place a heaping tablespoon of lemon filling into the cavity and place the cake disc back onto the filling. Repeat with remaining cupcakes and dust with confectioners' sugar before serving. Alternatively, you may simply place a dollop of lemon filling on top of each cupcake and dust with confectioners' sugar.

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Choosing a candidate

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I tell you it's an emerging problem finding good candidates to run for political office in these "let it all hang out" days of the Internet, Rush Limbaugh, and Larry Flynt.

Why, I'm told that just the other day a recruiter for a major political party conducted the following interview with a potential candidate — and, if it didn't happen, it surely should have.

"Let's see now, you want to run for president," said the recruiter. "Is that right?"

"Yes."

"I'm afraid I'll have to ask you a few questions."

"Go ahead. I have nothing to hide."

"When did you kiss a girl for the first time?"

"Oh, I was about six."

"Did you force yourself on her?"

"Of course not. My mother made me do it. She thought it would be cute."

"Is the girl likely to talk about it on the Howie Carr show?"

"For crying out loud, we were only six. I haven't seen her in years. I can't even remember her name."

"They have ways of finding out those things. But I guess we'll have to take a chance. Did you ever smoke marijuana?

"Well, there was this one time . . ."

"Did anyone see you?"

"Sure. There was a whole bunch of people and we all torched a toke together."

"Don't ever use that language around Matt Drudge, or you'll be branded a druggie all over the Internet. Kabeesh?

"Righto."

"Do I detect a note of sarcasm? This is serious business. Don't you know that two prospective Supreme Court justices were turned down because they had once smoked marijuana?"

"Sorry."

"Did you inhale?"

"Yes."

"If anyone asks you, say, 'no.' No one can prove it either way. That's how Bill Clinton saved his job. Did you ever use any other drugs?"

"I've had a martini or two in my time."

"Ever arrested for drunken driving?"

"Well, there was this cop who pulled me over on the freeway one time . . ."

"Did he give you a ticket?"

"He wrote something down and I had to . . ."

"Never mind. If you ever do become a candidate, you'll have to own up to that right away. George W. Bush kept his arrest secret until somebody discovered it at the last minute, and it nearly cost him his job."

"I'll remember that."

"Are you a veteran?"

"Yeah."

"Win any medals?"

"A couple, and a couple of Purple Hearts, too."

"We'll have to keep that secret. After what they did to John Kerry's war record, it doesn't pay to talk about it."

"That's all right with me."

"Well, I guess that's it. Send in the next candidate, will you?"

"That's it? Aren't you going to ask me how I stand on the war in Iraq, health care, and the environment?"

"Someone else will be in touch with you about those things. I only handle the important stuff."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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SSH, an asset to our community

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm a volunteer of the South Shore Hospital and like many others, my service was inspired by the extraordinary care that my family received. In my years with the hospital, I've met many of the most skilled, dedicated and caring nurses and doctors to be found anywhere. They're our neighbors and like us, they rely on the same hospital to care for their families.

Anyone who gets a newspaper in this country knows that a staggering number of hospitals have been forced to close. Many people are in jeopardy as a result, yet in light of the same daunting challenges our South Shore Hospital has grown. We can be proud of its affiliations with the likes of Children's Hospital and Brigham & Women's, and applaud the introduction of critical programs not generally available at the community level — ones that save more lives every day.

It's certainly disturbing to hear about mistakes in the ER. God forbid we should be one of those statistics, yet I trust that improvements will come of this learning experience. Meanwhile, we0re hurting ourselves if we take recent incidents out of context. Twelve complaints in a year out of more than 70,000 — the second or third busiest ER in the commonwealth, doesn't seem reason to flagellate the hospital and lose sight of its achievements.

The hospital's future depends on visionary management in league with solid community support. To take too much for granted demoralizes those visionaries who have elevated the standard of care far beyond what was previously available. In this time, we should not lose sight of the fact that the South Shore Hospital is one of our most vital community assets and it needs our utmost support and encouragement.

David Theodore
Scituate

Has questions about sewering Cook Estate

TO THE EDITOR:

I watched the Selectmen's meeting of June 22 with great interest. It seems now the only solution to the development of the Cook Estate is town sewer. Now that we have spent nearly $140,000 on the pre-development work (there are substantial unpaid costs and fees) we are being told it is likely we need to sewer this property if this project is to proceed. It has been suggested that we use existing capacity for Cook and build a satellite treatment plant for Little Harbor. Will this be free? I think not.

At town meeting when this project was approved, it was with the understanding that an on-site wastewater treatment facility was required. We were told this was our best chance to get additional housing suitable for seniors because Cedarmere and Avalon had wastewater treatment problems and couldn't proceed until a solution was determined. There was no availability to tie into town sewer due to the need to sewer Little Harbor, so it was very possible both of these projects would fail.

We were threatened with the specter of a 40B development on the Cook Estate which could put several hundred units on the property unless we acted immediately. The reality is that if the land will not support 95 units proposed by Northland, it will not support several hundred units proposed by another developer, regardless of whether they apply under 40B. The fact is that if we sewer this it may cost us a substantial amount to replace the capacity we have designated for Little Harbor.

The truth is that Avalon, Cedarmere and Cook are all private developments with the same issues, wastewater treatment. If you remove the emotional component of the town doing something for our seniors and look at it objectively, each of the three developments in question would provide some of our seniors with another housing option. None of these developments would be ideal for all seniors and the desirability of each depends on individual opinion. With the appreciation of property in Cohasset, there is no guarantee the market rate units at Cook would remain within the target price range for seniors who want to buy them in the future. While Cook and Cedarmere would be limited to those 55 and older, Avalon might provide an option for seniors who don't want to live in an age segregated community or those who want to rent. All of these developments would be privately owned and operated.

Avalon and Cedarmere were denied sewer access prior to the town reaching any agreement with the Cook Estate. They have filed a lawsuit against the town for sewer access. Giving sewer access to Cook, the third project in the pipeline, while continuing to deny the first two may make it more likely their lawsuit will succeed.

There are questions that must be answered before we move any further with this project. Can we really sewer the Cook without the risk of losing the Cedarmere/Avalon lawsuit? If we are forced to sewer all three developments, does this put in jeopardy the ability to sewer Little Harbor? Is a satellite treatment plan really a viable solution? How much capacity would be gained? Who will benefit? If we have enough capacity for Little Harbor right now, are we discussing building a new treatment plant just for private developers of new housing units? Who will pay for this? If the town is being asked to pay, how much will it cost us?

What seemed so straightforward at town meeting: the developer pays for the wastewater solution, the town makes a profit on the sale of the town owned land and we gain some new housing for our seniors, is now anything but simple. Yes, we need senior housing in town, but at what cost? We should not be so tied to this privately owned development that we sell out the rest of the town.

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Fight over filling Sen. Kerry's seat is highly partisan

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

By Michael P. Norton

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

With only four weeks left to advance controversial bills, lawmakers made laws at a much quicker pace, but it was one of their major new policy proposals, which has the potential to tip the balance of power in the US Senate, that put the emotions in motion on the Hill.

Believing US Sen. John Kerry may knock off President George W. Bush in November, Democrats in the Legislature are intent on changing state law to prevent Republican Gov. Mitt Romney from appointing a successor, and to instead require an expedited special election, one they strongly believe a Democrat will win.

Before, during and after a 32 to 8 party line vote to take away Romney's appointment power, Senate Republicans railed against what they called a blatant political power grab. The Democrats, Republicans said, want to set up a shotgun election in which only a handful of incumbent Democratic congressmen, or some other very wealthy candidates, would be able to muster the modern-day financial might necessary to win a US Senate seat.

In short, Republicans said, Democrats would rig the election cycle, hoping to tip the balance in a divided US Senate, because they fear a Republican appointee might resonate with voters in the two years prior to a November 2006 special election that would be held if the laws were left alone. Kerry's current term runs through 2008.

Democrats argued that was so much Republican nonsense and made their own feelings plain. What could be fairer than letting voters statewide decide who serves them in the US Senate, they argued. Other senators said it's both personal and political. No, they don't trust Romney. And yes, they do want Kerry's seat to remain in the D column. And if that end requires the means of taking gubernatorial powers away, then so be it, they said in sum.

Anticipating a Romney veto and mindful that they will need time to override it before completing major business to attend the Democratic National Convention in late July, the House indicated it plans to push the special election bill through next week. Republicans in the House were so opposed to the bill that they blocked it from being admitted, forcing Democrats to resort to a seldom-used circumvention of traditional process. But as in the Senate, the House Republicans are far too few in number to stop the Democrats from doing anything they want, whenever they want.

While party lines in the sand were drawn over the special election bill, bipartisanship is ruling on other matters.

• *Romney to decide fate of weapons regulations bill* — A weapons regulation bill stalled for six years sprung like a bullet onto Romney's desk. The legislation would prevent the possibility that a 1998 state ban on assault weapons would lapse without Congressional action this fall. But gun rights activists say that provision is secondary to a host of reforms aimed at making laws work better for gun owners, including everything from wallet-size license cards to grace periods for license renewals and a new board to review license requests from applicants with misdemeanors on their records.

• *Senate approves bill to spark school construction boom* — The Senate joined the House in approving legislation aimed at generating new construction jobs and building better classrooms in schools statewide. A bill approved would clear a backlog of school construction projects by 2007 by dedicating a penny of the state's five-cent sales tax to help municipalities afford the expensive projects. The bill also devotes $150 million from this fiscal year's surplus to jumpstart the new School Building Authority.

• *Environmentalists, governor in continuing struggle over open space funding* — For the second straight year, environmental groups urged Gov. Romney to restore capital budget spending for open space purchases to the recent 10-year average of $50 million. The governor cut the item back to $18 million last year. Environmentalists say more substantial state funding levels are a powerful supplement to outlays by non-profit and private groups interested in preservation. Administration officials countered that the governor hopes to spend $55 million from this fiscal year's surplus to upgrade the state's park system. The administration will soon announce its updated capital spending allotments. The administration, not the Legislature, determines which capital projects get funded each year, picking from a large multi-year menu of approved legislative proposals.

• *Sagamore bill creates quandary for Romney* — The House and Senate are finally in sync on one of Gov. Romney's top legislative priorities. Both branches have now approved identical bills allowing state land takings needed to reconfigure the Sagamore rotary, separating local traffic from motorists coming on and off Cape Cod. But lawmakers have attached a rider to the bill that makes the legislation thorny for the governor. The rider directs the MBTA to begin doing everything it takes to fast track commuter rail extensions to Fall River and New Bedford. Romney believes that project is unaffordable, but if he doesn't go along with the rider, he may alienate voters in a region long looking to pump up its economic prospects.

• *House okays biggest changes to child labor laws in 60 years* — The House voted 145 to 10 to approve a bill allowing minors to work until 11:30 p.m. on non-school nights, giving them a half hour to drive home before they are banned from the roads under the state's junior operator law. Minors could continue to work until 10 p.m. on school nights. The bill also prohibits anyone under 18 from working in a job requiring a firearm and requires minors on the job to be supervised after 8 p.m. by someone 18 or older. And for the first time, the laws will be enforced because the bill provides for civil, not just criminal remedies. "Currently the truth is minors can work any hours because nothing is being enforced," said Commerce and Labor Committee co-chair Rep. Michael Rodrigues. The bill now heads to the Senate for its consideration.

• *Romney testifies in Washington for federal marriage amendment*— Gov. Mitt Romney testified in front of a US Senate committee in favor of a proposed federal constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and woman only. Romney told Congress that Massachusetts was exporting gay marriage to the rest of the nation, and said the high court in Massachusetts thought only about adults' rights and not about children. "Same sex marriage doesn't hurt my marriage, or yours," Romney said. "But it may affect the development of children and thereby future society as a whole." Romney critics said he is pandering to the right wing and perpetuating discrimination.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: BHRC records local representatives' votes on two roll calls and local senators' votes on five roll calls from the week of June 21-25.

CHILD LABOR LAWS (H 4891)
House 145-10, gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a bill making changes in the state's child labor laws. Current law allows 16 and 17-year-old minors to work only until 10 p.m. on non-school nights but includes a special provision permitting them to work until midnight at racetracks or restaurants. The bill would allow all minors to work until 11:30 p.m. on non-school nights. Other key provisions require minors working after 8 p.m. to be supervised by an adult over 18 and prohibit minors from working in a job that requires a firearm. The measure also gives the attorney general the power to issue civil citations to businesses that violate the child labor laws including up to a $500 fine for a first offense, $1000 for a second offense and $5000 for subsequent offenses. Current law only allows the attorney general to initiate criminal proceedings. Supporters said the bill would treat all minors the same regardless of the industry in which they are working and argued that allowing civil fines would result in more prosecutions because the attorney general rarely initiates criminal proceedings in these matters. They noted that the 11:30 p.m. deadline is important because these minors cannot legally drive without their parents after midnight. Some opponents favored an 11:00 p.m. deadline and argued that the 11:30 p.m. one would not give these minor drivers sufficient time to drive home safely after work. Others said that the they preferred that a minor worker's supervisor after 8 p.m. be 21 years old rather than 18. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it).

CHILD LABOR LAWS AMENDMENT (H 4891)
House 69-86, rejected an amendment to the bill making changes in the child labor laws. The amendment allows all minors to work until 11:00 p.m. instead of 11:30 p.m. on a non school night; requires minors working after 8 p.m. to be supervised by an adult over 21 instead of 18; and allows the department of labor to grant a special exemption to permit minors to work at racetracks after 11:00 p.m. on a non-school night. Another change would require employers to treat a high school student over 18 as a minor worker, despite his or her age, unless the student and school superintendent sign a waiver. Amendment supporters said the earlier 11:00 p.m. deadline would give these minor drivers sufficient time to drive home safely after work. They noted that allowing 18-year-olds to be supervisors after 8 p.m. would often result in a high school student being supervised by a fellow high school student who is only a few days older. Some amendment opponents said one-half hour is sufficient for minors to drive home and noted that these drivers would not go directly home if they left work at 11:00 p.m. Others objected to the special exemption for racetracks while some noted that prohibiting an 18-year-old from being a supervisor would unfairly prohibit the job promotion of people who graduate high school and are not going on to college. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment. A "Nay" vote is against it).

FILLING U.S. SENATE VACANCY (S 2404)
Senate 33-7, gave initial approval to and then 32-8, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill that takes away the power of the governor to appoint a temporary replacement for any U.S. Senate seat that becomes vacant in Massachusetts. Under current law, the governor appoints a temporary replacement when the seat becomes vacant and the voters elect a senator at the next general state election or at the following general election if the vacancy occurs less than 70 days prior to the primary election. The bill calls for a special election to be held between 145 and 160 days after the incumbent senator files a letter of resignation, even if the actual resignation occurs at a later date. Supporters said the current 100-year-old system is archaic and takes power away from the voters by allowing a governor to unilaterally make this crucial appointment that could last more than two years. They argued that the temporary appointee would also have an unfair advantage as an "appointed incumbent." Opponents said the bill is sponsored by Democrats who fear Gov. Romney would have the opportunity to appoint a Republican to fill Sen. John Kerry's seat if Kerry wins the November presidential election. They argued that the measure is a political ploy designed to preserve the seat for a Democrat. They noted that holding a U.S. Senate election in a very short period of time would give an unfair advantage to incumbent Democratic congressman with huge war chests and make it difficult for lesser-known, underfunded citizens to mount an effective campaign. (Both roll calls are listed. A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it).

SAGAMORE ROTARY PROJECT (S 2377)
Senate 37-1, gave near final approval to a House-approved bill allowing the state to take 1.3 acres of open space land from the town of Bourne and in exchange give Bourne more than four acres of land, a new firehouse and a visitor's center. The measure also requires that the state complete all permitting necessary and take other specific actions for the extension of commuter rail services to New Bedford and Fall River. Supporters said this land-swap is necessary in order to begin construction on the $58 million so-called "flyover project" that would eliminate the existing Sagamore Rotary, replace it with a direct connection from Route 3 to the Sagamore Bridge and provide a new underpass for local traffic. They argued that the current rotary often causes up to ten-mile traffic backups and many accidents during the tourist season. They noted that the language for the New Bedford and Fall River extension was added to the bill in order to gain the support of South Coast legislators who were threatening to hold up the bill. Opponents said the Romney administration and the Legislature are unfairly putting these two projects ahead of other important construction projects including a commuter rail extension between Lynn and Boston. The measure needs only final approval in each branch prior to going to Gov. Romney. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it).

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS ON CAMP EMPLOYEES (H 4610)
Senate 24-15, gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Romney a bill allowing summer camps, during their operational season, to conditionally hire employees and volunteers prior to the receipt of the state-mandated criminal offender record information (CORI) on the applicant. These conditional workers would be prohibited from unsupervised contact with children until the CORI results are received. Current law prohibits any hiring until the CORI information is received. The measure also requires the Department of Public Health to establish guidelines for camp operators to use in conjunction with the CORI results when determining whether to hire an applicant. Supporters said the bill would ensure that camps have adequate staff and noted that some camps lose potential employees because applicants are not willing to wait for the results of the CORI check and often choose to take a job elsewhere. They said the bill is a reasonable compromise that allows the hiring of conditional employees but prohibits their unsupervised contact with children. They also noted that the bill would help camps by establishing guidelines to help determine whether to hire certain individuals. Opponents said this temporary exemption would weaken a system designed to protect children. They argued that conditional hiring could result in ex-felons and other dangerous ex-offenders being allowed to work with vulnerable children until the camp receives the results of the CORI check. They argued that no one should be allowed to work in a supervised or unsupervised capacity with children until the CORI results are received. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it).

SCHOOL BUILDING ASSISTANCE (S 2398)
Senate 39-0, gave near final approval to a bill making major changes in the state's program that provides funding for cities and towns to renovate old school buildings and build new ones. The proposal takes the program away from the state's education department and creates a new independent authority, chaired by the state treasurer, to administer it. It also phases in over seven years the dedication of a penny of the state's five-cents per dollar sales tax to fund the building projects and places a three-year moratorium on any new projects that are not already approved. The authority would be funded by an initial $150 million in state funding and $1 billion in state borrowing through the issuance of bonds. Supporters said the current program is an underfunded failure that has created a huge backlog of over 400 projects on a waiting list. They argued that this long overdue reform would benefit local communities and their students, clear the waiting list in 3.5 years and create many construction jobs. The House has approved a different version of the measure and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

	Sen. Hedlund	Rep. Bradley
BHRC	Y	Y
Child Labor Laws (H 4891)	Y	N
Child Labor Laws Amendment (H 4891)	N	N/N
Filling U.S. Senate Vacancy (S 2404)	Y	Y
Sagamore Rotary Project (S 2377)	Y	N
Criminal Background Checks on Camp Employees (H 4610)	Y	N
School Building Assistance (S 2398)	Y	Y

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Puzzle club

Puzzle Club is back. Marjie Murphy will host Puzzle Club for one more year. All students in grades 3 and up are encouraged to drop in on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Read a short mystery and find the clues and solutions in puzzles. Come with friends or meet new friends. Join the Puzzle Club Team. No registration is required. Puzzle Club will begin on Monday, July 12, and will end on Monday, Aug. 9. All participants must be picked up on time.

Pure magic

Join Steve Rudolph on an exciting, adventure-filled expedition sampling magic from around the globe. No passport necessary - just a love of magic, comedy, puppets and surprises. With lots of laughs and plenty of audience participation "Around the World with Magic" also stress the magic of reading. Steve is coming back to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library to kick off our summer reading program on Tuesday, July 6, at 7 p.m. for the first free Tuesday evening family performance. All children in their seats by 6:50 p.m. will be eligible for the weekly book raffle.

Library closed

The library will be closed on Monday, July 5, for Independence Day.

Artist exhibit

South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist, Ted Polomis, presents an exhibition of oil paintings at the library from July 2, to Aug. 30. The show features a variety of intimate still lifes and studies painted in the tradition of classical realism. The public is invited to an opening reception on Friday, July 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. Visit the artist's web site at www.polomis.com.

Not too late

It is not too late to register for "explore other worlds @ your library". Registration takes place during regular library hours in the Children's Room. Registration forms and reading logs are on the counters. It is as easy as 1-2-3. Just follow the printed directions on display.

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview. Reserve your copy in advance by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "The Forgotten Man," by Robert Crais. "Lost City," by Clive Cussler. An enzyme that will dramatically prolong life has been discovered 2,000 feet down in the North Atlantic, in an area known as "Lost City." Why are the people attempting to harvest it getting killed? Why are the scientists in a remote Greek laboratory disappearing one by one? What does this all have to do with a body found frozen in the ice high up in the Alps? Kurt Austin, leader of NUMA's Special Assignments Team, and his colleague Joe Zavala, set out to find the answers. "Four Souls," by Louise Erdrich. In the sequel to "Tracks", Fleur Pillager embarks on a path of revenge. "R is for Ricochet," by Sue Grafton. In this 18th Kinsey Millhone novel, Kinsey is hired to watch Reba Lafferty who is newly released from prison. It seems like an easy job until some of Reba's old friends start showing up. "Skinny dip," by Carl Hiaasen. Chaz Perrone, a marine biologist involved in a scam, pushes his wife Joey over the balcony of a cruise ship when she discovers his plans. But Joey, a former championship swimmer, isn't going to disappear that easily.

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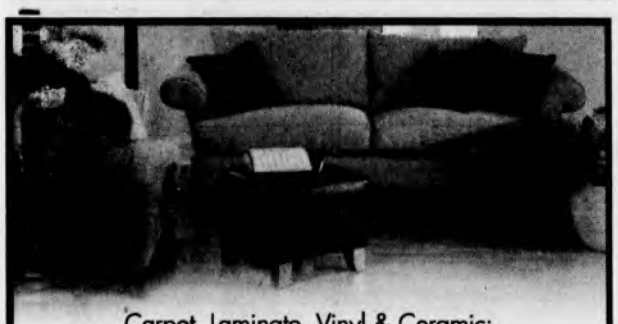
Sailing Club kicks off season with launch party

The Cohasset Sailing Club is planning to kick off its 2004 sailing season with a Launch Party Saturday, July 10, from 5 to 11 p.m. at the Sailing Club. The evening is open to all Cohasset residents and includes a lobster dinner, complete with steamers, corn and salad, as well as alternatives for non-lobster lovers.

A live auction will also be held with items like Patriots tickets, fishing charters, a wine and cheese sunset sail, jewelry and much, much more.

Tickets are $40 each and are available at Cohasset Hardware or by calling Karen Oronte at 781-383-6737 or Maureen McElgunn at 781-383-1465. More information

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It's gonna be close! Post 118 catcher Terence O'Brien tries to block a throw in the dirt as Morrisette's Jeff Tam begins his slide into home in Zone 6 action at Scituate High on Sunday. Post 118 coach Mike Duggan looks on.

Down on their luck

Post 118 baseballers drop another pair

By Mike Spellman
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When it's going bad in baseball it sometimes seems there's no such thing as a good break.

The Cohasset Post 118 Legion baseballers snatched defeat from the jaws of victory on Sunday at home.

Sure, it's a cliché, but how else would you describe a 6-4 loss that saw the locals out-hit Morrisette by a 10-2 margin?

Ted Straughn, a senior-to-be at Cohasset High, wove a gem on the mound and clearly deserved a much better fate than he got. The hard throwing righty went the distance on the mound, striking out 11 while scattering five walks and the two hits.

The locals jumped out quickly on their home Scituate High field, as the first four hitters—Jeff Ciulla (2-for-4, double), Scott Carroll (2-for-4, double), Jack O'Leary (3-for-4, rbi) and Joe Duggan (1-for-4, rbi)-- all singled to open the game.

There wouldn't be a whole lot of offense after this, however, despite good days at the plate from second baseman Mike Barba (2-for-2) and catcher Terence O'Brien (2-for-3).

Cohasset carried a 4-2 lead into the sixth inning, but a missed third strike on what would have been the third out and a subsequent error allowed the visitors to score their third and fourth runs to tie the game.

The Quincy lads then capital-

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The will of champions

Complacency was never an issue in girls tennis team's attempted state title defense

By Mark Goodman
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41-2.

That is the record of Cohasset girls tennis over the last two years.

The team had a lot to live up to this year. Following a 22-0 state championship season in 2003, the girls hardly had an easy road of it in 2004, with everyone giving everything they had to knock them off.

And yet Cohasset lost only once during the regular season, and won their second straight Div. 2 South sectional title. Their run this year ended with a state semifinal loss to Manchester-Essex. As was the case with their regular season loss to Ursuline, the score was 3-2, with the deciding match going three sets.

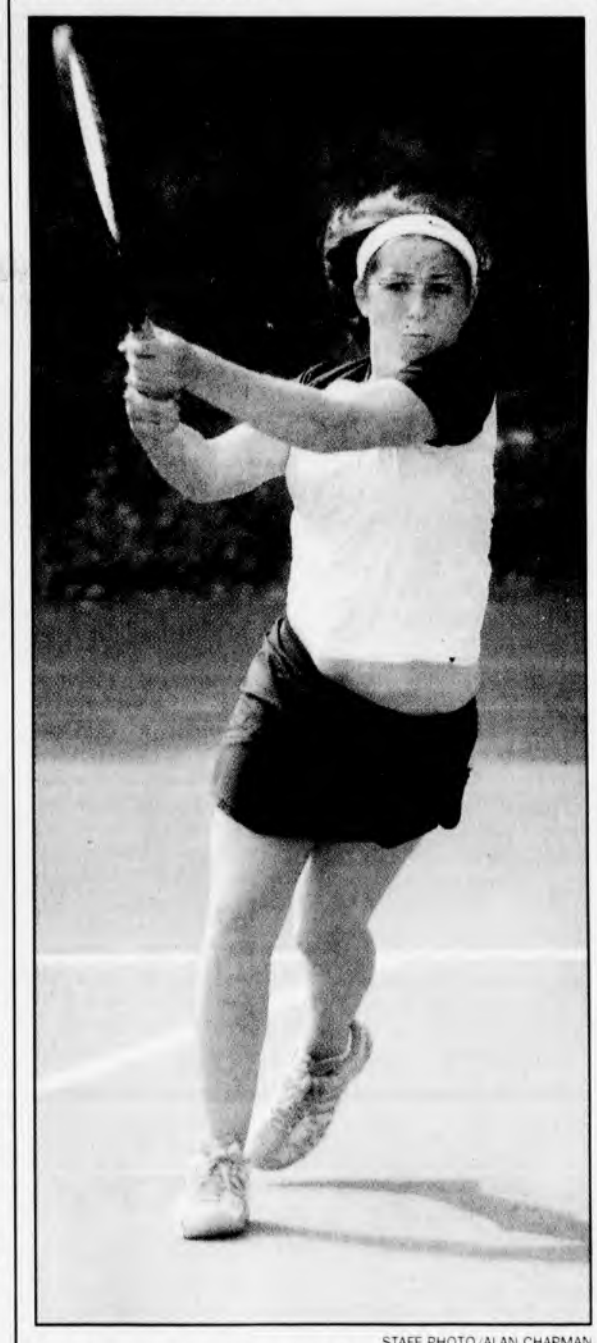
Another bounce here or there, and we might be talking about another state title. But that is not the gauge by which head coach Gigi Meehan will judge the year.

"It was a wonderful season. It went better than I ever expected," she said. "I am so pleased that we went as far as we did."

The 12-year coach said that after last year's success, it would have been easy for her team to play with less enthusiasm or to play "not to lose." With this team, however, that was not the case.

"With everything there was

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Senior Courtney Caron, a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic selection as a double player, will certainly be missed next year.

All-Scholastic boys tennis team

Cohasset's Sceery named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

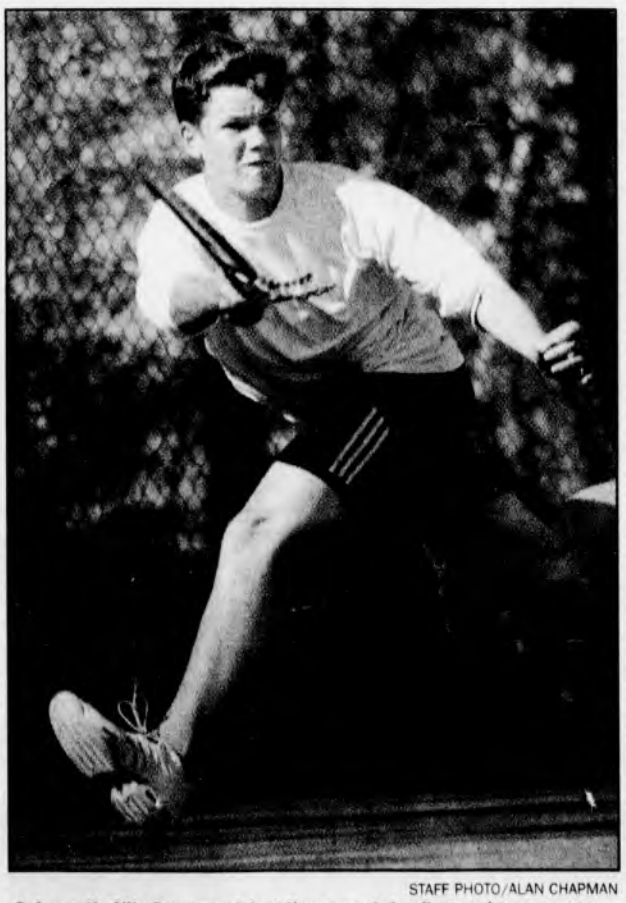
In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just seven singles players and three doubles teams, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top male tennis players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

Nils Sceery- Sophomore
Second Singles- Cohasset



Nils Sceery

Nils put together an outstanding sophomore year for the Skippers, compiling a team best 14-4 record out of the second singles spot to help get his team into the postseason and tie for second place in the South Shore League…only losses came to fellow Mariner All-Scholastics Ryan Sweeney and Tim Cahill, falling to them twice each…lost to Sweeney 3-6, 5-7 the second time around and both losses to the senior Cahill were three set thrillers…came from behind to beat B.C. High's number two in the state individual tourney, but then lost to Framingham's number one in the second round…had a 3-0 first set lead in that one when he broke his racquet and was forced to use a new one…SSL all-star…plays tennis year round at Cohasset Tennis Club and the Hanover YMCA…rangy, 6-foot-2 athlete covers court well and hits a very "heavy ball"…saw some time with the CHS varsity soccer team this past fall, and is expected to see a much bigger role as a junior…High Honor Roll student…an Appalachia Service volunteer…Cohasset coach Kent Parrot: "Nils' record speaks for itself. He had a very good year. He's a very strong player with a lot of natural ability. He has the potential to become a very good player over the next few years."



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Nils Sceery put together an outstanding sophomore year for the Skippers, compiling a team best 14-4 record out of the second singles spot to help get his team into the postseason and tie for second place in the South Shore League

Max Schenkein - Senior
First singles - Norwell



Max Schenkein

Decided to matriculate from baseball to boys tennis after his sophomore year, and never lost a match in South Shore League play…this is Max's second selection to our tennis team, and fourth selection overall as a Mariner All-Scholastic (he also made our golf team the past two seasons)…played second singles as a junior and in the first spot this spring, proving key in extending the Clippers streaks in SSL play to 114 straight wins and 11 consecutive titles…Clippers went 12-1 overall this year (10-0 in SSL)…an extremely intense competitor who seems to be at his best in big matches…was the only player to beat Harwich's Craig Druschella in SSL play, doing so in both of their meetings, both of them thrilling marathon matches…considered best win of season a three set thriller over Hanover's Pauri Pandian, a fellow two-time All-Scholastic and a player he'd lost to a few times in off season play at the Hanover YMCA…the lefty utilizes a strong serve and a powerful backhand, which he follows to the net very effectively…two time SSL All-Star…finished with two year record of 28-4 (including 20-0 in SSL)…made it to the third round of the state individual tourney, where he lost to Brookline's Alex Rastorgouev, who went on to advance to the semifinals…beat state champion Wellesley's second singles standout, Dan Verhais, in the second round…also a very good student…takes

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A's Repeat as Major League Champions

Led by some clutch hitting and the pitching of Brendan Doonan and Johhnny Maher, the A's defended their Cohasset Little League Major League title, this week, winning a best-of-three series over the Mets.

Tuesday showdown for all of the marbles between the first place Mets and repeat-minded A's was a nail biter.

The Mets took an early lead, 5-1, but Doonan an Maher stopped the bleeding and the A's bats came alive to carry the day for a come-from-behind championship clinching win, 7-5.

Veteran Tom Condon pitched all six innings for the Mets. Condon has shown tremendous poise and strength for the Mets all season, controlling the field from his usual catcher's position.

The Mets came ready to even the score in game two. With fans and parents cheering on, the Mets stands were adorned with balloons and banners.

Johnny Maher took to the mound for the A's and gave up a one run home run to Mets slugger Robby McCunney in the first inning. EJ Culhane made a fabulous running catch in right field off a Max Maccleave hit to end the inning. Rookie sensation Drew Cobin took to the mound

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Cohasset's Sceery named among area's elite

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all AP courses…was President of his graduating class…member of school Debate Team…Peer Educator…Editor of NHS newspaper, the Navigator…National Honors Society Member graduated with a GPA of 3.88…plans to attend Wesleyan College (Connecticut) and plans to major in Political Science, with an eye toward becoming a lawyer or entering politics… hopes to make the Wesleyan golf team, and may give tennis a try as well…plans to play in USTA tourneys this summer to see how he stacks up against other college tennis players…Norwell coach Jay Swartz: "Max is such a phenomenal competitor. He just refuses to lose. On top of that, he's a very bright kid, so when you talked strategy with him, he just locked onto it."

Pauri Pandian - Senior (Capt.)
First singles - Hanover


Pauri Pandian

A three-year starter at the No. 1 singles spot, Pandian was once again a player to watch in the Patriot League… Pandian had a stellar senior campaign for the Indians, leading the squad to a second place finish in the PL (8-2) behind only unbeaten Duxbury…Pandian dropped only two matches in league, falling twice to Duxbury's No. 1 player, despite taking him to three sets…He also split matches with Norwell's No. 1 player…Pandian helped power Hanover to a 10-4 overall record, its two non-league losses coming against South Shore League champs Norwell, and qualified for postseason play in the Div. 2 South Sectional…There, the Indians dropped a tough 4-1 loss to Holliston…Pandian is a three-time Patriot League All-star and year round tennis player…He plans to attend Wesleyan College in the fall where he hopes to continue his tennis career. Hanover coach Monika Schmidt: "Pauri has come a heck of a long way. He's an awesome role model for the rest of the team and has worked hard to put Hanover tennis back on track. He was a great leader and a great captain."

Ryan Sweeney- Freshman
Second Singles- Norwell


Ryan Sweeney

Emerged onto scene in a big way, going unbeaten in South Shore League play to help the Clippers extend their streaks in SSL play to 114 straight wins and 11 consecutive titles…an extremely consistent player who seems able to hit winners from virtually anywhere on the court…will almost surely move into the first singles spot being vacated by two-time SSL All-Star and Mariner All-Scholastic Max Schenkein…biggest wins in league came over fellow SSL all-star Nils Sceery, both in straight sets…went 14-1 overall (10-0 in league), including 2-0 in postseason…only loss came to number two player from unbeaten Duxbury…only regular season loss was to unbeaten Duxbury number two Rob Groezinger…won one match in state individuals before falling to Newton North's vaunted number one Doug Fleischer, though he did have a 4-3 first set lead on the high seeded Tiger…played Schenkein very close in the showdowns for the Clippers number one designation…plays tennis year round at the Hanover YMCA and Weymouth Club…playing in several state and regional USTA tourney this summer…was also a member of NHS golf and freshman basketball teams…has also played football and is an accomplished ping pong player…Honor Roll student wroks quite a bit with computers and is an avid reader…Norwell coach Jay Swartz: "The thing that strikes you about Ryan is his intelligence on the court, and a savvy that makes it hard to believe he's just a freshman. He adjusts his game based on what his opponent is showing him and he finds way to use his opponent's strengths against him."

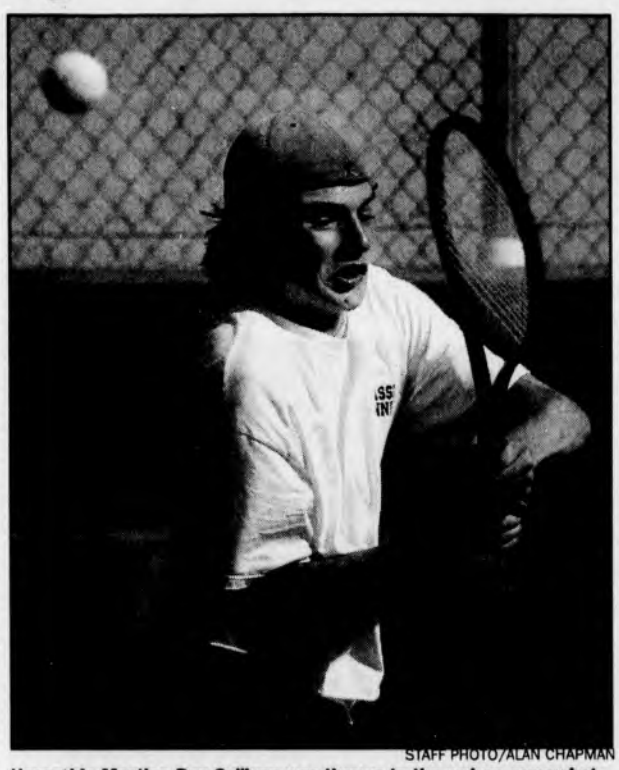
Brad Anderson- Junior
First Singles- Scituate


Brad Anderson

A powerful player who posted a very respectable 12-6 record in his first year as the Sailors top singles player… two losses each came to Duxbury's unbeaten Dan O'Connell and fellow Mariner All-Scholastic Pauri Pandian, of Hanover, though the first meeting was a thriller (6-2, 6-7, 2-6)…split his season series with Hingham's Brandon Luttinger, winning the second time around (6-4, 6-7, 6-0)…Patriot League all-star…went 14-2 as a sophomore at second singles, with both of his losses coming to Duxbury counterparts…also twice bested Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention Dan Sullivan, of Cohasset High, in straight sets… possesses a strong serve and powerful forehand and covers the court well… plays tennis year round at Scituate Health and Racquet Club…also a key member of SHS golf team…hopes to play tennis in college…Scituate coach Rob Leary: "Brad is just a real competitive kid who doesn't like to lose. He's a strong server and has a real heavy return. Getting him back next year is huge."

Tim Cahill - Senior
Second singles - Scituate

A human backboard who simply outlasts his opponent on many points…put together a team best 15-3 record (10-2 in Patriot League) for 13-5 Sailors… Two time Patriot League all-star had two losses to Duxbury's second singles player and the other in the state tourney loss to Wellesley—the team that went on to win the state title…twice beat fellow All-Scholastic Nils Sceery, of Cohasset, in three sets…also twice bested a tough Hingham number two… posted an 8-6 record playing number one singles as a junior, earning Patriot League all-star and Mariner All-Scholastic honors here as well…split decisions with fellow Mariner All-Scholastic Pauri Pandian last year…also a two-year member of the varsity soccer team…younger brother of two-time Mariner All-Scholastic soccer player Ryan Cahill (SHS Class of '03), who plans to play soccer at Westfield College this fall…Tim will follow his brother to Bridgeton Academy prep school this fall in the hopes of improving his college prospects…would like to play tennis in college…leaning toward majoring in Education…Scituate coach Rob Leary: "Playing against Tim is a lot like playing against a backboard. He gets to just about everything and gets it back over the net. He's very strong mentally. He doesn't get upset and he's very strong fundamentally. He wears people down."


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Honorable Mention Dan Sullivan was thrown to the wolves somewhat, this spring, playing out of the first singles spot for the Skippers against some premier competition, but that kind of experience can only help the sophomore down the road.


Tim Cahill


Evan Williams

Evan Williams - Senior (Capt.)
First singles - Silver Lake

This is Evan's second straight selection as a Mariner All-Scholastic…worked hard on his game in the offseason, as well as his conditioning, putting on 15-20 pounds of muscle between his junior and senior seasons… put together a very solid 12-6 season against top competition, including wins in both of the Lakers postseason contests, keying the Lakers 12-8 season…went 9-3 in OCL play, with two losses coming to Barnstable's Jacob Bear and one to Falmouth's Sean Pease, with whom he split two decisions—both of them fellow league all-stars…twice beat OCL All-Star Matt Cayer, of B-R…had a lead on Bear in state tourney when the Barnstable coach opted to default the match, with the team decision having already been decided…made it to second weekend of play in the state individual tourney, but fell in the third round to Coyle Cassidy's Andrew Burnilia…considered best win a victory over Taunton's top player—"going on fumes", as he said, in his fifth match in five days…two time OCL all-star… a four-year varsity starter, playing first doubles as a freshman, second singles as a sophomore and first singles the last two years…winner of Silver Lake's Outstanding Male Athlete Award for the spring…was a member of the Silver Lake wrestling team in his first two years at the school, but gave that sport up to devote more time to tennis in the winter…has been ranked previously by USTA-New England…plays tennis year round at the Kingsbury Club in Kingston, where his father (Mark) is a club pro …a High Honors student who graduated with a 4.0 GPA, taking primarily AP courses…also an award winning artist…will major in Communication Design at Syracuse University…Silver Lake coach David Rix: "Evan really dedicated himself to this season, starting with all the work he did on his conditioning and game in the off season. He set a great example for all of his teammates. He was .a true leader, mostly by example, but he was vocal when he had to be. He was there every day in practice and in all matches totally into what he was doing. He was our anchor."

Doubles

Kyle Swartz / Chris Pisarkiewicz-
First Doubles - Norwell


Kyle Swartz

These new senior partners looked like a longtime pairing, as they whipped through all comers this season, to finish with a 12-1 record (including a perfect 10-0 in SSL play)…this is the third All-Scholastic selection for Kyle, the first two coming with Mike Allen (who went unbeaten as the Clippers third singles player this season)…Pisarkiewicz was a regular at second doubles the last two years…an odd couple that worked well together, Kyle covering more of the court and playing a power game and Pisarkiewicz playing a strong tactical game and working the angles well…the pair of college bound players did not participate in the state individual tourney…only regular season loss came to Duxbury's unbeaten top pair…

Kyle, who also ran cross country and winter track at NHS, will attend the University of Connecticut and hopes to play Club tennis…undecided on major…Honor Roll and National Honor Society student…ran cross country…did winter track two years before but hurt…Chris will attend Fairfield College…Norwell coach Jay Swartz: "Even though this was only their first year of playing together, Chris and Kyle were extremely consistent playing together. I think the experience they had as doubles players obviously was a huge factor. Really, they just kind of overpowered most of the teams they played."

John Elstermeyer / Kyle Opie-
First Doubles- Braintree


John Elstermeyer

This duo was the real bright spot for a team that won just four matches, as they finished with a 13-4 record in the ultra-competitive Bay State Conference, which includes several perennial state powers…two strong ground-strokers who often threw other teams off their game by playing primarily from the baseline…BSC All-Scholastic Honorable Mentions…top win of year was a 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 win over state champion Wellesley's top doubles team, avenging an earlier loss… also had a big win over powerhouse Brookline's first pairing…


Kyle Opie

Elstermeyer, a senior, who earned a Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention nod last year for his play at second singles for the Wamps, was the winner of this year's Lawrence Getting's Memorial Award, given to Braintree High's top male tennis player…switched from baseball to tennis in his junior year…was also captain of the BHS soccer team… member of SADD…the regular Honor Roll student plans to major in Business at Bryant College…may try to play soccer and/or tennis at Bryant

A sophomore, Opie also plays soccer and basketball at BHS… comes from strong athletic stock, with older brothers Brad and Scott also multi-sport standouts at BHS…plays tennis year round at the Weymouth Club…teaching tennis this summer in Bourne…hopes to play tennis in college. Braintree coach Matt Freeman: "This was the one point we could count on in just about every match. John and Kyle worked well together. They never got too up or too down, and they played several top teams extremely tough. They were both very good groundstrokers, and the defensive posture I think worked well against a lot of the more aggressive teams they played."

Tom O'Donnell / Walt O'Donnell -
First Doubles - Hingham

This band of brothers was a force on the court for the rebuilding Hingham squad…As two of the more reliable players on the Harbormen team (5-8 overall, 4-6 Patriot League), senior captain Tom and younger brother Walt teamed for a 6-4 Patriot League record, twice falling to Duxbury's No. 1 unbeaten pair…The O'Donnell brothers were the only doubles team in league to take the Green Dragon duo to three sets…The team also played tough against Norwell's No. 1 pair in a non-league loss to the perennial South Shore League champions…Both were voted Patriot League All-stars for their efforts this season.

HonorableMention:

Singles

Steve Politano - Sr. - First Singles - Abington

Richard Durham - Fr.- First Singles - Braintree

Dan Sullivan- Soph- First Singles -Cohasset

Brandon Luttinger - First Singles - Hingham

Mike Allen- Sr.- Third Singles - Norwell

Geoff Ramsey- Jr.- Second Singles - Silver Lake

Doubles

Justin Shephard (Sr.) / Alex Hill (Jr.) - First Doubles - Abington

Ben Barr (Sr.) / Charlie Edlund (Fr.) - First Doubles - Hanover

Scott Kitchen (Soph.)/Brett Cleaves (Soph.)- Second Doubles - Norwell

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Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football Equipment Handout

Football Equipment for Registered Football Players for the upcoming Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football Season will be handed out by Grade/Team on:

August 7: 9-10 am, 8th Grade - "A" Sharks

August 7:10- 11 am, 7th Grade - "A" Stingrays

August 14: 9-10 am, 6th Grade - "B" Sharks

August 14: 10- 11 am, 5th Grade - "B" Stingrays

August 14:11 am- 12 noon, 4th Grade - "C" Sharks

August 14: 12- 1 pm, 3rd Grade - "C" Stingrays

A $100.00 refundable deposit is required at the time of equipment pick up. All equipment will be handed out at the Equipment Shed located at the back of Scituate High School. For further information on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football & Cheerleading, please go to www.scicohfootball.com

Cheerleading volunteers needed

SCYFC needs 2 to 3 volunteers to help coach the 8th Grade Sharks A Cheerleading team. This commitment will involve being at practices from Aug. 16 through Sept. 9, Monday through Thursday 5- 7 p.m, and attending the weekend games from Sept. 12 through Nov. 11. Cheerleading experience is not necessary as you will have junior coaches working on cheers and dance with the squad. If you have an interest and can make the commitment please call Lorie Neil at 781-545-4526.

Softball Clinic

Deb Bostwick would like to remind athletes of all ages of her softball and field hockey camps this summer. Deb and former Yankee player Lew Rettman will be running a softball clinic for all ages at Freedom Field from July 5-9 and July 12-16. She will also be organizing a field hockey camp in the second week in August. Deb urges anyone interested to call the Cohasset Recreation Department.

South Shore Basketball Clinic ages 8 to 11 and 12 to 15

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Basketball School's week long Basketball Clinic.

The clinic will be held the week of Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16, and will meet each day, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 8 to 11, and from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 12 to15.

The fee for each age group is $120 per player. This program will be run by CHS basketball Coach Ron Ford and will be held at the Cohasset High School Gym.

To register, complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

South Shore Soccer Camp

Boys & Girls, 7 to 18

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's one-week long Soccer Clinic starting Monday, Aug. 2, through Friday, Aug. 6.

The Camp will meet each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for boys and girls ages 7 to 18. The fee for the one week session is $245 per participant with a $20 discount for the second child. Fee includes a camp shirt and appropriate-size ball for each participant, both available the first day of camp.

To register, complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

South Shore Soccer Camp

Squirts ages 4, 5 and 6

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be on-going at the Town Hall for South Shore Soccer Camp's week long Soccer Squirts Clinic which begins Monday, Aug. 2, through Friday, Aug. 6.

Soccer ABCs for ages 4 and 5 will meet each day from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The fee is $85 per participant and includes a camp shirt and appropriated-size soccer ball for each participant, both will be available the first day of camp.

To register, complete the application form at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse Camp

This one-week camp for boys and girls is designed to work on fundamental lacrosse skills, so that young players are prepared to deal with game situations next year. Each day will include drills designed to improve a player's stick-handling abilities, foot work and positioning, conditioning and stamina and knowledge of the game.

The camp is designed particularly to work with new and less-skilled players, helping them to decide in a relaxed setting whether lacrosse is a sport they want to play during the school year.

This camp is for players entering grade 3 through 6 in the fall. While the program is run by the Cohasset Recreation Department, it is open to players from other communities.

Chuck Jaffe, who runs the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program, heads the camp. Jaffe started Cohasset's youth program in 1996 and coached boys' teams for six years until starting the girls' program in 2002. He has been a player and coach in a variety of programs around the country, ranging from his days as a player at the University of Michigan, through being an all-star player and coach with his Tampa Bay Lacrosse Club, the Lehigh Valley Killian's Red Lacrosse Club and more. He still plays regularly with the Brine/Atlantic Sportswear Club in some of the elite master's tournaments around the world.

Jaffe will be assisted by Jennifer Palmer of the Cohasset girls' program and several former Cohasset High School players. The camp's player-coach ratio will be no more than 10-1. The camp is held the week of July 19-23, and starts at 7:30 a.m. on all days. The camp ends at 10 a.m. on all days but Friday, when it runs until 10:30. The camp is held rain or shine — in all conditions except lightning — and parents should be prepared to retrieve children who have been playing in rain or rolling in mud.

Players need full equipment. For girls, this means a stick, goggles and a mouth-guard. For boys, it means a helmet (including mouthpiece), gloves, arm and shoulder pads and a stick.

Parents: The camp's director believes strongly in having properly sized equipment. For boys, that means sticks may be cut to 36 inches in length. Girls' sticks are sized based on their body size. Counselors will cut sticks for those players who need it, so parents providing their children with a stick borrowed from a friend, neighbor or relative should use tape to label the stick with the words "Do not cut," and should inform counselors. Players should bring their own water, juice or sports drinks to each day's sessions. Registration is $85. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 for more information or to register.

Co-Ed Basketball Clinic

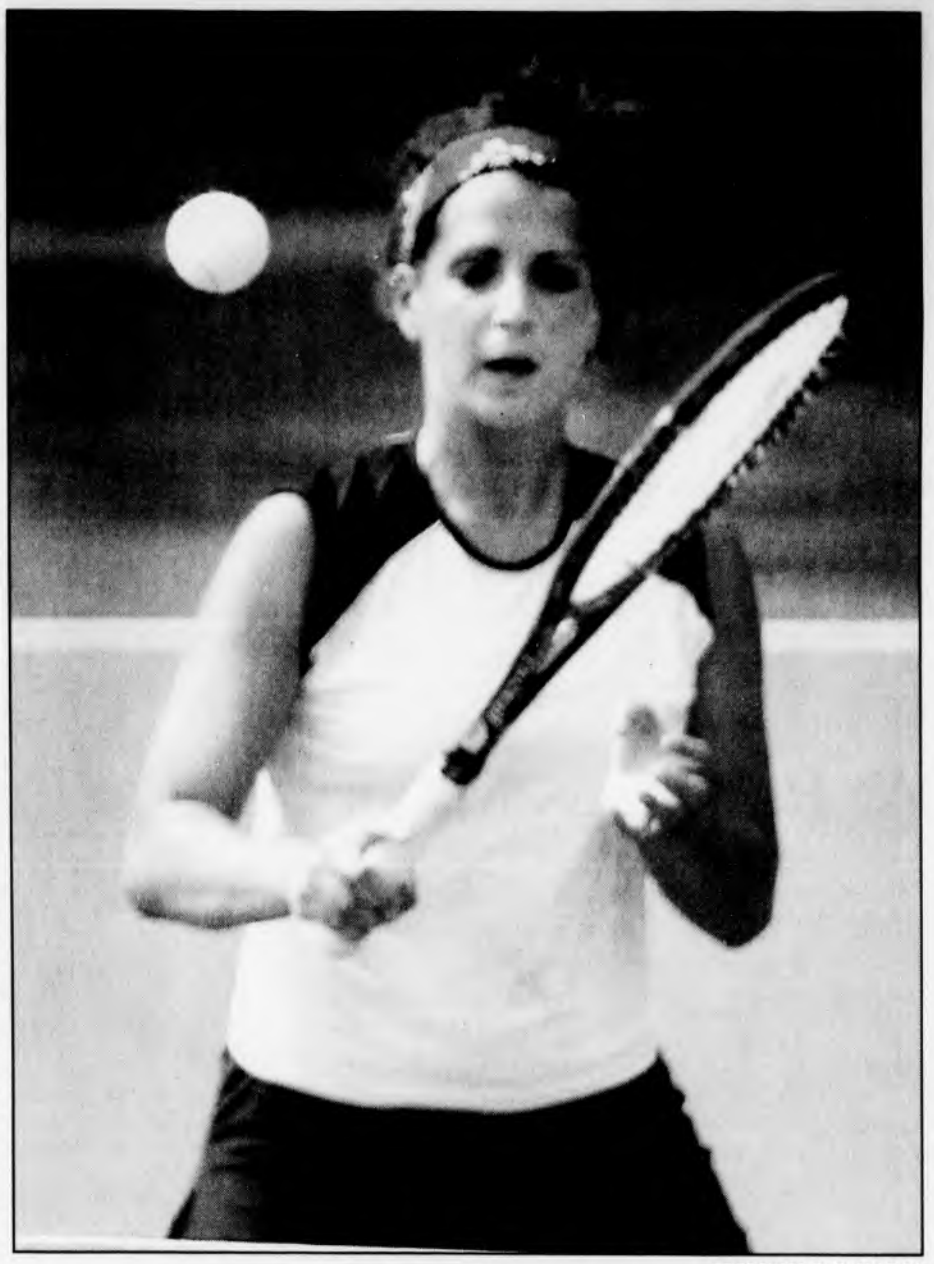
This will be the eighth year that this instructional clinic will be offered to both boys and girls. This clinic is for any player who wants to learn, practice and improve all aspects of their game. Basic individual offensive and defense skills will be taught. Players will be placed on teams and will compete against players of similar ability. All participants are expected to understand that this week is a challenging week intended to teach all facets of the great game of basketball. Bring your lunch and good attitude. Coach Matt Poirier and the best collection of basketball coaches on the South Shore and great guest speakers every day. Cost $120.00

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(84B4) High School Boys Basketball Clinic: Grades 9 through 12, Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16, 2004, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, Scituate High School, Large Gym. This clinic is for any high school basketball player who wants to learn, practice and improve their basketball game. Individual offensive and defensive skills will be improved on. Players will be placed on teams and will compete against players of similar ability. All participants are expected to understand that this week is a challenging week intended to improve all facets of the great game of basketball. Bring your lunch and good attitude. Coach Matt Poirier and the best collection of basketball coaches on the South Shore. Cost $120.



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Junior Rachel Garber will be counted on for even bigger things next year by the Lady Skippers.

The will of champions

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at stake, all of the girls played to win, and they played with heart," Meehan said.

One reason for that is the play of the team's seniors. In addition to their talent and experience, Meehan said it was their willingness to hit with some of the underclassmen on the team that fostered a team togetherness that she is always striving for.

"If I were a younger kid on the team, I would have found those girls to be inspirational," Meehan said. "I think every one of them could identify with one of those seniors. They were really different types of players."

Indeed, whether it was a hard hitter like Courtney Caron, a human backboard like Holly Graham, or the groundstrokes and net game of Emilie Sullivan and Corey Evans, the seniors presented an array of playing styles to their opponents. Meehan commended those four for not only being great athletes, but also mentally strong on the court.

As she has been throughout her high school career, junior Elizabeth Stone was an automatic point at first singles. Despite playing the each opponent's top player each match, Stone went undefeated in team play and did not even lose a set all year. A frequent competitor in national USTA tournaments, she also advanced to the sectional final of the individuals tournament, and has to be considered one of the favorites for that next year.

The other non-seniors who saw regular playing time were sophomore Chelsea Grossman and junior Rachel Garber. The two were versatile, interchangeable parts for Cohasset this year, both spending time at third singles and first doubles. After advancing to the sectional semifinal with Caron in the state doubles tournament, Grossman switched to singles for the end of the season and playoffs, and excelled. She did not lose a match in the tournament, and will likely take over the second singles spot next year.

Garber, meanwhile, had plenty of success of her own in singles, and teamed with Caron to win the clinching point in the sectional final over Old Rochester. Along with Stone and Emma Grinnell, Garber will be a senior co-captain next year.

With Stone and Grossman at singles, and Garber sure to be a regular somewhere, that leaves four spots open next year. There certainly will be plenty of competition for those spots, including the likes of Grinnell, Susan Curry and Katie Bolger, all of whom had success when called upon this year. And you can certainly count on some freshmen and sophomores being in the mix as well.

For that, Meehan credits middle school coach Michelle Murphy for her efforts. It is the new faces that show up in the middle of March that makes that time of year one of Meehan's favorites.

"Every year, I'm always pleasantly surprised by the number of girls interested in our program," she said.

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for the Mets, and with the bases loaded, Mike Monaco had a base hit into right field and batted in two runs for the A's. Max Maccleave returned the favor to Culhane, making a miracle catch in left field off a strong Culhane hit.

Maher struck out two in the next inning, and the A's had an easy out on a ground ball to second baseman Sean McKenna who flipped it to Monaco at first. In the bottom of the second, with two outs, Jack Murphy started a rally with a base hit to center field. However the A's couldn't convert the base runners and left them stranded. In the top of the third, the Mets bats came alive as Charlie Pham registered a base hit, Drew Cobin had a double, and Robby McCunney walked.

Robert Jones had a nice base hit off Maher for an RBI to tie the game up. An alert Mike Monaco threw the second base runner stealing home out, as Brendan Doonan tagged him.

In his final pitching effort, Johnny Maher struck out the last two batters. In the bottom half of the inning, the A's couldn't bring the base runners home, leaving two men stranded. In the top of the fourth inning, the Mets bats came alive. Sam Leahy had a solid base hit, Colin Tarpey had a shot to right field that resulted in a base hit, Drew Cobin delivered a single and Robby McCunney had an RBI single. The score was tied 2-2. Robert Jones for the Mets hit a shot that Brendan Doonan, now pitching, flipped to Maher behind the plate to tag out the go ahead run, and then Maher turned the double play, firing it to Mike Monaco at first to end the inning. In the bottom of the fourth, Jack Murphy walked, Andy Mckenna hit a bomb to center field that was expertly handled by Colin Tarpey for the out, and Brendan Doonan walked.

With men on first and third, Johnny Maher steps to the plate and delivers a shot over the outfield fence. It was a three run homerun that put the A's on top for the rest of the game. Jake Kissick had a great at bat, fouling off countless balls and finally walking. Andy McKenna in the bottom of the fifth had an RBI double, Maher had a sacrifice fly for an RBI. Brendan Doonan, pitching the last three innings for the A's struck out three Mets. Drew Cobin pitched through strongly throughout the game for the Mets. The game ended with A's center fielder Jack Murphy making back to back big catches for the final two outs. The A's came away victorious, winning for the second time in two years.

The second year Mets had a great season, highlighted by veteran Robby McCunney's twelve home runs. Teammates Max Maccleave and Drew Cobin joined the exclusive list of home run hitters along with the A's Brendan Doonan, with seven home runs and Johnny Maher with two, from the Red Sox slugger Jordan Berry with six home runs, from the Cardinals veteran Todd Emanuello and rookie Patrick Kearney with one each and big brother John Kearney with three home runs and from the Rangers rookie Jamie Faber with one home run.

Running the bases for the final time for the Mets were veterans Zach Moskow, Tom Condon, Charlie Pham and Robby McCunney. Although losing some talented veterans, the Mets look poised for another strong season next year. Robert Jones, Drew Cobin, Colin Tarpey, Gabe Seksay, Jeff Durkin, Taylor Golz, Max McCleave, and Sam Leahy will lead the charge for the Mets.

A's coach Rob Doonan, retiring this year after back to back championships, is proud of his team, "the A's never give up, they learn from their mistakes and try harder the next time". "There is something special about being an A" Doonan commented. "I hope in two years, when my youngest son Terrance is eligible for the Majors, the brother rule still applies, and he can proudly wear the green like his two older brothers". Doonan complimented veterans Andy McKenna, Jack Murphy, Jake Kissick, Thomas Barrett, John Plante, Johnny Maher and Brendan Doonan as they ceremoniously ran the bases for the final time, in the final game of the CYBSA 2004 Spring season. Derek Froio, EJ Culhane, Mike Monaco, Chase Murphy, Chris Murphy, and Sean McKenna will lead the mighty green next year.



A's All-Star Johnny Maher came up big in Tuesday night's championship game on the mound and at the plate, with a huge three-run homer.

Previte shines at New England showcase

CHS lacrosse star named an all-star at premier recruiting camp

The New England Premier Lacrosse College Recruiting Showcase is one of the largest attended college recruiting showcases in the country today. Only the best high school lacrosse players are able to demonstrate their skills in game situations- in front of over 100 DI, DII, and DIII college coaches.

There are close to 300 players in attendance. The All-Star players are voted upon by all the coaches from each team- and only 20-25 players are chosen. Jake (Justin)Previte, a junior attackman at Cohasset High, was one of those chosen for this incredible team.

Jake, who had a team best 93 points this spring for the CHS team, was still able to score one or two goals per game during the showcase-- including one on a behind-the-back shot and another against Duxury star goalie Polcari—on his way to making the All-Star team.

This New England Premier showcase is not instructional tournament; it is a recruiting combine. The boys are placed on teams as individuals (this is not for high school teams to attend as a team), so there is a disadvantage to not knowing who you are playing with, and what your teammates various strengths and weaknesses might be.

Each player plays non-stop lacrosse games for two days, a total of six games, plus the All Star game at the end. All-Star players are voted on by the men who served as these boys team coaches for the showcase.

Every year, this showcase is completely sold out. 23 states are represented—including all of the New England states, the entire eastern seaboard, New York, Georgia, Colorado, California, Texas, Ohio, and Hawaii. More than 175 different high schools have players here, as well as prep schools.

Congratulations to Jake. *Ya did good for Cohasset Lacrosse!*

Kahn wraps up career in style

Cohasset's Jackie Kahn was named to the 2004 All-Centennial Conference Women's lacrosse first team in balloting by the league's 10 head coaches.

Kahn led the team in scoring with 54 goals and 10 assists for 64 points and finished second in the Centennial in goals and eighth in points per game averaging 4.0 per contest. The senior co-captain also finished ninth in the conference in ground balls (3.2 pg) and draw controls (2.19 pg).

Kahn finished her career with 146 goals, 27 assists and 173 points, good for seventh on Swarthmore's career goals and points lists.

Kahn received up 37 ground balls, forced 10 turnovers and won eight draw controls while marking the opponents top attacker.

Down on their luck

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ized on a couple of walks and an error to plate another pair in the top of the seventh, enabling them to escape with the win.

"What else can you say," offered Post 118 coach Mike Duggan. "Things are just going against us right now. We're in a stretch of six games in six days, and we've lost a few players to injury and the tough luck seems to be piling on a little.

"Baseball is a game of momentum, and we don't seem to be generating much of that right now."

Hurler Greg Malley suffered a broken wrist just before the current six day gauntlet began, and joined projected staff ace Mark Rennie (torn ligaments in pitching hand finger) on the DL for the remainder of the season.

This situation is forcing pitchers Straughn, Joe Duggan, Jack O'Leary, Jeff Radding and Shane Caffrey to go on short rest.

"Guys who were relievers are now starting and starters are going on short rest," continued Duggan. "It's a tough situation."

The shortage of arms wasn't the biggest problem in Monday's 12-0 loss to Quincy at Adams Field; that would have been Post 95's Ian Jorgensen. The big Quincy righthander tossed a complete game no-hitter, striking out eight while walking just three, and led the charge on offense as well, going 3-for-3 with a 400-foot plus home run to left center.

"Yeah, we've definitely seen enough of that kid," noted Duggan, whose team fell to 1-8-1 with the loss.

One bright spot in that game was a relief stint by Brandon Stella. The crafty lefty notched a strikeout and generally kept Quincy batters off balance. Unfortunately, a couple of the fly balls he induced were misplayed and wound up leading to two unearned runs.

Last Friday's game at West Roxbury was postponed due to rain after four innings, and will be made up in its entirety at some point.

Cohasset was slated to travel to Canton this past Tuesday (the makeup of a June 29 rain out), host Stoughton yesterday and Canton tonight (5:45 at Scituate High), then travel to Braintree to play under the lights at BHS tomorrow (8 p.m. start).

The local lads then get two whole days off before getting back to it with a trip to Dorchester on Monday and Milton on Wednesday.

"It's not easy to lose, but the good news is the kids are keeping their heads high and come ready to compete every game," said Duggan following Monday's loss. "And it is baseball. We're having fun. The good news is we've got four more games this week."

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Braintree	8-2	16pts.
Stoughton	7-3-1	15 pts.
Canton	7-2	14pts.
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W. Roxbury	4-5	8pts
Quincy	4-8	8pts.
Cohasset	1-8-1	3pts.
Weymouth	2-10	4pts.
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Scout's camp project puts her on track for Silver Award

By Samantha Brown
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Last summer, Colleen Richardson ran her own day camp for a few hours every day for one week. She and nine children played soccer, T-ball, and other games, and at the end of the program, she walked away with an experience that could one day help her get into college.

Colleen, 15, who just completed her freshman year at Cohasset High School, ran the day camp as a project, which will help her earn a Silver Award for Girl Scouts. The second highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve, the Silver Award has been a project in the making since Colleen was a Cadet Girl Scout in the seventh grade.

"I originally wanted to do a soccer clinic," said Colleen, but because many of the fields around town were all being reseeded last summer, her options were limited. She then decided to use her own backyard, with her mother's approval, as a makeshift field for the boys and girls who participated in her camp.

Colleen's youngest sister Julia, 6, provided some of the inspiration for the project. Many of the children who came to the camp were Julia's friends, and were between the ages of four and five last summer. "The kids were able to play and they had a lot of fun," said Colleen.

However, running the camp was not without its drawbacks. For two days during the week, Colleen said it rained, and all nine children had to be brought inside, which made it necessary to improvise to keep the children entertained.

In preparation for her Silver Award project, Colleen said she had to complete interest projects, which are all related to and lead up to the final Silver Award project. She said while she has now completed all the requirements necessary to receive her Silver Award, she and a few other Girl Scouts will participate in a Silver Awards ceremony next fall, where they will formally be given their awards. The next step for her will be to begin preparing for her final Gold Award project, which is the highest honor a Girl Scout can receive. Colleen said while she isn't quite sure what that project will be just yet, she said it will have to be something which is not sports related, as she has already completed the majority of interest projects related to sports for her Silver Award.

Colleen has been participating in Girl Scouts since Kindergarten. She said her motivation for scouting has changed over the years, and many girls today have more of an incentive to stay with it because it looks great on college applications. She said by participating in Girl Scouts, she has learned how to "work independently on projects," which will help her in any path she chooses in life. It seems the good example she sets has rubbed off on her two younger sisters as well, as 12-year-old Meghan is a Junior Girl Scout, and Julia is a Daisy Girl Scout.

"The kids were able to play and they had a lot of fun."
— Colleen Richardson, Girl Scout

Other project Colleen and the girls in troop 4778 have been involved with include selling Girl Scout cookies to be sent to troops overseas, and organizing a camping trip to Cedar Hill in Walpole for all the Girl Scout troops. She said many of the projects her troop undertakes have been to assist other Cohasset troops, making theirs a true community effort.

Aside from Girl Scouts, Colleen said she plays both soccer and lacrosse for the high school, and likes hanging out with her friends.



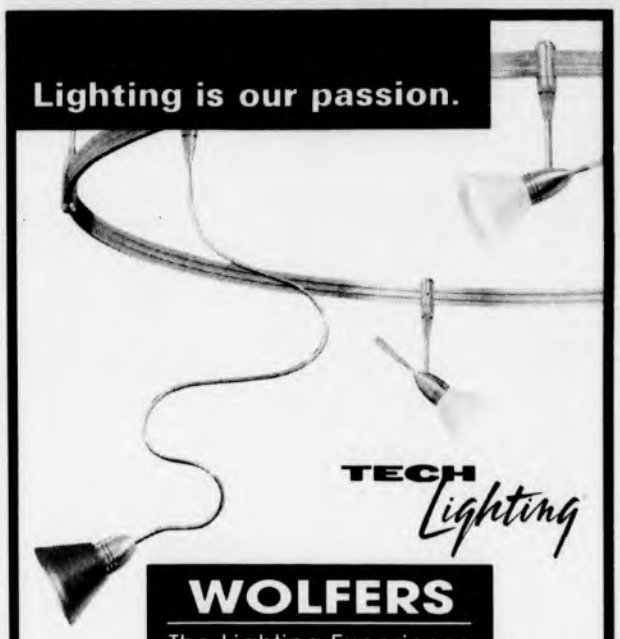
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Colleen Richardson ran her own day camp for her Silver Award project.

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Pilgrim descendants hold a peregrination

Spend day at beach in Cohasset



Lou Harvey, who is treasurer of Plimoth Plantation, addresses the descendants at the Pierson home. A peregrination is a journey in which Pilgrim descendants journey back to their roots. The event is usually held in Plymouth but this year it came to Cohasset.



Peg Baker, director of the Pilgrim Hall Museum, and James Baker of the Massachusetts Mayflower Society (and curator of the Alden House) enjoy the apple pie and ice cream.



Lew Cedrone, a descendant of the Mayflower's Alden and Standish families, takes a walk out to view the ocean that his ancestors were very familiar with.



Mayflower descendants Rob Severy and Bette Bradway take a walk out to the beach behind the Pierson home on Atlantic Avenue. Wig and Molly Pierson hosted the event on Saturday.

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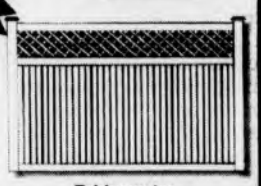
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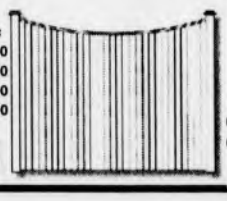
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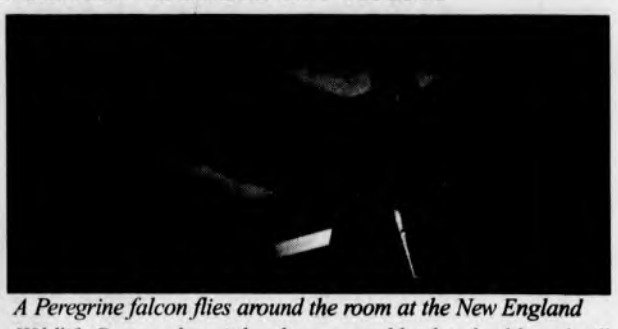
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Wildlife center focuses on vision



Two grey fox gaze out the window from their shelter at the New England Wildlife Center.



A Peregrine falcon flies around the room at the New England Wildlife Center where it has been nursed back to health and will soon be released to the wild.



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Mishia Robyn, an intern from Columbia University, feeds a bird that is on the mend at the New England Wildlife Center.

By Laura R. Yanne
CORRESPONDENT

Inside Building 47, a small ramshackle bungalow that has served as the main clinic of the New England Wildlife Center for more than 20 years, the front room is packed floor-to-ceiling with injured or orphaned animals: a pregnant snapping turtle with a fractured jaw, a crooked chipmunk, a pair of pigeons, baby skunk orphans, young raccoons, sparrows, a catbird and more.

"The number one reason animals are here is because they're hit by cars," explains Greg Mertz, D.V.M., executive director and 14-year veteran of the center in Hingham's Bare Cove Park.

The suburban preoccupation with lawn maintenance is another major culprit; blade trauma is obvious, but lawn chemicals whose cumulative effects are less evident also take their toll on wildlife, he says. The number of patients at the clinic would also be significantly reduced if people's pets were more closely supervised or kept inside.

"This was a dog's play toy," he says, examining a patched-up painted turtle who'd clearly been through the wringer, "and this mourning dove was attacked by a cat."

Stephanie Ellis, "vet tech" and avian specialist, held an early nestling, and squirts droppers of food down his gaping gullet. "He's doing so well!" she says. "The woman who brought him in had him for five days, and he's fat and happy! She really did a great job!"

Indeed, it's a great credit to Dr. Mertz and his staff that this constrained facility in the middle of an old WWII depot is one of the leading wildlife hospitals in the country, a place where more than 4,000 animals are treated each year.

The center is often perceived as a rescue society, but Mertz explains its true purpose is to be an education, training and rehabilitation center. "Unlike commercial vets who mainly treat two species (dogs and cats), we accept any animal," he says, having dealt with 225 different species.

The objective is to treat and release rehabilitated animals, giving hands-on experience to interns and practical experience to the professional staff. So although a blue-tongued skink (a former pet, native to Australia) is not releasable in New England, it is used for teaching demonstrations and outreach for the public; so is a one-eyed screech owl no longer equipped to survive in the wild.

Of his patients, Mertz says, "67 percent are birds, 29 percent are mammals, 4 percent are reptiles, a little over 56 percent are released, 9 percent are euthanized...100 percent of all patients are educational."

He stresses the importance of admitting native and non-native species alike for educational purposes. And he doesn't mean just for the interns and trainees — he includes the local person who drops off the baby bunny at the clinic and considers the good deed done.

Mertz doesn't want the drop-off to be the end of the relationship, but hopes that such encounters will mark the beginning of a closer bond to the natural world. He quotes Senegali conservationist Baba Dioum as encapsulating the importance of the center's educational mission: "In the end we will conserve only what we love. We will love only what we understand. We will understand only what we have been taught."

He rues the fact that although there may be fascination with the denizens of rainforests and the tundra, kids here "can't tell the difference between a black-backed gull and a herring gull" or identify the creatures living in their own backyard. He says that "dramatic misunderstandings" will persist until people are educated, but has faith that "once they understand, they will protect."

Mertz also describes a new training program coordinated in tandem with the World Society for the Protection of Animals' South American branch, which will bring Colombian pairs of conservation agents to the center. "There's high degree of poaching there in a region that has the largest diversity of animals. The agents know how to deal with the poachers, but not with the animals..."

The scope of the plans, the ever-increasing number of animals, the expanding projects, the talents and skills of those who are drawn to work there, the innovative outreach programs, the ideas, are far too big for Building 47.

So Mertz, who clearly loves to talk about education and animals, is no less enthusiastic about the prospect of demolishing Building 47. "It's time to move," says the 14-year veteran of the center.

Ordinary citizens can help wildlife

Laura Liptak found the tiny bird in the parking lot where she works at the Audubon Society's Blue Hills Trailside Museum. The first thing she did was to check for a nest, hoping there was a chance she could return the bird to safety. But other babies beneath the nest were all dead, with no parent in sight.

Luckily, the nestling had just enough feathering to enable her Audubon colleague to identify the bird as a starling. "That was really important, because I went on the Web and found that feeding is species-specific; for instance, starlings are insectivores, and they're water-intolerant."

She learned incorrect or insufficient feeding can be fatal. So she brought the tiny creature everywhere with her, and from dawn to dusk, every 20 minutes, for five full days "and even a couple of times during the night, if I'd wake up," she fed the baby bird a mix of kitten food, apple sauce and hard boiled egg.

When it was clear that the baby bird was beginning to imprint on Laura, she knew that it was time for it to be rehabilitated with his own kind. "My boyfriend wasn't exactly sorry about this," she admits, and so she brought him to the New England Wildlife Center.

This level of educated involvement and dedication is what's fostered at the center. Says Dr. Greg Mertz, "All people should participate in the stewardship of animals and their environment. Right now, there's an iron curtain of experts. There needs to be a permeable boundary, through which the average person can actively get involved."



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An architect's rendering of the Thomas E. Curtis Wildlife Teaching Hospital and Education Center being built in Weymouth.

New center to have more creature comforts

Building is friendly to the environment

Dr. Greg Mertz and his dedicated staff eagerly look forward to next summer. The world-class nonprofit center will be appropriately headquartered in a state-of-the-art "green" building that will itself represent the mission of the center: harmonious integration of humans and the environment, a metaphor for the values and purpose of conservation and habitat awareness fostered by the center. Visiting the building to be called, the Thomas E. Curtis Wildlife Teaching Hospital and Education Center, will be an education in itself.

"Greg knows I can be held personally accountable!" laughs Vcevy Strekalovsky, of Hingham architectural firm Strekalovsky, Hoit and Raymond, designers of the new building. His daughter is a long-time favorite volunteer at the center, so "every time I see a squirrel put back on his feet, I'm reminded; there's a strong family commitment, and the firm feels a strong sense of being part of the community. We're glad for the opportunity to do a meaningful project that'll touch a lot of people's lives." Principal Roger Hoit happens to be one of the Wildlife Center's founders.

The new center will be one of fewer than 50 Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified buildings in the U.S. Although it's leading-edge, the design has a simple rusticity, with a lodge-like theme; Strekalovsky says that the three-level building will have a footprint which will minimize site impact, and the natural grade will be retained wherever possible in order to leave the trees undisturbed. Utilizing green technologies to reduce long-term operating costs and significantly reduce environmental impact, the LEED building will be an open and airy, with alcoves and natural sunlight on all floors, with an atrium uniting the space. From the library and classrooms to the recovery wards, to the very workings of the building itself, the center is designed to be synergistic, to embody the ideal of demonstrating minimal harmful human impact on animals and the environment. Building materials will be recycled, recyclable, locally produced or made from conscientiously created components.

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One example of green technology is the implementation of photovoltaic shingles. These serve as conventional shingles for weather protection while generating clean solar energy by converting light (photons) to electricity (voltage). Excess energy generated can be sold back to the grid, and visitors will be able to actually see on a monitor how much electricity is being generated.

The 12.4 acre site was donated by the Curtis family of Hingham. The Thomas E. Curtis Wildlife Hospital and Training Center will be located in Weymouth; with construction scheduled to begin next month, completion is slated for next summer.

There will be lots of trees on the site, but certainly no lawns to mow with killer blades; and there may be a few dandelions.

Hingham ties

Hingham residents will still be able to bring injured or orphaned wildlife to a satellite clinic which will remain at Bare Cove Park; the center will retain 3 or 4 acres for the interns' quarters and large pre-release enclosures, and the camp programs and some other educational sessions will also continue to be conducted at the old site.

To support this model of environmentally sensitive building technology for the LEED certified Thomas E. Curtis Wildlife Teaching Hospital and Education Center, corporate and organizational sponsors are being sought. Individual contributions are also welcome. Contact Deputy Director Katrina Banagis at bany@aol.com or (781)749-5387.

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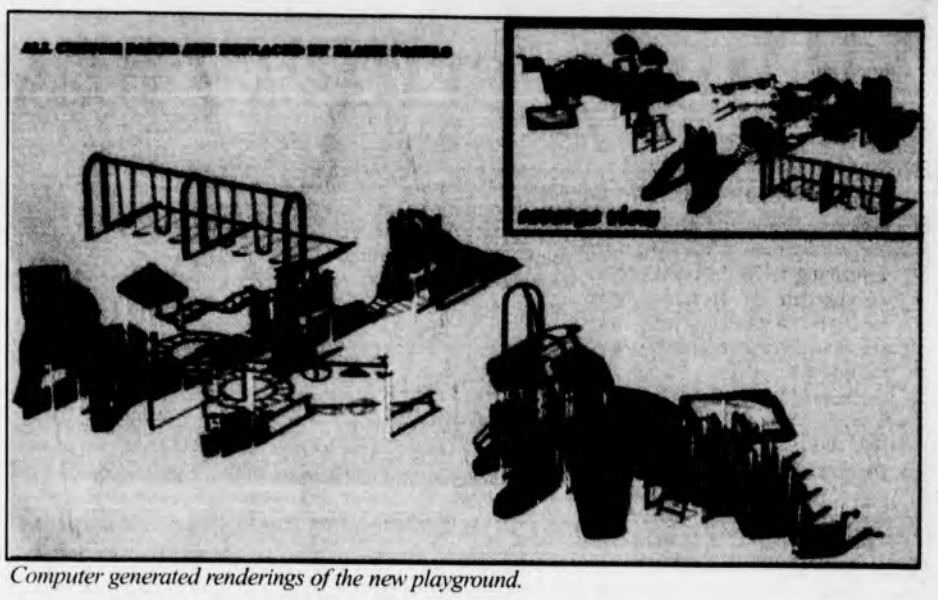
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Computer generated renderings of the new playground.

Children in for a world of fun at new town playground

By Samantha Brown
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Before the summer is through, there will be a new place to play in Cohasset, as plans to build a playground behind the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum have finally come to fruition.

For the past two years, co-chairs for Project Playground Muffy Antico and Logan Bernstein, have been coordinating fund raising activities and planning for the day when installation can begin. But with a $100,000 fund raising goal to make the dream a reality, seeing the playground through from beginning to end has been no small task.

"We've raised this money from people in town who have been very generous," said Antico, adding residents around town have been extremely supportive. She said roughly 10 households hosted dinner parties, where couples donated $100 each to the playground, and many residents have attended various fund raisers, including dinners featuring live bands at the Red Lion Inn, and Project Playground's "mistletoe boutique." Antico said the mistletoe boutique will be held again this November, and vendors will once again return to sell arts and crafts, jewelry, and children's clothing.

Antico also said local businesses, town departments, and boards have been great at helping out as well. Graham Waste has generously donated excavating services for the project, Brendan St. John has donated installation services, and arborist Gary Barrow volunteered to help cut back some of the tree limbs on site to make sure children have a clear, open space to play in. The Community Preservation Committee donated $15,000 for the project, and the Department of Public Works, especially Carl Sestito, have been instrumental in getting the project started as well.

"Everyone sees the need," for a playground in town said Bernstein, which is why she believes the idea caught on. Although the playground will be linked to the museum, located at the rear of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, located on Ripley Road, at the end of construction, it will be turned over to the town, and will be a destination she and Antico hope families can all enjoy together. The two said throughout the entire process, the response from the community has been absolutely overwhelming, and everyone is very excited to see the final stage get underway.

Donations are being accepted until July 15, and those interested in contributing can call Michele Dupuis at (781) 383- 3198.

The playground will be made of plastic and steel, making it much more durable than its wooden predecessor, and it has a 100 year warranty. It complies with the most up-to-date safety standards and is handicap accessible.

The previous town playground, while once impressive, was torn down when it was no longer considered safe, and Antico and Bernstein say the new playground will be even better. The equipment included in the playground is interchangeable, which means additional structures can be added to the pieces that already exist, or can be traded out, to offer children more variety in the play structure. All it will take is a little more fundraising.

The playground will have two sections to accommodate children ages 2-5 and 5-12. There will be swings, slides, structures for climbing, and hiding places to crawl through. Antico and Bernstein said the colors for the playground were chosen specifically taking neighbors into consideration. Structures are blue, green, and beige, mimicking the colors of nature, rather than primary colors that don't blend in as easily with the natural environment.

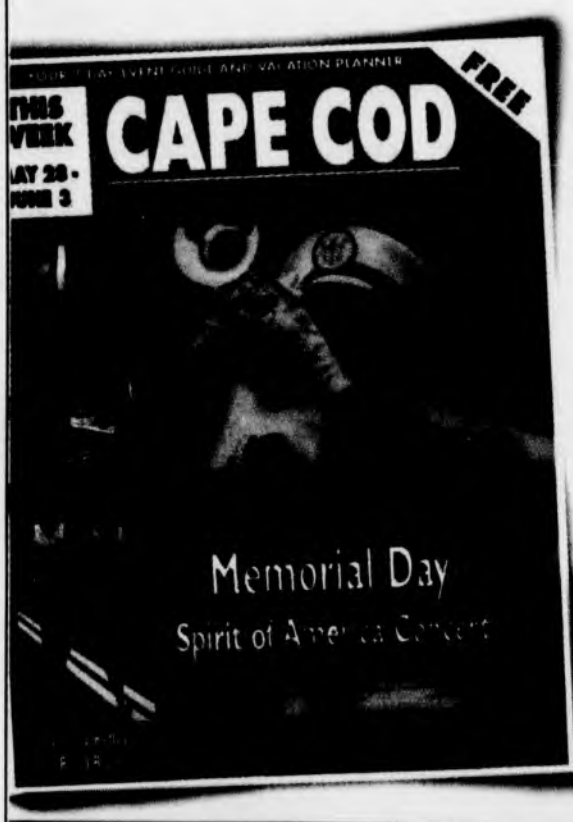
Along with the fun children will have at the playground, Bernstein said it will also be very educational as the group has plans to incorporate themes from the museum into the play structure. Certain pieces of the play structure will have attachments to replicate different places to live around the world, including an adobe hut or the city. When children come down the slide, they will emerge through an igloo door. The highest points of the play structure will replicate mountain tops, and some of the lower lying areas will depict the sea and corn fields.

Michele Dupuis, Program Coordinator for the museum, said the playground will be a unique destination which will incorporate creativity as well as lessons on diversity. Project Playground and the museum staff will be working together to incorporate facets of the museum's programming into the play structure, helping children learn in a fun, relaxed environment.

In addition to the playground, there will be picnic tables as well as tables featuring chess and checkerboard tops, which will hopefully encourage young and old alike to see the playground as a destination point in town. Antico said many seniors in town love interacting with children, and some like to be able to have a seat to watch them play. By having checkers and chess available, intergenerational friendships will hopefully be sparked.

"It's going to be the best playground on the South Shore," Bernstein said.

Antico and Bernstein say they hope to see excavating for the project begin this week, but they are still working hard to raise additional funds for the project. Donations are being accepted until July 15, and those interested in contributing can call Michele Dupuis at (781) 383-3198. Those who donate will be entered into a drawing for two tickets to a Music Circus performance of their choice.



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RECREATION NOTES

Playground openings

The Cohasset Recreation Department has a few openings remaining for either residents or non-residents in the seven week summer playground program providing children a day camp experience.

The program serves of children aged 3 1/2 through 12 years of age and is structured as a comprehensive day camp, meeting Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children 5-12 years old and 9 a.m. to noon for younger children.

Also, extended care via the Cohasset school department is available to youngsters from 7 to 9 a.m. and again from 3 to 6 p.m.

For more details and registration information, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109.

Winners of Boston Pops tickets

Rockland Trust and, The South Shore Art Center announced the winners of a raffle held following the 49th annual Arts Festival in Cohasset. The raffle, for two tickets to the July 31, concert by the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, was sponsored by Rockland Trust Company, the platinum corporate sponsor of the South Shore Art Center.

James and Marilyn Morrison of Cohasset, are the recipients of two complimentary tickets to the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra concert with Keith Lockhart, conductor, at the South Shore Music Circus on July 31. This benefit performance brings the Boston Pops to the South Shore for the first time ever, launching a year of activities celebrating the 50th anniversary of the South Shore Art Center.

Sid the Serpent at Conservatory

Music-loving parents and their families can slip over to South Shore Conservatory's Jane Cheever Carr Amphitheatre on Sunday, July 11, at 10 a.m. for a morning of song and adventure with "Sid the Musical Serpent Who Wanted to Sing." Sid is a dancing circus serpent who slithers to Rome, London and "The Big Apple" in search of his own special song. His journey is full of friends and a non-stop 40 minute singing celebration designed to teach young people about singers and musical styles. Directed and produced by Beth MacLeod, Artistic Director of Opera By the Bay, the show puts fun first.

Conservatory member Tom Oesterling will sing the part of Sid while faculty member Dr. Jane Viemeister accompanies him on piano. The talented husband and wife duo of Kevin and Gwynne Sousa will "kid around" as the Strongman and Clown respectively. Soprano Marion Rambelle will round out the cast with her portrayal of a dramatic diva. Musician and cartoonist Lennie Peterson will add comedic emphasis with instrument and pen.

Tickets for "Sid the Serpent Who Wanted to Sing" are $15 ($20 at the door) and include a continental breakfast at 9:30 am. They are available at South Shore Conservatory, Hingham and Nobles Camera Shops in Hingham Square, Norwell and Cohasset. For information, or to purchase tickets by phone, call 781-749-7565, ext. 14. Information is also available at www.southshoreconservatory.org.

You may also call this number for information on summer Drama workshop/productions, youth tennis and various week long sport camp options, which are open to both residents and non-residents of Cohasset.

'Beauty & Beast' sign ups July 6

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct another Music Circus Registration for "Beauty & the Beast' Tuesday, July 6, from 9 a.m. until noon and again from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Recreation office in the Town Hall for children in the Playground Program. Tickets are $7.50 each.

Music Circus Registrations for children involved in The Playground program will be held every Tuesday at the Recreation office from 9 a.m. to noon and from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Recreation office in the Town Hall.

Late registration for Rec. programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept at the recreation office, first Town Hall, late registrations for the seven Summer Playground Program for children ages 3-1/2 through 12 years, Youth Tennis for ages 7 and over and Drama for children aged 5-12 years.

Also, registrations continue for all sports camps: Baseball, Lacrosse, Wrestling, Soccer and Basketball.

Soon, information on evening recreational basketball leagues and volleyball will be available.

Registrations continue for Dog Obedience Training classes and new sessions begin about every five weeks. Summer brochures are available at Town Hall.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, July 9, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in Grade 6 to Grade 8 as of Sept. is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

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Hingham gears up to 'Celebrate America'

Parade is Sunday July 4, at 1 p.m.

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Amanda Palmer displays a Fourth of July button for sale at Bowl & Board and other places around Hingham to support Sunday's parade.

It's no wonder the entire town is looking forward to the long Fourth of July weekend. Enjoying Hingham's traditional celebration is like taking a step back in time to an era when life was more relaxed and carefree and community-wide goodwill was bountiful.

Lots of traditional activities are planned for Hingham residents and visitors alike, beginning Friday, July 2, with fireworks and ending with the Sunday, July 4 parade, which steps out from the High School at 1 p.m. The Selectmen asked that the usual 10 a.m. start be moved to the later time so as not to conflict with worship services.

But there's plenty to do while waiting for the parade to begin, including enjoying the mouth-watering pancake breakfast served by the Kiwanis Club on the Hingham Centre Common from 10 a.m. until the start of the parade. Or you could munch on a delicious picnic lunch on the broad front lawn of the Old Ship Church Parish House, 107 Main St., from noon to 3 p.m. while eagerly waiting for, or watching, the parade. (*See related sidebars.*)

The celebration stretches into the following weekend with a Satuit Band concert on Friday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Harbor Bandstand.

Weekend festivities kick off with the Hingham Lions Club annual celebration at Hingham Bathing Beach July 2, beginning with entertainment at 5:30 p.m. There will be a concert by the Perry Rossi Orchestra, a 50/50 raffle, and fireworks, considered by many to be the best display on the South Shore, at dusk. The raindate is Mon., July 5.

The traditional Fourth of July fair will include many tasty snacks, ranging from fried dough and fresh lemonade to sausages and other treats. Proceeds from the event will benefit Hingham Lions Club charities. July 4th Lions Club T-shirts will be on sale at the fireworks and during the parade to raise money for eye research.

Sun., July 4, starts off with a road race organized by the Hingham Recreation Commission beginning at 7 a.m. (Registration begins at 5:30 a.m. at the Middle School, 1103 Main St.)

The hour-long or so parade, which one Parade Committee member called a "folksy town event," steps out from the High School on Pleasant Street at 1 p.m. This year's theme, "Celebrate America," was chosen by the Committee as a simple way to remember "all the things we are grateful for living in this great nation of ours."

This year's Grand Marshal is longtime conservation activist/photographer./teacher/tennis coach/resident Phil Swanson, who was named the Hingham Journal's first Citizen of the Year several years ago.

The parade will feature lively marching bands, floats, antique cars, sports teams, members of the military — including Hingham's own 1058th Transportation Company — and the South Shore Joeys clowns. Old favorites include the Hingham Militia, the Crow Point Marching Kazoo Band, Mariachi Mixicana, Satuit Band, Colonial Pipers, and the Festival Brass Band. Other participants include the Weymouth High School Band, the D.A.R.E. program, Lincoln Sailing Center, and the friendly Cinnamon Bear.

"My enthusiasm for the parade started when we moved to Middle Street in 1979," said Parade Committee member Liz Bridges. It has been a tradition for many years for Middle Street residents to invite friends and relatives to enjoy a picnic in their front yards as they watch the parade go by. "We've planned a special event, including fabulous bands. In fact, we just hired the Imperial Drum and Bugle Corps to march in the parade." That's unusual, because some bands need to be booked a year or more in advance to ensure their availability.

Hingham's own A. Alden Carpenter will march as Uncle Sam as he has for the past several years except for when his twin brother stepped in to fill his hat a couple of years ago due to a last minute change in plans.

"It's a privilege to be Uncle Sam," Carpenter said. "I get a great thrill out of people's responses. Uncle Sam basically represents good old-fashioned patriotism, George Washington, and the good things about government."

Why the George Washington analogy? "Uncle Sam was tall like Washington, whose height was 6-feet, 4-inches. Uncle Sam is a real attention-getter, and it's good to carry on a tradition that began more than 100 years ago."

Friends and family members of Hingham High School graduate Jess Burke will carry 50 or more three-foot by four-foot banners featuring photographs of Hingham citizens who reflect the town's diversity as the culmination of a "Hinghamites" project she undertook earlier this year. Burke has been visiting various groups, organizations, houses of worship, and residents, which has resulted in a photographic celebration of the diversity in the Hingham community. "I've had a great response," she said. "The town has been very enthusiastic."

The project was designed to bring the community closer together by helping residents of all ages recognize the diversity of their hometown. "Hinghamites" was designated a "Gold Star" project by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) and was funded by the MCC, the Wilder Charitable and Educational Fund, and the Hingham Cultural Council.

Aquarion Water Company will provide cups of water at the beginning and end of the route.

Thousands of spectators normally line the parade route, many decked out in red, white, and blue outfits and waving flags. Because the usual large crowd of residents of Hingham and other South Shore communities and out-of-town visitors is expected, spectators are encouraged to arrive early (preferably on foot or by bicycle) and avoid parking along the parade route. Many former Hingham residents with fond memories of past parades return year after year because they don't want to miss the event.

"I think there will be even more enthusiasm than usual this year as people gather together during a time of war and threats to peace because they're thankful for Hingham and their families," Bridges said.

There will be a new parade route this year due to Greenbush construction. The parade will travel down Main Street as usual, but will turn left onto South Street, ending at South and Central streets instead of the Station Street parking lot. A shuttle bus at the end of the parade route will deliver participants back to the high school.

The parade, which is organized by a group of 20 dedicated volunteers, is paid for by parade button sales, proceeds from the Selectmen's Golf Tournament, Rotary Club fund raisers, and private donations. Rotary Club members will sell parade buttons to spectators.

"What really strikes me is the number of young people who have stepped forward to run the tournament and help out with parade planning," Bridges said. "They've brought new enthusiasm to the Fourth of July."

More volunteers are needed to walk the parade route to accompany each section to ensure a smooth parade flow and to offer assistance to participants as needed. For further information, call Cynthia Tonucci at (781) 749-0534 or visit www.hingham-ma.com.

FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS

Fun galore is in store during Hingham's traditional Fourth of July celebration:

Friday, July 2

Fireworks — Hingham Lions Club annual celebration at Hingham Bathing Beach of Rte. 3A, beginning with entertainment at **5:30 p.m.**, featuring a Perry Rossi Orchestra concert, 50/50 raffle, and fireworks at dusk. The raindate is Mon., July 5.

Sunday, July 4

- **7 a.m.**, Hingham July 4th Road Race, organized by Friends of Hingham Recreation Commission. Registration begins at 5:30 a.m. at Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St. For further information, call the Recreation Department at (781) 741-1464.
- **10 a.m. until 1 p.m.** – Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast on Hingham Common.
- **Noon until 3 p.m.** — Old Ship Church's fund-raising picnic on the broad front lawn of the Parish House, providing a front-row seat from which to watch the parade. Grilled hotdogs, hamburgers, cold drinks, and potato chips will be on sale. Voter registration forms will also be available.
- **1 p.m., Parade**, with the theme "Celebrate America," steps out from the High School. Judging of floats begins at 11:45 a.m. in four categories – Best of Parade, Most Patriotic, Most Unique, and Most Beautiful.

Friday, July 9

Satuit Band concert **7:30 p.m.** at the Hingham Harbor Bandstand.

Parade detour/no parking notice

- On Sun., July 4, there will be no parking on the following streets:
- South Street from Main Street to Central Street on both sides and South Street to Hersey Street, northern side only
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Straits Pond through the years and seasons

The Straits Pond Watershed Association (SPWA) is putting a call out to individuals and/or community groups seeking video footage, digital photos, or regular photos of scenes of Straits Pond. They are seeking scenes from Straits Pond through the years. They are also looking for photos taken over the coming year showing Straits Pond through the four seasons.

The association hopes to, over the course of the year, gather enough material from different views around the Pond to put together a photo collage/video of "Straits Pond Through the Years and Seasons".

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For more information, call 781-383-0088.

Righteous Brothers cancel their event

The performance of "The Righteous Brothers: A Celebration by Bill Medley" at the South Shore Music Circus on Thursday, Aug. 12, has been cancelled.

The concert will not be rescheduled. All tickets are refundable at point of purchase.

For concert updates, check the Music Circus web site at www.themusiccircus.org <http://www.themusiccircus.org >. No seat is more than 50 feet from the stage.

Norwell VNA's golf tournament

The Friends of the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association (NVNA) is sponsoring its Sixth Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Monday, Aug. 2, at the Cohasset Country Club, located on Lambert's Lane in Cohasset. The event is the Norwell VNA's largest fundraiser of the year and includes lunch, unlimited practice on a new putting green and post-game dinner.

This year's auction and raffle offer something for everyone, including overnight stays at some of New England's most luxurious hotels, the chance to "tee off" at exclusive golf venues or indulge in fine food at premiere area restaurants. Proceeds from the event benefit the Norwell VNA as it continues to provide quality, low-cost home healthcare and free support services to South Shore residents.

Registration is at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Tickets are $175 per person, which includes lunch and sit down dinner prepared by an award-winning chef. Separate, dinner-only reservations are available for $40 per person. Checks may be payable to the Friends of the Norwell VNA. Interested parties are encouraged to sign up early. For information, or a brochure about the Sixth Annual Charity Golf Tournament, call the Friends of the Norwell VNA at 781-659-2342, extension 550.

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OBITUARIES

William B. Joyce

William B. Joyce, 83, of Cohasset, died June 25, 2004 at Baypath Nursing Home in Duxbury, after a brief illness. He was born in Boston, son of the late Peter Joyce and Catherine (Callahan).

Mr. Joyce was a Cohasset resident for 45 years. Mr. Joyce worked at New England Telephone for 40 years, when he retired in the early 80's, he was a Veteran Tech Sargent Air Core in World War II.

He was the husband of the late Grace (McWalter) Joyce, he leaves five daughters; Kathleen J. Willet of Harwichport, Margaret Glynn of Pembroke, Patricia Joyce of Scituate, Elizabeth Richardson of Cohasset, and Maryellen Coggins of Cohasset, three sons; William Jr., of Burlington, Vt., Thomas of Amherst, and Stephen of Lakeland Fla., he leaves 21 grandchildren and three grandsons.

Funeral Mass was in St. Anthony Church in Cohasset.

Burial was in Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Alzheimer's, Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite #1700, Chicago, Ill. 60601.

Alice M. Galligan

Alice M. (Curran) Galligan, 88, of Scituate, a homemaker, died June 25, 2004.

She was born in Brockton, spent summers in Scituate and became a permanent resident of Lighthouse Point in 1941.

Mrs. Galligan was a lifetime member of the Scituate Beach Association and a communicant of St. Mary's of the Nativity Church in Scituate. She enjoyed swimming, boating, crafts and her family.

She leaves her husband of 68 years, Harold R. Galligan, a daughter; Patricia Laugelle and husband Peter of Cohasset, three sons; Edward and wife Patricia of Scituate, Dennis and wife Patricia of Aurora, Colo., and Thomas, also of Scituate, 19 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's of the Nativity Church in Scituate Harbor.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Foyer of Charity, 74 Hollett St., Scituate, Mass. 02066.

Sally Minahan

Sally Minahan, 76, of Cohasset, died June 25, 2004.

She leaves four daughters Georgianne and her husband Stuart White of Scituate, Debbie Minihan of Scituate, Peggy Minihan of Weymouth, Sally Ann and her husband Steven Bergstein of Hingham; four grandchildren Jonathan and Brian White and Roberta and Maxine Bergstein. She was the mother of the late Kevin, Roberta, Thomas and Andrew Minihan.

Funeral services were private.

Arrangements were handled by the McDonald Funeral Home, South Weymouth.

Donations in her memory may be made to M.S.P.C.A., 350 South Huntington Av., Boston, Ma, 02130.

Memorial Service for Justin Langham

Justin Langham, the son of Kazue and Steve Langham, died suddenly April 26, 2004, while studying at the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

Educated in the Cohasset school system, Langham graduated as President of the Cohasset High School Class of 2001. An avid sportsman as well as a natural leader, Langham was a three-sport athlete who captained the Cohasset High School football, wrestling and lacrosse teams. Bright, polite, fun-loving and incredibly kind, he will be deeply missed by his many friends and family.

A Memorial Service will be celebrated at the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, 43 Highland Ave., Saturday, July 10, at 11 a.m. Immediately following the service, a reception will be help at the Red Lion Inn's Lion's Hall.

WORSHIP NOTES

Anglican priest from Uganda at St. Stephen's

Israel Ahimbisibwe, an Anglican priest from the Diocese of Ankole in the Province of the Anglican Church of Uganda, has begun an internship and missionary year at St. Stephen Church, 16 Highland Ave. As missionary, Ahimbisibwe will participate fully in the worship life of the church. His gifts include teaching and evangelization. He will offer service our Godly Play church school and serve in our youth ministry as well. Israel Ahimbisibwe is 38 years old. His wife's name is Dorcas. They have two sons, Emmanuel, age 7, and Isaac who is 8. It is hoped that Israel's family may join him in Cohasset for two months at the end of the summer. Following his year, Israel will return to Uganda to take up a post as theological instructor of the Old Testament.

The Church of Uganda has an evangelical heritage and Israel accepted Jesus as Savior in 1987 through the witness of Campus Crusade for Christ. At the time he was in training to become a high school teacher of chemistry and biology. His first assignment was the Diocesan High School. Tragically, Israel's two elder sisters died of HIV/AIDS in 1992 and 1994. He felt an inner call to serve Uganda's young people. God's message to him was "You have to reach out to these young boys and girls before HIV/AIDS reaches them first." The pandemic of AIDS has ravaged communities and whole generations of people in Africa. The Ugandan Church has responded with the vision that "our children will be born and live in a world without AIDS." In the 1990s the HIV infection rate in Uganda was more than 20 percent. Through the ministry of people like Israel and others the infection rate has now been brought down to less than 5 percent. Uganda's story gives hope to the rest of Africa. Since Israel's own family suffered loss to AIDS, his witness to Ugandan youth stood in powerful contrast to the cultural fear of stigma. Israel's vision for Christ and a country free of AIDS was supported by teachers and parents where he taught and spoke. His bishop took notice and sent him for further theological education.

Following three years of seminary in Uganda, Israel worked as a University Chaplain. The Provincial Education Committee soon recommended him for additional studies in the United States. In 1997, he obtained a Master's of Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary after which he returned to his family in Mbarara, one of Uganda's major towns located 176 miles southwest of Kampala. Most of Mbarara was destroyed during Uganda's civil war, and it has only been partly rebuilt. Though rich in resources, its economy is poor. During this time in Uganda Israel worked as coordinator of Theological Education by Extension in his home diocese. Most recently, he again was sent for further education in the United States, receiving this June a master's degree in Hebrew and Old Testament from Harvard Divinity School. His internship at St. Stephen's is an opportunity for parish-based ministry in the United States before returning to Uganda at the end of May, 2005.

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, JUNE 21

7:25 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

8:16 a.m. Jerusalem road Dr., parking complaint.

8:20 a.m. Pond St., disabled auto.

9:06 a.m. Red Gate Lane, animal control.

9:54 a.m. Summer St., assist citizen.

10:35 a.m. Elm St., lost property.

10:50 a.m. Elm St., public service.

11:43 a.m. King St., traffic complaint.

1:06 p.m. Training.

1:23 p.m. Border St., harbor enforcement/services, dispersed gathering.

3:45 p.m. Ripley Road and North Main St., assist motorist unfounded.

4:40 p.m. Beach St., animal control.

6:05 p.m. Flintlock Ridge Road, fire.

7 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

7:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

7:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

7:41 p.m. Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation issued.

11:42 p.m. Nichols Road, annoying phone calls.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

12:11 a.m. Jerusalem Road, disturbance gathering, investigated.

1:02 p.m. Jerusalem Road, disturbance, gathering.

6:13 a.m. Bancroft Road, fire investigation.

6:44 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

7:21 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

8:05 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital (BLS)

8:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Ridge Top Road, traffic citation issued.

11:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

2:30 p.m. Training.

4:26 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, verbal warning.

6:18 p.m. Pond St., assist motorist.

7:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disturbance gathering.

8:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disturbance gathering.

10:09 p.m. Pond St., animal control.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

1:09 a.m. Margin Ct., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

6:04 a.m. South Main St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

6:14 a.m. South Main St ., motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

6:57 p.m. Lower King St., motor vehicle stop. vehicle stored/impounded.

8:26 a.m. Border St., parking complaint.

9:19 a.m. Doane St., fire inspections.

11 a.m. North Main St. and Cedar St., general services.

1:44 p.m. Crocker Lane, fire investigation.

1:55 p.m. Pond St., general services.

2:17 p.m. Sohier St., missing person.

2:28 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

2:31 p.m. Nichols Road, animal control.

2:47 p.m. Doane St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

3:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny.

3:06 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

3:32 p.m. Norman Todd lane, annoying phone calls.

4:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, brush fire.

4:31 p.m. Border St, disturbance, gathering.

5 p.m. Border St ., disturbance, gathering.

5:55 p.m. Route 3A, Pond St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

6:36 p.m. South Main/Beechwood, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

7:43 p.m. Route 3A/Beechwood, found property brought to the station.

8:22 p.m. Summer St ., disturbance gathering.

9:19 p.m. JER/Atlantic noise complaint.

10:40 p.m. Milikin Field/Bancroft Road, disturbance gathering, area search negative.

10:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious, area search negative.

11:08 p.m. Ripley/Sohier, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

12:28 a.m. Crocker Lane, suspicious.

1:23 a.m. Hull St., suspicious.

3:30 a.m. Marshall Ave., assist other police department.

9:03 a.m. Rocky Lane, motor vehicle theft.

10:32 a.m. North Main St., disturbance.

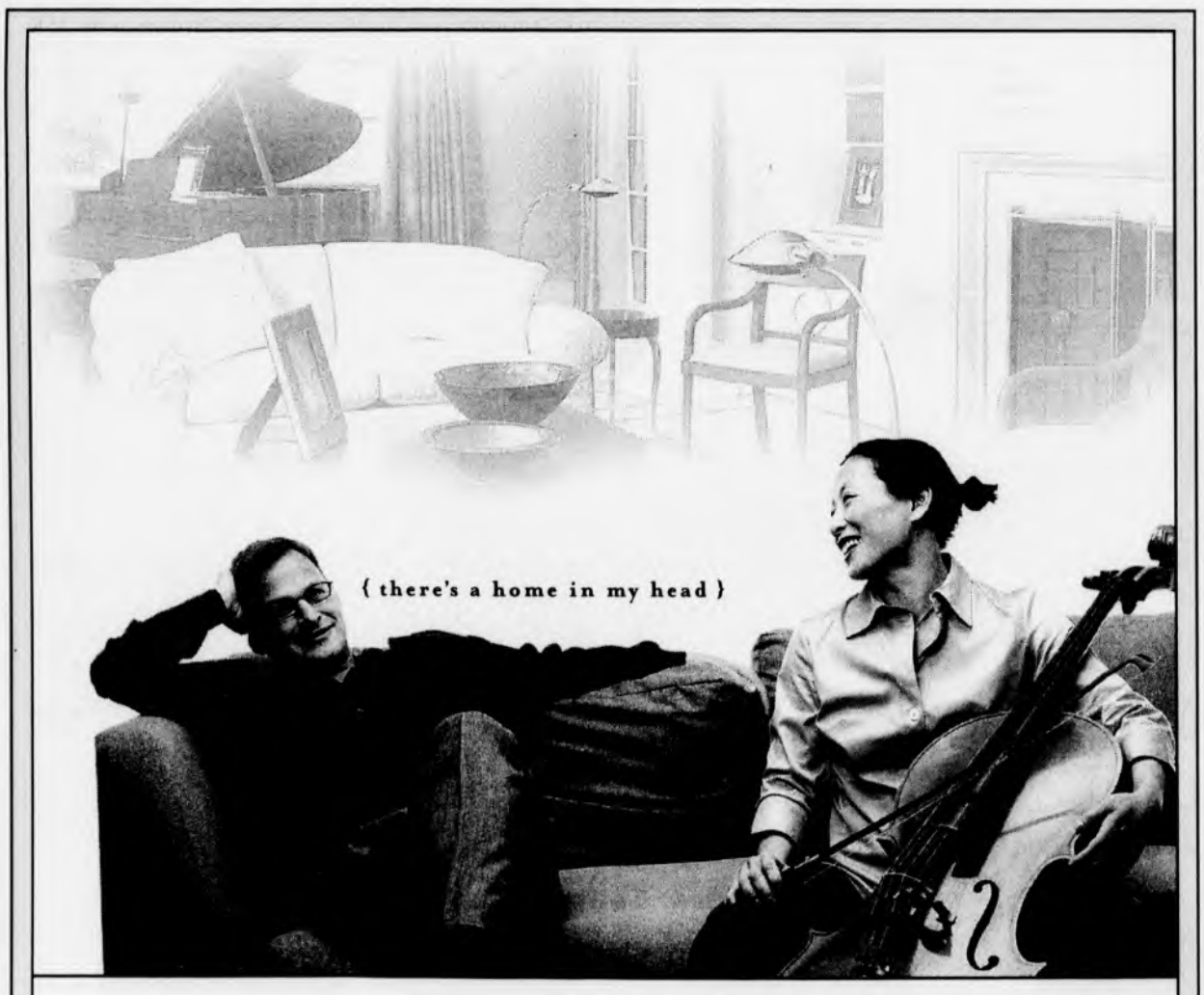
11:13 a.m. Elm St., animal control.

11:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

12:47 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

12:52 p.m. Elm St, officer wanted.

3:14 p.m. Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.



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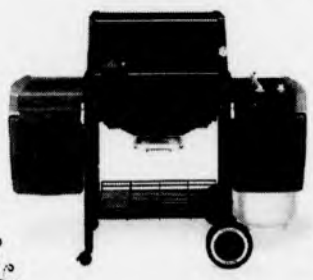
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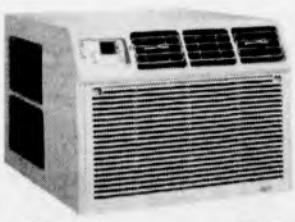


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JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree,, Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series July 1, **Sounds of Yesterday**, all concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Friday Nite Fights,** original/cover rock, – July 1.. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mount Blue 707 Main St. Norwell, 9 p.m. **Jumpin' Juba** (duo) 781-659-0050

Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, **Comedy Night** Thursday July 1, at 8:30 p.m. featuring: **Spike Tobin Annette Pollack, Joe Kringdon, Bhupesh, Ron Rogers, Brian Melvin, Jim Celeste** *Host:* **Jay Rodrigues,** Admission: *$10.* Reservations recommended 781-848-0300



Linda Ronstadt will perform at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset Friday, July 2.

Ronstadt has branched beyond the conventional horizons of the pop singer, broadening her range to include country, rock n' roll, big band, jazz, opera, Broadway, Mexican, and Afro-Cuban influences. She had some of her greatest success when she recorded albums of pop standards arranged by legendary conductor Nelson Riddle - well-known for his earlier collaborations with Frank Sinatra and Dinah Shore — beginning with 1983's *What's New*. Before Riddle passed away, he and Ronstadt created two more albums of American popular standards, *Lush Life* (1984) and *For Sentimental Reasons* (1986). Their work together brought them not only critical and commercial recognition, but also several Grammy awards.

(Linda Ronstadt and The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will perform at the South Shore Music Circus, Sohier Street, Cohasset, July 2. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

-R. Scott Reedy

Fri. 2

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will feature an exhibit by **Ted Polomis** July 2 through Aug. 30. Opening reception July 9, 5 to 7 p.m. 781-383-1348 www.polomis.com

The Company Theatre is located at 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, presents two Boston-area bands— **Infinity Minus One** and **Those Who Wait.** They will be performing a special concert on July 2, to benefit the Theatre's summer camp scholarship program. The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are $9 at the door. For information call 781-871-2787.

James Library Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents an exhibition of aerial photography by **Margot Cheel** of Cohasset, through July 5. 781-659-7100.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor, Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **New Blue Revue**, June 26.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Linda Ronstadt** July 2, at 8 p.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or at box office at 130 Sohier Street. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org

The Satuit Band will be performing at Scituate Harbor, July 2, at 7:30 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Funky White Honkies**, eclectic funk/rock. – July 2. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. 3

South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

"Nature's Own Palette" an art exhibit by Gayle A. Polsinello at the Mass Audubon, will be on display at the Mass Audubon North River Sanctuary, 2000 Main St (Rte 3A) Marshfield, through July 10. For information contact the Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **The Infractions** and **Shatay Reunion**. July 3 and 4 at 9 p.m. Admission $8. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **George Thorogood & The Destroyers** July 3, at 8 p.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or at box office at 130 Sohier Street. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Jeff Pitchell - Texas Flood.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com



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Sun. 4

Adams National Historical Park invites you to play a part in the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Members of the audience will assume the roles of delegates to the Continental Congress and represent their colonies in a debate that will determine the fate of a nation.. After the debate each delegate signs his or her name to the document, rings the Liberty Bell, receives a copy of the Declaration of Independence to keep as a memorial. A candlelight parade following the evening performance will be led by the Middlesex County 4-H Fife and Drum Corps, end at the United First Parish Church where the Declaration of Independence will be officially read, and bells will toll freedom throughout the land. Three performances) 11 a.m.; 2 p.m.; or 7 p.m. at Independence Hall (Carriage House at Adams National Historical Park, Old House, 135 Adams St. Quincy. Free and open to the public. Call 617-770-1175 to reserve your place in history. http://www.nps.gov/adam.

The Coastal Quilt Artists are presenting an exhibit of mostly contemporary quilts at the North River Art Society in Marshfield Hills Village. and continues until July 11. The gallery is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and on weekends from noon to 3 p.m. (except Independence Day weekend). The exhibit consists of recent works by all members of the Coastal Quilt Artists, a small diverse group of quiltmakers and artists from the towns of Scituate, Marshfield, Pembroke, Kingston, Abington, Bridgewater, Weymouth, Hingham, South Yarmouth, and Sherborn.

Families with Children from China (FCC) South Shore, has an active play group meeting every other week from 10 am until noon. Call Cissy White at 781-331-4679 for information. No cost to join.

Sunday Brunch at the JFK Library and Museum nine Sundays beginning through June, Brunch served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. $36 adults; $12 children age 12 and under. Admission includes brunch, museum admission and all taxes and gratuities. Reservations strongly recommended by calling 617-514-1586. wwwjfklibrary.org

The Satuit Band is performing in the Hingham Fourth of July festivities.

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series July 4,

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BEST BET

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Fat City Band, July 4. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com



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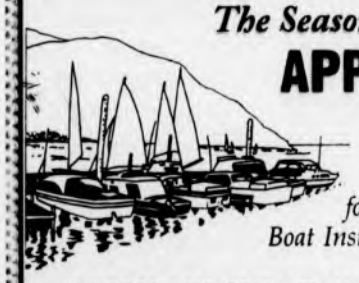
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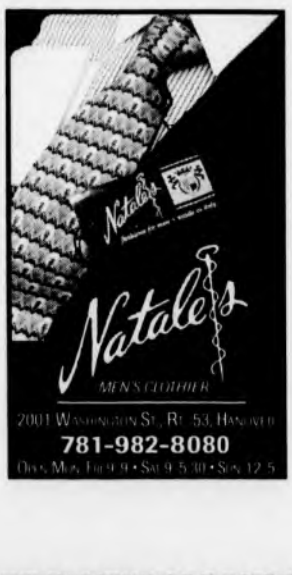
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NEWS FOR OLDER WOMEN

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Too often, we take our hearing for granted. So much of our interaction with the world depends on an accurate sense of sound. If you suffer from a hearing difficulty, however, consider how much of life you may be missing. Here at **FAMILY HEARING CARE CENTER, 534 Main Street (Rte. 18)**, across from the Stetson Bldg. in **Weymouth**, we are vitally concerned that every person benefit from good hearing. To that end, we provide individual counseling to help those with hearing loss function more effectively in social, educational, and occupational environments. Why not call us soon for a hearing test? **PH: 781-337-1144.**

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THE NOTEBOOK (PG13) 1:15, 4:00, 7:10, 9:50

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Legion Bud Band all concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fat City Band,** July 4. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance every Sunday evening at **Raffael's Restaurant** Nantasket, Clarion Hotel, 45 Hull Shore Dr., Hull 781-925-4515. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Live dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and The Presidents Club of Boston.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Ron Towers** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Mon. 5

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Mark Your Calendar

MASS AUDUBON AND THE NORTH & SOUTH RIVERS WATERSHED ASSOCIATION - Family Overnight Kayaking Adventure on the North River, Aug. 17 and 18, or Aug. 19 and 20. Boats and Camping Gear Provided. Dinner provided (bring two lunches) Kayak the 14-mile North River, overnight at Couch Beach Cost: $225 for a family group of three or less per two-day excursion (add $15 for each additional member) For parents of all ages and children of at least 10 years of age Learn Paddling techniques and rescue and reentry Monday Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon ($15) Call Ellyn Einhorn at Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400 Or Wendy Garpow at NSRWA at 781-659-8168

MOUNT BLUE ANNUAL SUMMER FUNDRAISER - July 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit Marshfield's Talking Information Center (TIC), a 26-year-old, private, non-profit broadcast radio reading service for the visually impaired. Reservations $50 per person by mailing a check payable to Mount Blue/TIC, to PO Box 916, Norwell, MA 02061. If you are unable to attend the event but would still like to make a donation to TIC, please send a check made payable to "TIC" to 130 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050. Mount Blue, located at 707 Main St. Norwell Center (Rte. 123) An evening of socializing accompanied by sumptuous food and cocktails, great music and more than 100 auction items.

THE NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION is planning its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, Aug. 2, at the Cohasset Country Club, Lambert's Lane in Cohasset, features a new practice range and putting area. Registration begins at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Tickets are $175 per person, and include a fun day on the greens, as well as a pre-game lunch, sit-down dinner, raffle and silent auction. Due to the tournament's popularity, foursomes are encouraged to sign up early. Rain date is Aug. 16.

THE SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS announces the addition of a special concert featuring the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart conductor, to the Music Circus for the first time in a benefit performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South Shore Art Center, July 31, 7 p.m.. Tickets for concert can be purchased via Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and in person at the Music Circus box office Tickets are $101.25 and $90.25. A limited number of special ticket packages, which include a reception with the maestro, can be purchased from South Shore Art Center only. Call the SSAC at 781-383-2787 for information.

THE SECOND ANNUAL JETT GOLF CLASSIC will be held on Oct. 6, at the Pine Hills Golf Club in Plymouth. A scramble format is planned. Registration and putting contest will begin at 10 am and a shotgun start is at 11:30 am. The Jett Foundation is seeking golfers and non-golfers, volunteers to help organize the event, as well as items for silent/live auction, raffle and prize donations. All levels of sponsorship are available. Dinner only tickets will also be available for those wishing to attend the awards, auction and raffles at the Pine Hills Golf Club. Anyone wishing to get involved with this worthwhile event may call the Jett Foundation president, Christine McSherry, 781-293-2667.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619. **Beatlemania-LIVE!** is produced by Loretta LaRoche Productions

"THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE" SCIENCE CENTER BENEFIT GARDEN TOUR The 23rd annual garden tour to benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, will be held on July 14, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., This year's tour features six gardens in Norwell and Marshfield that include fruit trees and conifers, ponds and waterfalls, ornamental grasses and topiaries, secret gardens and antique garden sculptures. All proceeds from this event benefit the educational programming of the Science Center. Tickets for the garden tour are available in advance for $25 ($20 members). A box lunch can be ordered in advance for $10. Tickets the day of the tour will be $25. To order tickets, send a self-addressed business sized stamped envelope to the South Shore Natural Science Center, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061. Tickets may also be purchased at the Science Center during normal business hours. Bank. For information, call the Center at 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

Tues. 6

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at Quincy District Court on July 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents **Marine and Local Scenes** at its New Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, through Aug. 29. 781-545-6150, www.scituateartsassociation.com

The Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St. Hingham. An exhibit, **Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past** features antique tools from the society's collection and is on view during museum hours. The Old Ordinary is open through Sept. 11. For information call 781-749-0013 or visit http://www/hinghamhistorical.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display . www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

New Volunteers

WGBH is seeking volunteers to assist with the annual Ice Cream FunFest, taking place on Sept. 18. Volunteers needed for a variety acitivities. Call 617-300-5175 or email elizabeth_hagyard@wgbh.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MASS AUDUBON'S NORTH RIVER WILDLIFE SANCTUARY If you have spare time you would like to spend at a beautiful wildlife sanctuary helping visitors call at 781-837-9400 or email southshore@massaudubon.org. Volunteers are needed to greet visitors, answer the phone, and help in the gift shop at Mass Audubon's North River Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield. Hours are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 12:30 to 4 p.m. any day Monday through Saturday.

OLD COLONY HOSPICE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS who can make a difference caring for terminally ill patients and their families from Quincy and Milton to the Bridgewaters and Middleboro, to spend time with patients in their homes and in nursing facilities. Do you have just a few hours each month? Phone Christina Finelli, Volunteer Coordinator for information on training, supervision and support in this vital program for the non-profit hospice. 781/341-4145

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Wed. 7

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are organizing a sunset cruise to Lovell's Island on Wednesday July 7. The boat leaves Rowes Wharf in downtown Boston at 6 p.m. and returns at 9 p.m. After cruising to the outer edge of the harbor, there will be one hour on the island. Visitors may either explore on their own, or take a volunteer-led tour highlighting beaches, dunes and the remains of Fort Standish. Beverages and light snacks will be available on the boat, or bring a picnic. The return journey offers views of the Boston skyline.Tickets can be bought at Rowes Wharf on the day from 5 p.m. (cash only) and cost $17 for adults, $15 for seniors, $13 for Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members, $10 for children (3 to 12), and babies travel for free. For information about Friends activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents **Big River** through Aug. 22. Mark Twain's timeless classic. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by phone at 781-871-2787 - Wednesday and Sunday $23., Thursday, Friday and Saturday $25. www.companytheatre.com/order.html

Thurs. 8

The Disabled Veterans Mobile Service Office will be at the DAV Quarters, 788 Liberty St., Braintree, on July 8, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to provide counseling and claim filing assistance. Free and open to all veterans and members of their families. www.dav.org

Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents an exhibit of paintings by **Robert Cipriani**, through Aug. 28 Opening reception July 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. Free and open to the public. 781-934-0640.

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series July 8, **Lenny Vaz German Band** all concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Out of Order,** original rock. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 9

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will feature an exhibit by **Ted Polomis** July 2 through Aug. 30. Opening reception July 9, 5 to 7 p.m. 781-383-1348; www.polomis.com

The Satuit Band will perform at the Hingham Bandstand on July 9 at 7:30pm.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance July 9, with The Emanon Orchestra from 8 p.m. to midnight. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington, Admission: $ 7 SSS members, $10 non-members Proper dress required: no jeans or athletic shoes. Info. 781-331-0021 Web site: <http://www.southshoresingles.org/>

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Cindy Daley Band**, July 9.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Monster Mike Welch Band,** Blues/Rock. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For

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Ongoing Events

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Front Street Book Shop offers a supportive environment and encourages all levels of writing experience to attend. Bring a writing project to share. More info call: 781-545-5011.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

La Leche League is an international, non profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and encouragement to all women who want to breastfeed. Meetings are Thursdays, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12, at 7:15 p.m. in Pembroke. For information call: Joanne 781-924-1919/Lisa 781-829-9075/Heidi 781-582-1187. All expectant, new, and experienced mothers and their babies welcome.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com 508-830-4250.

South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Tickets on sale now for its 2004 season. Children's programs go on sale also. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly free meetings, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

The Interfaith Book Study Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for March, Palace Walk by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036.

Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**, Broad St., Weymouth for children 4 1/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For more information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For more information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnolly@artsfirst.org

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Winter Programs** every Wed. at 3 p.m. and Sat. at 10 a.m.. Free with admission. Watch the naturalist on duty feed the animals. 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Cura VNA & Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, **offers The Young Widow and Widowers Support Group**, meeting every other Thursday for eight weeks from 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m. To register call 508-746-0215.

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runners clinic Mondays at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell - **Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury, presents **Stories and Art with Sally for Preschoolers**, every second Thursday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Preregistration required. $5. Call 781-934-6634 ext. 15.

Parental Stress Line - Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. The Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call us before the summer is over at 1-800-632-8188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

Pilgrim Hall Museum presents **Bringing Up Baby: 300 Years of Childhood in the Old Colony**, now through May, 2004 a new exhibit that explores the world of the very young in the Old Plymouth Colony from its beginning to the 20th century. What was it like to be a child 1620, 1850, or 1920? What can we learn from furniture, clothing, toys, games and other objects from the children who used them? What were the beliefs and sentiments of the parents who provided for them? How do letters, journals, literature, and other writing help to tell the story of the children of the Old Colony? Who were their teachers, what kinds of knowledge were important to learn? What did they do for fun? The exhibition is free with Museum admission. Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court St. (Route 3A), Plymouth. Information: 508-746-1620; web address: www.pilgrimhall.org Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Admission: adults $5; Seniors (62+) and AAA members $4.50; Children (5-17) $3.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) $15. Residents of Plymouth, admitted free.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.



Adams National Historical Park invites you to play a part in the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Members of the audience will assume the roles of delegates to the Continental Congress and represent their colonies in a debate that will determine the fate of a nation. There will be three performances — 11 a.m.; 2 p.m.; or 7 p.m. at Independence Hall —(Carriage House at Adams National Historical Park, Old House, 135 Adams St. Quincy.) This event is free and open to the public. Call 617-770-1175 for more information.

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Call for Artisans

37th ANNUAL PEMBROKE ARTS FESTIVAL Call For Entries Area artists are invited to compete for $1,850 prize money in the, Aug. 7-8.The juried prize structure includes a $500 award for Best of Show. All media is eligible including photography and fiber art. Judges are David Brega, Leslie Brown, Joyce Coulter and Deborah Edmiston. Entries must be delivered to the Pembroke Community Center, Route 14, Pembroke, on Friday, July 23, between 7 to 9 p.m. or Saturday, July 24 between 9 am - noon. The non-refundable entry fee is $10 per entry. To request a prospectus, write P.O. Box 1453, Pembroke, MA 02359 or e-mail: BrooksKelly@aol.com. The Pembroke Arts Festival, Inc. is a non-profit organization supported in part by a grant from the Pembroke Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

28th ANNUAL CORN FESTIVAL The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is seeking craft demonstrators for its on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date Sept.12 Artisans of traditional or colonial crafts are needed to demonstrate their skills and/or sell their handiwork. Vendors offering unique handmade crafts are also needed. Interested individuals who are skilled in making quilts, rugs, baskets, chairs, leatherwork, tinsmithing, candles, woodcarving or other traditional crafts should call Joan Reid at the Center at 781-659-2559 x203

CALL FOR ARTISTS: SSAC "50 TOWNS/50" *YEARS* EXHIBITION The South Shore Art Center marks 50 years of enhancing the visual arts on the South Shore with a year-long celebration beginning in July. Area artists are invited to participate in a juried exhibition: ***50 Towns/50 Years***, showcasing the distinctive work of South Shore artists from South Shore towns. The exhibition is open to all media and jurying will be done on the basis of 35 mm slides. Work must have been completed since Jan. 1, 2001 and not previously shown at the South Shore Art Center. The juror, Dore Van Dyke, the Executive Director and Curator of the Attleboro Museum Center for the Arts has curated and organized a diverse range of exhibitions. All entries for ***50 Towns/ 50 Years*** must be received by July 15th . The exhibition will be open Sept. 10-Oct. 24 with an opening reception on Sept. 19. For information call 781-383-2787 or for an entry form visit www.ssac.org <http://www.ssac.org/>.



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Eatery plans to grow

DiNero's says parking can be reconfigured

By Samantha Brown
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What began as a small pizza parlor more than 50 years ago has grown into a lucrative restaurant business, and owners of DiNero's restaurant believe it is time to expand their current operation.

With a long history of serving Cohasset residents and a list of loyal patrons who continue to visit the restaurant on a regular basis, current owners have been looking for a way to better accommodate guests. Through the addition of a new function room, space will be freed up in the main dining room, allowing tables to be more spread out, which will have patrons sitting more comfortably at their tables. In addition, the function room will increase the variety of services the restaurant can provide.

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Sisters sing their way into your heart



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Audrey, Sarah and Abby Brown play the guitar at their King Street home. The girls, who play country and folk music, have performed at the Festival on the Common and other events around town.

Browns love to make music

By Samantha Brown
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Standing in the kitchen of their King Street home, guitars in hand, Abby, Sarah, and Audrey Brown sing together with harmonies only the voices of sisters can match. With their chords down pat and feet tapping to the rhythm, their professionalism makes it hard to believe none has yet graduated from elementary school.

At 10, 9, and 6 years old, respectively, Abby, Sarah, and Audrey have already begun paving their path to stardom, and have developed a signature sound playing country and folk music. Always smiling when on stage, "The Brown Sisters," have been bitten by the performance bug, and are eager to showcase their talents whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Audiences at the South Shore Arts Festival on the Common, a Cohasset baseball fund-raiser, a PSO fund-raiser, and the Appalachian Service Project festival, have all had the privi-

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Hockey fans lineup for look at Stanley Cup

Trophy makes a Cohasset stop

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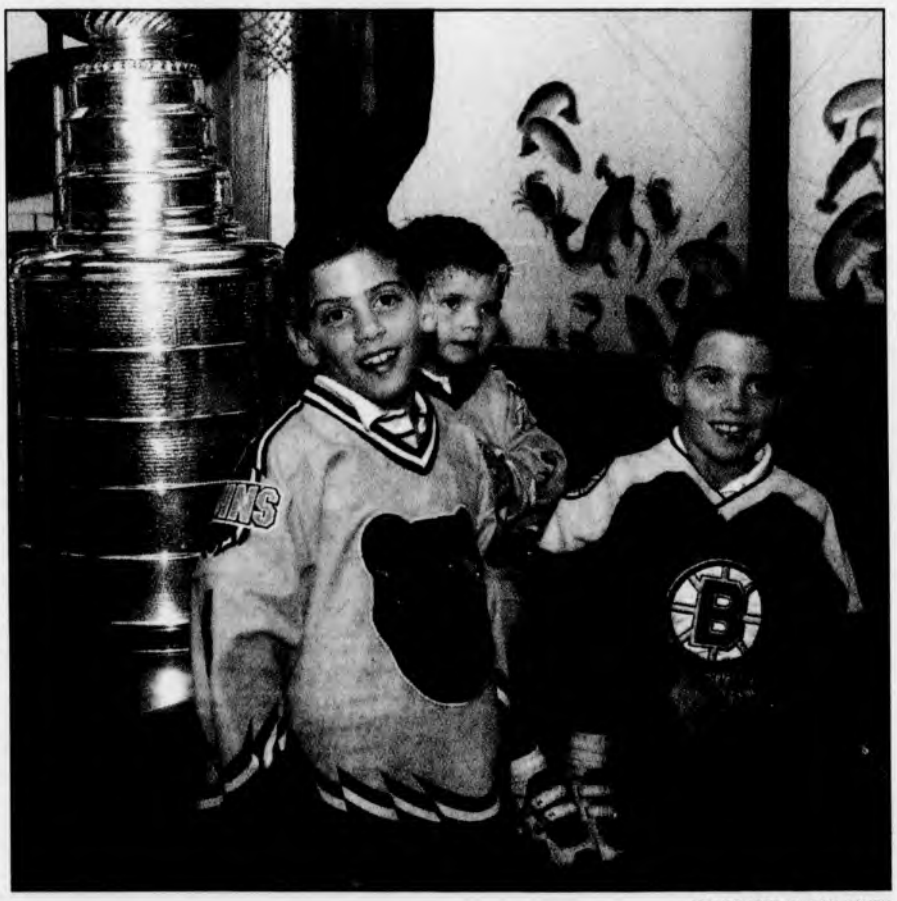
For Joe Buckley of Marshfield seeing the Stanley Cup after some 34 years was worth the wait. The setting was the Olde Salt House restaurant in Cohasset not Boston Garden and Bobby Orr — star of the then champion Boston Bruins — was no where to be found.

But the 90-minute wait in the rain Monday morning with hundreds of other hockey fans was no problem for Buckley and his grandson Benjamin LeBlanc, 8, a budding star on a Mite majors team.

"It's good for young people to see it," Buckley said, noting the last time he saw the Stanley Cup was in 1972 when the Bruins won the National Hockey League championship.

Steve Baker, a former NHL goalie and Cohasset resident, is a scout for the current league champions, Tampa Bay Lightning. Baker arranged to bring the Stanley Cup to town Monday for a private reception for family and friends at Atlantica restaurant, which is next door to the Olde Salt House. But he wanted to share it first with the "folks who never get a chance to get to Toronto."

Toronto is the home of the Hockey Hall of Fame museum where the Stanley Cup is housed when it's not on traveling all over North America, Europe, Russia and Japan. The Stanley Cup has even been a guest at the White House on several occasions.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Youth hockey players, Christopher, Matthew and Michael Lund pose with the Stanley Cup at the Olde Salt House on Monday.

"It's a magnet," Baker said about Stanley Cup drawing a crowd in Cohasset. "Last week in Raleigh, N.C., which is not so much a hockey town – everyone wanted their picture taken with the cup."

Walter Neubrand of the Hockey Hall of Fame is one of the "keepers of the cup" and accompanies the historic trophy, which dates back to 1893, on its travels. Neubrand explained the trophy, which weighs 34 pounds, is put in a case in regular baggage on flights. The current NHL champions are able to schedule special venues for the Stanley Cup throughout the summer.

Before its Cohasset stop – the Stanley Cup had already logged some miles this summer and, if it could talk, would have some interesting stories to tell.

STANLEY CUP, PAGE 17

Finding out where the wastewater flow goes

On tour at the treatment plant

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Capacity is at the heart of every Cohasset resident's plea to tie into town sewer, and the one building that holds that fate is the Cohasset Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Located at 43 Elm St., across from the Cohasset Fire Department, the plant is set back down a long paved driveway. Although there is much discussion in town about sewer issues, which all come back to what the plant can accommodate, it is likely many residents drive past it every day and never notice it is there.

"Wastewater by the textbook definition is 99.9 percent water."
— Richard Nye, chief operator

Richard Nye, chief operator for the Cohasset Wastewater Treatment Plant, knows the ins and outs of the plant better than anyone else. He is responsible for providing monthly operating reports to the Sewer Commission and conducting various tests to make sure Cohasset's wastewater is being treated properly. In addition, he monitors the machinery on site, and is there to make sure everything is constantly running smoothly.

Wastewater enters the plant and flows into a wet well. There is a building on top of the well, and an opening in the floor allows plant workers to look down inside. It is here that Nye collects influent water samples for his monthly reports.

Contrary to what might be assumed, there is no odor emanating from the site, including the wet well, which is the first step in the treatment process. "Wastewater by the textbook definition is 99.9 percent water," said Nye, adding many of the solids are diluted before the water even reaches the plant.

When a sample is taken from the well, Nye brings it back to his office which doubles as a lab. He tests the Biochemical Oxygen Demand, or BOD levels, as well as the Total Suspended Solids, or TSS.

Nye tracks daily flow levels, and has circular flow charts which record the gallons of wastewater used daily. He noted the flows have a sharp spike in the morning and again in the evenings, when people are getting ready to start their day, or are getting ready for bed. Nye said flows can vary from day to day, and often depend on the weather. He said when it rains, that can affect the flows, and sometimes it can take about a week for the numbers to go back down.

Influent water travels through a screening system that removes grit such as sand, coffee grinds, egg shells, and other solid material. The solids are separated and filtered through pipes to be bagged and taken to the dump.

The plant has a sludge thicken-

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This week in COHASSET

Selectmen to meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen will meet Tuesday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m., at Town Hall. Expected items on the agenda include discussion with the MBTA, an update from the Village Revitalization Task Force, and discussion on a proposed Police Advisory Council. All are welcome to attend.

Grant application for Homeland Security

On Cohasset's behalf, Deputy Director of Emergency Management Glenn Pratt has submitted an application and the required documents to the Executive Office of Public Safety, to request $12,800 in funding through the Commonwealth's Homeland Security Local Preparedness Grant Program. Funding from previous grants has been used to update equipment at the police and fire stations, and prepare the town for emergency situations.

Drainage suggestions for James Brook area

On June 22, representatives from Tutela Engineering met with acting Town Manager Michael Buckley, to discuss the steps the town is taking to address drainage issues located in the downtown and other areas related to James Brook. The current drainage improvement contract only uses a portion of the funds in the mitigation agreement with the MBTA. Tutela has therefore developed a larger scale plan and has prioritized the recommendations for future improvements for the town's consideration.

Tutela believes the town should install a 48-inch pipe from the town parking area to the discharge of James Brook (located behind the Masonic Hall,) and the discharge channel should be improved to decrease the water surface level as much as possible, and relieve flooding near the post office. Tutela believes this work should take place as soon as possible, before construction to the downtown area is complete. The estimated cost would be between $300,000 and $400,000.

Tutela also suggests implementing a detention area at the entrance to the downtown area, which could hold off storm runoff for a period. The detention would allow for the gradual release of flow at a reduced rate over time. The proposed location would be at a point on James Brook, just below Sanctuary Pond, and the improvement would cost about $350,000.

Tutela also said it would recommend installing a storm water pumping facility to discharge flow at high flow conditions from the post office to Little Harbor, which would cost between $250,000 and $500,000.

Tutela will be available to meet with the town and discuss the improvements at length in the future.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, July 15, 7 p.m.,
Board of Assessors, July 13, 4 p.m.
Board of Health, July 20, 7 p.m.,
Council on Elder Affairs, July 12, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.
Conservation Commission, July 15, 7:30 p.m.
Library trustees, July 14, 7 p.m.
Planning Board, July 14, 7 p.m.
Recreation Commission, July 13, 6 p.m.
School Committee, July 19, 7 p.m., Aug. 9, 7 p.m.
Selectmen, July 13, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

DPW brush chipping on certain Saturdays

Residential Brush will be accepted at the D.P.W. parking area on the following Saturdays:

July 31, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
August 28, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
Sept. 25, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
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Master Plan review

The Planning Board has scheduled a series of public meeting to review the Draft Master Plan for the Town of Cohasset. The Draft Plan will be reviewed during regular Planning Board meetings held in the months of June, July and August and thereafter, if required.

Planning Board summer meeting schedule (subject to change) is as follows: at 7:30 p.m., July 21, Aug 4, Aug 18 in the basement meeting room.

Contact the Planning Board Office at 781-383-3517 to confirm meeting dates and agenda times as the summer progresses.

Printed copies of the Draft Master Plan are available for review in the Planning Board Office, Office of the Town Clerk and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. An electronic version is available at the Town website, www.cohassetmass.org.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion.

Beach closing

The gates at the Sandy Beach parking lot will be closing at 11 p.m. every night preventing cars from entering or exiting the property. The gates will open again at sunrise.

Town Manager Selection Committee

The board of selectmen is looking for interested candidates to take part in a Town Manager Selection Committee. Those interested are asked to call the selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105 before July 13.

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Building permits issued at Town Hall

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Coleman Nee, 12 Short St., addition, remodel, $90,000; Marlette, 31 Rustic Drive, replace trim/clapboards, $6,000; Peter Laugelle, 17 King St., sidewall/replace 1 window, $3,000; Contis, 5 Winsor Road, reroof/reside, $20,000.

Judith Perry, 15 Hugh Strain Road, erect 8x8 gazebo, $2,500; Cingari, 10 Norfolk Road, two-level deck with stairs, $16,000; Brisbane, 15 Holly Lane, second floor addition and porch, $140,000; Kardekas, 125 Doane St., extend deck/decking/railings, $5,400; Brandt, 29 Church St., remodel Cape to Colonial, $140,000; Winn, 25 Border St., replace roof deck/railing, $5,400; Leland Merrill, 73 Lantern Lane, replace French door, $7,316; Lightkeepers, Lighthouse Lane, tent June 25 to June 28, $1,100; Cohasset Golf Club, 15 Lamberts Lane, tents June 25 to June 28, $3,450; Kelliher, 15 Clay Spring Road, remodel bathroom, $2,500; Novak, 84 Aaron River Road, demolish/rebuild four-season room, $49,000; Coakley, 6 Bound Brook Lane, repair/extend deck, $700; Culliney, 246 Beechwood St., repair porch, $3,500; Vanderlugt, 144 Wheelwright Farms, finish room above garage; B.C. Tent, Common, tent June 15 to June 21, $4,000; Gilbert, 40 Joy Place, additions/renovations SP, $275,000; Crocker II Realty Trust, 321 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., demolish/remove building.

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Sat. 10	6:31	9.1	12:17	6:58	9.6	12:36
Sun. 11	7:30	8.7	1:17	7:51	9.6	1:29
Mon. 12	8:29	8.4	2:15	8:41	9.6	2:22
Tues. 13	9:24	8.4	3:10	9:30	9.6	3:12
Wed. 14	10:15	8.4	4:00	10:17	9.7	4:00
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E-mails focus of possible Open Meeting Law violations

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Although reprimanded once before for not complying with the Open Meeting Law, the Sewer Commission may again be in violation, as it has possibly been conducting business via e-mail which should be discussed at a public meeting.

In light of discussions which took place at the board's June 28 meeting, the Mariner has filed a complaint with the District Attorney's office, and has submitted a written request to the Sewer Commission for all copies of e-mails sent between members of the board regarding the Avalon, Cedarmere and the Cook Estate proposed developments. At the meeting, members of the board discussed e-mails they had sent to each other regarding bylaw changes the board was slated to vote on that night.

The board provided copies of two e-mails to the public, which had gone between the three members of the commission, Chairman Raymond Kasperowicz, John Beck, and Sean Cunning, a former member, Gary Vanderweil, Town Counsel Paul DeRensis, and engineering consultant Daniel Coughlin of Tutela Engineering Associates. One e-mail stated it was the third revision of a Home Rule Petition, and the other was a bylaw draft in its second revision. Former e-mails with additional drafts of the bylaws were not made available.

Beck responded to the Mariner's request and said he does not save e-mail other than the last copy that is of interest, and the rest have been discarded. He also said the commission, "did not use e-mail to make any decision. That is what the meetings are for."

However, in 2001, when the Mariner filed its first e-mail complaint with the District Attorney's office, then Assistant District Attorney Ellen McCusker Devlin said as a governmental body, the Sewer Commission is subject to the Open Meeting Law, and that the DA's office has previously found that the "Open Meeting Law is violated when e-mail conversations that relate to public business occur among a quorum of members of a governmental body. The use of e-mail communication for housekeeping matters, such as meeting scheduling and cancellations, would not be a violation of the Open Meeting Law. E-mail communications relating to public business should be avoided even where e-mails are sent on an individual basis, as individual e-mail conversations may reach a quorum of members without the knowledge of all participants."

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— District Attorney's office

The DA's office also said the Open Meeting Law mandates that, "(A)ll meeting of a governmental body shall be open to the public," and that "no quorum of a governmental body shall meet in private for the purpose of deciding on or deliberating toward a decision on any matter..." Under the Open Meeting Law, "meetings" include discussion or consideration by a quorum of "any public business or public policy matter over which the governmental body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power."

To remedy the situation, the DA's office instructed the commission to address the issue of e-mail communications and to communicate to the public that the commission will not utilize e-mail to discuss public business. However, it seems the commission has continued that practice.

Both bylaws drafted by the board could affect the proposed Avalon, Cedarmere, and Cook Estate developments, as all three are looking to come to a wastewater resolution for their projects. The commission has already denied sewer applications for Cedarmere and the Cook Estate, and Cedarmere has appealed that decision. Avalon was told there was no sewer capacity from the beginning, and that project has not filed a sewer application to date. However, the commission mentioned there has been talk about Town Meeting being given the power to decide whether to bring the Cook Estate into the central district, giving it sewer preferenee over the other two senior housing project which are not in the district, should adequate capacity be found at some point in the future.

The Home Rule Petition, which the board voted in favor of, will need Town Meeting approval to be formally adopted. If passed, it would amend the Cohasset Sewer Act to allow the commission to expand the sewer district, to encompass areas that would not otherwise be allowed to tie-in. If approved, the Sewer Commission could decide to let the Cook Estate into the central district. The second bylaw change would amend Article 9 of the current General Bylaws to prohibit the construction of sewers in public roads outside the central district, which would allow the commission to deny projects such as Avalon, which has floated the idea of laying pipes down Route 3A to tie into Hull's capacity, the right to lay pipes in any Cohasset streets. The board is waiting to hear back from Town Counsel on the final wording of the bylaw.

The Sewer Commission is not the only town board under scrutiny for possibly violating the Open Meeting Law in recent weeks. The Board of Selectmen may have violated the Open Meeting Law June 24 when three of its five members attended a meeting, which was not posted, to discuss the James Brook Flood Control Project. Members Ronnie McMorris, Ralph Dormitzer, and Fred Koed attended, as did Town Manager Michael Buckley, Building Inspector Robert Egan, and representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Waterfield Design Group.

Finding out where the Cohasset wastewater flow goes

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er mechanism where microscopic bugs live that eat the matter that comes into the plant. "It's my job to make sure their environment is good," Nye said, and if necessary, he will take measures to remove some of the bugs from the system. Sludge is disposed of off site.

Cohasset's treatment plant has a Zenon membrane water filtration system that uses air to force particles through the membrane fibers. The membranes are located in two large tanks, and wastewater is constantly flowing into the tank through a pipe. The membrane fibers look like long, thin, plastic tubes, which have a hole in the center, like a very thin straw. There are tiny holes along the outside walls of the fibers as well, which allow water to pass through. The plant has three pumps, of which two are regularly used and the third is a backup. The pumps act as a little vacuum in the tank, which help push air through fibers in the membrane filters, sucking water from the outside of the membrane, in, filtering solids out in the process. The result of the air forcing water through the membranes is a frothy sea of bubbling wastewater in the holding tanks below.

Nye said the plant has 12 total membranes, with six in each of its two tanks. There are three cassettes in each tank, which are the determining factor for capacity. When the plant was upgraded in 2000, two of its six cassettes were reserved for Little Harbor, but those have had to be implemented to handle the wastewater the plant currently takes in. While the Zenon operator's manual says the plant equipment can handle an average daily flow of 400,000 gallons of wastewater per day, Cohasset is only permitted by the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Environmental Protection to discharge 300,000 gallons per day of effluent.

Nye said much of the problem with capacity has to do with inflow and infiltration, or I&I. With heavy rains or high tides, flows dramatically increase. He said the best way to fix the problem would be to install new pipes around town, because fixing the old pipes usually leads to chasing more leaks down the road. If the town had a maintenance budget to keep the pipes in good working order, that would greatly help the problem. In addition, if upgrades were done and cassettes that could handle more wastewater could be installed, that would also help the capacity issue.

When the water has successfully passed through the membranes, it passes under an ultraviolet light to be disinfected, and is discharged from the plant. Samples of the effluent are taken often, and Nye tests its PH in the lab.

The Community has worked very hard to ensure the Wastewater Treatment Plant not only does its job, but fits in well with its surroundings, he said. Because the plant can be seen from St. Anthony's Church, the Historical Society Building, and dozens of private homes, a group of residents got together in 2001 shortly after the plant's upgrade, to form a beautification committee. The end result was a new coat of paint for the buildings, additional windows, and new plantings. There are also two pergolas, one atop the generator — which runs on natural gas — and another on the back portion of the main treatment building. There is a spectacular view from top of the treatment building, which overlooks Jacob's Meadow, and Nye said wildlife is flourishing as he has seen foxes and blue heron out in the marsh.

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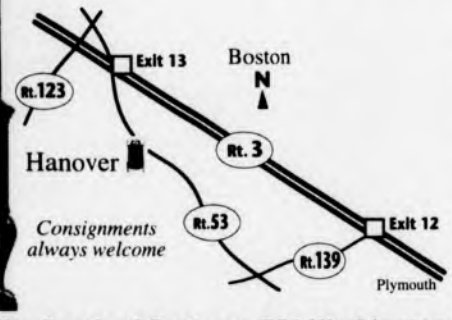
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Sisters sing their way into your heart

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lege of hearing these young sisters in concert. But while the girls may enjoy being able to share something they love with the rest of the community, and the applause they receive for a job well done, their mother Angela Brown said it's all about having fun, and not the attention they receive.

"It's not about being a star," said Angela, adding performing is something the girls are really interested in right now and enjoy, and she and her husband Mitch will help foster that dream for as long as its fun. She said if the three can gain confidence and stage presence through performing at a young age, that is a skill they will be able to carry with them for the rest of their lives, in whatever they choose to do.

"They get better and better every week."
— Jim Armstrong, guitar teacher

In addition to singing, the girls all recently began playing guitar. Angela said in the three short months since the girls began practicing with guitar teacher Jim Armstrong, he has really gotten them "fired up" about studying music and performing. She said the girls have begun branching out into other instruments and have been showing wonderful progress. Sarah has taken to the mandolin, and Abby has begun playing the steel string guitar, which gives the group a real Nashville sound.

Armstrong said he sees himself as someone who can hopefully serve as a mentor for the girls, and help direct them in their abilities. The real initiative always comes from them, and they are constantly coming to practice with new songs they'd like to learn. "They get better and better every week," he said, adding it's very impressive to see the enthusiasm they continue to have with their music.

The girls continually practice their music and Armstrong says it is a rare occasion that any one of them has pre-performance jitters. "They practice hard and are confident in their abilities," he said, but always having either Armstrong or his twin brother Joe who is also a guitar teacher, playing behind them on stage helps.

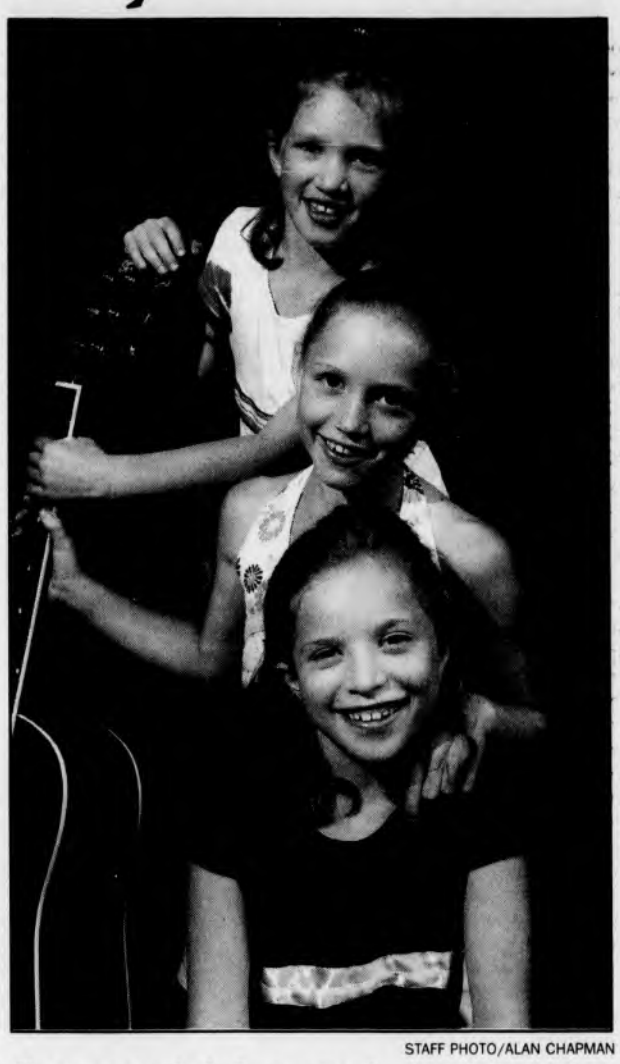
In addition to playing guitar, the girls also take piano lessons, as does their brother Nate, who is Abby's twin. "They're all very musical," said Angela. In fact, Nate said one day he would like to be the drummer for his sisters, or possibly their road manager when they make it big.

But before the Browns hit the road for Nashville, they will have to gain experience at the local level. The girls have already signed on to play for two weeks in September during the Farmer's Market on the Common. Armstrong also said this holiday season, he intends to contact some local nursing homes where the girls can perform for the residents. "We'll play some older classics," during those concerts, he said, so the audience can sing along.

The girls also have a larger short-term goal to hopefully serve as a "warm-up act" for one of their favorite artists within the next two to three years. Armstrong said the Music Circus sometimes hires local acts to perform for roughly 15 minutes prior to the main attraction, and the girls would love to go on stage before artists like Vince Gill or Alison Kraus. Armstrong said he and his brother, "will be behind them all the way."

Aside from music, all four Brown children love playing sports, and Nate recently hosted his own lacrosse clinic for children in kindergarten through grade two. Almost every sport is covered between all four children, including swimming, soccer, basketball, baseball, ice skating, skiing, and biking. Nate said someday, he would like to ride in the Tour de France.

But for now, music is taking center stage in the lives of the Brown sisters, and the three will continue to receive abundant encouragement from their family. "We're all given our special gifts, and these little people all have a special gift," said Angela, adding they are lucky they've been given the opportunity to share it.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

The star is rising for the Brown sisters, from top to bottom, Audrey, Sarah and Abby, who range in age from six to 10 years old.

DiNero's serves up expansion plans

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as it will enable DiNero's to host small functions and gatherings without having to close the entire restaurant to the public. Parking will be reconfigured to aid the flow of traffic as well.

Currently there are 70 seats at DiNero's, and that number would be increased to roughly 93 with the new expansion. "Right now, the tables are on top of each other," said Dave Mackwell, of Kelly Engineering, who has been hired to work with the owners on the design, and with the expansion, tables throughout the restaurant will have more space between them. The new function room will have ample windows looking out over stone ledge, and can be used for a variety of private parties, and sliding dividers will be installed to set the private functions apart. Mackwell said two new restrooms will be constructed near the new addition, and the current restrooms will remain where they are.

The aesthetics of the building will also be improved, and Mackwell said windows on the original building will be replaced as well as the outside canopy. A new exposed aggregate walkway will be installed outside for accessibility. "Everyone can use it," from the elderly to the handicapped, he said.

One concern voiced by the board was the possibility of additional light and noise from the site, and how that will impact abutters.

With the addition of roughly 700 square feet to the restaurant, there will be a need for additional parking. When Mackwell came before the planning board for an informal discussion regarding the proposed plans on June 23, the board was excited at the prospect of changing the parking configuration on site, as it has been very problematic in the past. DiNero's is located in West Corner at 235 Hull St., and virtually sits on the road. With the current parking configuration, patrons have needed to back up onto the street, which isn't the safest means of exiting the site.

Currently, there are 27 spaces striped for parking, but they are more narrow than what the town requires, and many times patrons do not fill every space for fear of having someone else open their car door and bump into them. Mackwell said the new spaces will comply with the width and length criteria of the town, and will be configured differently in the lot to help prevent crowding and help enable the flow of traffic, as well as keep patrons from having to back out into the street. The new configuration will have 37 total spaces, of which two are set aside for the apartment located above the restaurant, which is four more than the restaurant is required to have.

One concern voiced by the board was the possibility of additional light and noise from the site, and how that will impact abutters. Mackwell said every precaution will be taken to ensure lighting from the site has the least amount of impact on abutters as is possible, and has agreed to look into the potential noise air conditioners and other appliances could cause. Abutters in attendance said they were concerned about the dumpster which currently sits on site, and that issue will also be addressed as plans move forward.

Developers will have to submit a formal site plan review to the planning board for its approval, and members said they will each visit the site to get a better understanding of what the proposed changes could entail. The planning board will take the issue up again once a formal site plan is filed.

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Mill River awaits court decision

Planning board ruling appealed

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Mill River contends for the site plan review process, the planning board has been given enough information and to deny the application oversteps its authority.

Although the planning board denied the site plan submitted by Mill River Boatyard LLC, which would have allowed for the renovation of three buildings at the Mill River Boatyard site on Border Street, developers have chosen not to accept the verdict and are appealing the board's decision.

The Mill River appeal states that by denying the site plan for a full-service boatyard, complete with hauling, launching, storage and repair facilities, the planning board has overstepped its jurisdiction. Mill River alleges the discretion exercised by the planning board in its decision is an "abuse of power and in excess of their authority in that a planning board does not have discretion in a site plan approval process."

On May 26, the planning board voted 3-0 against approval of the site plan, stating it thought the applicant had not provided enough information regarding the site's intended use, along with a failure to meet the parking requirement set forth in the town's bylaw and a failure to meet public safety requirements. Planning Board Chairman Al Moore recused himself from all conversations surrounding the project, and member Michael Westcott was on vacation when the decision was made. The formal filing of the board's decision was completed on June 1, and the appeal was filed June 17 in Norfolk Superior Court.

Of main concern to the board was the fact that it felt the applicant did not provide enough information for it to thoroughly understand the nature and extent of the proposed use of the buildings on site. During the public hearing, member Stuart Ivimey said the preliminary plans allowed for every possible permitted use, including uses only allowed with special permits, and there is a much wider scope the site could be used for, which was not specified by the applicant. He said it is not the job of the board to figure out what the applicant may or may not do with the property.

However, Mill River contends for the site plan review process, the planning board has been given enough information and to deny the application oversteps its authority and is "beyond their legal capacity to determine zoning questions." Mill River believes their plans may not require site plan approval at all because they are planning a reconstruction of a non-conforming use, which they say will not increase or change the use of the building, and therefore does not require a special permit.

The planning board was also concerned about parking on the site and their denial states the applicants repeatedly stated they would not establish parking facilities on the property. The planning board has said the renovation of the buildings will no doubt increase the flow of traffic to the site and will require parking for both employees and those who use the services at the boatyard. However, the applicant states they have no obligation to create additional parking on site, because the plans are to only reconstruct existing buildings which will be virtually the same size. They believe the board's finding that the applicant needs to establish parking on site is "an unreasonable and illegal demand," because there is no requirement to provide it under the zoning bylaws.

Other issues for the site the planning board felt were outstanding include the fact that the property is in the flood plain, and the buildings have been deteriorating for a sufficient enough length of time to cause any grandfathered rights to lapse. However, the applicant has said there will not be anything on site that does not have sufficient permits and the state has additional requirements for marine use they will have to abide by.

Currently, the Mill River Boatyard is owned by Peter Roy of Margin Street, who also owns Atlantica, the Olde Salt House and the Cohasset Harbor Inn. Donald Staszko is in the process of working out a deal to purchase the Mill River Boatyard from Roy, and Staszko's son Ryan would serve as the manager of the property upon successful renovations. The Border Street site covers approximately 40,631 square feet of land, and has operated as a boatyard for more than 100 years, although the current condition of the buildings on site has greatly limited the work that has gone on at the site.

There are three main buildings on site, including the "Eastwick" building, renamed after its role in the 1987 film "The Witches of Eastwick," which is the closest building to the Border Street bridge; the main building, which has three floors and houses a workshop for boat repairs at ground level; and the Lobster Pound, which is the only structurally sound building on the site, but is in need of sprucing up. The Quonset Hut, which would be rebuilt as part of the plans, collapsed this winter.

South Shore Charter School renovations moving forward

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The building is 53,000 square-feet and sits on six acres of wooded landscape.

The South Shore Charter School is entering phase two of its renovation plan and officials there said the school should be ready to open to grades K-12 on Sept. 9 at 100 Longwater Drive in Norwell.

Phase two of the renovation, which entails converting 114 small offices into 28 classrooms, is being funded through a $2.2 million bond secured through MassDevelopment.

"We closed on the bond about two weeks ago," said South Shore Charter School Executive Director Michael Munhall. "That's all we can afford to borrow right now. It won't complete the whole building but it will allow us to complete phase two of the project. It'll let us get the classrooms ready that we'll need for September."

Munhall explained phase one of the project included doing some code updates, knocking down some walls and getting the high school into the building, which cost about $275,000. Phase three is not really planned at this point, but Munhall said it will include doing some upgrades to the school's library, as well as the music and art rooms.

The South Shore Charter School announced the $5.5 million purchase of a building at 100 Longwater Drive this past December.

According to a release from the school, "the financing for the $5.5 million purchase was provided by the National Cooperative Bank and Development Corporation...the U.S. Department of Agriculture, through its rural development program, guaranteed the loan."

Munhall said the building at Longwater Drive was formerly Serono Pharmaceuticals and was owned by the iStar Corporation of Atlanta, Georgia. He added the building has been empty for about two years and said the charter school finally approached iStar about buying the building last winter. The building is 53,000 square-feet and sits on six acres of wooded landscape.

The charter school was formerly located in Hull and was comprised of three separate buildings — an old aquarium, a former bank and a former restaurant. Munhall said students will be vacating the bank building because the lease is up and noted there will be some shuffling of students in Hull before they move to Norwell in the fall. He added once all the students move to Norwell, the Hull chapter of the school will be no more.

"School finished up on June 23," Munhall said, indicating the Longwater Drive building was used this year but did not incorporate all the grades. "Now we have to vacate the building for the next two months so all the renovations can be done. We'll be moving out of the Hull buildings on Sept. 1 so that we can be ready for the opening of school on Sept. 9.

"As far as I can tell, we are actually ahead of schedule with this project. Phase one was completed in February and phase two is right on target. But with construction, you never know what's going to happen. You just hope everything goes well. And so far, everything has gone fine."

Munhall said it hasn't only been the construction process that's been moving along smoothly.

"The whole thing, the whole purchase has really gone about as flawlessly as you can imagine," he said. "When we stated our goal was to open in Norwell in September of 2004, a lot of people said, 'There's no way you can do that.' Well, it looks like we're going to do it. The rest of the phases will be done this summer but phase two is by far the most significant part."

Munhall said sometime in September or October, there will be a ceremony marking the official opening of the school. He added students who were at the Norwell location this year will notice some real improvements.

"This year at the Longwater Drive location was crowded, kind of cramped," he said. "It's going to be more spacious and all the classes are going to be in one building for the first time in out 10-year history. We'll have about 100 more students in there come the fall." He added there will be a total of 468 students in the school.

"In many ways, we'll be bringing some of the old traditions with us from Hull," Munhall said. "But we'll also be creating some new ones, seeing how we'll all be in one building for the first time. The faculty will be able to work as a unit on a daily basis so I can imagine the things we'll be able to do."

Munhall said as anticipation for the new, completed charter school grows, so has the amount of applications coming in from students who would like to attend the facility.

"We've had a huge increase in applications," he said. "Since February, we've gotten 100 applications and that's just amazing. People are also calling us, asking us for information on a daily basis."

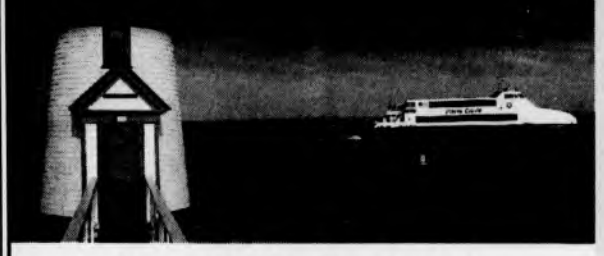
Munhall said the bottom line is that this project was never even given a chance to succeed and now it's becoming a reality.

"A lot of people didn't give this charter school a chance to exist 10 years ago," he said. "We've had some ups and downs, like any organization. But now, we're here and we'll have a facility that will last 100 years. There's a need for a school like ours and that shows through the drastic increase in applications."

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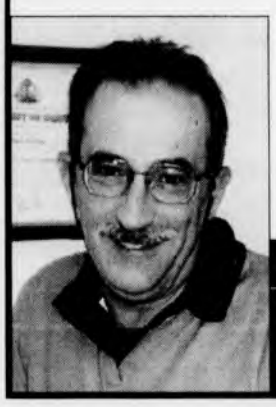
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Marc Verrochi was named to the dean's list for the spring 2004 semester at Lehigh university. Awesome work, Marc.

MILTON ACADEMY GRADS

The following Cohasset residents were among the 179 seniors who graduated from Milton Academy on June 4, in Milton, Massachusetts. Congratulations go out to **Thomas Myers** and **Caroline Steele**.

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BOSTON COLLEGE GRADUATES

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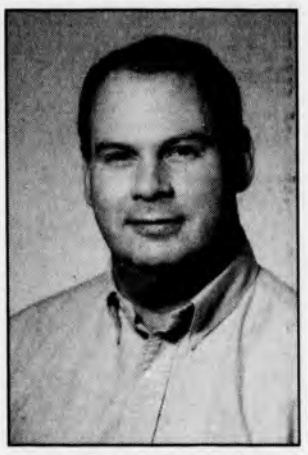
Kids have a natural sense of wonder and making their dreams possible is every parent's wish but when children get hurt or sick, compromising a healthy future, families turn to Children's Hospital for health and hope.

From 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, July16 at the Lightkeepers Residence is the annual reception and auction. All are welcome. The mixed doubles tournament takes place July 17 &18. Come and be part of a 50-year-old tradition!

ON MEDICAL STAFF

South Shore Hospital has appointed Cohasset resident **James Mensching**, DO, board-certified in emergency medicine, to its active medical staff.

Trained as an osteopathic physician, Dr. Mensching received his medical degree from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his internship and emergency medicine residency at the US Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, VA. He then served as an attending physician in the emergency departments at both Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News, Va., and at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth.Congratulations!



James Mensching, DO, has been appointed to the SSH medical staff.

50 TOWNS – 50 YEARS

The South Shore Art Center marks 50 years of enhancing the visual arts on the South Shore with a year-long celebration beginning in July. Area artists are invited to participate in a juried exhibition: 50 Towns/50 Years, showcasing the distinctive work of South Shore artists from the following towns: Abington, Avon, Braintree, Bridgewater, Brockton, Canton, Carver, Cohasset, Dedham, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Freetown, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Kingston, Lakeville, Mansfield, Marion, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, Middleborough , Milton, New Bedford, Norton , Norwell, Norwood, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Quincy Randolph , Raynham, Rochester, Rockland, Scituate, Sharon, Stoughton, Taunton, Walpole, Wareham, West, Bridgewater, Westwood, Weymouth, and Whitman.

The exhibition is open to all media and jurying will be done on the basis of 35 mm slides. Work must have been completed since January 1, 2001 and not previously shown at the South Shore Art Center. The juror, **Dore Van Dyke**, the Executive Director and Curator of the Attleboro Museum Center for the Arts has curated and organized a diverse range of exhibitions. All entries for 50 Towns/ 50 Years must be received by July 15. The exhibition will be open Sept. 10–Oct. 24 with an opening reception on Sept. 19. For more information call 781-383-2787 or for an entry form visit www.ssac.org.

LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Social Service League of Cohasset is announcing two recipients of the 2004 Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship. They are **Jennifer Buckley**, daughter of **Barbara and Charles Buckley**, of Cohasset and **Jenna** Zarick, daughter of **Deborah and Frederick Zarick**, of Norwell. Both of these accomplished young women will enter the nursing program at Northeastern University in the fall.

The Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship was previously available only to Cohasset High School seniors who intended to pursue studies in nursing, social work, or allied health fields. The League now considers applications from undergraduate and post-graduate students from the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, or Scituate.

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Alix White exhibit at the Science Center

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, will exhibit a collection of paintings by Cohasset artist Alix White, titled "Weather Report," through Aug. 30. "I primarily paint on location," said White. "Living near the coast, I am in awe of how quickly a view will change based on atmospheric conditions - the dialogue between the sky and the ocean for instance. Colors can invert. Winds can change and my composition changes." The works in her exhibit include locations from Marshfield to Quincy, and strive to portray the natural world in the 21st century. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, July 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit can also be viewed during regular business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Norwell VNA's golf tournament

The Friends of the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association (NVNA) is sponsoring its Sixth Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Monday, Aug. 2, at the Cohasset Country Club, located on Lambert's Lane in Cohasset. The event is the Norwell VNA's largest fundraiser of the year and includes lunch, unlimited practice on a new putting green and post-game dinner.

This year's auction and raffle offer something for everyone, including overnight stays at some of New England's most luxurious hotels, the chance to "tee off" at exclusive golf venues or indulge in fine food at premiere area restaurants. Proceeds from the event benefit the Norwell VNA as it continues to provide quality, low-cost home healthcare and free support services to South Shore residents.

Registration is at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Tickets are $175 per person, which includes lunch and sit down dinner prepared by an award-winning chef. Separate, dinner-only reservations are available for $40 per person. Checks may be payable to the Friends of the Norwell VNA. Interested parties are encouraged to sign up early. For information, or a brochure about the Sixth Annual Charity Golf Tournament, call the Friends of the Norwell VNA at 781-659-2342, extension 550.

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ALOHA, LOBSTER LOVERS

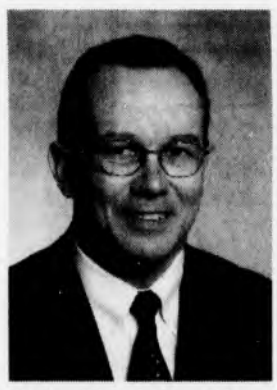
Hungry for lobster? Then you won't want to miss the **Cohasset Sailing Club**'s annual launch party Saturday, July 10 from 5-11 p.m. for the parents and adult members of the club. This year the club will be sponsoring a lobster dinner which includes clam chowder, steamers, corn, salad, hamburgers and hot dogs and soda. Please wear your best flowered shirt and/or grass skirt because the party is going Hawaiian. After dinner a live auction will be held to benefit maintenance and upgrades planned for the club. Auction items include Patriots tickets, fishing charters, sunset wine and cheese sail, jewelry and much more. Don't miss the party of the summer, aloha! Tickets are $40 person (BYOB) and are available by contacting **Maureen McElgunn** at 383-1465 or **Karen Oronte** at 383-6737.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday weekend and stayed happy and safe. Send me in all of your summer news and event information no later than Mondays by 5 p.m.

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First in a series

"Good Enough" Is Never Good Enough


Richard H. Aubut, RN
President and Chief Executive Officer

Recent news reports may have you wondering: "What is going on at South Shore Hospital?"

The answer is simple. We care for more than 150,000 patients each year. And some of them are frustrated because they expected their South Shore Hospital experience to be better. They want what any of us would want: for their concerns to be heard and for us to be responsive.

And we *are* being responsive. In the weeks ahead, you will read messages in this newspaper about all that we are doing to anticipate and respond to your most pressing health care needs, questions, and concerns.

As patients, we expect our hospital experiences to be perfect. On the other hand, we know intellectually that this expectation is unrealistic. Medicine is complex. Individuals respond differently to the very same treatments. Doctors differ in how they help patients heal. And hospital employees bring unique talents, perspectives, and experiences to their tasks.

Regardless, we know that our first priority is to keep our patients safe. We use elaborate, redundant, and expensive mechanisms to minimize the risk of error. But no system is foolproof. Caregivers are human beings and human beings are not perfect. That doesn't mean that we don't strive for perfection every day — and in every way. At South Shore Hospital, we don't believe that "good enough" is ever good enough.

When things don't go as they should, we exhaustively investigate every detail of what happened and why — including how to avoid it happening again. We employ physicians and other professionals who are devoted to preventing potential problems and promptly fixing systems when challenges arise.

Our 3,400 employees, 700 medical staff members, and 450 volunteers are focused on one goal: to provide each patient with a quality health care experience at all stages of life — from birthing to hospice care; emergency to intensive care. Overwhelmingly, we succeed. Every day we hear positive comments from our patients. Independently administered satisfaction surveys show that nine of ten patients would recommend our hospital to others. Eight of ten patients would recommend our emergency care.

I appreciate the outpouring of support from so many of you who credit us with saving your lives, restoring your health, easing your pain, and comforting your loved ones at the end of their lives. And to everyone associated with our hospital: thank you for your daily dedication and professionalism.

It is frustrating to read recent headlines. Since we have an ethical and legal responsibility to maintain patient confidentiality, those news stories were one-sided. We will not debate the specifics of our patients' care — no matter the impact on our hospital.

Our mission is clear: South Shore Hospital exists to benefit the people of our region by promoting good health and by healing, caring, and comforting. We know that the people of our region depend upon us. That's why your thoughts about how we can improve are so important to us.

Please let us know what's on your mind. You can either contact one of our patient advocates at (781) 340-8888, or by email at advocacy@sshosp.org. You can also write to me personally at 55 Fogg Road, South Weymouth, MA 02190.

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Next: Dr. John Benanti, chairman, department of emergency medicine, discusses emergency care.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Email meetings

We've long suspected that illegal email meetings are being conducted among members of boards and committees in town. The technology makes it so easy to do.

One board member sends another some information for comment; that member in turn sends it along to another board member and so on. Before you know it, a quorum of the board has conducted an illegal meeting completely online.

With that being said, we're also convinced most town officials don't realize that emailing one another about town business other than scheduling changes and the like is a violation of the Open Meeting Law.

In fact, sewer commissioner John Beck stated in an email to us that meetings are where decisions are made. We couldn't agree with him more, but the fact of the matter is the general public has the *right* to be part of the discussion leading up to a decision. Otherwise, decisions have a sneaky way of becoming "done deals" excluding citizens from the process.

We understand the Open Meeting Law can be damn inconvenient when email makes the exchange of information so fast and seamless. But the public's right to know what its government is doing is paramount.

Here at the Mariner, we believe email is the biggest challenge facing enforcement of the Open Meeting Law. So much of it is easily deleted, leaving no paper trail to follow. All emails among governmental bodies and officials — and those they communicate with — should be printed out and become part of the particular board's correspondence files, but that is rarely the case. Citizens should be able to go to Town Hall and examine email and other correspondence without difficulty.

It's important to point out, however, that sending a letter or document via email is OK but discussing the contents of that letter over email is not. The contents should be discussed in a meeting that is open to the public with copies available for the audience.

On a related matter, subcommittees are also subject to the Open Meeting Law and must post their meetings 48 hours in advance. It doesn't matter if the public or press intends to show up – the posting is required just in case someone wants to attend for whatever reason.

Needless to say, we are huge proponents of the Open Meeting Law. It's a friend to the taxpayer. Open government is a right we all share. We need to treasure and protect that right even when it's cumbersome and those working behind closed doors or on email have the best of intentions.

— Mary Ford
mford@cnc.com

Straits Pond through the years and seasons

The Straits Pond Watershed Association (SPWA) is putting a call out to individuals and/or community groups seeking video footage, digital photos, or regular photos of scenes of Straits Pond. They are seeking scenes from Straits Pond through the years. They are also looking for photos taken over the coming year showing Straits Pond through the four seasons.

The association hopes to, over the course of the year, gather enough material from different views around the Pond to put together a photo collage/video of "Straits Pond Through the Years and Seasons".

Video tapes or disks with digital images or hardcopy photos may be mailed to Mr. Lawry Reid, Attn.: SPWA – Video Project, 31 Richards Road, Hull MA 02045.

Digital photos or scanned images can be emailed to Lawry Reid at viaspeech@comcast.net.

Whether mailing items or emailing them, clearly state either on the label or in your email message:

- the year or season
- where the pictures were taken from and/or what the image is of
- who took the photo/video,
- and for electronic photos the format they are saved in. Recommended formats are .tif, gif, .ps, or eps.

If you have regular photos and can scan them, do so and send the electronic image. If you do not have access to a scanner, you can mail the photos to Lawry Reid. SPWA will take care of getting them scanned.

Items will only be returned if clearly marked "Return to Sender when done" with a complete mailing address.

Submission of material(s) indicates the sender's permission and agreement that the material may be used at the discretion of the Straits Pond Watershed Association for educational, promotional, and/or fund-raising purposes without remuneration to the contributor.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Save 3 Teachers fund

TO THE EDITOR:

The Committee to Save 3 Teachers is proud to announce that we currently have approximately $61,000 in checks, auction proceeds and pledges. We are very close to paying for two teachers' salaries for the coming school year. We clearly need everyone who has pledged to come forward with their donations and for others who have neither pledged nor given to please support this important effort now. Several generous families have written second checks to help us meet the $70,000 we need for two teachers. If there are others who would be willing to do so, any additional support would be gratefully appreciated. Our deadline is July 15. That is only a week away. Please give as generously as you can by writing a check to the Cohasset Education Foundation, and mailing it to 272 N. Main St.

We also have several auction items still up for bid. Make us an offer! Send your bid to bbuckley1@comast.net for the following items: sunset canoe trip on Lily Pond; SAT prep software/books; research assistance for a middle/high school writing assignment (perfect for the fall!); winterization of 150HP outboard motor; sports memorabilia appraisal; signed San Jose Sharks helmet; signed Brendan Shanahan photo; $200 BeadCombers gift certificate; signed Sergio Garcia shirt; or a signed Jasper Parnevick shirt. One hundred percent of these proceeds will benefit the fund.

Many thanks to all those who have supported our efforts.

Barbara Buckley
Committee to Save 3 Teachers
272 N. Main St.

Sewer commission is not on a power trip

TO THE EDITOR:

When I read last week's article [Flexing muscle over sewer hookups; Sewer commission seeks more power] I was shocked by the slant the paper put on what we are trying to accomplish with our two proposed articles for the fall Town Meeting.

We are not trying to increase the power of the sewer commission, flexing our muscles or attempting to reign supreme. Neither article will give the sewer commission any more authority or responsibility than we have already. What they will accomplish, if passed by Town Meeting, is to put the strategic, decision-making authority for wastewater management with Town Meeting.

Town Meeting will decide who is in which sewer district and who is not. Those who are not in a Town Meeting defined sewer district will not be allowed to be considered for a hook-up, period. Those properties which are in a Town Meeting defined sewer district will be considered for hook-ups by the sewer commission as capacity will allow. This is no different than is the case today regarding the authority and responsibility of the sewer commission.

What will be different is that once the "town rule" petition is approved by the legislature and in effect, it will be state law, and no one will be allowed to sue the town or sewer commission if they disagree with decisions made by the sewer commission (assuming the decision is consistent with the town rule provisions). It will allow Cohasset to thoughtfully and strategically deal with wastewater planning using our Town Meeting process without having to be involved in lengthy and expensive lawsuits when a developer doesn't get its way.

For example, if the board of selectmen chooses to include the Cook property in the Central Sewer District as presented to Town Meeting, then the Town Meeting vote will decide. If Cook is in the Central Sewer District it will be considered for a hook-up as capacity will allow. This is equally true for any other property or developer who can convince Town Meeting that they should be included in a Town Meeting defined sewer district.

I'm sure you will recall that Chairman Kasperowicz has said from the beginning of the current litigation brought by the Cedarmere developers, that they should consider going to Town Meeting, as was the case for the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue Sewer District. At Town Meeting, Cedarmere developers would have the opportunity to convince the voters that their property deserves to be considered ahead of any other potential hook-ups. When they were denied a connection because of capacity limitations, they chose to file a lawsuit and put their hopes in the hands of a judge, instead of letting the voters decide. Our proposed articles, when both are in effect, will prevent future lawsuits of this kind.

John Beck
Sewer commissioner
44 Nichols Road

Proud Cohasset native takes issue with letter

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding Mark Bell's letter (Research lawsuits) to the Editor on June 16, I respectfully respond:

Yes, Cohasset has some problems and it has been published in the press and everyone read about it, Big deal!

The town manager resigned. Did anyone really think he would be around here forever, with his attitude? It was only a matter of time, I knew it and so did most others that are involved. I do think the Selectmen should tell the tax payers exactly why he resigned, it's everyone's business not just a chosen few.

Also, regarding frivolous political law suits and their costs, I agree, currently I have a Superior Court suit pending against the town regarding one of my Cohasset properties so I acknowledge your presumption that politics are alive and well in Cohasset, and probably every other town and city in America, including Westfield, I'm sure.

However, Cohasset is a special place, inhabited by special people. It's like a large family, my family for five generations. All families and most people occasionally do have problems, it's life. I'm sure you wouldn't publicly demean a member of your family if they had problems. Also, you wouldn't move away and publicly demean them be telling them you were glad about moving away.

You know, Mark, maybe, just maybe, you and a few others who still live in Cohasset, and feel as you do, just might not belong here! I love Cohasset and I'm certainly not going anywhere. I'm sure these problems will soon be a thing of the past and we'll all move on to the next challenges that await us in beautiful Cohasset.

Joseph A. Rosano
48 Howe Road

Take multi-pronged, strong stance with MBTA

TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Gruber provided the Mariner with a copy of the following letter he sent to the Cohasset Board of Selectmen:

Last evening (6/29/04) as I sat through the Board's review of the Greenbush project I was amazed at the naive view that the Board of Selectmen is taking in representing the Town on the Greenbush project. Lessons learned during the mitigation process seem to have been totally forgotten.

For about four years I was involved with the Cohasset Greenbush Mitigation Committee. We were a dedicated diverse group of volunteers that struggled, on behalf of the Town, through all of the MBTA negotiation intricacies leading up to the Town's mitigation agreement. Anyone involved with this project would easily remember that the MBTA is not a benevolent organization. The T's objectives were to build a rail project on time, at and the lowest possible cost. Cohasset's objectives were to protect our citizens throughout this massive project. These two objectives are definitely not the same.

As an example of the MBTA's difference of objectives, during the mitigation process and after years of negotiations, Cohasset and the MBTA arrived at a complete written mitigation package. Within 24 hours the T came back in and completely removed the entire mitigation package from the table and said we'd have to start over. Why? Someone at the MBTA decided that the negotiated package was not in the T's best interest. That was not good faith by a long shot. Similar actions were repeated by the MBTA over and over during the mitigation process, at the Section 106 hearings at the Army Corps of Engineers and during the Citizens Advisory Committee (a group formed by the

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Put the Cook Estate project on hold

COMMENTARY

RICHARD BROOKS

If it sounds too good to be true, it always is too good to be true! That's the Cook Estate development plan in a nutshell! I am speaking out on the very controversial direction that some Town officials now wish to take with this Cook Estate saga in my hope that we can void another "bump" in the Town's road that has the potential to be the granddaddy "bump" of recent times.

If common sense, fair play, and official judgments are not made consistent with the best interests of our citizens, the will of the people, the existing court orders, prior Town commitments to our citizens, to the federal EPA, and to the state DEP, and the transcending environmental issues involved, then all heck is going to break out and the lawyers are going to have a field day!

The big losers, as always, will be the taxpaying citizens of our great Town, and Lord knows, those taxes are already way too high with no end in sight.

Firstly, let me clear up several misconceptions that have been fostered about the Cook Estate development plan:

1) It is not a housing development for low income senior citizens not at all. Zero!

2) It is not a housing development with extensive preferences for existing Cohasset residents and seniors; only about 20 percent of the about 100 units will give preferences to Cohasset citizens, citizens who have "moderate incomes" and meet the income tests. The balance of the units will be "market rate" rentals or purchases. I don't think my info here is in error. If it is, correct me and I'll apologize.

3) Clearly, a developed Cook Estate will add to the Town's tax base, net of any costs for Town services that may need to be increased. This is positive. As far as any "profit' that may result from the transaction, such profit will arise from the Town's simultaneous sale of a parcel of land contiguous to the Estate property which, I believe, appraised at $1.3 million. We need to know the Town's cost basis for that parcel, if any, to judge the amount of profit (capital gain?) obtained.

The amount of any profit is now eroding as the Town's costs to complete the deal are increasing.

Secondly, at last fall's Town Meeting, both the then Town Manager and the Selectmen's Chairman assured the voters present that the testing showed the septic could be handled on-site using conventional, in-ground technology. Without this assurance, the project would have, by necessity, been voted down because there currently is no extra capacity at the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant. Any extra capacity arising from the current plant/system upgrades has already been long committed to ending Cohasset's decades of polluting the Town's coastal waters under a Court Consent Order involving the DEP and the federal EPA, and, finally, other developers have already recently been denied use of any new capacity. Further, the Cook Estate is not included in the Central Sewer District-and this is also a strong barrier!

However, it was not long after Town Meeting and project approval (involving $4.5 million of taxpayer funds) that word came out the on-site septic was not viable and other "solutions" would be needed to keep going with the project!

I have seen no explanation of the what/how/why the pre-vote site testing was no longer valid. Was that testing thoroughly and properly done to support the assurances given at Town Meeting to vote for the project? Was the Board of Health involved or the DEP consulted? It would be useful for an explanation to be provided, otherwise we might start to conclude some bad things! I am, and I'm sure others in Town are as well, technically able to understand and have the experience to interpret the facts. In the interests of transparency, the info on this flawed testing or erroneous interpretation/extrapolation should be published.

Continuing on, other local sites were evaluated to be used for the in-ground septic treatment via piping the wastewater to a qualified site, but none tested were determined to be suitable. To me, in retrospect, given the latest proposal for disposition of the wastewater, it's not a big surprise that none of those tested were found to be suitable!

At this stage, I believe the Cook Estate project should be put on hold and brought back to a special or the next Town Meeting for review, with all options and cost changes discussed and with a new vote pro/con by the taxpayers. This is predicated by the fact that many who voted to go ahead with the project voted yes to a set of circumstances, costs, conditions, etc., that are no longer valid! The Town has no mandate to proceed under these changed circumstances. Already a furor is developing over proposals of how to proceed, and some of those proposals are simply unacceptable, if not outrageous, to many voters and reflect chaos waiting to inundate us!

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The tough questions have to be asked: Was it always the "plan" to tie in the Cook Estate development to the Town's sewer system, or was this an existing back-up plan should on site septic treatment prove unfeasible? If such a lengthy tie-in pipeline was ever constructed, who would pay for it and are there any other properties along the route of the pipeline that would also become candidates for tie-in?

Allow me to explain why such a tie-in to the Town's sewer system for the Cook property is unacceptable:

The Town of Cohasset, over the past several years, has voted and spent close to $500,000 for the committed development of a sewer system for the Little Harbor area to end the decades of coastal water pollution, and to also end the potential for neighborhood health problems due to all of the obsolete and failed septic systems in the area. This project, by word and action and reports to the court, the federal EPA, the state DEP, and the area citizens, is geared to use the expected new Central Treatment Plant additional capacity arising from all of the plant/system upgrades in progress, mostly funded by the money mentioned above, but also supported by a lot of sweat equity volunteered by the Little Harbor area citizens. There are well over 400 residences involved, and they have been waiting for years to get this sewer system relief, all the while paying taxes for all of the other Town projects.

To further comply with the longstanding court order to stop the pollution, Cohasset submitted a "Final Action Plan" on Aug. 30, 2000, wherein initiatives were presented with the focus on sewering the Little Harbor area. Since that time, all of the funding and work have been in support of the sewer expansion to cover the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue area. The funding approaches $500,000 as mentioned above. To supplement all of this work, the Little Harbor area citizens organized as the Citizens for Equitable Solution ("CEES"), and have been heavily involved over the past several years, especially providing citizens input and sweat equity to assist the Sewer Commission in its development work. It is clearly understood between the citizens of the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue area and involved Town officials that additional capacity developed at the central plant, projections of which approximately match the area needs for a sewer system, are committed to that sewer expansion. This understanding has been in place for several years now and all of the work has been in support of that initiative!

In December of 2003, the Deputy Regional Engineer, Bureau of Resource Protection, Department of Environmental Protection requested from Cohasset's then Town Manager a detailed update, status, and projected schedule for implementation of the August, 2000 Cohasset "Final Action Plan." In response, on behalf of Cohasset, a detailed report was submitted just this past February, the entire focus of which was on the central plant/system upgrades (to provide the needed capacity) and the initial studies, layouts, surveys, preliminary engineering, etc., for the central sewer system expansion to serve the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue area. The detailed project schedule, an integral portion of that report, details all of the legal, permitting, etc., steps leading to the large construction funding appropriation in the spring of 2006, construction bidding process in late 2006, and the awarding of construction contracts in early 2007, with the tie-ins to the eligible area residences starting in 2008.

But wait! It appears that some Selectmen, at least the Chairman, have something else in mind. Within the past few days, the Chairman proposed that the Town give that sewer capacity to the Cook Estate commercial developer and tie in to the Cohasset central plant. In this proposal, he suggests that the Town can eventually build another wastewater treatment plant to allow the sewering of Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue to take place.

English translation: The Cook project, to provide housing to about 100 families, up to 80 percent of which will be new residents to Cohasset who will have never paid a nickel in taxes in the Town, is to jump to the top of the wait list for sewer capacity, and the long-awaited sewering of Little Harbor's 400+ families can be further postponed until someday when the Town can afford to build a new, second treatment plant, with most of the $500,000 spent to upgrade the existing plant going now to the benefit of the developer and the new families that occupy the 100 units! The Selectmen Chairman feels that we can vote this proposal at Town Meeting so as to allow the Cook project to proceed, including voting the Cook property into the Central Sewer District.

Allow me to understate and characterize this proposal as a major betrayal which is unacceptable. I believe that most citizens will find it unacceptable, along with the court, the EPA, the DEP, etc. The Chairman may feel he is looking out for the best interests of the Town, but the best interests of Cohasset are the best interests of the taxpaying citizens. What other interests are being looked out for which are not visible at this time?

Let the developer of the Cook Estate build a new, on-site wastewater treatment plant!

Before the potential firestorm of lawsuits, court orders, taxpayer revolts, charges, and countercharges erupts on our Town, I have suggested to the head of CEES that it could be most useful and productive to invite the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to meet with a half-dozen or so CEES members to discuss his proposal of sewering the Cook project. I hope that such a meeting is promptly arranged. Woe to all of us if the escalating polarization is allowed to develop into its potential full-blown size!

FYI, my property on Nichols Road is equipped with a relatively new, biological "FAST" septic system. I have no dire personal need to tie into a sewer system, but I certainly will join with all of my Little Harbor neighbors to stop the pollution of the beautiful Cohasset coastal areas, especially Little Harbor, and to eliminate the potential for community health problems, especially with our children, that my extensive professional training and experience tells me is a real threat. I'm sure the Cohasset Board of Health is aware of what I speak and shares my concerns.

The entire Little Harbor area, with its bountiful amount of ledge, is not friendly to the proper functioning of on-site septic systems, especially with so many of the existing systems being quite old, obsolete, openly failed, way too close to the coastal waters, and out of compliance with Title V requirements.

It is not surprising at all that most homes which are sold in the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue area require construction of new, very expensive septic systems. A sewer system is urgently needed. The Cook property has no urgency whatsoever, and the existing court order makes that very clear.

Richard E. T. Brooks, Ph.D., P.E., lives at 68 Nichols Road.

Summers at Paragon Park

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The weather was so nice last week that I decided to take a trip to one of my old stamping grounds, Nantasket Beach. I wish I hadn't.

The main parking lot, usually jammed with cars on a hot summer weekend, is torn up while they replace the seawall. Gone are the buildings that lined the boardwalk. And gone is Paragon Park.

I spent two summers working in Paragon Park 50 years ago, making change for the Skeeball alleys and the Pokerino tables and calling Greyhound Races for Red Dennehy and Harold Feldman.

The games were owned in partnership by Larry Stone, who also owned Paragon Park, and Abe Feldman, also the proprietor of Funland outside the Park. Red managed for Larry; Harold for his brother, Abe.

So help me, I think I would have gone back for a third summer and a fourth and so on if there hadn't been a demand on the home front that I get what was called "a real job."

I spent two summers working in Paragon Park 50 years ago, making change for the Skeeball alleys and the Pokerino tables...

We worked hard at Paragon Park in those days, often from one in the afternoon to one in the morning with time out for a free meal of whatever wasn't selling particularly well at the Palm Garden Grille in the back of the park.

We had one day off a week and I spent mine tending bar for Johnny Infancino at the Gun Rock House. Johnny also ran the Flying Scooters next to the Skee Ball alleys. Even us college boys scrounged for whatever money we could get in the summer.

One week-long feature of Paragon Park was the "act," usually trapeze artists or sway pole performers with an occasional visit from Sol Solomon, who dove into a tub of water from a height of about 50 feet.

Whenever Sol came to the Park he would lead us park help up to the vacant third floor of the Palm Garden Grille and show us home movies of him diving into tubs all over the country. After a while, I'm sure at least one of us hoped he would miss.

The dominant ride at Paragon Park was the roller coaster. Each year, on the weekend the park opened, the park help was rounded up, put in the cars and sent over the track to test its safety. After one ride, park help tended to disappear. I know. I was one of them.

The fellow who took tickets for the roller coaster taught me a neat trick. When a guy took his girlfriend on a ride, she would go through the turnstile first. The ticket taker would stop the turnstile briefly so the guy would bump up against the girl. I don't know why, but many times he'd forget his change.

We had a trick ourselves on the Greyhound Race. The dogs were moved by bouncing a ball through a cup, tripping a switch. The length of the move was controlled by a rheostat. Whenever a "tip" or a "mark" got too good, at a signal from the mikeman, his assistant would duck in back and turn down the rheostat. If he complained, we'd shut down that particular dog and give him his dime back.

The time after the Park closed was recreation time for the park help. There was always Cohen's Diner, open all night, where you could get a shot of Seagram's 7 in a coffee mug from Old Man Cohen and sit and drink it until the sun came up.

I heard that some of the park help also kept an eye out for unattached females, who usually came in threes, throughout the evening. They tell me that the vacant third floor above the Palm Garden Grille was used for other entertainments besides Sol's movies.

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Secretary of Environmental Affairs to review the MBTA's environmental impacts). I participated in each of these activities and experienced the T's tactics firsthand.

Section 106 is a unique mitigation process in which the MBTA does not make the mitigation decisions. Section 106 does not depend on the T's generosity (or lack thereof). Under Section 106, all mitigation decisions are made by the Massachusetts Historic Commission (MHC), acting with the help of the Army Corps of Engineers. The MBTA can only argue their position, as can each Town if it so chooses. But, MHC decides the mitigation. This is what makes Section 106 a much more level playing field for the towns.

Section 106 is a federal law designed to protect our historic resources. With so many historic resources in out town we are a prime candidate to take advantage of 106. In reality, 106 allows Cohasset to bring rail system design issues in any of the historic areas into the 106 mitigation process. This gives our town additional leverage in design issues (such as quad gates, berms, crossing designs, design impacts on neighborhoods, plantings, relocation of driveways, visual impacts, etc.) so we have a better chance to get what we want for our residents.

The Mitigation Committee, with Town support, hired a historical consultant to help identify Cohasset's historic buildings and areas during the Section 106 hearings. (In fact, we increased the areas protected by more than 200percent over what the MBTA originally offered.) Interestingly, when we were finished, all railroad crossings (except North Main Street) and many of our buildings are protected under Section 106. This positioned Cohasset well to take advantage of Section 106. The Town subsequently chose to blow off Section 106 as a mitigation tool to the point where the opportunity is mostly gone today.

During mitigation, we established liaisons with the Towns of Scituate and Hingham so that we could jointly work on issues of common interest to all towns. This was a very low key relationship of which most people were not aware. We found this to be a very effective tool. Today, this strategy has been ignored. For example, several weeks ago Hingham and Scituate were very unhappy with the design of the signaling at the railroad crossings. They requested and received a special meeting with the Department of Transporation in Boston to discuss this design. Cohasset was not involved at all because we do not routinely liaise with Scituate or Hingham. Could it have helped us get a better crossing design for Cohasset? You bet!

Today our policy is one of only direct interface with the MBTA on all issues. Although direct communication is an important part of the process, history has shown that it does not always produce the most favorable results, especially with the T. Alternate strategies and leverages, where available, will always serve to enhance our position. This is a fundamental tenet of any negotiation process. But, Cohasset no longer pursues multiple avenues.

The MBTA constantly feeds information through formal channels to all Greenbush towns for their review and comment. The time period in which each Town must respond is very short so as to not slow the project down. Since our Town Manager left, no one has been reviewing these materials and the Selectmen are just getting around to considering what to do about it. These reviews are crucial to protect us. How much of this information has passed the allowable time period for comment? You can be sure the MBTA will not hold up the project awaiting Cohasset's comments.

The Waterfield Group was selected by the previous Town Manager to fill the role of Ombudsman for Cohasset. According to the Waterfield President, their role was not defined to contain an strong advocacy role on behalf of residents. (What good is advocacy if it is not vigorous?). There have been meetings where residents were left "on their own" to present their position to the MBTA and others, even though the Ombudsman was present. It seems clear that the Ombudsman should know the issues that residents bring to his / her attention, but is not generally "wired" into the general issues and feelings of the people. How can they be working from the north shore?

At the request of the Town, we have paid Waterfield to develop and maintain an Ombudsman Web site. As of this date, several pages of this site are seriously out of date or lacking information. For example one page has an "out of the office" message dating back to March and a Project Status page says only "Contact the Ombudsman." These need to be made meaningful and current if anyone is serious about using the Web as an information tool. Further, I would strongly suggest that the Selectmen ask Waterfield to produce a monthly Web site "Hit Report." This report is routinely available for any Web site and shows how many times the site has been accessed and from where. The Selectmen may find that the Web site is not worth the expense. Who is really watching this?

Over the past several years I have had the opportunity to represent private business and neighborhood groups in their private negotiations with the MBTA. This has only reinforced my earlier comment that the MBTA is not a benevolent organization. You must work diligently and aggressively to protect yourself. Once construction starts in Cohasset, we will find out how the Selectmen really did to protect us. And, it will be too late.

Are we doing the best that can be done to protect Cohasset? I think not.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Revising the Town Manager Act

TO THE EDITOR:

In 1997 Cohasset revised its form of government from having a town administrator to having a town manager. The Town Manager Act of 1997 placed operational control of Cohasset under the town manager. The Act made the town manager the chief financial officer of the Town with responsibility for preparation and administration of the budget, approval of warrants for both payroll and accounts payable, and preparation and submission annually of a five-year capital improvement program. It also authorized the town manager to appoint all town employees except employees of the school department, supervise all town departments under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen, negotiate collective bargaining agreements and purchase for all Town functions.

The Act authorized the Selectmen to "exercise through the town manager general supervision over all matters affecting the interests or welfare of the town" with the principal mechanism being the issuance of policies and procedures. The prior role of the Advisory Committee to prepare and present the annual budget to Town Meeting was eliminated. The Act focused power in a single individual and diffused power that had traditionally vested in the elected Selectmen and the appointed Advisory Board. The passage of the Act was a reaction to the inefficiency of the democratic processes that people perceived as fostering debate but inhibiting action.

I believe that the Act now needs to be revised. In the seven years since its passage, we have gained efficiency but public debate and the perception of democratic control over events has suffered. Specifically, the Act failed to include any institutionalized checks and balances over the town manager. The Selectmen have "general supervision" over the town manager but no specific oversight responsibilities. I propose that the Town consider specific oversight in the following three areas: financial control, human resource management and contract administration.

Financial Control

Establish an audit committee of the Selectmen consisting of two Selectmen and three townspeople with relevant knowledge and experience.

Require the Selectmen to be responsible for the annual budget as prepared by the town manager and for the Selectmen to present it to Town Meeting

Establish a separate function of Chief Financial Officer and make it a direct report to the Selectmen

Human Resource Management

Establish a compensation/personnel committee of the Selectmen consisting of two Selectmen and three townspeople with relevant knowledge and experience.

Give responsibility and authority to the major town heads to hire, discipline and dismiss their direct reports with the approval of the next higher level of authority.

Require hiring and dismissal actions of the town manager subject to the approval of the Selectmen.

Contract Administration

Establish levels of signature authority with respect to the signing of warrants for both payroll and accounts payable.

Require review of all contracts by the Selectmen and/or Town Counsel with vendors that exceed established dollar thresholds.

Require language in all contracts that include among other provisions, performance criteria, audit language and cancellation clauses.

Ralph Dormitzer
111 Atlantic Ave.

LIBRARY CORNER

Artist Exhibit

South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist, Ted Polomis, presents an exhibition of oil paintings at the library until Aug. 30. The show features a variety of intimate still lifes and studies painted in the tradition of classical realism. The public is invited to an opening reception on Friday, July 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. Visit the artist's web site at www.polomis.com.

Booking Ahead

Bestseller preview. Reserve your copy in advance by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "Blackbird House," by Alice Hoffman. This latest Hoffman novel is a series of 12 linked short stories set in a Cape Cod farmhouse covering the period from colonial times to the present." The Dangerous Hour: a Sharon McGlone Mystery," by Marcia Muller. McGlone Investigations seems to have been betrayed by Julia Rafael, a young investigator, conducting credit card fraud. Believing in her innocence, Sharon McGlone tries to find the true culprit, even as the evidence mounts against Rafael. "The Queen of the Big Time," by Adriana Trigiani. In the late 1800s the Castellucas leave their Italian village and migrate to a small Pennsylvanian town.

Animal adventures

Come to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, on Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at 7 p.m. for "Animal Adventures". Animal Adventures is a one hour live animal show. Many backyard animals will be shown as well as some exotics. Come learn about different creatures and the role of each in our ecosystem. For information go to www.animaladventures.net. All children in their seats by 6:50 p.m. will be eligible for the book raffle. Admission is free and all family members are welcome.

Puzzle club

Marjie Murphy will host Puzzle Club for one more year. All Deer Hill students are encouraged to drop in on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Come read a short mystery and find the clues and solutions in puzzles. Join the Puzzle Club Team. No registration is required. Puzzle Club will meet on consecutive Mondays from July 12, through Aug. 9, All participants must be picked up on time.

Not too late

It is not too late to register for "explore other worlds @ your library". Registration takes place during regular library hours in the Children's Room. Registration forms and reading logs are on the counters. It is as easy as 1-2-3! Just follow the printed directions on display.

IT'S HAPPENING

Band concerts

The band concert schedule for the 2004 season is as follows:

Tuesday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., Town Common

Tuesday, July 27, 7:30 p.m., Town Common

Performances will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh. Concerts are free of charge and open to the public. It is suggested bringing lawn chairs or blankets and insect repellent. Call the Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109 to check on the status of concerts if the weather is doubtful.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, July 9, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone in Grade 6 to Grade 8 as of Sept. is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen
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June 28 - July 2



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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Cohasset Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on five roll calls and local senators' votes on four roll calls from the week of June 28-July 2.

FILLING U.S. SENATE VACANCY (S 2404)

House 122-30 and 116-34, Senate 31-7, approved and sent to Gov. Romney a bill that takes away the power of the governor to appoint a temporary replacement when a U.S. Senate seat becomes vacant in Massachusetts. The measure requires that a special election be held between 145 and 160 days after the incumbent senator files a letter of resignation, even if the actual resignation occurs at a later date. Current law gives the governor the authority to appoint a temporary replacement when the seat becomes vacant and provides that voters elect a senator at the next general state election or at the following general election if the vacancy occurs less than 70 days prior to the primary election. Supporters said the current system is archaic and takes power away from the voters by allowing a governor to make a political appointment that could last more than two years. They argued that the temporary appointee would have an unfair advantage as an "appointed incumbent." Opponents said the bill is sponsored by Democrats who fear Gov. Romney would have the opportunity to appoint a Republican to fill Sen. John Kerry's seat if he wins the November presidential election. They argued that holding a U.S. Senate election in a very short period of time would give an unfair advantage to incumbent Democratic congressman with huge war chests and make it difficult for lesser-known, underfunded citizens to mount an effective campaign. Some noted that Democratic legislators are being hypocritical because they have never proposed to change another current law that allows the Legislature to appoint a replacement when the offices of attorney general, secretary of state or auditor become vacant. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it).

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT BY GOVERNOR (S 2404)

House 44-104, rejected an amendment to the bill requiring that a special election for U.S. Senate be held between 145 and 160 days after the incumbent senator files a letter of resignation. The amendment provides that the governor appoint a temporary replacement to serve until the new elected senator is sworn into office. Amendment supporters said that without the amendment, Massachusetts would have only one senator in the U.S. Senate for several months until a new senator is elected and sworn into office. They also noted that if a terrorist attack killed both Massachusetts senators, the state would be without any representation in the Senate for several months. Amendment opponents said the temporary appointee would have an unfair incumbent advantage over others seeking the office. They argued that the U.S. Congress is currently working on a constitutional amendment that would address the issue of how to fill U.S. House and Senate seats if more than 25 percent of federal legislators are killed in a terrorist attack. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

SAGAMORE ROTARY PROJECT (H 4866)

House 128-21, Senate 37-1, gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Romney a bill allowing the state to take 1.3 acres of open space land from the town of Bourne and in exchange give Bourne more than four acres of land, a new firehouse and a visitor's center. The measure also requires that the state complete all permitting necessary and take other specific actions for the extension of commuter rail services to New Bedford and Fall River. Supporters said this land-swap is necessary in order to begin construction on the $58 million so-called "flyover project" that would eliminate the existing Sagamore Rotary, replace it with a direct connection from Route 3 to the Sagamore Bridge and provide a new underpass for local traffic. They argued that the current rotary is an outdated and dangerous source of many accidents and often causes up to ten-mile traffic backups during the tourist season. Opponents said the bill unfairly puts these two projects ahead of other important construction projects across the state. Some argued that the Sagamore project is a costly and environmentally unfriendly one that is being pushed by the governor to benefit wealthy families with vacation homes on the Cape. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it).

POSTPONE ACTION ON SAGAMORE ROTARY PROJECT (H 4866)

Prior to giving final approval to the Bourne Land swap/Sagamore Rotary project bill supported by Gov. Romney, the House 121-31, had postponed action on it until July 30. Postponement supporters acknowledged that they favored postponement of the governor's pet Sagamore bill because Republicans were using parliamentary maneuvers to delay a separate bill that takes away Romney's power to appoint a temporary replacement when a U.S. Senate seat becomes vacant in Massachusetts. Postponement opponents said this is a vengeful power move that would delay the Sagamore project that is designed to help commuters and reduce motor vehicle accidents. Following approval of the Senate vacancy bill, the House reconsidered the postponement of the Sagamore Rotary bill and gave it final approval. (A "Yea" vote is for postponement. A "Nay" vote is against postponement).

ALLOW USE OF STUN GUNS (H 3400)

Senate 38-0, gave near final approval to a bill allowing police officers and special prison reactive teams, following proper training, to use stun guns also known as Tasers. Supporters said these guns would give officers an alternative to using lethal force and enable them to incapacitate suspects long enough to place them in handcuffs. They noted that Tasers are legal in most states and are an effective tool in law enforcement. The House has approved a different version of the bill and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

PLACEMENT OF BABIES (H 4325)

Senate 38-0, gave near final approval to a bill allowing parents to leave their baby under the age of seven days at a police or fire station or hospital emergency room. The baby would then be placed into the state's foster care system. The measure requires the worker accepting the baby to make every effort to solicit identifying and background information from the parents. It also mandates that the state begin the process of terminating parental rights but stipulates that this voluntary abandonment does not constitute an automatic termination of these rights. Other provisions require the state to publicize the new law, teen pregnancy prevention programs and adoption information. The law would expire on June 30, 2008 unless renewed by the Legislature. Supporters said more than 40 other states have similar laws and argued that the measure would save lives and give young, scared mothers a choice. They argued that without this new law, unsafe abandonment or even the killing of babies would continue. The House has approved a different version of the bill and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

	Senator Hedlund	Representative Bradley
FILLING U.S. SENATE VACANCY (S 2404)	N	Y/Y
TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT BY GOVERNOR (S 2404)		N
SAGAMORE ROTARY PROJECT (H 4866)	Y	Y
POSTPONE ACTION ON SAGAMORE ROTARY PROJECT (H 4866)		Y
ALLOW USE OF STUN GUNS (H 3400)	Y	
PLACEMENT OF BABIES (H 4325)	Y	

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HEALTH NOTES

A look beneath surface of Cohasset's local estuaries

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Straits Pond and the Weir River are undergoing substantial mitigation efforts, and perhaps the rate of degradation is being slowed.

A recent newspaper report indicated a ban on clamming was being lifted at Bassing Beach because a good supply of shellfish is now available. Similarly, local reports indicate that condition of eel grass and other plant life along Cohasset flats has improved. True, there are changes afoot along our waterfront, but it's necessary to look deeper than superficial anecdotal reports.

Thanks to some excellent experiments being carried out by the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM), and volunteers sponsored by the Board of Health, the Gulf Association, and scientific studies being done by the Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR), as well as other groups such as the Weir River Watershed Association, the Straits Pond Association, and a new highly effective group from Hull: 'Sustainable South Shore', better assessment data is available about our various estuaries, and the news is at best, mixed.

True, the South Shore littoral is changing more rapidly than it has in years. Straits Pond and the Weir River are undergoing substantial mitigation efforts, and perhaps the rate of degradation is being slowed. Straits Pond has been in trouble for well over a hundred years, and great improvement there can only be expected with the introduction of substantial additional resources. On the other hand some good data is finally being collected about the pond's problems which, together with improved tidl gates at the outflow in North Cohasset, may improve the situation somewhat.

A far more complex problem exists in Little Harbor, Cohasset Cove and the Gulf. Since the baseline Natural Resource Inventory of the Gulf was completed in 2003, additional testing has been done on a systematic basis by the Army Corps of Engineers, and the CZM under the leadership of Jason Burtner, Scituate's CZM resident scientific advisor. Also, recently published results have indicated that Musquashicut Pond, a major tributary to the Gulf has been undergoing progressive degradation from poor tidal management. Hopefully improvement in tidal gate management can improve the situation in the Pond. Certainly, it would reduce or eliminate the midge infestation under which the residents suffer.

However, recent testing by the CSCR has indicated that high bacteria levels and low oxygen content are consistently a problem to Musquashicut. Such conditions are undoubtedly caused by septic systems, considerable bird life, and surface water runoff carrying nutrients from turf management practices around the pond. If I were asked what the future is for the Gulf, I would say that Musquashicut tidal gate management will increase the changes going on in the Gulf in the short term, but would eventually improve the situation, perhaps next year. There remains the problem of increased residential construction and its effect on storm-water runoff into the Gulf. The results of these changes may have the effect of continuing the periodic low oxygen levels from eutrophication (nutrients fostering plant growth) until Scituate and parts of Cohasset manage to better control waste-water and storm-water runoff to this estuary.

Little Harbor also seems to be undergoing slow improvement. There are still numerous high bacteria levels being found; seldom sufficient to prevent swimming, but certainly preventive of shellfish harvesting. Upper Little Harbor also seems to be undergoing a subtle change. The branch of the harbor above Cat Dam and east of James Island has been substantially free from algae for the entire month of June. This highly abnormal condition was initially noticed a year ago with an early cleanup of the 2003 crop of algae. On the other hand, algae build up in the northwest branch of upper Little Harbor has been unusually severe with several severe algae blooms, and considerable algae still exists well into July. Recent experience has never found algae this late in the estuary. In this case, the condition will likely get worse. One possible explanation is that the heavy mat of algae has decreased tidal flow in the north branch and increased tidal flow to the eastern branch. A probable cause for this difference in the two arms of the water above the dam could be increased amounts of storm water from expansion construction and runoff from lawn fertilizer around the northwestern part of this water body.

And so, we see nature responding to human activities. Looking dispassionately on the scene, it's possible to view the action and reaction as a waltz between reluctant partners each wishing to reach different parts of the dance floor.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Justin Langham

Justin Langham, the son of Kazue and Steve Langham, died suddenly April 26, 2004, while studying at the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

Educated in the Cohasset school system, Langham graduated as President of the Cohasset High School Class of 2001. An avid sportsman as well as a natural leader, Langham was a three-sport athlete who captained the Cohasset High School football, wrestling and lacrosse teams. Bright, polite, fun-loving and incredibly kind, he will be deeply missed by his many friends and family.

A Memorial Service will be celebrated at the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, 43 Highland Ave., Saturday, July 10, at 11 a.m. Immediately following the service, a reception will be help at the Red Lion Inn's Lion's Hall.

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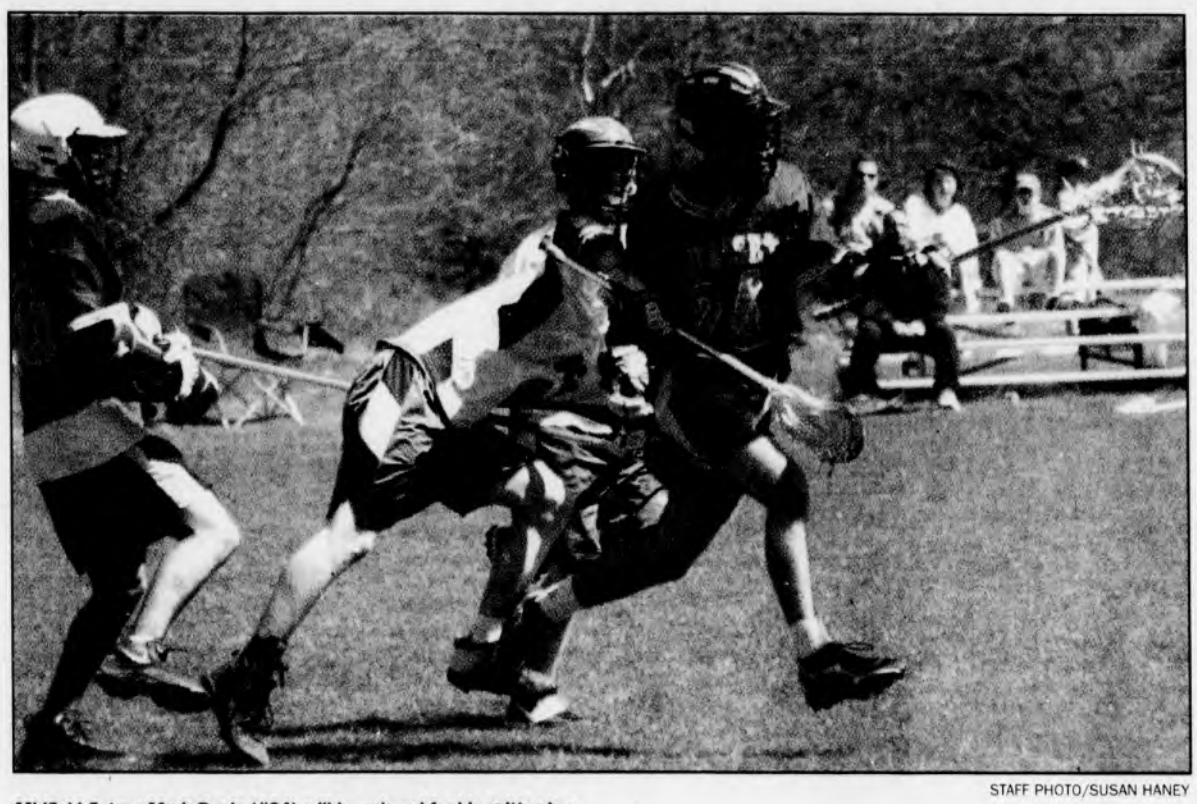
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Midfield fixture Mark Davis (#24) will be missed for his gritty play.

No re-laxing on laurels

CHS laxmen determined to overcome heavy graduation losses in '05

By Mike Spellman
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Before he starts talking about next season, Cohasset boys lacrosse coach Stu Curran wanted to make sure this season past received its proper dues.

"We had a great season as far as I'm concerned and it was a lot of fun," said Curran, a former college coach and longtime high school ref, who took over the CHS program this spring.

The Skippers suffered through early injuries to win eight of nine game before falling to Dover-Sherborn in the Div. 3 state semifinals, ending the season with a record of 11-8.

"I love way the kids picked it up at the end of the season," said Curran. "Senior (goalie) Nick Murphy was just tremendous down the stretch, as were lot of seniors. I'm sure they all wish we could have won a couple more games, but I think, in the end, they should feel good about the way they went out."

Indeed. This was thought to be a rebuilding year, with a new coach coming in and several key players from the '03 state semifinalist team (18-2) having been lost to the caps and gowns. However, the '04 edition wound up surprising by going just as far as their predecessors, and the new coach figured that was a testament, first and foremost, to the character and work ethic of his charges.

"If I'd have said going into this season to the parents and fans that we'd be back in the semifinals, they'd have said I was nuts," said Curran, "but we did it, and that's a credit to the hard work and character of these guys. Early in the season, injuries forced me to go with a lot of younger, untried player. But that gave them the battle testing they needed and it made us a stronger and deeper team at the end of the year.

"We're losing some very good players, but we've been

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Doubles vision

Evans-Sullivan tennis pairing a match made in heaven

By Mark Goodman
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Tennis seems like a pretty individualistic sport.

After all, it is a sport where a group of two or four athletes just hit a ball back and forth. There is no passing, no team defense, no group celebrations after a goal or a touchdown.

The atmosphere is a little different, however, when it comes to the Cohasset girls tennis team. The coaching staff constantly preaches the concept of team. The results can easily be seen during any match; it is rare to see more than a point or two go by without a teammate offering encouragement for someone playing their match.

Arguably, no two players embodied that team spirit better than Corey Evans and Emilie Sullivan. The recent graduates of CHS were a team throughout their high school career, and the last two years formed a reputation as a team who performed best when the pressure was on.

The teamwork and camaraderie between the duo served as a model for the entire team. The two say they are friends off the court as well as on, and Evans said it is that bond, as well as the different styles of play between her and Sullivan, that make them such an effective team.

"Emilie is the more aggressive player; I try to be more of a steady player at the net," Evans said. "We just get along, and we always have. We never have any issues."

Their effectiveness as a team and as senior leaders is a testament to the kind of people Evans and Sullivan are, says Cohasset head coach Gigi Meehan.

"Emilie and Corey are two of the nicest people you'd ever want to know," she said. "They had an easy partnership right from the get-go, and they com-

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Corey Evans (left) and Emilie Sullivan proudly show off the 2003 state championship trophy they played a big hand in securing for the Lady Skippers.

All-Scholastic softball team

Cohasset's Anderson and Pinkus named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 20 girls, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top softball players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

Casey Anderson - Junior (Capt.)
Catcher- Cohasset

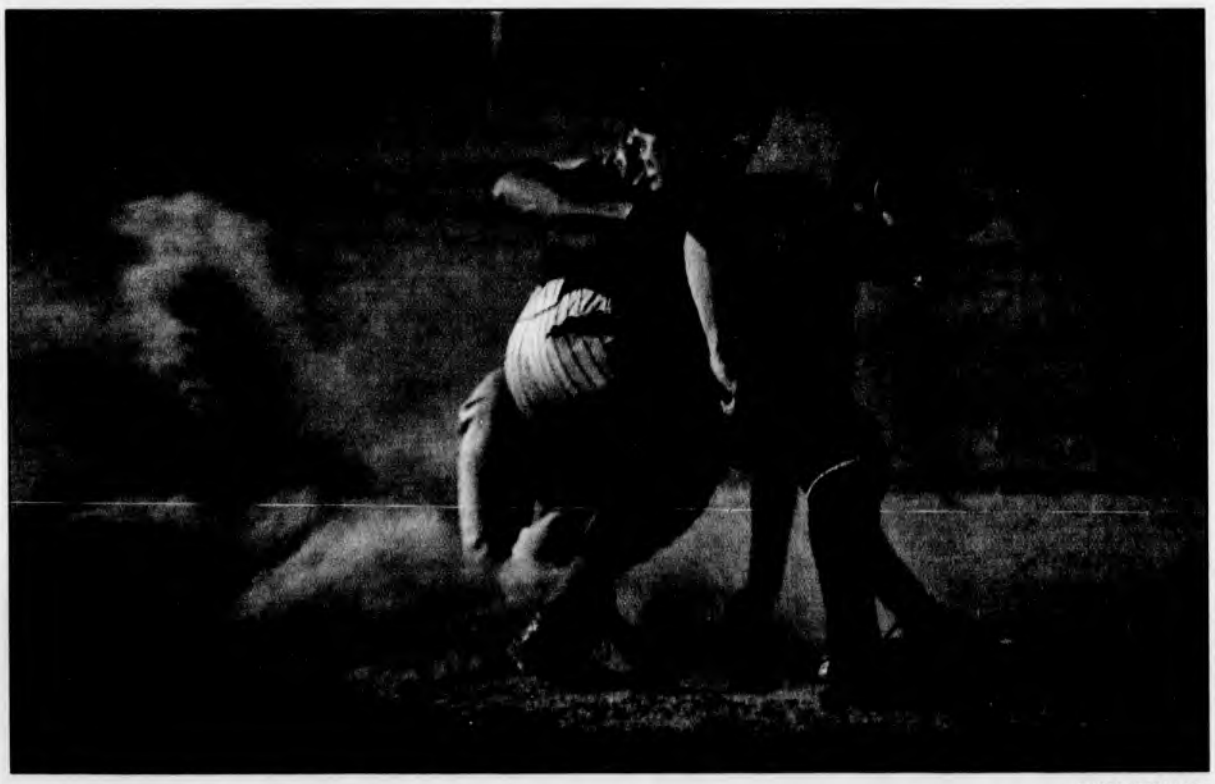
Casey's work behind the plate was key this season in the development of the Skippers two freshman pitchers…improved tremendously in her ability to block pitches and prevent passed balls… received team's Defensive Player Award…South Shore League all-star…also a strong hitter, batting third and finishing among the team leaders with a .361 average…had two doubles, eight walks, 22 putouts and caught 77 third strikes…two year starter with second year varsity program…a natural athlete and a three sport standout at Cohasset High…



Casey Anderson

also stars in soccer and basketball…Casey earns her second Mariner All-Scholastic nod in three months, having made out basketball team as well…has been named a captain for all three team next year…Honor Roll student…Class Treasurer since her freshman year… involved in Appalachia Service Project…plays AAU basketball for Coastal Pops out of Marshfield…a lifeguard at the Cohasset Swim Center and a coach of the Cohasset Swim Team in the summer…hopes to play Div. 3 college basketball and has taken part in several recruiting camps…leaning toward studying nursing in col-

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PHOTO/BERT LANE

Post 118 shortstop Scott Carroll can't get down the tag in time to catch this Morrisette basestealer in recent Zone 6 action at Scituate High.

Post 118 disarmed

Hits to pitching staff catch up with Legion squad in a big way

By Mike Spellman
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The pitching thin Post 118 Legion baseball team was looking downright anorexic after this week's action, and, unfortunately, the record followed suit.

The Cohasset team dropped four more decisions in action over the last week to fall to 1-11-1 on the season with just five games remaining, moving them into last placed in the Zone 6 standings. Needless to say, all hopes of a postseason berth are now gone, with only the top five of the league's 10 teams qualifying for extended play.

"Our pitching actually looked pretty solid to start the year, but it's been one thing after another with injuries and other things, and we really have no depth left," said coach Mike Duggan. "Having to play so many games is such a short period of time hasn't helped either."

Cohasset High senior-to-be Ted Straughn became the latest pitcher to be removed from the rotation, as he took off last Thursday with his AAU team for a two week college showcase down south, so he'll miss the rest of the season, as will fellow hurlers Greg Malley (broken wrist), Eric Dmohowski (shoulder) and originally projected staff ace Mark Rennie (torn ligament in pitching hand)—the latter two who've been unavailable since day one. What is more, team innings leader Joe Duggan has now been resigned to short relief work due to bouts with dead arm.

The team has also been hurt by the absences in a few of the games by starting catcher Terence O'Brien, starting third baseman Kevin Signorelli and recent offensive standout Tim Pilczak.

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Cohasset's Anderson and Pinkus named among area's elite

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lege…sister of former CHS football, hockey and lacrosse all-star Tom Anderson, a 2003 graduate now playing college lacrosse…Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick: "Casey is a very smart girls and that helps her a lot behind the plate. She's very consistent and enthusiastic, and I can't say enough about the job she did working with three different pitchers this season."

Danielle Pinkus - Senior (Capt.)
Shortstop- Cohasset



Danielle Pinkus

Team MVP for much improved second year varsity program…a very strong defensive shortstop who was the clear leader on the field…also batted a very solid .351 out of the cleanup spot, with 11 doubles, 14 walks and a team best 53 putouts…South Shore League all-star… two year starter with second year varsity program…also a top basketball and field hockey player at Cohasset High, earning a Mariner All-Scholastic selection for the latter sport this past fall…was a captain of all three sports as a senior… Honor Roll student… member of Yearbook Staff… enjoys working with children, and has done a good deal of community service in that area…also interested in art…will attend UConn this fall and major in Liberal arts…leaning toward post graduation Pre-Med studies…will probably play intramural or club sports in college… Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick: "Danielle was our quarterback in the infield. She was the player who had the sense for where every ball should go before the play happened. She was our rock, as I found out the hard way in the one game she missed this season. She's an extremely intelligent player. She kept everyone on the team up and focussed."

AnnMarie Murphy - Junior
Pitcher - Abington

A two-year starter on the mound, Murphy has been the South Shore League's best hurler for the past two seasons…This year, the Abington ace went 12-2 on the season with nine shutouts…Her near untouchable ERA of 0.09, which placed her among the top five in Eastern Mass…Racked up 92 strikeouts in 96 innings pitched…Her performance helped lead the Green Wave to another unbeaten South Shore League title (12-0) and trip to their second-straight Div. 2 South Sectional semifinal…There, Murphy had hurled 20 2/3 scoreless innings before Coyle-Cassidy rallied in the seventh to steal the game…Played right field when not pitching…Also a cross country runner at AHS, Murphy will return to captain the team next season. Abington coach Steve Kingman: "

Michelle Leines - Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher - Abington

A four-year starter on the hill, Leines was again a force for the South Shore League champion Green Wave…The hard-throwing lefty went 6-1 on the season with a 1.47 ERA, pacing Abington to a 20-3 (12-0 SSL) season appearance in the semifinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional…The second leading hurler in the SSL behind only Murphy, Leines walked only 10 batters this season while striking out 54…Also had a big bat over her four-year career at AHS hitting .390 with 15 RBI and a homer from the No. 4 spot this season…When not pitching, Leines played a very solid right field…A four-year SSL All-star, Leines plans to attend Elms College in the fall.

Alex Hitchcock - Junior
Shortstop - Abington

This talented junior is making her second appearance on the All-Scholastic squad after another solid season at the highly active shortstop position…Her .475 batting average put her second on the Green Wave team and helped guide the squad to its third-straight unbeaten South Shore League title (12-0)…Tall and extremely athletic, Hitchcock is one of the South Shore's best shortstops, constantly displaying great range and a solid arm…She is a two-year starter at the position…Was one of the more productive hitters in the postseason, helping Abington (20-3) advance to its second-straight Div. 2 South Sectional semifinal…Just a junior, Hitchcock will return to her shortstop post next season.

Kim Lynch - Junior
First base - Abington

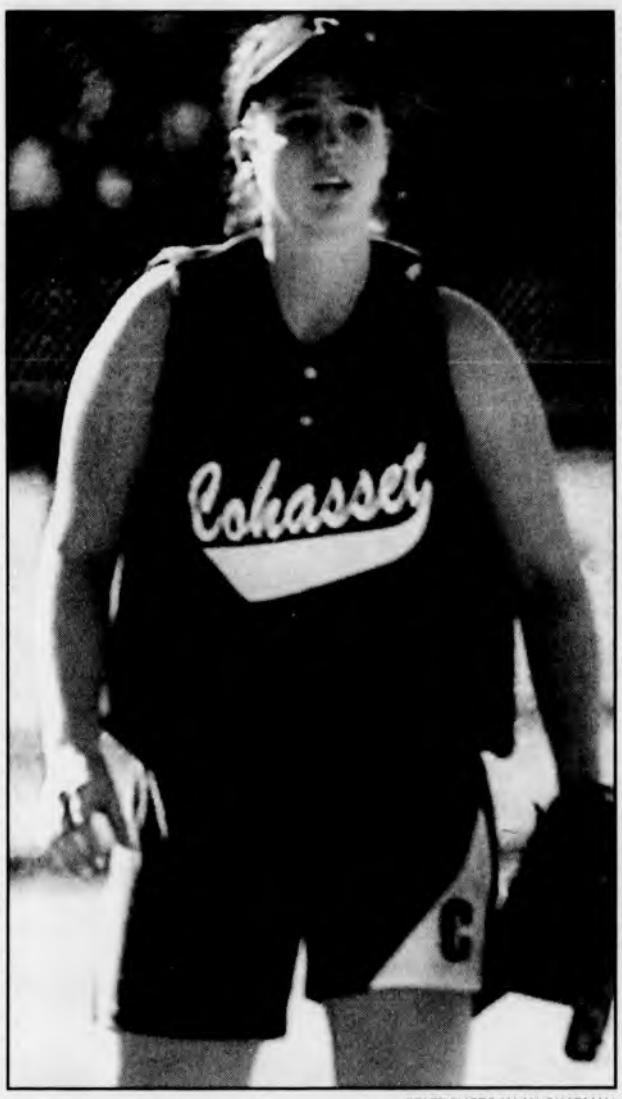
One of the more consistent hitters on the Green Wave team this season, Lynch led all players with a .529 average…Was also the team's leader in RBI, driving in 35 from the No. 5 spot in the order…This put her among the best in Eastern Mass…Plays an incredibly solid first base, often snaring hard-hit foul liners and scooping up difficult throws with ease…Her offense and defense helped Abington (20-3) win its third-straight unbeaten South Shore League title (12-0) and reach the semifinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney…Just a junior, Lynch is already a two-time SSL All-star and will return to her first base post next spring.

Lindsey Arria - Junior
Shortstop - Hanover

Despite sustaining a heartbreaking knee injury down the stretch, Arria was one of the best players in the Patriot League…A three-year starter and three-time All-Scholastic at shortstop, the junior led all batters in the PL with a .500 average prior to the injury, helping the Lady Indians snag their second-straight PL title (11-1)…Returned for the postseason tournament and finished the year with a .481 average…Went 25-for-52 at the plate with 19 runs scored and 15 stolen bases from the No. 2 spot in the order…Led the team in triples and was second in doubles with nine…Only struck out once during the regular season and committed only one error from the active shortstop position…Also a talented soccer and basketball player at HHS, Arria will captain all three teams next year. Hanover coach Matt Plummer: "Lindsey is just an incredible athlete. She makes outs that you just don't see other players make. She makes catches you don't see anyone else make. She's amazing."

Taryn Sullivan - Senior (Capt.)
Second base - Hanover

This three-year Patriot League All-star is making her third appearance on the All-Scholastic team…Was tied with teammate Lisa Gilchrist as the leading hitter on the Hanover squad at .490…She has been among the top hitters on the team throughout her four-year varsity career…Racked up 19 RBI and scored 20 runs from the No. 3 spot in the order…Got on base many times via her hard-hit infield singles, but it was her 10 team-leading doubles that made her one of the most dangerous hitters in the league…Defensively at second base, Sullivan committed only a trio of errors and had to increase her range when first baseman Penny King's mobility was limited by injury…Also a talented soccer player at HHS, Sullivan plans to continue her athletic career at Bridgewater State College next fall. Hanover coach Matt Plummer: "Taryn was one of the most feared players in the league because she just hits the ball so hard. She always came up with a base hit when we needed it and definitely improved defensively."



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Danielle Pinkus was voted team MVP for Cohasset High's much improved second year varsity program in recognition of her strong hitting and play at shortstop, as well as her leadership.

Lisa Gilchrist - Senior (Capt.)
Right field - Hanover

It was a breakout season for this hard-hitting senior captain…Tied for the team lead in hitting with Taryn Sullivan with a .490 average…Was the Patriot League champions' leader in homeruns with four while also racking up 16 RBI and 20 runs scored…Walked seven times and stole five bases, while striking out only once all season…All this from the No. 9 spot in the order…A big part of the Lady Indians' defensively sound outfield, Gilchrist's arm was wisely rarely tested…Also a at HHS, Gilchrist plans to attend Messiah College in the fall. Hanover coach Matt Plummer: "We had such an advantage with her in the 9-spot. She was always getting on base for the top of the order and just proved that there was no break in our lineup. She had a lot of power too. I saw her hit a ball that rolled all the way to the football stands 360 feet away from home plate. Unbelievable."

Keri Gerrish - Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher - Hanover

Hurling behind multiple All-Scholastic honoree Nikki Messina last season, this year was Gerrish's time to shine…Splitting time with Nikki's younger sister Ashley, Gerrish won six games this season, including a 5-3 victory over Abington, a Div. 2 South semifinalist…Was on the hill for a tough 1-0 loss to Duxbury in which she only gave up four hits, but still helped guide the Lady Indians to their second-straight Patriot League title (11-1)…Had more strikeouts than innings pitched with 63 K's in 58 innings for a very respectable 0.85 ERA…Played third base when not pitching…Also a field hockey and gymnast at HHS, Gerrish plans to attend college in the fall. Hanover coach Matt Plummer: "Keri is a competitor and that showed as the season went on. Because of her infield experience she was great on bunts. She could sneak the ball by anyone."

Rosie Snow - Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher - Marshfield

As the ace of the very young Lady Rams squad, Snow was a leader both as a captain and on the mound…A starter since her freshman season, Snow is a three-time Old Colony League All-star and started all 21 games this season…Struck out 114 batters in 147 innings pitched for a 1.33 ERA…Allowed just five hits while striking out eight in Marshfield's (10-10) tourney-qualifying 21-3 victory over Falmouth…Also ran indoor track at MHS…Snow plans to attend the University of Delaware in the fall to major in Visual Communications…She plans to tryout for the softball team. Marshfield coach Mike Barrett: "Rosie never really got the chance to shine because we never really had the defense to back her up. She was always very consistent and did her job. She deserved to win more games."

Jean McIntyre - Sophomore
Catcher - Marshfield

Robbed of an All-star nod in the talent-filled Old Colony League, we just couldn't pass up McIntryre…Just a sophomore, she was the leading hitter on the Marshfield (10-10) squad with a .420 average…Hitting from both the No. 1 and No. 2 spots, McIntyre drove in 20 runs…Always on base, the speedy sophomore also stole 51 bags this season…Often ran out bunts for singles and drove in 11 on sacrifice flies…All this in her first varsity season with the Lady Rams…Her offense and defense kept Marshfield in many games, as she averaged only two passed balls per contest…McIntyre and twin sister Nicole, who broke her collarbone three games into the season, will both be back to lead the offense next spring. Marshfield coach Mike Barrett: "Jean is the reason why we were in so many games this season. People didn't try to steal against her because she blocked everything. She really carried us and did an outstanding job."

Amy Breen- Senior
Pitcher- Holbrook

Outstanding pitcher who led Bulldogs to a 19-1 regular season, Mayflower League championship and the semifinals of the Div. 3 South Sectionals, the furthest advancement ever for an HHS team…control was hallmark of this hurler, as witnessed by a sensational strikeouts to walk ratio…posted an ERA just a shade over 2.0…also a force on offense, as she hit a solid .350 and finished second on the team in stolen bases…a five year varsity performer…team's number one pitcher for three years… an accomplished bunter who laid down several for base hits and sacrifices this season… two-time Mayflower League all-star…was a four year member of the varsity soccer team and also played basketball at HHS through her junior year… Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic Honorable Mention…one-time Mayflower League all-star in soccer…National Honors Society member and Honor Roll student…President of her graduating class…will attend Leslie College, where she has been recruited to play softball…plans to major in Special Education…Holbrook co-head coach Sue Fontecchio: "Amy was far and away the best pitcher in the Mayflower League. There were times she carried us. She really stepped it up this season."

Jessica MacNeil - Senior (Capt.)
Shortstop - Holbrook

This is Jessy's sixth selection as a Mariner All-Scholastic, and second in a row for softball…batted .430 this year out of the third spot in the batting order, keying the Bulldogs (19-1) to a Mayflower League championship and the semifinals of the Div. 3 South Sectionals, the furthest advancement ever for an HHS team, and led the team in stolen bases …defense, though, was her number one offering to the team… made only one error in the regular season playing the busiest position on the diamond…sensational speed and athleticism allowed her to get to many balls that appeared labeled for base hits…the Bulldogs starter at shortstop since the seventh grade… had only hit against Katie Brides in semifinals loss to two-time Div. 3 state champion West Bridgewater… led team in stolen bases as well…hit team best .518 as a junior…now a four time Mayflower League all-star in both basketball and soccer, as well as a three-timer for softball… a six time Mariner All-Scholastic, making our teams for all six seasons since Holbrook High was added to our mix… was voted Best Female Athlete in graduating class…National Honors Society member…Class Treasurer…a varsity starter in both soccer and basketball since the eighth grade…serve as a captain for all three teams this school year… serves as an instructor at youth soccer camps in the summer…hopes to play soccer at Northeastern University…plans to major in Journalism…Holbrook co head coach Sharon Farrell: ""Jessy Mac is a defensive power house. Nothing gets by her…Jessy is a talented athlete, obviously, but she's also very committed to whatever sport she's doing and she's a leader on three different teams."…Holbrook co-head coach Susan Fontecchio: "Jessy is one of those silent leaders who led by led by hard work and commitment. Her defense was just amazing, the difference between winning and losign for us in so many games."

Emily Bularzik - Junior
Pitcher - Braintree

Emily earns her second straight Mariner All-Scholastic selection with a sensational junior campaign on the mound for the Lady Wamps…posted a 14-4 record to help key Braintree to a Bay State Conference-Carey Division championship…was named a first team BSC all-star for the second year in a row and was voted co-MVP of Carey division… the 5-foot-2 righty utilized pinpoint control to strike out 105 batters in 123 innings of work, while walking just three… finished the season with an ERA of 0.97…also an outstanding defensive player from the mound…plays her position defensively as well as any pitcher…a .377 hitter…Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic…number one academically in the junior class of approximately 350… plays AAU softball for the Bay State Strikers…co-captain of the BHS debate team…member of the math team…French National Honor Society member… a serious violin player…Braintree coach Mike Goldman: "Control was Emily's thing on the mound. It was really remarkable for someone so young. She also has an outstanding attitude for softball and a great kid…she also defended her position as well as any pitcher in our league."

Merry MacDonald - Sophomore
Third baseman - Braintree

Merry earns the second All-Scholastic acknowledgement of her sophomore year, having made out volleyball team this past fall…was the spark plug for the BSC-Carey division champion Wamps, batting a team best .389 out of the leadoff spot…also led the Wamps in runs, hits, rbi (30), steals (30) and home runs (four), including two grand slams….fastest runner on the team…was a perfect 15-for-15 on steals of second base…a very good bunter… a very good defensive third baseman with a powerful arm…voted first team Bay State League all star for second year in a row… Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic…also a standout with varsity basketball team…plays AAU basketball for the five time defending state champion Bay State Magic team…plays AAU softball in the off season with the South Shore Drifters…Honor Roll Student who ranks 24th in her class of 384…hopes to play college basketball…Braintree coach Mike Goldman: "Merry was out most dangerous all-around offensive player. She combined hitting, speed and power, and also did a real nice job at third base. She's a complete talent and a great kid."

Lucia Reed - Junior
Center field - Braintree

Kelli Reardon - Senior (Capt.)
Second base - Silver Lake

Kate O'Donnell - Sophomore
Shortstop- Silver Lake

Kelleigh Sheehan - Junior
Shortstop - Rockland

Honorable Mention:

Michelle Franey - Soph. - Second base - Abington
Lauren Conway - Soph. - Centerfield - Abington
Jessica Patts- Jr.- Catcher- Braintree
Kelsey Souza- Soph. - Shortstop- Braintree
Rachel Doyle - Sr. (Capt.) - Second base- Cohasset
Ashley Messina - Soph. - Pitcher - Hanover
Jenna Cristello - Fr. - Pitcher - Hingham
Kristina Lowe- Jr.- Catcher- Holbrook
Kelsey Boothby- Soph.- Third base- Holbrook
Kathy Stanton - Jr. - Marshfield
Liz Ropi- Fr- Outfield- Norwell
Holly Guastalli- Soph.- Shortstop- Norwell
Crissa Morton - Soph. - Catcher - Rockland
Hannah Flood- Fr.- Pitcher- Scituate
Hannah Hewitt- Jr.- Shortstop/catcher-Scituate
Jill Lamm - Sr. - Weymouth

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The Cohasset Minor League Angels won the regular season and championship with a remarkable 15 - 0 record. A wonderful group of kids and parents, this marks the first undefeated season most "old timers" could recall in the league. This wonderful group of kids were Danny Aherne, John Currier, Billy Curry, Anderson Darrell, Ryan Davis, Anders Goetz, Connor Goetz, Nate Morse, Drew Nahill, Anthony Nahill, Matthew Swanborg, Nicky Tangherlini, Jaime Timothy and Evan Yeager. Head Coach Bob Tangherlini had an impressive "first season" as head coach. Congratulations to Bob, his boys, and all of the minor league's players, coaches, and parents for a terrific year!!

Post 118 disarmed

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Canton 8, Cohasset 3

The Post 118ers got an excellent start out of Thayer High junior Shane Caffrey last Tuesday in Canton, as he held the hosts to just one run through four innings, keying his team to a 3-1 lead.

After Terence O'Brien walked and Jeff Ciulla singled to open the third, Jack O'Leary brought them both around to score with a sharp single. Joe Duggan scored what would turn out to be Cohasset's final run in the top of the fifth when he doubled and then came home on a Straughn single, giving the visitors a 3-1 lead.

It would be shortlived.

Caffrey tired in the fifth, and the total dearth of available arms behind him forced Coach Duggan to stick with him. The end result was four Canton runs in that frame and another three in the sixth. Ball game.

"Shane pitched a whale of a game for four innings, but asking him to go beyond that was a lot," said Duggan. "He battled, though, and I give him full credit for that."

Stoughton 16, Cohasset 9

If not for a few strong offensive performances, this one might have qualified for one of the season's worst for the Post 118 squad, according to Coach Duggan.

Ciulla continued his hot hitting, going 3-for-4, in this loss at Scituate High Wednesday. Joe Duggan went 2-for-3 and Nick Infusino had two hits as well and a few rbi.

Canton 12, Cohasset 7

The host 118ers took advantage of a wind blowing out of Scituate High, last Thursday, as they powered up for three home runs.

Unfortunately, control problems for the starter on the mound allowed the visitors to maintain a lead throughout, with six walks through three innings contributing to nine earned runs. Infusino, a lefty who'll be a junior at Scituate High this fall, showed encouraging signs, working three solid innings of relief, including striking out the side in the fourth. However, Canton caught up to him for a pair in the sixth.

Ciulla got the hosts off on the right foot, as he lined the first pitch in the bottom of the first inning, a waist high fastball on the outer half of the plate, over the fence in right center for the first out-of-the-park dinger of his formal baseball career.

Jeff Radding and Scott Carroll (2-for-4) each had two run shots during a six run second inning. Jack O'Leary also had a big day at the plate, going 3-for-4.

Braintree 15, Cohasset 2

The Post 118 was simply no match for the Zone 6 leading Braintree squad (16-3) and staff ace Brendan Daly (four hits and three walks through six innings), in their sixth game in as many nights, Friday under the lights at Braintree High.

Jack Oleary started well on the mound for the visitors, surrendering one run through the first two innings with some shoddy defense lending a hand.

However, the explosive host 86ers batted around in the third, with six of the first seven batters reaching by hit. The end result was five runs and a lead Cohasset would never challenge.

Duggan got the visitors on the board in the top of the fourth when he walked, moved to second on a Kevin Signorelli singles and then scored on a throwing error.

Duggan plated O'Leary, who'd reached on a two out walk, in the sixth with a double over the centerfielder's head.

However, this came after the host's had exploded for four more runs in the bottom of th efifth to put the game completely out of reach. The league leaders then piled on with five more runs in their final at bat.

Next up

Monday's scheduled game at Dorchester was postponed due to rain. No makeup date has yet to be set.

Cohasset was slated to play at Milton yesterday with Caffrey as the starter.

The post 118ers will be at Weymouth tomorrow (Legion Field, 5:45 p.m. start) and then play their final home game of the season on Sunday, as Morrisette comes to town (5:45 p.m. start, Scituate High).

They'll be at Milton Academy Monday to take on Milton (5:45 p.m.) again and then West Roxbury Tuesday to close out the season (5:45 p.m., Billings Field).

"Hopefully, we can go out strong," said Duggan. "I give the kids credit. Their coming out and workig nhard. It's still baseball and it's still fun."

Zone 6A standings

Braintree	12-3	24
Milton	11-2	22
Stoughton	10-3-1	21
Canton	10-4	20
Morrissette	8-7	16
Quincy	7-10	14
Hyde Park	6-7	12
Weymouth	3-11	6
Dorchester	2-12	4
Cohasset	1-11-1	3

Doubles vision

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pliment each other so well. They are just nice all-around people."

Proof of that positive attitude was evident during many of the team's practices. Tales abound of upperclassmen being rude to, or just plain ignoring, freshmen and sophomores on a varsity team.

Again, in Cohasset, that is not the case. The team's regular starting lineup was mostly a veteran one, with four seniors, two juniors and one sophomore. During practice, Evans and Sullivan would frequently hit with the younger girls who did not play nearly as much.

The benefits from that kind of leadership and involvement will no doubt become evident in the near future.

"Some of those younger girls are really good," Sullivan said. "I think it was good for them. You could really see their potential."

Some of the girls who Sullivan and Evans mentioned included Katie Bolger, Emilie Shea, Emma Grinnell, Casey Cannavaro, Katherine Whoriskey, and two sets of the twins: the Landons (Charlotte and Liz) and the Muirs (Carrie and Christine).

"I definitely think that a lot of them will play next year," Evans said.

Meehan described all four of her seniors-- Evans, Sullivan, Holly Graham and Courtney Caron-- as quiet people who lead by example. The example set by Evans and Sullivan rubbed off on more than their own team.

Meehan said there were a number of times where opposing coaches, after a match that the Cohasset duo won easily, praised the team for the grace and humility that they had shown.

"We took a lot of pride as a team in sportsmanship," Meehan said. "Both of those girls made it really easy for me to give that speech."

Now that high school is over, Evans will be attending Loyola University in Maryland, where she says she is thinking about majoring in marketing. Sullivan will head to Pennsylvania to attend Lafayette College. She says she is considering a career in graphic designing.

Whatever happens in college, the girls' memories at Cohasset High School will not be easily forgotten. They said they would especially look back fondly at their prom, and their senior year as a whole.

"Our grade really came together this year," Sullivan said of the 86 members of the Class of 2004. "This was my favorite year."

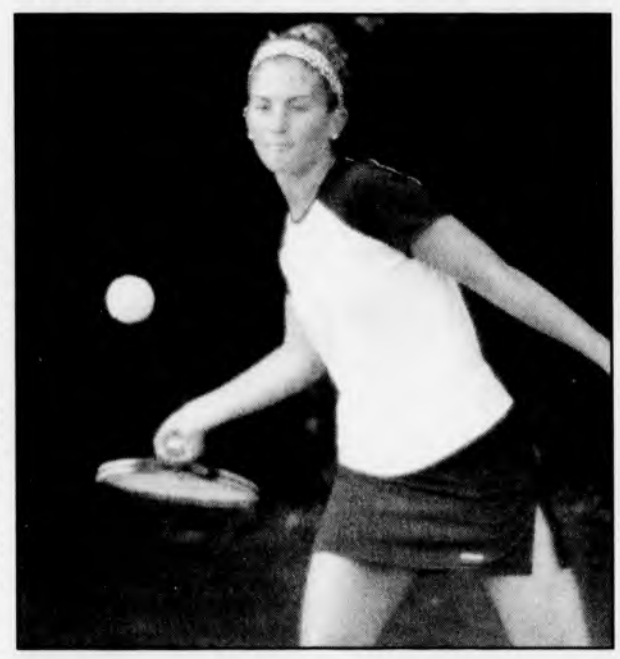
Meehan says she is more than confident that Evans and Sullivan will succeed at the next stage of their lives, and that their attitude will me missed next year.

"Either one of those girls would do anything for you," Meehan said. "They always have so much positive energy. I'm going to miss them a lot."



STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Emilie Sullivan (above) was the more aggressive player, while Corey Evans (below) was a steady force at the net, making them a well balanced doubles team.



SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Swim Center News

Water Safety Instructor and Lifeguard Training Courses Being Offered

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor! The classes will be held July 26th thru July 30th from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. each day. Participants must be 16 years of age.

The Cohasset Swim Center will also be offering a Lifeguard Training course, August 2nd thru August 6th, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. each day. All classes are mandatory. Applicants must be a minimum of 15 years of age to participate. Certification include Lifeguard training, First Aid and CPR.

If interested, please contact C.S.C. Director at 781-383-9463 or e-mail your contact information to: cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net.

Sign-up for Red Cross Swimming Lessons

Second session of swim lessons begins July 12th. Any member or non-member of the Cohasset Swim Center not already taking lessons, may sign-up during the week of July 5th. Those presently in lessons may sign-up on Friday, July 11th from 8 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Session Three will begin on July 26th thru August 6th and Session Four on August 9th thru August 20th.

Water Aerobics Geared for Seniors

Be sure to sign-up at the Swim Center for water aerobics. Classes will start the week of July 5th and run for eight weeks. Mondays at 1:15 - 2:00, Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 - 1:15. There is a $3.00 fee per class. Come and give it a try!

Cohasset Swim Team Swim Meets

The C.S.C. will also be hosting two Friday afternoon swim meets this summer on July 30th and on August 6th. On those afternoons the Center will be closed from Noon until 5 P.M. Come cheer them on!

South Shore Basketball Clinic ages 8-11 & 12-15

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Basketball School's week long Basketball Clinic.

The clinic will be held the week of Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16, and will meet each day, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 8 to 11, and from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 12 to15.

The fee for each age group is $120 per player. This program will be run by CHS basketball Coach Ron Ford and will be held at the Cohasset High School Gym.

To register, complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Youth football equipment handout

The Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football equipment handout schedule is as follows. Football equipment for registered football players for the upcoming Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football season will be handed out by grade/team on:

Aug. 7, 9-10:00 a.m., 8th Grade - "A" Sharks; Aug. 7, 10-11:00 a.m., 7th Grade - "A" Stingrays;

Aug. 14, 9-10:00 a.m., 6th Grade - "B" Sharks; Aug. 14, 10-11:00 a.m., 5th Grade - "B" Stingrays; Aug. 14, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 4th Grade - "C" Sharks; Aug. 14, 12-1:00 p.m., 3rd Grade - "C" Stingrays.

A $100 refundable deposit is required at the time of equipment pick up. All equipment will be handed out at the Equipment Shed located at the back of Scituate High School.

For further information on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading, please go to www.scicohfootball.com.

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developing guys who will hopefully step right in next year."

The Skippers will lose nine players in all to graduation, chief among them Pilgrim Conference second team all-scholastics Conor Buick and Mike Devine, both captains and defensive stalwarts. P.C. Honorable Mentions Nick Murphy, the team's goalie, and Mark Davis also go the way of the caps and gowns, as do Morris, Steven Davis, Tufts, Rob Carpenter and Mike Rasmussen, the team's second leading scorer (40 points) despite missing the first six games with a broken wrist.

Despite these losses, coach Curran sounds confident his team will be right back in the postseason next spring.

"Our guys have to have the attitude that they expect to get to state championship," said Curran. "We're in a very competitive league, and we might not have as much depth as a lot of the other teams, given what a small school this is, but I like the odds of stacking up my best 10 players against just about anyone else's top 10."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

The play of junior-to-be Aidan Buick (#15) down the stretch has Coach Curran feeling good about the prospects for his attack next spring.

Team leading scorer Jake Previte (44 goals, 43 assists), another second team Pilgrim Conference selection, will be back for his senior year and Aidan Buick for his junior campaign, so the offense should be in good hands.

"Jake is probably one of the most skilled offensive players on the South Shore," said Curran. "He really stepped it up down the stretch and teamed very well with (Rasmussen) and Aidan. It won't be easy to replace a lot of the things Rassy gave us, but Aidan finished real strong. If he can pick up where he left off to start next year, I think we'll be just fine on offense."

Competing for the third starting spot on the attack will likely be junior John Grimm and sophomores Mike Bunstein, Dan Trendowicz and Chris Davis (Mark's brother). Grimm is an undeniable offensive talent, but he was slowed for much of the season by the aftereffects of a broken leg.

Athleticism and strong stick skills may make Bunstein and Trendowicz candidates for play in the midfield as well, an area that was hit particularly hard by graduation—with Morris, Tufts, Mark Davis and Carpenter all having been stalwarts there.

"There's no doubt about it," said Curran. "We'll miss all four of those guys: Morris for his speed, Davis for his grittiness, Tufts for his savvy and Carpenter for his athleticism. Really, they were all good lacrosse players."

Seniors to be Sam Steele and Joe Durkin, who missed the latter half of the season to injury, and junior to be Trevor Brady are three of the players who will no doubt be looked upon to step it up even bigger next spring.

"Sam just got better and better as the year went along," said Curran. "He's probably our most polished returning midfielder. He'll be counted on a lot in our transition game."

Fortunately, middie depth was an area of strength in this season's JV and underclass ranks.

Defensively, there's no doubt the loss of Murphy in net and two of the four starting longsticks, Devine and Conor Buick, will be missed.

Expected to anchor the defense next year is sophomore to be Jeff Brown. All he did in his freshman year was earn a Pilgrim Conference Honorable Mention nod. The return of a healthy Casey Coleman, who missed the last few regular season games and all of the playoffs after coming down with mononucleosis, will also help. In Coleman's absence, junior Kevin Dinsmore stepped into his starting role and acquitted himself quite well, according to the coach, so he'd certainly appear to have a leg up in the competition for one longstick spot.

The competition to replace Murphy, a two year starter in net, could be a good one between steady junior Chris Simms and diminutive but slick and athletic Ben Libby.

Cohasset Swim team off to thunderous start

The Cohasset Swim Team's 2004 season got off to a truly thunderous start as it hosted the first swim meet of the summer against the Duxbury Yacht Club. While looming clouds threatened to end the swim meet, 38 of the 64 races were completed before the announcement to "get out of the water" was heard amidst the early claps of thunder. Ted Hughes, now in his second season as head coach for the Cohasset team, with the help of numerous parents, managed to stay focused, as an excited crowd of swimmers and spectators watched from the sidelines. The results were:

Medlay Relay

Boys 8 and Under: 100 yards; First place, Mark Brown, Jared Pratt, Charley Michalowski, Cole Kissick.

Girls 8 and Under: First Place, M. Sullivan, Valerie Farren, Emily Zimmerman, Sarah Brown.

Boys 10 and Under: First Place, Andrew Fontaine, Morgan McCarthy, Robert Mahoney, Jake Durkin.

Girls 10 and Under: First Place, Amanda Farren, Anna Seraikis, Hope Kissick, Maura Donohue.

Boys 12 and Under: First Place, J. Garner, Ian Porter, Jake Kissick, Brendan. Doonan.

Girls 12 and Under: First Place, Meaghan Mahoney, Olivia Sullivan, Anna Michalowski, Erin Fontaine.

Boys 17 and Under: First Place, Jonathan Drybanski, A. Hunt, Colin Conway, Brenton Gammon.

Girls 17 and Under: Second Place, Emma Hernan, Sally Meehan, Mamme Daley, Caitlin Mahoney.

Freestyle

Boys 8 and Under: First Place Cole Kissick; second place, Charley Michalowski; fifth place, Christopher Lund.

Girls 8 and Under: First Place, M. Sullivan; second place, Valerie Farren; sixth place, Brigette Berube.

Boys 10 and Under [50 yards]: First place, Jake Durkin; second place, Christopher Murphy; fourth place Ben Pratt.

Girls 10 and Under [50 yards]: Second Place, Danielle Healy; fourth place, Amanda Farren; fifth place, Maria Buckley.

Boys 12 and Under: First Place. Terence Durkin; second place, Jack Carrier; fourth place, Jack Murphy.

Girls 12 and Under: Second place, Erin Fontaine; third place, Olivia Murphy; fifth place, Olivia Adkins.

Boys 14 and Under: Second place, Eric MacCarthy.

Girls 14 and Under: Second place, Sally Meehan, third place, Samantha Fortin.

Boys 17 and Under: Second place, A. Hunt; third place, Brenton Gammon; fourth place, Tyler Kelly.

Girls 17 and Under: Third Place, Molly Ogrodnik; fifth place Brittany Dunn; sixth place, Vanessa Plante.

Individual Medley, 100 yards

Boys 12 and Under: First place, Jake Kissick; third place, Thomas Buckley; fourth place, Max Shipp.

Girls 12 and Under: Second place, Erin Fontaine; third place, Mary Mcellgunn, fourth place, Olivia Adkins.

Boys 14 and Under: First place, Jonathan Drybanski.

Girls 14 and Under: First place, Sally Meehan; second place Katelyn Ryan; fourth place, Maura Regan.

Girls 17 and Under: Second place, Mamme Daley.

Butterfly

Boys 8 and Under: First place, Charley Michalowski; second place, Cole Kissick.

Girls 8 and Under: First place, Emily Zimmerman.

Boys 10 and Under: First place, Robert Mahoney; second place, Geoff Swain; fourth place, Greg Berube.

Girls 10 and Under: Second place, Michelle Berube; third place, Hope Kissick; fifth place, Nicole Farren.

Boys 12 and Under: First Place, Jake Kissick; third place, Conor Queenan; fourth place, Thomas Buckley.

Girls 12 and Under: Second place, Olivia Sullivan; third place, Emma Musto; fifth place, Elena Karski.

Boys 14 and Under: First place, Jonathan Drybanski.

Girls 14 and Under: First place, Caitlin Mahoney; fourth place, Emily Baumgarten; fifth place, Anna Buckley.

Boys 17 and Under: First place, Colin Conway.

Girls 17 and Under: Second place, Mamme Daley; fifth place, Alyssa Campbell; sixth place, Claire McCarthy.

Breaststroke

Boys 8 and Under: First place, Jared Pratt; second place, C. Indek; third place, Sam Rice.

Girls 8 and Under: First place M. Sullivan; second place, Valerie Farren; fifth place, Sarah Brown.

SPORTS NOTES

Cheerleading volunteers needed

SCYFC needs 2 to 3 volunteers to help coach the 8th Grade Sharks A Cheerleading team. This commitment will involve being at practices from Aug. 16 through Sept. 9, Monday through Thursday 5- 7 p.m, and attending the weekend games from Sept. 12 through Nov. 11. Cheerleading experience is not necessary as you will have junior coaches working on cheers and dance with the squad. If you have an interest and can make the commitment please call Lorie Neil at 781-545-4526.

Softball Clinic

Deb Bostwick would like to remind athletes of all ages of her softball and field hockey camps this summer. Deb and former Yankee player Lew Rettman will be running a softball clinic for all ages at Freedom Field from July 5-9 and July 12-16. She will also be organizing a field hockey camp in the second week in August. Deb urges anyone interested to call the Cohasset Recreation Department.

Summer wrestling clinic grades 1 to 12

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for a summer wrestling clinic to be held at Cohasset High School starting Tuesday, July 27 through Friday, July 30.

The clinic will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for grades 7 to 12 and cost $125 per wrestler. Grades 3 to 6 will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and cost $55 per wrestler.

This unique wrestling opportunity will be run by CHS wrestling coach Torin Sweeney.

Registration forms are available at the Cohasset Recreation Department officer, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

South Shore Soccer Camp

Squirts ages 4, 5 and 6

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be on-going at the Town Hall for South Shore Soccer Camp's week long Soccer Squirts Clinic which begins Monday, Aug. 2, through Friday, Aug. 6.

Soccer ABCs for ages 4 and 5 will meet each day from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The fee is $85 per participant and includes a camp shirt and appropriated-size soccer ball for each participant, both will be available the first day of camp.

To register, complete the application form at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

South Shore Soccer Camp

Boys & Girls, 7 to 18

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's one-week long Soccer Clinic starting Monday, Aug. 2, through Friday, Aug. 6.

The Camp will meet each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for boys and girls ages 7 to 18. The fee for the one week session is $245 per participant with a $20 discount for the second child. Fee includes a camp shirt and appropriate-size ball for each participant, both available the first day of camp.

To register, complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Co-Ed Basketball Clinic

This will be the eighth year that this instructional clinic will be offered to both boys and girls. This clinic is for any player who wants to learn, practice and improve all aspects of their game. Basic individual offensive and defense skills will be taught. Players will be placed on teams and will compete against players of similar ability. All participants are expected to understand that this week is a challenging week intended to teach all facets of the great game of basketball. Bring your lunch and good attitude. Coach Matt Poirier and the best collection of basketball coaches on the South Shore and great guest speakers every day. Cost $120.00

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(84B2) Grades 5 & 6 M-F August 9 through August 13, 2004 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Gates Jr. High

(84B3) Grades 7 & 8 M-F August 2 through August 6, 2004 8:00 am - 2:00 pm S H S - Lg. Gym

(84B4) High School Boys Basketball Clinic: Grades 9 through 12, Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16, 2004, 8:00 am to 2:00 p.m., Scituate High School, Large Gym. This clinic is for any high school basketball player who wants to learn, practice and improve their basketball game. Individual offensive and defensive skills will be improved on. Players will be placed on teams and will compete against players of similar ability. Boys and girls will be separated for instruction at the upper age levels.

Contact Scituate Recreation for signup information (781-545-8738).

Hockey fans lineup for look at Stanley Cup





Above: Marshfield's Christopher Phillips (taking the photo) and his mother, Mary, are first in line to see the Stanley Cup. Hundreds of fans waited in the rain for up to two hours to see the famous NHL trophy.

At left: Hingham's Beau Amonte reaches up for the Stanley Cup with his dad, Shawn Griffin. The Stanley Cup made a Cohasset stop courtesy of Steve Baker, scout for NHL champs, the Tampa Bay Lightning.

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Tampa Bay Lightning's Brad Richards – the Conn Smythe Trophy winner for most valuable player – hails from Prince Edward Island. He sipped Lobster bisque from the Stanley Cup on its recent trip to Tampa. From there the cup went to the MacDill Air Force Base in Florida where it was cheered by military personnel.

The line in Cohasset Monday that snaked around the building and across the Atlantica parking lot consisted of an enthusiastic cross-section of people, who all shared a love of hockey. All ages with umbrellas in hand queued up for a chance to spend about half a minute with the historic Stanley Cup and snap a couple of photographs.

The youngest fan in line was undoubtedly, Nicholas Michael Blasi of Quincy, who, at just one week old, was clad from head to toe in a Boston Bruins baby outfit.

"He's the newest member of Bruins nation," said his proud dad, William, who said Nicholas arrived June 29 weighing in at 6 lbs. 11 oz. and measuring 19-3/4 ins. in height – a far cry from the six-foot plus and upwards of 200-lb. average height and weight for today's NHL hockey players. "I'm getting him some hockey sticks next," Mr. Blasi said with a smile.

Cohasset dad, Kevin Ulmer, stood in line alone unaccompanied by any young fans.

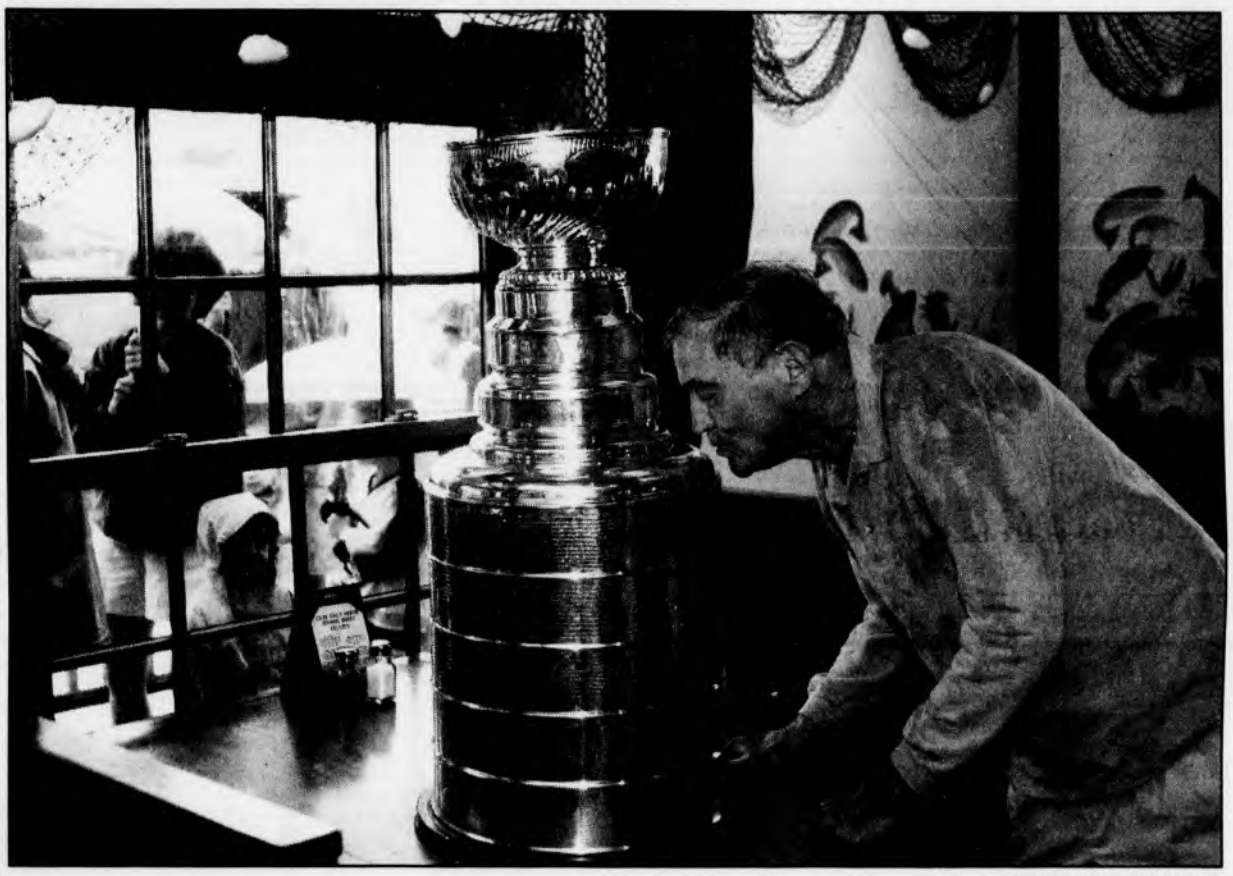
"My son would die for this," Ulmer said as he grinned for the camera next to the Stanley Cup, explaining his 14-year-old son, Wesley, was away at camp in New Hampshire.

Charlie and Jack Coffman, 11 and six respectively, of Cohasset brought along their cousin Joe Sweeney, 11, of Pennsylvania.

Both youth hockey players, Charlie said it was "awesome" to see the cup and Jack said it was almost as tall as he was. Joe said he doesn't play but enjoys being a fan of the game.

Matt McCormick, 14, of Braintree, waited patiently with is younger brother, Jimmy, and dad, Paul. Matt, who plays at the Bantam level, described the experience of seeing the sterling silver Stanley Cup as a true hockey player would – one used to hanging out in chilly ice rinks.

"It was really cool," Matt said.



STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

After waiting for more than an hour in the rain to see it, Ed Rapoport of Scituate leans to kiss the holy grail of hockey, the Stanley Cup, at the Olde Salt House on Monday.



One-week-old Nicholas Michael Blasi – the newest member of Bruins Nation, according to his father, William, gets a photo op with the Stanley Cup.

About the Stanley Cup

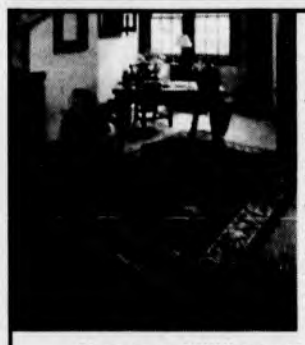
- Was donated by Frederick Arthur, Lord Stanley of Preston for presentation to the amateur hockey champions of Canada.
- First presented in 1893
- Was crafted in Sheffield, England
- Takes 13 years to fill the ring of the Stanley Cup with names of winners
- Once a bottom ring is full, another one of the same size is removed from the top of the base and retired at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.
- Travels about 250 days a year
- Has been won a record 24 times by the Montreal Canadiens
- Has been to the White House, appeared on TV talk shows including Letterman and Leno, and has traveled to Czech Republic, Sweden, Russia, Japan, Switzerland, Finland and the Bahamas.

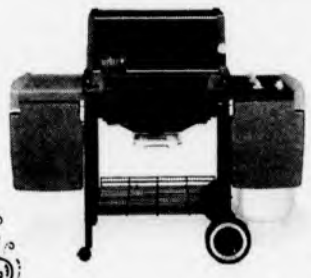
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THURSDAY, JUNE 24

3:29 p.m. Elm St, medical aid.

5:33 p.m. Highland Ave,. public service.

6:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, lost property.

7:50 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:46 p.m. Wheelwright Park, suspicious.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

1:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

1:20 a.m. Pleasant St,. suspicious auto.

1:49 a.m. King St, suspicious auto.

9:21 a.m. Hull St., assist other agency.

10:22 a.m. Ripley Road, suspicious.

11:16 a.m. South Main St., lost property.

1:17 p.m. Elm St,. officer wanted.

1:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

2:09 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

2:57 p.m. Forest Ave. and Forest Notch, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation warning.

4:53 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, traffic compliant.

8:24 p.m. Mendel Road and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic citation, warning.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

12:42 a.m. Old Coach Road and Forest Ave., protective custody.

7:56 a.m. Bayberry Lane, medical aid.

8:13 a.m. Doane St. and Bates Lane, animal control.

9:14 a.m. Highland Ave., medical aid.

9:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St,. fire investigation.

10:05 a.m. Bancroft Way, medical aid.

11:14 a.m. Pratt Court, well being check.

2:33 p.m. King St., lost property.

6:19 p.m. Grace Dr., assist citizen.

8:03 p.m. Highland Ave., assist citizen.

8:38 p.m. Flintlock Ridge Road, recovered motor vehicle.

8:47 p.m. King St, motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

11:27 p.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

2:24 a.m. Atlantic Ave., disturbance gathering.

9:15 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital (ALS)

9:20 a.m. South Main St,. assist other agency.

11:56 a.m. Bancroft Road, medical aid.

1:54 p.m. King St, medical aid.

3:47 p.m. Church St., animal control.

4:18 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

4:52 p.m. North Main St, motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

6:01 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

9:22 p.m. Bancroft Road, suspicious, area search negative

MONDAY, JUNE 28

6:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Road, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

7 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

7:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St., road rage.

8:23 a.m. Nichols Road, animal control.

8:45 a.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint.

9:31 a.m. Gammons Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:01 p.m. Highland Ave., fire, investigation, services rendered.

1:41 p.m. Beechwood St., officer wanted, advised civil action.

3:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:13 p.m. Lambert's Lane, parking complaint.

9:05 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, officer wanted, investigated/report taken.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

4:18 a.m. Hull St., medical aid, patient sign off.

9:15 a.m. Deep Run, traffic complaint, referred to other agency.

12:21 p.m. South Main St., fire, investigation, investigated/report taken.

3:57 p.m.. King St., motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

4:16 Sohier St., animal control.

5:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:43 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted/peace restored.

7:35 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:20 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious (other), area search negative.

8:26 p.m. Jerusalem Lane, suspicious person.

10:30 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:33 p.m. Parker Ave., noise complaint.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

12:09 a.m. Mill Lane, noise complaint.

8:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:50 a.m. King St., disturbance family, arrest: Daniel E. Powers, Sr., 32, 60 Elm St., Quincy. Charges: A&B with dangerous weapon.

12:48 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

12:51 p.m. Beechwood St, and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:53 p.m. Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:20 p.m. Elm St., well being check.

7:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

7:51 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

10:11 p.m. Hill St., officer wanted, investigated/report taken.

10:37 p.m. Elm St., suspicious (other), area search negative.

11:35 p.m. Hill St., officer wanted.

11:56 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, services rendered.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

12:44 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, suspicious (other).

1:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

2:18 a.m. HQ, general services.

7:32 a.m. North Main St., animal control.

8:47 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, arrest: Daniel L. Hughes, 19, 336 Central Ave, Humarock. Charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license.

9:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

10:07 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:47 a.m. Sohier St., and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:02 p.m. Elm Ct., parking complaint.

12:04 p.m. Jerusalem Road, larceny, investigated/report taken.

1:39 p.m. Linden Drive, fire, investigation.

2:13 p.m. Elm Ct., parking complaint, investigated/report taken.

2:22 p.m. Lambert's Lane, fire, investigation, investigated/report taken.

2:58 p.m. North Main St., fire, investigation, investigated/report taken.

3:21 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Spindrift Lane, fire, investigation, area search negative.

4:10 p.m. Hyde Lane, tree down.

4:35 p.m. Ripley Road, open door/window, secured building.

5:19 p.m. North Main St., fire, investigation.

6:16 p.m. Jerusalem Road, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

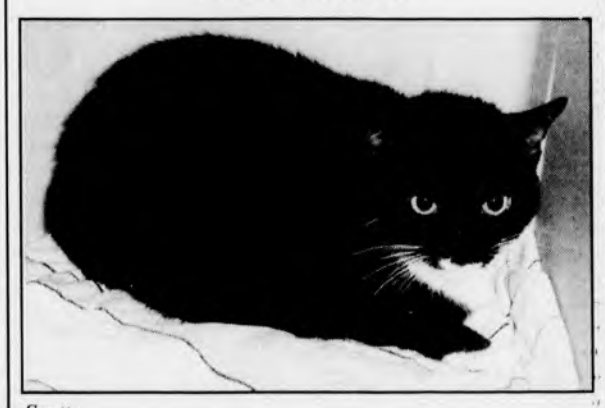
6:24 p.m. Old Pasture Road, animal control.

9:21 p.m. South Main St., well being check.

FRIDAY, JULY 2

12:54 a.m. Highland Ave., open door/window, secured building.

GIMME SHELTER



Scotty

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GREEN THUMBS UP



SUZANNE MAHLER

With the passing of the July 4th holiday weekend, summertime activities shift into high gear. For many New Englanders, the months of July and August are a time for beaches, boating, golf, and vacations. For passionate gardeners, however, these months are a time to weed, water, and deadhead, but time also to stroll through the gardens, enjoy butterflies and hummingbirds hovering among beautiful flowers, and reap the rewards of a bounty of fresh homegrown veggies.

Despite my best intentions each growing season to plant my vegetables and tender annual seedlings around Memorial Day, I usually find myself too busy with lawn care, pruning trees and shrubs, and renovating perennial borders early in the season. It is often the 4th of July or even later that the annual and vegetable transplants find their way into the soil or decorative containers, but warmth, fertilizer and consistent moisture often make up for lost time. We still manage to harvest vegetables later in the season and the annuals put on a great show in the late summer and early fall when many of the perennial blooms have faded.

Plants grown as annuals offer a wonderful profusion of colorful flowers and foliages. In addition to traditional bedding plants that are generally sold in 6-packs, tender tropicals, herbs, biennials and summer bulbs are often included in this category of non-winter hardy plant material. With so many plants from which to choose, making selections is often overwhelming.

Several hours of sunlight are essential for the majority of flowering annuals to prosper and produce abundant blooms. For sunny locales, traditional favorites include geraniums, marigolds, petunias, and salvias. Bedding dahlias, snapdragons, verbena, flowering tobacco (Nicotiana), zinnias and ageratum favor similar conditions including well-drained, moisture-retentive soils. For average to dry soils, consider growing spider plant (Cleome), dusty miller, globe amaranth, cosmos, portulaca, sweet alyssum, calendulas, nasturtiums and periwinkle (Vinca rosea).

Shady sites pose a greater challenge for growing nearly all flowering plants, especially where the roots of woody plants make digging a hole a formidable task. Annual transplants are often an ideal solution for bringing a touch of summertime color to these areas of dappled shade. Their compact root systems enable gardeners to tuck them here and there among trees and shrubs and given a few hours of filtered sunlight, many will survive and thrive throughout the summer months. Impatiens are by far the most popular plants for this purpose due to their prolific flowering, vibrant colors and perhaps their most endearing quality, the fact that they do not require the removal of spent flowers. In addition to the familiar single-flowering varieties, double-flowering cultivars resembling tiny roses are available. Their cousins, the New Guinea impatiens, offer larger blossoms and often demonstrate tinted or variegated foliage. While touted as being sun-tolerant, I find the flowers often fade in afternoon sun and plants may quickly succumb if not provided with adequate moisture. All members of this family require moisture-retentive soils and should be monitored for dryness during periods of drought.

While impatiens steal the show in partial shade, a number of other annual plants can be grown in lower light conditions. Wax begonias offer compact, fleshy plants smothered in pink, white, or red flowers. They are ideal plants to use for edging shady borders and will tolerate sun in moisture-retentive soils. Other members of the begonia family are equally valuable additions to the shady garden including the showy tuberous begonias and a wide range of flowering varieties with elegant leaves that can be dug or cuttings taken and grown as houseplants during the colder months.

The family of fuchsias is a personal favorite for lightly shaded spaces. Both cascading and upright varieties are available in the trade with darling upright miniatures for bedding or containers and showy, voluptuous blooms on pendulous types that make them excellent candidates for hanging baskets. I suppose my attraction to these plants is in part due to their ability to lure hummingbirds. Wishbone flowers (Torenia) with unique tubular blossoms in shades of blue, purple and pink prefer filtered light, as well. Trailing varieties are ideal for containers and upright transplants are used for edging my shady borders.

Perhaps my greatest addiction to annuals in recent years comes in the form of coleus. These stunning foliage plants are easily grown in partial shade to full sun, as bedding plants or in containers. Exotic leaves in shades of purple, red, pink, salmon, gold, bronze, rust, chartreuse, ad infinitum, are available although I must often travel from nursery to nursery to find a broad selection of these versatile plants. Many require direct sun for at least part of the day and a certain degree of maturity to demonstrate their brilliant multicolored tints.

Several other foliage plants provide colorful additions to beds, borders and containers in my gardens. Persian shield (Strobilanthes) offers exciting purple and silver streaked leaves on a bushy upright plant that makes a stunning focal point for the garden or a large container. Attractive companions to these purple leafed plants are the sun-scape daisies (Osteospermum) that feature cream, white, yellow, or orange flowers with purple rings around the central disk. The elegant purple fountain grass (Pennisetum setaceum), Red Shield Hibiscus, perilla, and Alternanthera contribute reddish purple leaves.

While it is hard to deny the splendor of familiar, traditional bedding plants, try something new this season to add a colorful accent that will be enjoyed throughout the summer months.

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.5-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years. Her weekly gardening column 'Green Thumbs Up' has appeared in the Mariner newspapers for nearly a decade. She is a member of two local garden clubs, past President of the New England Daylily Society, an overseer for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and is employed at two garden centers.

Dress up Asian summer noodles

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

We have all heard of cold sesame noodles, but few of us have had Asian noodles dressed with a soy sauce/rice vinegar mixture and then topped with shredded/sliced vegetables. This cold noodle salad is standard fare during hot weather since it is light, refreshing, and packs a lot of flavor.

The standard noodles for this dish are somen noodles, which are thin, fragile, white noodles, made from wheat flour. (Inside the cellophane package they are often tied up in neat bundles.) They appear both fragile and elegant. We were able to find them at Whole Foods as well as Asian markets, but in a pinch you can use angel hair pasta. Unlike Italian pasta, these noodles are salted so the cooking water needn't be. We used eight ounces of noodles that swell up into a plentiful amount once cooked. The noodles boil for just three minutes, are drained, and then rinsed in cold water until they are chilled and all of the starch is removed. Once chilled, they should be arranged in an even layer on a serving platter.

The dressing recipes we researched all consisted of soy, rice vinegar, sugar. Some also included garlic and ginger while others used vegetable oil, peanut oil or sesame oil. We tried using lite or low sodium soy but we preferred regular soy sauce. (A good quality brand of soy sauce is a must and we recommend San-J or Kikkoman.) A quarter cup of rice vinegar helped brighten the dressing and then, much to our surprise, a large amount of sugar worked well. (These highly seasoned noodles will be served with plain raw greens and vegetables, so big flavor is called for here.) We tested and discarded both garlic and ginger (too overpowering) but did like a combination of sesame and vegetable oil.

As for the vegetables, we really liked crunchy shredded lettuce such as romaine or iceberg. A cup of peeled, thinly sliced cucumber, a half-cup of scallions, and optional carrots and bean sprouts also added flavor and balance. Many of these recipes also included a thinly sliced omelet made with two eggs. We liked this unusual addition as well.

The dish can be assembled several hours ahead of time but shouldn't be dressed until served. The noodles are spread in an even layer on a platter. They are topped with a layer of lettuce. The remaining garnishes are layered over the noodles. The dressing can simply be passed around the table. This is a cool, fresh, light dish that is a refreshing change from cole slaw or potato salad.

ASIAN SUMMER NOODLE SALAD

The recipe calls for somen noodles, which are a very thin, white Japanese noodle that is traditionally served cold. They are available at Asian markets as well as Whole Foods. You can use angel hair pasta as a substitute.

For the dressing:
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup rice vinegar
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons sesame oil
1 tablespoon vegetable or peanut oil

For the noodles:
8 ounces somen noodles or other white, very thin noodles made from wheat flour
1 1/2 teaspoons vegetable or peanut oil
2 large eggs, beaten lightly
3 cups crunchy lettuce such as iceberg or romaine, very thinly sliced
1 cup peeled cucumber, quartered and thinly sliced
1/2 cup thinly sliced scallions
1/2 cup carrots cut into matchsticks or 1/3 cup carrots grated on the large holes of a box grater (optional)
1/2 cup bean sprouts (optional)

1. For the dressing, combine all ingredients in a small bowl and whisk together until homogenous and thickened slightly. Set aside or refrigerate for up to a week. Whisk briefly immediately before serving.

2. For the noodles, set a large pot of water to boil over high heat. When boiling, add the noodles and cook until just tender, about three minutes. (Adjust time for angel hair if using that.) Drain the noodles and rinse under cold water until the noodles are well chilled. Arrange the noodles in an even layer on a serving platter or rectangular baking dish and set aside.

3. Meanwhile, heat a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. When hot, add the oil. Add the beaten eggs and swirl to coat the bottom of the pan with the thinnest possible layer of egg. Cook until set, about 1 minute. Remove omelet from pan to a paper towel-lined plate and when cool enough to handle, roll tightly and thinly slice. Cool completely.

3. Place the sliced lettuce over the noodles in an even layer. Top with the cucumber, cooled eggs, scallions and optional carrots and sprouts. Serve immediately or cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to 8 hours. Pass the dressing after serving individual portions of salad.

Serves 6 as a side dish or light lunch or supper.

You can contact writers Christopher Kimball and Jeanne Maguire at kitchendetective@hcpress.com. For free recipes and information about Cooks Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimballís public television cooking show, go to<http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

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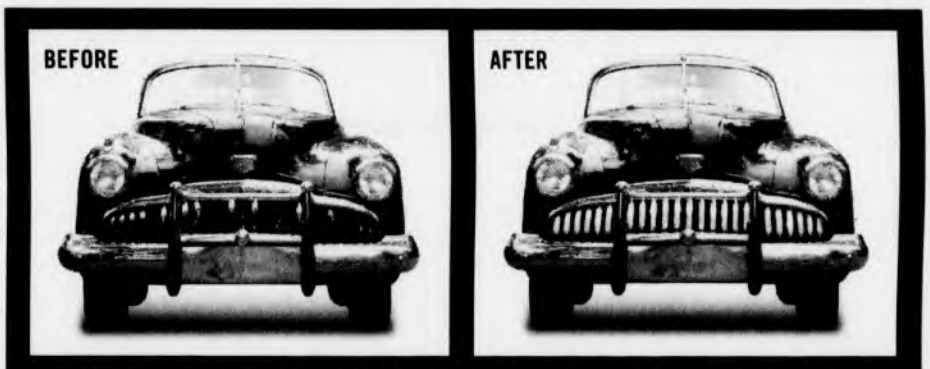
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Thurs. 8

The Disabled Veterans Mobile Service Office will be at the DAV Quarters, 788 Liberty St., Braintree, on July 8, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to provide counseling and claim filing assistance. Free and open to all veterans and members of their families. www.dav.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Out of Order,** original rock. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfk-library.org

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series July 8, **Lenny Vaz German Band** all concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodand-spirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree., Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

Fri. 9

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will feature an exhibit by **Ted Polomis** July 2 through Aug. 30. Opening reception July 9, 5 to 7 p.m. 781-383-1348 www.polomis.com

Rebecca Parris opens **South Shore Conservatory 2004 Evenings Under the Stars Series**, July 10, 7 p.m. One Conservatory Dr., Hingham. Tickets $20 for pavilion seats and $12 lawn seats in advance. $25/$15 at door. 781-749-7576 x14 or visit www.southshore-conservatory.org

The Satuit Band will perform at the Hingham Bandstand on July 9, at 7:30pm.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance July 9, with The Emanon Orchestra from 8 p.m. to midnight. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington, Admission: $ 7 SSS members, $10 non-members Proper dress required: no jeans or athletic shoes. Info. 781-331-0021 Web site: <http://www.southshoresin-gles.org/>

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Cindy Daley Band**, July 9.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Monster Mike Welch Band,** Blues/Rock**.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

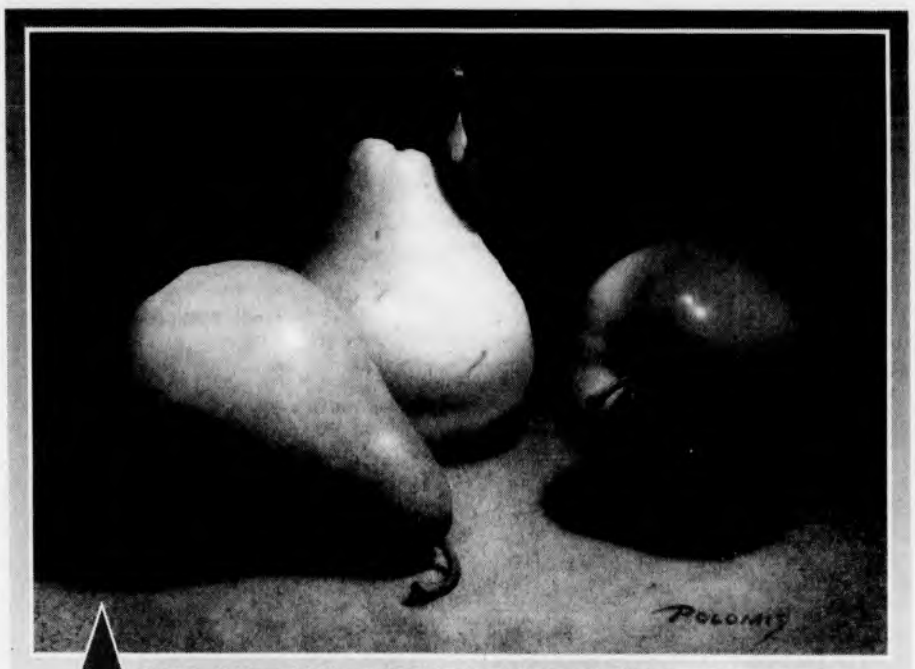
Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Kevin James**, July 9, at 8 p.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticket-master.com or at box office at 130 Sohier Street. For concert updates visit www.themusiccir-cus.org

Sat. 10

The Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce will host it's **Annual Summer Waterfront Festival** Saturday and Sunday July 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday on the Plymouth Waterfront (along Water St.). Saturday's music schedule will begin at noon and feature **Scarecrow Hill**, **Chuck Ochs, David James Duo**, Boston's premier jazz performer **Johnny Souza** and the his band, **Jupiter Ray**, **Ecstatic** and **Mike Lander's TRAX** with **Janelle & Deana.** Sunday's music program will feature **Third Left**, the **J Place Band**, the **David Coate Band** and **Tall Richard's Almanac**. **FREE** concert Saturday night featuring the **Moonlighters**, at the base of Cole's Hill. Admission is free.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents **"Weather Report,** paintings and drawings by **Alix White**, through Aug. 30. Opening reception July 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org



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South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

The monthly Down East Dancers Country Western Dance will be held July 10, at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. **DJ Steele Shane**. Snacks, raffles, cash bar. Smoke free, $5. For information, 508-995-9496; 781-925-9066

Sidewalk Book Fair, First Parish Church, Main Street, Route 106, in Kingston, annual book fair. Rain or Shine, Saturday, July 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You may leave book donations at the Beal House, 222 Main Street, Kingston or call Ruth Blake at 508-746-2396 who will coordinate a book pick up.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866JFK-1060 or visit www.jfk-library.org

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Best of Boston Comedy Night** featuring **Tony V** and others, 9 p.m. Admission $15. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **John The Conqueror,** July 10

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. Jose Ramos and The No Way Jose Band. Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **An Evening with The Irish Tenors** July 10, at 8 p.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or at box office at 130 Sohier Street. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org

Road to Responsibility, a nationally acclaimed human services agency based in Marshfield, has announced some interesting and exciting twists and turns to its signature summer fundraising event. What was formerly known as Jazz By the Beach will now be called Summer Lovin' Daze, and will be held on Saturday afternoon, July 10, at the organization's Ocean Village Nor'easter Function Hall located at the former South Weymouth Naval Air Base. For further details about Summer Lovin' Daze or ticket information call Peg Cammarata at 781-834-1300, ext. 296

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Bellevue Cadillac** July 10. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun.11

The Leah Souza Quartet (Leah Souza, Michael Shea, Enrico Santarelli and Steve Silverstein) at The Holy Ghost Portuguese Festival in Plymouth on July 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. Visit www.LeahSouza.com <http://www.leahsouza.com/> for information including upcoming schedule, photos of past performances and sound-clips.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are organizing a cruise on July 10, to the only manned lighthouse in the United States. The boat leaves Fan Pier (by the Joseph Moakley Federal Courthouse) in downtown Boston at noon and returns at 5 p.m. Once on Little Brewster Island, visitors will be able to climb the 76 steps and two ladders up to the top of Boston Light. Children must be at least either 8 years old or 50" tall to make the ascent – U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Interpretive programs about ecology and tide-pooling will be offered. No food or drink will be available, so pack a picnic. Tickets can be bought at Fan Pier on the day from 11 a.m. (cash only). The cost is $30 for adults, $27 for seniors (65+), $25 for Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members, $18 for children (6 to 12), and babies travel for free (but still need a ticket). For information visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset **World Wrestling Entertainment Smackdown** - July 11, 7:30 p.m. at the. Tickets $39.75/$28.75 www.themusic-circus.org 781-383-9850

The Plymouth Antiquarian Society, will sponsor a **Pilgrim breakfast** at the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House in Plymouth. Enjoy a traditional New England meal of cod cakes, baked beans, cornbread and scrambled eggs in an herb garden under maple trees at the 71st annual Pilgrim Breakfast on Sunday, July 11, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.. Tickets are a donation of $8 per adult, $5 for children under 12 and $22 for a family of four (two adults and two children). Proceeds benefit the education and preservation efforts of the Plymouth Antiquarian Society.

Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance every Sunday evening at **Raffael's Restaurant** Nantasket, Clarion Hotel, 45 Hull Shore Dr., Hull 781-925-4515. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Live dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and The Presidents Club of Boston.

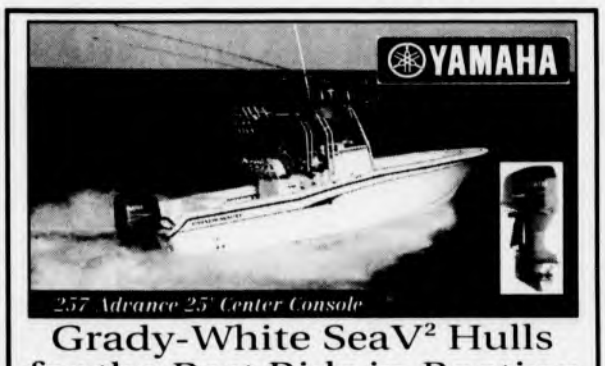
Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.court-neysfoodandspirits.com

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The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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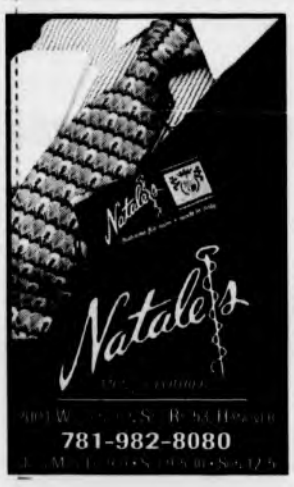
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Mon. 12

Insight Education Center, presents **Teaching Self-Control to Children with Attention Disorders** (ages 3 to 12) July12, Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Braintree. To register call 781-294-8004 or visit www.insighteducation.com

Vacation Bible School, Church Hill United Methodist Church, Norwell July 12-16, 9 a.m. to noon 781-826-4763.

Plymouth Ice Rink opens registration for Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Clinics The Armstrong Arena has opened registration for two pre-season conditioning clinics t Puck Control & Shooting and Pre-Season Conditioning will be offered at the ice rink during the week of Aug. 16-20. To register or for information, call 781-871-7960 or visit www.BayStateHockey.com.

Tues. 13

Y.A.N.A. a support group for widows and widowers will be meeting on July 13, at 7 p.m. in the Holbrook United Methodist Church Hall. 60 Plymouth St. (Rt. 139) near Holbrook Square. 781-767-4844 or 508-668-5226.

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Adoption Information Meeting Tuesday, July 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. MAPS International, an agency providing full international adoption services to Massachusetts families, will hold a local meeting for prospective adoptive parents. The meeting will be held at the MAPS Boston office, which is located at 400 Commonwealth Ave. Contact Lauren Wilson at 617-267-2222 or maps-boston@mapsadopt.org with questions or to RSVP.

Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents **Marine and Local Scenes** at its New Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, through Aug. 29. 781-545-6150, www.scituateartsassociation.com

The Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St. Hingham. An exhibit, **Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past** features antique tools from the society's collection and is on view during museum hours. The Old Ordinary is open through Sept. 11. For information call 781-749-0013 or visit http://www/hinghamhistorical.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display . www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Wed. 14

"Through The Garden Gate" Science Center Benefit Garden Tour The 23rd annual garden tour to benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, will be held on July 14, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., This year's tour features six gardens in Norwell and Marshfield. Tickets available in advance for $25 ($20 members). A box lunch can be ordered in advance for $10. Tickets the day of the tour will be $25. To order tickets, send a self-addressed business sized stamped envelope to the South Shore Natural Science Center, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061. or at the Science Center during normal business hours. Bank. For information, call the Center at 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org <http://www.ssnsc.org/>.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents **Big River** through Aug. 22. Mark Twain's timeless classic. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by phone at 781-871-2787 - Wednesday and Sunday $23., Thursday, Friday and Saturday $25. www.companytheatre.com/order.html

Thurs. 15

North and South River Watershed Association staff sponsored Paddle July 15, 11a.m. to 2 p.m. Union St. Marshfield. Meet at 10:30 am at Marshfield Conservation Area at Union Street Bridge. Leave on the incoming high tide and return on the outgoing tide back to Union Street. Bring a picnic to enjoy while on the paddle. Pre-registration is mandatory by July 13, as the paddle is limited to 10 participants. Contact Paula Christie at 781-659-8168 or paula@nsrwa.org Suggested donation is $10. See our paddling guidelines for information on what is required in order to participate www.nsrwa.org/recreation/kayak_event_guidelines

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Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Four on the Floor**, July 16.

Ongoing Events

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Families with Children from China (FCC) South Shore, has an active play group meeting every other week from 10 am until noon. Call Cissy White at 781-331-4679 for information. No cost to join.

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Front Street Book Shop offers a supportive environment and encourages all levels of writing experience to attend. Bring a writing project to share. More info call: 781-545-5011.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

La Leche League is an international, non profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and encouragement to all women who want to breastfeed. Meetings are Thursdays, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12, at 7:15 p.m. in Pembroke. For information call: Joanne 781-924-1919/Lisa 781-829-9075/Heidi 781-582-1187. All expectant, new, and experienced mothers and their babies welcome.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com 508-830-4250.

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Strian JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset: Tickets on sale now for its 2004 season. Children's programs go on sale also. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com

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Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly free meetings, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

The Interfaith Book Study Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for March, Palace Walk by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036.

Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**, Broad St., Weymouth for chil-

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The Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce will host it's Annual Summer Waterfront Festival Saturday and Sunday July 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday on the Plymouth Waterfront (along Water St.). Saturday's music schedule will begin at noon and feature Scarecrow Hill, Chuck Ochs, David James Duo, Boston's premier jazz performer Johnny Souza and the his band, Jupiter Ray, Ecstatic and Mike Lander's TRAX with Janelle & Deana. Sunday's music program will feature Third Left, the J Place Band, the David Coate Band and Tall Richard's Almanac. FREE concert Saturday night featuring the Moonlighters, at the base of Cole's Hill. Admission is free.



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The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For more information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnolly@artsfirst.org

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Winter Programs** every Wed. at 3 p.m. and Sat. at 10 a.m.. Free with admission. Watch the naturalist on duty feed the animals. 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Cura VNA & Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, **offers The Young Widow and Widowers Support Group**, meeting every other Thursday for eight weeks from 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m. To register call 508-746-0215.

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runners' clinic Mondays at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell **- Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury, presents **Stories and Art with Sally for Preschoolers**, every second Thursday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Preregistration required. $5. Call 781-934-6634 ext. 15.

Parental Stress Line - Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. The Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call us before the summer is over at 1-800-632-8188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

Pilgrim Hall Museum presents **Bringing Up Baby: 300 Years of Childhood in the Old Colony**, now through May, 2004 a new exhibit that explores the world of the very young in the Old Plymouth Colony from its beginning to the 20th century. What was it like to be a child 1620, 1850, or 1920? What can we learn from furniture, clothing, toys, games and other objects from the children who used them? What were the beliefs and sentiments of the parents who provided for them? How do letters, journals, literature, and other writing help to tell the story of the children of the Old Colony? Who were their teachers, what kinds of knowledge were important to learn? What did they do for fun? The exhibition is free with Museum admission. Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court St. (Route 3A), Plymouth. Information: 508-746-1620; web address: www.pilgrimhall.org Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Admission: adults $5; Seniors (62+) and AAA members $4.50; Children (5-17) $3.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) $15. Residents of Plymouth, admitted free.



The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children ages 3 to 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. After school nature programs: Thursdays, 4 to5 p.m. For children grades 1 through 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 and closed Sundays.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679.

The Gallery Caf», 685 N. Bedford St., (Rt. 18), East Bridgewater, presents **Monday Night Hand Drumming Circle** on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. The event is free and no experience is necessary. For more information and directions call 508-378-1584.

After The Bell Recreation Program Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive, So. Weymouth. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, 3 to 6 p.m. for youngsters 6-12 years of age. Energetic and exciting non-competitive sports and games designed to motivate, challenge, and build confidence. Time and quiet space also available for study and homework. Three, one-hour sessions each day. Members $8 per session, non-members, $10. Registration and information 781-337.4600 x111.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth - Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

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Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

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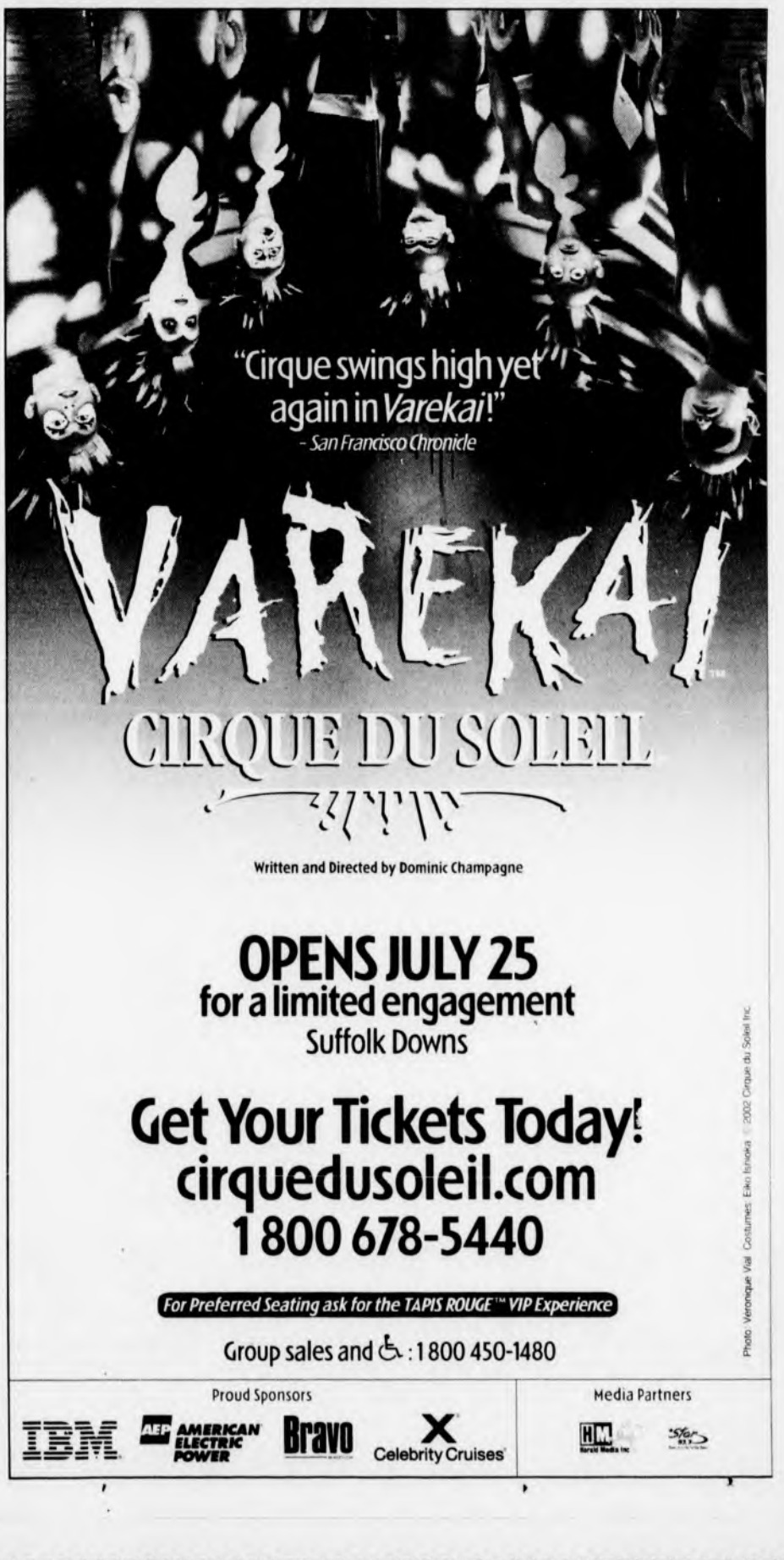
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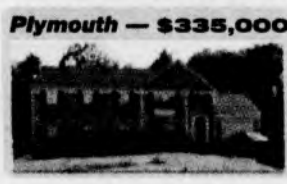
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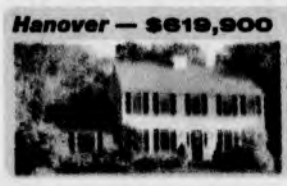
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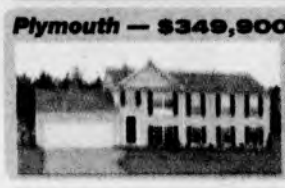
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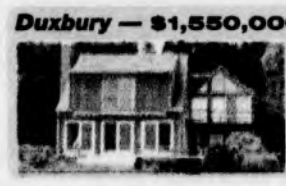
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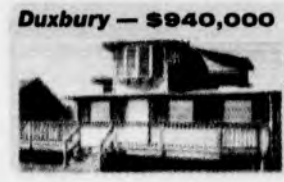
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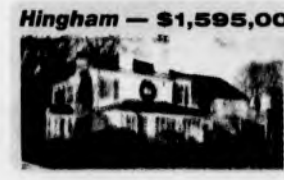
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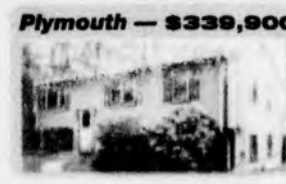
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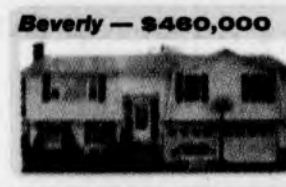
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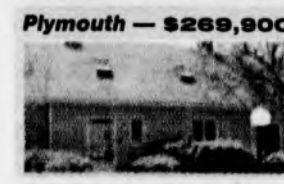
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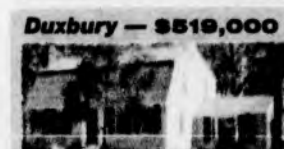
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Police chief seeks input

Survey, special council planned

By Mary Ford
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Chief James Hussey says community policing means reaching out to townspeople to determine what their issues are regarding crime and their quality of life.

To that end, he is in the process of drafting a comprehensive survey seeking input from residents and businesses and, with the selectmen's help, will form at Citizens Police Advisory Council to work with the police department.

Hussey told selectmen Tuesday the council should include a cross-section of the community including representatives from the schools, businesses, Council on Elder Affairs, other agencies in addition to residents. He expects the council to consist of about 10 people, who would meet about four times a year to address community problems.

He stressed the police department would not be relinquishing its responsibilities, but the council would provide guidance on how police could better serve the community.

Selectmen suggest residents interested in serving on the

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MARKET DAY

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Tyler Crumley holds her son, Tyler, while choosing tomatoes at the Cohasset Farmers Market. The market is open every Thursday afternoon on the town common.

A sure thing?

CEES wants assurances on sewer hookup

By Mary Ford
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It's been eight years since a grassroots citizens group in Little Harbor formed to make sure their homes would be connected to the town's sewer system. But even after years of lobbying and some significant money appropriated by successive Town Meetings for the design phase of the project — there may be no guarantees.

CEES (Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions) drew a crowd of about 40 people Monday evening at Lisa LoJacono's Nichols Road home to air concerns about the proposed Cook Estate and Cedarmere developments seeking access the town's sewer system and potentially getting ahead of Little Harbor. LoJacono sent out an "S.O.S" [Save Our Sewer] to her neighbors, who responded to the call.

CEES members — many of whose septic systems would not pass a Title 5 inspection — are concerned that any available capacity at the plant could be eaten up by the multi-unit developments, if they are successful in hooking up, and kill their hopes to sewer some 300 homes in the expanded Little Harbor District that includes Atlantic Avenue. [Title 5 is the state environmental code governing septic systems and can require homeowners to make expensive upgrades upon sale or transfer of their property.] They are also worried that allowing one new development to hookup would open up Pandora's Box, so to

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Asphalt floated as sidewalk pick

Village people provide update

By Mary Ford
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For the Downtown Revitalization Review Committee — less has turned out to be more.

After years of debate over sidewalk materials, the new committee has reached the consensus that asphalt would be more suitable and easier to maintain than brick or concrete.

It is not clear if changing the sidewalk material, which is less expensive than brick or concrete, would require a Town Meeting vote because Town Meeting opted for concrete last fall.

But, nevertheless, if all goes as planned and the project is phased in this fall and next spring, there would still be time to take the sidewalk issue back to the special Town Meeting and not delay construction in the village.

The streetscape committee has essentially "tweaked" other aspects of Waterfield Design Group's plans for village revitalization and doesn't think the

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Historic village building has yet another story to tell

Atlantic Bagel is moving downtown

By Mary Ford
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It's highly unlikely Newcomb Bates ever had a bagel. But the blacksmith, who built one of Cohasset's most historic village houses back in 1802, would no doubt be pleased that the aroma from baking the ring-shaped rolls will soon emanate from the structure.

Dan Belz, a Cohasset resident, and owner of the Atlantic Bagel on Route 3A, is remodeling the house at 45-47 South Main St. to accommodate the popular bagel and coffee shop. He'll be vacating the 3A site near Good Sport and plans to open in the village by mid August.

Belz isn't nervous about leaving the busy highway.

"Ninety percent of my customers are from Cohasset," he says. "We drew few people who were traveling up and down the highway, and had no walkers and no bikes.

"This is the perfect opportunity," he says.

Belz should know what he's talking about. He also owns the popular Atlantic Bagel in Hingham Centre (not to be confused with Hingham Square). The Centre is a small village on the section of Hingham's Main Street that departs from Rte. 228, near Dependable Cleaners.

"Atlantic Bagel in Hingham Centre is more of a meeting place than a drive-in," he says.

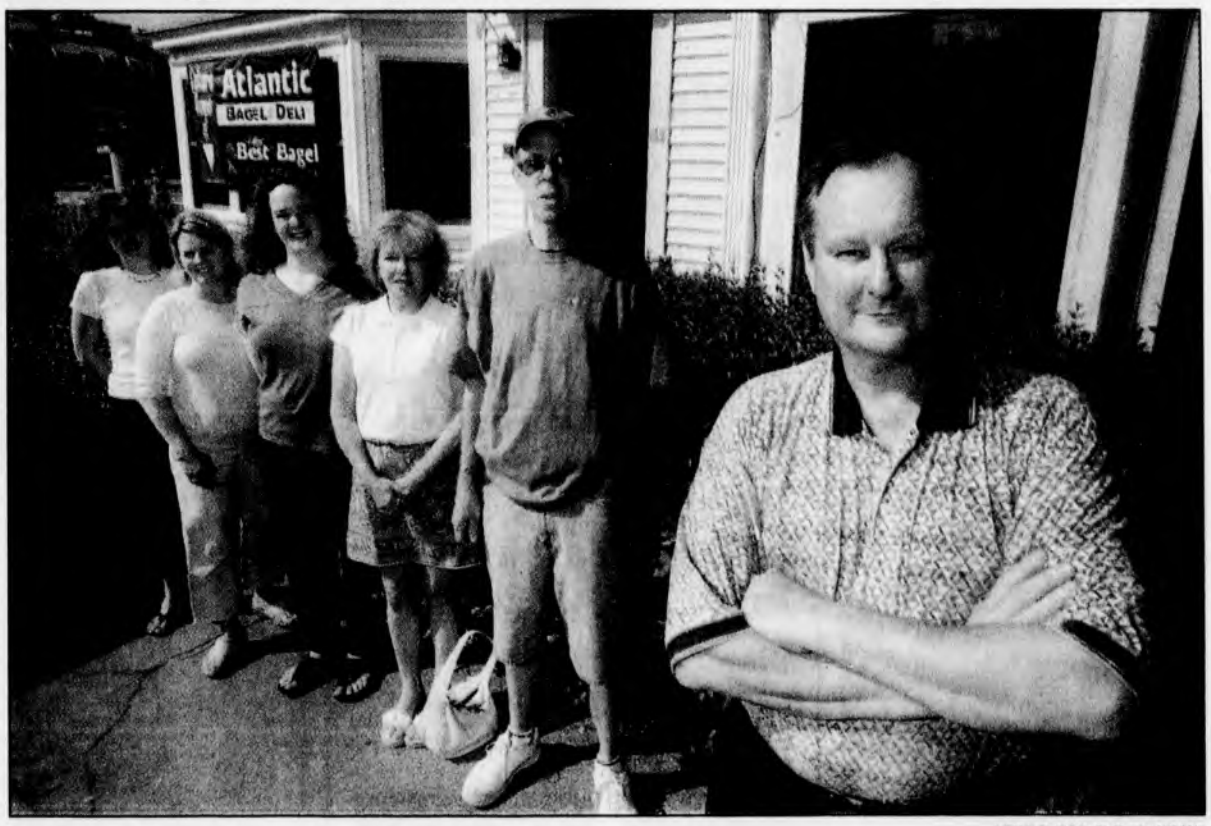
Belz, who is a real estate consultant and facilities manager, is also not concerned about competition in Cohasset Village, which has several eateries including the Village Butcher Shop & Deli on Brook Street. "We all have slightly different menus," he points out.

"Ninety percent of my customers are from Cohasset."
— Dan Belz, Atlantic Bagel

Belz's wife, Christine, is in charge of the bagel shop. They have three children: Erik who's on his way to Harvard; Aly, a 10th-grader; and Stefi, who's in the ninth grade.

The site that housed Cards &

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Dan Belz, right, owner of Atlantic Bagel, poses with building tenants from left, Darilynn Evans and Wendy Addison of Rooms in Bloom and Karen Stockwell of Cohasset Dog Wash. Also shown are Christine Belz and Stephen Malcolm of Atlantic Bagel.

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Correction to story about DiNero's plans

David Sorgman, manager of design for Bay Planning Company Inc. in Weymouth, gave the presentation on DiNero's expansion plans to the planning board on June 23, not Dave Mackwell of Kelly Engineering as reported in last week's Mariner.

Quotes in the story should have been attributed to Mr. Sorgman.

Bay Planning is the designer for the project. Kelly Engineering is a civil engineering firm that was hired by Bay Planning as subcontractors for the project.

The Mariner apologizes for the errors.

Town Manager search committee

Selectmen want to get the Town Manager Search Committee rolling while another committee reviews the Town Manager Act, itself.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said appointing the committee sooner rather than later was critical.

"The focus of this board is to hire a full-time, permanent town manager," she said.

She said acting Town Manager Michael Buckley is doing a great job, but is doing two jobs – serving as town manager and director of finance.

"We need to move as soon as possible," she said.

The discussion sparked some debate over the makeup of the search committee. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer questioned what the selection criteria for the search committee would be.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said usually a search committee consists of two or three citizens at large and representatives from various town boards.

Selectmen would have the ultimate responsibility for selecting the town manager, not the committee which would narrow down the field of candidates.

Dormitzer said it was important to find people to serve on the search committee "who are good at this and experienced at this."

Interested citizens should contact the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105.

Sparks fly over Greenbush plans

Greenbush is coming — just drive through Hingham or Scituate — where construction has begun in earnest. But to Tom Gruber, who served as chairman of the Greenbush Mitigation Committee, says Cohasset has its head in the sand, so to speak, and isn't taking an aggressive enough stance with the MBTA over train issues.

Selectmen asked Gruber to hold off his presentation so the subject could be placed on a future meeting agenda but he insisted on making a public statement Tuesday night.

Gruber described the relationship between the town and the MBTA as a "love fest" and said the town was treating the MBTA as a benevolent organization, which it is not, he said.

He presented a list of 15 questions to selectmen ranging from who is in charge of the Greenbush project in town, to why hasn't the town worked with other towns affected by Greenbush, and who has the list of all the Greenbush issues.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer agreed with Gruber that the town was not getting what it was paying for in terms of an ombudsman, which is being handled by the Waterfield Design Group.

Two business owners in attendance also complained their issues hadn't been addressed and they were sent in "circles" trying to get answers.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan thought some of the problem is a result of turnover in the town manager position. Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley had not been involved with Greenbush issues at all before being appointed, he said.

Sullivan said Greenbush and the Cook Estate would be on the agenda for next week's selectmen's meeting that gets underway at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday.

Selectmen may also form a committee to monitor MBTA issues, he said. Interested citizens should contact the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105.

DPW brush chipping on certain Saturdays

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WRPC meeting, July 19

The Water Resources Protection Committee will meet Monday, July 19, 7:30p.m. at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant located at 339 King Street.

The Committee will be discussing various means to reduce run off of pollutants from lawns by promoting and regulating, perhaps, lawn care management in the town.

Cohasset residents are invited to attend.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Health, July 20, 7 p.m.,

Council on Elder Affairs, July 12, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Conservation Commission, July 15, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, July 19, 7 p.m., Aug. 9, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, July 19 & 21, 7 p.m. (with the Town Manager Act Review Committee)

Selectmen, July 20, 7:30 p.m. (Cook Estate and Greenbush are tentatively on the agenda)

Sewer Commission, Aug. 2, 6 p.m.

Town Manager Act Review Committee, July 19 & 21, 7 p.m.

Water Commission, July 15, 7:30 p.m., King Street Plant

Water Resources Protection Committee, July 19, 7:30 p.m. King Street Plant

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Jet Pollution Council meets tonight (Thurs.)

Join The South Jet Pollution Council (SSJPC) for a special meeting at The Hingham Library in The Whiton Room on Thursday, July 15, from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Mon. 19	1:03	10.1	7:25	1:41	9.0	7:32
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Coakley, 6 Bound Brook Lane, repair/extend deck, $700; Culliney, 246 Beechwood St., repair porch, $3,500; Vanderugt, 144 Wheelwright Farms, finish room above garage; BC Tent, Common, tent June 15 to June 21, $4,000; Gilbert, 40 Joy Place, additions/renovations SP, $275,000; Crocker II Realty Trust, 321 CJCH, demolish/remove building; Skolnick, 26 Heather Drive, shed 8x10, $1,000; Judith Perry, 15 Hugh Strain Road, vinyl siding 20 squares, $15,000; John Englander, 87 Lamberts Lane, pool house, $200,000; Bryan, 288 Fairoaks Lane, 3rd floor bathroom, $9,000; Nothnagle, 36, Atlantic Ave., re-roof 21 squares, $9,370.

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Beaches closed after trash and sewage wash ashore

By Mary Ford
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Health officials suspect the trash and sewage that washed up on Sandy Beach Sunday was illegally dumped into the sea from a large boat.

Robin Lawrence, who sits on the board of health and is president of the Sandy Beach Association, said the beach was closed at 10 a.m. Sunday. It remained closed Monday and Tuesday pending test results of the water.

Lawrence said a substantial amount of trash washed up — including plastic bottles and detergent boxes, and then a substance that looked like sewage floated ashore with each rolling wave.

In addition to Sandy Beach, four other areas were also closed: Black Rock Beach, Sandy Cove, the yacht club and the sailing club.

The Department of Environmental Protection was notified along with the U.S. Coast Guard. Dumping trash and sewage from boats is illegal unless in the open ocean, Lawrence said.

"The DEP informed me that no sewage treatment plants had overflow issues in the area," he said. "It is probably a boat that jettisoned its trash and pumped its tanks."

According to a spokesman with the U.S. Coast Guard, under federal law sewerage and garbage can be disposed off no closer than three nautical miles off shore. Garbage must be biodegradable; plastic is never allowed to be dumped at sea, according to Chief Petty Officer Scott Carr.

Lawrence said the trash filled several large bags during the cleanup along Sandy Beach.

The tests, which determine the enteroccocci level in the water to see if it is safe to swim, came back negative on Tuesday so the beaches have all reopened, Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said.

Utility bill puts school budget in red

Town side also has big deficit

By Mary Ford
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The school department will use the installment plan to cover an electric utility bill, which arrived in late April, and is $90,000 more than estimated.

That wasn't the only "red" selectmen saw Tuesday night, when they also learned the town side of the budget that includes school unemployment has a $314,621 deficit for fiscal year 2004, which ended June 30, acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said.

Although the school electric bill covers the late winter months of fiscal year 2004, it will be paid from FY'05 funds, School Committee Chairman Rick Shea explained.

Shea said the bill was based on the actual meter reading and not estimates.

He said the school department was able to reach an agreement with the electric company to pay the bill over six months.

Shea explained the school committee would analyze its fiscal year 2005 budget over the next few weeks to see what potential offsets there may be to cover the bill.

"By mid September, we'll have a good idea where we stand," Shea said.

School utility usage has increased with the newly expanded Deer Hill and middle-high schools. Because of that, the school committee has not been able to establish a utility cost trend over recent years, although Shea pointed out the utilities' line item in the FY04 budget was increased substantially over the prior year.

In FY03, the schools had a $260,000 deficit due to increased utility usage and enacted conservation measures such as automatic timers on lights to help reduce costs.

On the town side legal bills for FY04 ran about $80,000 higher than budgeted; other deficits include school and town unemployment benefits, about $85,000; snow and ice deficit of nearly $50,000, and police overtime about $65,000.

Some of the smaller deficits, such as $6,000 for selectmen's telephone and $13,767 for Medicare, can be funded through reserved fund and departmental transfers that must be approved by the advisory committee, Buckley said. Other deficits can be covered by free cash or money from the stabilization fund at the fall Special Town Meeting.

Buckley explained a new state law allows end-of-the-year budget transfers as long as they don't exceed a certain threshold. Money cannot be transferred out of the school budget, however.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan asked that Selectman Ronnie McMorris, who is a lawyer, and Buckley sit down with Town Counsel to go over every aspect of the legal bill, which is an issue every year.

McMorris also floated asking the sewer commission to cover its own legal bills through sewer rates, the way the water commission does.

Asphalt floated as sidewalk pick

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"Like anything in life, things change. But we want to keep the old-time look we love."
— Phil Smith, downtown committee

plans need an expensive overhaul.

The committee stressed enhancing the natural beauty of the village through exposing granite ledge and adding trees and grassy areas. The granite removed from the ledge under St. Stephen's to widen the sidewalk there could be used to enhance other areas.

Some parking has been restored under the committee's recommendations. Plans for decorative light poles have been eliminated.

The committee also stressed that existing granite street curbing should be used. Plans are to lower South Main Street by about 6 inches, down to the original macadam and that would expose more of the granite curbing.

Phil Smith, a member of the committee and village-area resident for some 35 years, said the review committee discovered the village is basically fine the way it is – it just needs to be maintained, spruced up and made more attractive.

He said exposing the ledge off Elm Street between Hub Shipping and the police department would be one way to enhance the village character.

"Like anything in life, things change," Smith said. "But we want to keep the old-time look we love."

Plans are to delay the bid process for a couple of weeks to allow Waterfield to incorporate changes into the plans. The committee also wants to come up with a recommendation on the Depot Court-Ripley Road-Pleasant St. and the Brook-South Main streets intersections.

"The bottom line is we want to keep things the way they are now – the parking works, the sidewalks work – they need upgrading and to be made more attractive with landscaping," Selectman Ronnie McMorris said.

The wires that cross over the street would be put underground with the potential for undergrounding all the utilities some time in the future.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who sits on the streetscape committee, said at their next meeting selectmen needed to extend the bid process, and decide if the sidewalks need to go back to Town Meeting.

It also needs to be determined if the MBTA will pay for improvements to the Depot Court-Pleasant St.-Ripley Road intersection which is near the railroad tracks.

The $1.8 Village Revitalization Project has been in the works for upwards of seven years and is being paid for by grants and private donations.

Police chief Hussey seeks input

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council should call the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105 or stop by Town Hall.

Hussey said some recruiting from town agencies might be necessary to insure there is a cross-section on the council that would also include the chief himself, and a representative from the police union.

Hussey said his goal is to first see what the results of the survey are. He hopes to have the council formed in early September in order to have the first meeting in the early fall.

Hussey said the town-wide survey would be ready in a couple of weeks. Plans are to print the survey in the Cohasset Mariner and also have extra copies of the survey around town at places like the library for people who may not subscribe to the paper.

(Editor's note: the Mariner will provide space for the survey at no cost).

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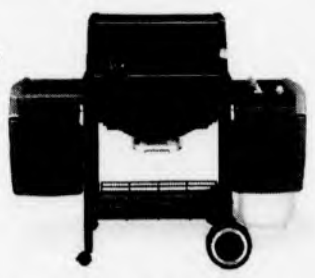
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Historic village building has yet another story to tell

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Shards for 26 years will continue to include Karen Stockwell's Cohasset Dog Wash, a dog-grooming business, in a small wing on the right of the building. Wendy Addison and Darilynn Evans are opening "Rooms in Bloom," a gift and home-decorating shop in the former apartment on the other side of the antique house. The four residential apartments will remain upstairs.

In addition to interior renovations to house the bagel business, Belz is installing public restrooms and making the building handicapped accessible.

The "low-carb" craze doesn't faze Belz, who says there's no substitute for a fresh bagel. "Our bagels are boiled and baked everyday on site," he says. "We use all fresh ingredients and no preservatives."

Belz bought the building from Sue Straley of Cards 'n Shards for about $980,000. He will employ one or two full-time and four-to-five part-time staffers, depending on the day. Hours will be 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., and possibly to 5 p.m. in the summer. Plans also include a patio area for customers to eat outside. He says Atlantic Bagel does an equal amount of business at breakfast and lunch time.

Interestingly, it won't be the first time lunch will be served in the place. The antique house provided the setting for the deli in the 1987 movie, "Witches of Eastwick," much of which was filmed in Cohasset. Not many places can claim "Jack Nicholson ate here."

But Belz says that won't be not the building's only claim to fame.

"One dollar for a bagel with butter," he says. "You can't beat that price."

House has an interesting history

Newcomb Bates, a blacksmith, built the house at 45-47 S. Main St. about 1802. He married Lydia Nichols, served as an ensign in the War of 1812, Colonel of the Militia, and for many years was a Deacon of the First Parish Church.

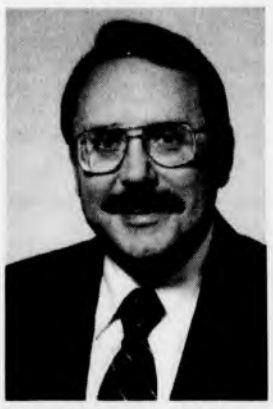
Subsequently, Dr. Charles Burr Bridgham of Maine owned the house. While a student at Harvard Medical School, on the outbreak of the Civil War, he entered the Army as an assistant surgeon. He was taken prisoner at the first battle of Bull Run, but was paroled. He returned to Maine, entered Bowdoin Medical School, and graduated in 1863. He then entered the 54th Massachusetts Regiment [featured in the movie "Glory"] as assistant surgeon under Col. Robert Gould Shaw and was at Fort Wagner when Col. Shaw was killed. Dr. Bridgham moved to Cohasset in 1887 to establish his practice in town and became a prominent member of the community. The house was involved in a major fire on Dec. 26, 1895 that almost destroyed the village. Dr. Bridgham is credited with having saved the house himself.

In 1894, his daughter, Mary, married Thomas Pratt Bates, a grandson of Newcomb Bates.

Source: historical records compiled by David Wadsworth that are file with the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Second in a series

Not One Minute Longer Than Necessary



John C. Benanti, MD
Chairman, Department of Emergency Medicine

Nobody wants to go to a hospital emergency room. But almost all of us end up there, seeking medical care for a loved one or ourselves. Most of us know all too well about waiting, sometimes for hours, for that care to be provided.

Emergency rooms in general — and South Shore Hospital's in particular — are busier than ever. Nationally, there are more than 114 million ER visits annually, a number that has risen 16 percent since 1996. There are 75,000 patient visits to South Shore Hospital's emergency department every year, making it the second busiest in Eastern Massachusetts. Many visits are prompted by life-threatening conditions, others don't involve true emergencies. Federal law prohibits us, however, from turning any emergency patient away — even if their condition would be better (and perhaps more quickly) addressed in a physician's office or clinic.

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As more people choose our emergency care, it makes our ED very busy and can produce waits. Caring for an average of 200 patients each day stresses our systems, despite doubling the size of our department two years ago. In addition, our emergency patients are so sick that more of them need hospitalization than the Massachusetts average. Their diagnoses and treatments take longer and can periodically delay care being provided to others.

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Fellow, American College of Emergency Physicians
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South Shore Hospital

Next: Dr. Marvin "Spike" Lipschutz senior vice president, clinical affairs, discusses quality.

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Gibbons named chief of surgery

Gary W. Gibbons, MD, FACS, a nationally recognized leader in the field of diabetic and vascular surgery, has been named chief of surgery at Quincy Medical Center.

Gibbons will oversee surgical services, including programs in general surgery, minimally invasive/laparoscopic surgery, colorectal surgery, cosmetic surgery, ear, nose and throat surgery, gynecologic surgery, orthopedic surgery, podiatric (foot) surgery, and vascular surgery.

Gibbons joined Quincy Medical Center in 2000 through the Alliance for Quality with Boston Medical Center (BMC). He is executive director of BMC Foot Care Specialists, a multi-disciplinary practice specializing in the prevention and treatment of the diabetic wound and foot problems. He also is a member of BMC Surgical Associates, a multi-specialty group of surgeons who practice at QMC. A board-certified general and vascular surgeon, Gibbons is a pioneer of the Dorsalis Pedis Bypass, or Foot Bypass Surgery. The procedure works to restore proper circulation to the feet, avoiding amputation for patients with diabetic foot problems.

"Dr. Gibbons has the experience and expertise to develop programming to blend the surgical resources of our community-based surgeons with our tertiary partners at Boston Medical Center to further enhance surgical services at Quincy Medical Center," says Christine C. Schuster, president and CEO of Quincy Medical. "The ability of Quincy Medical Center to provide high quality community-based care with the flair of an academic medical center provides enormous benefits for patients, families and the communities we serve," said Dr. Gibbons.

Gibbons received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1971 and completed residencies at Boston Medical Center and the New England Deaconess Hospital. He is an international lecturer on the subject of diabetic foot and vascular surgery and has published several articles in clinical journals and book chapters on the subjects. He is a Professor of Surgery at Boston University School of Medicine.

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CEES seeks sewer guarantee

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speak, for the others to follow suit.

But Sewer Commission Chairman Ray Kasperowicz said, in his view, the Little Harbor District has nothing to worry about in terms of capacity. Plans are in the works to upgrade the town's sewer treatment plant off Elm Street that would increase the capacity there by about 150,000 gallons per day that would be reserved for Little Harbor, Kasperowicz said. "That's etched in granite," he said about the future capacity. If the project moves along, Little Harbor could be sewered by the end of the decade.

He said projects, such as Cedarmere and the Cook Estate, aren't competing for that capacity but are seeking any potential excess capacity that exists at the plant now. The plant is permitted to treat 300,000 per day but is designed to handle 400,000. In dry months usage is averaging about 200,000 gallons per day and in wet months about 328,000 gallons, he said.

Any excess capacity that may exist now is for the Central Sewer District and not Little Harbor, Kasperowicz said. In other words, the capacity for Little Harbor doesn't yet exist and won't until the plant is upgraded. The plant upgrade project would add additional treatment membranes but not expand the current plant's footprint, he said.

Cedarmere, which does not think the town can legally reserve capacity, and the Cook Estate, a project that won Town Meeting support, both lie outside the Central District. Cedarmere developers have said they would help upgrade the plant and cleanup the leakage problems, which would create enough capacity for Little Harbor to connect along with their project.

Kasperowicz said the sewer commission is proposing two articles for the fall Special Town Meeting that, if passed, would put the issue of expanding the Central District before the voters. One would create a home rule petition, similar to those in Provincetown and Nantucket that would have the force of law. Therefore, if a developer comes in and wants to hookup and there is sufficient capacity, he would need Town Meeting approval to be added to the district — without that, he would have no option apart from an on-site system. "It would insulate us from lawsuits, like Cedarmere's," Kasperowicz said.

The other article would change the town's bylaw allowing Town Meeting to accept or reject any district, which could still be challenged in the courts. He said the bylaw would buy the town some time until the home rule petition made its way through the legislative process at the State House, which could take upwards of 18 months.

Kasperwicz said the home rule petition would allow the sewer commission to "take things in a linear fashion and not being pulled in 10 different ways." It would also allow the voters to opt to take care of existing homes first. He described the pressure from developments such as the Cook Estate, Cedarmere, Avalon and Jerusalem Road Estates, the selectmen (who back the Cook Estate) and planning board (that approved Cedarmere) as a "full court press."

The town is under a court order to solve its wastewater problems resulting from failed septic systems that were polluting water bodies. Under the legal pact, the town has to develop a wastewater management plan. In lieu of subjecting the Little Harbor homeowners to septic system inspections and forced upgrades, the town opted to pursue sewering the area.

According to officials at Monday's meeting, the town will meet with the state Department of Environmental Protection on July 21 at the DEP office in Boston to discuss the town's progress under the court agreement.

CEES is not comfortable with the bylaw and home rule petition supported by the sewer commission that would give Town Meeting control over sewer districts. LoJacono said Town Meetings can be "a beauty contest" and noted she voted for the Cook Estate project because town officials at the time gave assurances soils at the site would be able to handle an on-site septic system.

Richard Brooks, 68 Nichols Road, said he's seen strange things happen at Town Meeting. "I've seen articles voted at the start and then brought back at 11 p.m.," he said.

There were also concerns raised whether Little Harbor is in fact an official sewer district and Kasperowicz said he would ask Town Counsel to be sure.

CEES, which is seeking a 50 percent town subsidy to sewer Little Harbor, is also worried that asking the rest of the town to support the project with tax dollars won't be popular at Town Meeting. Developers can pay the town to hook up, making it a more attraction option.

"Sharing the cost of this puts us in a dangerous situation," LoJacono said, adding once people are sewered they no longer care about sharing the cost for others to connect.

The expanded Central District and North Cohasset Sewer District were paid for 50 percent with tax dollars and 50 percent by the users. CEES says the town should pay for the expanded plant and street work, and Little Harbor District homeowners would pay for their own lines from the street and grinder pumps that would equal the same 50-50 split.

LoJacono said that, according to CEES' lawyer, DEP could grant a Title 5 amnesty provision for Little Harbor area homeowners whose septic systems aren't health hazards because of the promise of the sewer. But there would have to be a guarantee the sewer is coming.

"The DEP doesn't want homeowners to have to pay for a new septic system when they're going to get the sewer," she explained.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who attended the meeting, said the issue is not so simple. He said it may all come down to money — there is no money in the budget to sewer Little Harbor. Making matters worse, the debt service for the town, which recently expanded and refurbished two schools among other projects, will soar over the next few years. Dormitzer said the best hope for Little Harbor is to have installing sewers in the district incorporated into the court order, dubbed the Second Amended Final Judgment.

"In my view you have to get the amended judgment to include requiring this be tied in given the financial aspect of the town," said Dormitzer, who indicated the issue could be raised at the June 21 meeting with the DEP.

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Ken Gritzan runs for cancer research

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Congratulations Kayvon on a job well done.

YOGA CLASS ON VACATION

Holly Perreira would like to announce that her yoga program held at the Second Congregational Church on Wednesday evenings has ended for the summer. It will return in September. If you have any questions, please call Holly at 857-498-0178.

PSO CALENDAR

The Cohasset PSO Calendar is once again in the makings and we are looking for updated information from any town-wide organization. Please make sure to call 781-383-0143 or email psocalendar@yahoo.com with this update. If the information is not received by **July22**, it will not be in the 2004-2005 calendar.

This week is a very short one indeed as far as news and event information goes. Make sure to send in any and all news that you may have about family, friends and upcoming events. Have it in to me no later than Mondays by 5 p.m.

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Treetop retreat at root of family fun

By Samantha Brown
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Having a tree house in the backyard is a dream shared by children of all ages. For Stephen, Christian, and Nathan Bumstead, it is a dream that has not only come true, but is surpassing their wildest expectations.

In their Nichols Road backyard, hoisted up on a great holly tree, their tree house stands tall, complete with a rope swing, outside deck, and crow's nest. But what sets this tree house apart from the others is the list of amenities it has, including electricity, Pergo floors, and a sliding glass door.

While building the smallest of tree houses takes much work and patience, building the Bumstead tree house required work, patience, and an architect. Lisa LoJacono, mother of the boys, said she hired Jonathan Fairoaks, a certified arborist who has been building tree houses for 41 years to complete the job.

"It was a very interesting experience," said LoJacono, adding it was well worth it as it has become a great way for the family to spend time together in a fun setting.

While most parents might not enjoy making the trek up to play in a tree house, LoJacono said she and her fiancé, Joe Offerman, often spend time in the boughs with the boys. With beadboard gracing the walls to the height of a chair rail, windows that open on every wall, a loft space, two futons and a television, it's almost like being at home. She said they often have family night in the tree house, and order pizza and watch movies together.

One of the most interesting features of the tree house is that the holly tree which supports the structure is alive and growing right up through the floor. LoJacono said she often comes out to the tree house with a spray bottle to wet the leaves of the tree which sprout from little branches on the trunk.

Initially, interest in constructing a tree house in the backyard stemmed from a series of books called, "The Magic Treehouse," written by Mary Pope Osbourne, which the boys had been reading at school. The books tell the tale of some children who find magical books in a tree house, and just by pointing to a picture get whisked away on a journey to wherever they want to go. The boys thought it would be great to have their very own tree house to spark their imaginations, and LoJacono and Offerman were happy to oblige.

In fact, LoJacono said the house is just as much Offerman's as the boys, as he was much of the driving force behind making the dream come to life. LoJacono said a tree house is something Offerman always wanted, and when the boys showed enough interest to give him the green light to get going on the project, he really pursued it. She said Offerman was working at a building next to the World Trade Center on September 11, and he lost a lot of friends that day, and planning for and building the tree house gave him something positive to focus on.

Fairoaks and his crew stayed with the family for two weeks during construction, which began in July of last year. They began by constructing the base, and built up from there. For stability, a roughly 35-foot telephone pole was brought to the yard, and had to be lifted by a crane with a 90 foot boom.

Once the walls were in place, vinyl siding was installed and a tin roof was put on top. LoJacono said they chose a tin roof because of the sound the rain makes when it splashes down. By Labor Day, the house was complete and ready for the fun to begin. "It's been a wonderful haven for family time," LoJacono said.



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Stephen, Christian and Nathan Bumstead enjoy their tree house with all the extras.

LoJacono said the project has has a loft space which can accommodate all three for campouts. The boys enjoy having their friends over for sleepover parties, and even LoJacono has spent a few nights in the tree house loft. The family dog's electric fence is also set up to allow her to come into the tree house, making sure no one is left out. "It's all about the family," she said.

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Alix White connects with her artistic roots

Opens exhibit of landscapes

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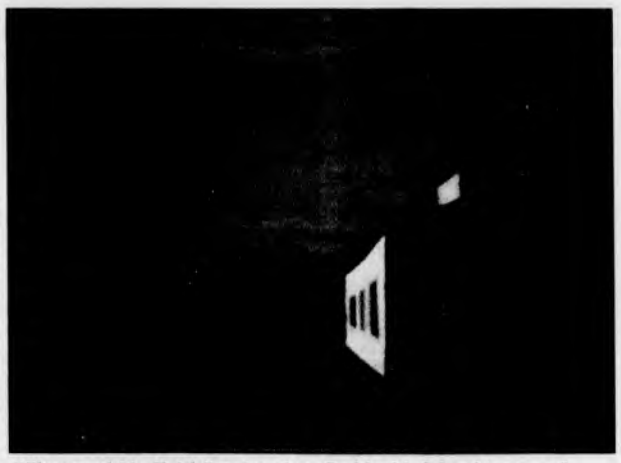
To those who know Cohasset's Alix White personally, it will come as no surprise that "accomplished artist" is now added to her long list of achievements.

The mother of three — who is also an environmentalist, farmer and former town official — hasn't had enough time in recent years to devote to one of her first loves: painting and drawing.

But after selling White Cedar Farm off Jerusalem Road last year where White and her husband, David Bigley, grew organic fruit and produce for restaurants and sold eggs to home customers in Cohasset, White found she could direct more energy toward her artwork.

The result of that renewed focus is featured along with pieces she's produced over the past two decades in an exhibit dubbed, "Weather Report," at the South Shore Natural Science Center off Jacobs Lane in Norwell. Her collection is on display through Aug. 30.

Visitors to the exhibit will find familiar scenes of the South Shore, featuring World's End in Hingham, the North River, the Gulf River, and Young's Boatyard in Scituate, to name a few.



"Shuttered Up Faith" painted on Peddock's Island is one of Alix White's landscapes that are on display.

The centerpiece of the exhibit is the 48 inch by 50 inch "The Cloud of Unknowing" – a spectacular combination of sea and sky awash in shades of blue and white that depicts a cumulous cloud floating over a peaceful ocean.

The special reception Saturday afternoon heralding the showing turned into an impromptu reunion that included family and friends.

"I'm very impressed with the range of work," says Linda Keller of Cohasset. "There are a lot of styles I'm seeing here and there's a wonderful feeling of the South Shore."

Cohasset's Margo Cheel, who is also an artist and has had White as a student, says the paintings have a wonderful sense of place.

Cheel thought the title of the exhibit "Weather Report" was apropos because much of White's work has to do with the outside. But, she noted, "weather" in White's work is through the eye of an artist and therefore is not a compilation of data and statistics that meteorologists like to report. "There's a sense of feeling, a sense of color," she said.



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Alix White poses with her painting, "The Cloud of Unknowing," at the opening reception for her exhibit "Weather Report" at the South Shore Natural Science Center.

Cheel explained she teaches a recurring class that White has participated in on several occasions. "Alix would say, 'this is what charges me and helps me focus,'" Cheel says.

Bigley, White's husband, noted the exhibit covered two decades of work.

"It's really nice to see it all displayed in one place and to be surrounded by friends," he said during Saturday's reception.

White said she went to art school and always knew she wanted to paint. "But I had children, then the farm – I kept painting but couldn't do it full time," she says.

White, who is a former member of the Cohasset Board of Health and recycling committee, says painting is a way she can connect with the natural environment that she loves.

"Painting makes you a real observer – you really see what is there in the landscape," she says. To White, drawing and painting is a form of prayer, a way she can meditate.

"Painting makes you a real observer – you really see what is there in the landscape."
— Alix White

She and Bigley have three children: Morgan, 23, Deirdre, 20 and Aaron, 16. When White had her last art show, she was pregnant with Deirdre.

White's mother, Constance White, was also on hand Saturday. Brimming with pride, she couldn't stop smiling and noted her daughter is fulfilling the early promise she showed in art school.

"She's painted from time to time all her life," says Mrs. White, pointing out that motherhood happily sidelined her daughter's ability to paint full time. But now, she can realize that potential.

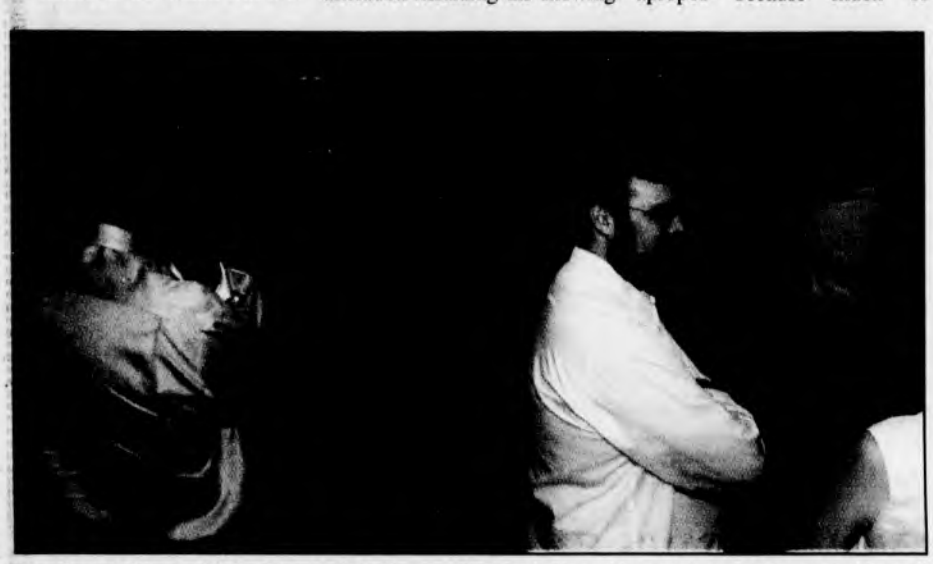
White agrees, saying she's believes she is meant to do many things in her life. She lives on James Lane and also works as a home health aide.

White explains it can take six to seven months to complete a painting; she usually sketches the scene on location and then paints the piece in her studio.

Larry and Inge Miller knew White and Bigley when they were both young couples and neighbors in Cambridge more than 20 years ago. In fact Inge was one of White's first portrait models. Over the years the couples drifted apart. The show provided a reason to get together again.

"They're beautiful," said Inge about the paintings. "What a nice way to be reunited."

"Weather Report" is on display through Aug. 30 at the Vine Hall Gallery, South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell.. 781-659-2559. www.ssnsc.org.



Family and friends fill the Vine Hall Gallery at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for the opening reception for Alix White's exhibit, "Weather Report."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Hitting the right note

Walk into almost any school on the South Shore and you'll see first hand the devastating impact our tight economic climate has had on the arts. In some schools, music teachers are forced to hold sessions in hallways or cafeterias because the schools are overcrowded. In others, art teachers end up spending so much of their own money to provide the necessary tools students need to learn and develop a lifelong appreciation the arts.

In one school we know everyone is forced to play a wind instrument because there isn't enough money right now to purchase other instruments. Arts teachers are being forced to shuttle between three and four different schools in some towns because positions are being reduced to save money.

It seems the arts in the schools are the first to take the hit in many municipal budgets. But fortunately for our region, there are many gifted and generous benefactors who understand the vibrancy of the arts in a thriving community. A case in point — the organizers spearheading the effort to develop a $3.5 million Center for the Arts at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham.

The Conservatory's new center offers a number of teaching studios, three classrooms for performances, two galleries, along with a host of other things. It is a welcoming place where those who share a love and commitment to the arts can join forces.

Next Saturday, July 25, the public is invited to see the Conservatory's new $3.5 million Center for the Arts and is encouraged to participate in several upcoming fundraising events to pay for the 11,000 square foot facility.

Through the years the Conservatory has played a key role in helping shape and encourage arts in our communities. Since it was first established more than 30 years ago, the Conservatory has become one of the largest community arts schools in the state. The Conservatory reports it has worked with more than 3,000 students in more than 45 communities in suburban Boston. It has facilities in Hingham and Duxbury.

The Conservatory has helped inspire countless artists and musicians of all ages over the last several decades. Programs are offered for the young and old alike, featuring art, drama and dance to name a few. The Conservatory, through its "Arts Partners" program has also been providing needed outreach programs in schools where arts funding has been particularly hard hit.

Without question, the Conservatory has been a true community success story. We encourage readers, if they aren't already familiar with the thriving center, to check it out, see what it has to offer and figure out ways they can provide some assistance — whether it be financial or otherwise.

Construction ahead

Take a trip to Scituate's Greenbush section or to Hingham Square, and the fact the train is coming really hits home. Both areas are construction zones.

Scituate is the end of the line where the layover station is being built and Hingham Square is in the throes of tunnel work that also requires relocating Town Brook that flows under the downtown area.

Maybe because of the fact Greenbush is staring them in the face, our neighbors to the north and south seem to have their collective acts together regarding the MBTA and the issues they face during train construction.

Cohasset hasn't been affected in terms of actual construction but the design work is going on.

Both towns have "Greenbush go-to people" who are also appearing on local cable-TV with Cashman liaison Tom Carroll to provide updates. Cashman Balfour Beatty, a joint venture, is building the train.

Tom Gruber, who worked hard as chairman of the Cohasset Greenbush Mitigation Committee, is concerned that selectmen aren't insuring the town is adequately protected and aren't dealing with the MBTA in an aggressive enough manner. He says when it comes to dealing with the state agency, one can't be aggressive enough.

Here at the Mariner, we have supported Greenbush from the get-go. But we also want to hold the MBTA's feet to the fire, so to speak, and make sure Cohasset gets the best train possible.

Selectmen have now agreed to put Greenbush concerns on the agenda for their next meeting and may appoint a Greenbush oversight committee.

If you share Mr. Gruber's concerns, please attend and let your voice be heard.

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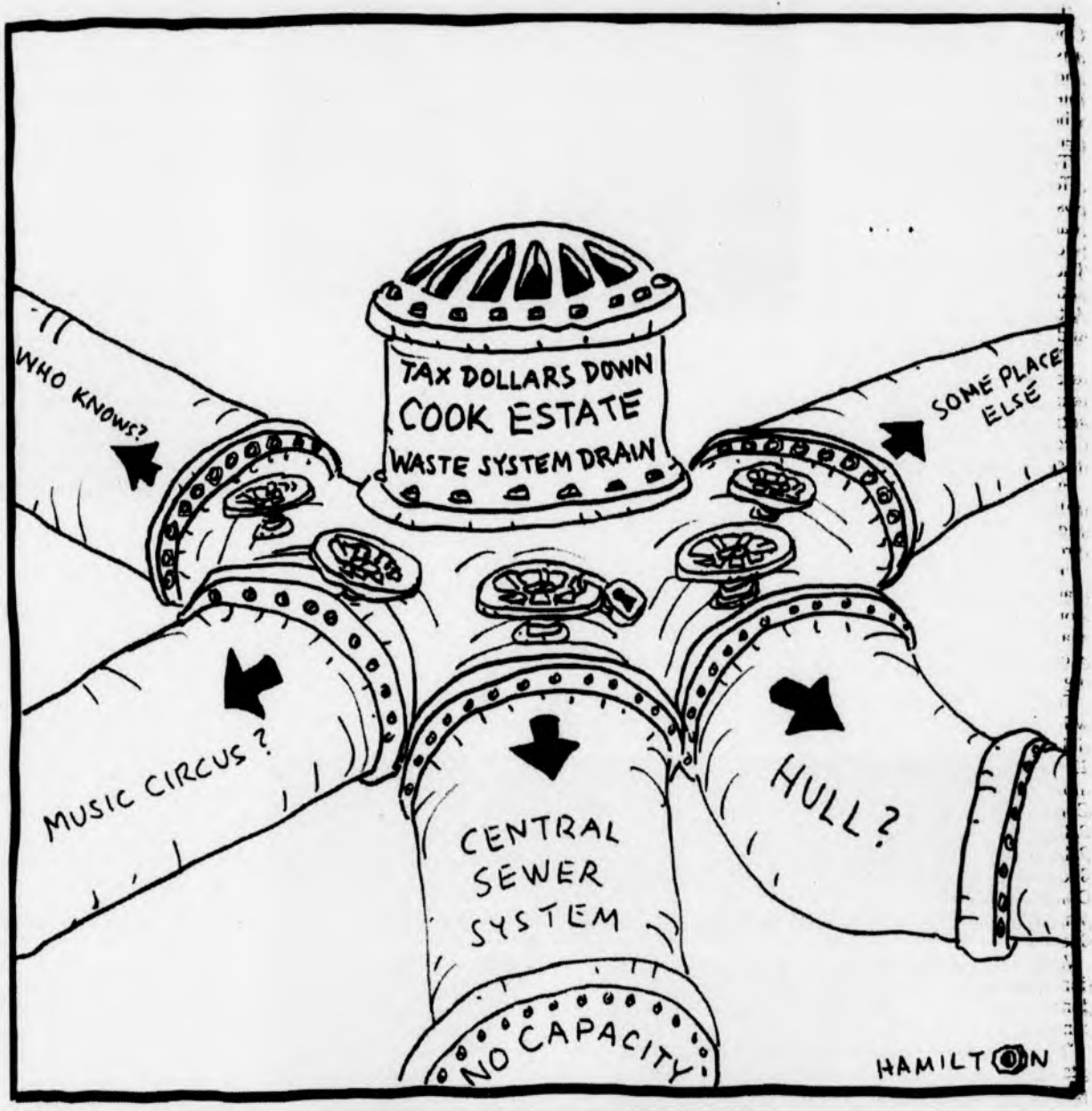
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop 'remuddling' with the Town Manager Act

TO THE EDITOR:

Last week's Mariner, as usual, had a wealth of informative articles and letters, including one from Ralph Dormitzer, which provided an excellent history or why the voters decided in 1997 to pass the Town Manager Act. Basically, it was because managing the town's operations and business had become much too complicated and demanding to be handled adequately by a clutch of part-time committee people with no adequately trained individual in full time charge of conducting the people's business.

The Act clearly implies that the Town Manager is to be supervised by the elected Board of Selectmen, and does not imply that he or she is an independent operator. Rather than set up some supervisory committee consisting of a few selectmen and a few unelected members, it would be commonsensical simply to have the Selectmen *do* their job of supervising.

During the debate on the Act, there was some chatter about divorcing financial controls from the Town Manager's function, and establishing a Chief Financial Officer reporting separately to the Selectmen. However most people recognized that it's ridiculous to separate the management of the expenditures from the actions the Town Manager needs take which require the expenditures!. (Of course, when the principal function of the proposed Financial Officer is to *raise* money, as in most businesses, while leaving the management and the spending that goes with it to the Chief Executive Officer, two people may be desirable. But Cohasset doesn't need that extra person and that separation of responsibilities; the combination of Town Manager, Selectmen, Accountant, and volunteers with financial expertise serving on relevant committees can continue to serve us adequately in that respect).

Selectman Dormizer is correct in recommending contracts of significant dollar value be reviewed by the selectmen, and that contracts contain performance criteria, provision for audit etc. But such requirements should be set out in a set of Standard Operating Procedures developed by or for the Selectmen, and not included as boiler plate in a revised Act! (There is nothing wrong with the Town Manager helping establish the SOP's; he or she may have the experience and/or special training to provide expert help, without the Selectmen losing control of the final result).

To maintain some uniformity in personnel matters, and to ensure that relevant rules are adhered to, it makes sense to focus the hiring, dismissal, compensation, promotion, etc. in the Town Manager's office. Surely we can assume that the Town Manager would base his or her actions on recommendations from the department heads. If not, the selectmen can exercise their supervisory function, as the Town Manger Act already expects them to do.

It may be true that public debate and democratic control have suffered in recent years, but diffusing the management of the people's business is not the answer. It reminds me of the term used for inept remodeling of buildings: "remuddling"! Actually, in recent years, thanks in part to a well organized Town Manager, the issues have been more clearly presented in the warrant and at Town Meeting than in years past. The real problem is poor attendance at Town Meeting, poor preparation by the attendees, stacking the house for or against a measure, lack of objective comprehension, etc. The clumsiness and inefficiency of democracy is well demonstrated in the Town Meeting system, yet we are reluctant to abandon it. Well, if we are to retain it, let's not make it worse by remuddling our management structure!

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HEALTH NOTES

AEDs to make town heart-safe

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Each year, more than 250,000 Americans die from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). SCA occurs when the arteries that supply blood to the heart become blocked, the flow of blood which carries oxygen to the heart is slowed or stopped, and the muscle fibers contract chaotically rather than in sync with each other as they normally do. Today, fewer than 5 percent of SCA victims survive, largely because defibrillators are not available to reach them in time. For each minute that passes before defibrillation therapy reaches a victim, the chances for survival decrease by about 10 percent. After 10 minutes, few attempts at resuscitation are successful.

According to medical experts, the key to survival is timely initiation of a "chain of survival", including CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Because of recent technological advances there is now a portable lifesaving device, called an "automated external defibrillator" or "AED." Trained non-medical personnel can use these simplified electronic machines to treat a person in cardiac arrest. The AED device "guides the user through the process by audible or visual prompts without requiring any discretion or judgment." The American Heart Association notes that at least 20,000 lives could be saved annually by prompt use of AEDs. Ultimately, with broad deployment of AEDs among trained responders, as many as 40,000 deaths due to sudden cardiac arrest could be prevented each year.

Cohasset has begun deployment of AEDs in town. Soon, we will have completed a plan to place units in all early emergency response vehicles for the police and fire departments. There is a unit at the board of health. There is even one at the Cohasset Golf Club. Current legislation provides for grants to pay for these devices for cities and towns and many towns, including Cohasset, have public subscription campaigns to help pay for their widest possible deployment. At this point, Cape Cod has almost universal AED coverage with every town now being rated as a heart-safe town (a town having AEDs in all of its first response vehicles). Soon Cohasset will have this designation.

Manual defibrillators work by giving the heart a controlled electric shock, forcing all the heart muscles to contract at once, and, hopefully jolting it back into a regular rhythm. Historically, only trained medical professionals were able to interpret the heart rhythms on manual defibrillator devices. However, today's new Automated External Defibrillators use embedded computer chips to analyze the rhythms instantly and accurately, making it possible for non-medical professionals to administer the same vital service without risking an accidental shock.

There are several manufacturers of these remarkable devices, but in the interests of easier training, most towns have settled on one model. Cohasset has chosen the Phillips Heart Start. This unit literally talks one through the whole procedure. Starting with unpacking and placing two electrical pads at specific locations on the torso, it senses the heart rhythms and decides whether a shock is needed and the intensity and duration. If a shock is needed, it tells the operator to press the orange shock button. The machine then delivers a highly effective defibrillation waveform of low energy therapy. If a shock is not needed, the defibrillator's voice instructions tell you how to assess the patient's condition, and to perform CPR if necessary. Then, voice instructions can be activated to coach the user on the frequency and depth of compressions. Further, the unit verbally reminds one to call emergency medical service (EMS) and should the EMS need a summary of care, the unit can verbally recount the recent events from its last clinical use. There are special pads for children which automatically adjust the therapy for infants and children. All units come with a spare battery with a five-year life.

The Fire Department is the central focus for AED activity for the town. If you have any questions, call the fire department and ask for Capt. Robert Silvia.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Come see Conservatory's $1.3M addition

Public opening is Sunday, July 25

By Carol Britton Meyer
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An architect's rendering of the expanded South Shore Conservatory in Hingham.

The recently expanded South Shore Conservatory in Hingham offers a supportive arts community where students of all abilities and ages can explore their individual talents and interests. There are also opportunities for those who share a love for the arts to collaborate and perform together.

The Conservatory's new Center for the Arts offers nine teaching studios, three multi-purpose classrooms for ensembles and performances, specialized space for new programs, two galleries, and "welcoming public space." There's also a sculpture garden outside the main entrance designed by South Shore Landscape Artist Ron Rudnicki and donated by Betty Jane and Stephen Andrus of Cohasset.

The garden showcases contemporary sculptures by living artists which complement the landscaping, which includes cedar trees (the entire area was once called Cedar Hill), maples, oaks, lilies, and other plantings.

Funds to pay for the $3.5 million, 11,000-square-foot addition are being raised through a capital campaign.

"For so long we've seen the plans on paper in two-dimensional form," said Campaign Manager Lanci Valentine. "It's exciting to see the actual building come together."

The Grand Opening weekend will feature a Donor Gala and ribbon-cutting ceremony July 23 for donors who have contributed $1,000 or more; an Evenings Under the Stars Pops Concert July 24 under the direction of Nicholas Palmer, the son of Dorothy and the late Robert Palmer; and the public opening of the South Shore Music Circus Gallery and the Robert & Dorothy Palmer Gallery July 25 from 4 to 6 p.m., featuring gallery artists from the South Shore Art Center.

Various classrooms, studios, and other portions of the addition are named in honor of other donors out of an appreciation for their generous contributions.

"This addition shows the importance role the arts play in the community and in the lives of individuals," Valentine said.

"For so long we've seen the plans on paper in two-dimensional form. It's exciting to see the actual building come together."
—Lanci Valentine,
South Shore Conservatory

Since its inception more than three decades ago, SSC has grown into the largest community school for the arts in Massachusetts, serving more than 3,000 students from 47 communities south of Boston at its Hingham and Duxbury campuses and through its outreach programs. Some advance to professional careers while others pursue the arts for their own pleasure and as a means of expressing their creativity. By comparison, the Conservatory served 150 students when it opened in 1970.

SSC's mission is to provide access to quality education in the arts. The Conservatory offers arts-oriented pre-school programs for young children and music, dance, drama, and audio recording for students of all ages.

In addition to the Hingham and Duxbury locations, SSC offers an "Arts Partners" community outreach program which serves schools that don't offer art.

The $3.5 million construction costs are part of an overall long-range planning goal that began with the Duxbury Ellison Center for the Arts and will continue with an endowment fund and expansion of the Duxbury campus.

The Conservatory offers more than 50 courses and programs led by its 83-member faculty to students of all ages, abilities, and interests. Those include drama, dance, instrumental and vocal music, audio recording and music technology, individual lessons, group classes, and ensembles, infant and parent classes, and music therapy for adults and children.

The SSC started out as a satellite program of the New England Conservatory (NEC) in the basement of the Old Ship Church around 1970. When the NEC decided the program was no longer economically feasible, a group of parents and friends of SSC, including Dorothy Palmer, got together to find a way to keep the program going. The focus was changed to a community school for the arts for people of all ages and abilities, including gifted and talented students as well as individuals just beginning to develop a love for the arts. The name was changed to South Shore Conservatory of Music at that time. When drama and ballet programs were added, the "of Music" was dropped.

"The SSC has done nothing but grow," Valentine said.

In 1973, the late Alan Carr was instrumental in acquiring the current location while it was still under the control of the General Services Administration. The building, a former Navy Commandant's quarters when the property was used as an ammunition depot, had been vandalized.

"The Conservatory arranged to buy the building for $1, which some said reflected its market value at the time because it was in such bad shape," Valentine said.

Funds were raised to renovate the building, which has been home to the Conservatory for 34 years.

The Cox Performance Hall was added in 1980 and the Jane Carr Amphitheatre in 1995, the same year that the Conservatory's Ellison Center for the Arts campus opened in Duxbury.

Why July 16 is important

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see where several hundred people turned out to watch the 200th anniversary reenactment of the duel between Alexander Hamilton and Vice President Aaron Burr in Weehawken, N. J., the other day.

Hamilton survived this one, if that's your question, but I have an even weightier one.

In a nation where we drop what we're doing to recall just about everything, including the making of the first fig newton (in Newton, of course), why are we ignoring July 16, which comes on Friday this year?

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Over the past century, events that occurred on July 16 probably affected more people than any other day on the calendar, except possibly the day they discovered how to brew light beer.

For instance, July 16, 1973, was the day that a minor government official named Alexander Butterfield just happened to mention before a congressional committee that conversations were taped in the Oval Office.

That eventually led to the "smoking gun" that forced Dick Nixon to resign as president and so shook up the American people that they have never fully trusted a president again, and that includes the sainted Ronnie Reagan.

July 16, 1945, was the day they tested the first atom bomb in Alamagordo, N. M., to see if it would work. It did. Twenty one days later, after two bombs were dropped on Japan, the deadliest war in history ended.

The blast that day in the New Mexican desert also gave rise to a new industry. No, not nuclear power, but a company of protesters that travels the country in an attempt to halt new nuclear plant openings and close old ones.

It's helped the cops to pile up overtime, too.

Another significant July 16 was the day in 1935 when the first parking meters, 150 of them, were installed on one side of a busy downtown shopping street in Oklahoma City.

The meters proved such a success that merchants on the meterless side demanded them, too. Seems shoppers who parked at the meters shopped and got back to their cars faster so storekeepers on the other side of the streets wanted to share in their good fortune.

Incidentally, it didn't take the chairman of the Oklahoma City Traffic Commission, one Carlton Magee, to form the Dual Parking Meter Company to make them. But don't tell Howie Carr.

As I recall, when the first parking meters hit the South Shore it cost a penny for 10 minutes and a nickel for an hour. I don't drive anymore but those who do tell me it's a quarter for a half hour in Boston now.

Going back further, July 16, 1769, was the day Father Junipero Serra founded the first settlement in California — not far from Hollywood, as a matter of fact.

And where would we be without the discovery of the 55-hour marriage by Britney Spear, the perfection of the cross-country engagement by Ben Affleck and J Lo and development of the subtle documentary by Michael Moore?

Art galleries named for generous music makers

By Carol Britton Meyer
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One of the South Shore Conservatory's (SSC) two new galleries is named after the South Shore Music Circus (SSMC) in recognition of its generous donations over the past two decades. The other is named after Hingham resident Dorothy Palmer and her late husband, Robert.

"The South Shore Music Circus has been very supportive and understanding of the importance of the arts in our community," said fund-raising Campaign Manager Lanci Valentine.

The two galleries are part of the Conservatory's new $3.5 million addition.

"The Music Circus is a wonderful organization that has supported the Conservatory to the tune of more than $1 million over the past 15 to 20 years," including funds toward the Ellison Center for the Arts campus in Duxbury, Valentine said.

The three-story "lantern-style" SSMC gallery located in the Conservatory's entrance lobby suggests a lighthouse from the outside, paying homage to Hingham's seaside location.

Both the SSMC and the Robert & Dorothy Palmer galleries feature natural light and will be curated by the South Shore Art Center. The galleries expand upon the Conservatory's Staircase Gallery, which has featured South Shore Art Center artists for a number of years.

"The non-profit South Shore Playhouse Associates (SSPA), the parent company of the South Shore Music Circus and the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis, provides financial support through a community charitable fund to non-profit organizations on the South Shore and Cape Cod that are involved in arts education and recreation," said Cohasset resident Bruce Cameron, president of the Associates' board of directors.

During the past year, SSPA made financial contributions to more than 40 different organizations, including the South Shore Conservatory, the South Shore Art Center, the South Shore Natural Science Center, the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset, the Talking Information Center in Marshfield, Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Hingham Symphony Orchestra.

"These types of organizations enrich life as do the Music Circus and Melody Tent," Cameron said.

SSPA has contributed to the Conservatory over the years, ranging from funds toward the purchase of a concert piano to contributing to the new addition. "The Conservatory came to us when the addition was in the conceptual stage," Cameron said. "SSC epitomizes what we're trying to do in arts education and recreation."

Upcoming SSMC offerings include Johnny Mathis, Mary Chapin Carpenter, the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra featuring Conductor Keith Lockhart, Bill Cosby, Alice Cooper, George Carlin, Kenny Loggins, Cyndi Lauper, Tony Bennett, and the Beach Boys.

LIBRARY CORNER

Venue change

Due to the overwhelming response to our free Tuesday evening programming, we will be holding all future shows at the Children's Global Discovery Museum, housed at the rear of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Park or walk down the hill and enter through the museums main entrance. Thank you to the Children's Global Discovery Museum for hosting our free Tuesday evening programs.

Web sites

If you worry about online safety and security for your family, check out www.getnetwise.org. The site, GetNetWise, is provided as a public service to protect Internet users from the risks they face online. Information includes: keeping children safe online, stopping unwanted e-mail and spam, protecting your computer from hackers and viruses and keeping your personal info private.

Artist exhibit

South Shore Art Center Gallery artist, Ted Polomis, presents an exhibition of oil paintings at the library until August 30. The show features a variety of intimate still lifes and studies painted in the tradition of classical realism.

Pep rally for books

"Hat's Off to Reading is a high energy reading pep rally that encourages kids to visit the library and READ, READ, READ. With the help of a dozen or so hats and many other props, Keith Michael Johnson shares with the audience a lesson it took him a long time to learn: Reading is power!" So come on Tuesday, July 20, at 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, to "explore other worlds @ your library". The book raffle will start promptly at 6:50 p.m.. All children in their seats at this time will be eligible to win a book. For information on Keith Michael Johnson, visit his web site at www.keithmichaeljohnson.com.

Puzzle club

Puzzle Club is back. Marjie Murphy will host Puzzle Club for one more year. All Deer Hill students are encouraged to drop in on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Come read a short mystery and find the clues and solutions in puzzles. Join the Puzzle Club Team. No registration is required. Puzzle Club will meet on consecutive Mondays from July 12, through Aug. 9. All participants must be picked up on time.

Meeting space

Would you like to hold your next meeting here? The library permits Cohasset organizations and individuals to use the meeting rooms. For more information or to reserve a room, please call the library at 781- 383-1348.

Wireless access

The library now offers wireless Internet access for patrons with laptop computers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Reminders for LH residents and boaters

TO THE EDITOR:

A reminder to all residents and boaters and boaters in Little Harbor.

Welcome to our new neighbors and a reminder to those who have lived here for a while.

As you are aware, Little Harbor is very special and hopefully always will be. However, it will need the cooperation of all to keep it that way.

The following bylaws were voted so that the Harbor could be enjoyed by the people who liked to swim, sail, kayak, canoe, etc. with the concern of fast operating boats.

Article 7, section 32, states "Jets skis, surf jets and water bikes shall not be operated at a speed in excess of 12 miles per hour while in the confines of Little Harbor."

Article 9, section 5, states "No person shall operate a boat in Little Harbor while towing a water skier, aqua plane or other similar device except on even numbered days."

Easy to remember.....even/fast.....odd/slow.

Just another reminder: We have a wide variety of bird life, many of whom nest on the islands and rocks. It is important to their species that these nests are not disturbed....Also, in spring and late summer many shore birds find Little Harbor sand flats a vital feeding ground on their long migration as far as Central and South America. Please respect their need to feed and rest. Dogs running and chasing them, although fun for the dog, interrupt their ability to build the necessary fat and energy to continue the migration...they all need our help!

Many thanks for your cooperation....Have a great summer!.

June Hubbard
144 Beach St.

Attendance at train discussion is urged

TO THE EDITOR:

At last Tuesday's selectmen's meeting, Ronnie McMorris and Mike Sullivan asserted that there is little interest or concern among citizens about the MBTA's construction for the reestablishment of the Greenbush train and the appointment of a "real" local town ombudsman. They may be right!

Tom Gruber asked 15 questions regarding this project that not one member of the board was able to answer. Felicitously, Mr. Sullivan promised to do research and have the answers to Mr. Gruber's questions shortly.

In the meantime, the board agreed to hear citizens' concerns about the Greenbush project at their next meeting, Tuesday, July 20 at 8 p.m.

It is absolutely essential for you, your families, friends, abutters and neighbors to attend this meeting if you want your views heard. This is your last chance!

Once construction begins after Labor Day it will be too late!

Wigmore A. Pierson
123 Atlantic Ave.

Republican seats are behind Romney's anti-Kerry rhetoric

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Mitt Romney knows he's lost Massachusetts. Neither he nor anyone else is going to come up with an argument or rhetorical device that will bring the Bay State into the George Bush column Nov. 2.

But that didn't stop the governor from escalating his anti-Kerry campaign, in a fashion that antagonized Democrats sufficiently that they threatened legal action. The trajectory of local politics continued matching the national – as events leading up to the national Democratic convention reached a crescendo with the naming of John Edwards as running mate, Beacon Hill's activity climbed toward a climax as do-or-die time approached for the policy decision making of this legislative session.

But it's well to remember Romney is waging more than one campaign, and not all of them are foregone conclusions.

The presidential race is at the top of the ticket in November; farther down in about 110 legislative districts will come contested races for House and Senate. Romney is thinking not only about his role as chief home-state critic of John Kerry; he knows that the more visibility he receives for his pro-Bush point-making, the more voters are reminded that the Democratic message isn't the only one available this election year.

Everyone knows how Massachusetts will vote for president, but absolutely nobody can accurately call the overall race. Interestingly, the voters Romney wants attention from at the legislative level are the same ones Kerry and Bush are battling for nationwide. Analysts have long known that the race comes down to a tiny proportion of independent-minded voters scattered across 18 states; when these 600,000 or so people make up their minds this fall, that's truly when the race will be determined.

Similarly, the difference between a compelling, impressive, landscape-changing result at the legislative level for Romney, and a typical ho-hum performance, will be his ability to capture the attention of independents in selected districts from Berkshire to Barnstable. He's got to convince them that just as they voted for him instead of Shannon O'Brien in 2002, now enough is at stake in the Legislature that they should turn out to vote for the Republican even though the state is locked up for Kerry at the presidential level.

So his Edwards-bashing – which brought an instant threat of an ethics complaint from the Democrats, because he staged it in the State House – was about more (or less) than the presidential race; it was about his efforts to shape his own state's future. So will all his appearances as the Democratic convention descends upon the Hub.

This is not to pretend that the analogy is perfect – just to assert that interesting parallels exist. And of course, it should be noted – not for the first time, or last – that Romney has reasonably obvious national ambitions. It is not too far-fetched to assert that come to think of it, he may be waging a winnable presidential campaign after all. Just not the 2004 one.

• *Finneran's rainy day plan approved in Con Con* — The Constitutional Convention okayed House Speaker Thomas Finneran's proposed amendment that places 1 percent of annual state revenues in a reserve fund for budget crises. The Speaker is said to consider the budget-stability proposal a key element of his permanent legacy. A three-fifths vote would be needed to transfer money from the fund; it's a majority vote now. An amendment requiring lawmakers to institute universal health insurance was put off; abolition of the centuries-old Governor's Council was rejected by a lopsided vote.

• *Taser bill hits governor's desk after boston shootings* — As investigations continued into two recent fatal shootings of suspects by Boston police, a bill that might prevent such fatalities landed on the governor's desk. The House and Senate gave unanimous approval to a measure permitting the use of stun guns by police. The devices immobilize suspects with 100,000 volts, and proponents say they're a better alternative to bullets in many instances. But Boston Police Commission Kathleen O'Toole questioned whether the city could afford the devices, which cost about $700 each.

• *Ardith's last stand forces administration's hand* — It may not give rise to any stirring ballad, but over the long holiday weekend and into the first part of last week, Beacon Hill's attention was captured by the saga of a middle manager who refused to let go of her job when the Romney administration said it was coming to an end. Ardith Wieworka, head of the Office of Child Care Services, refused to relinquish her job when she was told she would be reassigned. Human Services Secretary Ronald Preston said he was merely carrying out a restructuring ordered by the Legislature. Some children's advocates said Wieworka's done a good job and this is an example of poor stewardship of the state's human-needs infrastructure by the administration. Wieworka was fired, and the case took a twist when she suggested publicly that she was removed because she's a lesbian; Gov. Romney said he didn't know her sexual orientation until she raised the issue.

• *Responders say elders threatened by new regulations* — Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts and other "first responders" testified at a hearing that elders may be at risk because of new Department of Public Health regulations that went into effect May 25. The rules allow nursing homes to contract with private companies to respond to medical emergencies even though a local public safety station may be closer than the private responder. The rules could become permanent after the Public Health Council meets Aug. 4, but the firefighters warned the rules ought to be amended or reversed. Representatives of the ambulance industry said the calls to the private firms are a cost-saving option, not a mandate. "That's all we're talking about here — that we don't have to send fire trucks to nursing homes," said Brian Connor, president of the Massachusetts Ambulance Association.

• *Nipmucs plan to appeal denial of tribal status* — Representatives of the Indian clan said the US Bureau of Indian Affairs acted arbitrarily and misinterpreted the facts when it rejected an application by the Central Massachusetts group for formal recognition. The Nipmucs may turn to the federal courts next, leaders said at a Grand Staircase press conference.

• *First day of smoking ban brings complaints, praise* — The official start of the statewide workplace smoking ban Monday brought the expected grumbling from the smoking community, but health advocates said they expect to see a significant drop in the smoking rate as a result.

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Presidential convention event at Sons of Italy Hall

On Thursday, July 29, as the Democrats hear from their presidential nominee at the National Convention in Boston, many South Shore Democrats will gather to watch the events unfold on big screen TV at a grass roots event in Hingham.

You are invited to join the convention atmosphere at the Son's of Italy Hall on Rte. 3A in Hingham from 7-11 p.m. on July 29. As a "delegate" you will enjoy a grass roots version of the "big show" in Boston - in an environment decorated to feel like the national convention floor. Your participation will help with "Get Out The Vote" activities on the South Shore this November. The evening begins with a live conference call (at 7 p.m.) with John Edwards, John Kerry's vice presidential choice, who will be addressing grass roots gatherings across the U.S. Later, while viewing live TV coverage of John Kerry's acceptance speech, you can meet and share ideas with fellow citizens. (You don't have to be a registered Democrat to participate in the Hingham presidential convention).

Admission to the Hingham presidential convention also provides opportunities to; enjoy light food and drink, peruse the political memorabilia on sale, participate in a Crazy Political Hat contest, support "Get Out The Vote" activities in our towns this November and much more (don't forget to check out the bake sale!) This event is being sponsored by the Hingham Democratic Committee, the Plymouth County Democratic League and the South Shore town Committees that comprise "Coop 8."

Voters and future voters (age 13 and up) are invited. Tickets are available by calling Tom Vangel of the Hingham Town Committee (781-740-2757) or Tim White of the Plymouth County Democratic League (781-331-6900). "Grass roots" ticket prices make this an event that all can enjoy. Adults $20; seniors and young adults (18-25) $10; future voters (13-17 year olds) free.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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July 5-9



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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on two roll calls and local senators' votes on three roll calls from the week of July 5-9.

ABOLISH GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL (S 1984)

The House and Senate sitting as a Constitutional Convention 43-149, rejected a proposed constitutional amendment abolishing the Governor's Council. This elected eight-member body screens and votes on the confirmation of the governor's judicial appointments and votes on requests for pardons and commutations of sentences.

Amendment supporters said the council is an archaic institution that costs $400,000 annually and noted that 48 other states do not have a Governor's Council. They argued that the Senate would take over the job of confirmation of judges and the House and Senate would handle the pardons and commutations. Some argued that they voted for the amendment in order to simply put it on the ballot for the voters to decide. Amendment opponents said the council is a useful, elected institution that has a long and distinguished history as a voice for the people. They argued that abolishing the council would take away power from the voters and politicize the process of confirmation of judges by placing it in the hands of the Legislature. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment abolishing the council. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

MANDATE RAINY DAY FUND (H 4691)

The House and Senate sitting as a Constitutional Convention 181-12, approved a proposed constitutional amendment requiring that annual deposits equal to a least one percent of that year's state tax revenues be made to the state's rainy day fund. The proposal also requires a three-fifths vote of the House and Senate in order to spend money from the fund and prohibits more than 50 percent of the fund from being spent in any one year. Another provision exempts the mandatory deposit in a year in which state tax revenue does not increase and in the following year. Amendment supporters said this requirement is a fiscally responsible one designed to constitutionally ensure that the state build up a reserve fund to help it through difficult economic times. They noted that the Legislature's voluntary contributions to the rainy day fund helped the state get through the recent economic downturn and argued that building up the fund should be mandated in the constitution. Amendment opponents said the idea is a good one but objected to the restriction prohibiting more than 50 percent of the fund from being spent in any one year. They argued that if that limitation had been in effect during the past two years, the state would have had to make more cuts in programs or raise taxes. They also objected to the three-fifths vote requirement to spend the money and argued that a majority vote should be sufficient. This proposed constitutional amendment would also have to be approved by the 2005-2006 Legislature in order to go on the 2006 ballot for voter consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment. A "Nay" vote is against it).

UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS BUILDINGS (H 972)

Senate 35-0, gave near final approval to a House-approved bill requiring an owner of an unused, uninhabited or abandoned building that is determined to be unsafe in the event of a fire, to file a floor plan of the building with the local fire and police departments. Supporters said this common sense-bill designed to protect our brave firefighters has been filed for several years and has yet to be approved and signed into law. They argued that if this law was in effect in December 1999, the six firefighters who perished in the Worcester blaze might still be alive. One senator voted against the bill but his vote was "paired" under a Senate voting system and is not reflected in the vote total. He offered no arguments against the bill. Only final Senate approval is necessary prior to the measure going to Gov. Romney. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against the bill).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

FALSE EMERGENCY CALLS (H 1636)- The House gave initial approval to a bill imposing up to a 2.5 year-prison sentence and/or $10,000 fine on anyone who knowingly makes a false call about an alleged emergency situation that threatens the life or safety of persons.

VETERANS' DIPLOMA (H 2399)- The House gave initial approval to a proposal allowing local communities to award diplomas to honorably discharged World War II or Korean War veterans who left the local high school, prior to graduation, in order to serve in the military.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT (H 3000)- The House gave initial approval to a proposal raising from $2000 to $5000 the maximum amount for which a person can bring suit in small claims court.

STATE COLORS (H 2694)- The House gave initial approval to a measure designating blue, green and cranberry as the state's official colors.

STUN GUNS (H 3400)- The House and Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Romney a bill allowing police officers and special prison reactive teams, following proper training, to use stun guns also known as Tasers.

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Cohasset Diesel puts veggie-powered bus back on the road

By Matthew J. Gill
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After traveling more than 2,000 miles from Texas to Scituate, the cross-country summer plans of a group of six college students came to a screeching halt last month when the vegetable oil powered school bus they were driving broke down in town, marooning them on the South Shore.

On Tuesday evening, however, three members of the group — Christo Corsaut, Eric Meixner, and Danielle Stinson who's mother lives in Scituate — picked up the vehicle at Cohasset Diesel and Gas where it was repaired, and plan to hit the road, heading west sometime this week.

The environmentally conscious group — Corsaut, Meixner and Stinson, along with bus-mates Minerva Perez and the brother-sister contingent of Sean and Whitney Sullivan — set out from Corpus Christi, Texas May 28 in their converted school bus bound for Missouri and the headquarters of www.greasal. com. While there, the company added a fuel filtration system to their bus which allows them to now power the vehicle by using used vegetable oil, which they've been provided at no charge by a number of fast food restaurants they've come across in their travels.

The group then headed east across the country, all the way to Scituate, to pay a visit to Stinson's mother who lives on Ridge Hill Road.

Their stay in the Bay State was unexpectedly extended, however, when the engine of the 32-foot-long vehicle failed.

Although the group originally thought the bus troubles stemmed from its head gasket, Stinson said on Tuesday that the entire engine had to be rebuilt.

A mechanic at Cohasset Diesel and Gas said the o-rings of the engine, which had been previously re-built before the group purchased it, had not been sealed properly in that earlier fix, and allowed the bus's water and oil to mix.

A psychology major at Texas A&M, Danielle said the breakdown of the bus has been frustrating, but she's learned from it as well.

"It was my first real experience owning a vehicle," she said. "I learned a lot about the responsibilities [that come with it.]"

Danielle described the group's unintended stay in Scituate as "kind of slow," but added that many in town contacted them with offers to help.

When locals got wind of the group's engine woes at the end of June, Danielle said a number of people called her, some local mechanics offered their advice, and one man sent the group $25 because years ago his own father had tried a similar driving experiment with alternative fuels.

While the bus was being repaired, Stinson, Corsaut and Meixner traveled to New York, Maryland and Maine to visit some of their friends and enjoy some vacationing via car, while Perez and the Sullivan siblings headed back to Missouri where they've been working for www.greasel.com.

Stinson, Corsaut and Meixner will now drive the bus back to Missouri, and Greasel, where they plan to join up with their friends, and work for the alternative-fuels company for the remainder of the summer.

For more information about converting your diesel engine to run on vegetable oil, check out www.greasel.com



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After a three-week delay the magic bus riders — Minerva Perez, Sean Sullivan, Whitney Sullivan, Danielle Stinson, Christo Corsaut, and Eric Meixner — are ready to hit the road again after having the 32-foot-long, vegetable oil powered vehicle repaired by Cohasset Diesel and Gas.

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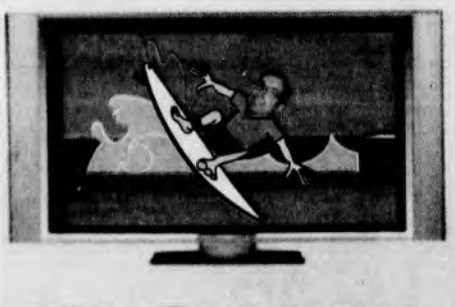


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A 'Stella' performance

Former SHS hurler provides highlight in tough luck season for Post 118ers

By Mike Spellman
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Life hasn't always been kind to Brandon Stella.

The recent Scituate High graduate had hoped to make a start on the mound for his Scituate High team this spring, but it never worked out. The Sailors were in a fight for a league title and postseason seedings, so the coach was forced to ride his strongest arms right to the end. Thus, the lefty hurler never got his shot.

Of course, this disappointment paled by a long shot to many of the trials and tribulations Brandon has been forced to endure during his 19 years of life. The harshest blow was dealt before he was even born, as his mother Susan was involved in a car accident while she was carrying him and the injuries she suffered actually caused her unborn baby to suffer a stroke.

The trauma left the right side of Brandon's body partially paralyzed, and doctors initially told his parents he might never walk. Today, Brandon walks with only a slight limp. His right arm and hand were impacted a bit more, however, to the point anyway where working a baseball glove was never a possibility.

As so often happens in cases such as these, though, the indomitable human spirit found a way. One of the ways Brandon compensated for having only one fully functional arm and hand was to become a very accomplished thrower. As far back as parents Edward and Susan can recall, Brandon loved throwing things and his accuracy became quite uncanny by anyone's measure.

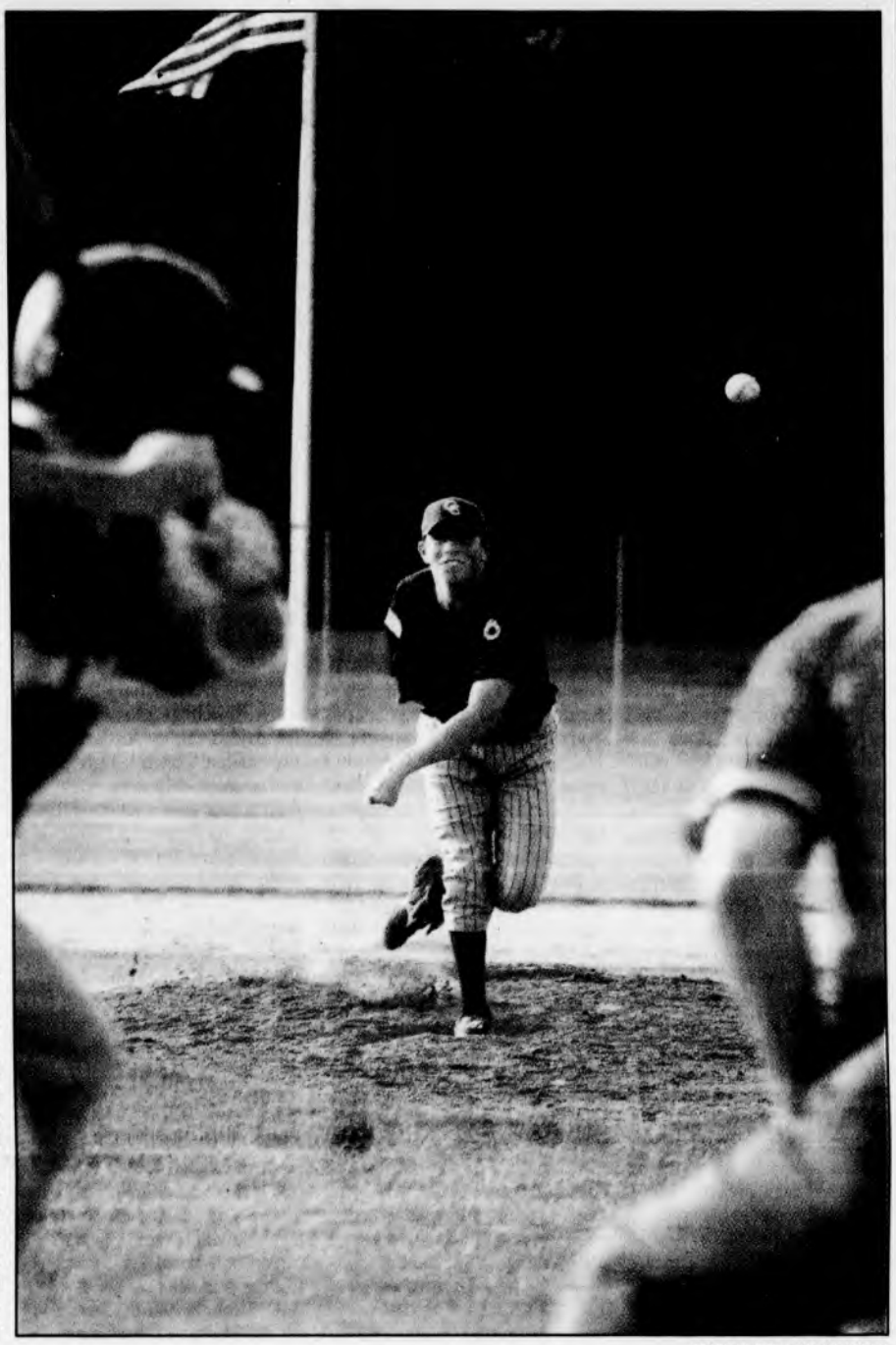
It seemed only natural when this youngster with an innate bent toward athletics anyway gravitated toward the pitcher's mound. He became quite an accomplished pitcher at the Little League level and beyond. When not toeing the rubber, he played a lot of outfield and even some infield. He also messed around in baseball and football at the youth ranks.

But pitching was, and still is his first love. Brandon had a role model in former Major League hurler Jim Abbott, who actually had no right hand at all. Brandon adopted Abbott's way of pinning his lefthanded glove to his chest with his right hand during delivery and then quickly slipping his left hand into the glove before the ball reached the plate.

"I've read a lot of books about him," said Stella, who can actually pick things up and hold them with his right hand, but has a limited range of motion. "He was very inspirational to me. I was real curious about him."

Brandon made the Scituate High freshman baseball team and then the JV squad the following year. As a junior, he pitched approximately 30 innings for the JV team, averaging around a strikeout per inning. He was on the Patriot

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Brandon Stella lets fly with a curve during his strong six plus inning stint Sunday at Scituate High.

Final Four comes to Cohasset

By Melissa Clark
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

U16 booters advance to Mass. Tournament of Champions finals

If you see some boys in town wearing "FINAL FOUR" shirts, don't assume it has anything to do with NCAA basketball.

The Cohasset boys u16 soccer team qualified, this past weekend, for the final four in the state soccer tournament. This raised Cohasset's tally of teams going to the state tourney to a record setting high of four.

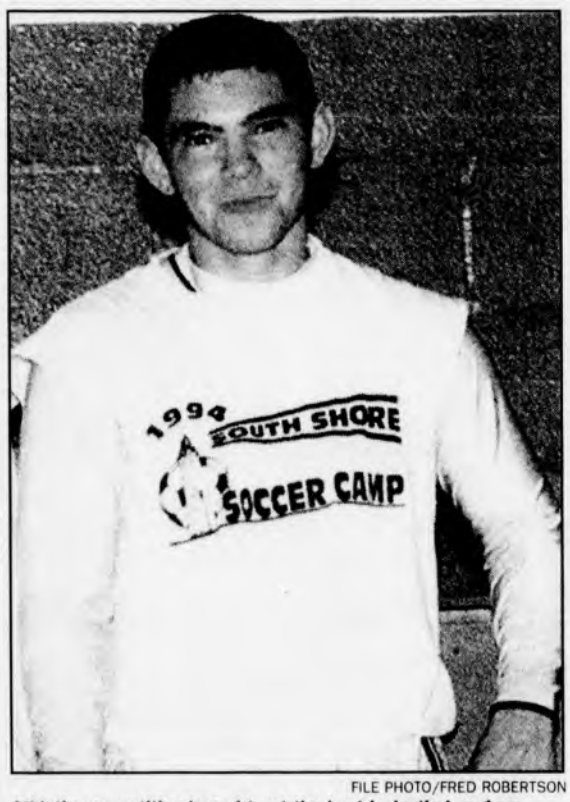
The U16 Boys squad traveled to UMass Amherst to play against the state wide champions of all U16 Div 2 teams.

The team was undefeated in the regular season, 10-0, with only three goals against thanks in large part to the sensational defensive work of team MVP Prescott Busk in goal and Nils Sceery and Sam McDonald in front of him. These players denied many skilled players a goal by their attitude, skill and hard work.

The goals 'for' were scored by a wide distribution of players during the season. Aidan Buick led the offense with skillful footwork and a new found speed and Trevor Brady secured the midfield with his speed and determination.

Expectations were moderate for the team. The players knew the competition would be a very high standard of soccer and 2004

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FILE PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Athletic competition brought out the best in Justin Langham.

In Memoriam, Johnny Bravo

The morning of Saturday, July 10 was a gift – warm, sunny, with a soft northwest breeze to cut the humidity. The packed, standing-room-only crowd at the Second Congregational Church was reminded – as if they needed to be – of a second gift, the 21 years of Justin Scott Langham's life and the times each had shared with him.

For a few of us, those memories drifted back to the spring of 2001, Justin's senior year at Cohasset High School, the season he was nicknamed after the cartoon superhero – and in some sense became – Johnny Bravo. Justin was finishing his high-school career as a three-sport athlete. He'd excelled at wrestling, where his small stature, light weight and remarkable strength made him nearly invincible, and at football, where his physical stature was a constant challenge. In both sports, he'd been made captain as senior. But, as a junior, he'd suffered

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Mariner All-Scholastic Baseball team

Cohasset's Blanco named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement, among them NHS junior Brian White, who finished 5-2 with an ERA of 2.63. When he wasn't on the mound, he started at second base and hit a solid .333.

In the end, though, we limited ourselves to a team of just 18, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top baseball players in *Marinerland* for this honor.

Louis Blanco- Junior
Catcher- Cohasset



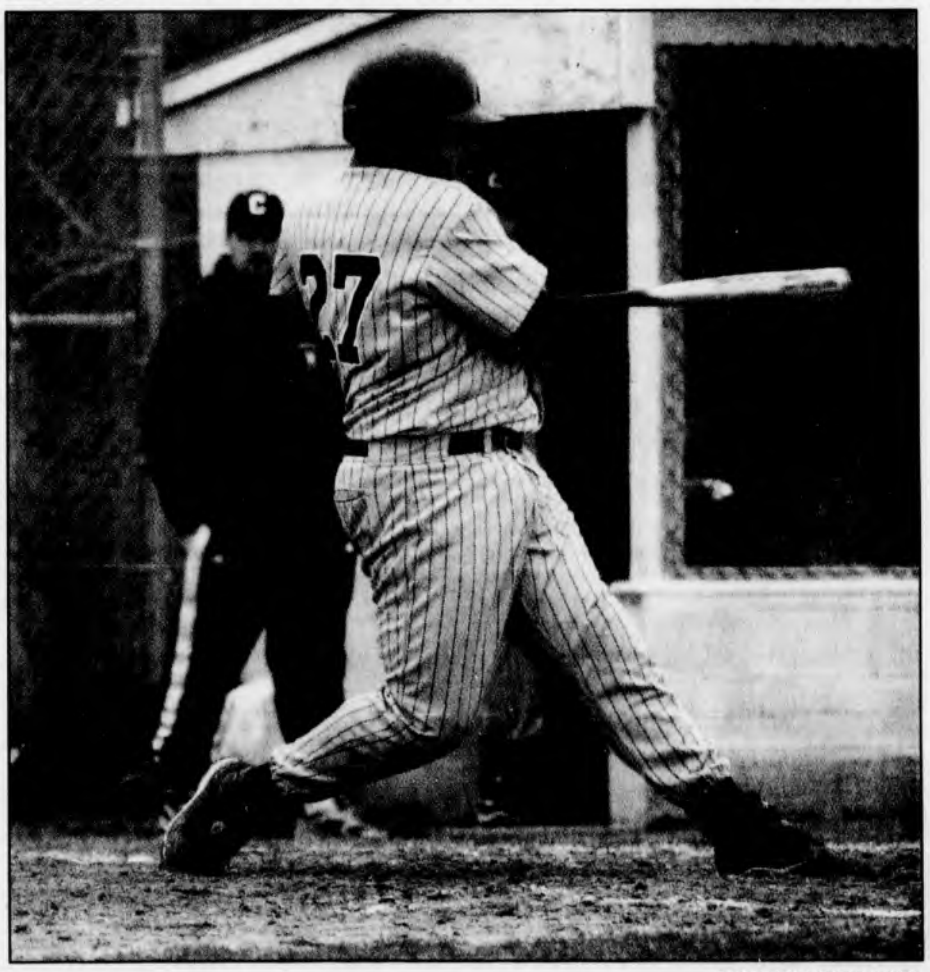
Louis Blanco

Enjoyed a breakout year both offensively and defensively...lone member of CHS team named to SSL all-star team...hit team best .436 (24-for-55)...METCO student who plays baseball year round through Boston Broncos program...Dorchester resident had team best seven extra base hits (four doubles, three triples) and 15 RBI...in 55 at bats this season, he struck out just once, an amazing stat for any player, but particularly so for a cleanup hitter...walked just twice...has remarkable hand eye coordination and started to really drive the ball this year...a varsity regular since his freshman year, and a full time starter the last two seasons...worked hard on his defensive skills in the off season and it showed this spring... good student...played AAU baseball through the U16 level...hopes to play college baseball and has set his sights on a few Florida schools...enjoys fishing...Cohasset coach Al Gallotta: "It was so great to see Louis start to realize a lot of his potential this season. About six or seven games into this season, it just all seemed to start clicking for Louis. He came in with a lot of determination and a great attitude this season. He'd always been primarily a singles hitter, but he started really hitting the ball with authority over the second half of the season."

CJ Hillyer - Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher/First base - Abington

Hampered by a shoulder injury during each of the last two seasons, you wouldn't know it by the numbers the lefty Hillyer was still able to put up...A four-year South Shore League All-star, Hillyer led the team in hitting with a .450 average smashing three homers, three triples, and seven doubles this season, helping the Green Wave (15-10) reach the Div. 3 South Sectional finals...His 35 RBI also led the team...Burst onto the scene as a pitcher, but spent the bulk of the last two seasons playing a very solid first base...After undergo-

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset High's Louis Blanco enjoyed a breakout year both at and behind the plate. The star catcher batted a team best .436 and struck out only once all season in 55 at bats.

Cohasset's Blanco named among area's elite

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ing shoulder surgery this season, Hillyer returned to pitch big in the postseason, downing Chatham in the quarters before no-hitting Medway with 10 strikeouts and no walks in his 105 pitch outing in the South semis…Was voted an Eastern Mass. All-star and went 2-for-3 in the game to make the All-State team…He also was named co-MVP of the SSL…Has played for the now defunct Abington Legion, but is a member of the Rockland Cardinals Cranberry League team this summer…A three-time All-Scholastic, Hillyer will continue his baseball career at Holy Cross next fall. Abington coach Steve Perakslis: "Versus Chatham, C.J. showed tremendous guts. He pitched three stellar innings and the rest he did on nothing but guts. His stamina and endurance was not there right yet, but his experience kept batters off-balance for much of the game."

Steve Golbranson - Sophomore
Pitcher - Abington

With their No. 1 starter out with a bum shoulder, Golbranson was given a shot and showed he was an ace in the hole…The lefty sophomore went 8-3 with a 1.44 ERA in his first varsity season…He was instrumental in the Green Wave's (15-10) run to the Div. 3 South finals, striking out 71 batters in 61 innings this season…He also picked off three base runners with his trademark move to first…A South Shore League All-star, Golbranson tossed a two-hit shutout in the team's quarterfinal victory at Nantucket…Also plays football and basketball at AHS…He will return to be the full-time ace next spring. Abington coach Steve Perakslis: "Steve pretty much saved the season. As a sophomore, we were not even counting on him. He was everything you could ask for in a player and he was lights out."

Brian Libby - Senior (Capt.)
Shortstop - Abington

As one of the more productive hitters on the Green Wave team, Libby averaged .417 this season…The anchor of the infield at shortstop, Libby provided stellar defense for Abington (15-10)…A speedster on the base path, Libby led the team in stolen bases with 15, helping his team reach the Div. 3 South Sectional semifinals…His three-run triple broke open a close mid-season game against Rockland, and almost left the stadium…He was also key in the team's 8-1 lashing of Medway in the South semis, smashing a bases-loaded two-run double in the fifth inning…Also saw time on the mound and had a solid showing as the Green Wave's No. 2 starter, going 2-2 with a 2.21 ERA…His biggest win came against previously unbeaten Norwell, holding the Clippers to just four hits while striking out 13 in a 3-2 victory…A South Shore League All-star this season, Libby plans to attend college in the fall. Abington coach Steve Perakslis: "(The Norwell game) was the best game we played all year. They are a very good hitting team and Brian did a tremendous job neutralizing their offense."

Greg Thornton - Junior
Centerfield - Norwell

The spark plug for South Shore League champion Clippers' offense…speedy centerfielder hit a team best .447 this season and was also tops in runs scored and stolen bases (11-for-12)…had a remarkable stretch of 10 games in which he got on base to leadoff the game and then came around to score…an excellent defensive centerfielder who combined very good anticipation and instincts with superior speed…also has a very strong and accurate throwing arm…two year varsity starter in centerfield and leadoff hitter…also a standout tailback for the NHS football team and has been named a captain for next year's team… played basketball his first two years at NHS, but gave that up in order to concentrate more fully on his favorite two sports…Honor Roll student…enjoys surfing…hopes to play college football or baseball…Norwell coach Tom Jacobs: "Greg made us go and got us off on the right foot so many times. He had a lot to do with our number two hitter (Rob Weber) being our leader in RBI. And he was our general in the outfield too. He's just a good all around baseball player."

Dave Liffers - Junior
Pitcher - Norwell

The South Shore League's most dominant pitcher, finishing with a 9-1 record and 1.54 ERA to lead the surprising Clippers to a league title and a 16-4 overall record (11-1 in league)…was named MVP of the SSL and an Eastern Mass All-Star…hard throwing 5-foot-10, 175 pound righty had 85 strikeouts in 65 innings of work…had 13 strikeouts and allowed no earned runs in first round state tourney win over Provincetown, and then came back on two days rest to throw 3-1/3 innings of scoreless relief in tough 7-6 semifinals loss to Cardinal Spellman…allowed no earned runs in complete game win over Patriot League champion Scituate… Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic…batted .276…has played for Hanover Post 149 Legion baseball team the last two years… plays fall baseball in the Hit Dog league…played basketball at NHS through his sophomore year…coaches Little League baseball in Norwell…also coaches and referees youth basketball in town…good student…hopes to play college baseball and major in journalism…recently took part in open tryouts held in area by the San Diego Padres…would like to go to a college down south… Norwell coach Tom Jacobs: "Dave really took it to another level this year. He was our horse. He throws a hard fastball, and a slider, curve and change (up) for strikes. He hits his spots."

Rob Weber - Senior (Capt.)
Shortstop - Norwell

This four year varsity starter earns his second Mariner All-Scholastic selection in as many sports seasons…made the switch from outfield and played a very solid shortstop for the Clippers the last two years…made both the routine plays and the spectacular ones in the field… batted a robust .369 and led the team in RBI (20) out of the second spot in the batting order… South Shore League All-Star…also a Mariner All-Scholastic in hockey, and was team MVP of NHS skaters this winter as a defenseman, as well as a four year starter…was team captain in both baseball and hockey…Honor Roll student… enjoys dirt biking and fishing…little brother of former Mariner All-Scholastic girls basketball player Jessie Weber, who will begin her senior year this fall at Bryant College, where she's continued her hoops career… will attend Mass Maritime, where he plans to major in Marine Engineering and hopes to play baseball…Norwell coach Tom Jacobs: "I look at the way he stepped in to fill a big need, converting from outfield to shortstop, and that told me a lot. He did whatever the team needed. I don't name captains, because captains emerge, and that's just what Rob did. He emerged as our leader, and his leadership had a lot to do with our success. He also made plays in the field that picked up the entire team, the defense and the pitcher."

Matt Greenberg - Junior
Catcher - Norwell

Greenberg earns his second straight Mariner All-Scholastic selection…was clearly the league's premier defensive catcher and provided a big threat out of the third spot in the lineup…also a two-time South Shore League all-star…after hitting a team best .396 as a sophomore, he was pitched around quite a bit this season (team best 23 walks) and wound up batting .293, but his presence in the order assured that fellow Mariner All-Scholastics Weber and Thornton, as well as fellow SSL All-Stars Ryan Laffin and Rob Napolitano, would see lots of good pitches…named a Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic Honorable Mention for second straight year…has previously played AAU baseball for the South Shore Seadogs and Atlantic Coast Badgers…presently playing for the Hanover Legion baseball team…was a varsity hockey standout as a freshman and sophomore, but now concentrates solely on baseball…a good student…hopes to play college baseball… recently took part in open tryouts held in area by the San Diego Padres…going to a college baseball showcase at Wake Forest later this summer…works at Sports RX, a hitting club in Norwell…plays fall baseball in Hanover…Norwell coach Tom Jacobs: "Matt is a very good hitter, but defense is where he really stands out. He might be the best I've ever seen at this level at blocking balls in the dirt, and he threw the ball extremely well too…As far as hitting goes, he generally hit good pitching very well, and had a lot of big hits."

Jesse Ferraro - Senior (Capt.)
Shortstop - Hanover

As the Hanover team's leadoff hitter, Ferraro always seemed to get himself on base for the Indians…he hit over .400 and also had an excellent on base percentage…a Patriot League all-star…also a talented hockey player at HHS, Ferraro led the team to the semifinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional last winter…He plans to attend college and continue his athletic career. Hanover coach Fran Coyle: "Ferraro has been a rock in the infield. A defensive standout. We could always count on Jesse."

Andy Hillier - Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher - Hanover

One of the Patriot League's better pitchers over the past two seasons, Hillier had another solid year for the Indians…A two-year PL All-star, Hillier guided the young Indians team to an 11-9 overall mark, while going 5-7 in the challenging PL…Was also no slouch at the plate as Hillier led the Patriot League in homeruns with six from the No. 5 spot in the Hanover order this season…Went 3-for-4 with three RBI and two homers in a loss to Duxbury…Also a talented golfer and basketball player at HHS…A two-time All-Scholastic, Hillier is spending his summer playing ball on the Hanover Legion squad…He plans to attend college in the fall. Hanover coach Fran Coyle: "Hillier was just outstanding year-in and year-out. He came through on the mound and at the plate and did outstanding work at first base."

Pete Wilson - Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher/Second base - Marshfield

Was one of the better pitchers in the area boasting a 1.23 ERA while going 5-2 for the Rams this season…Accuracy was one of his better assets as he averaged less than 12 pitches per inning and walked only one batter, but did it intentionally…In 52 innings pitched, Wilson struck out 42 batters…During his five-year career, Wilson walked only three batters, again, one intentionally…Tossed a one-hitter and a two-hitter in the same week…When not pitching, Wilson was one of the better second basemen in the area recording only two errors from the position this year…A two-time Old Colony League All-star, Wilson was also a standout hockey player at MHS…He will play both sports at Franklin Pierce College this fall.

Brien MacIsaac - Senior
Pitcher - Marshfield

Provided one of the better one-two starting punches with Wilson this season…MacIsaac went 6-2 with a near un-hittable 0.71 ERA, guiding the Rams to a 13-7 regular season mark…In 56 innings, the senior struck out 84 batters and allowed only 27 hits…Was named an Old Colony League All-star this season…Cited a 14-strikeout one-hit victory over Plymouth South and 16-strikeout extra-inning two-hit win over Falmouth in the Div. 1 South Sectional as his more memorable performances…Marshfield reached the quarterfinals in the South tourney where they were edged by Brookline, 3-2…Also a talented football player at MHS, MacIsaac was key in the Rams' run to the Div. 1 Super Bowl last fall…He will continue his baseball career at Massasoit Community College next fall.

Brian Schilling - Senior
Pitcher - Weymouth

Despite his team's dire record, Schilling was a diamond in the rough for the Wildcats…In 54 innings, Schilling struck out 75 batters for a 1.49 ERA…Struck out 14 batters in three games this season, including against Newton North, a Div. 1 North semifinalist…Was named a first team Bay State Carey League All-star for his efforts…One of his more memorable performances came in a 3-2 victory over Needham, in which Schilling struck out 14 and allowed just one earned run…Schilling will continue his baseball career at Eastern Connecticut State University next fall.

Nick Barese - Senior
First Base/Pitcher - Braintree

Among the Bay State Conference's top hitters and pitchers…hard throwing lefty led the Wamps in innings pitched and posted a noteworthy ERA of 2.31…struck out 45 batters in his 35 innings of work, utilizing a hard moving fastball, while walking 14…his batting average of .337 was best on his team and third best in the BSC-Carey Division…played a very strong first base defensively when he wasn't on the mound…three year varsity payer…Bay State Conference first team All-Star…was also quarterback of the BHS football team and ran winter track…editor of the school newspaper…Student Representative to Braintree School Committee…Honor Roll student who finished high school with a GPA of 3.2…has played for the Braintree Post 149 Legion baseball team these past three years…will attend St. Anselms this fall, and is leaning toward majoring in history with an eye toward going pre-law…hopes to play college football and baseball…Braintree coach Jim Laneau: "Nick really stepped to the forefront this season. He had an all around excellent season, and showed a lot of improvement both as a hitter and pitcher."

Scott Carroll - Senior
Shortstop - Scituate

The value of this two time Mariner All-Scholastic shortstop was perhaps seen most clearly when he went down with a severe sprained ankle and the team really struggled down the stretch…was hitting close to .500 before the injury, but wound up season with team best .410 average with two home runs… finished second in Patriot League MVP voting…hit .483 as a junior…two time Patriot League all-star…was named an Honorable Mention for Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic…starting shortstop for Cohasset Post 118 baseball team … has played fall baseball in the Hit Dog League the last few years…also played varsity basketball for Scituate High the past two years, filling the sixth man role this past winter for the Sectional semifinalist squad…plays drum in a few bands…National Honors Society member…winner of Bausch and Lomb Science Award…was co-editor this year of Editorial section in the SHS school newspaper…will study Engineering at Union College, where he was recruited to play baseball… Scituate Coach Kevin Greer: "Scott was a rock for us at the plate and in the field. He was with me on varsity for three years. He staked his claim on that shortstop position early on as a junior, and really solidified that spot for us the last few years."

Mark Rennie - Sophomore
Pitcher/first base - Scituate

Sophomore southpaw emerged quickly as the Sailors staff ace, helping to lead them to a Patriot League championship…finished with a 6-2 record and an outstanding ERA of 1.46…unanimously selected by Patriot League coaches to the all-star team…6-foot, 160 pound hurler threw a five-hit complete game in the Sailors 4-1 first round state tourney win over Plymouth South, this despite having suffered a torn ligament in the middle finger of his pitching hand early in the game on a head first slide…pin point control and command of multiple pitches was his key to his success…in early season 5-0 win over Hanover, he never went to three balls on a single hitter…played a very sound defensive first base when not pitching…two-year member of Cohasset Post 118 Legion team, but he has missed this entire season due to the ligament tear… Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic… previously played AAU for Seadogs and Spartans, winning a state championship with the latter program last summer…plays fall baseball in Scituate…also played varsity basketball at SHS this past winter…Honor Roll student… member of the Spanish National Honor Society…enjoys fishing…Scituate coach Kevin Greer: "I felt a little nervous to start the season, handing the ball to a sophomore to start the first game of the season, but he put me at ease pretty quickly. He always gave us a good chance to win, and was a real battler out there. He's thrown in a lot of pressure situations in AAU and legion ball, though, so he's not a typical sophomore."

Justin Flanagan - Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher/Outfield - Hingham

As one of few veterans on the rebuilding Harbormen squad, Flanagan was a leader both on the field and as a captain…Became the ace of the club when No. 1 starter Mark Winter was lost for much of the season…A Patriot League All-star, Flanagan guided Hingham to a 10-10 regular season mark, highlighted by a late-season rally in which the squad won seven of its last nine games down the stretch…When not pitching, Flanagan played a solid outfield for the Harbormen…The senior is spending his summer playing ball with the Hingham Legion Post 120 team, which recently knocked off defending Zone 10 champs Sandwich, 8-1, behind Flanagan's complete-game performance…Also a standout forward on the HHS boys soccer team, Flanagan helped guide the squad to an unbeaten Patriot League title (10-0-2) last fall.

Terence O'Brien - Junior
Catcher - Scituate

Honorable Mention:

Anthony McNulty - Sr. - Outfield - Abington
Pat McCusker- Sr.- Pitcher- Braintree
Ryan Harrington - Jr. - Third base - Hanover
John Leonard - Fr. - Pitcher - Hanover
Mike Genovese - Jr. - Outfield - Hingham
Chris Doherty- Fr.- Shortstop/Pitcher- Holbrook
Tim Bonham - Sr. - Pitcher - Marshfield
Brian White- Jr.- Second Base/Pitcher- Norwell
Rob Napolitano- Sr.- Outfield- Norwell
Ryan Laffin- Sr. (Capt.)- Third Base- Norwell
Ryan Kreitman - Jr. - Shortstop - Rockland
Chris Travis- Jr.- Second Base- Scituate
Garrett Callahan- Jr. Centerfield- Scituate
Greg Kelleher- Jr.- First Base/Pitcher-Junior-Scituate
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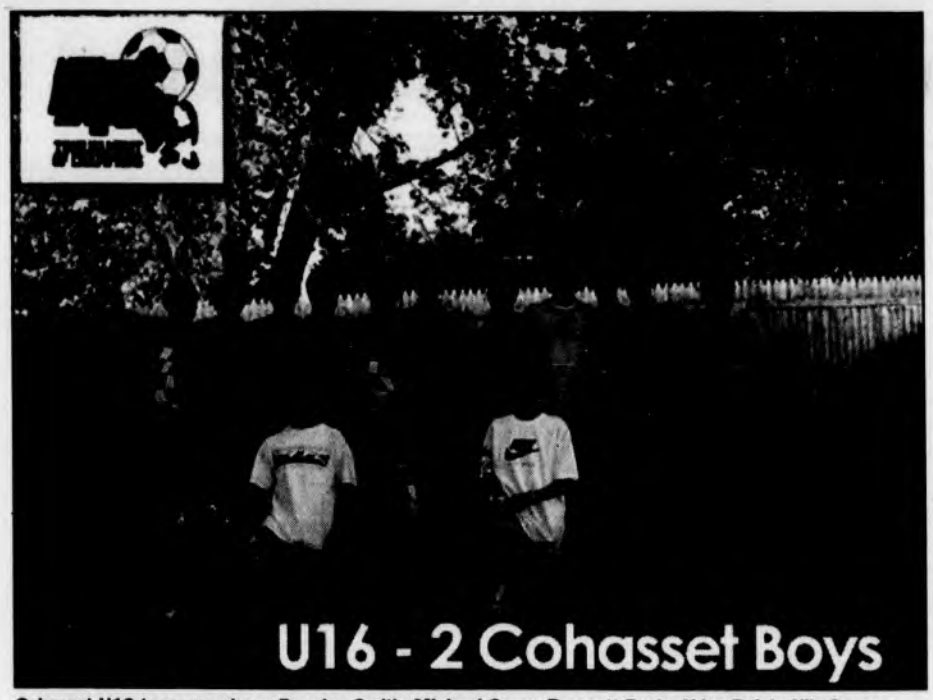
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Final Four comes to Cohasset

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was as enjoyable as always with competitive and sportsmanship play. Sportsmanship is a priority in playing the game to the league and this same team won the tournament's award for best sportsmanship in 2002. The organization monitors fans during the tournament also, so the parents had a hand in that award.

Friday saw the team lose, 4-2, to a physically talented Georgetown team (who later went on to beat a talented Weymouth team 3-0 in the semi-finals on Sunday).

The Cohasset fans (parents, brother and sisters) were not disappointed in the team play.

Sadly, the team lost four teammates (Nils Sceery, Chris Oftshun, Nathan Needle and Brent Daily) after Friday's game to the Apalachia Service Project and family obligations. However, we thank their parents for managing to be in Amherst for the Friday's game.

Friday night, parents were distributed as far away as Windsor, Connecticut hotel rooms, with the whole central state being booked up since last year. Sports tournaments bring together the players and their families in a way not experienced during the regular season. Lots of laughs and getting together aside from the fan huddle on the sidelines are all part of the fun. Meeting for dinner – or breakfast – kids watching movies in a parents room, swimming in the hotel pool or bowling – are all part of the MTOC experience.

Saturday, the other two regular games were scheduled. A gray, rainy early morning game saw Cohasset win 3-0 to a Western/Central Mass team called JBO. Heavy rain with episodic drizzle saw the team pass and tackle with determination.

Missing their teammates, everyone seemed to step up their game. Later in the day, it dried out somewhat. With still sopping wet cleats, the Cohasset U 16 Boys went on to defeat Douglas, the Central Mass team champions, 4-0.

The success advanced the team to the state semi-finals as the wild card. Then it was frantic phone calling to get hotel rooms for everyone while Coach Jeff Donze took care of dinner for the team and parents. A high school friend of his owned a small restaurant/bar in North Amherst (The Harp) and the whole team and parents headed off to a buffet out on the deck as the sun set on the hills. Meatballs and or Mussels and more hit the spot

Coach David Buick presented the team with their Conference Trophies and pins. A Cohasset Jersey was mounted on the wall, taking its place with other successful team jerseys. The U 16s were going to play another day.

Sunday morning brought bright sunshine and sunscreen on the sidelines. The winning Leominster team (Nashoba Valley League) were on their toes, but an early goal by Aidan along with their 'no-let down' attitude kept the score 1-0 for most of the game. The competition was intense – on the field and felt by the fans from both teams.

Worth noting, though, was the cordial chat between the parents, whether it was concern for a 'downed' player or joking about how exhausted fans were watching when it was the players in the heat running for the 40 minute halves. This exemplifies the tone of youth sports that the Mass Youth League seeks to promote.

A penalty kick for Leominster tied it up with 10 minutes to go and then it was OT – 15 minutes a side – where it stayed tied despite some close opportunities for Cohasset.

Penalty Kicks were to decide the game and who played in the State Final game later in the day. After a regulation 5 PKs where it was tied – great saves by Prescott and solid striking by Aidan, Mike and Prescott – the PK battle continued. Leominster prevailed.

The Cohasset Boys U 16 had made it to the semi-finals, though, and did their town soccer program proud with their play, their sportsmanship and their general 'we had fun' attitude. The fans appreciated it all.

What a season – state final four – who would have thought back in March/April . Some parents suggested we book in now for next year. This was great!

The final game was played by Georgetown and Leominster, with Leominster winning 1-0.

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Overall Scores Tournament - Cohasset – Opposition

Georgetown (2-4), JPO (3-0), Douglas (4-0) and Leominster (1-1 tie) — (0-0 overtime) and PK's equal after 5 – losing at Penalty Kicks 3/4.

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SPORTS NOTES

Kudos to Maitland

2002 CHS graduate Peter Peter Maitland claimed top honors in the javelin (184' 3") at the America East Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Northeastern's Solomon Track in Dedham, earlier this month. Mass.

Maitland, who will enter his junior year at Boston University this fall, garnered the third individual title for the Terriers, who earned 114 points to place fourth behind Northeastern (162), Albany (160.5), and New Hampshire (139.5).

Youth football equipment handout

The Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football equipment handout schedule is as follows. Football equipment for registered football players for the upcoming Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football season will be handed out by grade/team on:

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A $100 refundable deposit is required at the time of equipment pick up. All equipment will be handed out at the Equipment Shed located at the back of Scituate High School.

For further information on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading, please go to www.scicohfootball.com.

Cohasset Swim Center News

Water Safety Instructor and Lifeguard Training Courses Being Offered

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The Cohasset Swim Center will also be offering a Lifeguard Training course, August 2nd thru August 6th, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. each day. All classes are mandatory. Applicants must be a minimum of 15 years of age to participate. Certification include Lifeguard training, First Aid and CPR.

If interested, please contact C.S.C. Director at 781-383-9463 or e-mail your contact information to: cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net.

Sign-up for Red Cross Swimming Lessons

Second session of swim lessons begins July 12th. Any member or non-member of the Cohasset Swim Center not already taking lessons, may sign-up during the week of July 5th. Those presently in lessons may sign-up on Friday, July 11th from 8 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Session Three will begin on July 26th thru August 6th and Session Four on August 9th thru August 20th.

Water Aerobics Geared for Seniors

Be sure to sign-up at the Swim Center for water aerobics. Classes will start the week of July 5th and run for eight weeks. Mondays at 1:15 - 2:00, Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 - 1:15. There is a $3.00 fee per class. Come and give it a try!

Cohasset Swim Team Swim Meets

The C.S.C. will also be hosting two Friday afternoon swim meets this summer on July 30th and on August 6th. On those afternoons the Center will be closed from Noon until 5 P.M. Come cheer them on!

In Memoriam, Johnny Bravo

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a serious knee injury on the gridiron, and missed both the winter and spring seasons as a result. For his third sport, lacrosse, this was a significant setback.

As a sophomore on a team that finished under .500, Justin had been an energetic, if somewhat unskilled, midfielder. The next season, without him, the Skippers again missed the state lax tournament. The old coach left; a new coach – Kevin Orcutt – arrived. Prospects didn't seem particularly good, especially on defense, where only one starter was coming back. Justin – who'd been playing indoors all the previous winter – decided he'd switch to longpole, and try to shore that position up.

To be a lacrosse player the last two weeks of March, when the season starts, is to be cold, wet, uncomfortable, sore and tired – all at once. In the spring of 2001, despite a knee brace large enough for Shaquille O'Neill, Justin grinned and smiled through gray day after gray day. "Want to know how to run that drill?" coach Orcutt would ask rhetorically, "check out Johnny Bravo."

In the first week of April, Orcutt made an unusual decision. He named Justin as captain. "Don't get me wrong," the coach said. "We've got three excellent captains. But everyone – even the seniors – watches Johnny Bravo to see how things are done."

Except for his nine days of community service in Appalachia, Justin started every game, and played for as long and as hard as his damaged leg would allow. Nine games into the season, the Skippers had clinched a berth in the tournament with an 8-1 record; Justin had yet to cover an opponent he matched up with in size. In fact, he led the team in penalties, trying to compensate. But his will to win, his mental toughness overwhelmed them.

There's a photo from that season that I can picture today – an opposing player lying sprawled on the turf, Justin hurdling over the body, cradling the ball, looking downfield, never looking back. The Skippers carried their success into the playoffs, knocking off – in succession – Ashland, Catholic Memorial, and defending state champ Milton. Then, on a hot, muggy day in Ipswich at the state semi-finals, it appeared the streak was ending. Down six goals with eight minutes left, Cohasset scored four in a row to pull within two.But Ipswich won the face-off, and could run out the clock. Justin wouldn't let that happen. He somehow knocked the ball loose, and got it to classmate Lane Forrer. Cohasset scored with 49 seconds left, and again with 32 ticks on the clock, then won in the fourth sudden-death overtime. Many feel it's the greatest game in the history of the Cohasset program. That might be debatable, but no one would argue that it had been the season that turned the program around.

And that's why some of us, when we're asked to reflect on Justin Scott Langham, think back to the spring of 2001, and the season when Johnny Bravo taught all of us a lesson about heart, will and being a role model.

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A 'Stella' performance

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League champion varsity squad this year, and got one relief stint in a game as well as a few late inning chances in the outfield. However, he never got that chance he'd dreamed of to start a varsity game.

"It killed me at times," admitted Stella, whose leading attribute on the mound is control, though he has a fastball in the mid-70s and a hard curve. "I think the hardest thing was that last home game. I always wanted a chance to pitch on the varsity field at Scituate High."

Which brings us to the real point of this story: Brandon did finally get a chance to start on the mound at Scituate High, doing so this past Sunday in the final home game of the year for the Cohasset Post 118 Legion team. Better yet, he did so calling many of the same players teammate he did during the high school season. His Scituate High/Post 118 teammates included Scott Carroll, Jack O'Leary, Terence O'Brien, Mike Barba and Jeff Radding.

Best of all, though, he performed much better than anyone could have reasonably expected. The southpaw scattered eight hits and five walks in six plus inning of work, surrendering five earned runs. He even made two nice plays on the mound on comebackers, fielding the ball with his glove, and then making a quick transfer to throw to first to get the out.

"Brandon was throwing strikes and keeping the ball down, and, for the most part, we made the plays behind him," said Coach Duggan. "He kept us in the game and gave us a chance to win.

"Brandon has been victimized by some questionable D in the past, but the guys supported him well tonight."

The score was 6-4 when Brandon left the mound in the top of the seventh to a standing ovation from all in attendance, including every player on both benches.

"It was a very moving scene," said Duggan. "A lot of people who'd been behind Brandon were there. It wasn't easy to keep a dry eye."

Shortstop Scott Carroll was thrilled to see his former SHS teammate, fellow class of '04 graduate and current Post 118 mate finally get a chance to toe the rubber to start a game.

"There were a lot of guys here who'd always been behind him," said Carroll, who this week earns his second straight Mariner All-Scholastic selection. "You want to do your best behind him in the field.

"He's always got a smile on his face, and he just loves baseball. He lives and breathes it. This was such a great thing for him, and he pitched a good ball game."

"I felt real good out there," said Stella, who seemed a bit embarrassed by the extra attention. "My fastball was working pretty well and my catcher (Ben Murphy) was telling me my curve was breaking so quick he was having trouble catching it. It felt good to have that kind of performance against a good offensive team."

Indeed, Morrisette scored 15 runs against Post 118 in go round number one this summer.

This may have been Brandon's last chance to pitch formally for his home town team, but Brandon does hope to pitch again competitively. He is all set to attend Curry College this fall and he has had a few discussions with that school's baseball coach.

"I'm hoping to play college baseball," said Brandon, a two-term Honor Roll student as a senior who intends to major in Communication, with an eye cast toward a career in television production— a career course that struck his fancy after he took TV production and public speaking courses at SHS.

Kevin Rennie, who helped out with the Post 118 Legion team this summer, has seen a dramatic improvement in Brandon as a pitcher over the last year, and believes he'll do quite well at the college level.

"Brandon worked extremely hard on his game in the off season, and that really showed to me this season," said Rennie, whose son Mark, a junior-to-be at Scituate High, was staff ace of the Sailors this past season. "His breaking ball was a lot sharper this season and he just threw a heavier ball in general.

"The greatest thing about Brandon is he never got discouraged at all. Of all the kids I've been around in sports, he displayed the best sportsmanship of anyone. He came to the field every day looking to do his work and get ready as if he was going to be in there."

And Rennie believes these attributes will pay off big at the next level, playing for a coach he knows well, Dave Perdios. The former Morrisette Legion star and coach actually coached Mark Rennie last summer in AAU ball with the South Shore Spartans, and the elder Rennie reported that his son took as much from that season as any he's ever had.

"Dave will use Brandon, and get the most out of him," said Kevin Rennie of the Curry head coach. "Dave has more baseball knowledge than any coach I've been around. He made a world of difference for Mark in just one year, and I'm confident he can do similar things with Brandon."

Brandon is working this summer with youngsters as a camp counselor for the Scituate Recreation Department.

"We go to the beach one day, and play basketball or football the next day," reported Brandon. "It's fun. I can do anything they need me to do."

Many, it seems, were already convinced of that.

Morrisette 10, Cohasset 4

Obviously, the highlight of this game, if not the season, for the locals was Stella's mound performance.

The hosts kept it close right up through Stella's departure.

Jeff Ciulla and Caroll opened the home half of the first with singles, and they both eventually came around to score on groundouts by Jack O'Leary and Jeff Radding.

Stella and the 118ers found themselves trailing by a 6-2 score into the bottom of the sixth when they struck for two more. Carroll walked and O'Leary singled with one out and both advanced 90 feet on a throwing error. Joe Duggan plated Carroll with a groundout to third and Radding brought home O'Leary with a base hit, making it a 6-4 game.

Joe Duggan came on in relief of Stella after he walked the first hitter to open the top of the seventh, and all heck broke loose after that, three errors a walk and two hits resulting in four unearned runs and a 10-4 final.

Stella got out of potentially big third inning with the help of an inning ending double play that saw second baseman Mike Barba snare a wicked line drive and flip to shortstop Joe Duggan at second before the baserunner could get back.

Weymouth 9, Cohasset 3

The playoff bound Weymouth squad jumped on O'Leary, who went the distance on the mound, for 11 hits and the visiting Cohasset squad was unable to get much going offensively, save for right fielders Shane Caffrey's 3-for-3 performance at the plate.

Kevin Signorelli scored Cohasset's first run in the second inning, as he led off wit ha triple and raced home on a Nick Infusino grounder.

With the game out of reach, Cohasset was able to plate another pair with two outs in the sixth. Signorelli singled and Ben Murphy followed with a walk. These two came around to score, respectively, on hits by Infusino and Caffrey.

Milton 8, Cohasset 1

The locals played the Zone 6 champions relatively tough on the road, Monday, certainly much tougher than they did six days earlier in a 15-0 setback anyway.

Infusino, a junior to be at Scituate High, pitched five solid innings on the mound against a loaded lineup—a very encouraging performance from a hurler who has two more years of Legion eligibility

Carroll went 2-for-3 and knocked in Cohasset's only run. Xaverian senior-to-be Ben Murphy, who's handled the catching chores quite well in Terence O'Brien's absence the last few games, scored that lone run and reached base in all three at bats (2-for-2 with a walk)

First baseman Jeff Radding came up with a big defensive play and saved a couple of runs when he went up fully outstretched to snag a bullet that appeared ticketed for the right field corner.

"I know it might sound funny to hear, but these last three games have felt closer than the score indicates," said Coach Duggan. "They have had a competitive feel to them.

"And the kids have been great through it all. Even with the losses, we're still having a good time."

Next up

With these losses, the Post 118 team squad fell to 1-16-1 with one game remaining.

The boys were slated to play at West Roxbury on Tuesday, the final day Zone 6 is allowed to play. This game needed to be played, as West Roxbury was battling for the fifth and final playoff spot in Zone 6.

Cheerleading volunteers needed

SCYFC needs 2 to 3 volunteers to help coach the 8th Grade Sharks A Cheerleading team. This commitment will involve being at practices from Aug. 16 through Sept. 9, Monday through Thursday 5-7 p.m, and attending the weekend games from Sept. 12 through Nov. 11. Cheerleading experience is not necessary as you will have junior coaches working on cheers and dance with the squad. If you have an interest and can make the commitment please call Lorie Neil at 781-545-4526.

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Hundreds gather to remember Justin Langham

Memorial service was held Saturday

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There will always be 72 members of the Cohasset High School Class of 2001.

At Saturday's memorial service for one of their own, classmates who turned out by the dozens made it clear Justin Langham is with them now and forever.

The service at the Second Congregational Church didn't focus on Langham's death but on his life and how his kindness, intelligence, humor and friendship positively affected the many who knew him.

"Justin reminds us that life is not measured by lengthwise but by how deeply one has lived," said the Rev. Gary Ritts, pastor of the church in which every pew was filled. The overflow crowd spilled into the aisles while others stood at the back of the sanctuary.

The 20-year-old, who was president of his class, was tragically killed April 26 in Glasgow, Scotland where he was attending college. He was on his way back to his dormitory at 9:30 a.m. when he was hit by a truck and succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

"He was always there when you needed him and he lived every day."
— John Cotter

Over the past 2-1/2 months, the shock of the accident has begun to fade, making way for some humorous remembrances and tears of joy about a young man who knew the true meaning of friendship.

The memorial service, which was held in July when Langham's friends would be home from college, included music, poetry readings, songs recorded by some of Langham's favorite bands, and a heartfelt tribute by three of his buddies.

The young men painted a picture of their bright, fun-loving friend, who could also be serious, but often told them not stress out so much.

Doug O'Brien recalled that was a lot easier for Langham, who considered becoming a journalist.

"He was the brightest kid I've ever known and was a talented writer," said O'Brien, adding while he would be up all night stressing about a paper – Langham would go to bed early, bang out the paper the next morning and still get a better grade.

O'Brien described Langham, whom he visited not long ago in Glasgow, as being content with life.

"We sat in a local pub and Justin talked about his trip home in March and how great it was to see his parents," he recalled.

O'Brien said Langham was "irreplaceable – the best of the best."

"I feel right now he is with us, over our shoulder," he said, adding he still finds himself talking to Langham and laughing with him. "I love you so much Justin, but I know you know that," O'Brien said.

Marc Verrochi said his lack of patience and ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) makes him an annoying friend. But Verrochi said Langham tolerated his idiosyncrasies, such as incessant phone calls and agreeing to go out to breakfast with him at the spur of the moment on a Saturday morning when their friends were sleeping in.

"Justin didn't even eat breakfast," Verrochi said. "But he would always go that extra step for a friend."

Verrochi recalled fishing with Langham and getting so frustrated when the fish got away. "Justin would tell me 'to just let it go – that it would be OK…'he would say to all of us that everything would be OK."

Verrochi said they were blessed to have had Langham in their lives and they would get through the sorrow with the strength that he gave them.

John Cotter warmly described gatherings in the Langhams' basement on the weekends. He said Langham sent him an email acknowledging how great his parents were for "putting up with you guys all the time."

"He had so much potential and was so full of life," Cotter said. "…He was always there when you needed him and he lived every day."

Cotter recalled how Langham had a vast knowledge of many subjects and could remember everything. However, he drew laughter at the service when he recalled how Langham conveniently "forgot" his (Cotter's) name when the Cohasset police arrested Langham and some others for taking an unauthorized swim after hours at the Cohasset Swim Center over one Fourth of July. Thanks to Langham, Cotter wasn't arrested.

"No one will ever forget you, Justin," Cotter said. "You will be with us the rest of our lives."

Rev. Ritts read a note written by Langham during ASP 2001 (Appalachia Service Project) in West Virginia in which Langham chastised himself for some of the things he'd done and for not having bonded with ASP families in the past. He described the look on the grateful homeowner's face when she saw the new floor his ASP group had installed.



Justin Langham

"I realized the little things don't matter, I've grown up a lot in the past nine days," Langham wrote.

Ritts said Langham knew about opening up and making connections in life.

"On days like this we realize how much people really matter – not places or things," Ritts said. "…May we treat this day as the gift it truly is…a day to be together as friends and to embrace as you never have before.

"Justin, you've helped us do that once again."

Immediately following the service, Langham's parents, Steve and "K" (Kazue) Langham, invited the gathering to a reception at the Red Lion Inn to visit and share more memories.

Groups of college students, all friends of Langham's, hugged outside the church on what was a brilliant summer's day before making the short trek across the common and down South Main Street to the inn.

A Justin Langham Scholarship Fund has been set up at the high school. Donations may be sent to Cohasset High School, 143 Pond St. Also donations can be made to ASP in Langham's memory in care of the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.

Memorial planned for Justin Langham

Christine Kelville of Kelville Enterprises said a monument celebrating the life of Justin Langham will be placed in the municipal parking lot in the village once the area is reconstructed as part of the Greenbush project. The monument is a collaborative effort among Kelville Enterprises, the MBTA, Jay Cashman Inc. and the town, she said.

"It will be a beautiful way for Steve, 'K,' Justin's friends and family to pay tribute to his memory," Kelville said.

Mr. Langham, Justin's father, is a vice president at Kelville.

Kelville said she has had the pleasure of knowing the Langhams for five years.

"Although Justin has left us at such a young age, he experienced more happiness, love and friendship than most people do in a lifetime," she said.

Spiritual journey for breast cancer survivors

Dr. Annabelle Wallace, a psychotherapist practicing in Norwell, and Dr. Carol Stanton, Director of Development for Glastonbury Abbey will host a day-long event for breast cancer survivors on Saturday, July 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center in Hingham.

The day will include nature walks on the Abbey grounds, group discussion, journaling, yoga and stretching, and time for quiet reflection.

The day will include nature walks on the Abbey grounds, group discussion, journaling, yoga and stretching, and time for quiet reflection. The cost is $100 per person, which includes a healthy breakfast and lunch.

Stanton, herself a breast cancer survivor, said that there are support groups for medical information, exercise, nutrition, family relationships, and other topics faced by breast cancer survivors, but none for the spiritual aspects of dealing with disease. "Cancer has a way of bringing you face to face with the 'big questions' of life," Stanton said. "Why am I here? Why did I get this disease? What kind of a God creates or allows cancer to happen? How am I going to cope? How do I deal with long term effects of disease and treatment? These are questions that call for spiritual answers."

Wallace said that cancer patients typically go through five to seven stages of dealing with loss when confronted with cancer diagnosis and treatment. "They have to deal with loss of their health, even if only for a time," she said. "They deal with the possible loss of body parts, loss of their regular life routine, loss of dreams and hopes for the future. Each person copes in his or her own unique way, but regardless of coping styles, cancer will change each patient, and each family."

Stanton and Wallace suggest that workshop participants have finished at least part of their cancer treatment, and stress that women of all faiths, as well as those with no formal religion, are invited to attend.

For more information, call Dr. Wallace at 781-659-9300.

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Perfect pound cake

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE
CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



Pound cake derives its name from a 17th century English cake that was made from one pound each of flour, sugar, butter, and eggs. (Another famous "ingredient" cake is the 1-2-3-4 cake, which is made from 1 cup of butter, 2 cups of sugar, 3 cups of flour, and 4 eggs.) In fact, American layer cakes are descendants of this simple combination of ingredients. Although the old one-pound-each formula has long gone out of fashion, modern versions of pound cake are still with us and rightly so given the recipe's appeal and usefulness.

The bad news about pound cake is that a good one is hard to come by. I was looking for a tender, moist crumb with a good rise, a rich cake that is also light, delicate but full-flavored. I also wanted a recipe that was not concocted by an outpatient, some mad science experiment with dire warnings about deviating even minutely from the elaborate instructions. Since I was not going to use baking powder for this recipe (I tested this method and did not like the texture), relying instead on the creaming of butter and sugar to lend lift to the batter, I knew that the temperature of ingredients and proper mixing methods were going to be key.

Having assembled a starting recipe, the first question was which mixing method to use. I could beat together the butter, sugar, and egg yolks, add the flour, and then whip the whites separately, folding them into the batter. This method, one used by James Beard in American Cookery, was okay but the cakes were not rich and moist enough. Next, I tried the obvious method, simply beating the butter and sugar together, adding the eggs one at a time, and then folding in the flour. Having tried this method a number of times, I found that this was a chancy recipe since the batter often appeared "curdled" or separated. After years of making pound cakes I have found that a small amount of attention to the temperature of the ingredients solves this problem.

Cold ingredients will make a lousy cake since they will not whip up properly, forming a cohesive emulsion. On the other hand, the butter should not be at room temperature, at the point that it is very soft, almost melted. The butter should be soft and malleable, but still have some body to it. For those who have an instant read thermometer, simply stick it into the butter. It should read 67 degrees. If you have forgotten to leave the eggs out at room temperature, simply put them in a bowl of hot water for two minutes.

I have two last remedies for a grainy, "curdled-looking" batter. First, assuming that the ingredients were too cold to start off, take a kitchen towel, soak it in very hot water, wring it out, and then place it around the bowl of your standing mixer as it is beating the ingredients. You may have to repeat this step two or three times. Second, be patient. Often by simply beating the batter long enough, the mixture will turn dull and thick, just what you want.

One last suggestion: Do not use a Pyrex loaf pan for this recipe. Since it bakes for over an hour, the bottom or sides can overcook since glass is such a good conductor of heat. A cheap metal pan is just fine but be sure to grease it well.

ALL-PURPOSE POUND CAKE

I make this recipe a lot during the summer since it is the perfect accompaniment to a bowl of fresh fruit served with a splash of cream.

1-2/3 cups cake or all-purpose flour (cake preferred)
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 sticks unsalted butter, softened but still firm
1-1/2 cups sugar
5 large eggs, room temperature
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 teaspoon lemon zest

1. Heat oven to 325 degrees. Grease (with soft butter or vegetable oil spray) and flour a standard metal (not Pyrex) loaf pan, 9 by 5 by 3 inches. Sift together the flour and salt onto a large piece of wax paper.

2. Place the butter in a large metal mixing bowl and beat until smooth, light colored, and creamy. This can be done by hand, about one minute, or in an electric mixer, about 30 seconds. Gradually add the sugar and beat until the butter turns almost white and is very fluffy, about 5 minutes by hand and 3 minutes with an electric mixer.

3. Add the whole eggs, one egg at a time, beating for 20 seconds after each addition. The mixture should be dull and smooth after beating each egg. If the batter appears grainy or separated, the butter or eggs may have been too cold. In this case, warm the outside of the bowl with a kitchen towel soaked in hot water and then wrung out. Continue beating until the mixture appears dull and thick. Add the vanilla and lemon zest and beat 10 seconds or until mixture is thick.

4. Add the flour in three equal parts, folding it into the mixture with a large rubber spatula until the batter is well mixed. Scrape up from the bottom of the bowl frequently.

5. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes. The top should be split and nicely browned and a cake tester or straw inserted into the center should come out clean. If not, continue baking and check every 5 minutes. When done, empty cake upside down onto one covered hand (use two pot holders) and then place the cake right side up onto the cooling rack. Cool at least 1 hour before slicing and serving.

Serves 8

You can contact Christopher Kimball at kitchendetective@cooksillustrated.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

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This year, more than 75 women golfers from the South Shore area are expected to participate in this local fundraising event. The Rally for A Cure dates for the Cohasset Golf Club are Tuesday, July 27 for the women's 18-hole group and Wednesday, July 28 for the women's 9-hole group.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women ages 35-54, and accounts for more than 75 percent of all cancer deaths in women 55 and older. Presented by Golf for Women Magazine, Rally For A Cure has raised more than $12 million dollars for important breast cancer research since its founding in 1996.

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The featured artist will be James W. Smith, carillonneur of The Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Penn., Smith will present a program titled "Familiarity Without Breeding Contempt", including original music written for carillon by John Courter, John Knox, Albert Gerken, Ronald Barnes and Edward Nassor, folk music arrangements, transcriptions of classics, and a popular selection.

The bells may be heard from many vantage points in the town, including Cohasset Common and the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, picnic suppers. In case of rain, listen form your parked car. Printed programs, schedules and descriptive brochures will be available in a stand beside the church courtyard, and will also be distributed on the Common. After the recital all are invited to the courtyard to meet the recitalist, and a tour of the tower and demonstration of the carillon will be offered at that time.

For more information, call St. Stephen's Church, at 781-383-1083 weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon, or St. Stephen's Carillonneur, Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599, or Assistant Carillonneur Mary Kennedy, at 781-383-9599.

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Daylilies along July's sunny borders

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SUZANNE MAHLER

The star performers of the July sunny borders are surely the daylilies (Hemerocallis). Few perennials rival daylilies for their ease of culture and their diversity of bloom size, color, and form. Nearly all colors are represented in the modern daylily with the exception of true blue and pure white. Sunny yellows, luscious peaches and melons, fiery oranges and reds, pretty pinks and pastels, and deep velvety purples are just some of the colors currently available. Unusual patterns and blotches in contrasting colors have also been developed resulting in a fascinating assortment and range of possibilities among the thousands of colorful cultivars on the market.

Early, midseason and late-blooming varieties afford gardeners the opportunity to enjoy daylily blossoms from June to frost. Reblooming dwarf cultivars including the bright gold 'Stella de Oro' and the lemon yellow 'Happy Returns' offer repeat bloom on and off during the summer months making them popular candidates for traffic islands and commercial plantings as well as home gardens.

Daylilies originated in China where they were grown in door-side gardens as a source of food, medicine and for an uplifting of the spirits. Their botanical name, Hemerocallis, means 'beauty for a day', and in fact, each individual blossom lasts for only one day but given multiple stems, known as scapes, and dozens of flowers on each scape, their bloom period usually lasts for many weeks. Although these fibrous-rooted perennials are members of the lily family, they should not be confused with the "true" lilies that grow from scaly bulbs. Daylilies are not susceptible to the annoying Asiatic lily-leaf beetle.

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Flower sizes in daylilies range from the tiny flowers of 2-inch miniatures to the massive blooms of large-flowered cultivars up to 8 or 9 inches across. Foliage and scape height is equally variable with dwarf varieties only 10 to 12 inches tall, suitable for the rock garden or front of the border, to statuesque plants 3 to 4 feet high, ideal for the back of the perennial beds.

Meadows ablaze with 'Tiger Lily', as this species Hemerocallis fulva is often nicknamed, are cheerful sights during the early weeks of July. Grower beware, however, as tiger lily spreads rapidly on long, stoloniferous roots. If grown among newer daylily cultivars, which have a considerably more restrained growth habit, it may invade and overtake its cousins. It should be noted that daylilies cannot change color, but vigorous, chance seedlings or the infiltration of tiger lily may give the appearance that your prize pink daylily has taken on a new tint. Tiger lily may be best left to flourish on its own in naturalistic settings, at some distance away from other daylilies and perennial borders.

Although daylilies are drought tolerant and will bloom with as little as 4 to 6 hours of filtered sunlight, they thrive when provided with copious moisture and full sun. Moisture-retentive, well-drained soils that are rich in compost or manure are ideal. The application of a summer mulch is beneficial. Daylilies can be planted anytime the ground can be worked and can even be transplanted in full bloom. Division every 4 to 6 years will ensure larger flowers and more robust plants. May and early September are the best times to divide and transplant these versatile perennials although I prefer fall division as transplants are more likely to bloom the following season. Spring division may disrupt the bloom cycle. Fertilize during the spring with Plant-O-Ganic 8-8-8 or a similar slow release plant food.

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.5-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years. Her weekly gardening column 'Green Thumbs Up' has appeared in the Mariner newspapers for nearly a decade. She is a member of two local garden clubs, past President of the New England Daylily Society, an overseer for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and is employed at two garden centers.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, JULY 2

12:54 a.m. Highland Ave., open door/window, secured building.

1:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:16 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle crash, arrest: Nicholas K. Dean, 25, 56 Chittenden Road, Scituate. Charges: Use of motor vehicle without authority, operating under the influence of liquor, marked lanes violation.

4:45 a.m. Atlantic Ave., fire, investigation, weather or power related.

7 a.m. SSH, general services..

7:02 a.m. Linden Drive, power outage.

7:11 a.m. Linden Drive, power outage.

7:21 a.m. Beechwood St., and South Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:44 a.m. Elm Ct., investigation.

10:02 a.m. Cedar St., suspicious (other), safekeeping.

2:51 p.m. Beechwood St., and Doane St., motor vehicle violations.

4:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist citizen, area search negative.

5:20 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:51 p.m. North Main St., vandalism.

SATURDDY, JULY 3

12:12 a.m. South Main St., noise complaint, peace restored.

12:18 a.m. North Main St., and Tower Lane, noise complaint, investigated/report taken.

12:35 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:27 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, suspicious auto, arrest: Craig A. Laugelle, 18, 96 Pleasant St., Cohasset. Charges: Possession of Class D, Drug, Subsq. Off.

4:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

6:59 a.m. Elm St., animal control.

7:14 a.m. North Main St., power outage.

9:15 a.m. North Main St., and Jerusalem Road, fire, investigation, area search negative.

10:13 a.m. Bow St., larceny, investigated/report taken.

10:16 a.m. Stevens Lane, property (lost).

10:28 a.m. Border St., parking complaint, verbal warning.

12:58 p.m. Border St., harbor enforcement/services.

1:01 p.m. Highland Ave., animal control.

3:13 p.m. Atlantic Ave., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

4:59 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

5:25 p.m. Hull St., and Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:24 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

6:32 p.m. Sohier St., and Ripley Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:37 p.m. Ripley Road, suspicious (other), arrest: Cory Crane, 17, 4 Heritage Lane, Canton. Charges: Person under 21 Possession of liquor.

6:37 p.m. Ripley Road, suspicious (other), arrest: Matthew McDermott, 17, 5 Curtis Road, Canton. Charges: Person under 21 Possession of liquor.

6:37 p.m. Ripley Road, suspicious (other), arrest: John P. Dever, 20, 87 Highland St., Canton. Charges: Person under 21 Possession of liquor.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

12:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:42 a.m. Jerusalem Road, disturbance gathering, area search negative.

12:48 a.m. Border St., vandalism.

1:28 a.m. Border St., suspicious person, investigated/report taken.

11:06 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, stalking, advised civil action. Summons: Thatcher, Jonathan B., 52, 157 Nobscussett Road, Dennis. Charges: harassment, criminal.

12:52 p.m. Border St., harbor enforcement/services.

1:22 p.m. Border St., Harbor enforcement/services, dispersed gathering.

2:44 p.m. North Main St., animal control.

2:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, property (lost).

3:08 p.m. Sestito Lane and Castle Road, traffic complaint, good intent call.

3:17 p.m. Town of Cohasset, property (found).

3:33 p.m.. Border St., Harbor enforcement/services.

5:32 p.m. Hull St., reported death.

6:32 p.m. Border St., parking complaint.

8 p.m. Border St., Harbor enforcement/services, dispersed gathering.

8:15 p.m. Cushing Road, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:35 p.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted, peace restored.

9:52 p.m. Church St., officer wanted, area search negative.

10:06 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, JULY 5

12:43 a.m. North Main St, noise complaint, area search negative.

1:16 a.m. Lamberts Lane, open door/window.

1:19 a.m. Elm St, noise complaint.

1:36 a.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint.

1:42 a.m. North Main St., and Tower Lane, arrest: Dylan Lanzillotti, 19, 41 North Main St., Cohasset. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

6:49 a.m. Sohier St., assist citizen.

8:51 a.m. West Gate Lane, assist citizen.

10:34 a.m. Mill Lane, animal control.

1:18 p.m. Surry Drive, assist other Police Department.

1:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

5 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:06 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disorderly conduct, peace restored.

7:29 p.m. Beechwood St., and Mill Lane, animal control.

7:44 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, summons: Marcio S. Garcia, 30, 84 Mountford Road, Hull. Charges: Operation of motor vehicle unlicensed, unregistered motor vehicle.

8:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:40 p.m. Summer St., disorderly conduct, 47 year old woman in protective custody.

11:11 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

TUESDAY, JULY 6

12:53 a.m. Highland Ave., open door/window, secured building.

2:48 a.m. Elm St, fire, (misc.).

5:20 a.m. Headquarters, assist other Police Departments.

Police arrest five in June

June was a relatively quiet month for the Town of Cohasset Police Department, there were five arrests; two for operating under the influence of liquor, one for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and finally two for protective custody, Police Chief James M. Hussey said.

During the month of June the police department investigated 14 motor vehicle accidents, three of which resulted in personal injury. There were 68 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $2,290. in fines. Additionally, there were 57 parking tickets issued for $1,400 in fines.

Also in the month of June the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 870 calls for police services of those 118 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls, Hussey said.

In the month of June there were no breaking and enterings. Also in the month there were seven criminal complaints issued, he said.

Artist's Way Group to begin on July 27

Local writer Cathy Corcoran will conduct an Artist's Way Creativity Group on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Flow Zone Cafe, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull. The group is based on principles found in the best-selling book, "The Artist's Way" by Julia Cameron, and will meet eight Tuesdays from July 27 through Sept. 14. Cost is $89. Space is limited.

Corcoran said that the group is open to artists, writers, musicians, gardeners, quilters, or anyone who wants to become more creative. "The Artist's Way is a wonderful way to tap into the creativity we all have inside, and explore different ways of expressing it," she said. "It's great for practicing artists, or for those who have always wanted to be artists, and is especially effective for those going through life transitions."

Corcoran has been a regular columnist and feature writer for The Patriot Ledger for more than 15 years. She hosts Heartbeat, a weekly health program on WATD Radio, Marshfield, and is an independent communications consultant who works with for-profit and non-profit clients to design and implement communications programs. She has facilitated Artist's Way groups in Hingham, Quincy, Duxbury, and Scituate.

Group participants are asked to bring a notebook and a copy of "The Artist's Way" to the first meeting on July 27. The book is available at most bookstores. For reservations, call the Flow Zone at 781-925-5221.

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JOAN BAEZ Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St.,, Plymouth, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $37-$42 Legendary folk singer Joan Baez returns to the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall, the spot where she and Bob Dylan kicked off the legendary Rolling Thunder Revue Tour in 1975. Tickets:www.ticketweb.com 866-468-7619 at the box-office located at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth, MA 508-747-0234. All Strawberries

MASS AUDUBON AND THE NORTH & SOUTH RIVERS WATERSHED ASSOCIATION - Family Overnight Kayaking Adventure on the North River, Aug. 17 and 18, or Aug. 19 and 20. Boats and Camping Gear Provided. Dinner provided (bring two lunches) Kayak the 14-mile North River, overnight at Couch Beach Cost: $225 for a family group of three or less per two-day excursion (add $15 for each additional member) For parents of all ages and children of at least 10 years of age Learn Paddling techniques and rescue and reentry Monday Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon ($15) Call Ellyn Einhorn at Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400 Or Wendy Garpow at NSRWA at 781-659-8168

MOUNT BLUE ANNUAL SUMMER FUNDRAISER - July 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit Marshfield's Talking Information Center (TIC), a 26-year-old, private, non-profit broadcast radio reading service for the visually impaired. Reservations $50 per person by mailing a check payable to Mount Blue/TIC, to PO Box 916, Norwell, MA 02061. If you are unable to attend the event but would still like to make a donation to TIC, please send a check made payable to "TIC" to 130 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050. Mount Blue, located at 707 Main St. Norwell Center (Rte. 123) An evening of socializing accompanied by sumptuous food and cocktails, great music and more than 100 auction items.

THE NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION is planning its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, Aug. 2, at the Cohasset Country Club, Lambert's Lane in Cohasset, features a new practice range and putting area. Registration begins at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Tickets are $175 per person, and include a fun day on the greens, as well as a pre-game lunch, sit-down dinner, raffle and silent auction. Due to the tournament's popularity, foursomes are encouraged to sign up early. Rain date is Aug. 16.

THE SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS announces the addition of a special concert featuring the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart conductor, to the Music Circus for the first time in a benefit performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South Shore Art Center, July 31, 7 p.m.. Tickets for concert can be purchased via Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and in person at the Music Circus box office Tickets are $101.25 and $90.25. A limited number of special ticket packages, which include a reception with the maestro, can be purchased from South Shore Art Center only. Call the SSAC at 781-383-2787 for information.

THE SECOND ANNUAL JETT GOLF CLASSIC will be held on Oct. 6, at the Pine Hills Golf Club in Plymouth. A scramble format is planned. Registration and putting contest will begin at 10 am and a shotgun start is at 11:30 am. The Jett Foundation is seeking golfers and non-golfers, volunteers to help organize the event, as well as items for silent/live auction, raffle and prize donations. All levels of sponsorship are available. Dinner only tickets will also be available. Anyone wishing to get involved may call the Jett Foundation president, Christine McSherry, 781-293-2667.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619.

Thurs. 15

Weymouth Recreation Department -presents Outdoor concerts at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater, Town Hall. July 15, **Johnny the K** (Kids entertainer) 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. If raining concerts will be held inside the Abigail Adams School auditorium.

The South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset, announces that the 7 p.m. **Bill Cosby Show** of Saturday, Aug. 7 and **George Carlin** on Friday, Aug. 13, has sold out. For continuous concert updates, check the Music Circus web site at www.themusiccircus.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit Gives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

The River Club Dinner Theater, 78 Border St., Scituate Presents **I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change** July 15- and July 22-24. Dinner and show $45.95 Call 781-545-1330 for reservations.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree,, Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series July 15, **Legion Bud Band** all concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday.

Fri. 16

Weymouth's Boy Scout Troop 92 is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. To celebrate this event , the Troop is sponsoring a family camp out for all past and present members of the Troop and their families. The camp out will be the weekend of July 16-18, and will take place at Peter's Pond Campground in Sandwich. All those in any way related to Troop 92 are welcome to join in a fun-filled weekend of camping, games, swimming, and relaxation. Saturday night will feature a large pot luck dinner. For information, call Joe Perkins at 781-843-5338, or check the Troop's web site at http://www.troop92.com/

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will feature an exhibit by **Ted Polomis** through Aug. 30. 781-383-1348 www.polomis.com

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield – July 16, **The Hummarockers,** playing classic rock 9 p.m. no admission charge.Handicap accessible, dinner available for all shows. 781-834-6505.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Four on the Floor** July 16. 781-258-5232.

The Bitter Man Comedy Club at the **Red Lion Inn,** 76 S. Main St., Cohasset, Stand Up Comedy with DJ Hazard, E.J. Murphy and Kelly MacFarland. Hosted by Lance Norris from WZLX. July 16, at 9 p.m. Advance ticket purchase is strongly advised. Call 781-383-1704 for information.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Young Neal and The Vipers.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Vince Gill**, July16, at 8 p.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or at box office at 130 Sohier Street. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org

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Sat. 17

Sustainable South Shore Climate InfoFest at Mary Jeannette Murray Bathhouse, Nantasket Beach, Hull. July 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Environmental advocates from local, regional and national groups present the facts about how climate change and our uses of energy affect our world and our health. Music, food, raffles. Free. 781-925-7094, 781-925-5665.

The USS Salem Radio Club will sponsor the **8th Museum Ship Radio** Event July 17 and 18. This annual radio event includes museum ships from around the world. Most of the ships are World War II vintage and include such famous ships as the HMS Belfast, an English cruiser, the USS Missouri at Pearl Harbor, the HMS Nordkaparen, a Swedish submarine, the German submarine, U9, the ORP Blyskawica, a Polish destroyer and many others. Tuning the shortwave bands this weekend will sound like 60 years ago. Visit the clubs website at http://www.qsl.net/k1usn/event.html for information.

The Friends of the Ventress Memorial Library, Library Plaza, off Rt. 139 in Marshfield, will hold a book sale on Sat. July 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Weather permitting, the sale will be outside the library. Inside, if it rains. There will be a good selection of hard cover, paperbacks and children's books. Great books for the beach and vacation travel. Proceeds support the purchase of museum passes and other programs.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents **"Weather Report,** paintings and drawings by **Alix White**," through Aug. 30. 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

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The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. Jose Ramos and **Houserockers** July 17. Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Pink Voyd will be performing July 17, at **The Chevalier Theater,** 30 Forest St. Medford. Tickets $22 in advance or $25 the day of the show Tickets are on sale now and available at all Strawberries locations, The Chevalier Theater box office open Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. accepting cash only, and through TicketWeb at 866-468-7619 or on-line at www.ticketweb.com This show is general admission and all ages are welcome. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Abba The Music** July 17, at 8 p.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or at box office at 130 Sohier Street. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org

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Sun. 18

Silver Lake Auto Club 16th Annual Auto Show, July 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine, Marshfield Fair Grounds, Route 3A, Marshfield. Admission $3. Free parking.

Porch Ponderingswill present singer **Sophie Shrand** July 18, at 5 p.m. at the Marshfield Hills General Store, Prospect St. Marshfield Hills. The Talespinners will present a short Storytelling performance for younger children first. 81-871-5892.

Weekly Carillon recitals at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset. July 18. Featured artist **James W. Smith, Carillonneur of Mercersburg Academy,** Mercersbur, Pa., will perform July 18, at 6 p.m. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic sup-

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Here and Now, her recently released 10th album — on July 24. "This album has several threads and themes. There is something very satisfying about being able to put something out as a whole, and have it stand together as an artistic statement."

The Yale-educated Carpenter has been making artistic statements since the release of her first album, *Hometown Girl*, in 1987. In the years since, Carpenter has sold more than 12 million albums, charted a number of hit singles, won five Grammys, and earned two Country Music Association Awards.

"The new album explores everything from loss and grief to renewal. It has songs that I never could have written in my 20s," said Carpenter, 46, by telephone last week from Kentucky. "It is about people seeking a place to belong. It is also about the importance of living life to the fullest."

One of the 12 new songs written by Carpenter for the album, "Elysium" was inspired by the artist's June 2002 marriage to contractor Tim Smith and the couple's subsequent relocation from Washington, DC, to the Blue Ridge Mountains in South Central Virginia.

"The song is about meeting my husband. The very first day I met him, we took a drive. The song starts out, very literally, about the drive through the mountains and coming up at the top of a mountain and looking into the valley. It was the middle of winter, but somehow it was amazingly balmy and everything was still green. It's sort of a song about falling in love with him, and all of a sudden, after looking for a long time, discovering a place that I had wanted to be."

Where Carpenter is now is on an extensive US tour. She was on the road only briefly last summer and last fall played selected dates with fellow songwriters Patty Griffin, Shawn Colvin and Dar Williams. "The reality is that I used to tour whether I had a new album or not," says Carpenter. "Now, the time it takes me to write a new album affects how much time I spend on tour. It took three years to make this album. I work on a large legal pad, there's nothing very enigmatic about it, it just takes time."

With her first new album in three years now out on Columbia Records Nashville, Carpenter is happy to be on tour in support of it. She may have been off the road, more than on in recent years, but she is quick to point out that she does not consider her current efforts to be any kind of a comeback.

"The concept of being back is odd to me. I don't feel like I ever left."

(Mary Chapin Carpenter will perform at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset Saturday, July 24 at 8 p.m.. For tickets and information, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

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pers. In case of rain, listen from your car. After the recital meet the recitalist, and tour the tower where a demonstration of the carillon will be offered at that time.

The 14th annual Great Esker Day. July 18, 11:30 - 3:30 p.m. Elva Road, North Weymouth. Music by "The Kieran Ridge Band" and one other band, live animals, trolley and walking tours, canoeing/kayaking, tube rafting, children's crafts, story telling, food and much more. All activities are free.

Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance every Sunday evening at **Raffael's Restaurant** Nantasket, Clarion Hotel, 45 Hull Shore Dr., Hull 781-925-4515. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Live dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and The Presidents Club of Boston.

July Pancake Breakfast at The Paragon Carousel July 18, 9 to 11 a.m. Tickets $3 per child $5 per adult pancakes, sausage, juice ,coffee and one free ride on carousel what a great way to start your day and the garden tour 781-925-0472 paragon carousel.com

Rub Out Cancer Fundraiser sponsored by **Nantasket Therapeutic Massage,** Ocean Place, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull, July 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. $1 equals one minute for chair and table massage, acupressure, reflexology, reiki, cranio-sacral, and zero balance. All service fees and proceeds donated t the Zakim Center for Integrated Therapies at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Call 781-925-4004 for appointment.

6th Annual Secret Garden Tour July 18, Tour starts at Carousel this year 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets $15 advance sale $17 day of tour . Remember to wear your best garden hat to enter or contest . All proceeds from this event help to support the Paragon Carousel or secretgardentour@aol.com 781-925 0472.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents a **Dixieland Jazz Concert featuring Dave Whitney's Orchestra July 18,** 6 to 9 p.m. and others, 9 p.m. Admission $10. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Johnny Mathis** July 18, at 8 p.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or at box office at 130 Sohier Street. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

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[illegible] was studying [illegible] at Boston University in the early 1970s and I got the [illegible] of Vanzetti in a play," recalled Rothauser by telephone last week. "I had an emotional reaction, like the events had [illegible] I knew then that I needed to know more about the story." [illegible] with help from a National Endowment for the Arts grant, Rothauser shot 20 minutes of footage for a Sacco and Vanzetti film that became part of his Master's thesis. The life, and death, of the two Italian immigrants continued to fascinate Rothauser long after he finished graduate school.

In 1920, Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were arrested on a Brockton trolley car and subsequently charged with robbery and the double murder of two payroll guards at the old Slater Morrill and Rice & Hutchins shoe factories on Pearl Street in Braintree. It was a time of intense anti-immigrant sentiment and communist paranoia, and Sacco and Vanzetti found themselves in the center of a political firestorm. Immigrants were commonly, and most often unfairly, linked to the terrorist activities of the time. Sacco and Vanzetti were both openly associated with known anarchist Luigi Galleani, who sought the overthrow of the US Government.

Although none of the money stolen during the Braintree robberies was ever found or linked to them, and eyewitnesses told of seeing five individuals escaping the crime scene, Sacco and Vanzetti were the only two ever charged or convicted. There was an unprecedented global outcry in response to the verdict, which many believe was based on coerced testimony, as well as a biased judge and the federal government's admitted tampering. Despite this, Sacco and Vanzetti were executed in 1927.

"Six years ago, I revisited the project, but I found difficulty raising the funds to move forward with a film on the subject," Rothauser says. "Ultimately, the project took the form of a docudrama — and the first American film of the story - told from Vanzetti's point of view. We use the text of letters that Sacco and Vanzetti wrote while in prison and other source material to not only look back at the case, but also to explore the immediate and lasting legal and social questions raised by the trial. There was intense fear and paranoia at the time and the prosecution went so far as to withhold evidence that could have changed the outcome of the case."

On the fiftieth anniversary of their execution, then Massachusetts Governor Michael S. Dukakis publicly proclaimed that Sacco and Vanzetti had not received a fair trial and declared that any stigma or disgrace to their names should be removed. Dukakis declared August 23 to be Sacco and Vanzetti Day in Massachusetts.

(The Diary of Sacco and Vanzetti will be screened for one night only July 22 at 7:30 PM at 38 Cameron Street, North Cambridge, with a reception and discussion to follow. Reservations may be made by calling 617/492-4091.)

- R. Scott Reedy

Mon. 19

The Art Gallery at The James Library & Center For The Arts, 24 West St., hosts an art show by the Norwell Council on Aging Painting Class from July 6 to Aug. 15. Gallery hours are Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday evenings 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free and open to the public. For information, call 781-659-7100.

The Buttonwood Writers Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers are welcome.

Plymouth Ice Rink opens registration for Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Clinics. The Armstrong Arena has opened registration for two pre-season conditioning clinics. Puck Control & Shooting and Pre-Season Conditioning will be offered at the ice rink during the week of Aug. 16-20. To register or for information, call 781-871-7960 or visit www.BayStateHockey.com.

Tues. 20

LIVE Reptile Show Comes to the Science Center Join the South Shore Natural Science Center on July 21, at 1:30 p.m. for a return visit from everyone's

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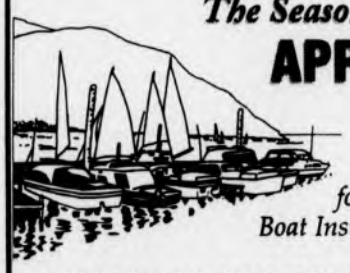
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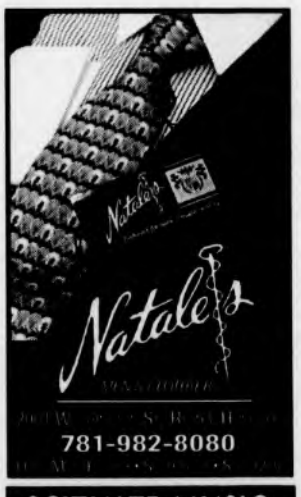


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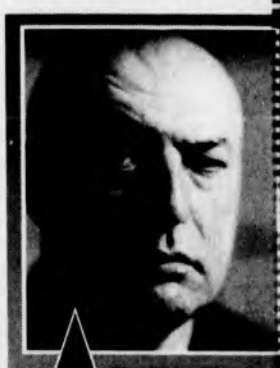
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favorite herpetologist, Michael K. Salbovsky of Rainforest Reptile Shows. Meet his menagerie of reptiles, including lizards, turtles, really BIG snakes and an American alligator. Tickets are $6 members/ $7 non-members, and must be purchased in advance. This show is recommended for children ages 3 and up; no food, drink or strollers allowed in Vine Hall. To purchase tickets by phone, call 781-659-2559

Andrea Lovett and Wiesy MacMillan will conduct a Women's Writer's Workshop titled "Writing From Sacred Places. The group will explore their creativity while writing from various outdoor locations in the Marshfield/Hanover/Scituate/Cohasett/Pembroke locations. 781-871-5892.

Plaster Play, 263 Washington St. Norwell, will host a Barbie & Me Playshop. Bring your favorite Barbie and your lunch. Create a Barbie flower or guitar. 781 659-0011.

Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents **Marine and Local Scenes** at its New Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, through Aug. 29. 781-545-6150, www.scituateartsassociation.com

The Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St. Hingham. An exhibit, **Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past** features antique tools from the society's collection and is on view during museum hours. The Old Ordinary is open through Sept. 11. For information call 781-749-0013 or visit http://www/hinghamhistorical.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display . www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Wed. 21

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands presents a sunset cruise to **Thompson's Island** on July 21. The boat leaves Fan Pier in downtown Boston at 6 p.m. and returns at 9.45 p.m. Visitors may either explore on their own, or take a volunteer-led tour of the beaches, marshes, and open spaces. The return journey offers views of the Boston skyline. Bring a picnic – no food or beverage service will be available on either the boat or the island. Tickets can be bought at Fan Pier on the day from 5 p.m. (cash only) and cost $17 for adults, $15 for seniors, $13 for Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members, $10 for children (3 – 12), and babies travel for free. For information about Friends activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.



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South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset – **Blue Ribbon Members' Show** July 22 through Sept. 5. Opening reception July 22, 6 to 8 p.m. 781-383-2787 www.ssac.org

The River Club Dinner Theater, 78 Border St., Scituate presents **I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change** July 22-24. Dinner and how $45.95 Call 781-545-1330 for reservations.

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Visual Arts through July 29. A reception will be held Friday, July 16 from 3-4 p.m.

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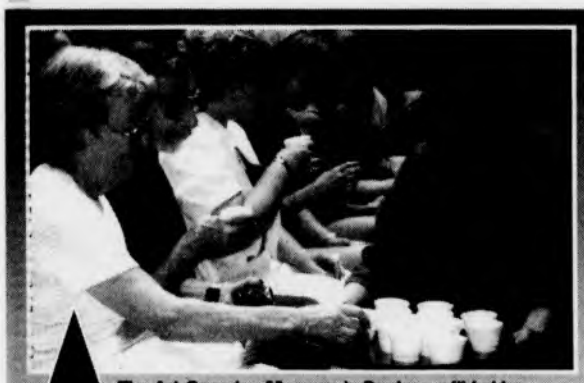
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Fri. 23

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Charles Ansbacher, conductor presents **Landmarks of Freedom,** July 23, at 7 p.m. at Beale Estate, Adams National Historical Park, Quincy. Free. For information visit www.landmarksorchestra.org or call 617-520-2200.

South Shore Singles will sponsor it's semi-monthly smoke-free dance Friday, July 23, with DJ Dave Joubert music from 8 p.m. to Midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington, Admission :$7 members, $10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info.781-331-0021 Web. site: http://www-southshoresingles.org



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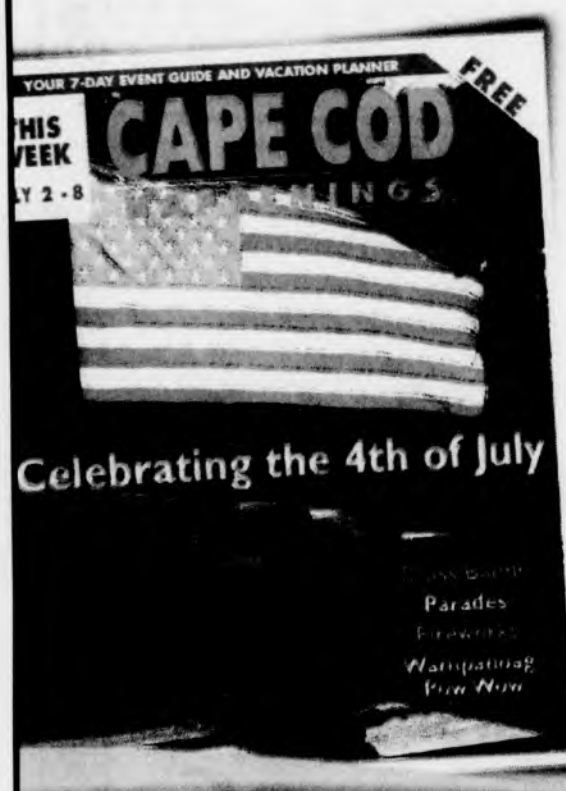
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School deficit headed for fall special Town Meeting

Gas bill surfaces as fiscal year ends

By Samantha Brown
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It's not pleasant when unanticipated bills arrive and there's no wiggle room in the budget.

The school committee found that out just as the fiscal year came to a close June 30 when a $90,000 unpaid gas bill surfaced.

The schools also incurred some $65,000 in unbudgeted unemployment insurance costs in fiscal year 2004.

School committee chairman Rick Shea said as the schools began closing out the fiscal year, there were a number of obligations that came in that were more than had been anticipated. While some shortfalls can hopefully be covered within the budget — like a $22,000 electric bill for which $14,000 was budgeted — others cannot.

Shea said the $90,000 Keyspan energy bill came in around the end of April or beginning of May. Shea said the schools only recently began using gas instead of oil to heat the schools, and the estimates given by Keyspan were much lower than what the meter readings actually read. He said upon receiving the bill for the costs incurred, former Supt. Edward Malvey spoke with Keyspan and reached an agreement where the schools would be allowed to defer the bill for a while. Malvey worked out a deal with the company which would allow the schools to pay the bill in installments over a six-month period. "It's a little like novocaine, it doesn't eliminate the pain, it just postpones it," Shea said.

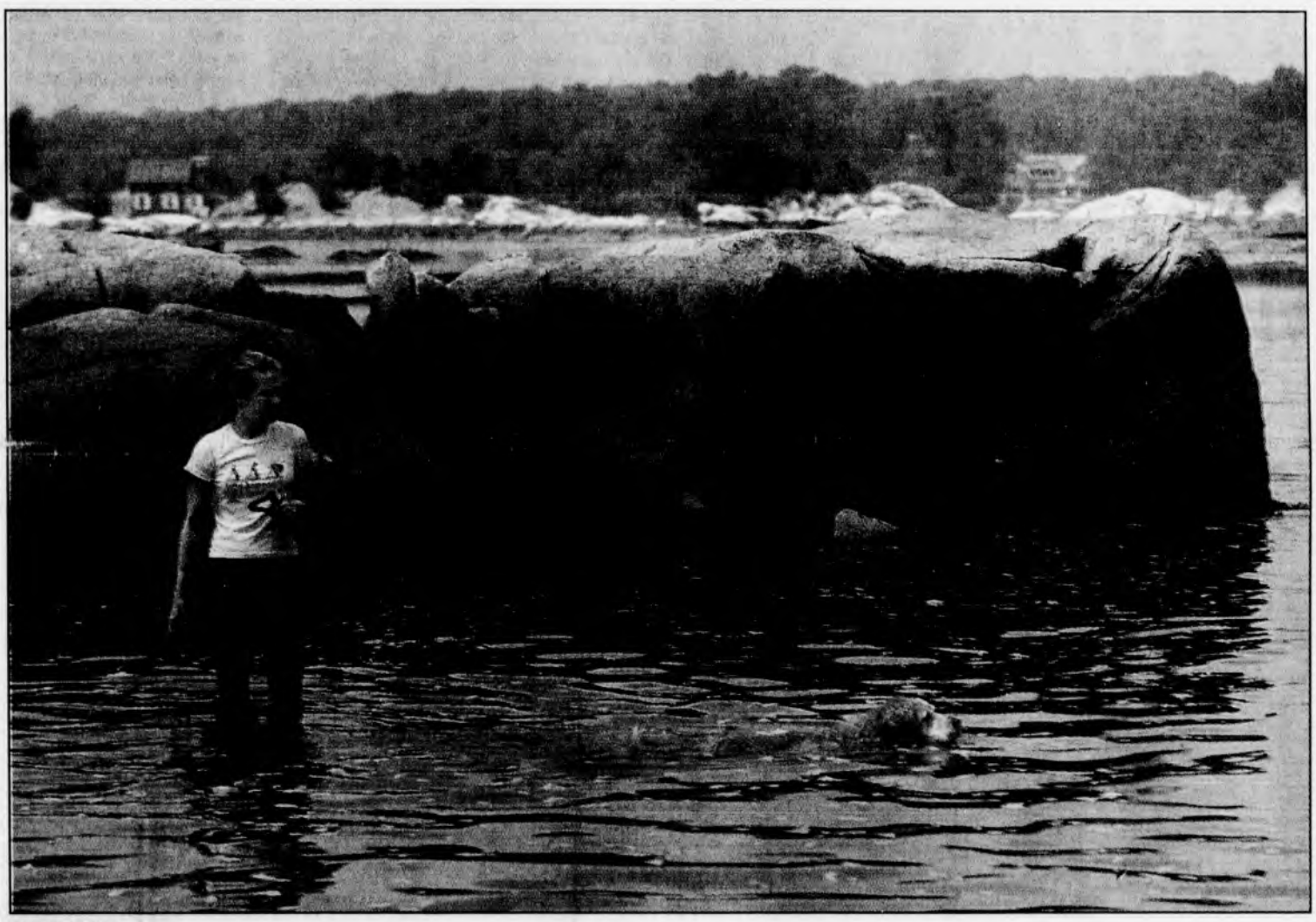
"When it is all said and done, the utility bill is an unpaid bill to the town."
— Michael Buckley, acting town manager

But Town Manager Michael Buckley said the installment plan will not be an option. Under state law, bills incurred in one fiscal year cannot be paid with funds from another. The Keyspan bill is a fiscal year 2004 cost, and the school district had planned on using FY05 funds to pay the bill. FY05 began July 1.

"When it is all said and done, the utility bill is an unpaid bill to the town," said Buckley, adding ,the cost will have to come before voters at the fall special Town Meeting. Although it will take an eight-tenths majority vote at Town Meeting to allocate funds to pay the bill, voters have few options. Buckley said if the voters choose not to approve the funding, Keyspan would, "most likely turn off the gas, or sue the town, or both."

But the Keyspan bill will not be the only cost transferred to the

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DOG DIP

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Kate Lewis wades into the water with her dog Lucky, who takes a dip at the mouth of Little Harbor off Atlantic Avenue.

Train topic turns nasty

Abutters want a local ombudsman

By Samantha Brown
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The best reality television series may be playing in Cohasset on Tuesday nights.

With outbursts and confrontations, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan had to wield the gavel this week when an agenda item discussion on the MBTA ombudsman position got heated, ending in a minor altercation between acting Town Manager Michael Buckley and Peter Pratt of Ripley Road.

Roughly 50 residents, who have outstanding issues with Greenbush, packed into the selectmen's meeting room, in hopes the board would listen to their concerns and replace the current train ombudsman with someone local who could advocate for them. However, some members in the audience took the conversation to the next level; and

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Preservation committee ponders two pocket parks

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Money from the town's community preservation fund can be used for passive recreation.

And with open space disappearing to development, even small "pocket" parks could be attractive to townspeople.

Two ideas — one to preserve and the other one to create a small park — were given a first pass before the community preservation committee Monday.

The small proposed park on about 1.6 acres at 44 Beach St. was more formally presented to the committee, although the proposal still has a ways to go.

The town using CPC funds to buy the small village park — sandwiched between Tedeschi's and French Memories on South Main Street — was also raised as a possibility as the committee actively looks for ways to fulfill its charge of preserving the community through land and historical preservation and affordable housing.

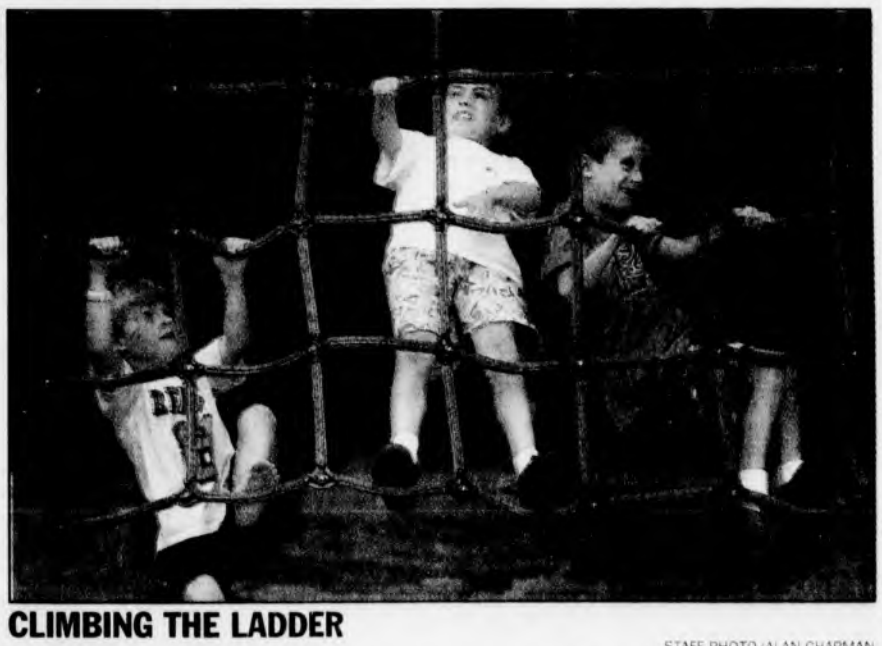
"It would be a place for folks to stop and sit and observe Little Harbor as they walk up and down Beach Street."
— Todd Marshman, 45 Beach St.

The town adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2001, setting up a fund that derives its money from an annual 1.5 percent surcharge on real estate tax bills and a 100 percent state match from filing fees on mortgages, deeds, homesteads, and the like at the Recorder of Deeds Office. [The level of state match could decrease if more cities and towns adopt the CPC].

The Gormley residence at 44 Beach St. is expected to be sold privately in the late summer or early fall.

Todd Marshman, who lives across the street at 45 Beach St., said he talked with abutters about retaining the property as open space. He said the consensus was it was a nice idea if the existing house — that was built in 1880

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CLIMBING THE LADDER

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Matt Ford, William Curry and Joseph Deyeso race to the top of the rope ladder behind the Deer Hill School during the recreation department's Summer Playground program.

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Keeping senior citizens on the move

CEA puts out call for volunteers

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Being able to remain in the family home throughout the golden years is the goal of many senior citizens. However, sometimes it is only through the assistance of others that the arrangement remains successful. In light of that, the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs is working hard to offer programs to help seniors maintain their independent lifestyles, while allowing them to remain at home for as long as possible.

The CEA provides many services including transportation, educational seminars, and the comfort of knowing there is always a friend to offer help when needed. But members of the CEA staff say they are only able to provide those services through the efforts of many generous volunteers, who donate their time to benefit Cohasset seniors.

"We help keep people in their homes," said CEA Volunteer Coordinator Martha Horsefield, by recognizing the needs of senior citizens in town and providing assistance as needed.

For example, Horsefield said one of the most beneficial programs for seniors is the escort shopping program, which allows seniors to do their own grocery shopping, even if they no longer drive. Vans driven by CEA volunteers pick up the seniors and take them to local markets, and will even help carry and put away groceries back at the house.

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CEA Outreach Specialist Carol Barrett accompanies the seniors on their trip to the supermarket every week. She, along with a van driver and one additional volunteer, travel up and down the aisles with the seniors, helping each one find every item on their shopping lists. Barrett said for those who are not able to make the trip, the CEA is happy to pick up a shopping list and a check, and will purchase one week's worth of groceries, delivering the items to the house and helping put them away.

Horsefield, who accompanied seniors on their trip to the grocery store one week while Barrett was on vacation, said she saw a tremendous need for strong volunteers who can drive the van and help make sure seniors are helped in and out safely, and can also help carry in the heavy groceries, such as large bottles of laundry detergent or jugs of milk and juice. Horsefield said one client turned to the van driver as she was being dropped off and asked if he would be able to open a few jars for her before he left. For Horsefield, it really brought the point home that there is a need for the services the CEA is providing, and those services are a tremendous help for the seniors who participate in the program.

Barrett said many seniors have lived in their homes for years and their family has all grown up and moved away, which leaves them with limited means of getting around. In addition, seniors will sometimes move to town to be closer to their families, and job transfers or other circumstances cause the family to move away. Whatever the case, without someone to rely on for transportation, some seniors cannot get around, and the CEA helps make that possible.

In addition, Horsefield said many seniors in Cohasset have too many assets to qualify for financial assistance, which would pay for someone to do the grocery shopping for them. But, at roughly $25 per hour, many seniors can't afford to hire a personal shopper. "People are house rich and cash poor," said Horsefield.

When the escort shopping service began, Barrett said the van picked up shoppers one day a week. That has grown to two days, and may soon be offered three times a week, because of the great need for the service. However, in order to keep the program going, more volunteers are needed.

Currently, the CEA has an "acute need for van drivers and escorts," said Horsefield. During the summer, many volunteers go on vacation, and others who are retired spend their winters in warmer climates. Horsefield said currently, she has about 50 drivers who she would consider "active," but when her "snow birds go away," for the winter, she said that number decreases.

Barrett said retirees in the 60-75 age range make up a large portion of the volunteers who help out at the CEA. Because many have had full-time jobs in other towns, providing a service to the town they live in is something they are eager to do. "They have worked all their lives, many outside the town, and haven't had a chance to give to the community. This allows them to become involved and give of themselves," she said.

When taking on a new van driver, Horsefield said there is an orientation process they must go through, which trains them in the proper way to help the seniors get on and off the van and make sure everyone riding in the van is buckled properly. Barrett said sometimes new drivers will meet with one of the more "seasoned" drivers, to learn firsthand what the process is all about. Barrett said new drivers often get a helping hand from those seniors who know the community well, and are able to help direct the group on its journey about town.

In addition to the escort shopping services, the CEA provides transportation to seniors within a 15-mile radius of Cohasset. This means transportation to medical appointments is covered, as well as trips to local stores or coffee shops, and lunches at the CEA. Barrett said many of the outings are a chance for social interaction, and give the seniors something to look forward to.

In addition to driving, volunteers are greatly appreciated to help out in the kitchen during luncheons, and in the office. "We rely on the office help so much," said Horsefield. Barrett said sometimes students from the high school or even Girl Scout troops will volunteer their time at the CEA. "The younger people do a great job," she said.

But even with the best planning and scheduling, none of the programs can be offered without volunteers to make it happen. "We're searching for people who can help us out," said Horsefield. With a tight budget and a limited staff, volunteers are the only way the seniors in town can continue to receive CEA services.

But Barrett and Horsefield are quick to point out, the experience is beneficial for both the seniors who utilize the services and for the volunteers. "All of our clients have a story and lots of them have lived here all their lives," Horsefield said. By talking with the seniors and getting to know them better, volunteers and staff are continually gaining more insight not only about the individual, but about the town and the community. "They become our friends, and hopefully, we become theirs," said Horsefield, adding a relationship like that is priceless.

For more information on the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs, please contact either Outreach Specialist Carol Barrett or Volunteer Coordinator Martha Horsefield at (781) 383-9112. The CEA is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.


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Sun. 25	5:32	9.4	11:42	5:57	10.3	——
Mon. 26	6:29	9.2	12:21	6:51	10.5	12:37
Tues. 27	7:29	9.1	1:21	7:49	10.8	1:34
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This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Conservation Commission, Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Library trustees, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., at the library

Planning board, Aug. 4, 7 p.m. (public hearing on DiNero's, 7:30 p.m.,)

School Committee, Aug. 9, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Aug. 2, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Photo correction

In the Alan Chapman photo on page one last week, it was Rogan Crumley with his mother, Tyler, at the Cohasset Farmers Market. The photo caption in last week's Mariner incorrectly identified Rogan.

DPW brush chipping on certain Saturdays

Residential Brush will be accepted at the D.P.W. parking area on the following Saturdays:

July 31, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., August 28, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 25, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 30, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Selectmen hold sewer talks behind closed doors

By Samantha Brown
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Members of three town boards convened in executive session at noon Tuesday to discuss whether the town is in compliance with a court order to solve its wastewater woes in certain areas of town.

Although the group was challenged by both the press and a concerned citizen on whether the discussion should be conducted in executive session, the door was closed and members of the public were not permitted inside. Town Manager Michael Buckley said the meeting was called to order and a vote was taken to go into executive session, but members of the public were told they could not stay before that happened, and therefore did not witness the vote taking place.

While the court agreement — dubbed the Second Amended Final Judgment — involved years of litigation and negotiation, costing the town hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal bills, the issue was resolved and an agreement was reached several years ago.

Under the Open Meeting Law, executive sessions can be called to discuss strategy regarding pending litigation.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan as well as selectmen Ronnie McMorris and Ralph Dormitzer were present, as were sewer commissioner Ray Kasperowicz, health board chairman Steve Bobo, acting Town Manager Michael Buckley, Town Counsel Paul DeRensis, and Daniel Coughlin of Tutela Engineering, the sewer commission's engineering consultant.

With pressure from proposed multi-unit developments, including Cedarmere, Avalon, Jerusalem Road Estates, and the Cook Estate, sewer access and capacity has become the subject of much public interest. CEES (Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions), a grass-roots group of homeowners in the Little Harbor and Atlantic Avenue areas, is also concerned that sewers promised to their neighborhoods might not be kept due to capacity and cost issues.

The purpose of Tuesday's session was to prepare for a meeting with representatives for the Department of Environmental Protection and Attorney General in Boston slated for yesterday (Wednesday) morning. The DEP is involved to insure the town is following the Second Amended Final Judgement.

The developers and homeowners seeking sewer capacity have a vested interest in what town officials discuss with the DEP regarding the judgment.

After convening the meeting in open session, the group entered into executive session on the advice of DeRensis. DeRensis told the Mariner because the town may be in violation of the Judgment, the executive session was needed to discuss *pending* litigation.

While *possible* litigation is not considered a viable reason to enter into executive session under the Open Meeting Law, DeRensis said the discussion may lead to an emergency amendment of the amendment, which could possibly mean changing the current Judgment to include a timeline for the sewering of Little Harbor. He said that means the group would need to discuss its strategy, which is covered under the Open Meeting Law.

Sullivan said minutes would be taken but declined the Mariner's request to have the meeting taped. Executive session minutes become public when the reason for the executive session is no longer valid.

The Mariner asked for the meeting to be tape recorded in order to listen to the discussion after the issue with the Judgment is finalized and the executive session minutes can be released. Sullivan told the Mariner this meeting would follow the same standards as all other executive sessions and not be taped.

DeRensis said the Wednesday meeting with the Attorney General and DEP would also be in executive session *(see related story)*.

The Judgment's history

Although the town was issued the Second Amended Final Judgment in 1996, the issue of sewering the Little Harbor area of town has been a point of discussion since the 1970s. In 1975, Cohasset was the first town in the state to receive a citation under the Clean Water Act when the town's treatment plant was cited for violations of its permit. The town then became eligible for federal money to expand, refurbish, and modernize the town's existing treatment plant. However, the town kept voting the plan down.

In 1979, the state took Cohasset to court to complete upgrades to the sewer plant, and in 1980, was given the first judgment. The state said it would fine the town $10,000 per day unless it went forward with a project which would sewer the major parts of town with the highest populations, while also being large enough to accommodate additional use in the future. The town also had to develop alternative plans for homes not included in the new sewer project. Town meeting approved the project, although the state did fine the town one token penalty of $10,000.

In 1981, funding for public works was delayed, stalling the project, but by 1982, the federal government began releasing the funds again, and Cohasset was given the green light for the sewer project again.

However, a group of residents opposed the project, which led to a lengthy legal battle with the state. In 1988, the town approved a debt-exclusion override of $2.2 million to hook up to Hull's wastewater treatment plant. But later that year, state funds dried up.

The judgment remained unenforced until 1994, when the Attorney General's office dug out the old files and decided to enforce the agreement. But completion dates for implementation of the agreement had long-since expired.

In 1996, the state revised the plan with new dates. The revised plan became the Second Final Amended Judgment.

The new agreement called for the town to undertake a number of sewer projects. The town would build a sewer in North Cohasset and expand the sewer system in central Cohasset. A third key element of the agreement was a plan to implement an on-site wastewater management plan for homeowners in environmentally sensitive areas of town. The key areas are a section around Lily Pond, and a triangular area where Nichols Road, Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue intersect.

The sewer commission and the board of health have been working with CEES to continue the preliminary design of the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue Sewer Expansion effort, as approved at the 2002 annual Town Meeting. The sewer extension will help eliminate private on-site wastewater disposal systems, which are negatively impacting the water quality of Inner Little Harbor, Little Harbor, and Massachusetts Bay, resulting in the closure of area shellfish beds. It is intended to expand the wastewater treatment plant's capacity by 150,000 gallons per day, to allow the "Little Harbor Sewer District" and "Atlantic Avenue Sewer District" to be connected to the existing municipal sewer system.

At the Annual Town Meeting, $100,000 was allocated to help with phase two of the project, which includes costs associated with design and permitting. Construction costs are being deferred until a later date. When completed, the project will fulfill the last requirement of the Second Amended Final Judgment.

Board member leaves meeting to keep public out

By Samantha Brown
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Selectman Ralph Dormitzer intended on participating at a meeting with representatives for the Attorney General and the Department of Environmental Protection yesterday, but left voluntarily to enable the meeting to be conducted in private.

According to Dormitzer, the meeting, which was held in Boston, "Involves the state's enforcement of the Second Amended Judgment," which requires the town make improvements to various sewer systems, including the Little Harbor area.

"I was extremely anxious to know what was going to be said," in the meeting, said Dormitzer, but in the interest of helping move the conversation along, he volunteered to leave. "The problem is with the number of people who were there."

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan and Selectman Fred Koed were in attendance at the meeting, and with Dormitzer present, it resulted in a quorum. Also in attendance were sewer commissioner Ray Kasperowicz, health board chairman Steve Bobo, Town Counsel Paul DeRensis, and Daniel Coughlin of Tutela Engineering, the sewer commission's engineering consultant, as well as various representatives from the state.

Dormitzer said an attorney for the state did not want the meeting to be a formal meeting of the board of selectmen, and if all three selectmen stayed, the meeting would have had to be open to the public. The meeting was posted at Town Hall.

"The state wanted a frank and open discussion," said Dormitzer, which he believes some felt would not be possible without having the meeting closed to the public.

DEP spokesperson Joe Ferson, said it was pointed out at the beginning of the meeting that having a quorum of selectmen present would make the meeting public, and when Dormitzer left, the town made the decision to keep it private.

However, there may not have been an issue if members of the public had not driven to Boston to attend the meeting. According to Dormitzer, David Calhoun and Tom Ragno, principals of the proposed Cedarmere senior housing development, wanted to attend the meeting, but were asked to leave when it was determined the meeting would be private.

Sullivan said he wasn't sure if he would be able to report what occurred during the meeting, even though it was not held in executive session. He said he would like to speak to Town Counsel first, and did not get back to the Mariner before press time. Representatives from the Attorney General's office would not comment on the meeting and directed the Mariner to speak with Cohasset Town Counsel on the matter.

Health insurance option for seniors

The Council on Elder Affairs would like all seniors to be aware that Prescription Advantage — a prescription drug insurance plan which is available to all Massachusetts residents age 65 and older, as well as younger disabled residents who meet certain criteria — will conduct an annual open enrollment period Sept.1 through Sept. 30, 2004. The effective date of coverage will be Nov. 1, 2004.

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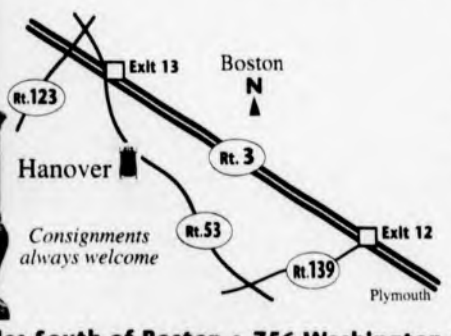
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shouting and threats of a revolution ensued.

Greenbush is the controversial, third leg of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration project which would return train service to Cohasset and other area towns after nearly 50 years.

Some residents feel the former ombudsman from the Waterfield Design Group – hired for the village revitalization and James Brook flood control projects – did not properly address their concerns. With her resignation from Waterfield in May, and the departure of former Town Manager Mark Haddad, who was handling some of the larger MBTA issues and leaving the smaller ones to the ombudsman — abutters to the tracks feel they have no one to go to for help solving Greenbush problems.

Although Waterfield has appointed another employee to serve as ombudsman, abutters would prefer having someone from town and have suggested appointing Tom Gruber, the former Greenbush mitigation committee chairman. The mitigation committee helped the town determine what impact the return of the train would have on Cohasset.

However, selectmen thought the issues would be best handled at the board level for now, and suggested a list of all the abutters' concerns be compiled, so they would be properly documented and the board could address as many as possible. "All the issues need to be understood, and they need to be handled at the board level," Sullivan said. If the board could help step into what Haddad's role used to be, it may help facilitate a move in a positive direction while the town decides what to do about the current ombudsman, he said.

But Pratt said what abutters want is a local resident who knows the neighborhoods and the issues and can serve as the ombudsman for the town and didn't think selectmen were a good substitute for that. "We want something else," he said.

Sullivan said having the board in charge would be a positive thing, and it would be able to work with everyone to resolve issues. The crowd was reminded the town has a contract with Waterfield for the ombudsman position, which somewhat limits its options.

However, the resounding cry from audience members was they don't think a five-member board is going to be able to serve as the advocate they need, and one person who is from the town and familiar with all the issues, such as Gruber, will be better suited for the position.

Pratt said only a few weeks ago, Craig Miller, head of the Waterfield Design Group, said his firm was not going to be aggressive with the MBTA. "The CEO of that company stood up and said, 'If you don't want an aggressive advocate, don't look to us.'"

Wig Pierson, 123 Atlantic Ave., stood up and said to the board, "It's incredible you're not listening to what the people want and they want an ombudsman and you refuse to give it to them." Pierson then proceeded to give the definition of an ombudsman, and said that person should be appointed by the government to investigate individuals' complaints. He said complaints have not been addressed and they want someone from town to be their ombudsman. "When are you going to wake up and smell the roses that you can't go on pig-headed the way you want to go?" he asked. Pierson's statements were followed by applause from the crowd.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris told the audience the board does not want to go in a different direction from what the abutters want, but the fact is, the town received money for the ombudsman position as part of the MBTA agreement, and used the money to employ someone to handle the issues. Things may not have worked out as planned, but the board is working to try to resolve the matter.

But Pierson told the board, "You're appointing an ombudsman from the town and that's the end of the discussion."

Kathy Fox, 8 Black Rock Road, said while "it's great (the board) wants to get involved," she said there is no reason to reinvent the wheel, as a mitigation committee was formed years ago and a list has already been compiled of abutters' concerns. She suggested using those people who served on the committee to help in the process now, rather than going back to ground zero and having the selectmen try to gain all the information over again. It was also said that the ombudsman never spoke to Gruber to see what the needs of the citizens were.

However, Sullivan said Gruber never reached out to the ombudsman.

Gruber said he met with each member of the Waterfield Design Group involved with the MBTA and briefed everyone on the concerns facing abutters. "Everything I said went over everyone's heads." He said Haddad was not a detail person, and despite Gruber's suggestions, Haddad let "opportunity after opportunity go by."

Sullivan responded, "that's not true."

Selectmen stood firm in their decision to serve as the main conduit for complaints by abutters further incensing some of the audience.

"All of us are telling you what we want you to do," said Pierson, adding, "If you want a revolution, it'll start now."

Requests turned into demands, as Pratt told the board it "will" appoint an ombudsman from the town. "That's what you're going to do."

Selectman Fred Koed tried to smooth over the issue and said it is clear there are some irate people in the audience, and they deserve to have someone they feel can handle their issues. He said it was evident they want someone from the town to be that person, and maybe that should be looked into.

McMorris asked how many in the audience have contacted the Waterfield Group and have not received a positive response. Quite a few in the audience raised their hands. However, Sullivan said many people may not have received the answer they wanted, which doesn't mean their concern wasn't addressed.

Breaking the contract

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they might want, the town is in the middle of a contract with Waterfield, and "I'm not going to void a contract we've signed." There is nothing in the contract that allows it to be broken based on performance issues, he said. The only way to get out of the contract is to ask Waterfield if it would be willing to release the town from the contract, and even then, protocol would require the new ombudsman be chosen through a specific hiring process. A Request for Proposals would need to be sent out to advertise the position because it is a paid position which will require signing a contract. "What you're going to get from me tonight is not action," Spofford said.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer then made a motion to vote on whether the board should ask Waterfield to relieve the town from its contract. "Then a process can be started to make sure the right person comes in," Dormitzer said. Waiting until October for the contract to run out is a long time to wait, and this would allow the town to take action, he said. The current ombudsman is only paid when work is done, meaning the town isn't losing any money by beginning the process over again. The ombudsman position is being reimbursed by the MBTA as part of the mitigation agreement.

McMorris reminded the audience the board does not do the hiring and firing in town, and that a new ombudsman would need to be appointed by Buckley. There was some talk about whether the contract would allow the town to keep the Waterfield ombudsman and also have a point person in town, possibly Buckley.

But Pierson stood up once again and said "We want one person. Poor Michael Buckley is doing 50 jobs already." Pierson then said the board didn't want to hire someone from the town "because of your own reasons." He said if the board didn't follow the will of the abutters, "We will be in your face as long as it takes."

Many abutters said they have never been contacted by the MBTA with any information regarding their property, and some have not contacted the ombudsman because they don't have any complaints. They say the cannot have complaints because they don't have any information. "There are a lot of unknowns. This is just the tip of the iceberg," said Gruber.

McMorris said that is why the meeting was so important. It allows the selectmen to hear the problems being faced by abutters and get a better feel for what is going on.

Gail Whitehouse, 17 Ash St., said to McMorris, "Once again, you're unknowingly skirting the issue." While Whitehouse isn't a direct abutter, she will be impacted by the train, and said she too wants information, even thought it might not have a huge impact on her property. "Tom (Gruber) was with us at every meeting. He's the one I know can stand up for me," she said. She added the board doesn't have the time to spend working on the issues abutters face and because the MBTA, "Is a horrible organization to work with," and the bottom line for them is money, the abutters need a strong advocate. "Don't look at us and tell us 'we'll take care of your little issue,' show you care," she said.

The conversation continued back and forth, with selectmen saying this is the first they heard about many of the issues, and the abutters saying they hadn't known about meetings that were held by selectmen with the MBTA. Sullivan said the ombudsman was there to reach out to people who reached out to her.

The board agreed to discuss the issue again at a meeting in the next few weeks, and will work on drafting a job description for a new ombudsman in the meantime.

The crowd reminded the board there was a motion on the table which was made by Dormitzer, to ask Waterfield if it would consider releasing the town from its contract. Buckley was asked to make the call to Waterfield and he indicated he would do so. The crowd wanted selectmen to take a vote to make it official, but the board didn't think it needed to vote. Pierson asked why the board wouldn't vote and the discussion went back and forth about whether the board needed to vote or not. Spofford said Buckley was asked to make the call, and a vote was therefore not necessary. The crowd became suspicious about why the board wouldn't take a vote. Eventually, the board took the vote, which was unanimous, but some were unhappy it had come to that point.

"If we ask the Town Manager to do something, and he says he will, it's an insult to the Town Manager," to take the vote, because it suggests he won't do what he said he would do, Spofford said.

However, Pratt said the town should learn from its prior mistakes and taking the word of the Town Manager hasn't always worked in the past. "We have three years that didn't quite work well," he said.

That was the last straw for Sullivan who immediately called the hearing to a close. "I have seen nothing but people who don't want to work together. Goodnight."

As the crowd was filing out, Buckley was approached by Pratt who asked him about a comment he had heard Buckley had made. Pratt asked whether Buckley had said there was no way he would hire Gruber as the ombudsman for the town long as he was the Town Manager. Buckley said that is exactly what he had said. The two had words, which was all caught on camera, although the microphones were shut off.

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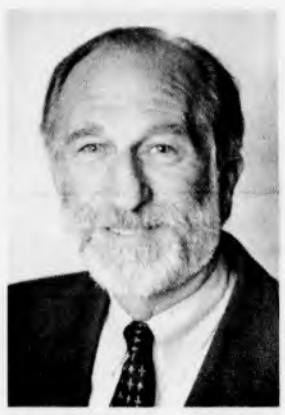
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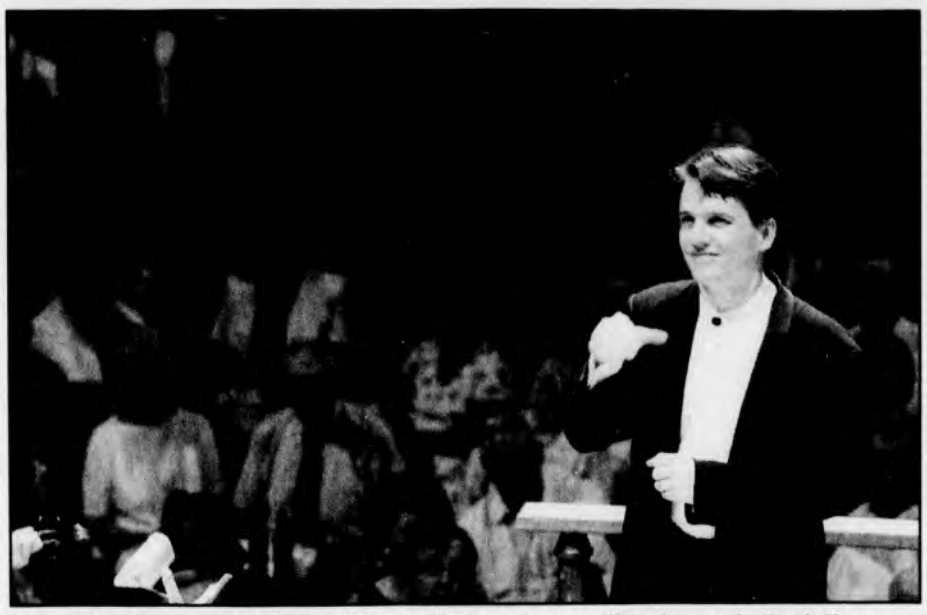
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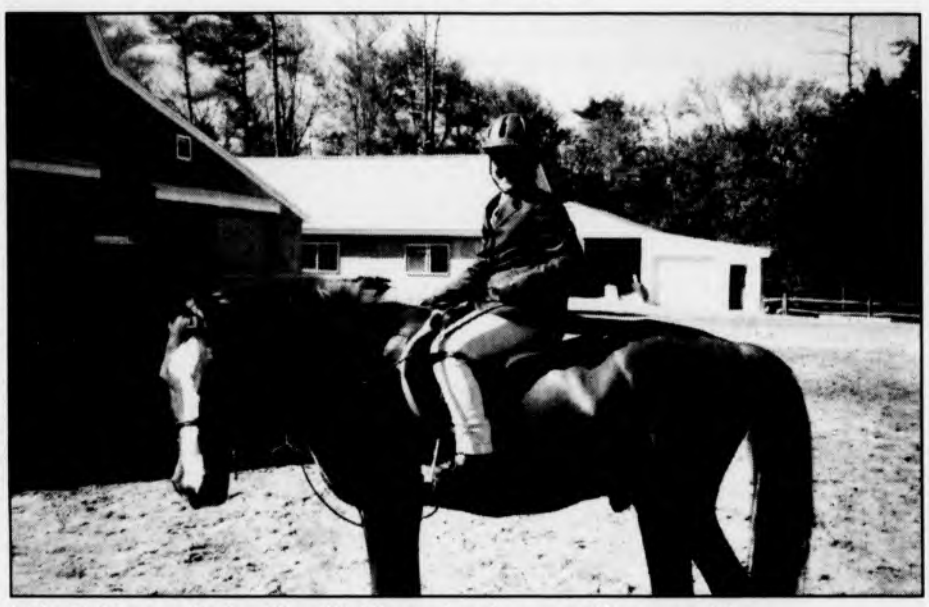
Cohasset resident **Brittany M. Novak** received the Joseph T. Zottoli Award at the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Order Sons of Italy Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Thanks to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Charitable and Educational Trust 25 scholarships awards were presented. One each in the name of Grand Lodge Venerables and Presidents. Twenty-one additional Special Awards were donated by individual donors and filial lodges. Congratulations, Brittany!

That is all for this week. Send in any news or information to me no later than Mondays by 5 p.m.

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Colin Quinlann on Zach at River Wind Farm where he won a riding competition.



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IT'S HAPPENING

Legion clambake supports scholarship

The George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion will sponsor its 22nd annual Christine Burke Scholarship Fund Clambake on Saturday, Sept. 11, from noon to sunset at Sandy Beach. Proceeds from the event will once again benefit worthy graduating South Shore High School students seeking higher education. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There will be a traditional New England Clambake Catered by Gulf River Clambakes, featuring Lobster, steamed clams, chowder, barbecued chicken, your favorite beverages and more This year's event will also include live entertainment by The Irish Volunteers and DJ Jay Flori. The American Legion Auxiliary "Play Ladies" will have games and activities for the kids. Tickets are $35 for adults. Children not eating the clambake are free and there will be plenty of complimentary hot dogs and watermelon for them to enjoy.

There will also be a raffle drawing at the clambake for, the winner's choice, of two Vespa Motor Scooters with a trailer or $5,000. The motor scooters and trailer were donated by Herb Chambers Vespa of Boston and local businessman Neil Murphy. The chances are $10 each and only 1,000 chances will be sold.

For clambake, raffle tickets or information stop by The American Legion Post at 95 Summer St., Cohasset 781-383-9657 or call John Covell at 781-383-0178 Rain Date: Sunday, Sept. 12. Tickets will not be sold at the event.

Once in Blue Moon party set for July 30

Join Cohasset Maritime Institute for a Once in a Blue Moon party, on Friday, July 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the Porch of the Cohasset Sailing Club BYOB $5 donation requested Light hors d'oeuvres and ice provided

What is a Blue Moon? There are in fact two definitions for a blue moon. According to the more recent definition, a blue moon is the second full moon in a calendar month. For a blue moon to occur, the first of the full moons must appear at or near the beginning of the month so that the second will fall within the same month (the average span between two moons is 29.5 days). July 2004 will have two full moons: the first on July 2, the second on July 31-that second full moon is called the blue moon.

RSVP by Friday July 23, by calling Lisa Dick 0204 Rai Cunningham 1509 Cathy Davis 2570

Dramatic club all-kid production

Don't miss the Cohasset Dramatic Club's All-Kid production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" on Friday, Aug. 6, at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 7, at 1 and 7:30 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Follow Charlie and the other Golden Ticket winners as they tour the famed chocolate factory of Willy Wonka. Meet Augustus Gloop, Violet Beauregarde, Veruca Salt and Mike TeeVee, as well as the small but wise Oompa-Loompahs. Tickets are just $10 and can be purchased at Front Street Book Shop in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, by phone at 781-544-0304, or at the door. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is produced in conjunction with the Cohasset Recreation Department.

Happy Dog classes

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy Dog Training School.

Classes will be held on Monday evenings on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Monday, Aug. 2, for advanced classes at 6 and 7 p.m. for beginner. For all classes the fee is $100 for the five classes one hour per week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs shots/inoculations up to date.

To register, call the Recreation office at 383-4109. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

Comedian stands up for the troops stationed overseas

By Cynthia McManus
CORRESPONDENT

For those who think that entertaining our troops overseas died with Bob Hope:

Think again.

Cambridge native and local standup comic Joey Carroll, appearing this weekend for two shows at the Red Lion Inn's Bitter Man comedy club in Cohasset has taken his trademark rapier-sharp wit on the road in a big way.

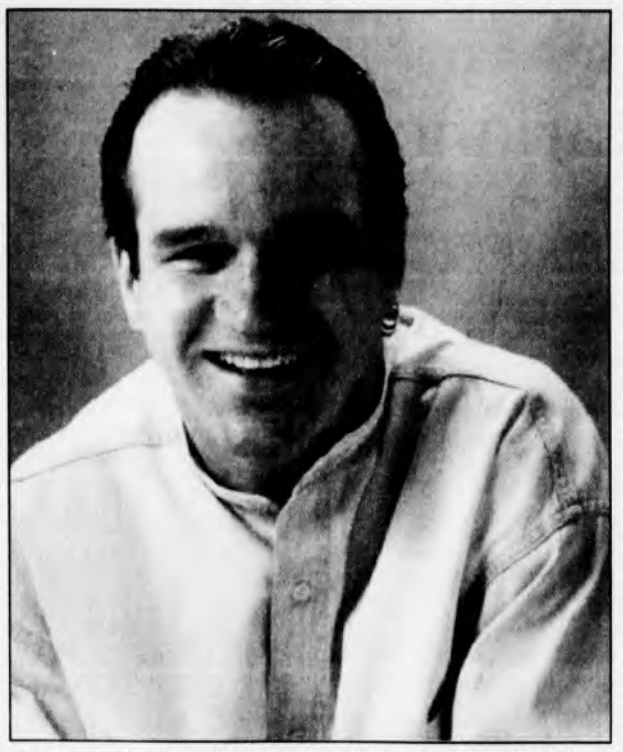
"You meet people you would never meet otherwise and you find out you have all sorts of things in common."
— Joey Carroll

In a decision that would understandably give anyone pause, Carroll has since 1999, traveled annually to the Balkans to bring a little bit of home to US troops stationed in such far away posts as Bosnia, Kosovo, and Sarajevo.

"The troops are the most appreciative crowds I have ever entertained in my career," explained Carroll who has been in the business of making people laugh — and think — for 12 years.

"It's the most rewarding thing I have ever done," making it a point to remind anyone who will listen that "if [the troops] didn't do what they do, we wouldn't have what we have. That's why I keep going back."

As Carroll describes it, the tours aren't easy. Unlike USO shows, which are heavily sponsored with private funds, affording entertainers amenities like hotels, reliable and comfortable first class transportation as well as gourmet meals, the Department of Defense tours are the closest thing to being a soldier without actually having to enlist.



Joey Carroll is at the Red Lion Inn's Bitter Man comedy club this weekend.

"When we are with the troops, we live like the troops. We eat their food, sleep in their tents, get up at five o'clock in the morning just like the soldiers, which is tough — as a comedian I am used to going to bed at that hour, not waking up!"

A typical DOD entertainment tour involves a grueling schedule of 32 shows in 28 days, with travel from place to place by bus or jeep, sometimes decked out in "Full Battle Rattle" (Kevlar vests and Brain Buckets) for trips to remote camps that can span days and hundreds of minefield and sniper-strewn miles.

"It's kind of brutal," Carroll acknowledges, referring to the lack of sleep and the ever-present awareness of landmines and armed rebels, "but I get to go home after a month or two. They don't."

His good-natured grousing about the living conditions aside, it is clear he doesn't mind the hardships a bit, observing that the rough and tumble DOD tours allow him and other entertainers to develop a relationship with their audience that just isn't possible when on a USO tour.

"You meet people you would never meet otherwise and you find out you have all sorts of things in common" when the entertainers sit down to eat and talk with the troops. He relates a story about a female soldier he met at Eagle Base in Tuzla, Bosnia. Their conversation is one that seems to choke him up even today.

"She and I talked for a long time. She had never been away from home before. She missed her family, she missed her home. We ended up talking a lot about those kinds of things, about feelings mostly. It really touched me. That is why I do this."

He says he has learned a lot about the sacrifices the soldiers make, not only for those back home, but for the people in the countries that they serve — and he makes it a point to underscore his assertion that soldiers, despite fear and despite hardship, willingly do the job they signed up for.

"There's no whining," he explained. "No one thinks twice, they just go. They just do the work they were sent to do."

"What they see as normal life is just crazy," noting that the ever-present danger and risk of attack, the rebel fighters, the evidence of genocide all throughout the Balkans is one the soldiers never fully accept — but the troops try to take it in stride, most trying to help the people they are protecting in small and touchingly poignant ways.

"The good stuff never gets reported, and that bothers me. Like the Blackhawk chopper crews who took their own money, bought teddy bears, stuffed them with candy and dropped them out of the helicopter with little parachutes attached so the kids would find them — it's a shame that the media doesn't tell those stories. There is so much good that they do."

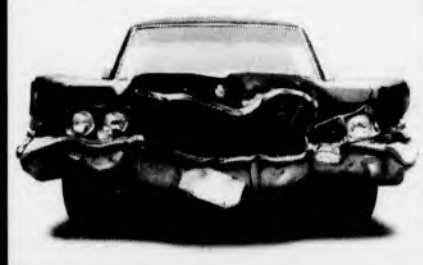
Carroll will be working stateside until the fall. He will then be embarking on his annual tour, this time with a stop in Iraq. He is admittedly worried about what he has heard about the country, but ready to give back to the troops a little bit of what they have given to him.

"You aren't so much an entertainer as you are a goodwill ambassador. How better to tell these people, 'Thank you for giving us the life we live' than giving back to them."

Joey Carroll is ready, willing and always happy to do so.

Joe Carroll appears at the Red Lion Inn 1704 Resort's Bitter Man Comedy Club 71 South Main St., Cohasset, July 23 and 24. Tickets are $10 and reservations are strongly recommended. For reservations, call (781) 383-1704.

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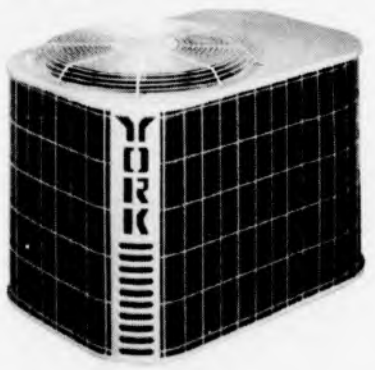
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Budget variances

We all live on a budget.

And no matter how much money you make – if your bills are more than you take in, sooner or later you're going to be in trouble.

The difference between the wage earner and government, however, is the well. The average person doesn't always have a well to go to, unless he or she has a generous relative, and therefore has to cut expenses. But towns can go back to us – the taxpayers.

But taxpayers aren't always a bottomless pit or easy to deal with. They aren't necessarily forgiving when budgets run in the red. Case in point, unlike Cohasset, many towns have never passed a Prop. 2-1/2 override.

Prop. 2-1/2 is the 20-something state law that caps the amount of money a town can raise its tax levy from year to year without voter approval.

We think one of the best ideas to come out of Town Hall lately is providing monthly reports of any line-time budget variances to the board of selectmen.

This way, the selectmen and town manager can deal with cost overruns as they crop up and figure out why they're happening. While there may be no easy answers, at least there won't be any surprises.

While the voters have no control over the school budget, making up about half of Cohasset's total budget — apart from approving the bottom line at Town Meeting — monthly budget reports about line-item variances on the school side are also needed.

We understand unlike the town side of the budget, whose line items are approved by Town Meeting, schools can move money around to accommodate unforeseen expenses, such as additional schoolchildren moving into town. But monthly variance reports would still be useful in letting the school committee know early on if the budget is in danger of being out of balance.

It's hard for taxpayers to understand where the all the money goes without having it clearly spelled out.

Monthly reports about what may be out of whack budget-wise will go a long way toward helping keep taxpayers and town officials informed about overruns before they get out of hand.



Volunteers needed

If you can drive and enjoy people, then serving as a volunteer van driver or escort shopper for senior citizens might be for you.

Many of our seniors want to remain in their homes as long as they can. But in order to do that, they need help getting to medical appointments and shopping centers.

The shopping escort service offered by the Council on Elder Affairs is so popular that the CEA is putting out a call for more volunteers.

CEA Volunteer Coordinator Martha Horsefield said many seniors in Cohasset have too many assets to qualify for financial assistance. So, at roughly $25 per hour, many seniors can't afford to hire a personal shopper.

Helping a fellow citizen can yield its own rewards. Not only are most seniors a lot of fun to be with and interesting to talk to – but giving something back to the community is also a fulfilling endeavor.

Call the CEA at 781-383-9112 or stop by the Senior Center at 3 N. Main St. to sign up.

— Mary Ford
mford@cnc.com

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sewer priorities in commentary praised

TO THE EDITOR:

I complement Dr. Richard Brooks on his excellent Commentary article in the Cohasset Mariner dated July 8, 2004, entitled, "Put the Cook Estate on Hold." This article should be required summer reading by all Cohasset residents and Town officials. It reflects a broad understanding of the overall sewer issue in Cohasset and contains pertinent facts and thoughtful analysis of the facts developed in a realistic, sound and sensible manner.

While large housing projects line up for sewer access, we seem to forget that the intent of providing wastewater treatment capacity in Cohasset was to improve and restore the quality of the ground and surface water and hence to protect the environment and health of the Town. The intent was not to spur development of the Town and to change its character. Areas in Town which have been identified as environmentally sensitive should be given priority over developers should excess wastewater treatment capacity become available: Your earlier editorial calling for a sewer forum was most appropriate. It is important that the Selectmen, Board of Health, Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Sewer Commission unite and develop a comprehensive long range sewer plan for the Town. At this time, it is important for them to ensure that any excess sewer capacity that becomes available from the Cohasset wastewater treatment facility or which can be purchased from Hull should be used to for its intended purpose. That is to serve and protect the health of the existing residents of Cohasset and not for the profit of outside developers. I agree with Dr. Brooks. Any developer should be required to build an on-site wastewater treatment to serve their development.

Paul L. Lualdi
56 Deep Run

Ongoing effort to save teachers

TO THE EDITOR:

The school committee has voted to accept the funds raised by the Save 3 Teachers Committee, which will restore two of the three teaching positions sought at the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools. These teachers will go to grades 2 and 3. I would like to express my gratitude to the members of both committees and the superintendent, but also to the hundreds of people who contributed to this fund raising campaign. Thank you.

Our work is not done, however. We have two important jobs remaining. The first is to raise an additional $4,840.38, which will allow the principals greater discretion in hiring teachers with experience. Checks are still being welcomed for the next 2 - 3 weeks, payable to the CEF and deliverable to 272 N. Main St. Our second task is to make sure that these three teaching positions are permanently reinstated in next year's budget.

Please raise your voice, again and again, locally, and on the state level. Let your school committee and selectmen know, by phone, letter and email, that you support the reinstatement of these teaching positions to next year's budget. Inform Representative Bradley, Senator Hedlund and Governor Romney that you want Cohasset's share of the $700 million state surplus returned to the town of Cohasset. While the short-term solution has been reached (almost), the long-term solution lies in state aid restoration. An active and vocal citizenry can make this happen. Please do your part.

Barbara Buckley
272 N. Main St.

Sandy Beach Fund

TO THE EDITOR:

Mrs. Morton provided the Mariner with a copy of her letter.

To: Dr. Robin Merrill Lawrence
President, Sandy Beach Association

As a longtime (49 years) Sandy Beachgoer, I wish to express to you my thoughts regarding the advertisement in The Mariner listing certain contributors to the Sandy Beach Fund.

I think this ad gives the message that only contributions of $100 or more, are of value.

It is my opinion that every contribution should be listed or none.

Rita Morton
63 Forest Ave.

HEALTH NOTES

Explanation for Sandy Beach closing

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Recently, Sandy Beach was closed for two days. Since this closing was a surprise for many, an explanation is in order. First, the Cohasset Board of Health did not close the beach, the Sandy Beach Association (SBA) closed it, presumably because of a report of a smell and debris on the beach.

The SBA then requested sampling because there was evidence of a report of sickness from the water. The board of health, having received two calls concerning illness from people on the beach, responded by indicating to management of the SBA that it would conduct sampling as soon as possible. The board is required by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) to close a public beach if an illness is reported. However, discussions with the two callers to the board indicated that neither had a condition which was related in any way to Sandy Beach. Since the closing was done on a Saturday, beach sampling, regularly scheduled for Tuesday, was advanced to early Monday, the first time it was possible to have the sampling done. The results were available on that Tuesday morning. It is not known by the board of health when the beach was reopened to swimmers, but on that Wednesday all seemed back to normal.

Beach pollution is rare on Sandy Beach since it is not near any sources of strong effluent pollution.

It should be known, that beach pollution is rare on Sandy Beach since it is not near any sources of strong effluent pollution. Over the weekend of July 10-11, there was a report of numerous cooked lobster shells in Cohasset Cove, attributed possibly to debris from a clambake at the Sailing Club being redistributed by gulls picking the barrels in the vicinity of Government Island. But even water in the Cove during an outgoing tide makes a wide swath well away from Sandy Beach. And the board of health ensures that the water at Sandy Beach is changed by the authorities (God and the moon) at least twice daily.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Pollution detectives do their homework

CSCR REPORT

RYAN DAVIS

Since the June 28 opening day of its summer session, the Center for Student Coastal Research off Parker Avenue has resumed several of its ongoing research projects to monitor the quality of the town's water resources. Additionally, with the assistance of Bill Walton, Ph.D., an aquaculture specialist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI), the CSCR has begun one new study — an exploration into the viability of aquaculture in Cohasset.

As one of the primary runoff sources for Cohasset Harbor, the Gulf River is essential to understanding and controlling the fluctuations in the harbor's pollution levels. Fulfilling its goal of "teach[ing] students how to research real environmental issues in coastal communities," the CSCR trained participants of the Gulf River Study to operate the various instruments designed to measure the chemical health of the Gulf River, which runs through Scituate and Cohasset, eventually emptying into Cohasset's Little Harbor. In addition, students were taught the proper techniques for data collection and analysis, culminating in the testing of actual data from three ecologically-diverse sites along the river. According to Jack Buckley, president of CSCR, data from previous years indicates that "relatively speaking, the mouth of the Gulf River is clean compared to the Gannett Road and Scituate marsh [two upstream test sites]."

The study's primary goal is to determine whether aquaculture could be profitably supported in Cohasset Harbor.

Learning and working in tandem with the Gulf River Study, participants in the micro-bacteriological field study were taught various techniques for gathering accurate results from the same sites, including the Gannett Road causeway, Mushquashcut Pond, and the North Scituate causeway. Participants will test for enterococci bacteria levels, the current standard used to determine bacteriological potency. Emphasizing the importance of the project, Buckley noted that "there is a very high fecal coliform [count] in the upper reaches of the Gulf River, and the enterococci [counts] continue to be *extremely* high."

In addition to providing a basis for examining the correlation between the runoff from river sites and the pollution levels in the harbor, the data obtained in this study will also help to establish a relationship between chemical pollutants, such as ammonia by-products — nitrites and nitrates — and the growth of bacteria in the river's environment.

The newest study, the Viability of Aquaculture Study, has a twofold purpose. The study's primary goal is to determine whether aquaculture could be profitably supported in Cohasset Harbor. Secondly, in conjunction with various sites scattered along the Massachusetts coast from the Cape and Islands to Westport, the MIT-funded and WHOI-supported project proposes to evaluate the optimal conditions for commercial aquaculture in the Bay State. Initiated by Kelly Hurley, CHS '04, the program will begin this year with the installation of three oyster-quahog growth troughs – one in the harbor's inter-tidal zone, one in a marsh region, and one at the mouth of the Gulf River. In addition, Hurley has installed a quahog trough along the town pier and another one in Sandy Cove. Students working on this project will take precise bi-seasonal measurements of the oysters' and quahogs' growth. These data will then be correlated with data from other sites statewide.

Lastly, the Cohasset Harbor Study, led by CHS science teacher David Ames, continues to monitor enterococci, salinity, and dissolved oxygen levels in the harbor, continuing the work of previous years' students.

The CSCR announced that "a full, detailed report will be released at the end of the month," which will include analysis of Gulf River and Little Harbor health. Alternatively, community members can contact the CSCR for information: tel: 781-383-0129; e-mail: jbuckley@cohassetk12.org.

Ryan Davis is a student the CSCR. He is an upcoming senior at Phillips Academy in Andover and lives in Hingham.

U.S. decathletes at pre-Olympics dinner

July 31 fundraiser for American team

By Andrew Dassori
CORRESPONDENT

For nearly a century, the decathlon has been the all-encompassing, ultimate event in track and field.

Dan O'Brien knows that. He's the 1996 Olympic Gold Medallist in the 10-event contest.

Paul Terek knows that. He's a U.S. decathlon hopeful.

Both men want to help bring the gold medal back to America in the decathlon this summer at the Olympics, Aug. 13-29 in Athens, Greece. But the US decathlon team needs financial help.

Enter Dr. Eric Diener of Bay State Chiropractic in Weymouth. Diener, who is the team chiropractor for the U.S. decathletes is sponsoring, along with state Sen. Robert Hedlund, a "Bring Back the Gold" fundraising event at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham starting at 7 p.m., July 31.

According to Diener, VISA, a corporate sponsor for the decathlon team through the 1990s, dropped its support as a cost-saving measure. "Myself and other doc's have stepped up to the plate to help," he says.

"We need people to help contribute to the decathlon team and at the same time have an awesome night."
— Dr. Eric Diener,
Bay State Chiropractic

Diener has arranged for O'Brien, Terek and decathlon team coach Harry Marra to be on hand to meet the guests at the dinner event that includes speakers and an auction.

"It should be very exciting to have world-class athletes in Hingham," Diener said. "We need people to help contribute to the decathlon team and at the same time have an awesome night."

The decathlon consists of the 100-meter dash, long jump, shot put, high jump, 400-meter dash, 110-meter hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin, and 1500-meter run — the winner of the two-day long competition in the summer Olympics is viewed by many as the world's greatest athlete.



The US Olympic Decathlon team from left, Paul Terek, Brian Clay and Tom Pappas. Terek will be one of the special guests at the fundraising dinner July 31 at the South Shore Country Club.

The Swedish created the decathlon in 1911 for the 1912 Olympics held in Stockholm. Since then, it has been one of the most storied events in Olympic history, with the likes of Jim Thorpe at the head of the pack. Thorpe was declared "The World's Greatest Athlete" by King Gustav V of Sweden in 1912 setting the stage for the decathlon to become an Olympic highlight.

Although the United States has fared well overall in Olympic competition, in the decathlon — America has lagged behind its competitors since O'Brien came away with the gold medal in 1996.

Diener says doctors that attend the team have banded together to have fundraisers for the decathletes. All proceeds from the July 31 event go to the World's Greatest Athlete Decathlon Club that will support American decathlon athletes in the off years between the Olympics, he says.

"These ticket donations really help the athletes compete," Diener says. "I know at the Austrian meet in May we had trouble getting everyone's pole vault poles on a plane and out of Europe in time and it cost! It's not easy shipping 18-foot poles on a plane."

With the Olympics only a few weeks away, raising money for decathlon athletes is crucial.

"The Decathlon team really needs help, they can only send one coach due to financial constraints. We want to bring back the gold," Diener explains. "This fundraiser will go along way to help future U.S. decathlon athletes compete if we can build a war chest for these amateur athletes to draw on."

There are three levels of tickets available for the July 31 event. Gold tickets ($1000 donation) include 18 holes of golf with O'Brien, coach Marra and Terek, a private cocktail hour with the athletes, and dinner. Silver tickets ($100 donation) include the private cocktail hour and dinner, and Bronze tickets ($50 donation) include an autographed picture of O'Brien and dinner as well. For tickets, call (781)337-7777.

The US Decathlon Team includes Terek, Tom Pappas and Brian Clay.

Britney Spears and her fiancé

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see where those crazy kids, Britney Spears and Kevin Federline, are planning to tie the knot — a slip knot, no doubt — in that well-known matrimonial palace, the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

At least they had the good taste to wait until her fiancé's girlfriend, Shari, had his baby before the ceremony. Shari's used to it, I guess. She already has a daughter, Kori, by Kevin.

But there are certain aspects of the Britney/Kevin romance that leave me goggle-eyed.

I rarely think of myself as a prude. I even held my tongue when they called Roberto Rosselini "the second mate on a Swedish tramp" for his affair with Ingrid Bergman on the Isle of Stromboli.

But there are certain aspects of the Britney/Kevin romance that leave me goggle-eyed.

For one thing, is it her first or second marriage. It's the second if you count the 55 hours of wedded bliss she spent with her visiting high school sweetheart Jason Alexander after their New Year marriage in Las Vegas.

No, that's not Jerry Seinfeld's Jason. It's the one from Brit's old home town in Louisiana. Brideless, he was sent back home in time for Mardi Gras, presumably with large sums of money in his hand.

Britney met Kevin at Joseph's Café in Hollywood, where the lamb souviaki on rice pilaf sells for $16 and the manager now shows tourists "the Britney Booth," where she was sitting at the time.

"I always sit at the same table," she told People Magazine, in the manner of General Schwartzkopf explaining the Gulf War to CNN. "On the far right, in the corner where I can see everything."

One of the things she saw was Kevin, who was a backup dancer behind Justin Timberlake, once the great and good friend of Brit's for three years. (Can you afford lamb souviaki on a backup dancer's salary?)

"He was just standing there," said Brit. "He was like a magnet. I was being pulled. It was beyond my control. It was like, 'Hi, just come with me.'"

Being no fool, he did, of course, and, naturally, show business being show business, she invited him to go along while she toured Europe and, naturally, he did. She proposed to him in the way back.

The experts, taking time out from analyzing the war in Iraq and the search for Osama bin Laden, figure that the Brit/Kevin wedding will cost up to $1.8 million, including $180,000 for special white tulips flown in from Amsterdam just for the occasion.

I'll bet the Jason Alexander caper didn't cost Britney half as much.

And what about Shari Jackson, Kevin's pregnant girlfriend, who may have given birth by now? She's as pleased as anyone for the happy couple.

"After I meet (Britney) and everything's all cool, we can be one big happy family," she said.

"I love little ones," said Britney. "I think the situation is good."

"I hope Britney likes to baby-sit," said Shari.

Like I say, I don't think I'm a prude, but . . .

LIBRARY CORNER

Puzzle club

Puzzle Club is back! Marjie Murphy will host Puzzle Club for one more year. All Deer Hill students are encouraged to drop in on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Come read a short mystery and find the clues and solutions in puzzles. Join the Puzzle Club Team. No registration is required. Puzzle Club will meet on consecutive Mondays from July 12, through Aug. 9. All participants must be picked up on time.

Contest

Create a chameleon. Come to the Children's Room and get your "Leo Lionni" style chameleon to decorate. You can glue it to cardboard to give it strength. You can glue on shapes, buttons, glitter, etc. You can paint, color, or collage it. You must include your name, age, and telephone number. All ages are invited to participate. There will be many winners! Contest ends on July 30. Leave your creations in the basket on Mrs. Moody's desk. Come "explore other worlds @ your library".

Beyond Books

Tuesday, July 27, at 7 p.m., Creative Connection presents "Beyond Books". Diana Kane of Creative Connections will conduct an interactive storytelling event for all ages. Join us for new stories and familiar stories from around the world. Diana will bring her puppet friends and more. "Come enjoy the fun and let your mind reach off the pages and go Beyond Books!" All children in their places at 6:50 p.m. will be eligible for the weekly book raffle. This event will take place in the Children's Global Discovery Museum. Enter through the main doors of the museum at the rear of the library.

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Wireless access

The library now offers wireless Internet access for patrons with laptop computers.

Safe child policy

The library attempts to provide a safe environment for children of all ages. Yet, because the library is a public building, parents and caregivers should use discretion in determining when their children are mature enough to use the library unsupervised.

Children must be picked up prior to closing. The library staff is not responsible for supervising children left alone when the library is closed, but will make attempts to reach a parent or caregiver for immediate pick-up. If staff members cannot reach a parent or caregiver within one half hour of closing, they will notify the police, who will assume responsibility for the child.

Artist exhibit

South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist, Ted Polomis, presents an exhibition of oil paintings at the library until Aug. 30. The show features a variety of intimate still lifes and studies painted in the tradition of classical realism.

Band concert

A band concert will be held on Tuesday, July 27 at 7:30 p.m. on the Town Common with the South Shore Concert Band. Call the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109 if the weather is doubtful.

POLITICAL NOTES

Local GOP event

Join The Cohasset Republican Town Committee for a meeting on Tuesday, July 27, at 7:30 p.m. at The Lightkeeper's Building in Cohasset. Help re-elect President George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, and State Senator Bob Hedlund. Help elect Mike Jones, who is running for U.S. Congress.

Save the date of Sunday, Aug. 22, 4 to 6:30 p.m. for the annual Cohasset Republican Town Committee picnic at Julie Guild's house at 365 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset. Speakers to be announced.

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee has a website at: http://www.cohassetrepublicans.com/

School deficit headed for fall special Town Meeting

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municipal side of the town budget. According to Buckley, the unemployment costs, which are typically covered by the town and reimbursed by the school department at a later date, were not included in the school budget, and therefore must be included as an appropriation deficit to be taken care of at Town Meeting. Buckley explained that typically, the town sends out the money to cover unemployment costs for both the town and schools, then the town is charged for its portion and the schools are charged for theirs. "For whatever reason, they didn't charge it to themselves," said Buckley.

Shea said what might have happened is when the bills started coming in at the end of the year, it was decided the unemployment bills could be deferred a little longer than the others because the schools pay back the town, which would buy the schools some time to see if they would have money to cover the cost.

Shea said the unemployment costs "jumped up quite a bit this year." In FY 03, the schools incurred roughly $24,000, when only $7,500 was budgeted, and this year, the costs jumped up to $75,000 with just over $10,000 budgeted. "Based on the history of the account, it's unusual," said Shea, adding this is not an account where it is expected the costs will come in at such high levels.

There are between 11 and 13 town employees currently receiving unemployment, roughly eight or nine of which are school employees. Buckley said every month, a bill was sent by the town to the schools, outlining unemployment costs, to allow the administration to track the amount of money going out. "To the administration, it should not have been a surprise," said Buckley.

Shea said he found out about the school's deficit around the same time as Buckley. Buckley said Malvey informed him of both the unemployment and energy costs on June 29. Malvey's last day on the job was June 30, as was Business Manager Ivan Klimko's. Klimko, however, has been coming in to help new business clerk Karen Park in closing out this year's books.

Moving forward

School committee member Jamie Williams suggested having Keyspan come in every two or three months to take actual readings instead of giving estimates.

Shea said that will be something to look into.

Member Rick Flynn said the energy costs may have been high this fiscal year due to the extreme weather this winter and he is optimistic the costs will not be as drastic in the future. "I can't imagine it could be much colder this winter," he said.

Roy Fitzsimmons, 116 Doane St., asked if Keyspan certified that the meter was accurate. "I'm sure we've got people in town who could take a look at it," he said.

Shea said that would also be looked into and added part of the motivation to postpone payment was to investigate the validity of the meter.

Flynn said he would guess Keyspan just underestimated the amount of gas the schools would use. The company may not have taken the expansion of the schools into consideration and could have been going on former figures of building utilization.

Shea stressed the importance of having the town fill the maintenance supervisor position, which was funded at the annual Town Meeting in March. The town approved $40,000 for a part-time maintenance supervisor who would be responsible for oversight of maintenance of the $55 million investment in buildings around town. Flynn said if the position could be expanded to a full-time position, "It'll pay for itself." Selectmen have also discussed expanding that position to become full-time.

Shea also said there are probably more conservation measures the schools could take, such as turning off lights and computers when not in use. While the schools have been commended for their efforts, and have received rebates for energy conscientiousness, there are always steps that can be taken to help conserve power.

However, member Chartis Tebbetts said sometimes when power is turned off completely, it costs more money when the lights or computers are turned on again because of the sudden surge.

Shea said with the classroom lights, he did not think that was the case, but reiterated this is another reason why the town needs to hire an expert.

The school committee was slated to come before the advisory committee last night (Wednesday) after the Mariner went to press to discuss the budget issue. The next meeting of the school committee will be Aug. 9 in the high school library.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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July 12-16



Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) (617) 722-1646 Room 413F



Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) (617) 722-2120 Room 472

QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on six roll calls and local senators' votes on four roll calls from the week of July 12-16.

UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE (H 4444)

The House and Senate sitting as a Constitutional Convention 152-41, approved a proposed constitutional amendment providing universal health care to all Massachusetts residents. The proposal requires the Legislature and governor to approve laws to ensure that no Massachusetts resident lacks comprehensive, affordable and equitably financed health insurance coverage for all medically necessary preventive, acute and chronic health and mental health care services, prescription drugs and devices. Another provision provides that the actual laws approved by the Legislature and the governor take effect only if approved by voters at a statewide election. Supporters said skyrocketing premiums are making health care unaffordable for many families and for employers who fund coverage for their workers. They noted that some 600,000 Massachusetts residents do not have any health care coverage and argued it is time for the state to ensure that each citizen is provided with this basic right. Some opponents said the measure is well intentioned but vaguely worded and could result in the courts deciding the meaning of words like "comprehensive" and "affordable." Others said the proposal would cost taxpayers $3 billion and argued that the federal government, not the state, should develop a solution to the health care problem. The measure would become part of the state's constitution if approved by 25 percent of the 2005-2006 Legislature and then ratified by the voters on the 2006 ballot. Any laws approved by the Legislature and the governor to accomplish the universal health care goal would go on the 2008 ballot at the earliest. (A "Yea" vote is for the proposed universal health care constitutional amendment. A "Nay" vote is against it).

$52 MILLION SPRINGFIELD BAILOUT (H 4799)

House 136-21, Senate 38-0, rejected Gov. Romney's amendment reducing from $52 million to $22 million the amount of the interest-free loan the state would provide to the financially strapped City of Springfield. Amendment supporters said the $30 million cut is irresponsible and urged members to support the full $52 million in order to ensure that Springfield recovers from this fiscal crisis. Amendment opponents said that the city has successfully accessed credit markets on two recent occasions and argued the $22 million is now sufficient. (A "Yea" vote is for the additional $30 million. A "Nay" vote is against it).

ALLOW GOVERNOR TO APPOINT INTERIM SENATOR (S 2404)

House 22-135, Senate 7-32, rejected Gov. Romney's amendment to a bill that takes away the power of the governor to appoint a temporary replacement when a U.S. Senate seat becomes vacant in Massachusetts. The bill requires that a special election be held within 145 and 160 days and replaces a current that law gives the governor the authority to appoint a temporary replacement and then provides that voters elect a senator at the next general state election. Romney's proposed amendment establishes a system for the governor to appoint a temporary replacement to serve until the newly elected senator is sworn into office. Under the system, either the House speaker or Senate president would have to agree to governor's proposed appointee. If neither legislative leader agreed to any three consecutive nominees by the governor, the governor would be allowed to unilaterally make the appointment. Amendment supporters said that without the amendment, Massachusetts would have only one senator in the U.S. Senate for several months until a new senator is elected and sworn into office. They argued that including the two legislative leaders in the process would result in a fairer selection process. Some amendment opponents said this power sharing between the governor and these two leaders is unconstitutional because the constitution clearly gives any appointment power solely to the governor. Others argued that the temporary appointee would have an unfair incumbent advantage over others seeking the office. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment. A "Nay" vote is against the amendment).

APPOINT INTERIM SENATOR AND MAKE HIM OR HER INELIGIBLE (S 2404)

House 15-142, rejected an amendment allowing the governor to appoint a temporary replacement to serve until the newly elected senator is sworn into office and making the appointee ineligible to be a candidate for election to the vacant seat. Amendment supporters said this compromise would ensure that the state has two senators until the special election and addresses concerns that any appointee would have an unfair advantage over other candidates. Amendment opponents said the amendment is intriguing but clearly unconstitutional because it is essentially a term limit proposal that bars someone from running for office. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment. A "Nay" vote is against it).

REIMBURSE COMMUNITIES FOR SPECIAL ELECTION COSTS (S 2404)

House 29-129, rejected an amendment requiring the state to reimburse cities and towns for the costs of any special election to fill a vacant U.S. Senate seat. Amendment supporters said it is unfair to ask struggling communities to add to their financial problems by bearing the costs of an additional election that is mandated by the state and could have a price tag of up to $10 million. Some amendment opponents said the state has never reimbursed communities for these costs and should not set a new precedent. Others said they are not opposed to state reimbursement but argued that the bill is not an appropriation bill. They noted that the Legislature has the option to approve reimbursement if and when an election occurs. (A "Yea" vote is for the reimbursement amendment. A "Nay" vote is against it).

FILLING VACANCY IN U.S. SENATE (S 2404)

House 128-30, gave final approval to the bill that takes away the power of the governor to appoint a temporary replacement for any U.S. Senate seat that becomes vacant in Massachusetts and instead requires that a special election be held within 145 and 160 days. Supporters said the current 100-year-old appointment system is archaic and takes power away from the voters by allowing a governor to unilaterally make this important appointment that could last more than two years. They argued that the temporary appointee would also have an unfair advantage as an "appointed incumbent." Opponents said the bill is sponsored by Democrats who fear Gov. Romney would have the opportunity to appoint a Republican to fill Sen. John Kerry's seat if Kerry wins the November presidential election. They noted that holding a U.S. Senate election in a very short period of time would give an unfair advantage to incumbent Democratic congressman with huge war chests and make it difficult for lesser-known, underfunded citizens to mount an effective campaign. The Senate gave final approval to the measure on a voice vote and sent it to Gov. Romney. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it).

HIGH INTEREST MORTGAGE LOANS (S 2431)

Senate 39-0, gave near final approval to a bill designed to protect consumers that seek unconventional high cost home mortgage loans from non-prime lenders. Provisions include requiring borrowers to receive credit counseling prior to closing the loan; prohibiting lenders from increasing the interest rate if the borrower defaults; limiting the financing of points and fees and requiring lenders to have a reasonable belief that the borrower has the ability to repay the loan. Supporters said the bill would protect consumers from predatory lenders who take advantage of people who have poor credit and cannot qualify for a conventional loan. They noted the measure would allow legitimate non-prime lenders to continue to offer a reasonable alternative for these people. They also said the bill includes provisions that strengthen existing protections for consumers who obtain conventional home mortgages. The House has approved a different version of the bill and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

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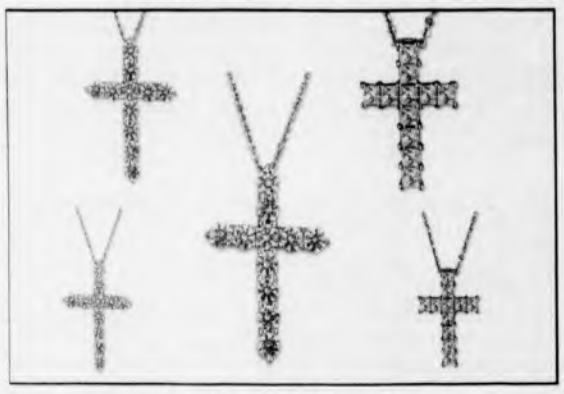
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Cohasset Town Manager Act may not need overhaul

Selectmen always had power to veto the Town Manager

By Mary Ford
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The Town Manager Act may not be broken after all.

That seems to be the consensus among members of the new committee appointed to review the Town Manager Act and make recommendations on potential changes.

However, the advisory committee could have a greater role in the budget process and the selectmen can exercise more oversight over the town manager.

But neither of those potential recommendations would require actual changes to the Town Manager Act, passed by Town Meeting back in 1997 and then enacted by the state Legislature.

The TMA has come under scrutiny since the abrupt resignation of former town manager Mark Haddad in May after seven years in the post.

Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley noted chipping away at the TMA itself could be counterproductive, setting the clock back to the days when Cohasset wasn't as professionally managed.

But when asked about what he would change, Buckley raised the issue of giving the advisory committee more clout in the budget process as was the case before the TMA.

"That's not part of the act, that's the way it has evolved," Buckley said.

Dan Evans, who sits on the review committee and is a former member of the advisory committee, noted before the TMA, it was the advisory committee's budget that went to Town Meeting. Now, the town manager presents the budget incorporating recommendations from selectmen and the advisory committee.

Review committee member Susan Kent, who is chairman of the advisory committee, questioned whether the town wanted nine, part-time people putting together a $30 million budget.

She explained the nine-member advisory committee currently plays an important role in the budget process by asking questions and pushing back on budget requests when necessary. She described the advisory committee as the "eyes and ears" of the townspeople and not a rubber stamp for budget transfer requests. "We have a lot to offer the town," Kent said.

Following the meeting, Selectman Rob Spofford, who also serves as chairman of the review committee, said it is a misconception that the TMA is a wholly powerful document.

"A lot of power is vested with the board of selectmen and it is up to the board of selectmen to utilize the powers it has."
— Selectman Rob Spofford, TMA review committee

"That's not the way it's designed," Spofford said. "A lot of power is vested with the board of selectmen and it is up to the board of selectmen to utilize the powers it has."

But with that being said, Spofford added no manual exists where policies and procedures could be formalized, for example, having Town Counsel review contracts of $50,000 or more. While that many happen generally, Spofford says, it doesn't necessarily always happen and a policies and procedures manual would ensure that it did.

Spofford expected Hingham's Town Administrator Charles Cristello and Duxbury Town Manager Rocco Longo would be guests at the review committee meeting last night (Wednesday) after the Mariner went to press. The committee said it would be useful to get an snapshot of how other towns run.

Plans are also to hold a review committee meeting dedicated to public comment.

However, as was the case with the committee's first meeting in June, several members of the public shared their views during Monday's discussion, including former selectman Tom Callahan, Nancy Garrison and Lou Harvey.

Garrison said before the town moves ahead with hiring a new town manager, a definitive job description is needed. She suggested selectmen be required to adopt a job description against which the town manager's performance is measured. She also wants the town manager to be subject to periodic peer review to insure that his or her performance maintains a high professional standard.

"I believe the long-term impact of these two related measures (job description and peer review) will eliminate the old pattern of crisis and reaction...and will place us in the prudent position of anticipating, and therefore avoiding crises, rather than reacting to them after they have occurred," she said.

Harvey suggested a recall provision be added to the Town Manager Act. "170 cities and towns have a recall provision in order to handle situations where elected officials fail to perform their duties." He said while selectmen have broad powers under the TMA, they failed to effectively use them. In a written proposal, Harvey also suggested several amendments to improve the budgeting process.

Callahan said while budgetary suggestions are great, in reality it's the school budget that throws the process out of whack. He explained that state law keeps the two budgets — town and school — separate. Prop. 2-1/2 overrides are 90 percent driven by the schools whose budget isn't usually ready until January, he said.

Spofford suggested the schools provide variances to their current budget on a month-to-month basis, as the town is going to start doing under Buckley's leadership. It was revealed at last week's selectmen's meeting both the school and town fiscal year 2004 budgets have large deficits. Fiscal year 2004 ended June 30.

COHASSET'S WEEK

School chief greeted by school committee

New Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh attended her first school committee meeting Monday and was given a warm welcome by board members. Walsh said so far, the transition into her new position, which she began July 1, has been going very well. "It doesn't take you very long to feel you're at home," she said.

Pleasant Street Parfait denied vendor license

The owner of the Pleasant Street Parfait was denied a license to have an ice cream cart at Sandy Beach by the board of selectmen. Because the board typically only grants two vendor licenses per season, it had to deny Burke's request. Burke said he had approached former Town Manager Mark Haddad who had insured him he would reserve a license. However, the board said it would not stray from the way it has conducted business in the past.

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Preservation committee ponders two pocket parks

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and is in disrepair — could not be saved.

"It would be a place for folks to stop and sit and observe Little Harbor as they walk up and down Beach Street," Marshman said.

According to the proposal from the open space committee, the park would include benches, a site for boaters to launch canoes and kayaks into Little Harbor, and a gravel "bump-in" to accommodate parking for two-to-three cars along Beach Street.

The open space committee proposal states the park would restore water views. "Homeowners along the water have increasingly erected fences and/or planted hedges, impeding vistas to the water. This project would restore those vistas and allow for them in perpetuity," the request states.

An estimated $800,000 is needed to acquire the property with another $25,000 to demolish the house and remove overgrown vegetation. The proposal is asking for $100,000 in CPC funds this fiscal year and $300,000 in fiscal year 2006. The Cohasset Conservation Trust, a private non-profit organization, has expressed interest in contributing $150,000 in grants and matching funds, and other money would be raised through state grants and privately. The Trust for Public Land, another non-profit, would help with bridge financing and fundraising.

Marshman said he was willing to put in $50,000 of his own money toward the project.

Before the potential acquisition can proceed, however, there are some legal issues surrounding the Gormley property that have to be cleared up with the estate since Gormley's mother passed away last year.

The abutters in attendance were not enthusiastic about the potential parking area and using the park to launch kayaks.

"A little park with a bench is fine but I'm against a recreational area," said Judith Chute, 46 Beach St. "I fear the cars and traffic a recreational area would bring."

Lou Eaton, 30 Beach St., said whatever is done needs to be in keeping with the residential area.

CPC chairman Stuart Ivimey suggested that Marshman "keep plugging away" and return when the legal matters are resolved and the project is closer to being finalized.

As an idea for a possible preservation project, Selectman Ronnie McMorris, who also sits on the CPC, suggested the committee might look at committing funds to purchase the small park in the village between Tedeschi's and French Memories, which is privately owned, to ensure that it remains as open space.

Some members of the committee seemed surprised the park was not town property and is maintained by local merchants. In an interview Tuesday, Ivimey said most residents don't realize the town doesn't own the park. "It's definitely something we could fund," he said about purchasing the site.

McMorris said she raised the issue with the downtown revitalization review committee and has been talking about it around town. "People are interested (in the town owning the park)," she said. "At times it can be a real eyesore.

"The money to buy the park would be well spent, ensuring that it is well taken care of and will always be there," she said, adding that the park provides a nice shortcut from South Main Street to Elm Street.

In a telephone interview, Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who heads the downtown revitalization review committee, said the town owning the park would be "a wonderful idea."

Potential improvements to the Beechwood Street ball field, and installing a skateboard park and walking area behind the library were also floated as potential CPC projects at Monday's meeting.

The committee's funds must be spent on three areas: open space, historical preservation, and affordable housing. The CPC can use a small percentage of its budget for administrative tasks, such as appraisals.

The CPC doesn't spend money; it makes recommendations on spending to Town Meeting. The Community Preservation Act allows a town to partner with non-profits.

The town raises about $230,000 a year through the 1.5 percent real estate surcharge and with an anticipated 100 percent state match, the Community Preservation Fund revenues total about $460,000 annually. Left over money can be banked for future years. The fund has $162,000 available in fiscal year 2005 which is what was left after CPA projects were approved at the annual Town Meeting in March.

Town could raise surcharge

With voter approval, the town could increase its real estate tax bill surcharge under the Community Preservation Act to more than the 1.5 percent approved in 2001. Municipalities that have adopted the CPA can assess surcharges on real estate tax bills up to 3 percent.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris, who also sits on the community preservation committee, suggested the CPC might want to hold a public hearing to gauge support for increasing the surcharge to 2 or 3 percent.

With another 1.5 percent, the town could receive an additional $230,000 annual match from the state. Currently the state is matching 100 percent of monies raised by towns that adopted the CPA.

"It could double our income," CPC chairman Stuart Ivimey said.

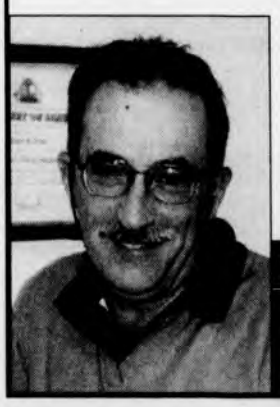
The CPA surcharge in Cohasset is 1.5 percent of a property owner's real estate tax bill; however, the first $100,000 of assessed valuation on residential property is exempt from the surcharge.

Scituate has a 3 percent surcharge and Hingham's is 1.5 percent.



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Grand finale

Post 118ers close tough luck season on a winning note

By Mike Spellman
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Honestly, the Post 118ers would have preferred to call this one a wash.

But West Roxbury, needing one more win to qualify for the Zone 6 Legion Baseball playoffs, was the home team and had the final call. That squad's powers-that-be insisted the game be played despite a day's long rain, last Tuesday, so G.H. Mealy Post 118 coach Mike Duggan obliged: he put together the minimum nine man roster to drive through the heart of Boston during the wet rush hour commute. And the locals came away with a 5-2 win, exploding with three runs in their final at bat to oust their hosts from the postseason picture.

"We figured we had to play it, so we might as well win it," said a smiling Duggan. "This was a great way to end a tough season. You had to feel good for these kids who stuck it through to the end."

Indeed, it had been 12 games and more than three weeks since the local Legion squad had come up on the winning end of a contest. Post 118 finished the season with a record of 2-16-1

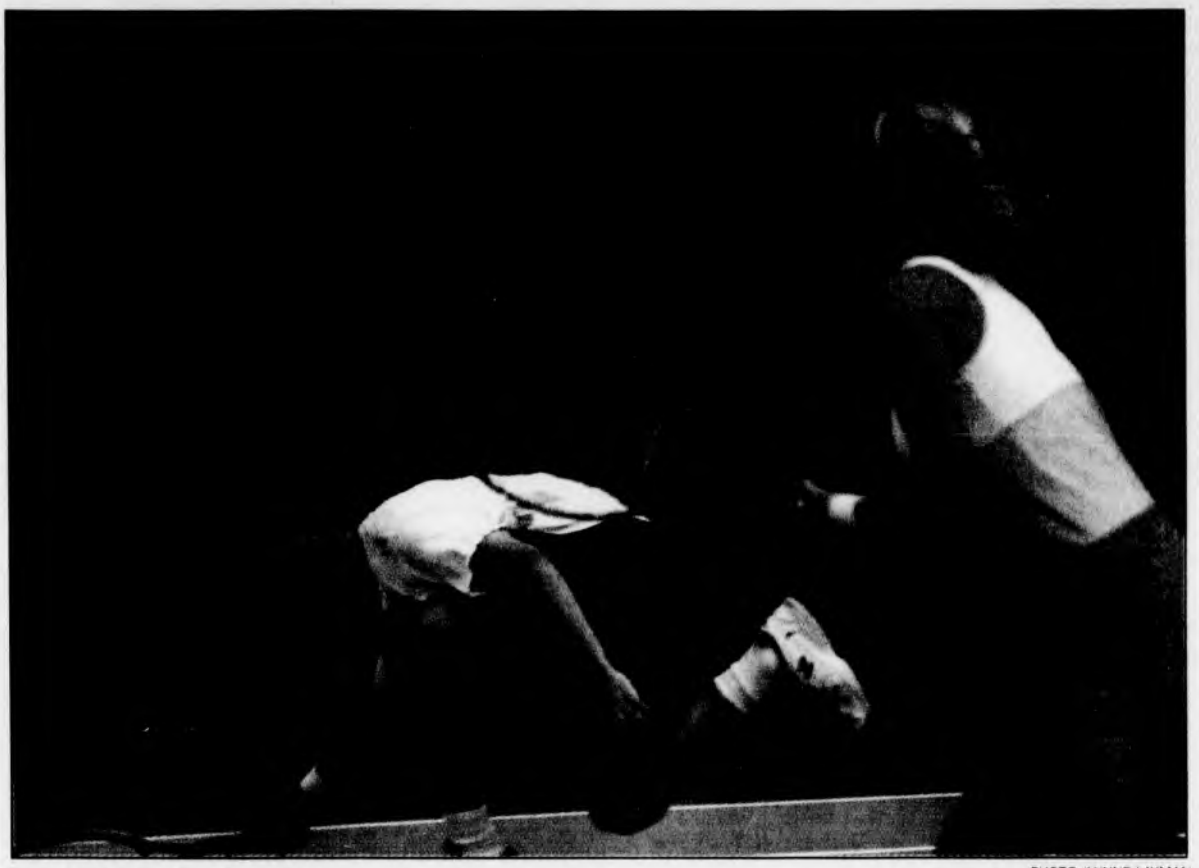
From whichever angle one viewed this game going in, Cohasset had to be regarded as the underdog, beginning with the roster juggling Coach Duggan was forced to perform going in, all the way down to handing the ball to start the game to Kevin Signorelli, a little used pitcher during the season.

But Scituate's Signorelli, a senior-to-be at Thayer Academy, wove a gem, going five innings, scattering four hits and four walks. His slow pacing on the mound seemed to contribute to keeping the highly regarded West Roxbury hitters off balance, as he struck out six and only one of the two runs against him was earned.

"Kevin just had them guessing all night," lauded Coach Duggan. "He pitched an intelligent game."

After Signorelli, who had not

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PHOTO/LYNNE LAYMAN

Brian Marsden stretches out to make a return as partner Lindsay Grossman looks on during the finals of the Class A tourney of the 15th Annual Children's Hospital Tennis Benefit, held this past weekend in Cohasset. This mixed doubles pair wound up taking first place. ***For more Tennis Benefit tourney photos, see page 17.***

Benefit tourney a smash

Nearly $23,000 raised for Children's Hospital

By Mike Spellman
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The 15th Annual Children's Hospital Tennis Benefit tournament, held last weekend across Cohasset, was, in tennis terms, a smash.

A total of 126 doubles players, mostly residents of Cohasset but a few from beyond, had the rare opportunity to use some of the nicest private courts on the South Shore, play competitive and exciting tennis, and just have fun. And it was all for a great cause.

"It was a great weekend," said Children's Hospital Tennis Benefit Committee member Carole Meers. "We had about 20 more players than we had a year ago, and raised more money."

Meers also reported there were more people watching the matches this year, particularly the finals at the Roy Estate on Margin Street, though she added there were certainly room for more.

"We were hoping to get a few more local people out watching," said Meers. "It really is a high level of tennis, and we had some beautiful sunny weather over the weekend. Hopefully, we'll get the word out a little more next year."

Meers and the rest of the Children's Hospital Tennis Benefit Committee-- Corey Alexson, Darilyn Evans, Sue Sookiasian, Lorraine Tarpey, Sandy Crough, Barbara Meers, Karen Mack and Tracey Thomas-- met at least once a week for three months to plan the particulars of the tournament. Luckily, finding courts was never a concern, as 21 families graciously donated the use of their gorgeous facilities.

The mixed doubles tournament, in its 15th consecutive year in Cohasset, raised nearly $23,000 for the Children's Hospital. The tourney is always held in the third weekend in July.

The event actually dates back 50 years, when Jesse Cox started the event in Cohasset, so this year's edition was originally being touted as the 50th Children's Hospital Tennis Benefit tournament. However, no one could confirm whether the event was held every year.

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PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset's Brodie Jackish, 8, works on his shot during the South Shore Basketball Clinic held at Cohasset High last week by CHS boys basketball coach Ron Ford and several other area coaches.

All-Scholastic girls lacrosse team

Cohasset's Faber, Rizotti and Turgiss named among area's elite

As always seems the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

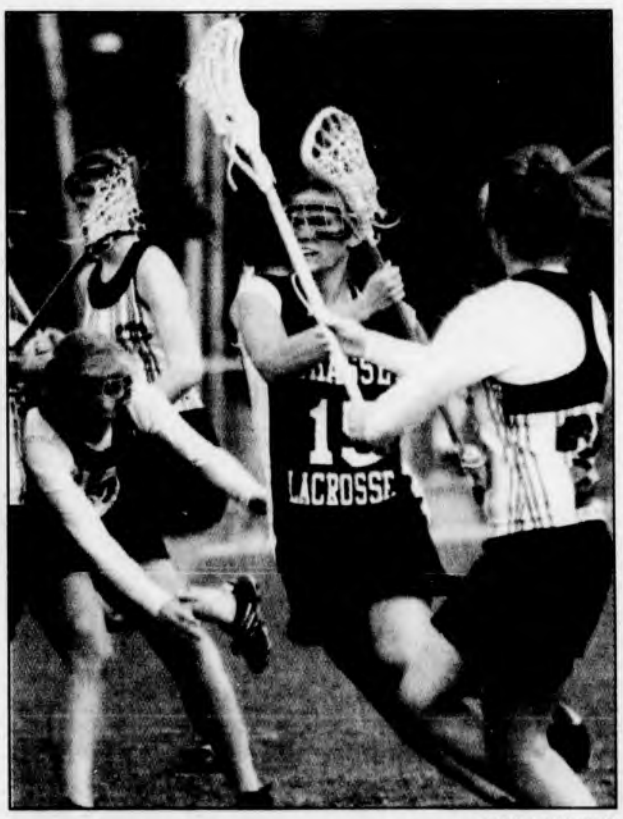
In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 14 and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top female lacrosse players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

Ashley Faber - Senior (Capt.)
Third home- Cohasset



Ashley Faber

The quarterback at both ends of the field this season for the 9-8-1 Skippers...Pilgrim Conference All-Star...finished with 20 goals and a team best 18 assists, this despite concentrating much of her efforts on the defensive end to help a young core of players...a very tough player at both ends of the field who proved very strong on ground balls...an outstanding passer...four year varsity team member...key performer in Lady Skippers runs to postseason qualification each of the past three years...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic Honorable Mention...also played basketball and soccer at CHS, earning Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention for the latter sport this past winter...National Honors Society member...an Editor of CHS newspaper, The Spinnaker...has been an Appalachia Project volunteer the last three summers...works as a Lifeguard and swim instructor at Cohasset Swim Center...member of Social Awareness group at CHS...plans to play lacrosse and basketball at Connecticut College (Div. 3)...is leaning toward majoring in English...Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "Ashley meant so much to us at both ends of the field. With all of the injuries we had on defense, we would have been in huge trouble without her. She's just a gifted passer, really one of the best I've ever seen. She just sees the field so well."



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Nicole Turgiss scored a team best 42 goals in her senior to give her a four year total of 108, making her only the fourth player in the history of the CHS lady lax program to top 100 tallies.

Lauren Rizzotti - Junior
Attack - Cohasset



Lauren Rizzotti

A n exceptionally skilled player who many feel w i l l emerge as one of the top players on the S o u t h Shore next season...finished with 41 goals (one behind team leader Nicole Turgiss) and 12 assists despite missing four games mid season to injury...arguably the Skippers most skilled overall player this season and one of their premier athletes as well...became the favorite target for fellow all-scholastic Ashley Faber for "quick stick" (catch and fire) scoring opportunities...Pilgrim Conference Honorable Mention...has been named a captain for next year's lacrosse team...also a standout in soccer at CHS...has been a winter cheerleader at CHS...has been voted President of her senior class...Honor Roll student...hopes to play college lacrosse...undecided on major...Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney: "Lauren has the potential to be a real special player. She's just such a good all-around athlete and skilled lacrosse player. If she stays healthy, she'll be one of the best all-around players in our area next year."

ALL STARS, PAGE 14

Are you what's wrong with youth sports?

EXTRA POINTS



MIKE SPELLMAN

After more than a half decade of virtual year round involvement in youth athletics, I feel relatively comfortable separating the vast majority of parents I deal with via this involvement into three categories.

Those in Category A get involved, the majority for the right reasons and with the best intentions, thereby opening themselves up to all kinds of criticism and speculation regarding their motivation. The veterans among us simply accept the fact that few good deeds goes unpunished.

Category B folks avoid direct involvement. Many of these moms and pops come to most games and are very supportive of the kids and coaches. This heading also includes those parents whose involvement ceases between the time their kid walks out the door and returns home. Of course, the majority of Category Bs fall somewhere in between.

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Cohasset's Faber, Rizotti and Turgiss named among area's elite

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Nicole Turgiss - Senior (Capt.) Midfield- Cohasset



Nicole Turgiss

This speed demon scored a team best 42 goals, to go along with 11 assists, in her senior to give her a four year total of 108, making her only the fourth player in the history of the CHS lady lax program to top 100 tallies…was key to Lady Skippers runs to post-season qualification each of the past three years… her exceptional speed and aggressiveness, along with some very nice stick skills, set her apart… Pilgrim Conference All-Star…Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic… turned ankle and was lost early in first round state tourney loss to Mansfield after putting the Skippers ahead at 2-1 with a goal…played indoor lacrosse at the Rockland Sports Dome with several CHS teammates the last few winters…played soccer at CHS through her sophomore year…National Honor Society member…Student Council member…volunteer for Appalachia Service Project…plans to major in Biology at Colby College and hopes to continue playing lacrosse… Cohasset Coach Torin Sweeney: "If we hadn't lost Nicole early in that first round loss to Mansfield, I definitely think we could have won. She made that kind of difference on our team with her speed and aggressiveness. And she was an important leader for us too."

Colby Tallman - Senior (Capt.) Attack Wing - Norwell

Colby earns her second straight Mariner All-Scholastic honor…the first and only four year member of the NHS varsity program was a key performer in the Clippers' program best 20-3 season and advancement to the South Sectional semifinals…three-time Pilgrim Conference all-star…scored 63 goals and added team best 51 assists, this despite missing three games and being the constant target of double-teaming from opponents…also a standout for NHS teams in soccer and basketball, and captained those as well in her senior year…Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic…possesses great quickness and a hard, accurate shot…a member of the gold medal winning Southeast team at last summer's Bay State Games… previously played with the Mass Elite lacrosse team for three years…was President of her junior high class…Honor Roll student with a 3.5 GPA…coaches youth soccer and basketball in Norwell…will continue her lacrosse career at Connecticut college, where she is leaning toward majoring in Economics…Norwell coach Jen Kent: "I like people like Colby who can have fun and aren't serious all the time. She's been that way since her freshman year. I am going to miss her all-around personality…All of the kids on the team looked up to her and respected her. She worked hard but also knew how to have fun. She's the best skilled lacrosse player we've had at Norwell High so far."

Caitlin Jackson - Junior Center - Norwell

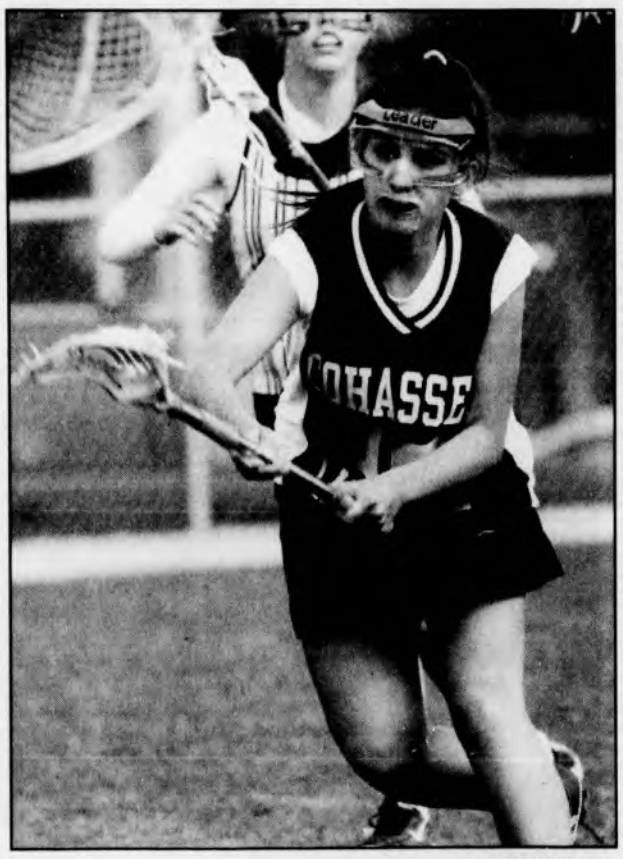
The third leading scorer for the 20-3 South Sectional semifinalist Lady Clippers…Pilgrim Conference All-Star… scored 51 goals and added 34 assists…scored four goals in team's 19-11 South Sectional tourney win over Hopkinton…had four goals and an assist in Clippers first ever win over perennial powerhouse Hingham this season… Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic… has played off season lacrosse with Mass Elite and took part in a national tourney this spring representing lower New England…plays indoor lacrosse in the winter with the MaxLax program...also a soccer standout at NHS…has already been named a team captain for next year in both soccer and lacrosse…Class Secretary since her sophomore year…National Honors Society member with a 3.75 GPA…volunteer with town fair, National Kidney Foundation and Early Childhood Education Center…takes voice lessons…an award winning artist who regularly submits illustrations for the NHS literary publication, *The Halyard*…2004 Principal Award winner…2002 Foreign Language Award winner…hopes to play college lacrosse and is being recruited by Div. 1 schools…is looking at Syracuse, Penn and Northwestern, among others …Norwell coach Jen Kent: "Caitlin did an unbelievable job moving up from defense to a more offensive role this year. I've never had anyone who works as hard as her. She loves the sport and works extremely hard at it. She was a force this year. She just wins every ground ball she goes for. She won't be denied."

Lauren Strazzula - Junior Attack - Norwell

This gifted offensive player was the most explosive scorer on the high powered 20-3 Lady Clippers, scoring a team best 77 goals to go along with 42 assists…scored school record nine goals in a 19-11 win over Hopkinton in the South Sectional tourney…Pilgrim Conference All-Star…a Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention last year…has been named a team captain for next year…coaches youth basketball and lacrosse in town…also plays soccer and basketball at NHS…High Honors student with a 3.9 GPA…National Honors Society member… was a member of gold medal winning Southeast team at Bay State Games the last two years…plays off season lacrosse for Mass Elite… hopes to play Div. 3 lacrosse…Norwell coach Jen Kent: "There were big games this year that Lauren just took over, like the ones against Hopkinton and Scituate. She just made up her mind to do it and she did it. That's the kind of ability she has. She has the potential to be one of the top players in the state next year."

Carolyn Buckley - Junior Defense - Norwell

One of the most instinctive and versatile defenders on the South Shore…was centerpiece of a dominant defensive unit that keyed Lady Clippers program



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Lauren Rizzotti is an exceptionally skilled player who many feel will emerge as one of the top players on the South Shore next season.

best 20-3 season…had a knack for being in the right place at the right time and stealing or knocking down passes…was equally effective on the wing or in the middle…finished with four goals and five assists…also plays field hockey and basketball at NHS…has already been named a captain for lacrosse and field hockey next year…plays indoor lacrosse in winter with several Clippers teammates in MaxLax program…High honors student…plans to major in Liberal Arts in college and play intramural sports…Norwell coach Jen Kent: "Carolyn was so consistent for us, and that was probably the best thing about her. She got the job done day in and day out. She was also extremely tough on ground balls. She just didn't seem to lose anything she went after."

Margot Spatola - Junior Attack wing - Hingham

Just a junior, Spatola is one of the most recognizable players on the South Shore…A two-time Pilgrim Conference All-star, Spatola led the Harborwomen in scoring with 82 points on 56 goals, 26 assists this season…Guided Hingham through a very difficult schedule, one in which it played five South Sectional contenders, to a 9-9 season and berth in the tourney…There, the Harborwomen topped Bourne (8-7) before falling victim to PC rival Norwell (11-7)…Spatola had many multiple goal games including a six-goal effort against Marshfield…Voted the team's Best Offensive Player two years running, Spatola netted 50 points as a sophomore…Played on the Southeast/Coastal team at the Bay State Summer Games and won a gold medal this month…Spatola has been elected captain of the lacrosse and soccer teams for next year and will also continue playing basketball at HHS. Hingham coach Cory Ford: "Margot has just been lighting it up. She is definitely our go-to person on offense."

Shannon Whitehead - Senior (Capt.) Center - Hingham

Played the difficult center position, taking the majority of the face-offs for the Harborwomen…Helped lead Hingham to a respectable 7-3 finish in the Pilgrim Conference and was named a PC All-star this year…Was among the team's leaders in assists, but was most valuable as the key to Hingham's transition game, getting the offense started from the backfield…Her tough play helped pace the Harborwomen to a 9-9 finish playing the difficult schedule they did, which included state finalists Framingham and Westwood, along with contenders Duxbury, Winchester, and Wellesley…Also a field hockey player at HHS, Whitehead plans to attend college in the fall. Hingham coach Cory Ford: "She moves the offense up the field and they feed off her. She's been vital to our defense and is very important to our transition game."

Lauren Jentzen - Senior (Capt.) Attack - Marshfield

Has been the leading scorer on the Marshfield team for the past two seasons…The two-time Pilgrim Conference All-star netted 87 points (65 goals, 22 assists) this year…Had 74 points in her junior season…Helped lead the Lady Rams to a 8-8-1 record, qualifying them for the South Sectional tourney for the first time in the program's history…There, the squad hung tough with Norwood, but fell 8-4…Speed was Jentzen's best asset as her quick feet and small frame allowed her to weave through opposing defenses…Also a standout soccer player at MHS, Jentzen guided the Lady Rams to an Old Colony League title and to the Div. 1 South finals…She will attend Div. 1 Syracuse University on a soccer scholarship next fall. Marshfield coach Sue Collins: "Lauren just always came through in the clutch. She knew how to go to the goal and is just a tremendous athlete."

Sandra Canuto - Senior Defense - Weymouth

Voted the MVP of her team this spring, Canuto was praised by her coach as being the consummate team player…Ran the Lady Wildcats' transition game from the defensive wing position…The Bay State League second team All-star always marked the opposing team's best player and did it well…Scored a trio of goals this season and racked up six assists, though she mainly played in the backfield…Helped guide the Lady Wildcats to a 4-13 record in the highly competitive Bay State League, home to three South Sectional contenders…Kept Weymouth within striking distance of state finalists Framingham…Canuto plans to attend Brandeis University next fall where she will major in Psychology and run indoor track…She may also play intramural lacrosse. Weymouth coach Chris Dion: "Sandra is one of those All-Around good kids who gave 150 percent all the time. She was a go-getter and would keep going until she got it. Her body position when marking an oncoming player is what made her most effective. She was difficult to lose once she got you. She was just so dedicated to the team and enthusiastic about the sport. A coach's dream."

Darby St. Claire-Barrie - Sophomore Goalie - Scituate

Identified as the key player in getting the Lady Sailors back to a winning record (11-9) and into the playoffs after a one year absence…this second year starter put in a lot of work on her game in the offseason, and it showed this spring, as she demonstrated improvement in virtually every area…saved 55 percent of the shots she saw (155-of—279)…among highlights was 26-save performance against perennial state power Duxbury…named team Most Valuable Player…Pilgrim Conference All Star…older sister Devon was a key defender on this year's Sailors team… Honor Roll student…also plays field hockey at SHS…plays lacrosse year round…plays in winter for Scituate teams at Hingham and Canton sports domes…plays club lacrosse in summer for Club Revolution…participated earlier this month in college showcase in Maryland…Student Counsel member…Peer Educator…sings in SHS chorus…hopes to play college lacrosse…Scituate coach Paula Evans: "Darby has been an enormous contributor to our team on and off the playing field for the past two years. If Darby didn't step into goal for her team as a freshman, our program may have suffered tremendously. It has been more then a pleasure to have known Darby as a person and to have worked with her as a player. She is an athlete that no coach would ever forget and I am very thankful to have known. Her attitude is amazing and her mental toughness is so powerful. She continues to enlighten all that surround her with her presence. I look forward to the next two years as her coach."

Alyse Kennedy- Junior Center - Scituate

An exceptional athlete who played a key role in getting the Lady Sailors (11-9) back to the postseason this spring after a one year absence…led the Lady Sailors in goals scored with 64 and scoring (78 points)… 14 assists were also second best on the team…tall, rangy athlete has outstanding speed, stamina and toughness set her apart…has a hard, accurate shot with both hands…Pilgrim Conference all-star…has been named a tri-captain for next year…also a standout in cross country and winter track at SHS, earning Mariner All-Scholastic honors in the former sport this past fall…as named a Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention for lacrosse as a sophomore…Honors student…an avid equestrian…Appalachia Project volunteer…hoping to play college lacrosse, possibly at the Div. 1 level…plays lacrosse year round through the Mass Elite program…plays indoor lacrosse in the winter at the Canton and Hingham sports domes…Scituate coach Paula Evans: "Alyse has grown so much as a player. She now has the confidence in herself to do whatever it takes, whether it's on the attack or on the draw or getting to a ground ball. She's always working on her fundamentals. We all know she's very fast, but she's got the stamina too to stick with it, and she's got that quick speed burst that lets her get to groundballs."

Alex Lopresti - Junior Midfield - Braintree

A force at both ends of the field and arguably the most active player for the first year varsity program from her center midfield position …proved key at both ends of the field for Lady Wamps, who came up just one win shy (6-8-1) of qualifying for postseason play…the Wamps lone Bay State Conference All-Star, being named a second teamer…scored 16 goals, third best on the team, and was far and away the team leader in assists…also a BSC second team all-star in soccer for BHS…has been named captain of both soccer and lacrosse teams for next season…Honor Roll student…French National Honor Society…previously ran track at BHS…has taken part in several lacrosse camps over the last few years…participated in Premiere Lacrosse college showcases at UNH earlier this summer…hopes to play college lacrosse…looking at UConn, Northeastern and Quinnipiac College…leaning toward majoring in Physical Therapy…Braintree coach Theresa Richardon: "Alex was like my point guard out there. She was up and down the field all game, playing well in both zones. She was very fast and skilled and I basically counted on her to control the ball and settle the offense."

Honorable Mention:

Kaley Hewitt- Soph.- Attack- Braintree

Jenn Fox- Jr.- Attack- Braintree

Amanda Bernasconi- Jr.- Defense- Braintree

Christen Reardon- Sr.- Defense- Cohasset

Christine Sowyrda - Jr. - Attack - Hingham

Danielle Russell - Jr. - Attack - Hingham

Leah Knight - Sr. (Capt.) - Attack - Marshfield

Amanda Larsen - Sr. (Capt.) - Midfield - Marshfield

Katie Helm - Senior (Capt.)- Third Man - Norwell

Taylor Murphy- Soph.- Midfield- Norwell

Erin Fitzgibbons- Soph.- Defense- Norwell

Michelle Granara- Soph.- Goalie- Norwell

Jacklyn Lapsley- Jr.- Defense- Scituate

Lila McCormack- Sr.- Attack- Scituate

Coleen McInerney- Sr.- Defense- Scituate

Stacey McGuire - Sr. - Attack - Weymouth

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CAPTIVE AUDIENCE

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A bunch of young campers at last week's South Shore Basketball Clinic, held at Cohasset High, listen intently to Coach Rob Leary.

Making waves

Cohasset Swim Team tops Duxbury to remain unbeaten

By Stephanie Noble
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Swim Team's second meet of the summer took place Friday, July 9, in Duxbury against the Aquaduct team. A beautiful summer afternoon was spent in a steamy hot indoor pool. The time was, however, well spent. Cohasset won against the small but very accomplished swimmers on the Aquaduct team. The results for Cohasset were:

Medley Relay 100 yards:

Boys 8 and Under, 100 yards: First Place M. Brown, S. Rice, C. Micholowski, C. Kissick.

Girls 8 and Under: First Place, M. Sullivan, R. Brown, E. Zimmerman, S. Brown.

Boys 10 and Under: First Place, A. Fontaine, M. McCarthy, R. Mahoney, J. Salerno.

Girls 10 and Under: Second Place, A. Farren, H. Kissick, A. Haber, D. Healy.

Boys 12 and Under: First Place, J. Carrier, I. Porter, J. Kissick, B. Doonan.

Girls 12 and Under: First Place, M. Mahoney, T. Lehr, A. Michalowski, E. Fontaine.

Boys 17 and Under: First Place, J. Drybanski, B. Gammon. T. Kelly, P. Doonan.

Girls 17 and Under: First Place, K. Ryan, S. Lehr, M. Ogrodnik, C. McCarthy.

Freestyle 25 yards:

Boys 8 and Under: First Place, C. Kissick; Second Place, S. Rice.

Girls 8 and Under: Second Place, S. Brown; Third Place, E. Baumgarten.

Boys 10 and Under: Second Place, J. Adkins; Third Place, G. Swain.

Girls 10 and Under: First Place, A. Haber; Third Place, G. Swain.

Freestyle, 50 yards:

Boys 10 and Under: First place, J. Salerno; Second Place, C. Murphy.

Girls 10 and Under: First Place, H. Kissick; Third Place, M. Buckley.

Boys 12 and Under: First Place, J. Kissick; Third Place, T. Buckley.

Girls 12 and Under: First Place, T. Lehr, Second Place, A. Micholowski, Third Place D. Axelson.

Boys 14 and Under: Second Place, P. Doonan; Third Place, P. Hurley.

Girls 14 and Under: First Place, E. Hernan; Second Place, S. Lehr.

Boys 17 and Under: Second Place, B. Gammon; Third Place, C. Cunningham.

Girls 17 and Under: Second Place, C. Anderson.

Individual Medley 100 yards:

Boys 12 and Under: First Place, J. Kissick; Third Place, I. Porter.

Girls 12 and Under: Second Place, E. Fontaine; Third Place, M. Mcelugunn.

Boys 14 and Under: First Place, J. Drybanski.

Girls 14 and Under: Second Place, K. Ryan; Third Place, A. Buckley.

Girls 17 and Under: First Place M. Daley.

Butterfly:

Boys 8 and Under: Second Place, C. Michalowski; Third Place, C. Lund.

Girls 8 and Under: First Place, M. Sullivan; Third Place, E. Zimmerman.

Boys 10 and Under: First Place, R. Mahoney. Fifth Place, B. McGowan.

Girls 10 and Under: Third Place, N. Farren.

Boys 12 and Under: First Place, B. Doonan.

Girls 12 and Under: Second Place, M. Mahoney, Third Place E. Karski.

Boys 14 and Under: First Place, J. Drybanski.

Girls 14 and Under: First Place, K. Ryan; Second Place A. Campbell.

Boys 17 and Under: Second Place, C. Cunningham.

Girls 17 and Under: First Place, M. Daley, Third Place, M. Ogrodnik.

Breaststroke:

Boys 8 and Under: First Place, H. Serakis; Second Place, S. Murphy.

Girls 8 and Under: First Place, V. Farren, Third Place, S. McGowen.

Boys 10 and Under: Second place, M. McCarthy.

Girls 10 and Under: First Place, A. Serakis; Second Place, H. Kissick.

Boys 12 and Under: First Place, I. Porter; Third Place, B. Horrigan.

Girls 12 and Under: First Place, M. Kelly, Third Place, A. Micholowski.

Boys 14 and Under: Second Place, P. Doonan; Third Place, P. Hurley.

Girls 14 and Under: First Place, S. Lehr; Third Place, A. Asnault.

Boys 17 and Under: Second Place, T. Kelly; Third Place, B. Gammon.

Girls 17 and Under: First Place, C. Anderson; Second Place R. Lehr.

Backstroke:

Boys 8 and Under: Second Place, M. Brown.

Girls 8 and Under: First Place, R. Brown; Second Place, A. Bodner.

Boys 10 and Under: First Place, A. Fontaine; Third Place, J. Salerno.

Girls 10 and Under: First Place, A. Farren; Third Place, K. Bodner.

Boys 12 and Under: First Place, B. Doonan; Third Place, J. Carrier.

Girls 12 and Under: First Place, M. Mahoney; Third Place, D. Axelson.

Boys 14 and Under: First Place, P. Hurley.

Girls 14 and Under: First Place, E. Hernan; Second Place, K. Ryan; Third, Place, M. McCarthy.

Boys 17 and Under: Second Place, B. Gammon.

Girls 17 and Under: First Place, R. Lehr: Second Place, M. Ogrodnik.

FREE RELAY:

Boys 8 and Under: First Place, M. Brown, S. Rice, C. Micholowski, C. Kissick; Second Place, M. Lund, J. Farren, C. Whalen, C. Green.

Girls 8 and Under: First Place, E. Zimmerman, S. McGowan, S. Brown, M. Sullivan; Third Place, R. Brown, M. Axelson, A. Bodner, V. Farren.

Boys 10 and Under: First Place, R. Mahoney, G. Swain, J. Salerno, A. Fontaine. Third Place, C. Murphy, K. Kelly, V. Kennedy, J. Adkins.

Girls 10 and Under: Second Place, D. Healy, M. Buckley, N. Farren, A. Haber, Second Place, A. Serakis, A. Whalen, M. Green, C. Healy.

Boys 12 and Under: First Place, B. Doonan, I. Porter, J. Carrier, J. Kissick; Third Place, C. Lund, T. MacCormack, B. Horrigan, T. Buckley.

Girls 12 and Under: First Place, A. Micholowski, O. Sullivan, M. Mahoney, T. Lehr. Second Place, E. Karski, M. McElgunn, M. Kelly, O. Murphy.

Boys 17 and Under: First Place, P. Doonan, T. Kelly, C. Cunningham, J. Drybanski.

Girls 17 and Under: First Place E. Hernan, R. Lehr, S. Lehr, C. Anderson Third Place A. Campbell, A. Asnault, E. Baumgarten, A. Buckley.

Each week this article will mention a few exceptional swimmers and races.

This past week Anna Serakis swam a very strong first in the 10 and under backstroke. Emma Hernan, an exceptional swimmer in all her events, was particularly impressive in the 17 and under freestyle. Ian Porter won the 50 yard breaststroke against some strong competition in the 12 and under event and Mimi Mahoney was a strong first in the 50 yard breaststroke in the 12 and under competition.

Are you what's wrong with youth sports?

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Then there are those Category Cs: the ones who often leave those of us in Category A questioning whether our sacrifices are worth it. Any out there among you who've ever even helped coach a team know exactly what I mean, and probably know at least a couple of Category C parents. They're the ones who never even think to get involved but still think it's perfectly acceptable to critique *what they think they see* from the comfy confines of the distant sidelines.

Sigh…is it obvious I'm in middle of my Little League all-star season?

It probably wouldn't be all that bad if the Category Cs confined their remarks to other parents on the sidelines. Any coach who's been in it for a while could probably handle that. Our love of the sport and working with the kids could probably sustain us. Unfortunately, from what I've been able to discern, these remarks seldom remain on the sidelines.

Woe is me, the coach didn't play my kid the full six innings…I thought my kid was going to be an "A All-Star," not a "B"…my kid's better that that kid…my kids not being used the right way…wah, wah, wah , wah wah. Forget that parents are saying this to other parents; oftentimes, they're also saying it to their kids.

Yeah, that creates a healthy environment in the dugout. Before a coach knows what's hit, he's got a collection of mini-Allen Iversons who keep trying to spell team with an "I"— not that the Category Cs can see that end of it from the cheap seats.

Of course, many of your basic Category C types wouldn't think of going out and tossing their kid a bucket of balls or simply playing catch with him/her in order to improve their prospects of getting the role or playing time they want. That time would be better spent concocting grievances and unearthing manners in which they're being victimized.

I, and many of the people I'm proud to call friends, coach youth sports year round. Here's a news flash: none of us are perfect. We make mistakes. Sometimes competitiveness may even get the best of us. However, many of these aforementioned friends and myself have never spoken to a kid we've coached in anything that even resembles anger, but we have spent countless hours on the phone organizing and re-organizing game/practice schedules, working with kids in practice, memorizing rule books and studying up on ways to make ourselves better coaches. Then there's the weekly two hour practices, the showing up an hour before game time to get the field and the players ready and sticking around well after everyone else has left to clean up the field, not to mention the difficult game decisions that often leave us open to criticism.

And what's our reward? All too often it's an antagonized wife and family and/or the pleasure of hearing a parent complain openly over the fact their little all-star didn't get to play the whole game at second base.

You know what I say when one of my sons complains about his coach? I tell him the coach is sacrificing a lot to be there and that he deserves respect. I also suggest to my son that perhaps he'd be better served not dismissing the things the coach is doing or saying. If one complains about playing time, I tell him maybe he should spend a little less time on the X Box and a little more time taking grounders with one of his brothers or friends.

Parents, so long as a coach is not being mean-spirited or abusive, at a minimum, we owe him/her this much. If you have an issue with a coach, pull him/her aside and talk about it one-on-one in a civil manner. And what's discussed should remain there; end of discussion, literally.

The last thing I'm desirous of doing in this space is painting myself and my peers as victims. Most of us know these kinds of things go with the territory and are sustained by the knowledge we're doing what we're doing for the right reasons.

Of course, sadly, there are those who aren't sustained, those who say why should I kill myself to get out of work early two or three times a week when all I'm going to hear is complaining. I know a few moms and dads who've come to the conclusion it's simply not worth it.

And, y'know, it's funny: I can't remember anyone I've ever identified as a Category C stepping away from the sidelines and offering to fill the void.

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Post 118ers close tough luck season on a winning note

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been stretched out all season, surrendered a singled to leadoff the sixth inning, however, Coach Duggan went to Jack O'Leary to close it out.

"I'd wanted to make Jackie our closer all year, but there hadn't been an opportunity to save a game until this one," said Duggan of the hard throwing righty. "I really felt he was cut out to be a closer."

The Scituate High senior-to-be rewarded his coach's confidence, as he got the last six outs to pick up the win, three of them via the strikeout.

The misting rain held steady throughout, but at least field conditions weren't a concern, as the game was played on Catholic Memorial's new state-of-the-art turf field.

"What a beautiful field that was," said John Ciulla, father of Post 118 centerfielder and leadoff hitter Jeff Ciulla. "There wasn't a puddle on the field, and the footing was fine."

Good thing; one awkward slip might have made the difference between this emotional win and a forfeit, with Cohasset going with the bare minimum. Signorelli and Terence O'Brien were the battery to start the game. Joe Duggan was at first, Mike Barba at second, Jeff Radding at third, Scott Carroll at short and, left to right, O'Leary, Ciulla and Shane Caffrey in the outfield.

"Getting in there was a real pain. The drive was a mess. West Roxbury was probably hoping we didn't show, because a forfeit would have been as good as a win. But once we got there, other than the kids getting real wet, it was fine."

In point of fact, the Post 118 entourage did not pull into the CM parking lot until 5:35, 10 minutes before the first pitch was scheduled to be thrown. The nine players had time only to finish putting their uniforms on in the dugout and then throw the ball around for a few minutes.

"We didn't have time for infield, outfield or any other kind of practice," laughed Coach Duggan. "Maybe we should have used that approach all year."

Carroll posted the locals to a quick 2-0 lead. After Ciulla forced an errant throw to first by hustling down the line on what appeared to be a routine grounder, the Union College bound Carroll blasted his second home run of the summer season over the fence in left center.

With the score tied at 2-2 through six, Barba led off the top of the seventh with a clean single. He advanced to second on a muffed pick off attempt and then third on a fly out to right by O'Leary. Caffrey then brought him in with the go ahead run, smashing an 0-2 pitch off the fence in right center for a double.

Ciulla then drew a walk and Carroll lined a double to the gap to score Caffrey and move Ciulla to third. Ciulla came in a few pitches later on another passed ball to make it a 5-2 game.

O'Leary induced a pop up to West Roxbury's first hitter in the home half of the seventh, with shortstop Carroll making a nice running catch in foul territory behind third base. The hard throwing righty followed by striking out the next two batters to close out the game and the season.

"You've got to love all of those kids, coming out one last time to play in that," said Mr. Ciulla, who sat in the dugout throughout the game to stay dry and had five pizzas delivered to the field for a post game feast.

Post 118 will lose only two players to graduation, Ciulla and Duggan. These best friends since grade school and frequent baseball teammates up through the Little League will be starting their sophomore years at Endicott College and Mass Maritime Academy, respectively, next month.

"Getting to see those two guys play baseball together one last time made this a great summer for me," said Mr. Ciulla, who did not miss a single game. "It was an unexpected treat. It would have been nice if the team could have won a little more, but I can tell you that this was a ball for those two guys...and me too."

SPORTS NOTES

Youth football equipment handout

The Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football equipment handout schedule is as follows. Football equipment for registered football players for the upcoming Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football season will be handed out by grade/team on:

Aug. 7, 9-10:00 a.m., 8th Grade - "A" Sharks; Aug. 7, 10-11:00 a.m., 7th Grade - "A" Stingrays;

Aug. 14, 9-10:00 a.m., 6th Grade - "B" Sharks; Aug. 14, 10-11:00 a.m., 5th Grade - "B" Stingrays; Aug. 14, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 4th Grade - "C" Sharks; Aug. 14, 12-1:00 p.m., 3rd Grade - "C" Stingrays.

A $100 refundable deposit is required at the time of equipment pick up. All equipment will be handed out at the Equipment Shed located at the back of Scituate High School.

For further information on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading, please go to www.scicohfootball.com.

Cohasset Swim Center News

Water Safety Instructor and Lifeguard Training Courses Being Offered

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor! The classes will be held July 26th thru July 30th from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. each day. Participants must be 16 years of age.

The Cohasset Swim Center will also be offering a Lifeguard Training course, August 2nd thru August 6th, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. each day. All classes are mandatory. Applicants must be a minimum of 15 years of age to participate. Certification include Lifeguard training, First Aid and CPR.

If interested, please contact C.S.C. Director at 781-383-9463 or e-mail your contact information to: cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net.

Sign-up for Red Cross Swimming Lessons

Second session of swim lessons begins July 12th. Any member or non-member of the Cohasset Swim Center not already taking lessons, may sign-up during the week of July 5th. Those presently in lessons may sign-up on Friday, July 11th from 8 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Session Three will begin on July 26th thru August 6th and Session Four on August 9th thru August 20th.

Water Aerobics Geared for Seniors

Be sure to sign-up at the Swim Center for water aerobics. Classes will start the week of July 5th and run for eight weeks. Mondays at 1:15 - 2:00, Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 - 1:15. There is a $3.00 fee per class. Come and give it a try!

Cohasset Swim Team Swim Meets

The C.S.C. will also be hosting two Friday afternoon swim meets this summer on July 30th and on August 6th. On those afternoons the Center will be closed from Noon until 5 P.M. Come cheer them on!

CHS well represented at Shriner's Game

Cohasset High was certainly well represented at last week's annual Shriner's all-star football game in Lowell.

Tony Rolfe, the sixth year CHS head football coach, was head coach of the South team at the annual showcase for top high school senior players. Rolfe has directed the Skippers to South Shore League championships and runs to the Super Bowl playoffs in 2001 and 2003. Playing in that game were two stars from Rolfe's 2003 championship team, recent CHS graduates Chris Bilodeau and Steven Davis.

Four CHS cheerleaders also made the trek: Ariel Siegel, Caitlin Sanchez, Katharine Murphy and Katie Dewal.

Cheerleading volunteers needed

SCYFC needs 2 to 3 volunteers to help coach the 8th Grade Sharks A Cheerleading team. This commitment will involve being at practices from Aug. 16 through Sept. 9, Monday through Thursday 5- 7 p.m, and attending the weekend games from Sept. 12 through Nov. 11. Cheerleading experience is not necessary as you will have junior coaches working on cheers and dance with the squad. If you have an interest and can make the commitment please call Lorie Neil at 781-545-4526.

Summer wrestling clinic grades 1 to 12

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for a summer wrestling clinic to be held at Cohasset High School starting Tuesday, July 27 through Friday, July 30.

The clinic will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for grades 7 to 12 and cost $125 per wrestler. Grades 3 to 6 will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and cost $55 per wrestler.

This unique wrestling opportunity will be run by CHS wrestling coach Torin Sweeney.

Registration forms are available at the Cohasset Recreation Department officer, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

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Benefit tourney a smash

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so the committee opted to stick with the "15" label.

"I don't think the tourney was as big or open in the past as it is now, so we're having trouble finding records for a few of the years in there," explained Meers.

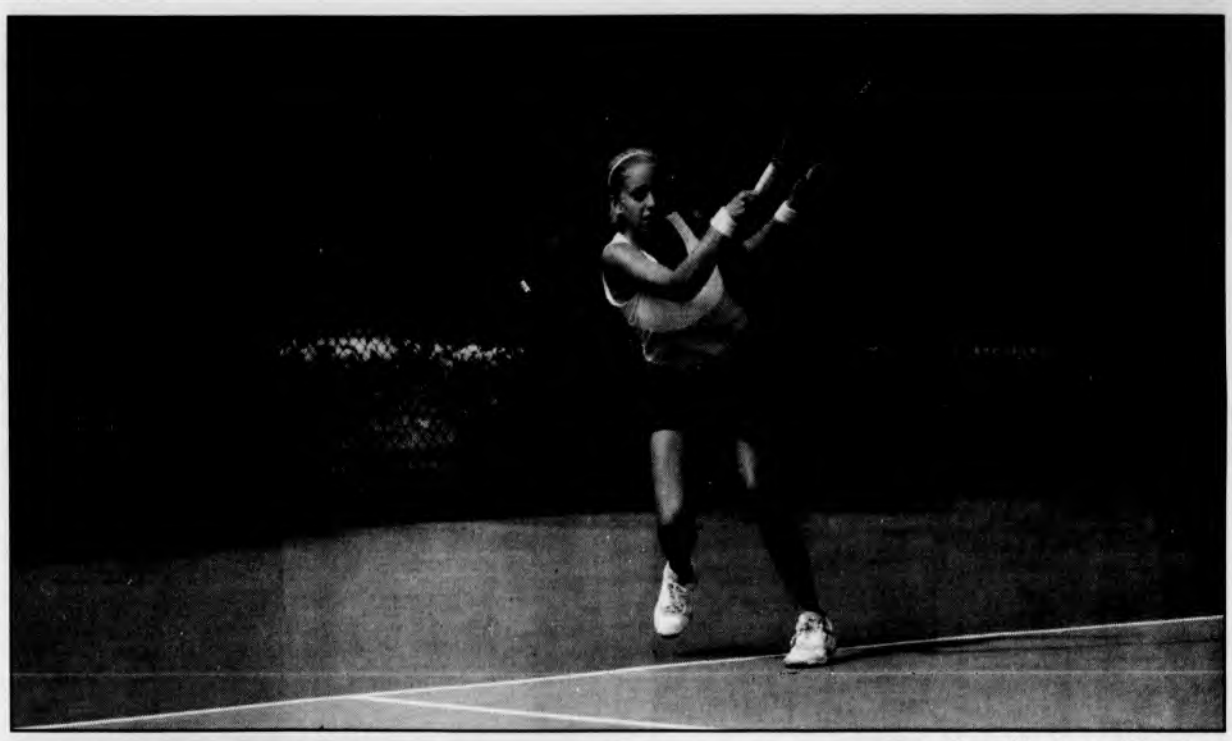
On top of the cover charge to enter the tourney, the coordinator's of the weekend held a tremendously successful silent auction on Friday at the Lightkeepers Residence. All proceeds benefit Children's Hospital.

In the tournament, there were three different mini-bracket. The "A-level" was for highly competitive players, the "C-level" for those who play more for enjoyment than competition, and the "B-level" for everyone in between.

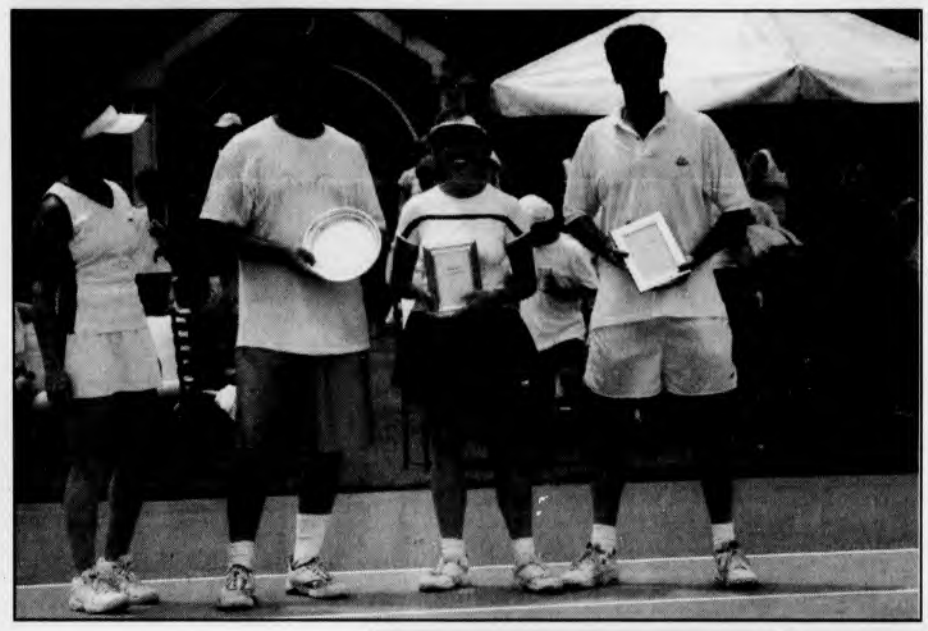
This year, former Mariner All-Scholastic tennis talents Brian Marsden (Hingham High, Class of '03) and Lindsay Grossman (Cohasset High, '03) won the A-level over Molly Adams and Matt Sizemore, making them runners-up for the second year in a row. Grossman, at Hobart College, and Marsden, at Trinity College, continued their tennis careers at the college level this past spring.

Cohasset's own Laura Chase and Gabriel Gomez won the B-category finals, ousting Donna Hayden and Ron Schwandt.

The Hingham tandem of Caroline Wehner and Gregg Stone topped Cohasset's Martha and Michael Gangami in the C-level championship. The win earned Wehner and Stone a berth in the B's for next year.



Above: Nice form on this return from Cohasset's Lindsay Grossman.



Photos by Lynne Laman

At left: Left to right: "Social Level" winners Caroline Wehner and Gregg Stone with runners up Martha and Michael Gangami.



Hingham's Brian Marsden puts his all into this backhand return.

At right: The Children's Hospital Tennis Benefit Committee included (L-R) Tracey Thomas, Carole Meers, Sandy Crough, Corey Alexson, Sue Sooklasian, Darilyn Evans and Lorraine Tarpey. Not shown are Barbara Meers-O'Neill and Karen Mack.



Below: Left to right: Level B runner ups Donna Hayden and Ron Schwandt with winners Laura Chase and Gabriel Gomez.



Left to right: Level A runners up Matt Sizemore and Molly Adams with winners Brian Marsden and Lindsay Grossman.



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South Shore Conservatory addition opens to fanfare



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Brass department chairman Greg Gettel, left, cuts the ribbon with a little help from student Ben King, center, at the South Shore Conservatory Monday. The men are surrounded by student Mike Keough, Bruce Cameron from the South Shore Music Circus, campaign co-chairman David Bryan (partially shown), conservatory president Frank Wisneski, assistant conservatory director Mark Campbell, director Jim Simpson, and campaign co-chairman Barbara Clifford.

By Mary Ford
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At the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham on Monday morning, they were singing in the rain.

Well not exactly. The official opening of the new $3.5 million conservatory expansion was actually held inside away from the inclement weather in the bright new atrium of the new addition.

The dozens of conservatory supporters at the ribbon cutting didn't mind dodging raindrops from the parking lot to the event that included remarks, thank yous and a tour of the new facility.

"This is a wonderful day," said conservatory president Frank Wisneski, following a flourish of trumpets. "There will be a lot of thank yous given today."

Conservatory director Jim Simpson said the expansion allows all the arts — music, drama, and visual arts — to come together and have a home.

"A building can keep the rain, snow and cold out, but it's what is inside that counts," he said.

The project, which was undertaken in response to community demand for expansion of the conservatory's performing arts programs, adds three large ensemble classrooms, nine teaching studios and two art galleries. It also provides room for an arts-based full-day kindergarten.

"This is a wonderful day."
— Frank Wisneski, conservatory president

The conservatory, which also has a Duxbury campus, currently serves 3,000 students from 47 communities.

David Bryan, a member of the conservatory board of trustees and co-chairman of the capital campaign, said $2.9 million has been raised to date. "We are 80 percent of our way there," he said.

He said 300 have contributed, including individuals, families, organizations and businesses from throughout the South Shore. The South Shore Music Circus Charitable Trust and Hingham Institution For Savings were given special recognition for their contributions, among dozens of other people and organizations named.

Representatives from many businesses that participated in the Banner Program by contributing $1,500 or more were also in attendance and at one point, unfurled their banners during the proceedings. Each banner will hang in Cox Hall at the conservatory for a year and next July, the banners will be returned to the businesses for display.

Bryan noted that at "every level of the campaign people have been very supportive." Eighty-six donated $1,000 each for the brick campaign, he said.

He also thanked CBT Architects and Chapman Construction/Design.

Grand opening events this weekend include:

- 7 p.m., Friday, celebratory donor gala for those who have contributed to the brick program or higher. Music by faculty and students, tours and thank yous. By invitation.
- 7 p.m., Saturday, the final Evenings Under the Stars concert, a pops concert with Nicholas Palmer conducting and featuring the conservatory's Vincent Planes on piano. Lawn tickets are available by calling 781-749-7565 ext., 14 or at the door.
- 4-6 p.m., Sunday. Gallery opening for the South Shore Music Circus Gallery, featuring selected artists from the South Shore Art Center) and the Robert and Dorothy Palmer Galleries (a retrospective of Dorothy Palmer paintings and prints) co-hosted by the South Shore Art Center. Open to the public. No charge. Steve Deitz will serenade the viewers.

For information on how to contribute to the capital campaign , call Lanci Valentine at 781-749-7565 ext. 23.

The Conservatory, which was established in 1974, offers more than 50 programs and is the largest community music school in the state.



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TUESDAY, JULY 6

6:32 a.m. Windy Hill Road, assist citizen.

8:11 a.m. Rose Hill Lane, animal control, services rendered.

11:27 a.m. Beach St., officer wanted.

11:50 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

2:11 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

3:55 p.m. Headquarters, fraud, investigated/report taken.

7:13 p.m. Arrowwood Road, animal control.

8 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

8:09 p.m. Ash St., larceny by check, investigated/report taken.

8:13 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

8:18 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:55 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

1:14 a.m. Beechwood St., general services.

1:31 a.m. Town parking lot, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:32 a.m. Forest Ave., fire, (misc.), area search negative.

5:47 a.m. Forest Ave., assist citizen.

6:20 a.m. Forest Ave., assist citizen.

6:28 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, officer wanted.

6:47 a.m. Headquarters, fire, log entry.

10:02 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:22 p.m. Parking Way, suspicious auto.

2:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle crash.

3:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

5:31 p.m. Border St., Harbor enforcement/services, dispersed gathering.

5:41 p.m. Norfolk Road, traffic complaint.

5:51 p.m. Border St., Harbor enforcement/services, dispersed gathering.

6:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny, investigated/report taken, summons: Danielle Schiavo, 24, 32 Ash St., Cohasset. Charges: Larceny under $250, shoplifting more than $100 by asportation.

7:54 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:04 p.m. Hull St, animal control.

10:53 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, 33 year old man in protective custody.

THURSDAY, JULY 8

12:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Route 228, animal control.

4:24 a.m. King St., fire, investigation, fire extinguished.

7:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

10:11 a.m. Highland Ave., well being check.

10:28 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:44 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:02 a.m. North Main St., traffic complaint.

12:06 p.m. Sohier St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic control, investigated/report taken.

1:51 p.m. Elm St., larceny, investigated/report taken.

2:52 p.m. South Main St., fire, inspections.

3:25 p.m. Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Road, motor vehicle stop.

4:51 p.m. Pond St., traffic complaint.

5:21 p.m. Hull St., disturbance, investigated/report taken, summons: Adilson Costa, 21, 15 K St., Hull. Charges: Destruction of property more than $250, wanton, A&B with dangerous weapon.

8:17 p.m. North Main St, assist citizen.

9:02 p.m. Clay Spring Road and Pond St., officer wanted, area search negative.

10:09 p.m. Forest Ave., officer wanted, dispersed gathering.

11:26 p.m. Forest Ave., officer wanted, area search negative.

FRIDAY, JULY 9

6:33 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:02 a.m. Grace Drive, assist other Police Department, arrest: Raymond Paul Gillis, 28, 4 Grace Drive, Cohasset. Charges: WMS warrant, (two offenses), in possession of Class D drug.

11:12 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:33 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

1:44 p.m. Jerusalem Road, animal control.

2:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, burglary/breaking and entering, investigated/report taken.

2:51 p.m. King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted, 60 year old man in protective custody.

3:34 p.m. Joy Pl., animal control.

4 p.m. Mill Lane, property (found).

4:09 p.m. North Main St., general services.

4:33 p.m. Norfolk Road, animal control.

5:08 p.m. Pleasant St., animal control.

7:38 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, animal control.

7:50 p.m. Shore Sector, general services.

7:58 p.m. Gammons Road, suspicious person.

10:53 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

5:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, transport.

6:16 a.m. Hull St., general services.

9:25 a.m. Hull St., traffic complaint.

10:28 a.m. Atlantic Ave., vandalism, investigated/report taken.

11:01 a.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:40 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist to other Police Departments.

12:57 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:59 p.m. Border St., vandalism.

3:15 p.m. Margin St., parking complaint.

3:30 p.m. Bates Lane, animal control.

4:20 p.m. Nichols Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:40 p.m. Border St., medical aid, patient sign off.

7:36 p.m. Rust Way, assist citizen.

7: 55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, well being check, removed to hospital.

9:51 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

10:56 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle crash, services rendered.

SUNDAY, JULY 11

8:44 a.m. Bates Lane, animal control.

8:51 a.m. Elm St., animal control.

9 a.m. North Main St, parking complaint.

9:49 a.m. Sohier St., open door/window.

10:53 a.m. South Main St., property (lost).

11:27 a.m. Police Headquarters, animal control, removed to hospital.

12:04 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:04 p.m. Linden Drive, medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:29 p.m. Atlantic Ave., traffic complaint.

2:37 p.m. Stevens Lane, officer wanted, investigated/report taken.

2:42 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious (other).

4:20 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

4:40 p.m. King St., missing person, returned to home or family.



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Village merchants offer up hospitality during weekly celebration

By Samantha Brown
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While ideas for Village revitalization have focused around sprucing up streetscapes and other exterior elements, merchants are trying to revitalize the area from the inside out, showcasing what is already there to draw more business to the area.

Coinciding with the Farmer's Market on the Common, local merchants will be holding a celebration of their own every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. until early fall. "A Sampling of Village Hospitality," invites members of the community to come sample food, wine, and fashion, at no cost, as the merchant's way of saying "Thanks" to their customers for all the business they provide.

"The Farmer's Market began in the Village and was intended to benefit the Village businesses," said Amyra O'Connell, who along with her husband Cliff Chase owns and operates Village Wine & Spirits. However, when the Farmer's Market became too large, it had to move up the street to the Common. O'Connell said the merchants are trying to jump-start interest in the Village businesses once again, and all are very enthusiastic.

Many visitors from surrounding towns come to Cohasset for the Farmer's Market, and Brian Houlihan, head chef and owner of Bia Bistro, said many potential customers were coming to the area, but were bypassing the Village shops because there was nothing to necessarily draw them in. By having tables set up outdoors with food and drinks, the merchants would be able to host an event that would "bring (customers) into the Village," instead of having them walk by and never know the wonderful things the merchants in Cohasset have to offer.

Every Thursday, Houlihan prepares a dish from his menu for passers-by to sample. "Usually it's some kind of finger food," he said. Last Thursday, Houlihan prepared a grilled vegetable antipasto with tomatoes, onions, and various greens. Good Fella's Pizza, one of the newest businesses in the Village, brought two of their culinary creations to the table as well. A traditional margarita pizza with basil and mozzarella was served, along with a carmelita pizza, which is topped with caramelized onion, gorgonzola and mozzarella cheeses, as well as garlic and olive oil. Good Fella's has been operating for roughly three weeks, and is located next to Bernard's behind the Adrian Morris Salon.

To complement the food, various wines were available for the tasting from Village Wine &Spirits. From pinot noir, to Italian white wine, to prosecco, many different wines were represented. In addition, for those not yet old enough to participate in the tasting, O'Connell popped the cork on a bottle of sparkling apple cider.

Merchants that do not offer food and drink were a little more creative in their approach to drawing visitors in. Lisa Lynch of Ports and Company held a "fashion stroll." Dressed in fashions from her store and carrying a shopping bag with the Ports and Company logo, she walked around the Farmer's Market and the Village, modeling many different ensembles, changing outfits more than once during the evening.

O'Connell said having the celebration has enabled local businesses to enhance its relationship with the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce. "It's been really nice to build a relationship with the Chamber," she said. O'Connell added the Chamber has been very generous, as it donated roughly $600 for a sign to welcome visitors to the village during the nights of hospitality. O'Connell said the Chamber was very excited for the opportunity to become involved in an event that would help bring more awareness to the wonderful shops that exist in the Village. "They loved the idea and loved the concept," she said. "There's something for everyone."

"A Sampling of Village Hospitality," will be held every Thursday from 5-7 p.m. in Cohasset Village until early fall, and is free to the public.



PHOTOS/SAMANTHA BROWN

Joe Armstrong of Good Fella's Pizza offers a margarita pizza for passers-by to try.



Brian Houlihan, head chef and owner of Bia Bistro in the Village, serves an antipasto during "A Sampling of Village Hospitality," last Thursday.



Lisa Lynch of Ports & Company models one of many outfits she displayed during her "fashion stroll," during "A Sampling of Village Hospitality."



Amyra O'Connell, owner of Village Wine & Spirits, pours a complimentary glass of sparkling cider during "A Sampling of Village Hospitality," which takes place in the Village every Thursday from 5-7 p.m.



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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tues., **August 3, 2004 at 7:30 P.M.** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s.9.6 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Cohasset Sailing Club** seeks to repair/renovate, increase deck & porch at **19 Lighthouse Lane** according to the application in the Town Clerk's Office. File #04-07-09.

AD#565759
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AD#565751
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87th Annual Midsummer Art Show. July 22 through July 25 at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Celebrate the artist in everyone by attending this annual exhibition featuring over 400 original works in all mediums by Duxbury Art Association member artists. Scheduled events include: Gallery Tours, Silent Auction, and Member Art Sale. Admission is free. Gallery open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. For more information, call 781-934-2731, x 4.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents Kaleidoscope Children's Theater, **Rapunzel,** July 22, 10:30 a.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com. Box office at 130 Sohier St. www.themusiccircus.org

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset – **Blue Ribbon Members' Show** July 22 through Sept. 5. Opening reception July 22, 6 to 8 p.m. 781-383-2787 www.ssac.org

The River Club Dinner Theater, 78 Border St., Scituate presents **I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change** July 22-24. Dinner and how $45.95 Call 781-545-1330 for reservations.

Weymouth Recreation Department, presents free outdoor movies and concerts at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater, Town Hall July 22, **The Westwood Swing Band** 6:30 to dusk. In the event of rain, concerts and movies will be inside the Abigail Adams School auditorium. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents **Big River** through Aug. 22. Mark Twain's timeless classic. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre boxoffice, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by phone at 781-871-2787 - Wednesday and Sunday $23., Thursday, Friday and Saturday $25. www.companytheatre.com/order.html

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series July 22, **Sounds of Yesterday** all concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Pat Benatar** July 22, at 8 p.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or at box office at 130 Sohier Street. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org

The South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset, announces that the 7 p.m. **Bill Cosby Show** on Saturday, Aug. 7 and **George Carlin** on Friday, Aug. 13, has **sold out.** For continuous concert updates, check the Music Circus web site at www.themusiccircus.org < <http://www.melodytent.org>>.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

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J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree,, Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

Fri., July 23

87th Annual Midsummer Art Show Benefit Cocktail Reception on July 23, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts. The Awards ceremony at 7:30 p.m. will honor the winners of each art category. Tickets are $25 and may be purchased at Westwinds Bookshop, The Studio, Bennett's General Store or the DAA office. Call 781-934-2731, ext. 4 for information..

Country Dance at Dedham VFW, 84 Eastern Ave., Dedham, Friday, July 23 with DJ Johnny D. 7:30 lesson; 8 to 11:30 p.m. couples and line dancing. Snacks, cash bar. $10 admission. 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Charles Ansbacher, conductor, presents **Landmarks of Freedom,** July 23, at 7 p.m. at Beale Estate, Adams National Historical Park, Quincy. Free. For information visit www.landmarksorchestra.org or call 617-520-2200.

The Bitter Man at the Red Lion Inn 71 S. Main St., Cohasset, July 23 and 24 (Friday and Saturday Nights)9 p.m. Stand up comedy with Joe Carrol, Tim Kaelin and Jack Lynch. Hosted by Lance Norris from WZLX. Tickets $10. Advanced purchase strongly advised. Call (781) 383-1704 for information.

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South Shore Singles will sponsor it's semi-monthly smoke-free dance Friday, July 23, with DJ Dave Joubert music from 8 p.m. to Midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington, Admission :$7 members, $10 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info.781-331-0021 Web. site: http://wwwsouthshore singles.org

Satuit Band will perform at Scituate Harbor July 23, 7 p.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, present **The Love Dogs.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. For information call 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol. com

Next Page BluesCafe, 550 Broad St. Weymouth, July 23, **StoneCrazy** featuring **bassist Danny Kein from the J. Geils Band**. 781-335-9796.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Sat., July 24

Hingham: Evenings Under the **Stars Festival Orchestra POPS Concert with guest conductor Nicholas Palmer** – South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive. Sat., July 24, 7 PM. Hingham native, Nicholas Palmer returns to conduct the very first Evenings Under the Stars Festival Orchestra POPS concert in the classic Arthur Fiedler style. From the Warsaw Concerto featuring piano soloist Vincent Planes to a medley of John Williams' film compositions, the concert celebrates the opening of the Conservatory's new building. Proceeds benefit scholarships at South Shore Conservatory. Tickets: $20 for pavilion seats and $12 for lawn seats in advance. ($25 and $15 at door.) Call 781-749-7576 x 14 to purchase tickets by phone or visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

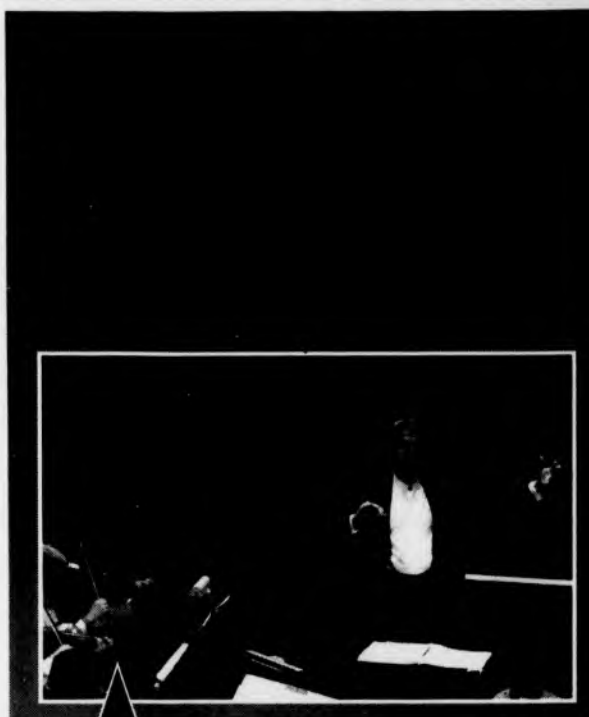
Weekend with Boris Bally July 24-25, Get to know Boris and his creative process more intimately during this "Meet the Maker" weekend of activities. To sign up email Dawn Low at education@fullercraft.org <mailto:education@fullercraft.org>.July 24, 9 to 4p.m. Visit to Bally's Providence studio, $120 non-member, $90 member. July 25, 1 pm Tea and talk with Boris Bally - July 25, 3:30 p.m. Boris Bally demonstrates raising a bowl from a street sign www.fullercraft.org http://www.fullercraft.org

Boston Landmarks Orchestra will perform July 24, at 8 p.m. at the USS Constitution, Navy Yard, Charlestown. For information call 617-520-2200 or visit www.LandmarksOrchestra.org

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The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands cruise on July 24, to the only manned lighthouse in the United States. The boat leaves the Fallon State Pier (behind the JFK Library, Dorchester) at 12 noon and returns at 5 p.m. Once on Little Brewster Island, visitors will be able to climb the 76 steps and two ladders up to the top of Boston Light. Children must be at least either 8 years old or 50" tall to make the ascent – U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Interpretive programs about the lighthouse, and

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450,000 people to Boston's Esplanade, July 4th, will perform a benefit concert marking the 50th anniversary of the South Shore Art Center at the South Shore Music Circus next Saturday. Boston POPSearch soloist winner and Taunton resident Tracy Silva will also be on hand to reprise her rendition of "Your Daddy's Son" from the Broadway musical *Ragtime*.

"We're absolutely thrilled and honored to launch our 50th anniversary celebration with an event like this," explains Monica McKenney of the South Shore Art Center. "This will be such an unusual experience for the audience. It will be wonderful to see the Pops in such an intimate setting."

And wonderful, too, to support a good cause.

"We decided that for our 50th Anniversary, we wanted to give something back to the cities and towns on the South Shore which have supported us over the years by expanding our art education outreach for children from pre-school to high school," says McKenney. "We will also be able to enhance our exhibition programs."

Conductor Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra will perform at the South Shore Music Circus, Sohier Street, Cohasset, Saturday, July 31, at 7 p.m. in a concert to benefit the South Shore Art Center. Tickets may be purchased at the SSMC box office or by calling 617/931-2787. A limited number of special ticket packages, which include a pre-concert and post-concert reception with Lockhart, may be purchased directly from the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information, call the SSAC at 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

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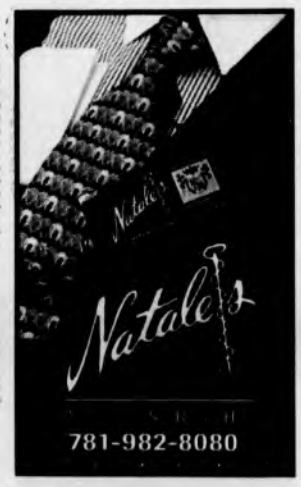
According to the federal government, noise-induced hearing loss is one of the most common occupational diseases and the second most self-reported occupational illness or injury. About ten million Americans have permanent hearing loss from loud noise, either from long-term exposure or such sudden bursts as explosions. An estimated thirty million people are thought to be exposed to hazardous levels of noise at work, such as mining, construction, manufacturing, and agriculture. Professional musicians are at risk for noise-induced hearing loss as well, which can severely compromise their ability to work. If you think that you might suffer from noise-induced hearing loss at work, take steps to evaluate and preserve the hearing you have left.

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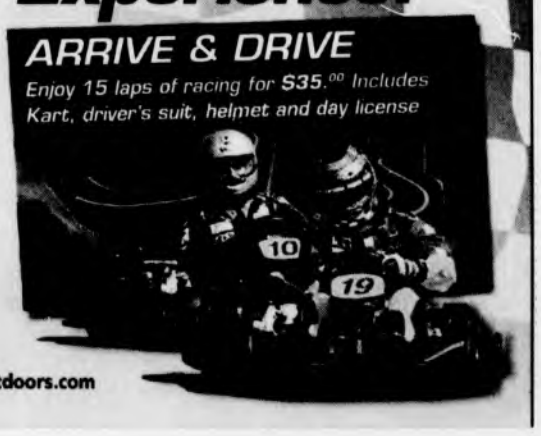
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also featuring sea chanteys with live music will be offered. No food or drink will be available, so pack a picnic. Tickets can be bought at Fallon State Pier on the day from 11a.m. (cash only). The cost is $30 for adults, $27 for seniors (65+), $25 for Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members, $18 for children (6 – 12), and babies travel for free (but still need a ticket). For information about Friends activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents **"Weather Report,** paintings and drawings by **Alix White**," through Aug. 30. 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Sun., July 25

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150 (Rear) Front St., Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. alll summer. Bar and grill open all day. 781-545-3999.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Best of Boston Comedy Night featuring Mike Donovan and Pete Costello** 9 p.m. Admission $15. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Slo-Burn** July 24. 781-258-5232.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **The Paramounts** July 24, 9:30 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Mary Chapin Carpenter** July 24, at 8 p.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or at box office at 130 Sohier Street. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org

Weekly Carillon recitals at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset.. Featured artist **Justin Ryan, Carillonneur on the Williams Carillon at the University of Denver,** will perform July 25, at 6 p.m. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic suppers. In case of rain, listen from your car. After the recital meet the recitalist, and tour the tower where a demonstration of the carillon will be offered at that time.

Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance every Sunday evening at **Raffael's Restaurant** Nantasket, Clarion Hotel, 45 Hull Shore Dr., Hull 781-925-4515. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Live dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and The Presidents Club of Boston.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents Kaleidoscope Children's Theater, **Beauty and the Beast,** 10:30 a.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com or at box office at 130 Sohier Street. www.themusiccircus.org

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Ron Towers** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.



The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents Big River through Aug. 22. Mark Twain's timeless classic. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by phone at 781-871-2787 - Performances Wednesday and Sunday are $23., Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows are $25. www.companytheatre.com/order.html

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Mon., July 26

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Plymouth Ice Rink opens registration for Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Clinics The Armstrong Arena has opened registration for two pre-season conditioning clinics t Puck Control & Shooting and Pre-Season Conditioning will be offered at the ice rink during the week of Aug. 16-20. To register or for information, call 781-871-7960 or visit www.BayStateHockey.com.

Mount Blue Annual Summer Fundraiser - July 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit Marshfield's Talking Information Center (TIC), a 26-year-old, private, non-profit broadcast radio reading service for the visually impaired. Reservations $50 per person by mailing a check payable to Mount Blue/TIC, to PO Box 916, Norwell, MA 02061. If you are unable to attend the event but would still like to make a donation to TIC, please send a check made payable to "TIC" to 130 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050. Mount Blue, located at 707 Main St. Norwell Center (Rte. 123) An evening of socializing accompanied by sumptuous food and cocktails, great music and more than 100 auction items.

Tues., July 27

Y.A.N.A. You Are Not Alone, support group for widows and widowers will meet on July 27 at 7 p.m. in the Holbrook United Methodist Church hall on Route 139 at Holbrook Square. **Sandy O'Shea** will speak on **Options for Elderly Housing**. 781-767-4844 or 508-668-5226.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Ed MacCormack** will exhibit his paintings for the month of July at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth 781-337-4513 or 781-337-12402.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club on North Street, across the street from Seven Eleven on North Street. Non-profit weight loss

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Rocker Pat Benetar and her husband guitarist and songwriter Neil Giraldo are making summer tour stops at the South Shore Music Circus and the Cape Cod Melody Tent this week.

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Benatar first met Giraldo in 1979 when she recruited him to assemble a backing band for her debut album, In the Heat of the Night. The professional partnership soon became personal and they were married in 1982. Benatar and Giraldo welcomed their first daughter, Haley, in 1985, and second, Hana, in 1994.

They also continued working together on a series of top-selling albums that generated hits like "Heartbreaker," "Love is a Battlefield," "We Live For Love," and "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" and made Benatar one of the true female superstars of rock and roll. Now based in Maui, Hawaii, Benatar and Giraldo continue to write songs, record and tour and will be in concert at the South Shore Music Circus on Thursday. Benatar is the name people know, but the Brooklyn native doubts she would have done it all alone.

"It would have been very difficult to do all this without a partner both personally and professionally," explained Benatar by telephone last week from a Minnesota tour stop. "Musically, we're still in touch with each other. Neil and I still like to play together. At this stage of our careers, everything we do we do for fun. It's who's cooking dinner tonight that's the problem."

After a hiatus of several years following the birth of their second child, the couple now tour regularly — with children in tow. "These days it is almost like we're going camping when we go on the road, it's like rock and roll summer camp."

Their parents may be rock stars, but that hasn't stopped Haley and Hana from developing their own interests.

"My youngest daughter is very into sports, and my oldest has just come through her teen years. Between the ages of 14 and 17, forget it, Haley was only interested in her mother if I could get her 'N Sync tickets," Benatar says with a laugh.

(Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo will be at the South Shore Music Circus, Sohier Street, Cohasset, Thursday, July 22, at 8 PM. For tickets, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.themusiccirus.org. Benatar and Giraldo will play the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis Friday, July 23. For tickets, call 1-800-347-0808 or visit www.melodytent.org.)

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support group. If you are struggling to lose weight, come to a mutually supportive environment where members share ideas and suggestions for losing weight. For additional information, the T.O.P.S. website is: www.tops.org or call, Eleanor at: 781-335-4942.

Borders Books and Music, 255 Grossman Drive, Braintree. 7:30 p.m. Reading and signing by Claire Cook, author of Multiple Choice. For information, call 781-356-5111.

Andrea Lovett and Wiesy MacMillan will conduct a Women's Writer's Workshop titled "Writing From Sacred Places. The group will explore their creativity while writing from various outdoor locations in the Marshfield/Hanover/Scituate/Cohasett/Pembroke locations. 781-871-5892.

Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents **Marine and Local Scenes** at its New Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, through Aug. 29. 781-545-6150, www.scituateartsassociation.com

The Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St. Hingham. An exhibit, **Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past** features antique tools from the society's collection and is on view during museum hours. The Old Ordinary is open through Sept. 11. For information call 781-749-0013 or visit http://www/hinghamhistorical.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display . www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Wed., July 28

Neighboring Support Organization a non profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no monies are exchanged - Just time.) Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc.) moving furniture, the list is endless. Procrastinating can be a thing of the past. Membership fees: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, at 781-871-2583.

Storyteller Andrea Lovett presents **Folktales From the Forest** located in Island Grove Park, Abington with entrances on both Park St. and Lake St.– July 28, 10 a.m. join storyteller **Jackson Gillman. Call 781-871-5892 for information.**

Plaster Play for a Gargoyle Playshop. For information call 781 659-0011, 263 Washington St. Norwell.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, July 28 at 10:30 a.m. Storytime – Shiver me timbers Beth reads **How I Became a Pirate** and **Pirate Pete**.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will feature an exhibit by **Ted Polomis** through Aug. 30. 781-383-1348 www.polomis.com

The Monhegan Experience paintings of Monehegan Island by members of the **North River Arts Society** at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St., Rockland.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs., July 29

Weymouth Recreation Department, presents free outdoor movies and concerts at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater, Town Hall July 29, **Quintessential Brass** 6:30 to dusk. In the event of rain, concerts and movies will be inside the Abigail Adams School auditorium. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Jerry Bryant Fourth Annual Summer Sea Chantey Concert at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, July 29, 2 p.m. Free admission. Jerry Bryant will play the guitar, banjo, concertina and other acoustic instruments. His repertoire includes hundreds of traditional and contemporary, folk songs with particular interest in the music of sailors. Open to all children. 781-925-5433.

The New England Patriots invite local youngsters to participate in the NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick Program during Patriots Training Camp at Gillette Stadium. The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 8-15. The NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick program is a forum for boys and girls to compete separately against their peers in punting, passing and placekicking skills. At the conclusion of Training Camp, the top boy and girl in each age division from each day of the program will advance to the Sectional Competition. Winners from that competition will compete in the Team Championships at a Patriots regular-season game. The top four scorers in each age division nationwide will travel to an NFL Playoff Game in January to compete for the national title. There is no registration fee to compete. All contestants must fill out an entry form and show a valid birth certificate for age verification. July 29 through Aug.11. at various times Schedule subject to change. Visit www.patriots.com for a complete schedule.

The Massasoit Theatre Co., presents **Godspell** July 29 through Aug. 1. All performances held at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, off Route 27, Brockton. Call 508-427-1234 for ticket information.

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series July 29, **Legion Bud Band** all concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday.

Jimbo's Boston – Every Thursday night Contemporary Jazz Rhythm & Blues Cover $10 at door- $7 with student ID.

Fri., July 30

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **A Conversation with Norman Lear.** TV and film producer Norman will engage in a discussion moderated by U.S. Representative Barney Frank on how Lear used the medium of television to bring issues of free speech, civil rights and civic involvement into American homes over the last three decades. July 30, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call 617-514-1643 for reservations.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents a display of an **original rare copy of the Declaration of Independence** in the Museum at the Kennedy Library on July 30, 31 and Aug. 1. Owned by Norman Lear and his wife Lyn. General admission $10 www.jfklibrary.org 866-JFK-1060.

Hull Performing Arts, presents a comedy **A Curate Shakespeare As you Like It.** Outdoor performances at the Fort Revere amphitheater in Hull on July 30 and Aug 6, at 8 p.m. and on Saturdays July 31 and Aug. 7 at 4 p.m. Performance is free, but donations gladly accepted. Bring picnic and bug spray. 781-925-2406 or visit www.hullperformingarts. com for information.

Satuit Band will perform July 30, 7:30 p.m. at Scituate Harbor.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, July 30 at 10:30 a.m. Storytime – **Nickelodeon Camp** This week **Spongebob** will be featured with fun, games and prizes. There will be no costume characters.

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St. Weymouth, July 30, **Wood Brothers Band.** 781-335-9796.

F1Boston, Ascari Bar, 290 Wood Road, Braintree. **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** featuring the **Houserockers,** 9:30 p.m. no cover 781-848-2300.

Mark Your Calendar

THE SOUTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS announces the addition of a special concert featuring the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart conductor, to the Music Circus for the first time in a benefit performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South Shore Art Center, July 31, 7 p.m.. Tickets for concert can be purchased via Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and in person at the Music Circus box office Tickets are $101.25 and $90.25. A limited number of special ticket packages, which include a reception with the maestro, can be purchased from South Shore Art Center only. Call the SSAC at 781-383-2787 for information.

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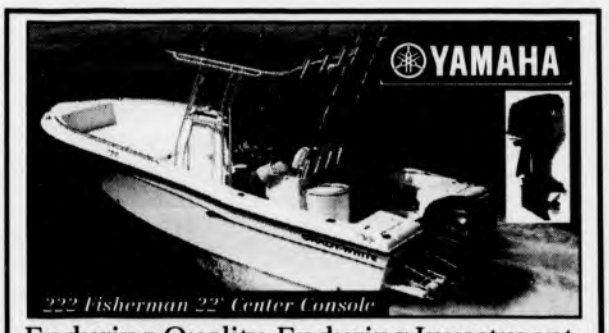
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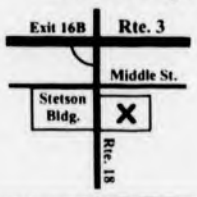


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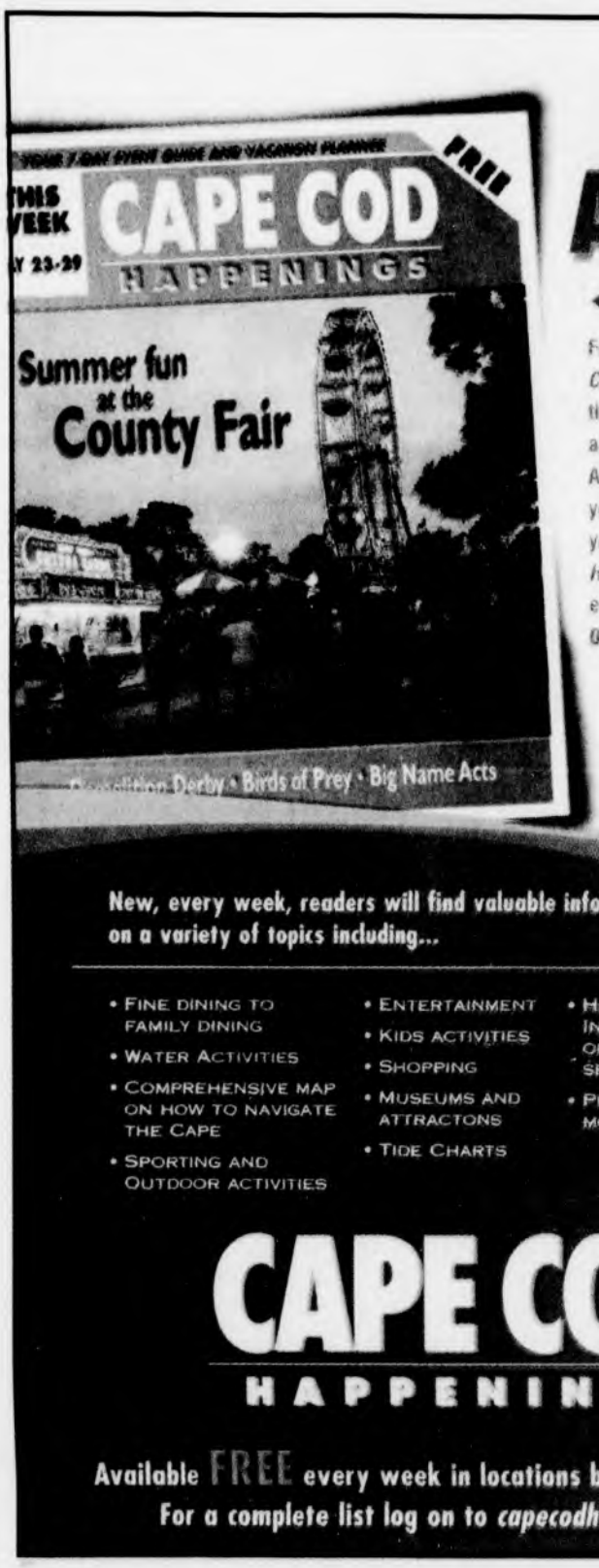
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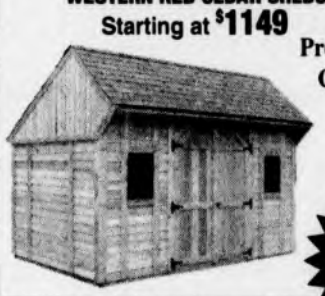
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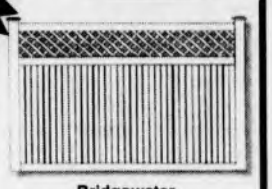


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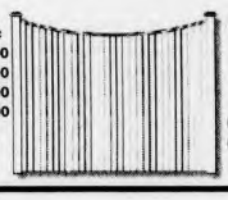
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Renter meets with partying boys and their parents

Teenagers trash vacation house

By Mary Ford
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The volatile blend of kids and alcohol has resulted in a handful of local teenagers facing charges of breaking into a home over the weekend and damaging property there, including furniture and flooring, according to police.

"Anytime you put kids and alcohol together — it's never a good combination," Police Chief Jim Hussey said Tuesday. "It appears these individuals used this as their own private party house."

It's not the first time an unsupervised party has resulted in arrests and property damage. But what may be a first is the attitude of the alleged victim, who has rented the house for the summer and whose nine-year-old daughter is now afraid to go back.

Kristin Allison crossed paths with some of the boys' parents who went to pick their sons up at the police station where she had gone to write a statement. She asked they meet her at the house.

"Cohasset has a real problem with juveniles. The parents aren't part of a constructive solution – they often aren't good role models."
— Kristin Allison

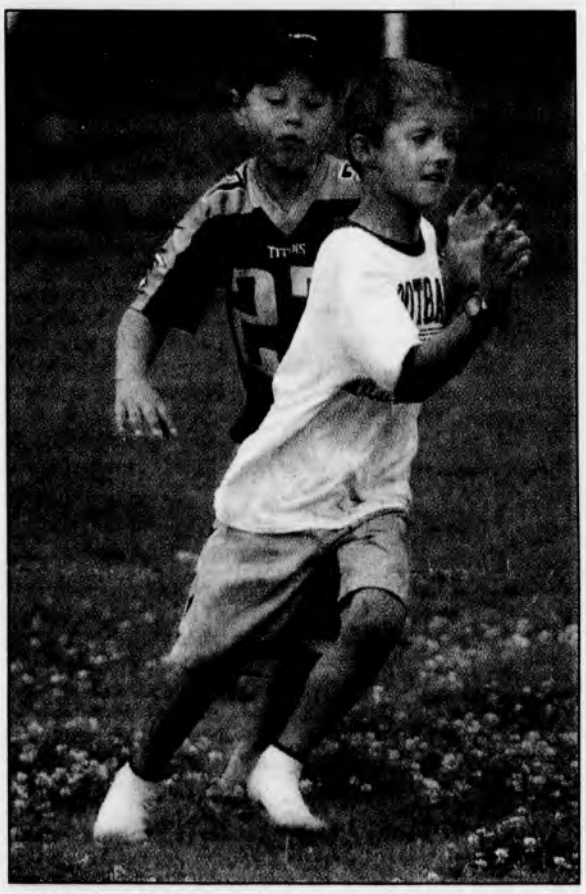
"This way the parents see what happened," she said. "The boys confront the victim and understand what they've done, see how their actions affected other lives, and say a personal apology."

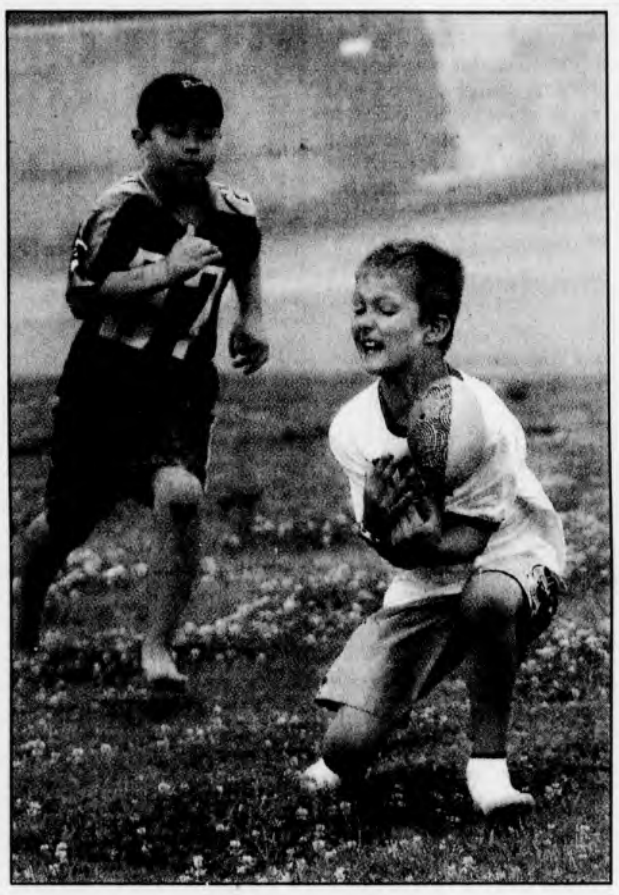
By way of background, Allison, who was away for the weekend, said when she arrived home about 6 p.m. Sunday, there were three boys with cups in their hands standing by two cars in the driveway. At first she wasn't alarmed because the house shares the driveway with another house. But when she asked what was up, the boys jumped in the cars and sped away. She then noticed two bicycles were missing and heard noises from inside the house, so she drove to her mother's house and called the police.

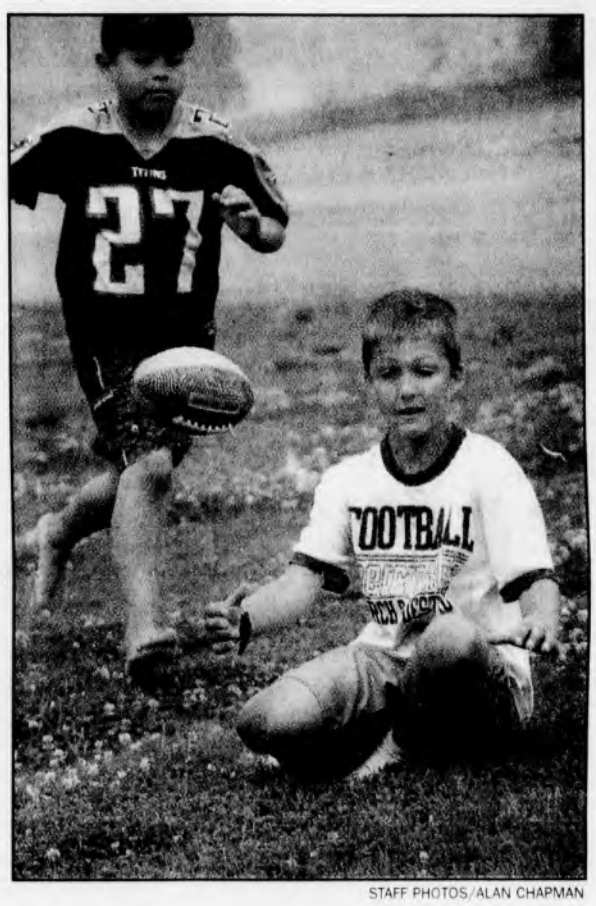
When the police arrived, Allison said there were five boys [one, 16 and four, 15-year-olds] in the house who all tried to run away, jumping off rocks and tumbling off cliffs. One even dove into the water and tried to swim away. Three were apprehended and arrested at that point. Two more boys were arrested later. There were more teens involved and police expect to make more arrests, Chief Hussey said. At some point, there may have been anywhere from 10-20 teens partying at the house which is off Atlantic Avenue.

Allison said the boys had "cases and cases of beer." The only alcohol her family kept in

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PICKUP GAME

Patrick Holway, covered by David Hall, goes out for a pass, then Patrick makes a diving catch.....almost! The youngsters were playing a pickup game of football during Summer Playground, which is a program sponsored by the Recreation Department.

Koed hits the campaign trail with fellow Democrat Kerry

Is party delegate at DNC in Boston

By Samantha Brown
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Among the sea of delegates at the Democratic National Convention, Cohasset residents could still see a familiar face if they watch live coverage of the event from their living rooms.

Selectman Fred Koed, who is on local cable-TV during weekly selectmen's meetings, is one of roughly150 Massachusetts delegates attending the event that wraps up tonight (Thursday).

Koed has been very active in politics for more than 20 years. He said while he has attended many political conventions in the past, the DNC will be different because it is a national event.

Koed said while he has never worked with presidential hopeful Senator John Kerry for such a big race before, "I go back to 1982 with John," when he ran for lieutenant governor. In 1984, Kerry was elected to the United States Senate and is in his third term.

"I go back to 1982 with John."
— Selectman Fred Koed

Over the years, Koed said he has helped with every aspect of campaigning for Kerry, from giving him rides, to holding campaign signs and handing out bumper stickers. Koed said one year, he brought Kerry to the Heritage Days street fair in Scituate to introduce him to some of the people in attendance. Koed said for more than 20 years, he has helped make Kerry a household name from Weymouth all the way down to Cape Cod.

This time around, the goal is much larger, and Koed said he has helped Kerry campaign in New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, and Minnesota. It's all about "meeting people, and building and cultivating relationships for the fall," Koed said.

Koed said he is really looking forward to two events during the convention — Kerry's speech, which will be broadcast tonight (Thursday), as well as the balloon drop. Koed said the speech Kerry will make will give him the opportunity to list all the goals he sees for the future, and Koed said hopefully, "People will listen with an open mind." Koed was in New York for the DNC in 1992 when then Governor Bill Clinton was nominated.

"When the balloons drop, it's an exciting rush of adrenaline," Koed said. "It's a climax for the whole event."

All Massachusetts delegates are staying at the Fairmont Copley Plaza, and between special events and convention itself, there is little free time. "It's long days and long nights. There's no way you can do anything else," Koed said.

Koed said the convention is well worth all the planning and potential inconvenience. "I've met some great people in this game of politics," he said.

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WWII marine's memorial square spruced up

Norman Todd Park is lovingly restored

By Samantha Brown
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The whites and pinks of flowering plants and trees used to provide a splash of color on every side of Norman Todd Park. Statues used to graced the garden, and the park used to be seen as a memorial fitting a World War II veteran. However, over the years a lack of maintenance enabled weeds to take root, crowding out the plantings of the past, and crowding out the pride felt by the town for one of its veterans.



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Norman Todd Park, as seen today, serves once again as a memorial fitting a member of the "Greatest Generation."

But members of the Veteran's Memorial Committee couldn't sit idly by and watch a living memorial become overgrown and the sacrifice of a soldier forgotten, which is why they teamed up with the Cohasset DPW, Water Department, and the garden clubs to rejuvenate the park, which now

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The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Aug. 4, 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Aug. 5 & 19, 7:30 p.m.

Library trustees, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., at the library

Planning board, Aug. 4, 7 p.m. (public hearing on DiNero's, 7:30 p.m.,)

School Committee, Aug. 9, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Aug. 2, 6 p.m.

Wastewater Committee, Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m., King Street plant

Zoning Board of Appeals, Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Questions clarified on school budget deficit

The school department has recently received end of the year bills which has put it in a tough financial situation, and there has been some question as to what those bills are, and how they will be paid for.

The $90,000 bill is a gas bill received from Keyspan, and the school department does not have enough money in the budget to cover that cost. In addition, a $22,000 bill for electricity was received, for which only $14,000 was budgeted. Supt. Denise Walsh said hopefully, the $8,000 difference can be covered by shifting money within the budget, and will not need to be paid by the town.

A $65,000 charge for unemployment costs also surfaced. Usually, the town pays the school's unemployment costs and is reimbursed at a later date. This year, the school did not charge itself for unemployment, and therefore did not pay the town back.

Both the $90,000 charge and the $65,000 charge will be paid from the municipal side of the budget. The $90,000 will come before voters at Town Meeting as an unpaid bill. It will take an eight-tenths majority vote to allocate funds to pay the bill. The costs for unemployment charges will be included as an appropriation deficit, and will also need a Town Meeting vote.

MBTA ombudsman contract discussed

At the direction of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager Michael Buckley made a phone call to the Waterfield Design Group to ask whether it would agree to allow the town to terminate the contract it has with the company for an ombudsman. Buckley said Waterfield Principal Craig Miller is currently in Africa, and will not be returning to the country for another two to three weeks, but that he spoke with Miller briefly and a meeting will be scheduled when he returns. The ombudsman contract is slated to run out in October.

KoKo Island changes still being discussed

Potential developers are still trying to work with the planning board, to try to mitigate the effects a drive-up window would have should plans move forward to renovate and conjoin KoKo Island and Hair Affair, turning the former into a family-style restaurant and the latter into a donut shop.

Members of the planning board said if the plans had only included changes to the restaurant, and not the addition of a drive-up window, there wouldn't be the need for as much discussion. However, abutters to the site, as well as the planning board itself, are concerned about the potential impact on traffic, noise and air pollution cars in queue could cause.

Planning board member Peter Pratt said Michael Tack, a representative for the Nauset Group, which is looking to renovate the site, said at the board's July 7 meeting, the plans for the site were drawn under the assumption that the Dunkin' Donuts currently located in Cohasset Plaza will move from its current location to the 3A site, and the deal won't move forward without the drive-up window. Pratt said developers are going to do some research to find out what traffic is typically like for Dunkin' Donuts shops all over Massachusetts, and bring that information back to the planning board.

The KoKo Island discussion is tentatively on the Aug. 4 planning board agenda. In the event the Nauset Group cannot compile all the information it would like, it will be rescheduling to another date. Please call the planning board office at (781) 383-3517 prior to the meeting for updates.

DiNero's changes on planning board agenda

Members of the DiNero's development team are slated to come before the planning board to present a formal site plan for the board's review. During a previous informal discussion with the board, developers expressed interest in expanding their current operation, and presented a very preliminary set of plans.

Current owners have been looking for a way to better accommodate guests, and would like to add roughly 700 square feet to the restaurant. With the addition of a new function room, space will be freed up in the main dining room, tables will be more spread out, and patrons will be able to sit more comfortably at their tables. In addition, the function room will increase the variety of services the restaurant can provide, as it will enable DiNero's to host small functions and gatherings without having to close the entire restaurant to the public.

Currently there are 70 seats at DiNero's, and that number would be increased to roughly 93 with the new expansion. The new function room will have ample windows looking out over stone ledge, and can be used for a variety of private parties. Sliding dividers will be installed to set the private functions apart. Two new restrooms will be constructed near the new addition, and the current restrooms will remain where they are.

Parking will be reconfigured to aid the flow of traffic as well. Currently, there are 27 spaces striped for parking, but they are more narrow than what the town requires, and many times patrons do not fill every space for fear of having someone else open their car door and bump into them. New spaces will comply with the width and length criteria of the town, and will be configured differently in the lot to help prevent crowding and help enable the flow of traffic, as well as keep patrons from having to back out into the street. The new configuration will have 37 total spaces, of which two are set aside for the apartment located above the restaurant, which is four more than the restaurant is required to have.

A formal site plan, which will be more definitive and will most likely accommodate some of the suggestions made by the planning board during the informal discussion, will be presented to the board Wednesday, Aug. 4.

Boaters must pick up their mooring stickers

All boat owners with a mooring should pick up their mooring sticker ASAP. Harbormaster John Muncey said under harbor rules and regulations, anyone without a sticker could be subject to a $25 fine.

Although the fees will not be imposed this year, "we want the stickers on the boats," Muncey said. He added he regularly goes around checking to make sure boat owners have paid their user fees, and "if they don't have a sticker, we figure they haven't paid." Muncey said stickers can be picked up at the Harbormaster's office from 7 a.m. until noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until midnight on Saturday, and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Chairman Sullivan sought sewer hookup

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan does own a piece of property for which he has filed sewer applications twice. According to Sewer Commission Office Manager Tara Tradd, the property, located behind Sullivan's home address of 84 Elm St., abuts the central sewer district. She said applications for sewer, filed on Aug. 25, 2003 and March 10, 2004 were both denied, but may be reconsidered if capacity becomes available.

Facilities manager search under way

Scott Collins, chairman of the School Building Facilities Committee, soon to be known as the Building Facilities Committee, said currently, an advertisement is being drafted to hire someone who can serve as facilities manager for all the buildings in town. The person hired will report directly to the Town Manager, and will have three employees under his or her charge from the Department of Public Works who will be dedicated to building maintenance.

The person who is hired will have a management role, but some hands-on work will be required. He or she will be responsible for coordinating contracted service for the HVAC systems as well as sprinklers, fire alarms, and any other systems that need attention from an outside contractor.

The candidate should have a fair amount of engineering experience, to be able to provide support to the town, as well as a technical background, to understand the various computer systems that regulate utilities at the various buildings.

The person will need to essentially create the building maintenance department for the town, and the position will be full-time. The position was originally approved at Town Meeting as a part-time position, but the Board of Selectmen feel the position needs to be full-time. The position will most likely be salaried at between $50,000 and $70,000 per year.

The position will be advertised once the job description is drafted and approved.

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Mon. 2	12:37	11.8	7:01	1:16	10.4	7:14
Tues. 3	1:30	11.6	7:50	2:06	10.5	8:07
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Committee raises money to save teaching positions

School board accepts funds

By Samantha Brown
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Thanks to the work of a group of concerned parents, two elementary-level teaching positions will be saved this fall. The school committee has gladly accepted a donation of roughly $65,000, which will replace some of the money cut from the fiscal year 2005 budget.

The Committee to Save Three Teachers, headed up by North Main Street resident Barbara Buckley, has been working with the Cohasset Education Foundation since April to raise the money needed to retain three elementary teaching positions the budget could no longer support. The Cohasset Education Foundation is a non-profit organization made up of concerned residents who raise funds for various educational expenses. The Foundation has typically given funds for tangible items, such as when money was given for a new computer lab. But this is the first time money has been used to retain positions in the schools. The cuts did not involve layoffs because the positions were being vacated by three retiring elementary school teachers.

Buckley came before the school committee on July 19. She said at that point, $64,721 was sitting in the Cohasset Education Foundation account. Buckley said there was $668 outstanding, which when collected would bring the grand total to $65,389. "I'll write the check for the $668 if it doesn't come in," she said.

The money raised is enough to cover two of the three positions Buckley's group hoped to save. She said the deadline has been extended to allow time for more donations, to at least be able to cover the roughly $4,000 necessary to completely cover two positions. The typical entry-level teacher's salary is $35,000 in Cohasset, and the school committee voted to use the funds raised to replace one second-grade teacher and one third-grade teacher. The vote is significant because the school department's fiscal year 2004 budget finished in the red, raising speculation the schools could tap money from this year's budget to cover the deficit.

But the $90,000 Keyspan gas bill and $65,000 in unemployment costs [which have been paid by the town and should have been reimbursed by the schools] will go to the fall special Town Meeting and won't come out of the school's fiscal year 2005 budget.

Although the town passed a $400,000 Prop. 2-1/2 override for the schools at the ballot box in April, the money wasn't enough to prevent a reduction in teaching positions. Prop. 2-1/2 is the state law that caps the amount a municipality can raise its tax levy from year to year.

Buckley, who began the fundraising campaign before the override passed, said 1,000 families in Cohasset contributing $105 to the cause were needed to raise the $105,000 for three entry-level teacher salaries for one year. She was concerned about increasing class sizes if teaching positions at the elementary level were cut. "We have certainly had some families who were extremely generous," she said, adding while some gave rather large checks, the majority of funds received were checks from families that donated $105 each.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said teacher contracts specify that for grades kindergarten through three, class size can be no larger than 23, and in grades four to six, students cap off at 26. However, all class sizes are subject to budget restrictions, which prevents the filing of grievances should the numbers increase. By keeping one teacher on in the second grade and another in the third, class sizes should drop from an average estimated 23.6 down to 19.7 students per class in grade two, and from 23.4 down to 19.5 students in grade three.

Roy Fitzsimmons, 116 Doane St., asked whether it was definite the money to cover benefits for the teachers would be available in the town's budget. Walsh said acting Town Manager Michael Buckley confirmed the money was available. She explained the money for benefits had been budgeted for the three teachers before the town knew they wouldn't be returning.

Buckley acknowledged while many in town have been extremely supportive of her committee's efforts, there were also some families that may have agreed with the mission of the group, but not the means. "There certainly have been people who for many good reasons didn't want to participate or thought this wasn't the right way to go about it," said Buckley. However, in the end Buckley said, "The 10 committee members were not alone in wanting to get the teachers back."

For more information, please call Barbara Buckley (before 9 p.m.) at (781) 383-8261. Donations will only be accepted for the next couple of weeks, and residents are urged to make donations as soon as possible. Checks should be made out to the Cohasset Education Foundation and can be sent to Buckley's home address at 272 North Main St.

Search for new Town Manager starts

By Samantha Brown
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The Board of Selectmen is eager to begin the search for a new Town Manager, and the first stage of the process has been completed. With the Town Manager Act Review Committee discussions coming to a close, the next major focus will be on selecting a new Town Manager for the town.

Selectmen were slated to select members for the Town Manager Search Committee yesterday (Wednesday) after the Mariner went to press. Town Manager Michael Buckley, who took over the position when former Town Manager Mark Haddad abruptly resigned May 5, said the committee will most likely be made up of between 12 to 15 members. Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said he would like to see members of town boards such as the school committee, advisory committee, past selectmen, as well as people who have a general knowledge of the town appointed to the committee. Buckley said he could not release the names of the potential committee members prior to last night's meeting.

The committee will be involved with drafting an advertisement for the position, as well as interviewing potential candidates. Town Manager Michael Buckley said he thinks the committee will narrow down the field of candidates to between three to five finalists to be interviewed by selectmen.

Buckley said with a position such as this, the town will probably receive between 50 and 80 applications. It will be the committee's job to sift through those applications to find candidates who mesh well with the what the town is looking for in a new Town Manager Sullivan said he's hopeful someone with a successful career in municipal management that has a proven track record of managing a town or departments within a municipal environment will come forward. Someone who is has the key skills of being good with finances, good with people, good with solving problems, and good with strategic planning would be ideal.

Buckley said it will probably take between two to three weeks to draft an advertisement and have it placed in various publications. The advertisements will have to take into consideration various publication deadlines. From there, Buckley estimates it will take roughly two months for the committee to conduct interviews, which will bring the process into mid-October. Once candidates are narrowed down, it will take another two or three weeks for selectmen to conduct interviews, but if all goes well, Buckley is optimistic a new Town Manager can be selected by Nov. 1.

"It's tight," said Sullivan, but added he thinks the town will be able to find the right candidate in that timeframe.

ZBA: pet hotel can't have overnight guests

May start as daycare facility

By Mary Ford
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Due to restrictions on kennels in the town bylaw, a businessman who wants to open up a posh dog and cat hotel in part of the former automobile dealership building off Route 3A may start without keeping the pets overnight.

Arthur S. Logan, a Weymouth resident, had hoped to open an upscale daycare center and kennel for cats and dogs, dubbed Bark Avenue, in part of the vacant Chevy dealership building near the Cohasset-Scituate line.

This past spring, Logan applied for a special permit for a change of use from the Cohasset Zoning Board of Appeals which subsequently denied his application because the ZBA said the building didn't meet the setback requirements for kennels in the town bylaw.

He is appealing the ZBA decision to Superior Court.

In the meantime, Logan is contemplating operating a pet daycare and retail business at the site that would cater to cats and dogs offering grooming, pet supplies and professional photography but wouldn't keep any cats or dogs overnight. The proposed facility would still include a fenced-in, outdoor exercise area.

"This business will be strictly a day facility," Logan's attorney, Allan H. Tufankjian wrote in a July 1 letter to Building Commissioner Robert Egan. The hours of operation would be 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

The pet daycare will be on the Scituate side of the former showroom and will use about 5,000 square feet of the building. The site is zoned highway business.

The zoning bylaw regarding kennels requires minimum setbacks of 200 feet from all lot lines. The zoning board noted the property where the former dealership is located consists of five separate lots and determined the structure did not meet that requirement.

But Tufankjian, Logan's attorney, notes in the appeal that the five lots are owned by one entity, Chief Justice Cushing Highway Corporation, which would lease him the area for the pet hotel. He said Logan's proposed kennel is at least 200 feet from outside boundary of the CJCH Corporation property.

The ZBA said if the owner merged all the lots, then the special permit for the kennel would be granted. But Tufankjian said that wasn't necessary.

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In a telephone interview he explained the ZBA was concerned that a lot could be sold off to a third party therefore reducing the setback. But Tufankjian said his client is amenable to a condition that revokes the special permit if that were to occur.

In the meantime, Egan gave Logan the go-ahead for the pet daycare facility. In a letter to Tufankjian, he explained that although "kennel" is not defined in the zoning bylaw, the distinction between that and an animal day care is the property will not be used for breeding or boarding of dogs.

"As such, the 200-foot setback required for kennels does not apply in this case," Egan wrote. "All other facets of the proposed operation are consistent with allowed uses in the highway business district (and would not need ZBA approval)."

Egan said his decision is subject to appeal by the zoning board of appeals.

ZBA chairman Woody Chittick said the board may discuss the plans for the dog daycare at its meeting Tuesday.

During the zoning board public hearing on the application for the special permit in May, Walter Sullivan, attorney for Ledgewood Estates — a residential development behind the site – said noise and odor would be detrimental to the neighborhood.

It's unclear if the neighbors will object to the daycare, grooming facility. Ledgewood Estates which straddles the Scituate-Cohasset line is located much farther away than the 200-foot requirement. The former dealership site is bordered on both sides by commercial property including a new tennis club.

Logan's business will have some Cohasset competition. Barkley's Dog Spa and Boutique that has pet supplies and will offer pet grooming services recently opened at the other end of town in Jonathan Livingston Seagull Plaza off 3A.

In a telephone interview, Logan said he hasn't given up on the pet hotel concept, which he says there is a need for in the community.

Logan got the idea for the business from his nephew Frank Charles, who is the mayor of St. Augustine, Fla. and an entrepreneur with a chain of successful "Pet Paradise Resort and Day Spas" in the sunshine state. Pet Paradise resorts' motto is "While you're away, your pet will play."

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Renter meets with partying boys and their parents

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the house was a bottle of champagne in the refrigerator for her and her husband's anniversary. The boys also drank the champagne. They disabled the smoke detectors, cooked food and threw it everywhere.

She said the boys rifled through drawers and went through her clothing including nightgowns and hats.

"It was an unbelievable mess," she said, adding she thought the party had gone on for a couple of days. Her family had been away from the house for 48 hours.

"This was not just a party house," Allison said. "This was arrogant malicious destruction of property. They had no regard for someone's personal belongings."

The five local teens, who were arrested, were set to be arraigned in juvenile court at Quincy District Court yesterday (Wednesday) on charges of breaking and entering; malicious destruction of property valued over $250; and minors in possession of alcohol. One of the boys is also charged with resisting arrest.

Police have not charged anyone with theft of the bicycles, which is still under investigation, Hussey said.

Police have not released the names of the alleged perpetrators because they are juveniles, which means they are under 17 years of age. Court proceedings for juveniles are not open to the public.

But the real story, according to Allison isn't what punishment the court metes out but how to hold the teens and their families accountable for this kind of behavior, which, she feels is all too prevalent in affluent communities.

"Cohasset has a real problem with juveniles," said Allison, who grew up in town. "The parents aren't part of a constructive solution – they often aren't good role models."

Allison said she didn't invent the idea of meeting the youthful perpetrators and their parents. She is part of a group, dubbed Restorative Justice, whose program has been formalized as a way the community and police deal with juvenile offenders in her hometown of Concord.

She said the boys have agreed to come back and do some repair work on the property that isn't related to the party because the place needs to be professionally cleaned and the damage to doors and screens fixed by someone who knows what they are doing.

Allison extends an open invitation to any of the other boys at the party and their parents to come and talk to her.

She said the attitude of the parents she talked with ranged from being honest and straightforward to defensive and rude to her. She said one parent, through another, asked if he could pay for the damage but did not want his son's name revealed to the police.

"I said, 'I won't do that and what a horrible message to send to a child,'" Allison said. "Some parents will do everything in their power to keep their child from being caught."

The homeowner, who asked that her name and the address not be used because she is worried her house will be targeted by teens, described the youths as "brazen." Her grandfather built the house back in 1927 and she grew up spending summers there. "I love the place and I feel really sad that this has happened," she said. "There was a sense of freedom in such a place and this has changed everything.

"Now you have to worry when you leave your house whose going to be there when you return even if you're just taking a trip to the grocery store," she said.

Christy Tarantino and Lisa Matos were the police officers who responded to the scene.

Chief Hussey said those taken into custody showed signs they had consumed alcohol. He said police do not know where the teenagers obtained the alcohol, which was confiscated at the scene. Police also confiscated a digital camera that they believe the teens were using.

Hussey said he was not sure if some of the teenagers got to the house by boat. He said the matter is still under investigation and police are trying to identify the others involved.

Partying teens damaging property is nothing new in Cohasset. Last December, the Snowdales of Mill Lane wrote to the Mariner disheartened that inebriated football players and their friends would come into their home, throw up and urinate there, ruining rugs and soiling brand new jackets.

They thought about calling parents but weren't certain who was involved or if the parents would turn their anger towards them.

Meet Police Chief James Hussey

Cohasset's new police chief, Jim Hussey will be the guest of honor at two receptions that are intended to foster relations between the police and the community.

The first reception will be held at the home of Molly & Wig Pierson (123 Atlantic Ave.) on Aug. 4 at 7:30 p.m.. The second will be at Lou Harvey's (465 King St.) on Aug. 5 also at 7:30 p.m.. Refreshments will be served.

All residents are welcome to attend either one of these receptions for Chief Hussey.

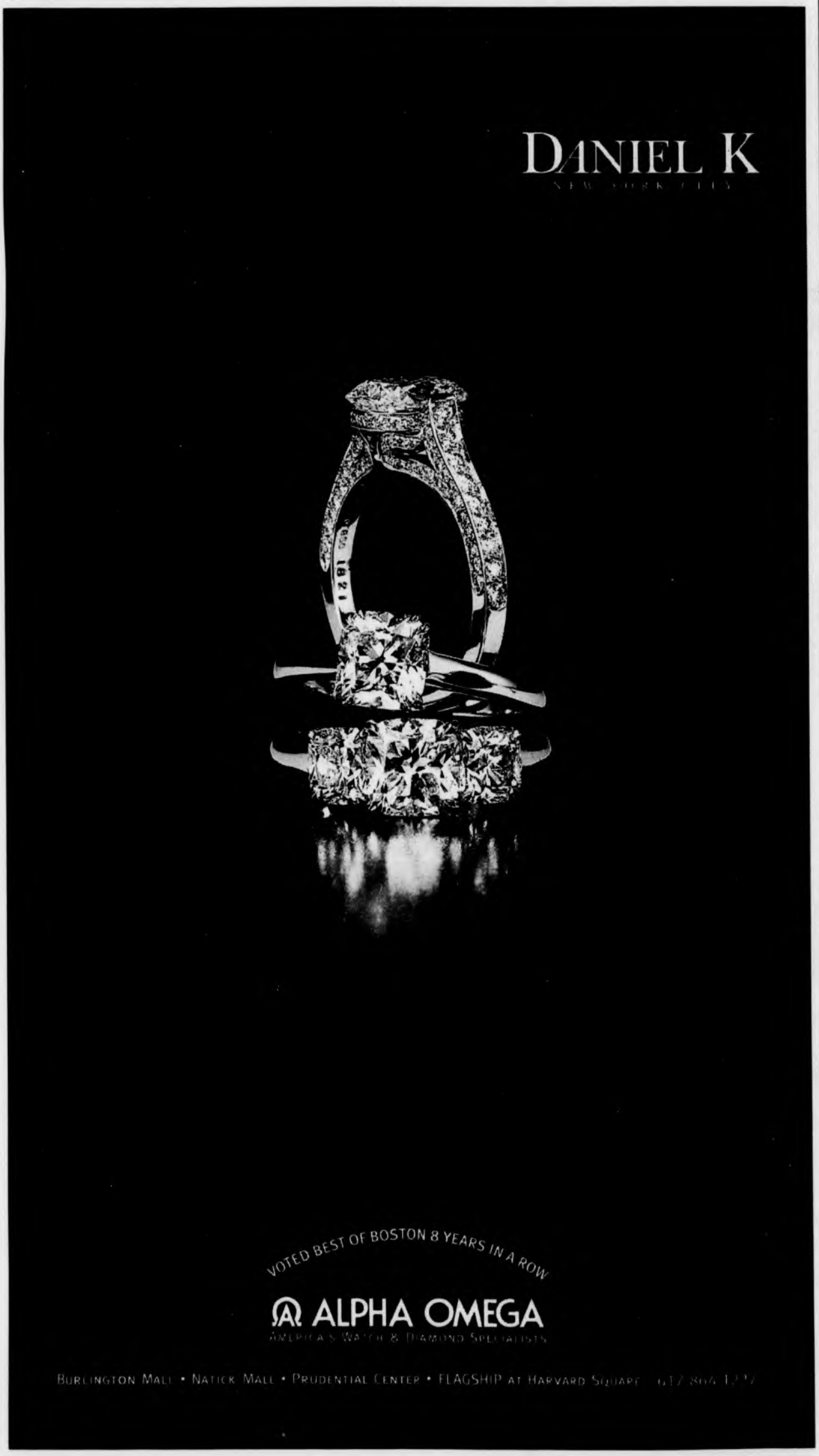
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BUILDING PERMITS

The following permits have been issued recently at Town Hall:

Coakley, 6 Bound Brook Lane, repair/extend deck, $700; Culliney, 246 Beechwood St., repair porch, $3,500; Vanderlugt, 144 Wheelwright Farms, finish room above garage; BC Tent, Common, tent June 16-21, $4,000; Gilbert, 40 Joy Place, additions/renovations SP, $275,000; Crocker II Realty Trust, 321 CJCH, demolish/remove building; Skolnick, 26 Heather Drive, shed 8x10, $1,000; Judith Perry, 15 Hugh Strain Rd., vinyl siding 20 acres, $15,000; John Englander, 87 Lamberts Lane, pool house, $177,000; Bryan, 288 Fairoaks Lane, 3rd floor bathroom, $9,000; Nothnagle, 36, Atlantic Ave., re-roof 21 squares, $9,370; Martell, 29 Hammond Ave., re-deck and extention, 3 season room, $35, 000; Doug Fitz, 17 Atlantic Ave., addition 7x16, $10,000; McHugh, 35 Stevens Lane, sports/rink pad, $100,000; Joseph Ryan, 35 Aaron River Rd., addition & remodeling interior, $247,883; Hurley, 6, Ledge Way, re-roof 35 squares, $14,750; Healy, 394 Atlantic Ave., remodel kitchen, $20,000; Santoro, 27 Linden Circle, additions, farmer's porch, windows, $115,000; Louis Bailey, 308 King St., re-roof 8 squares, $3,950; Connolly, 431A King St., replace steps with deck, $1,200; and Begley, 455 Beechwood St., shed 8x16, $3,000.

Burchill, 17 Lamberts Lane, two foundations, 17x21 and 18x20, $7,625; Wenmark, 27 Riverview Drive, re-roof, $5,000; Bonetti/Fogarty, 20 Parker Ave., remodel bathroom, $2,500; Prez-Botts, 704 Jerusalem Rd., shed, $1,000.



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WWII marine's memorial square spruced up

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reflects the beauty of the original garden, which was first dedicated in 1948.



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Norman Todd, who died in 1947 after being exposed to radiation during World War II, is one of eight Cohasset Veterans who have been memorialized with squares in town.

Located at the intersection of Beechwood Street and Norman Todd Road, Norman Todd Park was given to the residents of Cohasset as a gift from the Todd Family, in memory of their son, Norman MacIntosh Todd. Known by his family and friends as "Mac," Norman Todd was a Marine Lieutenant who died from radiation exposure during World War II.

Growing up, Todd spent his summers living at 354 Jerusalem Road, also known as "Greystone Lodge." During the winter, the Todd family lived at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston where they had four rooms on the third floor. Todd's father Albert, who was an avid golfer and played every Sunday morning at the Cohasset Golf Club, was the president of United Shoe Machinery Company in Boston. The company was founded by George Brown of Beverly, who was married to Albert Todd's sister.

While attending Cornell University, Norman Todd met his future wife Mary Jo in 1942. Todd graduated from Cornell the following year, and was commissioned as a Marine Lieutenant in 1944. In October 1944 he married Mary Jo, and seven months later in May of 1945, he was deployed to the Pacific Theater.

Todd's was among the first United States Marine units to enter the Japanese city of Nagasaki after the atomic bomb was dropped on August 9, 1945. Like many Marines, he became sick from radiation exposure, and was sent to a hospital in California. His family was not given any information about his ailment, and was not told when Todd would be able to return to Cohasset.

Many Cohasset residents do not remember the days when Norman Todd Park was in pristine condition.

When Todd did return to his hometown, his family was told there was no cure for his illness. Albert Todd, spared no expense on medical exams and treatments for his son. During Norman's illness, the Todd family's nanny Dee Dee Granville cared for Norman. On August 7, 1947, two years after being exposed to the radiation, Norman passed away at his Cohasset home at 119 North Main St., with his wife Mary Jo by his side. He was only 25 years old.



Mary Jo Todd was one of the driving forces behind the rejuvenation of her late husband's memorial park.

Many Cohasset residents do not remember the days when Norman Todd Park was in pristine condition. For years, local resident Ralph Enos was paid $1.67 per hour by the town to take care of the park. During the years after Enos retired, the park was not maintained and became just another public place with overgrown grass and shrubs. In 2000, Mary Jo and her daughter came to see the park and were both disappointed and surprised to see its condition. Mary Jo in turn sent photos of the original plantings to the Veteran's Memorial Committee, and its members promised her the park would be restored to its original beauty.

The committee requested funding at the fall Special Town Meeting in 2003, and the article passed. With the help of landscape designer and architect Ginny Norman, a planting plan was developed based on the original photographs. Irrigation sprinklers were installed, plants were added to the landscape, and a new memorial plaque was cast for the park, replacing the original plaque that was lost over time.

Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee Glenn Pratt provided the Mariner with the information for this article. For more information on Norman "Mac" Todd or any of the Cohasset veterans who have paid the ultimate price in the name of freedom, please visit the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee Web site at www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

Squares named after fallen servicemen

Norman Todd is one of many veterans who have been honored by the town of Cohasset. The town lost seven other men during World War II, who have all been memorialized with squares in town including:

- Allen A. Buffum: Beechwood St. & So. Main Street
- Robert E. Jason: Road at the Common
- William B. Long: Road at the Common
- Howard R. Gleason: Road to Yacht Club from Margin St.
- Perry H. Johnson: Beach St. & Atlantic Ave.
- David H. Parker: King St. & Beechwood St.
- Everett F. Studley: Jerusalem Rd. & Hull St. West's Corner

The mothers of the eight servicemen that gave their lives are memorialized at the Gold Star Mothers Monument at Woodside Cemetery.

Roughly 498 men and women from Cohasset served during World War II from 1941 until the war was declared over in December 1946. Cohasset has memorialized all of its service men and women from the "Greatest Generation" by listing all of their names at Veterans Park at Cohasset Harbor. A book of Cohasset servicemen's names was presented to the National Monuments Commission at the dedication of the WWII Memorial, on May 29, 2004 in Washington, D.C.

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Three Cohasset kids graduate from the Montessori Community School

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MONTESSORI GRADUATES

Congratulations to **Aaron Berard, Sally Meehan**, and **Peter Sanchez** on their graduation from the eighth grade at The Montessori Community School in Scituate.

Aaron is the son of **Melissa Berard** of East Sandwich and **Richard Berard** of Cohasset; Sally is the daughter of **Sara and Leo Meehan** of Cohasset; and Peter is the son of **Janet O'Donnell and Israel Sanchez** of Cohasset.

For this fall, Aaron is enrolled at the Commonwealth School in Boston, Sally will be attending Cohasset High School, and Peter is off to Lawrence Academy in Groton.

DEAN'S LIST

So many talented and hard working students were recognized this past spring and here are several more that deserve a round of applause!

Jason Richard Brown of Cohasset attained membership to the dean's list at Curry College in Milton for the spring 2004 term. Great work, Jason.

ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR

Benjamin John Peterson of Cohasset was awarded a bachelor of arts degree from Bowdoin College on May 29. Benjamin, who is a Cohasset High grad, majored in anthropology and minored in environmental studies. Fantastic news Ben!



Montessori graduate, Aaron Berard

ST. SEBASTIAN'S HONORS

Paul Cotter, son of **Dr. Paul and Margaret Cotter**, earned honors with distinction for the fourth quarter at St. Sebastian's School in Needham. Paul maintained a B or better in all subjects to earn this recognition.

TABOR GRAD

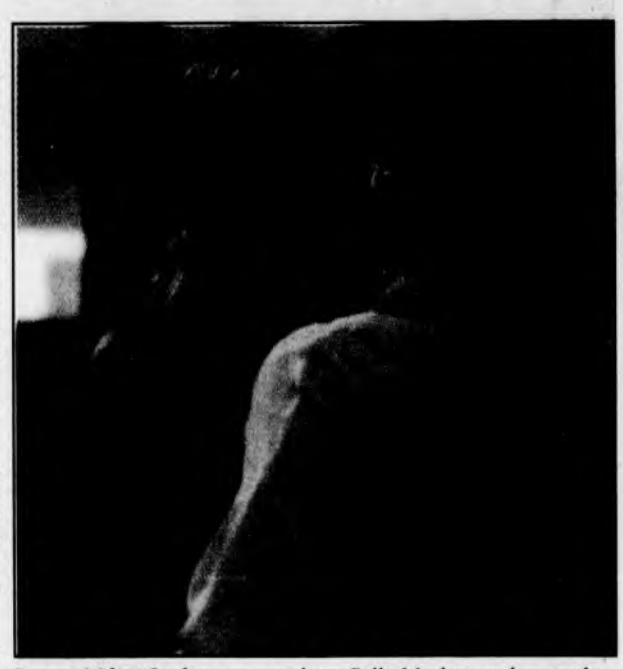
Zoe Murray, daughter of **Richard Murray** and **Deborah Meehan**, graduated from Tabor Academy in Marion on the honors list. Honors is earned by compiling an overall average of 85 or above. Zoe will attend Villanova University in Villanova, Penn. in the fall.

UMASS DEAN'S LIST

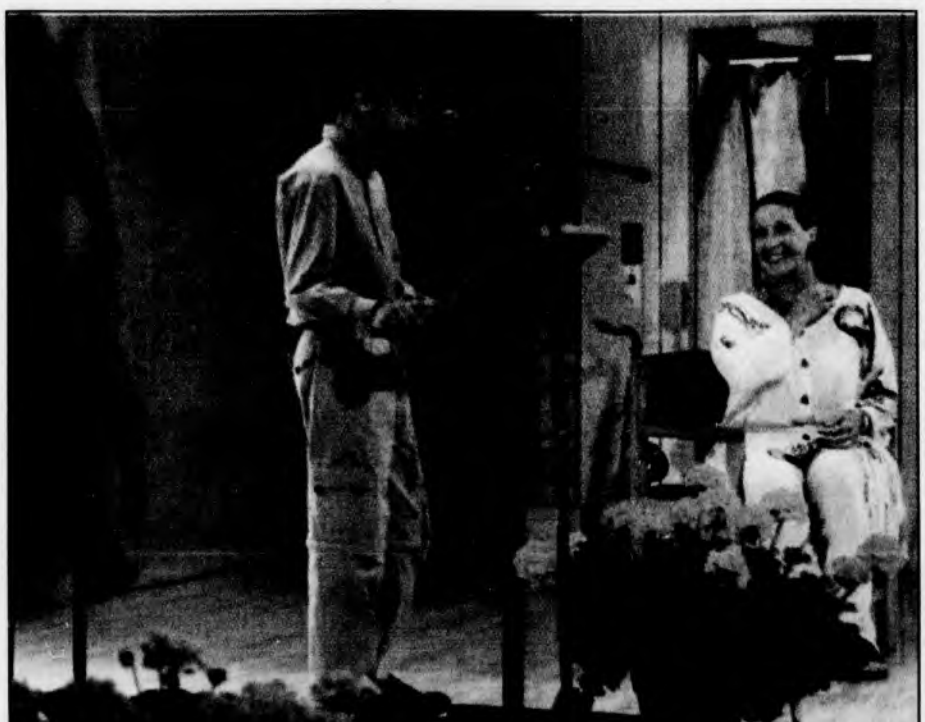
On the dean's list for the spring 2004 term at UMass Amherst are: **Susan M. Dane, Elizabeth N. Hassan**, and **Taylor A. Toth** all from Cohasset. Super news.

UVM HONORS

Lydia J Guild of Cohasset was named to dean's list at the University of Vermont in Burlington. Great work Lydia.



Donna Milani Luther congratulates Sally Meehan on her graduation from the Montessori Community School.



Peter Sanchez gives a talk during graduation at the Montessori Community School.

KIDS CABARET ON STAGE

Cohasset is well represented in this year's Hingham-based Kids Cabaret production of Rogers & Hammerstein's "South Pacific". Shining brightly in this South Seas tale of wartime romance is **Wis Murrary** as Lt. Cable. Joining Wis in the chorus are **Katie Baker, Leigh Collins, Madeline Curley, Michaela Conners, Abby Faulkner, Olivia Franklin, Thomson and Whitney Jaffe, Lesen Haracz, Polly Murrary**, and **Zoe Whilton**.

The curtain goes up on the all-student performed and led show Thursday, July 29 at 8 p.m. in the Hingham High School auditorium on Union Street. Additional performances are set for Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 31 also at 8 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults, $5 for seniors and students and available at the door. This will be a fantastic show and a great way to enjoy an evening with your family.

ALL-KID PRODUCTION

Don't miss the Cohasset Dramatic Club's All-Kid production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" on Friday, Aug. 6, at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 7, at 1 and 7:30 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

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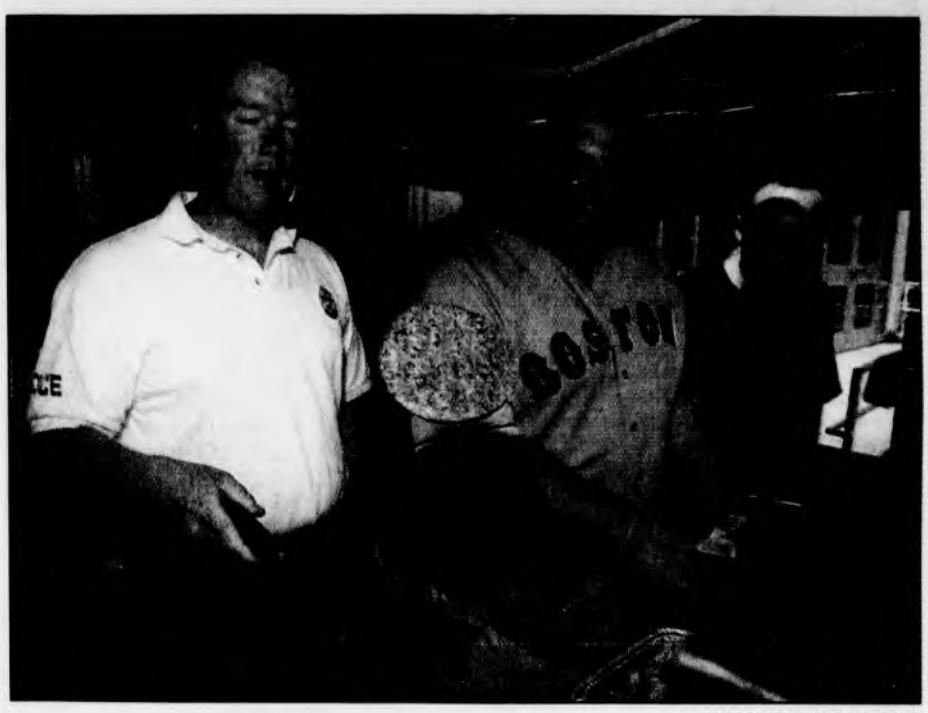
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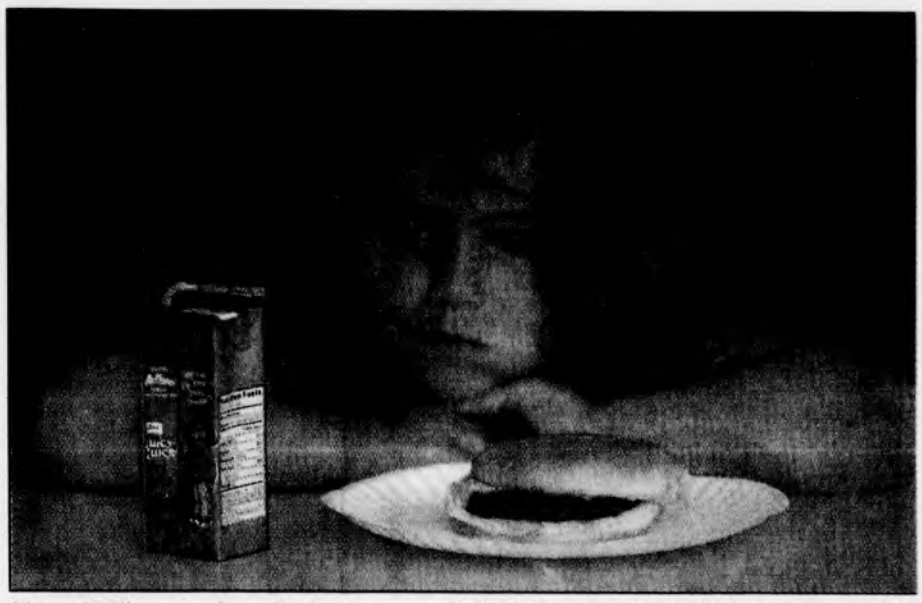


Michael Slantz chows down on his hot dog during police day at Summer Playground.



STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Officer Jeffrey Treanor flips a burger while cooking for the Recreation Department's Summer Playground Police Day, as Sgt. Bill Quigley, Officer Christy Tarantino, Officer Jim McLean (in Red Sox shirt) and Det. Garrett Hunt look on.



Megan McElgunn works on her hamburger cooked by Cohasset police for Kids Day sponsored by the Recreation Department.



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According to the DNC Web site, the convention brings together "4,353 delegates and 611 alternates, representing each of the 50 states, the District of Colombia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and Democrats Abroad." There are also 15,000 members of the media and 15,000 other guests including elected officials and foreign dignitaries, for a grand total of roughly 35,000 attendees. The convention, which began July 26 and ends July 29, is being held at the Fleet Center in Boston. The Republican National Convention will be held at Madison Square Garden in New York City from Aug. 30-Sept. 2.

OBITUARIES

Christine M. Curley

Christine M. Curley, 99, oldest resident of Cohasset, died July 25, 2004 at the Colonial Nursing Rehab. in Weymouth.

She had lived on her own up until October 8, 2003. Born in Cohasset, she graduated from Cohasset High School, attended nurses training and before retiring from the New England Telephone, she graduated from Rittner School of Floral Design. Mrs. Curley loved to do all kinds of crafts especially working with flowers, she loved to watch the Red Sox and cheer them on hoping they would win the World Series again. At the age of 13 they had won in 1918, she also enjoyed watching golf. Her family was the first and most important part of her life. A few years after retiring, she moved to Daytona Fla., and became a member of the Epiphany Church in Port Orange. Seven years ago she moved back to Cohasset where she was loved by all. A member of St. Anthony's Parish, Mrs. Curley touched the heart of each person she met. Everyone would say "she is one special lady".

Mrs. Curley leaves one daughter, Margaret Eaton of Raynham; two sons, Edward Curley of Daytona, Fla., and Lawrence Curley of North Strafford N.H, also eight grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and three great, great grandchildren. Five generations.

She is predeceased by her husband Benjamin F. Curley, Sr., son, Benjamin F. Curley, Jr., two grandchildren, Susan Eaton and Michael Curley.

A Memorial Mass will be held on July 31, at St. Anthony's at 10 a.m., followed by a private burial at Woodside Cemetery.

Arrangements by McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers donations in her memory can be made to The Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 1617, Waltham, Mass. 02554-1617.

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Sewer among options explored for Cook Estate plan

By Samantha Brown
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While developers say it is a last resort, municipal sewer for the proposed Cook Estate senior housing project has not been ruled out as a possible wastewater solution.

Jack Dawley, one of the principals of Northland Residential — the development company the town is working with to build on the Cook property off Sohier Street — told selectmen if all else fails, municipal sewer would be pursued. He said he would look for the support of the various town boards that were instrumental in getting the project to where it is today, including the Senior Housing Selection Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

In order to be able to tie in to the town's wastewater treatment plant, the issue would have to come before Town Meeting, as the property lies outside the Central Sewer District, the only area allowed to be considered for hookups. Dawley said if the issue needs a town vote, it would have to happen at this fall's Special Town Meeting.

"Clearly from the outset, the RFP (request for proposals) said municipal sewer was not an option," said Dawley, adding his company began the project with the assumption an on-site system was a requirement. However, when the results of soil tests indicated the kind of on-site system required to sustain the development would not be an option, other means of disposal had to be looked into.

A groundwater discharge permit, issued by the state Department of Environmental Protection, is required for every development that would discharge more than 10,000 gallons of wastewater per day. It is estimated the Cook project would discharge roughly 15,000 gallons per day. Without the proper soils, the permit cannot be obtained and the development cannot move forward.

"We have searched under every rock, and only found worms," Dawley said. To date, a wastewater discharge solution has not been found.

The RFP was sent out to potential bidders for the project and stated the town "has assumed that town sewer will not be available for all or even some of the units." In light of that, now that it looks as if sewer could be an option, it has been questioned whether the entire bidding process needs to begin all over again to level the playing field. Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said Town Counsel told him that would not be the case, but that at any time the town could decide to reject all proposals and start again, which Sullivan said is an option with every development.

Dawley said soils at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, South Shore Music Circus, Deer Hill School, and land to the West of Sohier Street are just some of the options that have been looked into to serve as an off-site leaching field for the Cook property. Only the library soils would have any chance of supporting the kind of system the project will need, he said.

However, that plan is not without its drawbacks, as a pipe would need to be installed down Sohier Street to carry wastewater from the Cook property to the library. The pipe would cost roughly $750,000 to install, and would require tearing up one of the main roads in Cohasset. In addition, the library property sits very close to two major well fields in town, which is an environmental concern, and the pipes would have to cross the Greenbush tracks. Dawley said there are a few more pieces of land he plans to look at which could potentially serve as an off-site leaching field.

Dawley said he has also been having discussions with Avalon developers, who are looking to build a 200-unit apartment complex off Route 3A. It is rumored that Avalon is looking to take advantage of the capacity at Hull's wastewater treatment plant.

There are legal questions which go along with the wastewater problems the Cook property has been facing. If the town allows the development to pursue connecting an off-site leaching field to the property, it will have to grant a street opening permit to allow the pipes to be installed for the length of Sohier Street. The Jerusalem Road Estates development was denied a street opening permit after it was given permission to use some of Hull's wastewater capacity. Developers could potentially file a suit against the town if the Cook project is granted the permit.

"We have searched under every rock, and only found worms."
— Jack Dawley, Northland Residential

In addition, if the project pursues and is granted a sewer connection, the Avalon and Cedarmere developments which were both told they could not tie in, could also potentially file a suit against the town. Avalon, a 40B project which was given Zoning Board approval for a comprehensive permit, was told from the beginning that capacity did not exist and a sewer connection would not be feasible. The development then went forward seeking alternate wastewater disposal venues, but never filed a sewer application.

Cedarmere, the 105-unit senior housing project slated to be built off of Beechwood Street, was also told there is no capacity, but still filed a sewer application with the sewer commission and was denied. That decision is being appealed by developers, who say capacity cannot be reserved.

Northland also filed a sewer application this April, and was denied. Dawley said they filed only to cover their bases. Dawley said he has no intention of appealing that decision. "I view appeals as confrontational events," he said. Dawley said from what he has heard, the Cook project has widespread town support, and "to enter into a litigious process is not the way to go."

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said whatever solution is found for the Cook property, it will take other areas where the sewer is an issue into consideration.

"Everyone knows there's a Little Harbor commitment. This project would have no affect on that," said Sullivan.

He said what the project will have to do is take a look at the existing 300,000 gallons of capacity, not the future capacity which will be set aside for Little Harbor once the town has the money to upgrade the plant. He suggested if the developer can potentially fix the infiltration and inflow problems for the town, which is causing water to seep into the pipes and increases the volume of flow to the plant, there is the potential the Cook Estate could tie into the sewer and would be a no-impact connection.

But that is the exact same proposal Cedarmere offered up to the Sewer Commission last summer and was denied. Sullivan said a joint venture to hook up the Cook property as well as other housing projects may be considered.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer asked whether the Cook project could be scaled back, so that it could discharge less than 10,000 gallons per day, and a Title 5 system could be installed. But Dawley said even if the project went to Title 5 systems, that would not ensure the system would be sound. "We would most likely build a system susceptible to failure," said Dawley, because of the soils on site. However, Dawley said one additional option for wastewater would be possibly breaking up the leaching fields to have two on site in different locations. If they were spread out, the project might be able to accommodate its own wastewater.

Dawley said he hopes to have a more definite picture of what the wastewater situation for the Cook property will be within the next 60 to 90 days.

Plans taking shape for Cook land

By Samantha Brown
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Developers say they have hit a few bumps in the road, but are moving their vision forward for the creation of the Villages at Deer Hill on the Cook Estate.

The plans have remained virtually the same since March, when selectmen voted unanimously in favor of allowing the Northland Residential Corporation to build its proposed senior housing project on combined parcels of town owned and Cook Estate property. The project currently features 58 townhouse-style attached condominium residences and 37 rental apartments. Of the rental units, 28 will be affordable one-bedroom units, and nine will be market rate two-bedroom rentals.

Northland's original Request For Proposal response featured 60 townhouses spread throughout four duplex buildings, 12 triplex, and four quads. The rental apartment buildings, one with 18 units and one with 17, would have totaled 35 mixed-income rental apartments. According to Dave Fulton of GLC Consulting Services, who has worked with the town and Northland on the project, the changes took place as a result of a letter sent to Northland by the Senior Housing Selection Committee, asking that plans include 12 more market-rate rentals. With the changes to the housing options, affordable units have been decreased by two, but four more market-rate rentals are offered, for a total of nine.

Northland will file plans for its affordable housing under the town's Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw, just as the Cedarmere development did. Cedarmere, a proposed 105-unit senior housing development slated to be built off of Beechwood Street, was the first development to file under the town's bylaw. Under the bylaw, affordability guidelines have been set, and at least 25 percent of dwelling units must be affordable to residents who qualify at low- or moderate-income standards.

Cohasset's bylaw defines "low" income the same way the Department of Housing and Community Development defines "very low" income, at 50 percent the area median income. In Cohasset, 50 percent is roughly $33,000 a year. Cohasset defines "moderate" income as between 50 percent and 80 percent the area median income, which the DHCD defines as "low" income. In Cohasset, that number is between $33,000 and $53,000 a year.

With plans as they currently stand, eight of the 28 affordable units will be offered to those who earn 50 percent of the AMI, and 20 will be offered for those at 80 percent AMI. All affordable units, whether at 50 or 80 percent, will count toward Cohasset's meeting the 10 percent affordable housing threshold set by the state.

Fulton said the concern around town has been that some residents will not qualify for the affordable units. Because many seniors living in Cohasset would make too much money to qualify for affordable housing should they sell the family home, many seniors find themselves house rich and cash poor. However, by offering more housing at the 80 percent level, it opens the doors for

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Restorative justice

It's not easy for children and teenagers to face up and accept responsibility for illegal behavior. And sometimes it's even harder for their parents to accept the fact their kids messed up.

There's a lot of pressure today to make the sports team or be accepted to the National Honor Society. These activities look good on college résumés and for many parents having their son or daughter accepted by a top college is paramount. Having that record marred by a run-in with the police isn't a welcome thought because it could affect their child's chances of getting into their dream school.

But somewhere along the line some parents – especially in affluent communities – have lost sight of simple truths and commonsense. Not only are they letting their children down by condoning underage drinking and illegal drug use, but when their children get in trouble and they try to push it under the rug, they're sending the wrong message.

Over the weekend here in Cohasset, a number of juvenile boys (meaning they were all under 17) broke into a house, where they got drunk and trashed the place. The family that was renting the home was away for the weekend.

The boys brought along "cases and cases of beer" and the only alcohol the couple had in the house was a bottle of champagne in the refrigerator for their anniversary. Yes, the boys drank that too.

The teens also exhibited an arrogant disregard for the personal property of others. They rifled through drawers and threw food around, turning the place into a complete mess.

Unfortunately, underage and unsupervised partying is fairly common around here. It's viewed in some circles as a rite of passage for the young. After all, some say, they're just kids getting into mischief and teenagers are going to drink and experiment with drugs and there's nothing adults can do about it.

The boys, who broke into the Cohasset house this weekend, had no way of knowing the tenant there was part of a program in her hometown of Concord, called Restorative Justice.

According to the Centre for Restorative Justice, the program represents the "simple wisdom of viewing conflict as an opportunity for a community to learn and grow. It operates on the premise that conflict, including criminal conflict, inflicts harm, and therefore individuals must accept responsibility in repairing that harm."

The woman asked the boys and their parents to come to the house and see the mess that included damage to furniture, doors and flooring. She wanted the families to see the impact of what occurred and the effect on the victim.

The woman and her family were looking forward to their Cohasset vacation and now her nine-year-old daughter is afraid to return to the house.

Not all the parents were thrilled about her invitation to meet and she says some were defensive and rude. But as a result of the meetings, the boys are going to return to the house to do some work on the grounds. Unfortunately they created such a mess that professional cleaners need to be hired. She also asked the boys to apologize for their behavior.

The boys still had their day in court where they faced several criminal charges. But hopefully by meeting the victim and seeing the impact their irresponsible behavior had on that family, they may have learned an important lesson.

According to various Web sites on Restorative Justice, victims, communities, and offenders are placed in active roles to work together to:

- Empower victims in their search for closure
- Impress upon offenders the real human impact of their behavior
- Promote restitution to victims and communities

We urge Cohasset to look into Restorative Justice programs like the one in Concord. While we are saddened that this woman's family was victimized by events over the weekend – we're glad she has taken upon herself to teach us a lesson in handling young offenders.

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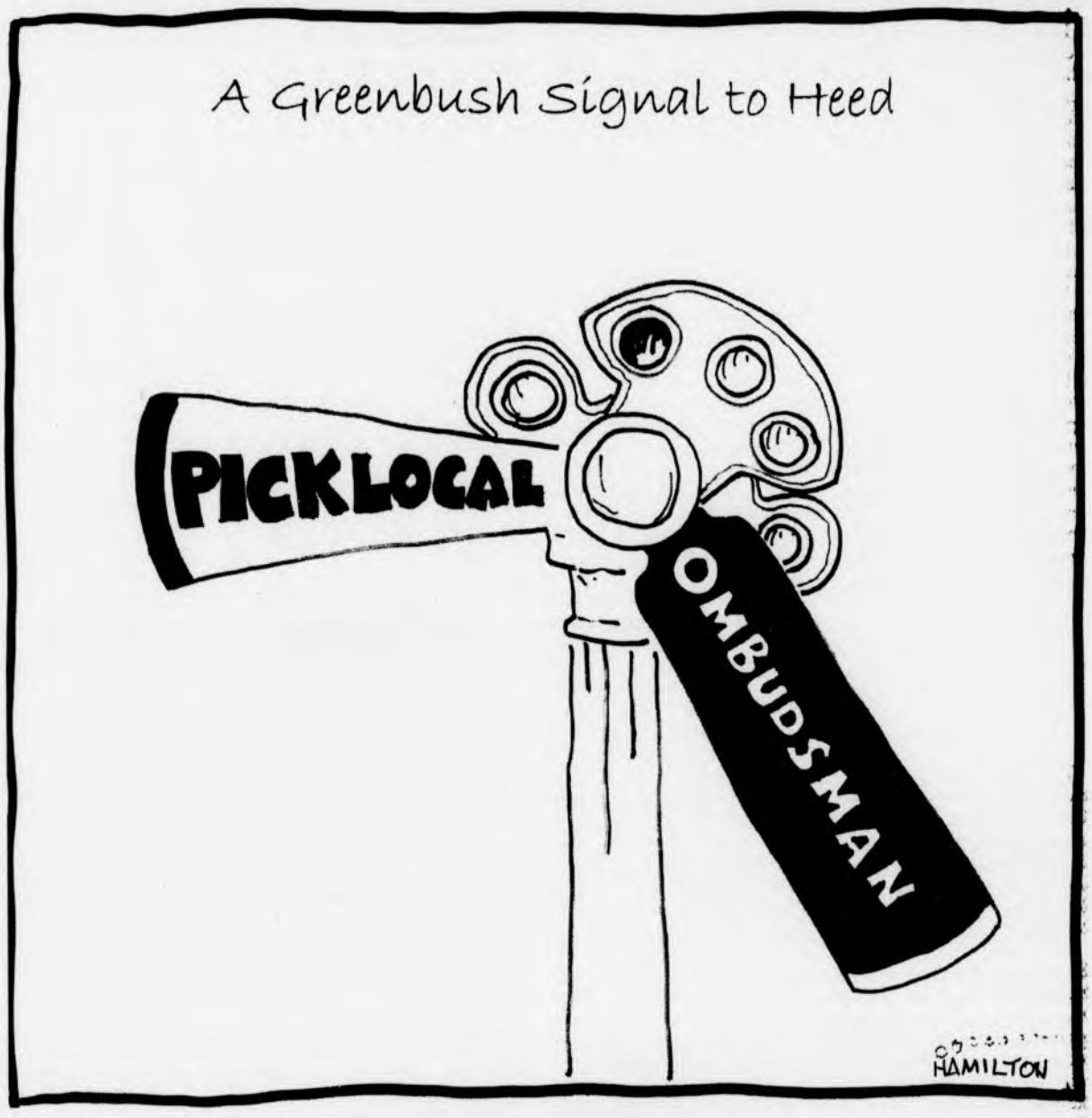
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is it a $90K bill or is it $180K?

TO THE EDITOR:

I am more than slightly confused and very concerned. While watching a Selectmen's meeting on July 13, school committee member, Rick Shea, made a presentation about a "lost" utility bill which was reported on page three of the July 15 Mariner. This electric bill in the amount of $90K was described as an actual rather than an estimated one for the months ending in April. It was difficult for the home viewer to clearly hear Mr. Shea's comments; his microphone appeared to be malfunctioning. When questioned about the bills for the rest of the fiscal year that ended June 30, he had no information since he hadn't seen them.

It appears that this is just another year that the school committee has grossly underestimated the utility line items in the budget. But not to worry because Supt. Malvey has worked out a plan with the utility company to pay these charges over a six-month period in the new fiscal year. There was talk of finally putting out some of the lights and installing timers as has been suggested for several years by many factions in town.

The following week, July 22, the Mariner again carried an article about another unpaid school utility bill, this time for gas, in the amount of $90K that had mysteriously surfaced from an unknown location. According to the article, Supt. Malvey again worked out the same deal with the utility company. But the only wrinkle in this scheme is the state law that prohibits paying for incurred charges from one year with funds in another.

So from what I read it looks like we are to be faced at the next town meeting with a questionable amount of money to cover the utility deficits in last year's school budget. Was it one bill or two? Is it $90K or $180K or will we be presented with more bills from undisclosed locations in the weeks ahead?

I'm confused, the Mariner appears to be confused, and the elected board that is responsible for the funds must be confused. I did call two school committee members for clarification as soon as the paper came out last week but as I am writing this letter under the wire for publication I have not received a response to dispel this confusion.

With the fiscal irresponsibility that we have been witnessing in the last few years, the taxpayers shouldn't be confused when they receive double digit tax increases in the very near future.

L. C. Jenkins
Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers
198 Jerusalem Road

The story behind town's sewer follies

TO THE EDITOR:

Richard Brooks and Paul Lualdi are correct in stating that the sewerage needs of the Little Harbor area and certain other existing residences must be met before any treatment capacity is allotted to new development. That priority exists, and will be maintained; there is no need to get excited just because a statement by one of the selectmen could be interpreted as suggesting that priority be given to one of the developments now in play. And certainly no excuse for abandoning the Cook project (the only one designed to suit the town rather than the developer)!

Granted, no one knows what a judge may decide if one or more of the other developers go to court.

What is the reason we have too little capacity, difficulty in finding places to dispose of the harmless treated effluent water, threats of lawsuits, homes in need of a sewer connection to free them from an intractable septic situation and horrendous Title 5 costs, etc?

Answer: The town's decision 20 some years ago to forgo a large treatment plant with ocean outfall, to be paid for largely by state funds, on the naive assumption that growth could be controlled by limiting our sewage treatment capacity to the bare minimum that satisfies the state's environmental requirements. Voters soaked up seductive rhetoric about preserving the character of the town, nonsense about polluting the beach from an ocean outfall, exaggerated costs of hookup etc

Granted, many lots might have been built on sooner and with smaller houses (but not small enough to have forestalled 40B). Deliberately inadequate sewerage hasn't prevented growth or change in the town's character, but accommodating the inevitable changes has been rendered more costly and difficult. Amazingly, many still believe this short-sighted behavior made sense, despite its obvious failure

Although we have irrevocably rejected the state funding, treatment capacity can always be added, in one or more central plants, in developments or in other small groups of residences, or for an individual residence. The real problem is disposal of the essentially-harmless treated water. Unfortunately, the government in its peculiar logic no longer permits new ocean outfalls.

That we oppose new development is almost irrelevant, we are going to have some regardless and will have to deal with the problems it creates. What we should do is stop fiddling , build the capacity to deal with the pressing needs of current residents plus the development that is essentially being forced upon us by 40B and/or court action, and find some co-operative ways to dispose of the innocuous effluent. Then, having fed the 40B monster, control the character of the town and the nature of its growth by *regulatory* means, rather than such futile devices as limiting sewage treatment.

As former Selectman Tom Callahan has pointed out in another publication, in fairness to those who never will be sewered but whose taxes nevertheless help fund the sewer system, we should revive the idea of municipalizing the maintenance and upgrading of on-site systems, for an annual fee. Some would object on the grounds that it's too socialistic, but it would be more efficient than each homeowner having to deal with the maintenance and upgrading contractors, and would relieve the homeowner of having to come up with the huge roll of cash for an upgrade. From a public health standpoint, there would be fewer people continuing to limp along with failing systems discharging where they shouldn't.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Contest

Create a chameleon. Come to the Children's Room and get your "Leo Lionni" style chameleon to decorate. Glue it to cardboard to give it strength and glue on shapes, buttons, glitter, etc. then paint, color, or collage it. You must include your name, age, and telephone number. All ages are invited to participate. There will be many winners. Contest ends on July 30. Leave your creations in the basket on Mrs. Moody's desk. Come "explore other worlds at your library".

Marionette Show

On Tuesday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m. the Drawbridge Puppet Theater will perform "Jack and the Beanstalk". This show is most appropriate for ages 6 and up. It is performed in a darkened room and may have some scary moments. Come join us for the book raffle at 6:50 p.m. Next week the final show of the season will be "Explore the Land of Enchantment" with Sparky's Puppets. This show is great for younger families, but will not disappoint the older children.

Puzzle club

Two more weeks of Puzzle Club left. It is not too late to come. All Deer Hill students are encouraged to drop in on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Come read a short mystery and find the clues and solutions in puzzles. Come with friends or meet new friends. Join the Puzzle Club Team. No registration is required. Puzzle Club will meet on consecutive Mondays from July 12 through Aug. 9. All participants must be picked up on time.

Students to test shellfish beds for bacteria

CSCR REPORT

RYAN DAVIS

A group of students volunteered to serve as the vanguard of this ambitious new project this past Friday.

Little Harbor, once home to several shellfish beds, has been unconditionally off-limits to the shellfish industry since the state discontinued its testing for fecal coliform levels in 1997. Fecal coliform is the principal strain of bacterium that causes illness in humans after ingesting shellfish. Since the state left off its work, no independent agency has resumed the rigorous fecal coliform testing necessary to grant licenses to fisheries. Due to a lack of updated data regarding this bacteriological pollutant, it is impossible to obtain a license to harvest shellfish in Little Harbor.

With the idea of eventually renewing the harbor's shellfisheries in mind, the Massachusetts Attorney General's office has recently pressured the Town of Cohasset to resume fecal coliform testing.

In response to the state's legal pressure, Steve Bobo, chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health, approached the CSCR last week with a proposal: he suggested that its students function collectively as the agents responsible for taking accurate and precise measurements of the harbor's fecal coliform levels. Qualifying the CSCR as "the only [agency] able to do [this testing]," he also underscored the importance of preparing the next generation of environmental researchers – the students of the CSCR.

A group of students volunteered to serve as the vanguard of this ambitious new project this past Friday. Some students, excited to work on the fecal coliform testing, deemed "extremely important" by both Mr. Bobo and Jack Buckley, dropped their current work in order to undertake this new endeavor. Others shouldered a second study. CSCR student Caroline Davis noted that, "it would be interesting to see how the results compared with the [data] from the Gulf River [study]."

Just this year, the CSCR switched its bacterial standard from fecal coliform to enterococci in order to comply with the state regulations for public swimming areas, which are based on the enterococci standard. Fortunately, equipment necessary for fecal coliform testing had not been obviated by this transition, and the CSCR lab remained ready to proceed with testing of fecal coliform this week.

Beginning this Monday, volunteers began receiving training in sterilely and accurately processing the fecal coliform samples taken from various points about the harbor. Students will follow the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Standard Fecal Coliform Membrane Filtration Procedure (SM 9222D), which is the standard applied in research labs statewide. The CSCR study will take samples from at least five sites.

Additionally, the Cohasset Board of Health and the students involved in the data collection and analysis will co-present a detailed report of the harbor's fecal coliform levels at the conclusion of the Summer Institute's session to the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, as well as other relevant state agencies. Students will learn to create the appropriate weekly reports and a final report, designed to assess the possibility of reopening the shellfish beds. However, there was some skepticism from project leaders whether the beds would in fact reopen even after addressing the major sources of fecal coliform pollution, which the state has identified as storm water runoff and old or faulty septic systems in the Little Harbor watershed. Mr. Bobo cited an increase in watershed animal life as one of the primary factors contributing to high levels of fecal coliform.

Note: In last week's article, it was reported that the Gulf River emptied into Little Harbor; in fact, the Gulf River empties into Cohasset Harbor.

Ryan Davis is a student the CSCR. He is an upcoming senior at Phillips Academy in Andover and lives in Hingham.

HEALTH NOTES

Town doing well in pollution fight

With the help of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs through the DEP, we have blunted the progressive degradation of our soils by human wastes.

The Second Amended Final Judgment has been the guiding principal for a number of years while Cohasset has radically modified its posture relating to environmental activity within Town. Beginning in 1997, the Town has begun several groundbreaking initiatives aimed at combating the types of pollution which threaten the Town. Several things have changed over the years.

With the help of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs through the DEP, we have blunted the progressive degradation of our soils by human wastes. This is in large part owing to the provisions of Title 5 which, although greatly maligned in some circles, has led to extensive and widespread improvement in our groundwater. Recent data such as those taken by the Water Department have demonstrated that septic systems are less a factor in tainting our groundwater than other contributors, such as storm water, surface water and domestic or wild animals. This factor, together with substantial improvement of on-site wastewater processing technology has led to reduction of costs associated with such processing, and improved wastewater treatment.

In addition, the Town has initiated some regulations designed to help. The so-called 400 foot rule to named bodies of water has required nitrogen removal from any new or repaired system within four hundred feet of any stream pond or estuary. This step alone has resulted, until recently, in a substantial reduction of algae in some of our water bodies. The Town has regulated the use of certain types of fertilizer known to cause growth in freshwater ponds.

It's no secret that the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs has observed with lively interest the development of these initiatives. They may not have gone as quickly, as may have been wished, but very substantial progress has been steady and encouraging.

Also, the sewer department has succeeded in sewering more than 800 homes, and has plans in place for sewering as many as 400 more. These are hard and fast plans backed by as much funding as we can afford given the massive budgetary pressures the town is undergoing.

Cohasset, through the Board of Health, is one of the first towns to implement the EPA's Clean Water Act's Phase II requirements, have our plan approved, and received a NPDES permit from the state. Furthermore, we have one of the most successful environmental public outreach programs, having published more than 300 articles on public health matters, of which about 10 percent were on topics mentioned in government environmental guidance requirements such as turf management. We have a dynamic and effective Water Resource Protection program advised by a committee of committed volunteer citizens; we have a wastewater committee consisting of highly qualified individuals working in the field, charged with making recommendations to the selectmen about septic and sewer issues. These are the groups who are providing guidance on wastewater issues. There are still others who cover broad health matters and other concerns such as emergency preparedness, elder care, etc.

These groups have enabled us to respond effectively to those who ask "what have you done for us lately?" And they will serve you with the most economical government services it is in our power to provide.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health

Hingham commuter boat parking fee is cut in half

Fare structure to be studied

"With some cost relief to commuter boat riders, I am hopeful we can reverse the trend that has produced a 30percent drop in ridership over the last two years."

— State Sen. Robert Hedlund

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, joined Governor Romney and Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas to announce a reduction in the commuter boat parking fee as well as the creation of a special commission to study short and long term changes to the commuter boat fee structure.

In early August, the parking fee at the Hingham commuter boat lot will be cut in half to $1 per day. Hedlund, an opponent of the $2/day parking fee since its inception in 2002, has met with Grabauskas and MBTA General Manager Michael Mulhern on several occasions to advocate for relief for the boat commuters.

The parking fee reduction comes four months after Hedlund worked with the MBTA to waive the $2 fee for the month of March in response to the many frustrations commuters encountered over the winter.

"I want to thank Secretary Grabauskas and Mr. Mulhern for their consideration and positive action on behalf of the commuter boat riders. This is a good immediate first step to help correct what I believe is an inequity in the cost to riders of the commuter boat," he said.

Hedlund points out this action is needed now to help offset the huge cost increases to commuters over the last couple of years that have led to decreased ridership. "The increases in the parking fees and the fares have made the ferry service no longer competitive with alternatives such as driving, the red line, buses and commuter rail. That is obviously not a trend we want to continue. With some cost relief to commuter boat riders, I am hopeful we can reverse the trend that has produced a 30percent drop in ridership over the last two years," he said.

"We've been working with Senator Hedlund over the past several months to develop a policy that is equitable and provides an appropriate incentive for people to opt for water transportation," said Grabauskas. "This parking reduction really makes the Hingham ferry service an attractive transit alternative for the South Shore."

Until February of 2003, parking in the Hingham commuter lot had been free. In February of 2003 the MBTA implemented a $2/day parking fee in the Hingham lot. Less than a year later the MBTA raised commuter boat fares 20 percent, from $5 to $6 for a one-way trip. It now costs a Boston-bound rider $14/day to use the commuter boats. The 10-ride ticket now costs $54 and the monthly pass for the commuter boat rose 25 percent to $211. Since the MBTA took over the ferry service in 1997, the average cost of a commute has increased nearly 50 percent ($12.80 versus $6.80).

In addition to the immediate parking fee decrease, Hedlund announced the creation of a special commission to study and report on the equity of MBTA fares between modes of transportation.

The recently passed Transportation Bond Bill includes a provision that creates a commission to study the fees and make potential recommendations for changes. The commission will consist of 8 members, 1 member to be appointed by the Senate President, 1 member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of Transportation and Construction or his designee, the general manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority or his designee, 1 member to be appointed by the town of Hingham by vote of the board of selectmen, and 3 members to be appointed by the Secretary of Transportation and Construction, 1 of which shall be a representative of the south shore business community and 2 of which shall be representatives of the service area who regularly utilize the Rowes Wharf / Hingham commuter boat.

The special commission is authorized and directed to study and consider service and facility improvements, fare structure, parking fees, scheduling and ridership. The special commission will issue a report to the MBTA with recommendations no later than 60 days after being formed. The special commission will issue a second report to the MBTA with recommendations relative to the long-term recommendations for utilization of the commuter boat between Hingham and Rowes Wharf, including the equity of zones and fares among varying commuting modes in the region such as Greenbush and the commuter boats, parking fee and capacity issues, and ongoing service subsidies by December 31st, 2004.

"Secretary Grabauskas agrees with me that as a matter of transportation policy the state should not pit one form of Mass Transit, like commuter boats, against other forms like commuter rail. This commission will work to rectify this disparity between proposed Greenbush fares and current commuter boat fares. It is my hope the information we compiled for the Secretary of Transportation will be the ammunition he needs to make the case to the MBTA Board for a reasonable fare structure for South Shore boat commuters," Hedlund said.

"The Commission will take a comprehensive look at the ferry service and help the MBTA put forth a plan that delivers convenient, efficient, and affordable water transportation for the area," said Secretary Grabauskas.

Current state statute requires MBTA board of directors approval of any fare changes.

In expressing the need for this commission, Hedlund points to the discrepancy between the current cost of the commuter boat out of Hingham and the proposed cost of the Greenbush commuter rail fare to Boston from the zones closest to the ferry service. The one-way cost of a commuter boat ride out of Hingham is $6, while the fare to Boston from the proposed East Weymouth Greenbush stop is set at $3.50 and West Hingham is set at $3.75. Both of these proposed Greenbush stations are in immediate proximity to the commuter boat terminal in Hingham.

Hedlund further points out that the MBTA subsidizes the ferry service at a significantly lower rate than they will the Greenbush line, meaning the riders of the ferry service are forced to pay a bigger share. The commuter rail operating subsidy on Greenbush is projected to be $3.50 per rider per trip, which reflects operating costs only. If the commuter rail capital debt service were also allocated per person, the subsidy would be over $15.00. By contrast, the MBTA commuter boat subsidy is currently .90 cents per person (which includes operational costs and capital amortization).

"If we are serious about our commitment to support and grow all forms of Mass Transportation, than we need to address the discrepancy between the subsidies and fares between the various modes of transportation. This new commission will do just that," said Hedlund.

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A real political convention

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I tell you they just aren't making political conventions like they used to anymore. If they did then why am I watching reruns of "Sabrina the Teen Aged Witch" in prime time on Nickelodeon and "Get Shorty" for the 25th time on The Movie Channel?

It's either that or listen to another speech by Bill Clinton or watch the cops beat up on a protester trying to escape from his cage or catch a delegate from Texas asleep during a roll call.

Let me tell you about a real political convention. It was the first one that I recall taking a great interest in and it hooked me on conventions until recently when the script writers took them over.

It was a hot July in 1948 in Philadelphia when the Democrats met to choose a successor to President Harry Truman as their candidate to run against Republican Thomas Dewey.

Harry wanted the job, too, but no one really liked him. Three years after he succeeded the late FDR, hardly anyone in Convention Hall was willing to trust him to win the Oval Office on his own.

A goodly part of the Democratic party, the bosses, the unions, the professional pols, the ones who counted, were behind Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, the hero of World War II, who declined the opportunity.

No one in the "Draft Ike" movement had the slightest idea whether he was a Democrat or Republican and it was good that he turned them down because he turned up as the Republican candidate four years later.

A group of Southern Democrats held out for Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia because they saw signs that Harry might move toward integration of the races if he were given a second term.

Unhappy Democrats nominated Truman, 948 to 262 over Russell and then the fun began.

The convention had turned to writing a platform when a black delegate from Missouri moved that a segregationist delegation from Mississippi be unseated and replaced by one friendly to civil rights.

A Minnesota delegate. Hubert Humphrey, the mayor of Minneapolis, rammed through a civil rights plank amid warnings that he was ruining any future he had in politics.

The controversial plank stated "racial and religious minorities must have the right to live, the right to work, the right to vote, the full and equal protection of the laws and the basis of equality with all citizens as guaranteed by the Constitution."

Eighty-five delegates from Mississippi and Alabama walked out of the convention and all the way to Birmingham, Ala., where they nominated Gov. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, for president.

Another group of delegates also withdrew and nominated former Vice President Henry Wallace for presidents. Their platform condemned "big business control of our economy and government."

Their place in the spectrum was fixed when Wallace and his Progressive Party was endorsed by the Communist Party-USA and their platform called for rapprochement with the Soviet Union.

That was the situation when Harry Truman began his 30,000-mile whistlestop tour by train across the country, in which he made 300 speeches in 33 days.

At on stop, the candidate that no one really wanted so excited one listener that he cried, "Give 'em hell, Harry," to which Harry replied, "I only them the truth and they think it's hell."

Last minute polls had Dewey winning by large margins, Gallup 49-44, Roper 52-37 and Crossley 50-45. An early edition of the over-anxious Chicago Tribune told its readers "Dewey Defeats Truman."

I was working for the Patriot Ledger at the time and I remember a syndicated Drew Pearson column coming in with an analysis of the men that Dewey was going to appoint to his cabinet. The syndicate killed it.

Truman beat Dewey, 303 electoral votes to 189; Thurmond had 39 and Wallace none.

Now that was a convention and an election!

Apartments at Pratt Building

Cohasset Historical Society's conversion of space at the Pratt Building into two apartments is proceeding at a fast clip. Both apartment areas have been carved out with the contractors dividing each apartment interior into living room, kitchen and dining area, bedroom, and bathroom. Wiring is done and sheet rocking will start this week. Each apartment has its own entrance at the rear of the building and will have new parking spaces for two cars at the front of the building.

The fully air conditioned apartments should be ready for occupancy on Sept. 1, and the Historical Society suggests applicants call 781-383-1168 or stop by at 106 South Main St., between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays for the necessary application papers. There will be no pets or smoking allowed. Priority will be given to Cohasset residents. Rent will be $1,500/month and tenants must be 55 years of age or older.

In August, the Cohasset Historical Society will have an Open House featuring its two new apartments.

DNC event tonight at Sons of Italy Hall

On Thursday, July 29, as the Democrats hear from their presidential nominee at the National Convention in Boston, many South Shore Democrats will gather to watch the events unfold on big screen TV at a grass roots event in Hingham.

You are invited to join the convention atmosphere at the Son's of Italy Hall on Rte. 3A in Hingham from 7-11 p.m. on July 29. As a "delegate" you will enjoy a grass roots version of the "big show" in Boston - in an environment decorated to feel like the national convention floor. Your participation will help with "Get Out The Vote" activities on the South Shore this November. The evening begins with a live conference call (at 7 p.m.) with John Edwards, John Kerry's vice presidential choice, who will be addressing grass roots gatherings across the U.S. Later, while viewing live TV coverage of John Kerry's acceptance speech, you can meet and share ideas with fellow citizens. (You don't have to be a registered Democrat to participate in the Hingham presidential convention).

Admission to the Hingham presidential convention also provides opportunities to; enjoy light food and drink, peruse the political memorabilia on sale, participate in a Crazy Political Hat contest, support "Get Out The Vote" activities in our towns this November and much more (don't forget to check out the bake sale!) This event is being sponsored by the Hingham Democratic Committee, the Plymouth County Democratic League and the South Shore town Committees that comprise "Coop 8."

Voters and future voters (age 13 and up) are invited. Tickets are available by calling Tom Vangel of the Hingham Town Committee (781-740-2757) or Tim White of the Plymouth County Democratic League (781-331-6900). "Grass roots" ticket prices make this an event that all can enjoy. Adults $20; seniors and young adults (18-25) $10; future voters (13-17 year olds) free.

Plans taking shape for Cook land

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seniors who may make a profit from the sale of their home to be able to take advantage of living in affordable housing. Fulton said the DHCD is considering modifying their regulations to help find a solution for seniors.

The entire Cook Estate development will be filed under the town's Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw. The bylaw enables developers to build higher density housing in exchange for affordable senior housing. Developers are allowed to build 10 units of senior housing per acre under the bylaw. Cedarmere is looking to build 105 units of housing on 41 acres, when it could file for 410, and the Cook Estate is looking to build 95 units on roughly 31 acres, when it could build 310. However, the disposition of the land always dictates what can and cannot be built.

The Cook Estate affordable components will be considered as a Local Initiative Project under DHCD guidelines, which makes them almost a "friendly 40B." Chapter 40B is the more than 30-year-old state law that allows developers to skirt local zoning regulations in exchange for providing affordable housing, in communities which do not meet the state's affordable housing threshold. LIP is the mechanism by which the town makes sure units qualify or "count" toward the number of total affordable units.

LIP helps create affordable housing by providing technical assistance to communities and developers who are working together to create affordable housing for low and moderate income households. With LIP projects, the town and developer must work together. Towns can make decisions with LIP projects based more on their individual needs, and therefore the town becomes proactively involved with the development projects.

LIP projects differ from 40B projects because 40B developers are not required to work with the town, and a town can end up with developments that do not meet the zoning rules and regulations it has set. A 40B project can side-step the local bylaws, providing 25 percent of the units qualify as long-term affordable housing.

Amenities

The site plans for the Cook property take into consideration the target market for the development, providing amenities the active, 55-plus crowd wants. All units have a first floor master bedroom, one- or two-car garages, and loft spaces. There will be walking trails along the perimeter of the entire village, which could be linked with present or future "off-site" trail networks.

The plans also include a common garden facility available for all residents, and the existing Cook residence will be renovated into a "village clubhouse" to be used for social events and gatherings.

Floor plans for townhouses will come in four designs. Three feature two bedrooms and two and a half baths, and the fourth has two bedrooms and two full baths. Square footage ranges from 1700-1950 square feet of living space.

During a "pre-sale" period, homes will be offered at a discount and only marketed to Cohasset residents. After the pre-sale period, townhouses will most likely be marketed for $575,000 to $585,000 and increase in value as the project progresses.

SENIOR SCENE

For more information, contact the CEA at 781-383-9112.

Volunteers

The following volunteer positions are needed at the Cohasset Elder Affairs:

- Van drivers
- Luncheon Assistants
- Office Assistants
- Friendly Visiting
- Escort Shopping

Call the Cohasset Elder Affairs for more information! 781-383-9112

Ongoing programs

Book Club: - 10 a.m., second Friday of the month

Bridge-ACBL: Mondays, 12:15 p.m.

Bridge- Drop In: Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Bridge- Learn to Play: Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga: Thursdays, 1:15 p.m.

Computer Technology: Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Firming and Toning with Karen: Tuesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m.

Gourmet cooking with Anna: First and third Wednesday of the month

Knitting with Edna: Fridays, 1 p.m.

Legal Consultation: Monthly by appointment

Lunch at the center: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, noon

Pedi-care with Jean: Second Wednesday by appointment

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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July 19-23



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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on four roll calls and local senators' votes on five roll calls from the week of July 19-23.

$20 MILLION FOR HUMAN SERVICE WORKERS (H 4850)

House 156-0, Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $20 million in funding for pay raises for human service workers earning less than $40,000 per year. Override supporters said this will allow long overdue one to two percent pay increases for hardworking, underpaid human service workers that provide valuable services to thousands of vulnerable citizens including the homeless, elderly, abused children and individuals with mental and physical disabilities. In his veto message, Romney said he vetoed the funding because it is consistent with his original fiscal 2005 budget recommendation. (A "Yea" vote is for the $20 million).

Rep. Bradley: Y
Sen. Hedlund: Y

$10 MILLION FOR WATER AND SEWER RELIEF (H 4850)

House 144-12, Senate 33-5, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $10 million in funding for water and sewer rate relief for customers in the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) district. Override supporters said this would help overburdened citizens in 61 cities and towns who are paying increased water and sewer rates that have been skyrocketing for years and noted that there are other programs in the budget that help other ratepayers across the state. They argued that a federal court order mandating the clean up of Boston Harbor is one of the main reasons for these rate increases. Override opponents said it is unfair for taxpayer money to be used to help only residents of a few communities and argued that there are other residents across the state that could use direct rate relief. They noted that the rate relief programs in the budget for non-MWRA ratepayers are not outright grants or loans. (A "Yea" vote is for the $10 million. A "Nay" vote is against the $10 million).

Rep. Bradley: Y
Sen. Hedlund: Y

$4 MILLION FOR TRIAL COURTS (H 4850)

House 130-26, Senate 36-2, overrode Gov. Romney's $4 million veto reduction (from $103.6 million to $99.6 million) in funding for the administration of the state's trial courts. Override supporters said the additional $4 million is necessary to ensure that the courts operate smoothly and noted that some of the money is used for increased security that is necessary to protect people. Override opponents offered no arguments. In his veto message, Romney said he reduced the item to the amount projected to be necessary. (A "Yea" vote is for the $4 million. A "Nay" vote is against the $4 million).

Rep. Bradley: Y
Sen. Hedlund: N

CHARTER SCHOOL MORATORIUM (H 4580)

House 77-78, failed to override Gov. Romney's veto of a budget section barring the Board of Education from approving new Commonwealth Charter Schools until July 31, 2005 or until the Legislature approves a new tuition financing system for the schools. The measure also freezes enrollment at existing charter schools and prohibits five recently approved new charter schools from opening for at least another year. Some override supporters said it is irresponsible to allow the creation of more charter schools and require local communities to fund them during these difficult economic times. Others said that these experimental schools have questionable performance records and are draining desperately needed funds from regular public schools through a funding formula that takes too much money away from the regular schools. Some override opponents said that these innovative schools have performed so well that there are many children on waiting lists for enrollment. They argued that it is irresponsible to prohibit the opening of new charter schools that have already been approved. Others noted that the Legislature and the governor are already working on a new formula in order to improve the funding system. (A "Yea" vote is for the moratorium. A "Nay" vote is against the moratorium).

Rep. Bradley: N
Sen. Hedlund: N

PLACEMENT OF BABIES (H 4325)

Senate 38-0, gave near approval to and sent to Gov. Romney a bill allowing parents to leave their baby under the age of seven days at a police or fire station or hospital emergency room. The state would then place the baby into the state's foster care system and begin the process of terminating parental rights. Other provisions require the state to publicize the new law, teen pregnancy prevention programs and adoption information and provide that the law expires on June 30, 2008 unless it is renewed by the Legislature. Supporters said more than 40 other states have similar laws and argued that the measure would save lives and give young, scared mothers a choice. They argued that without this new law, unsafe abandonment or even the killing of babies would continue. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Rep. Bradley: Y
Sen. Hedlund: Y

NEW EDUCATION FUNDING (S 2463)

Senate 38-0, gave near final approval to and sent to the House a bill creating a new funding plan for the distribution of some Chapter 70 Education Aid. The proposal creates a new category of "Target Aid" that increases Chapter 70 aid by an estimated $150 million to $175 million per year over seven years beginning in fiscal year 2006. The measure also provides that each community would see its aid grow by at least $50 per pupil. Supporters said the bill would improve education by increasing education aid by more than $1 billion over seven years. They noted that the new Target Aid would be distributed under a plan designed to level the playing field, correct inequities and help communities that have traditionally received less aid than other communities with similar property values and income levels. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Rep. Bradley: Y
Sen. Hedlund: Y

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Projects open doors for housing options

By Samantha Brown
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Senior citizens looking to downsize from a large family home do not have many options if they want to stay in town. Senior housing and rental units are limited and are not available for a wide range of incomes.

Those on a fixed budget who may have equity in their home but don't have much money coming in, may have no choice but to move from the town they love. But there could be relief in sight.

With three multi-unit housing proposals on the table, seniors could find they have more choices in the months ahead.

Avalon was the first new housing project to come to Cohasset. The 200-unit apartment project off Route 3A is not specifically geared toward seniors, but provides a rental option. It has been issued a comprehensive permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals under Chapter 40B, the state's 30-year-old law that allows developers to skirt local zoning in exchange for providing affordable housing. [The water commission is appealing Avalon's comprehensive permit, saying it feels the project could have an adverse impact on Lily Pond, the town's drinking water supply.]

In the quest to both fulfill the need for senior housing, and get out from under the threat of more 40B housing projects coming to town, a new senior housing bylaw — the Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw — was drafted and passed at the 2002 fall Special Town Meeting. It enables the town to have more control over development. In exchange for providing senior housing, developers would be allowed to build higher density housing, allowing10 units of housing for every acre of land.

Last year, the Cedarmere senior housing development became the first project to file with the planning board for a special application under the town's bylaw. Plans have been regulated according to the town's standards right down to the landscaping. Cedarmere is the 105-unit proposed development slated to be built on 41-acres off Beechwood Street.

Under the bylaw, affordability guidelines have been set, and at least 25 percent of dwelling units must be affordable to residents who qualify at low- or moderate-income standards. Cedarmere would also have market rate units available.

The Cook Estate will be the second project to file under the town bylaw. If Cedarmere is any indicator of how the special permitting process will go, it could be at least eight months before the Cook Estate plans gain planning board approval.

Planning board member Peter Pratt said the Cedarmere applicants came before the planning board for three or four informal discussions prior to submitting plans, to gain feedback regarding what the board would like to see the plans entail. As the first project filing under the bylaw, the process was new to everyone. Pratt said Cedarmere formally filed preliminary plans in June, and was granted a special permit in January of 2004, eight months later.

"Even though it's a 'town sponsored project,' it comes to us equal to a private sector project," said Pratt of the Cook Estate project. He said he and the board were glad to see Jack Dawley — one of the principals of Northland Residential, the company the town is working with to develop senior housing on the Cook property — come before the board along with one or two colleagues for a "courtesy meeting" last winter. Pratt said the developers gave almost the same presentation as they gave when they presented the bid package to the Board of Selectmen, but it was informative and beneficial to have the entire board present.

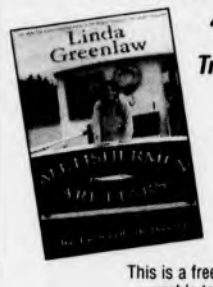
During the Cedarmere public hearing process, which the Cook Estate project will also have to entertain per order of the town's bylaw, traffic studies were presented, as well as reports on potential noise pollution, light pollution, landscape design, and public safety vehicle access. Abutters to the project were invited to attend all public hearings, and provided feedback for the plans.

In addition to planning board approval, certain aspects of the project needed to come before other town boards. Since there are wetlands on the Cook property, Pratt said developers will at least need to come before the Conservation Commission.

Avalon and Cedarmere are both involved in litigation, which at any moment could be ruled on, which together, could potentially bring more than 300 units of housing to the town in one fell swoop. Avalon's Water Commission appeal was filed last fall, and has been taken to land court, but has yet to be settled. Cedarmere, which was denied access to town sewer, appealed the sewer commission's denial of a hook-up to town sewer, and is waiting for that outcome.

The town has a deadline of Oct. 31 to close the deal with the Cook Estate, which may not be set in stone. Revisions to the original purchase and sale agreement, signed March 15 by the Board of Selectmen and the Cook heirs, allows the closing to be extended for up to two 30-day periods, and the town will be asked to pay $20,000 for each 30-day period. At the closing, the deposits will be applied to the purchase price.

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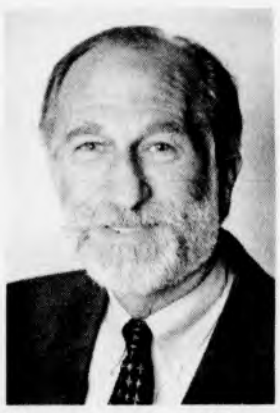
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Patient Safety: Nothing Is More Important



Marvin J. Lipschutz, MD
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Patients put their trust in us — and it is our responsibility to demonstrate that we deserve that trust.

Publicity about some patients' experiences at South Shore Hospital has called into question whether we are doing everything we can to keep our patients safe. Given some of the sensational headlines, we believe that is a fair question that deserves straightforward answers.

We keep patients safe by having the right people, with the right qualifications, to meet the needs of the 150,000 hospital and home health patients we care for each year. Recruiting, educating, and retaining a talented and compassionate health care team is fundamental at South Shore Hospital.

We keep patients safe through the expertise of our 700-member medical staff, which is larger and represents more specialties than any other hospital in the region. Every physician undergoes a rigorous credentialing process before earning privileges to admit a patient to our hospital. All physicians joining our medical staff must become board-certified, a standard few Massachusetts hospitals require. And then, every two years, each medical staff member must be re-credentialed — a process that helps assure that only qualified physicians remain affiliated with our hospital.

We keep patients safe by assuring that certain physicians are on-site — not just on-call — 24 hours every day. South Shore Hospital is the only hospital in the region to have board-certified obstetrician/gynecologists, internists, surgeons, critical care intensivists, anesthesiologists, pediatricians, and neonatologists on-site to respond to patient needs any time of the day or night.

We keep patients safe by employing 1,150 nurses — more than any hospital in the region. Our nurses average more than 15 years of experience, and many have earned advanced specialty certifications. Nursing care is only provided by licensed caregivers. We have chosen not to reduce costs by allowing non-licensed staff to provide nursing care. That kind of savings isn't worth potentially compromising patient safety.

We keep patients safe by partnering with leading academic medical centers to bring their medical experts to our region. These physicians work at South Shore Hospital through clinical affiliations we have with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Children's Hospital, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Tufts-New England Medical Center.

We keep patients safe by standardizing care and minimizing variations that can lead to errors. For example, since implementing protocols for every critical care patient who temporarily depends on a machine to breathe, none have developed pneumonia — a complication related to mechanical ventilation. We also take part in national studies where "best practices" are tracked, monitored, and shared. One example is our participation in a national cardiology database, to help measure how effectively we care for those experiencing heart attacks. As a result, we know our patients have a 22 percent better chance than the national average of initially surviving the most common type of heart attack.

We keep patients safe by fostering good communication among the dozens of different people involved in a hospitalized patient's care — physicians, nurses, case managers, pharmacists, therapists, social workers, nutritionists, family members, and others. Patients feel better — and safer — when they recognize a sense of community and teamwork in their care.

As talented as our staff is, we know we aren't perfect. We use technology to help safeguard against human error. One isolated patient-identification matter in our maternity center prompted us to immediately introduce the use of sophisticated electronic bracelets to assure that the right newborn is paired with the right parent. Another matter involving the quantity of medication that one physician ordered for one patient led to a swift adjustment in our drug-dispensing systems. And questions about safety in our emergency department have been addressed through improvements in how we prioritize which patients need care first.

No one can promise that medical care will be risk-free. There are many variables involved that can't always be anticipated or controlled. The human body is complex, and the processes involved in caring for it are even more so.

But one thing is certain: There is nothing more important to us than patient safety. It is the surest way to earn our patients' trust, satisfaction, and confidence. And for us, there is no higher priority.

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A Memory well served

'21 Lacrosse' a Fitting Tribute to 'PJ' Trendowicz

By Mike Spellman
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'PJ' Trendowicz and Rick Bagby were kindred spirits: both lovers of the game of lacrosse. They both believed in playing the game the "right" way and always giving 100 percent Only Bagby has been left to carry that legacy forward.

Trendowicz, a former star player for Bagby at BC High, died in a drowning accident two summers ago in his hometown of Cohasset three months after his graduation. He was all set to play for Coach Murphy at Bentley College in Waltham, an up and coming NCAA Division II program, but that was not to be.

As Bagby began his effort this past winter to make lacrosse his full time gig, "Trendo" (his teammates name for Paul or PJ), was never far from his thoughts. The process for putting things together for the business was quite arduous, with many difficult decisions along the way. One decision, though, that did come easy was the name of his fledgling undertaking: "21 Lacrosse". PJ wore the number 21 at BC High.

"PJ was they type of player that always put the team first," said Bagby, now the head coach at Scituate High School. "He was a very talented player, but what really stood out in my mind was his willingness to work, and to do whatever was in the best interest of the team. That is what '21' is all about."

21 Lacrosse will open for business this fall at the South Shore Sports Center in Hingham. Bagby has arranged to lease 36 hours of field time per week at the Sports Center from September 10 to the middle of March. His plan is to form eight team leagues in six to eight separate divisions for both boys and girls. The divisions will range from the U11's to high school level. Each session will last eight weeks ,culminating in championships for each age group. The majority of the field time will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

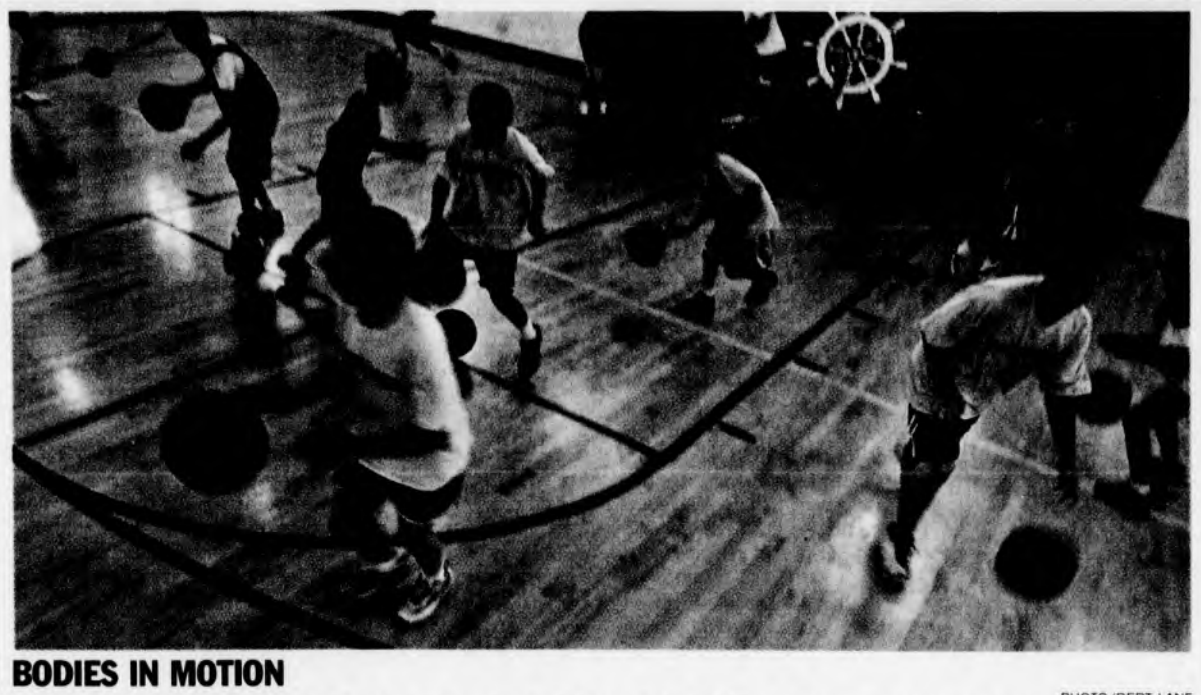
As a "value-added" offering, 21 Lacrosse is negotiating for additional time so that each age group will have up to six clinics per session to hone their skills in the fundamentals of the game.

"We're not looking for kids to just show up once a week for an

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PJ Trendowicz, number 21.



BODIES IN MOTION

PHOTO/BERT LANE

A horde of hoopsters practice their ballhandling skills at the South Shore Basketball Clinic held earlier this month at CHS under the direction of Cohasset High AD and boys basketball coach Ron Ford.

Locals shine at Bay State Games

The South Shore was once again well represented in this summer's Bay State Games, which ran from July 8-18.

Cohasset was represented by 19 athletes:

Meg Anderson, 14, and **Sally Meehan**, 14, who'll both be e a freshman at Cohasset High this fall, took the bronze medal in the Under-14 doubles tennis tourney.

Chris Barber, 17, a senior to be at B.C. High, was a member of the fourth place lacrosse team in the boys Scholastic Division.

Matt Baroudi, a senior to be at CHS, placed sixth in the 171-pound division in the Scholastic wrestling competition.

Matt Casey, a senior to be at CHS, competed in the Scholastic wrestling competition.

Amanda Daley, 16, a junior to be at CHS, competed in the Open swimming competition.

Brent Daly, 15, a CHS sophomore this fall, competed in the Scholastic track and field competition.

Kevin Dinsmore, 17, a senior to be at CHS, was a member of the fourth place lacrosse team in the boys Scholastic Division.

Johnny Drybanski, 14, a freshman to be at CHS, competed in the Open swimming competition.

Chelsea Grossman, 16, a junior to be at CHS, played in the Scholastic Tennis Tourney.

Joe Kehoe, 16, a senior to be at CHS, placed third in the 152-pound division in the Scholastic wrestling competition.

Jake Kovach, a junior to be at CHS, was a member of the fourth place lacrosse team in the boys Scholastic Division.

Ryan Kucinski, 15, a sophomore to be at CHS, competed in the Scholastic lacrosse tourney.

Ryan McLellan, 15, a junior to be at CHS, won the silver medal in the 103 pound division in the Scholastic wrestling competition.

Christian Myhos, 16, who attends St. Georges Academy (RI), was a member of the fourth place lacrosse team in the boys Scholastic Division.

Stefan Parnell, 16, a junior to be at CHS, played goalie in the Scholastic ice hockey tourney.

Tim Pilczak, 17, a CHS senior to be, played both ice hockey and baseball.

Nils Sceery, 17, a junior to be at CHS, played in the Scholastic Tennis Tourney.

Sam Steele, 17, a senior to be at CHS, was a member of the

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All-Scholastic boys lacrosse team

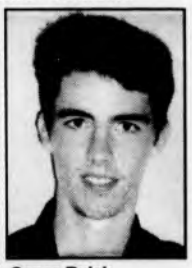
Cohasset's Buick and Previte named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 18 and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top male lacrosse players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

Conor Buick- Senior (Capt.)
Defense- Cohasset



Conor Buick

Flat out shutdown many of the state's top scorers this season…was almost regularly matched up against the opposition's top scorer, and seldom let his marks score anywhere near their season average…this tall, wiry and athletic defender showed remarkable instincts and anticipation when sticking to his man…second team Pilgrim Conference all-star…Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic Honorable Mention…four year varsity regular and key contributor for back-to-back state semi-finalist teams…performed much the same role with the CHS soccer team the past few years, being used as a stopper and sweeper, and also earned Mariner All-Scholastic honors with that team as a senior…two time South Shore League all-star in soccer…Honor Roll student…the fourth of five Buick brothers to star athletically at CHS…brother Ronan (class of 2001) was a Mariner All-Scholastic in football and lacrosse and is now playing lacrosse at Providence College…junior to be Aidan is also a standout at CHS in soccer and lacrosse…will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology (NY) and major in Math…would like to play lacrosse and/or soccer at RIT…Cohasset Coach Stew Curran: "Conor just shut down some very good scorers. I'd stack him up with any man-to-man defender out there. I think I can count on one hand the number of mistakes he made this season, and those were mostly when he slipped. That's an amazingly low number considering the caliber of players he was covering."

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Jake Previte (#20) was clearly one of South Shore's most creative offensive players this season, as witnessed by his team best 93 points (48 goals, 45 assists).

Things go on swimmingly

Cohasset Swim Team continues its push for an undefeated season

The Cohasset Swim Team continued its push for an undefeated season as they remained victorious in two very competitive meets on Friday, July16th at the Knights of Columbus pool in Scituate and again on Friday, July 23rd against Mask [Marshfield Area Swim Club].

The July 16th results:

Medlay Relay; Boys 8 and Under, 100 yards; 1st Place M. Brown, J. Pratt, C. Michalowski, C. Kissick. 2nd Place C. Green, H. Serakis, S. Rice, C. Lund. Girls 8 and Under; 2nd Place M. Sullivan, R. Brown, E. Zimmerman, V. Farren.. **Boys 10 and Under**; 1st Place; A.Fontaine, M. McCarthy, R. Mahoney, J.Durkin. 2nd Place C. Murphy, J. Faber, J. Adkins, J. Salerno. **Girls 10 and Under**; 1st Place A. Farren, H. Kissick, A. Serakis, M. Donohue. **Boys 12 and Under**; 1st Place T. Durkin, I. Porter, J. Kissick, B. Doonan. **Girls 12 and Under;** 2nd Place M. Mahoney, O. Sullivan, A. Michalowski, E. Fontaine. **Boys 17 and Under**; 2nd Place C. Conway, B. Gammon. A. Hunt, P. Doonan. **Girls 17 and Under**; 2nd Place

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Cohasset's Buick and Previte named among area's elite

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Jake Previte- Junior
Attack- Cohasset



Jake Previte

One of the most offensively creative players on the South Shore... finished with a team best 93 goals (48 goals, 45 assists)... more than compensates for average height with sensational quickness, instincts and stick skills...Pilgrim Conference second team all-star...key member of back-to-back state semifinalist Skippers teams...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic this spring and an Honorable Mention as a sophomore...set CHS scoring record for a sophomore season in '03 ... three year varsity regular and key contributor with back-to-back state semifinalist teams... previously played football and wrestled at CHS, but gave these up to concentrate exclusively on lacrosse...plays lacrosse year round...plays for Mass Elite tourney team...has also played for Top Gun "Fighting Clams" box lacrosse team indoors...has already been contacted by almost 20 college lacrosse coaches, including those from Bentley, Bryant Hobart, Nazareth, Springfield and Connecticut College...was scheduled to play in several college showcase tourneys this summer...played for 2003 silver medal team at Bay State Games... enjoys fishing...coaches youth lacrosse in town...leaning toward majoring in Marketing...brother of Paul Previte (CHS '02), a former Mariner All-Scholastic in football and lacrosse now playing lacrosse at Trinity College...Cohasset coach Stew Curran: "Jake is probably one of the most skilled offensive players on the South Shore. He really stepped it up down the stretch and teamed very well with our other attackers."

Brendan Mulligan -
Senior (Capt.)
Defenseman - Hanover

A standout on the still growing lacrosse program at Hanover for the several seasons, Mulligan is making his second-straight appearance on the All-Scholastic squad...The three-time Pilgrim Conference All-star and two-time Eastern Mass. All-star has garnered praise from several Marinerland coaches, calling him one of the better defensemen in the area...Did more than his part in shutting down some of the area's best offensive threats, keeping the inexperienced Hanover squad in a number of games with his aggressive and skilled play in the backfield...On of his better performances was seen in a 6-4 setback to talented Hingham, a two-time Div. 2 Eastern Mass. champ and semifinalist this season...Also a talented hockey player at HHS, Mulligan captained that team in the winter...He will continue his lacrosse career next year at the University of Hartford, where he earned a full lacrosse scholarship.

Todd Faiella - Senior (Capt.)
Goalie - Marshfield

Arguably one of the most recognizable athletes on the South Shore, Faiella was named an All-American for the second-straight time...The three-time Pilgrim Conference and Eastern Mass. All-star is a five-year starter in the net for the Rams (11-6)...Aggressiveness is Faiella's trademark as he was not shy about coming out of the crease to disrupt the opposing offenses...It worked as opponents averaged only six goals a game against Faiella, who saved 63 percent of the shots he saw...He helped guide the Rams to the Div. 2 Eastern Mass. tourney where he had 11 saves in a tough 6-3 loss to eventual EMass finalists Concord-Carlisle...Last season, Faiella lead the Rams to the D2 E.Mass. finals...Also a talented linebacker on the MHS football team, Faiella helped guide the Rams to the Div. 1 Super Bowl last fall...He plans to attend Deerfield Academy next fall with the hopes of continuing his lacrosse career at a Div. 1 school.

Steve Curtis - Senior (Capt.)
Defenseman - Marshfield

A major reason for the Rams' success over the past two seasons, Curtis is making his second-straight appearance on the All-Scholastic squad...As one of the premier defenseman in the area, Curtis' presence on the field could not be denied, standing at 6 feet, 6 inches...Covers so much ground as a long stick defender and was the team's leader in ground ball pickups, his major strength...Also wasn't shy about carrying the ball the length of the field to create offensive opportunities...Played big in close games including a 9-8 OT victory over Falmouth in which he held their leading attacker to a single goal...Also kept the Rams in games against BC High (a 7-6 OT loss) and Norwell (9-8 OT loss)...Helped pace the Rams in the tourney by holding eventual Div. 2 Eastern Mass. Concord-Carlisle to six goals in a tough 6-3 loss...Curtis plans to attend Cabrini College with the hopes of continuing his lacrosse career.

Matt Murray -
Senior (Capt.)
Attack - Weymouth

No question here...One of two All-Americans on our All-Scholastic team this spring, Murray put up a solid 87 points on 53 goals, 34 assists helping to guide the Wildcats (15-5) to a share of the Bay State League title...A three-time BSL All-star, Murray finished his career with 294 points...Scored two goals and two assists in a 14-13 victory over Billerica in the first round of the Div. 1 Eastern Mass. tourney...Triple-teamed against Malden Catholic in the quarters, Murray still notched a pair of assists in a 19-8 loss...Also a hockey player at WHS, Murray plans to continue his lacrosse career at Mass. Maritime Academy in the fall.

Chris Healy - Senior (Capt.)
Attack - Weymouth

Another talented attacker on the Wildcats team, Healy netted 82 points on 55 goals, 27 assists this season...A two-time Bay State League All-star, Healy finished with 160 career points...His play on offense helped Weymouth (15-5) snag a share of the BSL title and guided them to the quarterfinals of the Div. 1 Eastern Mass. tourney...There, Healy scored two goals — including the game-winner — and four assists in a 14-13 victory over Billerica and put in four goals in the team's quarterfinal loss to Malden Catholic...Had a six goal, two assist effort in an 19-6 victory over Natick...Was voted Weymouth's Most Improved Player...Also a football player at WHS, Healy plans to continue his lacrosse career at Springfield College in the fall.

Andrew Keefe -
Senior (Capt.)
Defenseman - Weymouth

This two-time Bay State League All-star took all the face-offs for the Wildcats this season...One of the South Shore's best defensemen, Keefe was a virtual brick wall in the backfield, helping to shut down some of the area's best attackers...Played huge in a pair of wins over Braintree, in a 12-4 win over a talented Hingham team, and a 17-8 victory over Needham, with whom Weymouth shared the BSL title this season...Helped guide the Wildcats to the quarterfinals of the Div. 1 Eastern Mass. tourney, where his gritty play helped hold off Billerica 14-13 in the first round...Also a talented football and wrestler at WHS, Keefe paced the Wildcats in winning the team Div. 1 South Sectional title and finishing fifth individually in New England at 171...He will attend Bentley College next fall.

Dan Bertoni - Junior
Midfielder - Weymouth

Playing alongside fellow All-Scholastics Matt Murray and Chris Healy, Bertoni added the triple-threat for the Wildcats (15-5) offense...The junior netted a slew of points on goals, assists this season, helping to earn Weymouth a share of the Bay State League title...Voted a BSL All-star this season Bertoni had a number of multiple-point games this year, including a two goal, four assist effort against Natick and two goal, two assist day in a 14-13 win over Billerica in the first round of the Div. 1 Eastern Mass. tourney...One of his two assists was on the game-winner, scored by Healy in the final minute of play...Bertoni added a goal and a pair of assists in the team's quarterfinal loss to Malden Catholic...Just a junior, Bertoni will be among the top returnees to the Wildcats squad next spring.



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Had Mike Rasmussen (right) not been slowed by a broken wrist hand to start the season, he may well have been an All-Scholastic rather than an Honorable Mention.

Bryan Wilbur -
Senior (Capt.)
Midfield - Hingham

Steve Lyons - Senior (Capt.)
Defenseman - Hingham

Mike Quinn - Junior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Hingham

Kris Tedeschi - Senior (Capt.)
Attack - Norwell

Mike Coleman - Senior
(Capt.)
Midfield - Norwell

Chris Connelly- Senior
Defense - Scituate

Ryan Evans- Senior
Attack- Scituate

Jamie Phinney - Senior
Longstick Middie - Scituate

Dan Folan - Junior
Defense - Braintree

Honorable Mention:

Matt Lynch – Jr.- Midfield- Braintree
Pat Sampson- Sr.- Attack- Braintree
Joe Alfano- Sr.- Attack- Braintree
Greg Smith- Sr.- Attack- Braintree
Zach Raymond- Sr.- Defense- Braintree
Mark Davis- Sr. (Capt.)- Midfield- Cohasset
Mike Devine - Sr. (Capt.)- Defense- Cohasset
Mike Rasmussen- Sr. (Capt.)- Attack- Cohasset
Jeff Brown- Fr.- Defense- Cohasset
Nick Murphy- Sr.- Goalie- Cohasset
Jack Bowman - Jr. - Midfield - Hingham
Bobby Driscoll - Jr. - Attack - Hingham
Mike Pungitore - Sr. - Goalie - Hingham
Dennis Rugg - Sr. - Midfield - Marshfield
Jesse Stevenson - Jr. - Attack - Marshfield
Terry Smallcomb- Sr.- Attack- Norwell
Devin Murphy- Sr. (Capt.)- Defense- Norwell
Ben Brigham- Jr.- Attack- Scituate
Brett Clinton- Sr.- Midfield - Scituate
Andrew Elsmore- Sr.- Midfield -Scituate
Matt Miner- Sr. (Capt.)- Goalie- Scituate
Steve Barone - Jr. - Attack - Weymouth
Scott Keeley - Jr. - Midfield - Weymouth
Mike Mahoney- Sr.- Midfield- Weymouth
Shawn Murphy- Jr.- Defense- Weymouth

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Honorable Mention selectee Nick Murphy was a big part of the Skippers success the last two seasons.



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Ciulla goes yard

Former SHS standout powers up with Post 118 Legion squad

By Mike Spellman
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Looking to keep things loose with his struggling team, Post 118 Legion baseball coach Mike Duggan showed his charges a $10 bill prior to the start of a late season game with Canton a few weeks back and said it would go in the pocket of the first player to hit a home run in the game.

Team funnyman Jef Ciulla quickly piped up, saying he probably wouldn't even be able run the bases if he hit a ball that left the Scituate High ball yard, never mind get back to the dugout to collect.

Coach Duggan shot right back, increasing Jeff's personal tater bounty to $20. A safe bet, everyone thought, as Ciulla had never gone yard to that point in his formal baseball career.

That all changed a few minutes later, though, as the 5-foot-8, 147-pound centerfielder took the first pitch he saw leading off the bottom of the first inning, a waist high fastball on the outer half of the plate, over the fence in right center on a line.

"I knew it was gone the second it left the bat," said the smiling Ciulla, who will start his sophomore year this fall at Endicott College, a school of approximately 1,200 in Beverly. "I'd hit the fence a few times in Little League and Babe Ruth, but this just felt different off the bat. I knew I'd gotten it a little higher than I usually do."

Coach Duggan dutifully tried to force Ciulla to pocket the sawbuck, but the little big man held his hands up in refusal and just laughed.

He then came out of dugout, still laughing and gave his grandfather, Frank Sammartino, visiting from Florida , a hug, and then got one from dad John too.

"To have my grandfather and father there to see that was just unbelievable," said Jeff, a former Scituate High baseball and basketball standout.

Of course, the odds of John not being there seemed pretty remote. Jeff noted he could probably count on one hand the number of his baseball games his dad has missed over the years. Then again, John did coach his son right up from the T-ball and Little League ranks and on through with Babe Ruth.

"What a moment," said the proud and beaming pop. "I thought Jeff had given me just about every thrill he could, but this was a bonus I never saw coming."

What's funny is that this is Jeff's first season of Legion baseball. He was a two year starter with the Scituate High varsity team, but his summers were generally occupied with work and summer basketball. After spending a year away at college, though, Jeff saw this Legion season as one final hurrah with many of his old SHS teammates and friends. And, to date, despite the fact the team has just one win, he's had a ball.

"I just missed the camaraderie of it," explained Jeff. "It's great just being out there, playing a sport you love and having fun with friends."

"It's one and counting for Jeff now," joked Post 118 teammate Joe Duggan, one of Ciulla's closest friends and a former SHS teammate. "There might be a few more in that bat now, and I think he'll be swinging for the fences every time."

Of course, the strapping 6-foot-3 Duggan, who begins his sophomore year at Mass. Maritime next month, has gone yard several times over the course of his career, so it's easy for him to poke fun. But, of course, this lighthearted clubhouse element is every bit as big a part of the game as bat donuts or the seventh inning stretch.

And Jeff found he missed all of these things a lot more than he expected to in his first year at Endicott, so much more so, in fact, that he's determined to try out for the school's Div. 3 baseball program this fall.

"That had a little bit to do with my decision to play Legion ball this summer too," he admitted. "I wanted to get ready for tryouts this fall. I have a friend at school who plays and I went to a lot of the games with him this year. I wanted what he had. I don't even care if I get much playing time or not; I just want to be a part of the team again."

The part about not caring whether he plays or not might come as a surprise to those who don't know him, but it certainly shouldn't to any who truly do.

"Jeff is absolutely ego-free," stated Scituate High boys basketball coach Matt Poirier at the conclusion of the 2002-'03 season. "Some people who've observed that, I think, feel it's an Eddie Haskell routine, but they couldn't be more wrong. What you see is what you get with Jeff. There's not a phony bone in his body. He's just an exceptional person."

As for Jeff's visionquest to try out for his college baseball team: so far, so good.

He started the Legion season slowly at the plate, not surprising given the time off, but he picked it up quite a bit over the second half, as witnessed by his move not long ago from the bottom of the order to the leadoff spot. And, also not surprisingly, he's continued to play a very solid centerfield defensively.

"Jeff has definitely been our spark plug lately," said Coach Duggan. "He's been swinging the bat as well as anyone and finding ways to get on base, and then make things happen."

Jeff had toyed with the idea of going out for basketball with the Endicott team this past winter, and played in pickup games with several of the varsity hoopsters in the fall. In the end, however, he figured he was a long shot and also wasn't sure if he could afford to give that kind of time commitment.

"I had to weigh the potential positives and negatives, and I just decided I should concentrate on my grades first," said the Criminal Justice major who finished up his freshman year with a solid GPA of 2.8.

He did, though, play intramural sports the school year round, and says he's now ready for the larger commitment.

Apparently, that's the kind of confidence that comes to players with a home run count.

Locals shine at Bay State Games

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fourth place lacrosse team in the boys Scholastic Division.

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (MASF), organizer of the Bay State Summer & Winter Games, provides quality Olympic-style athletic competitions and developmental programs for Massachusetts' amateur athletes of all ages and abilities. The MASF operates statewide and year-round to promote personal development, education, physical fitness, teamwork, sportsmanship and mutual respect. The MASF is a member of the National Congress of State Games, which is comprised of 42 states nationwide that conduct State Games events.

The year 2004 marked the 23nd anniversary of the Bay State Summer Games and the 19th year of the Bay State Winter Games. From a modest beginning of four sports and 300 athletes, the Games have grown to include over 10,000 athletes in 27 different sports from over 350 Massachusetts cities and towns. Each sport is organized according to national governing body rules. Age and skill divisions have been created to allow medal opportunities for a broad range of athletes.

In conjunction with MASF, Verizon annually presents $12,000 in scholarships to six Bay State Games student-athletes who best demonstrate outstanding achievement in academics, athletics and community service. The MASF teams up with New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc. for a state-wide sportsmanship Initiative designed to promote sportsmanship and recognize those who are ambassadors of it throughout the state.

Bay State Games Mission: To promote personal development, education, fitness, teamwork and sportsmanship through athletic competitions and scholarship programs for the people of Massachusetts. "

We understand this list may be incomplete. If anyone out there knows of an omission, please feel free to contact sports editor Mike Spellman by e-mail (mspellman@cnc.com)

SPORTS NOTES

Youth football equipment handout

The Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football equipment handout schedule is as follows. Football equipment for registered football players for the upcoming Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football season will be handed out by grade/team on:

Aug. 7, 9-10:00 a.m., 8th Grade - "A" Sharks; Aug. 7, 10-11:00 a.m., 7th Grade - "A" Stingrays;

Aug. 14, 9-10:00 a.m., 6th Grade - "B" Sharks; Aug. 14, 10-11:00 a.m., 5th Grade - "B" Stingrays; Aug. 14, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 4th Grade - "C" Sharks; Aug. 14, 12-1:00 p.m., 3rd Grade - "C" Stingrays.

A $100 refundable deposit is required at the time of equipment pick up. All equipment will be handed out at the Equipment Shed located at the back of Scituate High School.

For further information on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading, please go to www.scicohfootball.com.

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The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registration will be accepted for South Shore Soccer Camp's one-week long Soccer Clinic starting Monday, Aug. 2, through Friday, Aug. 6.

The Camp will meet each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for boys and girls ages 7 to 18. The fee for the one week session is $245 per participant with a $20 discount for the second child. Fee includes a camp shirt and appropriate-size ball for each participant, both available the first day of camp.

To register, complete the application form in the brochure at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall. Space is limited - early registration is advised.

Cohasset Swim Center News

Sign-up for Red Cross Swimming Lessons

Session Four of swim lessons will run from August 9th thru August 20th.

Cohasset Swim Team Swim Meets

The C.S.C. will also be hosting two Friday afternoon swim meets this summer on July 30th and on August 6th. On those afternoons the Center will be closed from Noon until 5 P.M. Come cheer them on!

Things go on swimmingly

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E. Hernan, C. Anderson, M. Nelson, L. Durkin.

Freestyle 25 yards: Boys 8 and Under; 1st Place C. Kissick, 2nd Place S. Rice. Girls 8 and Under; 1st Place E. Zimmerman, 2nd Place M. Sullivan. Boys 10 and Under; 3rd Place G. Swain. Girls 10 and Under; 2nd Place M. Donohue, 3rd Place C. Healy.

Freestyle 50 yards: Boys 10 and Under; 1st place J. Durkin, 2nd Place J. Salerno. Girls 10 and Under; 1st Place H. Kissick, 2nd Place D. Healy. Boys 12 and Under; 1st Place J. Kissick, 2nd Place T. Durkin. Girls 12 and Under; 2nd Place A. Michalowski. Boys 14 and Under;2nd Place P. Doonan, 3rd Place T. Kelly. Girls 14 and Under; 1st Place S. Lehr, 3rd Place K. Ryan. Boys 17 and Under; 2nd Place A. Hunt, 3rd Place B. Gammon. Girls 17 and Under; 1st Place M. Nelson.

Individual Medley: 100 yards; Boys 12 and Under; 1st Place J. Kissick, 3rd Place I. Porter. Girls 12 and Under; 2nd Place E. Fontaine. Boys 14 and Under; 3rd Place C. Cunningham. Girls 14 and Under; 2nd Place K. Ryan. Boys 17 and Under; 2nd Place C. Conway. Girls 17 and Under; 1st Place M. Nelson.

Butterfly: Boys 8 and Under; 1st Place C. Michalowski, 2nd Place C. Whalen. Girls 8 and Under; 1st Place E. Zimmerman, 3rd Place M. Axelson. Boys 10 and Under; 2nd Place R.Mahoney.3rd Place J. Adkins. Girls 10 and Under;2nd Place N. Farren. Boys 12 and Under; 1st Place B. Doonan, 2nd Place M. Shipp. Girls 12 and Under; 2nd Place A. Michalowski, 3rd Place S. Libby. Boys 14 and Under; 1st Place C. Cunningham. Girls 14 and Under 1st Place C. Mahoney. Boys 17 and Under; 2nd Place C. Conway. Girls 17 and Under; 2nd Place A. Campbell.

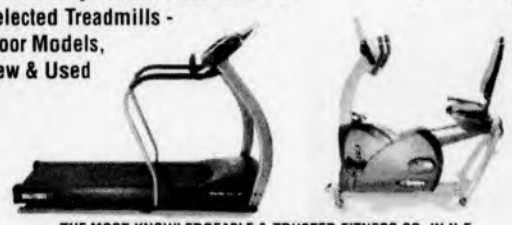
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BACKSTROKE: Boys 8 and Under; 1st Place M. Brown, 2nd Place C. Green. Girls 8 and Under; 2nd Place R. Brown. Boys 10 and Under;1st Place A. Fontaine, 2nd Place J. Salerno. Girls 10 and Under; 1st Place A. Farren, 2nd Place K. Bodner. Boys 12 and Under; 1st Place B. Doonan. Girls 12 and Under; 1st Place M. Mahoney, 2nd Place E. Fontaine. Boys 14 and Under; 2nd place P. Doonan. Girls 14 and Under; 2nd Place E. Hernan, 3rd Place K. Ryan. Boys 17 and Under; 3rd Place B. Gammon. Girls 17 and Under; 2nd Place R. Lehr.

FREE RELAY: Boys 8 and Under; 1st Place; M. Brown, J. Pratt C. Micholowski, C. Kissick, 2nd Place M. Serakis, D. Axelson, J. Donohue, S. Rice. Girls 8 and Under; 2nd Place; R. Brown, V. Farren, S. Brown, M. Sullivan. Boys 10 and Under; 2nd Place R. Mahoney, J. Durkin, J. Salerno, A. Fontaine. Girls 10 and Under; 1st Place D. Healy, M. Donohue,A. Haber, H. Kissick. 3rd Place A. Carrier, C. Chase, M. Malerbi, A. Farren. Boys 12 and Under; 1st Place B. Doonan, I. Porter, T. Durkin, J. Kissick 3rd Place M. Shipp, J. Plante, S. Leahy,T. Buckley. Girls 12 and Under; 2nd Place A. Micholowski, O. Sullivan, M. Mahoney, E. Fontaine. Boys 17 and Under; 2nd Place; P. Doonan, T. Kelly, C. Cunningham, E. MacCarthy. Girls 17 and Under; 2nd Place E. Hernan, M. Nelson, L. Durkin, C. Anderson.

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hour game, then go home," said Bagby, "but rather offer fundamental as well as specialty clinics throughout the sessions. We want the kids to understand and appreciate the game."

Fall leagues are now forming. If you are interested, you may visit the 21 Lacrosse website (on line by August 1) at ***www.21lacrosse.com***. or you can contact Rick Bagby at 781-264-6030 or via e-mail at ***rbagby@21lacrosse.com.*** In addition, Bagby is looking to arrange a goalie clinic this summer in Scituate. If you are interested, please contact him as soon as possible. Space will be very limited.

Bagby, a former standout goalie at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, has previously served as head lacrosse coach at the University of Georgia, Northeastern University, and Boston College High School. While Director of Athletics at Emerson College in Boston, Bagby established an NCAA Division III program. Soon after becoming the Director of Athletics in 2002 at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky, Bagby sold the institution on the value of lacrosse. In 2005, Bellarmine will begin play in the Great West Lacrosse League against the likes of Ohio State, Notre Dame and the United States Air Force Academy, amongst others. Bagby was able to lure Jack McGetrick, NCAA Division I Coach-of-the-Year, from the University of Hartford. Bellarmine, along with St. John's University, will be the first new NCAA Division I lacrosse programs since 1993.

In February of this year, Bagby moved back to Marshfield with the dream of starting "21 Lacrosse". He also longed to return to the sidelines. He did so at Scituate High School.

"We have a bunch of great kids in Scituate," said Bagby. "Coach (Chris) Webber did a great job of developing the program. It really came together this spring."

The Sailors finished the regular season 11-5, were ceded fifth in the state tournament and won their first round game before bowing out in the quarterfinals.

Bagby's general manager will be Charlie Lonergan, his assistant coach at both Scituate and BC High. Charlie was a former all-scholastic performer and MVP at powerful Concord-Carlisle. He played collegiately at Hobart College in New York at the Division I level. Charlie graduated from Hobart in 2000.

Paul and Julie Trendowicz, PJ's parents, along with their son Dan, will be working closely with Rick and Charlie as they develop the various programs in 21 Lacrosse. Rick and Charlie will be handling all of the day-to-day issues, while the Trendowicz's will be more focused on the image of the company.

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21 Lacrosse has a tag line, "Love life … live for Lacrosse." According to Bagby, he thought of this motto with "Trendo" in mind.

Bagby stated: "Our tagline, 'Love life, live for lacrosse', epitomized what Trendo was all about. The way he approached life and lacrosse were awesome. He had aura about him that was contagious. You may ask, why 21, why now? Trendo would say, why not!"

21 Lacrosse will also be sponsoring an all-star team. They will be called the "Black Jacks" (another play on the '21' theme). There will be an open tryout in mid August, tentatively scheduled for a field in Hingham. Details can be found at either ***www.21lacrosse.com***, by contacting Bagby at ***rbagby@21lacrosse.com*** or at 781-264-6030.

With Bagby's and Lonergan's collegiate backgrounds and contacts, they feel the "Black Jacks" exposure will be great.

"Unlike our leagues, which are very developmental in focus, the 'Black Jacks' will be the best players we can attract. We will work closely with each and every one of these athletes to reach the level they aspire to," said Bagby.

All fall leagues are currently filling up. If you are interested, you can fill out the application on-line at ***www.21lacrosse.com***(available after August 1), contact Bagby ***rbagby@21lacrosse.com*** or call 781-264-6030.

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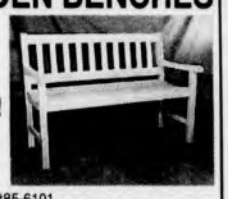
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The summer months don't have to make you crazy

Communication, humor are key

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Even during the so-called leisurely days of summer, it's not unusual for family members to experience feelings of anxiety and "burn out."

Trying too hard to "have fun" or to fit too many activities into one day, weekend, or vacation can add to the stress.

"Family life is a continuous journey with a variety of ups and downs," said Annabelle Wallace, a psychotherapist in Hingham. "It is the family that gives the children the foundation from which to build their lives . . . . Positive memories and loving support are the best gifts parents have to offer their children."

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— Annabelle Wallace, psychotherapist

Humor consultants John and Ann Murphy of Hingham, who offer humor talks and workshops on the South Shore as well as countrywide, note with a smile that humor may actually be harmful to your stress.

"The very best humor is when you can laugh at yourself," said John Murphy. "When you find humor and laughter, you gain a new perspective because you see the other side of the same situation."

Effective time management and organization can also help alleviate summertime and year-round stress.

Effective communication is important to the success of all kinds of relationships – family, work, and social.

"Communication is essential. Children will feel alone and think you are not interested in their lives if you don't show interest," Wallace said. "Adolescents want their own space, but at the same time they need you to be a part of their lives. Try to have fun with them. Often humor can go a long way."

When two parents are working, it's important to give quality time to their children when they return home, Wallace said "Check in with them on how their day has been. Ask them how they are feeling about their activities and friends and ask them to share their concerns."

Whatever the challenge, Murphy suggests finding new situations to laugh about. "Sure, life is unjust, but when you laugh at problems and inconsistencies, you are in control," he said.



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Chris Williams walks with his "nana", Jean Chisholm, through Whitney and Thayer Woods in Cohasset.

Personal loss and world events don't take summer off

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Among the challenges facing individuals and families is a sense of loss related to particular circumstances and events occurring in their lives. And world events can add stress to even the most leisurely summer day.

"Loss has many faces – loss of control, comfort, status, security, freedom, choice, function, acceptance, connection, pleasure, and loss of love," notes humor consultant, John F. Murphy, M. Ed., quoting Dr. Cliff Kuhn, a professor of Psychiatry at the University of Louisville Medical School who is also a stand-up comedian known as "The Laugh Doctor." Kuhn speaks to groups all over the world about using humor to preserve your mental health. Murphy conducts humor workshops nationwide with his wife, Ann.

"We deal with loss by grieving, which is normal and usually has no humor in it," Murphy said, naming five stages of grieving identified by Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross – denial, anger, depression, bargaining, and acceptance.

"Humor doesn't have much power in the first three stages," Murphy said. "In the bargaining stage, maybe a bit. In acceptance we start to look at the humor. Roger Fulghum, who wrote 'Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten' and other books, once said, 'Tears bring relief, but laughter brings release.'"

The Murphys have worked with more than 120 Councils on Aging on how to find humor in challenging situations. "Guess what? They show us more ways than we show them," Murphy said with a laugh. "Many older people have developed ways to find and use humor to compensate for their losses."

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— John F. Murphy, humor consultant

The Murphys have also coached hospice workers who found ways to look and listen for humor and record it as a way to stay in control of the situation.

"They reported that clients who were dying would often offer humor as a way to stay in charge of their deteriorating condition," Murphy said.

The Murphys often share three quotes with those who have suffered loss of one kind or another:

• "Laughter is a powerful tool in a powerless situation." – Motivational speaker Allen Klein

• "In order to laugh, you must be able to play with your pain." – Annette Goodheart, PhD.

• "Just because you're miserable doesn't mean you can't enjoy your life." – A. Goodheart.

Following a loss, grief can help individuals release what is gone, express their feelings about the loss, and ultimately accept the new circumstances.

"Acceptance simply means the acknowledgment of things as they are, like them or not," Murphy said. "At this point we can begin to rebuild our lives. Part of that may be to look for fun – which leads to laughter which in turn can be shared."

Illness in the family is also difficult to deal with. "Whether it is a parent, grandparent, or child, illness causes many worries and develops a multitude of fears," said Hingham psychotherapist Annabelle Wallace. "Each family member will be in his or her own space coping as best they can. The best one can do is to be there when needed to talk about the issue and allow other family members to express their fears and worries, offering as much comfort as possible."

Children need to vent their anger and fears, and parents should give them that space, Wallace said. "If there is an ill parent, the child will be worried and need a very supportive adult family member to be available."

Divorce also has traumatic effects on the entire family. "Each family member needs to go through the stages of loss and grief and to handle the situation in his or her own way," said Wallace. "Allow the children to tell you how they feel. They may want to protect the parent and hold their feelings inside." Otherwise, those feelings could come out at another time, with the child acting out the anger.

"Children should not be victims of the issues between the two adults," Wallace said. "They are feeling the loss, too. They need support and to be told they will always be loved and that there is nothing they did wrong to cause the marriage to break up."

TV violence can also contribute to stress in children.

"Many children are feeling the tragedy of the war from witnessing the violence on television," said Wallace. "It's important to help them feel safe and watch as little violence on TV as possible. That means not watching the evening news, especially before they go to bed. This can be very frightening for them."

Parents can help children understand their own spirituality in the midst of some uncertainty about the role of the church and other challenges posed by these times. "Being good to others, respecting each other, helping those in need, moral values, and standards are important," Wallace said. "Children have so much to cope with and so few outlets to find comfort. If you believe there is a God or High Power, encourage them to seek guidance from [that source] and hopefully receive comfort."

Stress-free summer fun for kids

School's out for the summer.

While children are gearing up to have some fun, working parents are faced with the challenge of balancing the demands of their jobs with providing safe, enjoyable activities for their kids.

Both structured activities and unstructured time are beneficial to children during the lazy but sometimes long and stressful days of summer.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children suggests the following activities to keep them busy and happy:

• Visit the local library for activities, storytelling hours, and reading programs for children..

• Discover geography by learning about the physical characteristics of your hometown and deciding what makes it so special.

• Visit a children's museum to experience hands-on exhibits and encourage your kids to start their own collections of leaves or seashells (and unusual rocks). That can be done at Wompatuck State Park, with shell and rock collecting at Nantasket Beach in Hull or Sandy Beach.

• At night, collect fireflies in a jar or camp out in a tent in your backyard. Create treasure maps for children to find hidden "treasures" in their backyards.

• Go to special events such as concerts or summertime events or visit local collectors, painters, or backyard naturalists. Fort Revere in Hull offers free Saturday outdoor movies at dusk (call 617-727-4468 or visit fortreverepark.org for more information). Join in the fun at the annual Summerfest celebration in Hingham Square July 29-31 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Share family history and photographs on rainy days or prepare an indoor picnic.

Laughter is still the best medicine

Humor may be harmful to your stress. That's the message from humor consultants Ann and John Murphy of Hingham.

"You may not always be in control, but you always have choices," they say. "In dealing with change, choose to find the 'funny stuff' in life."

The Murphys offer the following tips on how to "lighten up":

• Smile more. It makes you look younger and it makes others wonder what you really know.

• Keep a box of crayons and blank paper around to doodle or scribble or just be creative.

• Cut out cartoons from the New Yorker. Hang them up. Leave them around.

• Keep a book of humor handy. You'll find a whole humor section in your favorite bookstore. Pick one. Or two.

• Write down or tear out a joke and share it.

• Collect and share creative sayings such as: "Blessed are those who don't need everything immediately."

• Don't try to be funny – try to see funny. Can you see humor when you lean over to turn on the bathtub faucet and get doused by the shower or when you wait 10 minutes at the deli counter before realizing you have to take a number?

• Hang around others who make you laugh. Share your stories with family and friends.



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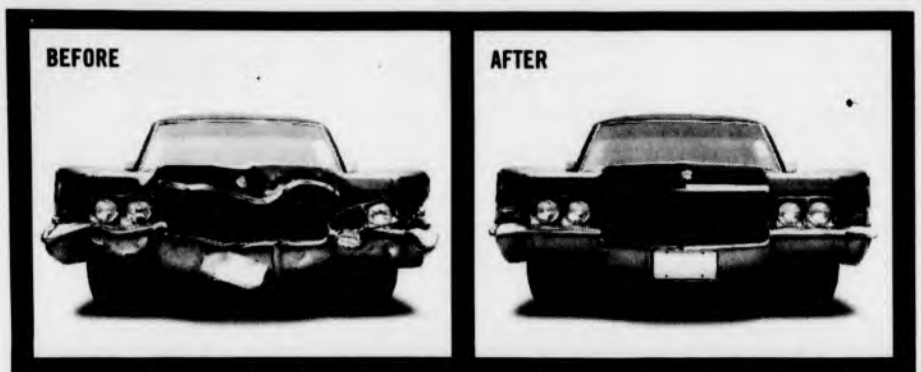
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Organic Gardening Workshop Series Schedule

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Family Farm Series Schedule

Family Farm Tour, Saturday, Aug. 14

Farmer Jean White will lead a guided tour around the farm, with visits to the greenhouse and growing fields. Attendees will also get to meet the farm animals. (Cost: FHHF members $12 per family; non-members $15 per family)

For additional information and registration, contact Jon Belber by phone at 781-383-1455 or by email at jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com.

About The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc.

To further its goals, Holly Hill Farm, a certified organic farm located in Cohasset, , established in 2002 the non-profit organization - The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. (Friends). The principle activities of the Friends are the development and support of educational resources and programs at Holly Hill Farm for use by the educational institutions and citizens of Cohasset and its surrounding towns. Programs include farm visits for school groups, a summer work program for teens, an organic farming course for high school students, guided walks, and a series of organic gardening workshops. More information about Holly Hill Farm and The Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. is available at www.hollyhillfarm.org

Legion clambake supports scholarship

The George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion will sponsor its 22nd annual Christine Burke Scholarship Fund Clambake on Saturday, Sept. 11, from noon to sunset at Sandy Beach. Proceeds from the event will once again benefit worthy graduating South Shore High School students seeking higher education. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There will be a traditional New England Clambake Catered by Gulf River Clambakes, featuring Lobster, steamed clams, chowder, barbecued chicken, your favorite beverages and more This year's event will also include live entertainment by The Irish Volunteers and DJ Jay Flori. The American Legion Auxiliary "Play Ladies" will have games and activities for the kids. Tickets are $35 for adults. Children not eating the clambake are free and there will be plenty of complimentary hot dogs and watermelon for them to enjoy.

There will also be a raffle drawing at the clambake for, the winner's choice, of two Vespa Motor Scooters with a trailer or $5,000. The motor scooters and trailer were donated by Herb Chambers Vespa of Boston and local businessman Neil Murphy. The chances are $10 each and only 1,000 chances will be sold.

For clambake, raffle tickets or information stop by The American Legion Post at 95 Summer St., Cohasset 781-383-9657 or call John Covell at 781-383-0178 Rain Date: Sunday, Sept. 12. Tickets will not be sold at the event.

Once in Blue Moon party set for July 30

Join Cohasset Maritime Institute for a Once in a Blue Moon party, on Friday, July 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the Porch of the Cohasset Sailing Club BYOB $5 donation requested Light hors d'oeuvres and ice provided

What is a Blue Moon? There are in fact two definitions for a blue moon. According to the more recent definition, a blue moon is the second full moon in a calendar month. For a blue moon to occur, the first of the full moons must appear at or near the beginning of the month so that the second will fall within the same month (the average span between two moons is 29.5 days). July 2004 will have two full moons: the first on July 2, the second on July 31-that second full moon is called the blue moon.

RSVP by Friday July 23, by calling Lisa Dick 0204 Rai Cunningham 1509 Cathy Davis 2570

Dramatic club all-kid production

Don't miss the Cohasset Dramatic Club's All-Kid production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" on Friday, Aug. 6, at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 7, at 1 and 7:30 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Follow Charlie and the other Golden Ticket winners as they tour the famed chocolate factory of Willy Wonka. Meet Augustus Gloop, Violet Beauregarde, Veruca Salt and Mike TeeVee, as well as the small but wise Oompa-Loompahs. Tickets are just $10 and can be purchased at Front Street Book Shop in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, by phone at 781-544-0304, or at the door. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is produced in conjunction with the Cohasset Recreation Department.

Widmann on Carillon

The sixth recital in the current Sunday evening Summer Series will be presented by John Widmann at 6 p.m., Aug. 1, on the 57-bell carillon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset. Widmann is the carillonneur on the Joseph Dill Baker Carillon in Baker Park, City of Frederick, Md.

Widmann will include in his program works by John Knox, Hohann Sebastian Bach, Ronald Barnes, arrangements by Todd Fair, Percival Price, as well as Folk Hymns of the 1970's and 1980's and others.

The recital is one hour long and is free of charge. It will take place rain or shine, in case of rain, you may listen from your parked cars. Printed programs will be distributed on Cohasset Common, and will be available in a stand by the church courtyard on Highland Ave., extension. Listeners are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers.

For more information, call St. Stephen's Church at 781-383-1083 between 9 a.m. and noon, or the Assistant Carillonneur, Mary Kennedy at 781-383-9599.

Happy Dog classes

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer dog obedience classes taught by Happy Dog Training School.

Classes will be held on Monday evenings on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Monday, Aug. 2, for advanced classes at 6 and 7 p.m. for beginner. For all classes the fee is $100 for the five classes one hour per week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs shots/inoculations up to date.

To register, call the Recreation office at 383-4109. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

Playground openings

The Cohasset Recreation Department has a few openings remaining for either residents or non-residents in the seven week summer playground program providing children a day camp experience.

The program serves of children aged 3 1/2 through 12 years of age and is structured as a comprehensive day camp, meeting Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children 5-12 years old and 9 a.m. to noon for younger children.

Also, extended care via the Cohasset school department is available to youngsters from 7 to 9 a.m. and again from 3 to 6 p.m.

For more details and registration information, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 781-383-4109.

You may also call this number for information on summer Drama workshop/productions, youth tennis and various week long sport camp options, which are open to both residents and non-residents of Cohasset.

Summer season at the carousel

Paragon Carousel is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets $ 1.75 Paragon Carousel.com 781-925-0472.

Pennies for the ponies

Watch for containers located at check out counters all over the South Shore. All donations of pennies help to maintain the Paragon Carousel at Nantasket Beach. paragon carousel.com 781-925-0472

August pancake breakfast

Sunday Aug. 15, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tickets $3 per child - $5 per adult Pancakes , sausage, juice, coffee and one free ride on carousel. 781-925-0472 / paragon carousel.com

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Fluffy

FOCUS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

South Zone B 1

Reshaping math and science education is key to solving outsourcing problem

By Mahesh Sharma
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The migration of American jobs overseas is a hot issue, both politically and economically. Although the debate goes on as to how many American jobs have actually been lost to foreign outsourcing, most experts do agree that the number will likely accelerate in coming years.

Proponents maintain that outsourcing is healthy for the economy. Outsourcing creates new opportunities – relieving workers from labor-intensive jobs and creating opportunities for better-paying jobs in more efficient industries. Others condemn the practice, claiming that American companies do a disservice to their workers by finding cheaper labor overseas.

At first glance, offshore outsourcing would appear to be a substantial threat to the U.S. labor force. But in reality, outsourcing isn't the main problem we face. It's merely a symptom of an even more significant crisis in this country – the lack of an adequately educated workforce.

America has done a poor job of making mathematics and science accessible to its children and adults. As a result, generations of workers now lack the skills they need to become competent members of the efficient workforce. These young workers will miss out on job opportunities, fall short of requirements for college acceptance, find it difficult to graduate from post-secondary schools or transit easily from one job to the other.

According to government data, many of the fastest-growing occupations in the U.S. require strong math and science preparation, along with critical thinking skills and training beyond high school. Unfortunately, most high school students are not developing the skills required to compete in these fields or gain access to higher education. For instance, only 24 states require at least three years of math, and only 21 states require at least three years of science. Only nine of 100 ninth-grade students will complete an undergraduate education. And only two will achieve adequate competencies to cultivate the pool of future scientists and mathematicians. More schooling does not seem to be solving the problem either; fourth grade students score higher on assessment tests than their eighth- and tenth-grade counterparts.

There are numerous reasons for this. Our country has an inconsistent and under funded public school curriculum. We are also in the unique position of having one of the most culturally diverse populations, with inherent wide-ranging levels of parental involvement.



Without a sufficiently skilled workforce, it's impossible to stay on the cutting edge of innovations in science and technology. Relieving employees from labor-intensive jobs in exchange for better-paying work is futile unless workers have essential skills. But at the same time, we must find a way to create a qualified pool of scientists in order to remain on the cutting edge of technology. It's a complete circle of events that feeds upon itself.

Entrepreneurial spirit is the fuel of American innovation. Innovation and job creation are the foundations of American economy and its future. Innovation is accelerated by a constant and large supply of scientific knowledge. For instance, it takes approximately 12 years for a new mathematical concept to be converted into a usable process or idea. When a mathematician creates a new formula, the idea filters down to applied mathematics and physics within two to three years. Within four to five years, it reaches engineers and applied technologists. A few years later, innovators and entrepreneurs capitalize on the idea, taking it to the marketplace and creating jobs.

The best tool for to creating new jobs is a robust supply of first-rate mathematicians. Without adequate math and science training, our ability to create these jobs will continue to decline.

How do we provide our children with a superior math and science education? Change the way we teach. Raise expectations for our children. Provide them with additional educational support at home and school. In addition, we must find ways to improve the essential skills of working adults. Many do not have adequate writing, mathematical, or problem solving skills required for today's higher-paying jobs.

Reshaping mathematics instruction means taking into account the way a child processes information, as well as teaching basic math skills like estimation and pattern recognition - things traditional curricula don't typically address today. Once children understand the fundamentals, they'll be more likely to understand why equations and formulas work. We need to use methods of teaching that help children learn mathematics more easily and thoroughly, but also increase their comfort level with mathematics. We can't expect first-rate learning of mathematics and science if we don't provide first-rate instruction.

The professional scientists and engineers of the future will thrive only with improved mathematics and science preparation today. Inadequate skills will create a shortage of young adults qualified to fill jobs in information technology, biotechnology, accounting, engineering, and finance. Finding a dearth of qualified applicants, it is only natural that companies will seek talent elsewhere-and they'll find it overseas.

(Mahesh Sharma is president of Cambridge College, located at 1000 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge).

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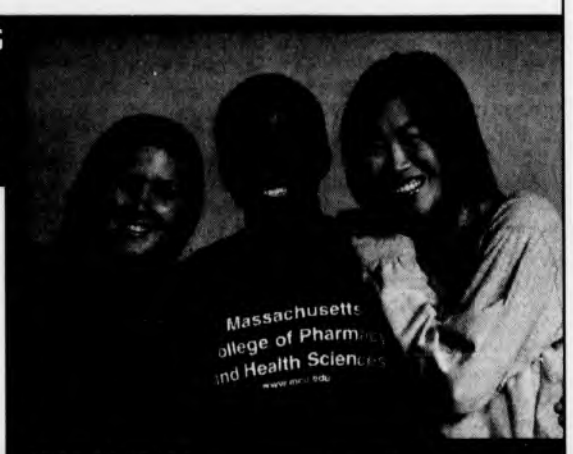
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South Zone B 2

College program attracts teens

BEVERLY – On a recent Sunday, large groups of art students eager to unwrap painting supply kits and set up tripods moved into the quaint multi-family homes on Essex and Winter streets, the dormitories of Montserrat College of Art. They are not college students – yet. They are the high school students accepted to Montserrat's month-long Pre-College Program, and there are more of them this year - nearly 60 - than ever before.

The program, offered to high school juniors and seniors, as well as college freshmen, has grown in the past two years from 16 students in 2002 to 58 this year. Increased grant funding for scholarships, more course offerings and an extended program length, among other factors, account for the growth, according to President Stan Trecker.

"Pre-College is designed for high school students to develop a portfolio for college admissions, evaluate career options and explore the visual arts while earning college credit," Trecker said.

In 2003, with grant money through Montserrat's Destination ART (DART) initiative, whose goal is to provide enrichment and pre-college courses to teenagers from economically disadvantaged circumstances, the college was able to fund five full need-based scholarships to eligible students from Beverly, Lynn, Peabody and Salem. This year, with more money to give away, Montserrat expanded the number of eligible communities and also offered partial scholarships so as to reach out to more students, some from outside Massachusetts. Between the two years, more than $30,000 was given away to 12 students.

> **"High school students who are thinking about art school want to be able to get a taste of everything."**
>
> Lauren Young

"DART really helped the program prosper," said Doug Williams, who was director of the Pre-College Program from 1995 to last year, and is helping out this year.

Some changes include adding a week to make the program a full month long, which brings the number of instruction hours from 90 to 120, and an expanded course selection. Now, in addition to courses in life drawing, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture, students can also study illustration and computer art.

The more variety, says current Director Lauren Young, the better.

"High school students who are thinking about art school want to be able to get a taste of everything," said Young. "Everyone has to take Life Drawing, but out of the other six subjects they choose three to focus on. So they receive intensive instruction in four subjects - all in one month."

Additionally, Williams, Young, and assistant Casey Baker, have added what they call their "personal touch" in the last couple of years. This includes telephoning every household weeks before the start of the program to quell concerns and answer questions, and providing in-depth tours of the school during visits. "Nearly everyone who gets a tour of the campus ends up coming to the program," said Williams.

Not only have the enrollment numbers increased in two years, but also the variety of geographic regions represented. Students came from six, mostly New England states in 2002; the following year, they came from 10 states, including Florida and Ohio. This year, they come from 13 different states that reach as far away as Illinois and Wisconsin.

"A lot of it is word of mouth," said Williams. "Students who come to the program and enjoy it will go back home and tell their friends about it. That's the best kind of marketing there is."



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The Internet is flush with recipes for No-Bake Cheesecake made with ingredients such as store-bought graham cracker piecrust, Cool Whip, and a box of lemon Jell-O. Not willing to use "convenience" ingredients, we wondered if we could make a no-bake cheesecake from scratch, one that we would really want to eat. After all, the idea is appealing, especially during a hot summer.

The basic concept was clear enough — we would test cream cheese, sour cream, heavy cream, various forms of milk (evaporated and condensed), sugar, gelatin (in place of Jell-O), and flavorings. We quickly discovered that a basic 9-inch springform pan needs three 8-ounce packages of cream cheese. Sour cream does help to cut the richness of this dessert and one cup was just right. We needed to lighten the texture of this cheesecake and decided that whipped cream might help. In fact, one cup of heavy cream that we whipped and then incorporated into the remaining ingredients was just the thing. We test condensed milk, evaporated milk, ricotta, and low fat variations of sour cream and cream cheese. We didn't find any that any of these ingredients improved either flavor or texture. We also tried strained yogurt and goat cheese but didn't have success with either. Finally, we settled on 1-1/4 cups granulated sugar for best flavor. We whipped it into the cream cheese at the beginning of the recipe so it dissolved and the finished cheesecake wasn't grainy.

Using gelatin was the only way we found to set or stabilize the cheesecake. Without gelatin the cheesecake will hold together when cold but it is extremely difficult to serve. The gelatin also gives the cheesecake an almost baked quality. The problem is determining just the right amount — too much and the cheesecake quickly turns rubbery. We settled on 2 -1/2 teaspoons, which produced the cake with the nicest texture. The gelatin needs to be dissolved in liquid and we used lemon juice rather than water in order to boost flavor. Two teaspoons of vanilla rounded out the flavors but salt and lemon zest, two common ingredients, were superfluous.

For the graham cracker crust we needed 9 graham crackers, 5 tablespoons butter and 3 tablespoons sugar. We pressed the mixture into the bottom of the pan and baked it for about 10 minutes. (Baking makes a big difference. Unbaked, the crust quickly turns soggy.) Once cool we added the cheesecake mixture allowed it to fully chill, which takes about four hours. The cheesecake should be completely set before serving. To combine the dairy we tried using both a food processor and a mixer and found the mixer incorporated more air into the mix and made for a much better texture. We began by whipping together the cream cheese and the sugar. Then we added the sour cream and finally the whipped cream and lemon juice/gelatin mixture. The finished cheesecake is unmolded by applying a warm tea towel or sponge to the outside of the pan and then running a thin knife around the inside of the pan. It is great on its own or with fresh fruit as an accompaniment.

NO-BAKE CHEESECAKE

Don't skip the pre-baking of the crust since unbaked graham cracker crusts turn soggy. Be sure that the cream cheese is at room temperature before starting this recipe - cold cream cheese will NOT whip properly.

For the Crust
5 ounces graham crackers (9 whole crackers), broken up into large pieces
3 tablespoons granulated sugar
5 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

For the cheesecake
1/4 cup lemon juice
2-1/2 teaspoons gelatin
1 cup heavy cream
1-1/2 pounds cream cheese at cool room temperature
1-1/4 cups granulated sugar
1 cup sour cream
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1. For the crust: Heat the oven to 325 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Pulse crackers and sugar in food processor until evenly and finely ground. (Alternatively you can place the graham crackers in a zipper lock bag and crush them with a rolling pin.) Transfer the crumbs to a medium sized bowl and drizzle with the melted butter. Mix with a rubber spatula until evenly moistened. Turn crumbs into a 9-inch springform pan and, using your hand, spread the crumbs into an even layer. Using a flat bottomed measuring cup or drinking glass, press the crumbs into the pan bottom. Bake until lightly browned around the edges, about 12 minutes. Cool completely on a wire rack while you make the filling.

2. Place the lemon juice in a small saucepan. Sprinkle the gelatin over and let sit for a minute. Cook over low heat until dissolved, about a minute. Set aside. Place the heavy cream in the bowl of an electric mixer and whip into stiff peaks. Transfer to a medium bowl and set aside. (You do not have to wash the mixing bowl.) Place the cream cheese into the now empty mixing bowl. Beat on medium until smooth, about 30 seconds. Add the sugar and beat on medium high until light, about 3 minutes. Add the sour cream and beat until well-incorporated, about 30 seconds longer. Add the gelatin mixture and the whipped cream and beat until homogenous, about 30 seconds. Pour mixture into springform pan and refrigerate until well chilled and set at least 4 hours or up to 2 days.

3. To serve, dip a sponge or tea towel in hot water and hold against the sides of the spring form pan rotating the pan and redipping the sponge for even coverage. Run a thin knife along the inside edge before removing the side of the pan. Cut into wedges and serve.

Makes one 9-inch cake

You can contact writers Christopher Kimball and Jeanne Maguire at kitchendetective@bcpress.com. For free recipes and information about Cooks Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Moisture key to maintaining summer landscape

GREEN THUMBS UP

SUZANNE MAHLER



Should there be insufficient water, the plant wilts and heats up, photosynthesis ceases and the plant is weakened making it more susceptible to insect attack.

Unfortunately, many of us may have been deceived by the appearance of our lawns, and assumed that all our treasured plants were obtaining sufficient moisture. Much of our rainfall has been hit or miss showers or drizzle that has benefited lawns and weeds but has not reached the deeper roots of perennials or woody plants. As I weeded and cultivated a daylily garden this past week, this became dramatically evident. Just beneath the surface the soil was a powdery dust. Most of the showers have skirted my garden in recent weeks and supplemental watering has become a necessity.

Water is obviously an essential factor in plant growth. As the universal solvent, water dissolves nutrients in the soil allowing them to be taken up by the plant's roots and then transports them throughout the plant. In addition, water must be available to maintain cell turgidity. If a plant does not receive enough water, its cells shrink and wilting results. A third function of water is to cool the plant. Should there be insufficient water, the plant wilts and heats up, photosynthesis ceases and the plant is weakened making it more susceptible to insect attack.

Lawns and gardens require a minimum of one inch of water per week during the active growing season. As a general rule, it is better to provide a deep, thorough soaking of your plantings once or twice a week, than to superficially water every day. Light sprinklings compel plant roots to come to the surface looking for moisture, making plants more susceptible to drought, fluctuations in temperature, insects and diseases, and winter damage. Prolonged waterings promote deeper roots systems where soil temperatures are cooler and plants are more likely to survive and thrive.

Soaker hoses and drip irrigation are the best way to water gardens because they waste less water, deliver the water directly to the roots, and minimize the accumulation of moisture on foliage. When using overhead sprinklers, try to water early in the day to enable plant foliage to dry off prior to darkness. Otherwise, powdery mildew, fungal diseases, and slugs and snails are likely to flourish. In communities subject to water restrictions, try to focus your watering on one or two areas each time watering is permitted and thoroughly drench your plants rather than applying a light, superficial spray over your entire landscape. When using a hand held hose in the evening, try to water individual plants at the base rather than as an overhead spray. The acquisition of a rain gauge is an inexpensive, handy means of monitoring how much moisture your plants are receiving from the combined efforts of Mother Nature and sprinklers, but any straight-sided container can be used to collect water and a ruler inserted to determine the total accumulation.

Most sprinkler systems do not provide adequate moisture to the deeper root systems of woody plants. Recently planted trees and shrubs and woody plants showing the effects of drought stress are best served by placing a hose at the base of the plant and allowing it to trickle for an extended period of time until it drenches the root system of the plant. Thoroughly soak the rootball two-to-three times a week during dry periods.

The application of a summer mulch will greatly improve the moisture-retentive properties of your soil while reducing fluctuations in soil temperature. A one- or two-inch layer of shredded bark is an attractive and practical finishing touch to any garden or foundation planting with the added benefit of reducing weed germination. It is best to avoid having the mulch in direct contact with woody tissue.

Container grown plants require regular watering and by midsummer, those growing in full sun may need to be watered as often as twice a day. Wilting is usually a sign of the need for water, but soggy plants will also wilt and some plants will appear limp during the heat of the day even when they are sufficiently watered. Clay pots and porous containers dry out considerably faster than plastic or glazed ceramic vessels. Always feel the soil before watering as too much water can lead to rot.

The constant irrigation required for container-grown plants leaches minerals from the soil requiring the regular application of supplemental nutrients. A dilute application of a liquid soluble fertilizer on a weekly basis is recommended for continuous flowering and healthy, deep green foliage. An alternative is to use products like Osmocote that can be applied to the soil surface and each time the plant is watered, fertilizer is distributed to the plants. One small scoop of these fertilizer crystals, which look like tiny beads, will generally provide nutrients for most of the growing season.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, JULY 11

4:51 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

5:08 p.m. Highland Ave., investigation, investigated/report taken.

5:12 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

7:06 p.m. Smith Pl., and Ripley Road, traffic complaint, area search negative.

8:16 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, area search negative.

8:37 p.m. North Main St, property (lost).

9:31 p.m. Stevens Lane, officer wanted, investigated/report taken.

9:41 p.m. Sohier St., noise complaint.

9:58 p.m. Gammons Road, suspicious person, area search negative.

10:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Soher St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:56 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

MONDAY, JULY 12

12:39 a.m. King St., open window/door, secured building.

6:25 a.m. Bancroft Road, noise complaint.

7:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:14 a.m. Pond St., fire, auto.

9:34 a.m. Doane St., general services.

10:51 a.m. Jerusalem Road, Drive, parking complaint.

4:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist motorist.

4:28 p.m. North Main St, general services.

4:37 p.m. Bayberry Lane, animal control.

5:26 p.m. Border St., vandalism, investigated/report taken.

5:43 p.m. Bayberry Lane, animal control.

6:02 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

7:06 p.m. Highland Ave., vandalism.

7:06 p.m. Juvenile arrest: Charges: Minor possession of BB gun/air rifle, minor discharge of BB gun/air rifle, malicious destruction of property less than $250.

7:59 p.m. Hill St., family disturbance, arrest: Nicholas A. Lavigne, 21, 13 Hill St., Cohasset. Charges: A&B.

7:59 p.m. Hill St., family disturbance, arrest: Kristin Lavigne, 19, 13 Hill St., Cohasset. Charges: A&B.

8:04 p.m. South Main St., suspicious person, area search negative.

11:38 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

TUESDAY, JULY 13

1 a.m. Lamberts Lane, open door/window.

7:10 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:19 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:37 a.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person.

8:24 a.m. Jerusalem Road, traffic complaint.

8:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:24 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

1:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny.

1:54 p.m. King St., motor vehicle crash.

2:44 p.m. Atlantic Ave., vandalism.

4:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle crash.

4:49 p.m. Highland Ave., suspicious auto, field interrogation report.

5:29 p.m. Reservoir Road, assist citizen.

5:50 p.m. Summer St., medical aid, patient sign off.

6:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

7:50 p.m. Border St., assist motorist.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

4:55 a.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

8:40 a.m. Depot Ct., fire, investigation.

11:15 a.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious auto, investigated/report taken.

12:57 p.m. Ripley road, property (found).

1:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny, investigated/report taken.

3:05 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:13 p.m. Sohier St,. property (found).

5 p.m. North Main St., traffic complaint, detail completed.

5:14 p.m. Town Lot, parking complaint.

6:51p.m Border St., fire, investigation.

7:18 p.m. Tedeschi's West Corner, officer wanted.

THURSDAY, JULY 15

2:45 a.m. Hull St., disturbance gathering, investigated/report taken.

4 a.m. South Main St., suspicious auto, investigated/report taken.

7:43 a.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

7:44 a.m. Sohier St., animal control.

8:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop.

11:17 a.m. Doane St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:45 p.m. Parking Way, medical aid, removed to hospital.

2 p.m. South Main St., traffic complaint.

2:05 p.m. Border St., Harbor enforcement services.

4:29 p.m. Highland Ave., investigation.

4:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny.

6:34 p.m. Atlantic Ave., disturbance.

6:42 p.m. Elm St., disturbance general.

6:42 p.m. Jerusalem Road, traffic complaint.

6:54 p.m. Headquarters, animal control.

8:41 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle crash.

11:02 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

1 a.m. South Main St., noise complaint.

4:46 a.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

9:38 a.m. North Main St., animal control.

10:57 a.m. Crocker Lane and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, unfounded.

12:10 p.m. Red Gate Lane, traffic complaint.

12:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash.

1:08 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

1:22 p.m. North Main St., and Forest St., traffic control, detail completed.

2:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

2:51 p.m. Highland and Beach St., vandalism, unfounded.

5:38 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:41 p.m. Elm St., investigation.

8:33 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:41 p.m. King St., and Rose Hill Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

9:23 p.m. Diab Lane, animal control.

10:06 p.m. Jerusalem Road, disturbance gathering, unfounded.

10:56 p.m. Forest Ave., and North Main St, motor vehicle crash.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

12:04 a.m. Woodland Drive, officer wanted, area search negative.

12:08 a.m. Ledgewood Farms Drive, officer wanted, area search negative.

12:20 a.m. Headquarters, general services.

12:31 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:39 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:57 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious person.

1:16 a.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint.

1:46 a.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint.

2:01 a.m. South Main St., general services.

4:38 a.m. Doane St., assist other Police Department.

8:28 a.m. Church St., officer wanted.

9:07 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:23 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:17 a.m. North Main St., general services,

10:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

12:11 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

12:14 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

12:16 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

12:45 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

1:13 p.m. Stockbridge St., general services.

3:05 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

4:11 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

4:22 p.m. Parker Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:30 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, patient sign off.

7:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, vandalism, investigated/report taken.

9:21 p.m. Spindrift Lane, animal control.

SUNDAY, JULY 18

2:45 a.m. Lily Pond Lane, noise complaint.

3:18 a.m. Lily Pond Lane, noise complaint.

6:24 a.m. Atlantic OCN, vandalism.

7:24 a.m. Cedar St., animal control.

10:35 a.m. Pond St., and Woodland Drive, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

1:16 p.m. Stevens Lane, suspicious (other).

1:21 p.m. Beach St., traffic safety inspection.

1:30 p.m. Forest Ave., fire, investigation, fire extinguished.

2:20 p.m. Spindrift Lane, disturbance gathering.

3:18 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

3:57 p.m. Parker Ave., traffic complaint.

4:15 p.m. Headquarters, investigation, juvenile summonsed: Samuel Steele, 17, of 9 Blackhorse Lane. Minor possession of BB gun/air rifle, minor discharge of Bb gun/air rifle, malicious destruction of property more than $250.

4:48 p.m. Cohasset Harbor, Harbor enforcement/services.

5:53 p.m. Headquarters, officer wanted.

6:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control, no police service necessary.

7:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:51 p.m. Investigation, Police Headquarters, juvenile summonsed: Evan M. Sacks, 17, of 5 Whitney Woods Lane. Minor possession of BB gun/air rifle, minor discharge of BB gun/air rifle, malicious destruction of property more than $250.

8:40 p.m. Pleasant St., suspicious (other).

10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Sohier St., traffic control, services rendered.

10 p.m. Police Headquarters, general services.

10:51 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

MONDAY, JULY 19

7:03 a.m. Headquarters, animal control.

7:19 a.m. Rocky Lane, general services.

8:53 a.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

9 a.m. Nichols Rd., motor vehicle violations.

12:54 p.m. Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:10 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., officer wanted.

7:04 p.m. Lamberts Lane, family disturbance, removed to hospital.

7:19 p.m. South Main St., fire, investigation, investigated/report taken.

7:56 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle violations.

9:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious (other), area search negative.

9:23 p.m. Holly Lane, animal control.

TUESDAY, JULY 20

2:18 a.m. James Lane, animal control.

5:38 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:37 a.m. Holly Lane, animal control.

8:30 a.m. Pleasant St., general services.

9:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

10:18 a.m. Cedar St., burglary/breaking and entering/investigated/report taken.

10:59 a.m. Sohier St., and Ripley Rd., property (found), investigated/report taken.

3:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, traffic citation issued.

5 p.m. Town of Weymouth, road rage.

6:03 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7 p.m. Atlantic Ave., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

10:20 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

11:20 p.m. Beach St., assist motorist, no police service necessary.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

2:20 a.m. North Main St., disturbance gathering, unfounded.

2:46 a.m. North Main St., disturbance.

6:18 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:01 a.m. Atlantic Ave., traffic complaint.

8:42 a.m. Church St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:49 a.m. Heather Drive and Forest Ave., fire, investigation, referred to other agency.

10:13 a.m. Old Pasture Rd., public service other.

11:54 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.

2:02 p.m. Ripley Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:11 p.m. Lamberts Lane, officer wanted.

2:29 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

2:31 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.

3:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:20 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

5 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

5:19 p.m. Norman Todd Lane, annoying phone calls.

5:40 p.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

7:15 p.m. King St., serve restraining order, 209A served in hand.

7:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, patient sign off.

7:37 p.m. Aaron River Rd., and Flintlock Ridge Rd., general services.

10:05 p.m. Hull Police, assist other Police Department.

11:01 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

THURSDAY, JULY 22

12:31 a.m. Pond St., noise complaint, investigated/report taken.

1:21a.m. Pond St., building checks, secured building.

9:12 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle crash.

9:40 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., vandalism, investigated/report taken.

12:27 p.m. Sohier St., traffic complaint.

12:52 p.m. Border ST., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

1:44 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.

6:14 p.m. Hull St., well being check.

9:33 p.m. Atlantic Ave., noise complaint, dispersed gathering.

10:23 p.m. Highway Sector, property (found).

10:42 p.m. Sohier St., officer wanted, no police service necessary.

10:53 p.m. Sohier St., traffic complaint.

FRIDAY, JULY 23

1:04 a.m. Gammons Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:01 a.m. Border St., assist other agency.

8:44 a.m. Pleasant St., parking complaint, no police service necessary.

9:02 a.m. North Main St., property (found).

9:08 a.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle crash, area search negative.

9:19 a.m. Atlantic Ave., disturbance two men in protective custody.

10:33 a.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

10:58 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire inspections, investigated/report taken.

11:15 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, suspicious person.

CALENDAR

On the South Shore

JULY 29 - AUGUST 6, 2004

Thurs. July 29

The B-52's will be in concert at **Campanelli Stadium** on July 29, at 7 p.m. Tickets are $25, $35, $45 with special Gold Seating for $100 and are available at the Rox box office, by calling the Rox at 508-559-7070 or by www.ticketmaster.com. Opening up for the B-52's are **The Scissor Sisters** and **Jake Brennan and the Confidence Men.**

Weymouth Recreation Department, presents free outdoor movies and concerts at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater, Town Hall July 29, **Quintessential Brass** 6:30 to dusk. In the event of rain, concerts and movies will be inside the Abigail Adams School auditorium. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Jerry Bryant Fourth Annual Summer Sea Chantey Concert at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, July 29, 2 p.m. Free admission. Traditional and contemporary folk songs with particular interest in the music of sailors. Open to all children. 781-925-5433.

The New England Patriots invite local youngsters to participate in the NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick Program during Patriots Training Camp at Gillette Stadium. The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 8-15. The NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick program is a forum for boys and girls to compete separately against their peers in punting, passing and placekicking skills. At the conclusion of Training Camp, the top boy and girl in each age division from each day of the program will advance to the Sectional Competition. Winners from that competition will compete in the Team Championships at a Patriots regular-season game. The top four scorers in each age division nationwide will travel to an NFL Playoff Game in January to compete for the national title. There is no registration fee to compete. All contestants must fill out an entry form and show a valid birth certificate for age verification. July 29 through Aug.11. at various times Schedule subject to change. Visit www.patriots.com for a complete schedule.

The Massasoit Theatre Co., presents **Godspell** July 29 through Aug. 1. All performances held at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, off Route 27, Brockton. Call 508-427-1234 for ticket information.

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series July 29, **Legion Bud Band** all concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday.

Jimbo's Boston – Every Thursday night Contemporary Jazz Rhythm & Blues Cover $10 at door- $7 with student ID.

Photographs by Orin H. Cunningham Jr. on Display at the North River Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield, 2000 Main Street, Route 3A, July 15 through Aug. 7.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents Kaleidoscope Children's Theater, **Beauty and The Beast** July 29, 10:30 a.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com. Box office at 130 Sohier St. www.themusiccircus.org

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset – **Blue Ribbon Members' Show** July 22 through Sept. 5. 781-383-2787 www.ssac.org

The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents **Big River** through Aug. 22. Mark Twain's timeless classic. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by phone at 781-871-2787 - Wednesday and Sunday $23., Thursday, Friday and Saturday $25. www.companytheatre.com/order.html

The South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset, announces that the 7 p.m. **Bill Cosby Show** on Saturday, Aug. 7 and **George Carlin** on Friday, Aug. 13, has **sold out.** For continuous concert updates, check the Music Circus web site at www.themusiccircus.org.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree,, Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

Fri. July 30

The Family Performing Arts/Kidspot's production of **Beauty and the Beast**. Performances are at Duxbury High School (St. George Street) on Friday and Saturday July 30 and 31, at 7:30 p.m. All seating is general admission, and tickets may be purchased at the door. If you wish to reserve tickets, or would like information, call **781-826-8550.**

Hull Performing Arts, presents a comedy **A Curate Shakespeare As you Like It**. Outdoor performances at the Fort Revere amphitheater in Hull on July 30 and Aug 6, at 8 p.m. and on Saturdays July 31 and Aug. 7 at 4 p.m. Performance is free, but donations gladly acceptec. Bring picnic and bug spray. 781-925-2406 or visit www.hullperformingarts.com for information.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **A Conversation with Norman Lear.** TV and film producer Norman will engage in a discussion moderated by U.S. Representative Barney Frank on how Lear used the medium of television to bring issues of free speech, civil rights and civic involvement into American homes over the last three decades. July 30, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call 617-514-1643 for reservations.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents a display of an **original rare copy of the Declaration of Independence** in the Museum at the Kennedy Library on July 30, 31, and Aug. 1. Owned by Norman Lear and his wife Lyn. General admission $10 www.jfklibrary.org 866-JFK-1060.

Satuit Band will perform July 30, 7:30 p.m. at Scituate Harbor.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, July 30, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime – **Nickelodeon Camp** This week **Spongebob** will be featured with fun, games and prizes. There will be no costume characters.

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St. Weymouth, July 30, **Wood Brothers Band.** 781-335-9796.

F1Boston, Ascari Bar, 290 Wood Road, Braintree. **Satch Romano's New Blue Revue** featuring the **Houserockers,** 9:30 p.m. no cover 781-848-2300.

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission.8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Sat. July 31

Scituate Heritage Bash Dine and dance the night away at the annual Heritage Days kickoff gala on July 31, from 7 p.m. to midnight at The River Club, 78 Border St., Scituate. Enjoy a dinner buffet and music by DJ Crazy Eddie. Tickets are $40 per person and are available at South Coastal Bank, Front Street Book Shop, Verge Jewelers, A Matter of Taste or Humming Rock Gifts. Resort Casual Dress For information, visit **scituatechamber.org** or call **781-545-4000.**

The South Shore Music Circus will feature the **Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart conductor** a benefit performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South Shore Art Center, July 31, 7 p.m.. Tickets for concert can be purchased via Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and in person at the Music Circus box office Tickets are $101.25 and $90.25. A limited number of special ticket packages, which include a pre-concert and post-concert reception with the maestro, can be purchased from South Shore Art Center only. Call the SSAC at 781-383-2787 for information.

Storyteller Andrea Lovett will present **Witty Tales From Whitman** family storytelling series. Lovett will present the stories in Whitman Town Park. 781-871-5892.

Bettina Lesieuri's First Annual Summer Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge beginning July 30. Reception July 31, from 6 to 10 p.m. Lesieur Gallery is located at 301 Saint George Street in Duxbury. This exhibit features oil landscapes, ranging from miniatures to larger pieces of Duxbury and the South Shore area, Cape Cod and Islands, New Mexico, Key West, and Provence. For information call 781-934-5103 or visit www.bettinalesieur.com.



BEST BET

(CSC) bringing *Much Ado About Nothing*, William Shakespeare's story of love's talent for bending men and women to its will, to life free to Boston audiences. The talented cast, directed by CSC Artistic Director Steven Maler and led by Jonno Roberts in the role of Benedick and Georgia Hatzis in the role of Beatrice, includes Cohasset native Caroline deLima as Margaret and Duxbury's Jeff Gill as Antonio.

The Wang Center for the Performing Arts will present Commonwealth Shakespeare Company's free production of Much Ado About Nothing at the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common through Aug. 1. For more information, call 617/532-1212 or visit www.freeshakespeare.org.

- R. Scott Reedy

Blues Cruise **The Boston Harbor Floating Blues Festival** featuring **The Brian Templeton Blues Band**, **The Lois Greco Band** and **The Rampage Trio**. Leaves Rowes Wharf, Boston, noon and returns 6 p.m. The boat will dock at Peddocks Island around 1 p.m. for the show. Tickets are $15 per person or $25 couple. Contact Paul Papetti for information or to purchase tickets. 508-584-0307-or 508-272-1844.

Hull Performing Arts, presents **A Summer Movie Series.** Enjoy some family films favorites at the Fort Revere amphitheater 60 Farina Road, Hull, on Saturdays July 31 and Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, at dusk. Movies rated no higher than PG. Bring lawn chair, picnic and bug spray. 781-925-2406 or visit www.hullperformingarts.com for information.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Charles Ansbacher, conductor, July 31, 2 p.m. Fort Warren George's Island, Boston Harbor. Free concert. www.landmarksOrchestra.org 617-520-2200.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents **"Weather Report,** paintings and drawings by **Alix White,**" through Aug. 30. 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866-JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

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Mark Your Calendar

JOAN BAEZ Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $37-$42 Legendary folk singer Joan Baez returns to the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall, the spot where she and Bob Dylan kicked off the legendary Rolling Thunder Revue Tour in 1975. Tickets:www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com/> 866-468-7619 at the box-office located at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth, MA 508-747-0234. All Strawberries

MASS AUDUBON AND THE NORTH & SOUTH RIVERS WATERSHED ASSOCIATION - Family Overnight Kayaking Adventure on the North River, Aug. 17 and 18, or Aug. 19 and 20. Boats and Camping Gear Provided. Dinner provided (bring two lunches) Kayak the 14-mile North River, overnight at Couch Beach Cost: $225 for a family group of three or less per two-day excursion (add $15 for each additional member) For parents of all ages and children of at least 10 years of age Learn Paddling techniques and rescue and reentry Monday Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon ($15) Call Ellyn Einhorn at Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400 Or Wendy Garpow at NSRWA at 781-659-8168

THE SECOND ANNUAL JETT GOLF CLASSIC will be held on Oct. 6, at the Pine Hills Golf Club in Plymouth. A scramble format is planned. Registration and putting contest will begin at 10 am and a shotgun start is at 11:30 am. The Jett Foundation is seeking golfers and non-golfers, volunteers to help organize the event, as well as items for silent/live auction, raffle and prize donations. All levels of sponsorship are available. Dinner only tickets will also be available. Anyone wishing to get involved may call the Jett Foundation president, Christine McSherry, 781-293-2667.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619.

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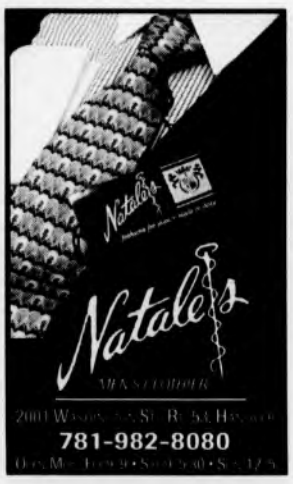
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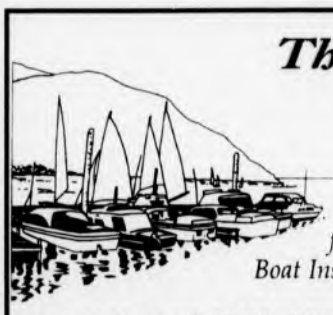
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Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Best of Boston Comedy Night featuring Jim Lauletta and others** July 31, 9 p.m. Admission $15. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington, presents **"Undaunted" Professor Harp**. 781-871-7175.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **New Blue Revue Blues Jam** July 31. 781-258-5232.

Sun. Aug. 1

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are organizing a cruise around **Boston Harbor** on Sunday Aug. 1. The boat leaves Rowes Wharf in downtown Boston at 10 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m.. For information about Friends activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Charles Ansbacher, conductor, Aug. 1, 4 p.m. Playstead, Franklin Park, Dorchester with special guests **The Boston Community Choir.** Free concert. www.landmarksOrchestra.org 617-520-2200.

The Ventress Memorial Library, Marshfield, is sponsoring an outdoor production of the famous play to be performed by the **New England Shakespeare Festival** on Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. at the Marshfield Skatepark. Up to 20 professional actors will present an authentic First Folio version of the play dating to 1623. Admission is free. Gates will open at 1:30 p.m. for seating. For information contact librarian Chris Woods at 781-834-5535, the Marshfield Recreation Department summer brochure and visit www.newenglandshakespeare.org.



BEST BET

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BEST BET

Hull Performing Arts, presents a comedy A Curate Shakespeare As you Like It. Outdoor performances at the Fort Revere amphitheater in Hull July 30 and Aug 6, at 8 p.m. and on Saturdays July 31 and Aug. 7 at 4 p.m. Performance is free, but donations gladly acceptec. Bring picnic and bug spray. 781-925-2406 or visit www.hullperformingarts.com for information.

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury is offering an outdoor concert with the **South Shore Bay Band** Aug. 1, at 4 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring refreshments and to provide their own seating. The Band performs a variety of tunes from the works of John Williams to a medley of big band standards. The concert is dependent on weather and will have to be postponed if the weather is inclement. 781-934-6634.

The Cohasset Call Firefighters Association will hold the **Third Annual Touch-A-Truck** on Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004 from noon to 4:00 PM at the Cohasset Family Health Center on Rte 3A in Cohasset. There will be an assortment of trucks and cars for everyone to climb into. Families are encouraged to bring a camera. Admission is $5 per person, up to $20 per family.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150 (Rear) Front St., Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. all summer. Bar and grill open all day. 781-545-3999.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Dixieland Jazz concert featuring Pete Collins' Jazz Band Ball.** Aug. 1, 9 p.m. Admission $10. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance every Sunday evening at **Raffael's Restaurant** Nantasket, Clarion Hotel, 45 Hull Shore Dr., Hull 781-925-4515. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Live dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and The Presidents Club of Boston.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Prime Time Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. **Ron Towers** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.



BEST BET

"School's Out" was a rite of passage every June. Beginning this week, a national office supply retailer will be using the song in a back-to-school television ad campaign that features Cooper — in his trademark make-up — shopping for school supplies with his distressed daughter. The Founding Father of Shock Rock, Cooper is first in line when it comes time to have fun with his outrageous concert persona.

"My stage show is sacred, but otherwise I love having fun with Alice's image," explains Cooper who brings his patented brand of hard-charging, theatrical rock to the Cape Cod Melody Tent July 30 and the South Shore Music Circus Aug. 1. "In the beginning, I was the antichrist. We did everything we could to annoy every parent in America."

Even with gruesome make-up, a boa constrictor around his neck, and an ever-ready supply of fake blood, Cooper says his performances have always been based in humor — albeit often dark humor. "Except in the very beginning, when I really wanted to scare people to death, there's always been a very real sense of humor in what I do."

Not to mention real longevity. Born Vincent Fournier in 1948, the son of a Minister became lead singer of the Alice Cooper Group in 1971 and the next year he legally changed his own moniker to Alice Cooper, inspired by the name of a 17th century witch.

"I'm like the Vincent Price of rock 'n roll. I'm the villain who won't go away Alice Cooper is woven into the fabric of America. In the 1970s, I was very happy to be asked to appear on TV with people like Bob Hope and Dinah Shore. These days, I love doing the commercials and golfing in pro-ams with everyone from Michael Douglas to Jack Nicklaus."

Through it all, Cooper has remained a rock and roller, recording 29 albums and charting 14 Top 40 hits including "I'm Eighteen," "Elected" and "No More Mr. Nice Guy." His latest album, "The Eyes of Alice Cooper," released last year in a garage like setting by producer Mudrock (Godsmack, Powerman 500). The recording marks a return to Alice's musical roots — with clever lyrics, infectious melodies and a wall of guitars. It's guitar-driven songs reflect Alice's classic themes of teenage angst and frustration.

Cooper credits groups like The Vines and White Stripe with bringing back garage rock. "When I began hearing these new bands, they all sounded fresh and exciting, but they also sounded familiar to the music we made when we were starting out. It's the kind of music I have always loved to listen to and always loved to create."

(Alice Cooper will be at the South Shore Music Circus, Sohier Street, Cohasset, Sunday, Aug. 1. For tickets and information call 617/931-2787 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

—R. Scott Reedy

Mon. Aug. 2

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Hingham Public Library presents and exhibit by **J. Michael Sullivan, The Sublime Color of Northern Italy**, July 31 to Sept. 24. Reception Aug. 2, 7 to 9 p.m.

Plymouth Ice Rink opens registration for Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Clinics The Armstrong Arena has opened registration for two pre-season conditioning clinics t Puck Control & Shooting and Pre-Season Conditioning will be offered at the ice rink during the week of Aug. 16-20. To register or for information, call 781-871-7960 or visit www.BayStateHockey.com.

Tues. Aug. 3

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the

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SHORT ODDS

Swedish researchers recently came to the conclusion that men were twice as likely to have hearing loss as women. They also found that shortness was associated with a family history of hearing loss. These findings have led researchers to speculate that factors affect health during the fetal period. Being born shorter than normal, therefore, may affect your health as you grow older. In the fetus, a low level of the growth hormone (IGF-1) might be a marker for adverse events, leading to a reduced number of cells at birth, which may cause shortness and the risk for early onset of age-related problems. With this in mind, researchers hope to one day prevent sensorineural hearing loss with growth-stimulating substances.

Although some are born with impaired hearing, others have developed a hearing loss from noisy environments, disease, or due to the natural aging process. Whatever the cause, the real problem is often not the hearing loss itself, but that most people don't know that help is available. We offer complete hearing health care services from an audiologist here at **FAMILY HEARING CARE CENTER, 534 Main Street (Rte. 18)**, across from the Stetson Bldg. in **Weymouth**, and at our office in Abington. Why not call **781-337-1144** for an appointment for a comprehensive evaluation? We accept most HMOs, State GIC, Union Benefits, and Mass Health.

P.S. As part of the research mentioned above, Swedish researchers found that short men had worse hearing than expected for their ages.

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Weymouth Heights Club on North Street, across the street from Seven Eleven on North Street. Non-profit weight loss support group. For information, the T.O.P.S. website is: www.tops.org or call, Eleanor at 781-335-4942.

Father Bill's Place 10th Annual Food Festival and Auction Aug. 3, 6 to 10 p.m. WaterWorks, Marina Bay, Quincy. Tickets $100 per person by calling 617-376-2255 www.fatherbillsplace.org

Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents **Marine and Local Scenes** at its New Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, through Aug. 29. 781-545-6150, www.scituateartsassociation.com

The Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St. Hingham. An exhibit, **Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past** features antique tools from the society's collection and is on view during museum hours. The Old Ordinary is open through Sept. 11. For information call 781-749-0013 or visit http://www/hinghamhistorical.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Wed. Aug. 4

Plaster Play 263 Washington St. Norwell, storyhour **Day at the Beach** Aug. 4. 781 659-0011.

Buttonwood Books & Toys presents **Linda Greenlaw** with her new book, "All Fishermen Are Liars: True Tales from the Dry Dock Bar" on Wednesday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands is organizing a **sunset cruise to Spectacle Island** on Aug. 4.. The boat leaves Rowes Wharf in downtown Boston at 6 p.m. and returns at 9 p.m. For information about Friends activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no monies are exchanged - Just time.) Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc.) moving furniture, the list is endless. Procrastinating can be a thing of the past. Membership fees: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, at 781-871-2583.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will feature an exhibit by **Ted Polomis** through Aug. 30. 781-383-1348 www.polomis.com

The Monhegan Experience paintings of Monehegan Island by members of the **North River Arts Society** at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St., Rockland.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 5

Weymouth Recreation Department, presents free outdoor movies and concerts at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater, Town Hall Aug. 5, **Beauty and the Beast** 8:30 p.m.to dusk. In the event of rain, concerts and movies will be inside the Abigail Adams School auditorium. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series Aug 5, **Legion Bud Band.** All concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday.

Fri. 6

Scituate Heritage Days - Opening Ceremonies, Aug. 6, Celebrate the rich history and culture of this coastal community. Friday at 4 p.m. butterfly release. Hear proclamations by our local officials and congratulate the Heritage Days Logo Contest winner. Magical illumination of the Scituate coastline at dusk. For a complete listing of events, visit scituatechamber.org or call 781-545-4000.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club's All-Kid production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory will be held on Aug. 6, at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Aug. 7, at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Front Street Book Shop in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, by phone at 781-544-0304, or at the door. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is produced in conjunction with the Cohasset Recreation Department.

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St. Weymouth, Aug 6, **Mojo Kings** 781-335-9796.

Ongoing Events

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Families with Children from China (FCC) South Shore, has an active play group meeting every other week from 10 am until noon. Call Cissy White at 781-331-4679 for information. No cost to join.



South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Front Street Book Shop offers a supportive environment and encourages all levels of writing experience to attend. Bring a writing project to share. More info call: 781-545-5011.

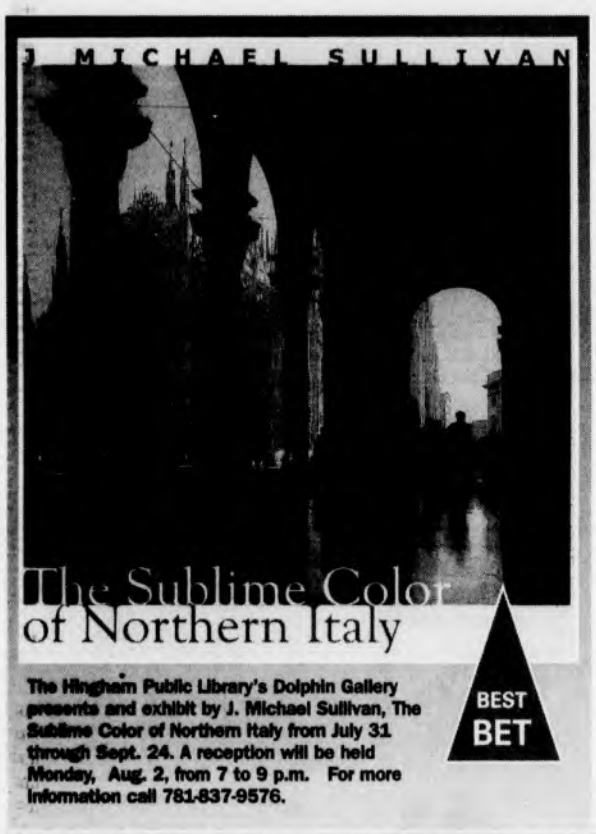
Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

La Leche League is an international, non profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and encouragement to all women who want to breastfeed. Meetings are Thursdays, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12, at 7:15 p.m. in Pembroke. For information call: Joanne 781-924-1919/Lisa 781-829-9075/Heidi 781-582-1187. All expectant, new, and experienced mothers and their babies welcome.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com 508-830-4250.

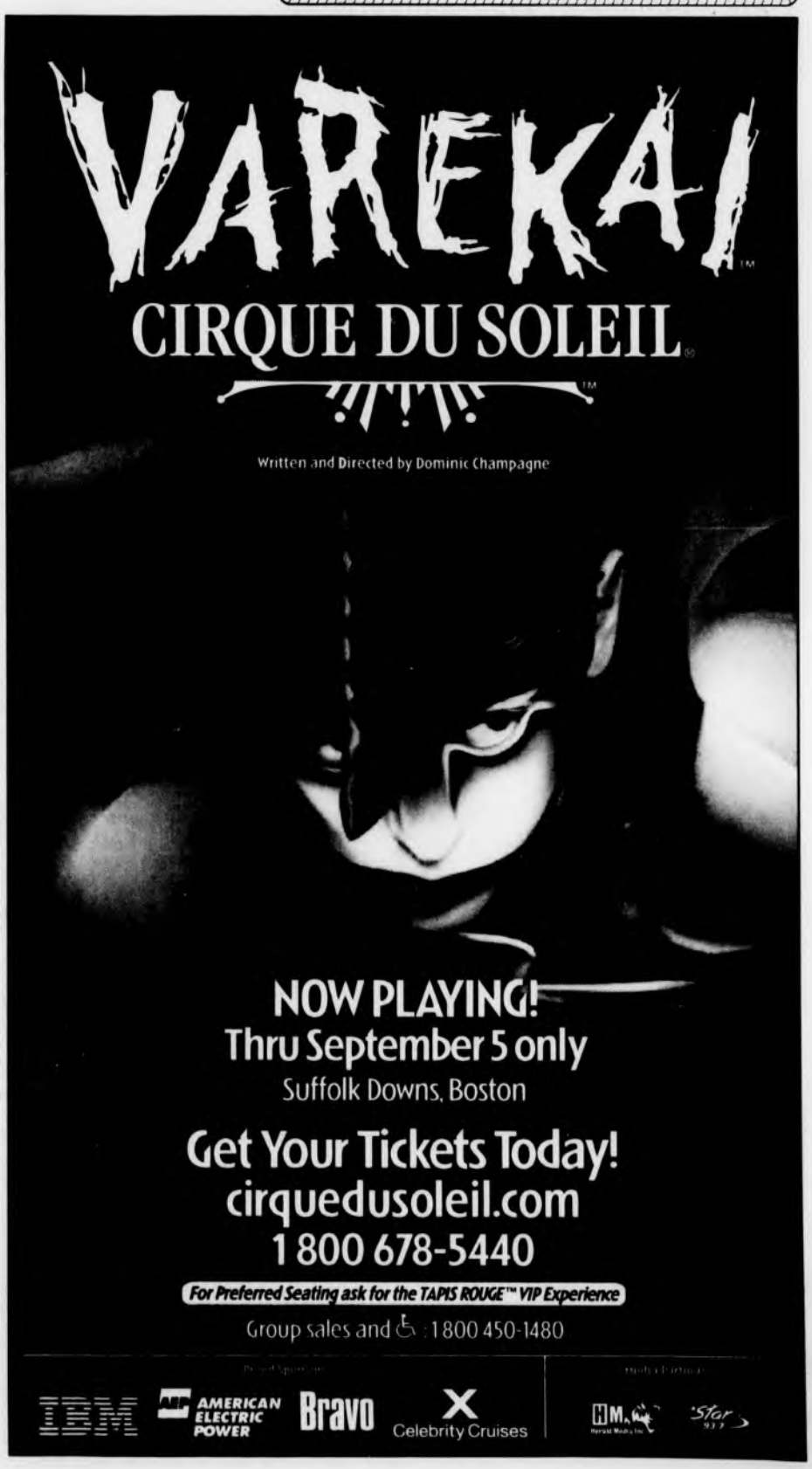
The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Tickets on sale now for its 2004 season. Children's programs go on sale also. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com

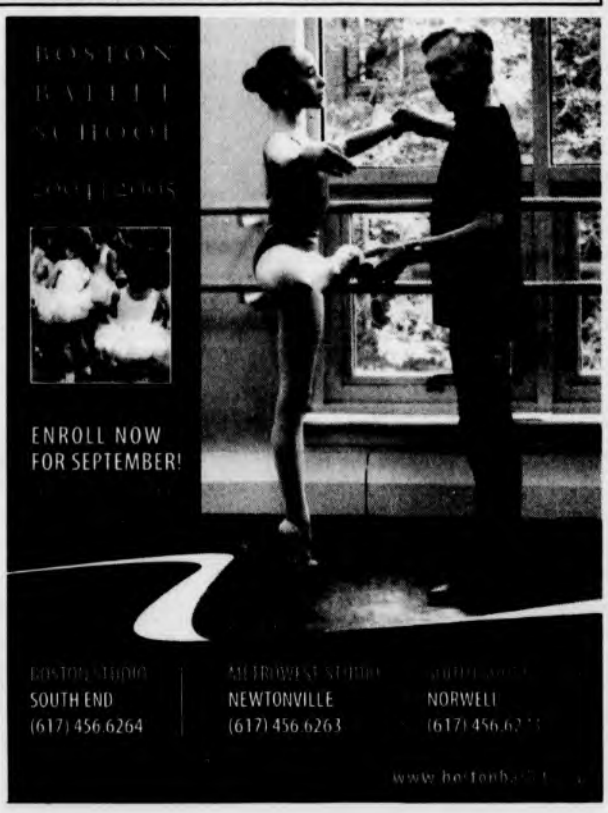


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School building tax bump leveled

Town to get $26M check

By Mary Ford
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The word "bump" may indeed becoming history in the lexicon of Cohasset residents.

Last year, the infamous bump-outs planned for village corners raised a ruckus and were summarily removed from downtown revitalization plans.

This year another bump is on its way out, leaving quietly by comparison but with no less applause. Property owners were poised to see a huge "bump" in their real estate taxes – upwards of $800 a year for a home valued at $560,000 — to pay for the $42 million Deer Hill and middle-high school renovation-expansion projects. But, thanks to a law signed last week by Gov. Mitt Romney that overhauls the School Building Assistance program, Cohasset's school building tax bump will be reduced greatly to about $150 annually for that same homeowner, according to acting Town Manager Michael Buckley.

About 18 months ago due to the sagging economy, the state Department of Education cut back by more than half the amount of money it would put toward new school building assistance grants — translating to more time on the waiting list for school projects to receive state reimbursement. Compounding the problem was a huge influx of school projects, now numbering roughly 420 on the waiting list for payment.

Traditionally towns waited up

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Sailing club floats its expansion plans

By Mary Ford
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The Cohasset Sailing Club is on a roll.

Although its plans to improve its clubhouse, add some deck space and a covered porch are in the early stages – both the zoning board of appeals and board of selectmen gave the proposal a warm reception.

Jim Porter, a trustee of the non-profit organization, said the 25-year-old clubhouse on Government Island is showing its age and needs repairs.

"Doors don't open well and windows don't open and close," he said. "Some of the structural beams are rotting."

Porter said while the club is a tremendous resource for the children in the community – improvements to the clubhouse including adding decks, would make the place more appealing to adults.

"We'd like to create a structure that invites more adults to get involved," he said.

Porter explained no fundraising has been started and no committee formed to get the process started. The plans are "rough," he said.

Building designer Heidi Condon asked the ZBA what the

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Sophie Bertolami wears a Japanese lantern hat for Crazy Hat Day at the Children's Drama Workshop camp. For more photos, see page 24.

Query about train help

Residents applied for ombudsman

By Samantha Brown
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When the Waterfield Design Group sent in its application for the MBTA ombudsman position, it was measured against at least three Cohasset residents who also responded to the July 2002 advertisement for the position. Now that Greenbush is coming down the tracks, some residents are questioning why the Winchester-based design group was awarded the contract, when there were willing and able candidates right here in town.

While acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said the names of applicants for the ombudsman position must be kept confidential, even now, two years after the fact, selectmen's meetings have brought to the surface that Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, Tom Gruber of Pratt Court, and Wig Pierson of Atlantic Avenue, all applied for the position. Today, many residents think the town would be in a better position had it hired someone local.

Pierson and his wife Molly applied for the position as a team. "We thought the town would get a double benefit," he said. Molly had covered MBTA

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Local artist gives gift of courage

Book to help kids with cancer

By Samantha Brown
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In the realm of a child's imagination, anything is possible. Under the kitchen table, a land of discovery can be found, as tales of a great astronaut piloting a rocketship unfold. A magic carpet, masquerading as a beach towel, can soar through the air to the far side of the clouds, magically transforming itself into the ship of a seafaring pirate.

It is this strength of imagination that local artist Donna Green is counting on to harness the positive thoughts and emotions necessary to help children who have been diagnosed with cancer fight the toughest battle of their lives. Through her soon-to-be published book, "The Velveteen Rabbit's Gift of Courage," she hopes to empower youngsters to see themselves as a brave knight, battling dragon-like cancer creatures that attack their healthy blood cells, rather than as a child who has become weak from an illness.

"Mind over matter is enormous," for anyone fighting a battle with their health, said Green. She added, if a child is given the tools to deal with cancer on a level they can relate to, and they are able to maintain a positive attitude, the results can be overwhelming. Green said children are very resilient and have an unbelievable ability to heal —and if both the child and his or her family have a positive attitude, it becomes much easier to face the disease head on. "Even if we change one child's outcome by the way they approach their challenge, then it's worth it," she said.

Green said she has been working to compile care packages which will include not only her book, "The Velveteen Rabbit's Gift of Courage," which also serves as a journal for the children and their families to write in, but a meditation CD, interactive note cards, and a velveteen rabbit for a child to hold during tough times when they need it. The package comes in a soft, medieval-style hat, which a young knight might wear after he or she loses their hair to chemotherapy treatments. Green, who has a studio on Elm



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Donna Green, pictured here in her Cohasset studio, holds a velveteen rabbit and her painting that will be the cover of her book.

Street in the village, said her initial goal is to send out 20,000 care packages to children with cancer.

To help in her efforts, Green started the Magical Moon Foundation, which will enable her to send the care packages at no cost to the patient. In order for the project to get off the ground, $150,000 is needed to secure a place with the publisher. Green said people have been

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Sidewalk discussion is back to square one

Subject could come up Tuesday

By Samantha Brown
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After endless meetings and years of debate, members of the Waterfield Design Group will hopefully be asked to make their last and final set of changes to plans for the downtown area. However, there is still one remaining kink in the plans — the sidewalk.

It was thought the Downtown Village Revitalization Review Committee, charged with looking over and "tweaking" Waterfield's plans for the downtown area, had reached the consensus that asphalt would be more suitable and easier to maintain than brick or concrete. However, Selectman Ralph Dormtizer, who sits on the committee, said the conversation is back on the table.

Although the committee formed a consensus that it would recommend asphalt, it may be asked to rethink that option. Voters at the fall 2003 Special Town Meeting voted in favor of concrete as a paving option, and changing that now may go against that decision, which is a concern expressed by Selectman Ronnie McMorris, according to Dormitzer. McMorris could not immediately be reached for comment.

Dormitzer said he believes there could be a compromise.

"My personal view is that we ought to do concrete pavers," said Dormitzer, adding he thinks by using pavers it will be a compromise that will satisfy the Town Meeting vote for concrete as well as the committee's interest in having a material other than poured concrete.

Dormitzer said he has heard the new movie theater on Front Street in Scituate Harbor is surrounded by concrete pavers, and he was planning on going over to take a look. He said he is going to suggest other committee members do the same. Members of the committee hope to present a finalized set of plans to selectmen at the board's Aug. 10 meeting, in order to meet the deadline they are working with.

Sidewalks aside, Dormitzer

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Thieves, vandals destroy statue of little girl by pond

Police Chief James Hussey would like anyone with information about an apparent larceny of a statue of a little girl behind a Straits Pond home to contact the police at 781-383-1055.

Sometime overnight from Tuesday into Wednesday morning, thieves knocked over an 80-year-old statue of a little girl behind the home at 739 Jerusalem Road and attempted to drag it off. In the process, the statue broke apart and what was left behind were the knees and below – the rest was taken, Hussey said.

The statue which resembles Alice in Wonderland is the subject of much folklore around town and is considered historic, valued at several thousand dollars.

It was thought that the people who initially installed the statue had lost a little girl, but it's not clear if that story is true.

Nevertheless, the four-foot tall statue has meaning and is a landmark near Straits Pond. Hussey said police do not have any suspects but think at least two people were involved because the statue weighs about 500 lbs.

He explained the vandals pushed the statue back and forth to get it off its base and then dragged it across the lawn. The homeowner thought she heard dogs barking during the night but didn't realize what was happening until she discovered what was left of the statue on Wednesday morning. She then notified police.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, Aug. 12, 7 p.m.

Board of Health, Aug. 18, 7 p.m.,

Conservation Commission, Aug. 5 & 19, 7:30 p.m.

Library trustees, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., at the library

Planning board, Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m. [Ko Ko Island].

School Committee, Aug. 9, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Town Manager Act Review Committee, Aug. 9, 7 p.m., Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Water Resources Protection Committee, Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Water Commission, Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Reception for new police chief tonight

Cohasset's new police chief, Jim Hussey will be the guest of honor at a reception at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Aug. 5) be at Lou Harvey's (465 King St.). Refreshments will be served. The reception is intended to foster relations between the police and the community.

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Residents say MBTA plans will impede emergency access

By Samantha Brown
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The importance of being able to maintain quick response times for emergency vehicles has been a major focus during the town's Greenbush discussions with the MBTA. During an emergency, every second counts.

Plans have changed from implementing four-quad gates to standard crossings at Beechwood Street because the fire department has been told it will help with delays as the gates will be down for a shorter amount of time. While that is good news for residents on the other side of town, residents who live at the crossing are worried for their own safety, because whether the gates are up or down, the fire department could have trouble accessing their property.

Residents of 39 Beechwood St., a Victorian home which has been converted into condominiums, are very concerned current plans to reconfigure their driveway in light of the Beechwood Street grade crossing will not allow enough space for fire engines to be able to make the turn up to their complex.

"The way they (MBTA) have it planned, they can't get the fire trucks in," said Pamela Palmer, who lives in one of the condominiums.

Currently, viewing the property from the street, the driveway for the condominiums runs from the back of the house and along the right side of the property, virtually straight down toward the street. The rail bed runs almost parallel with the driveway.

The driveway will need to be relocated because as it currently stands, it is too close to the grade crossing. Because only two gates will be implemented, median barriers will be installed on either side of the crossing as a safety measure, which is required by the MBTA for whistle-free train corridors. Median barriers are a little higher than a standard curb and are roughly four feet wide.

A 100-foot barrier will run from the crossing up Beechwood Street toward South Main Street, and the residents have worked with the MBTA to receive a compromise of 60 feet for the median barrier running toward the house. The length of the 60 foot barrier may be discussed again at a later date.

"These are life and death issues."
— Pamela Palmer, 39 Beechwood St.

Due to environmental restrictions which prohibit the MBTA from filling in a wetland near the driveway on the property, the post-train driveway will have to take on an "S" shape, curving off its current straight path to the left, around the front of the pond, then hook back down toward the street.

With the curves in the driveway and the median barriers, Palmer said it will be impossible for the fire department to make a right turn onto the property. Median barriers will prohibit the trucks from swinging out to the left a little in order to be able to make the turn, which will force trucks to travel in the left traffic lane in order to get around the median barrier and into the driveway. Palmer said having fire trucks traveling on the opposite side of the road is very dangerous, and the situation will be even more confusing in the event a train passes through while the fire trucks are on their way. Palmer said even when the truck enters the driveway, the "S" curve is still too sharp and it will not be able to make the corner.

Palmer also said that the plans do not take into consideration that the fire department is slated to receive a brand new ladder truck any day which is larger than the previous trucks. Palmer has asked Fire Chief Roger Lincoln to come to the property for a test-drive, but the barriers would need to be marked on the road in order to properly be able to judge whether access will be impeded. Members of the fire department have come out to the property once before. "These are life and death issues," said Palmer.

In a perfect world, Palmer said she would like to see four-quad gates installed which don't cause a delay for the department. However, in reality, that is not an option. "We could never ask people to wait 2-1/2 minutes," which is the estimated delay time when four quad gates are down. Realistically, all she and the residents would like to see is a solution that would enable the fire department easy access to their property.

Beechwood Street residents have been trying to work out various agreements with the MBTA since 2002. Over the years Palmer said the MBTA has tried to take over their neighbor's driveway and turn it into the 39 Beechwood St. driveway, even though it was private property. The neighbor was forced to retain an attorney and the neighbors were pitted against each other for a while.

Greenbush is the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration Project and runs 17 miles from Weymouth to Scituate's Greenbush neighborhood as is expected to begin commuter rail service in 2006. Cohasset's tracks will connect the towns of Scituate and Hingham, and construction has already begun in those towns. Palmer said there have been sessions where she and the other residents feel they have been lied to or not taken seriously as they have been labeled as being against the train. "We're not trying to stop the train. We know it's coming," said Palmer.

"Criticism does not equal lying down in front of the locomotive," she said, adding the residents feel in general that their concerns over changes to the property have not been thoroughly heard by the MBTA, which she said could be a direct result of not having a local ombudsman to serve as their advocate.

"I think a lot of this could have been avoided if we'd had a good knowledgeable representative," she said.

Abutters want local person for train ombudsman

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issues for a local newspaper, and was very familiar with the story, and Wig said although he was not a direct abutter to the train, he "was very interested in the issue."

Dormitzer said he applied because, "I'm a pretty good advocate," and he felt he could be of service to the people in town being affected by the MBTA. He said it wasn't whether he was appointed or not that was the main issue, but that the people felt they had representation they could count on.

However, the third applicant is now being eyed as the perfect person to take over as ombudsman for the town. After serving as chairman of the Cohasset Greenbush Mitigation Committee, and attending countless 106 hearings, many feel Gruber has the experience and knowledge necessary to get the job done.

Roughly 50 residents attended a meeting with selectmen to discuss concerns regarding the MBTA and the ombudsman position, and the consensus was, abutters want one person from the town to serve as ombudsman. Abutters to the Greenbush line don't feel the ombudsman appointed by Waterfield (who resigned in May) had the physical proximity to Cohasset or background knowledge to properly serve as an advocate for the town. Train abutters say their complaints to date have gone unnoticed.

In light of that, abutters say they would like to see someone local take over the role. While Waterfield has appointed a new ombudsman, abutters feel a new candidate who has virtually no background with the town will only complicate matters, and that this is the perfect opportunity for the town to hire someone from within.

However, the town's $120,000 contract with Waterfield doesn't expire until October and members of the Board of Selectmen say they don't feel comfortable breaking a contract. At the direction of the board, acting Town Manager Michael Buckley called the Waterfield Design Group to ask whether it would agree to allow the town to terminate the contract it has with the company for an ombudsman. Buckley said Waterfield Principal Craig Miller is currently in Africa, and a meeting will be scheduled when he returns. The ombudsman position is paid on a pay-as-you-go basis, and no money is being expended by the town while it decides what direction to take.

Abutters have offered up Gruber as the perfect candidate for the job, and the two Cohasset residents who applied for the position alongside him two years ago say he seems to be the perfect candidate today.

"Tom Gruber is and ideal candidate, said Pierson, adding he has the engineering background to be able to read the plans and has the background knowledge necessary to be able to handle concerns from residents. "There is no question about it," that the town needs a local resident to serve as its ombudsman, he said, adding the town would be lucky to have Gruber. Dormitzer said he thinks Gruber is better suited to fill the position than even he would have been.

However, Dormitzer said he believes a good compromise for the ombudsman position would be to bring someone local in, and have a local engineer available to back that person up. The local person would be able to provide the advocacy many residents want, but will have the technical background of an engineer to oversee the job.

Gruber could not be reached for comment before the Mariner went to press, but he said at a raucous public meeting on the issue he would be willing to talk to selectmen to work out a job description, detailing what his potential duties would be as ombudsman. However, Buckley said at the same, heated meeting that as long as he is Town Manager, he will not be hiring Gruber in that role.

The Mariner made a verbal request under the state Public Records Law, and has been denied the names of all the ombudsman applicants. Buckley said it has always been the town's practice to keep the names of applicants confidential, and normally only the names of the finalists for a position are ever made public. Buckley said as far as he knows, there was only one finalist for the position and Town Counsel has advised the other names not be released.

ZBA won't put brakes on Rte. 3 towing business

By Mary Ford
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The business housed at 860 Chief Justice Cushing Highway – also known as 850r CJC Highway – has caused a conundrum for zoning board of appeals because of an identity crisis.

The ZBA struggled with determining whether 3A Towing and Recovery — the business housed in the building at that address — qualifies as an auto body shop or repair garage under the zoning bylaw.

Neighbors to the site living in Ledgewood Estates, a subdivision that straddles the Cohasset-Scituate line aren't happy with 3A Towing which is storing motor vehicles that have been towed to the site where insurance adjusters examine them. No repairs are done at the facility, according to the ZBA.

Cohasset Collision, which moved into a new facility off Rte. 3A at the other end of town, had occupied the site. But Cohasset Collision repaired vehicles and still does.

The question before the ZBA was whether 3A Towing – which relocated to Cohasset due to train construction in Scituate – is in violation of a special permit because it's a change of use.

"Do towing and storage qualify as repair?" ZBA chairman Woody Chittick asked his fellow board members. "Is it different enough for a change in use requiring a special permit or prohibition?"

Junkyards are not permitted in Cohasset, but automobile repair shops and garages are allowed in the highway business district by special permit.

In the end, the ZBA reached a consensus that the definition in the bylaw was sufficiently broad to include an automotive towing garage. The board upheld the building inspector's decision not to take any action on Ledgewood Estates' complaint but is concerned about the storage of vehicles at the site.

The ZBA is in the process of drafting a written decision.

$1M in state funds for West Corner Bridge

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, was successful in including $1 million in funding for the repair and reconstruction of the West Corner Bridge and culvert at the intersection of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. As the ranking minority member of the Joint Committee on Transportation, Hedlund was able to use his influence to press for inclusion of this funding in the Transportation Bond Bill that passed last week in the Senate. After meeting with local groups such as the Straits Pond Watershed Association about the culvert, Hedlund was armed with the information necessary to convince his colleagues of the importance of this project and made this funding a top priority.

With the funding having already been secured in House with the support of state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and it now being secured in the Senate, this earmark for the West Corner Bridge and culvert is assured of going before Gov. Mitt Romney for his signature.

Earlier this year, Hedlund was successful in having MassHighway inspect the bridge, a follow-up to an inspection done in June 2000. In addition, a private engineering company also inspected the bridge and concurred its condition is poor.

The existing culvert is outdated and over time the culvert has been filled with sediment and in-pond circulation has been severely impacted. The replacement of the bridge will provide the opportunity to recommend changes to the gate configuration that would improve flushing for the pond.

"Public documents identifying a need for greater tidal exchange to Straits Pond go back over 100 years," said Lawry Reid, president of the Straits Pond Watershed Association. "The legislative action of earmarking $1 million for the implementation of the Rte. 228 Straits Channel culvert replacement is crucial to the overall project's success.

"The earmark makes highly probable additional federal, state, and private grants for implementation of new expanded tidal gates, permitting, and other pond restoration costs. This $1 million earmark builds on the total of $141,000 that has been committed to this project by the towns of Hull, Cohasset, Hingham, and the Conservation Law Foundation," Reid said.

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The 25-year-old Cohasset Sailing Club on Government Island is looking to renovate and expand its clubhouse.

Sailing club floats its expansion plans

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sailing club would be permitted to do on the site, which is partially in the flood plain. Selectmen who heard a short presentation on the proposal last month had no issues with it, Condon said.

The sailing club got more than it asked for. The ZBA did not see a problem with the plans and only asked the decks be put on pilings, the concrete pad on the grounds be removed and to come back if the club makes any substantial changes to the project and closed the public hearing.

Government Island is owned by the town which leases the clubhouse and its grounds to the sailing club, which was built in 1979.

"Doors don't open well and windows don't open and close. Some of the structural beams are rotting."

— Jim Porter, Cohasset Sailing Club

Sidewalk discussion is back to square one

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said he thinks the committee has done a really great job working with the plans and said he is happy with the revisions that have been made. "We've restored some parking spaces and put in a lot of trees," he said, adding most of the changes at this stage are the fine details.

"The committee has made about 29 changes," said Dormitzer, and the sidewalks are the last item to be decided. The changes are intended to enhance the natural beauty of the village, while working with what already exists to preserve its character.

The committee believes exposing granite ledge and adding trees and grassy areas will help beautify the downtown area. The granite removed from the ledge under St. Stephen's to widen the sidewalk there could be used to enhance other areas. Some parking has also been restored under the committee's recommendations. Plans for decorative light poles have been eliminated.

The committee also stressed that existing granite street curbing should be used. Plans are to lower South Main Street by about 6 inches, down to the original macadam and that would expose more of the granite curbing.

Dormitzer said the Waterfield Design Group, which was hired by the town to draft streetscape plans as part of the $1.8 million Village Revitalization Project, will have to execute the changes, but the process is not a re-bid of the project. All changes can be made to the current bid drawings. Dormitzer said in order to meet deadlines, the committee must have their complete drawings to Waterfield by Aug. 12, which is why being on the Aug. 10 agenda for the board of selectmen is crucial. Waterfield must then make any changes to the plans, in order to have their part of the job finished by Aug. 28. From there, the project will go out to bid, and the town will close the bidding process Sept. 14.

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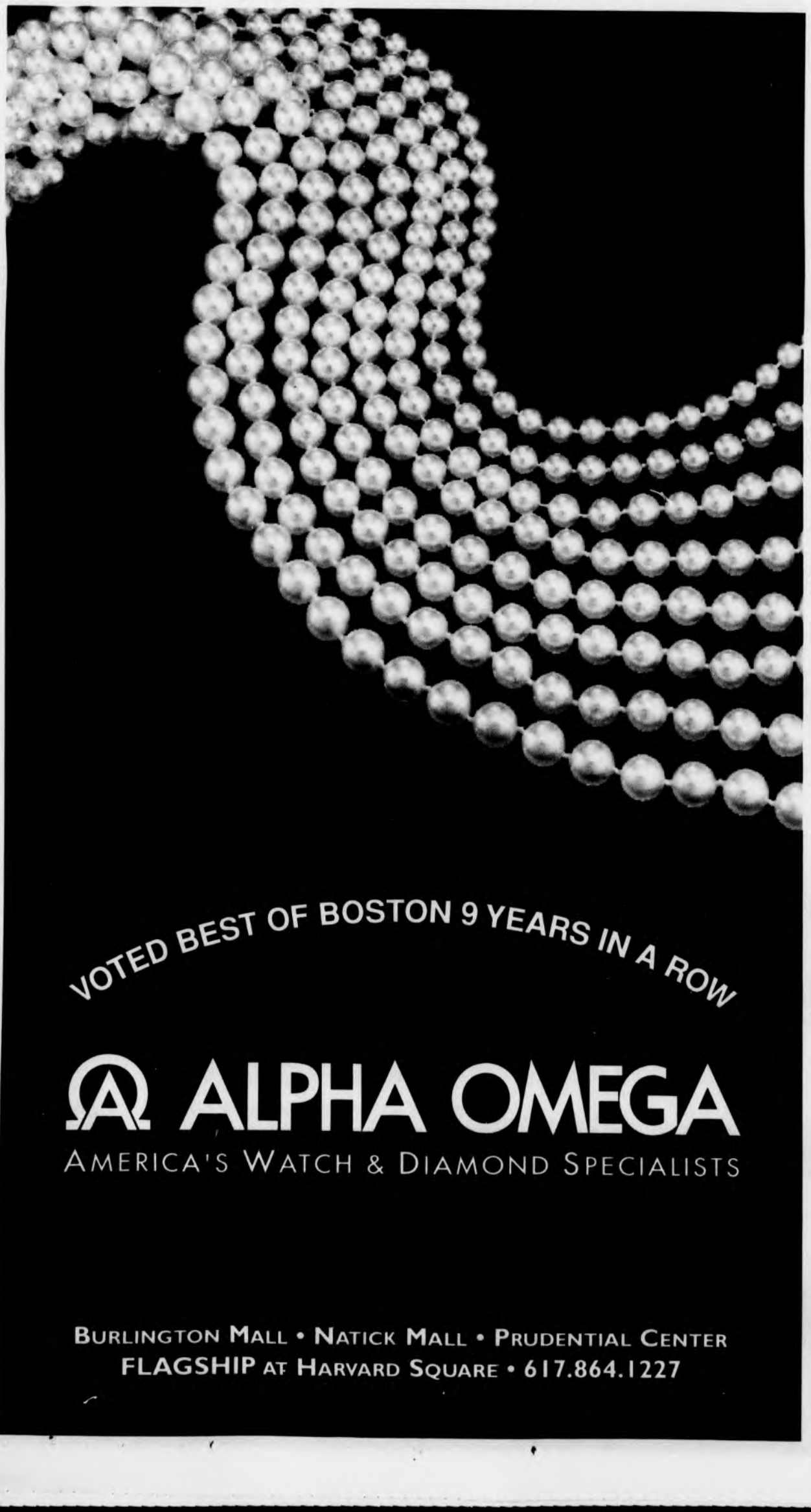
Local legislators including Rep. Garrett Bradley and state Senator Robert Hedlund announce their plan to keep drivers up to date on openings of the Fore River Bridge. Each legislator will be working with Citgo Petroleum, Mass Highway and the U. S Coast Guard to ensure this plan is effective for commuters.

Earlier this spring electronic banners were set up to tell motorists when bridge openings would occur. Though this service will still be provided, emails will be one more mechanism used to alert drivers.

If you would like to use this service, please contact your local legislator and provide your email address. Please note that the legislators will work diligently to provide the most up to date information. However, motorist using Route 3A should be advised that the exact bridge opening time is subject to weather and other conditions which may affect the transit of the tanker.

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Papers signed for Logan Airport noise study

By Samantha Brown
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Many homes in Cohasset begin to hear the roar of airplane engines at 5:30 every morning. As low-flying planes heading to and from Logan Airport coast over the town throughout the day, telephone calls are interrupted as residents wait for the noise to pass, and anxious mothers look to the skies to see if low-flying planes are leaving hazardous emissions behind. Fortunately, there could be some relief in sight.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who is also co-chair of the Community Advisory Committee to Massport, said today (Thursday) after two years of work, the necessary documents will be signed to kick off a $2 million noise study. "After months and months of work, it's all done and ready," said Dormitzer, adding hopefully the over-flight paths of planes will be made better as a result of the study. "This is really huge."

"It's Cohasset, it's South Boston, it's Chelsea, it's Revere, it's everywhere."
— Selectman Ralph Dormitzer

The noise study is a requirement of a 2002 legal order by Jane Garvey, who was then administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. That decision authorized the construction of a new runway, 14/32, at Logan International Airport, which was expected to direct many thousands more flights annually over Boston Harbor, impacting area towns, including Hingham, Cohasset, and Hull.

The decision specified several mitigation measures to lessen the impact of aircraft noise on communities in the greater Boston area. The noise study is one of the more important mitigation steps, as it will address adverse noise impacts with the goal of redirecting flight patterns that are currently over communities, over the water.

By routing the planes over the ocean, Dormitzer said it would improve the noise pollution being forced upon many coastal towns north and south of Boston. "It's Cohasset, it's South Boston, it's Chelsea, it's Revere, it's everywhere," said Dormitzer. By taking a simple step to keep the planes flying over the ocean a little longer at a higher altitude, coastal towns can be spared the noise. "We have such a vast ocean and we're not using it," as a potential buffer, Dormitzer said.

Many area residents fought the runway for a long time, and some launched a court case citing noise, air quality, and potential negative property value impacts. However, the United States Court of Appeals upheld the Federal Aviation Administration's approval of the 5,000-foot runway, dismissing opponents' arguments as "meritless." The court case stemmed from claims that the Environmental Impact Report for the project was flawed.

The study will consider noise generated by aircraft takeoffs, over-flights and landings. The first phase of the study will consider procedures which can be implemented rapidly with safety and efficiency and do not have significant environmental impacts. A second phase will further consider those procedures which have merit but are deemed to have significant environmental impacts.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following permits have been issued recently at Town Hall:

RAJ LLC, 465 Jerusalem Rd., remodel whole dwelling, $900,000; Chris Winn, 29 Ledge Way, re-roof 30 squares, $10,100; Charles and Patsy Dean, 207 Jerusalem Rd., re-roof 45 squares, $18,500; Purday, 49 Pleasant St., addition family room/fireplace, $15,000; Joseph and Eileen Coner, 89 Fairoaks Lane, 2 level deck/slider, $18,000; Joel Carpenter, 370 King St, tent July 21 to July 24, $960; Cohasset Lighthouse, 15 Lighthouse Lane, tent July 23 to July 25, $285; Deyso, 8 Bates Lane, replace deck/sunroom, deck/stairs, $29,600; James Brook LLC, 1 Pleasant St., interior remodel for retail stores, $30,000; Kefallinos, 203 Fairoaks Lane, construct porch with shed roof, $12,000;

Peter Laugelle, 17 King St., deck/shed, $3,400; Douglas Chamberlain, 7 Old Coach Rd., sidewall 7 squares, $7,000; Pompeo, 11 Ripley Rd., tent July 30 to Aug. 2, $995; Albert Stefan, 260 Jerusalem Rd., demolish existing dwelling, $10,000; Lynn DeGiacomo, 59 Beach St., repair front porch, $3,000; Brain E. Curran, 289 Beechwood St., reside, replace porch, windows, doors, $12,000; Annette Casey, 460 Jerusalem Rd., remove/replace sunroom, $25,000; Ingram, 450 King St, gut/remodel kitchen, bath, $67,321; Counihan, 597 Jerusalem Rd., construct addition, $200,000;

Ox Pasture Lane RT, 59 Ox Pasture Lane, single family dwelling, $700,000; Church St., 7 Church St., sunporch 14 x18, $15,000; Auensen, 34 Stockbridge St, expand deck, $5,000; Elvins, 11 Hobarts Lane, tent July 29 to Aug. 1, $500; Giglio, 144 Lamberts Lane, deck 22 x14, $8,000; Reardon #3, 131 Nichols Rd., remove/replace atrium room, $25,000; Guiggo, 554 Jerusalem Rd., replace 39 windows, $55,812; Karen Murphy, 7 Haystack Lane, replace 4 windows, $7,474; Jean Linvingstone, 21 Whitney Woods Lane, expand dormer/remodel, $20,000; Davenport Crocker, 79 Spring St., general remodel, $25,000; Richard Tousley, 14 Stoneleigh Rd., remove/replace sunroom, $15,512; Chris Kierce, 189 South Main St., re-roof 19 squares, $5,900.

50th reunion is planned

Early planning is under way for a reunion bringing together the members of the 1954 graduating class of Cohasset High School. As well, a search is under way for those who were members of that class but were separated prior to graduation and would like to join in on the festivities. Knowing that most of those who were associated with this class have left Cohasset, it is hoped that friends who still live in town will inform them, as soon as is possible of the plans for the event.

Individuals who have not already been informed of the event and want to be included in on all plans should contact Norman Jason, P.O. Box 46, Durham, CT 06422 or call 860-349-3438. Much work is still to be done but it is necessary to know who is going to be in attendance before plans can be completed.

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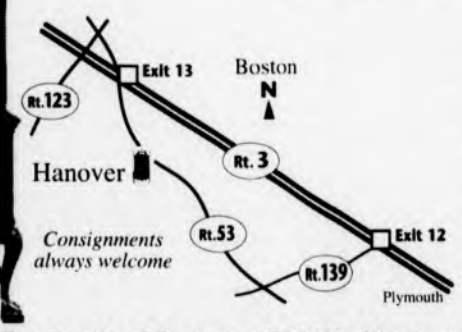
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Saving lives one glass of lemonade at a time

By Samantha Brown
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When five young Elm Street residents are asked what they did during their summer vacation, they can safely say they helped save a life.

During one day of selling lemonade and treats on the sidewalk outside their homes across the street from the fire department, Alex and Eliza Kinnealey, and Caitlin, Casey, and Corianne Ahrens earned $51 and some change. At the end of the day, they crossed the street and gave the money that will be put toward purchasing a new "Automated External Defibrillator" to fire Capt. Robert Silvia.

"Everyone seems to think they have to donate the entire amount (for an AED)," said Silvia, adding a new AED costs roughly $2,000. He said contributions of any amount can be used, whether the money is put toward buying the machine or for books which can be used during training. He commended the children for their efforts and said their generosity will help the department reach its goal of putting the machines in public places all over town.

AEDs can be used to shock a patient that has gone into cardiac arrest. If the department has its way, the devices will be available at many of the public buildings where people congregate.

The AEDs the department are looking at purchasing are very user-friendly, are color coded, and "speak" to the user, giving proper operating instructions. They run on batteries, which have a life span of roughly five years, or 300 shocks, and come with two adult pads and one pediatric pad.

Living across the street from the fire station, twins Eliza and Alex, 12, as well as Caitlin, 13, Casey, 11 and Corianne, 7, are very familiar with the amount of help the department gives to residents in town. When they heard the department needed equipment, they jumped at the chance to help.

In order to attract some attention to their lemonade stand, Casey, Corianne, and Alex dressed up in brightly colored costumes and began flagging down cars and pedestrians. Casey dressed up as Frankenstein, Corianne dressed up as SpongeBob SquarePants, and Alex dressed up as a shark with an Irish hat and blew a horn.

"People who walked by couldn't say no," said Casey.

In addition to lemonade, the children sold cookies, brownies, and some candy. They sold glasses of lemonade for 50 cents each and the baked goods and candy for 25 cents. However, they said they had some generous customers, as some gave $5 or $10 bills, and let them keep the change.



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Casey Ahrens, Alex Kinnealey, Eliza Kinnealy, Caitlin Ahrens, and Corinanne Ahrens held a lemonade stand fund-raiser, donating the proceeds to the fire department, to be used for a new defibrillator.

At the station, Silvia showed the children how the defibrillators work. He explained where the pads are placed on someone to give the life-saving shock. The children listened as the defibrillator spoke to them and gave step-by-step instructions on how the machine is supposed to be used.

"For every minute you lose, it takes 10 percent off your chance of living," said Alex, which makes AEDs very important machines to have around.

Silvia also told the children one day, the department hopes to have defibrillators in all Cohasset schools. When that happens, "We can say we helped raise the money," said Alex.

The goal of the department is to ultimately meet the requirements of a heart-safe community, which means having equipment on hand that even someone with minimal training can use to save the life of someone who has gone into cardiac arrest. Silvia said studies have shown if a person can be defibrillated within one to two minutes of going into sudden cardiac arrest, there is an 80 percent chance of survival. However, that survival rate decreases with every passing minute, and with a delay of 10 minutes, there is a less than 5 percent chance the person will be able to pull through.

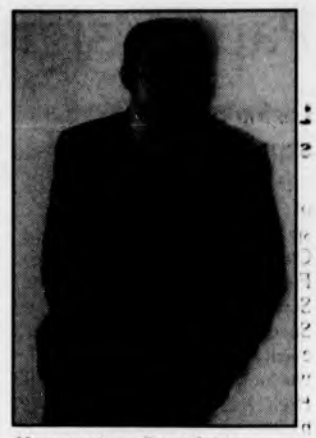
He added with the train coming to town and possible delays in response time for the department when the gates are down, having residents on hand that have been trained to use an AED will greatly improve the survival rate.

Any AEDs installed around town will be regularly inspected by members of the department to make sure the equipment is working properly. The department will also provide training on how to use them. Silvia said AEDs are a new trend in life-saving technology and the American Heart Association has begun giving CPR classes which includes AED training.

All five children said they felt really good about their efforts and were glad they could help such a good cause. In fact, this is the second lemonade stand Alex and Eliza have had to benefit the department. Before the Ahrens family moved to town, Alex and Eliza had a lemonade stand roughly three years ago, and that time gave the lemonade away for free.

They did however, have a sign which said they would be glad to accept any donations on the fire department's behalf. That day, they raised $91, which was put toward purchasing equipment to help firefighters see better in thick smoke. All five say they may have more lemonade stands in the future to expand on their efforts with the department, as well as help other community organizations.

For those interested in making a donation, checks made out to the town of Cohasset can be sent to the Cohasset Fire Department, c/o Captain Robert Silvia, 44 Elm St.



Konstantinos Papadakis, piano virtuoso, performs at the Abbey on Aug. 28.

Sunset at the Abbey concert is Aug. 28

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This year's theme is Aegean & Classical, featuring piano virtuoso Konstantinos Papadakis, fresh from his performance at the Athens Olympics, he will play works by Gottchalk, Gershwin, Rachmaninoff and Strauss. Other members of the HSO Chamber Players will share their talent through solo and small ensemble pieces by Mozart, Purcell and others. The evening will end with a group performance of a brief work for chamber orchestra.

Relax on the lawn with friends and family. Bring a beach chair or blanket and a picnic. A selection of snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase as well. In case of rain, the concert will be moved indoors to the conference center on the grounds of the Abbey.

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There will be a traditional New England Clambake Catered by Gulf River Clambakes, featuring Lobster, steamed clams, chowder, barbecued chicken, your favorite beverages and more This year's event will also include live entertainment by The Irish Volunteers and DJ Jay Flori. The American Legion Auxiliary "Play Ladies" will have games and activities for the kids. Tickets are $35 for adults. Children not eating the clambake are free and there will be plenty of complimentary hot dogs and watermelon for them to enjoy.

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For clambake, raffle tickets or information stop by The American Legion Post at 95 Summer St., Cohasset 781-383-9657 or call John Covell at 781-383-0178 Rain Date: Sunday, Sept. 12. Tickets will not be sold at the event.

Summer family movie series at Fort Revere

Join the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation at Fort Revere Park, 60 Farina Raod, Hull, to watch free family movies this summer. The movies will be shown on Saturday evenings Aug. 7, 14, 21, and 28, right in front of the fort.

Copyright laws prohibit the Department of Conservation and Recreation from releasing movie titles to the public, but families will recognize these popular PG and G rated films.

For information, call 617-727-4468.

Last chance for Bill Cosby tickets

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is hosting "An Evening With Bill Cosby" at the South Shore Music Circus on Saturday evening, Aug. 7. Tickets are $50 per person and include the show at 7 p.m. and a gathering in the hospitality tent from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with complimentary appetizers and cash bar.

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Kehoe to perform on Cohasset Carillon

The seventh recital in the current Sunday evening summer series will be presented by Daniel K. Kehoe at 6 p.m. on the 57-bell carillon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Kehoe is the carillonneur at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.

Kehoe will include in his program works by Jerome Kern, Jane Morgan, The Beatles, W. A. Mozart and others making a very versatile program enjoyable to all ages.

The recital is one hour long and is free of charge. It will take place rain or shine; in case of rain, you may listen from your parked cars. Printed programs will be distributed on Cohasset Common, and will also be available in a stand by the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension. Listeners are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers.

For further information, telephone St. Stephen's Church, 781-383-1083 between 9 a.m. and noon, or the assistant carillonneur, Mary Kennedy, 781-383-9599.

Thanks to CDC, the show must go on!

Takes on children's summer production

By Samantha Brown
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Phoebe Knox and Callie Piepenbrink look over their lines during a rehearsal for the Cohasset Dramatic Club production, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory".

For the past four weeks, 36 children ranging in age from five to 13 have been rehearsing for their big summer drama production — but it is not for the show they initially bargained for. They had anticipated playing roles in "Beauty and the Beast" but are now singing about candy as they prepare to take the stage for "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

For the past 15 summers, the dedicated Deveney sisters of Cohasset, Elizabeth, Grace, and Sarah, have conducted the Children's Drama Workshop through the Recreation Department. However, Sarah's wedding last summer took her away from the production for the latter half of the program, and Elizabeth and Grace weren't sure the show could continue this year without her. The two remaining Deveney sisters had originally planned on another summer show this year, but were unable to host the program at the last minute, leaving many eager young thespians without a play. Fortunately, the Cohasset Dramatic Club stepped in and put together a show in just three days.

"We got the call on either a Monday or a Tuesday," from Jack Worley at the Recreation Department, said Jean DiGiacomandrea of the CDC, who is producing "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Worley said the Deveney sisters had to cancel, and the program was supposed to start the next day. Although the CDC has never hosted a summer program for children before, when Worley asked if it would be possible to pull together a show at the last minute for those children who had signed up for the drama workshop, the CDC wanted to help. Because time was of the essence, members of the CDC board held a meeting that Wednesday to discuss the feasibility of the project. DiGiacomandrea said that night, "We decided to do it."

The CDC had one day to get the entire concept for the show together and the children only lost one day of scheduled rehearsal. "For being asked to come in at the last minute, we've done a good job," DiGiacomandrea said.

DiGiacomandrea said rehearsals have been going well. "Camp is all new to us," she said, but with productions dating back to 1921, she was confident the CDC could meet the challenge.

There were some technical issues that had to be taken care of before the new summer program could be started. Three CDC members took turns calling the parents of all 50 children who had signed up for the drama workshop. CDC members held an informational meeting to explain they would try to keep the program as similar to the workshop as they could but some things would be different.

"Some parents have said it's not the same as it used to be, but we've also had a lot of positive feedback from parents and the town," DiGiacomandrea said, adding that 35 of the original 50 children that signed up for the Workshop enlisted for the CDC production. An additional child, who is a veteran of many CDC productions, is also in the show.

DiGiacomandrea said the real challenge in bringing the show together was being able to find someone who could direct the production who would be available during the day. The CDC wanted to keep the same schedule as the drama workshop, which meant having someone available three days a week from 1-3:30 p.m.

Fortunately, Sally Wright, who has directed "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" twice before, was available and willing to come on board. Because Wright has so much experience with the play, it was easier to pull the show together at the last minute, DiGiacomandrea said.

Hosting a daytime summer program for children is an idea that has been floated before among CDC members in the past, DiGiacomandrea said, but never came to fruition. She said with the experience they have had this summer, the CDC will likely consider offering a summer program again next year.

DiGiaocomandrea said one of the best parts of being involved in the summer children's production is involving more children in the CDC that usually sees the same kids auditioning for its for its plays.

"I hope they enjoy themselves and they'll want to come join us," for other shows throughout the year, she said.

The CDC summer production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory will be held at Town Hall Friday, Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Saturday Aug. 7 at 1 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 and are available at Buttonwood Books in Shaw's plaza, the Front Street Book Shop in Scituate, as well as at the door.

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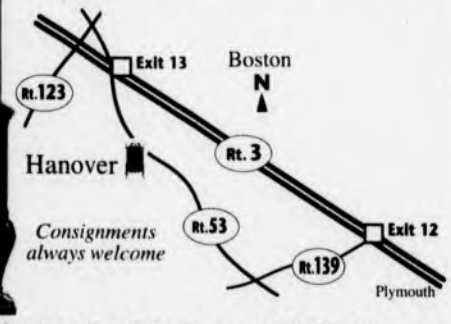
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Andrew and Kristen Astley, Susan and Joe Carrabes and Emily Brown of Cohasset had a chance to revisit their youth at "Camp Bonfire, " a benefit held at Todd English's Bonfire restaurant with proceeds going to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston. The menu included camp inspired foods such as corn on the cob and s'mores. The adults were also treated to tasty mint cookie martinis. The evening included a variety of summer camp activities and décor for those reminiscent of the days of sing-alongs and nature walks. The event raised $30,000 dollars which will send 300 kids to camp.

Curtain rises on sweet show

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SIMMONS HONORS

Emma Gardner was named to the 2004 spring semester dean's list at Simmons College. Great job, Emma.

VANCOUVER, CANADA

Congratulations to **Noel Grinnell** on his graduation on May 29 from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada.

Noel ,who is a Cohasset High grad, majored in economics and political science. Excellent job Noel!

URI DEAN'S LIST

Congratulations go to **Stephen Baker** who has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2004 semester at the University of Rhode Island. Super work.

FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market is happening every Thursday afternoon from 2:30-6:30 p.m. on Cohasset Common and is such a wonderful way for families and friends to get together, talk, play, listen to music and most of all, buy all of the fantastic items that are available each week. Try to take some time to come on down.

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First-timers are welcome. Both lead and chorus parts are being cast. Bring sheet music, and prepare to sing one verse of a song, not necessarily from "Birdie," that demonstrates your range. An accompanist is provided. For information contact HCMT stage manager Pat Sherman at 781-837-1499 (stagemomma2003@yahoo.com) or "Birdie" director Mark Bono at 617-696-6569 (mgbono@msn.com).

That is all for this week. Everyone is on summer vacation time but if you have any news, event Information, celebration news or anything else for the column, please make sure that I receive it on Mondays by 5 p.m.

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Local artist gives gift of courage

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very generous and close to $100,000 has been raised. She recently held a fund raiser at her farm in Marshfield and that day alone, she raised $7,500 for the cause. Green said every dollar donated goes toward buying a complete care package to be sent to a child free of charge.

Green said while she was in the process of writing and illustrating the book, she began doing research to see if she could find any books or materials geared at helping children learn to deal with the emotional side of an illness. As a cancer survivor and someone who has suffered from Lyme disease for the past 20 years, Green believes in the importance of positive thinking and looking to alternative methods of treatment to enhance what can be done with conventional medicine.

In addition, Green has a young relative, River Sage Dunn, who at just 7 years old, has been battling leukemia almost his entire life. He will be the first to be dubbed a knight of the magical moon when he receives his care package, and he and his family will be deciding where to send the first shipment of packages. When the children receive their packages, a tag will read, "From Sir River Sage Dunn: I present this gift to you, a fellow knight, in honor of your courage."

But it wasn't her personal experiences alone that led Green to write "The Velveteen Rabbit's Gift of Courage." About three years ago, Green received a phone call from a group of parents who were interested in purchasing a large amount of story books she had illustrated. Green had provided the illustrations for Marjorie William's "Velveteen Rabbit," and the heartfelt story struck a chord with the parents, who had all lost children to cancer. The parents ordered many copies of the story for a memorial service honoring children from 19 different families in their small town, who all lost their battles with cancer. The children had all become ill and passed away after playing on school grounds contaminated with illegally dumped toxic waste. The book was read during the service and many copies were handed out, and a butterfly was released in memory of each child at the end.

"The letters and calls that I got were very overwhelming," said Green, after the book was read at the service. The idea to somehow do more for children and families dealing with cancer kept "wearing" on her, and she finally decided she would do something. That is when she set out to write "The Velveteen Rabbit's Gift of Courage."

Green said while she is focusing on one project at a time, she does hope she will be able to help more children through the Magical Moon Foundation in the future.

"I love children, and all my books have been children's books," she said. Green hopes to one day be able to send care packages to children with cystic fibrosis, attention deficit disorder, cerebral palsy, and down syndrome. "Obstacles can be a blessing. They make you stronger," she said, adding it is important for children to know they are not alone. "It feels like it's going to be my mission."

"Even if we change one child's outcome by the way they approach their challenge, then it's worth it."
— Donna Green

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Callahan floats plan for town wastewater management

Affects local septic systems

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Cohasset's Comprehensive On-Site Wastewater Management Plan hasn't done anything for residents since its approval in 2000. Residents have not joined up to have the town maintain their septic systems, and the work done to draft the plan has been wasted.

However, Tom Callahan, a former selectman, is looking to revamp the plan, and has suggested taking it to Town Meeting, where voters would have to decide whether to allocate $3 million to get a new program started. With the backing of the Wastewater Committee, he is looking to change the way the town deals with its wastewater and bring some assistance to those homeowners with septic systems on their property.

For the past 18 months, members of the Wastewater Committee, which includes Steve Bobo, John Cavanaro, Joseph Godzik, Jim Dedes, Jeff Moy, Ann Swanborg, Vicky Neaves, and Raymond Kasperowicz., have been reviewing years of reports and studies, in the hopes of finding a way to manage wastewater more effectively in Cohasset. "We want to get a handle on all the work that's been done," said Cavanaro, adding there are about 30 years' worth of reports to go through.

Callahan presented his ideas for change to the board Tuesday and the committee agreed to include his suggestions in its report. The committee hopes to be able to report its findings to the Board of Selectmen in early September.

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Callahan said the town's current on-site wastewater plan — approved by both the Board of Health and the Department of Environmental Protection — does not work because in order to join, the homeowner must pass a Title 5 inspection. If their septic system fails, the homeowner is then forced to make the upgrade, which may be a cost the homeowner did not want or need to incur, if their current septic system was still in working order.

Callahan said he believes residents should be allowed to join "today, regardless of the condition of their system." A homeowner could opt into the program and pay the fee, which could be monthly or quarterly, and the town would then be responsible for the maintenance of the system. In the event the system one day fails, the town would pay the cost to upgrade the system. If the system needs to be pumped out or a pipe needs replacing, there would be no additional cost.

With Callahan's proposal, a homeowner could join when they needed to, or when they anticipate a change of property. Cavanaro suggested setting a timeframe a resident would need to participate in the program to ensure a homeowner doesn't sign up the day before their septic system fails, then expect the town to pick up the tab for a new system without having paid any dues.

Callahan said in order to get the program off the ground, the town would need some seed money to cover any repairs that need to be made at the beginning. The fees being paid by homeowners will begin to grow as time goes on, but with the average septic system overhaul in Cohasset costing at least $40,000, there will need to be a large pot of money for the town to reach into to start it off.

The specifics of the plan have not been worked out in great detail just yet, but Callahan hopes to have an article on the fall Special Town Meeting Warrant. He said he will be in touch with Town Counsel as he expects the article will be a bylaw change to amend the plan that already exists. Callahan said he could potentially bring the article forward as a citizen's petition, which would require collecting 100 signatures.

Cavanaro said the committee will be looking to finish up its report over the next few months, and Callahan's suggestions will be included.

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School building tax bump leveled

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to five years for reimbursement and were able to conduct short-term borrowing to cover payments until the state kicked in. But the effect of the delay meant property owners would have to shoulder the entire school building mortgage and interest payments from the end of short-term borrowing period, until the state reimbursement started.

Now, under the new law, all 420 school building projects will receive reimbursement within 3-1/2 years as opposed to up to 10 years. Cohasset's Deer Hill and middle-high school projects which are about one-third of the way down the list can expect a check in about two years.

This is good financial news for Cohasset for a couple of reasons, Buckley said.

The state will give the town a check for $26 million up front, rather than annual checks covering 60 percent of the principal and interest payments. That means the town will only have to borrow $16 million. In anticipation of the new law, Buckley said the town has already borrowed the $16 million and locked in a 4 percent interest rate just as interest rates were climbing.

Buckley said the town, which had put away some $2.1 million to help smooth out the anticipated bump years, can now plan with certainty and that money can possibly be used elsewhere. He said by receiving the money up front, the town borrows much less keeping the town further away from its debt limit.

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The new legislation created a new authority to oversee the state School Building Assistance program which will be funded through one cent of the state sales tax and authorizing bonds.

The state expects to clear all 420-plus projects on the waiting list – some $6 billion worth – within 3-1/2 years, according to state Deputy Treasurer Jeff Stearns. The state's share of those projects is about $4.2 billion. The revenue stream from the sales tax will pay reimbursement for projects that are currently receiving payments, like the new Osgood School, and will pay for future projects.

Currently there is a moratorium on new projects which is expected to be lifted in fiscal year 2008.

The town's $500,000 annual reimbursement checks for the $10 million Osgood School that opened in 1998 are not affected by the new legislation. That project started being reimbursed in fiscal year 2000 before the state funding crisis for school building assistance. The Osgood reimbursement checks will continue until 2019, Buckley said.

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OBITUARY

James F. Twigg

James F. Twigg, 85, of Rockland, a model train enthusiast, died August 1, 2004 at the Baypoint Nursing Home in Brockton after a long illness.

He was born in Norwood and lived in the South Shore area throughout his childhood. He joined the National Guard and the Merchant Marines before traveling to California in 1941. While taking flying lessons in December of that year, he learned that Peal Harbor had been bombed. Shortly after he returned to Massachusetts and joined the Coast Guard.

He married Eleanor MacLean in 1944 and moved to Scituate in 1948. He managed his own service station in Cohasset for a number of years and worked at Fitts' Mill and Anderson Fuel.

Always holding down two jobs, Mr. Twigg as also a special police officer in Scituate for 22 years. After retirement, he continued to work as a driver for the Scituate Senior Center.

A family man, he enjoyed camping, swimming and stories of his life adventures. He created an elaborate model train village in his home and could stump anyone with his knowledge of old movies. He and Eleanor also enjoyed traveling during their retirement visiting Hawaii, cruising in Alaska and taking a cross-country train trip to California. He always had a kind word, a helping hand and a smile on his face.

He leaves his wife of 60 years, Eleanor M. (MacLean), a son, Thomas L. of Marshfield, three daughters; Shirley A. McCormack of Newport Beach, Calif., Paula T. Blair of Johnstown, Penn., and Jeannette T. Brown of West Newton, his brother Richard W. of Scituate, eight grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and many friends. His sister Eleanor H. Johnson of Duxbury died last year.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Aug. 12, at 11 a.m., at the First Congregational Church, Scituate.

Burial at Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne will be private.

DA holds training to prevent false identifications

Mistaken eyewitness identification is the leading cause of wrongful convictions, and local police are joining Norfolk District Attorney Bill Keating's first-in-the-state initiative to keep such mistakes from happening in Norfolk County.

"The people of Cohasset should be pleased with their police department's participation in this initiative."

— District Attorney Keating

Two Cohasset police officers were among more than 80 members of regional law enforcement at District Attorney Keating's seminar on implementing new eyewitness identification procedures shown to decrease the kind of false identifications that have sent innocent men to prison in Massachusetts and across the country.

"The people of Cohasset should be pleased with their police department's participation in this initiative," District Attorney Keating said. Cohasset attendees were Sgt. Gregory Lennon and Det. Garrett Hunt.

District Attorney Keating is asking all Norfolk County police departments to present suspects, or pictures of suspects, to witnesses one at a time – rather than simultaneous presentations which studies have shown can lead to a "best guess" responses. He is also asking that, whenever possible, departments use blind presentations. That is when the officer presenting suspects does not know which photo, or individual in a lineup, is under suspicion; this precludes the communication of even subliminal cues.

"These new procedures will save police the wasted effort of chasing false leads, build stronger cases for prosecutors and keep victims from making unwitting mistakes," Keating said. "Perhaps most importantly, with these new procedures the chances of an innocent person being accused drops precipitously."

The all-day seminar at Lombardo's in Randolph featured former US Attorney Deborah A. Ramirez, currently a law professor at Northeastern, and Harvard Professor Mahzarin R. Banaji, who addressed the cognitive science behind how poor procedures can prompt eyewitness mistakes.

Jennifer Thompson Cannino's personal story was riveting for anyone involved in the criminal system. Cannino lectures nationally on her experience as a rape victim whose mistaken identification led to the wrong man being incarcerated for seven years before DNA proved his innocence.

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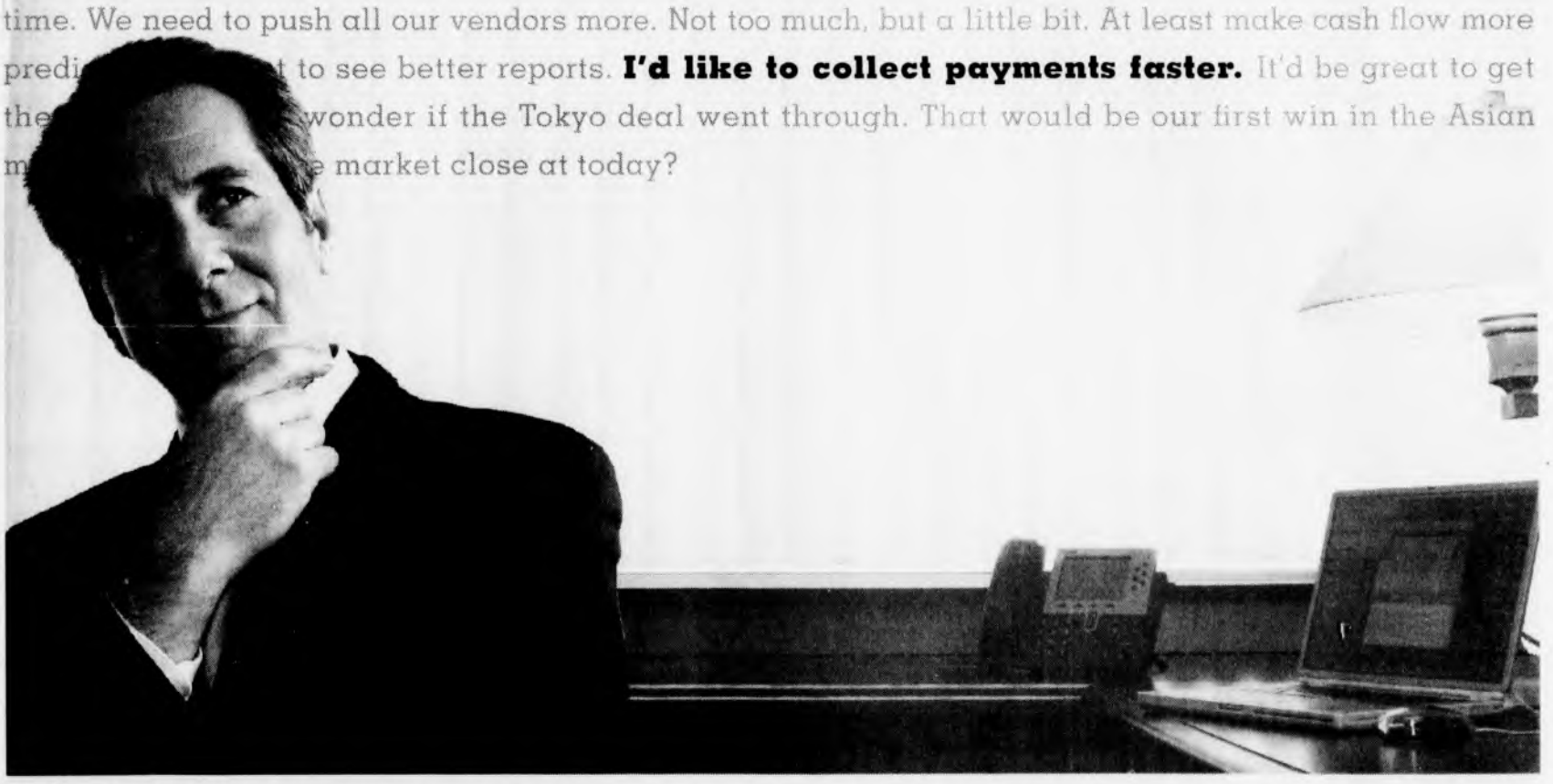
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Applause!

Applause!

Those who think you have to leave the South Shore for a little culture weren't at the Music Circus for a first on Saturday night.

The sell-out crowd was treated to a concert featuring Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra that demonstrated their ability to make "popular music classical" with tunes from Broadway shows.

The benefit performance, which kicked off the 50th anniversary year of the South Shore Art Center, thrilled the crowd that rose to its feet for a standing ovation on several occasions.

Despite the heat and humidity earlier in the day, a cool breeze circled the Big Top which provided the perfect venue for a summer concert to savor.

Adding her talented vocal chords to the orchestra was Faith Prince, Tony Award winner. And making her debut was Tracy Silva – winner of POPSearch 2004. Ms. Silva, a special education van driver from Taunton, could rival any contestant on American Idol.

Mr. Lockhart, who at 45 is in his 10th year as conductor of the Boston Pops, charmed his audience with gracious generosity that continually recognized the contribution of his orchestra, Ms. Prince and Ms. Silva.

Mr. Lockhart, who can also sing, and Ms. Prince brought the house down with a romantic rendition of "You're Just in Love" from the hit show, "Call Me Madam."

Before and after the performance, Mr. Lockhart was a special guest at receptions – one at a private home and the other at the art center — the proceeds of which will support the exhibition and education programs at the art center.

Recently we've covered the expansion of the South Shore Conservatory's Hingham campus which incorporates galleries to display art – including the works of artists from the South Shore Art Center — and lots of spaces for music education and performances.

On Saturday, we had the pleasure of attending both the Music Circus concert and the reception at the art center where Mr. Lockhart shared with guests that he and the Boston Pops may make Cohasset an annual stop on their busy calendar.

What some may not realize is the South Shore Music Circus is a common denominator in both the Conservatory project in Hingham and the Boston Pops benefit concert for the Art Center. The Music Circus has enthusiastically supported both educational, cultural organizations that add so much to life in our area.

While it's easy to think of the Music Circus – which celebrated its 50th anniversary a few years back – as purely a venue for summertime entertainment, the "theater in the round" through its parent South Shore Playhouse Associates makes many contributions behind the scenes that add to the fabric of our community.

The South Shore Playhouse Associates (SSPA) that also includes the Cape Cod Melody Tent is a not-for-profit company that supports arts and education in Southeastern Massachusetts. In the past decade, the SSPA has distributed more than $1.5 million to other local non-profit organizations including the Talking Information Center in Marshfield, the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra and the Hingham Symphony Orchestra – to name a few.

We are fortunate to live in a place that treasures the arts and has organizations that step up to the plate and help them thrive.

We congratulate the South Shore Art Center on 50 years. And we applaud the Music Circus for helping to bring the Boston Pops to Cohasset, providing so many with an unforgettable evening for a great cause.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Awoken by plane arriving a Logan

TO THE EDITOR:

At 2 a.m. Wednesday I was awoken, like many of you I suspect, by a plane arriving Logan, powering over Cohasset at 3,000 feet and laying down a noise "shadow" of approximately 80-90 decibels. European research recently discovered that sleep is interrupted at levels as low as 33 decibels. In the dead of night, with low ambient noise levels, this intrusion is outrageous.

This airplane was following standard FAA operating procedures, which require all midnight to 6 a.m. flights to arrive, and depart over the South Shore. Arrivals on runway 33L take them directly over Cohasset, Hingham and Hull.

The 4:30 to 7 a.m. departures, which many of you are affected by, are required to be no lower than 6,000 feet when crossing our coastline, compared to Los Angeles, where planes are not allowed below 10,000 feet.

With federal laws protecting interstate commerce, citizens are powerless to effect change. It would be a simple matter for the Logan tower to vector departing aircraft further out over the water (there is plenty of airspace in the early morning hours), requiring a climb out to 12,000, or even 15,000 feet before turning over land. Because it might cost the operator a few extra dollars in fuel, they fail to do so.

We are working with Massport and the FAA to redirect arriving traffic over Boston Light, making a dogleg approach which is both easy and safe, according to Cohasset resident and professional airline captain (retired), Rod Hobson.

Our research indicates that the towns of Cohasset, Hingham and Hull already lie within the Logan significant impact zone, defined by the 55dB DNL contour (DNL means Day/Night Level, an average noise metric over a 24 hour period). Indeed, the entire peninsula of Hull is within the 60 to 65 dB DNL contour, with 65dB DNL being the point at which residential land use is no longer recommended by the FAA.

With the construction of the new runway, arrivals on 33L will triple, according to Massport's own data. The noise impact is forecasted to increase by 5 dB DNL, a five times increase in the total noise energy level (the scale is logarithmic, not arithmetic), making the entire town of Hull virtually uninhabitable, and severely impacting the quality of life in both Cohasset and Hingham. Indeed, all three towns would require insulation in every house under rules proposed by both the Cleveland and Minneapolis airports.

We recognize that we are powerless to deal with this situation through the courts, despite our collective efforts the last two years. In order to increase citizen awareness, we recommend that the selectmen in the three towns ask Massport to publish a map, using actual data from its 29 noise monitors (not modeled data), showing the existing 55 dB DNL contour, following the example set by the Raleigh/Durham airport. One showing the projected contour once the new runway is built would be useful as well. North Carolina state law requires property owners living in noise impact zones to disclose that fact when selling their homes. The real estate industry in the state is supportive, as clearly delineating the affected areas prevents any "failure to disclose" lawsuits.

Eric Oddleifson
42 River Road
South Shore Jet Pollution Council

Hook Little Harbor up to sewer system

TO THE EDITOR:

The following letter was sent to the Cohasset Board of Selectmen, with a copy to the Mariner for publication.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of CEES and the approximately 430 families in the Little Harbor/Atlantic Sewer District (LHASD), we strongly urge the selectmen to honor the existing commitments made by the town to the DEP and CEES to sewer the LHASD by 2009 as described in the schedule submitted to DEP on Feb. 4, 2004.

It is no more than simple equity and fairness to Cohasset citizens who have already paid for the available capacity. It is also the best way to protect Cohasset's fragile and endangered ecology. New applicants with new dwellings and new waste should not be connected to the central treatment facility until these commitments to existing citizens are met. Agreeing to connect new applicants with new dwellings will increase the legal risk and resulting substantial financial exposure to the Town. We believe there are many positive benefits for the town should the town continue to honor the commitments made over the last eight years to the DEP and CEES.

1. The DEP has indicated increasing concern as to the pace and potential uncertainty of outcome of final compliance with the Second Amended Judgment; the Town still risks being fined $10,000 per day. This Town-wide financial exposure pertains exclusively to LHASD and the reduction of existing documented pollution conditions, and not to any development homes yet to be built.

2. Even though developers would likely be willing to pay for connecting to the sewer system, short-term financial gain should not overshadow the overwhelming equity in favor of those LHASD homeowners who, as long-time taxpayers and current citizens of the Town, have waited patiently for the sewer resolution, have personally contributed financial support for various aspects of the engineering to date, and have overwhelmingly supported the recent sewering of the Lilly Pond and North districts.

3. Permitting, for instance, the Cook Estate project to tie in would set a dangerous precedent, putting the Town on the slippery slope for all other developers to claim rights to a finite amount of sewer capacity, with the result that LHASD could ultimately be denied all or some of its required access, and all of the citizens who have shared the cost to date of sewering the Town would see no additional benefit in pollution reduction. Since there continues to be a lack of consensus as to the real potential capacity of the existing plant, and since I&I issues periodically overwhelm the system anyway, it serves no purpose to claim that interim capacity given away to strangers will not affect future capacity availability for LHASD — this is not a gamble the LHASD citizens should be compelled to take.

4. The recent town funded studies of the Little Harbor area have indicated that tying in LHASD homes to the central plant is the most cost effective solution for complying with the Consent Decree. Those same studies indicated that a satellite plant would be significantly more expensive. Costs for sewering LHASD could be further reduced if the state bonds the amounts owed towns for reimbursement of school construction, since the town could take advantage of the favorable financing rates that are available today.

5. Delaying the schedule or canceling the schedule would create significant adverse financial impacts on LHASD citizens. The DEP has indicated to CEES members that if Cohasset meets the schedule all current addresses in the LHASD would not be subjected to upgrade or replacement of their systems (unless the system were judged to represent a public health risk) even if they failed prior to 2009 since sewering would resolve these failures. Should Cohasset not meet the schedule, citizens with failed systems would have to pay twice, first to put in a new septic system and second to connect to the sewer. This means a completely unnecessary expenditure that would average at least $40,000 per affected citizen.

For the CEES Board of Directors:
Steve Brown, 275 Jerusalem Road
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Déjà vu: It's the same old story

TO THE EDITOR:

It seems a never-ending play. The plot has kids having an unlawful weekend party complete with trashing a house. With the 'rite of passage' mentality among some parents and the enabling going on in the schools we can be sure of catching reruns with minor changes in the story line.

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Pollution detectives pick up some clues about bacteria

CSCR REPORT

RYAN DAVIS

After collecting half a summer's worth of data, CSCR students and instructors working on the Gulf River study have identified several emerging trends. These analyses have led to preliminary conclusions as to where and how pollutants are entering the river's watershed. In addition, the institute hopes to strengthen a hypothesis that connects elevated pollution levels in Cohasset Harbor — specifically, at the popular swimming area at Bassing Beach – with pollution spikes in the Gulf River.

The lower reaches of the Gulf River have been consistently measured to be relatively clean compared to the upper reaches of the river. In its July 30 report to the Gulf of Maine Council, titled "Enterococci Monitoring in Cohasset Harbor," the CSCR noted that five of its six sampling sites do not meet the state's standard for swimming based on the sampling of enterococci bacteria. Under Chapter 111 of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's code, water whose average colony count exceeds 35 colonies per 100 mL is unsafe to swim in. From the most downstream site to most upstream site, the CSCR-reported average colony counts per 100 mL were: 39.45, 24.27, 55.77, 38.77, 641.17, and 758.73. (Note: averages rounded to two significant decimal digits.)

Significantly, while five of six of the aforementioned sites are unsuitable for swimming, the two highest enterococci counts dwarf the others, suggesting the proximity of the pollution source to the former sites. These two sampling sites, located respectively on the east and west side of Gannett Road as it enters North Scituate Center, have also shown the highest levels of nitrate and nitrite compounds, which are introduced primarily through fertilizer runoff and septic system leakage. The east and west sites had respective geometric averages of 5.07 mg/L and 3.25 mg/L of nitrate and 0.177 mg/L and 0.118 mg/L of nitrite, double that of the other sampling sites.

While hardly conclusive, these reflections in the data suggest that the health of the Gulf River is strongly tied to the harbor's health, which is only logical given that the river is the largest water source in the Inner Harbor.

While it would be easy to conclude that the point source of pollution must be closer to the Gannett Road-North Scituate sites which have higher enterococci and nitrate/nitrite counts, additional testing is needed even further upstream to ensure that other environmental variables have not unduly influenced the data. Notably, the two sites with highest figures are located in a marsh environment, as opposed to the Musquashcut Brook and Gannett Road Bridge-Cohasset sites, whose environs are more aptly described as river tributaries. In these areas, tidal currents aerate the waters more frequently and more vigorously, whereas the North Scituate marsh musters at most a feeble current and often stands stagnant. Furthermore, tidal dilutions are much efficacious downstream, meaning that pollutants are more effectively neutralized or dispersed. A small amount of pollutant in North Scituate marsh will be present in a much higher concentration than the same amount released downstream due simply to the widening and deepening of the river.

The CSCR plans to conduct further testing upstream of the Gannett Road-North Scituate site to determine if the source of the effluent stems from even deeper within the watershed.

Another CSCR study, focusing on equivalent measurements in Cohasset Harbor, has provided invaluable correlation for the Gulf River study. Unsafe enterococci levels were recorded at only one of the four harbor sites – the Atlantica fishing pier – which supports the uncontested hypothesis that dilution would be much greater in the harbor than the river. In comparison to the Gulf, enterococci levels in the harbor varied between 13.95 colonies per 100 mL at the Cohasset Sailing Club's dock – the lowest – and 37.27 colonies per 100 mL at Atlantica – the highest. Most importantly, spikes in enterococci levels in the Gulf are mirrored in the simultaneous harbor readings. While hardly conclusive, these reflections in the data suggest that the health of the Gulf River is strongly tied to the harbor's health, which is only logical given that the river is the largest water source in the Inner Harbor.

A full and accurate statistical analysis of the correlation between the Gulf's effluent and the harbor is still under proposal and a complete model still needs to be realized, but the "Enterococci Monitoring in Cohasset Harbor" study's preliminary hypothesis was that "periodic spikes in counts in Cohasset Harbor (Bassing Beach) are due to contamination from the upper reaches of the Gulf River."

Ryan Davis is a student at the CSCR. He is an upcoming senior at Phillips Academy in Andover and lives in Hingham.

Convention of the stars

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



For a while there the other day I did not know who I was going to vote for next fall, John Kerry or Ben Affleck.

Honest, it seemed like there were so many movie people in Boston for the Democratic National Convention that I thought I was on the Riviera for the Cannes Film Festival.

There were so many celebs in town that the Herald's "Inside Track" had to hire extra agents to find out where they were eating and what they had for dinner, or "chowed down," as the Track girls would say.

Ben, who was last seen in these parts escorting his then-fiancé, J Lo, to a Red Sox game, apparently is using politics to forget J Lo, who dumped him when the Sox went into their annual losing streak. J Lo forgot him by marrying someone else.

Why is it always Democrats who are so attractive to women?

The matchmakers at the Herald, or was it Radio WRKO, tried to get something started between Ben and the Kerry girls, Vanessa and Alexandra, who, they said, elbowed each other out of the way to sit next to him.

Maybe they haven't heard about Ben's new love, Enza Sambataro. At least she was last week, I think. I haven't read the papers yet this morning. And Ben was off campaigning with John and John.

Of course, it wouldn't have been a Democratic convention if someone hadn't come up with the inside scoop on a candidate's affair, no matter how old or how unlikely.

Remember Bill Clinton and Gennifer Flowers? And Jack Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson and just about anyone wearing a skirt over the age of consent within the District of Columbia area code?

Why is it always Democrats who are so attractive to women? Why do I have difficulty calling up the image of George Bush, either one of them, renting a room by the hour at the No Tell Motel?

But I digress . . .

This time it was the National Inquirer that broke the story of John Kerry's red hot affair nearly 25 years ago with a woman lawyer who is now a judge. I ask you, why would a man who has dated Morgan Fairchild and Catherine Oxenberg, carry on with a woman judge?

The search for movie stars grew so heated that organizations sponsoring events held out the prospects of meeting one to lure visitors into their parlors.

The Friends of Hillary, hosting a reception for Bill and Hillary, built up attendance by hinting: "You might spot some celebs and VIPs, maybe Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen, friends of the Clintons." I can't say if they showed up or not.

But Ben Affleck didn't. He was out at Fenway rooting for the Red Sox. I read it in the convention news the next day.

HEALTH NOTES

What you need to know about sump pumps

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Many dwellings in Cohasset have sump pumps. The sump pump is a mechanical device, which is generally located in a sump pit in the basement, and is used to reduce the pressure of groundwater near the dwelling's foundation and enable some ground water near the foundation to be discharged onto the surface or to a storm sewer system. In those areas that are adjacent to a water body, ravine, river, embankment or in areas that have a very high ground water table, it is necessary to connect the foundation drainage system to a more extensive storm service for the purpose of minimizing soil erosion.

Sump pump discharge

The sump removes water from a perforated pipe adjacent to the foundation walls designed to collect ground water, which flows to the sump pit. Once the water in the sump pit reaches a certain level, the sump pump starts and pumps the ground water through the discharge pipe.

The sump pump discharge pipe is usually located at the side of the house. In most areas, the sump pump discharge spills onto a splash pad, concrete sidewalk or through a flexible hose to a drainage swale.

It is important to provide a splash pad and/or a flexible hose below the discharge point. This helps minimize soil erosion at the foundation wall. The flexible hose and/or splash pad should be directed to adjacent drainage swales. And away from adjacent property. During the winter months, the sump pump discharge hose is susceptible to freezing, and consequent cellar backup. In such cases, it should be disconnected and discharge onto frozen ground carefully watched for erosion.

Do not hook up your sump drainage to the sanitary sewer system

Drainage tips

- Install an effective drainage system and keep eavestroughs and downspouts clean.
- Keep your drainage system clear so that water can move freely down and away from the side of your house.
- Attach extensions so that water is delivered at least 5 feet from the foundation.
- Make sure your downspouts and extensions don't leak.
- Disconnect any downspout connections that drain directly into the sanitary sewer system. These connections are illegal. If they discharge into an onsite system, they may damage the system and render it ineffective.
- **Grade and landscape your lot to move water away from the house.**
- Ensure a positive slope away from the wall for at least the first 5 feet. The ground should drop a minimum of 3 inches in this area.
- Use landscaping to disperse the water more evenly.
- Seal the crack between your house and your driveway.

If you have a sump pump:

- Maintain your approved lot grade plan. Do not change this plan when you landscape your property. Sump pump pipes should discharge water at least 5 feet from the foundation wall.
- If your sump pump discharges on the ground, place a splash pad below where the sump pump discharge pipe comes through the foundation wall.
- Use long pipes to drain away sump pump discharge. A flexible hose with holes works well to distribute the water on your property.
- Slope the ground below the discharge pipe down and away from the foundation wall at a minimum of a 5 per cent grade
- Never turn off your sump pump.
- Do not hook up your sump drainage to the sanitary sewer system. The sanitary sewer system is designed to manage normal flows of sewage, not rainwater or water from sump pumps.
- It is dangerous to drain sump water onto the sidewalk. The resulting algae build-up and slippery surface can set up a liability issue for the homeowner as well the County.
- Consider a backup battery system for your sump pump in case of power outages.

Why is it important to keep storm water out of the sanitary sewer system?

- Unauthorized connections put more water into the sanitary sewer system than it is designed to handle. This increases the risk of sewage backup and basement flooding.
- Environmental and health concerns escalate when the sanitary sewer system is overtaxed.
- Sewage may not be treated as effectively.
- Raw sewage may be diverted into the river or holding areas.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

Puzzle club

Monday, Aug. 9, is the last week of Puzzle Club. If you haven't joined in the fun, it's not late. Drop in Monday and "explore other worlds @ your library" one last time. Many thanks to all the students who participated in the Puzzle Club and many thanks to Marjorie Murphy for instituting and hosting Puzzle Club.

Sparky's puppets

Join the fun as Sparky's Puppets perform, "Explore the Land of Enchantment!" at 7 p.m. on the lower level of the Children's Global Discovery Museum. Sparky's Puppets dramatize favorite children's stories with colorful hand puppets, lively humor, and plenty of audience participation. This show is great for the young families but will also appeal to the older children. The winner of the "Create a Chameleon" contest will be awarded prizes prior to the show. This is the last show of the summer season.

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Wireless access

The library now offers wireless Internet access for patrons with laptop computers.

Safe child policy

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Artist exhibit

South Shore Art Center gallery artist, Ted Polomis, presents an exhibition of oil paintings at the library until Aug. 30. The show features a variety of intimate still lifes and studies painted in the tradition of classical realism.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The cast of characters over the decades changes, unfortunately becoming younger. But the plot is always the same.

The sets in town have gotten more elaborate in the last few years. The taxpayers have invested $52 million into school renovations, $1 million for a new athletic field and track, $500,000 for new Little League fields and $4 million in a new state-of-the-art library. They have provided buildings and financing for a teen center and a marine center.

The lines sure haven't improved with age. It is the same old theme of 'nothing to do here.'

The shock and outrage is another constant.

Maybe it's time to go back to teaching respect, self-control and responsibility to the children, setting the limits, enforcing the rules and having parents, schools and police on the same page. Pounding our chests, gnashing our teeth, putting in more programs and spending more money hasn't appeared to have done the trick yet.

History repeats and repeats and repeats itself in our tiny metropolis but some of us still haven't been able to learn its lesson

L.C. Jenkins
Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers
198 Jerusalem Road

Convention was good for Kerry, bad for local business

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

A pep rally for a son of Massachusetts concluded successfully – though not everyone felt they shared in the success, or even that there was a success to share. Democrats nationally seemed extremely happy with how it all went — the message got out, the city stayed safe, and the celebrity political culture pronounced itself pleased with Boston.

The most important perspective in the minds of the rally's organizers was the one on TV — especially TV sets in 18 battleground states where this race is very close among undecided voters. By this standard, success was exquisitely measurable, and will be measured most meticulously, in swing-state surveys from New Hampshire to Washington. Early returns seemed encouraging for the Democrats, who needed an 8-to-12 point bounce from the Fleet Center proceedings to feel good about the week.

Locally, the conclusions, like the experience, were much more mixed. Those with the right credentials and the right invitations had a great time (and, truth be told, it was all quite fabulous if one had those). But it was clear that the pleasures and benefits of the convention were not distributed, to be succinct, democratically.

One group could unambiguously credit itself with a good week — the State Police, whose mission was to keep disruption and disorder to a minimum and who could say, if the phrase may be permitted: "Mission Accomplished."

On the other hand, it became apparent as the week progressed that the attractiveness of the pageant improved with distance, and locals seemed to get the worst of it. A good television presentation requires a tight script and stringent choreography, and that means constraining people's behavior. That the organizers certainly did, with lots of fencing, barriers and personnel who told everyone where they could and could not go and what they could and could not do.

There was no role for ordinary Bostonians to play in the convention, other than to get out of the way. That they did in such numbers that earlier fears about traffic vanished, but the mayor was forced to announce a series of steps to bring everyone missing from stores and restaurants back into the city over the weekend.

At first blush, it seemed deeply doubtful the event represented the promised bonanza for the business community, though in the long run Boston may have been placed in a good enough light that tourism will benefit. Success on the economic level will be measured in dollars, though estimates of the damage or benefit may vary as widely — lunch shops didn't fare as well as fine dining establishments, for example — as did the projections going into convention week.

The gulf between the national governing elite and the long-suffering locals was never clearer than at 9:18 p.m. Thursday, about half an hour after the Fleet Center had been declared closed.

Former state Sen. Warren Tolman, a candidate for governor in 2002 and the party's nominee for Massachusetts lieutenant governor in 1998, stood outside the Gate B entrance talking to a harried but composed Boston police sergeant. Tolman was one of the very many to whom the sergeant explained that nobody, absolutely nobody, could pull enough rank or proffer a sufficiently urgent reason to override the fire marshall's order and get in the building.

"I've got $30,000 worth of radio equipment just sitting there," pleaded Kerianne Rodigues of WTAG in Worcester, replied the sergeant: "I've got a guy sitting on a train platform (in North Station) with a $50,000 seat, and he's not to going to be able to get back to it." Gesturing to Tolman, the sergeant told Rodrigues and the rest of the unhappy crowd: "I'm sure the Senator would like to get in."

It was at that exact moment that a grinning US Sen. Christopher Dodd and a dozen of his entourage breezed by the sergeant, 20 of the black-uniformed officers enforcing the order, and the men guarding the door. Dodd and his nicely-dressed attendants moved smoothly toward the inside of the hall, the focus on public safety and the fire marshal's orders superseded by other considerations.

The scene, like the week, was tough on the locals. But ultimately, for the city's most important resident – John Kerry – it seemed to be a week that worked. As he savored a shining special moment, thousands of less visible, and in large part less willing, participants were just grateful to have such moments over with and normality return.

The most important role the State House played last week was 1. Visual 2. Staging area for the State Police; Gardner Auditorium looked like a barracks Thursday evening, awash in black uniforms as Kerry prepared to speak 10 blocks away. Nonetheless, as always there was at least some news to report:

• *SJC ruling means indigent defendants could go free* — Indigent defendants accused of crimes must be released after seven days if no lawyer is willing to defend them, the Supreme Judicial Court ruled. The issue is at the forefront because of the Legislature's failure to raise the hourly rate of pay for bar advocates. The situation has lawyers avoiding the public-counsel system in great numbers, causing a shortage of court-appointed attorneys. The Legislature now faces the choice of raising rates, or seeing accused criminals set free.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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SCHOOL BUILDING ASSISTANCE (H 4977)

House 156-0, Senate 38-0, gave final approval to and Gov. Romney signed into law a bill making major changes in the state's program that provides funding for cities and towns to renovate old school buildings and build new ones. The proposal takes the program away from the state's education department and creates a new independent authority, chaired by the state treasurer, to administer it. It also phases in over a six-year period the dedication of a penny of the state's five-cents per dollar sales tax to fund the building projects and places a three-year moratorium on any new projects that are not already approved. Supporters said the current program is an underfunded failure that has created a huge backlog of some 425 projects on a waiting list. They argued that this long overdue reform would benefit local communities and their students, clear the waiting list in 3.5 years and create many construction jobs. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Senator: **Y** Representative: **Y**

$1.3 MILLION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION (H 4850)

House 153-0, Senate 35-2, overrode Gov. Romney's $1.3 million veto reduction (from $1.8 million to $500,000) in funding for the administration of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC). Last year, the Legislature transferred control of the ABCC from the governor's administration to the office of State Treasurer Tim Cahill. The ABCC enforces the state's liquor laws and regulations related to manufacturing, importing, exporting, storing, transporting and selling alcoholic beverages. Override supporters said the $1.3 million is necessary in order for the commission to do its job overseeing, monitoring and investigating the liquor industry in Massachusetts. In his veto message, the governor said that he reduced the funding to the amount that he recommended in his original budget. (A "Yea" vote is for the $1.3 million. A "Nay" vote is against the $1.3 million).

Senator: **N** Representative: **Y**

$1 MILLION FOR BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURT (H 4850)

House 111-45, Senate 25-12, overrode Gov. Romney's $1 million veto reduction (from $3.1 million to $2.1 million) in funding for the Boston Municipal Court (BMC). Override supporters said the BMC is a unique and well-run court with a large caseload that requires this additional funding. They argued that other courts could take lessons from the way the BMC is run. Override opponents said the BMC is a patronage-filled court loaded with waste and inefficiency. They argued that its caseload does not justify its excessive funding and said that it drains resources that other courts could use. (A "Yea" vote is for the $1 million. A "Nay" vote is against the $1 million)

Senator: **N** Representative: **Y**

$50,000 FOR ANTI-TERRORISM COMMISSION (H 4850)

House 134-22, Senate 34-4, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $50,000 for a newly created, five-member State Resilience Development and Anti-Terrorism Commission to research, develop and coordinate state and local disaster response programs. The commission's agenda would include programs to ensure public adherence to disaster contingency plans, train teachers to help students during a disaster and ensure that first responders have the appropriate tools to respond to disasters. Override supporters said this commission would be invaluable in this post 911 era by coordinating the efforts of the many local and state agencies that would be involved in responding to the physical and psychological consequences of terrorist attacks and other disasters. In his veto message, the governor said he vetoed the funding because the program was not recommended. The governor's veto also struck $25,000 for a police patrol for the town of Milton. (A "Yea" vote is for the $50,000 for the commission and $25,000 for a Milton police patrol. A "Nay" vote is against the funding).

Senator: **N** Representative: **Y**

$2.3 MILLION FOR STATE POLICE PATROLS (H 4850)

House 147-10, Senate 37-1, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $2.3 million in funding for additional state police patrols at various locations in the state. The funding includes language, also vetoed by the governor, providing that each community that received this funding last year would also receive the same funding this year. Override supporters said these funds are earmarked for patrols for specific cities and towns in response to legislators who have expressed public safety concerns and want to see high-risk areas in their communities patrolled. They argued the increased patrols would help reduce crime and protect people. Override opponents asked why these favored communities are being singled out for additional patrols while others are not. They argued that public safety professionals, not the Legislature, should decide and implement public safety strategy. (A "Yea" vote is for the $2.3. A "Nay" vote is against it).

Senator: **Y** Representative: **Y**

FIRE SAFETY LAWS (H 4550)

Senate 38-0, gave near final approval to a bill making major changes to the state's fire safety laws. The legislation requires bars and nightclubs that hold more than 100 people to install a state-approved system of automatic sprinklers and offers a tax depreciation deduction for the costs. The measure also provides $10 million for a firefighting equipment grant program for local fire departments; $450,000 to educate and certify all municipal fire and building inspectors; and $1.078 million in local grants for student awareness of fire education (SAFE) programs that include information about the fire risks caused by smoking. Other provisions increase the penalties for violating some provisions of the state's fire safety laws. Supporters said this bill was filed following the Rhode Island nightclub fire that killed 100 people. They argued that this long overdue overhaul of the state's antiquated fire safety laws would protect people and save lives. The House has approved a different version of the bill including a provision that requires bars and nightclubs that hold more than 50, rather than 100 people, to install automatic sprinklers. The Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Senator: **Y**

THRESHOLD FOR AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS IN BARS AND NIGHTCLUBS (H 4550)

Senate 22-16, approved a fire safety bill amendment increasing from 50 people to 100 people, the minimum capacity at which bars and nightclubs would be required to install automatic sprinklers. Amendment supporters said the 100-person capacity is a reasonable compromise that would protect the public and still be fair to small businesses that cannot afford this state mandate. They noted that fire safety personnel have indicated that the 100-person capacity is acceptable. Amendment opponents said the increase would water down the bill and increase the risks to the customers of these clubs. They argued that it would cost the typical bar only $4000 to install a sprinkler system and noted the legislation offers a tax depreciation deduction for the costs. They argued that the small cost to businesses does not compare to the huge costs of the potential loss of human life if the bill is watered down. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment increasing from 50 people to 100 people, the minimum capacity at which bars and nightclubs would be required to install automatic sprinklers. A "Nay" vote is for keeping the capacity at 50).

Senator: **Y**

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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Local Democrats wowed by the Kerry-Edwards ticket

Get charged up at DNC party

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Enthusiastic South Shore Democrats held their own grassroots version of the Democratic National Convention in Hingham. Their high spirits matched the exuberance of the Boston convention.

The first-of-its-kind event was sponsored by the Hingham Democratic Town Committee, the Plymouth County Democratic League, and the South Shore town committees that comprise "Coop 8."

Last Thursday, the Sons of Italy Hall on Rte. 3A was full of Kerry supporters from Hingham, Cohasset, Weymouth, Plymouth, Hanover, Pembroke, and other communities wearing "delegate" nametags who shared the excitement of the 2004 presidential race with other local Democrats.

The room was decorated with signs bearing slogans such as: "Friends don't let friends vote Republican"; "Kerry and Edwards, a stronger America"; "Help Save Medicare and Social Security"; "Democrats gave us FDR, HST, JFK, LBJ, Carter, and Clinton. Great men — add Kerry"; and "Economic prosperity that is fair."

The pumped-up crowd, ranging from teenagers to longtime Democrats, watched closely and listened intently to the live coverage on a large-screen TV, including the speeches confidently presented by Kerry backers, family members, and finally Kerry himself.

Hingham resident Roy Harris was glad to take a seat and enjoy the festivities. He recalled another Democratic National Convention nearly four decades ago that posed more of a challenge for him.

"I covered the DNC in Chicago for the Los Angeles Times in 1968 as a recent college graduate serving as an intern," he recalled. Because he wasn't a regular reporter, Harris was assigned to cover the street scene rather than the DNC, which was where all the excitement was expected to take place. However, the activities of anti-war protestors and political activists such as Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin changed all that.

"As the convention went on, more of the reporters wanted to cover the street scene, because that's where all the action was," Harris recalled. "The street scene became the main story rather than the convention."

During the excitement, Harris was clubbed by a police officer following a demonstration, after which he received a telegram from the editor of the Times protesting the incident. "I also helped bail a reporter out of jail who refused to leave the Conrad-Hilton Hotel lobby when the area was being cleared out," he said.

Harris' wife, Eileen McIntyre, was wearing a "McCarthy" scarf that she wore in 1968. "That was the last campaign I was involved with until Howard Dean," she said.

McIntyre met Susan Haley and Debbie Ludwig, both of Hingham, while working as a Dean volunteer. "We met each other at a Dean meet-up at the Braintree Borders bookstore, where campaign workers learned ways to get people to write letters in support of Dean," McIntyre said.

A Dean volunteer encouraged the three women to get involved with the Hingham Democratic Town Committee (HDTC) in order to "make change happen."

"We all showed up at a the same HDTC meeting independently and then realized we all knew each other," McIntyre said. "It was wonderful." McIntyre is now the HDTC vice-chairman and Haley the committee's affirmative action officer.

"I think it's really important to involve people who have progressive ideas – at their own comfort level," Haley said. "You don't necessarily have to make phone calls or knock on doors."

Haley said last week's Hingham DNC event was a reflection of the "meet-ups" Dean was known for. "We're now applying all we learned from the Dean campaign to the Kerry campaign," she said. "We're not just fund raising but getting the message out about the issues."

"We shouldn't be afraid of politics," McIntyre said. "As an individual we can make a difference." She further noted that in the past, many single women of all ages felt for some reason that their vote didn't matter. Women matter a great deal."

McIntyre wants to help get that word out. "A few hundred votes would have made a difference in Florida," she said, referring to the recount that resulted in a Gore loss and a Bush victory.

McIntrye thinks Kerry is capable of winning the election. "People can relate to the Democratic ideals, which have grown past the image of liberalism that the mainstream couldn't relate to — to one that is built on the basic principle that we care about people outside of the house we live in and that a diverse society makes us all better," she said.

Dorothy Keville, formerly of Cohasset, made an impression on the three new friends. "She ran the Dean volunteer effort for the state and went to Iowa," Haley said. "She provided us with strategies and encouraged our involvement."

The fund raiser featured a raffle that included a John Kerry jacket; a political memorabilia table; and a hotdog and baked bean supper prepared and served under the affable direction of Gary Ludwig. Not surprisingly, there was Heinz ketchup on the table.

Sasha Codero and Andria Ludwig, both teenagers, helped set up for the event, blew up balloons, and manned the bake table, which featured cookies baked from Teresa Heinz Kerry and Hillary Clinton recipes. Both young women are Kerry supporters.

"We need a different approach from war," Sasha said. "I'm concerned about the soldiers who have died and a friend who lost a family member. I'm also appalled by the allegations made by the current administration about Sept. 11, including weapons of mass destruction. We need full disclosure from the government."

Andria thinks its time for a change, too. "I don't want to be [stuck] paying off the current administration's debts," she said. "I want to know that I'll have health care and Social Security benefits when I get older. I think Kerry will lead us in a better direction, making it easier for young people to attend state colleges and for low-income people to live in America. Kerry speaks for the people who are struggling and need a voice."

The money raised from the event supports Democrat-sponsored "Get Out the Vote" activities in local communities this fall.

The room was festively decorated to give the feel of the national convention floor – with red, white, and blue balloons, blue tablecloths, miniature American flags adorning the hotdogs and snack trays, and gaily wrapped baked goods.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, had a ticket to the DNC that evening but "wanted to share this event with you instead," he announced to the crowd. "The Kerry campaign is a big tent and we're happy to have everyone involved. It's the most important election in this generation."

Bradley said he noticed at a DNC event he attended earlier in the week that "when Clinton came into the room, it was just like Elvis. You can feel the energy as he walks by."

The evening began with a live conference call with John Edwards, John Kerry's running mate, addressing grass roots gatherings across the United States. Edwards, the son of a mill worker, encouraged Democrats to "reach out to the people and raise money, or we can't do what we want to do for our country. You're already making a difference in spreading a message of hope. We need to be inspired to lift our country up and to get on the right track so we're proud to be Americans again."

Cheers went up as Kerry stepped up to the podium to accept the Democratic nomination for President, saluted, and said: "I'm John Kerry and I'm reporting for duty!" He went on to deliver a compelling speech focusing on "America can do better – help is on the way. . . . Our best days are still to come."

Backers at the Hingham event waved Kerry and Edwards signs and ones bearing the slogan, "America's future – Kerry-Edwards 2004."

"We're here tonight because we love our country and are proud of what it is and what it can become," Kerry said, noting with humor, "I'm not one to read into things, but I was born in the west wing of an Army hospital."

On a more serious note, Kerry, who is a Vietnam veteran, said that "as President, we will never go to war because we want to – only because we have to . . . when we have no choice. I know what kids go through carrying M16s in a dangerous place and writing letters home saying that everything is all right when they're not sure that's true."

After Kerry officially accepted the nomination, former Dean supporter Jim Watson from Hingham said good-naturedly, "Okay, we're conceding," and put his Dean campaign button in his shirt pocket.

The evening ended with remarks by HDTC Chairman Thomas Vangel. "Ten years ago someone asked me if we had enough Democrats in Hingham to put together a town committee," he said. "We've come a long way since then. We have to energize people. Let's get the White House back and restore credibility and values to this country. We can't allow our children and grandchildren to be left with the legacy that four more years of this administration will leave them with."

Vangel was encouraged to see "a lot of young blood in our Democratic family. They are the future of the party and country."

According to the DNC Web site, the recent Boston convention brought together more than 4,300 delegates and 600 alternates representing each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and Democrats Abroad. In all, there were about 35,000 attendees, including 15,000 members of the media and 15,000 other guests including elected officials and foreign dignitaries.

For more information about local Democratic activities, visit SouthShoreDemocrats.Org. The Web page is designed to bring members of the party together to unite them in their common endeavors.

The Republican National Convention will be held at Madison Square Garden in New York City from Aug. 30-Sept. 2.



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A big-screen TV at the Sons of Italy in Hingham shows presidential nominee, U.S. Sen. John Kerry, during his acceptance speech last Thursday.



Lee Alfieri of Plymouth carries a Kerry-Edwards sign during the Hingham Democratic National Convention at the Sons of Italy Hall off Rte. 3A.



Andria Ludwig, 14, of Hingham volunteers to help at the Hingham DNC party last Thursday night.

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Week One - Aug. 16-19; Week Two - Aug. 23-26; Week Three - Aug. 30-Sept. 2. Time is 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Monday-Thursday. Cost is $125. Second sibling is $105. There is a $35 cancellation fee.

Historic NE photos on exhibit in Hull

The Hull Lifesaving Museum and the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities is hosting "The Camera's Coast" a sampler of historic coastal New England images from the collections of Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities through Sept. 5. The pioneering photographers represented from SPNEA include Nathaniel Stebbins, Henry G. Peabody, Baldwin Coolidge, and Emma Coleman. Subjects depicted include square-riggers, coasting schooners, fishing vessels and fishing ports, small boats and large yachts, summer hotels and fishermen's shacks, fishermen, seaweed gatherers, and saltmarsh haymakers.

Curated by noted author and maritime historian William H. Bunting, "The Camera's Coast" illustrates life along the New England coast in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. These were years of great social and economic change. Many traditional maritime occupations, from long-shore fishing and shipbuilding to deep water voyaging were in decline. With mushrooming industrialism and growing numbers of people able to take vacations – and increasingly hot, crowded, and dirty cities from which to flee – coastal recreation boomed.

For more information visit: www.lifesavingmuseum.org.

Hullapalooza helps animal rescue work

On Aug. 21, at the Red Parrot in Hull, local folk, country and rock and roll musicians are teaming up to present the Third Annual Hullapalooza to benefit Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

Featured bands include: the rocking blues of The Pemberton All-Stars, celtic folk of Tim & Rob, Americana with Brooke & Katie, and rock 'n roll from the 60s to the present with Catbasket. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at the door or in advance at: the Hull Lifesaving Museum, Nantasket Naturals, The Red Parrot <http://www.theredparrot.com/>, A Street Liquors and Beedazzled. To charge tickets over the phone, call 1-877-378-1195, leave your name and number and your call will be returned. Tickets are limited, and advance purchase is recommended.

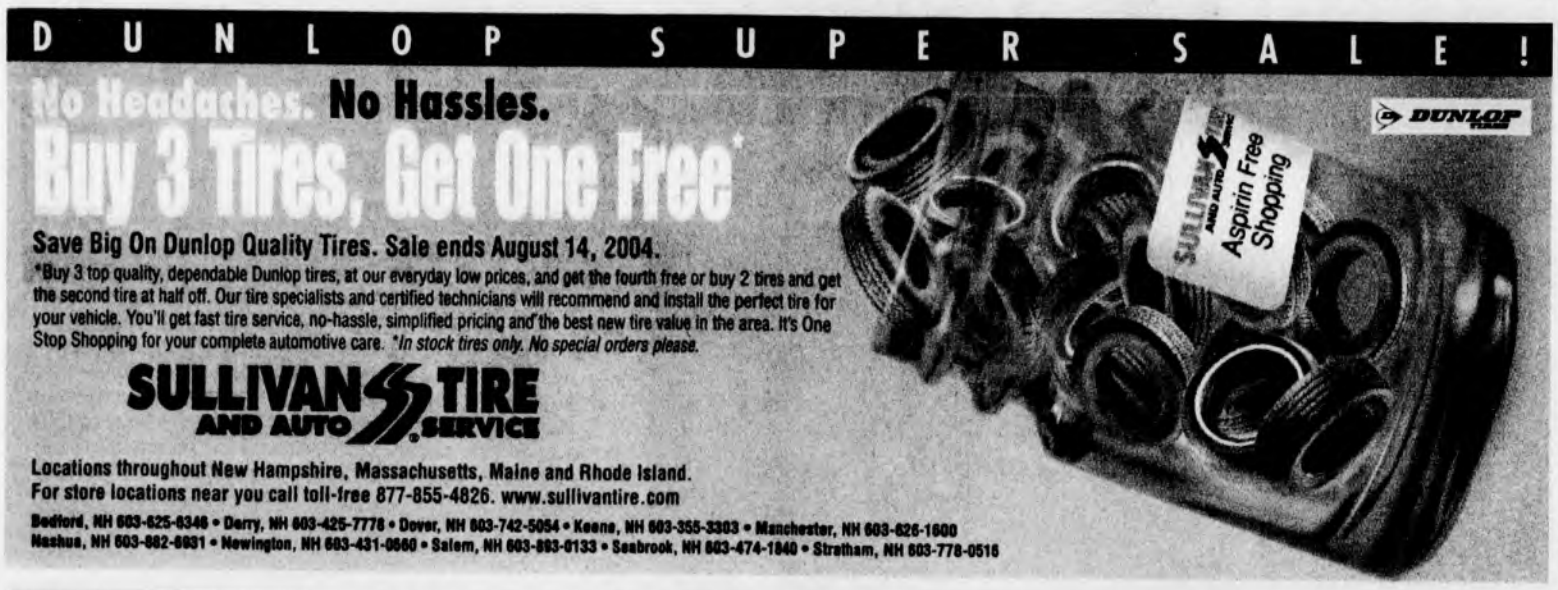
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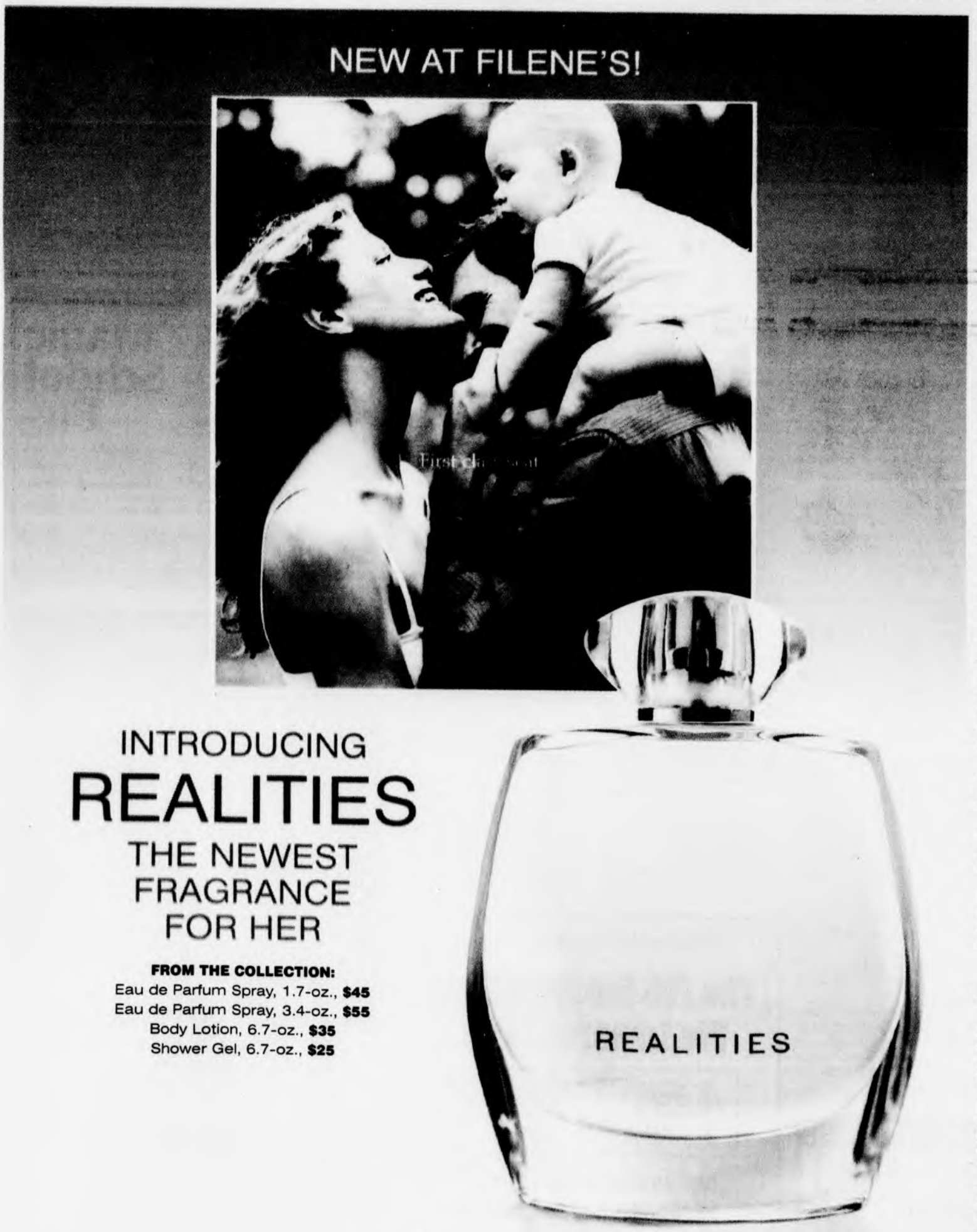
The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer another session of dog obedience classes taught by Happy-Dog Training School this season.

Classes will be held on Monday evenings, on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Sept. 13. For all classes the fee is $100. For the five-week, one-hour, per-week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

The class, which will be for beginners, will be held from 6-7 p.m.

To register for the next available session, call the recreation office at 781-383-4109. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.





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Upswing seems likely

Strong returning cast has Post 118 baseball eyeing much better things in '05

By Mike Spellman
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You've all heard variations of this old joke.

The good news is the GH Mealy Cohasset Post 118 Legion baseball team can return all but three players next summer. The bad news is the GH Mealy Cohasset Post 118 Legion baseball team can return all but three players next summer.

Well forget it.

Sure, there might be a few wise guys out there spouting this sentiment after the Post 118 team won just two games all summer. But a considerable upgrade next season seems all but certain. There's simply too much baseball talent in the towns of Cohasset and Scituate for that not to happen.

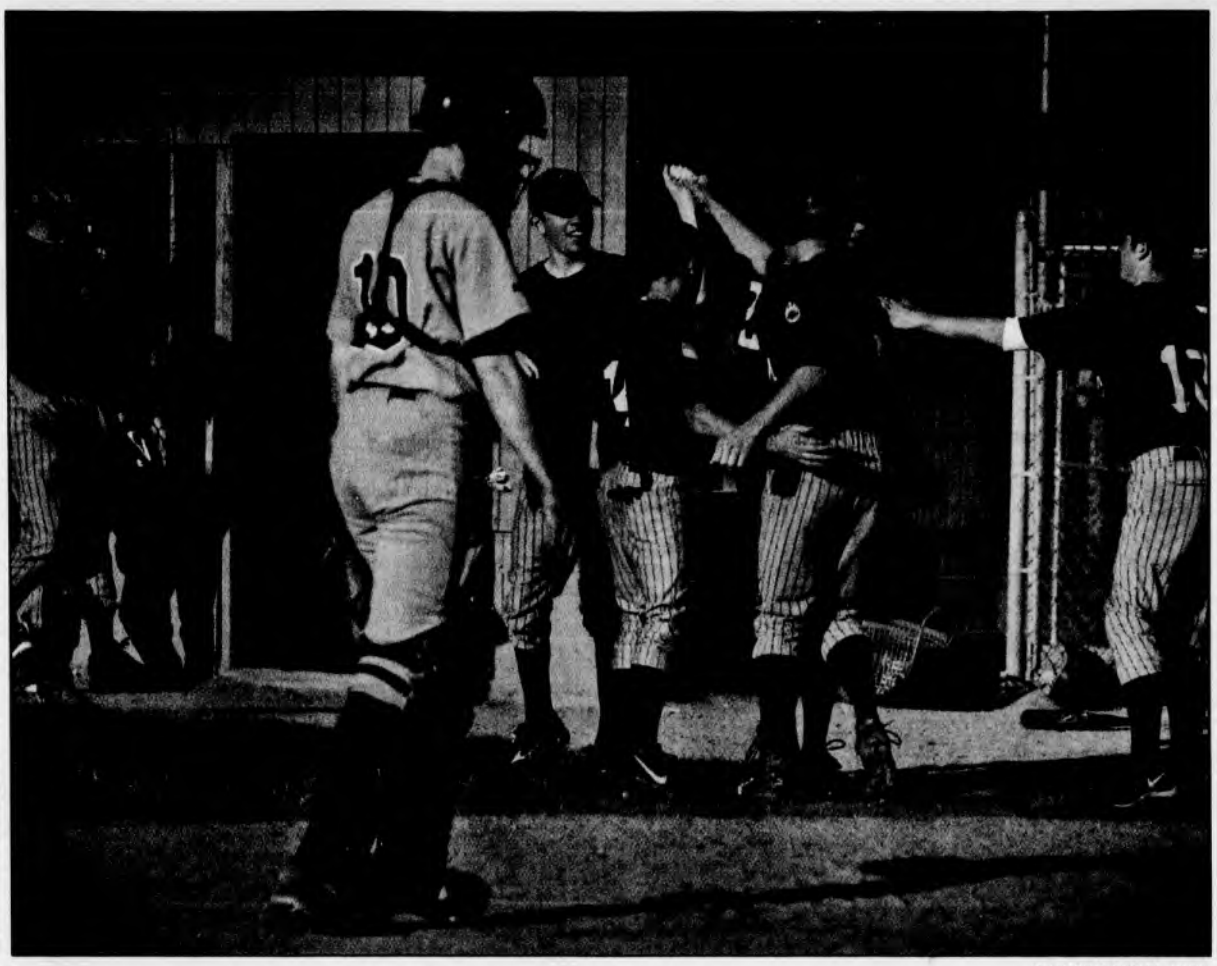
And floating at the top of that talent pool is the number of promising younger players who performed in key roles this summer for the 118ers...really.

"It was a tough season, but the upside was we got a lot of players in there who have a year or two or more of eligibility left, and that will only help," said Coach Mike Duggan. "There is baseball talent there. A lot of it this year was just young. But most of those guys are a lot better prepared after the experience they got this year."

Scott Carroll, the team's starting shortstop and leading hitter, graduated from Scituate High in June and will be heading at the end of this month to Union College, where he was recruited to play baseball. However, he is eligible to return next season.

Jack O'Leary, Jeff Radding Mike Barba and Terrence

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Happy times for the Post 118 squad: there weren't many this past season, but there should be a lot more next summer.



This is the third year Cohasset's Ron and Michele Sacks have done the Pan Mass Challenge.

No more Nomar a no brainer

EXTRA POINTS



MIKE SPELLMAN

We had a dream.

This particular flight of fancy featured our beloved Nomar being there front and center when the Sox finally reversed The Curse. But it wasn't to be. And, in the final analysis, that was of Nomar's choosing.

I hate to say it-- and not just because I appear to be flip-flopping...er, "spin managing" faster than our junior Senator in a room full of conservatives holding key swing votes in their hip pockets-- but the Red Sox braintrust did absolutely the right thing in trading Nomar on deadline Saturday.

No one was a bigger fan of Nomar's than this typist. He earned my respect and admiration with the way he played the game, and my adoration with all of the big hits he delivered over the years, but it was his actions away from the field that as good as punched his ticket out of town. In fact, it's becoming more and more plausible that there were actions that kept him away from that field.

In the end, the only rationale for keeping Nomar was the hope that he would lift us to a World Series crown this year, for we were all pretty much resigned to the fact there'd be no more Nomar beyond this season.

In the end, that simply wasn't enough to fend off the forces of common sense.

Many of my fellow longtime Nomar supporters are griping that the Sox didn't get nearly enough for the likely first ballot Hall-of-Famer. That was my first reaction too. Then I cooled off and considered more closely: a) the fact that he's in the last year of his contract, b) his Achilles may be a legitimate long term concern, and c) the short list of teams that could use him now and actually afford to keep him beyond this season.

Then there is the question as to whether or not he was having a negative affect on the team's chemistry and general locker room mood. I don't want to believe the assertions made by many that this was the case, but it's difficult to ignore the dead-on impression Nomar was doing of Munster's family butler Lurch

Riding for a cure

Nine Cohasset residents to ride in 25th annual Pan-Mass Challenge this weekend

By Mike Spellman
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A total of nine residents from Cohasset will ride in the 25th annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC), the nation's most successful bike-a-thon for charity, on Aug. 7 and 8.

Alone or in teams, athletes or amateurs, strong or weak, they ride to accomplish a single, unified goal - a world without cancer.

The Cohasset riders are Guy Oliver, Robert Allen, Mary Allen, Michael Kearney, Michele Sacks, Ron Sacks, Peter Vitello, Robert Mahoney and Susan McMackin.

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Michael Kearney-- who lost his sister, Mary Beth, to breast cancer in 2000-- will be teaming with Mahoney and Hingham's John Sullivan on the one day Wellesley-to-Bourne 89-mile ride.

"I am riding to honor (Mary Beth) and what she meant to all of us who knew her," said Kearney. "I have thought of my sister every day since the day she died of breast cancer. Although these fond memories of her are very comforting, these remembrances are like any memento: they seem to fade with the passage of time.

"I hope and pray for a cure in the foreseeable future so that others are able to hold onto more than just memories of their mother, spouse, sibling or friend. I am confident that the funds raised by the PMC and donated to the Dana Farber will help realize that goal."

Kearney made the 192-mile two day Sturbridge-to-Provincetown trek in 2001 with **Robert Mahoney**, but switched to the one day ride his second time around. He smiles when he explains the reason behind this.

"I got Robert and I lost a couple of times on the ride in 2001," said Kearney, who's been doing 20 mile training rides for the last month and did a final 45-mile tune-up this past Sunday. "The one day ride this year limits my ability to get him lost again. In spite of a well marked route, a human compass I am not."

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Robert Mahoney, in his second go round with the PMC, is making the Wellesley to Bourne run with Kearney.

"Once again, as seems to be the case more and more, I have had people very close to me afflicted with cancer over the past 12 months," he said. "Hopefully I am a small part of some greater good here, and, in that, there is personal satisfaction."

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This will be the third ride for **Bob Allen**. He made the big ride in 2002 and '03, Sturbridge to P-town, but he's being joined by wife Mary (a PMC volunteer the last two years) this year, and the couple will do the shorter two day Wellesley-Bourne-Wellesley run.

The Allens have trained the last

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All-Scholastic girls track team

Cohasset's Buckley, 4x800 relay squad named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

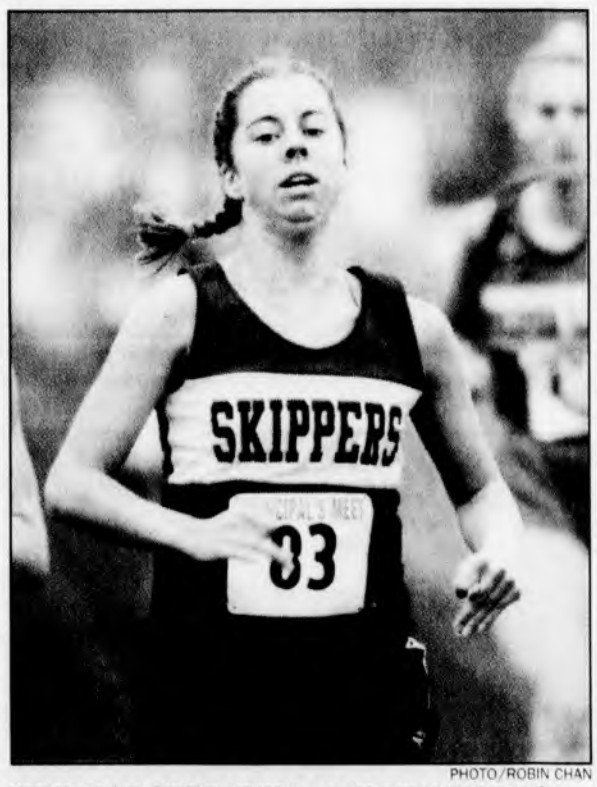
In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 15 girls, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top female track athletes in *Marinerland* for this honor:

Jenn Buckley - Senior (Capt.)
800/Javelin - Cohasset



Jenn Buckley

Jenn makes it a perfect sweep for her senior year, having previously earned Mariner All-Scholastic honors in soccer and basketball...A six time Mariner All-Scholastic for her high school career, earning the honor twice for soccer and now three times in track...placed seventh in the 800 at the state Class D meet with a career best 2:28.21...also placed 10th in the javelin with a throw of 94-feet-11-inches...best throw of season was 100-9...versatility is her leading attribute, as witnessed by her team best point total in duel meets...also qualified for state's in the mile (best of 5:38), and was a regular point scorer in duel meets in the discus (best of 78-feet)... placed fifth in 800 at South Shore Principals meet (2:24.58)...South Shore League all-star...anchored the 4x800 relay team that also earns All-Scholastic honors here...involved in chorus at CHS...plans to major in Nursing at Northeastern University...collegiate athletics are not a priority, but will remain active in intramural sports...Cohasset coach Al LaFountain: "Replacing someone like Jenn seems almost impossible to comprehend. She does so many things well, and was such a great leader."



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Jenn Buckley makes it a perfect sweep for her senior year, earning her third Mariner All-Scholastic honor in as many sports seasons.

Ashley Hubbard - Senior (Capt.)
400/Long jump - Marshfield



Ashley Hubbard

Over her four-year career at Marshfield High, Hubbard became one of the state's premier sprinters...This spring, the Old Colony League All-star won her second-straight outdoor All-State 400-meter title in 56.1 just hours before graduating...Qualified for the meet after winning the Class B Meet for the second year (57.81)...Won the State Coaches Invitational in the 400 in 56.17 and was second in the long jump (17'3")...Ran the 400 leg on Marshfield's record-setting (4:11) Sprint Medley Relay at the Class B Relays...Won the Old Colony League Meet title in the 200 meters (26.04) and led the outdoor squad to a regular season championship at 7-0...Also the two-time 300-meter Indoor All-State Champion, Hubbard was named the Boston Globe's Runner of the Year this past

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Cohasset's Buckley, 4x800 relay squad named among area's elite

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winter…Anchored the indoor 4x400-meter relay to a New England title one week after the Lady Rams won the All-State Indoor team title…Played field hockey at MHS and was an OCL All-star…She will attend Georgetown University on the full track scholarship in the fall. Marshfield coach Larry Nangle: "Ashley is always so upbeat and everything she does is for the team. With all the exposure she's gotten, I can't recall anyone saying a bad thing about her. Just a tremendous young lady."

Haley Catarius - Sophomore
300 Hurdles - Marshfield



Haley Catarius

It was a breakout season for this talented sophomore…A multi-event winner in just about every dual meet this season, Catarius' versatility helped Marshfield notch the Old Colony League title at 7-0…A 100-meter hurdler and triple jumper, Catarius did most of her damage in the 300-meter hurdles racing to an eighth-place finish at New Englands in school record form (45.97)…She was seventh in the event at the All-State Championships (46.26) and won the State Class B Meet a week earlier (46.27)…Ran a leg on the 4x400-meter relay during the indoor season, winning Class B, All-State, and New England titles along the way…Also a talented soccer player at MHS, Catarius helped lead the team to an OCL title and appearance in the Div. 1 South Sectional finals…Just a sophomore, Catarius still has a lot of running to do. Marshfield coach Larry Nangle: "Haley did well in a lot of events for us and is just a tremendous all-around athlete. She works extremely hard and is only going to get better in the next couple of years."

Melissa Nash - Junior
Two-mile - Marshfield



Melissa Nash

Had another solid distance campaign for the Lady Rams running her way to the All-State Championships…The two-miler finished third at the event with a very strong time of 11:48 and went on to take seventh at the All-States…She was second in the event at the Old Colony League Championships (12:09.64)…Won the two-mile in four dual meets this spring, while also winning the mile in a pair of dual meets helping to pace the Marshfield girls to an OCL title at 7-0…Won the difficult mile/two-mile double in a big dual meet win over Bridgewater-Raynham…Was one of five Lady Rams who teamed to win the Indoor All-State title this past winter…Also a cross country runner at MHS, Nash will return to captain all three teams next year. Marshfield coach Larry Nangle: "Melissa drives herself so hard and is almost an overachiever. She's the type of athlete who wants to deliver every time and she works so hard to do so."

Jocelyn Traina - Sophomore
100/Long jump - Hingham



Jocelyn Traina

Just a sophomore, Traina is quickly emerging as one of the South Shore's most versatile track athletes… Consistently performed well in four events in dual meets this spring but shined the brightest in the 100-meters and in the long jump…Finished second in both events at the State Class C Meet running 12.85 in the 100 and leaping 16'10.75" in the long jump…Went on to place a strong fifth in the latter event at the All-States, jumping to a school record (17'4.5") in the process and finished 12th at the New England Championships…Her trademark consistency this season helped make Hingham a dominating presence in the Patriot League, winning the title in unbeaten fashion (6-0)…The PL All-star has run personal bests of 12.6 in the 100 and 26.4 in the 200…Just a sophomore, Traina still has a long track career ahead of her at HHS.

Ashley Mills - Junior
Discus - Hingham



Ashley Mills

The Patriot League All-star has made a name for herself in the discus over the last two years… This season, Mills won the State Class C title in the event with a school record toss of 115-feet…She went on to finish seventh at the All-State Championships (112'3")…Mills won the PL title for the second-straight season (104'9.5") and was a strong second at the South Shore Principal's (112'3")…Her dominance in the event helped Hingham notch an unbeaten season in the PL, winning the regular season crown at 6-0…At the State Coaches Invitational, Mills took third (108'10") and won the Weston Invitational (101'6")…Just a junior, Mills still has another year to compete for HHS.



This is the second selection in a row for Cohasset's 4x800 team of (left to right) Nicole Whitney, Lisa Musto, Jenn Buckley and Mary Silvia. CHS coach Al LaFountain is in the middle.

Rachel Lincoln - Senior (Capt.)
Javelin - Hingham



Rachel Lincoln

A dominant figure on the javelin circuit for the past two seasons, Lincoln ended her Hingham career with a solid senior campaign…The Patriot League All-star won the PL title in the jav for the second-straight year, heaving 117'4"…She also won the South Shore Principal's (109'10") and took third at the Weston Invitational (111'2")…At the State Class C Meet, Lincoln took third at 109'6" and went on to take 17th at the All-State Championships (106'1")…Lincoln plans to attend Middlebury College in the fall and study pre-med.

Jackie Bohenek - 8th grade
400 - Rockland



Jackie Bohenek

Talk about a phenom…This eighth grader stepped onto the Rockland High track and ran all the way to the New England Championships…The Patriot League champ in the 400 meters, Bohenek finished second in the event at the State Class C Meet in a personal best 59.04 and went on to take ninth at the All-State Championships (59.30)…Under less than stellar conditions at New Englands, Bohenek still ran a strong 60.26 to finish 13th overall…The PL All-star competed in the State Coaches Invitational heptathlon and finished 10th…Just an eighth-grader, Bohenek still has a very long athletic career ahead of her at RHS…The three-sport athlete runs cross country in the fall and played for the varsity and JV girls basketball teams this past winter. Rockland coach Peter Woodward: "She is just a spectacular athlete who's very dedicated and focused and has limitless potential. A classic overachiever."

Andrea Caldwell - Senior (Capt.)
200 meters- Braintree



Andrea Caldwell

Caldwell wrapped up a sensational high school athletic career by placing sixth at the Class A meet in the 300-meter hurdles (49.69)… top time in the event was 48.0 seconds…also regularly earned top place points for the Wamps in the 100 meter dash, and was a key member of a very good 4x100 relay team…earned 12 varsity letters during her four year at BHS…also a standout in soccer and gymnastics, earning an All-Scholastic Honorable Mention in the latter sport this past winter…missed much of the soccer season due to mononucleosis…captained all three teams in her senior year… winner of the 2004 BHS Coaches Award, given to one female athlete in the school in recognition of strong leadership, character and academics…also received girls track award for spring season… President of BHS' Spanish National Honors Society… a volunteer with Braintree Special Needs program… working this summer this summer with Special Needs students at Thayer Academy…will attend Simmons College in Boston…leaning toward majoring in Physical Therapy with a minor in Spanish

Teryn Wiedeman - Junior
200 meters - Silver Lake



Teryn Wiedeman

This well rounded athlete finished up her junior campaign with a solid seventh place finish in the 200-meter race (27.38 seconds) at the Class A meet, missing out on a chance to qualify for All-States by .11 of a second…season best time in the event was a 26.4 run in a duel meet win at Falmouth… scored 70 points for Lady Lakers in regular season meets, second best on the team…ran in five different individual events this season, and qualified for states in three of them (high jump and triple jump were the other two)…placed sixth in 200 at State Coaches Invitational…placed second in 200 at Old Colony League meet to state champ Ashley Hubbard…placed third in 200 at South Shore Principal meet (27.57)…OCL all-star…was also a member of 4x400 relay team that took third at Class A meet and ninth at All-States (season best 4:07.68), and earns its second straight Mariner All-Scholastic selection here… ran a season best 60 second split in relay at Class A meet…may concentrate more on the 400-meter race as a senior, as she sees herself more as a middle distance specialists in college…also a standout in soccer and winter track for Silver Lake…a varsity starter at midfield in soccer at SL since the second half of her freshman year…an Honor Roll student all four terms this past school year…Scholar Athlete Award winner…has a GPA of 3.3…Pembroke resident will be part of inaugural senior class at Pembroke High this fall…has been named a captain for Winter Track at PHS… member of Captains Council…hopes to run track in college and is leaning toward majoring in either Physical Therapy or Spanish…Silver Lake coach Joe Darche: "Teryn is talented, but she's also very driven to succeed. She worked extremely hard this season and it paid off."

Hannah Rapalee - Junior
800 meters - Silver Lake



Hannah Rapalee

Hannah earns her third Mariner All-Scholastic selection in as many chances… has been an Old Colony League all-star in track for all six of her seasons at Silver Lake…placed third in the 800 at the state Class A meet with a season best 2:21.34… top finisher in 800 at OCL meet…won Old Colony League title in the 800…was named Brockton Enterprise All-Scholastic for the sixth straight track season…has also been a Patriot Ledger, Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic…OCL all-star… also qualified for states in mile and 2-mile…a member of 4x400 relay team that took third at Class A meet and ninth at All-States (season best 4:07.68), and earns its second straight Mariner All-Scholastic selection here…Halifax resident…school record holder in the mile and 800 in outdoor track and 1,000 and 600 indoors… has qualified for the New England track and field championships in four of six track seasons… a standout with the varsity soccer team, earning OCL all-star and Mariner All-Scholastic honors this past season after leading the Lady Lakers in scoring…has been named a captain for next winter's track team at SL…President of SL Key Club…member of Captains Council…Vice President of school Best Buddies Program…Honor Roll student…, Halifax resident…hopes to run track in college and lists UMass-Amherst and South Carolina as top choices… leaning toward majoring in Psychology…Silver Lake coach Joe Darche: "Hannah has strong overall ability. She missed some time and had a slow start to the season (due to illness), and lost some conditioning, but she came on well toward the end."

Shawna Hayes - Junior
Javelin - Silver Lake



Shawna Hayes

The bigger the event, the better Hayes seemed to throw… threw the jav a personal best 116-4 this season at the State Coaches Relay, leading the Lakers to their seventh first place finish in this event in eight years…wrapped up season by placing sixth at state

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All-Scholastic girls track team

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Class A meet with a throw of 106-feet-5-inches... placed fourth at state Coaches Invitational (109-3)...took second at South Shore Principals meet (107-11)...placed first at Old Colony League meet...OCL All-Star...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic and Brockton Enterprise All-Scholastic Honorable Mention...also played basketball and soccer at SL, starting on defense last fall for the Lady Lakers...Pembroke resident will be part of inaugural senior class at Pembroke High this fall...good student...plays off season basketball and soccer in town leagues...Silver Lake coach Joe Darche: "Shawna's a very talented thrower and she has the ability to step up to her level of competition."

Sarah Kuendig - Senior (Capt.)
High Jump - Scituate



Sarah Kuendig

Versatility was the leading attribute of this 6-foot tall athlete...qualified for states in four events: high jump (best of 5'2"), 400-meter race (62.8 seconds), discus (103-feet-3 inches) and as part of the 4x4 relay team...placed fourth at the State Class C meet in the high jump with a leap of 5-foot-2, a career best she matched many times...bounced back from knee surgery in her junior year to have a sensational senior year in both winter and spring track seasons, as well as in soccer...was a Patriot League all-star in all three of those sporting endeavors this year... captained both the winter and spring track teams since her senior year... was far and away Sailors leading point getter in dual meets, leading Sailors to 7-1 regular season...bounced back strong after being slowed in early part of season by illness...placed second in high jump at South Shore Principals meet...ran anchor leg for 4x400 relay team that placed fourth at the Class meet (4:21.82)... placed 12th at state heptathlon to lead Sailors to a third place showing...Honor Roll student who finished with a GPA of 3.35... enjoys surfing...will run track and cross country at the University of Richmond on a partial athletic scholarship...will major in Political Science with an eye toward a career in law...Scituate coach Jeff Zwiebeck: "Sarah is such a hard worker and great kid. She was our heart and soul in a lot of ways this year. It's going to be extremely difficult to replace all of the things she does so well."

Kacey Weafer - Junior
200 meters - Scituate

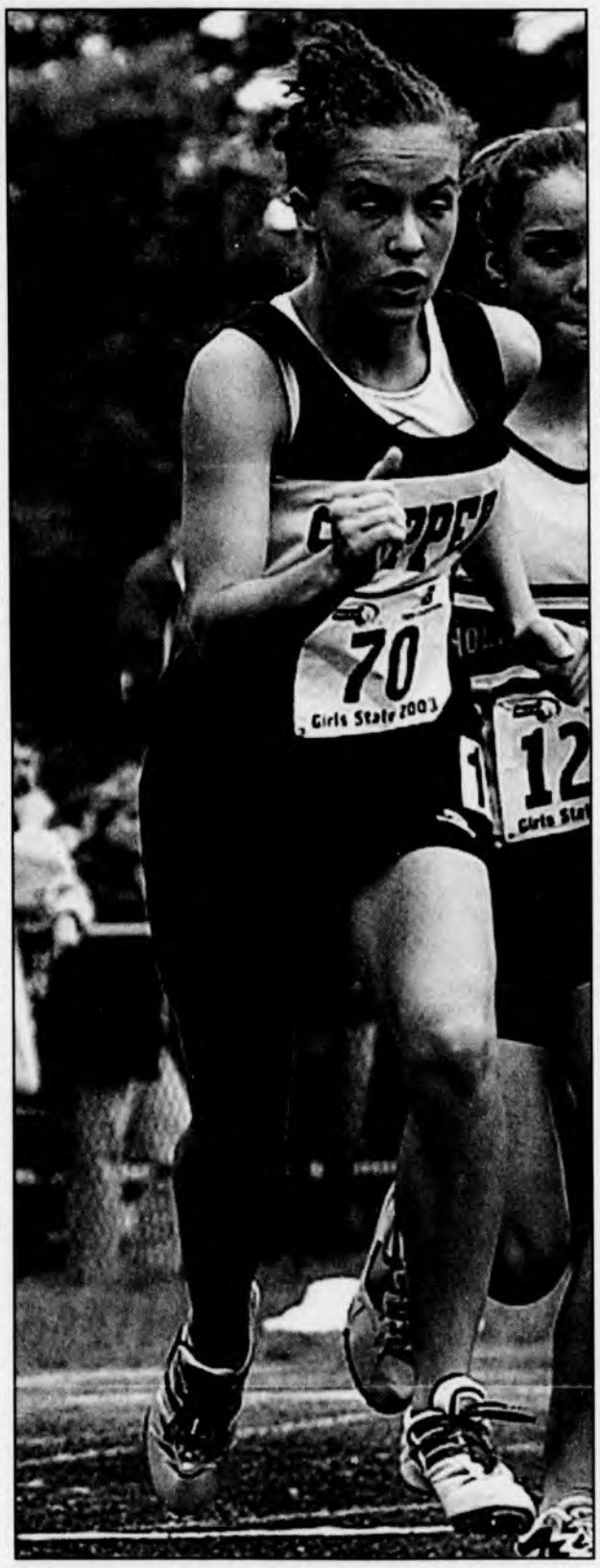
This is Kacey's fourth selection overall as a Mariner All-Scholastic, having made it now twice for soccer and track...an extremely gifted and versatile athlete...qualified for the state Class C meet in four different individual events— 100, 200, 400 and javelin— and as a member of the 4x400 team that placed fourth at the Class C meet (4:21.82) as well to advance to All-States...opted to run the 200 at the Class C meet and placed fourth (26.97) to advance to All-States... placed third in 200 in the Scholastic Division at the Bay State Games... scored team best 17 goals for SHS girls soccer team this fall, giving her a total of 34 goals the past two seasons...also a standout in winter track at SHS...earned Patriot League all-star honors for all three sports seasons as a junior...Honor Roll student with a GPA over 3.0...plays soccer year round for the South Shore Scorpions...also plays in the elite Super Y soccer league...would like to run track in college and possibly play soccer as well... leaning toward majoring in Elementary Education...hopes to go to a New England college...Scituate Coach Jeff Zwiebeck: "Kacey wins our warrior award. She was our hardest worker from day one through the end of the season. She really bought into the system and worked one whatever we asked her to do, and her conditioning. You could see her falling in love with running, just feeling the wind in her face."



Kacey Weafer

Sade Williams-Judge - Junior
Shot Put - Scituate

The premiere shot putter on the South Shore...finished eighth at the All-State meet with throw of 37-feet- 1-1/4 inches...placed sixth at the Class C meet (36-9-1/2)...best throw of Patriot League season (36'3-1/2")... Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic recorded best ever throw of 37'8" indoors this past winter...Patriot League All-Star in both indoor and outdoor track seasons as a junior...came on strong after missing the end of the indoor winter program...was unbeaten in Patriot League duel meets... won South Shore Principals meet (35'07-1/2")...also regularly earned points for the 7-1 Sailors in the discus...METCO student lives in Dorchester...played basketball her freshman year at SHS, but switched to winter track as a sophomore...is the younger sister of former SHS star Aquila Judge, a state champion hurdler and long jumper now starring at Northeastern University...hopes to compete in track in college...Northeastern is a possibility, but she's also looking at schools in Florida...leaning toward majoring in Dentistry or Hotel Management...Scituate Coach Jeff Zwieback: "Sade finished very strong, and it was great to see. (Assistant Coach) Jay Dunbar does a good job of working with throwers, but neither he or I are specialists there. Sade's had to do a lot of her training on her own. Her senior year is coming up, and I can see her throwing in college, so I can see her being very motivated."



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Versatile and talented CHS Junior Mary Silvia earns an Honorable Mention.

Relays:

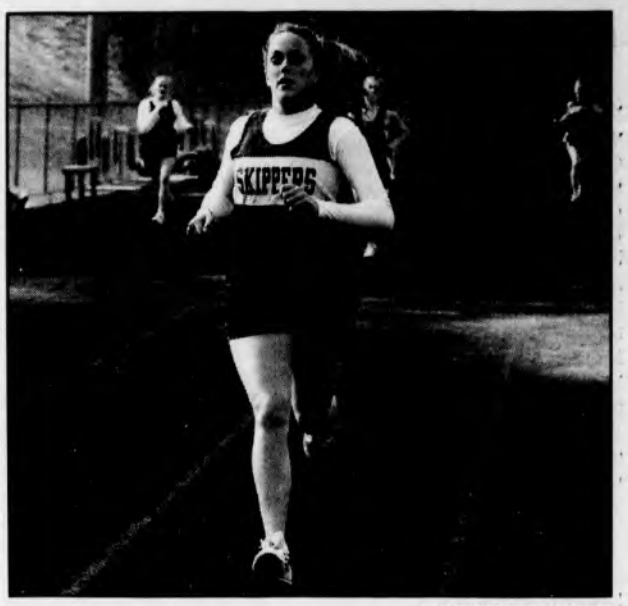
4x400 relay
Silver Lake
Bailey Fairbanks- Sophomore
Lauren Hackett- Sophomore
Hannah Rapalee- Junior
Teryn Wiedeman - Junior

4x800 Relay
Cohasset
Jenn Buckley - Senior
Nicole Whitney- Senior
Mary Silvia- Junior
Lisa Musto- Sophomore

Honorable Mention:

Nicole Cutter - Jr. - 800 - Abington
Kaitlyn Ingemi - Jr. - Javelin - Abington
Michelle Donovan- Jr.- 200- Braintree
Emily Farley- Jr.- 100- Braintree
Mary Silvia - Jr.- 800- Cohasset
Nicole Whitney- Sr.- 400- Cohasset
Cheryl Flynn - Sr. (Capt.) - High jump - Hingham
Jenny Ingersoll - Jr. - 100 Hurdles - Hingham
Katelyn Allen - Fr. - Sprints/Long jump - Marshfield
Nicole Labo - Sr. - Shot/Disc - Marshfield
Jenn Guiney- Jr.- 300 Hurdles- Norwell
Healey Zanengo- Sr.- 200- Norwell
Meredith Cammett- Sr.- 2 mile- Norwell
Laura Kemp - Jr. - Hurdles/High jump - Rockland
Kristen Devine- Soph. - 200- Silver Lake
Lauren Hackett- Soph.- 400- Silver Lake
Ashley Adamson- Soph.- Triple Jump- Scituate
Kate Carr- Soph.- 800- Scituate
Becca MacDonald - Soph. - Mile - Weymouth
Nicole Pearce - Fr. - Two-mile - Weymouth

Relay Teams
Scituate 4x400 (Kate Carr, Jill O'Connor, Kacey Weafer, Sarah Kuendig)

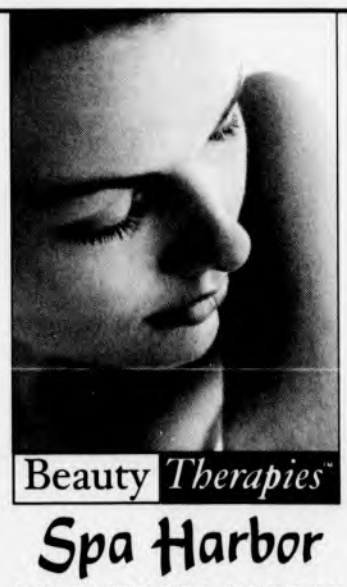


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Nicole Whitney makes our team as part of the 4x800 team and earns an Honorable Mention for her individual exploits this season.

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No more Nomar a no brainer

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for most of his 50 plus games through Saturday and still write off to coincidence the obvious and dramatic disparity between team spirit this year and last.

I'm taking a wait and listen stance in regards to the allegations that Nomar was exaggerating the severity of his injury in order to get out of playing. I do believe he was looking first and foremost at his long term physical and, yes, financial considerations, perhaps even placing these ahead of team considerations--hardly a shock in the day of the modern professional athlete. To accuse him of downright faking the injury in order to get even with Sox ownership, though, is a stretch that is totally unjustified. The remarks Nomar made to Larry Lucchino in that farewell phone conversation Saturday night, if they were made at all at the Sox Vice President reported, were indeed petulant and immature—again, hardly a shock coming from a professional athlete—but we shouldn't read much more into it than that.

Getting back to the relative wisdom of the trade, one last thing it is difficult to dismiss is the fact the Sox had played sub-.500 ball since Nomar's return.

Cast in the light of all these econsiderations, Orlando Cabrera, a former Gold Glove shortstop and team MVP two of the last three years on the same Montreal Expos team that had Vlad Guererro, and Gold Glove first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz doesn't look all that bad.

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If Braintree wasn't already considered The Baseball Town in our subscriber area, there should no longer be any room whatsoever for debate.

In the final week of July, Braintree's Legion, Senior Babe Ruth, Cranberry League and 11- and 12-year old Little League all-star teams were still playing for a state title.

Baseball is king in Braintree, and Braintree is most certainly king of the sport in *Marinerland.*

Of course, Scituate's 14-year old all-stars winning the state Junior League baseball championship is still a pretty cool story too.

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The sudden retirement of Ricky Williams, 27, from the NFL this weekend came as a shock to many. It probably shouldn't have.

No one who receives a paycheck playing professional sports takes a beating, either physical and mental, that comes even close to comparing to what is endured by today's "all purpose backs," such as Ricky.

And no one from this select group took near as many hits as Ricky has over the last two years.

Williams made his money, and now he's chosen to walk away rather than limp, or worse, away.

How can anyone criticize him for that?

Of course, as a diehard member of Patriots nation, my perception may be slightly skewed.

Naughty role models

I know I stopped thinking of athletes as role models a long, loooong time ago. So I guess I just lost sight of how much youngsters still hold them up as the ideal.

I got a harsh reminder on Sunday afternoon when I was tossing a wiffle ball in to my six-year old. Well, after a poorly aimed throw plunked him off the head, my first year T-Ball alum told me we had to fight. He then dropped the bat, charged me and started swinging playfully.

It took me a few seconds before I caught on… the extracurricular activities in Saturday afternoon's Red Sox-Yankees game. D'oh!

Naturally, I laughed heartily. It didn't take long, though, before I switched over the coach/dad mode and explained to him that those players on TV were acting like idiots and how real baseball players never fight.

So take this as a friendly reminder parents: Be on your toes. You never know from where those influences are going to come.

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This will be the third ride for Bob Allen. He made the big ride– Sturbridge to Provincetown—the previous two years, but he's being joined by wife Mary (a PMC volunteer the last two years) this year, and the couple will do the shorter two day Wellesley-Bourne-Wellesley run.

Riding for a cure

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few months in Florida, Cohasset, and Nantucket on various types of road and weather conditions. Training under adverse conditions was planned, as Bob ran into some problems last year when it was raining heavily at the beginning of the race.

Their daughter, Kristen, 17, will also be volunteering at Bourne. This is her second year on the volunteer team, "and they do a fantastic job," noted Bob.

"Our personal motivation is to remember close friends we have lost to this terrible disease and to support other special people in our lives who are currently battling the disease," said Bob. "We need to remind ourselves how precious life is and do all we can to help find a cure.

"This PMC ride is one way of giving back and providing support to all the folks we see along the route who are cancer survivors. It is an unbelievable feeling to experience the crowds and all the enthusiastic support all along the route for all the riders. It certainly gives you a lift to continue on."

Added **Mary Allen**: "We're doing something that is within our power to try and help combat diseases that affect so many people...people who we love who have heard those horrible and frightening words, 'you have cancer'."

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Ron Sacks is the team captain for TEAM NVRGUP (Never Give Up). He is riding Sturbridge-Bourne-Wellesley (2-day) along with two other members of the team. Seven members of the team, including Ron's wife Michele, are doing the two-day Wellesley-Bourne-Wellesley.

This is the third year Ron and Michele have done the Challenge and the second year for the others on TEAM NVRGUP.

Three years ago, the Sacks' brother-in-law and friend, Joseph Cassidy, was diagnosed with Brain Cancer, Glioblastoma-Multiform (GBM). Sadly, Joe lost his fight with GBM. While fighting the cancer, Joe received his treatments at Dana Faber.

As Joe was going through his treatments, Ron and Michele spent a lot of time with Joe at Dana Farber and learned a lot about Cancer, Dana Farber and the Jimmy Fund.

"We ultimately felt compelled to do something that would help while at the same time honor Joe for his courageous fight against GBM," said Ron. "Several years earlier and prior to his diagnosis, Joe had become recognized for his most famous saying "NVRGUP" which he offered to others afflicted with cancer that he himself provided care compassion to.

"So Michele and I to put our legs to work and signed up for the PMC, raised over $10,000 and printed up two riding jerseys that said "TEAM NVRGUP". "

As they enter the third year, TEAM NVRGUP is now 10 riders strong, made up of family and friends.

"We now ride the PMC in Joe's memory, as well the memory of other family members and friends that have also had to battle cancer," continued Ron. "Last year, we had nine riders and raised $37,000."

Michele and Ron readied for the Challenge with regularly rides around the South Shore.

"The local community has definitely seen or heard us riding in a large group early weekday and weekend mornings as we ride down Jerusalem Rd and through the harbor," reported Ron. "The other members of the team have been training in their respective home towns.

"We plan to NVRGUP."

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Nearly 4,000 cyclists from 40 states and six countries will ride in the PMC to raise $17 million, bringing the total contributed to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its Jimmy Fund to more than $120 million. The PMC's annual contribution funds life-saving cancer research and care for cancer patients around the globe. More than 160 PMC participants are cancer survivors or current patients, while others ride in honor of a friend or family member fighting the disease.

"Unfortunately, everyone has a connection to cancer in some way," says Billy Starr, PMC founder and executive director. "The PMC gives people a way to channel thankfulness for effective treatment or grief over lost loved ones into positive energy that helps others."

Since its inception in 1980, the PMC has become the most efficient athletic fundraising event in the country, donating 93 cents of every dollar to the Jimmy Fund. Cyclists are required to raise between $1,750 and $2,750 to ride, depending on the chosen route. The average cyclist raises $4,300.

The PMC, presented by the Boston Red Sox, offers six different routes, traveling through 46 Massachusetts towns over one or two days, covering between 89 and 192 miles. Two-day rides include the original 192-mile Sturbridge-to-Provincetown route; 186-mile Sturbridge-Bourne-Wellesley route; 169-mile Wellesley-Bourne-Provincetown route. One-day riders choose between the 108-mile Sturbridge-Bourne route and the 89-mile Wellesley-Bourne route.

To become a volunteer, a virtual rider, or make a financial contribution to a rider from your town, visit www.pmc.org or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Checks can be made payable to PMC, 77 Fourth Ave., Needham, MA 02494.

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I wish to thank all of the riders of the Pan Mass Challenge who've taken the time to honor my request and tell the stories of their motivation for making this ride. Inspiring stuff, to be sure. In fact, the response has been so overwhelming, I simply did not have room to include information from all of these reports I've received (51 and counting, from just seven towns, at the time of this writing).

I promise to get to them all next week, though.

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SPORTS NOTES

Youth football equipment handout

The Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football equipment handout schedule is as follows. Football equipment for registered football players for the upcoming Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football season will be handed out by grade/team on:

Aug. 7, 9-10:00 a.m., 8th Grade - "A" Sharks; Aug. 7, 10-11:00 a.m., 7th Grade - "A" Stingrays;

Aug. 14, 9-10:00 a.m., 6th Grade - "B" Sharks; Aug. 14, 10-11:00 a.m., 5th Grade - "B" Stingrays; Aug. 14, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 4th Grade - "C" Sharks; Aug. 14, 12-1:00 p.m., 3rd Grade - "C" Stingrays.

A $100 refundable deposit is required at the time of equipment pick up. All equipment will be handed out at the Equipment Shed located at the back of Scituate High School.

For further information on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading, please go to www.scicohfootball.com.

Cheerleading volunteers needed

SCYFC needs 2 to 3 volunteers to help coach the 8th Grade Sharks A Cheerleading team. This commitment will involve being at practices from Aug. 16 through Sept. 9, Monday through Thursday 5- 7 p.m, and attending the weekend games from Sept. 12 through Nov. 11. Cheerleading experience is not necessary as you will have junior coaches working on cheers and dance with the squad. If you have an interest and can make the commitment please call Lorie Neil at 781-545-4526.

Signups for 21 Lacrosse

21 Lacrosse, a new lacrosse league based out of the Hingham Sports Center, is looking to run a few summer clinics. See the Website (***www.21lacrosse.com***) for details.

All fall leagues are currently filling up for 21 lacrosse. If you are interested, you can fill out the application on-line (available after August 1), contact Bagby ***rbagby@21lacrosse.com*** or call 781-264-6030.

21 lacrosse will also be sponsoring an all-star team. They will be called the "Black Jacks" There will be an open tryout August 10-12, in eitehr Hingham or Marshfield. Details can be found on line or by contacting Bagby.

Cohasset Swim Center News

Sign-up for Red Cross Swimming Lessons

Session Four of swim lessons will run from August 9th thru August 20th.

Cohasset Swim Team Swim Meets

The C.S.C. will also be hosting two Friday afternoon swim meets this summer on July 30th and on August 6th. On those afternoons the Center will be closed from Noon until 5 P.M. Come cheer them on!

Upswing seems likely

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O'Brien (all from Scituate High), Ted Straughn and Tim Pilczak (from Cohasset High), Kevin Signorelli and Greg Malley (from Thayer Academy) and Ben Murphy (Xaverian) will be entering their senior years of high school this fall.

Scituate High's Mark Rennie and Nick Infucino and Thayer's Shane Caffrey are all juniors-to-be.

Carroll and Barba were the starters in the middle of the infield, and Signorelli held down the fort at third. Radding saw a lot of time at both first base and the outfield. O'Brien and Murphy are both top flight defensive catchers. O'Leary, Pilczak and Straughn were regulars in the outfield.

Signorelli was the winning pitcher in the team's thrilling regular season finale, a 5-2 victory on the road that knocked West Roxbury out of the playoff chase. O'Leary was the team's closer. Straughn and Malley were effective on the mound as well, and Infucino, Radding and Caffrey gained some valuable experience toeing the rubber.

"And that's not a bad core of players at all," insisted Duggan. "If we'd been able to keep that group together and healthy this season, things probably would have been a lot different, especially with the pitching situation."

Indeed.

Rennie, coming off a Mariner All-Scholastic season pitching for Scituate High, and Eric Dmohowski, a star with the team the previous two seasons, were expected to be the aces of the starting pitching rotation. Due to injuries, neither threw a single pitch this summer.

Malley appeared a promising candidate to help fill the void created by these absences, pitching very well in a start and a few relief appearances, but then he too went down before the season's midpoint.

Straughn, Cohasset High's ace this spring, pitched well in a few outings with the Post 118 team, but then missed the last few weeks in order to participate in a college baseball showcase down south.

Tim Pilczak wasn't a pitcher, but he was a key run producer in the middle of the order and an invaluable jack-of-all trades in the field, that is until a commitment to his Bay State Games hockey team took him away for the second half of the season.

Post 118 began the summer with 18 players on the roster, and ended it with 12.

"I don't think there are too many Legion teams out there that could have survived the loss of that many players they were counting on," appraised Duggan. "But we get all of those guys back next year except Dmohowski, and that alone will be a big lift."

That prospect alone, however, is not enough to satisfy Duggan's desire to improve this program.

"We do need to widen our pool of talent," said Duggan. "We've got a lot of good baseball players in these two towns playing at private school, but then going elsewhere to play summer ball. I'd like to be able to get a few more of those players into our system and start a pipeline."

Duggan claims he intends to become more proactive in his recruiting efforts for this team. Among the measures he promises to take is sending a letter to the Athletic Directors and baseball coaches at B.C. High, Thayer Academy, B.C. High, Xaverian, Archbishop Williams, and perhaps a few others, requesting their assistance in the recruiting process.

"If we're going to become a more competitive team, we need to create more competition within the team," asserted Duggan. "Our numbers for tryouts really weren't that good this year.

"A lot of our players this year weren't even worried about playing time. I'm not saying that caused them to stop taking things seriously, but maybe they weren't playing with quite the same focus they might have if their job had been on the line."

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In no way, though, did Coach Duggan wish to downplay the graduations from the team of Jeff Ciulla, Joe Duggan and Brandon Stella.

Ciulla, a two-year varsity starter for SHS before his graduation in 2003, was a steadying force in center field. He started slowly at the plate, not surprising after a year away from the game, but emerged steadily over the second half of the summer as a big offensive spark plug out of the leadoff spot in the order. After this triumphant return to the game, which included his first ever over-the-fence home run at any level, Jeff now sounds resolved to play ball in his sophomore year at Endicott College.

Duggan, another 2003 SHS grad and also a Mariner All-Scholastic baseball selection that year, pitched more innings this summer than anyone on the Post 118 roster - this despite the fact he had not thrown a baseball in organized play this year. Not surprisingly, the Mass Maritime sophomore-to-be had little left down the stretch, and that proved a big factor in the team's late struggles.

The highlight of the summer for Stella, a 2004 SHS grad, was a five plus inning mound outing where he limited offensively potent post-season bound Morrisette to just five earned runs. The lefty who has limited use of his right arm (due to a pre-birth stroke) served as an inspiration to all associated with this team with that performance and with his hard work and positive attitude throughout summer. He hopes to pitch at the next level for Curry College.

"Those three guys all gave us a lift this year, and added to the fun," said Coach Duggan. "And it was a fun year. The guys on this team were great to be around, and they really did enjoy playing the game and being around one another."

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PopSearch 2004 winner Tracy Silva of Taunton performing alongside Keith Lockhart during the Boston Pops concert at the South Shore Music Circus Saturday night to benefit the South Shore Art Center.



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Broadway star Faith Prince, with Keith Lockhart conducting, sings for the sell-out crowd that jumped to its feet for several standing ovations during the course of the performance.

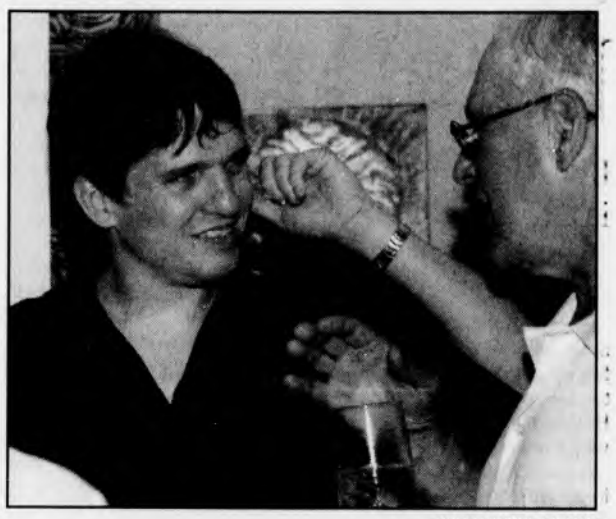
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Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops conquer Cohasset



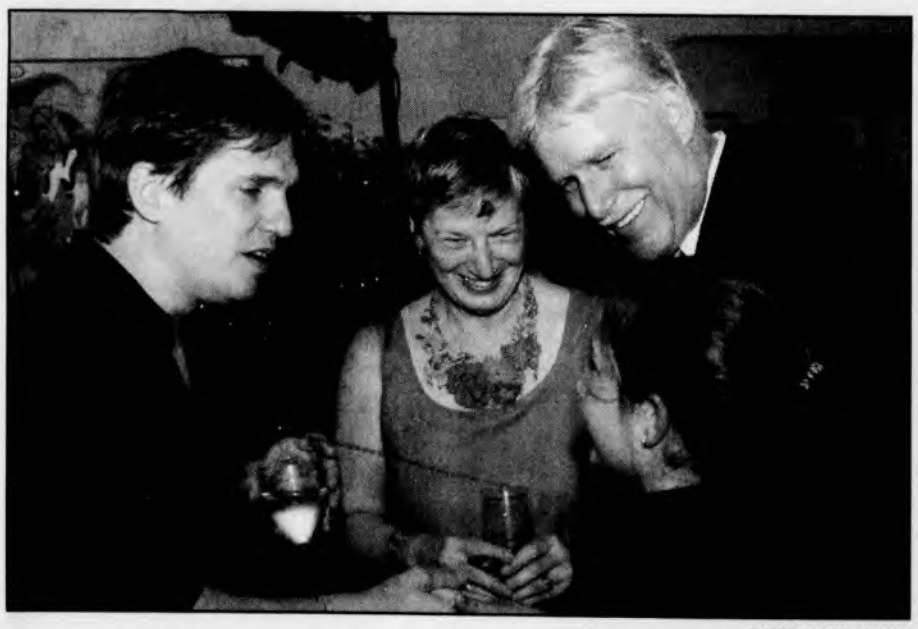
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Susie Weisenfluh of Cohasset visits with Broadway star Faith Prince backstage after Saturday's benefit performance for the South Shore Art Center.



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Keith Lockhart chats with Richard Alemian of Cohasset during a special reception at the South Shore Art Center following Saturday's sell-out performance. The event kicked off the art center's 50th anniversary year.



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Keith Lockhart greets Chris Rifkin of Hingham, and Frank and Jenna Neer of Cohasset at a special reception at the South Shore Art Center following Saturday's performance at the Music Circus.



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Karen and Scott Bianchi pose for a photo with Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart at the South Shore Art Center reception.



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South Shore Playhouse Trustee Genevieve Good and SSPA Director Frank Neer, both of Cohasset, chat with Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart backstage following the Boston Pops debut performance at the South Shore Music Circus.



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Alison, Bob and Tish Jordan are all smiles at the Art center reception for Keith Lockhart following Saturday's performance at the Music Circus.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Shoe Market in Cohasset Plaza is going to relocate to Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham.

Shoe Market move to help build the sole of business

But relocation is a tough sell

By Mary Ford
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Greg Lagrotteria had hoped the news about moving his store from Route 3A's Cohasset Plaza to Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham would be a shoo-in with local customers.

But as it turns out, his fiercely loyal clientele is feeling a little let down that after seven years in Cohasset the Shoe Market will be relocating to the town next door.

"It's really surprised me how many people are disappointed we're moving," the Scituate resident said about the family business. "But they just need to give us a chance and see what this family is up to."

Lagrotteria said the move is going to allow the business to grow, including being able to offer more shoes in more sizes and increase the customer base with the new location which is off Route 3 near the Derby Street exit.

"This is an opportunity for us to be a complete men's and women's shoe store, offering the highest grade in footwear through aggressively priced products," he says.

Lagrotteria said in addition to offering a greater breadth of product, it's also very important to be able to fit customers properly.

"That will be accomplished with inventory and a commitment to extreme sizes and widths," he says. In addition to the store itself, the Shoe Market has 5,000 square feet of warehouse space in Hingham for the inventory to help service the size and width business. "We will be an all-service shoe store," Lagrotteria says.

The Shoe Market will not be selling children's shoes at its new location. That's being left up to the Shoe Market for Kids, which is independently owned by Lagrotteria's sister, Mary Sease, and will remain in Tedeschi Plaza off 3A in Cohasset.

Lagrotteria says his current location draws from the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Marshfield, which "have been the backbone of our business."

He thinks those customers will make the trek to the new 68-store, outdoor shopping center in Hingham, called a "lifestyle center" with brick sidewalks, lanterns, benches and places to eat and shop. The entrance to the new plaza off Derby Street will be fully signalized with traffic lights.

"We're halfway between Boston and Cape Cod and that's got to be a very positive thing," Lagrotteria says. The new store will be next to the Gap and a few doors down from Whole Foods.

He explained the Cohasset store is scheduled to close Dec. 23 and the Hingham store will open in mid-September. From now through its closing date, the Cohasset store will be a clearance center, Lagrotteria says.

"We are grateful for our loyal customers who mean a tremendous amount to us," he says. "We ask them to give us a chance while we take the next step."

Derby Street Shoppes is at the former Hingham Plaza shopping center. The new 400,000-square-foot pedestrian-friendly shopping center will include many high-end shops and restaurants.

Sam Pease joins New Directions

New Directions, Inc., the leader in career and life transition services for senior executives, announced that Samuel C. Pease of Cohasset, has joined the Boston firm as vice president. Pease brings to his new position 16 years in executive search, most recently as senior partner with Heidrick & Struggles in Boston.

As part of the senior consulting team at New Directions, Pease will both serve as liaison with companies that sponsor the firm's executive clients and as a primary adviser to clients in transition.

"Sam Pease brings to New Directions invaluable insight gained from many years working at the highest levels with the region's top businesses and executive leaders," said New Directions President Jeffrey D. Redmond. "Sam will be a tremendous asset for us, because he truly understands and cares about the needs of both the companies that seek our help for their departing executives and the leaders who come to us seeking new opportunities in their careers and lives."

Pease holds an MBA in finance from Boston University and a BA from Yale University. He resides in Cohasset.

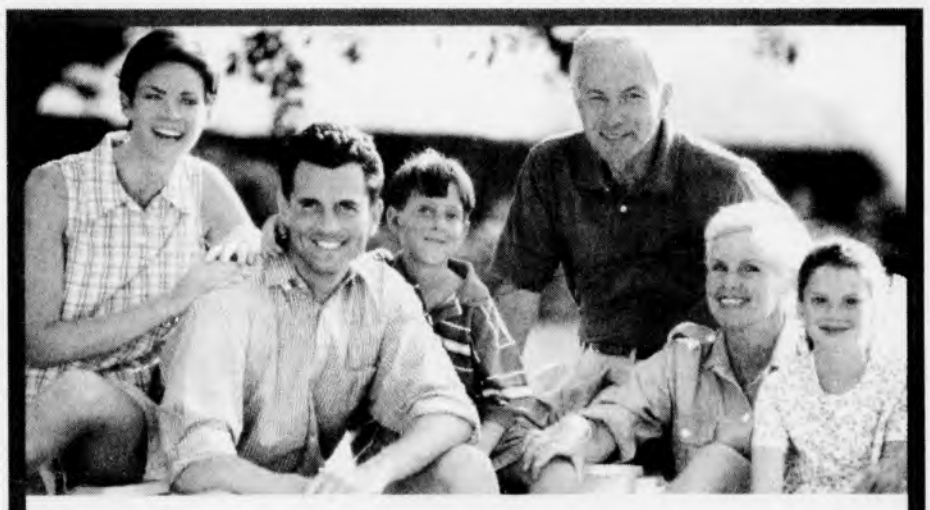
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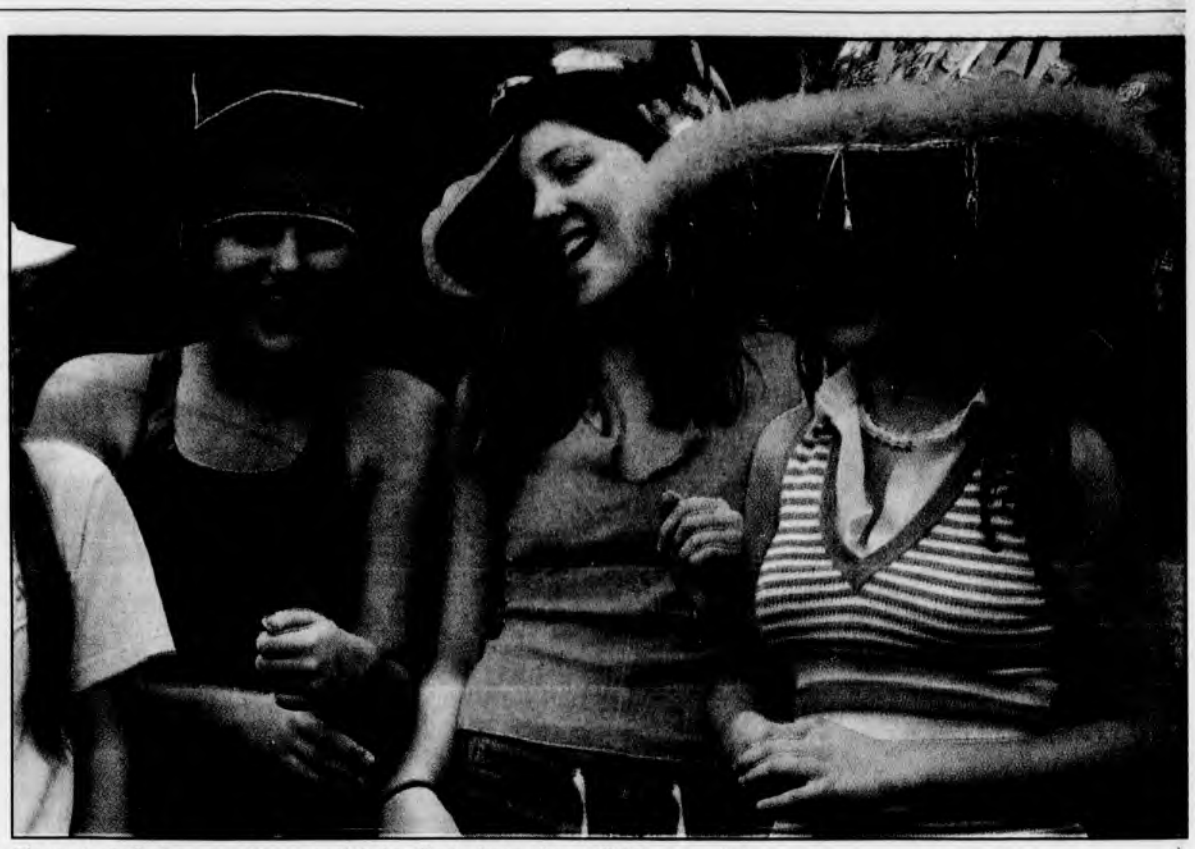


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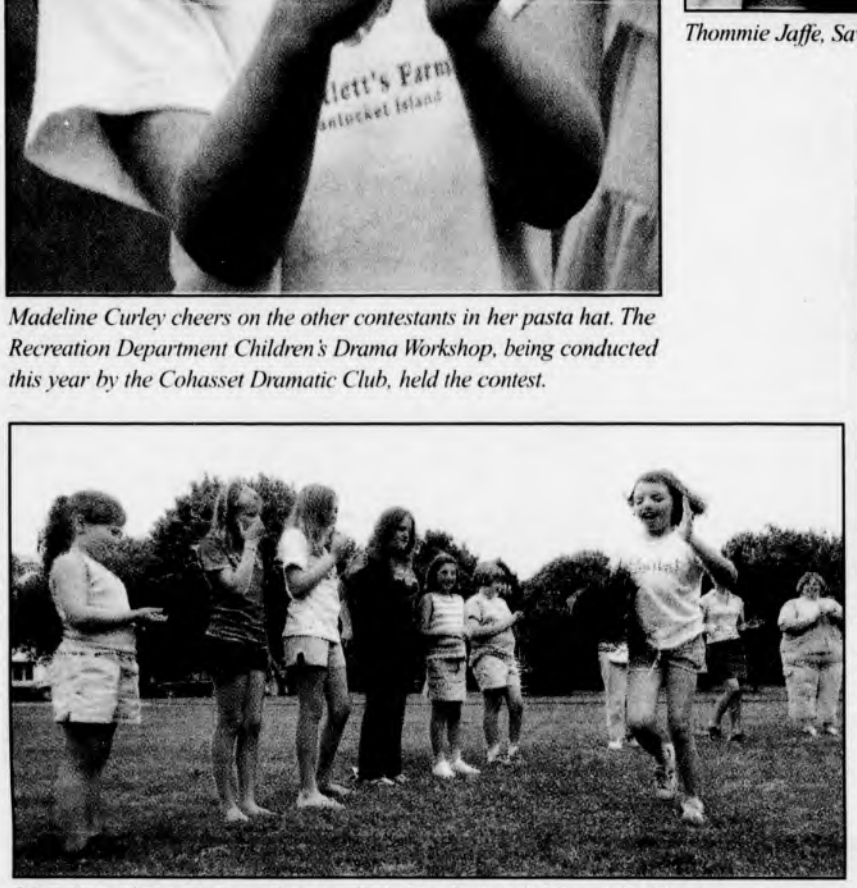
Crazy hats!



Madeline Curley cheers on the other contestants in her pasta hat. The Recreation Department Children's Drama Workshop, being conducted this year by the Cohasset Dramatic Club, held the contest.



Thommie Jaffe, Savanna Norris and Gabrielle Rodman show off their crazy hats.

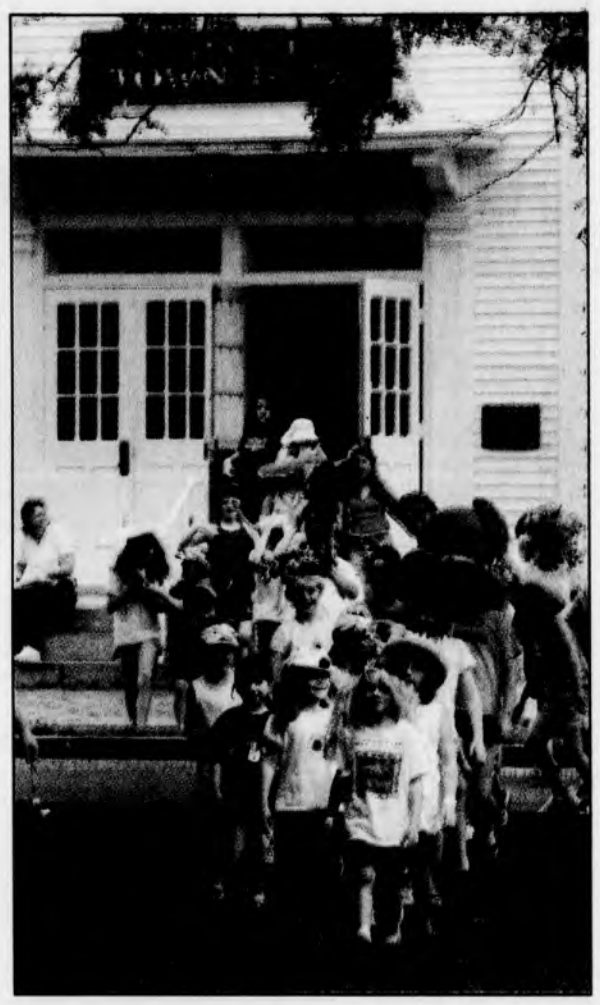


Mary Langel runs the gauntlet past the judges during the Crazy Hat Day contest run by the Cohasset Dramatic Club that is conducting the Recreation Department Children's Drama Workshop this summer.

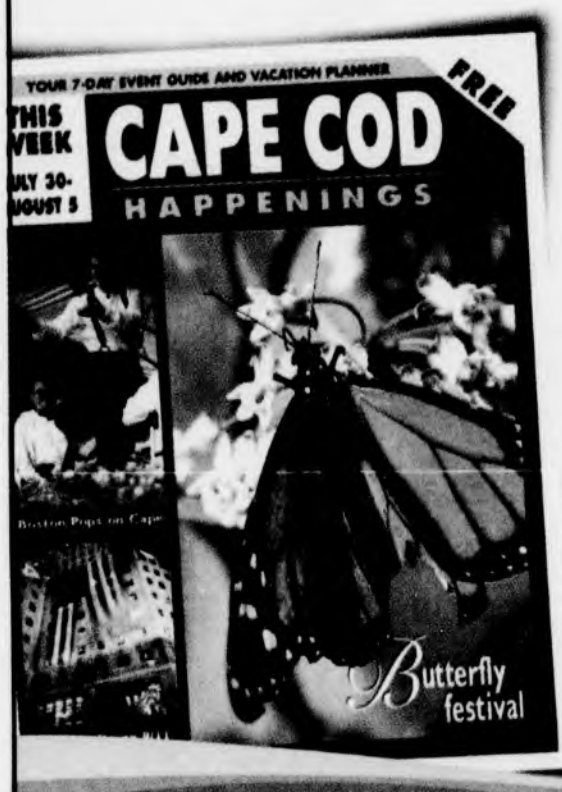


Above: Blair Darrell and Sydney Fortin can't stop laughing during the crazy hat contest Tuesday, July 27.

At right: Kids in the Cohasset Dramatic Club's drama workshop recreation department camp parade onto the common for Crazy Hat Day.



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POLICE PRESENCE

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FRIDAY, JULY 23

11:32 a.m. North Main St., and Highland Ave., investigated/report taken.

1:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control, area search negative.

2:12 p.m. Howe Rd., wires down.

2:46 p.m. Summer St., property (lost).

3:48 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

4:21 p.m. Hull St., disturbance, advised civil action.

4:32 p.m. Beach Ave., property (lost).

5:02 p.m. Cedar St., fire, log entry.

5:57 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

7:08 p.m. South Main St., house checks.

7:21 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:30 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

12:12 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

12:31 a.m. Sohier St., open door/window.

10:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St., property (found), safekeeping.

10:51 a.m. South Main St., general services.

11:23 a.m. South Main St., assist motorist.

12:58 p.m. Bayberry Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:05 p.m. North Main St., and Ripley Rd., fire, (misc.).

2:43 p.m. Rocky Lane and North Main St., traffic control.

3:08 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

4:24 p.m. North Main St., and Cedar St., animal control.

5:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:13 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

5:34 p.m. Cedar Acres Drive, animal control.

6:55 p.m. Atlantic Ocean, accident boat, rescued.

7:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

10:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious person.

11:06 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

11:37 p.m. Arrowwood Rd., noise complaint.

SUNDAY, JULY 25

1:03 a.m. Lamberts Lane, open door/window.

9:30 a.m. Nichols Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:07 p.m. Elm St., animal control.

2:36 p.m. Tupelo Rd., medical aid, patient sign off.

6:19 p.m. White Head Rd., officer wanted, department action, juvenile arrest, 16 years of age, B&E in the daytime for felony, malicious destruction of property, more than $250, person under 21 in possession of liquor.

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10:30 p.m. Sohier St., building checks, secured building.

MONDAY, JULY 26

12:46 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:24 a.m. Border St., animal control, area search negative.

8:52 a.. King St, fire, investigation, investigated/report taken.

8:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, burglary/breaking and entering, investigated/report taken.

10:07 a.m. White Head Rd., investigation.

10:38 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid, investigated/report taken.

10:41 a.m. Elm St., investigation.

2:56 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

3:19 p.m. King St., disturbance.

4:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:04 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:26 p.m. Hill St., traffic complaint.

7:04 p.m. Wood Ave., medical aid, canceled before arrival.

9:38 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, suspicious auto, good intent call.

9:42 p.m. Hingham Line-3A, suspicious person.

11 p.m. Sandy Beach, general services.

TUESDAY, JULY 27

1:56 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, transported SSH.

6:38 a.m. Lamberts Lane, burglary/breaking and entering, investigated/report taken.

7:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:37 a.m. Summer St., investigation, unfounded.

10:24 a.m. White Head Rd., animal control.

12:25 p.m. White Head Rd., investigation.

1:02 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted, no police service necessary.

2:02 p.m. Church St., warrant of apprehension, unfounded.

2:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist motorist, referred to other agency.

5:27 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:18 p.m. Pond St., traffic complaint.

7 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:38 p.m. King St., officer wanted, no police service necessary.

7:43 p.m. Sohier St., fire, (misc.).

10:56 p.m. Pleasant St., officer wanted, investigated/report taken.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

1:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, open door/window, secure building.

3:26 a.m. North Main St., vandalism.

6:59 a.m. North Main St., and Forest Ave., general services.

8:49 a.m. King St., medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:21 a.m. Pleasant St., parking complaint.

12:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted, arrest: Karl M. Sault, 23, 24 K St., Hull. Charges: A&B with dangerous weapon.

12:55 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire, investigation.

2:02 p.m. Depot Ct., fire, investigation.

4:01 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:41 p.m. Beechwood St., fire, investigation, no fire service necessary.

8:18 p.m. Elm St., road rage, verbal warning.

10:08 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, medical aid, no fire service necessary.

10:24 p.m. North Main St., annoying phone calls, investigated/report taken.

THURSDAY, JULY 29

7:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Route 228, general services.

9:37 a.m. Elm St., animal control, referred to other agency.

3:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, transported SSH/ALS.

8:19 p.m. Forest Ave, assist citizen.

8:38 p.m. South Main St., fire, (misc.).

10:28 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.

11:34 p.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint.

11:57 p.m. South Main St., assist citizen, referred to other agency.

FRIDAY, JULY 30

6:07 a.m. Sohier St., power outage.

6:56 a.m. Cedar St., general services, referred to other agency.

8:46 a.m. King St., animal control, referred to other agency.

9:32 a.m. Elm Ct., and Elm St., animal control, referred to other agency.

9:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

11:07 a.m. Sanctuary Pond Rd., fire, inspections.

11:13 a.m.; Fairoaks Lane, property (lost).

12:09 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

3:42 p.m. Highland Ave., animal control, referred to other agency.

5:47 p.m. South Main St., vandalism.

6:47 p.m. Highland Ave., larceny, investigated/report taken.

7:37 p.m. Reservoir Rd., medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:49 p.m. South Main St., animal control, referred to other agency.

11:31 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

SATURDAY, JULY 31

12:50 a.m. Headquarters, assist other Police Department.

2:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:08 a.m. Hillside Drive, suspicious person, area search negative.

5:47 a.m. North Main St., medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:44 a.m. Beechwood St., assist motorist.

7:57 a.m. Sohier St., medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:56 a.m. North Main St., fire, investigation.

2:11 p.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted/parking ticket issued.

2:25 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

2:46 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

3:01 p.m. Hull St., parking complaint.

3:28 p.m. Elm St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

4:40 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

5:42 p.m. King St., property (lost).

5:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, B&E motor vehicle.

6:28 p.m. Sohier St., and North Main St., animal control.

6:41 p.m. King St., medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:11 p.m. Kendall Village St., assist citizen/unfounded.

7:19 p.m. King St., and Sohier St., property (found), log entry information.



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Meeting the challenge posed by August

GREEN THUMBS UP



SUZANNE MAHLER

As the month of August progresses, many misplaced wildflowers begin to show their true colors. Even experienced gardeners are inclined to let unidentified plants linger in their borders, unsure if they are weeds, desirable seedlings, or perennials purchased in previous seasons whose labels have mysteriously wandered away. Some of these are remarkably easy to extricate such as the omnipresent jewelweed with its fleshy leaves and small trumpet-shaped orange flowers. Attractive to hummingbirds, these members of the Impatiens family are prevalent in moist, shady areas and will usually come up with just a gently tug on the tip of the plant. Others are much less accommodating and by the time we realize that they are weeds, they are firmly entrenched in our gardens. Mugwort, for instance, has foliage reminiscent of chrysanthemums early in the season but this vigorous member of the Artemisia family is a thug that spreads rampantly and often overtakes entire gardens crowding out many desirable plants. Intruders like dandelions, dock, and pokeweed require a digging fork to assist in their removal to ensure the entire taproot is lifted or they may reappear stronger than ever.

Weeds and crabgrass once again overrun many of my gardens that appeared weed-free a week ago. Although I prefer the old-fashioned method of pulling weeds one-by-one, occasionally the infestation becomes so overwhelming that it may be necessary to break the cycle and resort to chemicals. Once a thorough weeding has been performed, the application of a weed-preventative chemical like Preen will minimize seed germination. Of course, this application often prevents the germination of desirable offspring the following season. Annual plants like cleome, portulaca, snapdragons, calendulas, bachelor buttons, cosmos, annual poppies, and perilla and biennial plants, including forget-me-nots and foxgloves, are perpetual residents of my garden thanks to their prolific seed dispersal every season. I use these weed-preventative chemicals sparingly, generally preferring to pull the undesirable interlopers to ensure the reappearance of these plants from year to year.

The irritating weeds that spread by runners pose a greater concern for dedicated gardeners. Unless every tiny thread is eradicated, these plants are often relentless, growing stronger every season. Mugwort, creeping bellflower, and wild grass have overrun several of my gardens. Allowed to persist, these noxious weeds have infiltrated clumps of daylilies and other perennials to the point that even a carefully administered dose of Roundup would be futile. As the month progresses, I plan to pull the superficial growth and eventually lift each perennial and even bare-root the daylilies to remove every visible weed fiber and apply Roundup to newly emerging growth on remnants left behind. Although a tedious, time-consuming undertaking, this desperate action seems the only effective means of dealing with these thugs. In the meantime, removing seedheads is critical to prevent further invasions to other gardens.

As I wander through the garden on weed patrol, I pause to clip spent flowers. The routine practice of deadheading is essential for creating a tidy, ever-blooming garden. One primary reason to deadhead is purely aesthetic. Shriveled blooms and dead flower stalks are usually unsightly, spoiling the appearance of plants that are still in bloom. A few moments spent snipping withered flowers vastly improves the appearance of every plant.

Perhaps an even more important reason to deadhead is to prevent the formation of seedpods. The removal of faded flowers is essential to prolong the bloom of most plants, especially the ever-blooming annuals. If annuals are allowed to produce numerous seedpods, they tend to bloom less or may even cease to bloom entirely, as their mission to recreate themselves in a single growing season has been accomplished. Continuous deadheading of petunias, daisies, marigolds, zinnias, cosmos, verbena, salvia, snapdragons and dahlias encourages these plants to keep bearing flowers in a never-ending effort to produce seed.

For perennials, the removal of spent flowers or seed pods enables the plant to put its energy into making new growth and often prolongs bloom or may promote a second wave of blossoms later in the season. If the spent spikes of salvia, delphinium and veronica are snipped regularly, these perennials will usually produce new side shoots that produce flowers sporadically for weeks. These secondary bloom stalks are often smaller but offer color when many other perennials have faded. Coneflowers (Echinacea), heliopsis, tall phlox and coreopsis will also continue to bloom if deadheaded faithfully. Remove the stems of reblooming daylilies like Happy Returns and Stella de Oro, often covered with seedpods, and provide supplemental moisture to encourage subsequent bloom scapes until frost.

A tarp full of weeds and deadheads at the end of the day provides every gardener with a tremendous sense of accomplishment and well being and inspires us to repeat the process all summer long. Be sure to take a step back and admire your efforts.

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.5-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years. Her weekly gardening column 'Green Thumbs Up' has appeared in the Mariner newspapers for nearly a decade. She is a member of two local garden clubs, past President of the New England Daylily Society, an overseer for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and is employed at two garden centers.

Bone-in chicken thighs are great for outdoor cooking

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Chicken thighs (bone-in) are perfectly suited for the grill. They are a good size, of relatively even thickness, and are hard to overcook since the dark meat remains moist. Yet, there are many variables to test. What about brining, a barbecue rub, or marinating? What about a glaze? Skin on or off? We fired up the grill to get some answers.

Dark meat chicken has much more fat than white, which makes it juicier and more flavorful. Leaving the meat on the bone also adds flavor. We wondered if all that might prove to make brining unnecessary. We compared thighs that had brined for 90 minutes to those that had been seasoned with salt and pepper. The brined thighs did have a moist "seasoned" quality, but the unbrined thighs had more of an unadulterated chicken taste, which was great with the smoky grilled flavors. So, dump the brine. Whether or not to leave on the skin turned out to be a matter of personal taste. It's your call.

In terms of a marinade, we started with a basic olive oil marinade and compared thighs that had been left to sit for 4 hours, 1 1/2 hours, and 30 minutes to those that were simply bathed in marinade after they had been grilled. The latter method was the winner since it delivered bigger flavors and it allows one to add fresh herbs which otherwise would char on the grill. We tested various ingredients and finally settled on / cup olive oil, 3 tablespoons lemon juice, garlic, salt and chopped fresh herbs.

Another alternative is to use a dry barbecue rub before grilling the thighs. Borrowing test results from the July/August issue of Cook's Illustrated (23 spices and herbs were tested for how they held up to high heat), we carefully chose a short list of items to use in the rub. (High heat renders many common rub ingredients such as paprika either tasteless or bitter.) The final list included only chili powder, cumin, sugar, salt and pepper.

The last test was whether a glaze might work well. The method was simple: We reduced a teriyaki-style glaze in a skillet and then brushed it onto the grilled thighs after cooking. This turned out to be a simple, delicious alternative to the spice rubs and the marinade and the recipe included 4 tablespoons soy sauce, 2 tablespoons each mirin and sake, and 1/2 teaspoon sugar. Once reduced, we also added one teaspoon toasted sesame oil. In this variation of the thighs they had more flavor if lightly seasoned before grilling.

In terms of cooking, the thighs are best if cooked over a two-level fire. This keeps them from becoming charred, especially on the skin side. The initial color is established on the hot side and then they are moved to the cooler side to finish the cooing. Thighs can vary in size and cooking times, but the average- size thigh takes about 15 minutes to grill. We oiled the grates with soaked paper towel. Unless using the spice rub, we favored thighs that were lightly seasoned with salt and pepper before going onto the grill — it is difficult to fully season a dish if you add all of the flavor at the end of the cooking process.

Grilled chicken thighs

We prefer bone-in thighs since they have more flavor and are juicier. You can grill them with the skin on or off.

2 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon ground cumin
2 teaspoons brown sugar
2 teaspoons salt
1-1/2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
10 bone-in chicken thighs, skin optional

1. Combine the first five ingredients in a small bowl and set aside. Ignite grill and arrange coals (we use a full 6-quart chimney starter) in a single layer on one side of the grill and a mound on the other side to create a two-level fire.

2. Wash and pat dry the chicken thighs. Sprinkle the rub onto the thighs and pat down to help adhere. Rub cooking grates with oil-soaked paper towel wad using tongs. Place the thighs on the hot side of the grill and cook without moving and cook until well-browned, about two minutes. Turn and cook until browned on second side, about 1 1/2 minutes longer. Transfer the thighs to the cooler side of the grill and cook until firm, plump and the internal temperature reaches 165 degrees, about 12 minutes longer. Alternatively you may prick them with a paring knife. When done, the juices will run clear and the meat will no longer be pink. Serve immediately.

Serves 4 to 6.

Olive oil/lemon juice marinade

Omit the first five ingredients in the above recipe (the chili powder through the pepper). In a small bowl combine 1/4 cup best quality olive oil, 3 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 small- to-medium clove garlic, pressed or minced, 1/2 teaspoon salt, freshly ground black pepper to taste, and 2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley, thyme, sage, basil, marjoram or herb of your choice. Lightly season the thighs with salt and pepper and grill according to directions in Step 2. Once the thighs have finished cooking place them in a baking dish and drizzle with the marinade. Allow them to sit for two minutes turning every thirty seconds. Serve immediately.

With teriyaki glaze

Omit the first five ingredients in the above recipe (the chili powder through the pepper). In a medium skillet, combine 4 tablespoons soy sauce (low sodium preferred), 2 tablespoons mirin, 2 tablespoons sake, and 1/2-teaspoon sugar. Bring to a simmer and let cook until reduced to a syrupy consistency. Off heat, stir in 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil. Set aside. Lightly season the thighs with salt and pepper and grill according to directions in Step 2. Once the thighs have finished cooking remove to a platter and spoon or brush on the glaze. Serve immediately.

You can contact writers Christopher Kimball and Jeanne Maguire at kitchendetective@hcpress.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/>. For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Paying for college workshop at the Hingham Community Center

"More Dollars for College," a local college financial aid advocacy firm and author of the book "How to Give Your Child a 4-Year College Education Without Going Broke" will reveal inside secrets that saved their clients thousands of dollars on Aug. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. Hingham.

Do you know the best way to fund a four-year college education? If your household income is over $60,000 and you worry about where the money for your child's education will come from, this may be the most important event you attend.

This workshop will show you how to end the frustration over worrying how you will pay for college. You will learn not only how to survive the paying-for-college years, but what you need to do now to make college affordable. If you plan to send a child to college, you must attend. Learn how the financial aid rules apply to your family.

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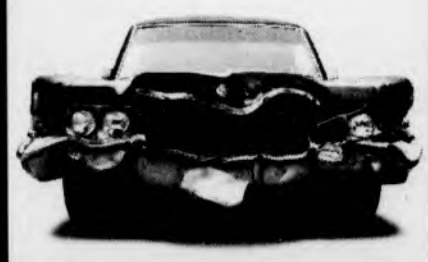
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Caution: community theatre can be a habit forming event

'Birdie' auditions are Aug. 16 & 17

By Roy Harris
SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Are you a Broadway-musical lover who's curious about what happens backstage to make a show magical? Or do you still remember some long-ago thespian experience in school, and wonder if you could still belt out a song, say a line, or do a step before an audience?

In either case, you have a chance to fulfill your fantasies on Aug. 16 & 17. Those are the Monday and Tuesday audition days — at 7 p.m. at Hingham Town Hall's Sanborn Auditorium — for the Hingham Civic Music Theatre's October production of the 1960s Broadway delight "Bye Bye Birdie." It is a show loaded with hit songs, including "Put On a Happy Face," "A Lot of Living to Do" and "Kids." The callback date is Thursday, Aug. 19.

The actual production of "Birdie" will be staged at Hingham High School on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 16 & 17 (a matinee), and again on Friday and Saturday evenings, Oct. 22 & 23. Auditioners are asked to bring sheet music and be prepared to sing one verse of one song of their choice — not necessarily from "Birdie"— that shows their vocal range. An accompanist is provided. A "minimal dance audition" is also held. All principal roles are open, and the director also is seeking about 15-20 people for the chorus ensemble, including some children (age 12 and older.)

One cautionary note from this writer: auditioning and performing in such community theatre can become habit-forming.

After 35 years since last appearing on stage as a member of the chorus in a college musical, I timidly took a chance two years ago when HCMT began casting for its production of "Damn Yankees." I didn't get the role I wanted — the manager who sings "You Gotta Have Heart"— but eventually was thrilled with the role the director offered me. (I got to sing a solo, and sell my soul each performance to Mr. Applegate, the musical's devil character.) Next production, I was back for "The Music Man," and a new affiliation with yet another wonderful group of HCMT players.

With its charming Charles Strouse-Lee Adams music, "Birdie" tells the story of young, Elvis-style rock 'n roll phenomenon Conrad Birdie, and the havoc he wreaks among star-struck families in Sweet Apple, Ohio. The director of HCMT's production is community theatre veteran Mark Bono, with music direction by Bob Kniffen and choreography by Stephen Lee. For more information on the auditions, contact stage manager Pat Sherman at 781-837-1499 (stagemomma2003@yahoo.com), or Bono at 617-696-6569 (mgbono@msn.com).



Director Mark Bono (center) demonstrates a mock-up of a "Bye Bye Birdie" set for Hingham Civic Music Theatre members, from left, Roy Harris, Trophy Woodward, Pauline Rockwell and Joel Leonard. Auditions for the musical will be held at Town Hall's Sandborn Auditorium on Aug. 16 & 17.

Step back in time at tool exhibit

Tells story of Hingham's past at Old Ordinary

By Constance Gorfinkle
SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

The tools on exhibit at the Old Ordinary house museum in Hingham tell the story of our country as much as any book might. As mundane as a hatchet and as complex as a sextant, they demonstrate the ingenuity and determination of our forbears as they carved out a home for themselves on land that often was less than hospitable.

Most of the items in the show are culled from the collection of the Hingham Historical Society, which owns and runs the Old Ordinary, a one-time way station for travelers. Ranging from the mid-1700s to the early 1900s, they line the walls of a large room off the house's kitchen and fill cases in a nearby Exhibit Room, providing an insight into the wide variety of trades practiced in Hingham during that period. Using the terms of the day, there were housewrights, shipwrights, curriers (leather workers), joiners (did interior finish work) and, most famously, coopers, whose Hingham buckets are still prized possessions.

Of course, there were also cabinetmakers, shoemakers and blacksmiths, all of whom contributed their skills to making life better before mass manufacturing took over most of those chores.

The Historical Society's tool collection always has been in plain sight. But it took the efforts of the Old Ordinary's co-chairmen, Lisa Hemphill and Penni Hughes, to display them in a way that would capture the imagination and bring to life the world in which they played vital roles. The women did that by improving the lighting in the Tool Room, organizing the display in a coherent fashion and providing clear explanations of each tool's function through attractive signage created by Virginia McLaughlin.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Chris Nassise, a furniture-maker and student at the North Bennett School, which teaches traditional trades demonstrates the process of shaping wood at the Old Ordinary Tools of the Trade exhibit.

That this exhibit could be mounted at all, Lisa Hemphill say, is due to Rear Admiral Harold Travis Smith. A director of the Historical Society from 1950 to 1956, Smith, says Hemphill, undertook the daunting project of repairing, cleaning and identifying the use and origin of the Society's hundreds of tools and fragments through exhaustive research at libraries and museums.

While the Tool Room presents a broad survey of tools used for carpentry, shipbuilding, house building and precision metal-casting, the Exhibit Room concentrates mainly on the art of coopering. That was not a hard decision to make, since about 80 percent of the Society's collection is composed of carpentry tools, and most of those were used to make buckets. Thus, a visitor is taken through every stage of fashioning a bucket, from quartering a log for the staves to the final smoothing of the bucket with a "spokeshave" or small drawknife.

If coopering was Hingham's best-known trade, it by no means was the only one that turned out handsome, necessary and well-made products. There were the award-winning charles Howard plow, an example of which is on display; the Stephensons' scales and balances; John Jacobs' hammers that eventually were sold world-wide, and clocks made by Joshua Wilder and Reuben Tower.

Though Hemphill and Hughes have learned a lot in organizing "Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past," Hemphill acknowledges that neither of them could have accomplished as much as they have without help from Chris Nassise, a furniture-maker and student at the North Bennett School, which teaches traditional trades.

With Nassise's guidance, the women developed an understanding and appreciation for these artifacts, which had once seemed arcane and exotic.

It's a common perception that Hemphill hopes the exhibit will help to dispel. "Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past" will be up through Sept. 11. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is $3 for adults; $1 for children. For more information, call 781-749-0013.

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THE SECOND ANNUAL JETT GOLF CLASSIC will be held on Oct. 6, at the Pine Hills Golf Club in Plymouth. A scramble format is planned. Registration and putting contest will begin at 10 am and a shotgun start is at 11:30 am. The Jett Foundation is seeking golfers and non-golfers, volunteers to help organize the event, as well as items for silent/live auction, raffle and prize donations. All levels of sponsorship are available. Dinner only tickets will also be available. Anyone wishing to get involved may call the Jett Foundation president, Christine McSherry, 781-293-2667.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619.

Thurs. Aug. 5

Weymouth Recreation Department, presents free outdoor movies and concerts at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater, Town Hall Aug. 5, "Chicken Run" 8:30 p.m. to dusk. In the event of rain, concerts and movies will be inside the Abigail Adams School auditorium. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

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The New England Patriots invite local youngsters to participate in the NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick Program during Patriots Training Camp at Gillette Stadium. The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 8-15. The NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick program is a forum for boys and girls to compete separately against their peers in punting, passing and placekicking skills. At the conclusion of Training Camp, the top boy and girl in each age division from each day of the program will advance to the Sectional Competition. Winners from that competition will compete in the Team Championships at a Patriots regular-season game. The top four scorers in each age division nationwide will travel to an NFL Playoff Game in January to compete for the national title. There is no registration fee to compete. All contestants must fill out an entry form and show a valid birth certificate for age verification. through Aug.11. at various times Schedule subject to change. Visit www.patriots.com for a complete schedule.



BEST BET

The 37th annual Pembroke Arts Festival, Aug. 7 to 8, will offer a broad spectrum of free entertainment. Highlight of the weekend program will be the concert by Catharine and the Greats at 8 p.m. Saturday evening. Other performers include Chuck Parish, Tim Jackson, Jim Mouradian, The free outdoor concert will be presented at the Harry Woods Memorial Bandstand, Route 14, Pembroke Center.

A bunch of talent

Brady entertains at SSMC Aug. 6



Wayne Brady is definitely a glass-half-full kind of guy.

The entertainer— who plays the South Shore Music Circus on Friday — won his second consecutive daytime Emmy award as best talk show host this spring, only weeks after his eponymous series ended production following two critically acclaimed, but ratings-challenged years on the air. Instead of becoming depressed at the career downturn, Brady saw the cancellation as an opportunity.

"I had a great time doing the daytime show," explained Brady last week by telephone from his Hollywood office. "It went into millions of people's homes. I also learned a lot about producing. To a certain extent, however, doing a daily television show held me back. I had started getting feature film and other offers that I couldn't accept, so it was actually okay with me when the show ended."

Brady wasted no time in accepting some of those other offers. He's preparing to record his first R&B album. Later this month, he will also begin rehearsals for his Broadway debut this fall as slick lawyer Billy Flynn in the musical "Chicago." For the Orlando native, who was still in high school when he began his career in central Florida productions including "A Chorus Line," "Jesus Christ Superstar," and "A Raisin in the Sun," Broadway has long been on the agenda.

"Back in 1997, I was supposed to originate the role of the adult Simba in "The Lion King" when it opened in New York. Then I decided to stay on the West Coast and pursue my options there. My agents weren't happy, but I was."

Before long, his agents were, too. After completing a two-year run on the syndicated sketch-comedy show, "Kwik Witz," Brady joined ABC-TV's Drew Carey-hosted "Who's Line Is It Anyway?" His spirited comic and musical improvisations earned him a 2003 Emmy Award for Best Individual Performance in a Variety, Music, or Comedy Series, making him the first performer ever to win daytime and prime-time Emmy awards in the same year.

Brady, 32, will put his well-honed improvisational skills to use this week in Cohasset. "In my show, I do plenty of live improv with a partner, Jonathan, who bounces ideas off me. I also do a 30-minute concert of song styles and songs suggested by the audience," says Brady. "Because of "Who's Line," people now come to see me with a certain expectation. That's fine, though, because with improv you are supposed to be fearful. You have to be scared to improv well."

Improv not only helped make Brady a television star, but also plays a role in the rest of his career.

"It is really an acting exercise. I've always used it to help me get over the fear I have had when I've done book shows. Improv is really a skill set. Some people think improv is supposed to be funny, but you can't teach someone to be funny. Once you learn the skill set, then you lay down the natural funny."

(Wayne Brady will be at the South Shore Music Circus, Sohier Street, Cohasset, Aug. 6. For tickets and information, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.themusiccircus.org .

- R. Scott Reedy

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Photographs by Orin H. Cunningham Jr. on Display at the North River Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield, 2000 Main Street, Route 3A, July 15 through Aug. 7.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents Kaleidoscope Children's Theater, **Cinderella**, Aug. 5, 10:30 a.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com. Box office at 130 Sohier St. www.themusiccircus.org

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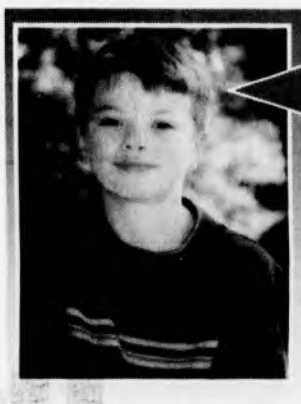
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Fri. 6

Scituate Heritage Days - Opening Ceremonies, Aug. 6, Celebrate the rich history and culture of this coastal community. Friday at 4 p.m. butterfly release. Hear proclamations by our local officials and congratulate the Heritage Days Logo Contest winner. Magical illumination of the Scituate coastline at dusk. For a complete listing of events, visit scituatechamber.org or call 781-545-4000.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery announces the continuation of its raffle at the gallery of a full-sheet sized painting by **Peter Spataro** valued at over $1,200. The Artwork will be on display throughout the Heritage weekend at the Gallery with final drawing during the membership show in October. Individual tickets are $5 or triple your chances for twice the amount three tickets for $10. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located at 124 Front St.,, Scituate, 781-545-5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays

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Poetry Workshop will be presented by The Tale Spinners, storytellers, Wiley MacMillan and Andrea Lovett, on Aug. 8, at 5 p.m., at the Marshfield Hills General Store on Prospect St. Taylor Singer, a budding young author, from Marshfield, will be the special guest. Bring a chair or blanket for seating. 7810837-4043.

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1:15 p.m. Bellevue Cadillac
3:00 p.m. Al Kooper & The Funky Faculty
Sunday Aug. 8
10 a.m. Ana Buckley & The Armstrong Brothers Band
11 a.m. Bruce Katz Band with Toni Lyn Washington
1:00 p.m. Peter Tork of the Monkees
2:30 p.m. Johnny Maestro & The Belmonts
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The Cohasset Dramatic Club's All-Kid production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory will be held on Aug. 6, at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Aug. 7, at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Front Street Book Shop in Scituate, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, by phone at 781-544-0304, or at the door. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is produced in conjunction with the Cohasset Recreation Department.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Wayne Brady**, Aug. 6. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com. Box office at 130 Sohier St. www.themusiccircus.org

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St. Weymouth, Aug 6, **Mojo Kings** 781-335-9796.

Hull Performing Arts, presents a comedy **A Curate Shakespeare As you Like It**. Outdoor performances at the Fort Revere amphitheater in Hull on July 30 and Aug 6, at 8 p.m. and on Saturdays July 31 and Aug. 7 at 4 p.m. Performance is free, but donations gladly acceptec. Bring picnic and bug spray. 781-925-2406 or visit www.hullperformingarts.com for information.

The Boston Landmarks Orchestra will perform Aug. 6, at 10:30 a.m. and noon at the **Shirley Eustis House**, Roxbury. www.landmarksorchestra.org 617-520-2200.

The Backside Tavern, Webster Square, Downtown Marshfield, presents **The J Place Band**, Aug. 6, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Satuit Band will perform Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m. at Scituate Harbor.

The Bitter Man in The Red Lion Inn, 76 S. Main St. Cohasset, presents Comedy show featuring Jim Lauletta, Caroline Plummer and John Curtin Aug. 6, Call 781-383-1704 for tickets and info. 9 p.m show. Hosted by Lance Norris from WZLX. Advance ticket purchase is strongly advised.

The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents **Big River** through Aug. 22. Mark Twain's timeless classic. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by phone at 781-871-2787 - Wednesday and Sunday $23., Thursday, Friday and Saturday $25.www.companytheatre.com/order.html

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Single Executives Club Social & Singles Dance Friday, Aug. 6, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rte. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35-55 years old. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business casual dress acceptable. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and www.se-4you.com http://www.se-4you.com

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **The Crust,** Aug. 6, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission. 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Tom Hambridge Band**, contemporary country rock, Aug. 6. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. Aug. 7

Weymouth Recreation Department, Beach Day, (rescheduled from July 24,) Aug. 7, from 1 to 5 p.m., River St., North Weymouth. Free.

Mass Audubon presents summer programs on Plymouth Beach with a **Mass Audubon Naturalist. Sunset Beach** walks with Chris Dalton, Aug. 7, 10, 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. 781-837-9400.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are organizing a cruise to the only manned lighthouse in the United States. The boat leaves the Fan Pier (in front of the Moakley Federal Courthouse, Boston) at noon and returns at 5 p.m. Once on Little Brewster Island, visitors will be able to climb the 76 steps and two ladders up to the top of Boston Light. Children must be at least either 8 years old or 50" tall to make the ascent Interpretive programs about the lighthouse and other aids to navigation will be offered. No food or drink will be available, so pack a picnic. For information about Friends activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Scituate Heritage Days Street Fair Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Handmade work by local artisans, kiddie amusement rides and live music **by Snug Harbor Community Chorus, members of Orpheus, The Mob, Bellevue Cadillac, and Al Kooper** Shuttle buses from Scituate High School and Gates Middle School. For a complete listing of events, visit scituate-chamber.org or call 781-545-4000.

The 37th annual Pembroke Arts Festival, Aug. 7 to 8, will offer a broad spectrum of free entertainment. Highlight of the weekend program will be the concert by **Catharine and the Greats** at 8 p.m. Saturday evening. Other performers include **Chuck Parish, Tim Jackson, Jim Mouradian**, The free outdoor concert will be presented at the Harry Woods Memorial Bandstand, Route 14, Pembroke Center.

Marj Bates Studio, 28 Rebecca Road, Scituate, **9th Annual Open Studio And Sale** - glass beadmaking demos, Aug. 7 and 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.glassthings.com 781-545-8290.

Scituate Artist, Carolyn Bearce will feature whimsical paintings at her open house on 18 Tilden Road, Scituate, on Aug. 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Plymouth Antiquarian Summer Fair, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the lawn of the Hedge House Museum, 126 Water St., overlooking Plymouth Harbor. 508-746-0012.

Bettina Lesieuri's First Annual Summer Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge. Lesieur Gallery is located at 301 Saint George Street in Duxbury. This exhibit features oil landscapes, ranging from miniatures to larger pieces of Duxbury and the South Shore area, Cape Cod and Islands, New Mexico, Key West, and Provence. For information call 781-934-5103 or visit www.bettinalesieur.com.

Arts Affair on the Boardwalk at Marina Bay, 500 Victory Road, Quincy, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Aug. 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 300 pieces of art will be on display by professional and amateur artists. 617-479-7400 or 617-6181.

Hull Performing Arts, presents **A Summer Movie Series.** Enjoy some family films favorites at the Fort Revere amphitheater 60 Farina Road, Hull, on Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, at dusk. Movies rated no higher than PG. Bring lawn chair, picnic and bug spray. 781-925-2406 or visit www.hullperformingarts.com for information.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents **"Weather Report,** paintings and drawings by **Alix White,**" through Aug. 30. 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866-JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Plaster Play 263 Washington St. Norwell, will host a hand-print play shop. 781 659-0011.

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Helen's Cafe 16 Commercial St. Braintree, **Comedy Night:** Aug. 7, at 8:30 p.m. Featuring: **Michael Petit, Annette Pollack, Vernon Harrision, Jeff Clough, Courtney Cronin (From L.A.) Hugo Maienza, Host Doug Mola** Admission: $10 Reservations are recommended call 781 356 4311.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **Lisa Marie and All Shook Up**, Aug. 7, 9:30 p.m., no cover. 781-871-7175.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Rockin George Leh** Aug. 7. 9:30 p.m., no cover. 781-258-5232.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Allan & The Alligators,** Aug. 7, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Loaded Dice**, rhythm and blues, Aug. 7. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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Artisan Marj Bates will open her studio at 28 Rebecca Road to the public Aug. 7 and 8 for the 9th Annual Open Studio And Sale . There will also be glass beadmaking demonstrations. The studio is open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information go to www.glassthings.com or call 781-545-8290.

Tour is tonic for Loggins

Singer/songwriter and son make Cohasset stop Aug. 11



Kenny Loggins will probably perform most of his biggest hits, including "This Is It," "Whenever I Call You Friend," "Meet Me Half Way," and "House at Pooh Corner," next Wednesday at the South Shore Music Circus. After a recent painful separation from wife, Julia, however, Loggins will be steering clear of songs that remind him of his second failed marriage.

"There's some music I just can't do yet, because I've only been out of the marriage for five months and it has been excruciating," explained Loggins, 56, last week by telephone from Las Vegas.

Kenny and Julia Loggins were married 12 years ago. In 1997, the pair co-wrote a marital self-help book, *The Unimaginable Life: Lessons Learned on the Path of Love*, which was also the title of a Loggins album released that year and dealing with the same themes of unconventional love. A new age devotee, Julia introduced Kenny to a host of spiritual advisers and therapists. At his suggestion, the couple was married in the nude, his way of showing they had nothing to hide. She got him to shave off the beard he had worn for 25 years. After having two children together, in addition to Kenny's three adult children from his first marriage, the free-spirited pair went their separate ways earlier this year. Loggins admits that having shared the secrets of the marriage in such a widely publicized manner has made its demise even more difficult.

"This whole situation has been painful, even more so because we came forward in our book and shared our spirituality with the world," says the singer and songwriter. "We promised one another to support our spiritual and emotional growth, though, and that's still involved in our lives even during this separation."

Loggins — whose best-selling songs include "Danger Zone" from *Top Gun*, "I'm Allright" from *Caddyshack* and "Footloose" from the feature film of the same name — first gained fame in the early 1970s as one half of Loggins and Messina. Loggins and Jim Messina, charting with "Your Mama Don't Dance," "Angry Eyes," and "Danny's Song" before splitting in 1976. Loggins has been a solo act ever since, but this summer will be joined at some of his tour dates by his son, Crosby Loggins. During this trying time, the younger Loggins will be doing more than just opening for his father.

"Crosby is doing some dates with me, including Cohasset, as a favor. Crosby's record label would prefer he focus on his own career. They're not too happy when he comes out on the road with me. It is entirely an act of love for him to be doing this so he can be close to be me right now. I'm loving having Crosby on the road with me. He is the most wise and empathetic person I know."

And talented, too, according to the elder Loggins who offers his full support even though he is well aware of the challenges his son may face in show business.

"I encourage him, because it is so obvious that it is his passion. To go into the same field as your very successful father, however, is very difficult. He will do well, though, because he is a brilliant songwriter. He's very much in the acoustic rock, John Mayer style that's happening now. Once he finishes his record, I'd love to be his opening act."

(Kenny Loggins will perform at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset Wednesday, Aug. 11. For tickets and information, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

-R. Scott Reedy



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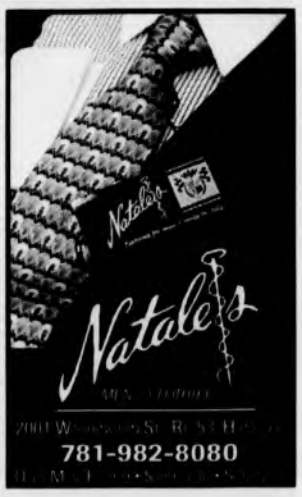
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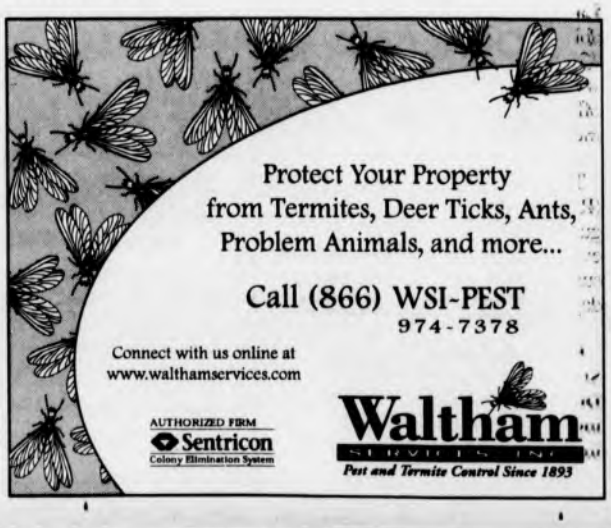
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Sun. Aug. 8

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Marshfield residents John Robie and Susan Dolan will be performing at Quincy Point Congregational Church, 444 Washington St. on "Joyful Noise Sunday" on Aug. 8, at 10 a.m.

Scituate Heritage Days Street Fair Aug. 8, from 10 a.m. to -4 p.m. Front Street Fair continues with live music by **Eric Burdon and the Animals, jazz vocalist Toni Lynn Washington with the Bruce Katz Band, Johnny Maestro and the Belmonts, Peter Tork of the Monkees, and Ana Buckley and the Armstrong Brothers Band**. Shuttle buses from Scituate High School and Gates Middle School. For a listing of events, visit scituatechamber.org or call 781-545-4000.

The Historic Isaac Winslow House announces a public book reading by **Sarah Messer** of excerpts from her recently published book, titled **Red House Aug. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m.** Free. 781-837-2403.

Saint Stephen's Church presents its **80th annual Summer Carillon recitals** on Sundays at 6 p.m. on the Cohasset Common Aug. 8, **Daniel Kerry Kehoe** of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. Free, rain or shine. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic supper to the church courtyard on Highland Avenue or to the common. 978-475-2599 or 781-383-1083.

The Tale Spinners Storyteller featuring **Andrea Lovett,** will share some of their stories Aug. 8, at 5 p.m. on the front porch of the **Marshfield General Store**, 165 Prospect St., Marshfield musicians, artists, poets, neighbors and friends are encouraged to share their talents. Free. 781-837-9720 or 781-871-5892.

Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson will appear together in concert at Campanelli Stadium Aug. 8, at Campanelli Stadium.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased at the Rox ticket office, by phone at 508-559-7070, or from ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com. All tickets are $45 (plus service charges) and children under 12 will be admitted free, with a paying adult. **The Hot Club of Cowtown** will open the show at 6:30 p.m.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Loretta LaRoche**, Aug. 8. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com. Box office at 130 Sohier St. www.themusiccircus.org

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150 (Rear) Front St., Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. all summer. Bar and grill open all day. 781-545-3999.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Dixieland Jazz concert featuring John Clark and his wolverine Jazz Band, from 6 to 9 p.m.** Aug. 8, 9 p.m. Admission $10. Dinner beginning at 5 p.m. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance every Sunday evening at **Raffael's Restaurant** Nantasket, Clarion Hotel, 45 Hull Shore Dr., Hull 781-925-4515. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Live dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and The Presidents Club of Boston.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Mon. Aug. 9

1749 Courthouse Museum, Town Square, Plymouth, is free and filled with items of Plymouth's history. Open through Oct. 2. 508-830-4075 or 508-746-7789.

South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond, Hanover, offers **Parenting Lecture and Support** . Aug. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. **Potty Training**. Pre-registration is required. 781-829-8585x321.

Hingham Public Library presents an exhibit by **J. Michael Sullivan**, **The Sublime Color of Northern Italy**, through Sept. 24.

Plymouth Ice Rink opens registration for Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Clinics The Armstrong Arena has opened registration for two preseason conditioning clinics t Puck Control & Shooting and Pre-Season Conditioning will be offered at the ice rink during the week of Aug. 16-20. To register or for information, call 781-871-7960 or visit www.BayStateHockey.com.

Tues. Aug. 10

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club on North Street, across the street from Seven Eleven on North Street. Non-profit weight loss support group. For information, the T.O.P.S. website is: www.tops.org or call, Eleanor at 781-335-4942.

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Legal and Financial Issues & Answers for Families coping with Alzheimer's Disease, presented by Attorney Brian Barreira, Aug. 10, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St.. Free. Pre-registration required by calling 800-548-2111.

South Shore Manic-Depression and Depression Support Group-open to anyone with a mood disorder and their friends and family. Meeting at Pembroke Hospital (Oak Street, Pembroke) every Thursday at 7 p.m. 781-829-7211.

Y.A.N.A. (You Are Not Alone,) a support group for widows and widowers will meet Aug. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Holbrook United Methodist Church hall, 60 Plymouth St., (Rt. 139), near Holbrook Square. Welcomes all widowed persons and supportive friends in the South Shore area. 781-767-4844 or 508-668-5226.

Mamma Mia, the musical based on the songs of **ABBA** has extended through Aug. 29, at the **Colonial Theatre**. This is the final Boston engagement - must close Aug. 29. Performances Tuesday through Sunday. Call ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com Group sales 617-482-8616. For information call 617-426-9366.

Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents **Marine and Local Scenes** at its New Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, through Aug. 29. 781-545-6150, www.scituateartsassociation.com

The Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St. Hingham. An exhibit, **Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past** features antique tools from the society's collection and is on view during museum hours. The Old Ordinary is open through Sept. 11. For information call 781-749-0013 or visit http://www/hinghamhistorical.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Wed. Aug. 11

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Donald Heath** will exhibit his paintings for the month of August at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, Aug. 11, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime – **Small is Tall** Beth will keep the beat as she reads **Boom Chicka Rock** and **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom.**

Mass Audubon presents summer programs at Plymouth Beach, **Birding the Beach**, Aug. 11, with Chris Dalton, 8 to 11 a.m. with Chris Dalton. 781-837-9400.

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no monies are exchanged - Just time.) Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc.) moving furniture, the list is endless. Procrastinating can be a thing of the past. Membership fees: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, at 781-871-2583.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will feature an exhibit by **Ted Polomis** through Aug. 30. 781-383-1348 www.polomis.com

The Continentals present their concert for 2004 at **First Baptist Church**, 660 Country Way in Scituate on Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. The concert is free; however, a free will offering will be taken during the concert. For information call 781-545-0058. A time of fellowship and refreshment will follow in Fellowship Hall

The Monhegan Experience paintings of Monehegan Island by members of the **North River Arts Society** at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St., Rockland.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. Aug. 12

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth College of Visual and Performing Arts will feature an exhibition of rare prints entitled "Tabernacle, Temple, King, Adulteress: Depictions of Jewish Religion and Life in 17th and 18th Century European Prints" in the University Art Gallery located in downtown New Bedford.



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Free and open for viewing all summer until Sept. 9.

Mass Audubon presents summer programs at Plymouth Beach, **Birding the Beach**, Aug. 12, with David Clapp, 8 to 11 a.m. 781-837-9400.

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Police survey coming soon

By Mary Ford
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Have you ever been the victim of a crime in Cohasset?

Is domestic violence a serious problem?

Have you ever been arrested or reported a crime?

Do you agree or disagree that telephone calls to the Cohasset Police Department are handled professionally and courteously?

Are there enough women on the CPD?

These questions and many more – that are expected to take 20-25 minutes to respond to – are part of a police department survey that will soon be available to residents.

Selectmen gave Police Chief James Hussey's draft survey a warm reception at their meeting Tuesday.

They weren't comfortable with questions about race and income, but understood the survey is anonymous and respondents can choose to skip questions they may not wish to answer or have no opinion about.

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Shop gives village a new Twist



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Sue McCarthy's shop Twist provides some colorful excitement among the stores in downtown Cohasset.

Energetic owner has creative flair

By Samantha Brown
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Just as a twist of lemon has the ability to add a little zing, Sue McCarthy's South Main Street shop "Twist" has done the same for Cohasset Village.

With shades of lime and mango splashing the walls, an aqua polka-dotted lamp hanging over the resister, and an owner just as colorful as the items she sells — Twist is a vibrant new downtown shop which is anything but ordinary.

"It was something we'd thought about, and I was never really going to do it, and look at me now."
— Sue McCarthy, Twist

A designer at heart, and by profession, McCarthy has been blessed with a creative flair. Her vision has produced everything from clothing to greeting cards and stationery, to plates and serving trays, which are marketed under the pseudonym Sue Dreamer.

McCarthy, a Scituate resident, has a wide selection of items for everyone in the family. With cheerful patterns in many shades and colors, she has crafted her own distinct line of products, including clothing, stationery, specialty gifts,

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PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

AGAINST THE WIND
Elizabeth Alexander finds out her surfboard makes a good sail in the breeze at Sandy Beach.

Getting to heart of new technology

Defibrillators to be installed in all schools

By Samantha Brown
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Supt. Denise Walsh and the Cohasset Fire Department have a lot in common. Both want Automated External Defibrillators, which can give a life-saving shock to someone in cardiac arrest, available in every school and both have witnessed firsthand how important it is to have one available during an emergency.

When a fifth-grade student at one of Walsh's previous school districts went into cardiac arrest, it changed her outlook on AEDs forever. Without an AED on site, the young child almost lost his life. Fortunately, the nurse was able to resuscitate him. "But we learned a very tough lesson that day." Walsh said as of that moment, she vowed to never again be put into a position where the necessary equipment to save a child's life was not available during an emergency.

"On the Cape, they're as common as can be. We're trying to play catch up."
— Fire Capt. Robert Silvia

With the help of fire Capt. Robert Silvia, the schools will be working toward installing AEDs in all three Cohasset public schools. The goal is to have one AED installed at the Osgood School, another at Deer Hill, and two at the middle-high school. Silvia proposed the idea to the school committee Monday, and it received unanimous support.

With the current budget situation for the schools, members of the school committee wondered how the devices would be paid for. Each AED unit, complete with a wall mount, costs roughly $2,500. The department would like to purchase AEDs which are very user-friendly, are color coded, and "speak" to the user, giving proper operating instructions. They run on batteries, which have a life span of roughly five years, or 300 shocks, and come with two adult pads and one pediatric pad, which can be used for children under 8 years old.

Silvia said already, funds for one AED for the schools have been donated by the Chatterton fund, started in memory of former longtime high school Athletic Director Clark Chatterton, who passed away in the summer of 2000. The committee said it will look into different grant programs and possible fund-raisers which would provide the funding for three additional AEDs.

In addition to the goal of four

SEE TECHNOLOGY, PAGE 4

Search for new town manager to start

By Mary Ford
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Selectmen have appointed an 11-member search committee to look for a new town manager.

The first advertisement for the position will be placed the end of August, but advertising on the Internet could start sooner.

Plans are to have résumés submitted to the selectmen's office by Sept. 28. The committee will narrow the field down to five finalists and provide their names to the board of selectmen that will choose the next town manager.

The town manager search committee consists of library trustee Shiela Evans; advisory committee chairman Donna McGee; school committee member Rick Flynn; Sam Pease of the capital budget committee; DPW employee Mary Snow; treasurer/collector Joe DiVito; citizens-at-large Melissa Brown and John Brown who both have business experience; and selectmen Fred Koed and Rob Spofford.

Selectmen said the salary would be commensurate with experience and declined to provide a salary range at their Tuesday meeting.

Mark Haddad, the former town manager who resigned in May, was paid $105,475 a year. He held the position for seven years. Finance Director Michael Buckley has been serving as acting town manager since Haddad stepped down and is not seeking the town manager post on a permanent basis.

Selectmen hope to have a new town manager in place by the November Special Town Meeting.

Nineteen citizens applied for the search committee, selectmen said.

The search committee that plans to hold its first meeting the week of Aug. 23 will look at involving a municipal search firm and won't limit it search to New England. As an example, Duxbury Town Manager Rocco Longo came from New Jersey, selectmen noted.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who suggested ads be placed in the Wall Street Journal and New York Times, stressed the committee should be open to applicants with a business background and not be limited to those with strictly municipal experience.

Dormitzer said it is critical that "we can the very best person we can."

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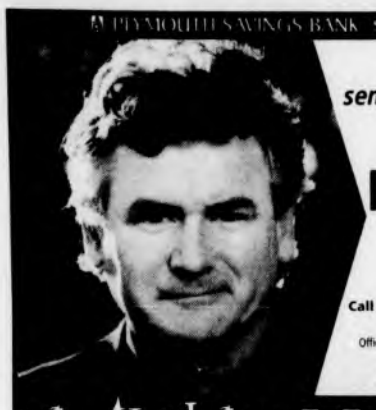
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Upcoming meetings

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Advisory Committee, Aug. 12, 5 p.m.

Board of Health, Aug. 18, 7 p.m.,

Conservation Commission, Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Planning board, Aug. 25, 7 p.m. [20 Bow St.].

Selectmen, Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Town Manager Act Review Committee, Aug. 25, 7 p.m.

Water Resources Protection Committee, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant

Water Commission, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant

ZBA, Aug. 19, 8 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Correction is noted

The Magical Moon Foundation, started by local artist Donna Green, is looking to raise $150,000 to send care packages to children with cancer. To date, a total of $7,500 has been raised for the cause. The total amount raised was incorrectly reported in a story last week. To make a donation, please contact the Magical Moon Foundation at 1-800-840-0205 or at P.O. Box 83, Marshfield Hills, MA 02051.

KoKo Island is open

KoKo Island continues to be open for business. The establishment won't close until plans to redevelop the site move ahead. KoKo Island has been serving the town for about 25 years.

Landscaping looks good at high school

One of the last phases of the school construction projects is being completed and landscaping is providing the finishing touch at the high school. New plantings have gone in around the outside of the building, and mulch has been laid down. But one of the greatest improvements are the courtyards, which have been transformed into beautiful green spaces where there once were weeds.

To help keep the plants going strong, they need to be watered regularly, bur during construction, pipes which would have enabled sprinkler hookups were cut off. The high school currently has hoses running from the restrooms through the halls, and out the doors to the courtyards.

Early use of field

Although the school building committee recommend the back field at the high school be given three growing seasons before it is used, the school committee is requesting the field be used this fall. Athletic Director Ron Ford said this was the year the school was supposed to get the field back, and with the other restrictions for fields which have also been re-seeded, "We have no place to go," he said.

Football practice begins in two weeks, and Ford said if the field can be used for practice only, next spring the teams won't need it and it can "rest." However, for now, it is essential the players have a field to practice on.

While it is a risk, Supt. Denise Walsh said the town has agreed to support the schools in the early release of the field and re-seed if needed. The building committee will have the final say on whether to release the field or not.

School Committee has new meeting room

The School Committee will holds its next meeting from the newly equipped meeting room near the superintendent's office. Cameras and other equipment arrived at the school Aug. 9 which will allow the meetings to be televised. The committee's Sept. 9 meeting is slated to be held in the new meeting room instead of the library, provided the installation is complete.

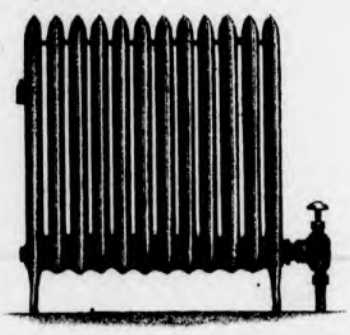
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Sun. 15	11:55	8.9	5:39	11:59	10.2	5:44
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Facelift, expansion on DiNero's menu

By Samantha Brown
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Roughly one month ago, representatives from DiNero's restaurant came before the planning board with potential plans to renovate and expand their current operation. That idea has morphed into a concrete plan, as restaurant owner Frank Plotner has formally filed a site plan review application, allowing the public hearing process to begin.

Looking for ways to better accommodate guests, Plotner assembled a team of experts to help with a redesign of the site. Members of that team met informally with the planning board to gain feedback, and came back with not only plans in hand, but letters of endorsement for the proposed changes from more than 20 patrons.

Changes to the restaurant, which includes an expansion of the function room, will change its shape from the outside. The new silhouette will be more in keeping with the surrounding architecture. "We're going for an expanded farmhouse look," said Frank Amonte of Kelly Engineering, the firm that Plotner has hired to help with the expansion. In addition to the new shape, patrons will see new windows on the original building as well as a new outside canopy. The new color palette will be shades of navy blue, tan, and creme. A new exposed aggregate walkway will be installed outside for accessibility. Landscaping will be irrigated, and plantings will be low-growing to assure visibility is not impeded.

Because the restaurant will be adding roughly 1,700 square feet with the renovations, there will be a need for additional parking. Plans will reconfigure parking to aid in the flow of traffic, which has gone over very well with the planning board, as parking has been very problematic at the site in the past. DiNero's is located in West Corner at 235 Hull St., and virtually sits on the road. With the current parking configuration, patrons have needed to back up onto the street, which isn't the safest means of exiting the site. There also has been a completely open egress at the parking lot entrance, which has also caused parking lot confusion. The new plans have one exit and one entrance, and greenspace on the portion of the lot closest to the street, to help control the flow of traffic.

Currently, there are 27 spaces striped for parking, but they are more narrow than what the town requires, and many times patrons do not fill every space for fear of having someone else open their car door and bump into them. Currently, parking spaces are striped at 17 ft. 6 ins. by 7 ft. 6 ins., when the town requires 20 ft. by 9 ft. 6 ins. Amonte said new spaces will comply with the width and length criteria of the town. The new configuration will have 37 total spaces, of which two are set aside for the apartment located above the restaurant. The new configuration has two more spaces than the restaurant is required to have.

On the inside will be a new function room, which can potentially be broken up into two smaller function rooms by using dividers, freeing up space in the main dining room. Currently there are 70 seats at DiNero's, and that number would be increased to roughly 93 with the new expansion. With the additional space, tables will be able to spread out, which will have patrons sitting more comfortably. In addition, the function room will increase the variety of services the restaurant can provide, as it will enable DiNero's to host small functions and gatherings without having to close the entire restaurant to the public. The current ceiling height in the dining room is only 7 ft. 2 ins., and expansions would allow for a ceiling height of between 12 and 15 feet. There will also be two new restrooms constructed near the new addition, and the current restrooms will remain where they are.

One concern voiced by the planning board at the informal discussion was the possibility of additional light and noise from the site, and how that will impact abutters. Since that meeting, noise and lighting studies have been done. Amonte said the new refrigeration unit will be enclosed and there will be a significant decrease in noise on the site with the new equipment.

Amonte also said all lighting on the property will be cast downward to eliminate ambient light spillage. He said Plotner has already begun implementing a code of operation which will dictate the lights that should and should not be kept on after the restaurant closes. Some lighting is required on site at all times for safety.

Some abutters were concerned about the location of the dumpster on site. The plans show it will be moved to the far right corner of the parking lot, away from the restaurant. The dumpster is currently standing closer to the restaurant, and abutter John Fairchild, whose home essentially looks over the restaurant and dumpster at its current location, said because it is routinely emptied and sanitized, he never notices any odors.

Representatives from DiNero's will be back before the planning board to continue the public hearing on Aug. 25.

What are the odds for Keno at DiNero's?

By Samantha Brown
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DiNero's restaurant at West Corner hasn't given up hope for a Keno license.

The restaurant has an expansion plan before the planning board, which could eliminate its parking problems.

Selectman Chairman Michael Sullivan said he isn't sure what the outcome would be should the restaurant apply for a license again. "They applied once, and it was denied based largely on neighbor opposition," said Sullivan. He said the concerns of abutters will need to be factored in again if an application is filed.

Selectmen voted in June 2002 to object to DiNero's request for a Keno license. The request then went before the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission, which has the authority to issue the license. The lottery commission upheld the selectmen's ruling, and DiNero's did not receive a license. At that time, Gregory Sullivan, attorney for DiNero's, said the game would generate about $2,000 a week for the restaurant.

Some abutters worry a second Keno license application will be filed as a result of changes to the building and have asked the planning board to take control of the matter.

Maria Plante, 798 Jerusalem Road, said she would like to see the planning board instate a no-gambling condition for site plan approval. Without Keno, she said she would have no problem with the restaurant's expansion. Other abutters expressed similar opinions.

However, members of the planning board weren't sure whether denying a site plan or conditioning a site plan based essentially on a license which is granted by another town board is within the board's purview. Member Peter Pratt suggested the board ask Town Counsel for an opinion.

Attorney Sullivan said the restaurant is entitled to a Keno license. He selectmen have looked into the matter in depth. He believes the consensus of the board was that if the parking lot was expanded, DiNero's could reapply. While Attorney Sullivan said there aren't any specific provisions made in the new plans for Keno, and that owner Frank Plotner is not requesting a Keno license at this point in time, he is optimistic about the future. "I think the issue will resolve itself," he said.

Balance of power protected by TMA

Selectmen need to use oversight

The Town Manager Act Review Committee also wants to give the advisory committee more of a say in the budget process.

By Mary Ford
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It's could be a very different board of selectmen.

That's the message from the Town Manager Act Review Committee which has found there is little to change in the act itself — but a lot the selectmen could do to ensure there is a balance of power at Town Hall.

The review committee is charged with coming up with recommendations for potential changes to the Town Manager Act voted at the 1997 annual Town Meeting and subsequently enacted by the state Legislature.

Over the past two months, as committee members delved into the wording of the Town Manager Act, itself, a common theme resonating throughout their meetings has been the fact the act now provides selectmen with the power to exercise control over actions and recommendations of the town manager.

Selectmen just need to use their power of oversight, the committee said.

The review committee — which will provide a draft report in two weeks — has backed off a suggestion the town manager be required to live in town. Members were afraid a restriction like that might limit the pool of applicants and could ultimately cost more because the cost of living in Cohasset puts the town out of the reach for many.

The committee also wants to give the advisory committee more of a say in the budget process. While the advisory committee under the town manager form of government has been actively involved and has pushed back on many budget requests — it has no real power under the Town Manager Act. Rather than tinker with the act itself, the committee proposal would change Cohasset General Bylaws to include requiring the advisory committee's budget recommendations be printed in the Town Warrant, which is mailed to all residents prior to Town Meeting. That way residents would have ample time to review recommendations of selectmen and the advisory committee and come to Town Meeting prepared to debate potential differences.

Selectmen formed the review committee following the resignation of town manager Mark Haddad in May. Haddad's resignation after seven years in the post provided the opportunity to examine the Town Manager Act to see if it needed any wholesale changes or minor tweaking.

Review committee chairman Rob Spofford, who is also a selectman, will draft the committee report that will be available for public comment.

The committee also wants to see a different grievance procedure for employees not protected by a union. Committee members think the power to hire and fire should remain with the town manager. But they want to see clear polices and procedures established, and think the town might benefit from the services of a human resources professional, even on a part-time basis.

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Schools to get to the heart of lifesaving technology

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AEDs, Silvia said there is a possibility the schools will have access to an additional defibrillator during sports seasons. A family in town has generously donated the funds necessary to buy an AED unit, and they have specified they would like to see it made available at the beach during the summer. Silvia said because the lifeguards are only on duty for three months out of the year, that AED could be used by the sports teams the other nine months of the year. The unit will be in a waterproof case, and it can be transported to practices in the back of the golf cart with the sports trainer.

Member Jamie Williams asked if the schools would need any new insurance to be able to have the AEDs in the school. Silvia said anyone who uses the machine to save a life is covered under the Good Samaritan Act. The fire department will be offering training sessions to ensure there are always individuals around who are trained and feel comfortable using the machine, that are able to use it at a moment's notice.

Silvia said currently, the fire department has 16 members who are accredited to teach both CPR and AED training. It is his goal to one day have every junior and senior in high school CPR and AED certified, with an AED hanging in the gym, making it a truly publicly accessible piece of equipment that anyone who is trained can use.

While a policy will have to be formally adopted by the schools for AED use, Silvia said other schools that use the machines have implemented response teams made up of individuals who have all completed AED training. During an emergency, communication would be key. Someone in the office would have to be notified of the emergency and would make the 911 call, while someone else takes the defibrillator off the wall mount. Only adults would have access to the AEDs, which would most likely be kept in the nurse's office. All members of the emergency response team would be notified of the emergency and would respond quickly to help the patient while the defibrillator is delivered.

Silvia added studies have shown if a person can be defibrillated within one to two minutes of going into sudden cardiac arrest, there is an 80 percent chance of survival. However, that survival rate decreases with every passing minute, and with a delay of 10 minutes, there is a less than 5 percent chance the person will be able to pull through.

Heart safe

Silvia said implementing AEDs in schools is nothing new. On Cape Cod, every community is considered "Heart Safe," which means they all have equipment available on hand in public places that even someone with minimal training can use to save the life of someone who has gone into cardiac arrest. The town of Yarmouth has 46 AEDs spread throughout different buildings around town. "On the Cape, they're as common as can be," Silvia said. "We're trying to play catch up."

In order to have the AEDs in the schools, the school committee is required to designate an emergency healthcare provider to monitor the program and ensure all designated responders are properly trained and that AEDs are properly maintained. South Shore Hospital has set up a protocol for working with schools, and the Cohasset Fire Department has been in touch with officials there. Under the direction of the hospital, the fire department will handle all training and maintenance of the machines for the town.

Silvia said currently the hospital will only oversee AED use in schools, but he is working toward one day working out a policy which will have the hospital overseeing AED use in public buildings. However, Silvia said for anyone who owns a private business and would like to install an AED, "All you need is a doctor willing to be the medical director."

Silvia hopes to one day have AEDs available all over town. Already, every fire department truck has an AED, and the next step will be to outfit every police car with an AED as well, to ensure all first responding vehicles will all have access to the devices. After the safety vehicles, Silvia said the public buildings, such as the schools and town hall will be outfitted. From there, he hopes other buildings where many people congregate, such as the hotels and supermarkets will also receive AEDs. "We're hoping to have them as common as fire extinguishers," said Silvia.

But there is a cost associated with every AED. While the department was able to purchase theirs using grant money, outfitting buildings all over town will require some fund-raising. Silvia said he is hoping the program will not cost anything for the town, and that all the funds can be raised privately.

"We want to get as many out and as many people trained as possible," said Silvia.

An AED gift fund has been started for donations, and Silvia said, donations in any amount will be gratefully accepted. He stressed that while the units cost roughly $2,500 each, every contribution will help the department reach its goal. Those interested in making a donation can make checks payable to the town of Cohasset. Checks can be sent to either the Cohasset Fire Department, c/o Captain Robert Silvia, 44 Elm St., or to Town Manager Michael Buckley at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue.

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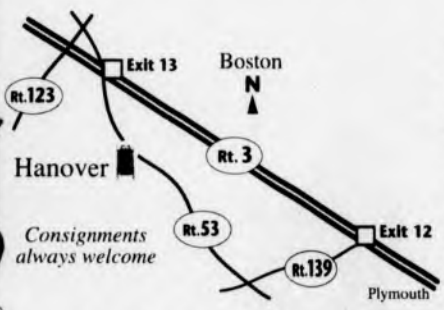
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Intramural sports program offered at the middle school

By Samantha Brown
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Middle school students will have an abundance of activities to keep them busy after school this fall. Under the direction of Athletic Director Ron Ford, a new intramural program will begin, which will allow any student to try something different, whether it be mountain biking, dance, flag football, hiking, or badminton.

As a result of budget cuts, the middle school interscholastic sports program was no longer able to continue. In its place, Ford has created a new program which he hopes will provide something for everyone.

While the interscholastic program had been geared more toward getting young athletes ready to compete in sports at the high school level, the new program would focus more on giving students of all athletic abilities and interest a chance to become involved. By offering two- to three-week sessions for a particular activity, students can keep their options open.

"It's going to be a work in progress," said Ford, adding he plans to have students fill out a survey to see what they like to do. While there are some ideas on the table for after-school activities, he would like to see students be able to participate in activities they are interested in. He hopes to use their feedback to design the program as it gets off the ground, and said pretty much anything can go, "As long as it's not bungee jumping."

Ford said the program has been designed around the themes of the middle school culture, which includes being able to explore and have new experiences. "When they get to the high school, it's such a big thing if they switch sports," he said. However, before they get to high school, Ford said they have the freedom to be able to look into all their options and keep an open mind.

School Committee member Rick Flynn said he is very optimistic about the future of the program. He said his son is going into the seventh grade this year, and he has therefore been able to get to know that class very well. "They will try anything," he said, whether it be skateboarding or any other sport or activity. He said this program will help "Let kids be kids," and learn something new while making friends.

Ford said some of the different activities which will most likely be offered are: field hockey, flag football, badminton, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, biking, walking, basket ball, yoga, wrestling, team handball, gymnastics, hiking and dance. Others can be added based on interest and an available advisor to direct the activity.

The program will be self-funding, and therefore will require sufficient enrollment to enable plans to move forward.

There will be a director other than Ford to help run the program, and advisors for each activity. Ford said he is hoping teachers with an interest in an activity will jump in and help the program get off the ground. Any activity can be a great after-school addition, and the more variety the better.

The program will be self-funding, and therefore will require sufficient enrollment to enable the plans to move forward. Students who participate will be asked to pay a user fee of $75 per semester, and $125 for the year. No student will be denied participation in the intramural program because of a financial hardship.

There will be expenses for the program, including the hiring of a director for the year at $2,000. In addition, activity advisors will be paid $30 per hour, for approximately 300 hours, for a total of $9,000. Supplies will cost roughly $2,000 per year, and 15 officials for sports with a game-ending activity will be paid $50 per activity or roughly $75- per year. Medical supplies will cost $200, lining of fields will also cost $200, a contingency fund of $250 will need to be paid, as well as T-shirts for participants which will cost roughly $1,400. To cover expenses, roughly 127 students will need to sign up for the entire year, or 211 for half the year.

For more information, please contact Athletic Director Ron Ford at (781) 383-6103 or Principal Jack DeLorenzo at (781) 383-6100.

New director of student services hired

Cohasset has a new director of student services in Marshfield resident Linda Gill. A former special education teacher in the Cohasset school system from 1989 until 1996, Gill has already "hit the ground running," spending Wednesday morning working at the school, although still employed by her former school district, said Supt. Denise Walsh.

Gill earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from Colby College in Maine, then went on to earn her master's degree in special education from Peabody College at Vanderbilt in Tennessee. She earned her certificate of advanced graduate study from Bridgewater State College.

Gill is slated to come on board around Sept. 20. She replaces Karen Watts.

School energy audit update

New school business clerk Karen Park said she has met with a representative from Keyspan to discuss the high gas bill the schools recently received. The school currently owes $90,000 to Keyspan for gas, which was an unexpected cost received at the end of the year.

Park said she walked the facilities and checked the meters with the representative and he had no suggestion for for ways to save money. He said everything is running very efficiently and there are no problems with the systems. "The answer is, we just have large buildings," said Park.

Recalibration of the heating system is going on over the summer, which will hopefully cause heat to be more evenly distributed during the winter, as some classrooms would need to open their windows last year, while other students had to wear their coats during class.

In addition, the schools are looking at possibly joining a co-op for purchasing gas through the South Shore Educational Collaborative. Joining the co-op would save the schools roughly $6,000 in gas next year.

The schools will be looking to find a contact person to discuss the electricity being used by the schools. The schools currently have an $8,000 difference between what was spent and what was budgeted for electricity, which will hopefully be able to be absorbed within the school's budget.

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Shop gives village a new Twist

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and items for babies. She also has a special line of holiday items for the whole family.

At Twist, McCarthy offers her own line of baby items, which includes clothing, bedding, layette sets, and plush toys. For children and adults, she has designed a line of jean skirts with colored pom-poms, netting, and beads for added flair. She also has items for the kitchen, including brightly colored plates and mugs, tiles with colorful cartoon images and sayings like, "New shoes cure the blues." In addition, McCarthy has a wide assortment of jewelry, ranging from crystals to beads to silver pieces.

For those who are crafty, McCarthy said she will bring in more items for scrap-booking, which she said has really taken off in other parts of the country, but hasn't caught on quite so heavily in Massachusetts. She hopes to put a spark in that trend, and bring the fun to the Northeast.

McCarthy said Twist has a little something for everyone, although she said she might need to find a few more things to fulfill the testosterone quotient. "We need more guy stuff – that's what the guys say," she joked.

Opening her own shop is something McCarthy said she and her husband Gene have been discussing for years. Gene owns his own business, McCarthy Landscaping, based out of Scituate, and Sue has considered starting a business of her own many times. "It was something we'd thought about, and I was never really going to do it, and look at me now," she said.



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Sue McCarthy stands outside Twist, her new shop on South Main Street.

Gene originally saw the former telecommunication company site for rent, and approached Sue with the idea. They decided to go for it, and Sue opened her doors during the Festival on the Common this July.

However, before McCarthy could open, the shop needed some major improvements. Gene, who is fortunately very good with his hands, took down walls and made some repairs, and with a few coats of paint, the shop was given a personality that wasn't there before.

While McCarthy used to have to travel to shows around the country to sell her creations, she now has a place where they, and the products of other talented artists she has met along the way, can be displayed. Even with a shop of her own, McCarthy said she will still travel as much as she did before, which will enable her to bring items to the people of Cohasset they may never have seen before. In fact, she will travel to New York for a show this week. "There are always more goodies to be found," she said, adding she will constantly be changing the inventory in her shop to keep it fresh and exciting. "There's just so much cool stuff out there."

McCarthy said she buys whatever she likes and those items make the cut at Twist. "I don't know how to buy stuff everyone else likes," she said, adding, "I have to really like it and be able to get excited about it," to be able to purchase it, and what usually draws her to an item is fun and color.

While Twist has only been open for a little more than a month, McCarthy said things have been going very well. She said there have been many people who have told here there is nothing else like it in the area, and she is happy to oblige.

The most exciting part for McCarthy in opening her own shop has been the uncertainty of it all. She said with any new business, "You go into it thinking, 'Is this going to work?' and you don't ever know." However, she said things have been going really well for Twist, and she only expects things to grow from here. "Christmas is going to be wild," she said.

Twist, located at 21A South Main Street, is open every day from 10-5, with extended hours during "A Sampling of Village Hospitality," held every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. until early fall. For more information, please call Sue "Dreamer" McCarthy at 781-383-4002, or visit her Web site at www.suedreamer.com.

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Class members from as far away as California, Texas and New Mexico have made the trip back to Cohasset to attend the 45th Reunion. Highlights of the reunion are a cocktail party Friday night, a Clambake Saturday evening and a brunch on Sunday morning. If further information is required, contact **Chris Ford** at 383-0026 or **Bruno Andracchio** at 545-0535

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SWARTHMORE GRAD

Jacquelene Kahn daughter of E.J. Kahn and Rose Kahn , received a bachelor of arts degree from Swarthmore College at the school's 130th commencement on Sunday, June 1. She graduated from Cohasset Jr.-Sr. High School. Jacquelene graduated with a major in education and English literature and a minor in environmental studies. She received the Centennial Conference Scholar-Athlete Award and the Friends of Swarthmore Athletics Award. She was a member of the varsity lacrosse and soccer teams.. She plans to work in public relations at Burson Marsteller in Washington, D.C..

TRUNK SHOW

Send the little ones to school in style! There will be a "Back to School" trunk show of clothes from nicknackpattywack at the Our World Children's Museum Aug. 27 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Aug. 28 from 9 a.m-3 p.m. Many of the nifty separates for kids ages 1 to 10 were designed by Cohasset's own **Karen Oronte**, who is sponsoring the show. The prices will be an unbelievable $5-$25 per item and proceeds will benefit the Museum. Clothes will be displayed in the Museum's lower level at 100 Sohier St.

20-YEAR REUNION

The CHS Class of 1984 held our 20 year Reunion this past weekend and it was so much fun. It is wonderful to see everyone and hear about their lives today, what everyone is doing and to hear about the last 20 years.

We were able to reminisce a bit and look forward to our 25th. We had several of our teachers turn out for our Tour of the new and updated CHS which for so many was a highlight of the weekend. Many thanks go out to everyone who took part in making this a weekend to remember.

To all of you who were a part of the weekend, lets make sure to stay in touch.

FAMILY POWER HOUR

Summer is going way too fast for me and my family. I am hoping to stop and enjoy August as much as we can and not stress over the approaching start of school and all that comes with it. Between camping, swimming, going to the beach and visiting with friends and family, I hope to spend some alone time with each of our children and really connect with them before the craziness of the school year begins.

I am also going to put some thought into a "Family Power Hour" and would like to extend the invitation to all families in Cohasset who would be interested. Although it is still in the very early stages, it is very apparent to me that we need some more time as a society to spend time as families and friends without the intrusion of phones, computers and basically life issues. I would love some input on how this could be done 1-3 times a week and include some exercise time as a family(possible at the track at CHS?) and also include maybe some music/games/family picnics etc.

If anyone has some ideas or would like to be involved in this, please email or call me. I got the idea from a family in Florida and they started a similar program three years ago and it is going strong and includes so many people that it went into a two-hour program!

That is all for this week. Make sure to send me in anything you have for the column at:

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Paintings that look good enough to eat

Polomis artwork in library exhibit

By Samantha Brown
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It only takes a quick trip to the kitchen for Ted Polomis to become inspired. What others see as merely fruits and vegetables, he sees as interesting subjects for his oil painting, and for Polomis, the more exotic and unusual, the better.

In the tradition of many great artists Polomis paints still lifes in the style of classical realism. While he frequently features apples and pears in his paintings, Polomis said one of his favorite objects to paint are gourds. While he said gourds are often overlooked, he finds them very interesting to paint because of their unusual shapes and combinations of color and texture. "You have to find an object you really like," in order to be able to paint it well, he said.

Although every piece he creates looks as if it could almost be a photograph, Polomis says he never tries to replicate exactly what he sees. "A lot of it is my own interpretation," he said, adding he never paints from photographs because it creating a two-dimensional piece from a two-dimensional object doesn't allow him to express the depth he sees in real life. However, by being able to turn his head and see the actual contours of the subject from many different angles, the attention to detail Polomis adds to his paintings makes them look good enough to eat.

"A lot of it is my own interpretation."
— Ted Polomis

As a South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist, Polomis will be sharing a variety of his creations in the gallery at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library until Aug. 30. All 18 pieces are oil paintings on masonite which he says give each creation a very reel feel. Masonite is a hard material which has a very smooth surface, and allows the paint to flow evenly across the top. Polomis said with other materials such as canvas, the shapes painted tend to become textured within the grooves, and he thinks the finished product is more realistic on a smooth surface.



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Ted Polomis stands by some of his paintings that are on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Using oil paints takes time and patience, as each layer needs to dry before the next can be created, which means Polomis sometimes has roughly six paintings going at once. He said he has never once sat down and created an entire oil painting in one sitting, because the layers of glaze and paint need to applied just right to make the objects really come alive.

Polomis has been painting since he was a young boy growing up in Hanson. He was introduced to oil painting while attending Thayer Academy, and went on to study art during college at the Rhode Island School of Design. During his junior year, Polomis studied abroad in Rome, Italy. It was there that he had a wonderful professor by the name of Tom Sgouros. While other professors were assigning weekly papers, Polomis said Sgouros encouraged his students to "See everything, and go everywhere you can," because the opportunity might not present itself again. Polomis took his professor's advice and traveled to 13 countries studying art along the way. "I even went to Scotland to see a painting," he said.

While Polomis is currently focusing on still-life oil paintings, there was a time when he was painting many landscapes with watercolors. While his interest in art has always remained a constant, his ability to find the time to paint has been a challenge. When Polomis and his wife Dorothy moved to Marshfield Hills 5 years ago, he originally had aspirations of being able to paint wonderful seascapes and rocky coasts. But painting landscapes requires daylight, and with work there isn't always enough time.

But when the Polomises moved into their Marshfield home, suddenly he found he had the space to dedicate one room entirely to painting, which encouraged him to pick up his brushes once more. Polomis who works as an illustrator/graphic designer by day allows him to be artistic, but not in the same way painting does. "After a while, you want to do something where you can use your hands," and see something created before your eyes rather than on a computer screen, he said.

Polomis began painting with oils again because still lifes can be painted anywhere at any time of day. He would come home from work and could still paint even without any daylight. Any object around the house could serve as his subject, and through much practice, he has reached a point where his paintings are receiving wonderful reviews.

Polomis' exhibit began at the library on July 2, and he said the response so far has been overwhelming. He said everyone from the library employees to those at the South Shore Art Center who helped coordinate the exhibit, to his co-workers, family, friends and wife have been very supportive.

"Dorothy has been great," he said, adding she has steered many of his paintings in different directions than he had originally envisioned, and they turned out even better than he had planned. Dorothy has also designed a Web site displaying some of Polomis' artwork.

Polomis said one of his good friends has also been very supportive and came over one day with a box of different items including jugs made from pottery and different bowls for him to paint, hoping to provide some inspiration. Two of the paintings currently on exhibit were painted using objects from that box.

"I'm just so grateful for all the support," he said, adding when he began doing oil paintings he didn't know how his work would be received. "When you paint, you never know if anyone else will like it," he said, but the 12 paintings he has sold as a result of his exhibit are a good indication. "For me, it's just something I have to do."

The library gallery is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is located at 35 Ripley Road. For more information, please call the South Shore Art Center at (781).383-2787. Polomis will have another exhibit on display this November at the Hingham Library. Please visit his Web site at www.polomis.com for more information.

IT'S HAPPENING

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Relax on the lawn with friends and family — bring a beach chair or blanket and a picnic. A selection of snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase as well. In case of rain, the concert will be moved indoors to the conference center on the grounds of the abbey.

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The five-day workshop will take place Monday, Aug.16 to Friday, Aug. 20 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and will include demonstrations, discussions and hands-on guided work time. Students will leave the workshop with a number of handmade books and the knowledge and inspiration to create many more.

Madden lives in Provincetown and Boston where for the last decade he has taught at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Massachusetts College of Art, DeCordova Museum and the Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center, The book arts class affords South Shore residents an opportunity to participate in a master art class close to home.

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A shopper's holiday

"Taxachusetts" is going to lose its hard-earned reputation if it keeps this up.

In an effort to boost a somewhat sluggish economy, the state Legislature decided to do away with the 5 percent sales tax for one day this summer. The first-ever tax-free "holiday" will be celebrated at department stores, malls, jewelers, and electronic stores throughout the state this Saturday, Aug. 14 as Massachusetts consumers are being enticed to shop until they drop.

With the good news of tax-free spending, however, comes a lot of confusion and questions surrounding the holiday. Some business owners on the South Shore are not quite certain what this tax-free holiday means for them. While some were unsure if the products they sell are included in the program, others are still unclear just days before as to how they were supposed to record and report their Aug. 14 sales to the Department of Revenue. Others were just learning about the initiative this week through newspaper articles and television news reports.

By all means we're not intending to look a gift horse in the mouth, but there appears to have been a lack of communication between the state agencies and the consumers and business owners on what exactly will happen Saturday.

Here's what we know:

- All non-business purchases of retail goods and "tangible personal property" under $2,500 will be exempt from the state's 5 percent sales tax Saturday. Anyone buying an item costing more than $1,000 will have to sign a document stating it is for personal use only.
- The tax reprieve does not apply to big-ticket items such as cars, boats, motorcycles, or restaurant meals and utilities.
- To qualify, consumers must fully pay for an item with cash, check, debit authorization or credit card on Aug. 14.
- Sales and discounts (including coupons) that lower a product's price below the $2,500 threshold on Aug. 14 will also qualify.

The potential savings for consumers and revenue generated for Massachusetts businesses (the holiday is expected to generate more than $200 million in retail sales) could result in a significant financial hit for the state, as it is being predicted Massachusetts could lose anywhere between $6 million and $10 million in revenue.

What the state is hoping for in return is a shot in the arm for the economy that will get consumers in spending mode as retailers gear up for the busy holiday shopping season. The main theory behind having the "tax-free" holiday at the end of the summer was to spur back-to-school shopping. But that theory may not make the grade. When you think of what back to school shopping entails for most parents and students, it's clothing. Clothing that costs less than $175 is always tax free in Massachusetts. The other aspect of back to school shopping is school supplies, such as notebooks, pencils, erasers, and folders — hardly budget busters for most families even with the 5 percent sales tax tacked on.

The buzz on the street is the tax-free holiday will be a boon for stores selling electronic items. Home computers, digital cameras, stereo equipment could be some of the hot ticket items scooped up Saturday. Jewelry could also be a big seller. While students returning to school may need laptop or desktop computers and new watches, the majority of items sold Saturday will likely have little or nothing to do with going back to school.

And it may not have the long-term effect proponents are expecting. State officials are counting on the one-time tax reprieve, part of an economic stimulus package passed by the state Legislature in November 2003, to trigger additional spending on clothing and school supplies in the weeks before Labor Day, historically a slow shopping season. But some economic experts have questioned the holiday's merits, noting that a jump in spending Saturday will simply lead to slower-than-normal shopping activity for the rest of the back-to-school season.

Like many of the retailers we spoke to this week, we're not exactly sure what's in store for Saturday. But we do know the government is giving us a break and opportunities like this do not come along very often in this state.

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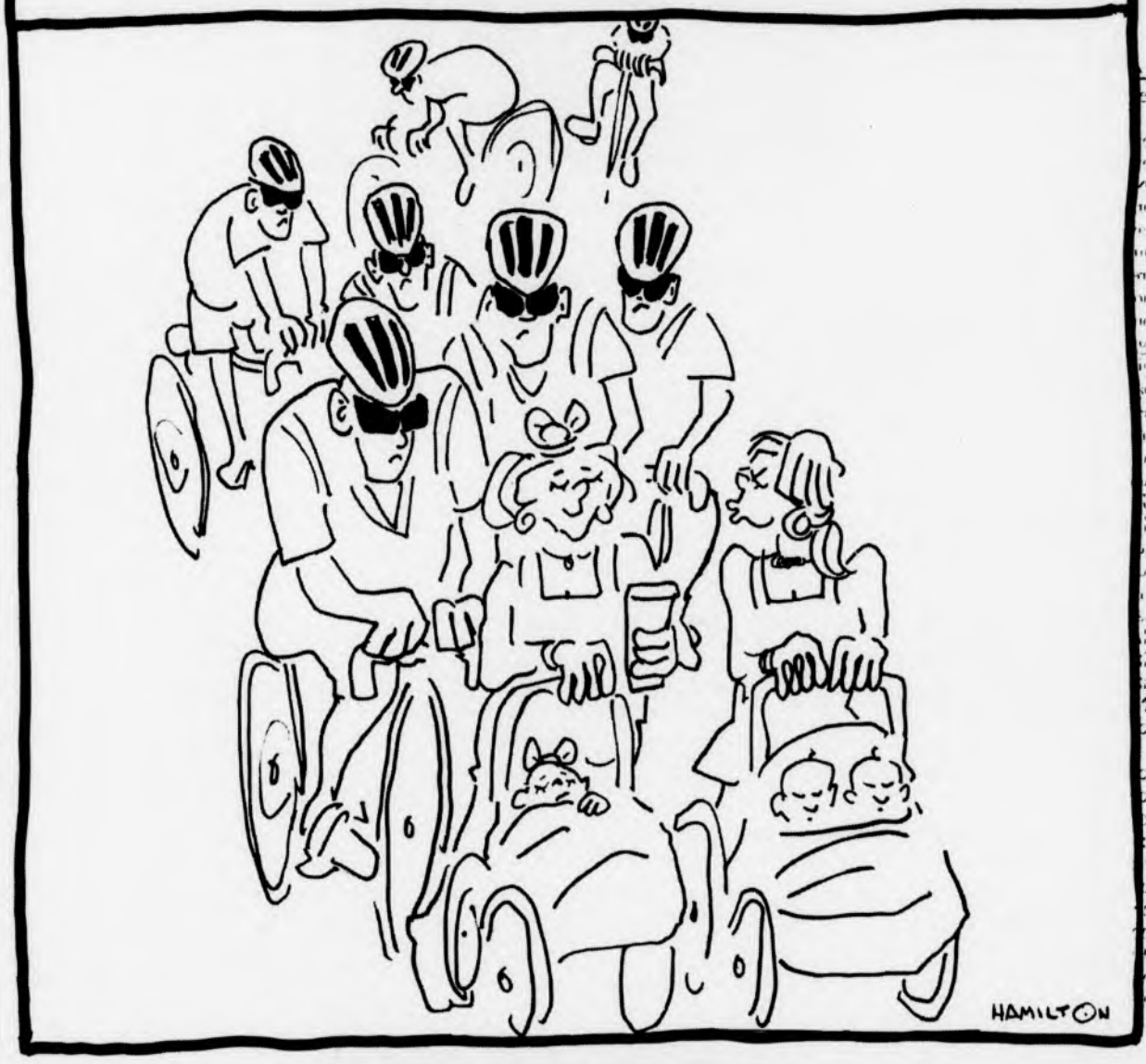
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Tour de Cohasset



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Revitalization of downtown Cohasset

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to express my concern about the status of the revitalization of the downtown and the emergence of yet another committee formed to further revise a plan that was voted on at Town Meeting last fall. The town seems to have reached a point of dysfunction regarding its ability to make a final decision about his project. As a result, I would like the Board of Selectmen to address the following:

1. What was the original dollar amount budgeted for design work by the Waterfield Design Group and how much has actually been spent to date?
2. What, if any, additional dollar amount has been spent since this new committee decided to revise the plan town residents already voted on?
3. How many people on this committee actually have a professional background in the design of New England streetscapes excluding the Waterfield Design Group?
4. Why is the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager for that matter, disregarding the town vote that was already taken on this project that includes concrete sidewalks, no sinking of electrical lines, and vintage lighting attached to telephone poles? (Perhaps the town's legal counsel could opine on the legal right of the new committee to override the democratic process in this town.)
5. This new committee made a recommendation to switch from concrete sidewalks to a less expensive asphalt option and to eliminate the vintage lighting. In addition to the additional maintenance required for asphalt, does this suggest that funding deadlines have been missed for this project?
6. It was reported last week in the Cohasset Mariner that changes to the plan made by the new committee will be submitted to Waterfield Design Group by Aug. 12 to be incorporated by Aug. 28. This seems to suggest that additional money is being allocated to the Waterfield budget and that the new committee's plan will be rushed through without any Town Meeting input. Is this an accurate assessment of the facts?

I look forward to hearing from the Board of Selectmen on these issues shortly.

Aidan Murray
11 Church St.

Schools praised

TO THE EDITOR:

I am grateful that more youths were not involved in the recent destruction and partying in Cohasset. My hat is off to the Cohasset schools in recognition of the excellent job done in instilling the values of respect and responsibility in the students, who go or have gone to Cohasset schools.

Peter Guild
119 North Main St.

Hedlund, Bradley secure funds for bridge repair

The Legislature has adopted a provision offered by Sen. Robert L. Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley that provides funding for repairs to the Border Street bridge. The bridge, which is a site of historic importance in Cohasset, is showing signs of degradation and needs to be repaired. The earmark for $300,000 was included in the final version of the Transportation Bond Bill that was passed on the final day of the 2003-04 Legislative Session. Recent rough winters have accelerated the rate of decay of the Border St. bridge and have made repairs more urgent. The repairs will cost around $300,000 and will stabilize the bridge's condition for years to come.

"The bridge is currently at the point where by repairing now will significantly extend the life of the bridge," said Sen. Hedlund. "Without these repairs, we will be looking at a costly replacement process in the upcoming years."

"Repairing this bridge is an important safety priority. Spending money now will save us significant money in the future," stated Rep. Bradley. Sen. Hedlund and I were able to convince the legislature of the importance of this project. I am hopeful the Governor concurs."

The Transportation Bond Bill next goes before Gov. Romney who then has 10 days to decide whether to veto or sign the legislation.

Town gets preparedness grant

The town's application for a Local Preparedness Grant has been approved, allowing the town to spend an additional $12,820, thanks to the Executive Office of Public Safety. The grant allows the town to spend money for costs covered as authorized expenditures. Money can be spent for items such as detection equipment, including products for chemical detection, radiation, and explosives, or maintenance of and training on pieces of equipment.

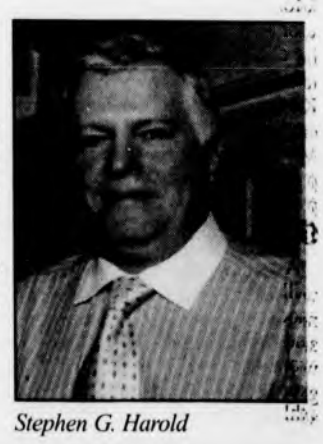
CANDIDATES CORNER

Stephen Harold to run for Norfolk County commissioner

Stephen G. Harold, a Democrat and a first-time candidate for public office, has announced his candidacy for Norfolk County commissioner.

Harold owns and operates S.G. Harold Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning. He is a graduate of Westwood High School and Blue Hills Technical Institute in Canton, and is married with three children.

He and his wife Patricia (Stahl) Harold reside in Quincy. Their oldest son, Jeremy Harold, is a graduate of Wentworth Institute of Technology. Their youngest son, Ryan Harold, is a graduate of Boston College High School and a senior University of New Hampshire. Their daughter, Stephanie Harold, is graduate of Milton High School and a freshman at University of Vermont.



Stephen G. Harold

Three days before opening ceremonies

DISPATCH FROM ATHENS

MIKE ELLIS

Former Cohasset resident Michael Ellis migrated west to Colorado soon after graduating CHS ('82), but still maintains a room on Tower Lane.

Athens is now a city transformed. When my wife Ellen and I arrived here 18 months ago to work on the games, we were as curious as our Greek friends as to exactly how this overgrown village of 5 million was going to welcome the world for an Olympic homecoming.

Not that the city wasn't already transforming — but the growth was more like a kid's tree house — scavenged materials patched together with bent nails, and the occasional trap door. To Athenians and foreigners alike, it seemed as though everything was under construction. From the sewer main in front of your house to the Olympic stadium, someone was digging a ditch on almost every corner. The airport light rail was still on the drafting table, and the coastal tram a hostage to municipal bickering. Often we would joke that we could never get to work the same way twice — the path usually blocked in the morning by a spontaneous concrete pour or a broken water main.

Just as recently as a month ago, I was touring the Olympic stadium complex and wondered how two square miles of dirt and debris could possibly metamorphose into an Olympic promenade. However, I'm happy to report that I revisited the same area yesterday before the opening ceremonies dress rehearsal, and found the hot, choking dirt replaced with spraying fountains and abstract sculptures. The butterfly has wings!

Not even the Greeks themselves thought it possible. Many laughed that starting the race just as good as finishing. "We Greeks always leave everything to the last minute, that's how we motivate ourselves," they would say with a strange mixture of pride and disgust. It was as if they were saying, "Look, you run your race and we'll run ours. We can start whenever we want, stop for a coffee and cigarette, and can still win if we feel like it." A cocky strategy and one which has often backfired. However, in this important case, the gamble has paid off.

But the modern Greek is truly a remarkable — if not a bit perplexing — person. I was at the ancient Panathanaeko stadium in downtown Athens when



Mike Ellis helps with the finishing touches at the Olympic stadium.

the Greeks celebrated their victory in the Euro 2004 Soccer championships. The event likely made only page three of most US sports sections, but was the biggest thing to hit Greece since World War II. To celebrate, 200,000 people waving Greek flags jammed in and around the cramped, old marble stadium that hosted the 1896 games. It was pure, ecstatic mayhem when the team finally arrived! Young and old were pinned in place for hours, sometimes magically lifted off their feet from the pressure. Yet there were no accidents, no fights — nothing but bliss and pride. Try doing that almost anywhere else....

Among the variety of attitudes and ideals that motivate the modern Greek, the one I find most fascinating is their ancient concept of "philotimo." This word, they are proud to note, cannot be translated into any other language. Imagine that! A Greek word they won't loan! When you try to help them define "philotimo" in such simplistic terms as "pride" and "honor," they scoff and tell you that is much more complex than that. Then, almost to a man, they point to the goosebumps on their arm, and say in a quivering voice that it is "impossible" to describe, but remains the highest personal ideal to which one can ascribe. If you are not Greek, you cannot understand, they infer. For my part, if their spoken English weren't so good, I would have guessed "philotimo" meant goosebumps.

So, it's this strange cocktail of strong coffee and philotimo which has remade this ancient city into something more than the just the home of the Acropolis, and worthy of the world's attention. The Albanian workforce was a big help too. Regardless, it has not been on the cheap, and my Greek friends groan and hope their great-grandchildren will finally be able to pay it all off. Ten billion euros might seem expensive for a month-long party, but without the torch of the Olympics, many say, it would have been almost impossible to muster the political will to complete a new ring road, update the national highway system, construct the world's longest suspension bridge, not to mention the new light rail system and coastal tram.

As the smallest country yet to host the Olympics, our Greek friends have invested much of their energy, passion, smarts, "philotimo," and pretty much everything they have in anticipation of these games. So, as you enjoy the games on TV, please keep in mind that Greece is a rich and complicated modern country, not easily reduced to "Zorba the Greek" or "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" stereotypes. Many of our Greek co-workers have spent a big chunk of their academic life abroad, speak multiple languages, and are willing to discuss anything both abstractly, and with great passion! These same people also enjoy spending weekends in their village vacation home with extended family, harvesting their small crop of olive trees or making wine. In many ways, they are just like us, and would prefer to be judged by history, rather than the last six months of negative reporting by people who have yet to set foot in their country. Our history is now, my friends tell me. We certainly hope you will enjoy it, but you can be sure we will!

Mr. Ellis has agreed to update us weekly during the course of the Athens 2004 Summer Olympic Games.



Mike Ellis, left, and a few Greek friends.

Courting Viagra

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



It looks like America's two most popular indoor sports are going to the mattress over the world's most popular drug since penicillin.

Pfizer, the world's most successful drug maker (outside of a couple of guys from Colombia), is fixing to take legal action against a bunch of online pharmacies and spammers who have been peddling illegal versions of Viagra.

What's more American than (1) taking someone to court and (2) doing that other thing? If you said (1) baseball and (2) apple pie then you're stranded somewhere to the right of William McKinley. But I digress . . .

Perhaps you've seen the ads hustling Viagra on the marketing page of USA Today. Not that I went looking for them for personal reasons but it's hard to miss them if you're a devotee of the newspaper's crossword puzzle.

ViaMedic.com boasts that it has been in business for all of six years, offering Viagra, Cialis and Levitra in a "safe, secure and discreet" manner.

Another Web site, known only by its toll-free telephone number, offers something that is "stronger than Viagra, Cialis and Levitra . . . works immediately . . . and one free month."

Yet another promises 10 tablets for $99 with free overnight shipping . . . well, you get the idea.

Pfizer has the best of all reasons for suing to see that brides all over the world go to sleep with smiles on their faces.

The little blue pill was worth $1.9 billion in world sales last year alone and the company that has dibs on them is facing legal competition from Eli Lilly & Icos' Cialis and GlaxoSmithKline and Bayer's Levitra.

That's a lot of money even after you pay a former U. S. Senate Majority Leader — or in Levitra's case, a former Chicago Bears football coach — to hustle them for you on the tube.

I don't know about Cialis but I understand Eli Lilly & Icos is watching Bill Clinton closely, ready to pounce if and when he loses his fast ball. But again I digress . . .

Pfizer, of course, being the people-oriented pharmaceutical company that it is, says it worries about the effect fraudulent Viagra might have on those who buy it.

"We're concerned consumers are buying products that are harmful to them," said Bryant Haskins, a Pfizer spokesman. Yes, that and $1.9 billion is bound to get you sued.

Pfizer has sued five Web sites for trademark infringement and has filed other suits aimed at seizing the names of their sites where it claims they are selling fake Viagra. They say it's easy to tell when the Viagra is a fake.

It is estimated that Viagra, real and fraudulent, is being sold or advertised on 350,000 Web sites and, hold your breath, now, some seven trillion junk mail messages have offered it for sale.

That tells you something but I can't for the life of me figure out what.

HEALTH NOTES

Catching skin cancer early is the key

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. Half of all Americans will develop skin cancer at least once. It often develops at a much earlier age than most cancers, and the older a person is, the more likely he or she is to develop skin cancer. Although moles are non-cancerous, having at least one mole on an arm or leg doubles the risk of skin cancer. About 95 percent of skin cancers are almost always curable, but one type: malignant melanoma develops in the pigment producing skin cells and grows uncontrollably, aggressively invading surrounding tissues. The American Cancer Society estimates that the number of cases of melanoma rises by 7 to 11 percent each year, faster than any other cancer in America.

Fortunately, skin cancer is one of the most preventable cancers. So, while proper skin protection is always important, outdoor activities during the summer months require diligence. Simple steps such as using sunscreen, wearing a hat, and avoiding the sun when its rays are the strongest, are easy ways to help prevent skin cancer. This message is particularly important for children and adolescents, since skin cancer is commonly associated with excessive ultraviolet light (UV) exposure before the age of 18. It's generally much later when the cancer finally develops.

Fortunately, skin cancer is one of the most preventable cancers.

You've got a lot of skin, about 20 square feet of it. You can improve your chances of finding skin cancer promptly by performing a simple skin self-exam regularly. The best time to do this self-exam is after a shower or bath. You should check your skin in a well-lighted room using a full-length mirror and a hand-held mirror. It's best to begin by learning where your birthmarks, moles, and blemishes are and what they usually look like. Check for anything new — a change in the size, texture, or color of a mole, or a sore that does not heal.

1. Look at the front and back of your body in the mirror, then raise your arms and look at the left and right sides.

2. Bend your elbows and look carefully at your palms; forearms, including the undersides; and the upper arms.

3. Examine the back and front of your legs.

4. Sit and closely examine your feet, including the soles and the spaces between the toes.

5. Look at your face, neck, and scalp. You may want to use a comb or a blow dryer to move hair so that you can see better.

By checking your skin regularly, you will become familiar with what is normal. If you find anything unusual, see your doctor right away. Remember, the earlier skin cancer is found, the better the chance for cure. Doctors should also look at the skin during routine physical exams. People who have already had skin cancer should be sure to have regular exams so that the doctor can check the skin — both the treated areas and other places where cancer may develop.

When an area of skin does not look normal, the doctor may remove all or part of the growth. This is called a biopsy. To check for cancer cells, the tissue is examined under a microscope by a pathologist or a dermatologist. A biopsy is the only sure way to tell if the problem is cancer.

Doctors generally divide skin cancer into two stages: local (affecting only the skin) or metastatic (spreading beyond the skin). Because skin cancer rarely spreads, a biopsy often is the only test needed to determine the stage. In cases where the growth is very large or has been present for a long time, the doctor will carefully check the lymph nodes in the area. In addition, the patient may need to have additional tests, such as special x-rays, to find out whether the cancer has spread to other parts of the body. Knowing the stage of a skin cancer helps the doctor plan the best treatment. But the best way to avoid costly and sometimes painful treatment is to know the warning signs, examine your skin periodically, and, if you find something you aren't comfortable with, seek an expert opinion early.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

Summer reading

The summer reading program, "explore other worlds at your library", officially ends on Sunday, Aug. 15. All participants who have successfully completed their personal goal are encouraged to bring their reading logs to share with Mrs. Moody starting Monday, Aug.16. "Explore other worlds at your library" tee shirts will be awarded to all students who maintained their summer reading goal. Keep up the good work. Let reading each day become a good habit. Mrs. Moody will be working Monday 9-5 p.m., Tuesday 9-5 p.m., Thursday 9-5 p.m., and Friday 9-4:30 p.m.

Olympics display

A display in the Children's Room will feature Greece, ancient Olympics, modern Olympics, summer Olympics, and Olympic games. We have some wonderful new books featuring photographic histories of the games and the athletes. Check it out.

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview! Reserve your copy in advance of publication by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "Nights of Rain and Stars," by Maeve Binchy; "Trace: a Kay Scarpetta Mystery," by Patricia Cornwell; "Double Homicide," by Jonathan Kellerman; "The Dark Tower VII," by Stephen King; "By a Spider's Thread," by Laura Lippman; "The Falls," by Joyce Carol Oates; "Melancholy Baby," by Robert Parker; "Shoulder the Sky," by Anne Perry; "The Betrayers," by Harold Robbins; and, "Are you Afraid of the Dark?" by Sidney Sheldon.

To place a hold

To place a hold from home, start at the library Web site: www.cohassetlibrary.org. Go to "catalog" and search for the item you want. Click on "hold." Enter your user ID from your library card (no spaces), your PIN (OCLN) and specify "pickup location" as Cohasset. Press "hold." The library will notify you when the book is available.

Wireless access

The library now offers wireless Internet access for patrons with laptop computers.

Artist exhibit

South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist, Ted Polomis, presents an exhibition of oil paintings at the library until August 30. The show features a variety of intimate still lifes and studies painted in the tradition of classical realism.

Upcoming artist exhibit

Landscape paintings of Lisa Marder will be on display at the library from Sept. 9 until the end of October. There will be an opening reception for the exhibit on Sept. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m.

POLITICAL NOTES

GOP cookout at Julie Guild's house

The Cohasset Republican Town committee cookout, an annual event, will be held on Sunday, Aug. 22, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Julie Guild's seaside home at 365 Jerusalem Road. The featured speaker will be Mickey Edwards, former U.S. Congressman from Oklahoma.

To make reservations send checks made payable to the Cohasset GOP and mail to George Watts, 76 Nichols Road, Cohasset, MA. 02025. Benefactor $100; Sponsor $50; Contributor $25 in advance. $30 at the door. In case of rain this will be held at the Second Congregational Church at 43 Highland Ave.

Other invited special guests include: Mike Jones - candidate for U.S. Congress; Brian Lees - GOP Senate Minority Leader; Brad Jones - GOP House Leader; Bob Hedlund - state senator; Mary Jeanette Murray - former state representative; Peter Forman - former sheriff; U.S. Attorney Mike Sullivan and District Attorney Tim Cruz; Larry Novak - candidate for state Senate, Doug Veeder - candidate for state representative, and other elected officials from Plymouth and Norfolk counties.

GOP convention event in Hingham

Calling all Republicans about live TV coverage of the Republican National Convention .

Don't miss a great opportunity to support the president and join other local Republicans and candidates. This will be an evening of interesting conversation and live TV coverage of President George W. Bush in New York City.

Save the date: Thursday, Sept. 2, at 8 p.m. at South Shore Country Club, 274 South St., Hingham.

Cost if free to all - bring family and friends, cash bar - RSVP: Kjoyce@gis.net or 781-749-1036.

Folks meet and greet new police chief at two receptions

Hussey wants a friendlier force

By Mary Ford
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Police Chief James Hussey might be the most popular guy in town.

Not only did two receptions in his honor at private homes last week draw a combined crowd of about 125 people — but he's been known to stop his car and get out to direct traffic at the busy lower King Street/Rte. 3A intersection when he sees a backup there on his way to work.

He's encouraged his officers to do the same.

Hussey has also had the tint removed from the windshields of Cohasset cruisers and will eliminate the military-style trousers from the closets of his officers, opting for straight-leg pants that don't tuck into boots.

"I couldn't see who was in a (police) car coming toward me," Hussey said about the tinted windows. "I thought 'that's a barrier, that's not healthy.'"

Hussey's efforts are all part of providing a more, user-friendly police force that is in touch with the community it serves, he told the crowd at Wig Pierson's Atlantic Avenue home last Wednesday and Lou Harvey's home on King Street last Thursday.

Selectmen hired Hussey — who is on a leave of absence from the Boston Police Department — as interim chief after chief Robert Jackson retired. The town had been torn apart by a nine-month-long saga at the police department involving two officers who were placed on paid administrative leave amid allegations of abuse of police power. The officers deny any wrongdoing and returned to work the beginning of July. Former town manager Mark Haddad, who suspended the officers, abruptly resigned in May.

Hussey — who signed a year-long contract and has indicated he would like to stay longer — said he is looking forward not back.

"For the youth and elderly, which are the two most critical populations in town, we will do everything we can."
— Police Chief James Hussey

Hussey, who is planning to survey the town to determine what it wants and expects from its police department, will also formulate — with the community's help — a policy on how to handle youth first-time offenders. He said he is not a fan of "zero tolerance" where teens are automatically arrested for offenses such as underage drinking.

He prefers bringing the parents in to try and change future behavior without necessarily an arrest and trip to court. However, Hussey made it very clear that underage drinking is against the law and should not be condoned or tolerated.

"There's a reason why the drinking age is 21," he said. "When alcohol gets abused by someone – especially a young person, nothing good can come of it.

"We have to take a hard line not to allow underage drinking – it's not OK."

Hussey praised the department and said the town "has a great group of officers who were waiting for someone who could pull them together so we are all on the same page."

He also plans to set up a police advisory council that will include citizens-at-large, members of the clergy, town and school officials and police officers to work on issues involving crime and quality of life.

Hussey explained the rules and regulations at the police department are in the process of being updated. He is also talking to chiefs of other police departments about their policies on pursuits, for example.

At least one person wasn't concerned with internal issues. Althea Stamp, who attended the reception at the Pierson home, asked the chief what he was doing to protect the town against terrorists who could possibly use submarines to attack Cohasset. Hussey said police rely on the Coast Guard and said he planned to sit down with the emergency management committee in town.

Stamp was also concerned about door-to-door solicitors, "We open our door to everyone here in Cohasset," she said.

Hussey said police were limited about how much they could do to restrict solicitors but suggested Stamp call the police to make sure they had checked in with the department.

The chief said he planned to have an officer become more involved in the schools and the department would also focus on the elderly.

"For the youth and elderly — the two most critical populations in town — we will do everything we can," he said.

A resident at the reception at Harvey's King Street home praised Hussey for getting the officers back to work and asked if wounds in the department were healing.

"I can't go back and change history," Hussey said. "But I won't stand for people who don't treat each other with dignity and respect."

But with that being said he added, "police officers aren't magicians. They are human and have bad days and I allow them to have one on occasion."



From left, Lou Harvey, Wigmore Pierson, Chief James Hussey, Polly Logan and Selectman Ralph Dormitzer chat at the special reception for the new chief at the Piersons' home



PHOTOS/MARION HAWKINS

The Piersons on Atlantic Avenue hosted a reception that included a cake for the new chief.

Police survey coming soon

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The survey is part of Hussey's community outreach efforts that also include taking advantage of all opportunities to interact with residents and businesses either at receptions like two held last week in private homes, at the Rotary Club or Chamber of Commerce Meetings or before the Cohasset Historical Society.

"It's a good starting block," Hussey said about the survey. "It will give us a handle on the way people see things.

"It can be perception versus reality – and this will let us know how people perceive things," he said.

Plans are to put the results on a spread sheet, analyze them and see what adjustments the police need to make, if any.

Hussey said he did his homework by examining surveys conducted by other police departments.

Selectmen didn't think the question "what's your race?" was relevant because Cohasset lacks racial diversity. They also thought the question about income range might be "touchy" and put some people off.

But Hussey pointed out that someone making $50,000 a year in Cohasset may view things differently than someone making more that $100,000.

"It could be an eye-opener," he said.

Hussey said he'd like to get the survey out before Labor Day and have a 30-day window for people to respond. Police will have copies of the survey available at the library, Town Hall and other public places. The Mariner has offered to print the survey in the paper at no cost. The Mariner reaches upwards of 80 percent of the households in town.

Busy month for police department

July was a busy month for the Cohasset Police Department, there were 21 arrests; one for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license; one for operating under the influence of liquor; four for minor in possession of liquor; two for possession of a Class D substance; two for assault and battery, one for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon; five for malicious destruction of property, and finally five for protective custody, Police Chief James Hussey said.

During the month of July the police department investigated 18 motor vehicle accidents; two of which resulted in personal injury.

During the month of July the police department investigated 18 motor vehicle accidents; two of which resulted in personal injury. There were 37 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $875 In fines. Additionally, there were 107 parking tickets issued totaling $2,650 in fines, Hussey said.

Also in the month of July the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,061 calls for police services of those 103 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls.

In the month of July there were four charges of breaking and entering: one of a residence, one of a town building, and two private businesses. There were also 8 criminal complaints issued for the month, Hussey said.

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Sidewalk treatment for village streets is still up in the air

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset residents need to pay attention to what's under their feet when they walk in the village.

A visit to Scituate Harbor — near the new Mill Wharf Cinema — is also in order because selectmen said there is a range of sidewalk material there including concrete pavers, poured concrete, brick and asphalt.

Sidewalk treatment is one of the final pieces of the village revitalization puzzle that needs to be in place so long-anticipated improvements can get underway. The $1.5 million project is being paid for through state grants, not local property taxes.

But perhaps nothing — shy of the infamous bump-outs proposed at village corners last year — has caused as much consternation as what type of sidewalk surface would be suitable, attractive and safe for Cohasset Village.

A month ago, the Downtown Village Revitalization Review Committees opted for asphalt. Now concrete brick-like pavers are the first choice among a majority of committee members because they are more in keeping with the concept approved at last fall's special town meeting when voters decided on concrete over brick.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris, who is also on the village review committee, is the lone holdout. She strongly feels voters opted for poured concrete and should be given the chance to revisit the issue this fall if a different material is utilized.

Selectmen voted to put the project out to bid with a menu of sidewalk materials as bid alternates. The issue could still come back to the special Town Meeting and plans are to provide a sample of concrete pavers and colored, poured concrete with a border along the James Way walk-through next to the Citgo Station.

McMorris and fellow Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who is chairman of the downtown revitalization review committee, are at odds over which way to go.

Dormitzer is a proponent of concrete pavers, which McMorris describes as slippery and not holding up well.

"Entire downtown Boston has pavers and half the driveways in town," Dormitzer said. "Concrete is worse than pavers."

Town Counsel has said selectmen have the authority to decide what sidewalk material to use because last fall's special Town Meeting only approved a concept. But Town Counsel also said while legally the board could decide on a different material, it may have a moral obligation to follow the wishes of the voters.

In a related matter, Dormitzer said the downtown committee would also like to bury the wires under South Main Street and remove the poles. He said utility work could get underway while the town decides on the sidewalk material.

On the utility issue, he pointed out the electrical service to the shops on South Main Street is actually on the poles along Elm Street that would remain.. The South Main Street poles in the village only have telephone and cable wires. Burying those wires and removing those poles would have a huge impact in the village, he said.

There is $1.2 million left for the village project, Dormitzer said.

Village plans also include the addition of 24 trees. Selectmen have asked the tree committee for guidance in determining what type of trees to plant.

It is still unclear what the MBTA plans are for the Pleasant Street/Ripley Road intersection near the entrance to the town parking lot. Selectmen will request a meeting with Cashman Balfour Beatty, which is building the train, to get a better idea of what those plans are.

Other village plans include a sidewalk with a rolling curb that motor vehicles and fire trucks can ride up on if necessary along the ledge under St. Stephen's Church.

It is expected that the village project will go out to bid the end of the month.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issues at Town Hall.

Amy Naimi, 55 Lothrop Lane, tent Aug. 4 to Aug. 9, $2,700; Oddleifson, 42 River Rd., tent Aug. 12 to Aug. 16, $1,500; Jack Conway, 861 CJCH, sign box 60" x 96", $3,600; Belz Realty-Atlantic Bagel, 45 South Main St., interior renovations, new bathrooms, $75,000.

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Let the Games begin



FROM THE SIDELINES

JULIE ANN NEVERO

For as long as I can remember, I have always loved the Summer Olympic Games. It's 16 days of drama, great stories, upsets, patriotism, and glory and I just revel in all of it, really almost since birth. My parents have informed me that even as a young girl, I would be glued to the TV watching the action that I adorably referred to as the "Micmics." (Not to toot my own horn but c'mon, that's cute).

As opposed to the Winter Games, where I — like much of the country, I would assume — only watch the ice skating (thank-you Tanya and Nancy), no Summer Games sport is off-limits for me. A track girl at heart, it is this particular sport that I most enjoy watching, but I am also captivated by several others like swimming, diving, gymnastics, volleyball (beach and indoor), badminton… (you must know I'm kidding on that last one). Really, though, it's all great and I can't wait for the action to begin Friday night in Athens, the site where it all began.

I think what I've always liked best about the Summer Olympics is that they feature ordinary people (well, that is until basketball went pro. Remember the 1992 Dream Team? Yeah, like that was fair). They are those hard-working athletes who exist on every field, court, pool, and track in the country who've overcome trials and tribulations to live out their dreams on a world stage. I've always felt they are so inspiring and I'm an absolute sucker for their stories. I love watching the extensive feature coverage of those athletes whose stories of getting to the Games are told to the tune of some sappy piano riff. (Let's just say my Kleenex is never out of arm's reach).

To put it bluntly, they are the type of athletes every kid aspires to be, but are among the few who have the guts, determination, and talent to make it.

I can remember being one of those hopefuls growing up. Too young to really remember Flo-Jo, it was Jackie Joyner-Kersee whom I idolized in the late 80s, early 90s as a high school and collegiate track athlete. I've been told that after practically running out of my mother's womb, I just never stopped and once I became involved in track, the gold medal-winning heptathlete and long jumper was everything I aspired to be.

But even before then, during the grade school years, I can remember challenging the kids in my Pembroke neighborhood to races. I would crouch down in the set position, pretending to be like the runners I'd seen in blocks at the start of the Olympic 100-meters, and dash around our track-oval like street. I lived for "Field Day" while attending Bryantville Elementary because we got to compete for ribbons. (Secretly I wished they were medals, but I took what I got).

But it was during my days as a high school track standout at Cardinal Spellman where I was most inspired by the Summer Games. I knew I could run fast, but I was always looking for a field event to excel in. So, I looked to Joyner-Kersee. As a heptathlete, she would compete

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PHOTO/JOAN MOSHER

Cohasset's Alex Everett, 11, tied for first place in the Optimist Green Fleet race at this week's 17th annual Scituate Harbor Yacht Club Junior Regatta.

Turning things around

Cohasset 14-year old all-stars win Suburban League championship

By Mike Spellman
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So, Cohasset's not a baseball town, huh?

There are coaches and players from at least eight separate programs right now that would unanimously disagree with that assessment.

The Cohasset 14-year old all-star team captured the nine-team Suburban League championship, Sunday afternoon at Milliken Field, with a thrilling 3-2 win over Cedar Grove of Dorchester.

"We played some good baseball this summer," said head coach Mark DeGiacomo, who also coached this core group of players up through the summer Little League ranks. "We made the plays in the field, we got some very good pitching and we were an aggressive team. We didn't always pound the ball, but we got some big hits when we needed them."

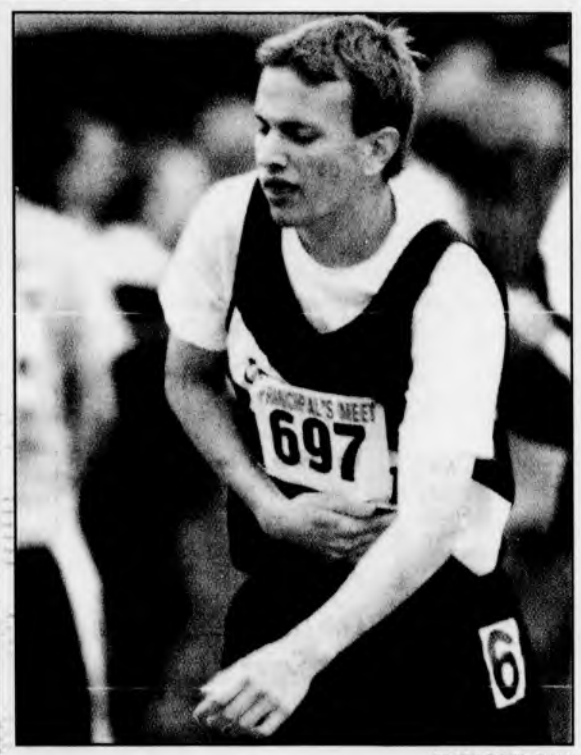
Cody Morgan went the distance on the mound Sunday, striking out seven while surrendering just three hits and two walks.

The game was a seesaw affair.

Cedar Grove broke the ice with a solo run in the top of the second, taking advantage of an error and two stolen bases.

Cohasset flip-flopped the advantage in the bottom of the fourth, as Sam DeGiacomo singled home both Tommy Chase and

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset High trackster Adam Harawacz obviously gave it all he had in this 800-meter race. According to reports, Adam wasn't the only one to give it his all with the CHS squad. Unfortunately, no one from this team made our All-Scholastic squad for this spring. Anyone interested in seeing that team should go to cohassetmariner.com.

All-Scholastic boys track team

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

The Cohasset High boys team finished with an 0-5 record. With only six males participating on the team this year, though, that seemed hardly shocking

CHS assistant coach Lisa Mullen summed up the situation in four words: "We need more people!"

Harvard-bound Erik Belz snagged a League All Star award for his 54.2 time in the

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Naughty role models



EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN

I know I stopped thinking of athletes as role models a long, loooong time ago. So I guess I just lost sight of how much youngsters still hold them up as the ideal.

I got a harsh reminder a couple of Sunday afternoons back I was tossing a wiffle ball in to my six-year old. Well, after a poorly aimed throw plunked him off the head, my first year T-Ball alum told me we had to fight. He then dropped the bat, charged me and started swinging playfully.

It took me a few seconds before I caught on… the extracurricular activities in the Red Sox-Yankees game the previous day. D'oh!

Naturally, I laughed heartily. It didn't take long, though, before I switched over the coach/dad mode and explained to him that those players on TV were acting like idiots and how real baseball players never fight.

So take this as a friendly reminder parents: Be on your toes. You never know from where those influences are going to come.

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I took in a Cape Cod League baseball game recently: Wareham hosting Yarmouth-Dennis.

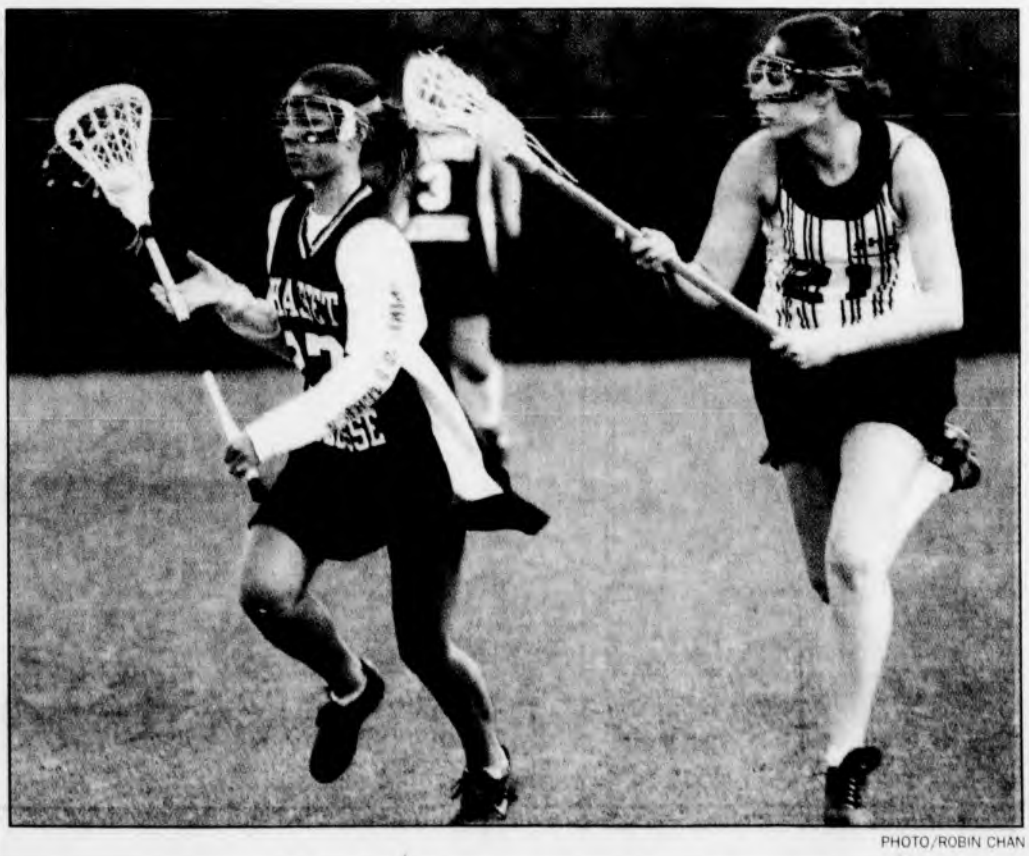
I simply cannot believe they're charging nothing for these games which are, essentially, college all-star games.

I'd rate the level of baseball played here somewhere between what I've seen in Pawtucket (Pawsox) and Brockton (Rox).

I was pleasantly surprised on this night to catch up with two local players I'd seen play at the school level. Weymouth's Frank Curreri was playing left field for Y-D and Middleboro's Thomas Thornton was Wareham's starter on the mound.

Thornton, who graduated from Middleboro High in 2002, was one half of the equation in the best pitched high school game I've ever seen. Scituate's Jesse Cole, now pitching Div. I college ball at Wofford College (South Carolina) , was the other half. Thortnon's Sachems won that June, 2001 showdown for the

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

It's never too late to run a good leftover lacrosse photo. Here, Cohasset High junior-to-be Cassie Rosano tries to put some distance between herself and Scituate defender Jess Damaso in action this past spring season.

SPORTS NOTES

CHS golf team practices

Cohasset High golf coach Torin Sweeney has announced his opening week practice schedule. All practices are at the Cohasset Country Club.

Thursday, Aug. 26, 3 p.m.- freshmen and sophomores only

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Youth football equipment handout

The Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football equipment handout schedule is as follows. Football equipment for registered football players for the upcoming Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football season will be handed out by grade/team on:

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A $100 refundable deposit is required at the time of equipment pick up. All equipment will be handed out at the Equipment Shed located at the back of Scituate High School.

For further information on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading, please go to www.scicohfootball.com.

Signups for 21 Lacrosse

21 Lacrosse, a new lacrosse league based out of the Hingham Sports Center, is looking to run a few summer clinics. See the Website ***(www.21lacrosse.com)*** for details.

All fall leagues are currently filling up for 21 lacrosse. If you are interested, you can fill out the application on-line (available after August 1), contact Bagby ***rbagby@21lacrosse.com*** or call 781-264-6030.

21 lacrosse will also be sponsoring an all-star team. They will be called the "Black Jacks" There will be an open tryout August 10-12, in eitehr Hingham or Marshfield. Details can be found on line or by contacting Bagby.

Stroke Clinics at Weymouth Club

Weymouth Club swim coach Mike Riley will present a five-day clinic on swim strokes for high school swimmers, August 16 through 20. The clinic will consist of five, three-hour sessions dedicated to the four swimming strokes, with starts and turns for each stroke covered in the final session. Aug. 16 - Freestyle; Aug. 17 - Backstroke; Aug. 18- Breaststroke; Aug. 19 - Butterfly; and Aug. 20 - Starts and Turns for Each Stroke.

Swimmers from all around the South Shore are invited to attend all or individual sessions. Weymouth Club Members $250 ($60 per session). Nonmembers $300 ($70 per session). For information and registration, call Mike Riley at Weymouth Club at 781.337.4600

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South Shore Sr. softball steps up to the plate for a fourth season

The South Shore Senior Softball League, sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging, opens its fourth season on Sunday, April 25. The team, open to all South Shore men aged 55 and older, meets at 10 am at the Central Park Field in Scituate.

Proving that age is no barrier to fun and athleticism, the "boys of summer" play up to three times a week in the league. Games are scheduled Sunday and Wednesday mornings at 10 am and Thursday evenings at 5 pm. There is also a traveling team available for interested players to compete in games across the state. Players can play once or three times a week, as they wish. The season runs well into the fall.

Kevin McLaughlin joins league founder Jim Hyde as league commissioner this year. Anyone interested in joining the league can call the Scituate Council on Aging at 781-545-8722 to obtain a registration form. Cost for the season is $30, which covers a shirt, hat and as much softball as one wants to play.

Turning things around

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Morgan.

The visitors answered back in their ensuing at bat, however, tying the game at 2-2 with a well executed double steal from first and third.

The game winner came in the home half of that frame. Kenny Muir walked, moved to third on a single by Adam Berger and then scored when Tommy Chase's two out infield grounder was misplayed. Attempting to score from second on the play, Berger was gunned down at the plate for the third out.

Morgan shut the door in the last two innings. He even recorded the last out of the game, as he charged to cover first when a ground ball took Muir deep into the hole. This was the third 3-1 putout this duo performed in the contest.

Cohasset also won the Suburban League regular season championship, compiling an 11-3 record. Two of those losses came to Cedar Grove in an early season weekend doubleheader, so Sunday's game had a little extra significance for the local lads.

"Yeah, it was nice to get the last laugh," noted DeGiacomo.

After getting a first round bye, Cohasset topped Hingham in a quarterfinals thriller, 6-5, with Pat Doonan, John Sturino and DeGiacomo combining efforts on the mound.

Cohasset went into its final at bat trailing, 5-4. Morgan and Kyle Pinkus opened the frame with back-to-back singles and DeGiacomo was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Ian Cundell then lined a single to score both the tying and winning runs.

In the semifinals, Cohasset exploded for eight runs in the first inning versus Weymouth, but then watched the visitors chip away at that over the next several innings before finally pulling out the 11-7 win that advanced them on to the championship date with Cedar Grove.

The team was led offensively this summer by Morgan, DeGiacoma and Cundell, though coach DeGiacomo pointed out his team featured a "pretty balanced attack."

The core of this 14-player team was the 10 14-year olds: Sam DeGiacomo, Chris Rose, Cliff Musto, Ian Cundell, Tom Chase, Cody Morgan, Pat Doonan, Ken Muir, Kyle Pinkus and Dave Snowdale, who missed the end of the season after undergoing elbow surgery. The team also carried four 13 year olds-- Evan Richardson, John Sturino, Adam Berger and Danny Martin—who also contributed, according to the coach.

"This really was a full team effort," said DeGiacomo. "Everyone hit and everyone contributed in different ways. I'm proud of the kids."

On that front, he is hardly alone.

One more than casually interested party in the summer's proceedings was Cohasset High head baseball coach Al Gallotta. He actually coached this core group of players in summer play last year, but could not this year due to MIAA restrictions, as many of these players will be ninth graders at CHS this fall.

The CHS head man still made time, though, to come and watch them play a few times, and he came away extremely pleased.

"I'm thrilled that this team won the championship," said Gallotta, who took over the CHS program two yeard ago after retiring as athletic director at Archbishop Williams in 2001. "That's a very good group of kids there. I like their whole attitude. They're very coachable and respectful. They listen and then go out in the field and try to utilize suggestions.

"And I like the job Mark did with them. He's a gentlemAn and he teaches. He helps them with their skills and is a role model to them at the same time."

When he took over the CHS program two years ago, Gallotta, who lives in Braintree, pledged to become a regular around the town Little League and Senior League fields, and he's more than made good on that promise.

"I think that's part of the job," he explained. "I want the kids to see that I have interest in them and their baseball development. Maybe that will help them stick with the sport. That's why I go to the Little League parade in April and try to make as many games as my schedule allows.

"We've had a lot of kids going toward lacrosse in recent years, but I'm starting to see signs that this might be reversing a bit."

That is plainly evident, he notes, with this group of 14-year old players.

"This is the first class I've seen in my team here with really appreciable numbers," noted Gallotta. "This might be the first group that really forces some tough decision about who plays varsity. I can see a crunch coming, and some difficult decision, but that's a problem I welcome as a baseball coach. That's a problem coaches of successful programs face all the time."

All-Scholastic boys track team

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400.

Junior Adam Haracz attained an extremely solid time of 2:12 minutes for the 800 event.

Freshmen Brent Daley also showed some pep in his step with time of 25.3 seconds in the 200, 11.6 seconds in the 100, and a length of 33-feet-6-inches in the triple jump.

In other field events, the Skippers displayed some great arm strength in senior Drew Musto and sophomore Mark Bouchard. Drew unleashed the discus 100'8". He also heaved the shot put just under 37 feet. Bouchard launched the javelin for an eye- popping 116 feet.

"A lot of the boys pulled through this year," stated Lisa Mullen. "Though they didn't make it to the States, they have shown tremendous improvement over the season."

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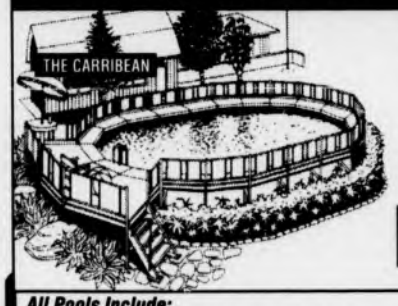
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Let the Games begin

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in the 200-meters, 800-meters, and 100-meter hurdles, in addition to the shot put, long jump, high jump and javelin. I tried it all and discovered I had a knack for the jav.

Since picking up the jav my sophomore year (one spring after watching Joyner-Kersee win her second-straight gold in the heptathlon in the 1992 Games), I went unbeaten in the Catholic Central League and won three-straight CCL titles in the event. I finished third at the State Class D Meet and went on to the All-State Championships during each of the three years I threw the implement.

I couldn't wait to watch her again in the 1996 Games, which were to be most-likely her last, as I prepared to enter my second year as a collegiate athlete at Sacred Heart University. Again competing in the heptathlon, a tearful Joyner-Kersee was forced to remove herself from the competition due to a sore hamstring. She still competed hurt in the long jump and managed to win a bronze medal on what would be the final jump of her Olympic career. She retired two years later.

This is exactly the type of drama I live for when watching the Olympics. I mean, what an end to her story. Here's a woman who has been revered by many as the greatest heptathlete to ever walk the earth — setting a world record at 1988 Olympic trials with 7, 200-plus points — and she did it all after escaping the mean streets of East St. Louis, Ill., losing her mother at 37 to meningitis, battling severe asthma attacks, and competing injured.

That same year (1996), American sprinter Gail Devers — the favorite to win the 100-meter hurdles — held the lead but tripped over the final hurdle and crawled to the finish line. Only four years earlier did she discover she had Graves disease and was told by doctors that her feet would surely need to be amputated. But that didn't happen and Devers instead went on to win consecutive golds in the 100-meters in 1992 and 1996. Her story will continue this summer in Athens, as just last month Devers earned a trip to Games to go for the hurdling gold medal that has eluded her.

And who could forget the image of four-foot-nothing American gymnast Keri Strug being carried out by legendary coach Bella Carolli to accept the gold medal she clinched for the 1996 US women's team when she landed her final vault perfectly on a bad ankle?

How about the 2000 Games when then 22-year-old Laura Wilkinson beat out the always favorite Japanese divers to win a surprise gold medal in the 10-meter platform? She was the first American to win the event since 1964.

See what I mean about the stories? Uh, I need a Kleenex.



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Cohasset Yacht Club sailor Michael Gangemi heads in after finishing a day of racing with his optimist "Home Run" at the 17th annual Scituate Harbor Yacht Club's Junior Regatta this week.

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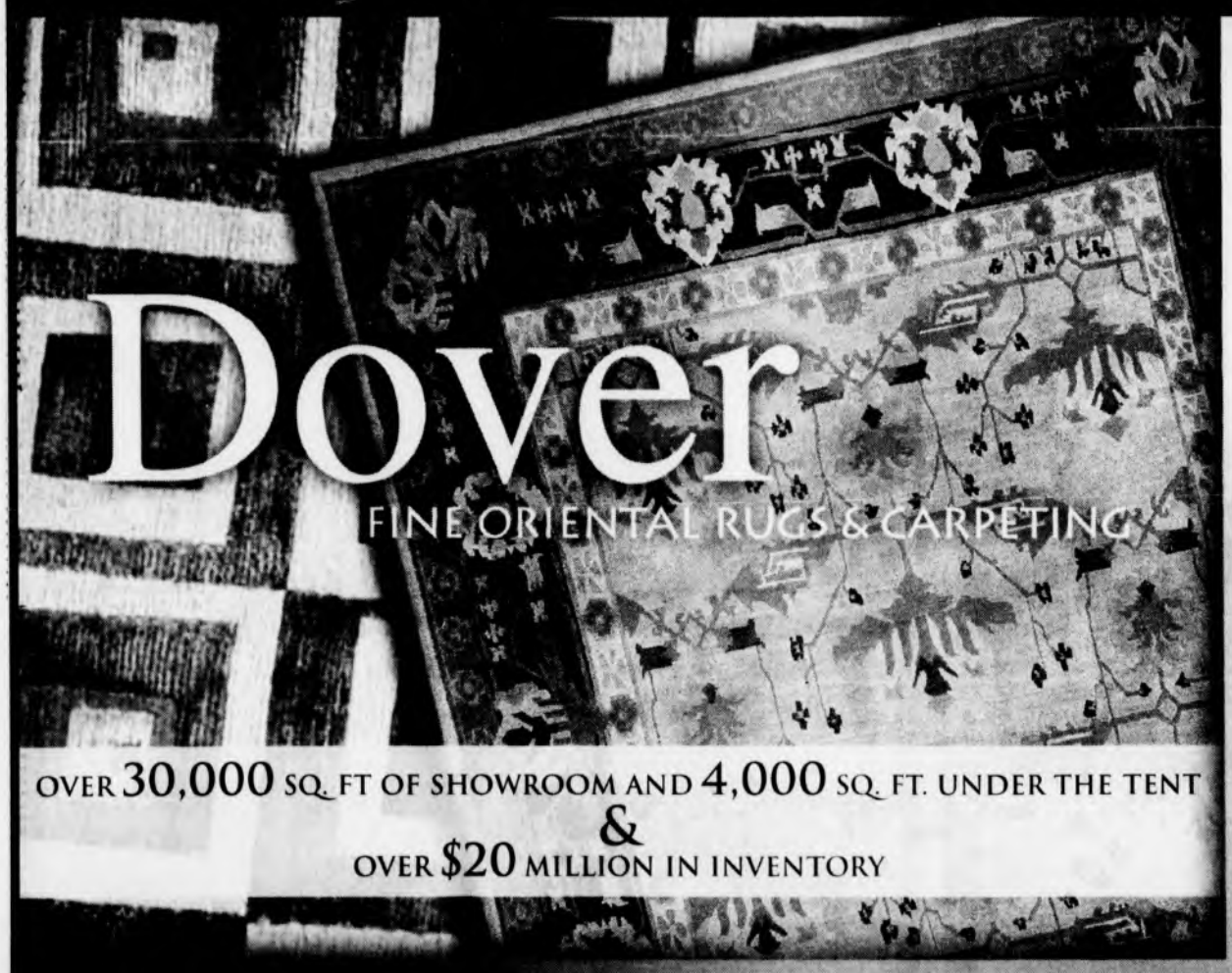
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Naughty role models

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Patriot League championship, 1-0.

Thornton, who was listed at 6-foot-3 and 175 pounds in his final year at MHS, will enter his junior year at Notre Dame University this fall and looked all of his listed 6-4/225 when I saw him the other night.

Looks like nature and Nautilus have combined to create a legitimate Major League prospect. Thornton threw hard and pitched well, giving up five runs on seven hits through seven plus innings, but three of the runs came in on bleeders through the infield.

As for Curreri, he had a big RBI single and made a catch in deep left that would have made Jim Edmonds proud. With two on and two outs, he went back hard to the wall and made a diving catch fully outstretched with his back turned to infield. Not bad for a guy who is used primarily as a catcher at UMass-Amherst.

Curreri is having quite a summer. He's batting a team best .330 (32-for-97) and was recently named MVP of the Cape Cod League all-star game, his two run first inning home run giving the East Division team all the momentum it would need in a 13-0 victory at Eldredge Park, Orleans.

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Speaking of local prospects making good, Jason Connelly, the other half of that incredible one-two Scituate High pitching punch from the 2001 and 2002 seasons, had a banner year at Western New England and is currently lighting it up for the Mills City All-Americans in a very strong New England College Baseball League.

Connelly, who will enter his junior year at Western New England College this fall, has been converted by the All-Americans from a starter to a closer this summer. Through 14 appearances and 20.1 innings of work, Connelly has posted an ERA of 3.10 that places him 10th in the entire NECBL and he's recorded three saves.

This past season for Western New England College, Connelly, the MVP of the Patriot League in 2002, posted a 9-3 record and 2.76 ERA in 97.2 innings in gaining the Cy Young Award for WNEC. The nine victories tied as the second highest in school history. Connelly also had nine complete games and one shutout while hitting .277 in 44 games.

Connelly was named both the GNAC Pitcher-of-the-Year and GNAC Tournament MVP. He was named to the All-GNAC First Team, GNAC Tournament Team, and NCAA Division III New England Regional Tournament Team.

WNEC finished the season with a 33-14 record that was a school record for wins, breaking the old mark of 29 set in 2002. The Golden Bears also placed third at the NCAA Division III New England Regional Tournament and captured their second Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Tournament title in four years.

Incidentally, Jason's brother Chris was named Mariner All-Scholastic this week for lacrosse.

Chris decided after his sophomore year not to follow in his big brother's footsteps, and boy did that work out.

Chris had a couple of friends playing lacrosse, so he made the jump from baseball to lacrosse in the spring of 2003. A little more than a year later, he's headed for Bucknell University and appears to have a good shot of playing lacrosse at the Div. 1 college level.

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The sudden retirement of Ricky Williams, 27, from the NFL this weekend came as a shock to many. It probably shouldn't have.

No one who receives a paycheck playing professional sports takes a beating, either physical and mental, that comes even close to comparing to what is endured by today's "all purpose backs," such as Ricky.

And no one from this select group took near as many hits as Ricky has over the last two years.

Williams made his money, and now he's chosen to walk away rather than limp, or worse, away.

How can anyone criticize him for that?

Of course, as a diehard member of Patriots nation, my perception may be slightly skewed.

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Must we assign blame?

Why, rather than looking back at this time on the highlights of Nomar's largely glorious seven plus seasons in a Red Sox uniform, must we rather let fly with the muck and obsess over conspiracy theories?

Duh! Because we're Red Sox fans. That's what we do. If it bothers you, get over it. Better yet, why don't you start checking out real estate and the job market in the midwest.

For the last week in these parts it's been all Nomar all the time…on the radio, in print, in cyberspace and every where in the vicinity of water coolers and coffee machines, and still, seemingly, we can't get enough…and by "we," of course I mean me.

What this entire mess really boils down to, of course, is that Nomar was royally PO'd with Sox ownership, management, and, to a lesser extent, the local media. The first question, then, is should he have been?

And that is the $64 million question, or rather the $60 million question with some "minimal" deferment.

There's no way we'll ever get a healthy consensus on that query. The information we're getting is, to no surprise, wildly contradictory. And that, to a large extent, is what helps make this all great fodder for the ongoing debates.

Here's the way I look at it.

Sox management/ownership set this whole acrimonious situation into motion by not closing on the ARod deal when they had the chance. The difference between finalizing the deal or deals was something like $14 million, not exactly chump change, even by Major League Baseball standards, but it would have been a relatively small price to pay compared to what turned out to be the end game of this mess.

And Sox management should have foreseen what shook down as a very real possibility before they walked away from the table with their Rangers counterparts for the final time.

Even casual fans of this team knew that Nomar was an overly sensitive control freak. How did we expect him to feel when he was suddenly made to feel both unloved and out of control? That's right: pretty much the way he did.

A big part of the responsibility for Theo Epstein, Larry Lucchino, et al, as team managers is to manage around the personalities of the players. That's something fans seldom like to dwell on, but it is a fact of life. They screwed up. Plain and simple.

This is not to say I'm excusing Nomar for his failings. Hey, if a Little Leaguer acted the way he has in many cases, we'd call him a petulant brat. Why should Nomar be spared the same designation? Because he happens to be one of the most talented ballplayers on the planet?

How do you defend a guy who acts all insulted after being repeatedly offered $60 million over four years…in this marketplace…given his recent history…to stay in a place he proclaimed to love? A show of hands now: who out there wouldn't welcome that kind of insult?

Virtually everything that has been reported since that final offer of $60 million has been spin.

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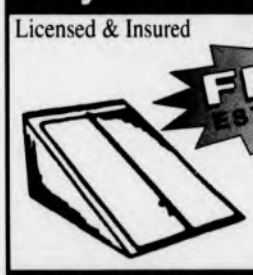
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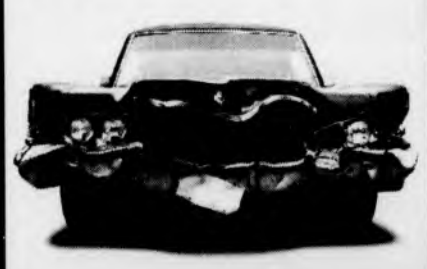


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OBITUARIES

Samuel Hassan

Samuel Hassan, 83 of Cohasset and Boynton Beach, Fla., died August 4, 2004 at his home. Born and raised in Quincy, he was the eldest son of the late Najia (Abraham) and Ismail.

He graduated from Quincy High School in 1939 and attended Franklin Technical Institute. He worked at Bethlehem Steel at the Quincy Shipyard.

He moved to Cohasset in 1945 and became an active community leader. He was a member of the Cohasset Housing Authority and was instrumental in its provision of housing for the elderly. He was commemorated by the Board of the Cohasset Community Center as its president. He was Town Election Warden for 17 years as well.

An avid golfer, he was golf chairman at Cohasset Golf Club for many years.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of WW II and founded CSH Industries, a sheet metal manufacturing business in Plymouth in 1973.

He was a devout Muslim and a founding member of the Islamic Center of NE.

He leaves his wife of 59 years, Peggy (McGonnigal) and five children; Dr. Linda Hassan and her husband Tom ("Tucker") Moore of Canterbury, NH; David and his wife Jane, Samuel Peter and his wife Donna Denaro, and Arron and his wife Meredith, all of Cohasset, and James and his wife Christina of Pembroke. He also leaves eight grandchildren, two step grandsons, one great grandson and on step great-granddaughter.

Mr. Hassan leaves three brothers, Mohammed and Abdo, both of Quincy, and Allie of Rockland; and two sisters, Katherine Haddad of San Bruno, CA and Zaida Shaw of Quincy, and the late; Fatima, Emma, Zaizuni, Theodore and Albert. He also leaves more than 30 nieces and nephews and many friends.

A memorial services was held at The First Parish Unitarian Church in Cohasset. Private internment was held at Beechwood Cemetery in Cohasset on Aug. 7.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Hassan's memory may be made to "School Fund" at The Islamic Center of New England, 470 South St., Braintree, MA 02185.

Arrangements by The McManara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Louis N. Simeone

Louis N. Simeone, 84, of Cohasset, a former salesman and accountant, died Aug. 4, 2004 at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home. Mr. Simeone worked for Brady Enterprises in Weymouth for 15 years.

Born in Cohasset, he was a lifelong resident of the town. He was active in the community and was a member and chairman of the Cohasset Advisory Board.

Mr. Simeone was a former member and president of the Rotary Club of Cohasset. He served on several town committees and was bail commissioner for Cohasset for more than 10 years. He was a member of the school committee. He was a cubmaster for Cohasset Cub Scouts and a little league coach. He taught CCD at St. Anthony's Church, where he was active in fairs and other events. He also volunteered in a reading program for dyslexic people in Quincy.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the Navy from 1942-46.

He leaves his wife, June E. Simeone, a son, Dana K. Simeone of Doylestown, PA; two sisters, Nancy Anderson of Scituate and Anna Abbruzzese of Cohasset; two grandsons and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass was celebrated on Aug. 7 at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Burial was private

Arrangements were made by Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, Hingham.

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David R. Hunsberger carillonneur at the University of California, Berkeley, will play the final recital in the 80th annual series of summer carillon recitals on the church's 57-bell carillon on Sunday, Aug. 15. Featured will be a selections by Johann Sebastian Bach, George Gershwin Scott Joplin, with arrangements by Hunsberger.

The hour-long recital begins at 6 p.m. and is free of charge. It will take place rain or shine; in case of rain, listen from your parked cars. Printed programs will be distributed on Cohasset Common, and will also be available in a stand near the church courtyard on Highland Avenue extension. Listeners are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics. After the recital there will be an "open tower" demonstration for all who wish to climb the 45 steps to the carillon.

For more information, call the church office at 781-383-1083 between 9 a.m. and noon, or carillonneur Sally Slade Warner at 978-475-2599, or the assistant carillonneur Mary Kennedy at 781-383-9599.

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A new place for Old Glory

Beechwood park flagpole installed

Beechwood was the only recreational facility in town without a flagpole.

By Samantha Brown
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There are few things more American than singing the National Anthem at a ball game. Whether it be Little Leaguers or women's softball players, when the anthem is played and every eye turns to the flag, every hat is lowered to cover the heart.

But until recently, players at the Beechwood Ball Park didn't have a proper flagpole to display the red, white, and blue. In fact, Beechwood was the only recreational facility in town without a flagpole. However, thanks to the efforts of 66 individuals, families, and organizations from Cohasset, the flag can now waive proudly from a brand new pole.

Glenn Pratt, who has been working to help spruce up the Beechwood Cemetery area, said the idea to begin a Beechwood Ball Park flagpole project was conceived by Leo LeClair as well as other longtime Beechwood residents Merle Brown, Nancy Snowdale, Fay Sargent, and Sherwood and Cora Ainslie. Because the Beechwood Ball Park had not had a flagpole since the closing of the Beechwood Firehouse more than 25 years ago, they thought it was time to bring a pole back.

"Due to the tremendous response and generosity of Beechwood neighbors and other Cohasset citizens," a flagpole was recently installed at Beechwood Corner, said Pratt. Nearly $5,000 was donated to be put toward the cause. In the coming weeks, Mass Electric will install special lighting which will shine up on the flag to highlight it for all to see.

The town has been working hard to restore the Beechwood Cemetery area. Last year, Pratt worked with the Cemetery Study Committee to restore two sets of intricate wrought iron gates at the Beechwood Cemetery. In addition, new signage was created to resemble what a sign might have looked like in the 1870s when the gates were originally crafted. Recently, Pratt said a group led by Nancy Snowdale landscaped portions of the corner of the cemetery.

Funding for the gates and signs was provided by the Community Preservation Committee, which allocated $20,000 to cover expenses associated with both. Nothing had been done in terms of aesthetic improvements at the cemetery since the 1970s.

In 2001, 300 new plots were added to the cemetery. Other expansions over the years include one in the early 1900s when the property was squared off, and another in the 1990s when an additional section off Beechwood Street was cleared.

Donations are still being accepted to enable further improvements to be made to the Beechwood Ball Park. Those interested in making a donation can make checks out to the Beechwood Ball Park Flagpole Project. Checks can be sent to Glenn Pratt's home address at 482 King St.

Hullapalooza helps animal rescue work

On Aug. 21, at the Red Parrot in Hull, local folk, country and rock and roll musicians are teaming up to present the Third Annual Hullapalooza to benefit Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

Featured bands include: the rocking blues of The Pemberton All-Stars, celtic folk of Tim & Rob, Americana with Brooke & Katie, and rock 'n roll from the 60s to the present with Catbasket. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at the door or in advance at: the Hull Lifesaving Museum, Nantasket Naturals, The Red Parrot <www.theredparrot.com>, A Street Liquors and Beedazzled. To charge tickets over the phone, call 1-877-378-1195, leave your name and number and your call will be returned. Tickets are limited, and advance purchase is recommended.

Volunteers needed

Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is looking for a few good volunteers to help with: animal Care and/or TLC, community outreach and volunteer fairs, event planning, feral cat spay/neuter release program, fundraising and donation drives and more. For information on how you can help, contact HSAR at 1-877-378-1195, email us at HSAR@HSAR.org or check out our website at www.HSAR.org HSAR is a 501(3)c non-profit organization serving the communities of Hull, Hingham & Cohasset

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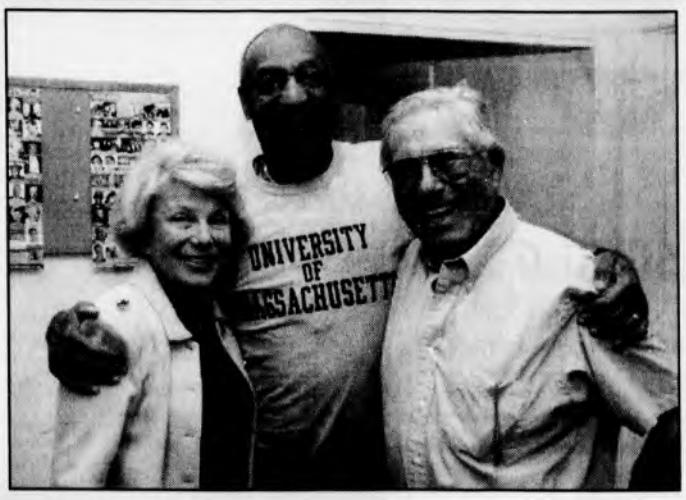
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Bill Cosby comes to Cohasset







Above: South Shore Savings Bank Chairman and COO John Boucher and his wife, Mary, backstage with Bill Cosby on Saturday.

Top right: Cohasset Chamber of Commerce president Mike Conlon with Judy Lyden and Jennifer McCready, all of Cohasset, at the chamber's VIP tent at the Music Circus before the Bill Cosby show on Saturday.

At right: Building 19's Jerry Ellis and his wife, Elaine, pose with Bill Cosby for a photo.



At left: Pilgrim Cooperative Bank president Frank Campbell and his wife, Mary, with Staci and John Gilbert, all of Cohasset, at the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce reception at the Music Circus before the Bill Cosby Show.

Photos by Bethony Versoy

Historic NE photos on exhibit

The Hull Lifesaving Museum and the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities is hosting "The Camera's Coast" a sampler of historic coastal New England images from the collections of Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities through Sept. 5. The pioneering photographers represented from SPNEA include Nathaniel Stebbins, Henry G. Peabody, Baldwin Coolidge, and Emma Coleman. Subjects depicted include square-riggers, coasting schooners, fishing vessels and fishing ports, small boats and large yachts, summer hotels and fishermen's shacks, fishermen, seaweed gatherers, and salt-marsh haymakers.

Curated by noted author and maritime historian William H. Bunting, "The Camera's Coast" illustrates life along the New England coast in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. These were years of great social and economic change. Many traditional maritime occupations, from long-shore fishing and shipbuilding to deep water voyaging were in decline. With mushrooming industrialism and growing numbers of people able to take vacations – and increasingly hot, crowded, and dirty cities from which to flee – coastal recreation boomed.

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Paying for college workshop

"More Dollars for College," a local college financial aid advocacy firm and author of the book "How to Give Your Child a 4-Year College Education Without Going Broke" will reveal inside secrets that saved their clients thousands of dollars on Aug. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. Hingham.

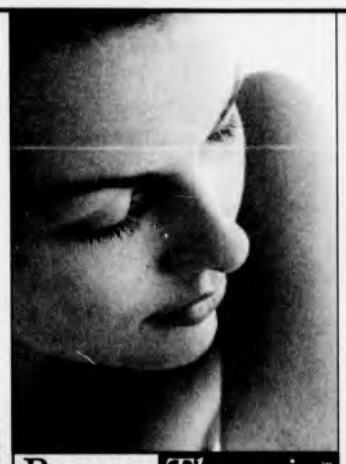
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POLICE LOG

SATURDAY, JULY 31

7:26 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

7:46 p.m. **Sohier St.,** medical aid, patient sign off.

9:45 p.m. **North Main St.**, assist other agency.

11:04 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

11:22 p.m. **South Main St.,** officer wanted/investigated/report taken.

11:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

12:49 a.m. **Town Parking Lot**, noise complaint.

1:17 a.m. **King St., and Sohier St.,** animal control, referred to other agency.

3:09 a.m. **North Main St.**, vandalism, referred to other agency.

3:19 a.m. **Cedar St.**, vandalism, referred to other agency.

3:37 a.m. **North Main St.,** general services.

8:45 a.m. **South Main St.,** parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

9:31 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** public service other, good intent call.

11:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, motor vehicle violations, verbal warning.

2:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

2:42 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

5:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

6:14 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, medical aid, patient sign off.

11:02 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

11:23 p.m. **Pond St.,** animal control.

11:25 p.m. **Sohier St., and King St.**, animal control.

MONDAY, AUG. 2

12:44 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, open door/window, secured building.

6:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St.**, animal control, referred to other agency.

8:02 a.m. **Beach St.,** animal control, referred to other agency.

8:14 a.m. **Elm St.,** animal control, referred to other agency.

8:30 a.m. **Kendall Village St.,** officer wanted, arrest: Richard Michael Dinger, 18, 4 Kendall Village. Chgs.: assault, malicious destruction of property more than $250; intimidation of witness.

9:01 a.m. **Ripley Road**, officer wanted, services rendered.

1:29 p.m. **Summer St.,** found property.

3:53 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal control.

4:28 p.m. **South Main St.,** fire, inspections.

4:51 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, lost property.

5:15 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Road**, motor vehicle stop.

5:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.,** motor vehicle stop.

5:44 p.m. **Pond St.,** found property brought to station.

5:56 p.m. **Parker Ave.,** lost property, investigated/report taken.

7 p.m. Police headquarters, general services.

10:52 p.m. **Bassins Beach**, general services.

10:58 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

TUESDAY, AUG. 3

7:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Road**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:15 a.m. Training.

8:43 a.m. **Howard Gleason Road**, animal control, services rendered.

9:32 a.m. **Elm St.**, fire, inspections.

9:42 a.m. **Riverview Drive**, fire, inspections.

9:46 a.m. **James Lane**, parking complaint.

10:32 a.m. **North Main St.,** parking complaint.

10:55 a.m. **Border St.,** disturbance, gathering, no police service necessary.

11:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle crash, no fire service necessary.

1:09 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance, gathering.

1:34 p.m. **Forest Circle**, officer wanted, good intent call.

2:54 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance, gathering.

3:40 p.m. Hertz Rent-A-Car, investigation.

3:49 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

5:14 p.m. **Forest Ave. and North Main St.**, suspicious auto, area search negative.

5:42 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, traffic complaint.

5:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, animal control.

8:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious auto.

9:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:59 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 4

5:24 a.m. **King St.,** assist citizen.

6:32 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** animal control.

7:12 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** animal control.

8:43 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, larceny, investigated, report taken.

2:24 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance, gathering.

3:42 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, general services.

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AUGUST 12 -20, 2004

Thurs. Aug. 12

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth College of Visual and Performing Arts will feature an exhibition of rare prints entitled "Tabernacle, Temple, King, Adulteress: Depictions of Jewish Religion and Life in 17th and 18th Century European Prints" in the University Art Gallery located in downtown New Bedford. Free and open for viewing all summer until Sept. 9.

Mass Audubon presents summer programs at Plymouth Beach, **Birding the Beach**, Aug. 12, with **David Clapp**, 8 to 11 a.m. 781-837-9400.

Mass Audubon presents summer programs on Plymouth Beach with a **Mass Audubon Naturalist. Sunset Beach** walks with **Chris Dalton**, Aug. 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. 781-837-9400.

South Shore Natural Science Center 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. Every year at this time, the **Perseid Meteor Showers** dazzle observers with shooting stars. Spend an evening with them on Aug. 12, learning a bit about this amazing phenomenon, as well as scanning the skies for incoming meteors through our powerful new telescope. Attend just the evening program from 8 to 10 p.m. or bring the whole family along for a camp out on the grounds. Overnighters will enjoy snacks and stories around the campfire and a hearty breakfast followed by a morning hike. Tent set-up is from 7-8 p.m. on Thursday. Come early and bring a picnic supper if you like. Fee for the evening program only is $8 per person, $20 per family of four; the evening program plus the overnight is $60 per family of four. Members rates are discounted, call for additional information. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. 781-659-2559

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents Kaleidoscope Children's Theater, **Magic School Bus** Aug. 12, 10:30 a.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com. Box office at 130 Sohier St. www.themusiccircus.org

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series Aug 12, **Tribute to Count Basie.** All concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday.

Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, **Comedy Night** featuring **P.J. Walsh along with Annette Pollack, Kimberly Egan, Stephen Smith, Adam Copithorne, Denise Robichau, Gail Dipalma, host, Glen Gordon**. Admission $10. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300. www.annettepollack.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Ryan Fardy Shades of Blues,** blues, rock, Aug. 12. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mark Your Calendar

7TH ANNUAL QUINCY ARTSFEST A show of juried art, juried photography, children's art and live entertainment, will be held in Merrymount Park Sept. 18 and 19. Obtain Call for Entries form by calling Quincy Park Dept. at 617-376-1251 or Quincy Art Association at 617-770-2482. Acceptance of entries will be held Aug. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at Richard J. Koch Park and Recreation Complex, One Merrymount Parkway (Route 3A), Quincy. Non-refundable fee of $10 required per entry for juried art and juried photography shows. Maximum of three entries per person.

NOREASCON FOUR The 62nd World Science Fiction Convention will invade Boston Sept. 2-6. Lasting five days, Noreascon Four will feature hundreds of program items: panel discussions, film and anime showings, demonstrations debates, speeches, autographing sessions, and more. www.noreascon.org

JOAN BAEZ Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $37-$42 Legendary folk singer Joan Baez returns to the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall, the spot where she and Bob Dylan kicked off the legendary Rolling Thunder Revue Tour in 1975. Tickets:www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com/> 866-468-7619 at the box-office located at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth, MA 508-747-0234. All Strawberries

THE SECOND ANNUAL JETT GOLF CLASSIC will be held on Oct. 6, at the Pine Hills Golf Club in Plymouth. A scramble format is planned. Registration and putting contest will begin at 10 am and a shotgun start is at 11:30 am. The Jett Foundation is seeking golfers and non-golfers, volunteers to help organize the event, as well as items for silent/live auction, raffle and prize donations. All levels of sponsorship are available. Dinner only tickets will also be available. Anyone wishing to get involved may call the Jett Foundation president, Christine McSherry, 781-293-2667.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619.

Jimbo's Boston – Every Thursday night Contemporary Jazz Rhythm & Blues Cover $10 at door- $7 with student ID.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset – **Blue Ribbon Members' Show** July 22 through Sept. 5. 781-383-2787 www.ssac.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree., Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

Fri. 13

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Donald Heath** will exhibit his paintings for the month of August at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, Aug. 13, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime – **Beeeeee Goooooood!!!** Beth will help you mind your P's and Q's as she reads **Is It Right to Fight?** and **This Little Piggy's Book of Manners**.

South Shore Singles will sponsor their semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Friday, Aug. 13, with the Emanon Orchestra from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington, Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021 Web site: <http://www.southshoresingles.org>

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **The Houserockers**, Aug. 13. 781-258-5232.

J.C. Dee's Restaurant & Lounge, 312 Bridge St., Route 3A, N. Weymouth. **Comedy Night** featuring Weymouth's own **Bob Niles along with Annette Pollack, Dave McDonough, Chrissy Kelleher, Mark Sherman. Host Jay Rodriguez.** Admission $10 781-337-1020. www.annettepollack.com

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **Ron Towers,** Aug. 13 and 14. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com 781-834-1910.

Satuit Band will perform Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m. at Scituate Harbor. In the event of inclement weather, the band will perform indoors at St. Mary's of the Nativity Church at the corner of First Parish Road and Kent St., adjacent to Scituate Harbor.

The Backside Tavern, Webster Square, Downtown Marshfield, presents **The J Place Band**, Aug. 13, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fat City Band**, rhythm and blues, rock. Aug. 13. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com



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The Scituate Arts Association Gallery announces the continuation of its raffle at the gallery of a full-sheet sized painting by **Peter Spataro** valued at over $1,200. The Artwork will be on display throughout the Heritage weekend at the Gallery with final drawing during the membership show in October. Individual tickets are $5 or triple your chances for twice the amount three tickets for $10. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located at 124 Front St., Scituate, 781-545-5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays

The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents **Big River** through Aug. 22. Mark Twain's timeless classic. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by phone at 781-871-2787 - Wednesday and Sunday $23., Thursday, Friday and Saturday $25. www.companytheatre.com/order.html

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission. 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Ron Towers,** Aug. 13 and 14, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Damien's, 279 Spring St., Hanson, presents Jumpin' Juba (duo), Aug. 13 and 14, 9 p.m., 781-447-6556.

Sat. Aug. 14

North River Arts Society presents **"A Sense of New England,"** an exhibit of original landscape paintings by Trisha Hurley at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center, Aug. 14 to Oct. 9. Opening reception Aug. 14, 7 to 9 p.m. Hours: Monday to Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday to Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Blue Hills Adventures Canoeing on Lower Neponset River, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donation: $5. Must be swimmer. Call 781-326-0079 for meeting place and/or more information.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Kenny Rogers**, Aug. 14, 8 p.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com. Box office at 130 Sohier St. www.themusiccircus.org

Tavern Night at the Olde Winslow House, 644 Careswell St., Marshfield, Aug. 14, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Travel to the 18th century and experience first-hand what an evening out for the hard working colonists meant. Period music performed by The Jolly Rogues. Admission $15 ($12 for members). Refreshments will be served. Free parking. 781-837-5753 or visit www.winslowhouse.org or www.jollyrogues.com.

The monthly Down East Dancers Country Western Dance will be held Aug. 14, at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Wild Willy. Snacks, raffles, cash bar. Smoke free, $5. For more info. 508-995-9496; 781-925-9066.

Caribbean Romance Singles Dance and Harbor Cruise, Friday, Aug. 14, at Gate C, Rowes Wharf, Atlantic Ave., Boston, 7 to 11 p.m. Bon Voyage party, with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 5 to 7 p.m. Cruise and dancing on ship 7 to 11 p.m. with complimentary food and desserts provided on board. Music by Bruno. Limited to 360 single professionals, age 35 and over. Island or casual attire. $45 Call 781-283-0400



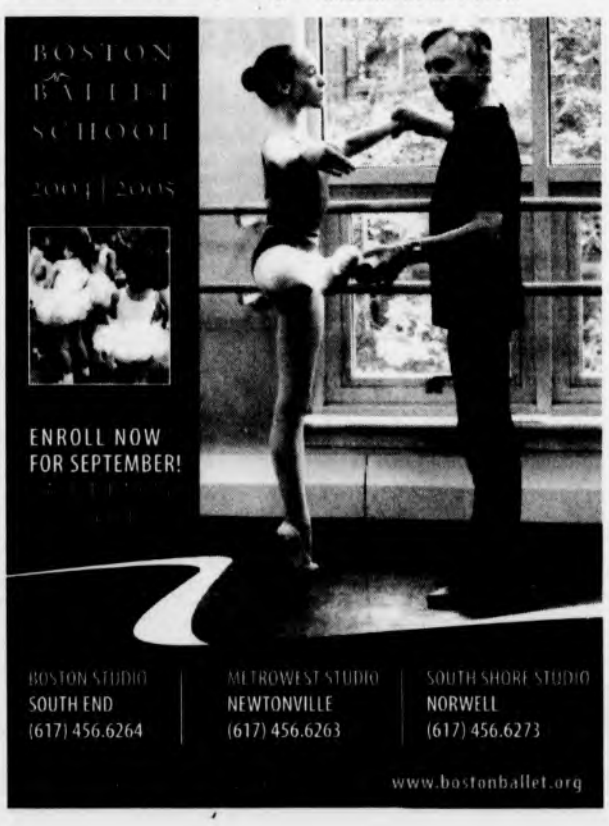
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for reservations. Sponsored by the Singles Executive Club and the Young Professionals Club and www.se-4you.com

North and South Rivers Watershed Association's 14th Annual Great River Race, Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m.. Spectators are encouraged to cheer the racers on at the starting line at the Union St. Bridge, and at the finish line at the old Washington St. Bridge. Awards ceremony at McGreal's Tavern on West St., Norwell Center, 1 p.m. Pre-registration encouraged. 781-659-8168 www.nsrwa.org

The Silver Ribbon American Crafts & Art Gallery will hold an open house to celebrate their 16th Anniversary on Aug. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Handicap accessible. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The Boston Landmarks Orchestra will perform Aug. 14, at 8 p.m. at The Boston Common Parade Ground www.landmarksorchestra.org 617-520-2200.

Free clinic offers wheelchair repairs and test drives for people with MS. Massachusetts residents who have multiple sclerosis (MS) and who drive scooters or wheelchairs are invited to schedule an appointment for a free clinic on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Advantage Home Medical in North Attleboro. Organized by the National MS Society, Central New England Chapter, the clinic features technicians who do check-ups and minor repairs onsite without charge. To schedule an appointment by the Aug. 6 deadline call 1-800-493-9255 and ask for Martha Maynard or e-mail to Martha.Maynard@mam.nmss.org <mailto:Martha.Maynard@mam.nmss.org> Appointment time and travel directions are sent to participants following registration.

Bettina Lesieuri's First Annual Summer Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge. Lesieur Gallery is located at 301 Saint George Street in Duxbury. This exhibit features oil landscapes, ranging from miniatures to larger pieces of Duxbury and the South Shore area, Cape Cod and Islands, New Mexico, Key West, and Provence. For information call 781-934-5103 or visit www.bettinalesieur.com.

Hull Performing Arts, presents **A Summer Movie Series.** Enjoy some family films favorites at the Fort Revere amphitheater 60 Farina Road, Hull, on Aug. 14, 21, 28, at dusk. Movies rated no higher than PG. Bring lawn chair, picnic and bug spray. 781-925-2406 or visit www.hullperformingarts.com for information.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents **"Weather Report,** paintings and drawings by **Alix White**," through Aug. 30. 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866-JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

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The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington, **Mr. Nick Blues Mafia**, Aug. 14, 9:30 p.m., no cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Ron Towers,** Aug. 13 and 14, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Slipper Sneakers,** cajun rythum and blues, Aug. 14. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. Aug. 15

Saint Stephen's Church presents its **80th annual Summer Carillon recitals** on Sundays at 6 p.m. on the Cohasset Common. Aug. 15, final recital with David Hunsberger, University of California, Berkeley Calif. Free, rain or shine. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic supper to the church courtyard on Highland Avenue or to the common. 978-475-2599 or 781-383-1083.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents Kaleidoscope Children's Theater, **Sleeping Beauty** Aug. 19, 10:30 a.m. $7.50 tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com. Box office at 130 Sohier St. www.themusiccircus.org

August Moon Festival, 1 to 5 p.m. in the KamMan Marketplace parking lot, 219 Quincy Ave. This celebrated Chinese holiday marks the end of the harvest season. Hosted by Quincy Asian Resources, this year's festival will feature food, cultural performances, children's activities, raffles and more. Call 617-472-2200 for more information.

Blue Hills Adventures Short Historic Quarries Hike, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donation $5. Three-mile intermediate/advanced hike to Granite Quarries, First Commercial Railway, Incline and Lyons Turning Mill. Call 781-326-0079 for meeting place and/or more information.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150 (Rear) Front St., Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. all summer. Bar and grill open all day. 781-545-3999.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **Dixieland Jazz concert Reed Royalty featuring John Clark and Stan McDonald** from 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 15. Admission $10. Dinner beginning at 5 p.m. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

The Boston Landmarks Orchestra will perform Aug. 15, at 6 p.m. at Jamaica Pond, Jamaica Plain. www.landmarksorchestra.org 617-520-2200.

Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance Aug. 15, at Grand Ballroom Nantasket, Clarion Hotel, 45 Hull Shore Dr., Hull 781-925-4515. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Live dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and The Presidents Club of Boston.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Travis Tritt** Aug. 15, 8 p.m.. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com. Box office at 130 Sohier St. www.themusiccircus.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Mystic Vibes with Ring Dubious**, reggae, Aug. 15. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com



Mon. Aug. 16

Auditions for "Bye Bye Birdie," the **Hingham Civic Music Theatre's** fall production, will be Aug. 16-17 at 7 p.m. at Hingham Town Hall's Sanborn Auditorium, 210 Central St. Callbacks are Aug. 19. Performance dates are Oct. 16-17 and Oct. 22-23. First-timers are welcome. Both lead and chorus parts are being cast. Bring sheet music, and prepare to sing one verse of a song, not necessarily from 'Birdie, that demonstrates your range. An accompanist is provided. For information contact HCMT stage manager Pat Sherman at 781-837-1499 (stagemommma2003@yahoo.com <mailto:stagemomma2003@yahoo.com>) or "Birdie" director Mark Bono at 617-696-6569 (mgbono@msn.com <mailto:mgbono@msn.com>).

1749 Courthouse Museum, Town Square, Plymouth, is free and filled with items of Plymouth's history. Open through Oct. 2. 508-830-4075 or 508-746-7789.

Hingham Public Library presents an exhibit by **J. Michael Sullivan. The Sublime Color of Northern Italy**, through Sept. 24.

Plymouth Ice Rink opens registration for Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Clinics The Armstrong Arena has opened registration for two pre-season conditioning clinics t Puck Control & Shooting and Pre-Season Conditioning will be offered at the ice rink during the week of Aug. 16-20. To register or for information, call 781-871-7960 or visit www.BayStateHockey.com.

Tues. Aug. 17

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club on North Street, across the street from Seven Eleven on North Street. Non-profit weight loss support group. For information, the T.O.P.S. website is: www.tops.org or call, Eleanor at 781-335-4942.

Mass Audubon And The North & South Rivers Watershed Association - Family Overnight Kayaking Adventure on the North River, Aug. 17 and 18, or Aug. 19 and 20. Boats and Camping Gear Provided. Dinner provided (bring two lunches) Kayak the 14-mile North River, overnight at Couch Beach Cost: $225 for a family group of three or less per two-day excursion (add $15 for each additional member) For parents of all ages and children of at least 10 years of age Learn Paddling techniques and rescue and reentry Monday Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon ($15) Call Ellyn Einhorn at Mass Audubon at 781-837-9400 Or Wendy Garpow at NSRWA at 781-659-8168.

"A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious?" will be offered at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham with Rabbi Shira Joseph on three consecutive Tuesday evenings, Aug. 17, 24 and 31, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There is no enrollment fee; but pre-registration is required and space is limited. Call the URJ-Northeast Council office at 781-449-0404 for information and to register.

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

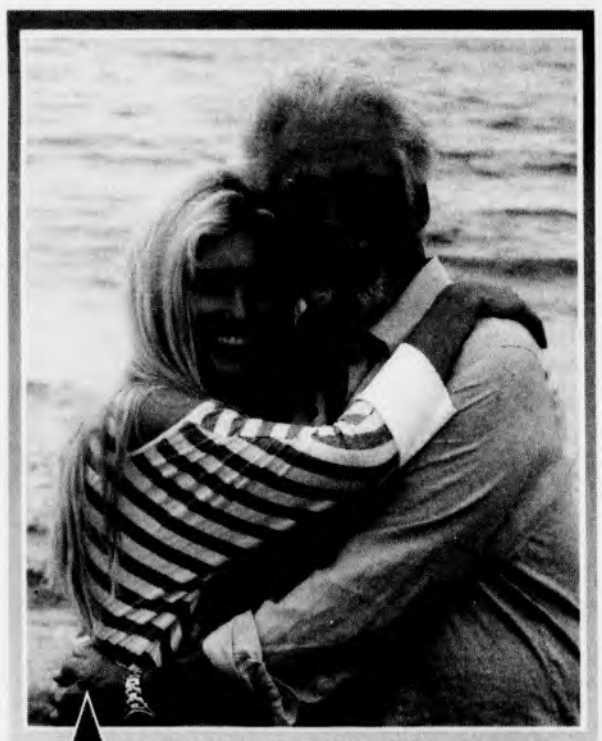
South Shore Manic-Depression and Depression Support Group-open to anyone with a mood disorder and their friends and family. Meeting at Pembroke Hospital (Oak Street, Pembroke) every Thursday at 7 p.m. 781-829-7211.

Mamma Mia, the musical based on the songs of **ABBA** has extended through Aug. 29, at the **Colonial Theatre**. This is the final Boston engagement - must close Aug. 29. Performances Tuesday through Sunday. Call ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com Group sales 617-482-8616. For information call 617-426-9366.

Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents **Marine and Local Scenes** at its New Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, through Aug. 29. 781-545-6150, www.scituateartsassociation.com

The Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St. Hingham. An exhibit, **Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past** features

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antique tools from the society's collection and is on view during museum hours. The Old Ordinary is open through Sept. 11. For information call 781-749-0013 or visit http://www/hinghamhistorical.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Wed. Aug. 18

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands will be organizing a sunset cruise to Georges Island on Wednesday Aug. 18. Thrill to ghost legends in the spooky setting of Fort Warren, hear tales to set your spine tingling The boat leaves Rowes Wharf in downtown Boston at 6 p.m. and returns at 9 p.m. After cruising out through the harbor, land on Georges Island for a narrated tour. Fort Warren's role in the Civil War and both World Wars will be covered, along with the significance of its location at the outer edge of Boston Harbor. Then as dusk falls hear about the stories of Edward Rowe Snow and learn about the Lady in Black. Tickets can be bought on the day at Rowes Wharf (cash only) and cost $17 for adults, $15 for seniors, $13 for Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members, $10 for children (3 – 12), and babies travel for free. Light snack and beverage service is available on the boat – bringing a picnic is recommended. For more information about Friends activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Donald Heath** will exhibit his paintings for the month of August at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, Aug. 18, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime **–Gone But Not Forgotten** - Remember the good times with Beth as she reads **I Miss You Stinky Face** and **Where Have You Been?**

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no monies are exchanged - Just time.) Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc. moving furniture), The list is endless. Procrastinating can be a thing of the past. Membership fees: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, at 781-871-2583.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will feature an exhibit by **Ted Polomis** through Aug. 30. 781-383-1348 www.polomis.com

The Monhegan Experience paintings of Monehegan Island by members of the **North River Arts Society** at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St., Rockland.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. Aug. 19

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series Aug 19, **Legion Bud Band.** All concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Level Ride and Friends,** original rock, Aug. 19. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. 20

Single Executives Club Hawaiian Singles Dance Friday, Aug. 20, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rte. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35-55 years old. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business casual dress acceptable. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and www.se-4you.com http://www.se-4you.com

Satuit Band will perform Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m. at Scituate Harbor. In the event of inclement weather, the band will perform indoors at St. Mary's of the Nativity Church at the corner of First Parish Road and Kent St., adjacent to Scituate Harbor.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Mission of Blues** Aug. 20, 9:30 p.m., no cover. 781-258-5232.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **McLaughlin Brothers**, Aug. 20, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Nicole Nelson Band**, blues, Aug. 20. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, Aug. 20, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime **–Special Thoughts** Beth will share her sensitive side as she reads **Treasures of the Heart** and **Care Bears Special Delivery.**

Ongoing Events

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Families with Children from China (FCC) South Shore, has an active play group meeting every other week from 10 am until noon. Call Cissy White at 781-331-4679 for information. No cost to join.

South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Front Street Book Shop offers a supportive environment and encourages all levels of writing experience to attend. Bring a writing project to share. More info call: 781-545-5011.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

La Leche League is an international, non profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and encouragement to all women who want to breastfeed. Meetings are Thursdays, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12, at 7:15 p.m. in Pembroke. For information call: Joanne 781-924-1919/Lisa 781-829-9075/Heidi 781-582-1187. All expectant, new, and experienced mothers and their babies welcome.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com 508-830-4250.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Tickets on sale now for its 2004 season. Children's programs go on sale also. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com



John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

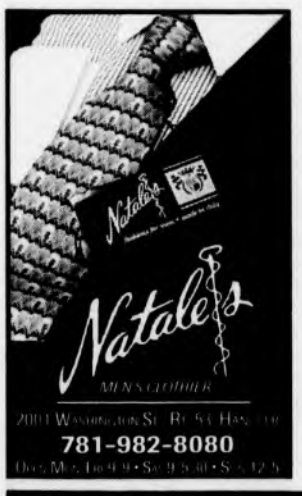
Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly free meetings, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

The Interfaith Book Study Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for March, Palace Walk by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036.

Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**. Broad St., Weymouth for children 4 1/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For more information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org





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The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer another session of dog obedience classes taught by Happy-Dog Training School this season.

Classes will be held on Monday evenings, on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Sept. 13. For all classes the fee is $100. For the five-week, one-hour, per-week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

The class, which will be for beginners, will be held from 6-7 p.m.

To register for the next available session, call the recreation office at 781-383-4109. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

Summer picnic

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society will host a summer picnic at Fort Revere Park on Sunday Aug. 22, from noon to 4 p.m. Activities include music, kids crafts, face painting, games and much more. Slyde, the New England Revolution mascot, will make an appearance and Yankee Magazine will present local community activist, Judith VanHamm with their Barnraiser award. Pack the picnic basket and bring the whole family to Fort Revere for a classic community summer celebration.

This event is free and cosponsored by Aquarion Water, The Hull-Nantasket Chamber of Commerce and members of the Hull Non-Profits Association. For information contact Fort Revere Park at 617-727-4468.

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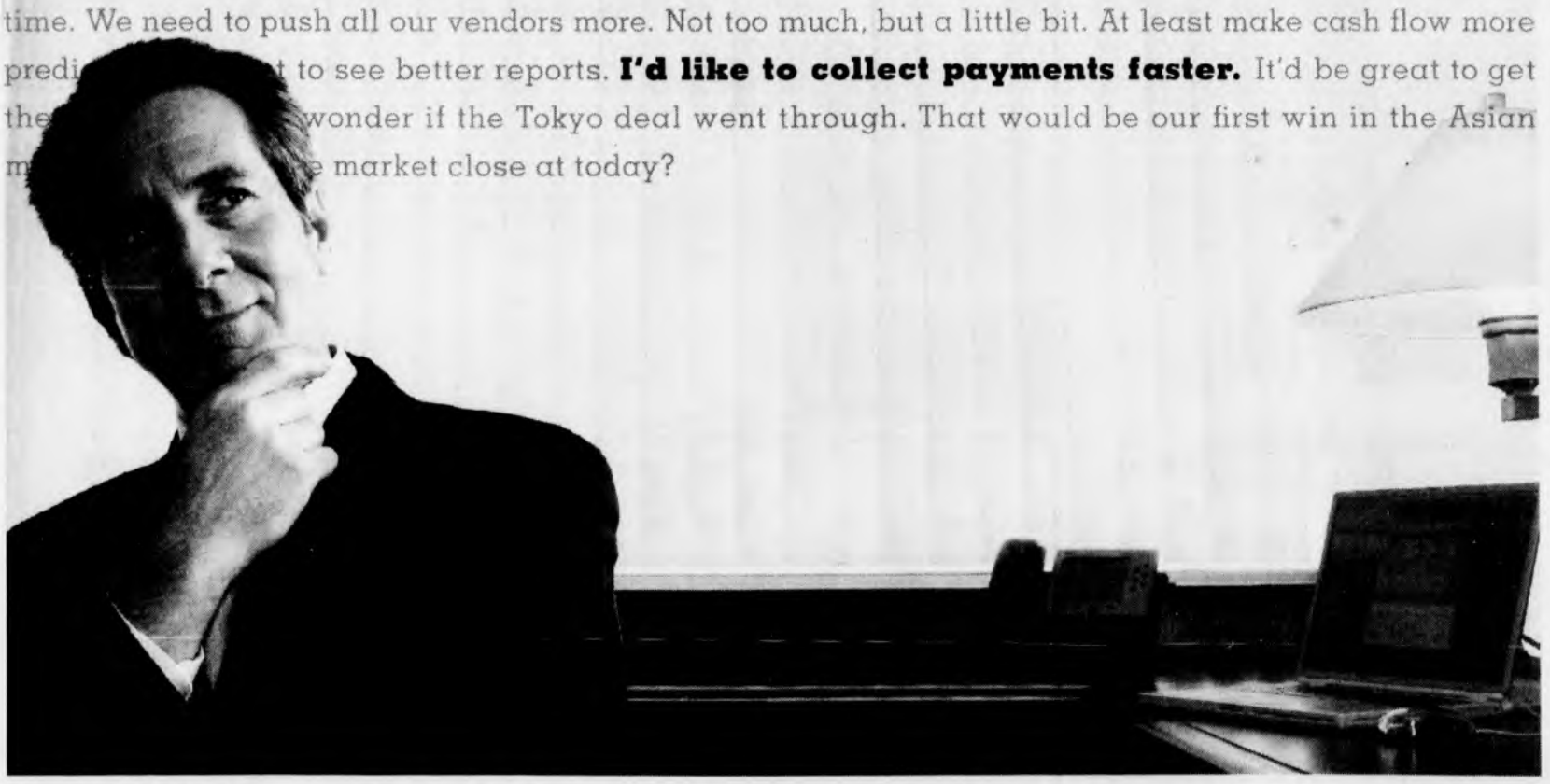
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Statue story is still a mystery

Internet sites attract teens

By Mary Ford
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A garden statue that is a local landmark and may have stood looking out over Straits Pond for as long as 80 years is home again.

However, the recent theft of the flower girl that looks like Alice of "Alice in Wonderland," the 1865 children's book by Lewis Carroll, is just the latest chapter in the mystery surrounding the 4-1/2-foot tall structure.

The story that the statue represents a little girl, who fell off a cliff and drowned in the pond, has made it to the Internet, and no doubt contributes to the carloads of teenagers who drive slowly by her at night; some stopping to get out and have a closer look, much to the dismay of the homeowners.

"Haunted sites" on the Internet state the statue can be seen moving toward the water on summer nights but as soon as you approach her or talk to her she disappears but then the statue is right back where started.

"Amy" wrote in January on one Web site – "It's so creepy."

It may have been kids enamored by ghost tales that dragged the statue off late one night two weeks ago. The statue, which weighs roughly 300-400 pounds, broke in two. In their haste, the thieves left the legs and base behind.

Thanks to thorough police work, the top half of statue turned up in Weymouth a few days later and was returned to homeowners, David and Claire Cardelle of 739 Jerusalem Road. The theft is still under investigation.

"The statue has always attracted teenagers and curious people," David says. "For the eight years we've lived here, we've witnessed cars pulling up along side of the road along our property, shining headlights on the statue to try and see it moving.

"Over the past two years, and this year especially, the volume of cars coming to the property has escalated – I attribute this in part to the posting of the rumor on various Web sites."

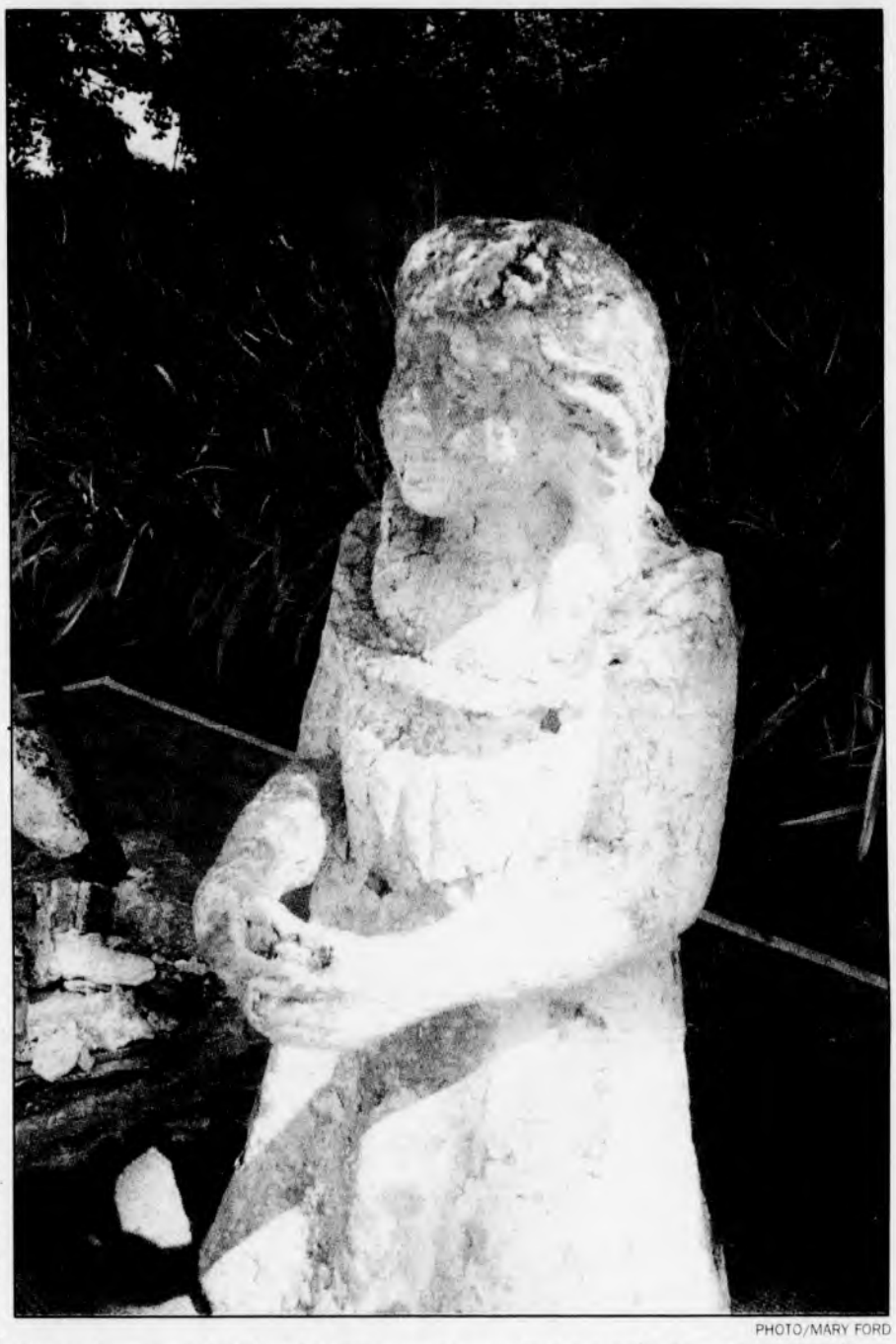
For as long as anyone can remember, the statue has stood on the lawn near the fountain of the former "party house or boat house" of the old Pope Estate, which was subdivided years ago.

Col. Albert A. Pope and his wife, Abbie Lindner Pope, were summer residents in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Their home is now the Howe Estate Condominium. Col. Pope was a wealthy bicycle manufacturer and made the original Columbia bicycle, which had a big front wheel and small rear one, according to the "Narrative History of Cohasset," volumes I & II.

There was a real tragedy in Straits Pond, but it wasn't the drowning of a little girl. The Popes, whose son, Charles, drowned in Straits Pond in 1898, at 16-1/2, built the Pope Memorial Church (now the Greek Church) in his memory.

The little girl statue now sits behind the Cardelles' home in

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PHOTO/MARY FORD

The garden statue of a little girl is now in two pieces after it was stolen from a Straits Pond home two weeks ago.

Beach dunes cause a fuss

DEP unhappy with Cohasset

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

An environmental analyst for the state Department of Environmental Protection has threatened enforcement action against Cohasset for removing a sand dune from the parking lot at Sandy Beach and aggressively pushing the sand onto the beach with construction equipment.

Elizabeth Sabounjian, an environmental analyst for DEP's Wetland and Waterways Program, told town officials at a meeting last week that she expected the town to come up with a plan to replace the dune or face the "hammer" of DEP penalties. Sabounjian added that she would prefer a cooperative response from the town rather than an enforcement action by the state.

"My enforcement hammer will remain small as long as I get full cooperation," Sabounjian said. "My enforcement hat is the only way I can make sure that this doesn't happen again."

Sabounjian met last week at the Sandy Beach parking lot with Jason D. Burtner, South Shore Regional Coordinator of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Office of Coastal Zone Management

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Pratt apartments put out welcome mat

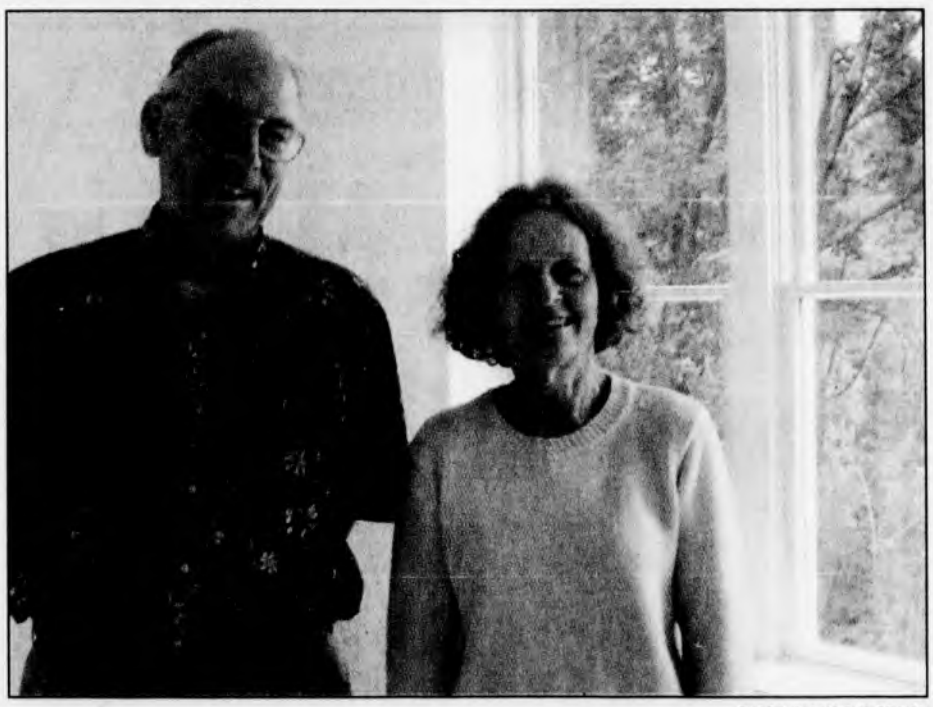
Open house is on Sunday

By Samantha Brown
SAMBROWN@CNC.COM

Cohasset will be able to make a small increase in its total affordable housing stock very soon, as two new apartments, located in the rear of the Paul Pratt Memorial Building, are almost ready to open their doors. New coats of paint are drying, appliances are being installed, and both will be finished and ready for prospective tenants by Sept. 1.

Tom Gruber of the Cohasset Historical Society, which is also housed in the Pratt building, has been working with fellow society member Werner Diekman, to ensure the project comes to fruition. "It has completely consumed us for the last three months," Gruber said.

This Sunday, Aug. 22, residents will be able to take their first look at the apartments as the historical society will be hosting a catered open house reception where the public will be invited to tour the apartments from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. While visiting the apartments, the historical society will also invite guests to take a tour of its latest exhibit, which coincides with the publication of its latest book (*see related story, page 13*).



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Tom Gruber and Paula Morse of the Cohasset Historical Society stand near one of the new apartment's sunny windows.

Voters at the 2003 Annual Town Meeting approved a total of $300,000 in Community Preservation Committee fund transfers, which allowed the historical society to get the apartment project underway. The funds were given with the condition that the apartments would be exclusively rented to tenants of at least age 55 who meet state

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WHAT A RIDE

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Hannah Childs leaps from the moon slide after an exhilarating ride during Summer Playground sponsored by the recreation department.

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Sept. 25, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

Oct. 30, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

Federal law now requires that you provide your driver's license number to register to vote. If you do not have a current Massachusetts driver's license, you must provide the last four digits of your social security number. This information will be verified through the Registry of Motor Vehicles and the commissioner of Social Security. If the information cannot be verified or you do not provide this information, you must provide identification either with the application or at the polls where you go to vote.

The last day to register to vote or to change party enrollment for the State Primary is Wednesday, Aug. 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library and must be postmarked on or before Aug. 25.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Conservation Commission, Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Library trustees, Sept. 8, 7p.m., at the library

Planning board, Aug. 25, 7 p.m. [20 Bow St.].

Selectmen, Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Town Manager Act Review Committee, Aug. 25, 7 p.m.

Waste Water Committee, Aug. 24 & Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m.

Water Resources Protection Committee, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant

Water Commission, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant

ZBA, Aug. 19, 8 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Greenbush work may only be weeks away

Tom Carroll, Community Outreach Director for Cashman Balfour Beatty, which is working on the Greenbush line construction, said the MBTA is preparing to begin work on a culvert at Sanctuary Pond. While he said that project is at least a couple of weeks away, a firm date has not been set. Work will also begin in the municipal parking lot sometime in early September. Carroll will provide updates as the dates draw near. In addition, Carroll said he will be mailing copies of Frequently Asked Questions to abutters of the project and will also drop copies of the FAQs at Town Hall. Answers to FAQs can also be accessed on the Cashman Web site at www.cbb-greenbush.com as well as the MBTA Web site at www.mbta.com.

Volunteers sought for Facilities Committee

The town of Cohasset is looking for dedicated volunteers to serve on its School Building and Facilities Committee. Given the major construction projects the town has recently completed, including the school buildings and other renovations to town buildings, the committee is in a transition phase which will bring it from overseeing construction to overseeing maintenance and planning for the future of the town's buildings. The committee therefore needs residents with experience in the field to assist in the process.

Those interested in serving should forward a letter of interest to Town Manager Michael Buckley at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. For more information please call the Town Manager in the Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

Sewer Comm. floats additional sewer votes

Sewer Commission Chairman Raymond Kasperowicz said while it had been thought the town would vote on a proposed Home Rule Petition at Town Meeting, voters may have the option to vote by ballot as well. Because Town Meeting is often stuffed with either pro- or opponents, Kasperowicz said it has been mentioned to him that votes at Town Meeting might not necessarily reflect the town's opinion as a whole. The Home Rule Petition would be a bylaw change, and all that is required to enact it is a Town Meeting vote. Sewer Commissioner John Beck questioned whether the town could "Get tangled up in our legal underwear," by adding another step to the process. Kasperowicz said the commission would have to talk to Town Counsel to see what the options would be and whether some kind of a town-wide vote should be enacted.

If passed, the Home Rule Petition would amend the Cohasset Sewer Act to allow the commission to expand the sewer district, to encompass areas that would not otherwise be allowed to tie-in. The bylaw is very similar to a Home Rule Petition adopted by Provincetown, and allows for "checker-boarding" of sewer districts in areas where the sewer commission deems it is necessary.

Kudos to Dick Nye

The Center for Student Coastal Research commended Richard Nye, chief operator for the Cohasset Wastewater Treatment Plant, for the help and support he has extended to students participating in the program. In a letter to Nye, CSCR president and Cohasset High School teacher Jack Buckley said "For the past two summers, students involved in our research projects (in collaboration with Cohasset High School) have benefited from your willingness to share information, provide technical advice, and teach students as questions and needs arise."

"Most recently, you've been instrumental in helping us initiate monitoring of total suspended solids…you have toured our facility to offer technical advice, informally trained students and staff in your lab, procured supplies needed for TSS testing, and then went above and beyond the call of duty by securing for us the appropriate oven needed for this procedure. It is not an exaggeration to say that without your interest in our work and without your support, we would not be able to provide this opportunity to our students at this time."

Buckley went on to commend Nye for his past 10 years serving as a community resource, especially for environmental education. "It is my hope that this letter serves to inform colleagues and municipal leaders that you are actively, though quietly, reaching out to the community in ways that are deeply appreciated by the CSCP and by the students and staff at Cohasset High School."

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Rain can't dampen ceremony for four local land acquisitions

Herzfelder heralds state $800K grant

By Mary Ford
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When environmentalists get together — you can be sure of at least one thing, a little rain isn't going to bother them.

That was abundantly clear last Friday when a hearty group of about 40 people — from Hull, Hingham and Cohasset – gathered under umbrellas and in a small tent by the Weir River for a collective pat-on-the-back.

State Environmental Secretary Ellen Roy Herzfelder, a Cohasset resident, has first-hand knowledge of the benefits of open space preservation on the South Shore.

So it came as no surprise that Herzfelder made a personal visit despite the inclement weather to herald the acquisition of four Hull-Hingham land acquisitions that will help protect the Weir River Estuary. The acquisitions are being made possible through a $800,000 state grant and lots of volunteer hours by myriad non-profit organizations working together to preserve the natural landscape.

"This is home to more than 100 bird species and fish and shellfish that need to be protected," Herzfelder said. "The state is excited to be a partner with you in this."

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— Ellen Roy Herzfelder, Secretary of Environmental Affairs

The four newly protected properties include:

- 1/2 acre in Hingham on George Washington Boulevard near the mouth of the estuary. The former gas station site will be cleaned up and donated to the Town of Hingham;
- two small parcels in Hull, one that abuts the Weir River Estuary Park and is centrally located within a growing network of conservation land, and the other includes a rocky summit near the highest point in the estuary;
- four acres in Hull which is one of the last remaining privately held yet undeveloped parcels along the shores of Boston Harbor. Preserving this land will protect a variety of natural resources while preserving views.

The land acquisitions took root in 2003 when representatives from Hingham, Hull and Cohasset prepared a report, dubbed "Building a Vision for Our Weir River Estuary," that identified unprotected lands around the Weir River Area of Critical Environmental Concern, with follow-up strategy sessions about how to protect the land.

The Weir River Estuary encompasses 509 acres in Hull, 385 acres in Hingham and 25 acres in Cohasset. Within the estuary there are 922 acres of open water and diverse wetlands habitat. According to the report, mollusks, crustaceans, salt marsh grasses and aquatic vegetation found in the area provide a constant food source for more than 100 resident and migratory birds. Clam flats in the estuary provide 17 percent of the total clams harvested within Boston Harbor.

"Minimizing the types of development that generate harmful pollutants and greatly alter the landscape is vital to habitat protection efforts," the report states.

ACECs are afforded additional attention and protection from state agencies.

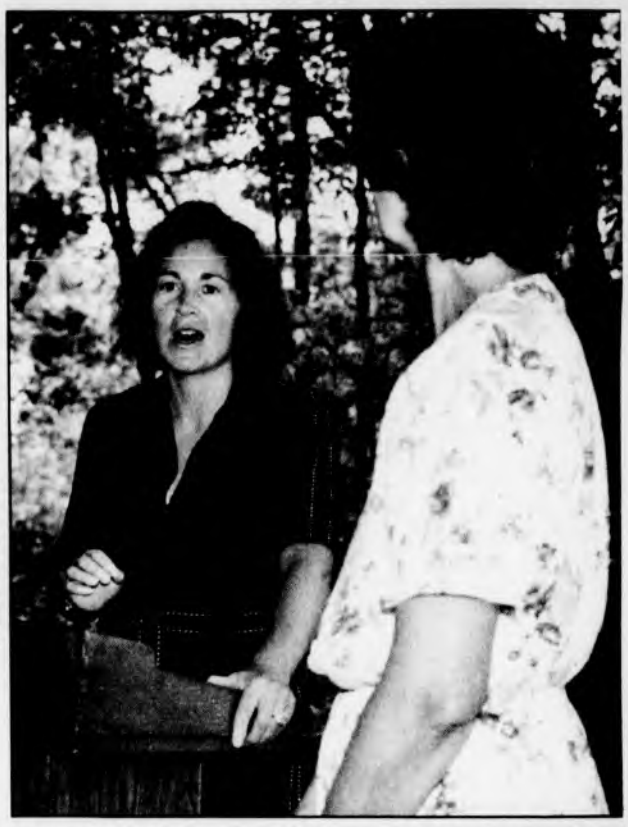
In addition to town officials from the three communities, other groups that participated in setting the stage for the land acquisitions include, the Trust for Public Land, Weir River Estuary Park Committee, Cohasset Land Conservation Trust, Hingham Land Trust, Wildlands Trust of Plymouth County, Coastal Zone Management, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Environmental Protection, Trustees of Reservations, Jake's Seafood Restaurant, Straits Pond Watershed Association, Surfriders Foundation, and Weir River Watershed Association.

Herzfelder said the Romney administration is committed to preserving open space. She explained last year with an $18 million budget, the state protected $70 million worth of land. This year's budget has $27 million for land protection, she said.



PHOTOS/OVE PYGH WILCHE

Above: Refreshments included cantaloupes sliced to look like kayaks, with breadsticks as the oars.



At right: State Secretary of Environmental Affairs Ellen Roy Herzfelder announces an $800,000 state grant to acquire four land parcels. At right is Judeth Van Hamm of the Weir River Estuary Park Committee.



A crowd of about 40 people huddled under umbrellas for the announcement about the land acquisitions in the Weir River Estuary that includes Cohasset.

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Stolen statue found in Weymouth

By Mary Ford
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There aren't many antique, life-size garden statues that look like Alice of "Alice in Wonderland" around.

"It is so unique that it was recovered after we put out a computer message to other cities and towns," said Officer Lisa Matos. " Five minutes later we got a call from the Weymouth Police Department that they had found a statue and were interested to see if it could be the same one."

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— Officer Lisa Matos



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An early illustration of Alice of "Alice in Wonderland."

The statue of a little girl was stolen from the front yard at 739 Jerusalem Road sometime overnight from Tuesday, Aug. 3 to Wednesday, Aug. 4. The thieves knocked over the statue and attempted to drag it off. In the process, it broke apart and what was left were the knees and below, including the base – everything else was taken.

The statue, which is a local landmark, has much sentimental value to people in town. However, it's become an object of fascination to many area teenagers because of stories posted on the Internet that the statue is haunted.

The night after the statue was stolen – more young people drove to the Straits Pond home. It's not clear if they came to see the statue, not knowing it was gone, or were there to retrieve the legs.

The homeowner, who was able to describe the vehicles, yelled at them and they drove off. Police, who were patrolling the area, then stopped two vehicles and obtained the occupants identities. No one has been charged and the matter is still under investigation.

Luckily, the statue was discarded in a random yard in Weymouth. The residents there called police and provided a description.

"Weymouth police saw the computer broadcast and said 'wait a second' we picked up a statue that could be a match,'" Matos said.

Statue story is still a mystery

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two pieces. The framework of the body and legs is wood surrounded by a wire mesh that is covered with a hard material, possibly concrete and a thin outer crust. The legs were secured to the body with long, steel rods. The base is made of stone and cement.

According to Karen Fix of Brooklyn-based Conservation Artisans, the statue could easily be 80 or more years old. She explained that "Alice in Wonderland" and other garden statues were very fashionable at the time. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, statues were also very detailed.

The "flower girl" Cohasset statue is quite detailed including her hair that is in ringlets down her shoulders and back. She is barefoot and wearing a ruffled dress that comes to her knees. Her hands meet in the front, with her thumbs and fingers on each hand making a circle, perhaps to hold bouquets of flowers.

The Cardelles said they are looking into having the statue appraised and restored but have not decided if they will put it back where it stood for so many years.

Although it will be sad not to put her back out, she may be too much of an attraction. David said vandals have pushed her over on several occasions and smashed old planters near the statue and fountain – the most recent incident was the final straw.

"We have received dozens of phone calls from concerned and upset townspeople who are heartbroken over the theft and vandalism of the historic statue," he said. "While there is controversy over the true story of the girl and the statue, it has great sentimental value to many residents in town."

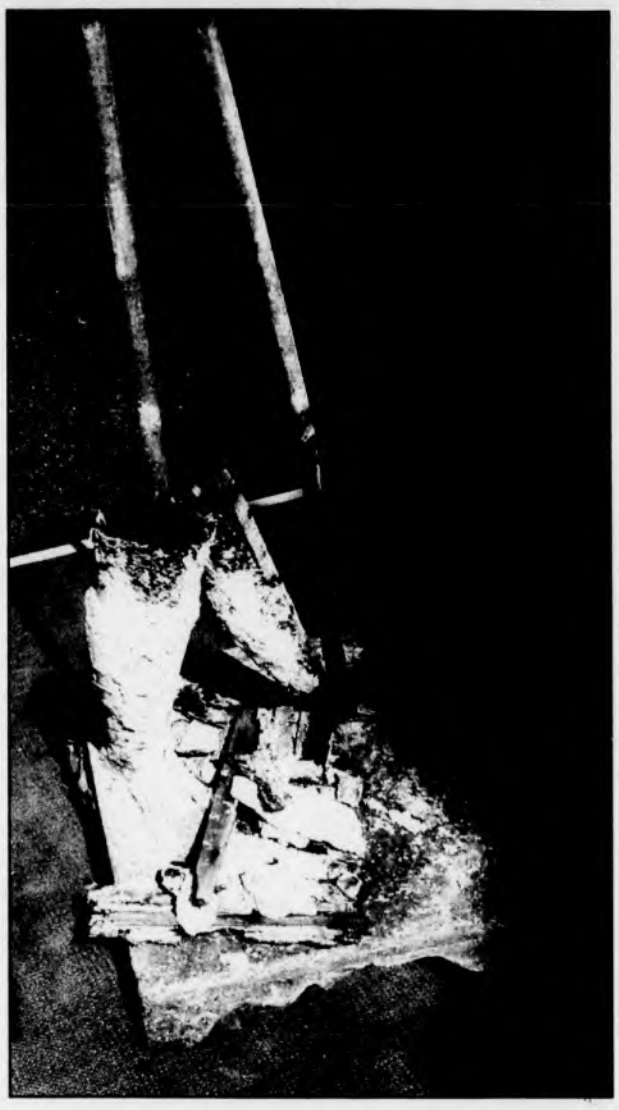
It also has sentimental value to the Cardelles, who put an American flag in the statue's hands following 9-11.

Despite the ghost stories, David said in the nearly eight years his family has lived in the house – the statue has never moved of its own accord.

"The only time it's moved is when someone has tried to move it," he said.

The little girl statue isn't the only thing in Cohasset getting ghostly attention on the Internet. According to the Shadowlands Haunted Places Index, there are scary goings on at Cohasset Town Hall.

"In the cells in the basement, people have heard groans and chains," it states. "Some poltergeist activity. There are also cold spots."



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At right: When thieves tried to drag the statue off, it broke off at the knees. In the photo you may be able to see that the armature of the statue is wood. Long steel rods extended from the base through the legs and into the body of the statue.

POLITICAL NOTES

GOP cookout at Julie Guild's house

The Cohasset Republican Town committee cookout, an annual event, will be held on Sunday, Aug. 22, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Julie Guild's seaside home at 365 Jerusalem Road. The featured speaker will be Mickey Edwards, former U.S. Congressman from Oklahoma.

To make reservations send checks made payable to the Cohasset GOP and mail to George Watts, 76 Nichols Road, Cohasset, MA. 02025. Benefactor $100; Sponsor $50; Contributor $25 in advance. $30 at the door. In case of rain this will be held at the Second Congregational Church at 43 Highland Ave.

Other invited special guests include: Mike Jones - candidate for U.S. Congress; Brian Lees - GOP Senate Minority Leader; Brad Jones - GOP House Leader; Bob Hedlund - state senator; Mary Jeanette Murray - former state representative; Peter Forman - former sheriff; U.S. Attorney Mike Sullivan and District Attorney Tim Cruz; Larry Novak - candidate for state Senate, Doug Veeder - candidate for state representative, and other elected officials from Plymouth and Norfolk counties.

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DEP says dune destruction is a 'no-no'

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(CZA); Mark Borrelli, Coastal Geologist for the CZA; acting Town Manager Michael Buckley; Robin Lawrence, president of the Sandy Beach Association; and Dr. Peter S. Rosen, also of the Sandy Beach Association.

Sabounjian directed town officials to prepare a dune restoration project and a site plan. She also directed officials from the town and the Sandy Beach Association to prepare a site plan for restoring a dune that abutted the seawall at the beach and maintaining it in conformance with environmental regulations. Sabounjian wants vegetation planted along the sea wall to protect the beach from erosion. The dune abutting the seawall was damaged by the construction equipment that pushed sand from the parking lot onto the beach.

"The beach is a little more complicated than the dune in the parking lot," Sabounjian said. "Steps must be taken to recreate the frontal dune against the wall and stabilize it. There also needs to be a beach maintenance plan to ensure the stability of the beach."

Town officials and representatives from the Sandy Beach Association will meet with Sabounjian in September to present a plan for the dune restoration and beach, and to work on a detailed consent agreement with specific goals and deadlines.

Sabounjian visited Sandy Beach in response to a resident's complaint over the removal of the sand dune earlier this summer. Sand dunes prevent beach erosion and protect natural features of the land from water and wind erosion.

At one point, Buckley said he didn't understand how the strip of sand that separates the parking lot and the street could be a dune when the town created it in the first place.

"I just have a hard time understanding how this is a sand dune when we pushed the sand here," Buckley said.

Borrelli replied that state laws protect all sand dunes, even ones created artificially or inadvertently.

"Once vegetation takes hold, you have a protected dune, no matter how it was created," Borrelli added.

In June, the town hired a contractor to remove sand dunes that blocked driver visibility at the entrance and exit to the parking lot at Sandy Beach. The dune removal coincided with the town's annual clean-up of the parking lot. Every winter, strong winds and storms blow sand from the beach onto the lot. In the late spring, the town hires a contractor to use heavy construction equipment to push the sand back onto the beach.

The conservation commission approved the dune removal at the entrance and exit to the lot for public safety reasons. Drivers exiting the lot could not clearly see oncoming traffic along the street. Sabounjian said the town exceeded the conservation commission's order of conditions by removing sand from a narrow dune that runs along the entire length of the parking area between the street and the lot.

"The conservation commission issued an order of conditions that allowed the town to remove the dunes at the entrance and exit of the parking lot for public safety reasons, and that was a reasonable thing to permit," Sabounjian said. "But that's not what happened. This was a protected dune before the town removed it. It was protected under the Conservation Act, and the conservation commission recognized that through its order of conditions. The conservation commission issued an order of conditions and the town chose to ignore it. That tells me that the town doesn't listen to its conservation commission."

Late in the meeting, Buckley pointed out that the dune would have to be maintained by the town to protect it from the elements and pedestrians. He also pointed out that the town needed to push the sand back onto Sandy Beach every year to keep the lot accessible to cars. During the discussion, Sabounjian expressed frustration with what she believed was a lack of commitment to a restoration project from the town officials and Sandy Beach Association members at the meeting. She reiterated her belief that the town would have to enter into a consent agreement with the state.

"I understand issues of use and maintenance, and I want to incorporate that into the consent agreement," Sabounjian said. "What I'm still not hearing from you is, 'I'll try.' We'll have to reach a solution. We're here to protect the environment. I'm not here to [use fines to] take tax money from the people that use the beach. A consent agreement with the involvement of the conservation commission will provide more consistent oversight through the life of the project."

Lawrence noted that although the town maintains the parking lot and the street, the Sandy Beach Association receives no money from the town for the beach. Sandy Beach is a registered non-profit site. Any money that the association receives to maintain the beach comes from private donations.

Burtner and Borrelli offered to provide technical assistance through resources available at CZA. Sabounjian also suggested that the town seek assistance from the Boy Scouts of America and other volunteer organizations to help control the cost of the restoration project and site plan.

In an interview after the meeting, Buckley pointed out that many residents had responded positively to the improved traffic views at the Sandy Beach Parking lot. Rosen added that there was no disagreement between the town and the Sandy Beach Association about the goals for the site.



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Before and after photos of the dune that divided the Sandy Beach parking lot from Atlantic Avenue.


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What a great story to report to our town. Super job to all of these children. As part of its fledgling Recycling Program, the South Shore Art Center Arts Festival held a poster contest this year to give younger artists an opportunity to express their environmentalism.

Funded by a grant from the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection to the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, the Arts Festival committee set up waste stations at this year's Festival that included recycling containers for bottles, cans, paper and cardboard. The program succeeded in reducing the volume of Festival trash by about a third. The poster contest winners' art will be used in next year's recycling promotion for the Arts Festival.



Sean Connolly, center, with his proud parents Betsy and Ed Connolly.

There were 28 inspiring poster entries depicting recycling, conservation and environmental themes. The eight winning posters will be displayed at the 10-day Marshfield Fair, which will also feature its first Recycling Program. The winners will be sent DEP "Recycle: Remake a Difference" T-shirts and several Cohasset residents are on the list.

Congratulations to **Natalie Dignam**, 11, **Giselle Hart**, 9, **Caroline Kennedy**, 7, **Jenna Neer**, 11 and **Alexandra Weissman**, 10. "It was encouraging to see the kids' enthusiasm for the Festival recycling program", said Claire Sullivan, executive director of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative. "Their posters were great, and showed that they understand that their small efforts now will make a big difference in their world later. The SSRC and Mass. DEP appreciate the South Shore Art Center's willingness to set up a system to reduce their waste, and we thank all the artists for their thoughtful contributions." The grant will fund a similar recycling program at the Marshfield Fair, Aug. 20-29.

'NUNSENSE' AUDITIONS

Cohasset Dramatic Club auditions for "Nunsense" are being held at the Cohasset Town Hall on Aug. 30 & 31 at 7 p.m. Call backs are Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. Production dates: Nov. 12-13-14 & 19-20-21 with a possible benefit performance on Wednesday, Nov. 17. Please call **Jean D** at 617-750-8987 with any questions.

YARD SALE BENEFIT

The South Shore Community Center will hold its annual yard sale (rain or shine) on Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon at the SSCC located at 3 Main St. The SSCC is seeking donations (no clothing), which are tax deductible, for the Yard Sale with all proceeds going to support the center. Donors can drop off items at the SSCC on Sept. 2 & 3 and Sept. 7-10 between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. each day. For questions, please contact the SSCC at 781-383-0088. Thank you in advance for making this event a success!

THAYER HONORS

Thayer Academy Headmaster **Ted Koskores** is pleased to announce that the following Cohasset residents have achieved academic honors at Thayer Academy:

Grade 6: Leigh C. Collins earned Honors in achievement.
Grade 7: Anna E. Blanken earned High Honors in achievement and High Honors in effort
Grade 9: Sarah Bookstein earned High Honors for the term and High Honors for the semester; **Katherine A. Scafuri** earned Honors for the term and High Honors for the semester
Grade 10: Catherine M. Ernst earned High Honors for the term and High Honors for the semester; **Joseph M. Rosano** earned Honors for the term and Honors for the semester
Grade 11: Suzanne Marie Lewis earned Honors for the term and Honors for the semester
Grade 12: Michael Thomas Ernst earned Honors for the term and Honors for the semester; **Lindsay Erin Feig** earned for the term and Honors for the semester; **Gregory Peyton Smith** earned Honors for the term and Honors for the semester; **Malcolm J. Stansell** earned Honors for the term and Honors for the semester.

Congratulations, all!

That is all for this week. Please send in all news and information no later than 5 p.m. on Mondays.

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Cohasset News buys Village Butcher & Deli



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John Scott and Mike Feroli shake hands before passing papers on Monday. Feroli sold the Village Butcher and Deli to John and his brother, Larry, who own Cohasset News.

Dividing wall to come down

By Mary Ford
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Usually when change occurs, especially in a popular local eatery – it's noticeable.

But changes to the Village Butcher and Deli on Brook Street may be as transparent as it gets.

Mike Feroli, who has sold the business to his next-door neighbors at Cohasset News, John and Larry Scott, is going to stay on for the time being.

"Everyone's staying," he says about the help. Feroli has owned the business for eight years – and while he likes dealing with the public, the business end of things wasn't high on his list.

"I love the work, it's the responsibility of the business end I didn't like."

— Mike Feroli, village deli

"This is a joyful day for me," Feroli said Monday before passing papers. "I love the work, it's the responsibility of the business end I didn't like – writing the checks and keeping the checkbook."

The deli employs about eight people, most of whom are part-time.

John Scott says the timing is perfect, as he is ready to try something a little different. He plans to eventually open up the wall between the deli and the news store. The deli will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday for the time being. Eventually, Scott wants to open for breakfast and on Sundays.

Future plans also include changing the name to something like the Cohasset Marketplace and Deli where Scott wants to offer some groceries and produce in addition to the newspapers and current merchandise.

"I'm really looking forward to the new business," Scott says. "Change is good and it's time to do something different."

The Scotts, who own the building, have had Cohasset News since 1994, but it has been in the family for years with the exception of a period of time in the late 1980s.

Selectmen last week approved a common victualler (food license) for J & L, Inc. doing business as Cohasset News. Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley explained to selectmen that Cohasset News was taking over the deli, which isn't closing.

Feroli said Monday he plans to work at the deli until the end of the year.

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Pratt apartments put out welcome mat

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affordable housing income standards. The town is trying to meet a 10 percent affordability threshold set by the state, and the two units will help the town meet that need. Gruber said the historical society wouldn't be exhibiting its collection from the Pratt building today, had the apartments not been feasible.

"Before we even put an offer on the building, we worked with an architect to conceptualize where the apartments would fit and whether it would be feasible to do so," said Gruber, adding because the building is much larger than the historical society's former home in the Lothrop House, society members knew there would be more expenses involved with operating a larger building and needed a way to compensate for those costs. With rents set at roughly $1,500 per month, not only will the apartments help make that possible, they will provide much needed housing for the community, as priority will be given to Cohasset residents, he said.

The two air-conditioned apartments are in the building's lower level. They will each have their own outside entrances at the rear of the building. New walkways are currently being installed that run along the right side of the building toward the back. Gruber said the walkways will have railings and photocell lighting on both sides, which automatically turn on when daylight fades. There will also be photocell lights above both doorways.

The first apartment is in what used to house the children's section of the old library. Walking into the unit, there is an entryway with two closets on the right. The first is a coat closet, and the second houses the heating and air conditioning units.

Large, slightly textured, sand-colored tiles cover the floors in the entryway. Moving through the entryway, the floors change to light colored oak hardwood floors in both the living and dining areas. Gruber said the hardwood floors have a warranty of between 20 and 40 years, because they have such a good finish. "It's done in a factory, so it's much better than you could do yourself," he said.



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Tom Gruber and Paula Morse stand in the kitchen of one of the new Pratt building apartments.

The open living area is located to the left of the entryway, and the dining area is to the right. There are exposed brick walls in the living area which have been painted. Every wall throughout both apartments has been painted an eggshell white and the trim is bright white.

There are windows on two of the walls in the living area. An arc of white trim runs along the top of each of the living area windows. There is crown molding and white chair rails throughout the living area.

"Before we even put an offer on the building, we worked with an architect to conceptualize where the apartments would fit and whether it would be feasible to do so."
— Tom Gruber, historical society

To the right of the entryway there is an eating area which is connected to the kitchen. The kitchen has maple cabinets, sand-colored countertops, and white appliances, which includes a new refrigerator, smooth surface stove, microwave, and dishwasher, as well as a stainless steel sink and overhead lights. The kitchen also has a large closet which can be used to house a stackable washer and drier, provided by the tenant, or left as a closet.

The apartment has one bedroom which has windows on two of its walls. One wall has a full size window and the second wall has two rectangular windows near the ceiling. The room also has a walk-in closet.

Across the hall from the bedroom is a full bath which has the same sand colored tiles as the entry and kitchen. The tub, sink, and toilet are all white with silver fixtures. In the hallway between the bedroom and bathroom is a linen closet.

The second apartment is slightly larger than the first. The entryway, which is a small hall with tall ceilings running along the back of the building, also has two closets. There are two full-sized double-windows in the entry hall. Two stairs at the end of the hall lead up to the main level, entering the kitchen. The same sand-colored tiles cover the entryway and kitchen floors, and the stairs are the same hardwood oak flooring with a wood railing.

The kitchen has sand colored countertops which extend enough to have an eating area with bar stools. The same appliances are offered in both apartments, and both can accommodate a stacked washer and drier. There is also a pantry with bi-fold doors and overhead lights in the kitchen.

Across from the kitchen is a large combined living and dining area. There are two sets of full-sized double-windows which allows sunlight to filter in, as well as provide a great view of the marsh. A doorway in the living area leads to the bedroom which also has a full-sized double window and walk-in closet.

The full bath is located next to the kitchen and has a sand-colored tile floor, white sink, tub, and toilet and silver fixtures.

Although the paint is still drying, Gruber said the apartments will be ready Sept. 1. A deadline to submit applications for the apartments had been set, but Kathy O'Malley of the historical society said the application deadline has been extended to allow as many applicants to come forward as possible. "We want to be as fair as we possibly can," she said.

There will be a catered open house reception where the public will be invited to tour the apartments at the Paul Pratt Building, located at 106 South Main St., Sunday Aug. 22 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information please contact the Historical Society at (781) 383-1434 or (781) 383-1168 or stop by the Pratt Building to pick up the necessary application papers between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. There will be no pets or smoking allowed. Priority will be given to Cohasset residents. Rent will be $1,500/month and tenants must be 55 years of age or older.

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Cohasset's quest for affordable housing

Two senior projects include income mix

By Samantha Brown
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For most affordable housing projects, housing must be affordable to those making less than 80 percent the area median income, which is roughly $53,000 for a family of two.

Every town in the state of Massachusetts is required to have 10 percent of its total housing stock deemed affordable. For Cohasset, whose total household count is roughly 2,750 has a current affordable housing stock consists of only 76 units – or 2.76 percent — according to the state Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Harborview Apartments, located on Elm Street behind the police and fire stations, currently provide 64 units of affordable senior housing. There are an additional 12 units of affordable special needs housing next to Harborview, which are not designated for seniors. Both complexes are run by the Cohasset Housing Authority, and together, they comprise the only subsidized housing in Cohasset. The complex was built with state funds back in 1974.

The 64 Harborview apartments, which includes four units that can accommodate the handicapped, are designated for those who are at least 60 years of age with an annual income not in excess of $40,600. "The definition of affordable for us and for people trying to develop is different," said Director of the Cohasset Housing Authority Marilyn LeBlanc. Residents pay 30 percent of their net income including utilities to live there, and the average rent at Harborview is about $300 a month.

For most affordable housing projects, housing must be affordable to those making less than 80 percent the area median income, which is roughly $53,000 for a family of two.

Each apartment at Harborview includes a small kitchen, bathroom, living room, and a bedroom. There are movable dividers which enable residents to change the size of the living and bedroom areas. There are four apartments per building and all either have a patio for the lower apartments, or small deck for second level apartments.

There are three new proposals on the horizon for various affordable housing projects in other areas of town. The 200-unit AvalonBay 40B development would be located on the 62-acre former Webb-Norfolk Conveyor site off of Route 3A, and would not be age restrictive. The 105-unit Cedarmere housing complex would be designated for those who are age 55 and older, as would the 95-unit Cook Estate project.

Avalon has been issued a comprehensive permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals under Chapter 40B, the more than 30-year-old state law that allows developers to skirt local zoning regulations in exchange for providing affordable housing in municipalities that fall below the state's 10 percent affordability threshold. Avalon would supply 200 units of rental housing, of which 25 percent, or 50 units, would actually be affordable. The state recognizes the dire need for rental housing, and therefore all rental units are "counted" toward the town's affordable housing stock. The Avalon permit is currently being appealed by the Water Commission, however, if it is ultimately approved, the town could fulfill its entire affordable housing requirement with one development.

The proposed Cedarmere project has filed under the town's Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw, under which the Planning Board must grant a special permit. The project would be built on 41 acres of land located off of Beechwood Street on the former Hayes Estate, and would include 105 total units of housing. Of the 105 units, 31 would be affordable and 74 would be market rate. Under the bylaw, the project is entitled to built 410 units of housing, or 10 units for every acre of land.

Fourteen market-rate units would be included in a new grand manor house near the center of the site that would also include an underground parking garage. Plans also include 23 single-family residences and 18 two-family residences in clusters around courtyards, to preserve open space. A barn on site would also be renovated into a single-family residence. All market-rate units would be 2,400 square feet and have two bedrooms. They would start at $650,000.

Twenty-nine affordable one- and two-bedroom units are planned for a building to be constructed near Route 3A with parking for 50 cars. A cabin at the western end of the site would be renovated into two additional affordable units.

While 40B has a 25 percent affordability requirement, so does the town's bylaw. The 31 affordable units put the development over the minimum 26 units required. Affordable units would conform to state guidelines in order to be affordable for someone making 80 percent of the area median income.

The bylaw was adopted by the town to help ward off other 40B projects like Avalon, which are controlled by the state and not by the town itself. Because the projects are required to have an affordable component, they would still work toward the town's goal of meeting the 10 percent affordability threshold set by the state.

Cedarmere's affordable units will be housed in their own building on site, meaning they do not blend in with other housing on the property, and therefore must meet the criteria of a "Lip Units Only" project under the state's Local Initiative Program, in order to "count" toward the town's affordable housing stock. The Board of Selectmen will need to bring the LIP application forward to the state in order for the affordable units to be considered for qualification.

The Planning Board granted Cedarmere a special permit which was conditioned on finding a definitive wastewater solution. Cedarmere had applied for a municipal sewer connection and was denied. Since then, the project has presented an alternative on-site wastewater proposal which has satisfied the condition. When the LIP application was originally brought before the board, it had denied Cedarmere's request to bring the application forward because it said the project did not have a definitive wastewater plan. It is unclear what the outcome would be if Cedarmere brought the application back before the board, as that condition has now been met.

The Cook Estate project is the second project to file under the towns' SMROD bylaw. Endorsed by the Board of Selectmen, the proposed plans drafted by Northland Residential, the company working with the town to build on the site, would build 95 affordable and market rate units on the combined 22-acre Cook parcel on Sohier Street, and the adjacent 8.7 acres of town owned land. The project could have build roughly 300 units of housing under the bylaw, had the soils on site been able to accommodate that many units.

The project would include 58 townhouse-style attached condominium residences and 37 rental apartments. Of the rental units, 28 will be affordable one-bedroom units (split into eight units at 50 percent of the area median income and 20 at 80 percent of the area median income), and nine will be market rate two-bedroom rentals.

Dave Fulton of GLC Development, which has been working with the town and Northland on the Cook project said the for sale units will be priced at between $550,000 and $625,000. There will be a pre-sale period where Northland will market the units to Cohasset residents, and sell at an undetermined discount. The market rate rentals will rent from between $1,400 and $1,900 depending on market rents at the time, he said.

The Cook Estate would also file its affordable units as a LIP project, which selectmen would have to pass on to the state. Currently the project does not have a wastewater solution as plans to have an on-site wastewater disposal system have failed due to soil conditions and an application for municipal sewer hookup has been denied.

In addition to the 76 units of affordable housing Cohasset currently has, two new affordable housing units will be complete by Sept. 1, bringing the total needed units down to 205. Located in the lower level of the Paul Pratt Memorial Building, which is also home to the historical society, the apartments will be made available to tenants of at least 55 years of age. The one-bedroom apartments will rent for $1,500 per month (*see related story*).

With projects which include condominiums or townhouses, only the affordable units count toward meeting the state's goal. This means the town will need to absorb a higher amount of total housing units in order to reach the 10 percent benchmark. In other words, 800 condos would have to be developed with 25 percent affordability for the town to get the roughly 200 units in its count that Avalon alone would provide.

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EDITORIAL

Three cheers for four-quads

Public safety scored a big win last week, with the surprise — and much hailed — announcement that the MBTA has agreed to install four-quadrant gates at five of the most dangerous grade crossings along the 17.7-mile Greenbush commuter rail line restoration. Greenbush diagnostic teams recommended quad gates.

Weymouth and Braintree residents will benefit from quadrant gates, without medians, at Commercial Street at Front Street in Braintree and at East Street in Weymouth.

The MBTA is also installing quadrant gates at South Street at Fort Hill and West streets. Hingham; Heresy Street, Hingham; and Pleasant Street, Cohasset.

"The use of four-quadrant gates along the Greenbush corridor is an issue that directly impacts the public safety, traffic patterns, and character of every community along the line," state Sen. Robert Hedlund said.

The Weymouth Republican lauded Transportation Secretary and MBTA Chairman Daniel A. Grabauskas for his personal commitment to working with the towns to find an acceptable process for reviewing four quadrant gate treatments.

Eight other grade crossings will be improved with modifications such as shortening medians to avoid blocking driveways or to improve the design and address safety concerns. In total, the MBTA has agreed to design changes at 16 crossings along the Greenbush line.

The battle for the use of four-quadrant gates at certain crossings has a lengthy history. Local town officials have tirelessly advocated for them.

In November 2002, a status report sent by the MBTA to the Army Corps of Engineers addressed the MBTA's plan for grade crossing treatments along the Greenbush line and outlined the MBTA's plan of using two-quadrant gates with median barriers. The MBTA requested that the Army Corps consider the report as conclusive. Initially, the MBTA had refused to consider four-quad gates.

As the ranking minority member of the Transportation Committee, Cohasset's Senator Hedlund joined with town officials from the impacted towns along the Greenbush line to voice support of quadrant gates.

In February 2003, the Army Corp of Engineers, at the request of state and town officials, conducted a public hearing on the use of four-quad gates. Officials pointed out that original agreements between the towns and the MBTA had called for four-quad gates if determined to be safe and not in conflict with other regulations. Officials expressed concerns with the detrimental impact of 60- to 100-foot-long median barriers that would be used with two-quad gates. Barriers would result in safety risks, including ability of emergency vehicles to get by, the four-quad gate advocates told MBTA representatives.

And the towns had data from several other states that showed four-quadrant gates, which have four arms that stop traffic in both directions, can actually be safer than the two-quad system that uses only two arms. And median barriers, which prevent a car from circumventing the gate to beat on oncoming train, can actually pose safety problems for emergency vehicles, as well as blocking driveways and being aesthetically unpleasing. In fact the Federal Railroad Administration proposed that four-quad gates be used when cross traffic, such as driveways, occur within 60 feet of the crossing, four-quad gate advocates stressed.

At the urging of towns along the Greenbush corridor, the MBTA created the diagnostic teams to look at each crossing recommended by each town for four-quadrant gates on individual merits. The teams included a representative from the individual towns. The diagnostic teams issued their report, with their recommendations, to the MBTA in June 2004.

Greenbush host towns have come halfway to meet the MBTA during the long hours of debate and discussion. Towns clearly came to the middle ground on this issue by being open to the fact that the two-quadrant system might be acceptable in certain less hazardous areas and the four-quad gates are better in others.

We applaud the MBTA for doing their part and meeting towns half way by being open to using four-quadrant technology without medians at the intersections recommended by diagnostic teams.

All the efforts in the up-hill battle have paid off in the most important way, in public safety.

Four-quadrant gates will cost more money, but could save lives.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taking responsibility is a thing of the past

TO THE EDITOR:

To Whom It May Concern:

I'd like to offer an apology to the person who scratched the paint on my car while driving up Parker Ave. on Saturday the 14th at around 1 p.m.

I hope that hitting my car and leaving just the scratched paint didn't take too much of your obviously precious time. I guess taking responsibility for your actions was far too time consuming a matter. You had to know that you hit the car, as there are scratches on the hood and the entire side of the car. I'm sure that concentrating on the 15 MPH speed limit was all your self centered little brain could process.

There seems to be an attitude growing in town that taking responsibility for one's actions is for suckers. Parents willing to pay for damages to a person's house provided their little darlings name can be kept from the police. (Can't ruin their chances for college, can we?) Stealing statues from private property. Pulling U-turns on Main Strett because driving around the block would just take too long. Parking in handicap spaces when you are in a hurry. Courtesy is for everyone else seems to be the mantra.

I'd most like to say I'm sorry that you couldn't even leave a note apologizing for the damage you caused.

Now that I've apologized to you, what are the chances that you'll return the favor? Though I'm not a betting person, I bet the chances are pretty slim.

Russell Bonetti
20 Parker Ave.

TV sidewalk vote was not a concept

TO THE EDITOR:

At town meeting last fall, a lot of us innocents voted for concrete sidewalks, in the belief that a vote was a vote with some binding effect. Now we hear the town counsel has ruled that the vote was "only on a concept", which suggests that our vote was meaningless. One of the selectmen (who campaigned on the dual dreams of " getting a handle on costs" and "responsiveness to citizens" interpreted the "only a concept" opinion as license to promote brick sidewalks, then switched to favoring concrete pavers.

Perhaps to introduce an element of dysfunctional spice, others suggested the notion of asphalt sidewalks, but this notion seems to have had the short life it deserved. Well, maybe not, bad ideas often are vigorously promoted.

It seems to me that the appropriate compromise between cost, appearance, maintainability, safety and comfort would be poured concrete for most areas, scored/colored concrete (or concrete pavers) in very limited areas such as at crossings, and small brick islands or channels around utilities or anything likely to need be dug up occasionally. Snow and ice removal works best with poured concrete, but adds the costs of replacing displaced pavers or bricks.

On another subject, I agree with Peter Guild. Most of our teen-agers are good people who will grow into responsible and caring adults. The irresponsible scofflaws, and the careless and/or arrogant parents guilty of the sad state of their progeny, are much in the minority. Besides most the scofflaws will be subject some molding by the good influences of our society, so that they turn out to be not much worse than the rest of us.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

CEES asks for 'Fairness Guidelines'

TO THE EDITOR:

The following letter was sent to selectmen with a copy to the Mariner.

Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions, "CEES", on behalf of our many hundreds of members and supporters throughout Cohasset, has adopted a set of Policy Fairness Guidelines that address the ongoing questions of how and why the Town should allocate and/or reserve, for priority or mandated future requirements, the limited, valuable Central Sewer Treatment Plant capacity. We define capacity to include both current operating capacity as well as new capacity to be obtained over time from Town Meeting approved Plant upgrades and optimizations funded specifically to meet an identified need within a District and adopted by the Town, or imposed on the Town by Court Order or other regulatory agency having jurisdiction.

CEES urges the Board of Selectmen, as the policy-making arm of Town Government, to utilize these Fairness Guidelines as the core principles for developing a formal Policy Statement that reflects fairness and voters expectations relative to the allocation of limited, valuable Central Plant sewer capacity. Given all the questions, debates, conflicts, hearings and lawsuits that have risen around this topic in recent months, the need for a comprehensive Policy Statement is obvious. It would be most desirable at next Town Meeting for the voters to approve a Policy that incorporates the following Fairness Guidelines and thus reduce the current inefficiencies and expenses for all parties involved, especially the Town. A Policy Statement that is consistent with State statues and other governing agencies, and reflects the past practices of the Town and the preferences of the existing residents to the maximum extent possible, would be welcomed by all parties as notice "up front" as to what can be expected, allowed and disallowed in the Town of Cohasset before unsound actions and expectations are adopted. It certainly would make the job of the Sewer Commission easier and would minimize conflicts that "special interests" can create when firm policies and practices are not clearly spelled out in advance and practiced on a consistent basis by all Town Officials.

Fairness guidelines

• Available capacity and expected future capacity should be allocated *first* to existing residents and house lots whose taxes helped pay for the capacity construction and for the cost to connect neighborhoods already served. They have been waiting for years to be connected into the system. No compromise allowed! Existing residents first!

• Expected new capacity to be generated by upgrades and optimization of the Treatment Plant and the collection system using funding approved at Town Meeting for a specific sewering requirement of a Sewer District, should be used or reserved to fulfill the specific sewering requirement that justified the funding approval. Such new capacity may *not* be diverted for use other than as intended.

• Formally designated Sewer Districts, approved at Town Meeting by the voters, should be selected and prioritized to meet existing environmental needs in the best interests of the Town as a whole, such as protection of the water supply, addressing known pollution problems in previously developed areasof the Town that are ill-suited for on-site waste water treatment, protection of Town assets in areas that have exceptional environmental sensitivities such as public beaches, lakes and ponds, coastal waters, unique wildlife habitat, shell fishing areas and the like, and complying with Court judgments or other regulatory orders by a governmental agency having authority and jurisdiction.

• Residents of existing buildings and existing house lots are entitled to sewer tie-in within a Town Meeting approved Sewer District that is already substantially tied- in to the sewer system providing capacity is available that is not reserved for nor was funded specifically at Town Meeting for a higher priority sewer need in a different District. If no available capacity exists at the time of receipt of an eligible tie-in application, the Sewer Commission shall maintain a queue until such time as available capacity allows the tie-ins to proceed in the order in which the applications were received. Such queued applications within a Town Meeting approved Sewer District shall have priority over any sewer tie-in of applicants from outside that District, or otherwise ineligible to apply for a tie-in, such as a new subdivision that results in more than one additional EDU.

• A new, proposed Sewer District submitted by the Sewer Commission for Town Meeting approval shall consist of a contiguous area of a previously developed community for which sewering meets an existing, prioritized environmental need in the best interests of the Town as a whole to remedy if sewer capacity is available. The proposed District is to be defined by the Sewer Commission using a single, contiguous boundary consisting of common landmarks such as streets, rivers, and the like or, preferably, a District Lot Level Analysis.

• For as long as there are recognized needs that justify sewer service in the communities and neighborhoods existing in the Town at the time of the adoption of this Policy, which sewer service shall have a fair and generally beneficial impact on the Town as a whole, sewer capacity, as available, shall be allocated to those existing needs of existing residents and shall not be diverted to service major, new housing developments proposed to be built in the Town.

Richard Brooks, Stephen Brown, Jacqueline Dormitzer, Charles Higginson, Lisa LoJacono, John McCarthy, Richard O'Connell, John Rousseau, Ann Swanborg, Stacey Weaver

Olympic theatre in three parts: Saturday, Day 1

DISPATCH FROM ATHENS

MIKE ELLIS



Newspapers in Athens are all about the Olympics.

Drama. The Greeks love a good drama — and they've certainly got one. The IOC will likely have decided the fate of Greece's top two sprinters, Costas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou by time you read this. But now the pair must be judged in the court of Greek public opinion — a far more daunting prospect.

The day after their mysterious midnight motorcycle wreck — which came hours after missing their doping control test — we find Athenians still glued to their TV sets. It's as festive as a wake. Reporters nervously chain-smoke cigarettes outside the hospital where the two have been sequestered. I know, since the hospital is just down the street from our home. Even though their injuries are said to be minor, the pair have won a 48-hour reprieve from explaining their midnight run to the IOC. And there is no indication that either will be leaving the hospital soon. The logic here in Greece; if you have a doctor's note, you can be excused from almost anything — maybe even doping control.

Now, as the two lay in a hospital bed watching their own drama unfold on TV, they can ponder the fate of other tragic Greek heroes.

Comedy. Costas and Katarina may find it harder to prove their innocence in a public opinion trial, however. The Greek people would like to believe that it was all just a big misunderstanding. They want to hear Costas say something like "Well, the souvlaki was bad up there at the Olympic village, so we drove like maniacs to our favorite taverna instead of attending our scheduled doping appointment." This defense would seem reasonable to the average Greek ("How do you expect them to win on bad souvlaki!"), and it might even fly with the ubiquitous news commentary shows, which cater to the average Greek. Using what we call the Brady Bunch Effect, they can squeeze as many as 12 talking heads onto a Greek TV screen at any one time, all enthusiastically sharing their point of view. The rules are simple — loudest head wins the argument. A similar thing can happen on the radio. A typical host might patch six of his buddies through on their cell phones, some of them riding scooters, and prompt them with a taunt: "What do you think Yianni? Souvlaki or Human Growth Hormone?" Once that happens, it's all static and screaming.

Tragedy. The sad thing is that Greece — before the games — had thoroughly celebrated these two as paragons of the possible. Especially Kenteris, who dashed out of obscurity in the Sydney Olympics to snatch the men's 200 meters. Always underestimated, the Greeks heralded his victory no less than a thunderbolt from Zeus himself — a reminder of the character of the first Olympians. As the Olympic standard-bearer and the Michael Jordan of his small country, you would always see Kenteris' ready smile and fast feet selling speedy shipping services, or cavorting with groups of Greek schoolchildren.

Same with Thanou, whose second place to Marion Jones in the women's 100 meters only confirmed Zeus' message. In the lead-up to the games, not a day would pass without a full review of her silver medal performance.

Now, as the two lay in a hospital bed watching their own drama unfold on TV, they can ponder the fate of other tragic Greek heroes. They rose high — touched the sun — frolicked with the gods — then nose-dived into the blue Aegean. A classic story, and their dramatic timing perfect: the day when Greece was set to dance on the world stage.

The mood in Athens is somber this morning, the spectacle of the opening ceremonies swept away by events. But Greece is nothing if not resilient, as it has been for the last 3,000 years. Already you can sense a transition from scandal to eulogy for the fallen heroes, as if the Greeks are expecting another homegrown champion to emerge in the next two weeks to carry on their Olympic ideal.

Mike Ellis migrated west to Colorado soon after graduating CHS ('82). He is providing weekly updates for us during the Olympics.

Let's hear it for 'purring'

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see where the finest athletes in the world have gathered in Athens to compare their running, jumping and throwing talents and apparently test the efficiency of the latest steroids as well.

But that's a subject for another column.

My complaint this time is that once again the International Olympic Committee has ignored a sport that has become my favorite although I have never played it, never seen it played and never met anyone who has played it.

It's called "purring," and it has nothing to do with cats but everything to do with a manly sport as played by Welsh miners in the pubs of Cardiff. Some, but not many, have even have been known to come back and play a second time.

There is to my knowledge no rule book in purring for the simple reason that there are no rules but if there were it would read something like this:

"The contestants put on heavy shoes, with reinforced tips. They stand facing each other, hands on the other's shoulders. On signal, they start kicking each other's shins.

"The man who releases the hold on the opponent's shoulder first, and backs away, to save his shin bones from being reduced to talcum powder, is the loser."

Really now, if you were a member of the IOC would you vote for beach volleyball over purring as an Olympic sport?

There are so many sports in the Olympics now that the American team had to be ferried to Athens in shifts. A few years ago, tropical Jamaica even had a bobsled team. For all I know, landlocked Switzerland may have a beach volleyball team.

The next thing you know, they'll be bringing back face-slapping as an Olympic sport. Don't laugh. It was the "in" thing in the Soviet Union in the early 1930s when the only alternative was another five-year plan.

It started in a little bistro in Kiev in 1931 when Michalko Goniusx put down his glass of vodka and playfully slapped Wasyl Bezbordny in the face. Wasyl put aside his slivovitz and slapped him back and the contest was on.

The guy on the next barstool appointed himself referee. After 10 hours, they wore out the referee and another was named. After 20 hours, a third ref took over. By the time Michalko and Wasyl reached 30 hours, he was ready to end it.

"It is silly, very silly," he said, confiding an obvious truth to the bloodied contestants. "Stop this and go home."

They did and the referee ruled the bout a draw but the game they played caught on and for a while the sound of open hand against cheek was heard in the land as farmers from the collective went after Michalko and Wasyl's record.

If that doesn't grab you, how about bull racing which was once so popular on the island of Madura in the Indonesian chain that special courses, called "aloon-aloons" were built for them.

Two bulls race as a team, separated by a thick piece of wood on which the jockey sits. The starter waves a red flag to anger the bulls. A man in red runs ahead of them and a band plays during the race to agitate them even more.

Now if they could only get that one past PETA and the animal people.

North Scituate Center could be source of pollution

CSCR REPORT

RYAN DAVIS

Edging ever closer to identifying conclusively the immediate source (or sources) of pollution in the Gulf River watershed, CSCR students acted last week on advice gleaned from consultations with Scituate Health Agent Jennifer Sullivan, Jason Burtner and Julie Keane of Massachusetts' Coastal Zone Management program, and John Hartshorne, a founding member of the Gulf Association.

Convinced that the North Scituate area of the Gulf River is a location where pollutants are introduced into the watershed, CSCR students hope to trace the pollution's entry point into the marsh and then identify expedient solutions. Agreeing that the data collected by students strongly suggested the North Scituate marsh as the culprit, proposed that the CSCR conduct dye tests in order to trace outfall from various storm drains in the North Scituate center and along Gannett Road. Dye testing consists of releasing a small amount of environmentally-safe, colored dye into storm drains at key locations in order to determine or verify terminal drainage points. Confirmation is achieved with visual identification of the dye at a specific drainage point.

After obtaining official municipal storm drain maps from the Scituate Town Hall, and authorization to so act, students and their supervisors were eager to finalize their results and attempted to trace one drain on Aug. 11. The lack of rainfall over the previous 72 hours (Aug 8-11) created less-than-optimal conditions, prompting one student to make a bet for a slice of pizza that "no red dye will come out of that drain [at the outflow pipe]." But to its surprise, the group recorded a flaming-magenta stream, confirming that storm drains from North Scituate center emptied directly into a holding pool along Gannett Road that then appears to flows into the Gulf River.

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Even in dry conditions, the total time from insertion to outfall was approximately 30 minutes. Similar results were recorded during another dye test this Monday, Aug. 16, but at a more remote storm drain in the North Scituate village area. Notably, the water in the drainage pool has consistently shown to be dangerously low in oxygen, significantly high in nitrates, and excessively high in enterococci bacteria.

While the holding pool does not overflow directly into the marsh, CSCR teacher Jack Buckley was quick to reach the hypothesis that the effluent sinks into the underlying soil, runs under an adjacent driveway, and subsequently enters the contiguous marsh. "Although our hypothesis, to our knowledge, has not yet been confirmed by hydrologists," commented Buckley, "the flow from the outfall culvert into the Gulf River can easily be seen by any observer who stops for a moment to connect the dots." In addition, noting the thick, greasy scum on the surface of the holding pool, students suspected that much of the discharge must be also be flowing from residential and/or commercial kitchens and bathrooms. Student suspicions are only further hardened by the numerous comments spoken by area residents and curious passersby who echo this hunch.

CSCR students, in their youthful enthusiasm, were hopeful that permission might be obtained to conduct dye tests in residential and commercial properties. However, officials have been quick to point out to students that the politics and economics of managing wastewater in all of our communities on the South Shore require solutions that are more comprehensive and less confrontational. Rather than trying to gain consent to dye test individual homes and businesses which might then subject consenting owners to the financial burden of replacing or repairing faulty wastewater systems, officials have suggested to students that they pursue grant funding to help municipalities implement practices and procedures to mitigate the non-point source pollution discovered in this section of the Gulf River.

Toward that end, CSCR is hosting a meeting Aug. 25 at 3p.m. for Cohasset and Scituate officials, board members, and community leaders to outline specific tasks that can completed as part of a grant project to reduce or eliminate non-point source pollution in the Gulf River estuary. Says Buckley, "the approach to this meeting is collaborative. We want to convene the interested parties in one room where we can approach solutions to the problems quantified by the students. That's the mission of CSCR — to engage students in projects designed to meet the identified needs of municipal boards and departments already working hard to solve these problems."

In the meantime, students will soon be wrapping up their summer investigations of the Gulf River and Cohasset Harbor. In addition, students are preparing a draft report to summarize their findings in the Gulf River to be presented to officials at the Aug. 25 meeting. At that time, a cookout for all students and their families will be held at 5p.m. to celebrate the end of a highly productive summer of research. Residents interested in joining the students at the cookout should feel free to call CSCR at 383 0129 to let us know that you'll be joining us.

Ryan Davis is a student the CSCR. He is an upcoming senior at Phillips Academy in Andover and lives in Hingham.

HEALTH NOTES

Cleaning up after dogs is a public health issue

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

When I was a kid, dogs weren't a problem. You let them out and that was that. But now things are a bit more complicated, and pets need more attention and oversight. Last Saturday at 9 a.m. there were 15 dogs on Sandy Beach. They weren't bothering anybody, and they were well behaved; after all, the beach wasn't open yet, and they had a right, but you'd have thought it was a gathering of the Cohasset Kennel Club.

The Board of Health has long recognized that there are certain responsibilities that go along with dog ownership. There is always the confirmation that rabies shots are current, implicit in the act of updating dog licenses, and there are the mutt mitt stations which the Board of Health supplies around the common and elsewhere, and then there's the ordinance. In 1999 the board, recognizing that the number of complaints had been increasing, passed a regulation which is given in its entirety below.

But there's another reason besides good housekeeping, cleanliness and good health practices to consider cleaning up after your pet, even if it's in your own yard and not covered by the regulation. Pollution from storm-water runoff is called non-point source or NPS contamination. For Cohasset, non-point source pollution is mainly from surface water runoff to storm drains and catch basins which direct it to our ponds, streams and estuaries. Most contamination comes at the beginning of storm events during what is known as first flush, or the first inch or so from a rain event, when accumulated surface contaminants on roadways and driveways, roofs, lawns and fields flow into the storm drains and out into the waterways. According to the DEP, storm-water runoff is a major source of pollution entering our waterways. And animal feces are a major contributor to the pollution in storm-water runoff. To the point that dogs were mentioned in the last pollution study of Little Harbor done for the town in 1999 by CDM, an environmental consultant engineering firm. The EPA has implemented regulations covering non-point source contamination. As a result, the town is in a continuing dialog with the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs having addressed cleanup of major point sources of pollution such as landfills, industrial contamination, etc.

So dogs are important! They are a constant source of companionship and solace to many in Cohasset, but pets come with responsibilities. It's a short regulation, but it's also important. Help the Town with its fight against pollution by heeding its provisions.

Regulations

- Authority: This regulation is promulgated under the authority of MGL Chapter 111 Sections 31 and 122.
- **Purpose:** To abate the potential health danger in public places of fecal material from dogs.
- **Applicability:** This regulation applies to all persons who own, possess, care for or control a dog while located within the area of the Town of Cohasset.
- **General:**

1.) Any person who owns, possess, cares for or controls a dog shall take every precaution to not permit his or her dog to defecate on any sidewalk, street, parking lot or any other public place. Further, the above pertains to private property not owned by the above person.

2.) It is the responsibility of any person cited above to promptly remove any fecal matter deposited on a public place or on private property not owned by that person and properly disposed of.

- **Enforcement:** This regulation shall be enforced by the Board of Health and its agent and the Cohasset Animal Control Officer under the provision of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D.
- **Fines for Violation**: For a first offense, the fine is $25.00; for a second, $35.00; and for a third and subsequent offenses, $50.
- **Exemption:** This regulation shall not apply to any dog accompanying any disabled person, who because of his or her disability is unable to comply with these requirements.
- **Effective Date:** This regulation shall take effect on January 1, 2000.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Two residents seek sewer connections in Central District

But don't get the answer they want

By Samantha Brown
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It's a different story but the same argument, as two residents came before the Sewer Commission Monday looking for sewer capacity, citing state law which prohibits reserving capacity in anticipation of what might happen in the future.

Both Donna Donovan and Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan came before the commission in anticipation of being able to tie their subdivided lots into the municipal lines. Both pieces of property are completely within the Central District, and both landowners have come before the commission before.

Sullivan's and Donovan's pieces of property were not considered buildable lots when the connection schedule for the Cohasset Central Sewer District was drafted, and have since been subdivided. Both believe their land should be included in the list of connections as every other abutting home is eligible. Sullivan said this is the third time he has come before the commission, the first being last August, the second this March. Both times he said he was told the commission would need more time to study the impacts of new connections in the central district before additional connections could be made.

Sewer lines run past both pieces of property, and Sullivan said state law requires that if municipal sewer is required in an area, as it is in the central district, any owner of property which has pipes running in front "shall" be tied in, unless it can be proved the connection will do immediate damage. For connections outside the district, the commission can allow connections at its own discretion. Sullivan said his property or the Donovan property would not put such a strain on the flows to the Wastewater Treatment Plant that it would cause immediate damage. He said he has looked at the data for the plant, and flows are down from last year, and the roughly 250 gallons his property or the Donovan property would generate daily is nothing compared to the average 100,000 daily gallons the plant doesn't use. Sullivan said that is what the law says, and the town's bylaws do not overstep state law.

Both believe their land should be included in the list of connections as every other abutting home is eligible.

"Your case is valid," said Sewer Commissioner Raymond Kasperowicz, adding his main concern is how many other pieces of property may have had the same situation, and would also like to connect. To date, there have been four or five similar requests which have all been denied. Sullivan said there are probably eight to 10 at the most, and as far as he is concerned, hook-ups would still be on a first come first serve basis. If the commission finds tying in a few subdivided lots is putting a strain on the system, Sullivan said future tie-ins can be rejected, but with the average flows the way they are currently, he can't see that a few homes would cause a major overflow. Sullivan added he would like to see Donovan's property tied in before his, as he knows she came before the commission long before he did.

Daniel Coughlin of Tutela Engineering, the commission's engineering consultant, said, "If capacity were to be available," and it would not pose pressing issues for existing homes, he doesn't see why the commission couldn't allow some limited expansion. His only concern would be whether there were parcels in the central district which could accommodate for multiple dwellings.

"You can't hold someone off in anticipation of what might happen," said Sullivan.

Cedarmere developers argued that same point before the commission just over one year ago. Sewer Commissioner John Beck pointed out that Cedarmere's request is much different from the residents' request because the development would be located outside the Central District.

The commission said last year, it denied Sullivan's request because it wasn't sure what the flows would be and now, while the flows look like they're less, there are still 34 connections to be made within the district.

"When does the law take precedent and when does fairness come it?" Sullivan asked. "The law says I have a right, and I'm sorry, but I just don't get it. "

Kasperowicz said the bottom line is, the commission doesn't want to allow too many people to hook up and get the town into trouble. "Don't take a run at us and say we're not being fair," he said.

But Sullivan said the town is on average using 220,000 gallons per day with a capacity of 350,000 gallons, and that is where the fairness should come in. "If the law wasn't stating I have a right, there wouldn't be a problem," he said.

Kasperowicz said while the

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Cohasset Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives and senators' votes on three roll calls from recent sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$2.5 BILLION TRANSPORTATION BOND (H 5041)

House 149-5, Senate 35-0, gave final approval to a $2.5 billion transportation bond bill that authorizes borrowing for transportation projects across the state including roads, bridges, subways and commuter rail. The package also includes $450 million for local road and bridge projects. Gov. Romney signed the measure after vetoing several provisions. Supporters said the package is an important one that would continue to improve the state's roads, highways and public transportation system. Opponents offered no arguments. In his veto message, Romney said the bill is excessive and authorizes more than $1 billion for projects that have not undergone adequate review. He noted that all the projects would be reviewed and only projects that meet his rigorous criteria would be funded. (A "Yea" vote is for the transportation bond bill. A "Nay" vote is against it).

TRANSFERRING STATE EMPLOYEES (H 4850)

House 143-12, Senate 37-1, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget section providing that if the functions performed by state employees are transferred from one state agency to another, the employees who perform the function would also be transferred to the new agency without any salary reduction or loss of rights. The section does allow for a reduction in workforce that is permitted under collective bargaining agreements or civil service regulations. Override supporters said this pro-worker section would protect state employees and ensure that experienced workers continue to perform their jobs at the new agency. Override opponents said the section goes too far and argued that the Legislature should not interfere with and try to control what should be executive branch decisions. (A "Yea" vote is for the section providing for the transfer of the employees. A "Nay" vote is against the transfer).

LOW INCOME HOUSING AND COURTS (H 4911)

House 154-0, gave final approval to and Gov. Romney signed into law a bill including a five-year extension of the low-income housing tax credit to private and non-profit developers who build low income housing projects. Other provisions include bond authorizations of $200 million for programs that help provide housing for battered women and people who are disabled, homeless and mentally ill or retarded and $220 million for courthouse projects. Supporters said the package would create additional standard affordable housing for many people and specialized housing for those with special needs. They noted that the courthouse authorization would help important projects at courts in Salem, Lowell, Taunton and Quincy. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

CHANGES IN TAX LAWS (H 4744)

Senate 37-0 and 36-0, approved and Gov. Romney signed into law a bill making changes in some of the state's business and individual tax laws. There was no opposition to the bill in the Senate or in the House that approved the measure on a voice vote without a roll call. Romney and the Legislature contend that the major changes simply close corporate tax loopholes that corporations have been using to avoid taxes. Many business leaders say that the changes are unfair and are simply cleverly disguised tax hikes. Supporters of the bill said the changes would generate some $90 million in new tax revenue. They noted that a key provision would generate $40 million by closing a giant loophole that allows Massachusetts companies to shield tax gains from the sale of their subsidiaries by setting up a Business Trust Holding Company. Opponents said these changes are nothing more than tax hikes approved by a governor and Legislature that said they would not raise taxes. They argued that the tax increases are anti-business and would hurt many corporations. The bill also allows the state to collect outstanding taxes directly from the Lottery winnings of delinquent taxpayers. Another provision automatically withholds the state and federal tax portion of any Lottery player's winnings above $600. Current law withholds the taxes of only winnings over $5000. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill making changes in tax laws)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

FROZEN FOOD PRICES (H 490)- The House and Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Romney a bill exempting all frozen food products from the current law requiring that most products sold in supermarkets be individually marked with their selling price. The measure requires that a clear and conspicuous separate sign including the name and price of the product be placed near the item. Other items already exempted under current law include gallons and half gallons of milk, eggs, tobacco products, soft drink bottles and cans and some snack food items at the checkout area.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote



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Walk through chapters of times gone by at new exhibit

By Samantha Brown
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With the publication of its new book, "Images of America: Cohasset," the Cohasset Historical Society has produced the first pictorial history of the town, bringing residents back to the days of summer homes and fishing villages. However, to really bring the images to life, the society is showcasing the many artifacts and photos from its archives that help illustrate the story depicted in the book.

Using the chapters to organize the exhibit, various Cohasset photographs and relics are on display for the public to enjoy. The book was only able to accommodate roughly 200 photographs from about 2,000 in the society's archives, and the exhibit has made it possible to bring additional photos to the forefront, as well as artifacts that could not be included in the book.

"The images in the exhibit have either been taken from the book or complement the book," said society co-president Paula Morse. "We've got a wonderful collection."

Morse said the move from the former society headquarters at the Lothrop House to the larger Paul Pratt Building on South Main Street has allowed the society to be able to show its extensive collection year round. The Pratt building is both air conditioned and heated to allow for maximum climate control, where the Lothrop House only had heat.

Authors David H. Wadsworth, historian and former curator of the society for 20 years, Morse, and Lynne DeGiacomo, executive administrator, began working on the book last spring. Its roughly 130 pages are filled with black and white images of days gone by. With photos of the common, the villages (there used to be three) and residents from schoolchildren and fishermen to those who only spent their summers in town — the book depicts a wide variety of photos from Cohasset's history with detailed captions to help give readers insight.

The exhibit also displays some of the society's most prized possessions. A women's navy blue linen bathing suit, which would have been worn in 1914, is on display as well as a beautiful white eyelet summer dress, and other photos and relics which help bring the book's summer colony chapter to life.

Cohasset's theatrical past is also represented with posters for South Shore Players productions, as well as photos of the original Music Circus tent. Photos of the Hanlon Brothers, who were known worldwide for their acrobatic shows, are also on display. Co-vice president of the historical society, Tom Gruber, said the Hanlons brought their company, which had about 200 members, to Cohasset to recuperate from touring during the summer of 1889 and prepare for the next season's production. In those days, having performers of that magnitude in town was huge, Gruber said. Hanlon productions grew from mostly tumbling and trapeze acts in the beginning, to include pantomime and tricks featuring illusions. Gruber said the brothers even went on to patent some of their illusion equipment. The society has one of the Hanlon brothers' props on display which was used during their shows — a very realistic-looking papier-mâché ax.



FROM IMAGES OF AMERICA, COHASSET

Above: Maria Valine, at left, Adelaide Monteiro, at right, and an unidentified friend enjoy Cohasset's summer weather.



At right: Fred Hanlon, a star of Superba, Nov. 14, 1903.

The historical society also has artifacts from Cohasset's sporting history, including a football helmet which is nothing like the fiberglass helmets players wear today. Photos of former high school sports teams, including football and basketball are also on display.

A "family tree" with the names of many prominent longtime Cohasset families stands in the middle of the exhibit. There are also photos of the Paul Pratt building from the days when it was brand new. Relics from the not-so-distant past have also been unearthed, as menus from the former Hugo's restaurant have also been included in the exhibit.

To purchase a copy of "Images of America: Cohasset," please stop by the Cohasset Historical Society to fill out an order form, or order by phone at (781) 383-1434. Half of the proceeds from the sale of the books go toward the society when purchased at the Historical Society building. The Historical Society is open from 10-4 during the week, and visitors are always welcome. The exhibit is open during regular Historical Society hours, as well as during the open house for the new apartments located on the lower level of the Pratt Building, which will be held Sunday, Aug. 22 from 4 to 6 p.m.

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Greenbush could make tracks in '06

Answers to train questions

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Commuters from Scituate to Weymouth could be encouraged to let someone else do the driving in two years, as the Greenbush Commuter Rail Line is slated to begin operating in mid-2006. The MBTA estimates about 4,200 passengers per weekday will ride the Greenbush each way by the year 2010.

Plans to reconstruct the 17-mile Greenbush line have been in the works for 20 years, and have been surrounded in much controversy over the years. The Greenbush Line is the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration Project, and is being built as mitigation for the Central Artery/Tunnel Project in downtown Boston. The project is intended to reduce automobile traffic on the congested highways leading into the city. By diverting South Shore commuter traffic from automobiles to transit, the MBTA says it will not only help keep the roads clear, reduce fuel consumption and air pollution, but will encourage more transit-oriented development and alleviate congestion on other transportation facilities in the area - including the Braintree Red Line. According to the MBTA, the project will cost roughly $479 million including planning, engineering, land and permitting costs, along with the cost of construction and new trains.

Although exact train schedules have not been set, MBTA officials say it will take approximately one hour to get from Scituate to South Station. There will be 12 trips each way for daily trains during the week. During the weekends, service will be on a reduced schedule similar to other commuter rails currently in operation, with eight round-trips planned for Saturdays and Sundays. All trains leaving from Scituate are expected make seven stops on the Greenbush Line and some trains will make additional stops at Quincy Center and Boston's South Station.

Stops at the Quincy Center Red Line station will enable passengers to change trains there. All Greenbush trains will stop at Quincy Center, and many Greenbush Line trains will also stop at the JFK/UMASS Red Line station, the MBTA says.

Greenbush trains will terminate at South Station in Boston, located at the corner of Summer Street and Atlantic Avenue in the financial district where commuters can hop on other transportation services including Amtrak inter-city trains, inter-city bus service, buses to Logan Airport, MBTA Silver Line buses to the South Boston Waterfront, Red Line trains to Cambridge and Somerville, local bus services, and taxis.

Trains are expected to operate between approximately 5:45 a.m. and 11 p.m. The MBTA says trains spending the night at the layover facility in Scituate will not idle during the night, except in unusual circumstances such as a power failure or unusually cold weather (below 10 degrees Fahrenheit). The layover facility will be equipped with an electrical heating system that the trains will be plugged into to allow the locomotives to be turned off overnight. Station lights will be turned off after the last train of the evening, the MBTA says.

Each station platform on the Greenbush Line will have a lit shelter with benches and passenger information displays for riders waiting for trains or waiting to be picked up. Stations will not have attendants or enclosed waiting rooms. The MBTA says all commuter rail trains will be handicapped accessible, and all station platforms will be raised to the floor level of the coaches over their entire length for easy boarding.

Parking ranges from 200 total parking spaces to 1,000 spaces at the seven stations on the line. The MBTA says it will work with local police to enforce parking restrictions around commuter parking lots. The current charge for parking in commuter rail lots is $2 per day, with no charge on weekends and holidays.

Fares to ride the Greenbush line will be charged based on the MBTA's zone fare system. Riders can purchase one-way or monthly passes. Monthly passes permit unlimited local bus and rapid transit use as well as commuter rail use up to the zone listed (*see sidebar for parking and pass information*).

Tickets and passes will be available at the South Station ticket office and from the MBTA's Web site. One-way and round-trip tickets will also be available from the conductors on the trains. As with other commuter rail lines, the MBTA hopes to make arrangements with stores near the stations to sell commuter rail tickets.

When the train begins operating, there will be minor changes to bus routes to allow the Route 225 (Quincy Center-Lincoln Square) buses to stop at the Weymouth Landing station and the Route 222 (Quincy Center – Jackson Square) buses to stop at the East Weymouth station. There are no changes currently being proposed to commuter boat service as part of the Greenbush project, but proposals for improvements to the commuter boat services are being discussed. Train service on the Kingston/Plymouth and Middleborough/Lakeville Commuter Rail Lines will not be reduced as a result of the Greenbush Line, but there may be minor adjustments to their schedules when Greenbush service starts. Red Line service will not change, the MBTA says.

Safety first

While the Greenbush Line is being designed to qualify as a "Quiet Zone," where train horns, or whistles, are not routinely sounded at grade crossings, they may be used occasionally for other purposes such as to warn maintenance workers, or for emergency situations where someone on the tracks might need to be warned of an impending train.

The MBTA says it is committed to providing safe grade crossings, and all crossings will be equipped with warning systems consisting of flashing red lights, bells, and gates. Because there will not be routine whistles, additional safety measures will be implemented, such as median strips or four-quadrant gates at most crossings. The MBTA also participates in the Operation Lifesaver railroad safety education program, a national program that provides railroad safety education programs to schools and community groups trough municipal police departments.

The MBTA says its personnel will inspect and maintain the crossing warning systems on a regular basis to ensure they are kept in good working order. There will be a total of 25 public and 3 private grade crossings on the Greenbush Line. A total of 15 crossings that originally existed will be eliminated through the construction of underpasses in Weymouth Landing, Weymouth Heights, and Hingham Square, an overpass at Rocky Lane in Cohasset, and the closure or avoidance of seven other crossings. Fencing will be installed in all inhabited public areas, which constitute about 85 percent of the line. Fencing will generally be roughly 6 feet high, heavy-duty chain link fence, placed along the railroad property lines.

The trains will operate at speeds up to 60 mph, but the MBTA says they will travel more slowly around station stops and sharp curves. The trains will typically have five or six coaches using a mix of single- and double-level cars. The line is designed to accommodate trains with up to nine cars.

Freight trains will only operate in East Braintree where local rail freight service operates currently, although freight service could potentially be expanded east of East Braintree. However, due to a lack of potential freight customers along the line, expansion is unlikely. The MBTA does not operate freight service.

The MBTA says it inspects, services, and repairs its rail lines on a regular basis. Much of this work will be done during normal business hours, however, it will be necessary on occasion to perform certain maintenance work at night or on weekends to avoid disruptions to train service.

Environmental concerns

The Greenbush Line is being built along an established rail bed, which was originally constructed in the 1850s. The approval of the Greenbush project's Final Environmental Impact Report on Aug. 17, 2001 allowed the MBTA to proceed with land acquisition, vehicle procurement, final design, and construction of the project. Construction is currently underway in areas where site-specific wetland permits are not required. Construction has not yet begun in Cohasset, as wetland permits have not been obtained. The MBTA says all wetland permits have been applied for and construction in wetland areas will commence once the applicable permits are issued.

The MBTA says the project will inflict a number of marginal impacts to wetlands as a result of the reestablishment of railroad drainage ditches, improvements to bridges and culverts, construction of slopes and retaining walls, and other similar work. A total of less than 3-1/2 acres of permanent wetland impact are spread out over the 18-mile length of the project. Extensive environmental enhancements, including a total of nine acres of wetlands restoration, will be provided by the MBTA to compensate for the 3-1/2 acres of permanent wetland impact. The MBTA says it will also be providing an extensive package of endangered species mitigation and enhancements to ensure the project provides a net benefit to endangered species.

The MBTA, through Community Outreach Director Tom Carroll of Cashman Balfour Beatty, provided the information for this article. For more information on the Greenbush project and MBTA services, please visit the MBTA Web site at www.mbta.com.

So long Charley!

Reporter runs into hurricane

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On a Boeing 757 bound for Orlando, I should have seen the warning signs as I stared out the window. At 35,000 feet up, I saw a brightly colored rainbow, which normally would have seemed like a good omen, but as a bolt of lightning shot through the clouds soon after, I realized Mother Nature does not cater to Disney vacations.

I had never been to Disney World before, and apparently neither had Hurricane Charley, and we both couldn't wait to reach our final destination. Fortunately I made it to Orlando first, and was able to have one full day at the parks before running for cover.

Messages over the intercom continually informed park guests of the impending evacuation and as fast as Cinderella's carriage turned into a pumpkin, when the clock struck 1, the mass exodus began.

While waiting to board our plane, the weather channel informed us we were about to fly into what would soon become the path of a "Category 1" hurricane. Another passenger turned to us and said, "We're flying into that?" with a somewhat horrified look on her face. My mother and I flew out from Logan International Airport in Boston on Aug. 11 at roughly 3 p.m.

When the plane landed, it was clear the area had just been hit with an afternoon shower from the puddles on the runway, but the sun was shining. After making our way from the airport to Walt Disney World, finding our hotel and checking in, we arrived at our room in Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort at around 8p.m.

My brother John, his wife Tammy, and their three children, Logan, 9, Autumn, 5-1/2, and Hope, 10 months, had taken a road trip down the east coast, stopping along the way, but steadily cruising toward the sunshine state. A group of avid campers, they had planned to pitch their tent along the way, and had made reservations to stay at Disney's Fort Wilderness Camp Grounds. By the time my mother and I reached Florida, my brother had already been told plans to evacuate the campgrounds were imminent.

We spent our first day at the Magic Kingdom, knowing we had to prioritize because there was a good chance we might not again be able to visit the parks during this trip. Never having been to Disney before, I had only seen Cinderella's castle on TV or in postcards, and couldn't pass up the opportunity to have my picture taken in front of a true Disney classic. My mother and I headed off to the parks while my brother and his family packed up their campsite, and waited to hear what might become of their plans. Fortunately, they had become well versed in packing up their site during the trip, and we all met in front of the castle around 10:30 a.m.

In true Orlando fashion, the weather was hotter and stickier than I had ever known was possible, but we received some relief during what I now know is seen as a typical afternoon thundershower. In a matter of minutes the sky opened up, unleashing a deluge of water, soaking those who had forgotten their ponchos. However, this short shower was nothing compared with what was to come.



PHOTOS/JOHN BROWN

Trees were uprooted all over Orlando after Hurricane Charley ushered in winds of up to 105 mph.

Day one at the parks was topped off with dinner at Chef Mickey's, complete with Disney characters signing autographs and twirling napkins during the dinnertime celebration, followed by watching fireworks from the balcony of the Contemporary Resort. As Cinderella's castle changed colors in the distance, framed by exploding fireworks, we all hoped Hurricane Charley would change course.

The next morning, we all woke up in our respective rooms at the Caribbean Beach Resort. Fortunately, there had been a room available just down the hall from ours which my brother and his family were able to move to once evicted from their campsite. We were informed the Animal Kingdom would not be opening as a result of Charley's impending visit, but the other theme parks would be open until 1 p.m. Guests staying at Disney resorts would be given free admission.



Samantha Brown meets with Prince Charming after the hurricane hit.

Because we had found our way around the Magic Kingdom the day before, we decided we would try to go back and make the most of our day cut short. We were able to get on a few rides, and began taking the train back to the main gates at around 12:45. Messages over the intercom continually informed park guests of the impending evacuation and as fast as Cinderella's carriage turned into a pumpkin, when the clock struck 1, the mass exodus began.

We were virtually at the gates when Disney cast members began ushering guests out. Workers in golf carts had already begun closing down concession stands and everything that wasn't bolted down was being taken inside. There wasn't a scrap of paper to be found floating loose anywhere on the premises. As I went through the gates to exit the park, I heard someone wish me a "magical day."

Charley was expected to arrive at roughly 3 p.m., and the routine afternoon thundershower sent many Disney guests into a panic. Charley's arrival was bumped back to 7 p.m. and then to 8 p.m. Local weather forecasters said the hurricane had been upped to a category 4 and would be heading directly for Orlando. By the time Charley hit, I think it had been downgraded to a category 2, which was more than enough for me.

The rooms at the resort where we stayed were all connected by an outside hallway, and we all stood outside my brother's room as we saw the sky gradually change to darker and darker shades of gray. When the winds began to pick up a little, we all went inside.

Flying debris

As Charley began his initial descent, the winds were so heavy it looked as if the rain was falling sideways. As we watched local news stations, one reporter said he had just been hit by flying debris and continued his broadcast looking over one shoulder. Another stood outside and leaned with all her weight into the wind and eventually got tangled up in cables from the camera crew. I had never been so happy to be the kind of reporter that gets to write from a safe, dry location.

As the news crews tempted fate, all seven of us watched the storm at a distance through half-closed blinds. The surfboard my brother had been carrying on top of their suburban leaned vertically in a corner of the room, as it was very possible with the 80 mph winds that were predicted to tear through the area it could easily be turned into a deadly projectile. The wind speed kept increasing and trees began falling outside near the parking lot. Just when it seemed the winds were at their mightiest, everything died down and things were pretty calm.

Knowing it was the eye of the storm and we only had a few minutes, my mother and I quickly ventured outside and down the hall to our own room to try to get a good night's sleep to prepare for what would hopefully be an early morning trip to the parks. Not two minutes after we arrived, the winds picked up again and the storm raged on. I later heard winds reached their peak at 105 mph in some portions of Orlando, but through it all, we never lost power at the resort.

The next morning we were up bright and early in the hopes the parks would be open and we could get a second full day in. The news showed the destruction Charley had caused and one reporter said this was the third time in Walt Disney World history the park has closed its doors. The parks had previously closed during a storm in the 1960s, as well as after Sept.11, and suddenly my trip was one for the history books.

Every day one park opens early for guests staying at Disney resorts, and Saturday was the day for MGM-studios to open at 8 a.m. However, with Charley's visit, the doors opened at their regular 9 a.m. and guests were greeted with perfectly clean streets, not an ounce of debris, and not a tree out of place.

As we entered the park we headed for the "Twilight Zone's Tower of Terror," which invites guests to enter the old Hollywood Hotel and take a ride on an elevator just as the hotel gets struck by lightning. The elevator short circuits, shooting riders up at a fast clip, then abruptly loses power, causing the elevator to drop down without any warning. As my brother, Tammy, and I waited to get on the ride, my brother asked the "bell hop" if this hotel was anything like the hurricane hotel we had stayed at the night before. Disney may have a new attraction on its hands.

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Older, wiser, stronger

Growing fitness craze not just sucking in young set

By Lisa Mary Papandrea
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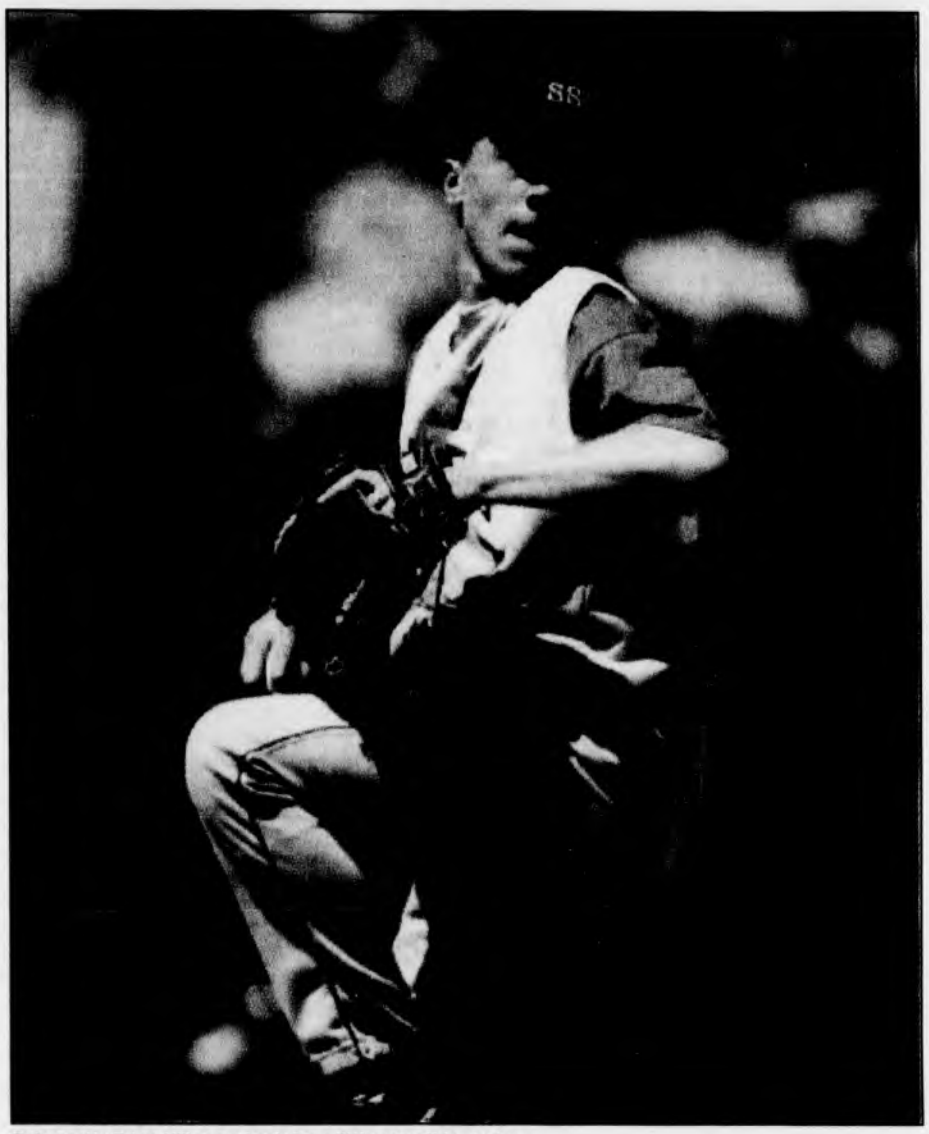
"It's not you're same old grandma anymore," my stepmother, Joanne Papandrea of Scituate, told me with a laugh.

"We're trading in our aprons and wooden spoons for bike helmets and kayaks!"

"You go girl," I replied while secretly worrying that this new attitude could adversely impact the availability of her most excellent chocolate chip cookie. But there's no getting around it: people in my South Shore community are redefining "older."

Take, for example, my Hanover friend Saul Shocket – an amazing strong man whose Russian grandfather wrestled bears. Now almost 61 and a grandfather himself, Saul continues to win power lifting meets. Recently, he won at the National Championships in Philadelphia

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Cohasset's Brian Hill rears back for a little something extra.

Girl for all seasons

Recent CHS grad Buckley was a triple threat athletically

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Whadayamean Jenn Buckley's not going to play college sports?

This was no doubt the reaction many had locally after reading the bio for the recent Cohasset High graduate that ran with our All-Scholastic girls track team a few weeks back.

The All-Scholastic acknowledgement made it a clean sweep for Jenn in her senior year at CHS, as she also earned the honors in soccer and basketball in the preceding months. This gave her a grand total of six All-Scholastic honorings for her high school career, with two for soccer and three for track—a virtually unprecedented accomplishment.

Unlike the majority of our All-Scholastic athletes, however, college athletics are not in the cards for Jenn…at least not for now.

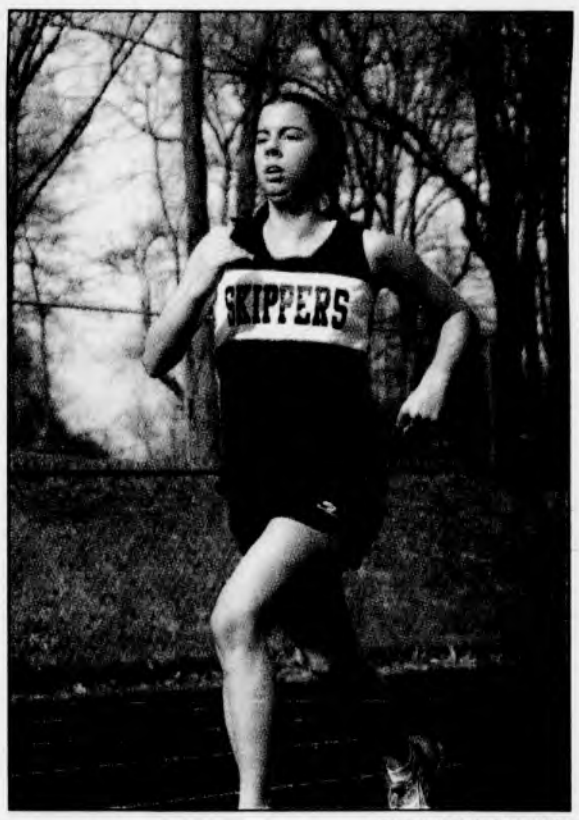
"I just want to settle in my freshman year and concentrate on academics," explained Buckley, who plans to major in Nursing at Northeastern College. "I have my course load, and I see it's going to be pretty full. I think it's best if I just figure that out first."

Jenn was recruited by a few Div. 3 schools to play soccer, no surprise given the way she keyed the Lady Skippers at both ends of the field from her center-mid position the last three years, leading the team in scoring and directing it to post-season berths each of the past two seasons.

Jenn had seven goals and five assists as a senior, and 12 goals and four assists as a junior on her way to earning team MVP honors and South Shore League all-star honors. She's been described as an absolutely tireless worker with outstanding athleticism and speed. The offensive numbers were surprising considering that she also helped out considerably at the defensive end and the counterattack most often started with her.

Veteran CHS girls soccer

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Jenn Buckley qualified for the state meet in the 800, javelin and as part of the 4x800 relay team. Imagine how well she might have done if track weren't just a hobby.

Seadogs pack quite a bite

Cohasset's Hill and Chase led AAU team to strong summer season

Cohasset natives Brian Hill and Tommy Chase recently helped lead the South Shore Seadogs to the Championship Round of the National 14 AAU Baseball Championships in Sarasota FL last week completing a spectacular summer for Frank Nile's and Pete Nesseralla's Hingham club.

The team finished its season with 41 wins and 10 losses, a Triple Crown Champions Tourney Championship Memorial Day Weekend in Connecticut, and posted a 4-2 record in the Nationals that earned them a 17th place finish among 54 teams from California, Texas, Florida, Virginia, Connecticut, New Jersey, Indiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

The first round was highlighted by a early offensive attack lead by Tyler Issadore, Tommy Chase and fellow teammates which allowed them to beat a

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Dream team

Cohasset Little Leaguers shine at Cooperstown Tourney

Well, they say the third time's the charm, and for a select group of Cohasset 12-year old baseball players, it certainly was.

Travelling to the birthplace of baseball, Cooperstown, NY, to take part in the annual Field of Dreams Tourney, last week, the Cohasset Cobras finished placed 12th out of 80 teams in the regular play and finished in the sweet 16 in the tournament. They beat all star teams from Michigan, California, New York, North Carolina and New Hampshire, playing two games a day in the round robin format.

Seven 12-year old Cohasset ball players, complemented by four other boys from the South Shore, traveled to the Cooperstown Dreamspark in

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First row (from left) John Giuggio, John Maher, Harry Bourikas, Jordan Berry, Ryan Miller and Jack Colton. Middle: Jodi Rosano, Robby McCunney, Brendan Doonan, John Kearney and John Ainsley. Back row: Mark Lewis and Ralph Berry.

Scituate team falls on uneven playing field

EXTRA POINTS
MIKE SPELLMAN



Outrageous and unfair.

Those seem the two most apropos adjectives for summing up the way the Scituate 14-year old baseball all-stars were finally knocked out of the Junior League Eastern Regional championships last Thursday.

After capturing the Massachusetts state championship, Scituate wound up falling to New York state champion Massapequa in the finals of the 11-team Junior League Tourney— held this past week in Tinton Fall, New Jersey— but had to play twice as many games as Massapequa to get to that point.

That's right. You heard correctly. Scituate played six games to Massapequa's three heading into Thursday's championship game. For this game, Massapequa got to go back to its number one starter, James Stone, making his second start of the Regionals on four days rest, while Scituate had to call on Harry Rose, a seldom used pitcher this summer who was making his second start on one day's rest. Scituate lost the game, 6-3, with Rose (hardly surprisingly) tiring in the sixth and surrendering three runs—the difference in the game, for those among you who are mathematically challenged.

So how did this happen?

Because of the odd number of teams in this "double elimination" regional tourney, Massapequa and a four other teams were awarded first round byes by a luck of the draw. After

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FILE PHOTO/FRED ROBERSTSON

Buckley (right) was the hoop team's leader in assists and 3-point shooting, averaged 9.5 points per game and was selected as a South Shore League all-star.

Recent CHS grad Buckley was a triple threat athletically

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coach Deb Beal certainly sounds as if she believes her former star could do quite well at the college level.

"Jenn was just incredible for us at both ends of the field," said Beal. "Her teammates looked to her for so much. She'd go 100 miles per hour to support the offense and then 200 miles per hour to get back and help out if the other team counterattacked. She probably did twice as much running as anyone on the field, but she never complained."

Jenn, however, had her heart set on Northeastern— a school with Div. 1 athletic programs— for both academic and geographic reasons.

"The nursing program is very good at Northeastern," she explained. "And I really liked the thought of going to school in Boston."

That's right: the small town girl wanted to see what life in the big city is like.

"Yeah, that had a lot to do with my decision too," said Jenn, who actually got to know her way around Boston a bit through visits to her sister Katie when she was attending Harvard. "I like a lot of things about Boston, but there are things I like about Cohasset too. I think this will probably help me decided what type of community I want to live in when I get off on my own."

Playing interscholastic sports at even a Div. 3 level is a huge commitment, one that can not even compare to the level of commitment demanded at the high school level. And the leap in commitment between Div. 1 and Div. 3 athletics is just as large, if not larger.

"I don't know if I'm ready to make that kind of commitment," Jenn admitted honestly. "Maybe next year, if I get comfortable, I'll try to make it as a walk on with the soccer team."

Jenn also admits that going cold turkey on sports is not something she sees herself being able to do.

"I'll play intramural soccer and maybe some other intramural sports to stay sharp and stay in shape," said Jenn. "Northeastern has that huge gym complex, and I can see myself spending a lot of time there just working out and staying active."

Basketball and track are not, however, a possibility. Jenn played basketball because many of her soccer friends did so, and track was a way of staying in shape for soccer. And yet she earned Mariner All-Scholastic honors for those as well, three times for track and then this past winter for basketball.

On the hardwood this winter, Jenn played a key role in helping the Lady Skippers to their first winning season (14-6) and postseason qualification in 16 years. She was the team's leader in assists and 3-point shooting, averaged 9.5 points per game and was selected as a South Shore League all-star. The five-foot-five natural athlete swung between both guard spots and was lauded for clutch play, defensive skills and leadership qualities.

"Jenn was like another coach on the floor," said first year CHS coach John Levangie. "She was our leader both on and off the floor, and just a very intelligent player. She was at her best when the game was on the line."

It was in the spring, though, that Jenn was most accomplished. She earned South Shore League honors in her sophomore, junior and senior seasons. In her junior year, she finished fifth in the mile, eighth in the javelin and third as a member of the 4x800 relay team at the state Class D meet, qualifying for the All-State championships in the latter event.

"Replacing someone like Jenn seems almost impossible to comprehend," said CHS track coach Al LaFountain. "She does so many things well, and was such a great leader."

And yet she laughs over the notion of giving track and field a try at the college level.

"Oh, I couldn't even think about that," she said. "I liked doing it in high school, but I'm not good enough and I really don't have any interest."

So just imagine how well Jenn might do when she has an interest in something and sets her mind to it.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Buckley (rear) keyed the Lady Skippers at both ends of the soccer field from her center-mid position the last three years, leading the team in scoring and directing it to postseason berths each of the past two seasons.

All work, some play

FROM THE SIDELINES

JULIE ANN NEVERO



A look inside a Patriots practice

I don't think I'm alone when I say having a "Case of the Mondays" is a fairly common occurrence amongst those in the working world. I am usually among the masses in this department, but this past Monday was an entirely different story; in fact, I couldn't wait to get up that morning.

The reason: I had VIP tickets to see the New England Patriots practice at Gillette Stadium.

Still all jazzed up over last Friday night's preseason-opening 24-6 lashing of the Philadelphia Eagles — home to one of the most overrated quarterbacks in the NFL, if you want my honest opinion — I was glowing at the idea of seeing our two-time Super Bowl champs up close and personal (15 feet away to be exact).

To put it bluntly, the experience was everything I hoped it would be. Perhaps a bit uneventful for some of the more noted, and seemingly bored, sports journalists in attendance (i.e. The Globe's Michael Smith and Boston Herald's Michael Felger), I thought it was all the rage.

Granted there was nothing really major going on, drills here, pattern plays there, but it was things like the coaches/players constant workmanship ethic coupled with some light-hearted moments that made the two hour and 15 minute practice inside the field house at Gillette so enjoyable.

Exhibit one: The organization of it all. The practice consisted of 15 sessions, most of which ran between 15 and 20 minutes. A running time was kept and displayed during each session, but only head coach Bill Belichick's whistle signified their real end. Pats players moved seamlessly through each stage during which they were routinely grouped with their units (i.e. offense and kickers in white, quarterbacks in red, defense in blue). Through it all, there were no complaints, no groans, no slacking. Just a workhorse mentality that everyone on the team seemed to share.

This is not to say the morning was all business, however.

Exhibit two: Offensive lineman Matt Light treating everyone to a Harry Carey impersonation during team calisthenics. With the offensive players and defensive players lined up neatly and facing each other on opposite sides of the 60-yard practice field, Light bent on one knee and began speaking like and imitating the mannerisms of the late, great Chicago Cubs announcer. Although I couldn't exactly hear what he was saying, I could tell he definitely had a knack for it and that perhaps it's something he does on a regular basis. Pure comedy.

After stretches, things got a little loud on the field as the Pats psyched themselves up for drills. With coaches "encouraging" them with "Let's go's" and "Move it, move it, move its" the players hustled around several different apparatus, not unlike those seen on any area high school football field. (Offensive line coach Dante Scarnecchia was the loudest, sounding eerily similar to the drill sergeant in Full Metal Jacket, minus the overdose of crude remarks and obscenities, of course).

The drills session was one aspect in which I saw the human element of the players. One wouldn't think athletes on a two-time Super Bowl championship team would have to do such basic drills, but they did them and they did them well. There were, of course, other things that helped me see the players as ordinary people, more specifically two others.

Exhibit three (A): Seeing some of the players' wives and children in attendance. All huddled in their own set of bleachers in a corner of the field house, the wives discussed things like what their families had for dinner the night before while their little ones ran circles around them. Linebacker Tedy Bruschi's children in particular were perhaps the most adorable, hanging on the fence that bordered the field wearing pint-sized No. 54 game jerseys and giving "Daddy" a wave every time he ran to the sideline during shift changes.

Exhibit three (B): Belching. We all do it and apparently so do they, and quite loudly at that. With the players lined up to run offensive/defensive schemes, I can recall four different times when coaches instructions on the upcoming play were interrupted by a belch, earth-shattering ones at that. Of course, I can't be sure, but I believe linebacker Matt Chatham was the culprit on all four occasions. More comic relief.

Once the players were good and warmed up, they finally got to the good stuff in Session 10: Running full offensive/defensive plays in game-like situations. This was where we got to see what kind of schemes the Pats had been working on and whether or not they were any good. For the most part, they were. Quarterback Tom Brady completed a handful of beauties to several receivers, the best one I could recall was a 20-yard floater up the middle to David Patten that drew applause from the spectators, myself included, and "Ata boy, Tommy's" from the players on the sideline.

Patten and tight end Christian Fauria took the bulk of the passes and looked great doing so. But this is training camp and thus, everyone got a shot to get some action. And while all the players worked hard, perhaps no one showed more enthusiasm than the rookies.

Exhibit four: Cedric Cobbs. Wearing No. 10, the 23-year-old rookie out of the University of Arkansas was everything a rookie should be in this situation: attentive, eager, and willing. Brady went deep to Cobbs a couple of times and he made some nice catches, but it was Cobbs' ever-present enthusiasm that made him stick out like sore thumb. For example, after completing several plays, Cobbs SPRINTED back to the huddle every time. I remember thinking, "Wow. This guy is hungry and he really wants on the team, or at least on the practice squad."

As good as the offense looked, the defense was equally impressive. With the smell of sweat now looming in the air of the climate controlled field house, defensive end Willie McGinest and safety Rodney Harrison each picked of passes from backup QB's Rohan Davey and Kliff Kingsbury, thanks in large part to pressure on the line from defensive tackle Richard Seymour, whom we all know by now is the best defensive player in the NFL.

Conerbacks Ty Law and Asante Samuel also performed well, each breaking up passes intended for Patten and wide out David Givens. (This is just an aside, but Law showed up to practice looking a lot like Belichick shows up to games. Hanging out from underneath Law's light blue practice jersey — which for some reason differed from the dark blue shirts worn by the rest of the defensive players — was a frumpy gray sweatshirt which he accented with equally frumpy gray sweatpants. Basically, he looked like a slob. Sorry, that's just the girl in me).

Running backs Kevin Faulk and newly acquired Corey Dillon got me excited at the idea of the Pats having a truly productive running game this season. Both appeared strong and quick and full of promise in an area that has never really been a strong suit for New England.

As I mentioned before, the practice ran so smoothly based in large part to the organization of it. But I thought there was perhaps a bigger reason for its cohesion.

Exhibit five: Teamwork. No matter where they were in the sessions or on the field, support from the coaches and players was always present. When one string of the Pats offense and defense was on the field, the rest of the players gathered on the sidelines and watched intently, rewarding the finer plays with "Woooo's" and "Oh yeah's". During one passing play, Patten darted down the field being pursued by Harrison. Standing within earshot of the spectators a winded Harrison told Patten, "I just couldn't keep up with you, man" to which Patten replied, "I knew I wasn't getting the ball, but I had to make you run somehow." The friendly exchange made us all chuckle and further drilled home the fact that on this team, there are no egos. Throughout each of their championship seasons the Pats have always maintained that the team comes first and we saw this belief also extends to practice.

In the final session, we became part of the action.

Exhibit six: Dodging field goals off the foot of kicker Adam Vinatieri. The famed kicker went 5-for-6 in field goal attempts from varying distances, booting the ball through makeshift uprights that stood about 15 feet in front of the spectators. After going through, the ball would connect with the field house wall above us with a resounding "boom" and fall hard and fast to the ground prompting several of us to test our reflexes and get the heck out of the way. While I've never had to personally, I could imagine it was a lot like trying to dodge a bullet.

All in all, I had an absolute blast at the practice — in case you couldn't tell by now — and basically thought you, the readers, might enjoy hearing about it. It was the perfect blend of sports and comedy, with a side of camaraderie and I can only hope I get to go again sometime. I never thought a practice could be so enjoyable, but I guess it's pretty easy to enjoy yourself when you're watching the pros.

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Saul Shocket (front) has worked wonders with many local athletes, among them (back, L-R) Kingston's Tim Beane (a 2003 Mariners All-Scholastic football player), his dad Lee Beane and Phil Berrio.

Older, wiser, stronger

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and is now qualified for the Worlds in Belgium this October. Even against guys in their twenties, and with the added burden of an injured tendon, the win was an easy one for Shocket.

And how about Lee Beane's story: his ankles, left knee and right wrist were so painful from degenerative joint disease that the 45-year-old Kingston resident was bed ridden for over a year. To complicate matters, the inactivity resulted in weight gain. He one tipped the scales at over 400-pounds. So you might be a little surprised to know that Beane competed in and won at a local power-lifting meet. The Surf Pounders association sponsored the meet, held on June 13th at the Bay State Athletic Club in Scituate.

Beane, who has shed 124-pounds since November, won the meet in the 308-pound weight class for his age group and also won the open division, which includes all ages. In the process, he established multiple world records.

Dr Singh, of Hanover, helped Beane manage his pain and chiropractor Dr. Rogers, of Pembroke, worked on Beane even when he was unable to pay. Beane now works with Shocket as a strength coach at SETS (Saul's Elite Training Systems) in Norwell and has passed Shocket's training techniques on to family members, including star athlete son Tim. Currently both father and son play football with the Randolph Oilers.

Phil Berrio, 48, has been Shocket's training partner for 20 years.

"Saul sort of made me his project – he's a true mentor. I'm much stronger now than I was at 18," the soft-spoken Weymouth man told me with a smile.

Where most people see themselves getting older, Berrio sees himself getting stronger.

"You can be old when you're 20 and young at 70," offered Berrio. "It's about tenacity, attitude, and a good support system. Saul and I draw from each other's strength

"The advantage you have when you're older is that you train smarter and avoid injury. Young guys usually always over train."

Berrio recently competed with Shocket in Philadelphia, and he too qualified for the Worlds in Belgium.

Duxbury sports attorney Brian Cook has represented both emerging athletes and aging sports stars. He's currently working with Leigh Montville to turn his book on Ted Williams in to a movie.

"When Ted Williams turned 35 he felt it was time to retire," Cook says "At that time no one played professionally beyond mid-thirties. Now a number of professional athletes continue to play well in to their forties."

Peter McRae teaches a style of Okinawan karate called Uechi-Ryu in Plymouth. The soon to be 50-year old fondly remembers a student named Louise.

"She came to learn karate when she was in her 70's and she brought her friend Beatrice," recalled McRae. "The two of them became brown belts. "'I'd rather wear out than rust out!' Louise loved to say."

McRae takes frequent trips to Okinawa and told me: "I've seen men there, men in their 70s, working out in the heat for three hours straight. I was so impressed with how much fun they were having Could they out run a young guy? Probably not , but those men transcended training. They were artists."

McRae, whose 72-year old dad still practices karate and walks four miles each day, says the average age of his students is 40, but he has had plenty of students in their 70s and 80s. McRae recommends reading bestseller "The Okinawa Program"- a serious study of longevity in Okinawa. The country has the highest percentage of centenarians in the world.

My friend Saul continues to develop techniques to help his clients stay strong and competitive at any age. Shocket, who has trained 53-year-old Aerosmith drummer Joey Kramer for years, says Kramer's been able to maintain a competitive edge through strength training.

"Drumming is very physically demanding," Shocket told me, "And Joey trains for it just like any athlete would."

Other clients include Marshfield golfer Geoff Sisk who recently won $30,000 in the US Open, and former Boston Bruin Teddy Donato, now head coach for the Harvard hockey team.

Everyone I talked with had stories of friends and neighbors getting older and doing more than when they were younger.

My step mom Joanne's friend, Ann Johnson, also in her sixties, is an avid kayaker and another friend is Elizabeth Durant, of Cohasset ,who proudly states her age at 67 and fi. Durant is a downhill skier and can be seen locally in her melon seed sailboat with a sailing companion who's in her eighties. Durant stays strong by working out at McGill Gardner in Scituate.

I don't know about you but I'm sure inspired. There'll be no "over the hill" in my future unless, of course, it's while I'm peddling on my bike.

SPORTS NOTES

CHS golf team practices

Cohasset High golf coach Torin Sweeney has announced his opening week practice schedule. All practices are at the Cohasset Country Club.

Thursday, Aug. 26, 3 p.m.- freshmen and sophomores only

Friday, Aug. 27, 3 p.m., juniors and seniors only

Monday, Aug. 30, 3 p.m.- freshmen and sophomores only

Wed, Sept. 1, 2 p.m., juniors and seniors only

Cheerleading volunteers needed

SCYFC needs 2 to 3 volunteers to help coach the 8th Grade Sharks A Cheerleading team. This commitment will involve being at practices from Aug. 16 through Sept. 9, Monday through Thursday 5- 7 p.m, and attending the weekend games from Sept. 12 through Nov. 11. Cheerleading experience is not necessary as you will have junior coaches working on cheers and dance with the squad. If you have an interest and can make the commitment please call Lorie Neil at 781-545-4526.

Signups for 21 Lacrosse

21 Lacrosse, a new lacrosse league based out of the Hingham Sports Center, is looking to run a few summer clinics. See the Website (www.21lacrosse.com) for details.

All fall leagues are currently filling up for 21 lacrosse. If you are interested, you can fill out the application on-line (available after August 1), contact Bagby rbagby@21lacrosse.com or call 781-264-6030.

21 lacrosse will also be sponsoring an all-star team. They will be called the "Black Jacks" There will be an open tryout August 10-12, in eitehr Hingham or Marshfield. Details can be found on line or by contacting Bagby.

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Weymouth Club Members $250 ($60 per session). Nonmembers $300 ($70 per session). For information and registration, call Mike Riley at Weymouth Club at 781.337.4600

Seadogs pack quite a bite

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number one seed from Virginia and a 1-hit complete game by Brian Hill over New Jersey which gave the seadogs a 3-0 record going into the second round for the first time in the club's 13 year history.

In the second round the Seadogs ran into a Tampa Gators (2rd overall) team that would be tough to beat. Short on pitching, the 'Dogs lost in a run ruled 12-1 game. The next game was against fellow New Englanders and Massachusetts state champs, The New England Lighting (7th overall). As the case in the previous game, the Seadogs came up short on pitching as Chris Amrhien and Tommy Chase put in strong efforts but the defense stalled as the Seadogs fell 8-1.

The highlight of the Seadogs season came in the third game of the second round. Already eliminated and all but playing for pride, they took on the defending national champions the Central Florida Cyclones, with Hill on the mound coming back on three days rest. The teams stayed locked at 0-0 until the Seadogs would score 4 in the top of the 3. The Cyclones would get 1 back in the bottom of the inning making the score 4-1. The 'Dogs would add one more in the 4th and that was enough for Hill. The Seadogs defense played very strongly in the last game led by Andrew Aizenstadt, Alex Pedicini, and Tommy Chase. With the score 5-2 in the bottom of the 7th and the bases loaded Hill would strike out Cyclones slugger Kyle Parker who had already smoked 2 doubles off him that day to end the game and secure the victory and cap a wonderful season. Hill would be nominated for National AAU All-American after his two pitching performances and is still waiting to see if he made it.

The winner of the tournament would end up being the Starmaker Sharks from California as the beat the Tampa Gators in the final. The Cyclones would lose in the semi-finals of the tournament but went on win there consolation game to finish third in the nation.

Thank you to all the Seadogs players, coaches, and parents, who made this season great.

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Scituate team falls on uneven playing field

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winning its first two games, Scituate lost to another of those teams to get a bye, Maine state champion Saco.

Saco had just one game under its belt at that point, and thus got to go with its number two pitcher while Scituate had to go with a hurler who had not started a game throughout the postseason. You see, given there were one to three days off between games throughout the district and state championships, Scituate had been able to ride its aces, Blaine O'Brien and Chris Barrow, all the way to a state championship, just as the other state champs had.

Anyway, Scituate's seldom used number three hurler had some serious control difficulties and wound up walking several Saco hitters. The end result was the locals found themselves facing a 5-0 deficit after one. Scituate wound up losing the game, 7-4, despite out-hitting Saco, 10-5.

"I'd like to say the better team won, but I really don't think that was the case," said somber Scituate head coach Bill Signorelli following the loss.

This put Scituate in the loser's bracket in the double elimination tourney. Three times the locals fended off elimination. First, Harry Rose emerged from deep on the pitching depth chart to throw a six inning gem, keying Scituate to a 6-3 win over New Jersey state champ Bloomfield. Staff aces O'Brien and Barrow then came back on three days rest and two days rest, respectively, to earn their second wins of the tourney in doubleheader action Wednesday—ousting host Tinton Falls and Saco, respectively.

This set the stage for Thursday morning's showdown with the well rested Massapequa team. If the Scituate lads had somehow found a way to win there, they'd have had to come back with number four hurler Sean Cooney, who closed things out for Rose in game 1, against Massapequa's number two that evening. It was a double elimination tourney, after all, and O'Brien, Cooney and Rose were all ineligible to pitch at this point.

Talk about you uneven playing fields. How can Regional administrators possibly consider this an acceptable scenario? How do you explain to young ballplayers that their reward for winning a state championship might not necessarily by a fair shake?

Obviously, you shouldn't have to.

Never mind the byes. The real question is why did Junior League sanction a double elimination tourney rather than the same kind of a round robin its sister youth league, Little League, uses for its well known Williamsport Tourney?

The official explanation from Tinton Falls Little League President Bob Capolla was there simply wasn't time to do anything else. His league was awarded the tourney that got underway Saturday and had to be completed by Thursday night. With only one Junior League field available, the best Tinton Falls Little League could do was play four games each of the first three days That left only three days to determine a champion and get that team off to Taylor, Michigan for the start of the Junior League World Series on Friday.

"This is the format we've always used," explained Capolla. "I wish we didn't have to, but the time element makes it impossible to do anything else. The older kids start later than the Little Leaguers, and this is what we're left with.

"I feel bad for Scituate. That was a great group they sent down here. The parents, the coaches, the players; they were a class act right across the board. But until someone figures out a better way to do this, this is the format we're stuck with."

OK. Good answer. Clearly, it's not the fault of the folks in Tinton Falls.

But, why, pray tell, was the event awarded to a league with just one field. Aren't there any leagues in the 11 state East region that had access to more than a single field?

All of the other Junior League Regional Tourneys used the round robin format. In the West, for example, 12 teams were separated into two "pools", and the teams went head-to-head within this pool in four games over four days. At the end of this, the top two teams from both pools advanced on, with head-to-head records determining tiebreakers, to semifinals and then the finals. Why couldn't the east have followed a similar format?

"The excuses we got for this format aren't excuses at all," charged Scituate assistant coach Mike O'Brien. "We were told it was a shortage of time and fields. That's just ridiculous. You can't do this to kids."

Not that it will bring justice to this year's situation, but Scituate head coach Bill Signorelli plans to file a formal protest with the Junior League headquarters regarding this format.

"I don't know if it'll make a difference or not, but I'd feel guilty if I didn't take some step toward trying to see this doesn't happen to another good team next year. Anyone can see this is totally unfair."

Speaking of outrageously unfair matters, can I ask what the folks at the Patriot Ledger were thinking, or rather not thinking, where this team was concerned?

It is generally bad form to openly rip a competing paper, but I've got to make an exception here. These Scituate kids deserved a whole lot better than they got from the local daily. The powers that be in the Ledger sports department didn't exactly cover themselves with glory, running three or four fairly short pieces last week inside the sports sections— sports sections, mind you, that generally had more wire stories than in-house stories out front. Doesn't anyone write for that paper anymore?

It boggles the mind that, with Scituate coaches making daily phone calls to the Ledger to report highlights, not a single person within that department raised the notion that perhaps it would be a good idea to jump on this story with both feet. That paper only covers approximately 30 communities. When a youth baseball team from one of those communities wins a state title, never mind the preceding district title, you figure someone up there in Quincy would float the idea of… oh, I don't know, assigning a stringer to keep tabs on them, at the very least.

You just know if Quincy or Weymouth or Milton had been the state Junior League champs, it would have been front page news. How can I state this with such confidence? Remember all the front page and expanded coverage that was provided in the Ledger last year when Quincy and Weymouth hosted the 14-year old Babe Ruth World Series?...I do, and a few folks in Scituate have called to let me know they do too.

And Quincy and Weymouth weren't champions of anything. Those leagues gained automatic entry through the host exception. The state champion in '03 was Plymouth (OK, I'm throwing this in because I coach in that league).

Not that it matters to us here at CNC. Heck, the Ledger totally dropping the ball makes our front page coverage over the last six weeks look that much better. If it wasn't for the insult dealt these kids, I'd have been perfectly happy to gloat in silence…OK, maybe not total silence, but you wouldn't have been reading about it in this space.



The Cohasset girls east and west softball all-star squads.

Cohasset Little Leaguers shine at Cooperstown Tourney

FROM DREAM TEAM, PAGE 15

Cooperstown, NY for a week of exciting baseball tournament action. For many of the boys, this was their third and final trip to baseball's hometown. Their first taste of national play occurred in June of 2002, when they arrived as fresh faced 10-year olds.

Their success was minimal but the experience was imminently more gratifying than their record. Last year, as 11-year olds, they competed against the premier 12-twelve year olds from around the country. The highlight of the week last year was a sixth place finish in the skills competition known as Around the Horn.

This time around , the Cobras notched seven victories with just two losses against highly competitive teams from around our nation. They were eliminated from the tournament with a second round loss to the fifth ranked Storm of Southern California.

The Cohasset Cobras were the highest ranked New England team. Many of the competitive teams were AAU clubs from California and the Southeast, where baseball is a year round sport.

Coached by Ralph Berry, Mike Kearney and Bob McCunney, the Cobras roster included John Giuggio, Robby McCunney, Brendan Doonan, Johnny Maher, John Kearney, Jordan Berry and JoDi Rosano. Jack Colton, from Milton, Ryan Miller, from Weymouth, Harry Bourikas, from Braintree, and John Ainsley, from Quincy, rounded out the Cohasset Cobras roster. These boys hailed from the very talented and successful Seadogs team that Coach Berry was involved with last year.

All pistons were firing for the Cobras as their explosive offense was supported by stellar defense and pitching. Sharing the mound for the Cobras were Harry Bourikas, Robby McCunney, Brendan Doonan. Jack Colton and Jordan Berry. John Kearney also made an appearance on the mound and secured a win for the hometown boys.

"Harry's pitching performance against Starmaker, a powerhouse team from Northern California, was one of the best pitching performances that I have ever seen at that age level," said Coach Kearney of one Bourikas outing.

Behind the plate for most of the week, John Giuggio caught for our legion of hurlers and kept the team focused and in control. Catching for six different pitchers is no easy task, but Giuggio controlled the field of play.

Veteran Cohasset All-Star JoDi Rosano, known for his speed and smart base running, kept opposing infielders on their toes during the week. JoDi was the Cobras go-to guy when heads-up base running was needed.

The offense was just as impressive, averaging 13 hits a game. John Kearney and Jack Colton batted over .500 for the week.

Home run production was likewise impressive, as seven Cobras cleared the wall, some several times. Ryan Miller went yard five times, Robby McCunney and Brendan Doonan three times each, Johnny Maher and Jack Colton twice each and Jordan Berry and John Ainsley each had one.

"There was an incredible display of hitting," Coach McCunney said. "There was a magic to the boys as they enthusiastically played each and every game."

Individual game highlights:

Miller and McCunney belted home runs versus the Saline Buzz. Combined with three hits from Colton and two each from Giuggio and Kearney, the Cobras defeated the Buzz, 11-2.

In a resounding 18-1 win over the Glen Oaks Gangstas, Miller went 3-for-4 with a grand slam home run. McCunney had a no-hitter going until the last inning. That was broken up when a Glen Oaks batter, on an 0-2 count, saw his line drive land in left field. Rob closed the game with a one-hitter and helped his own cause with a home run. John Kearney went 3-for-3 at the plate.

The Cobras beat an undefeated Northern California team, Star Maker, in regular play, 10-2. Cohasset secured the win, scoring runs throughout the game. Jordan Berry and John Ainsley each launched a home run in the sixth inning for the Cobras.

The South Cheektowaga Thunder fell in defeat to the Cobras, losing 16-12. The Cobras came out on top with a walk off grand slam home run by Brendan Doonan. Johnny Maher also belted a home run.

In a 13-1 romp over the Charlotte HUAH, Ryan Miller pitched a one-hitter and had a two-run dinger. Johnny Maher registered his second home run of the week.

The Cobras first loss of the week came at the hands of the OC Hurricanes in a tightly fought 10-8 game in extra innings. The lead passed back and forth during the game. So impressed with the play of both teams, the umpires congratulated each team on their great performances. Jack Colton went 3-for-4 at the plate and Brendan Doonan had a home run.

The Cobras then bounced back and defeated the neighboring NH Diamond Dawgs the following day, 11-6. Ryan Miller was 3-for-4 with a home run. Robby McCunney also had a home run.

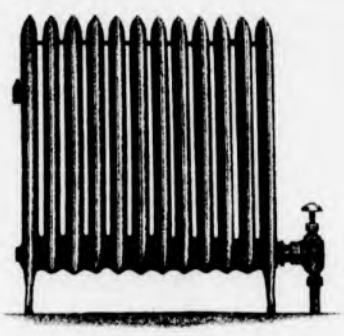
In an 80-team tournament, following regular play, the Cobras reached the final 16 tourney.

They handily defeated the Michigan Titans, 16-4, to open. Ryan Miller and Brendan Doonan each had home runs. John Kearney and Jack Colton had four hits each.

The Cobras fell to the Storm of California in the next round and ended their tournament play.

"I'm proud of the boys," Coach Berry said. "They played with positive upbeat attitudes and they played smart baseball. I couldn't have asked for more."

Remembering his comments following the first year the boys went to Cooperstown, he reiterated: "something special happened in Cohasset twelve years ago. We have a talented, special group of kids here."



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Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P1816EP

In the Estate of ADELAIDE MOORS PRATT

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 22, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that US TRUST of BOSTON in the County of SUFFOLK and WILLIAM V TRIPP III of WELLESLEY in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **SEPTEMBER 8, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and ground upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, July 27, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#591175
Cohasset Mariner 8/19/04

ZBA/124 KING ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., Sept. 7, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to s.12 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Jonathan Livingston Realty Corp.**, seeks to appeal Bldg. Inspector's letter, re: signs at **124 King St.**, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-08-16.

AD#596036
Cohasset Mariner 8/19, 8/26/04

ZBA/44 STOCKBRIDGE ST.
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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., Sept. 7, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s.9.7.8 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Elizabeth McLoughlin**, seeks to extend a structure in the flood plain at **44 Stockbridge St.**, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-08-17.

AD#596042
Cohasset Mariner 8/19, 8/26/04

ZBA/55 SOUTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., Sept. 7, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s.4.2, 5:3, 7.3, 8.7 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Tedeschi Food Shops**, seeks to change use to convenience store/donut shop drive-thru/gasoline sales at **55 South Main St.**, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-08-16a.

AD#596037
Cohasset Mariner 8/19, 8/26/04

ZBA/56 SUMMER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., Sept. 7, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s.9.6 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Paul & Kelly A. Stanislawzyk,** seek to construct addition at **56 Summer St.**, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-08-13.

AD#596028
Cohasset Mariner 8/19, 8/26/04



Summer fun at the Rec

Kids have a cool time





Top left: Nicholas Kennedy creates a fish out of clay at the South Shore Art Center during a Recreation Department field trip.

Top right: Isabelle Cross examines the bubble she blew during Summer Playground.

At right: Kaitlin Gately shows outstanding form in her jump shot at the Summer Playground program.

At left: Lily Astino bounces on the moon walk during police safety day during Summer Playground, sponsored by the Cohasset Recreation Department.

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Absentee ballots are available at Town Hall

Absentee ballots for the State Primary on Tuesday, Sept. 14, are now available at the Town Clerk's office.

Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, Sept. 13, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, which ballot is requested, Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, or Green Rainbow and the signature of the applicant. If a voter is enrolled in a political designation they may not vote in any state or presidential primary.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may *apply* on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. *Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter.* Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an *immediate member of the family* to the Town Clerk's office by Sept. 14, to be counted.

The town will use the AccuVote optical scan system. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check in tables. The ballots can be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to all the summer reading program participants. We had more than 350 students register for the statewide summer reading program entitled "explore other worlds @ your library". Participants who have successfully reached their personal goal of reading everyday will receive a tee shirt with the summer reading logo on it. Congratulate all children you see wearing this tee shirt.

Contest winners

The following children are the winners of the Create a Chameleon contest - Austin Tarpey, age 2; Annabel and Kyra Degroat, age 3; Isaac Miller, age 3; Thomas Guinee, age 4; Mia Martone, age 5; Joshua Miller, age 6; Alexandra Raymond, age 7; Ryan McKeon, age 8; Caitlin Mavilia, age 9; Michelle Berube, age 10; and Claire Pozniak, age 11. All entries are being displayed on the bulletin boards in the Children's Room. It is a wonderful collection of chameleons. Eric Carle and Leo Lionni would be so proud.

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Residents seek sewer connections in Central District

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commission would not give an answer for either piece of property that night, he would be inclined to grant the connections. However, he said he doesn't want to see the board get into a position where it has made a mistake. The commission will review all information and will get back to both landowners at its next meeting, slated for Sept. 27. The commission will also be contacting other homeowners which may have a similar situation as Donovan and Sullivan, to assess the potential impact should others come forward.



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Revolutionary War encampment Aug. 28

The call is out! British redcoats are on their way to Fort Revere Park in Hull, expected to arrive on Saturday morning, Aug. 28, at 10 a.m. Unfortunately for them, they will be trying to occupy space already claimed by Colonial militia and allied French soldiers. What will happen when they come together? Come to the annual Fort Revere Revolutionary War Encampment to find out.

Experience Revolutionary War camp life as presented by the men and women of the Billerica Minutemen and other living history actors from the region. Kids can learn candle making and other historical skills, talk to a battlefield surgeon, and even drill with British soldiers. Cannon and mortar firing displays will be mixed with mock battles and more.

All events at Fort Revere Park are free of charge. No alcohol is allowed on the site, and visitors should dress appropriately. Light refreshments will be available for purchase. For information call John Galluzzo at 781-724-7131, or Matt Tobin at 617-727-4468.

Yard sale to benefit the community center

The South Shore Community Center will hold its annual yard sale (rain or shine) on Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at the SSCC located at 3 Main St. Cohasset. The SSCC is seeking donations (no clothing), which are tax deductible, for the yard sale with all proceeds going to support the Center. Donors can drop off items at the SSCC on Sept. 2 and 3, and Sept. 7 to Sept. 10, between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. For questions, contact the SSCC at 781-383-0088.

'Nunsense' auditions

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for "Nunsense" at the Cohasset Town Hall on Aug. 30 and 31, at 7 p.m.

Call backs will take place on Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. Production dates: Nov. 12-13-14 and 19-20-21. A possible benefit will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 17. Auditions: Prepare an up tempo song and be prepared to learn a dance routine. If you are auditioning for Hubert, Robert Anne, Amnesia and Leo; please bring your tap shoes.

Call Jean D at 617-750-8987 with any questions

Characters:

Sister Mary Regina (Reverend Mother) is to the outside world a model Mother Superior even if she is a little overweight. But to those who know her, she is an outrageous, quick-witted soul who knows how to get a laugh. She tries to convince you that she is strict, but everyone knows that her "bark is worse than her bite".

Sister Mary Hubert is a kind person who always tries to be understanding and diplomatic. She teaches the Novices the ground rules, and is supposed to be dignified. But with the slightest bit of encouragement, she is ready to kick up her heels. She and Reverend Mother have a healthy rivalry and are always trying to outdo each other.

Sister Robert Anne is a tough streetwise nun who has a heart of gold. All the kids adore her because she speaks their language. And she can hit a baseball out of the park.

Sister Mary Amnesia is a picture of innocence. She can't remember her past and so looks at each new day with a childlike joy.

Sister Mary Leo has been a professional dancer before she entered the convent and is always eager to display her talent. She is very impressionable because she is young and can easily be led astray.

Plain Clothes Nuns/Chorus There will be a chorus of 3-5 SINGING NUNS to serve as back ups for the principles in some of the numbers. Also looking for non singing Plain Clothes Nuns to be in the audience and participate in the show.

Alix White exhibit at Science Center

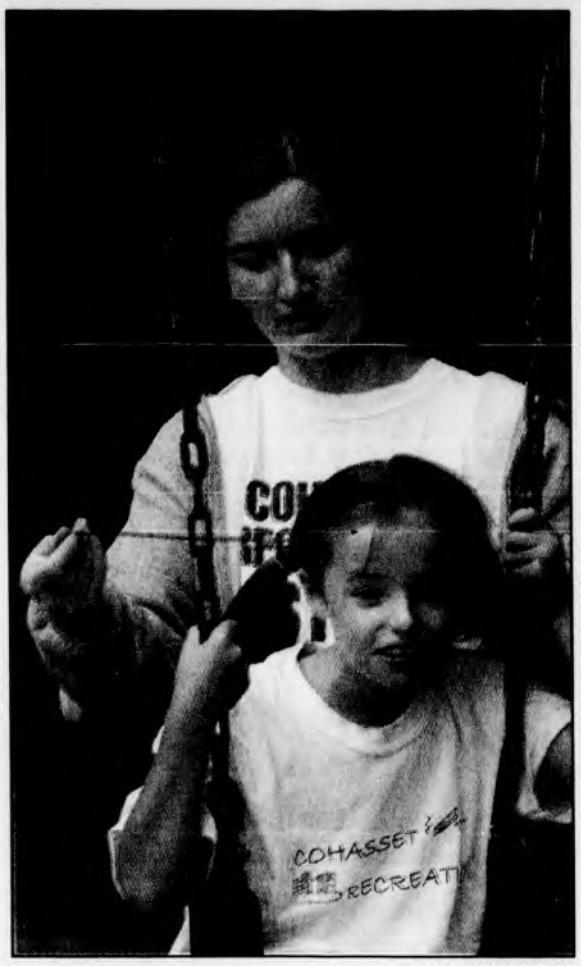
The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, will exhibit a collection of paintings by Cohasset artist Alix White, titled "Weather Report," through Aug. 30. "I primarily paint on location," said White. "Living near the coast, I am in awe of how quickly a view will change based on atmospheric conditions - the dialogue between the sky and the ocean for instance. Colors can invert. Winds can change and my composition changes." The works in her exhibit include locations from Marshfield to Quincy, and strive to portray the natural world in the 21st century. The exhibit can also be viewed during regular business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Summer family movie series at Fort Revere

Join the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation at Fort Revere Park, 60 Farina Raod, Hull, to watch free family movies this summer. The movies will be shown on Saturday evenings Aug. 21, and 28, right in front of the fort.

Copyright laws prohibit the Department of Conservation and Recreation from releasing movie titles to the public, but families will recognize these popular PG and G rated films.

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A new sign heralds the recruiting office at the Hingham Armory on Central Street.

Sign of the times at Armory

National Guard steps up recruiting

By Mary Ford
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The Massachusetts National Guard Armory on Central Street in Hingham has been relatively quiet since the return of the 1058th Transportation Company from Iraq the end of April.

The soldiers, who have reconnected with their families after 14 months in a war zone, still report to the Armory for drills one weekend a month.

But there is something new at the Armory – a large white sign posted on the lawn out front letting passersby know there is a recruiter available at the site.

Capt. Winfield Danielson, public affairs officer for the Massachusetts National Guard, said the new sign is part of an effort to make recruiting for the organization more visible in the state and is not related to a need for more soldiers due to the global War on Terrorism.

"There has not been an operational change," Danielson said. "It's just to let people know there is a recruiter operating out of there – most armories have full-time recruiters and many people don't know that.

"It's basically to let the community know people can join the National Guard."

Danielson said numbers for the Mass. National Guard have been down for the past eight-to10 years due in large part to the fact active duty posts have closed in the state, including Ft. Devens and Westover Air Force Base – which now operate as reserve posts. The bases closed under BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure), a federal program that recognized the reduced need for a standing army after the Cold War ended, he explained.

"The nearest active duty post is Ft. Drum, N.Y. and that's six hours away," he said. "There isn't an active duty infrastructure here – like there is in Ft. Bragg, N.C. for example.

"So when you go to high school, you might not think of the Army as a career because you're not exposed to people on an active duty post."

Danielson said the Mass. National Guard's recruiting numbers have not matched attrition since at least 1998, well before 9-11 and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The authorized strength for the Army and Air Force National Guard in the state is roughly 11,000. In fiscal year 1998, the Mass. National Guard had 10,600 servicemen and women, declining to roughly 9,500 in fiscal year 2002. Numbers for fiscal year 2003 are not available. [The Armed Forces use the federal fiscal year that ends in October.]

"Our recruiting was down 33 percent in fiscal year 2003," Danielson said, about the Mass. National Guard. "Meaning we brought in one-third less people than in fiscal year 2002."

"We took a hit there and don't know if it's the lack of infrastructure – it was a busy year for us operationally," he said..

Danielson said the Gen. George W. Keefe, adjutant general of the Mass. National Guard, has made recruiting a priority. Recruiting is up 25 percent so far in fiscal year in 2004, he said.

In addition to signage, the Mass. National Guard is partnering with organizations such as the Boston Bruins and New England Patriots — to conduct recruiting efforts at training camps or games.

"We're improving our exposure," he said, pointing out the best recruiters are National Guard soldiers and airmen.

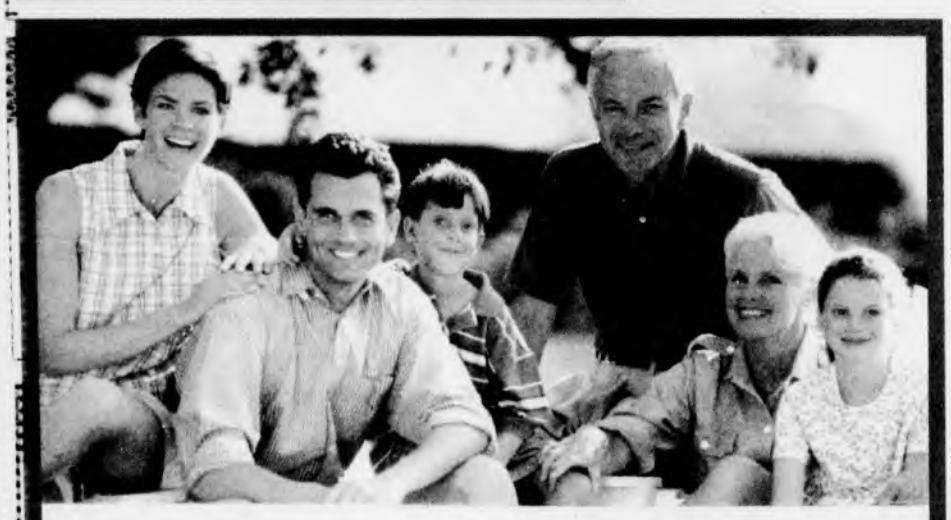
If a potential recruit stops by the Hingham Armory, he or she is not limited to signing up for the 1058th. Potential soldiers can choose from a number of units, including transportation, infantry, military police, water purification, aviation (helicopters), artillery and engineers. Recruiters can also refer applicants to the Air National Guard or active duty service branches.

Soldiers in the National Guard typically drill one weekend a month and two weeks a year. After they signup, they spend several months in basic training and advanced individual training.

Currently there are two Mass. National Guard units in Iraq and one in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. There are several units training for deployment at Ft. Drum.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, upwards of 7,000 soldiers with the Mass. National Guard have been on active duty at some time, of those 3,000 served overseas.

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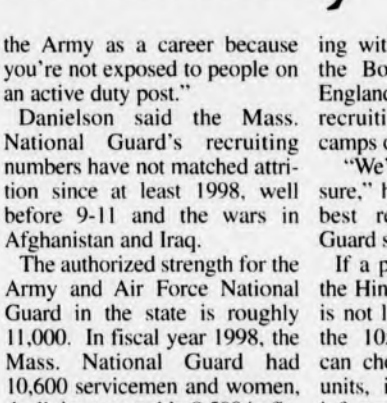
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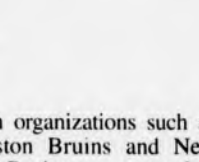


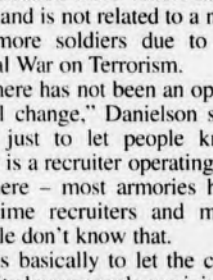
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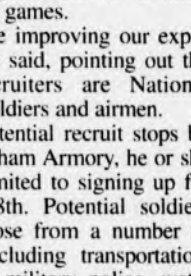
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POLICE LOG

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 4

4:22 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** officer wanted.

4:53 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance, gathering, parking ticket issued.

5:22 p.m. **Ripley Road and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:52 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:11 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, suspicious person, area search negative.

9:35 p.m. **Elm St.**, disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

11:01 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** general services.

THURSDAY, AUG. 5

12:13 a.m. **Elm St.,** building checks.

4:57 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** general services.

8:30 a.m. **Elm St.,** motor vehicle theft, investigated, report taken.

9:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle crash.

11:09 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, burglary/breaking and entering, investigated, report taken.

11:29 a.m. **North Main St.,** vandalism, investigated, report taken.

12:05 p.m. **Pond St.,** well-being check.

12:50 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, investigation.

4:12 p.m. **North Main St. and Ripley Road**, general services.

5:01 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

5:29 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, officer wanted.

8:24 p.m. **South Main St.,** disturbance, summons: Brenda M. Ford, 35, 48 Bay St., Hull. Chgs.: assault and battery.

8:48 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, arrest: Shannon Brennan, 24, 62 South Main St. A. Chgs.: warrant.

10:11 p.m. **Sohier St.,** general services.

10:51 p.m. **Sohier St.**, disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

11:07 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, suspicious activity, investigated, report taken.

11:16 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:19 p.m. **Church St.,** medical aid, no fire service necessary.

FRIDAY, AUG. 6

12:08 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, assist citizen.

12:14 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, assist citizen.

12:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** general services.

1:34 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, suspicious auto, protective custody.

3:09 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious person.

6:53 a.m. **Forest Ave. and Fox Run**, animal control.

7:08 a.m. **North Main St.,** animal control.

8:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Lower King St.,** traffic complaint.

9:42 a.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, animal control.

11:19 a.m. **Hull St.,** fire, investigation.

11:55 a.m. **South Main St.,** disturbance, gathering.

1:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle crash, investigated, report taken.

1:34 p.m. **Norman Todd Lane**, animal control.

3:53 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, officer wanted.

6:22 p.m. **Gammons Road**, fire, investigation.

6:29 p.m. **Gammons Road**, animal control.

10:11 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, officer wanted, advised civil action.

11:07 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services, detail completed.

11:55 p.m. **Border St.,** assist citizen.

SATURDAY, AUG. 7

12:12 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, noise complaint.

12:28 a.m. Headquarters, assist other police dept.

1:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:07 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:33 a.m. **King St.,** medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital, advanced life support.

8:34 a.m. **King and North Main sts.,** motor vehicle crash, investigated, report taken.

8:47 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital, advanced life support.

9:09 a.m. **Gammons Road**, animal control, referred to other agency.

9:13 a.m. **South Main St.,** animal control, area search negative.

1:12 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital, advanced life support.

1:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** suspicious activity.

3:42 p.m. **Sohier St.,** traffic control.

4:32 p.m. **North Main St.,** assist other agency.

4:52 p.m. **Sohier and King sts.,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:20 p.m. **Pond St.,** open door/window, secured building.

5:29 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

5:31 p.m. **North Main St.,** vandalism, verbal warning.

6:01 p.m. **Sohier and King sts.**, traffic control, detail completed.

7:30 p.m. **Summer St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:47 p.m. **South Main St.,** medical aid, no fire service necessary.

7:49 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, assist motorist, area search negative.

8:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded, summons: Brian J. Steverman, 23, 817 Country Way Rear, Scituate. Chgs.: unlicensed operation of MV, speeding in violation special regulation.

9:37 p.m. **South Main St.,** parking complaint.

10:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, well-being check, good intent call.

10:29 p.m. **South Main St.,** parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

10:54 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

SUNDAY, AUG. 8

12:38 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital, advanced life support.

11:27 a.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted, investigated, report taken.

2:25 p.m. **Church St.,** animal control, referred to other agency.

2:28 p.m. **Hull St.**, animal control, referred to other agency.

2:54 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:17 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

5:32 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** disturbance, area search negative.

5:42 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:08 p.m. **Hatherly Road**, suspicious person, referred to other agency.

9:11 p.m. **Elm St.**, noise complaint.

10:29 p.m. **Pleasant Lane**, medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital.

10:39 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity. verbal warning.

11:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, suspicious activity. services rendered.

MONDAY, AUG. 9

1:01 a.m. **Elm St., and Stevens Lane**, suspicious activity, area search negative.

1:09 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious person, area search negative.

1:21 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:15 a.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious (other).

7:05 a.m. **Schofield Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

7:14 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal control, referred to other agency.

9:02 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, animal control, log entry information.

9:17 a.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted, investigated/report taken.

9:38 a.m. **Doane St.,** animal control, log entry information.

11:26 a.m. **Fernway**, missing person.

12:15 p.m. **South Main St.**, property (found).

1:21 p.m. **Summer St.**, wires down.

2:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

3:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

3:30 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle crash, area search negative.

3:55 p.m. **Border St.**, officer wanted.

4:16 p.m. **South Main St.**, message delivery.

4:58 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

5:45 p.m. **North Main St.**, open door/window.

6:56 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, animal control.

9:01 p.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window.

9:23 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal control.

9:30 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, and Linden Drive, animal control.

9:51 p.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop.

TUESDAY, AUG. 10

12:41 a.m. **Pond St.**, general services.

8:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, general services.

8:19 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal control, log entry information.

11:58 a.m. **Ash St., and Cushing Rd.**, property (found), brought to station.

1:04 p.m. **South Main St.**, general services, no police service necessary.

1:05 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, patient sign off.

3:07 p.m. **Margin St.**, fire, (misc.).

3:16 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, property (lost), investigated/report taken.

3:23 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, animal control, log entry information.

4:55 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:37 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

6:57 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/BLS.

7:48 p.m. **Black Rock Rd.**, officer wanted, arrest: John E. Keniley, 48, 46 Black Rock Rd., Cohasset. Chrgs: A&B (domestic violence).

8:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle crash, transported to SSH/ALS.

11:11 p.m. **Fogg Rd.**, notification.

11:18 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services, detail completed.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11

1:04 a.m. **HQ.**, fire, log entry.

6:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:13 a.m. **Beach St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

11:28 a.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

1:46 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious (other), advised civil action.

2:50 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism, investigated/report taken.

3:09 p.m. **Elm St.**, parking complaint, area search negative.

3:11 p.m. **Parking Way**, larceny, area search negative.

Suspect nabbed in boat break-ins

A Hull man has been arrested in connection with a slew of boat break-ins in Cohasset Harbor over the weekend.

Hull police have charged Steven Coble, 24, of Atlantic Avenue in Hull, with receiving stolen property and carrying a dangerous weapon after investigating a boat going ashore on Gunrock Beach in the wee hours of Sunday morning.

The boat was allegedly stolen from Cohasset and piloted to Hull, said Cohasset Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon, adding Cohasset police anticipate also seeking charges against Coble. Coble may have had accomplices, Lennon said. The matter is under investigation.

Cohasset police first learned about the larcenies that involved about 11 boats from the lobstermen, who own them, on Sunday morning. Lennon said most of the break-ins were on lobster boats but a couple of pleasure craft were also burglarized.

Stolen items include lobster pots, survival suits, rods & reels, flare kits, knives and binoculars.



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HSO has been busy creating the new season

An orchestra is a year-round enterprise, and some of its most exciting work is done over the summer. Hingham Symphony Orchestra, a growing organization that aims to bring the very best classical performances and educational programs to the South Shore, has been busy since June preparing for its eighth season as a professional orchestra.

"I love the summer months, because it's pure planning. Once the season begins, there is very little time to think ahead, especially when we have a concert or event at least once a month from August through May," says Music Director Jin Kim. By the end of May, most of the HSO's musicians have left Boston, dispersed across the globe to participate in music festivals such as Spoleto in or Schleswig-Holstein in Germany, or study or teach in summer music programs.

Principal oboe Andrew Price teaches at the Tanglewood Institute for the summer. Principal viola Bradley Otteson's quartet was invited to return to the Aspen Festival to perform new compositions by celebrated American composer Joan Tower. Since many of the HSO's musicians are in the early stages of their career, a core of about 24 return to HSO each season. The remaining 50 will be selected from auditions held in early September

"Throughout the year, I'm constantly thinking about the music I would consider programming for the upcoming season — how pieces fit together, whom I would like to invite to serve as guest soloist," Kim says. "At the end of the season, I sit down with all my notes and devise the full program for the next season." That includes tracking down soloists who are performing in a different country each week, and making sure that scores for an intended program are available and affordable.

Kim also takes the summer months to study. "Summer is usually the time when I browse through scores for the future, and do the bulk of my studying for the upcoming season," says Kim. Conductors also need to "practice." "Part of what we do is 'wave our hands.' But in order to wave our hands, we have to understand the score. It's a long process, and an exciting one. The notes come alive by being played on an instrument, but I first have to hear all the possibilities by studying the notes on the page. Then I fine tune the scores before heading off to rehearsals."

While Kim is immersed in the music side of planning a new season, HSO Managing Director Nina Wellford lines up the venues for each performance and special event, negotiating dates and costs, and begins to recruit corporate sponsors and advertisers. The Board of Directors weighs in with decisions about the budget and new initiatives, such as a new series called Classical with a Twist. With all the details worked out, Wellford and Kim meet with Toby Wolk and Hal Shainwald, of TobyWolk design in Hingham, to design and produce the season's brochure.

The South Shore's wake-up call for the HSO's new season centers around the annual Sunset at the Abbey Concert, held this year on Aug. 28 at 4:30 p.m. Thanks to the generosity of the monks at Glastonbury Abbey, HSO holds a relaxed chamber concert in an idyllic setting on the vast central lawn. This year's program features a virtuoso Greek pianist, Konstantinos Papadakis. He will perform pieces by Rachmaninoff, Gottshalk, Gershwin and Greek folk tunes, infused by his current experiences performing in Athens during the Olympics. In addition, select HSO musicians, including Andrew Price on oboe, Misha Grandel, trumpet, and Jessica Lyzak, flute, will share their favorite solo and ensemble pieces. Bring a lawn chair and picnic and a group of friends, for a perfect summer afternoon. In case of rain, the concert will move indoors to the Abbey Conference Center.



Members of the HSO Corporate Advisory Council at the Annual Meeting: Charlie Stockbridge, Steve Certa, Paulette Johnson, Hal Shainwald and Nanette Walsh



Konstantinos Papadakis, piano

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Music Director Jin Kim, President of the Board Eileen McIntyre, and Managing Director Nina Wellford survey the scene at the Abbey

And there is much more wonderful music to come. HSO is excited to announce several new initiatives and a superb program of concerts and events:

- Music by the Sea returns as an early-season benefit for the HSO, on September 26 at the Roy family home on Jerusalem Road, Cohasset
- Derby Academy's Larson Hall, an acoustic gem with wonderful sight lines for the audience and a large stage, will host both *Masterworks* concerts on the South Shore this season. (A third HSO Masterworks event is scheduled for Boston's Jordan Hall in the spring.)
- Classical with a Twist: a solo musician and Jin Kim perform classical music at its purest in two intimate clubs: Classical Uncorked at the Red Lion Inn in November, and Classical On Tap at Mt. Blue in March
- A new Membership program keeps Members connected to the HSO by sending reminder postcards and program notes before each concert
- The HSO Corporate Advisory Council begins its second year of connecting the business community to the arts, and has helped develop a complete Corporate Sponsorship program of mutual benefit and support

The newly elected President of the Board of Directors, Eileen McIntyre, encourages people across the South Shore to get to know the HSO. "We welcome back our old friends and look forward to meeting new ones. The HSO makes classical music accessible across the region in a variety of performance spaces and through its educational initiatives. If you are not already on our mailing list, check out the 2004-2005 program on our web site, and give us a call."

The HSO brochure for its new season will be in mailboxes during the first week of September. In the meantime, the complete list of programs and events may be found on the web at www.hinghamsymphony.org or by calling the HSO at 781-740-5694.

IT'S HAPPENING

Back to school trunk show benefit

Send the little ones back to school or pre-school in style. A "Back to School" trunk show of clothing for children ages 12 months to 10 yrs. will be held Friday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 100 Sohier Street.

The high-end clothing from "nicknackpattywack" – some of it designed by Cohasset's Karen Oronte, will be sold for an unbelievable $5-$25 per item.

Clothes will be displayed in the lower level of Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum in back of the Paul Pratt Library.

Proceeds will benefit the Museum. For more information, call 781-383-3198.

Teacher, librarian appreciation night

Buttonwood Books & Toys is hosting a Teacher & Librarian Appreciation Night on Wed., Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. Buttonwood will be closing early (7 p.m. to the general public) for this special event. Information, gifts and goodies are the key words to describe this evening. The first 30 attendees will receive gift bags.

Betsey Detwiler, owner of Buttonwood Books & Toys, will begin the evening by giving a brief overview of new fall titles. Each person will receive a ticket automatically making them eligible for door prizes. Door Prizes include a Lands End briefcase, Hungry Caterpillar board book and plush, autographed books, paperback books donated by publishers, Buttonwood gift certificates, and 2 free Tickets to the fall 2004 coffee with the authors.

Goodies available as giveaways will be a wide selection of advanced reader copies (mostly adult fiction, nonfiction & elementary level (ages 8-12) and lots of pre-publication copies of children's picture books with new titles from 2004 summer, fall and winter collections will be available. A wide selection of posters, buttons, bookmarks, pens and author kits will also be available.

In addition Buttonwood is offering an Event Only Special Sale of 15% off entire store for personal or classroom use. Valid on Aug. 25, 7-9 p.m.

Please call Buttonwood at (781) 383-2665 for additional information.

Dog obedience

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer another session of dog obedience classes taught by Happy-Dog Training School this season.

Classes will be held on Monday evenings, on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Sept. 13. For all classes the fee is $100. For the five-week, one-hour, per-week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

The class, which will be for beginners, will be held from 6-7 p.m.

To register for the next available session, call the recreation office at 781-383-4109. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

Art Center to host 'Monotype Marathon'

Nona Hershey, Professor and Coordinator of the Printmaking Department of Massachusetts College of Art will be offering a three-day printmaking workshop Friday, Aug. 27 through Sunday, Aug. 29. The aim of the course is to develop skills in drawing, in composition, and in invention. Technical printmaking demonstrations will be followed by guided hands-on practice and critique of works in progress.

Ms. Hershey has participated in more than 100 print biennials and group exhibitions internationally. Her work is included in numerous public and corporate collections including the Metropolitan Museum of Art; The Library of Congress; and the Fogg Museum. She has had residency grants at the Asillah Forum Foundation, Morocco; the Ballinglen Arts Foundation, the MacDowell Colony, NY and at the Ucross Foundation, WY. She taught printmaking at Tyler School of Art in Rome, Italy for 12 years and at Temple University's Tokyo program for one year. This workshop is a unique opportunity for South Shore residents to work with an internationally acclaimed artist and participate in a summer Master Art Class close to home.

The workshop costs $285 ($265 for SSAC members). To register call 781-383-2787 or for more information visit www.ssac.org.

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Thurs. Aug. 19

Forever Plaid wraps up its run Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Stuart Street Playhouse/2nd Stage, at the Radisson Hotel, 200 Stuart St., Boston. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 4 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets are $42 for all performances. Purchase tickets by calling Telecharge.com at 800-447-7400 at the Stuart Street Playhouse Box Office, 200 Stuart St., Boston. Discounted tickets available for groups of 10 or more by calling 617-350-6000 or Barbara Conlon at 617-426-4499, Ext. 25.

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series Aug 19, **Legion Bud Band.** All concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Level Ride and Friends,** original rock, Aug. 19. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth College of Visual and Performing Arts will feature an exhibition of rare prints entitled "Tabernacle, Temple, King, Adulteress: Depictions of Jewish Religion and Life in 17th and 18th Century European Prints" in the University Art Gallery located in downtown New Bedford. Free and open for viewing all summer until Sept. 9.

Jimbo's Boston – Every Thursday night Contemporary Jazz Rhythm & Blues Cover $10 at door- $7 with student ID.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset – **Blue Ribbon Members' Show** through Sept. 5. 781-383-2787 www.ssac.org

Mark Your Calendar

COUNTRY STAR TRACE ADKINS, currently hot on the charts with his song "Rough & Ready," will be at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Sunday, Sept 26, at 7:30 p.m., tickets are available at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com>, 866-468-7619, and the box-office located at the Radisson Plymouth lobby (180 Water St.)

NOREASCON FOUR The 62nd World Science Fiction Convention will invade Boston Sept. 2-6. Lasting five days, Noreascon Four will feature hundreds of program items: panel discussions, film and anime showings, demonstrations debates, speeches, autographing sessions, and more. www.noreascon.org

JOAN BAEZ Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $37-$42 Legendary folk singer Joan Baez returns to the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall, the spot where she and Bob Dylan kicked off the legendary Rolling Thunder Revue Tour in 1975. Tickets:www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com/> 866-468-7619 at the box-office located at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth, MA 508-747-0234. All Strawberries

THE SECOND ANNUAL JETT GOLF CLASSIC will be held on Oct. 6, at the Pine Hills Golf Club in Plymouth. A scramble format is planned. Registration and putting contest will begin at 10 am and a shotgun start is at 11:30 am. The Jett Foundation is seeking golfers and non-golfers, volunteers to help organize the event, as well as items for silent/live auction, raffle and prize donations. All levels of sponsorship are available. Dinner only tickets will also be available. Anyone wishing to get involved may call the Jett Foundation president, Christine McSherry, 781-293-2667.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree., Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.



The Scituate Arts Association Gallery announces the continuation of its raffle at the gallery of a full-sheet sized painting by Peter Spataro valued at over $1,200. The final drawing will be held during the membership show in October. Individual tickets are $5 or triple your chances for twice the amount three tickets for $10. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located at 124 Front St.,, Scituate, 781-545-5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays

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Fri., Aug. 20

Single Executives Club Hawaiian Singles Dance Friday, Aug. 20, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rte. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. and free door prizes. For single professionals 35-55 years old. A non-smoking event. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Proper business casual dress acceptable. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and www.se-4you.com http://www.se-4you.com

The Bitter Man at The Red Lion Inn, 17 S. Main St., Cohasset, Friday, Aug. 20, and Saturday Aug. 21, Stand-up comedy by **Mike Donovan** with **Rich Gustus and Mike O'Neil**. 9 p.m. both nights. Admission $10. Hosted by **Lance Norris** from WZLX. Advanced ticket purchase strongly suggested. 781- 383-1704.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Mission of Blues** Aug. 20, 9:30 p.m., no cover. 781-335-9796.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **McLaughlin Brothers**, Aug. 20, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Nicole Nelson Band**, blues, Aug. 20. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, Aug. 20, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime –**Special Thoughts** Beth will share her sensitive side as she reads **Treasures of the Heart** and **Care Bears Special Delivery.**

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Donald Heath** will exhibit his paintings for the month of August at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

J.C. Dee's Restaurant & Lounge, 312 Bridge St., Route 3A, N. Weymouth. **Comedy Night** featuring Weymouth's own **Bob Niles along with Annette Pollack, Dave McDonough, Chrissy Kelleher, Mark Sherman. Host Jay Rodriguez.** Admission $10 781-337-1020. www.annettepollack.com

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The Company Theatre in Norwell, presents **Big River** through Aug. 22. Mark Twain's timeless classic. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by phone at 781-871-2787 - Wednesday and Sunday $23., Thursday, Friday and Saturday $25. www.companytheatre.com/order.html

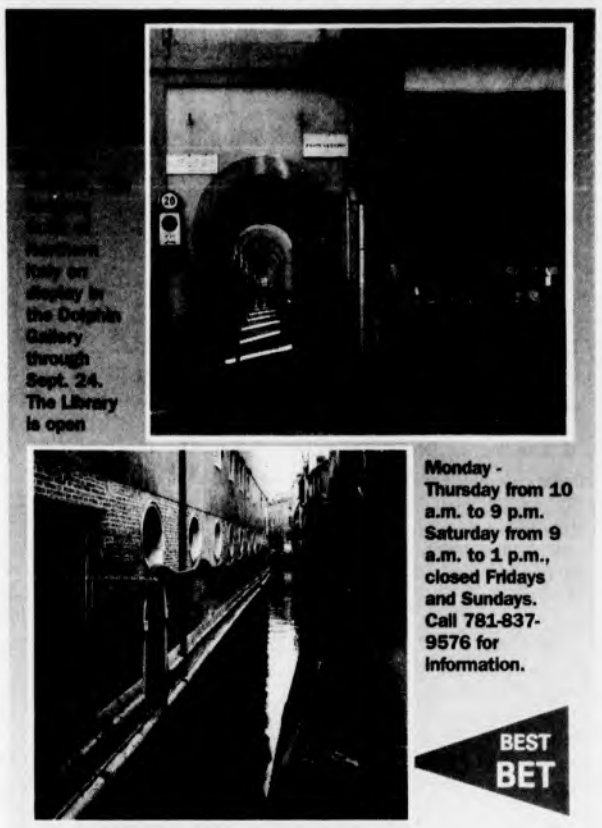
The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission. 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Ron Towers,** Aug. 13 and 14, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Beach Boys**, Aug. 20, 8 p.m. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com. Box office at 130 Sohier St. www.themusiccircus.org.

The **Marion Antiques Show** will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 21, 22, at Tabor Academy in Marion. Tickets are $8 per person, show hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Gala Preview Party** Friday evening, Aug. 20, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets $40 per person in advance and $45 at door, which also include admission to show Saturday and Sunday. Call 508-748-1116. Aug 22 is **Heirloom Discovery Day**, expert appraisers will verbally appraise any antique from 1 to 3 p.m. Charge of $15 for appraising up to three objects, this also includes admission to show.



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Sat. Aug. 21

Local folk, country and rock and roll musicians team up Aug. 21, at the Red Parrot in Hull to present the **Third Annual Hullapalooza** to benefit Hull Seaside Animal Rescue. Featured bands include: the rocking blues of The Pemberton All-Stars, Celtic folk of Tim & Rob, Americana with Brooke & Katie, and rock 'n roll from the 60s to the present with Catbasket. Doors open at 7p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at the door or in advance at: the Hull Lifesaving Museum, Nantasket Naturals, The Red Parrot, A Street Liquors and Beedazzled. To charge tickets over the phone, call 1-877-378-1195.

Climb Boston Light, Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are organizing cruise Saturday Aug.21, to the only manned lighthouse in the United States. Boat leaves Fan Pier (by the Joseph Moakley Federal Courthouse) in downtown Boston at 12 noon and returns at 5 p.m. Tickets can be bought at Fan Pier that day from 11 a.m. (cash only). The cost is $30 for adults, $27 for seniors (65+), $25 for Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members, $18 for children (6 – 12), and babies travel for free (but still need a ticket). No food or drink will be available, so pack a picnic. For more info call 781-740-4290.

Bettina Lesieuri's First Annual Summer Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge. Lesieur Gallery is located at 301 Saint George Street in Duxbury. This exhibit features oil landscapes, ranging from miniatures to larger pieces of Duxbury and the South Shore area, Cape Cod and Islands, New Mexico, Key West, and Provence. For information call 781-934-5103 or visit www.bettinalesieur.com.

Hull Performing Arts, presents **A Summer Movie Series.** Enjoy some family films favorites at the Fort Revere amphitheater 60 Farina Road, Hull, on Aug. 21, 28, at dusk. Movies rated no higher than PG. Bring lawn chair, picnic and bug spray. 781-925-2406 or visit www.hullperformingarts.com for information.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents **"Weather Report,** paintings and drawings by **Alix White**," through Aug. 30. 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866-JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

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The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington. **Toni Lynn Washington**, Aug. 21. 9:30 p.m., no cover. 781-871-7175.

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Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Seabreeze,** Aug. 21, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Sleepy La Beef,** rockabilly/rhythm and blues, Aug. 21. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Page n' Plant Blues Harbor Cruise, presented by New Blue Productions, Saturday Aug. 21, 12:30 to 5 p.m. leaving Hewits Cove, Route 3A, Hingham. Free parking. Featuring live music by Stonecrazy, The Houserockers and the Cindy Daley Band. Free luncheon buffet provided by The Purple Eggplant. Partial proceeds will be donated for breast cancer research. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased at the Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175 and the Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., E. Weymouth, 781-335-9796.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield, presents **"After Eight," classic rock, pop, soul, blues and jazz** from 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 21. Admission $5. Dinner beginning at 7 p.m. Handicap accessible. 781-834-6505.

Twelfth annual **Against the Tide**, one-mile swim and fitness walk to benefit the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition, to be held at Aug. 21 at Nickerson State Park at public beach at Flax Pond in Brewster. Check-in at 7:30 a.m., competitive swim at 9 a.m., fitness and recreational swim 9:30 a.m. and fitness walk at 10 a.m. Call 1-800-649-6222 or visit www.mbcc.org/swim for more information and entry form.

Back to School Fashion Show, Aug. 21, at 1 p.m. at Kingston Independence Mall, center court, featuring students of Maria Wood's Fashion Focus Modeling & Finishing Program in Pembroke. Raffle proceeds will benefit Kingston Parent Teacher Organization. Autographed Patriot and Red Sox pictures, gift certificates etc. Free activities, clowns and jugglers.

Sun. Aug. 22

First Annual Cruise for Multiple Sclerosis on Boston Harbor. Cruise with Smokin' Joe and the Henchmen. Sunday afternoon Aug. 22, on board the Frederick Nolan at Boston Harbor Cruises at Long Wharf, Boston. The cruise leaves at 2:45 and returns at 6 p.m. Tickets are $20 pp. Limited tickets are available Call 781-233-8560 or 781-589-1353. Advanced ticket sales only.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150 (Rear) Front St., Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. all summer. Bar and grill open all day. 781-545-3999.

Single Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance every Sunday evening at Grand Ballroom Nantasket, Clarion Hotel, 45 Hull Shore Dr., Hull 781-925-4515. www.se-4u.com Complimentary buffet. 7 to 11 p.m. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Live dance music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 all night. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and The Presidents Club of Boston.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Compaq Big Band**, 21-pc jazz big band, Aug. 22. Casual dress, cover charge varies. Show starts at 7 p.m. All ages. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Edward Rowe Snow Day. On Sunday Aug. 22 at Georges Island at 12 noon, a get-together for fans, Harbor Ramblers and friends of the Boston Harbor legend Edward Rowe Snow. There will be tours and talks by authors who have carried on the tradition started by Mr. Snow. Boats leave from Quincy Harbor Express at the Fore River Bridge at 9:20 and 11 a.m.; from Boston behind the Long Wharf Marriott at 9.30, 9.40, 10.05 and 10.30 a.m.; and from Pemberton Point Hull at 10 a.m. Call the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands office at 781-740-4290 for more details.

Summer Picnic at Fort Revere Park, Hull, Sunday Aug. 22 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Activities include music, kids crafts, face painting, games and much more. Slyde, the New England Revolution mascot, will make an appearance and Yankee Magazine will present local community activist, Judith VanHamm with their Barnraiser Award. Pack a picnic lunch. This event is free and cosponsored by Aquarion Water, The Hull-Nantasket Chamber of Commerce and members of the Hull Non-Profits Association. For more information call Fort Revere Park at 617-727-4468.

Mon. Aug. 23

1749 Courthouse Museum, Town Square, Plymouth, is free and filled with items of Plymouth's history. Open through Oct. 2. 508-830-4075 or 508-746-7789.

Hingham Public Library presents an exhibit by **J. Michael Sullivan, The Sublime Color of Northern Italy**, through Sept. 24.

Plymouth Ice Rink opens registration for Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Clinics The Armstrong Arena has opened registration for two pre-season conditioning clinics t Puck Control & Shooting and Pre-Season Conditioning will be offered at the ice rink during the week of Aug. 16-20. To register or for information, call 781-871-7960 or visit www.BayStateHockey.com.

Tues. Aug. 24

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club on North Street, across the street from Seven Eleven on North Street. Non-profit weight loss support group. For information, the T.O.P.S. website is: www.tops.org or call, Eleanor at 781-335-4942.

"A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious?" will be offered at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham with Rabbi Shira Joseph on three consecutive Tuesday evenings, Aug. 24 and 31, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There is no enrollment fee, but pre-registration is required and space is limited. Call the URJ-Northeast Council office at 781-449-0404 for information and to register.

South Shore Manic-Depression and Depression Support Group-open to anyone with a mood disorder and their friends and family. Meeting at Pembroke Hospital (Oak Street, Pembroke) every Thursday at 7 p.m. 781-829-7211.

Mamma Mia, the musical based on the songs of **ABBA** has extended through Aug. 29, at the **Colonial Theatre**. This is the final Boston engagement - must close Aug. 29. Performances Tuesday through Sunday. Call ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com Group sales 617-482-8616. For information call 617-426-9366.

Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents **Marine and Local Scenes** at its New Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, through Aug. 29. 781-545-6150, www.scituateartsassociation.com



Story

As [illegible] the Beach Boys — the band [illegible] was working so hard, they didn't have much of a schedule in the sweet between gigs — Mike Love hasn't had a summer off in 40 years. As the group's only remaining original member, Mike Love continues to lead "The Beach Boys" and is busier now than ever. Each summer, he tours with the band which plays the South Shore Music Circus Friday.

Born March 15, 1941 in Los Angeles, California, Love had all the makings of a Beach Boy. He was always around music growing up and loved to sing harmony with his cousins, Brian, Carl and Dennis Wilson. In 1961, he wrote the lyrics to The Beach Boys' very first song, "Surfin.'" Since those early days, Love has written many lyrics to The Beach Boys' most famous songs such as "Surfin' Safari," "Fun, Fun, Fun," "California Girls," "Good Vibrations," "Kokomo" and many more. The group, which also included Al Jardine and Bruce Johnston, has had several top ten hits and four number one songs. Love, along with the other Beach Boys, is a member of The Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame.

The Beach Boys will perform at the South Shore Music Circus, Sohier Street. Cohasset, Friday, Au. 20. For tickets and information, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.themusiccircus.org.

- R. Scott Reedy

The Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St. Hingham. An exhibit, **Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past** features antique tools from the society's collection and is on view during museum hours. The Old Ordinary is open through Sept. 11. For information call 781-749-0013 or visit http://www/hingham historical.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave., 2nd Floor, Tuesday, Aug. 24, 6 to 7 p.m.; or Monday, Aug. 30, noon to 1 p.m.

Wed. Aug. 25

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Donald Heath** will exhibit his paintings for the month of August at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, Aug. 25, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime **–Hot Diggety Dog! Pass the mustard!** - Beth will be reading **The Pigeon Finds a Hotdog** and **Stan the Hot Dog Man.**

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no

CALENDAR, see next page

Lend a hand

TAKE STEPS TO END ALZHEIMER'S. Volunteers are needed to hang posters and distribute flyers to promote the twelfth annual Alzheimer's Association Greater Boston Memory Walk, to be held Sunday, Oct. 3. The walk, at Canal Park in Cambridge, benefits the Alzheimer's Association and the programs it provides to support individuals and families touched by the disease. Volunteer and make a difference. For information call Sheila Watnick at 617-868-718 x208 or send an email to info@memorywalkma.org or visit our web site www.memorywalkma.org.

WGBH is seeking volunteers to locate and recruit community groups for its fundraising activities during weekday business hours, Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Positions are available year-round. Call Liz Hagyard at 617-300-5715 or email: elizabeth_hagyard@wgbh.org

EXERCISE VOLUNTEERS are wanted at the Marina Bay Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Quincy. No experience necessary. Volunteers will be trained. For information contact Ruth P. Carroll RN, at Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for Ages at 617-363-8730.

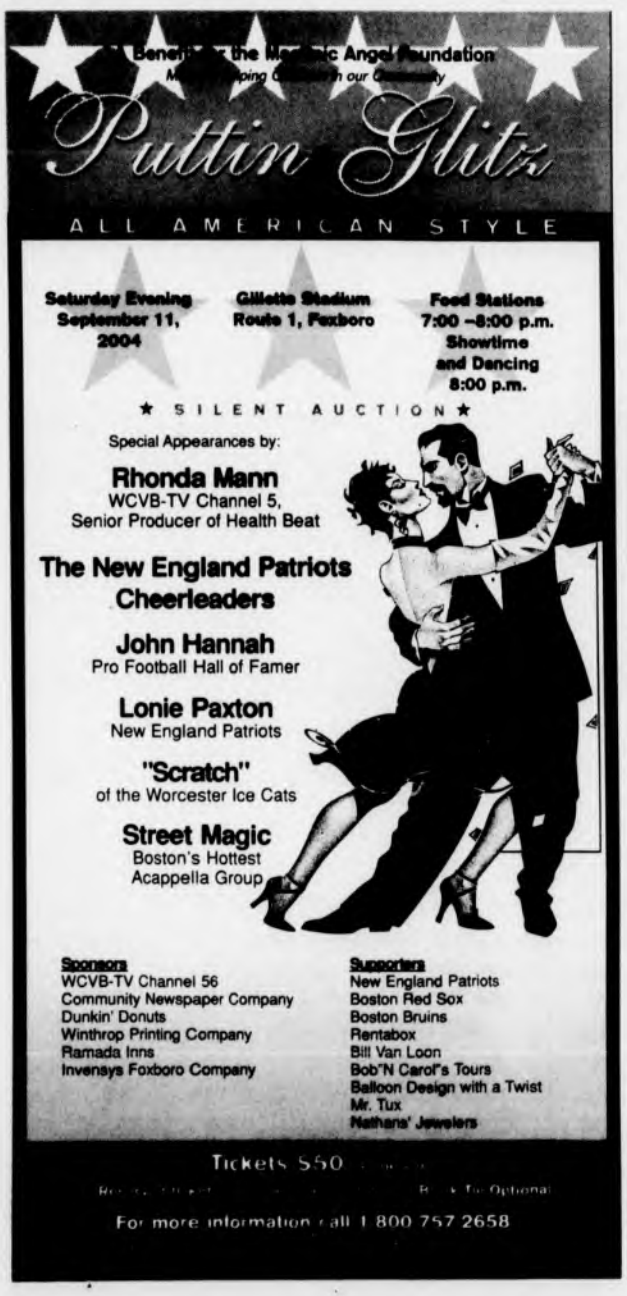
QUINCY ANIMAL SHELTER is looking for responsible and reliable volunteers to walk/train/socialize dogs, feed/p[lay/cuddle cats, join the marketing or fundraising committee and much more. Call or visit the web site at www.quincyanimalshelter.org

Talent Search

THE HANOVER-BASED HARBOUR CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY is open for singing. The fall season with new director Sarah Mead, begins on Monday, Sept. 13, at the First Baptist Church of Hanover, at the corner of Main Street and Route 123. The doors open at 6 p.m. for registration and socializing, and rehearsals start at 7 p.m. They will have open rehearsals for the first two weeks. Tenors and basses are needed. For further information, contact Judy at 781-834-5808.

ARTISTS WANTED FOR DAA WET PAINT DAY & SILENT AUCTION *Paint Local Vistas and Vessels During DBMS Classic Boat Festival* Artists looking to capture distinctive Duxbury scenes on canvas are encouraged to register for the Duxbury Art Association's Wet Paint Day and Silent Auction. The event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 8:30 a.m. yo 4 p.m. in cooperation with Duxbury Bay Maritime School's Classic Boat Festival in Snug Harbor. Artists (18 or older) are invited to paint the local vista or vessel of their choice. After painting for the day, artists can drop off artwork for the silent auction at the boat shed (behind DBMS & French Memories in Snug Harbor off Washington Street) between 4 to 5 p.m. on Saturday. All works on paper must be matted. Framed artwork is not required but it is suggested. All silent auction art sales will be split 50/50 with the artist and the DAA. The DAA portion will help to support our ongoing educational programs. Interested artists must register with the DAA office by Sept. 15 by calling 781-934-2731 ext. 4.

28th ANNUAL CORN FESTIVAL The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is seeking craft demonstrators for its on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date Sept.12 Artisans of traditional or colonial crafts are needed to demonstrate their skills and/or sell their handiwork. Vendors offering unique handmade crafts are also needed. Interested individuals who are skilled in making quilts, rugs, baskets, chairs, leatherwork, tinsmithing, candles, woodcarving or other traditional crafts should call Joan Reid at the Center at 781-659-2559 x203







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Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will feature an exhibit by **Ted Polomis** through Aug. 30. 781-383-1348 www.polomis.com

The Monhegan Experience paintings of Monehegan Island by members of the **North River Arts Society** at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St., Rockland.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Teacher & Librarian Appreciation Night. Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, is hosting Wed. Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. Information, Gifts and Goodies are the key words to describe this evening. The first 30 attendees will receive gift bags. Door Prizes. Buttonwood is offering an Event Only Special Sale: 15% off entire store for personal or classroom use. Valid Aug. 25, 7-9 p.m. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 for additional information.

Thurs. Aug. 26

The River Club Dinner Theater, 78 Border Street, Scituate, presents Stephen Sondheim's "Putting It Together." Produced by the Showstopper Organization, directed by Ray Byrne. Four performances only, Thurs. – Sat. Aug. 26-28, 7 p.m., Aug. 29, 4 p.m. Dinner and show, evenings $45.95, matinee $39.95. Call 781-545-1330 for ticket availability and reservations.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents Kaleidoscope Children's Theater, **Snow White** Aug. 26, 10:30 a.m. $7.50 tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com. Box office at 130 Sohier St. www.themusiccircus.org

Fri. Aug. 27

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Lynyrd Skynyrd** Aug. 27, 8 p.m.. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com. Box office at 130 Sohier St. www.themusiccircus.org

Temple Beth Emunah of Brockton will be holding a special Friday Night Shabbat Under the Stars service at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 27. Everyone is welcome. Temple Beth Emunah is located at 479 Torrey St. at the corner of Pearl St., Brockton. Call the Temple at 508-583-5810 for information and directions.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Too Much Fun,** Aug.27, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Zacharian Reunion,** southern rock, Aug. 27. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-

Ongoing Events

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Families with Children from China (FCC) South Shore, has an active play group meeting every other week from 10 am until noon. Call Cissy White at 781-331-4679 for information. No cost to join.

South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Front Street Book Shop offers a supportive environment and encourages all levels of writing experience to attend. Bring a writing project to share. More info call: 781-545-5011.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

La Leche League is an international, non profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and encouragement to all women who want to breastfeed. Meetings are Thursdays, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12, at 7:15 p.m. in Pembroke. For information call: Joanne 781-924-1919/Lisa 781-829-9075/Heidi 781-582-1187. All expectant, new, and experienced mothers and their babies welcome.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com 508-830-4250.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Tickets on sale now for its 2004 season. Children's programs go on sale also. For concert updates visit www.themusiccircus.org Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly free meetings, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

The Interfaith Book Study Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for March, Palace Walk by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036.

Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**, Broad St., Weymouth for children 4 1/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For more information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For more information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnolly@artsfirst.org

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell offers **Winter Programs** every Wed. at 3 p.m. and Sat. at 10 a.m.. Free with admission. Watch the naturalist on duty feed the animals. 781-659-2559 or visit the web at www.ssnsc.org

Cura VNA & Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, **offers The Young Widow and Widowers Support Group**, meeting every other Thursday for eight weeks from 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m. To register call 508-746-0215.

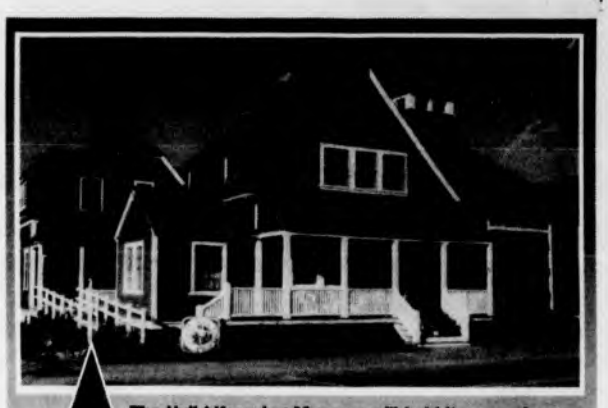
Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Reunions

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1964 will hold its 40th reunion on Oct. 30, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Clarion Hotel, Nantasket Beach, Hull. Further details will be provided via mail to last known addresses or contact Heather McHugh Allen 781-749-5484 email hinghamite@aol.com <mailto:hinghamite@aol.com> or Mike Studley 617-572-9253 (weekdays).

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL Class of '84 will have its 20th Reunion on Friday, Nov. 26, 2004 at the Rockland Ramada. Tickets are $45. Anyone interested in helping with the reunion, contact Jim Cantwell 837-5757 or Marie (Gagnon) Malmin 319-0432.

THE NEWMAN SCHOOL SEEKS LOST ALUMNI/AE from Newman Prep, The Newman School, and Newman School forBoys. Students who attended the school and have not been receiving mailings from Newman can get back into the "Newman Loop" by contacting Dick Gill, 617-267-4530 or rgill@newmanboston.org



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The Hull Lifesaving Museum will hold its annual meeting Thursday, Aug. 17 featuring a presentation by Lorna Condon, Curator of the Library and Archives at Historic New England. The meeting begins at 7 p.m The museum's current exhibition "The Camera's Coast" a traveling show featuring more than 70 maritime photographs will also be open for viewing. The museum is located at 1117 Nantasket Ave. Hull. For more information or to join the museum call 781-925-5433.



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The Marion Antiques Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 21, 22, at Tabor Academy in Marion. Tickets are $8 per person, show hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gala Preview Party Friday evening, Aug. 20, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets $40 per person in advance and $45 at door, which also include admission to show Saturday and Sunday. Call 508-748-1116. Aug 22 is Heirloom Discovery Day, expert appraisers will verbally appraise any antique from 1 to 3 p.m. Charge of $15 for appraising up to three objects, this also includes admission to show.

New Hours

The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell Center announces a change in its hours. Beginning Sept. 1 the hours of operation for the Library and Art gallery will be Tuesday to Friday 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The small art center offers a reading room style library, an art gallery with monthly exhibits by local artists and a full schedule of concerts, lectures and family programs beginning again in September. For information call 781-659-7100 or visit www.JamesLibrary.org.

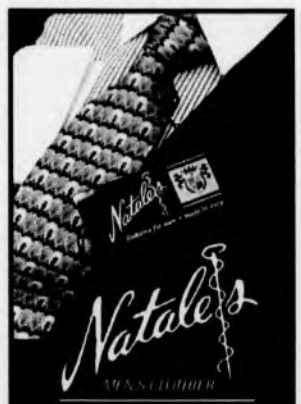
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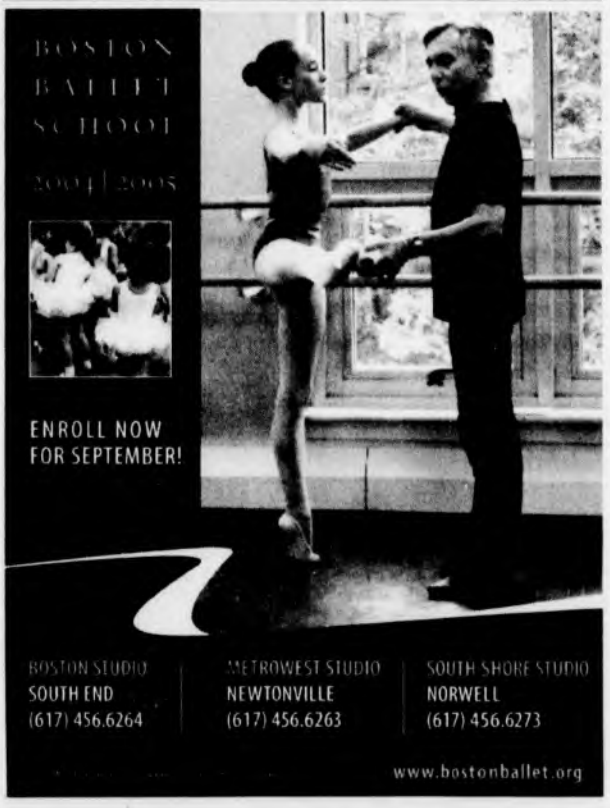


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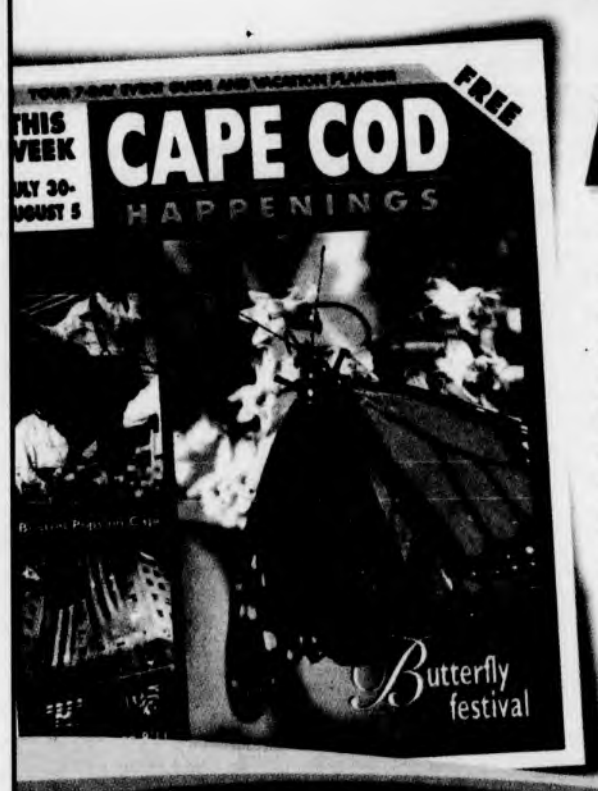
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Citgo plans afoot

Tedeschi's may move in there

By Samantha Brown
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Coffee lovers may one day have another option when deciding where to stop for their morning caffeine dose in downtown Cohasset, as a special permit has been filed which would allow for the inclusion of a drive-through coffee shop at the current Olympic Citgo gas station.

George Roukounakis, owner of Olympic Citgo at 55 South Main St. said he has been working with the owner of the Tedeschi Food Shops at 52 South Main St., to come up with a plan to operate both businesses from Roukoukanakis' current site. Plans also include a drive-through donut shop, possibly a Dunkin' Donuts, which would have a third owner. With the addition of a Dunkin' Donuts, residents would have four choices to purchase coffee and a bite in the Village, including French Memories, the Red Lion Inn Bakery and Atlantic Bagel. John Scott, new owner of the Village Butcher and Deli, is also thinking about adding breakfast hours.

Tedeschi Food Shops, through its attorney Charles Humphreys,

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Border Street kitchen is among the best



STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Art and Debbie Avila of Border Street stand in their kitchen, which has won first place in a national design competition.

Places first in design contest

By Samantha Brown
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They say the kitchen is the heart of the home and for Art and Debbie Avila, it's the showstopper as well. With 24-feet high ceilings, tiles imported from Turkey arranged in a beautiful basket-weave pattern as a back splash, and appliances fit for the most prestigious chef, it's no wonder theirs won the 40th Annual Design Competition of the National Kitchen and Bath Association.

The award is given based on the room's visual appeal, the creativity, the presentation, as well as safety and functionality.

From the front entryway of the Avilas' Border Street home, archways provide a clear view of the kitchen, located through a butler's pantry, in the back of the house. The soft sage greens and off whites of the kitchen's color palette are a wonderful complement to the views of the outdoors from the many large windows filtering in sunlight,

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No lazy summer days for new school chief

Is kept busy filling posts

By Samantha Brown
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The first day of school is always hectic, as students and teachers alike try to get back into a daily routine, putting the days of beach towels and cookouts behind. But while many who frequent the Cohasset schools were out of the buildings during the summer, the administration was busy behind the scenes, making sure everything is ready when the doors open Sept. 8.

"It's getting so our summers are busier than the school year," said Supt. Denise Walsh, who since having come on board July1 has had to conduct many interviews to fill positions in time for the start of school. Roughly 19 new contracts have been signed, and some are still pending. New hires include Marshfield resident Linda Gill to serve as Director of Student Services , taking the place of former director Karen Watts, and Business Clerk Karen Park, who is taking the place of Ivan Klimko.

Thanks to the efforts of a local group of parents, Walsh will be able to bring two additional teachers on board for this school year. When three elementary level teachers announced they

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CBB train liaison wants to talk

Asks residents to air concerns

By Samantha Brown
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The Greenbush commuter ril project has been in the planning stages for more than 20 years. Now that construction could begin in Cohasset within the next few weeks, Community Coordinator Tom Carroll said an outreach program which has been very successful in other Greenbush communities will soon be in full swing for Cohasset.

Carroll works for Cashman Balfour Beatty, the joint venture working with the MBTA to construct the Greenbush line. He has seen construction begin in neighboring towns over the past 2-1/2 years and said in that time, his outreach program has gained wonderful feedback. While each town can decide what aspects of the plan it would like to implement, "The feeling I'm getting is that they'll (Cohasset) want to use as much as they can," said Carroll.

One of the most important aspects of the Greenbush outreach program is the 24-hour, seven-days-a-week hotline. "The reason we call it a hotline and not a complaint line is because if we're told there's a problem, we'll fix it," he said. Carroll said in the past 13 months, he has received 13 total calls from Cohasset, which have been mainly informational. However, he expects as construction begins, there will be more residents who have questions, and the hotline can be a very valuable tool. "An answer is only a phone call away," he said.

Anyone can call the hotline day or night, and there will

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Cohasset cats were 'AWOL'



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Colby Smalzel holds her orange tabby, Oliver, who went missing and turned up at the Scituate Animal Shelter.

Reunited with their families

By Samantha Brown
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Two local felines have used up at least one of their nine lives after leaving their respective families to enjoy an exciting summer vacation on their own. While the two are not related, both Pumpkin and Oliver are orange tabby cats with a taste for adventure, and both have been returned to their homes safe and sound.

"The fact that there are so many coyotes didn't help bolster my confidence."

— Howie Altholtz, concerned Dad

Around the second week of July, Howie Altholtz, 4 Cedar Ledge Village, noticed his daughters' cat Pumpkin was missing. Pumpkin had been adopted from the Scituate Animal Shelter last

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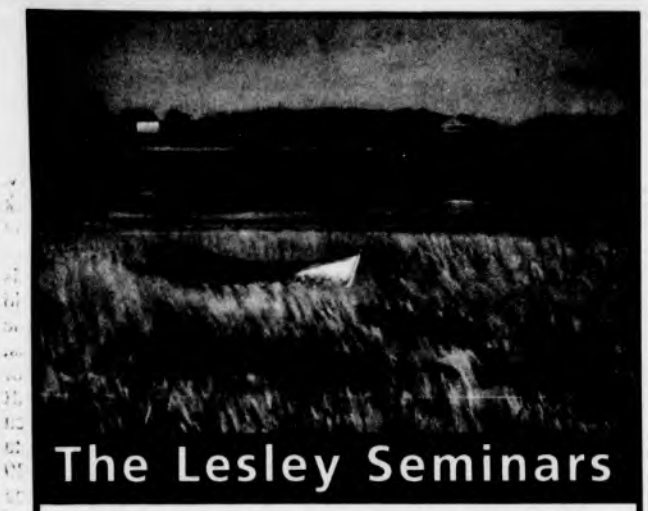
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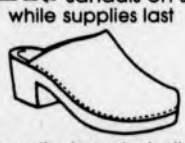
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This week in COHASSET

Town Manager is on vacation

Town Manager Michael Buckley is on vacation and will be returning to his post Wednesday Sept. 8. In his absence, Town Treasurer and Tax Collector Joseph DeVito will serve as acting Town Manager.

Spofford Selectman's phone line reminder

Just a reminder, to reach Selectman Rob Spofford for town business at home, please call his Selectman's phone line at (781) 383-8338.

Veterans committee seeks information

The Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee is looking to find Cohasset residents who served in the Armed Forces during the Persian Gulf War. The recently updated Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee Web site has posted honor rolls for every war dating back to the Civil War, as well as hero profiles and information about Gold Star mothers. Currently, the committee has an honor roll page for the Persian Gulf War on its Web site, but no names to add to the list. In addition, the committee is always looking to update its lists for other wars, and residents are asked to send along the names of any veterans who have not been included to date.

Anyone with names of any Cohasset veterans is asked to pass them along to Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee Glenn Pratt via e-mail at gpratt@suburbancompanies.com. For more information, please visit the committee's Web site at cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

MBTA ombudsman position proposal

Noel Collins, 15 Forest Ave., sent a letter to acting Town Manager Michael Buckley expressing his interest in serving as the ombudsman between the town and the MBTA. Collins said he has extensive experience in land use planning, development, litigation, and mitigation, which "uniquely qualify me to serve as an advocate or ombudsman. I am qualified to deal with virtually any land use related issues including complex legal issues, property disputes, mediation agreements, governmental or political agreements/disputes."

Collins said if chosen, he would make himself available virtually seven days a week, or on an "as needed" basis, and would keep office hours in Town Hall twice a week. He would also be available by telephone and/or cell phone.

Collins said he would provide weekly written reports and would construct a Web site to keep interested parties updated. He said he would not require a contract for the position, but would charge the town $60 per hour.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Conservation Commission, Sept. 2 & 16, 7:30 p.m.

Library trustees, Sept. 8, 7p.m., at the library

School Committee, Sept. 9 & 23, 7 p.m., at the high school library

Selectmen, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Waste Water Committee, Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m.

Water Resources Protection Committee, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant

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Water Commission and Water Resources Protection Committee, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant

ZBA, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Absentee ballots are available at Town Hall

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2. Physical disability.
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A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may *apply* on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. *Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter.* Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an *immediate member of the family* to the Town Clerk's office by Sept. 14, to be counted.

The town will use the Accu-Vote optical scan system. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check in tables. The ballots can be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.



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TALK SHOW

Howie Carr broadcasts from the Music Circus where the Beach Boys were playing last Friday. Carr interviewed Mike Love of the Beach Boys during his show.

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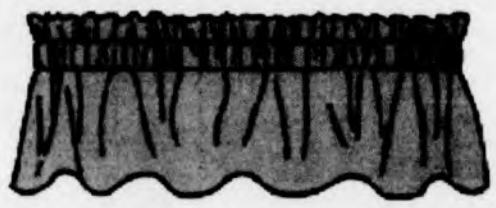


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Harborview residents say upgrades are just magical

Entertainment, cookout provided

By Mary Ford
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There are new refrigerators and stoves, a new security system and new door handles at the Harborview Apartments off Elm Street. There is also a whole bunch of grateful senior citizens who live in the 30-year-old complex behind the police-fire station.

To show their appreciation, Harborview residents invited town officials to a cookout complete with an interactive magic show last Thursday conducted by professional entertainer, David Oliver, who knows how to generate a lot of laughter and good will.

The upgrades to Harborview – which was built in 1974 — are possible thanks to money raised through the Community Preservation Act that the town adopted in 2001. This year's annual Town Meeting approved allocating roughly $80,000 from the Community Preservation Fund for the appliances, lever-style door handles and intercom security system.

The Community Preservation Committee – which reviews requests and makes recommendations to Town Meeting – backed the expenditures.

"This was an ideal way to spend some money and help our neighbors in the community," CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey said during last week's event. "This project was ideally suited for the Community Preservation Fund."

Marilyn Le Blanc, director of the Cohasset Housing Authority that runs the complex, tried to get the community involved because state funding for upgrades is long in coming. For example, Harborview has been waiting since 1996 for new sidewalks that were promised.

The Harborview complex at 60 Elm St. consists of 64 units of subsidized housing in 16 buildings. The units are for income qualifying senior citizens 60 and older. There are also 12 units for the developmentally disabled. The complex was built with state funds in 1974.

Le Blanc said the outside doors to the buildings have never locked and now they do.

"It has always bothered me," says Le Blanc about the lack of security. "It is so wonderful to now have safety and security be part of the daily life of the residents."

She said the cookout and magic show were a way to thank the town officials who supported the expenditure including the members of the CPC, the Advisory Committee and selectmen. All the food was donated and Oliver of DO Magic Entertainment provided his magic show at no cost.

Before introducing Oliver – whom Le Blanc knows through a mutual friend – she choked back tears as she thanked the various town committees.

"You can tell I'm emotional about this," she told the audience in the packed community room.

Tears of joy soon turned to tears of laughter as Oliver – who is regularly featured in "Monday Night Magic" on Broadway – regaled the room with magic tricks including tearing up a $10 bill provided by Police Chief Jim Hussey. Oliver soon put the bill back together again to the delight of the crowd.



PHOTOS/MARY FORD

Town officials at the Harborview cookout included from left, Margy Charles of the Community Preservation Committee, Taffy Nothnagle of the housing authority and CPC; Nancy Barrett of the housing authority; Marilyn Le Blanc, director of the housing authority; Stuart Ivimey, CPC chairman; Donna McGee of the advisory committee; former selectman Tom Callahan, who served as CPC liaison; selectman Ronnie McMorris, serving as new CPC liaison, and former housing authority member Rich Silvia.



Posing with magician David Oliver and his assistant Maureen Bellefontaine are Harborview residents, from left, Nancy Borland, Kathy Brown, and Joan Paton. The women helped Oliver with a few of his magic tricks.

"This project was ideally suited for the Community Preservation Fund."
— Stuart Ivimey, CPC chairman

Oliver, who has also appeared on "The Early Show" on CBS and has been featured on the Discovery Channel, picked several assistants from among the residents to help with some of the magic tricks.

Community preservation funds derived from an annual 1.5 percent real estate tax surcharge must be spent on three areas: open space, historical preservation, and affordable housing. The CPC can use a small percentage of its budget for administrative tasks, such as appraisals. The Harborview upgrades fall under the affordable housing category.

With the surcharge the town raises about $230,000 a year and with an anticipated 100 percent state match, the Community Preservation Fund revenues total about $460,000 annually. Left over money can be banked for future years.

The fund has $162,000 available in fiscal year 2005 which is what was left after CPA projects — including Harborview — were approved at the annual Town Meeting in March.

Wastewater committee drafts plan for the future

Pinpoints areas of most concern

By Samantha Brown
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There has been a great deal of attention paid to the land in town which could possibly one day be the site of large housing developments. Their potential to add to the wastewater problems has been discussed at length. But that land is not the only land which is currently undeveloped, and the smaller parcels could have just as much potential to affect wastewater in the future.

During the past 18 months, the Wastewater Committee has been operating under the radar screen, quietly compiling information from years of reports and studies on the townís wastewater. Its members, including Steve Bobo, John Cavanaro, Joseph Godzik, Jim Dedes, Jeff Moy, Ann Swanborg, Vicky Neaves, and Raymond Kasperowicz, have been compiling a draft report for managing the townís wastewater, which Bobo says is currently 85 percent complete. The committee is looking at the townís wastewater problems from every angle, and members are assessing whether current open parcels could one day serve as possible solutions to the townís wastewater problems, or potentially add to them.

The draft report says homes in the Ledgewood Drive and Brewster Road areas have poor soils, and that wastewater problems have been a big burden for homeowners. There are an additional 62 homes in the Beechwood area, which have failed septic systems, and numerous other older systems that should be upgraded because of their proximity to Lily Pond, the townís drinking water supply. The town is also under a mandate from the Department of Environmental Protection to reduce pollution entering Little Harbor, and there are roughly 130 homes in the Little Harbor area for which a wastewater solution must be found.

The plan must address the existing and future wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal needs for the town.

In addition to the existing problems, between AvalonBay, with its proposed 200 units of housing, Cedarmere with 105, and the Cook Estate with 95, the town could potentially usher in 400 units of housing which would all need a wastewater solution. Although the town is trying to meet the 10 percent affordable housing threshold set by the state, and any of the three projects would help meet that goal, the town may have trouble accommodating them from a wastewater standpoint.

In addition, Ellen Morrissey, 488 Jerusalem Road, has been trying to develop her land located off Beach Street for roughly the past 10 years. The last set of plans she presented to the Planning Board included 61 units of senior housing, but plans were denied because the board said they lacked basic fundamental aspects, such as access to the property and through the property. Morrissey could come back with modified plans at any point in the future.

But the undeveloped parcels with no current plans could provide the town with some wastewater alternatives, including the potential for satellite systems. The draft report says there have been rumors that the Vedanta Center, located at 130 Beechwood St., is or will be for sale. There are 37 acres of land north of Route 3A which are also undeveloped. There are undeveloped acres on Whitney Woods Lane, and the Jerusalem Road Estates have yet to be built. There are also 13 open lots on Beechwood Street, and there is open property on Doane Street.

The Wastewater Committee has been charged with developing an equitable, cost-effective, and environmentally acceptable plan for both sewer and off site systems, which will span the next 20-30 years. The plan must address the existing and future wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal needs for the town. Wastewater management includes wastewater treatment, wastewater collection systems, septic systems, and their interaction with the natural environment.

Throughout the next few weeks, the committee will be revising its draft report, which will be discussed at the committeeís Sept. 1 meeting. The committee hopes to make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen sometime in September.

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Changes brewing at Olympic Citgo station

FROM CITGO, PAGE 1

filed a petition for a special permit Aug. 16, which if approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals, would allow the changes. The Planning Board, which will have to approve a site plan for the project, was slated to take up the issue at its meeting last night (Wednesday Aug. 25) after the Mariner went to press. The ZBA will hold its public hearing on the matter on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Roukounakis said he would continue to operate out of the left side of the building, but the garage where he currently works on cars would be transformed into the new Tedeschi's. The donut shop would be located in the rear of the building.

The queue for the drive-through would be on the right side of the building and curve around the back. Roukounakis said there could possibly be room for between nine and 11 cars to queue up in the parking lot. There would be parking in front of the building. Roukounakis said aesthetic improvements would be made as well, including a new awning across the front of the building.

However, Roukounakis is quick to point out, "The plans are not concrete," as the ZBA and Planning Board will ultimately decide whether the project will go forward. However, in the event Tedeschi's does move across the street, the Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, which owns the building housing the bank and Tedeschi's, may choose to expand its operation.

Plans also include a drive-through donut shop, possibly a Dunkin' Donuts, which would have a third owner.

Pilgrim Cooperative Bank President Frank Campbell said until the Planning Board and ZBA have weighed in on the proposed plans, future plans will only be speculation. However, he said it would be possible for the bank to expand, or take on another tenant. "That's something we'll have to discuss once we have a definitive decision from the town," he said. Whatever the outcome, Campbell said having Tedeschi's in the Village no matter which side of the street it is on, is a benefit for all businesses because it is such a huge draw. If plans are approved, "I think it's going to be a great thing for the Village," he said, adding if they're not, the bank intends to have Tedeschi's as its tenant for a "long, long time."

Town Planner Liz Harrington said the plans for the Citgo site are very similar to proposed plans for the KoKo Island and Hair Affair site off Route 3A. Proposed plans for that site would transform the current Hair Affair building into a Dunkin' Donuts with a drive-through window, and turn KoKo Island into another family-style restaurant.

However, many abutters to the 3A site said the drive-through window will cause excess traffic, noise, and air pollution. In light of those complaints as well as a thorough review of the plans, the Planning Board recommended the ZBA not approve the special permit for the site which would have made the drive-through window possible.

Applications are public records and are available in the Town Clerk's office. The ZBA will hold its public hearing on Tedeschi's and Olympic Citgo Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.



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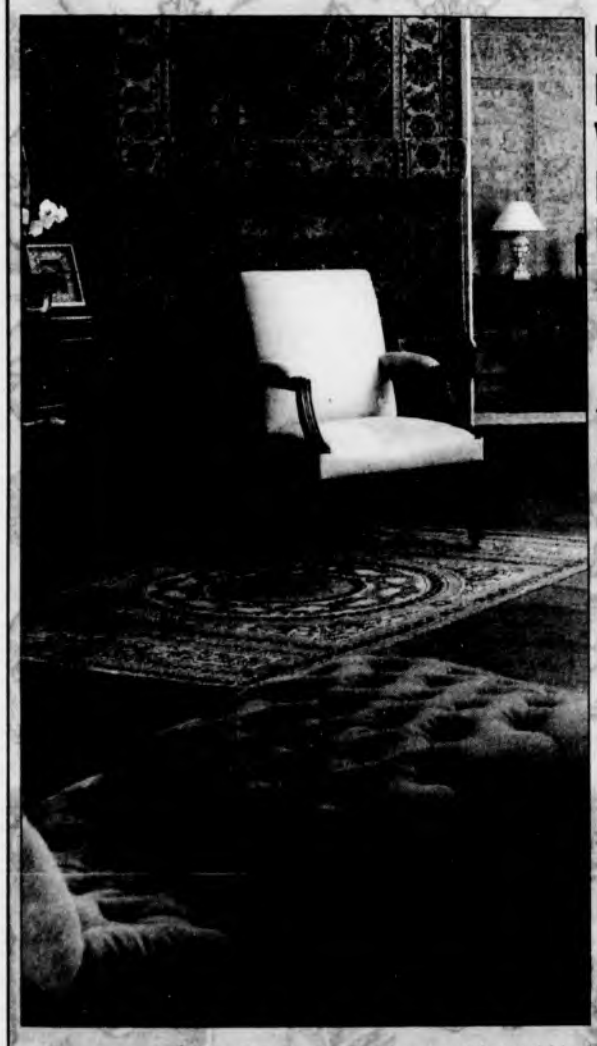


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CBB train liaison Tom Carroll wants to talk

FROM TRAIN, PAGE 1

always be a person to answer questions on the other end. Any call can be directed to Carroll at any time, day or night. "If I go away, I leave the number at the hotel where I'll be staying," he said.

When a call comes in on the hotline, Carroll is immediately notified on his pager, which tells him who called, the number, and what the issue is. If it is after 8 p.m. Carroll will receive a call at his home to make sure he has received the message. After 11 p.m. the caller is asked whether Carroll can call them back in the morning, if not, Carroll will be notified at home in the middle of the night, and he said he is always happy to answer any questions. While he said being so available can get crazy at times, he understands the importance of responding to questions in a timely fashion, and he treats every call very seriously. "Think about what would have had to go on in your day to stop and pick up a phone and call a hotline," he said.

Every call that comes in on the hotline is documented an d Carroll said he has the ability to segregate phone calls by town or issue, enabling him to keep a better watch over the projects. Carroll said the day after a call is made, he faxes a copy of the outreach status report to Town Hall, which outlines the concern of the resident, any action taken, and other information, to make sure the town can keep track of what has been addressed.

While Carroll said many times once construction begins in a town, the residents become used to having the contractors around and will ask them questions as they become friendly faces, having the calls documented through the hotline gives him the avenue to make sure the problem is fixed quickly.

"An answer is only a phone call away."
— Tom Carroll

In addition to the hotline, Cohasset residents can sign up for e-mail updates at the Cashman site at www.cbbgreenbush.com. The Web site is updated weekly. While Carroll said mainly abutters to the project have been signing up, anyone who is interested can have their name added to the list. "We have just under 700 on our e-mail list," Carroll said.

Every Greenbush town also has the option to participate in cable access programs. Currently, towns have the option to participate in a cable access show every two weeks, and programs have taken off in Hingham and Scituate. "The towns run the shows themselves," said Carroll, adding the individual town ombudsman usually host the program. "In Cohasset, I may do it myself," if necessary, as a future ombudsman position has yet to be decided upon.



FILE PHOTO/TIM LLEWELLYN

Tom Carroll, shown here at a train meeting in Hingham, plans on becoming a familiar figure in Cohasset.

Carroll said the programs give an informational update on neighboring towns where construction is in progress for the first roughly five to 10 minutes, and from there, the focus changes to cover the local issues. "I want to get something going like that in Cohasset," he said.

In addition to the cable show, towns have the option to have updates on a rolling screen on the local cable access channels.

Towns can schedule meetings with the MBTA whenever it would like to have an update on progress, and Carroll can make that happen. Carroll will also be providing updates to local papers to make sure residents have many ways of accessing information. Carroll has plans to send out mass mailings as well as drop letters to neighborhoods prior to construction, to let residents know what they should expect.

Although only a few minor construction projects have begun in Cohasset, Carroll said he has been corresponding with both town officials and residents about the project for some time. Carroll said he knew it was time to begin steady outreach efforts when he received word from the construction employees, who said they might be ready to take on Cohasset soon. "There's coordination that needs to take place with the town," said Carroll, and the communication will need to be ongoing throughout the duration of the project.

Plans to reconstruct the 17-mile Greenbush line have been in the works for 20 years, and have been surrounded in much controversy. The Greenbush Line is the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration Project, and is being built as mitigation for the Central Artery/Tunnel Project in downtown Boston. The project is intended to reduce automobile traffic on the congested highways leading into the city. By diverting South Shore commuter traffic from automobiles to transit, the MBTA says it will not only help keep the roads clear, reduce fuel consumption and air pollution, but will encourage more transit-oriented development and alleviate congestion on other transportation facilities in the area - including the Braintree Red Line. According to the MBTA, the project will cost roughly $479 million including planning, engineering, land and permitting costs, along with the cost of construction and new trains.

Contacting the MBTA

For general information, please visit the MBTA's Web site at www.mbta.com, or the Cashman Balfour Beatty Greenbush site at www.cbbgreenbush.com.

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Border Street kitchen is among the best

FROM KITCHEN, PAGE 1

including one large arch-topped window above the stainless steel range. There are large cabinets with glass panels and detailed dental molding, chandeliers hanging from the high ceilings, and abundant counter space for easy entertaining. With its sprawling angular design, the kitchen is anything but ordinary, and has proved to be a wonderful combination of beauty and function, for this very busy family of five.

Every year, designers from all over the country submit their designs for the competition, and this year Cameron Snyder of Kitchen Concepts in Norwell chose the Avilas' kitchen to submit in the large kitchen category. Snyder had worked closely with the couple to bring their vision to life, and Debbie said the work he has been able to do has been amazing. "This was such an awkward space," she said, but with Snyder's help, the kitchen has become very functional. "It was exactly what I wanted."

Debbie said there were a few different ideas she had for the kitchen, and knew there were specific design elements she wanted to incorporate, although she wasn't sure about a complete design concept for the entire kitchen. She knew she wanted the feet for her cabinets to look like furniture, and she had other similar crowning details in mind, and Snyder came back with a design plan that was everything she had hoped for and more. "If you really want a custom kitchen, they can literally do anything," at Kitchen Concepts, she said.

Debbie said she chose the colors for the room as well as the counters, after much of the design work was done. Art did much of the kitchen installation himself. "It was a huge joint effort with everyone and everyone did such a good job," she said.

Designers are responsible for submitting competition entries, and entries must be unpublished subjects at the time of the competition. The award is given based on the room's visual appeal, the creativity, the presentation, as well as safety and functionality. Debbie said Snyder approached the couple and, "asked us if we'd mind," and when the two gave the go-ahead, it got the ball rolling to begin compiling the entry. Debbie said it took one day for a crew to come in and photograph the kitchen, to enable Snyder to send the best photos possible, and from then, all they could do was wait to hear.

When Snyder received word the kitchen had won first place, he took Debbie and Art to dinner to surprise them with the news. Snyder traveled to Chicago to accept his plaque for the competition, as well as a second award, as he also won honorable mention in the medium kitchen category for an apartment in Marina Bay in Quincy.

Having an award-winning kitchen is the icing on the cake for the Avilas, who are especially proud of their home because Art built it himself. The two purchased the empty lot where their house now sits, and lived through the 17-month transformation, watching the house take shape from the ground up. The couple had always wanted to live in Cohasset, partially for the small town charm and beautiful vistas, but also for the school systems, and Debbie found the parcel of land by accident. In search of the Golden Rooster restaurant (now the River Club), Debbie was driving down Border Street and decided to keep exploring past her destination. She passed the open lot and soon came to find the road ended up at the Atlantica restaurant. She wondered if the land was in Cohasset or Scituate, and turned around to take another look. She called her real estate agent later that afternoon, and to her surprise, the land was in Cohasset

The couple hired an architect to help with the blueprints, designing the home to help them make the most of their views of the harbor and ocean, and Art used his skills as a professional builder to bring the drawings to life. When the walls were up, Art added many architectural elements to the home, including arches, built-in window seats and built in entertainment system and book cases. While the inside of the house is mostly complete today, Debbie said there are still some small items that need to be done, which Art will take care of when the winter weather brings him inside. But for now, while the weather is still warm, Art is concentrating on making the outside of the home and its grounds, just as beautiful as the inside. "He does it all," said Debbie.

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Artist exhibit

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their space), the families, and all the staff of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library for making "explore other worlds @ your library" a huge success. More than 1,700 people participated in Drop-In Story, Puzzle Club,
Tuesday Evening Family Night, and Story and Craft.

Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for funding the summer reading program. Their continued generous support allows us to begin to plan for "going places @ your library", the summer 2005 theme. Thanks again to everyone involved in "explore other worlds @ your library".

Lost and found

Please check the lost and found basket and coat hooks to the left of Mrs. Moody's desk for any items left in the Children's Room during the summer. The items will be discarded at the end of the month.

Free screenings at the health fair

The Cohasset Board of Health will offer free health screenings to the residents of Cohasset at the Annual Health Fair on Tuesday Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church next to the Cohasset Town Hall in Cohasset Village.

Screenings will include blood pressure, vision and hearing, cholesterol and blood sugar (funded by the Cohasset and Scituate Rotary Clubs and the Hull Lions Club), oral cancer, osteoporosis (bone mineral density) chiropractic and skin analyzer. There will be demonstrations of magnet and massage therapy, holistic health methods including acupuncture, nutrition and water purification methods.

Refreshments will be available and will be provided by Stop and Shop, Dunkin Donuts and Atlantic Bagel. For more information contact Judy Fitzsimmons, RN, public health nurse at the Cohasset Board of Health 781-383-2210.

Legion clambake supports scholarship

The George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion will sponsor its 22nd annual Christine Burke Scholarship Fund Clambake on Saturday, Sept. 11, from noon to sunset at Sandy Beach. Proceeds from the event will once again benefit worthy graduating South Shore High School students seeking higher education.

There will be a traditional New England Clambake Catered by Gulf River Clambakes, featuring lobster, steamed clams, chowder, barbecued chicken, your favorite beverages and more This year's event will also include live entertainment by The Irish Volunteers and DJ Jay Flori. The American Legion Auxiliary "Play Ladies" will have games and activities for the kids. Tickets are $35 for adults. Children not eating the clambake are free and there will be plenty of complimentary hot dogs and watermelon.

There will also be a raffle drawing at the clambake for, the winner's choice, of two Vespa Motor Scooters with a trailer or $5,000. The motor scooters and trailer were donated by Herb Chambers Vespa of Boston and local businessman Neil Murphy. The chances are $10 each and only 1,000 chances will be sold.

For tickets stop by the American Legion Post at 95 Summer St. 781-383-9657 or call John Covell at 781-383-0178 Rain Date: Sunday, Sept. 12. Tickets will not be sold at the event.

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EQUESTRIENNE UPDATE

When CHS graduate **Sarah Lambert**, starts her freshmen year at Hobart William Smith next week she leaves behind two childhood communities — Cohasset and River Wind Farm.

The **Lambert-Trachtenberg** family moved to Cohasset 10 years ago and as soon as they unpacked Sarah started to ride at River Wind Farm. Sarah expressed an interest in horses at a young age and has approached the sport with passion and dedication.

At the age of 11, Sarah started competing at local shows in the short stirrup division. Last year, Sarah and her horse, Teddy Bear, were USA Horse of the Year, Zone 1 Champion: Junior Hunter — Large 16-17. This summer Sarah and Teddy qualified to compete at the National Indoor Finals in Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., and New York City. At the finals this fall, Sarah will compete against the top equestrians in the country.

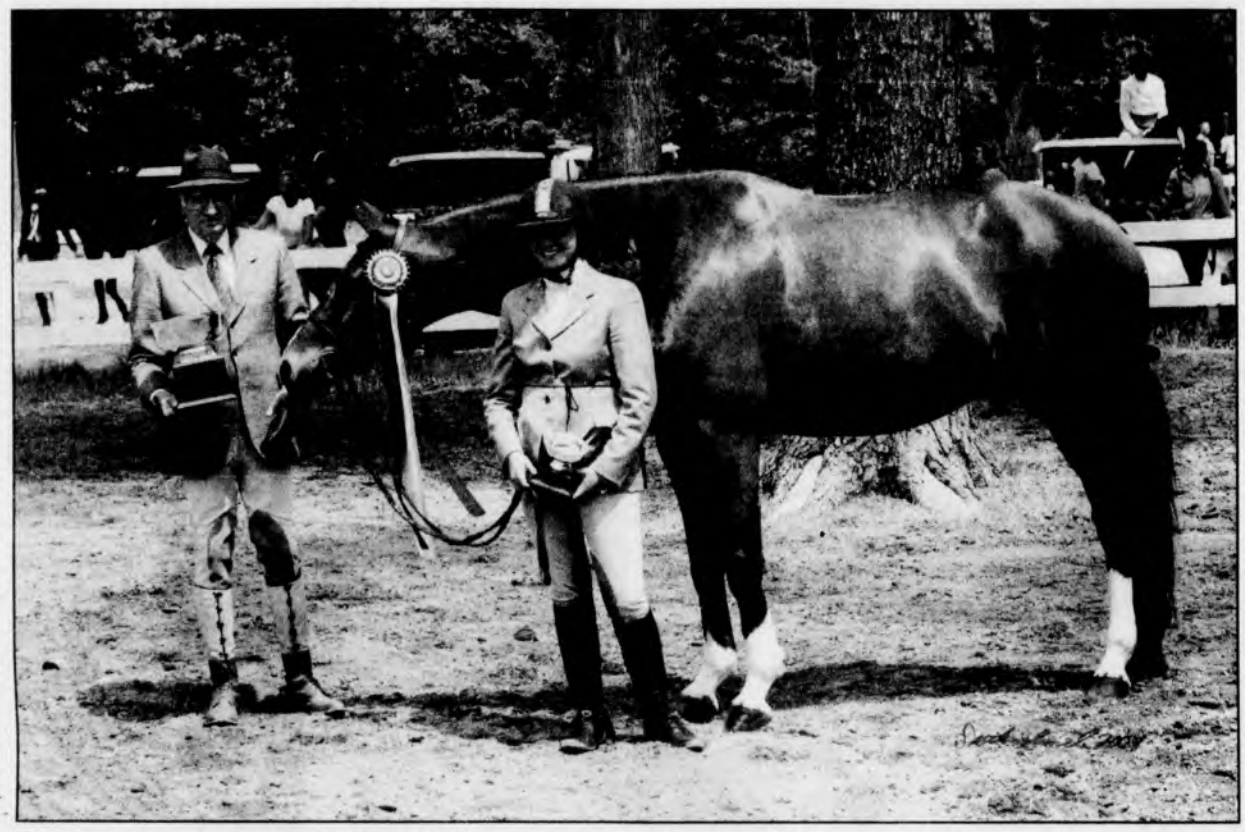
The trainers that taught Sarah to ride, **Carl Catani** and Cohasset — native **Abby Greer**, will be by her side this fall along with many friends from the barn.

Carl opened River Wind Farm 30 years ago and he has watched many of his students grow up and then return to the barn after college.

COLLEGE GRAD

Catherine LeBlanc, daughter of **Mary Ann and Dana Cushing** of Cohasset and **Paul LeBlanc** of Beverly Farms, completed her bachelor of science degree in management with a concentration in marketing from UMASS Boston in July.

She is now an account coordinator with PR Newswire in Boston. Congratulations, Cat on both achievements!



Sarah Lambert and Teddy Bear, 2004 Grand Champion Large Junior Hunter, at the Saratoga Horse Show.

ART COURSE FOR TEENS

The South Shore Art Center is offering several classes that will be of special interest to teenagers. The fall course lineup includes High School Studio —2D & 3D Projects. This course is designed for high school students considering pursuing an art career or including a portfolio with their school admissions packet.

A variety of assignments will be completed in both two and three dimensional media, including pencil, colored pencil, charcoal, watercolor, pastel and ceramics. Assignments will be focused on observational drawing, portrait, and sculpture required for portfolios. The course allows high school artists the opportunity to enhance and supplement artwork to be used for admission to art school or college.

Teen Printmaking Workshop will explore printmaking applications. Students will learn methods and techniques. There will be individual guidance as well as a group demonstration and discussions. Emphasis will be on developing the student's own expressive style and building his/her portfolio. This workshop will meet on the weekend enabling busy high school students to participate. For information about these classes or other autumn offerings at the South Shore Art Center call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Cohasset, **Rebecca Dickinson**! Rebecca journeyed to Australia as a People to People Student Ambassador along with 41 other fifth and sixth graders from Massachusetts. Highlights included visiting the Sydney Opera House, swimming at the Sydney Aquatic Centre, bush-walking at the Kroombit Farm Stay, spotting wildlife at Whitsunday Island, snorkeling the Great Barrier Reef, exploring the Capricorn Caves and attending Our Lady of the Assumption School where she spent the day attending classes, lunch, tea-time, and of course, recess.

People to People was started in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to improve relations between students of the United States and students of Russia. Since then, the program has expanded its reach to other countries. It has become an opportunity for U.S. students to share their culture and experience with people of other countries.

'NUNSENSE' AUDITIONS

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will be holding auditions for the play "Nunsense" at Cohasset Town Hall on Aug. 30 & 31 at 7 p.m. Call backs are on Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. The production will take place on: Nov. 12-13-14 & 19-20-21 with a possible benefit performance to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 17. Please call **Jean D** at 617-750-8987.



Rebecca Dickinson is back from Australia where she was a People to People Student Ambassador.

SCHOOL CLOTHES

Send the little ones to school in style! There will be a "Back to School" trunk show of clothes from nicknackpattywack at the Our World Children's Museum Aug. 27 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Aug. 28 from 9 a.m-3 p.m. Many of the nifty separates for kids ages 1 to 10 were designed by Cohasset's own **Karen Oronte**, who is sponsoring the show. The prices will be an unbelievable $5-$25 per item and proceeds will benefit the Museum. Clothes will be displayed in the Museum's lower level at 100 Sohier St.

That is all for this week. Send me in all of your news, photos and event information no later than Mondays by 5 p.m.

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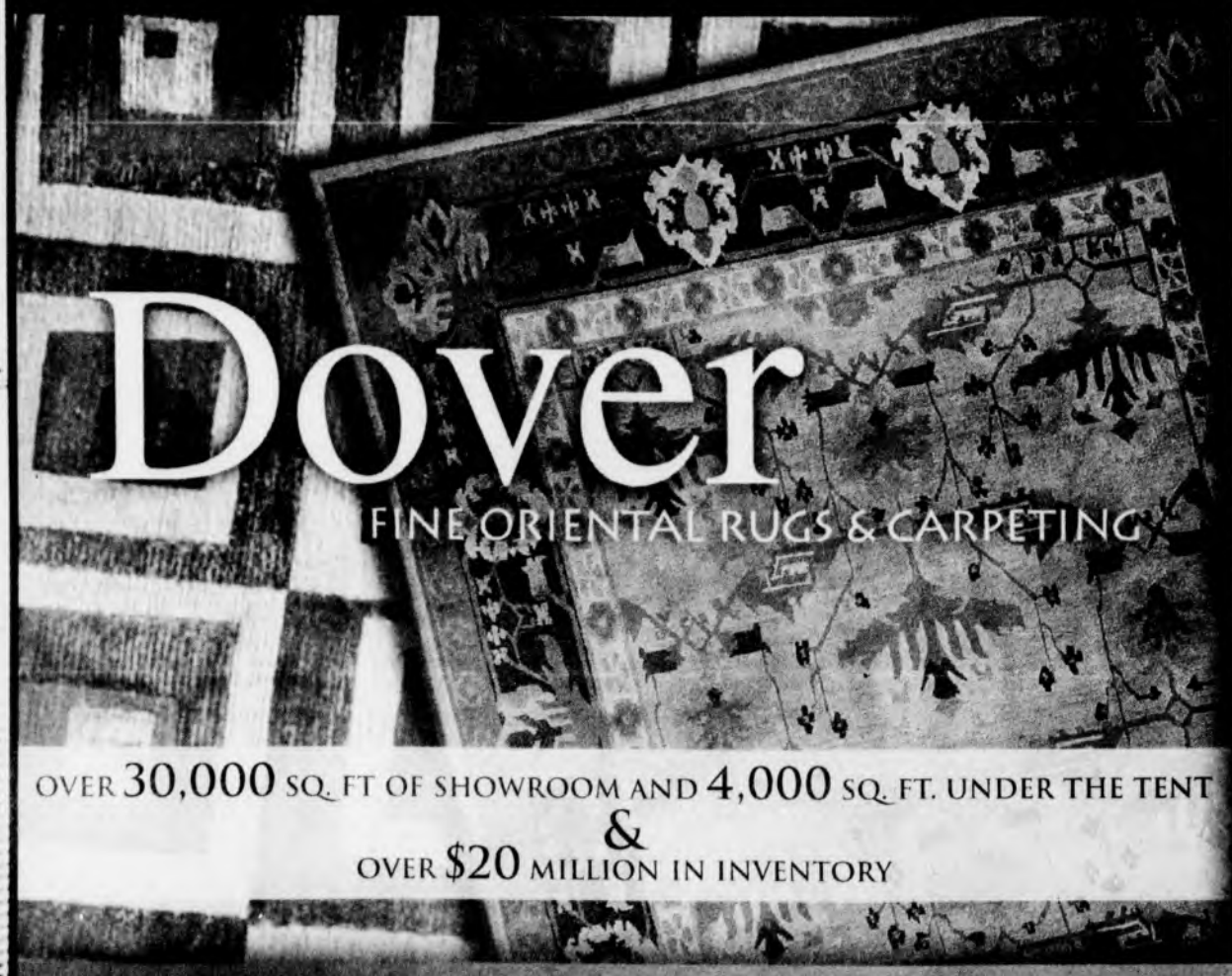
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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Weier-Merrill

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart William Weier of Watch Hill, Rhode Island, formerly of Cohasset, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Elizabeth to Mr. Benjamin Augustus Merrill. The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Virginia Kenyon Sellew and the late Marcy Burton Sellew of Vero Beach, Florida and Watch Hill, RI. Her paternal grandparents are Mrs. Dorothy Cave Weier and the late William Schober Weier of Essex, CT. and Shelburne, VT.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson Merrill of Sherborn, and Islesford, ME. His maternal grandparents are the late Mrs. Walter Denison Brooks, Jr. and the late Franklin Augustus Reece, Jr. of Dedham, and paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. John Lee Merrill, Jr. of Charleston, S.C. and Islesford, ME.



Melissa Weier and Benjamin Merrill

The bride graduated from Thayer Academy in Braintree, and the University of Vermont and resides in New York City where she is employed by Mousse Partners.

The groom graduated from Natick High School and the University of Vermont. He also resides in New York City and works as an Associate in the Structured Finance Group for HSBC Securities.

A June 11, 2005 wedding is planned in Watch Hill, Rhode Island.

Rosenthal-Hagopian

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Rosenthal of La Plata, Md., formerly of Springfield, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Casey Shea, to Eric Andrew Hagopian, son of Carl F. and Patricia A. Hagopian of Hingham.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, Syracuse University and holds a master's degree in bioengineering from Syracuse. She is employed as a biomedical engineer at EMKA Technologies in Falls Church, Va.



Casey Shea Rosenthal and Eric Hagopian

Her fiancé is a graduate of Hingham High School, and also graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as a programmer/analyst consultant for SRA, International in Fairfax, Va.

A spring, 2005, wedding is planned.



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OPEN HOUSE

From left, Jim Sandell, Werner Diekmann, Stuart Ivimey, and Tom Gruber cut the ribbon to officially open the two apartments at the Pratt Building on Sunday. The apartments will provide affordable housing for people over 55.



A crowd heads for a tour of the two new apartments in the Paul Pratt Building which is now the headquarters of the Cohasset Historical Society. With Town Meeting approval, the town's Community Preservation Fund provided the money to build the apartments.

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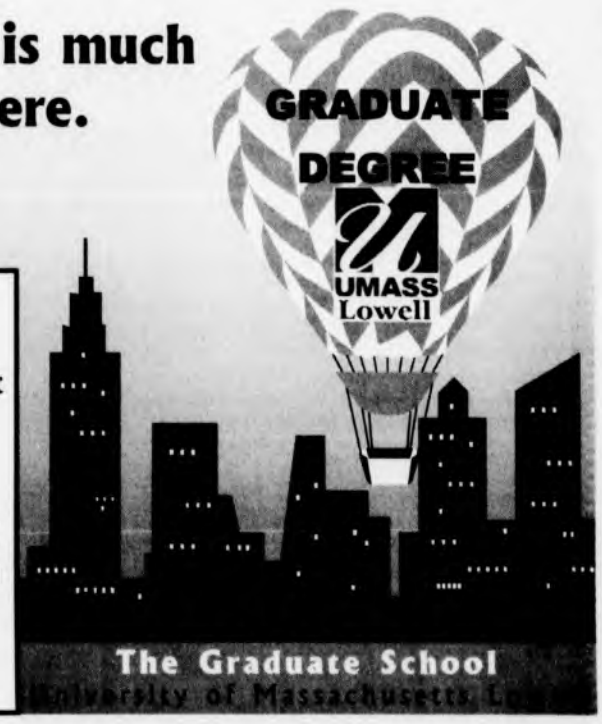
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GUEST EDITORIAL

An open letter to residents

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This information will help guide the police department in developing strategies to provide the public safety services our town both wants and deserves. After completion, please return the survey to the Cohasset Police Department on Elm Street by Sept. 24.

Thank you in advance for participating in this survey. We look forward to working with you to ensure our community is safe for everyone. If you have any questions about the survey, feel free to contact me at 781-383-1055.

Copies of the survey are also available at Town Hall, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, the Senior Center, and at the police station. Copies may also be downloaded from the CPD Web site at: www.cohassetpolice.com.

— James M. Hussey
Chief of Police

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

St. Stephen's sidewalk upgrades

This letter was sent to the Selectmen and the Downtown Revitalization Review Committee. A copy was also provided to the Mariner for publication.

TO THE EDITOR:

You're all intelligent people. You all have abilities, thoughts, ideas and suggestions that contribute to your value to these two groups as well as the Town. You are all in the positions to be decision makers — to use your judgement regarding various aspects of the revitalization of the Village. And yet you insist on including in the plans the sidewalk beneath the Episcopal Church. You all know deep down in your minds that this was a mistake — is a mistake. It grew like paths turn into roadways then highways but in this case it grew in the wrong place.

All of you should experience this "sidewalk" in use — see the near hits that occur. All of you should visit that area and watch. I don't mean at midnight or other off peak times. I mean during a normal weekday — and you'll see near hits. And sometimes you'll see a hit and you're going to be very unhappy when you do.

If my information is correct this area will be cut back five feet from the existing roadway. This means some cutting back of the Episcopal Church steps. This also means some cutting back of the entrance to the new store the Wild Plum.

There was $169,000 allotted to this sidewalk about seven years ago. Inflation (10 percent) will have changed that total to about $185,900. Now add the fund needed to cut back the church steps and the entrance to the Wild Plum. These figures are unknown. Let's use a figure of $50,000 to cover them. The total now for the unnecessary and dangerous sidewalk is now $235,900. And the other figures that are unknown are those for lawsuits from the individual(s) that will be killed or injured on that sidewalk.

Easy answer - return the $169,000 to the State — cancel that part of the project. Save yourselves and the residents $66,900 and sleep at night.

The pedestrians who would use the unnecessary and dangerous sidewalk now are directed across the street at the Wild Plum and at the Episcopal steps. There is a safe sidewalk there already.

Hamilton T. Tewksbury
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POLITICAL NOTES

Local GOP convention event

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Not long ago, I was reminded of how often we take for granted the small — dare I say, common — events that unfold every day out there in the natural world.

I have a friend, Andrea, whom I met last fall when I enrolled in the tin whistle class she was teaching at the Irish Cultural Center in Canton. I don't think that she would mind my now presuming a friendship, even though we first got to know each other in a teacher/student capacity. She fulfilled one of my deepest desires (my secret is out!), that being to learn to play the tin whistle. A simple instrument in terms of its construction — it is little more than a piece of rolled metal with six holes and a mouthpiece — the whistle is as common as it is simple, played by young and old alike all over Ireland. Simplicity, though, can be deceiving. In the hands of someone like Andrea, the whistle can make hauntingly, mysteriously beautiful and layered music that evokes deep and heartfelt emotion.

Perhaps because of its association with the ancient Irish landscape, whenever I hear it played the whistle speaks to me of nature, the rhythms of swirling wind and seeping mist, breaking waves, sweet bird song and the whispering, primal Earth. And, like the whistle nature, too, can be deceptively simple, so available that we take for granted its capacity to touch something deep within us, to rekindle our wonder and delight.

And so it happened that I was standing in my driveway one evening with Andrea after returning home from a concert. In the diffused glow of my garage lights and a nearby street light, the arched and crooked branches of the Catalpa at the edge of my driveway gave the tree an eccentric posture, a very different posture from its rather stately daytime incarnation. This year, the tree had an especially profuse bloom with huge trusses of white flowers nearly covering the big, heart-shaped leaves. The flowers, with their very subtle, cloying fragrance are about two inches across, trumpet-shaped and flecked with a yellow and purple spotting that is said to be unique to each blossom, a flower fingerprint if you will. While Andrea and I stood talking, blossoms dropped, one by one, like dollops of wet snow covering a corner of the yard, a scene that Andrea described as magical. And, indeed it was, especially in the deep stillness and shadowy dark of the late hour.

It is not often enough that we are still and quiet, that we let nature's magic show itself. Though I am outside all day, working in the yard, I am always moving from one task to another, trying to get the yard just right, but rarely taking the time to enjoy the yard and its many small events. But every summer, it seems, there is a moment that reminds me to be still and quiet, to notice things. This year's moment was that night under the Catalpa tree and since then I have tried to make time every day to enjoy the swirl of perfumes, the visitors to the yard and the unseen voices tucked away in the trees.

From out front comes a delicious fragrance, ghostlike in the way it invisibly wraps around the yard and tickles the nostrils. The haunting perfume is from the Basswood tree, swarming with bees that will turn the flowers' nectar into honey. Nearby is a mulberry tree, a Red mulberry I think, that was a gift from the birds that dropped a seed some years ago and are now enjoying the fruits of their labor. Like the profusion of blossoms on my Catalpa, my mulberry has had its own profusion — of juicy purple, blackberry-like fruits — that has become a natural feeder for the songbirds. The fruits of the mulberry are unusual in that they ripen over the span of several weeks, not all at once as many fruits do. Despite the variety of goodies that I set out for the birds, never have I had the kind of activity that I have had this summer in the mulberry. Red squirrels and chipmunks have joined the festivities, scooting across the stone wall and up and down the tree trunk. Branches quiver with Baltimore orioles and cardinals — both the dashing males and the more demure females — with Red-bellied woodpeckers and catbirds





Perhaps because of its association with nature, the whistle, played by Pan and Peter Pan, is often used in garden statuary.

that pluck the berries and wing away to their nests. I quietly approach the tree to get a closer look and the flock explodes in a frenzy from behind the leaves. Why do they fear me and not my cat, sitting under the tree watching their every move? Can they know he is not a threat, that he has reached the age where he is no longer a predator, only a spectator?

One pair of catbirds, nesting on the other side of my yard, was the first to discover the banquet. I've watched them all summer making their round trips, berry in beak as they plunge into the tangle of thorns that is protecting their nest. The male has stood guard all summer, chasing off the gang of sparrows that had always made claim to the shrub. The Orioles and woodpeckers grab their berries and fly away into the neighbors' yards. Come the fall, when the trees drop their leaves, I'll look for their nests where they are living their mysterious lives, all but invisible to us humans.

A year ago, fulfilling another long-time wish, we had a gazebo built at the back of the yard, at the edge of the woods, a perfect spot from which to take in the garden activity. A Ruby-throated hummingbird has found my feeder. This is the only species of hummingbird that visits the East coast and I last saw one four or five years ago when the little jewel flitted back and forth through the stream of my hose. I thought it was a big bug until I realized it was a hummingbird, the only bird that can fly backwards. The sight of it left me transfixed, then, and still does now every time she visits, beating her tiny wings dozens of times each second, hovering with her needle-like bill in the nectar. I watch her land on a branch overhead and I hope that that is where she has decided to build her tiny nest, no bigger than half a walnut, woven of plant fibers and lined with spider silk. But, her repose is momentary and she flits away.

The Mourning doves scratch around under the feeders for the seed spilled by sparrows. One bird seems especially content to just sit. Thinking it injured, I approach and it allows me to get close enough to see its delicate turquoise orbital ring and neck iridescence. The goldfinches vie for a perch on the thistle feeder, bouncing off over the air after they've had their feed. A red-tailed hawk circles overhead and a Blue jay swoops in to grab the peanuts I've scattered on the ground, scattering all the other birds with its aggressive entrance.

An Eastern chipmunk has made its home under the gazebo and I see it scurrying back and forth from the birdfeeders, its cheek pouches stuffed with seeds and corn kernels. Chipmunks, those cute, colorful, friendly members of the squirrel family, have been everywhere this summer, thanks to a bounty of acorns last fall that enabled the population to survive the harsh winter. I imagine the chipmunk's underground den, turned winter bunker, piled with the eight pounds of food that the little fellow will collect before it hunkers down for a partial hibernation.

As twilight spreads, the bats emerge to perform their aerial maneuvers. A firefly twinkles in the woods, answered by the first star in the night sky.

Tomorrow will bring much of the same, as will the next day and the day after that and little that comes through the yard will be unusual. In fact, most of the goings-on are, dare I say, quite common. There's always the chance that something extraordinary and unusual will find it's way into the yard, but it would be a mistake to think that it would be any more mysterious or magical than the simple, everyday events — the flash of the cardinal's red, the whine of the dog day cicada, the flutter of a Viceroy butterfly, the perfume of a rose blossom — in which nature's elegance and eloquence are so poetically expressed.

I think that's why I like the tin whistle whose simplicity so eloquently interprets the mysteries of nature, her melancholy and joy, her harmony and dissonance, all the happenings from dawn to dark that we too often take for granted.

Amy Whorf McGuiggan is a freelance writer living in her hometown, Hingham.

HEALTH NOTES

Fertilizer, pesticides at root of pollution

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Storm water, or really surface water runoff, is normally a healthy way for nature to "wash up" our land areas. The problem comes when we inadvertently introduce too much harmful material for the water to carry away naturally. Storm water of which we have aplenty this summer damages our ecosystem in many ways:

Storms cause physical destruction, but the less visible way is that thousands of tons of pollutants are carried into our streams, ponds and estuaries, by every rainfall, posing health threats, degrading and in some cases creating dead water bodies like the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico which is caused by fertilizer runoff from farming. It takes a much smaller introduction of chemicals to kill our sensitive smaller water bodies. Harmful lawn care practices are a fairly recent development; arriving with the advent of phosphate mining for farming and the intensive marketing of fertilizers. You might say that purveyors of turf builders and weed controllers have the same effect on our lawns as fast food establishments and Coollata vendors have on our overweight population.

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The mantra of the so-called "perfect lawn" has damaged our environment and changed our way of life — a process which will continue for decades until we somehow wake up and recognize what has happened.

• It took Rachel Carson to warn us about DDT, and repair to the environment took about 20 years.

• Musquashicutt and Straits Pond have had midges for decades, and it took until this year for us to recognize that increasing salt water flushing will control the midges.

Other danger signs are all around us:

• Shellfish beds closed.

• Bassing Beach and Cohasset Cove closed to swimming for much of the summer.

• Changes in water flow in upper Little Harbor causing nearly three months of green algae instead of a few weeks in June.

• Flow from Mealys Pond, a former ice pond (when we all had ice boxes) on Beechwood Street into a fetid algae covered swamp.

• Pegram's Brook taking all the algae nutrients from Mealy's and spreading them into the Gulf River.

• The findings from the Center for Student Coastal Research that there are several "hot spots" of enterococci from point sources

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Revisionist Olympic history — bet you didn't know

DISPATCH FROM ATHENS

MIKE ELLIS

The origins of the ancient Olympic games are linked with many myths. So too are the origins of the modern Olympic games. Myth, and a variety of body parts!

French Baron Pierre de Coubertin has been generally credited with reviving the pagan festival and founding the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to protect the valuable franchise. On his death, his heart was plucked from his body and buried in Ancient Olympia.

True, de Coubertin was the heart and soul behind the 1896 games, But what the IOC doesn't mention — and still refuses to acknowledge — is that the brains behind the modern Olympic games were buried in the cornerstone of his namesake building well before the Frenchman was even born.

In this case, it was the freedom fighter Evangelis Zappas, who provided both the drive and the drachmas. Zappas made a fortune in the Romanian distillery business following the War of Independence (1821) with the Ottoman Turks. In Romania, Zappas corresponded with other Greek patriots about the possibility of staging a modern Olympic games to restore the brilliance of the ancient days, and bolster the morale of a country emerging from a 400-year occupation.

Zappas later returned to Greece a wealthy man, and immediately put his plan into action with the fledgling Greek government. With Zappas footing the bill, the first modern Olympics were staged in the Greek capital in 1859, featuring familiar events such as the 200-meter sprint alongside less orthodox sports such as "bladdering" in which athletes leapt six times over a wine skin. Athens hosted three more successful games from 1870 to 1889, all of which included competitions in music, drama and poetry as it had been in ancient times.

Zappas' work, however, was successfully expunged from the Olympic record by the Baron de Coubertin in his 12,000-page "Memoires Olympiques," crediting himself as the sole architect. Only recently, academics have uncovered the documents and personal histories which detailed Zappas' contributions. Although the IOC won't deny the veracity of the facts, they maintain that de Coubertin's legacy is of primary importance.

For his part, Zappas' Olympic legacy includes the Zappion Hall — one of Athens' centerpieces built for gymnastics in 1873 and still in use today. Upon his death, and according to his wishes, Zappas was decapitated. His head was entoumbed in the Zappion, and the remainder sent to the village of his birth. His ghost is now a spectator at the homecoming of the Athens' games.

Mike Ellis migrated west to Colorado soon after graduating from CHS in 1982. He is providing weekly updates for us during the Olympics.



The Zappas crypt, which contains the head of Evangelis Zappas.



The Zappion Hall, with statue of Evangelis Zappas at left.



Evangelis Zappas and Michael Ellis enjoying a moment together at the Zappion Hall, Athens.

Gold medal for lobster-eating

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see where Sonya Thomas of Alexandria, Va., has won the gold medal in lobster-eating.

No, not in the Olympic Games in Athens, silly, but in the World Lobster Eating Games in Kennebunk, Maine.

Sonya, who weighs in at 105 pounds, put away 38 lobsters or 9.76 pounds of meat in 12 minutes while the silver medalist, Jason "Crazy Legs" Conti of Boston, could only down 7.65.

The last time I saw that much lobster it was on the menu at the Hearth and Kettle and there were no figures after it, only the ominous notation "Market Value," which means we won't tell you how much it was until after you eat it.

And to think the Pilgrims used to look at lobsters the way we look at dogfish and feed them to the hogs.

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Anyhow, Sonya won $500 in cash money and a championship belt known as "The Claw" for her efforts at the lobster table and the Associated Press thought enough of her fete to devote eight paragraphs to it on a busy news day.

That reminds me of all the publicity that little (120 pounds soaking wet) Japanese boy got when he won the annual hot dog eating contest at Nathan's on Coney Island for the third or fourth time.

I recall that a couple of years ago Boston sent former Bruin Lyndon Byers to New York to represent us in the Nathan's eat-in and he returned soundly trounced by the same small Japanese eating machine.

Lyndon weighed in at about 220 pounds when he was playing for the Bruins and if you've seen him lately you'd think he has been practicing for a rematch ever since.

But I digress . . .

It is interesting to note that Thomas, the lobster queen, also holds the record for eating hard-boiled eggs and Ed "Cookie" Jarvis of New York, who finished fourth behind Thomas in the lobsterfest, claims the world's record for eating corned beef and cabbage.

Is there a tour for professional eaters to show off their talents like the one the PGA has for professional golfers?

What is there about eating that so excites Americans that they hardly have time to take up the latest diet that promises them they can eat all they want and still lose enough weight to get into last summer's bathing suit?

I'm a great Sopranos fan. Have you noticed that when Tony is not whacking out somebody, he's eating? And when Carmella is not yelling at Tony, she's cooking?

I'm also a Robert Parker fan. How many times has Spenser put his detecting aside to whip up from scratch in his gourmet kitchen a delicious coq au vin for Susan Silverman?

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, the best eating contests were for small boys on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day when a blueberry pie was placed in front of them and they had to eat it with no hands.

Cohasset Harbor study raises new questions

CSCR REPORT

RYAN DAVIS

Further compounding the analysis is the proximity of the entrance to James Brook, which, as of yet, has not been tested by the CSCR for bacteriological agents.

As part of the CSCR's ongoing effort to ascertain the health of Cohasset Harbor, a team of students has collected data on the enterococci bacteria levels therein. These students have concluded that their data represent a significant improvement in water quality.

In Massachusetts, a body of water is deemed safe by the Department of Public Health for bathing based on the geometric mean of the enterococci colonies per 100-mL sample over a 30-day period. The current standard is either an average of 35 colonies per 100 mL for a representative sampling or 104 for any individual sampling date. The CSCR group, comprised of Caren Garber, Kara Wilcox, and Lara Novak, has been sampling since the beginning of July and thinks that its findings elucidate several trends regarding rainfall and flushing in the harbor.

At two inner harbor sites, the lobstermen's pier by Gulf Bridge and the Cohasset Sailing Club dock, the average enterococci counts fell below the standard set for safe bathing – 33.17 and 22.36 respectively. However, at the inner harbor third sampling site, the fishermen's pier by Atlantica, an unsafe level was recorded – an average of 43.36 colonies per 100 mL. At a fourth site, near to the mouth of the Gulf River, the highest average was recorded – 44.23 colonies. Given that these averages included data taken after the remnants of Hurricane Charley swept through the area, washing debris and waste into the watershed, it is likely that the average colony counts would have been even lower over a more routine sampling period. This is particularly true for the Gulf River site, which is subject to greater pollution from runoff than the harbor given that its dilution potential is less than that of the harbor.

Jack Buckley, CSCR president, summarized the group's conclusions based on the differences between the Atlantica site and the other two: "[the so-called Atlantica cove] doesn't flush as well as the rest of the harbor." In support of this hypothesis, the group highlighted a glaring trend in their data: the colony count never exceeded 100 at high tide, while at low and mid tides levels rose as high as 2005 colonies, the greatest countable number. If their hypothesis is correct, it could mean that there is not necessarily a point source of pollution entering the harbor – instead, non-point source pollution could be simply accumulating in one section of the harbor that does not get flushed as frequently or as thoroughly. However, Mr. Buckley did acknowledge that more evidence is needed to substantiate the claim that it is not flushed as often.

He also pointed out that the outfall pipe from the Cohasset Wastewater Treatment Plant discharges in the vicinity of the so-called Atlantica cove. Further compounding the analysis is the proximity of the entrance to James Brook, which, as of yet, has not been tested by the CSCR for bacteriological agents.

Richard Nye, the Cohasset Wastewater Treatment Plant operator, strongly decried the notion that the outfall pipe's discharge could be contributing to the elevated levels nearby. He pointed out the plant's rigorous testing of the treated water. He noted that fecal coliform testing is done "consistently three times a week – and [the colony count] is always less than 1 [colony]," also adding that "only a couple times a year [do counts exceed] more than 1 [colony]." He quantified his data by adding that fecal coliform counts roughly correlate to enterococci counts because of UV treatment process for wastewater. UV rays are equally harmful to both species and so low fecal coliform counts should correspond to low enterococci counts.

When pressed for a conclusion based on the CSCR's data, Mr. Nye offered the possibility of James Brook, which has not been tested since he personally collected data before the opening of the new treatment plant. At that time, he measured in James Brook levels of "2000 plus [colonies] of fecal coliform upstream of the treatment plant, and that was before the new sewers went in." (The homologous standard for fecal coliform is 1000 colonies per 100 mL, which "shall be considered a guide requiring additional investigation, survey or special analyses as may be necessary," according to Massachusetts law.)

Further analysis of their data ensures that CSCR students will be busy in the coming days and weeks.

Ryan Davis is a student at the CSCR. He is an upcoming senior at Phillips Academy in Andover and lives in Hingham.

Police Town Survey

Cohasset Police Department
Public Safety Survey

Directions: *Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge. All of your responses will be confidential. Please return to: Cohasset Police Department, Public Safety Survey, 62 Elm Street, Cohasset, MA. 02025.*

Section I: Crime in the Town of Cohasset

1. Please rate the seriousness of the following crimes and quality of life issues in Cohasset for the past 5 years. (Check only one box for each item)

	Serious Problem	Somewhat of a Problem	Minor Problem	Not a Problem	Don't Know
Burglary/House Breaks					
Assaults					
Domestic Violence					
Unlawful drug use					
Unsupervised house parties					
Animal control problems					
Drinking groups in woods/parks					
Graffiti					
Litter					
Loitering					
Property theft					
Speeding motor vehicles					
Drunk driving					
Credit card/check fraud					
Skateboarding/rollerblading in business districts					
Vehicle theft					
Harassing/Annoying phone calls					
Vandalism					
Parking problems					
Solicitors					
Bicycles on sidewalks					
Pedestrian safety					
Underage drinking					
Unnecessary noise					
Other (explain):					

2. Have you ever been the victim of a crime ***in*** Cohasset? [ ] No [ ] Yes

3. Have you ever been the victim of a crime ***outside*** Cohasset? [ ] No [ ] Yes

4. In Cohasset, have you ever: (Check all that apply)

[ ] Stopped to ask an officer advice or directions
[ ] Stopped to talk to a police officer about a community issue
[ ] Called the police station to discuss a community issue
[ ] Been involved in a traffic accident which required police intervention
[ ] Been involved in a police/community outreach program (ex. Citizen Police Academy, Child Safety Seats, etc.)
[ ] Been stopped for a traffic offense
[ ] Been questioned by the police and released (other than for a traffic offense)
[ ] Reported a crime
[ ] Been arrested
[ ] Filed a formal complaint against a Cohasset Police Officer/Department

5. In your opinion, how much have the following factors contributed to the crime rate in Cohasset over the past 5 years? (Check only one box for each subject)

	Large Influence	Moderate Influence	Slight Influence	No Influence	Don't Know
Courts are too lenient					
Drug/alcohol abuse					
Lack of alternative activities for youth					
Lack of education					
Lack of jobs/employment					
Limited police presence					
Poor parenting					
Intolerance of differences based on race, religion, sexual orientation, etc.					
Lack of respect					
Affluence					
Other (explain):					

6. What kind of security do you use at home? (Check all that apply-this survey is anonymous)

[ ] alarm system [ ] sensor lights [ ] standard door & window locks
[ ] window grills [ ] dead bolt locks [ ] anti-open devices in windows
[ ] dog [ ] exterior/interior burglar bars [ ] do not secure home

7. In your opinion, how likely is it that you will be the victim of a ***property*** crime in Cohasset over the next 5 years?

[ ] highly likely [ ] moderately likely [ ] slightly likely [ ] Not at all

8. In your opinion, how likely is it that you will be the victim of a ***violent*** crime in Cohasset over the next 5 years?

[ ] highly likely [ ] moderately likely [ ] slightly likely [ ] Not at all

9. How much time do you spend actively participating in the community (community-based programs, committees, boards, etc.) each month?

[ ] 1-7 hrs [ ] 8-12 hrs [ ] 13-20 hrs [ ] 21+ hrs [ ] don't participate

10. In your opinion, compared to other south shore communities, how safe is Cohasset overall?

[ ] safer [ ] about the same [ ] less safe [ ] don't know

11. What do you believe about the prevalence of crime in Cohasset? (Please check only one category)

[ ] Crime has increased in Cohasset over the last five years
[ ] Crime has remained the same in Cohasset of the last five years
[ ] Crime has decreased in Cohasset over the last five years
[ ] Don't know

12. Please check one response for each statement

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
I feel safe at home					
I feel safe walking alone in my neighborhood after dark					
I feel safe walking with others after dark in my neighborhood					
I feel that my personal property is safe when I leave home					
When returning home at night, I feel safe					
I feel safe leaving my home/car unlocked during the day in Cohasset					
I feel safe walking alone in Cohasset's shopping districts at night					
I feel safe walking with others in Cohasset's shopping districts at night					
I feel safe alone in parks and beach areas in Cohasset					
I feel safe with others in parks and beach areas in Cohasset					

13. How serious is the illegal drug problem in the following areas in Cohasset? (Please check one box for each item)

	Very Serious	Somewhat Serious	Slight Serious	Not Serious	Don't Know
High School					
Middle School					
Elementary School					
Playgrounds and recreation areas					
Within the adult community					

Section II: The Department

14. Please respond whether you agree or disagree with the following statements: (Please check one box for each item)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The police presence in my neighborhood is appropriate for the need					
Traffic enforcement in Cohasset meets the needs of the community					
The Police Department gives proper attention to minor crimes (i.e. vandalism, disturbances, etc.)					
The Police Department is providing appropriate community education and outreach programs					
Efforts of the Police Department to enforce the law are compatible with community needs					
Cohasset police officers perform an appropriate amount of patrolling on foot in Cohasset Center					
There is an appropriate representation of female officers on the Cohasset Police Department					
The Police Department responds to emergency calls in a timely manner					
Cohasset police officers respect the rights of individuals and treat people fairly					
Telephone calls to the Cohasset police station are handled professionally and courteously					
A formal complaint brought against a Cohasset police officer will receive a fair, objective, and timely response					
Cohasset police officers look professional in appearance					
Question 14 continued (Please check one box for each item)	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Police information provided in the local newspaper is useful					
I have confidence in the Cohasset Police Department to ***prevent*** crime					
I have confidence in the Cohasset Police Department to ***solve*** crime					
Cohasset police officers provide timely and useful information to persons reporting crimes					
The Cohasset Police Department publicizes its services and programs adequately					

Section III: Demographic Information

15. How long have you lived in Cohasset?

[ ] less than one year [ ] 1-3 years [ ] 4-10 years [ ] 11-20 years [ ] 21+ years

16. How old are you?

[ ] 18-24 [ ] 25-34 [ ] 35-44 [ ] 45-54 [ ] 55-64 [ ] 65 or older

17. What is your gender? [ ] Male [ ] Female

18. How many people are in your household?

[ ] 1 person [ ] 2-3 people [ ] 4-5 people [ ] 6+ people

19. Do you have any children under the age of 21 living in your household?

[ ] No [ ] Yes If yes, please list their ages here: _____

20. Do you own or rent your home? [ ] Own [ ] Rent [ ] Other _____

21. Average household yearly income before taxes?

[ ] under $30,000 [ ] $30,000-59,000 [ ] $60,000-89,999 [ ] $90,000-119,999
[ ] $120,000+

22. What is your current employment status? (Please check only one box)

[ ] Employed [ ] Unemployed [ ] Student
[ ] Self-employed [ ] Disabled [ ] House wife/husband
[ ] Retired [ ] Other: _____

23. What is your race?

[ ] Caucasian [ ] African-American [ ] Asian [ ] Hispanic [ ] Other

24. Do you or anyone in the household own any firearms for sport or protection against crime?

[ ] Yes, Sport [ ] Yes, Both [ ] Choose not to answer
[ ] Yes, Protection against crime [ ] No, Neither

Section IV: Your Comments

Please feel free to use additional pages as necessary.

The thing I like best about the Cohasset Police Department is:

The thing I would most like to see improved at the Cohasset Police Department is:

How do you think the Cohasset Police Department can improve its communication with citizens about crime and police services in Cohasset?

Other comments or expansion of previous answers are welcome. Please attach them on a sheet of paper.

HEALTH NOTES

Fertilizer, pesticides at root of pollution

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readily identified which are contributing substantial amounts of bacteria into the upper Gulf.

We never think that by heedlessly spreading chemicals and pesticides on our carefully maintained lawns and gardens we are planting next year's problems.

If we think our gardeners and lawn specialists know what they are doing, they do! They are using the easiest and cheapest way to profit from our need for a neat, well managed plot of land around our property; neither the cheapest for the homeowner nor the method with the least damage to the environment.

What to do? Well, there's a group, the Water Resource Protection Committee (WRPC) who are beginning a public outreach program and believe the town needs four things:

- A policy which tells us what experts say is the best option for landowners on turf management.
- Care in selecting professionals, manifested by the WRPC creating and maintaining a listing of lawn care professionals.
- WRPC guidelines on practices by turf management specialists which will be a prerequisite for getting on the WRPC list.
- Local neighborhood groups leading neighborhoods in development of the most appropriate lawn-care methods.

You'll read more of this important committee in the future, but in the meantime, remember the citizens promoting this environmental viewpoint are not fuzzy headed tree huggers, but practical scientists who know about which they speak. Nor do they have an axe to grind; none are developers or in real estate nor interested in selling plant food or any of the other things we are instructed to buy for our "better lifestyle" or revitalization. They just want to preserve the existing beauty of our town for its future generations.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Filing sets stage for water sale to Hingham's Linden Ponds

The Water Commission has filed a Water Management Act permit application and an Interbasin Transfer application, to allow the Commission to sell up to an average of 306,000 gallons of water a day to the Linden Ponds (Erickson Retirement Communities) development in Hingham.

"The Water Commission has signed a contract to sell up to 306,000 gallons. to Linden Ponds over the next 20 years," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission. "This sale of water will provide revenue to help us to continue our aggressive water system improvements program, while not significantly depleting our supply. Cohasset uses about 710,000 gallons of water per day on an annual basis, while the water supply is capable of safely delivering more than 3,000,000 gallons per day."

The Water Management Act permit application is to withdraw an additional 380,000 gallons per day from the Cohasset water supply. The 380,000 gallon figure is the projected amount of water that the Town of Cohasset will need over the next 20 years plus the water to be sold to Erickson. Comments on this application may be submitted until Sept. 30 to the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection Northeast Regional Office, One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108.

The Interbasin Transfer Act permit is to allow the Cohasset Water Commission to deliver up to 306,000 gallons of water per day from the Cohasset supplies in the South Coastal Watershed to Linden Ponds, in the Weir River Watershed. This application is anticipated to be discussed at the Oct. 14 meeting of the state Water Resources Commission and voted on at their Nov. 14 meeting.

Copies of the applications are available for review at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall, and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Notice of these applications was published in the Aug. 25 Environmental Monitor, which can be viewed at:

http://www.mass.gov/envir/mepa/secondlevelpages/environmentalmonitor.htm

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Belz Realty-Atlantic Bagel, 45 South Main St., interior renovations, new bathrooms, $75.000; Ralph Troupe, 91 Nichols Rd., renovate bath, remove wall, 2 windows, $15,000; Gregory/Barbara Wipf, 3 Ripley Rd., remodel basement, 3/4 bath, $30,000; Agnes MacDonald, 49 Ripley Rd., rebuild front stairs, replace decking, $2,500; Martin, 169 Linden Drive, renovate porch, $25,000; Russell/Sheps, 433 King St., reroof 24 squares, $7,500; Paul Davis, 38 Rocky Lane, tennis court, $25,000; Cohasset Golf Club, 15 Lamberts Lane, tent 8/27 to 8/30, $1,485; Joe and Kathy Iantosca, 20 Carbone Lane, tent 8/19 to 8/23, $685; McLoughlin, 44 Stockbridge St., windows, reside, re-roof, $20,000; St. of St. Joseph's, 339 Jerusalem Rd., re-roof 14 squares, $10,000; Declaw Lee, 60 Summer St., rework 2nd level bath, dormer, $30,000; Andrew Koropey, 26 Rustic Drive, sidewall 5 squares, $4,000; Michael and Lisa Dick, 27 Parker Ave., sidewall 6 squares, $4,000; William Burnett, 45 Windy Hill Rd., sidewall 6 squares, $9,000; Lighthouse, Lighthouse Lane, tent 9/3 to 9/6, $880; Stuart Ivimey, 7 Sankey Rd., walk in closet, remodel bath, windows, $52,180.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Cohasset Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail us at beaconhill@aol.com or call us at (617)720-1562.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on three roll calls and local representatives' votes on one roll call from recent sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

INTEREST EARNINGS ON STATE FUNDS (H 4850)

House 134-22, Senate 31-7, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $150,000 in funding for the state treasurer's office for administrative, transactional and research expenses associated with maintaining and increasing the interest earnings on the state's general fund and Rainy Day Fund investments. Override supporters said this funding enhances the research capabilities to help ensure that the state earns the maximum interest possible on its investments. They noted that it also covers administrative expenses that the state incurs when trading its short-term investments. In his veto message, Romney said he vetoed the funding because it is not consistent with his original fiscal 2005 budget recommendation. (A "Yea" vote is for the $150,000. A "Nay" vote is against the $150,000).

DISSECTION OF FROGS IN SCHOOLS (H 1252)

Senate 35-3, approved and Gov. Romney vetoed a bill mandating that the Board of Education establish guidelines requiring all public schools to allow students who do not want to participate in frog or any other dissection in science class, to demonstrate their competency through an alternative method. The measure prohibits requiring a student to watch another student perform the dissection as an alternative method and forbids a teacher from discriminating against any student who chooses not to participate. Supporters of the bill said forcing students to participate in these dissections is unfair and argued that many people are squeamish or have moral, ethical or religious problems with the procedure. They noted there are several alternative technological methods, including computerized dissection, to accomplish the same educational goals for students who object to participation. Some noted that advanced computer software might be an even more effective teaching tool than actual dissection. Some opponents of the bill said that local communities, rather than the state, should have the power to decide whether local students should have the choice to opt out of performing a dissection. They noted that the state curriculum framework already addresses this issue by encouraging schools to allow alternatives to dissection. Others said the bill would send an anti-research message and discourage biomedical research companies from locating in Massachusetts. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against the bill).

LOCAL OPTION OF DISSECTION OF FROGS IN SCHOOLS (H 1252)

Senate 11-27, rejected an amendment to the bill requiring all public schools to allow students who do not want to participate in frog or any other dissection in science class, to demonstrate their competency through an alternative method. The amendment would make the requirement effective in a city or town only if approved by the local school committee. Amendment supporters said this home rule amendment would leave this important educational decision up to local communities and prevent the state from imposing the requirement. Amendment opponents said the amendment guts the bill and would not protect many students who have "weak stomachs" or moral, ethical or religious problems with dissection. (A "Yea" vote is for the local option amendment. A "Nay" vote is against the local option amendment).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MANDATORY HELMETS (H 1920)- The Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Romney a bill requiring children under 16 to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle or using inline skates, skateboards or scooters on public ways. The measure also applies to passengers under 16. Current law requires only bicyclists under 12 to wear a helmet. The legislation also requires any store that rents or sells the equipment to display a sign informing customers of the new law.

FIRE SAFETY (H 4550)- Gov. Romney signed into law legislation making changes to the state's fire safety laws including increased penalties for violating some provisions of the laws. The legislation requires bars and nightclubs that hold more than 100 people to install a state-approved system of automatic sprinklers and offers a tax depreciation deduction for the costs. It also requires any club with a capacity of less than 100 to install the sprinklers if it is cited for exceeding the occupancy limit twice in one year. Other provisions provide $10 million for a fire fighting equipment grant program for local fire departments and $1.078 million in local grants for student awareness of fire education (SAFE) programs.

DAY CARE PROVIDERS (H 4418)- The House gave final approval to a proposal requiring all licensed day care providers to notify their local fire department in order to be listed in the department's computer and recognized as a day care site in the event of a fire or other crisis. Only final approval by the Senate is necessary prior to the measure going to the governor.

DRIVERS' LICENSES- The Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs said that drivers can help prevent identity theft if they stop using their social security numbers as their license numbers. The Registry of Motor Vehicles has for years given drivers the option of being assigned a random "S" number. Consumer Affairs Director Beth Lindstrom said that 46 percent of drivers are still using their social security numbers and noted that this number is the master key that criminals use to steal a person's identity and commit fraud. Beginning in October, drivers who renew their licenses on-line will no longer have the option of using their social security numbers as their license numbers. Only drivers who go in person to a full-service Registry office will have the option to request the use of their social security numbers.

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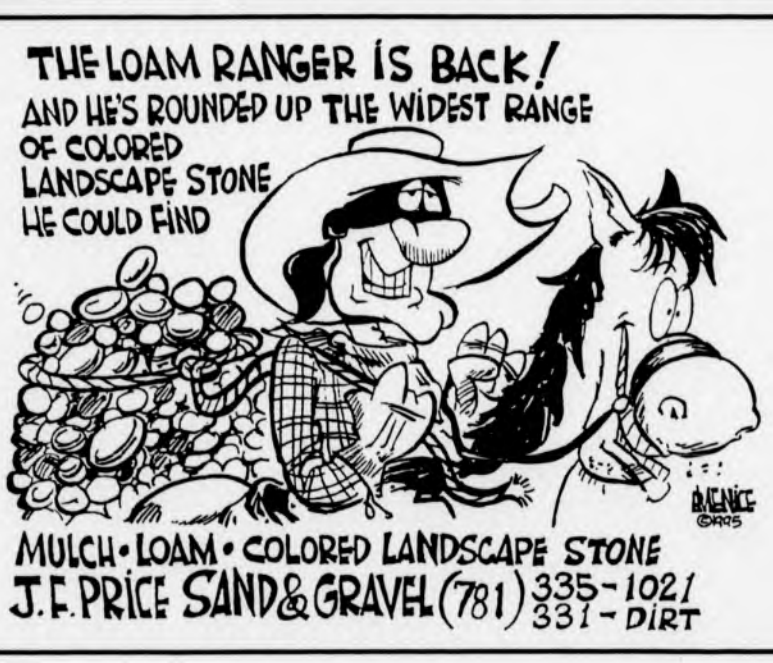
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Frisky felines take a summer vacation without permission

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October and had always lived indoors. But one Tuesday night, Pumpkin pushed the screen out of his window to freedom. "The girls were away and they didn't know he was missing," Altholtz said.

With many coyote sightings in the area, Altholtz wasn't optimistic about Pumpkin's being returned safely home, especially after talking to some of the neighbors who had reported hearing "unpleasant sounds" outside during the night. However, Altholtz didn't give in to pessimism.

Altholtz hung posters on telephone poles all over the neighborhood, but when his daughters, Maddy, 12 and Cally, 11, were about to come home, he quickly went from pole to pole taking each one down. "I didn't want them to find out about their cat from a poster on a telephone pole," he said.

However, Altholtz told the girls that sometimes cats come home on their own and Pumpkin could make his way home too. "I tried to keep some hope alive," he said.

But gradually Altholtz began to lose hope. He found some fur in the yard, which was not a good sign, and knowing Pumpkin had never been taught to face the great outdoors, the future seemed bleak. "The fact that there are so many coyotes didn't help bolster my confidence," he said.

However, Maddy and Cally didn't want to close the chapter on Pumpkin and wouldn't give up looking for him. The posters went back up in the neighborhood, and stayed up while the family left for a vacation in Georgia.

While on vacation, Lois Hughes, 488 North Main St., called Altholtz on his cell phone to tell him she had found a cat that matched Pumpkin's description. "She had found him on Saturday," after he had left the house Tuesday, and Pumpkin had been out on his own for a few days, Altholtz said. Hughes had kept Pumpkin at her house for roughly two weeks before seeing Pumpkin's poster, and called Altholtz right away.

"I told her we'd be back in a week," and Hughes agreed to cat-sit until they returned.

On the way to retrieve Pumpkin, Altholtz told the girls not to get their hopes up too high because there is always the chance the cat Hughes had wouldn't be Pumpkin. However, Altholtz said after just one look it was plain to see, "It was quite obviously Pumpkin." Although Maddy said Pumpkin looked a little skinnier than he had before he left, he had the same loud purr he always had when the girls picked him up.



Maddy Altholtz, 12, (sitting) and her sister, Cally, 11, are happy Pumpkin is home again.

While the girls were very happy to see their cat again, it was even more special because Pumpkin made it home in time to celebrate his first birthday on Aug. 2. "If we hadn't found him, we would have had to celebrate without him," Altholtz said. But thanks to some help from a kind neighbor, the family was able to celebrate together.

Oliver goes AWOL

On the day Pumpkin was found, Colby Smalzel's cat Oliver left on his summer adventure. "He's an outside cat," said Colby's mother Candy Ford, adding he's very friendly and has been known to visit other animals in the neighborhood. She said he often goes to visit a poodle down the road, and everyone in the neighborhood knows who he is. "He's an extremely friendly cat," which is why he always wears a tag with his name and address, Ford said, adding if the doors are open to a home, car, or anywhere else, "He'll walk right in." Ford said she has had to ask the milkman to please check his truck for Oliver when he leaves, because he'll crawl in to investigate when no one is looking.

Oliver was missing for almost two weeks when the family began to give up hope. He had just had a routine operation and wasn't wearing his collar, and finding him without it would be much more difficult. With his friendly personality, there was no telling where he might have gone. Colby, who had found Oliver in a newspaper ad in May 2003, began looking again for a new kitten.

Ford decided to take Colby to the Scituate Animal Shelter to see if there were any kittens there that needed a home. After looking around for a while and holding some of the kittens, Colby still hadn't found the one she knew she was meant to have, so she asked if there were any more cats in the building. She turned to look in one of the bottom cages and right there before her eyes was Oliver.

"The girl at the shelter actually got tears in her eyes," said Ford, adding the girl said being reunited with a lost pet almost never happens. Coincidentally, Oliver was found on Friday the 13th, which for Colby and her family, turned out to be a lucky day after all.

Back to school trunk show benefit

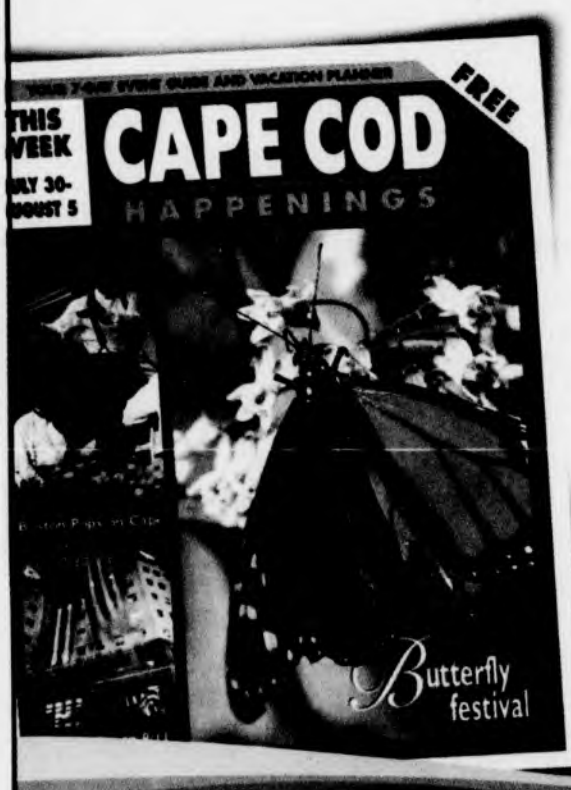
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The high-end clothing from "nicknackpattywack" – some of it designed by Cohasset's Karen Oronte, will be sold for an unbelievable $5-$25 per item.

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THEY'RE BACK.

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Cohasset High quarterback candidates run through a passing drill at Milliken Field earlier this week on Monday. The defending South Shore League champions Skippers opened camp on Monday, and the rest of the school's fall sports teams get going today.

Taking lax to the max

MaxLax lacrosse expands with opening of new facility in Pembroke

By Mike Spellman
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Sports Illustrated recently named lacrosse as the fastest growing youth sport in the country. So, is it finally ready to join the "Big Four" of youth athletics? Judging by the success of one local enterprise, some might say it already has.

With the explosion in interest in lacrosse in our region, it appears as if Curt Mills has long known what SI has just recently declared, as his lacrosse program has not only provided a solid foundation for this growth, but is helping to define and promote this fast emerging sport for players all over New England.

MaxLax Lacrosse Programs--currently headquartered in Cohasset, but with a planned

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Crawford's behavior ugly

American sprinter's antics a sad display

OLYMPIC NOTEBOOK

JULIE ANN NEVERO

One of things I've always enjoyed most about the Olympic Games is the camaraderie shared between athletes of different countries. One of the better rivalries of the 2004 Athens Games were the showdowns in the pool between American Michael Phelps and Australia's Ian Thorpe. The two battled in several races, all the while wishing each other well, constantly congratulating each other, and talking each other up in post-race interviews. Equally talented, the two men had the utmost respect for each other and that's what the Games are all about.

Perhaps someone should have mentioned this to Shawn Crawford.

While US sprinters have been traditionally cocky, I thought this particular American took it a little too far Saturday and Sunday nights. After winning his 100-meter quarterfinal heat Saturday night, Crawford ran another 15 meters and slammed his fist to the track before talking a big game into the camera. Hello, it was a quarterfinal! He hadn't really won anything yet. Anyway, that wasn't the worst of it. During Sunday's semifinal, Crawford and training partner Justin Gatlin were running side-by-side in lanes three and four. Both comfortably ahead of the field with roughly 10-meters to go, Crawford looked over at a focused Gatlin and waved his hand at him as if to tell him to "take the race".

In post-race interviews, Crawford said he was motioning

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New ADs step to the helm in Marinerland

EXTRA POINTS

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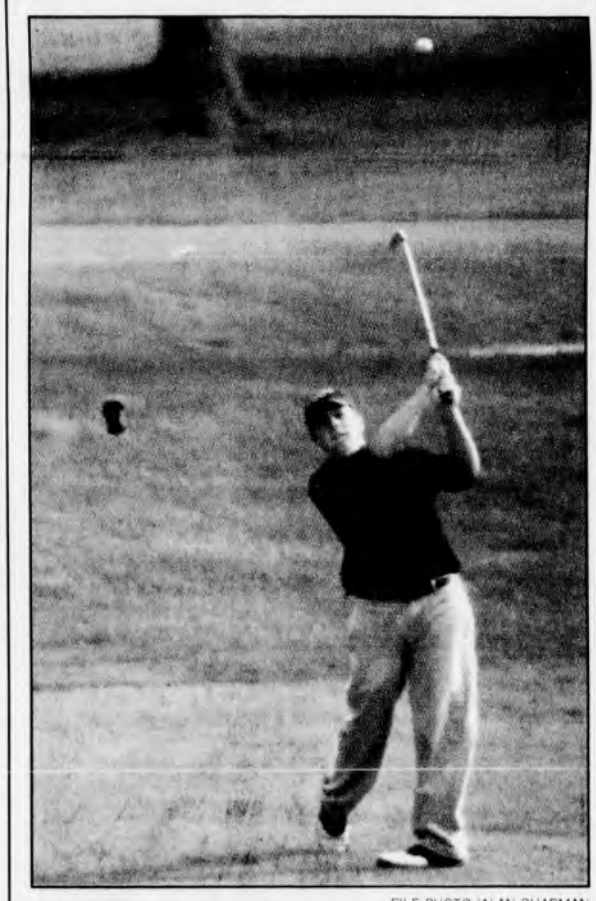
The high school year has just ended, and we already know of four new Athletic Directors in Marinerland.

Pembroke High will open its doors for the first time in a little more than two months with **Bill Fallon** bringing an impeccable resume from Foxboro High.

The prospect of starting a program from scratch as well, no doubt, as working with Fallon--who oversaw one of the more successful athletic departments, top to bottom, in Eastern Mass—brought out several quality candidates for the fall coaching positions. This list was announced last month and was highlighted by the name of one Foster Cass.

"Frosty," as Foster is more commonly known, is already arguably the most successful boys soccer coach in Massachusetts school boy history. Cass, who will turn 64 in August, retired as head coach at Duxbury High in 2002 after a 34-year career that saw him compile an amazing record of 575-63-44, which included a national record 72 straight wins, 12 Eastern Mass. titles, 17 sectional titles and 19 undefeated regular seasons.

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Tim Pilczak and the rest of the CHS golf team kick off the fall 2004 sports season with a match a week from today, Sept. 2, versus South Shore League rival Abington at Strawberry Valley Golf Course. See the complete fall athletic schedule in next week's Mariner.

The Cohasset 9A Travel Baseball Team won the District 8 -League Championship, August 12 at Connely Field in Whitman. Coached by Pete Timothy and Steve Kozma, the boys won their last seven games to take the title. Congratulations to all the players for a terrific summer season. This wonderful group of players was Conner Goetz, Jamie Timothy, Colin Gideon-Murphy, Trevor Schramn, Michael O'Brien, Conor Dooley, Connor O'Brien, Nick Brown, Christian Davis, Shane Haggerty and Craig Davis.

South Shore sports scene gets facelift

League changes aplenty on tap for 2004-'05

By Mike Spellman
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Regular followers of the local high school sports scene will no doubt be surprised by a lot of what they see this fall.

Old rivals we've all become use to seeing come to our home town high schools on a regular basis aren't going to be there any more. In place of these teams will be representatives from schools we've never before seen or, perhaps in some cases, even heard of.

This is all largely the final byproduct of the abrupt departure of nine schools from the Pilgrim Conference and the subsequent dissolution of the Conference—the home for many years of the South Shore League, Patriot League, Atlantic Coast League, Old Colony League and Big Three League.

The OCL receives the greatest facelift. That league was home to eight schools the last several years, but Plymouth South, North Quincy, Falmouth and Silver Lake have all exited. The former three schools were part of the nine-school exodus from the Pilgrim Conference, and will now join Nauset, Sandwich, Dennis-Yarmouth, Plymouth North, Whitman-Hanson and Quincy in a brand new Atlantic Coast League. Silver Lake took advantage of the fact the timing of this split coincided with the jump of Pembroke from its four-town region.

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SPORTS NOTES

CHS fall athletic practices get underway today

Football- Conditioning camp began this past Monday, and the first practice in pads is today behind the high school (4:30 p.m.).

Boys Soccer- first practice is Thursday, Aug. 26, 8:45 a.m. at Milliken Field

Girls Soccer- first practice is Thursday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m. at Milliken Field

Field Hockey- first practice is Thursday, Aug. 26, 9:30 a.m. at Deer Hill School

Golf

Thursday, Aug. 26, 3 p.m.- freshmen and sophomores only

Friday, Aug. 27, 3 p.m., juniors and seniors only

Monday, Aug. 30, 3 p.m.- freshmen and sophomores only

Wed, Sept. 1, 2 p.m., juniors and seniors only

All practices are at the Cohasset Country Club.

Signups for 21 Lacrosse

21 Lacrosse, a new lacrosse league based out of the Hingham Sports Center, is looking to run a few summer clinics. See the Website (***www.21lacrosse.com)*** for details.

All fall leagues are currently filling up for 21 lacrosse. If you are interested, you can fill out the application on-line (available after August 1), contact Bagby ***rbagby@21lacrosse.com*** or call 781-264-6030.

21 lacrosse will also be sponsoring an all-star team. They will be called the "Black Jacks" There will be an open tryout August 10-12, in eitehr Hingham or Marshfield. Details can be found on line or by contacting Bagby.

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Weymouth Club offers 'back to school' kids programs

Labor day is nearly upon us and it's "back to school time" for thousands of South Shore youngsters. The turn of the calendar will also signal the start of an eclectic schedule of fall fitness programs for school age youngsters at Weymouth Club in South Weymouth.

Among this fall's offerings at the South Shore's largest fitness complex will be a number of programs for youngsters in various age groups. These include Kids Karate for kids 5 to 10 years of age. The eight-week program will be held from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons, beginning September 21st. All skills levels are welcome.

Yoga for the Athletic Youth, a six-week program for ages 12 and up, will be held from 4-5 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons, beginning September 22nd. This program is designed to increase flexibility, enhance concentration and teach relaxation and stress reduction. It's non-competitive and fun, taught in a relaxing atmosphere.

The programs are open to both members and non-members on a course or drop in basis. For additional program information and fees, please call Weymouth Club at 781.337.4600.

For information, please contact Stephanie Meyers-Roche at Weymouth Club (781.337.4600) or Darryl Elliott at Bay State Physical Therapy (781.335.1151).



The Cohasset 14-year old all-star team captured the nine-team Suburban League championship two weeks ago with a thrilling 3-2 win over Cedar Grove of Dorchester. The core of this 14-player team was the 10 14-year olds: Sam DeGiacomo, Chris Rose, Cliff Musto, Ian Cundell, Tom Chase, Cody Morgan, Pat Doonan, Ken Muir, Kyle Pinkus and Dave Snowdale, who missed the end of the season after undergoing elbow surgery. The team also carried four 13 year olds- Evan Richardson, John Sturino, Adam Berger and Danny Martin—who also contributed, according to coach Mark DeGiacomo.

Crawford's behavior ugly

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at Gatlin for them to "cross the line together into the finals." Perhaps a nice thought for the close friends, but ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! This is the Olympics, not some neighborhood race between buddies. To his credit, Gatlin seemed surprised by Crawford's gesture, turning his head toward him in a seemingly reactionary way. But he didn't celebrate their advancement until after the race. AS HE SHOULD HAVE!

Never in my life had I seen such a disgusting display of unsportsman-like behavior at the Olympics. Crawford's show of arrogance and disrespect is exactly why some countries just plain hate Americans. Heck, even I kind of hated us after seeing that! True, Crawford was a favorite having run the fastest 100-meter time in the world this year, but again, winning your quarterfinal and semifinal heats still isn't really winning anything yet. Confident displays are part of track, which I've always maintained is about 80 percent mental, but there's a difference between being confident and being cocky. If you're going to be that cocky, you better back it up (i.e. winning when it counts).

Which brings me to the race that ACTUALLY mattered — the final. The American pair was again placed in neighboring lanes Gatlin in three, Crawford in four, with other contenders Asafa Powell of Jamaica and defending Olympic champ and American Maurice Greene in lane seven. (Greene has always been a dynamic character and this year, even went so far as to declare himself the "Greatest Of All Time", even donning a tattoo of a lion with the initials G.O.A.T on his shoulder).

Gatlin and Greene got great starts, but Gatlin surged with a late kick and out-leaned runner-up Francis Obikwelu of Portugal and Greene at the line to take the gold in 9.85 seconds. All that hoopla and the overly cocky Crawford, 26, didn't even medal, finishing fourth in a still very fast 9.89.

An elated Gatlin, 22, screamed with joy after winning before being embraced by Crawford then Greene. He then made the rounds with fans from the US and beyond, touching virtually every outstretched hand and accepting an olive wreath from a spectator clutching the flag of Greece.

During a post-race interview, a very humble Gatlin was quick to give credit to those who came before him, like Greene and Marion Jones, the women's dash champion at the 2000 Games in Sydney. Then, he gave a "shout-out" to his grandparents, thanking them for making his Mom and Dad. A bit corny, but genuine nonetheless. It was exactly how a champion should act. Respectfully and humbly. Pretty, non-cocky behavior for a guy who had just won the fastest 100-meter final in Olympic history, with the first five finishers all breaking 10 seconds.

I think it's safe to say the right man won and also that his training partner could learn a few things from him.

Oh no, say it ain't so

Even though the 100-meter hurdles have always been American Gail Devers' best event, it has never quite been her forte at the Olympics. Devers has suffered devastating blows in the event throughout her Olympic hurdling career and unfortunately things weren't any different in Athens.

During yesterday's prelims, Devers pulled up lame before the first hurdle then collapsed and crouched in agony on the track. Aggravated by a strained left calf muscle for the past few days, Devers, 37, said she heard it "pop" just after coming out of the blocks. It marked the end of what was to be her final attempt at winning the Olympic gold medal that has eluded her.

Devers' long, troubled history in the hurdles at the Games began in 1988, when she failed to run out of the preliminaries. In 1992, she was winning the finals before getting tripped up on the last hurdle and crawling to the finish line out of the medals. In 1996, she was a tight fourth, just 0.01 shy of the bronze. And last time around in Sydney in the semifinals, Devers pulled a hamstring before going over the fifth hurdle and didn't finish the race.

This is not to say that her Olympic career has been a total wash. Devers did win consecutive golds in the 100-meters in 1992 and 1996. She was asked to run in that event again this year, taking the place of suspended American Tori Edwards, who tested positive for performance enhancing drugs. Devers made it to the semifinals.

Softballers cruised

I hope that some of you might have headed the advice I gave in last week's notebook to forget the supposed US men's basketball "Dream Team" and start watching some real dreamers. More specifically: the US softball team. Talk about a Dream Team, the Americans have been nothing short of perfect, winning all seven of the preliminary games they played without surrendering a single run. Yeah, that's right. Seven games, no runs allowed. Monday night, the squad dominated Australia in the gold medal game, cruising to a 5-1 victory.

It was the third-straight gold medal for the Americans since Olympic softball began at the Atlanta Games in 1996. However, it is their dominance in the sport that may lead to it being pulled off the Olympic slate in 2012. The Americans allowed just one run in 56 innings and outscored their opponents 51-1 as they were never challenged.

Great turnaround for gymnastics

After leaving Sydney completely empty-handed four years ago, the US men's and women's gymnastics teams are certainly making statements in Athens. The American gymnasts have combined to win a very impressive 9 medals.

Both the men and women took home team silvers, and America was home to the men's and women's All-Around champions as Paul Hamm (despite a recently discovered scoring controversy) and Carly Patterson each won gold. Most recently at the individual event finals, the women were well represented by Annia Hatch, who took silver on the vault, and Terin Humphrey and Courtney Kupets, who took silver and bronze on the uneven bars.

Hamm came up short on floor exercise and pommel horse, taking fifth and sixth, but won a silver on the high bar Monday night. Patterson also took a silver medal on the balance beam.

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CHS football coaches run their players through agility drills Monday behind the high school.

South Shore sports scene gets facelift

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The split of Pembroke from the Silver Lake district essentially broke the student body in half. Silver Lake -- which will continue to be the public high school for Kingston, Plympton and Halifax-- figures to have in the neighborhood of 1,000 students this fall, while Pembroke High is expected to open its doors on Sept. 7 with over 900. This leaves Silver Lake with a far smaller student body than the remaining four schools in the OCL. Thus, when the Kingston School was invited to join Pembroke in the Patriot League, the jump only seemed to make sense.

"The competition is good and almost every team in this Patriot League was a member of the Old Colony League before," said SL athletic director Bill Johnson. "When I started coaching soccer in the mid-1970s, we had rivalries with almost every one of them, so I think it is going to be great to have that again."

Unfortunately, the OCL is the loser in this whole proposition…at least for now. This league will operate for the 2004-'05 school year with just four schools: Barnstable, Bridgewater-Raynham, Taunton and Marshfield. Subsequently, Athletic Directors at these schools have been left scrambling to fill out their various schedules, as many automatic dates with league rivals have now been lost.

Fortunately, it appears this will be a problem for only one year, as Somerset, Attleboro and Dartmouth have applied to leave the Eastern Athletic Conference to join the Old Colony League. If the moves are, as expected, approved by the OCL and the MIAA without any glitches, the OCL would become a seven team league as soon as the 2005-2006 season.

The departures of Attleboro and Dartmouth were expected, but losing Somerset is a crucial blow to the EAC. The once-solid league could find itself looking at a quartet of Bishop Feehan, Bishop Stang, Bishop Connolly and Coyle-Cassidy.

The Patriot League has also undergone a major upheaval. The additions of Silver Lake, Pembroke and Randolph—the lone member of the old Atlantic Coast League that did not approve the exodus from the Pilgrim Conference—has taken this league from seven members to 10.

In order so that the PL schools could maintain some of their favored non-league rivalries, it was voted to split these 10 schools into a pair of five-member divisions. Duxbury, Silver Lake, Hingham, Scituate and Pembroke will become the East Division. Rockland, Hanover, East Bridgewater, Middleboro and Randolph will form the West Division.

"In the long run, in terms of competitiveness, this is a good move for the league," said longtime Rockland High athletic director Bob Fisher. "Geographically it makes sense, schedule-wise it makes sense, and from a budget standpoint it makes sense."

The fact that Pembroke and SL will be league rivals has heated up the talk of them also becoming Thanksgiving Day rivals. Pembroke is scheduled to become East Bridgewater's Turkey Day opponent this fall. Silver Lake is 0-6 against present Thanksgiving rival Bridgewater-Raynham, and it's tough to imagine that match-up becoming more competitive now that SL has lost half of its student base.

Bill Johnson insists, however, that his school will not pull out of this arrangement until B-R can find another rival.

"B-R came to our rescue when we lost our Thanksgiving game with Plymouth," said the Silver Lake Athletic Director. "We know how painful it can be to lose that game. We would never do that to B-R."

One possible scenario that has been raised is simply flip-flopping Thanksgiving opponents: B-R getting East Bridgewater and Silver Lake getting Pembroke. However, though geography and the fact that both E.B and B-R are traditional football powers in their respective leagues may appear to make this a good fit, there may simply be no way of getting around the fact that B-R's student body (1,500) is more than double E.B.'s (670).

The South Shore League, the "small school" league in the now defunct Pilgrim Conference, will remain unaffected by all of this realigning, at least for now.

There had previously been talk of a few of the smaller Patriot League schools joining the South Shore League—home to Norwell, Cohasset, Abington, Hull, Mashpee and Harwich, with only five of them having a football program (Harwich has a cooperative program with Cape Cod Tech that plays in the Mayflower League). East Bridgewater, the smallest school in the PL, actually applied for admission to the SSL before the Patriot League approved the two division format, but was turned down, SSL administrators feeling EB was still too big for its league.

Another school rumored to be casting an eye toward the South Shore League is Holbrook, as the Vocational Technical schools in the Mayflower League (Blue Hills, Southeastern, South Shore Voc Tech, Bristol Plymouth, Diman, Cape Cod Tech) continue to make noise about forming their own league.

In other words, folks, it seems best not to get too accustomed with what you'll be seeing this year either.

2004-2005 area league alignments

Old Colony League: Barnstable, Bridgewater-Raynham, Marshfield, Taunton

Atlantic Coast League: Dennis-Yarmouth, Falmouth, Nauset, North Quincy, Plymouth North, Plymouth South, Quincy, Sandwich, Whitman-Hanson

Patriot League East: Duxbury, Hingham, Pembroke, Silver Lake, Scituate

Patriot League West: East Bridgewater, Hanover, Middleboro, Randolph, Rockland

South Shore League: Abington, Cohasset, Harwich, Hull, Mashpee, Norwell

New ADs step to the helm in Marinerland

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The others hirings included John McIntyre, a former Whitman-Hanson assistant, as head football coach, Kara Connerty, who oversaw a very successful JV program at Cohasset, as girls soccer coach, Scott Turley, moving from Silver Lake to Pembroke, as girls volleyball coach, Tom Duggan, a former Silver Lake track star, as the cross country coach and Colleen Gibbons, former assistant coach at Hull and Medfield High Schools, as field hockey coach.

Reports have several quality candidates also applying for the winter and spring posts.

Tony Wood comes aboard from St. John's- Shrewsbury to take over as Athletic Director at **Scituate High** from Kathleen McCarthy.

McCarthy, who had been at the helm of the Athletic Department for the last four years, stepped down in order to return to a full-time position as a Physical Education/Health teacher at Scituate High.

Gary Graziano replaces everyone's favorite AD at **Rockland High**. That's right: Bob Fisher is now officially retired as Athletic Director. Fish has not yet decided, though, whether or not he'll return as head basketball coach and try to defend his program's Div. 3 state championship.

Graziano is a Guidance Counselor at RHS and a longtime coach of the freshman girls basketball team and assistant with the football team. Good luck, Gary. You've certainly got some big shoes to fill.

Last but certainly not least is **Scott Payne** taking over as **Norwell High's** new AD. Payne, an assistant hockey coach for the Clippers the last three years, is another favorite at this address.

The enthusiasm Scott has for athletics, working with young people and, really, life in general has come across in virtually every conversation he and I have ever had. He makes no bones about it: Athletic Director is his dream job, and Norwell High Athletic Director is a dream come true.

Kudos to the Norwell School Committee, Principal Steve Mahoney and outgoing AD Jim Sullivan for having the vision to look past the fact Scott is not an educator, per se, and getting behind this hiring.

"I feel this school is unbelievably fortunate to have someone with Scott's enthusiasm coming in," said the outgoing Sullivan, who now looks forward to devoting more time to his football program and returning to full-time duty as an English teacher, of his successor. "I've had a chance to watch him closely over the last three years, and I can honestly say he's the type of person you want running an athletic program."

Scott owns and operates General Auto Parts Supply in Quincy. His plan is to continue being a hands-on owner in the morning, but then to get himself to Norwell High by noontime on all school days.

"Not having Scott in the building all of the time will call for some tighter coordination and communication, whether that's between the two of us, or Scott and coaches or whatever," conceded NHS Principal Steven Mahoney. "But I definitely think it's doable and I definitely think Scott's a great fit for this position.

"To be honest, I think it's a dream come true for him, and I expect he's going to put everything he can into it."

Better yet, I can now chum around with Scott even more at the hockey rinks.

Speaking of changes, the bigger and reportedly better Patriot League seems to be meeting with across the board approval.

The split of Pembroke from the Silver Lake Regional School District has provided two schools for the Patriot League, as both SL's and Pembroke High's student population will be comparable to the current higher end schools in the PL. Randolph jumps from the bigger and some say better Atlantic Coast League to bring the Patriot to an even 10 schools, making it much more practical to form and East and West division. Administrators certainly are happy with the divisional split, as it could provide potentially significant savings in the travel budgets.

Pembroke and Silver Lake will join Hingham, Scituate and Duxbury in a cozy East Division, with no more than three towns separating any of the schools from one another.

There will be a bit more travel required in the West division, with holdovers Hanover, Middleboro, Rockland, and East Bridgewater taking on Randolph. The trip to Middleboro has always been the biggee, and is no doubt one coaches in the East division won't miss.

Pembroke, to no surprise, will play an independent schedule for football in its first season, and join the Patriot League as a full fledged member in 2005. The Pioneers will, however, play three Patriot League teams in 2004, including their old Silver Lake running mates and E.B. on Thanksgiving.

The divisions will be dropped in football, meaning there will be only one bid up for grabs for the Super Bowl playoffs. It also means that eight of each teams scheduling slots have been prefilled this season, and it will be nine next fall when Pembroke comes aboard.

Most of the other sports (soccer, field hockey, basketball, hockey, baseball, softball, tennis) will play divisional rivals twice, with the traditional home-and-home arrangement, and cross divisional rivals once, alternating years for home dates, giving these teams a total of 13 "set dates."

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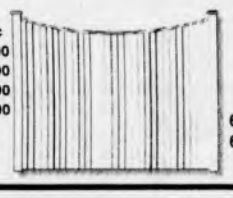
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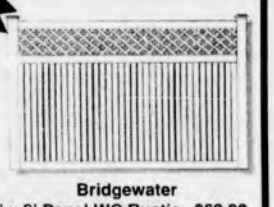
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SPORTS NOTES

2005 Seadogs AAU baseball clinic/tryouts

September 11-12 in Braintree & E. Bridgewater

HINGHAM, Mass. (August 18, 2004) - The first two of six clinic/tryout sessions for the *Seadogs*/AAU Travel Team Baseball Program's 2005 season is scheduled September 11-12 at Braintree and East Bridgewater.

The nationally renowned *Seadogs* will field seven teams in 2005:10-and-under through and including 16-and-under. Players are selected from a series of clinic/tryouts held throughout this fall. The cut-off day to determine proper age group for 2005 teams is July 31, 2005.

***2005 Seadogs* Clinic/Tryouts Schedule**

10U, 11U & 12U

Sept. 11-12, 9-11:30 a.m. Hollingsworth Park, Braintree

Sept. 26, 10-12:30 p.m., Hollingsworth Park, Braintree

Oct. 23, 8-10:30 a.m., SSBC, Hingham

Oct. 30-31, 8-10:30 a.m., SSBC, Hingham

13U & 14U

Sept. 11-12, 1-3:30 p.m., Strong Field, East Bridgewater

Sept. 25, 1-3 p.m., Strong Field, East Bridgewater

Oct. 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., SSBC, Hingham

Oct. 30-31, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., SSBC, Hingham

15U & 16U

Sept. 11-12, 4-6 pm., Strong Field, East Bridgewater

Sept. 25, 4-6 p.m., Strong Field, East Bridgewater

Oct. 23, 1-3 p.m., SSBC, Hingham

Oct. 30-31, 1-3 p.m., SSBC, Hingham

"Seadogs players usually realize their potential quicker because they receive quality coaching from our experienced staff in addition to playing with and against the best players from this area as well as across the country," SSBC president Frank Niles, Jr. said. "They also get to share their family vacation, develop new friendships with teammates, and will always have great memories."

The *Seadogs* program is part of the South Shore Baseball Club, which has been a member of the Massachusetts Association of the Amateur Athletic Union since 1994. The *Seadogs* compete against other Massachusetts AAU teams for the right to qualify for the AAU National Baseball Championships held all across the country. The *Seadogs* program is intended to supplement, rather than replace, local Little League, Babe Ruth, or American Legion baseball programs.

Other Upcoming SSBC Programs

2004 Fall Outdoor Baseball Leagues

Ages 7-9, Sept. 13-Oct. 15, Mon.-Wed.-Fri. (4-6 p.m.), at Hollingsworth Park, Braintree; **Ages 10-12**, Sept. 14-TBA, Tue.-Thu. (4-6 p.m.) & Sat. (10 a.m.-12 noon), Hollingsworth Park, Braintree; **Ages 13-15**, Sept. 18-TBA, Saturday doubleheaders (starting 9 a.m.), at Stella Tirrell Park, South Weymouth and Cronin Field, Weymouth; **High School Varsity**, Sept. 12-TBA, Sunday doubleheaders, Stella Tirrell Field, South Weymouth and Strong Field, East Bridgewater.

2004 Fall Outdoor Rookie League

Ages 5-8, boys and girls, Kress Field, Hingham

The South Shore Baseball Club is a year round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players (boys and girls), ages five and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or the Seadogs call 1-800-749-6466/(781) 749-6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com

Plymouth County Baseball

The Plymouth County Baseball Club is seeking players for their 12U, 14U and 15U teams for the 2005 AAU Mariners. The tryouts are being held on Saturdays from Sept. 11-25 at MArshfield High School. For more information, call 508-749-5979. Or visit out website at www.plymouthcountybaseball.com

Taking lax to the max

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move to its new indoor facility in Pembroke-- have clearly succeeded in tapping into the collective consciousness of the youth lacrosse movement in our area.

Founded by Mills, a Cohasset resident, as an alternative to other lacrosse programs that he claims "weren't focused on developing the kid's skills as well as their passion for the game," MaxLax has become a force to be reckoned with on the New England sports lacrosse scene.

After starting up and coaching an Under-10 program in Cohasset to give his son and his friends a place to play, it didn't take long before Mills discovered there simply weren't many good options out there for youngsters who wanted to play beyond the spring season.

Mills, a product of Lincoln-Sudbury, one of the most successful high school programs in the state, went back to his roots and contacted former coach Andy Oleski, a 25-year veteran coach and a member of the New England Lacrosse Hall of Fame, to get his advice on starting up a program locally.

Sharing with Oleski a passion for the game and friendship that has lasted to this day, Mills' MaxLax program was borne as an extension of the model of Oleski's "Peak Performance Lacrosse Programs" – one of the largest and most respected teaching and recruiting programs in the area. As a sister program to Peak, MaxLax benefited from proven methods of instruction, organization, and commitment to not only providing an opportunity for kids to play and develop their skills, but to also learn how to enjoy the game and to feel as if they can contribute every time they stepped out onto the field.

Coupled with many years of experience as a coach, player, referee, and member of both his town lacrosse board and the state lacrosse body-- Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League (MBYLL) – Mills brought his passion for the sport and his commitment to providing a positive role model for the kids to the formation of MaxLax.

It proved to be a successful combination for launching a career in lacrosse and for responding to a growing need for a high quality lacrosse and youth athletic experience.

Today, MaxLax (named after one of its first players from Cohasset) is one of the area's largest year-round lacrosse providers for both boys and girls, with over 3,000 players and over 300 teams participating each year. During the "off-season," from September through early March, MaxLax hosts three indoor sessions of playing leagues and instructional "Learn2Lax" programs for kids from third grade all the way through high school at multiple locations throughout the greater Boston and South Shore areas.

In addition, MaxLax sponsors an extensive tournament series for both in-program and at-large select teams – the ProShots, a program that has already won its fair share of Championship hardware.

During the summer months, MaxLax provide a full slate of tournaments at both the select and "for fun" levels, as well as a comprehensive summer instructional series, highlighted by their acclaimed ProShot Adventure Camps held locally as resident instructional programs.

In addition to Coach Oleski, who remains on the Advisory Board, MaxLax's full time staff is headed by Steve Schairer, another New England Lacrosse Hall of Fame member, a renowned high school coach with over 200 career wins and a 25 year veteran of collegiate coaching and education.

Recent additions to the staff also include Tom Flanigan of Hingham Youth Lacrosse, Bill Contento of Marshfield Youth Lacrosse, and a deep faculty of top high school and college coaches and players who oversee the programs throughout their various facilities.

"Our philosophy is fairly simple," said Mils. "We want to provide a safe, productive, and enjoyable youth athletic experience for every participant and their families. Too often in youth sports, the emphasis is on the expectations of the people on the sidelines and not enough on the needs and desires of the kids.

"At MaxLax, we encourage the kids to develop their skills and a level of confidence in their abilities so that they believe that they can contribute to a team effort every single time they get on the field. Whether as a high school starter on a state championship team or as a 'Little Laxer' just starting out, MaxLax has a program suited to meet their needs and at their pace.

"Our leagues are casually competitive and administered by professional referees and coaches, according to the rules of the real game of lacrosse. We also want to keep it fresh and fun for the players and we realize that most of our younger kids, and their families, have other commitments, so we keep it to an hour of play per week to keep a stick in their hands and smile on their faces."

For the more dedicated players, MaxLax also provides advanced competitive playing opportunities as well as a higher level of instruction if they want to pursue these options.

"One of the biggest differences between MaxLax and other programs is that we do not believe in playing 'box lacrosse' where kids are forced to abandon many of the skills that they use in the outdoor game and play a rough and tumble game that many coaches and spectators feel resembles rugby more than it does lacrosse, continued Mills.

MaxLax game formats resemble the field game as much as possible, with offsides, long poles (where allowed), field rules and positions, and a format that promotes lacrosse skills rather than survival skills.

"MaxLax has also made the commitment to host our programs at facilities that can provide this 'real game' experience, which is why we will be opening a brand new, state-of-the-art, indoor facility in Pembroke, the ProShot Athletic Center," said Mills. "This will be the area's first and only dedicated lacrosse facility."

The ProShot Athletic Center will be located right off Route 3 at Exit 12 (Rte 139), a seemingly strong central location for all South Shore players.

"With the largest non-boarded indoor playing field and the same field turf that is used by the Patriots, players now have a choice of not only which program to play in, but where they are going to get the best playing experience," said Mills, "and we believe that the clear choice will be MaxLax."

The new center will also host professional athletic training and strength conditioning services, a family fun arcade, concessions and glassed viewing area, taped games, and a full-line retail lacrosse equipment and apparel store.

Fall sessions for MaxLax Lacrosse will start at all locations the weekend of Sept. 17 for both girls and boys and registrations are already filling up for all divisions. Players can register as individuals, as a group of friends, or as a 12-14 player team. All registrations can be done on-line at **www.maxlax.net** or by calling their offices at 877/MAXLAX1 or locally at 781/383-2725. Past players and teams will receive a discounted session fee and will be guaranteed spots in the next session if registered by Sept. 1.

For more information on the grand opening of the ProShot Athletic Center, send an email or call to request an invitation to join the party when they open the doors on Sept. 11. You may be one of the lucky few who get to play the first games out on the new field or win any number of cool MaxLax logo'd gear made up especially for the occasion. Several professional players from the Cannons will also be in attendance to celebrate and there will be many skills competitions with prizes throughout the day. Email MaxLax at **info@maxlax.net** to be added to the guest list.

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Swim center success spans 31 years

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FILE PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Mimi Mahoney, Natalie Hunt and Sara Goggin wait to dive in during practice for the 10-and-under team at the Cohasset Swim Center in this July, 2001 photo.

After 31 years of service to the town, it may be hard for many Cohasset residents to imagine a time when taking a dip in the Cohasset Swim Center pool was not an option. Many moms and dads who bring their children to the pool today grew up swimming in its waters as well. But the pool is only able to operate with the help of many volunteers, who donate their time and energy to making sure this non-profit town pool's future is as bright as its past.

Tucked down a long driveway off Sohier Street, the swim center is located in a prime spot in Cohasset. Just a short walk to the South Shore Music Circus, Paul Pratt Memorial Library and adjoining Our World museum playground, and even downtown, the pool is central to many different points of interest in town. For years the swim center has catered to many different groups in town, from senior citizens all the way down to little children taking their first swimming lesson, fulfilling a need many other area towns have not been able to meet.

The history of the swim center dates back to the 1960s, when a man named John Meyer took the idea for a town pool into his own hands and purchased the land which would one day serve the community. "He wanted it to be a true non-profit community service," said Diana Karcher, who is currently on the center's Board of Trustees.

From the very beginning, Meyer tried to involve residents from every corner of the town, and when the first Board of Managers was compiled, he appointed a wide cross-section of residents to make sure everyone in town felt well represented.

The Cohasset Recreation Trust was formed to raise money for the installation of the pool in 1972, and in 1973, residents were invited for the very first time to test its waters. From day one the operation has been run as a non-profit, which is exactly the same way it is run today.

"When it was opened it served a great need for the town," said Karcher, adding before the center was built, the Cohasset Swim Team was forced to practice in private pools, rotating from home to home throughout the week. During the American Red Cross swimming lessons, students would practice four days at Sandy Beach, and every Wednesday they would rotate using private pools. "Having swimming lessons at the beach, the kids were freezing," said Karcher.

Sue Mavilia, a member of the Board of Managers whose parents were both founding members of the pool, said once the pool was open, swimming lessons were held four days at the pool and one day at the beach, which Karcher said enabled the children to "get used to swimming in salt water." But as membership increased, the resounding preference was to be consistent, and swimming lessons are now held five days a week at the pool.

Karcher said while there were many important services that were offered in the earlier years of the pool, one of the more interesting services were the swimming lessons for local fishermen. "A good percentage of fishermen couldn't swim," she said, adding considering the amount of time they spend on the water, it is a good skill to have. For two to three years, the program was offered, and Karcher said it was well attended.

Because of its location, the swim center has been able to partner with many of its neighbors. It has worked with the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, allowing overflow parking to filter into the swim center during big events, and the library in turn has allowed the swim center to hold lifeguard training sessions when they need space to teach CPR, or show videos. In addition, the South Shore Music Circus has been a great friend to the pool, and its entertainers have been known to cool off in its waters over the years. Lou Rawls used to play ultimate Frisbee with the lifeguards, and some members of the Osmond family have visited the pool as well. However, because entertainers typically only perform one show these days, rather than stay for three or four days as they used to, the center hasn't been receiving as many celebrities.

The managers of the pool have always prided themselves on the fact that the pool is completely financially self-sufficient, and money from memberships is able to carry out the operation. However, there have been contributors over the years who have greatly helped the cause. Some of the main contributors to the Cohasset Swim Center were Jane Bancroft Cook and her sister Jessie Cox. Karcher said both the women visited the pool often, and even into their last years, they would have their drivers bring them to the swim center for the annual "pool day," festivities. "They were very proud of the pool," Karcher said.

The pool does run on the money provided by memberships, but Mavilia said if anyone in town cannot afford the membership fees, they can go to the Social Service League and apply for a scholarship anonymously and will be given cash for their membership. When the family goes to pay for their membership, it will be kept completely confidential where the money came from. "It has always been critical to the trustees that every person in town be able to go to the pool," Karcher said, and that is an offer that will always continue.

While the Cohasset Swim Center's season is coming to a close, the Trustees are always looking for volunteers to help out in any way possible. Anyone interested in helping out, whether it be landscaping or helping apply a new coat of paint, may call the center at (781) 383-9463, or send an e-mail to cohassetswimcenter@attbi.com.



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Jonathan Venture and Dennis Rivera head to the swim center in this July, 2002 photo.

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MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
Grades 6-12
7:25-7:45am/ 2:35-3:05pm
Bus 2
a.m. Bus #6: 376 No. Main St-p.m. bus#2
a.m. Bus#6 No Main/Rocky Ln-p.m. bus #2
a.m. Bus#6 No Main/Red Gate Ln-p.m. bus #2
Linden Dr/Linden Cr ,Jerusalem Rd/Deep Run, Jerusalem Rd/Jerusalem Rd. Dr. ,Jerusalem Rd/Atlantic Av, 428,374 Atlantic Av, 88 Nichols Rd., Nichols Rd/Jerusalem Rd., Jerusalem Rd/Red Gate Ln, 11 Jerusalem Rd., No. Main St/Green St., 23 No. Main St.
Bus 3
a.m. Bus 6: Cedar St./Cedar Ledge Village-P.M Bus 3
276 Cedar St., 41, 176 Lamberts Ln., 149, 173 Hull St., Hull St/Grace Dr., Jerusalem Rd/Howe Rd., Jerusalem Rd/Windy Hill., Forest Av/Forest Notch., Forest Av/Surrey Dr., Forest Av/Heather Dr., Forest Av/Cedar Acres Dr., 30 Sanctuary Pond Rd.
Bus 4
So. Main St/Summer St., Summer St/Border St., Atlantic Av/Howard Gleason Rd., Atlantic Av/Whitehead., Atlantic Av/Beach St., 100, 59, 10 Beach St., Sohier St/Ripley Rd., Fairoaks Ln/Sohier St.
Bus 5
Whitney Woods Ln/King St., King St/Pond St., King St/Schofield Rd., Beechwood St/Mill Ln., Beechwood St/Riverview Dr., Beechwood St/Hillside Dr., Beechwood St/Doane St., (4-way stop), Church St/Flintlocke Ridge., Beechwood St/Kendall Village.
Bus 6
a.m. Bus 6: Cedar St/Cedar Ledge Village—p.m.-Bus 3
a.m. Bus 6 : N. Main/Rocky Ln (219, 354, 376 N. Main)—p.m. Bus 2
211, 231, 302, 431, S. Main St., 49 Beechwood St., Beechwood St/Talarico Ln., Norman Todd Rd/Norman Todd Ln., Todd Rd/Beechwood St., Brewster Rd/Ledgewood Dr.

DEERHILL SCHOOL
Grades 3-5
7:45-8:10am/ 2:10-2:35pm
Bus 2
30 Sanctuary Pond Rd., Forest Av/Cedar Acres Ln., Forest Av/Heather Dr., Forest Av/Old Coach Rd., 263 Forest Av., 18 Linden Dr., Linden Dr/Linden Cr., Jerusalem Rd/Deep Run., Jerusalem Rd/Jerusalem Rd. Dr., 322, 268 Jerusalem Rd., 32, 85 Nichols Rd., Nichols Rd/Caravel., 150 Nichols Rd., 430 Atlantic Av., Jerusalem Rd/Red Gate Ln., 11 Jerusalem Rd.
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Bus 4
Pond St/Woodland Dr., Pond St/Holly Ln., Pond St/Bancroft Rd., Pond St/Virginia Ln., Pond St/Lantern Ln., St. Anthony's Church., Summer St/Black Horse Ln., 31 Border St., Border St/Parker Av., 30 Margin St., Margin St/Howard Gleason Rd., 17 Atlantic Av., Atlantic Av/Whitehead., Atlantic Av/Beach St., 10 Beach St., Highland Av/Unitarian Church., Ripley Rd/Pratt Cr
Bus 5
King St/Whitney Woods Ln., King St/Pond St., King St/Lily Pond Ln., King St/Schofield Rd., King St/Beechwood St., Beechwood St/Mill Ln., Beechwood St/Riverview., Beechwood St/Hillside Dr., Beechwood St/Doane St., Aaron River/Flintlocke., Church St/Carbone Ln., Church St/Bates Ln., 622 CJC Hwy
Bus 6
Clayspring/Old Pasture Rd., Pleasant/Cushing., Cushing/Norfolk., Cushing/Ash., Cushing/Oak., 184 S. Main St., S. Main St/Westgate Ln., 411 S. Main St., 16 Beechwood St., Norman Todd/Talarico., Norman Todd/Norman Todd Ln., Brewster Rd/Ledgewood Dr

OSGOOD SCHOOL
Grades k-2
8:20-8:55am/3:05-3:40pm
Bus 2
Elm St/Stevens Ln., Elm St/Elm Ct., Margin St/Howard Gleason Rd., 17, 38, 95 Atlantic Av., Atlantic/Beach St., Atlantic/Sheldon Rd., Atlantic/Nichols Rd., Nichols/Caravel., 111, 91, 85, 68, 48, 14 Nichols Rd., 268, 278, 492 Jerusalem Rd.,18 Linden Dr., Linden Dr/Linden Cr., Linden/Rustic Dr., Jerusalem/Rust Way, Jerusalem/Deep Run., Jerusalem/Jerusalem Rd Dr., 374 Atlantic Av. Nichols/Atlantic Av., 31, 21 Bow St., 82 Jerusalem., Jerusalem/Red Gate Ln., 56, 38 Jerusalem Rd
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Bus 6
29 Sanctuary Pond, 2 Rose Hill, N. Main/Rocky Ln., 280, 209 N. Main, N. Main/Red Gate Ln., Highland/Beach, Highland/Highland Ct., S. Main/Spring, 186 S. Main, 211 S. Main, S. Main/Westgate, 255 S. Main, 419 S. Main, S. Main/River Rd., S. Main/Stanton, Norman Todd/Talarico, Norman Todd/Todd Ln., 131, 181 Beechwood, Beechwood/Kendall Village, King/Schofield, 245 Pond St., Pond/Buttonwood Ln

PLEASE NOTE; Times are approximate and parents should be prepared for 15 minutes before/after start times. Also, please note the adjusted start/end times for the Middle/High school and Deer Hill.

New hires keep school chief busy

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would be retiring at the end of the school year, it was determined there weren't the funds to fill those positions in the fiscal year 2005 budget. Although the town passed a $400,000 Prop. 2-1/2 override for the schools at the ballot box in April, the money wasn't enough to prevent a reduction in teaching positions. Prop. 2-1/2 is the state law that caps the amount a municipality can raise its tax levy from year to year.

In light of the cuts, a group of concerned parents dubbed the Committee to Save Three Teachers, set out to raise the $105,000 necessary to keep the three positions for one year, which would enable the schools to maintain smaller class sizes. Thanks to the committee's efforts, which has worked with the Cohasset Education Foundation — a non-profit organization made up of concerned residents who raise funds for various educational expenses — a $69,000 donation has been given to the schools, which is enough to pay the salary of one second grade teacher and one third grade teacher for the 2004-2005 school year. The Foundation has typically given funds for tangible items, and helped with the purchase of equipment for a new computer lab, but this is the first time money has been used to retain positions in the schools.

Thanks to the efforts of a group of local parents, Walsh will be able to bring two additional teachers on board for this school year.

The School Committee accepted the funds from the Committee to Save Three Teachers the last week of July, allowing Walsh to move ahead with interviews. In order to find the teachers best suited for the job, Walsh said interviews are still being conducted. However, she said "All positions will be filled by the time school starts."

Walsh said an orientation program for new teachers was slated for Wednesday (yesterday) at Deer Hill. Throughout their first year, new teachers participate in a mentor program where they are partnered up with teachers who are experienced in the school system and can provide support. During orientation new teachers are "given a tour of the town, and are introduced to the school district," helping them become acclimated before students arrive on the first day, Walsh said.

The Cohasset school system was not the only one to have a busy summer. Hingham's Supt. Dot Galo spent her summer vacation conducting interviews and filing paperwork for more than 50 individuals who are either new to Hingham or are signing their first contracts for new roles. In addition, there are roughly 20 new staff anticipated to fill support roles as paraprofessionals, tutors, bus drivers, or food service workers in Hingham.

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Yard sale to benefit the community center

The South Shore Community Center will hold its annual yard sale (rain or shine) on Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at the SSCC located at 3 Main St. Cohasset. The SSCC is seeking donations (no clothing), which are tax deductible, for the yard sale with all proceeds going to support the Center. Donors can drop off items at the SSCC on Sept. 2 and 3, and Sept. 7 to Sept. 10, between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. For questions, contact the SSCC at 781-383-0088.

Dog obedience

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer another session of dog obedience classes taught by Happy-Dog Training School this season.

Classes will be held on Monday evenings, on the Town Common, Cohasset, starting Sept. 13. For all classes the fee is $100. For the five-week, one-hour, per-week program. Dog owners are required to have their dogs' shots/inoculations up to date.

The class, which will be for beginners, will be held from 6-7 p.m.

To register for the next available session, call the recreation office at 781-383-4109. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

Holly Hill Farm offers fall family farm series

Adults looking to expand their knowledge of organic gardening or parents seeking activities for their children will be glad to hear Holly Hill farm has just finalized its summer and fall schedule for its organic gardening workshop and family farm series.

- Saturday Aug. 28 from 2-4 p.m. the farm will hold its class "Growing organic cut flowers," during which time students will learn about growing cut flowers in a home garden. Topics range from seed sources to sowing tips. Students will practice deadheading and harvesting and will make a bouquet to take home. The cost for the class is $20 for Friends of Holly Hill Farm members and $25 for non-members.
- Saturday Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. until noon, the farm will host its "Bees Buzz," class which teaches students about the 20 hives at the farm which produce honey for sale. Students will learn about pollination and the importance of bees in nature from expert apiarist Luke Lambert. Friends of Holly Hill Farm pay $6 for the class, non members pay $10.
- Thursday Sept. 30 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday Oct. 2 from 8-10 a.m. local naturalist Sally Avery will host a two part birding workshop. It will begin with the Thursday night indoor evening presentation, followed by the Saturday morning guided tour through Holly Hill Farm's walking trails. Friends of Holly Hill Farm members pay $16, non members pay $20.
- Saturday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. Farmer Frank White will lead a guided walk through Holly Hill Farm's trails. Suggested donation, $5.
- Sat. Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. until noon there will be a family farm tour. Farmer Jean White will lead a guided tour around the farm, with visits to the greenhouse and growing fields. Attendees will also get to meet the farm animals. Friends of Holly Hill Farm members pay $12 per family, non members pay $15 per family.
- Saturday Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. until noon there will be a family composting workshop. Attendees will learn how to develop a compost pile at home. Children and adults welcome. Holly Hill Farm members pay $12 per family, non members pay $15 per family.

The farm will also host after school programs. The two session series includes four afternoons at the farm, during which participants will learn about organic farming. Highlights include: sowing seeds and planting crops, making compost and preparing fields for Spring, harvesting and tasting the fruits of Summer before frost, and a trip to Weir River Farm. (Cost: $60 per child)

- Session 1 (ages 5-7), Wednesdays beginning Sept. 22, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- Session 2 (ages 8-10), Thursdays beginning Sept. 23, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

For additional information and registration for all events, contact Jon Belber by phone at 781-383-1455 or by email at jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com., or visit the farm's Web site at www.Hollyhillfarm.org.

South Shore Quests booklets are available

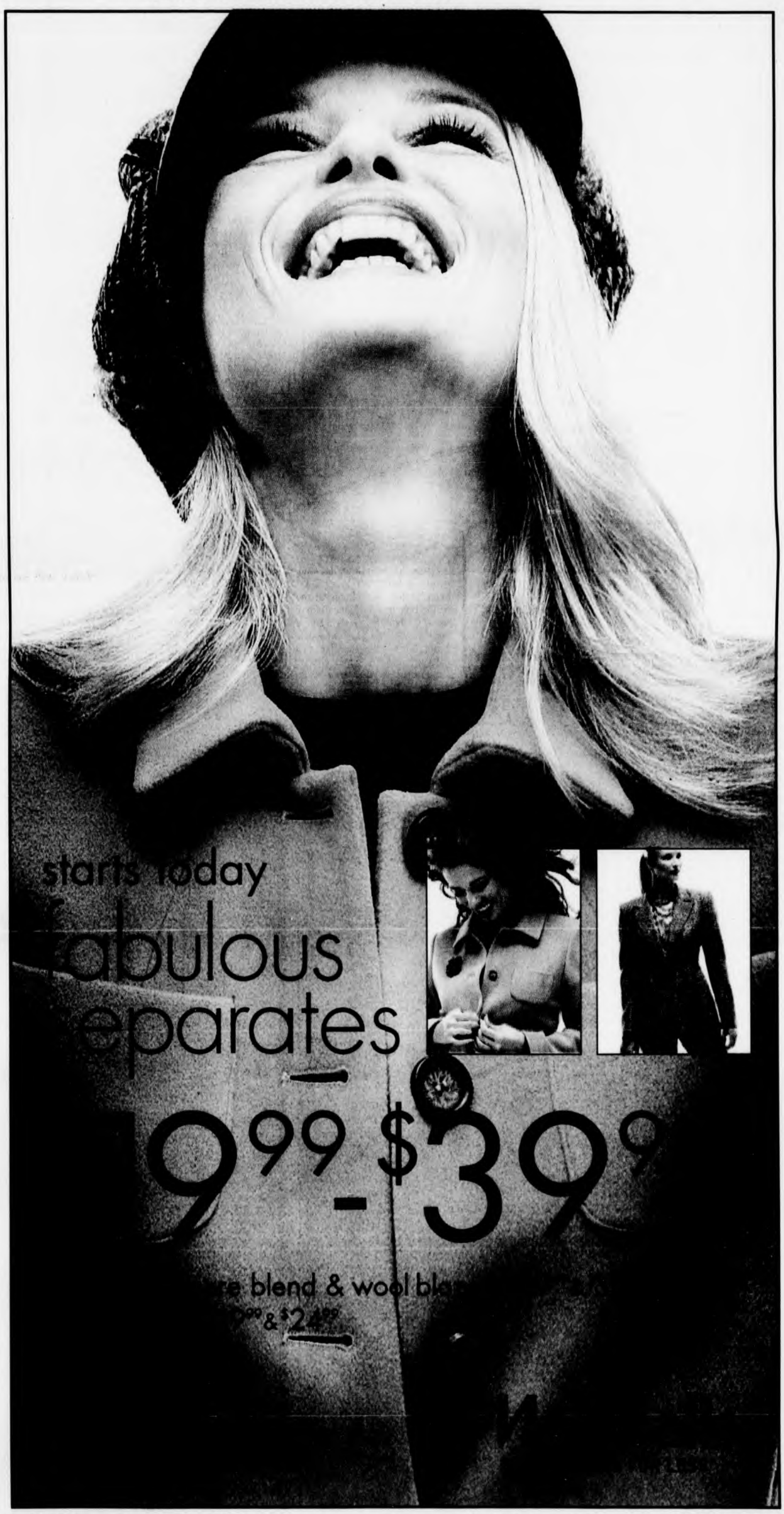
South Shore Quests announces its new association with the Weir River Watershed Association and the printing of the 2004 Quest booklets. This years booklet features 20 quests with eight quests new this year. Booklets are available for $6 at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, the Hull Lifesaving Museum, Bookport in Hingham Square, and the Hingham Public Library. Quest boxes remain in place until Nov. 15, with several open year round so the time for questing has just begun. Any questions regarding quests can be directed to 781-749-6121.

Revolutionary War encampment Aug. 28

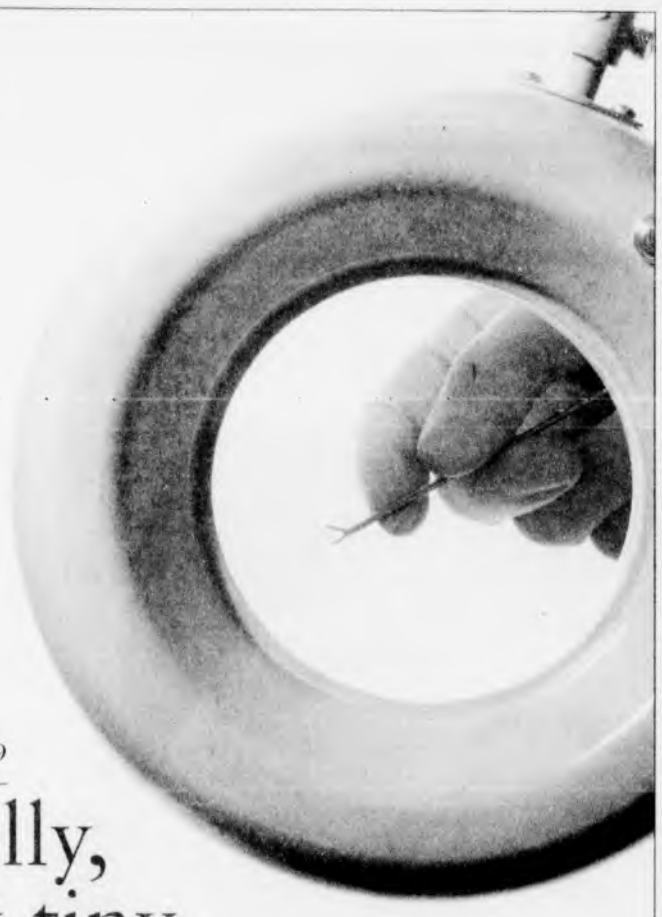
The call is out! British redcoats are on their way to Fort Revere Park in Hull, expected to arrive on Saturday morning, Aug. 28, at 10 a.m. Unfortunately for them, they will be trying to occupy space already claimed by Colonial militia and allied French soldiers. What will happen when they come together? Come to the annual Fort Revere Revolutionary War Encampment to find out.

Experience Revolutionary War camp life as presented by the men and women of the Billerica Minutemen and other living history actors from the region. Kids can learn candle making and other historical skills, talk to a battlefield surgeon, and even drill with British soldiers. Cannon and mortar firing displays will be mixed with mock battles and more.

All events at Fort Revere Park are free of charge. No alcohol is allowed on the site, and visitors should dress appropriately. Light refreshments will be available for purchase. For information call John Galluzzo at 781-724-7131, or Matt Tobin at 617-727-4468.



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OBITUARIES

Frederick L. Huntwork Sr.

Frederick L. Huntwork Sr., 86, of Hull, a former Cohasset police officer, died Aug. 21, 2004, at home following a lengthy illness.

Born in Huron, S.D., son of the late David and Lola (Adamson) Huntwork, he was educated in Huron. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II while stationed in Hull.

Mr. Huntwork was employed as a police officer for the town of Cohasset for 25 years.

He was a past commander of the American Legion George H. Mealey Post in Cohasset.

He was a resident of Hull for seven years.

He leaves his wife of 60 years, Virginia F. (Grassie) Huntwork; a son, Frederick L. Huntwork Jr. of Hull; a daughter, Melissa A. Richardson of Scituate; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beacon Hospice of Plymouth, 45 North Main St., Fall River, 02720.

Mary Joan McCarthy

Mary Joan McCarthy, 73, a homemaker, of Plymouth, died Aug. 18, 2004, at Jordan Hospital, Plymouth, after a brief illness.

Born in Medford and raised in Milton, she was the daughter of the late Leo and Eva (VanAlphen). She was a graduate of Milton High School and Boston College. Mrs. McCarthy lived in Cohasset for 42 years before moving to Plymouth eight years ago.

She was the former CCD director at St. Anthony's in Cohasset. She retired in the late 1970s.

Mrs. McCarthy leaves her husband, Richard A. McCarthy; her children, Kathleen A. Stillman of Vernon Conn., Gregory T. of Camp Verde, Ariz., Leo J. of Avon, Ellen M. Maher of Cohasset, Richard M. of Grand Rapids., Mich., seven grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held on Aug. 21, at Saint Anthony's Church, Cohasset.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

Kathryn T. Sullivan

Kathryn T. Sullivan, 91, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, died Aug. 15, 2004, at the Life Care Center of South Shore in Scituate following a brief illness.

Ms. Sullivan was born in Cohasset, daughter of the late Michael J. and Mary (Connell) Sullivan. She attended Cohasset schools.

She was sister of the late Marion Sullivan.

A graveside service was held in St. Paul's Cemetery in Hingham.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

Sunset at the Abbey concert is Aug. 28

The tradition continues. The Hingham Symphony Chamber Players invite you to join them for an end-of-summer concert held on the lawn at Glastonbury Abbey, on Saturday, Aug. 28, at 4:30 p.m.

This year's theme is Aegean & Classical, featuring piano virtuoso Konstantinos Papadakis, fresh from his performance at the Athens Olympics, he will play works by Gottchalk, Gershwin, Rachmaninoff and Strauss. Other members of the HSO Chamber Players will share their talent through solo and small ensemble pieces by Mozart, Purcell and others. The evening will end with a group performance of a brief work for chamber orchestra.

Admission is $15 adults, $10 seniors, $5 youth through age 18.

Relax on the lawn with friends and family. Bring a beach chair or blanket and a picnic. A selection of snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase as well. In case of rain, the concert will be moved indoors to the conference center on the grounds of the Abbey.

Admission is $15 adults, $10 seniors, $5 youth through age 18. Tickets are available at the gate, or in advance at Hingham Public Library, La Petite Maison in Hingham Square, at the Abbey bookstore, or call 781-740-5694 to order by phone. The sponsor for this concert is Serono, Inc. of Rockland.

Historic NE photos on exhibit

The Hull Lifesaving Museum and the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities is hosting "The Camera's Coast" a sampler of historic coastal New England images from the collections of Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities through Sept. 5. The pioneering photographers represented from SPNEA include Nathaniel Stebbins, Henry G. Peabody, Baldwin Coolidge, and Emma Coleman. Subjects depicted include square-riggers, coasting schooners, fishing vessels and fishing ports, small boats and large yachts, summer hotels and fishermen's shacks, fishermen, seaweed gatherers, and saltmarsh haymakers.

Curated by noted author and maritime historian William H. Bunting, "The Camera's Coast" illustrates life along the New England coast in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. These were years of great social and economic change. Many traditional maritime occupations, from long-shore fishing and shipbuilding to deep water voyaging were in decline. With mushrooming industrialism and growing numbers of people able to take vacations – and increasingly hot, crowded, and dirty cities from which to flee – coastal recreation boomed.

For more information visit: www.lifesavingmuseum.org.



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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11

3:29 p.m. **Border St.**, property (found), safekeeping.

4:17 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

4:17 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, assist motorist.

4:41 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance gathering.

5:30 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism.

5:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

9:39 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, patient sign off.

THURSDAY, AUG. 12

12:07 a.m. **HQ.**, property (found).

9:11 a.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, animal control, referred to other agency.

10:46 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, vandalism, investigated/report taken.

5 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal control, log entry information.

6:02 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation.

11:06 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services, detail completed.

11:29 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal control, referred to other agency.

11:33 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

FRIDAY, AUG. 13

12:10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, general services.

3:31 a.m. **HQ.**, fire, log entry.

4:49 a.m. **HQ.**, fire, log entry.

6:28 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, tree down.

6:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, assist citizen.

7:22 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal control, referred to other agency.

7:25 a.m. **Sohier St.**, general services.

8:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation.

9:25 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Fox Run**, tree down.

12:36 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism, investigated/report taken.

1:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted.

1:45 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, fire, investigation.

2:39 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, transport.

2:50 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire, investigation.

3:25 p.m. **South Main St.**, larceny, investigated/report taken.

3:59 p.m. **Hull St.**, disturbance general.

4:10 p.m. **Hull St.**, property (lost).

5:30 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, officer wanted, area search negative.

8:43 p.m. **Sohier St.**, general services.

9:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:55 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services, detail completed.

11:54 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance family, investigated/report taken.

SATURDAY, AUG. 14

9:26 a.m. **Lothrop Lane**, assist citizen.

9:28 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation.

9:47 a.m. **Border St.**, parking complaint, area search negative.

9:59 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer wanted, parking ticket issued.

10:13 a.m. **Elm St.**, animal control.

11:02 a.m. **King St.**, animal control, area search negative.

12:55 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, motor vehicle crash.

2:24 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

2:26 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, no fire service necessary.

2:38 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

2:42 p.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Hill St.**, officer wanted, area search negative.

2:51 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

3:08 p.m. **Border St.**, suspicious (other), area search negative.

3:26 p.m. **Stevens Lane**, animal control.

4:24 p.m. **Sohier St**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:18 p.m. **HQ.**, officer wanted/investigated/report taken.

5:28 p.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious person.

5:34 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, services rendered.

5:40 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop.

7:11 p.m. **Sohier St.**, general services.

7:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, no police service necessary.

8:52 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal control, services rendered.

9:59 p.m. **Intersection**, traffic control.

10:32 p.m. **Pond St.**, animal control, log entry information.

11:29 p.m. **Swim Center Parking Lot**, general services.

11:38 p.m. **King St.**, officer wanted.

SUNDAY, AUG. 15

4:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

7:21 a.m. **Border St.**, larceny.

8:42 a.m. **Margin St**, parking complaint.

11:15 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking complaint.

11:42 a.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, officer wanted.

11:51 a.m. **South Main St.**, property damage.

11:59 a.m. **Border St.**, larceny, investigated/report taken.

Noon **Border St**, larceny, investigated/report taken.

7:20 p.m. **Sohier St.**, threats (bodily harm).

7:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, investigated/report taken.

9:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:33 p.m. **Sohier St.**, general services.

10:50 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services, detail completed.

MONDAY, AUG. 16

12:48 a.m. **Sohier** St, animal control, referred to other agency.

12:53 a.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:42 a.m. **South Main St.**, general services.

9:22 a.m. **Stoneleigh Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:15 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, well being check.

4:15 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, animal control.

4:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, AUG. 17

12:36 a.m. **North Main St.**, vandalism.

1:19 a.m. **HQ.**, assist other agency.

4:07 a.m. **Spring St.**, fire, investigation.

4:28 a.m. **South Main St.**, general services.

5:17 a.m. **North Main St.**, general services.

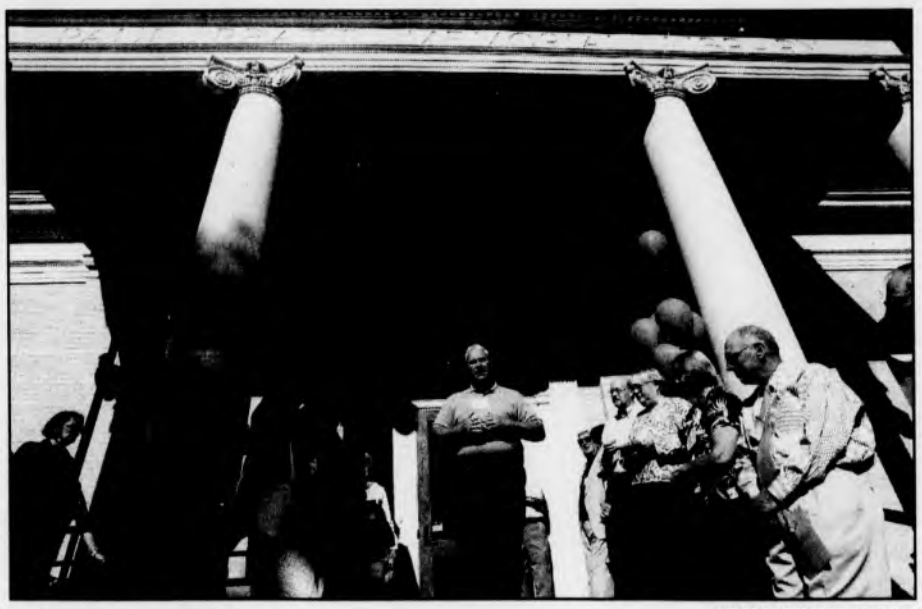
7:19 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen.

7:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist other Police Dept.

10:44 a.m. **Stoneleigh Lane**, fire, investigation.

11:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Lane**, parking complaint.

11:42 a.m. **Ripley Rd., and North Main St.**, animal control.



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CHIEF GREETING

Cohasset's new police chief, Jim Hussey, addresses the crowd at the open house for the new apartments at in the Paul Pratt Building on Sunday. The Pratt building is the new headquarters for the Cohasset Historical Society.

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LEGAL NOTICE
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., Sept. 7, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **Appeal** pursuant to s.12 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Jonathan Livingston Realty Corp.**, seeks to appeal Bldg. Inspector's letter, re: signs at **124 King St.**, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-08-16.

AD#596036
Cohasset Mariner 8/19, 8/26/04

ZBA/55 SOUTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., Sept. 7, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s.4.2, 5.3, 7.3, 8.7 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Tedeschi Food Shops**, seeks to change use to convenience store/donut shop drive-thru/gasoline sales at **55 South Main St.**, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-08-16a.

AD#596037
Cohasset Mariner 8/19, 8/26/04

ZBA/44 STOCKBRIDGE ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., Sept. 7, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s.9.7.8 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Elizabeth McLoughlin**, seeks to extend a structure in the flood plain at **44 Stockbridge St.**, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-08-17.

AD#596042
Cohasset Mariner 8/19, 8/26/04

ZBA/56 SUMMER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., Sept. 7, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s.9.6 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Paul & Kelly A. Stanislawzyk,** seek to construct addition at **56 Summer St.**, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-08-13.

AD#596028
Cohasset Mariner 8/19, 8/26/04

Local Republicans enjoy annual seaside get-together





Atlantic Ocean vistas provide the perfect backdrop for the GOP cookout. Here, Ken Horak, left, visits with Jerome and Mary Harriman.

State Secretary of Environmental Affairs Ellen Roy Herzfelder of Cohasset, left, chats with fellow Republican, Eva McNutt of Hanover.



Photos by Ove Pygh Wilche

Ann Collins of Hingham and Peter Guild of Cohasset, nephew of the hostess, talk about politics at the annual event.



Former Oklahoma Congressman Mickey Edwards, now of Hingham, chats with Claire Tinory at the annual GOP cookout at Julie Guild's Jerusalem Road home on Sunday.

Judy Volungis and George Watts welcome guests to the annual Republican cookout.



David Farrag, vice chairman of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, served as grill-master for the popular event.



Congressional candidate Mike Jones, left, chats with Polly Logan and state Sen. Robert Hedlund at the annual Republican cookout. Jones is running against U.S. Rep. William Delahunt, a Democrat.

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On the South Shore

AUGUST 26 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2004

Thurs. Aug. 26

The River Club Dinner Theater, 78 Border Street, Scituate, presents Stephen Sondheim's "Putting It Together." Produced by the Showstopper Organization, directed by Ray Byrne. Four performances only, Thurs. – Sat. Aug. 26-28, 7 p.m., Aug. 29, 4 p.m. Dinner and show, evenings $45.95, matinee $39.95. Call 781-545-1330 for ticket availability and reservations.

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Front Street Book Shop offers a supportive environment and encourages all levels of writing experience to attend. Bring a writing project to share. More info call: 781-545-5011.

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents Kaleidoscope Children's Theater, **Snow White** Aug. 26, 10:30 a.m. $7.50 tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com. Box office at 130 Sohier St. www.themusiccircus.org

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth College of Visual and Performing Arts will feature an exhibition of rare prints entitled "Tabernacle, Temple, King, Adulteress: Depictions of Jewish Religion and Life in 17th and 18th Century European Prints" in the University Art Gallery located in downtown New Bedford. Free and open for viewing all summer until Sept. 9.

Jimbo's Boston – Every Thursday night Contemporary Jazz Rhythm & Blues Cover $10 at door- $7 with student ID.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset – **Blue Ribbon Members' Show** through Sept. 5. 781-383-2787 www.ssac.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series Aug 26, **Sounds of Yesterday** All concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Mark Your Calendar

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIAITON, SOUTH SHORE MEMORY WALK, Sept. 19, Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth. Three-mile and 1-mile walks. Registration starts at 9 a.m. Walk starts at 10 a.m. For information call 508-746-9733 or plymouth.dcr@sunriseseniorlivinglcom

IRISH FIDDLER EILEEN IVERS & IMMIGRANT SOUL will be appearing at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, MA on Friday, October 29, 2004, at 7:30 pm Tickets priced at $25-$30 now on sale online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619. Visit www.plymouthmemorialhall.com http://www.plymouthmemorialhall.com

COUNTRY STAR TRACE ADKINS, currently hot on the charts with his song "Rough & Ready", will be at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Sunday, Sept 26, at 7:30 p.m., tickets are available at www.ticketweb.com, 866-468-7619, and the box-office located at the Radisson Plymouth lobby (180 Water St.)

JOAN BAEZ Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $37-$42 Legendary folk singer Joan Baez returns to the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall, the spot where she and Bob Dylan kicked off the legendary Rolling Thunder Revue Tour in 1975. Tickets:www.ticketweb.com, ,866-468-7619 at the box-office located at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth, MA 508-747-0234. All Strawberries

THE SECOND ANNUAL JETT GOLF CLASSIC will be held on Oct. 6, at the Pine Hills Golf Club in Plymouth. A scramble format is planned. Registration and putting contest will begin at 10 am and a shotgun start is at 11:30 am. The Jett Foundation is seeking golfers and non-golfers, volunteers to help organize the event, as well as items for silent/live auction, raffle and prize donations. All levels of sponsorship are available. Dinner only tickets will also be available. Anyone wishing to get involved may call the Jett Foundation president, Christine McSherry, 781-293-2667.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree, Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

Fri., Aug. 27

South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, presents **Lynyrd Skynyrd** Aug. 27, 8 p.m.. Tickets available through ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or www.ticketmaster.com. Box office at 130 Sohier St. www.themusiccircus.org

Temple Beth Emunah of Brockton will be holding a special Friday Night Shabbat Under the Stars service at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 27. Everyone is welcome. Temple Beth Emunah is located at 479 Torrey St. at the corner of Pearl St., Brockton. Call the Temple at 508-583-5810 for information and directions.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Too Much Fun,** Aug.27. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com



BEST BET

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury presents the final tea ceremony presentation of the season, Cha-do, the Way of Tea, with Teamaster Allan Sosei Palmer Sunday Aug. 29, at 2 p.m. The Museum is located at 189 Alden Street. For more information call 781-934-6634.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Friday, Aug. 27, with DJ Dave Joubert's music from 8 p.m. to 12:00 Midnight at the Abington, VFW, 30 Central St., Abington, ADMISSION: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info: 781-331-0021 www.southshoresingles.org.

Mount Blue 707 Main St. Norwell, Jumpin' Juba (trio) Fri. Aug. 27, 9 p.m. 781-659-0050

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Zacharian Reunion,** southern rock, Aug. 27. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Keepin the Gruve** Aug. 27, 9:30 p.m., no cover. 781-335-9796.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St.,(Rte. 36), Pembroke, Presents live music every Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. to closing. No cover. Aug. 27, **Dave Becker** 781-294-4700..

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, Aug. 27, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime **School Days** Beth will send you off to school with a first class storytime as she reads **What To Expect at Preschool and First Day Jitters.**

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Donald Heath** will exhibit his paintings for the month of August at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery announces the continuation of its raffle at the gallery of a full-sheet sized painting by **Peter Spataro** valued at over $1,200. The final drawing will be held during the membership show in October. Individual tickets are $5 or triple your chances for twice the amount three tickets for $10. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located at 124 Front St.,, Scituate, 781-545-5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission. 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Sat. Aug. 28

Andrea Lovett will host the last storytelling campfire (Folktales From The Forest) on Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. in Island Grove Park located off Route 123 on Lake Street. and Park Street in Abington. Special guest puppeteer Wisey MacMillan. Bring your favorite story, song and marshmallows. Free and open to the public. 781-871-5892.

South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

Fifth Annual Antique Show and Sale, on the meetinghouse grounds of the Chiltonville Congregational Church, 6 River St., Plymouth, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine. Admission $4.50. 30 antique dealers, luncheon, baked goods, raffle. 508-746-1677.

The Harlow Old Fort House, 119 Sandwich St., Plymouth will hold a Colonial Artisan's Fair, Aug. 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free and open to the public. 508-746-0012.

Hingham Symphony Chamber Players present **Sunset at the Abbey**: Aegean and Classical. Saturday, Aug. 28, at 4:30 p.m. on the lawn at Glastonbury Abbey, Rte 228 Hingham. Pianist **Konstantinos Papadakis** and select HSO musicians (oboe, flute, trumpet) perform their summer favorites. Bring a beach chair or blanket and picnic. If rain, we move inside the Abbey Conference Center. $15 adult, $10 senior, $5 through age 18. At the gate, or call 781-740-5694 to order.

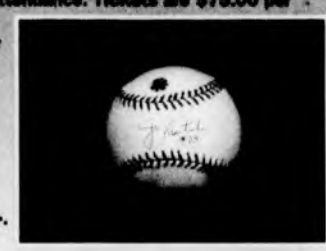
The Bitter Man in The Red Lion Inn, 76 S. Main St. Cohasset, presents Stand up comedy Comedy show The return of Tony V.(from Sienfeld and Will & Grace) with Ben Boime and Cyndi Styles. Hosted by Lance Norris from "Mystic River". Admission $10. Both shows will sell out, so advanced ticket purchase strongly advised. 781-383-1704

Plimoth Plantation presents its first-ever **Summer Soiree**, including dinner, and a live and silent auction to benefit activities surrounding the Plantation's Education Department. Saturday, Aug. 28, at 6 p.m.. Many of the "Stars" of Colonial House will be in attendance. Tickets are $75.00 per person and can be purchased with a check or credit card by contacting Kim Corben at 508-746-1622, ext: 8226, or via email at kcorben@plimoth.org. For events and activities at Plimoth Plantation, visit <http://www.plimoth.org>.



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Bettina Lesieuri's First Annual Summer Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge. Lesieur Gallery is located at 301 Saint George Street in Duxbury. This exhibit features oil landscapes, ranging from miniatures to larger pieces of Duxbury and the South Shore area, Cape Cod and Islands, New Mexico, Key West, and Provence For information call 781-934-51 or visit www.bettinalesieur.com.

Hull Performing Arts, presents **A Summer Movie Series.** Enjoy some family films favorites at the Fort Revere amphitheater 60 Farina Road, Hull, on Aug. 28, at dusk. Movies rated no higher than PG. Bring lawn chair, picnic and bug spray. 781-925-2406 or visit www.hullperformingarts.com for information.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents **"Weather Report,** paintings and drawings by **Alix White**," through Aug. 30. 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866-JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Third Annual Page n' Plant Blues Cruise in a benefit to raise funds for breast cancer. Sponsored by New Blue Productions, The Next Page Cafe', Weymouth (Ed & Maura Page, owners) 781-335-9796 and The Purple Eggplant Cafe' in Abington (Maureen & John Carey, Owners). 781-871-7175. Aug. 28, 1 to 5 p.m. featuring live blues by The Racky Thomas Band and Satch & The Houserockers. Partial proceeds will be donated to the Breast Cancer Research Fund. Leaving Hewitt's Cove, Rt 3A, Hingham. Free luncheon buffet provided by The Next Page and Purple Eggplant. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased at these venues. For information contact Satch Romano at New Blue Productions, 781-258-5232.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington, **Brian Templeton**, Aug. 28, 9:30 p.m., no cover. 781-871-7175.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Undaunted Professor Harp**, Aug. 28, 9:30 p.m., no cover. 781-335-9796.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Muzi, Rich & Brother Ray,** Aug. 28, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Barrence Whitfield & The Savages**, rhythm and blues, Aug. 28. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. Aug. 29

Art Complex Museum at Duxbury, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, presents the final tea ceremony presentation of the season, **Cha-do, the Way of Tea**, will be held Aug. 29, at 2 p.m.

Temple Beth Emunah and the Jacob N. Lipman Religious School, 479 Torrey St. at the corner of Pearl St., Brockton, will be holding an open house on Sunday, Aug. 29, from 10 a.m. to noon.. Interested families will receive information about membership and school registration, and a tour of the building. Families with young children should ask about our affordable Step-Up-to-Membership program. The Temple offers a full schedule of religious, social and educational events including Tot Shabbat, Youth Groups, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Interfaith Couples Group, and Adult Education. For information about their services and programs call 508-583-5810 ext 201 or 202.

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150 (Rear) Front St., Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. all summer. Bar and grill open all day. 781-545-3999.

Single Executives Club Sunday Holiday Singles Dance Aug. 29, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Pembroke Country Club, 94 W. Elm St., Pembroke, www.se-4u.com Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Live dance

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music by Beau Paris. Cost is $10 Proper business-casual dress acceptable. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club and The Presidents Club of Boston.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Mon. Aug. 30

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Braintree Community Continuing Education Fall 2004 walk-in registration, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 30, and 4 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the Braintree High School cafeteria. Classes begin the week of Sept.13. For information, call 781-848-4000 Ext. 2251, e-mail info@braintreeadulted.com or visit www.braintreeadulted.com.

1749 Courthouse Museum, Town Square, Plymouth, is free and filled with items of Plymouth's history. Open through Oct. 2. 508-830-4075 or 508-746-7789.

Hingham Public Library presents an exhibit by **J. Michael Sullivan, The Sublime Color of Northern Italy**, through Sept. 24.

Plymouth Ice Rink opens registration for Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Clinics The Armstrong Arena has opened registration for two pre-season conditioning clinics t Puck Control & Shooting and Pre-Season Conditioning will be offered at the ice rink during the week of Aug. 16-20. To register or for information, call 781-871-7960 or visit www.BayStateHockey.com.

Tues. Aug. 31

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 7:00-8:30 PM (September-June). The meetings are held at the: Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Needham Campus Administration Building Coffee Shop 148 Chestnut Street Needham Center This informal support group is open to all men and women, regardless of length of time widowed, aged 55 and younger, with the focus on those in their 20's, 30's, and 40's.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club on North Street, across the street from Seven Eleven.. Non-profit weight loss support group. For information, the T.O.P.S. website is: www.tops.org or call, Eleanor at 781-335-4942.

"A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious?" will be offered at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham with Rabbi Shira Joseph on three consecutive ·Tuesday evenings, Aug. 24 and 31, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There is no enrollment fee, but pre-registration is required and space is limited. Call the URJ-Northeast Council office at 781-449-0404 for information and to register.

South Shore Manic-Depression and Depression Support Group-open to anyone with a mood disorder and their friends and family. Meeting at Pembroke Hospital (Oak Street, Pembroke) every Thursday at 7 p.m. 781-829-7211.

Mamma Mia, the musical based on the songs of **ABBA** has extended through Aug. 29, at the **Colonial Theatre**. This is the final Boston engagement - must close Aug. 29. Performances Tuesday through Sunday. Call ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or visit www.ticketmaster.com Group sales 617-482-8616. For information call 617-426-9366.

Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents **Marine and Local Scenes** at its New Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate, through Aug. 29. 781-545-6150, www.scituateartsassociation.com

The Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St. Hingham. An exhibit, **Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past** features antique tools from the society's collection and is on view during museum hours. The Old Ordinary is open through Sept. 11. For information call 781-749-0013 or visit http://www/hinghamhistorical.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave., 2nd Floor, Tuesday, Aug. 24, 6 to 7 p.m.; or Monday, Aug. 30, noon to 1 p.m.

New weekly early bird blues event!!

Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 78-740-4000.

Wed. Sept. 1

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Donald Heath** will exhibit his paintings for the month of August at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no monies are exchanged - Just time.) Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc. moving furniture), The list is endless. Procrastinating can be a thing of the past. Membership fee: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, at 781-871-2583.

The Monhegan Experience paintings of Monehegan Island by members of the **North River Arts Society** at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St., Rockland.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. Sept. 2

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery 124 Front St., presents a month long exhibit of the latest work by Judi Lister through Sept. 26, Opening reception with refreshments and live music will be held on Sunday Sept. 5, from 2 to 5 p.m. 781.545.5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open form 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series Sept. 2, **Sounds of Yesterday** All concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Friday Night Fites, Sidewonder,** original/cover rock. Sept. 2. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. Sept. 3

Noreascon Four - The 62nd World Science Fiction Convention will invade Boston Sept. 2-6. Lasting five days, Noreascon Four will feature hundreds of program items: panel discussions, film and anime showings, demonstrations debates,

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With Tony V opening and Opal Digital Project by Lenny Norris. Admission is $10. Both shows are expected to sell out, so advanced ticket purchase is strongly advised. 781-383-1704

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Singer/songwriter and Humarock summer resident Greg Cherone will sign copies of his CD "A Humarock Song" along with a five-song acoustic performance Friday, Aug. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Humming Rock Gifts. Humming Rock Gifts is located at 11 Marshfield Ave in Scituate. For more information call (781) 834-4969.

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speeches, autographing sessions, and more. www.noreascon.org

South Shore Folk Music Club presents its singer/songwriter **Greg Greenway** at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, 8 p.m. $13 members/$15 non-members. Smoke free. Handicap accessible.. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **The Crust,** Sept. 3, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Oliveira's, 300 Center St.,(Rte. 36), Pembroke, presents live music every Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. to closing. No cover. Sept. 3, **Bob Sylvia** 781-294-4700.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **James Montgomery Band,** blues Sept. 3. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing Events

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/ clubs/walknmass

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Families with Children from China (FCC) South Shore, has an active play group meeting every other week from 10 am until noon. Call Cissy White at 781-331-4679 for information. No cost to join.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

La Leche League is an international, non profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and encouragement to all women who want to breastfeed. Meetings are Thursdays, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12, at 7:15 p.m. in Pembroke. For information call: Joanne 781-924-1919/Lisa 781-829-9075/Heidi 781-582-1187. All expectant, new, and experienced mothers and their babies welcome.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com 508-830-4250.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston. Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly free meetings, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

The Interfaith Book Study Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for March, Palace Walk by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036.

Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**, Broad St., Weymouth for children 4 1/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For more information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnoly@artsfirst.org

Cura VNA & Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, **offers The Young Widow and Widowers Support Group**, meeting every other Thursday for eight weeks from 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m. To register call 508-746-0215.

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runners clinic Mondays at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell **- Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury, presents **Stories and Art with Sally for Preschoolers**, every second Thursday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Preregistration required. $5. Call 781-934-6634 ext. 15.

Parental Stress Line - Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. The Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call us before the summer is over at 1-800-632-8188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

Pilgrim Hall Museum presents **Bringing Up Baby: 300 Years of Childhood in the Old Colony**, now through May, 2004 a new exhibit that explores the world of the very young in the Old Plymouth Colony from its beginning to the 20th century. What was it like to be a child 1620, 1850, or 1920? What can we learn from furniture, clothing, toys, games and other objects from the children who used them? What were the beliefs and sentiments of the parents who provided for them? How do letters, journals, literature, and other writing help to tell the story of the children of the Old Colony? Who were their teachers, what kinds of knowledge were important to learn? What did they do for fun? The exhibition is free with Museum admission. Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court St. (Route 3A), Plymouth. Information: 508-746-1620; web address: www.pilgrimhall.org Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Admission: adults $5; Seniors (62+) and AAA members $4.50; Children (5-17) $3.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) $15. Residents of Plymouth, admitted free.



BEST BET

Andrea Lovett will host the last storytelling campfire (Folktales From The Forest) on Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. in Island Grove Park located off Route 123 on Lake Street. and Park Street in Abington. The event will feature special guest puppeteer Wisey MacMillan. Bring your favorite story, song and marshmallows. The event is free and open to the public. 781-871-5892.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children ages 3 to 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. After school nature programs: Thursdays, 4 to5 p.m. For children grades 1 through 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 and closed Sundays.

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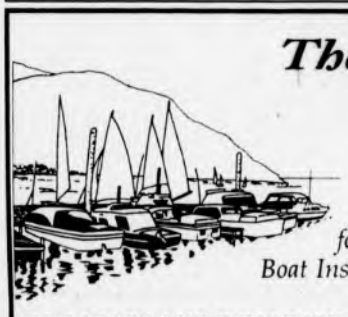
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Search for TM begins

15 résumés are already in

By Samantha Brown
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Even with minimal advertising, a good number of résumés have already been sent in for the town manager position, putting the Town Manager Search Committee to work, sifting through applications. While the idea had been floated to hire a third party search committee to help expand the search, that idea has been put on hold for now, while the committee works with what it has, and what it expects will come.

The committee, which consists of library trustee Sheila Evans; Advisory Committee Chairman Donna McGee; School Committee member Rick Flynn; Sam Pease of the Capital Budget Committee; DPW employee Mary Snow; Treasurer/Collector Joe DeVito; citizens-at-large Melissa Browne and John

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Lights, camera, action for new TV talk show



PHOTO/MARY FORD

Jim Schwantner, left, gives Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin some direction during a rehearsal last week for "Our Town," to air Sept. 16.

Familiar figures to host program

By Mary Ford
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After spending the past six years on alternate Thursday nights at School Committee meetings – most people might want to take a break, stay home and relax.

But not Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo, who are planning "Our Town," an hour-long, cable-TV program that will tackle local issues and more.

The two former School Committee members, with the help of a small army of volunteers, are launching a talk show that will air biweekly from 8:30-9:30 p.m. starting Sept. 16 on cable channel 10.

Plans are to air the show – which will be taped the night before – on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. The School Committee meets on the first and third Thursday.

"Mark and I had built our lives around School Committee meetings," Martin said. "We were adrift after the School Committee had a

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Charlotte Morrison, left, and Clare Galvin, both 5, get acquainted on kindergarten day last Friday at the Osgood School. The girls are both in teacher Jean Free's afternoon class.

Newcomers put out welcome mat

But not limited to those new to town

By Samantha Brown
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In Scituate and Cohasset, being a "newcomer" isn't a title used solely for those who have just moved to town. Regardless of years of residence, whether young or old, anyone from either town can become a member of the Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers Club and take part in the fun of social activities it hosts.

Fall marks the beginning of the Newcomers' year of activities, which includes a wide variety of social events for residents of all ages. Since the 1970s, the

"It's awesome when you're new to town to have people show you the ropes."
— Laurie Schneider, Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club

Newcomers Club has been inviting residents of both towns to participate in various events to learn about the culture and history of their towns while developing friendships by sharing interests and hobbies. There are activities for everyone in the family, and the Newcomers' are always looking to share in the fun with new members.

Annual dues are $30 for the entire family, and social events are either free or request a minimal donation. For those who join now, membership will carry through until Aug. 31, 2005. However, publicity coordinator Lauren Curley said there is rolling registration, and residents can join at any point during the year.

Members receive monthly newsletters, a club directory, and eligibility for full participation in all club events. Every month the club sends out a newsletter outlining activities. This year, the Newcomers Club is planning on hosting parties for each season, beginning with the annual Fall

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Change adds up for schools

First day is Wed., Sept. 8

By Samantha Brown
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It's that time of year again for students to trade in their beach towels for textbooks as Wednesday Sept. 8 marks the first day of school. Along with getting used to waking up and heading off to the bus stop instead of Sandy Beach, students will go back to school with the buildings housing different grades, new staff members, and for some, different start times.

As a result of completed renovations at both Deer Hill and the middle-high school, the buildings are ready to accommodate more students, which has resulted in a reconfiguration of grades. The third grade has moved out of the Osgood School and into the Deer Hill School, bumping the sixth graders out of Deer Hill and over to the middle-high school.

Along with the reconfiguration, there has been a change in start times for Deer Hill and the middle-high school. Studies have shown a later start time has a positive effect on teenager's academic performance, which led the School Committee to vote in favor of starting the middle-high school students a little later. In turn, the Deer Hill schedule has changed to a slightly earlier start time.

The Osgood School will maintain the same time schedule it had last year. Students in grades one and two will begin school Wednesday Sept. 8 at 9:05 a.m. Bus students will arrive between 8:55 a.m. and 9:05 a.m. and the school asks that parents who drive their children drop them off no earlier than 8:50 a.m. Buses are expected to have their morning pickups between 8:20-8:55 a.m., but Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan said for the first week, it is always good advice to head to the bus stop a little early, as bus schedules may vary. The school day will end at 3:05 p.m., and afternoon bus drop-off is expected at between 3:05-3:40p.m.

For Cohasset's youngest students who will be heading off

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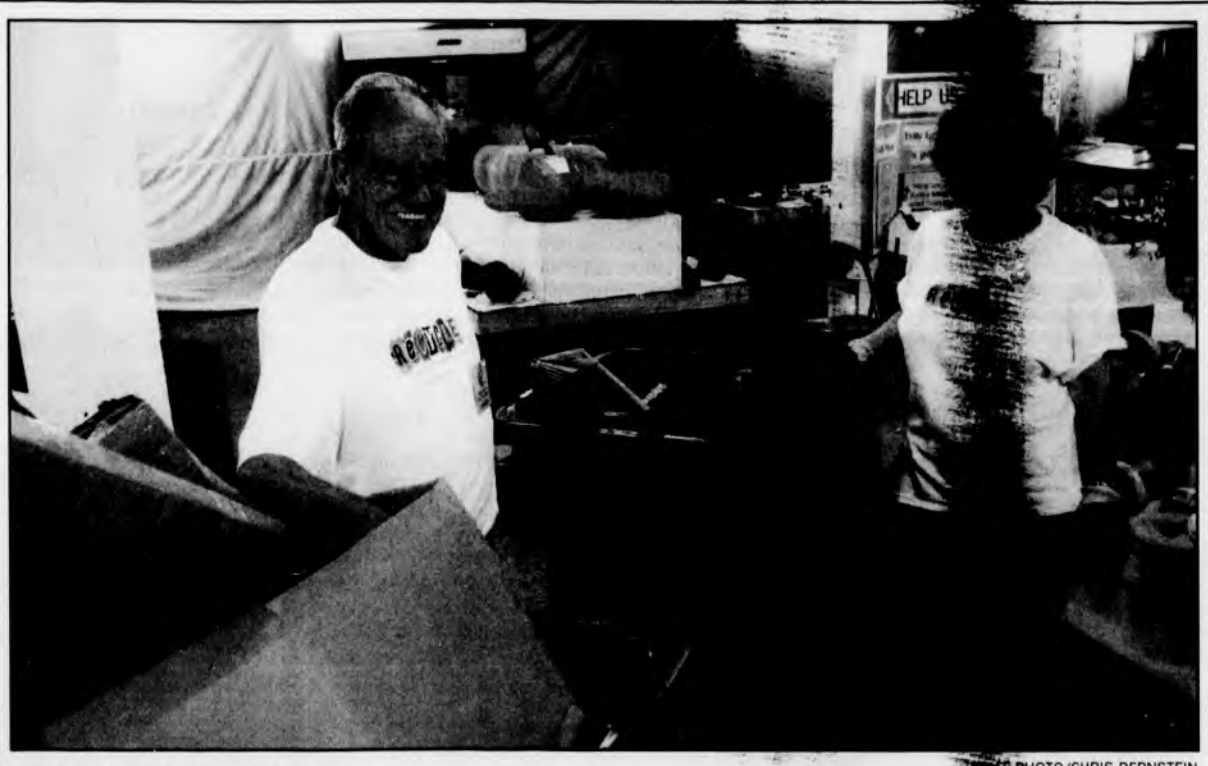
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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, Sept. 9, 5 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Sept. 2 & 16, 7:30 p.m.

Library trustees, Sept. 8, 7p.m., at the library

School Committee, Sept. 9 & 23, 7 p.m., at the high school library

Selectmen, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Water Resources Protection Committee, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant

Water Commission and Water Resources Protection Committee, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant

ZBA, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Veterans committee seeks information

The Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee is looking to find Cohasset residents who served in the Armed Forces during the Persian Gulf War. The recently updated Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee Web site has posted honor rolls for every war dating back to the Civil War, as well as hero profiles and information about Gold Star mothers. Currently, the committee has an honor roll page for the Persian Gulf War on its Web site, but no names to add to the list. In addition, the committee is always looking to update its lists for other wars, and residents are asked to send along the names of any veterans who have not been included to date.

Anyone with names of any Cohasset veterans is asked to pass them along to Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee Glenn Pratt via e-mail at gpratt@suburbancompanies.com. For more information, please visit the committee's Web site at cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

Volunteer sought for Conservation Comm.

The Conservation Commission has an opening. Interested citizens should call the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105 or stop by the office at Town Hall. Applicants may also send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Town Manager is on vacation

Town Manager Michael Buckley is on vacation and will be returning to his post Wednesday Sept. 8. In his absence, Town Treasurer and Tax Collector Joseph DeVito will serve as acting Town Manager.

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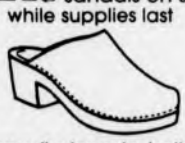
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Potential Cook Estate project sewer hookup could loom large this fall

May draw a crowd at STM

By Samantha Brown
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The Cook Estate project is an interesting public-private hybrid with public money making it possible for the town to sell to a private developer who would ultimately build what the town wants.

The November Special Town Meeting is still a ways off. But an issue which is expected to take center stage has been the subject of debate for months.

No one should be surprised if access to town sewer creates sparks on the floor of the Sullivan gymnasium.

The Board of Selectmen could sponsor an article that would allow the Cook Estate property to become a part of the Cohasset Central Sewer District, opening the door for the site to be considered for a municipal sewer connection. The Cook Estate project, which selectmen heralded to fanfare one year ago, would provided badly needed housing for the town's senior citizens looking to downsize into more affordable digs.

But selectmen's sponsorship of the Cook Estate could cause some controversy in and of itself. The homes in the Little Harbor area have also been waiting in the wings for sewer connections and have been promised future capacity once the treatment plant is upgraded. Two other projects in town – Cedarmere, which would also provide senior housing, and Avalon, an apartment complex – would both benefit from sewer access. Those projects have been told to forget it.

It's a tricky situation that raises questions about where to draw the line about town sponsorship of a private development. The Cook Estate project is an interesting public-private hybrid with public money making it possible for the town to sell to a private developer who would ultimately build what the town wants.

To see how the town got to this point, it's necessary to turn the clock back a year when the proposed project seemed like the perfect solution to solve the town's senior housing needs. Before last fall's Special Town Meeting then town manager Mark Haddad said the town was proposing to work with the private sector to achieve its objective of keeping Cohasset seniors in town, and insure the combined 22-acre Cook Estate site and adjacent 8.7 acres of town-owned property [near Stop & Shop] would be developed in a manner that is "sensitive to the local community and beneficial to the town."

By combining the Cook and town parcels, selectmen believed they would be able to reduce the development impacts on the town, which might occur if the Cook Estate were developed separately, and still take advantage of the private sector creativity and expertise.

After two hours of discussion at Town Meeting, voters finally approved the allocation of $4.5 million to purchase the Cook Estate and agreed to seek $5.2 million in a potential sale of the combined Cook and town properties. Selectman Michael Sullivan told voters by combining the two parcels of land, the town's property, which does not have a means of access other than across the Cook property, would increase in value. In addition, the merging of the land would allow a greater percentage to remain undeveloped.

At that time any sewer controversy seemed far fetched. When asked by a voter, Drew Leff of GLC consulting, which had been working with the town from the beginning to bring the Cook project to fruition said, "There are no plans to hook up the Cook property to sewer at this time."

Preliminary soil tests on the Cook site indicated there was good reason to continue on with more sophisticated soil testing but in the interest of time, additional tests were not completed before the matter came before voters. It wasn't until April when hydrogeologic testing on the site, conducted by Coler and Colantonio, determined an on-site system would not be feasible.

Today, the Cook Estate development is chasing the same sewer dreams of other proposed housing projects in town, as it looks for ways to accommodate roughly 95 units of senior housing. Its sewer application was denied this April. The project has also not yet received approval from the Department of Environmental Protection for a groundwater discharge permit, which is required for systems discharging more than 10,000 gallons per day. The Cook Estate development will discharge an estimated 15,000 gallons per day once complete. Engineers have looked at other areas around town to install a leaching field with the idea of piping wastewater off the Cook site, but have not found any promising sites.

A sewer connection would remove the cloud over the project, which is hamstrung without a wastewater solution. If developers fail to obtain either a municipal sewer connection or find a suitable leaching field off site, the soils may only be able to handle single-family homes that could put an added burden on the schools in terms of finances and classroom space. With senior housing developments, schoolchildren are not a factor. But for each child living in a single-family home who attends public school, the town spends roughly $8,000. If a family has four children, the town will need to spend $24,000 for one household.

If, as expected, selectmen sponsor an article in November asking Town Meeting to include the property in the central district, it is bound to cause a stir in light of other projects and homes outside the Central District that want to connect as well.

In addition, the Sewer Commission wants the flexibility to decide which out-of-district projects or neighborhoods can connect, and may ask voters to make that possible. The commission plans to ask Town Meeting to adopt a Home Rule Petition which would amend the Cohasset Sewer Act to allow the commission to expand the sewer district to encompass areas that would not otherwise be allowed to tie-in, such as the Cook property. The bylaw is very similar to a Home Rule Petition adopted by Provincetown, and allows for "checker-boarding" of sewer districts in areas where the Sewer Commission deems it is necessary. The Home Rule Petition would also need to come before the Attorney General and the Legislature, and it could be Fiscal Year 2006 before it could be enacted.

If selectmen sponsor a Cook Estate sewer article, they could be opening a door that is difficult to close.

Town Moderator George Marlette said any citizen can ask the Board of Selectmen to insert an article in the Town Meeting Warrant. If the board says no, residents always have the option of collecting the required 10 resident signatures necessary to insert a citizen's petition on the Warrant.

But Marlette said other developers who might be looking to solve sewer problems could also ask the board to bring forward articles on their behalf for the fall Town Meeting. While it would be up to selectmen to make the final decision as to whether it wants to sponsor the article, Marlette said things could become complicated if the board tries to distinguish differences between the projects they will and will not sponsor.

Civil War soldier received top honor

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset is no stranger to heroes. Many of its residents have answered the call of duty, serving in the various branches of the armed forces during wartime. To make sure their sacrifice is never forgotten, the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee has been working hard to commemorate Cohasset soldiers from many wars who have served the town and country well.

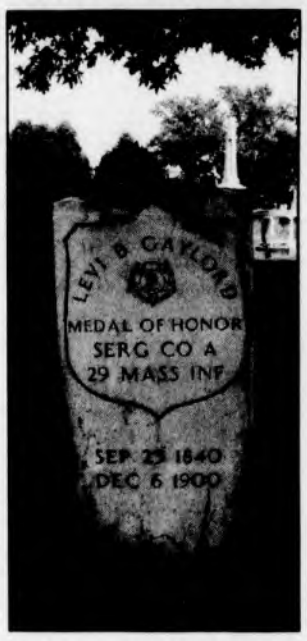
However, there is one Cohasset soldier who will be remembered not only for his service, but as Cohasset's only recipient of the nation's highest award for bravery.

Levi Gaylord was a sergeant in Company A of the 29th Massachusetts Infantry during the Civil War. On March 25, 1865, while on the road to Richmond, Va. Gaylord manned a gun under heavy fire during the Battle of Fort Stedman. According to civilwar.com, the battle was a last attempt by Gen. Robert E. Lee to break through Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's Petersburg defenses and threaten his supply depot at City Point. The Confederate attack was a pre-dawn assault, and was met by a killing crossfire.

"He held them off until other Union troops came up and counter attacked," said local historian David Wadsworth.

In total there were 3,850 casualties that day, and more than 1,900 Confederate soldiers were captured. The battle was declared a Union victory, and on June 22, 1896, Gaylord was presented with a medal of honor for valor in action. The Medal of Honor is the highest award a soldier can receive for valor in action against enemy forces, and because it is usually presented to the recipient by the President of the United States in the name of Congress, it is often called the Congressional Medal of Honor.

According to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society Web site, the first Medal of Honor was given March 25, 1863 to Private Jacob Parrott and five other soldiers. Since then there have been 3,459 Medals of Honor awarded. Today there are 130 living recipients of the Medal of Honor.



Levi's gravestone in Central Cemetery.

Gaylord passed away Dec. 6, 1900 at the age of 60. He is buried in the Gaylord family plot in Cohasset's Central Cemetery. Wadsworth said his tombstone is very special, as it is made of white marble with some gold leaf flecks.

The National Medal of Honor Society provided the tombstone a few years ago to commemorate Gaylord's life. "I remember when it was given, I gave a short talk at the ceremony," Wadsworth said.

For more information on Gaylord or any other Cohasset veterasn, please visit the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee Web site at www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

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Derry Schwantner mans the control room for a rehearsal of "Our Town" starring Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin, both former School Committee members.

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goodbye party for us.

"So I suggested doing a cable-TV show and Mark thought it was a great idea. Instead of going to the high school [for meetings] – we'll be going to the studio."

The show won't be limited to the schools. "We hope to have it involve all issues which are of interest to the town," said DeGiacomo, who was also a long-time member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Martin contacted Evelyn Burke, local access coordinator for Comcast, who was enthusiastic about the concept. But there were a couple of conditions: the show would need six volunteers and everyone involved needed to be certified.

So enter Martin's husband, Dan, and son, Danny; and fellow Cohasset residents Derry and Jim Schwantner and their sons, Derek and Alex, who will all handle cameras and equipment. The volunteers, including the on-air talent – Martin and DeGiacomo – went through an eight-week training program to become certified. Danny and Derek, who are youngest volunteers, attended cable camp offered by Comcast.

Burke said training included what's expected of volunteers, using the field and studio cameras, lighting, audio, recording and editing. Participants also sign an access agreement the covers studio guidelines and on-air behavior. The program is free to residents of the towns Comcast covers. The studio is off Rte. 53 in Norwell.

"I'm looking forward to the show and I hope they have fun with it," Burke said.

Plans are to have two guests per show that will also feature "roll-ins" which are segments filmed from the field. There may also be a segment about "what's new in the Cohasset Mariner" in which letters, articles or stories could be discussed, DeGiacomo explained. Before Town Meeting, proponents of various articles might be featured. "The possibilities are endless," Martin says.

DeGiacomo says the shows will be fun, interesting and entertaining. "It's all about providing more information.

"It won't be boring – we plan to made the show lively and entertaining with a little bit of an edge to it."

Both DeGiacomo and Martin said with their government experience, guests can expect to get the tough questions. On Sept. 16, featured guests will the state Rep. Garrett Bradley and Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan.

But the show won't be totally issue-focused. Martin said the "roll-ins" could feature an event, such as the Mr. Skipper Contest, held annually and at the high school and open that up to a whole new audience. [Mr. Skipper is an all-male fashion-talent contest that raises money for the prom].

The Schwanters have their own video production business, dubbed Studio Sea, so they are naturals for the behind-the-scenes production and direction of the program.

"It was natural for us to get involved and it's a lot of fun," Jim Schwantner said.

Derry Schwantner said Comcast deserves a lot of credit for making its state-of-the-art studio available to the public.

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Newcomers put out welcome mat

FROM NEWCOMERS, PAGE 1

Kickoff, a Holiday Gathering, St. Patrick's Day Fest, and a summer barbecue. There are activities for children as well, including weekly playgroups, a Halloween party, holiday party, and a spring celebration.

Co-president Laurie Schneider said she initially joined the Newcomers' when she moved to Scituate six years ago. At that time she and her husband were both working full time and they hadn't had children yet. She said at that point, there never seemed to be enough time to participate in the activities, but when she had her first child and began slowing down with work, she began looking into playgroups. While she had been a member of the group for many years, it was only two or three years ago that she became actively involved.

"Lots of people get involved in the playgroups first," she said, adding it provides a way not only for the children to make friends, but the mothers as well. From there, many members begin branching out into other activities. By having members from two towns, it provides for more opportunity for children to play with other children their own age.

Playgroups meet weekly with members taking turns hosting at their homes. The groups are assigned by age and typically meet for two hours. Playgroups are only offered for members, and there is an additional $15 charge to cover theme parties and mailing expenses. Playgroups usually begin meeting by mid-October, depending on how quickly members enroll. Residents who wish to participate should turn membership forms in as soon as possible indicating playgroup preference. Participants will be contacted with their group specifics by the end of October, and there will be a playgroups welcome coffee on Oct. 8.

"It's awesome when you're new to town to have people show you the ropes," said Schneider, adding being able to have someone to can turn to who can tell you where the preschools are, where the best beaches are, and where to get your nails done is invaluable information when you're new to town.

But Schneider said many residents who participate in the Newcomers have very similar situations to hers and haven't joined as newcomers to town. "They don't get involved when they first move to town," but become involved later on when they have had a change in their lives. "In addition to welcoming residents, we really help people thorough transitions. If they've just stopped working, or their kids are just going off to school, and they're looking for more things to keep busy," the Newcomers' club can fulfill that need, she said.

There are many longstanding "interest groups" like the playgroups, hosted by the Newcomers Club, which members continue organizing year after year. The groups help facilitate new friendships between residents with similar interests.

Book group

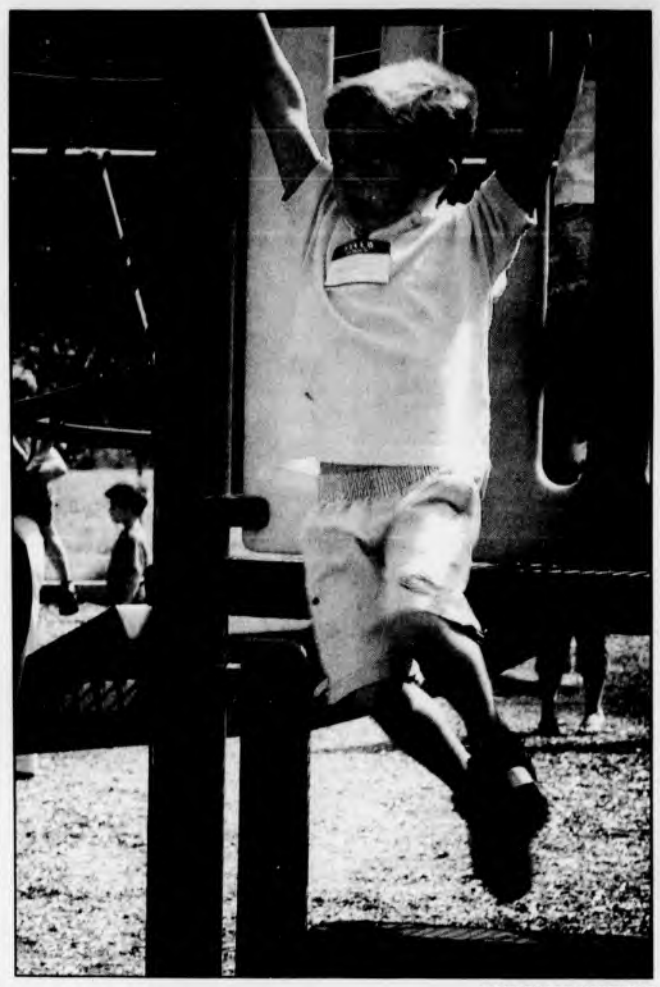
The first Monday of every month the Newcomers Club hosts a book group, where participants have an "Oprah-style" roundtable discussion about a recommended book. Conversation is light and some members have been known to participate in the social part of the meeting without having read the book. The first book to be discussed will be, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime," by Mark Haddon, at the first book group, Sept. 13.

The third Thursday of every month is Ladies' Night Out, when women of all ages can take a break from the daily grind, whatever that may be, and get out for some female fun. The location for the first ladies night out for this season has yet to be announced, but it will most likely be held at a spa on Sept. 23. Past girls' night outs have included jewelry making parties, an after hours get-together at a local restaurant, where they were taught how to make an appetizer then ate their creations while sipping wine, and sometimes its a casual night over one of the ladies' homes.

Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday the club hosts a walking group. Members decide where they would like to walk, and choose different locations from Wompatuck State Park to Whitney Woods, as well as different start times to best accommodate those who would like to come along.

There are also club-wide parties at various key times of the year, including the fall welcome party, holiday party, and St. Patrick's Day party, to name a few. There are parties for children as well, which are a great opportunity for the children to join in on the socializing and make some new friends as well. Children's parties are held near Halloween, during the winter holidays, and at Easter.

For more information, please visit the Newcomers' Web site at www.scnewcomers.com or contact one of the Newcomers' co-presidents Laurie Schneider at (781) 544-7311 or Paula Jewell at (781) 545-2191. For registration and playgroup information, please contact Jen Harris at (781) 544-3910. There are currently openings on the Newcomers' board and volunteers are wanted to fill a position on the hospitality committee as well as to help out with the interest groups.



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HANGING AROUND

Matthew Doyle, 5, hangs around the Osgood School playground with his classmates during kindergarten day last Friday. For more back-to-school news see story, page one.

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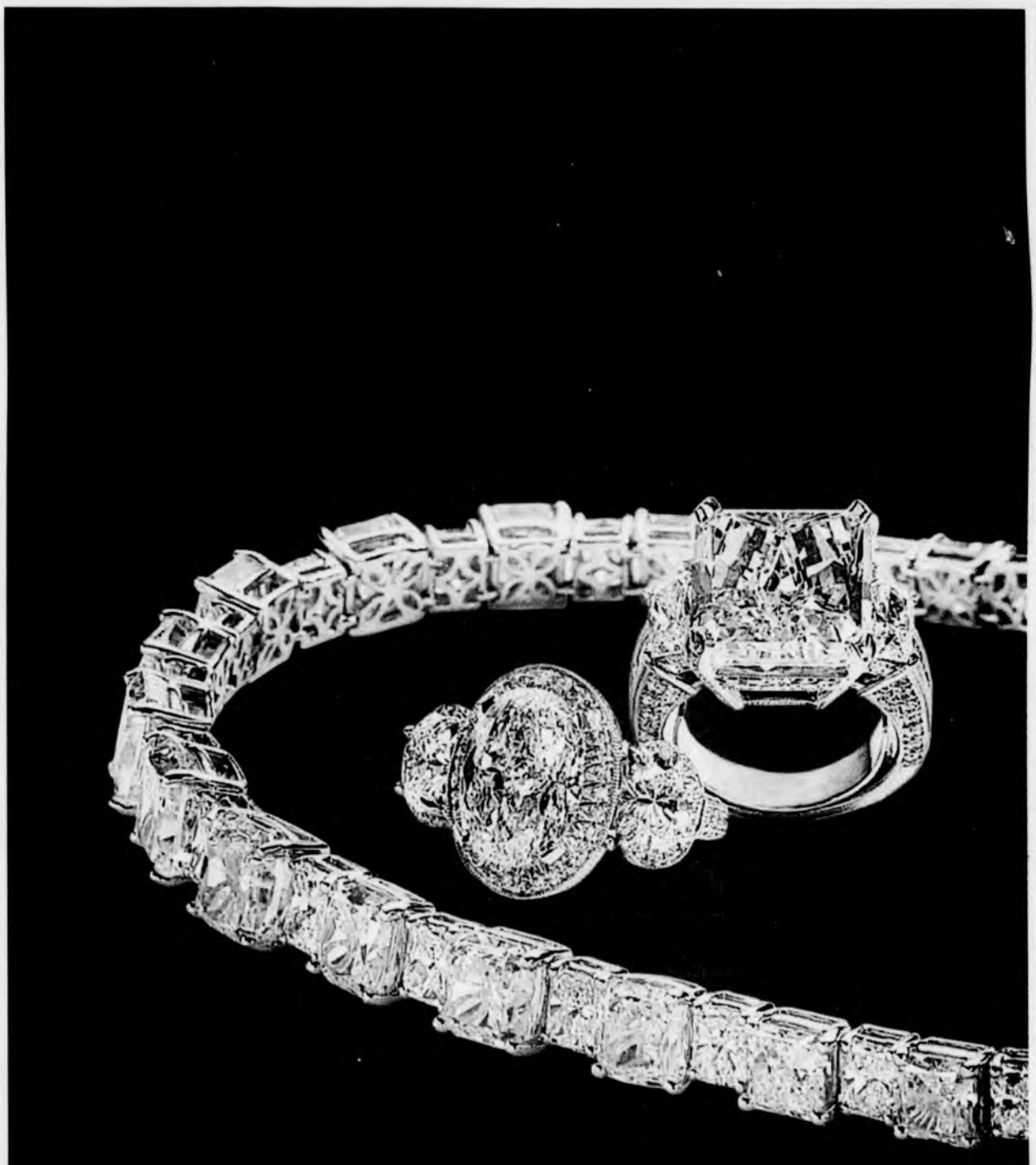


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Search for TM begins

FROM MANAGER, PAGE 1

Brown who both have business experience; and selectmen Fred Koed and Rob Spofford, held its first meeting Monday. The committee has been charged with producing between three and five potential candidates for the position to the Board of Selectmen, which will ultimately choose who the next town manager will be.

Spofford said he would try to get the committee on the agenda for the Sept. 14 Board of Selectmen meeting.

It is still very early in the process, but Spofford, who was voted chairman of the committee, said 15 résumés have been received already, and advertising will greatly increase over the next couple of weeks. The board has decided to post the position on Internet job sites as well, most likely sites comparable to monster.com and hotjobs.com. Time is of the essence, as the selectmen would like to see a new town manager in place for the Special Town Meeting slated for the second week of November.

"If we could get someone here in time for the Special Town Meeting, they could be there to hear the issues, although they might not necessarily participate," Spofford said. To help speed the process along, some members thought it might be beneficial to hire some additional help. Spofford said the town had received correspondence from a third party search firm, which is interested in helping the town fill the position, and the idea should at least be discussed.

"We're doing a passive campaign," said Pease, adding when the advertisements go out, the town waits to hear from prospective candidates, which may take some time. He said a search firm can actively go out and approach potential candidates who might be a good fit for the job, which is something people in town wouldn't have the time to do. He said there could be employees who are currently happy with their job, but might consider moving on if they heard about a good opportunity, and recruiters can use their contacts to get the word out. With a résumé deadline of Sept. 28, "A good search firm can speed things up," he said.

Spofford agreed that time is a factor in the search process. "The sooner the better. We have a lot of issues we're dealing with," he said. However, hiring a search firm could cost the town between $12,000 and $18,000.

McGee was quick to point out, "There is no budget for this," and many agreed that with the process still so new, there may be abundant candidates once the word gets out. Spofford said he had heard from Duxbury Town Manager Rocco Longo, that Cohasset was "going to get inundated," with applications once it was made known the town was actively looking for a new town manager. Mark Haddad, the former town manager who resigned in May, held the position for seven years and was paid $105,475 a year. Finance Director Michael Buckley has been serving as acting town manager since Haddad stepped down and is not seeking the town manager post on a permanent basis. At this stage, without much advertising, résumés are already beginning to flow in steadily, and spending money on a search firm might prove to be a waste, the committee said.

Flynn said when the schools were looking for a new superintendent, the School Committee had discussed hiring a consultant to help in their search. However, with the money it would cost, and given the desirability of Cohasset, the committee decided to try advertising only and see how the process unfolded and "We had plenty of good candidates," he said. Flynn said he would recom-

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mend the town do the same, and wait to see what happens once advertising really begins.

Brown said if the town is going to ask a potential town manager to be fiscally responsible, it should lead by example and not spend the money for a search firm if it doesn't have to. Everyone agreed, and if the committee feels it needs to hire outside help after some time passes, the issue can be revisited.

Now that résumés have begun coming in, the committee would like to begin narrowing down potential candidates. However, members of the committee said while they might think they have an idea of what the town needs, at the end of the day, the selectmen will be the new town manager's boss and their input is critical. "We don't want to deliver the wrong guy," said Flynn.

The committee discussed what it thought were some important qualities for a town manager to have, including budgetary experience, being able to manage contracts, and long-range planning skills, but without selectmen input to rate what the most important qualities will be, the committee could present wonderful candidates which might not be what the selectmen are looking for. "We need to find out what we're searching for," said Flynn.

Pease said it would be helpful if selectmen could come up with five things a town manager would have to carry out over the next two years in order to be considered successful in town as well as attributes the perfect candidate would possess, to enable the committee to rank candidates accordingly. By having a set of unwavering criteria, it will give both the town and potential candidates a better understanding for whether they'll be a good match for the town.

It was suggested either Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley or DeVito, who is acting as Town Manager until after Labor Day while Buckley is on vacation, contact Haddad to ask him what he feels a new town manager should do in order to be successful, and what qualities should the committee look to avoid. DeVito said someone would make the call.

Spofford said he would try to get the committee on the agenda for the Sept. 14 Board of Selectmen meeting, and he would ask that each member come to the meeting prepared with a list of attributes, ranked in order of importance, for potential candidates. With budget season on the horizon, "We really need to get this done as quickly as we can," he said.

Free screenings at the health fair

The Cohasset Board of Health will offer free health screenings to the residents of Cohasset at the Annual Health Fair on Tuesday Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church next to the Cohasset Town Hall in Cohasset Village.

Screenings will include blood pressure, vision and hearing, cholesterol and blood sugar (funded by the Cohasset Rotary Club), oral cancer, osteoporosis (bone mineral density) chiropractic and skin analyzer. There will be demonstrations of magnet and massage therapy, holistic health methods including acupuncture, nutrition and water purification methods.

Refreshments will be available and will be provided by Stop and Shop, Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, and Atlantic Bagel. For more information contact Judy Fitzsimmons, RN, public health nurse at the Cohasset Board of Health 781-383-2210.

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FOOTBALL BOOK

The Gridiron Club is accepting ads for their 2004 Football Book. New ads can be called in to **Alan and Linda Snowdale,** 781-383-9131. The Football Book Drive is the major fundraiser for the Gridiron Club. The Club provides scholarships and support for the Cohasset High School football program from the proceeds of the Book Drive. Football players deliver the books to most homes and many businesses in town in November.

ART FOR TEENS

The South Shore Art Center is offering several classes that will be of special interest to teenagers. The fall course lineup includes High School Studio—2D & 3D Projects. This course is designed for high school students considering pursuing an art career or including a portfolio with their school admissions packet. A variety of assignments will be completed in both two and three dimensional media, including pencil, colored pencil, charcoal, watercolor, pastel and ceramics. Assignments will be focused on observational drawing, portrait, and sculpture required for portfolios.

The course allows high school artists the opportunity to enhance and supplement artwork to be used for admission to art school or college. Teen Printmaking Workshop will explore printmaking applications. Students will learn methods and techniques. There will be individual guidance as well as a group demonstration and discussions. Emphasis will be on developing the student's own expressive style and building his/her portfolio. This workshop will meet on the weekend enabling busy high school students to participate. For information about these classes or other autumn offerings at the South Shore Art Center call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

SCHOOL WEB SITE

If anyone is looking for information on the Cohasset schools please go to the Web site at www.cohassetk12.org.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful, happy and safe Labor Day weekend. I cannot believe that it is already here and am sad to have Summer in its final hoorah. One thing I do look forward to however is some more news and information coming in with the start of the school year and people coming home from vacations and whatnot. Make sure to send me in everything you have no later than Mondays by 5 p.m.

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Italian feast has the flavor of old country

Sept. 5 event in Hingham

By Ove Pygh Wilche
CORRESPONDENT



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Padre Vincenzo from the Sacred Heart Church in Boston will lead the procession again this year.

Again it is time for one of the biggest events in the area. This year, as always, the Italian Feast takes place on the Sunday before Labor Day (Sept. 5). As in previous years, the committee invites local residents to participate in the festivities and enjoy the day. The occasion is the celebration of La Madonna della Luce (Mary of Light) the patron saint of Palermiti, Italy. Most of the Italian immigrants who settled in Hingham are from this town. Since the late 1920s these immigrants have had an annual feast celebrating the Madonna. First it took place in South Hingham, but from 1957 the Feast was moved to its present location on Pine Street in North Hingham.

The celebration is, of course, religious, but it is also a feast, a party, and first a family event. The festivities begin with a procession that starts from the intersection of Hull Street (Route 228) and Pine Street at 10 a.m. Shortly after, there is an outdoor mass followed by a picnic lunch with each family bringing its own food. Various activities are available for the children during the afternoon. In the early evening the entertainment is for the whole family and late at night the adults have an opportunity to dance to the music of an Italian band.

"One may think it is a strictly Italian thing," says Domenic Sica, president of the Feast and continues, "However, although we are Italians we are also Hinghamites and proud of it. So, bring the family, come on over, share the day with your Italian-Hinghamite neighbors, and have a fun time."

One thing is for sure. The Italian Feast offers entertainment of all kinds and for all ages. Last year a children's ride was introduced and became so popular that it will be there again this year. The raffle in the late afternoon offers plenty of surprises. The prizes are all donated by local businesses and no one knows what is up for grabs until the raffle begins. However, one will find several "goodies" on the list and previous years winners have walked away with stereo equipment, TV sets, and cameras. So, there is all reason to buy a ticket and "gamble."

In addition, the proceeds are donated to the Italian Feast, which all by itself is a reason to buy tickets. Sergio Pungitore, Treasurer says, "Although many people donate time and materials, it takes money to arrange the Feast. We are also constantly making improvements to the grounds. So, we need all the support we can get."

Beer, wine, and soft drinks have been sold on the premises for many years. However, although families brought food, they often had only enough for the luncheon and nothing to eat for dinner. To satisfy the demand, food was for sale for the first time last year. This was such a success that again this year's attendants can buy Italian sausages grilled over an open fire and garnished with roasted peppers and onions. When accompanied by an Italian beer, this menu is a true Italian treat.

Otherwise, the program follows tradition. As in previous years, the outdoor mass will be conducted by Padre Vincenzo from the Sacred Heart Church in Boston. The Roma Band of South Boston will again provide music during the procession and the mass. Members of the committee will decorate the grounds with banners in Italian colors and the chapel will, again, show a beautiful display of flowers.

La Madonna

The central figure of the day is, of course, La Madonna della Luce (Mary of Light) depicted in a beautiful wooden statue. As the celebration in Hingham became a tradition, immigrants who were from Palermiti donated the funds needed for a statue. Skillful craftspeople in Florence, Italy did the carving and the statue was shipped to Hingham. Today, the arrival of the Madonna marks the beginning of the Feast. From the intersection of Hull Street (Route 228) and Pine Street the procession will go to the chapel on Oak Street. When the statue is placed by the chapel it is time for the mass and the Feast is on.

What should also be observed is that the feast is an excellent opportunity to get the flavor and touch of Italian culture and tradition. The mass is in Latin and throughout the day one should expect to hear the Italian language. In addition, the setting under the tall trees, the long tables where the families gather for lunch, and the food trays and wine jars served during the luncheon create a scene as seen in an Italian movie. However, this should not stop anyone from attending the Feast. Although many of the attendants are first generation immigrants, everybody is bilingual and Italians are famous for their hospitality. So much more the reason for sharing the day with our Italian neighbors.

All in all, any people who want to relax, have fun, get a taste of Italy, or just forget the world and all its trouble for a couple of hours should attend the Italian Feast. It is great fun and the perfect anti-stress therapy. So, mark Sept. 5 in the calendar and "Parliamo Italiano" — let us speak Italian for the day.

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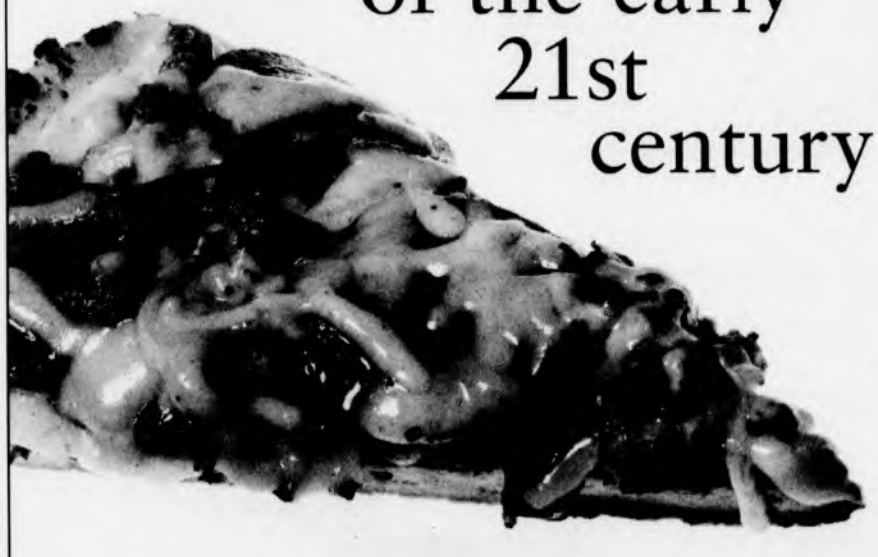
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Canine guests have all the creature comforts

Couple opens upscale dog spa

By Mary Jane Hanron
CORRESPONDENT

A constant theme that flows through every aspect of John and Christina Gargano's life together is that of "puppy love". The Norwell couple owns and operates the elegant and upscale Barkleys Dog Spa that recently opened on Route 3A in Cohasset. Upon entering this canine oasis, visitors are surrounded by an assortment of stylish yet functional accessories and products for all breeds and sizes of "man's best friend" and their doting owners.

"It is our goal to have clients come here and know that we are trustworthy, ethical and will give every dog personal and individual attention."

— John Gargano, Barkleys Dog Spa

"This is a dream come true," states John while discussing his business. "Dogs have always been important in my life. I wanted to create a place where dogs and their families can come for quality products and service and have the animal's best interest in mind. It is our goal to have clients come here and know that we are trustworthy, ethical and will give every dog personal and individual attention."

Although around dogs throughout his life, for many years John found the animals were a passion and hobby for him. He was a trainer and operated a kennel, activities that confirmed his desire to work with dogs a career. He was particularly interested in helping dogs in need of rehabilitation. He studied to perfect his methods, but found he had the natural ability, patience and gentle manner to be effective and successful with the dogs. John was also an experienced auto mechanic, but an injury made it necessary for him to change his career focus. "It was hard, but it was also the best thing that could have happened to me," he reflected. "It led me to this", he said, referring to the new business and its finely appointed showroom.

"It's great to see him so happy," added his wife, Christina. "Now when he comes home at night, there is a light in his eye that shows he's really enjoying what he's doing."

Christina, originally from Pembroke, credited their mutual appreciation for dogs with the couple's introduction, subsequent romance and marriage. "I was searching for a companion for my dog," she shared. "I stopped at a kennel where John was working. I was looking for a puppy but instead, John offered to care for my dog while I worked. I am a nurse so my hours are long and varied. He was very accommodating and helped with the dog despite my schedule. This led to a friendship and then we dated and now, here we are!"



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John and Christina Gargano are the owners of Barkleys Dog Spa off Rte. 3A.



There are lots of doggie treats on silver platters at Barkleys Dog Spa.

Christina played a major role in merchandising the store, which has an array of accessories, exclusive and unique items with well known and reputable names like Coach collectibles and Urban Hund. The assortment includes leashes and collars, dishes, bedding, toys and giftware. Something for every dog from Pekinese to St. Bernard and sheltie to German shepherd can be found. Decorative sparkling harnesses, finely made leather collars and colorful raingear are arranged on shelves with luxurious dog carriers, and practical travel accessories. One very popular item is the marine dog leash and collar, made specifically to withstand exposure to saltwater. "I learn from my customers," John explained. "Clearly, there are many dogs that spend time near the water and on boats with there owners in this area. Items that are not destroyed by exposure to the ocean are essential to many owners here, since we are located so close to the sea. Again, this is a specialty product that makes life more pleasant for both dog and man."

"Even rain gear is a functional item," he continued. "When dogs are out in the rain and get soaked, the first thing they do when they return to the house is to shake or roll on the floor and the moisture lands everywhere. This way they are protected and so are carpets and indoor furniture!"

In addition to the countless enticing products, many services are available for dogs, including consultations, grooming, and obedience training. John has studied with many of the world's leading authorities, including Matthew Margolis of PBS fame. "My goal in helping people train their dogs is real life obedience," John explained. "I don't strive to create a 'soldier' or a perfect show dog, but to teach the animal enough control to be able to walk appropriately, react obediently in panic situations and function as a member of a family so the experience is great for everyone."

Barkleys has space both out doors and in an adjacent indoor area where training takes place. "Anytime a new dog comes to me for training, I do an initial evaluation," John says. "Of course, any physical problems are referred to a veterinarian. Most behavioral problems once identified can be solved. Occasionally, with adopted animals we run into situations where animals have been abused and require a bit more rehabilitation, but with the proper help most dogs will be wonderful pets."

Grooming

Grooming services at Barkley's are tailored to each dog and performed by two groomers with many years of experience. The head groomer has been performing her work on pets and show dogs alike for more than thirty years. The Spa has a bathing unit with state of the art equipment, including an electronically operated table upon which the dogs step rather than be lifted, thus positioning them at the proper height for their treatment. A Hydrosurge Spa Bath allows dogs to have a solution mixed exclusively for their skin and coat type and applied as therapeutic massage by the groomers.

"Our products include everything from the basics to the most elite shampoos. We can tailor the solutions to each animal and the experience is a pleasant and calming one. We have the same philosophy with the styling we do," John explained. "Cuts and trims on the dogs are done after consultation with the owner. For example, we will not do a fancy poodle cut if the customer just wants a trim for the pet. The work of our groomers is truly art."

Clients who have visited Barkleys for grooming or spa treatment receive a follow up phone call from John. "We want to be sure our customers are pleased with the service and the dogs seem happy and comfortable," he said.

Barkley's also offers a high quality assortment of foods for dogs. "Our dog foods contain the same quality ingredients that would be found on our own dining tables," John said. "They are properly balanced and really contribute to the health and appearance of a dog." "Some are even mixed with Spring Water!" added Christina. An area of the boutique showcases a bakery counter, referred to as the "Gormet Bakery Treats". Customers may chose individual freshly baked delicacies for their pet as a special reward.

Furniture

As an ultimate "creature comfort" for a canine companion, the Boutique offers exceptionally well made dog furniture. The beds are finely constructed, hold their shape, and are washable. The fabrics and patterns can be chosen from swatches of material to blend with any home décor. "This is another 'extra' in which we have placed much thought about what we offer for pets," said John. Dogs are cherished members of a family and Barkleys is a place where they can be treated they way. To many dog owners, pets are like their children. People who have a dog know their important role in the daily family life.

Christina and John stress that this endeavor is not only a dream come true, but a genuine family effort. John's Dad frequently comes to the shop from his home in Quincy. He was a major participant in preparing the spa for opening, as he helped with painting and finishing touches to the interior. Christina's mother helps her with caring for the Gargano's two daughters; Sage, age 3 and Sophia, age 1-1/2. Both children enjoy visiting the store and are familiar with the many colorfully attractive items for sale. The Garganos are expecting a third child later this year. Two other very important family members are Griffin and Jetta, brother and sister Weimaraners who are the family pets.



Beds for dogs of all sizes are for sale at Barkleys.

"Having this business is lots of fun, but it is a huge commitment," said Christina. "It's all worth it because it is the fulfillment of the dream of a lifetime."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Getting back in gear

While news never takes a hiatus — the quantity of news slows down somewhat over the summer months.

That should not be surprising given that town boards don't meet as often, schools are out, and lots of residents go away for a week or two. Other townspeople just like to kick back and relax and not think about "issues" or having to take the kids to dance lessons or hockey practice.

But with September here, that's all about to change.

The town budget season looms on the horizon, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts meet, houses of worship resume their regular schedules, youth sports get into full swing along with myriad other activities for Cohasseters of all ages.

Here at the Mariner, we're pleased to be the vehicle through which our readers either "get the word out" or "find out about" everything from who's on the dean's list to what is the latest news about Greenbush.

But if you're on the delivery end of the news — in other words you want your club announcement or letter-to-the-editor in the paper — there are some simple "rules to follow."

We accept letters, news items and happenings by email, which is one of the most efficient ways to send your news. However, thanks to some recent spam we were up to 500 emails a day, so it's not a bad idea to follow your email up with a telephone call, just to make sure your message arrived safely and wasn't inadvertently deleted. Or better yet, just ask us to hit the reply button — so you'll get the message that we received your email on your computer. Attachments should be saved as word documents; photographs should be sent as jpeg attachments.

We still accept news by fax and the old-fashioned way, through the US mail, or dropped off here at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square at 73 South St., above the Cinnamon Bear.

News items should be as concise as possible and written in a narrative form. In other words, please write your news items in a "mini-story format" using complete sentences. Try not to send us flyers, which have to be completely reworded.

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Try to have your news to the Mariner by Monday morning for that week's issue. We accept obituaries and letters to the editor until noon, Tuesday.

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Call or email Mary Ford, editor, at 781-741-2933 (mford@cnc.com); or staff reporter Samantha Brown, at 781-741-2935 (sambrown@cnc.com).

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— Mary Ford
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ecologically safe lawn care is critical

TO THE EDITOR:

The Water Resources Protection Committee (WRPC) is a citizens group advising the Water Department and Board of Selectmen on matters concerning the condition of the watershed and ultimately the quality of Cohasset drinking water. Recognizing that improper use of lawn chemicals and fertilizer directly impact the water quality of Lily Pond the WRPC is initiating a program to disseminate information on and encourage the use of ecological methods lawn care within the watershed of Lily Pond and town wellfields (an area occupied by approximately 50 percent of the town's residents).

A recent survey by the Water Dept. has determined that Lily Pond is seriously impacted by consistently high levels of nutrients from non-point sources within its watershed. High levels of nutrients promote excessive algae and plant growth in the pond reducing its capacity and seriously degrading the quality of its water. The result of which are reflected in the perceived taste and odors to the users along with subtle increases in dissolved organic byproducts which could lead to health related issues. The trend, if not reversed, will demand more extensive and expensive treatment at the water plant. Since these "non-point" sources are the primary contributors of these nutrients, one inexpensive answer is to encourage efficient and judicious use of lawn fertilizers and chemicals by homeowners in the watershed to minimize the introduction of these nutrients in runoff and groundwater.

The WRPC in concert with the Board of Health and the Water Department has begun to develop a program to alert Cohasset homeowners to the probable impact of their actions on the water we drink and to help them get the information to make informed decisions in how they maintain their lawns and planting to minimize nutrients and chemicals leaving their property.

As part of this program:

a) The WRPC will be providing notices in water bills, local business and newspapers along with links on the town and water department Web sites to increase the practical information available to the public.

b) The WRPC will be working with the Board of Health and the citizen groups working to stem the effects of nutrients and pollutants on Little Harbor and the Gulf. This will draw on a larger body of concerned citizens and leverage the effect of our message.

c) We will begin working with the DPW and the Board of Selectmen to develop a set of practical guidelines for management of the town's parks and grasslands.

d) We request homeowners who are currently practicing ecologically-aware lawn care to contact the WRPC (jkinch@hotmail.com) to tell us how you minimize the use of chemicals and fertilizers on your property.

We hope to become the local resource for management information and help promote practices that maintain and enhance the quality of water we drink. Going forward, the WRPC will be become a resource to Cohasset on practical methods of natural ecologically safe lawn care. We invite the public's comments and suggestions.

Jim Kinch
Chairman,
Water Resource Protection Committee
77 Forest Ave.

Drive-through in village opposed

TO THE EDITOR:

It is hard to imagine that our Board of Appeals can even remotely consider granting a permit for a Dunkin' Donuts drive-through in our town center. The traffic study which accompanies the petition concedes that a congested town center such as ours is not a typical place for a drive-through. The traffic study makes no concrete assessment of the traffic impact because the consultant says he is unable to quantify what it might be, though he conjectures that there will not be an increase in traffic into the village.

However, commonsense suggests that in order for a coffee-and-donuts drive-through operation to be successful, there will be a tripling or quadrupling (or even more) of the current number of motor vehicles which will enter the present gas station driveway. This essentially will convert the driveway entrance from Main St. into a de facto roadway across the sidewalk, with all of the accompanying hazards for pedestrians, joggers, bicyclists, and baby strollers, not to mention other motor vehicles.

Our town has debated for years how we can best preserve and enhance the quintessential New England charm of our village area, with one of the principal objectives of the imminent renovation project being pedestrian safety. A coffee-and-donuts drive-through in the heart of the village is completely contrary to everything our town has been seeking to accomplish in the past decade of debate and discussion about this project.

Andrew P. Quigley
38 Jerusalem Road

POLITICAL NOTES

GOP convention event

Calling all Republicans about live TV coverage of the Republican National Convention .

Don't miss an opportunity to support the president and join other local Republicans and candidates. This will be an evening of interesting conversation and live TV coverage of President George W. Bush in New York City tonight (Thursday, Sept. 2), at 8 p.m. at South Shore Country Club, 274 South St., Hingham.

Cost if free to all — bring family and friends, cash bar - RSVP: Kjoyce@gis.net or 781-749-1036.

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HEALTH NOTES

Come on down and get checked out

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Each year in September, the Board of Health sponsors a Health Screening Day; the name changes depending on the sense of the way we think people in town are beginning to feel about '*health in general*'. We, in the Board of Health jokingly refer to this as an opportunity to help stamp out disease, but that's not what the Health Fair (the old name) is about. It's really about getting an increasingly large number of citizens to be comfortable with the prodding, poking, and other things doctors do.

It's no secret, most of us hate to see a doctor – for fear something might be wrong, or whatever. But, it's also true that mortality statistics are filled with cases of those who've waited too long. So, we try to make the Health Fair a community event for *all*! Age or condition or ability to pay are not considerations. This is a time to learn about the health care system in our town.

Some of it is gratuitously commercial, but what's new. Much — no, most of it is about helping people no matter what. As a Board of Health member, I'd like to see teens with acne; 50-year-olds with back pain; elders who need knee surgery, and a few with trouble breathing — meet those who tell about their exercise regimen; or swap diet info; or talk about their latest running or walking practices. It's also a chance to come down and sample healthy snacks from several local eating establishments served by volunteers during your time at the fair.

So mark your calendar for Health Screening Day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 14 at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.

Free screenings and programs include:

Vision and hearing (sponsored by the Cohasset Rotary Club), magnet therapy, osteoporosis testing (provided by the Norwell VNA); nutrition and water purification; blood pressure (bring your Sphygmomanometer [blood pressure cuff] and have it calibrated); massage therapy; oral cancer screening; Reiki; skin analyzer; smoking cessation; chiropractic care; and holistic care and acupuncture.

Doddering or sprinting; come down and get a free healthy snack served by volunteers and provided by Stop and Shop, Starbucks Coffee, Atlantic Bagel, and Dunkin' Donuts. Meet others who think about their health, talk to people about it, and get some new ideas.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Experts gather in Cohasset to ponder report on health of the Gulf River estuary

CSCR REPORT

RYAN DAVIS

In order to promote its research into the health of the Gulf River estuary and to discuss possible solutions to non-point source pollution identified by student data for that region, the Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) held a meeting on Aug. 25 at its Hagerty House laboratory-cum-conference facility with an impressive array of specialists.

"The meeting was a high level, informed discussion about very serious, complex issues that require joint action between the two towns of Scituate and Cohasset," reflected Eric Oddleifson, president of the Gulf Association. "CSCR students and faculty are playing a hugely important role here."

Representatives at the conference included municipal and state officials, including agents of the Cohasset and Scituate Boards of Health, a member of the state-sponsored coastline stewardship agency Coastal Zone Management, as well as engineers and consultants, including two under contract to assess Scituate's storm-water drainage and sewer systems. Also present were delegates representing the concerns of local citizens, such as the Gulf Association, the non-profit advocate for responsible protection and preservation of the fragile ecosystem that defines the Gulf River watershed. In addition, a regional coordinator of the Massachusetts Bays National Estuary Program, brought to the table valuable insights into the role that outreach and educational tools can play in addressing these complex issues. The catalyst for such a heady meeting, it bears repeating, was six weeks of monitoring data collected by CSCR students working on the second year of a Gulf River Study project.

"That our students produce data that can play a meaningful role in the professional lives of environmental engineers, town officials, and watershed stewardship groups is a mission come true," said meeting coordinator and CSCR president, Jack Buckley. "But more important, the meeting really made it clear to students that their work is being taken seriously. That's the best compliment the students can hope for."

Buckley framed the purpose of the meeting as the first step in producing a grant application for the funding of a Cohasset-Scituate collaborative project to remediate non-point source pollution in the Gulf River Estuary. After giving the attendees a chance to review an extensive compilation of the CSCR's collected data, there was some wrangling about the exact severity of the pollution. To overcome the multiple interpretations of the data Mr. Buckley sought clarification, asking, "Are [the attendees] agreed that there is in fact a problem [in the Gulf River]?" – to which all present assented thoroughly.

CZM representative Jason Burtner then explained to the group that a similar project was funded by CZM for a North Shore town. Given that the grant review period which limits official input to prospective applicants had not yet begun, Burtner chaired the meeting as the resident expert on both technical issues and project proposal guidelines. Further discussion ensued, with various parties addressing procedural grant application issues and substantive pollution problems that lie at the heart of the data. While Gulf Association founding member and current vice president, John Hartshorne, advocated "action that addresses the source of the problem," Burtner carefully outlined CZM's vision that ideal projects address not only assessment and corrective measures, but implementation of broader changes, including educational strategies and municipal-wide changes known as best management practices. "I think we can do both here," concluded Burtner.

The group clearly reached consensus that a collaborative grant application will be pursued to enhance work already in progress in both towns, to remediate the identified problem, and to improve the capacities of both towns to address other, or future non-point source pollution problems in the shared Gulf River estuary. Some of the tasks identified by the group included the following objectives. To continue water quality monitoring and to better determine if there is a connection between rainfall and pollution spikes, including sampling in storm drains and catch basins. To improve municipal records on septic systems, including investigations into illicit discharges To delineate precise drainage areas where "hot spots" occur, especially in relationship to surrounding land use. To launch public education initiatives about septic system care and pet waste disposal

Jennifer Sullivan, health agent for Scituate, was enthusiastic about the potential for accomplishing such simple tasks as updating town records. "I would love to have our septic database brought up to date. It just takes time that we don't have. It would be great to have students assisting us with these tasks."

In closing, Burtner pointed out that much of the student work and the proposed grant application are the necessary follow-up work to the Natural Resource Inventory of the Gulf River, a document produced in March 2003, and completed by the Urban Harbors Institute of UMass Boston. "The Inventory provides an overview of the work that needs to be done in the Gulf River. It is the macro guide to stewardship of the Gulf River estuary. Recommendations 5 and 6 serve as the foundation for this project before us, so we're actually right on target."

In the post-conference cookout, adult and student participants shared sentiments about the overall success of the meeting. Cohasset Board of Health chairman, a well-known champion of CSCR, went even further, however.

"The meeting represented a significant development. It represents collaboration among the municipalities of Cohasset and Scituate, and it represents the model of how students can play a very active and critical role in working with local and state officials in addressing pressing environmental issues," Steve Bobo said. "The entire project is a template for activity that should go on in all of our water bodies."

Ryan Davis is a student at the CSCR. He is an upcoming senior at Phillips Academy in Andover and lives in Hingham.

Famous for being famous

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I was browsing through an old entertainment magazine that someone left on the coffee table the other day when I came across the name of Paris Hilton and the thought occurred to me that there is a growing number of people who are famous just for being famous.

And she can also claim a distant — did someone say "very distant?" — relationship to President Ronald Reagan.

A few years ago, it was Rula Lenska, who was nominated for the Famous People's Hall of Fame by Diane White, who I still regard as the best columnist ever put on waivers by the Boston Globe. I don't think Diane knew what Rula was famous for either.

A few years before that it was Kato Kaelein, whose tenuous claim to fame was as a non-paying house guest of O. J. Simpson, who is famous for his Brentwood ex-wife-icide. Kato tried and failed to parlay his seven-minutes of fame into jobs as an actor or talk show host.

Later, Kato discovered how fleeting was fame when he tried to get into a Baltimore Orioles game on a celebrity discount and the ticket taker said, "Kato who?" Presumably he has gone back to his old job of boy toy, hopefully for someone who gets along better with his ex-wife.

But I digress . . .

Paris started climbing the ladder of fame as a teenager when a very adult video starring her and her then-boyfriend "in flagrante delecto,' as we used to say, suddenly appeared on the Internet.

I don't know anything about it personally, of course, but friends tell me that you can still tune in to Paris' video debut if you leave your name, age and swear that you'll watch it only for its redeeming social qualities.

Did I mention that Paris is a heiress of the wealthy Hilton hotel clan, which includes Nicky, who was married briefly to Elizabeth Taylor, and Conrad, who was married briefly to Zsa Zsa Gabor?

And she can also claim a distant — did someone say "very distant?" — relationship to President Ronald Reagan since I am told that one of her aunts on her mother's side was once married to the brother of Nancy Davis, who became Nancy Reagan.

Have you got that straight? I hope so because I'm not going over it again.

Right now, Paris can be seen, fully clothed, with her friend, Nicole Richie, every Wednesday night at 9 o'clock on the Fox Channel in "The Simple Life," what is described as one of those "reality" shows in which the two rich, pampered babes play at being one of us plebes.

I never watch it myself, of course, but my friends tell me that in a recent episode Paris and Nicole posed as maids in a nudist colony. How much simpler can life get than that?

If you haven't had enough Paris Hilton for one lifetime, you can duck down to Barnes and Noble on your lunch hour today (Sept. 1) and pick up a copy of "The Tinkerbell Hilton Diaries," the tell-all biography of her teacup Chihuahua.

And her own memoir, "Confessions of an Heiress: A Tongue-in-Chic Peek Behind the Pose," is due to hit the stands next Tuesday.

Such is fame when you're 23-years-old and famous for being famous.

Cultivating the radiant rudbeckias

GREEN THUMBS UP

SUZANNE MAHLER



Rudbeckia 'Irish Eyes' offers a unique lime-green central disk and a number of wonderful dwarf varieties including R. 'Toto are available for containers or the front of the border.

One of the greatest challenges for a perennial gardener is to create a border with color and beauty throughout the growing season. Most of us acquire the majority of our perennials during the spring and early summer often selecting those plants that are already showing colorful blossoms. By mid-August many gardens may become monochromatic as green as foliage predominates both sunny and shady borders. Plants that feature tinted foliages are particularly valuable during the latter half of the summer but there are many hardy, reliable perennials that provide extended bloom in the weeks to come.

On dreary, overcast days, the sunny, golden yellow blooms of black-eyed Susans (Rudbeckia spp.) seem to glow from across the garden. Throughout South Shore landscapes, few perennials are so universally cultivated as these popular carefree coneflowers. Yellow, gold, or orange petals surrounding brown, black, or green cone-shaped central disks characterize members of the Rudbeckia family. These North American natives perform their best given full sun, good soils, and consistent moisture.

Black-eyed Susans (R. fulgida) are hardy, free-flowering perennials that spread by rhizomes. The familiar 3 to 4 inch golden daisies, highlighted by black central disks, bloom for weeks from late summer well into the fall season. The selection, R. 'Goldsturm', which grows 2 to 3 feet tall, is particularly desirable, as it tends to be somewhat more restrained in growth with marvelous branching and handsome foliage. Coneflowers are perfect complements to ornamental grasses, sedums, asters, and chrysanthemums. Plants colonize readily and mass plantings offer bold, welcome color in the late summer landscape.

Brown-eyed Susans (R. triloba) and Gloriosa daisies (R. hirta) provide similar bursts of late summer color but tend to be less persistent from season to season than their hardy relatives. The leaves of these annual, biennial, or short-lived perennials appear soft and fuzzy and although some may return reliably for a few years, others may succumb to winter cold. I tend to allow the decorative seed heads to remain throughout the winter months for their ornamental value and to ensure the continuous appearance of these dramatic, showy daisies. In late spring, the plentiful offspring are transplanted throughout my borders where their giant blooms begin to appear in mid-July and provide a pleasant contrast to plantings of daylilies and mixed perennials.

Rudbeckia triloba is technically a biennial plant that exhibits a multitude of 1-1/2 inch golden daisies with brownish-purple centers that completely smother the bushy 3 to 5 foot plants. Seedlings generally appear the following season and bloom the second year. Gloriosa daisies display particularly large golden-yellow flower heads, often tinted or banded with shades of brown, orange, rust, mahogany or red. Every seedling is a surprise. The Gloriosa daisies are one of the few flowers that I actually cut from my garden for indoor bouquets. I favor the boldly banded offspring and often eliminate those that lack multicolored blossoms. Rudbeckia 'Irish Eyes' offers a unique lime-green central disk and a number of wonderful dwarf varieties including R. 'Toto are available for containers or the front of the border.

Less widely grown are the cutleaf coneflowers, Rudbeckia laciniata and Rudbeckia nitida. Popular since Victorian times, Rudbeckia laciniata 'Golden Glow' tends to be a rapidly spreading perennial with 3-inch fully double yellow blossoms on 6-foot stems arising from a basal cluster of shiny, divided deep green leaves. A newer cultivar, R. 'Goldquelle' is less exuberant and more compact bearing similar double yellow blooms on 3-foot plants. Rudbeckia nitida 'Herbstsonne' or 'Autumn Sun' is a personal favorite that furnishes a marvelous architectural accent to my front entry and blooms for weeks with a profusion of bright yellow daisies highlighted by green central cones. I prefer the slightly softer yellow color of the drooping petals and the 4 to 7 foot stems rarely need support. The attractive seedheads are allowed to remain all winter attracting chickadees, tufted titmice, and goldfinches.

Add several members of the Rudbeckia family to your garden for color throughout the late summer and well into the fall season.

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.5-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years. Her weekly gardening column 'Green Thumbs Up' has appeared in the Mariner newspapers for nearly a decade. She is a member of two local garden clubs, past President of the New England Daylily Society, an overseer for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and is employed at two garden centers.

LIBRARY CORNER

Labor Day

The library will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6 for Labor Day.

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview! Reserve your copy in advance of publication by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "Light on Snow," by Anita Shreve; "Murder at Union Station," by Margaret Truman; "Villages," by John Updike; and, "The Prince of Beverly Hills," by Stuart Woods.

To place a hold from home, start at our website HYPERLINK "http://www.cohassetlibrary.org". Go to CATALOG and search for the item you want. Click on HOLD. Enter your user ID from your library card (no spaces), your PIN (OCLN) and specify PICKUP LOCATION as Cohasset. Press HOLD. We will notify you when the book is available.

Congratulations to summer readers

Congratulations to all the summer reading program participants at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. More than 350 students registered for the statewide summer reading program titled "Explore Other Worlds @ Your Library." Participants who have successfully reached their personal goal of reading every day will receive a T-shirt with the summer reading logo on it. Congratulate all children you see wearing this T-shirt. T-shirts may be picked up before Sept. 4 or after Sept. 19, as Mrs. Moody will be going on vacation.

NoveList K-8

Looking for a good book? Looking for something to read next? Looking for a reading or teaching theme? Try NoveList K-8. NoveList K-8 is a guide to fiction. Each month NoveList offers themes relevant to the season. You can search by author, title, series name and subject. You can access NoveList by going to www.cohassetlibrary.org and clicking on NoveList from the sidebar menu. When you see the Ebsco Host page prompt, "patron ID," type in your library card number without spaces. The next page will be the Paul Pratt Memorial Library "Select Service" page. Click on NoveList K-8 for juvenile fiction or NoveList for adult fiction. NoveList is a great tool for finding fiction, for browsing or just having fun.

The modern scholar

Take a college course in your car. Listen to a series of informational lectures on CD, taught by dynamic professors. Ideal for the commuter, each course consists of 14 half-hour lectures. What subjects interest you? We have a collection of courses from political science to music.

Wireless access

The library now offers wireless internet access for patrons with laptop computers.

Artist exhibit

Landscape paintings of Lisa Marder will be on display at the library from Sept. 10 until the end of October. There will be an opening reception for the exhibit on Sept. 19 from 5-7 p.m.

To place a hold

From home, start at our website "http://www.cohassetlibrary.org" www.cohassetlibrary.org. Go to "catalog" and search for the item you want. Click on "hold." Enter your user ID from your library card (no spaces), your PIN (OCLN) and specify "pickup location" as Cohasset. Press "hold." We will notify you when the book is available.

Learn a foreign language

Check out the new Pimsleur Language Programs on CD. We have complete beginner courses in French, Italian, Spanish and German.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Lyons, 15 Pond St., shed dormer with new deck, $25,000; Graham, 22 Parker Ave., raise roof/2nd floor bedroom/bath, deck, $70,000; Curley, 163 Pond St., remove p. roof, 2nd story deck, $75,000; Crocker II Realty Trust, 215 CJCH, new office building; $375,000; Michael and Ann Quigley, 49 Elm Court, addition living room and bedroom, $50,000.

Charles Sturdy, 110 Black Rock Rd., addition and farmers porch, $175,000; Steve Geary, 55 Hillside Drive, addition one story, $25,000; DeWaal, 431 South Main St., 2nd floor addition, $15,000; David Hosp, 10 Old Pasture Rd., finish basement, $40,000; Joseph and Lillian Sestito, 246 Pond St., single family dwelling, $400,000.

Police Town Survey

Cohasset Police Department
Public Safety Survey

Directions: *Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge. All of your responses will be confidential. Please return to: Cohasset Police Department, Public Safety Survey, 62 Elm Street, Cohasset, MA. 02025.*

Section I: Crime in the Town of Cohasset

1. Please rate the seriousness of the following crimes and quality of life issues in Cohasset for the past 5 years. (Check only one box for each item)

	Serious Problem	Somewhat of a Problem	Minor Problem	Not a Problem	Don't Know
Burglary/House Breaks					
Assaults					
Domestic Violence					
Unlawful drug use					
Unsupervised house parties					
Animal control problems					
Drinking groups in woods/parks					
Graffiti					
Litter					
Loitering					
Property theft					
Speeding motor vehicles					
Drunk driving					
Credit card/check fraud					
Skateboarding/rollerblading in business districts					
Vehicle theft					
Harassing/Annoying phone calls					
Vandalism					
Parking problems					
Solicitors					
Bicycles on sidewalks					
Pedestrian safety					
Underage drinking					
Unnecessary noise					
Other (explain):					

2. Have you ever been the victim of a crime ***in*** Cohasset? [ ] No [ ] Yes

3. Have you ever been the victim of a crime ***outside*** Cohasset? [ ] No [ ] Yes

4. In Cohasset, have you ever: (Check all that apply)

[ ] Stopped to ask an officer advice or directions
[ ] Stopped to talk to a police officer about a community issue
[ ] Called the police station to discuss a community issue
[ ] Been involved in a traffic accident which required police intervention
[ ] Been involved in a police/community outreach program (ex. Citizen Police Academy, Child Safety Seats, etc.)
[ ] Been stopped for a traffic offense
[ ] Been questioned by the police and released (other than for a traffic offense)
[ ] Reported a crime
[ ] Been arrested
[ ] Filed a formal complaint against a Cohasset Police Officer/Department

5. In your opinion, how much have the following factors contributed to the crime rate in Cohasset over the past 5 years? (Check only one box for each subject)

	Large Influence	Moderate Influence	Slight Influence	No Influence	Don't Know
Courts are too lenient					
Drug/alcohol abuse					
Lack of alternative activities for youth					
Lack of education					
Lack of jobs/employment					
Limited police presence					
Poor parenting					
Intolerance of differences based on race, religion, sexual orientation, etc.					
Lack of respect					
Affluence					
Other (explain):					

6. What kind of security do you use at home? (Check all that apply-this survey is anonymous)

[ ] alarm system [ ] sensor lights [ ] standard door & window locks
[ ] window grills [ ] dead bolt locks [ ] anti-open devices in windows
[ ] dog [ ] exterior/interior burglar bars [ ] do not secure home

7. In your opinion, how likely is it that you will be the victim of a ***property*** crime in Cohasset over the next 5 years?

[ ] highly likely [ ] moderately likely [ ] slightly likely [ ] Not at all

8. In your opinion, how likely is it that you will be the victim of a ***violent*** crime in Cohasset over the next 5 years?

[ ] highly likely [ ] moderately likely [ ] slightly likely [ ] Not at all

9. How much time do you spend actively participating in the community (community-based programs, committees, boards, etc.) each month?

[ ] 1-7 hrs [ ] 8-12 hrs [ ] 13-20 hrs [ ] 21+ hrs [ ] don't participate

10. In your opinion, compared to other south shore communities, how safe is Cohasset overall?

[ ] safer [ ] about the same [ ] less safe [ ] don't know

11. What do you believe about the prevalence of crime in Cohasset? (Please check only one category)

[ ] Crime has increased in Cohasset over the last five years
[ ] Crime has remained the same in Cohasset of the last five years
[ ] Crime has decreased in Cohasset over the last five years
[ ] Don't know

12. Please check one response for each statement

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
I feel safe at home					
I feel safe walking alone in my neighborhood after dark					
I feel safe walking with others after dark in my neighborhood					
I feel that my personal property is safe when I leave home					
When returning home at night, I feel safe					
I feel safe leaving my home/car unlocked during the day in Cohasset					
I feel safe walking alone in Cohasset's shopping districts at night					
I feel safe walking with others in Cohasset's shopping districts at night					
I feel safe alone in parks and beach areas in Cohasset					
I feel safe with others in parks and beach areas in Cohasset					

13. How serious is the illegal drug problem in the following areas in Cohasset? (Please check one box for each item)

	Very Serious	Somewhat Serious	Slight Serious	Not Serious	Don't Know
High School					
Middle School					
Elementary School					
Playgrounds and recreation areas					
Within the adult community					

Section II: The Department

14. Please respond whether you agree or disagree with the following statements: (Please check one box for each item)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The police presence in my neighborhood is appropriate for the need					
Traffic enforcement in Cohasset meets the needs of the community					
The Police Department gives proper attention to minor crimes (i.e. vandalism, disturbances, etc.)					
The Police Department is providing appropriate community education and outreach programs					
Efforts of the Police Department to enforce the law are compatible with community needs					
Cohasset police officers perform an appropriate amount of patrolling on foot in Cohasset Center					
There is an appropriate representation of female officers on the Cohasset Police Department					
The Police Department responds to emergency calls in a timely manner					
Cohasset police officers respect the rights of individuals and treat people fairly					
Telephone calls to the Cohasset police station are handled professionally and courteously					
A formal complaint brought against a Cohasset police officer will receive a fair, objective, and timely response					
Cohasset police officers look professional in appearance					

Question 14 continued (Please check one box for each item)	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Police information provided in the local newspaper is useful					
I have confidence in the Cohasset Police Department to ***prevent*** crime					
I have confidence in the Cohasset Police Department to ***solve*** crime					
Cohasset police officers provide timely and useful information to persons reporting crimes					
The Cohasset Police Department publicizes its services and programs adequately					

Section III: Demographic Information

15. How long have you lived in Cohasset?

[ ] less than one year [ ] 1-3 years [ ] 4-10 years [ ] 11-20 years [ ] 21+ years

16. How old are you?

[ ] 18-24 [ ] 25-34 [ ] 35-44 [ ] 45-54 [ ] 55-64 [ ] 65 or older

17. What is your gender? [ ] Male [ ] Female

18. How many people are in your household?

[ ] 1 person [ ] 2-3 people [ ] 4-5 people [ ] 6+ people

19. Do you have any children under the age of 21 living in your household?

[ ] No [ ] Yes If yes, please list their ages here: _____

20. Do you own or rent your home? [ ] Own [ ] Rent [ ] Other _____

21. Average household yearly income before taxes?

[ ] under $30,000 [ ] $30,000-59,000 [ ] $60,000-89,999 [ ] $90,000-119,999
[ ] $120,000+

22. What is your current employment status? (Please check only one box)

[ ] Employed [ ] Unemployed [ ] Student
[ ] Self-employed [ ] Disabled [ ] House wife/husband
[ ] Retired [ ] Other _____

23. What is your race?

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Section IV: Your Comments

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The thing I like best about the Cohasset Police Department is.

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Other comments or expansion of previous answers are welcome. Please attach them on a sheet of paper

Planning Board meetings are back on track

August spelled quorum trouble

By Samantha Brown
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The Planning Board will be playing catch-up this week and next, as the inability to get a quorum for its past two meetings has resulted in the need for meetings two weeks in a row, which will both have packed agendas.

When its Aug. 25 meeting was cancelled, the board decided it would have to schedule another for the following week, rather than wait for the next meeting, in order to give every issue enough time to be thoroughly discussed.

Wednesday, Sept. 1, after the Mariner went to press, the board was slated to discuss a large house site plan review, DiNero's restaurant expansion, the Ox Pasture Lane subdivision, and the possibility of the South Main Street Tedeschi's moving from its side of the street across to the Olympic Citgo station. Wednesday, Sept. 8, the largest item the board will discuss are plans for the combined KoKo Island and Hair Affair site.

The Planning Board had planned to take on a large house site plan for a home slated to be built on Bow Street at its Aug. 25 meeting. However, without a quorum, the board could not make any decisions. That night, the board said all the paperwork was in order and it did not need any more information, and with a quorum, it would have likely approved the plan that night. The Planning Board expects it will be able to approve the plans the second time around.

This site plan review is the second review to come before the Planning Board since the bylaw was passed at the annual Town Meeting this spring. The large house review is triggered when the plans for a home exceed the greater of 3,500 square feet or 10 percent of the lot area up to 6,000 square feet. Plans under the bylaw must take abutters into consideration, as well as the surrounding neighborhood.

DiNero's restaurant was also slated to come back before the board last night to present plans to redesign the site to better accommodate guests. Plans to renovate the restaurant include the expansion of the function room, a new parking configuration with more spaces, new landscaping, and aesthetic improvements to the building, including a new awning and new windows.

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Finding a solution to problems faced by residents at Ox Pasture Lane was also on the Planning Board agenda. Residents have expressed concern that construction is not progressing as quickly as it should be and the homes they have been living in for more than six months have yet to be completed. They say the overall appearance of the project is poor, landscaping has not been completed, and the site is both an eyesore and a hazard for those who live there and for those who visit.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt said the property owners have come to an agreement with the builders, and the two are working together to solve the issues, but the board will discuss whether procedures and policies need to be revised to ensure situations like it do not happen in the future. "I think it will be a terrific development, but it's clear the developer will have to come into compliance," said Pratt.

There are seven total lots on the site, which became a subdivision in 2000, and Pratt said four lots have been released to date. The last action taken by the board on the property was in 2002, when the board worked with the fire department and developer to bring a bridge into compliance on the site. The fire department was worried the bridge wouldn't be able to accommodate for the town's ladder truck, which is the heaviest piece of fire apparatus. Pratt said the developer made all the necessary changes and the project seemed to be on track.

But somewhere along the way, the project stopped making the progress it should, and Pratt said the problems residents of Ox Pasture Lane are currently experiencing, "demonstrates we may need to strengthen one or more sections of our subdivision bylaws."

The board was also slated to make a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding George Roukounakis' Olympic Citgo Station, located at 55 South Main St. Tedeschi Food Shops, through its attorney Charles Humphreys, filed a petition for a special permit with the ZBA Aug. 16, which if approved would allow both Tedeschi's and the Citgo station to operate from Roukounakis' site. Plans also include a drive-through donut shop, possibly a Dunkin' Donuts, which would have a third owner. The Planning Board will make a recommendation to the ZBA, but the plans will also need to formally come before the board for a site plan review at some point in the future.

Sept. 8, the board is slated to meet with representatives from the Nauset Group, which is looking to renovate and conjoin KoKo Island and Hair Affair, keeping the former as a family-style restaurant and transforming the latter into a donut shop with a drive-up window. The project has filed for a special permit with the ZBA, and the Planning Board will also need to approve a site plan for the project. The planning board recommended the ZBA not approve the special permit which would make the drive-up window possible, as the board did not feel it had enough information at that time to recommend otherwise, but the discussion will be ongoing, and nothing is final as of yet.

After hearing the concerns of abutters who worry about the potential traffic, noise and air pollution a drive-up window could cause, developers began looking for ways to help mitigate the window's effects. Developers have been compiling information from Dunkin' Donuts headquarters regarding typical traffic flows at other locations, and will bring back their findings once complete. Pratt said in the event developers do not have all the information they would like, the item could be pushed back to another meeting.

For more information, please contact the Planning Board office at (781) 383-3517.

SENIOR SCENE

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August 27



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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives and senators' votes on three roll calls from recent sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$700,000 FOR YMCA ORGANIZATIONS (H 4850)

House 132-22, Senate 32-5, overrode Gov. Romney's $700,000 veto reduction (from $2 million to $1.3 million) in funding for matching grants to boys' and girls clubs, YMCA and YWCA organizations and non-profit community centers. The veto also eliminates a $500,000 earmark for capital projects to the Boston YMCA and $200,000 to the Lynn YMCA. Override supporters said these funds are important for the capital projects of these facilities that provide important programs for youths. They noted that many at-risk youths use these facilities. In his veto message, the governor said that he vetoed the funding because these two programs were not recommended. (A "Yea" vote is for the $700,000. A "Nay" vote is against the $700,000).

$6.8 MILLION FOR OFFICE OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM (H 4850)

House 150-2, Senate 36-2, overrode Gov. Romney's $6,884,531 veto reduction (from $17,053,305 to $10,168,774) in funding for the operation and administration of the state's Office of Travel and Tourism. The veto also eliminates earmarking for many local projects in cities and towns across the state. Override supporters said the funding is important to a wide range of projects and organizations that are a key part of communities across the state. They noted that many of these projects and organizations attract tourists and include museums, chambers of commerce, theaters and visitor information centers. In his veto message, the governor said that he vetoed the funding because these programs were not recommended. (A "Yea" vote is for the $6,884,531. A "Nay" vote is against the $6,884,531).

$2,656,500 FOR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (H 4850)

House 136-17, Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Romney's $2,658,500 veto reduction (from $429,624,325 to $426,965,825) in funding for the Department of Corrections. The veto also eliminates specific earmarking of the funds including $1,008,500 to assist communities that host prisons, $875,000 for emergency safety equipment grants and $200,000 for the Aid to Incarcerated Mothers organization. Override supporters said this funding is important to the state's corrections system and would help communities, prison safety and jailed mothers. In his veto message, the governor said that he vetoed the funding because these programs were not recommended. (A "Yea" vote is for the $2,658,500 A "Nay" vote is against the $2,658,500).

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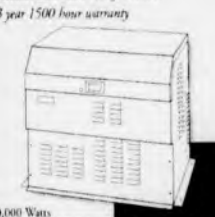
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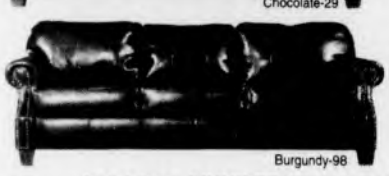
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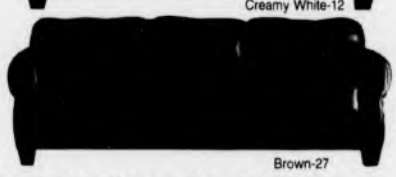

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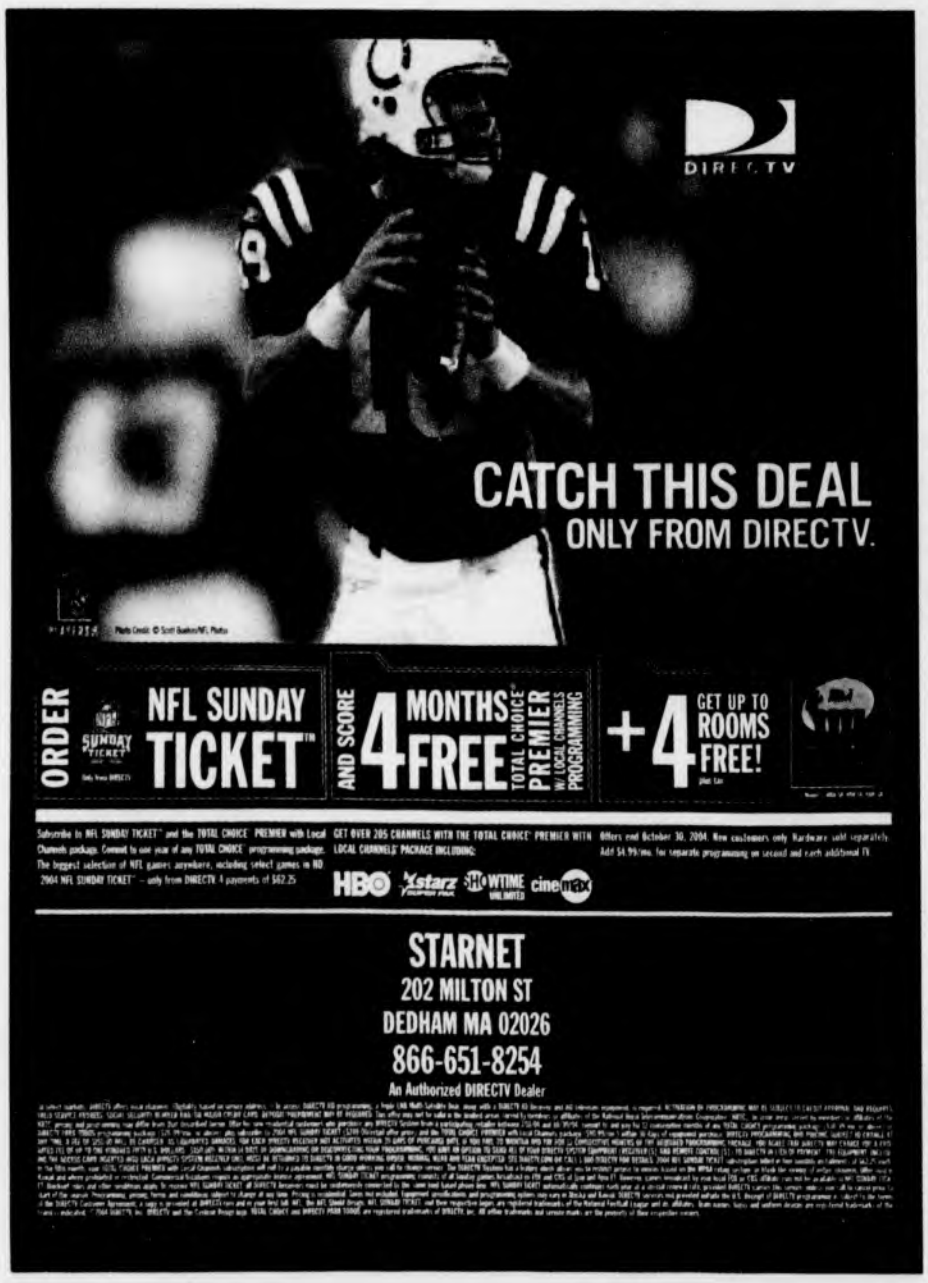

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SPORTS

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On the South Shore

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On course for success

CHS golfers eye return to postseason for first time since 2001

By Mike Spellman
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On paper anyway, it appears South Shore League golf will be a lot more competitive this fall.

Numerous graduations at the top of the order for Harwich, Mashpee and Norwell—the three teams to finish ahead of Cohasset in the SSL standings last year— has Skippers veteran coach Torin Sweeney eyeing with growing confidence a return for his team to the state tourney for the first time since 2001 and possibly even a run at a league crown.

"I think the league is going to be more competitive than it has been in a number of years," said Sweeney, whose team opens its season this afternoon at Strawberry Valley in Abington versus SSL rival Abington (3:30p.m. start). "They've got a lot of new faces playing for the teams that have been the powers the last few years, and we return a pretty good mix of talent."

Sophomore Kevin Barber, who averaged a score of 40 per nine holes last season to burst on the SSL golf scene, is back in the number one spot for the Skippers and ready to face off against a new collection of top guns from the SSL.

"I feel pretty good having Kevin back there with a year's experience of playing in that number one spot under his belt," said Sweeney. "I think he's going to be one of the better players in the league this year and set the tone for us at the top of the lineup.

Senior captain Tim Pilcazak, a regular top four in the rotation since his sophomore year, appears to have the inside track on the number two spot to start the season.

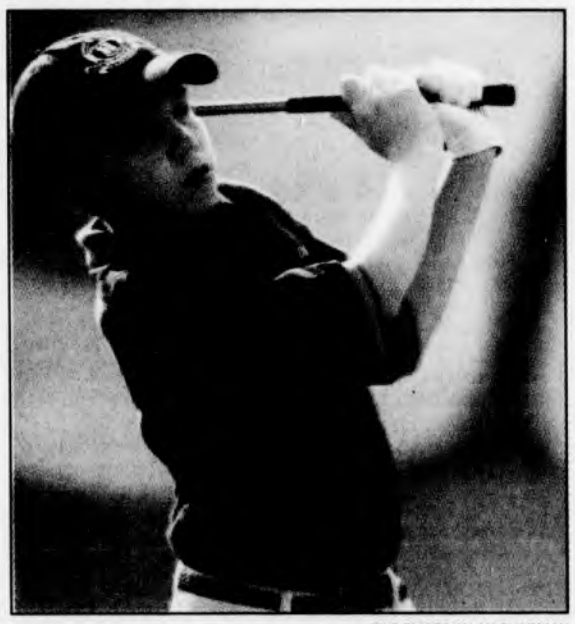
"Tim has been hitting the ball well in practice, just like Kevin," reported Sweeney. "It looks like that's going to be a pretty solid one-two punch."

Things are still a bit up in the air behind these two, however.

The caps and gowns this spring claimed regular top four players Mike Devine and Mike Hajjar, last year's captain. And a move to New Jersey claimed senior Jack Carroll, another near fixture in last year's lineup.

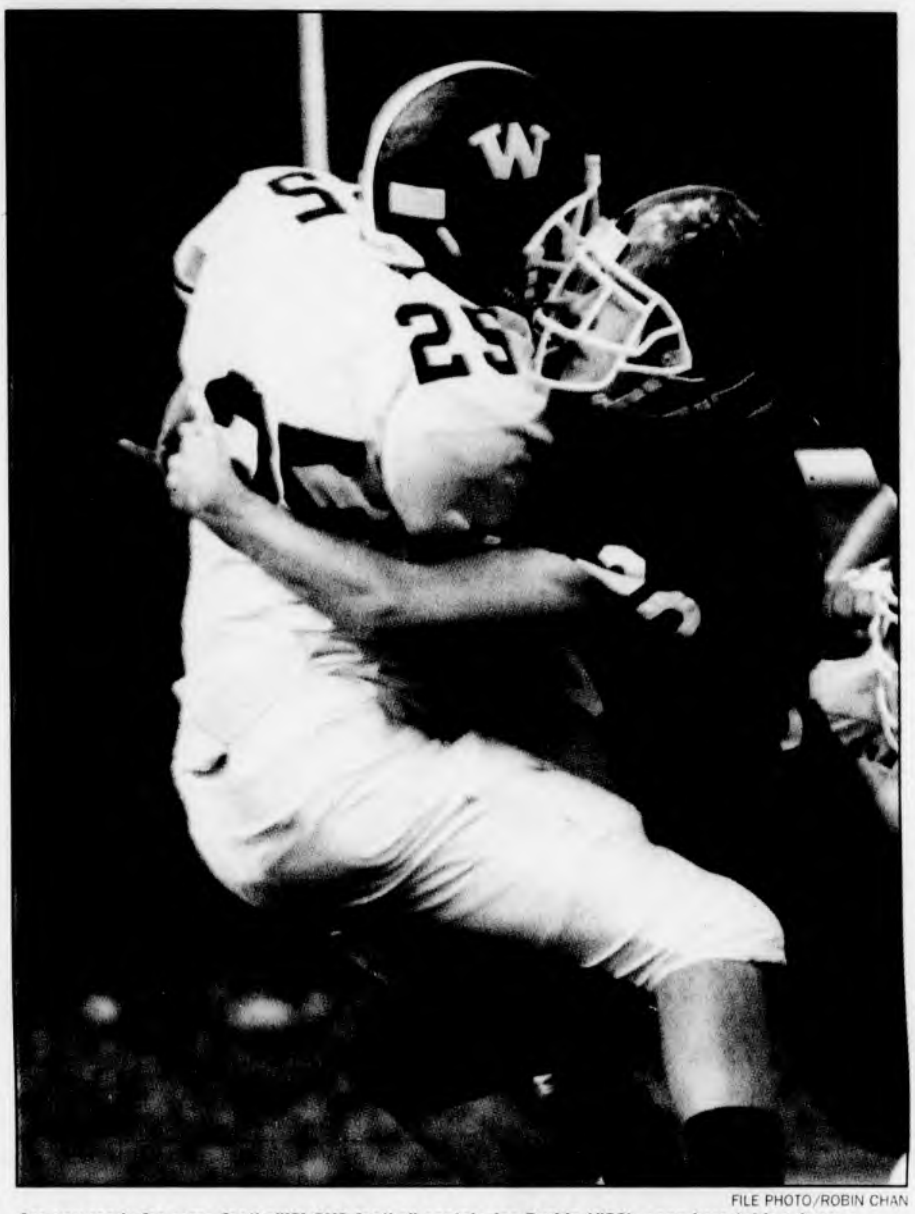
"Losing Jack changes things around a little bit," conceded Sweeney. "He's a guy I probably could have plugged into that number three spot, and then had a very solid four, five, six behind him. Now, we're looking to have everyone take their game up a notch."

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FILE PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Sophomore Kevin Barber, who averaged a score of 40 per nine holes last season to burst on the SSL golf scene, is back in the number one spot for the Skippers this fall.



FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Are you ready for some football!?! CHS football captain Joe Durkin (#20), seen here taking down a Nantucket ballcarrier in action last year, and the rest of his Skipper mates certainly are.

Too close to call

South Shore League football preview

By TJ Byrne
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A certain character and identity has formed in the South Shore league over the past several seasons. Although each team and league match up presents a high level of competitiveness, since its restructuring in 2000, the South Shore League has become a three team sprint to the finish.

Abington, Norwell and Cohasset have entered each of the past three Novembers playing for the top spot in the league. Abington and Cohasset shared the honors back in 2001, with Cohasset going on to play in the Eastern Mass. MIAA Div. 5 playoffs. In 2002, Abington took late season victories over Cohasset and Norwell to clinch the league and eventually went on to finish as Super

SEE TOO CLOSE, PAGE 16

Give it a rest, U.S. hoop bashers

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN



Hey, I like to rip on overpaid, under-performing athletes as much as the next guy, but it seems to me folks are getting more than a bit carried away with their criticism of the bronze medal winning U.S. basketball team.

If nothing else, I give these 12 players and three coaches a good deal of credit for agreeing to go over there at all. A lot of the selection committee's top choices didn't answer the call, and there were good reasons for that…and security issues probably weren't even in the top five for a few of them.

First off, it was a no one situation for most of these guys. The only way the masses back home, largely ignorant of the rapid gains the game has made internationally over the last decade, would even be satisfied is if the U.S. team won every game by 30 plus points. Anything less stood to be a disappointment in way too many people's minds.

Of course, anyone who knew anything about the way the game has grown all over the globe in recent years and the difference between the international and NBA rules, knew this simply was not going to happen. But these guys gave up a healthy chunk of their off season to represent us anyway. Again, kudos to them.

Here are the facts:

- Basketball talent world wide is gaining on the U.S. by leaps and bounds. Round ball is now actually threatening to overtake soccer in terms of popularity in many countries. In terms of pure talent, it's unlikely the U.S. will ever be overtaken on this front, particularly given the unrivalled and plentiful financial inducements the sport has hanging out there in this country, but 80 percent of that chasm that was there a decade ago has been filled in and paved over.

- Every international team is coming up with game plans designed specifically to beat the U.S. Hey, Herb Brooks was able to pull it off and there are about a dozen international hoop teams out there right now a lot closer in talent to this U.S. basketball team than Herb's 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team was to the top Russian team.

- The international game is vastly different. I'm sick of all the talking heads who are saying this is a cop out. How can anyone who watched even one quarter of the medal round games not rec-

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Fitting end to stellar Summer Games

FROM THE SIDELINES

JULIE ANN NEVERO



Oh the tears were flowing last week. There were some great things going on in the final week of Olympic competition and I couldn't get enough of it. I might be somewhat biased in making this statement, as I have always loved the Olympics, but I believe this particular Olympics were the best I've ever watched. One of the obvious reasons was the dominance of American athletes. As is the case in many sports, it's easier — and more fun — to watch your team when they are winning, and the US teams did plenty of that in Athens.

Some of the highlights for me were the stories from the pool, where American Michael Phelps won six gold and two bronze medals, not to mention the fact that he gave up his spot on the 4x100 Medley relay to give a teammate a chance to win gold. On the track, the US sweeps in the men's 400-meters and 200-meters were unfathomable and an American man (silver) and woman (bronze) medaled in the Marathon for the first time in what had seemed like an eternity.

How about the 2004 Games being the year of the American women's teams, as the US basketball, softball, beach volleyball, and soccer squads all won gold. On that note, here are some of my favorite events from last week:

End of an era

Okay, I couldn't have been the only one glued to my TV set last Thursday afternoon (or at least, I hope I wasn't) as the US women's soccer team played Brazil in the gold medal game in Athens. The excitement of having the American women in the final aside, the hype surrounding

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Starting over

Graduation, transfer takes heavy toll on CHS boys soccer program

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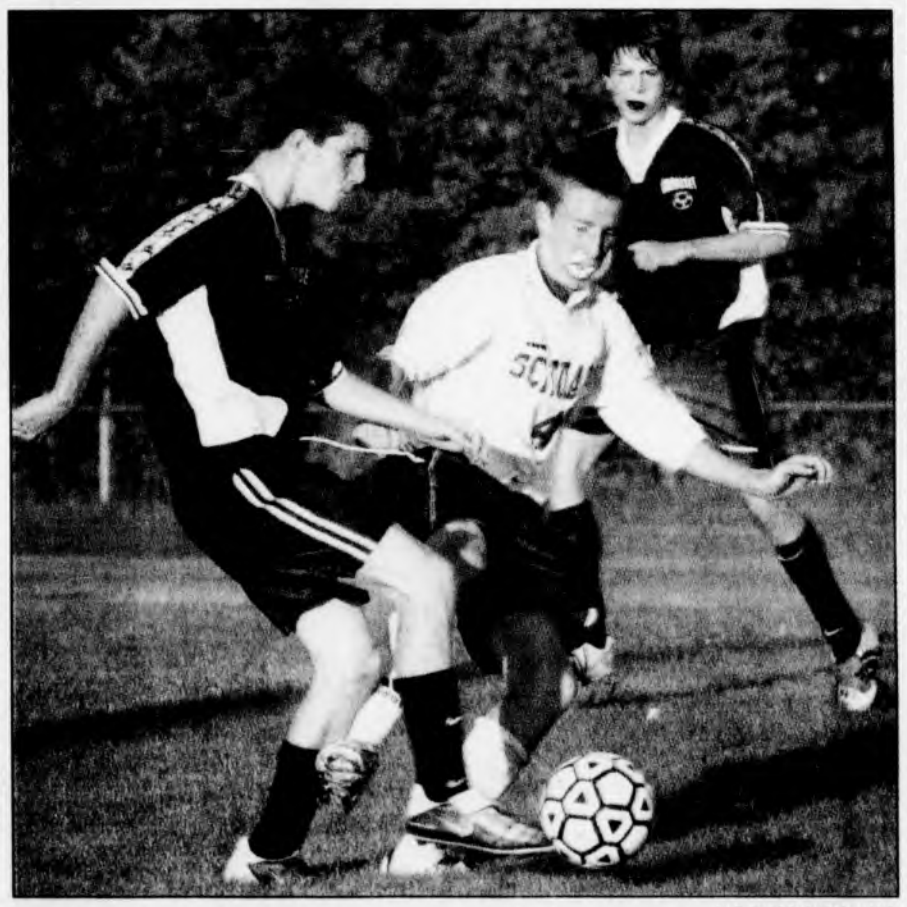
Rob Leary stepped into a pretty sweet situation last year.

Taking over a Cohasset High boys soccer program that finished second in the South Shore League in 2002 and returned seven senior starters and nine seniors in all, much of the work was already done for the former Rockland High head coach.

The Skippers proceeded to go 14-4 in the regular season under their new head coach, blew out Avon in the opening round of the state tourney, 7-1, and then fell to eventual South Sectional champion Norwell in the quarterfinals, 2-0.

"It was a great year, I felt, especially considering I was

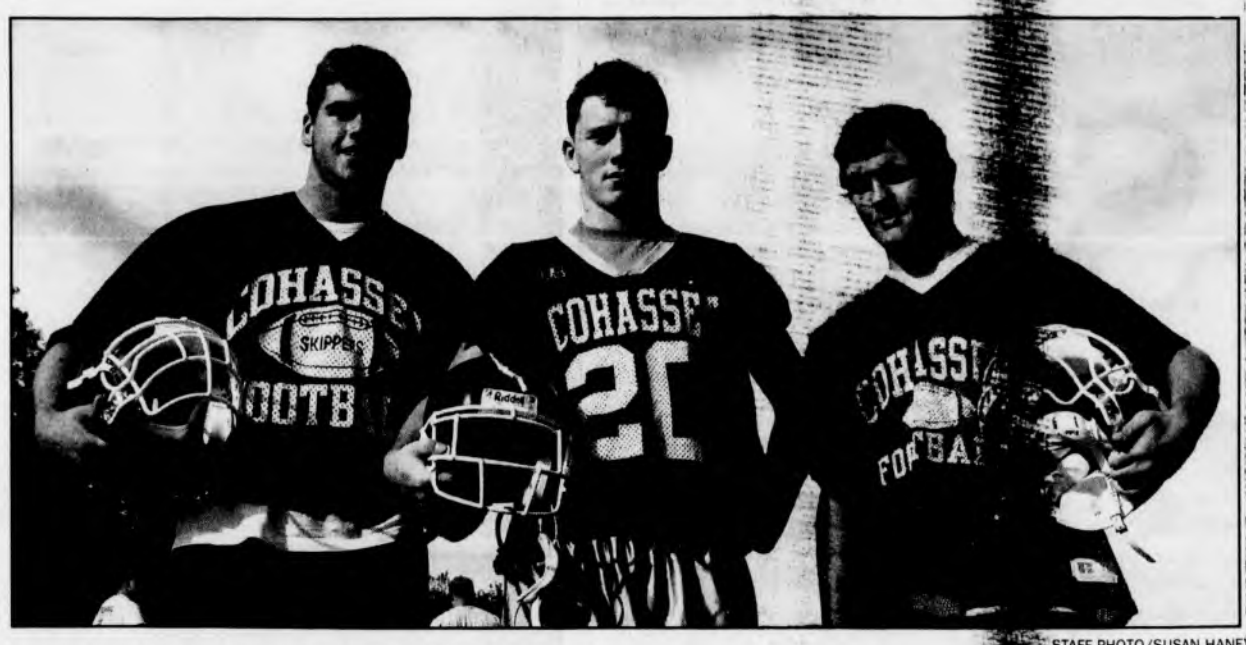
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Junior Trevor Brady (right) has taken quickly to his new center midfield position, one of the many reasons the CHS booters head into this season with a high degree of optimism.

Too close to call



Cohasset High (L-R) Ted Straughn, Joe Durkin and Matt Casey.

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Bowl Champions. Cohasset returned to capture the league title a year ago.

This season looks to be no different, but the gap may be closing come November. The South Shore League title race could begin to resemble the 100 meter gold medal race, with a tenth of a second, or a tie breaker deciding the eventual champion.

Cohasset

The defending champion Skippers have some serious question marks on offense. However, with eight of 11 starters returning to a defensive unit that was the stingiest last season among all Div. 5 teams in Eastern Mass, it's difficult to imagine them not being in the hunt for their third SSL crown in four years.

The defensive line returns seniors Kelvin Ferriera (the team sack leader) at defensive end, and Leo Clougherty and Matt Baroudi at the tackle positions. Seniors captains Matt Casey (second on the team with 71 tackles) and Ted Straughn will return for another season at linebacker. Unfortunately, team captain and leading tackler Tony Truglia (98 tackles)will be hard to replace at the outside linebacker position.

"He was our heart and soul on defense," noted seventh year CHS head coach Tony Rolfe.

Seniors Joe Durkin (the third tri-captain), D J Silvia, and Crandon Leahy return to the defensive backfield as a more experienced unit. The graduation of two-time Mariner All-Scholastic safety Chris Bilodeau, however, leaves some huge cleats to fill.

The offensive line, which paved the way for over 1,700 rushing yards last season, will have three returning members: junior left guard Nick Arment will start his third year, Casey returns at center and junior Dan McCarthy will more from tackle to tight end. There are several players vying to fill the void left by Mariner All-Scholastic guard Steven Davis, left tackle Dan Tarpey and tight end Sean Connolly. Freshman Jake Cuneo is one player Rolfe has identified as an early favorite to step into one of those starting roles.

"The offensive line is what's keeping me awake nights, right now," noted Rolfe with a humorless chuckle.

It seems unlikely Rolfe will find anyone who can provide everything Mariner All-Scholastic quarterback Mike Dooley did (1,050 yards of offense, rushing for 334 yards and eight touchdowns, and passing for 725 yards and six more TDs), but senior Crandon Leahy, a powerful 6-foot-2 natural athlete, will give it a shot.

A big loss was also felt at tailback with the graduation of DeWayne Morris. He rushed for 1,250 yards and nine TDs, last fall, emerging arguably as the top surprise of the 2003 season.

The lone returnee to the starting backfield is Straughn at fullback. Straughn is a bruising straight ahead runner and devastating blocker. Fellow captain Joe Durkin would appear to have the inside track to take over the lead running responsibilities, though Joey Kehoe, Brendan Michaud and Dave McKenna have also shown flashes.

With Bilodeau (28 receptions for 323 yards and 4 TDs) off to college, Silvia (14 receptions for 212 yards and 2 TDs) returns as the elder statesman of the receiving corp.

Norwell

The Clippers lost their bid at a Super Bowl berth in a heartbreaking 7-0 loss to Cohasset last Nov. 14, the final SSL game of the season.

2003 seniors Andrew Farinick, Frank Granara, John Mohan, Terence Bohan, Andrew Dawson and Dan Dooley were all central figures in the compilation of this .667 winning percentage (20-10-1) over the last three seasons for the Norwell High football team, three seasons that ended with the Clippers just one win short of making it to the Super Bowl playoffs. Farinick, Granara and Mohan made up the Clippers starting offensive backfield the last two years, the former two as the primary ball carriers, Mohan at quarterback. All three have seen plenty of two-way action the last three years, with all three being named league all-stars the last two years. Dawson and Dooley were stalwarts in the trenches the last few seasons, and Bohan has been a fixture at wide out and in the defensive backfield. The latter two players joined the aforementioned three on the SSL all-star team last fall. These six players comprised only half of one of NHS's top graduating classes in many years.

Not surprisingly, a few close observers of the South Shore League football scene are now predicting a step or two backwards for the Clippers gridiron crew in the fall of '04—a circumstance that brings a smile to Jim Sullivan's face.

"It's just fine if people say we're going to be decimated by graduation," noted the Clippers veteran head coach. "We've had some pretty good players in the wings waiting to get their chance, and now they will. It took some pretty good talent to keep them in the wings."

Optimism is spawned by Norwell coaching staff's long held notion that it is better to build from the inside out. Returning three of five starters to the offensive line next year in seniors Adam Noguiera and Max Barao and junior Christian Comeau, Sullivan believes this will be an area of true strength next year.

The coach expressed confidence in the abilities of juniors Pat Kelly, Jeff Burek and Mike Matarazzo — all of whom are well over 6-feet tall and 200 pounds and saw time at tackle on occasion this season—to challenge for the other spots.

Comeau and Noguiera were also starters on the defensive line, as was senior captain Brian Ware. Athletically gifted junior Billy Arria was a starter at linebacker alongside Farinick and Granara, and senior captain Greg Thornton manned a cornerback spot opposite Bohan.

Barao, Kelly, Burek and Matarazzo will likely figure in the mix up front defensively. Expected to compete for jobs at linebacker and defensive back are seniors Tom Regan, Myles Clancy and Mike Dwyer and juniors Scott Chappell, Jake Corcoran and Josh Scott, a starter last year until suffering an injury.

As far as the offensive skill positions go, Thornton would appear the favorite to take over as the lead runner. The quick and athletic junior has been used as a "change of pace" back the last few years behind the bruising Farinick and Granara, and even has a 100 yards rushing game on his resume. The hard-nosed Ware has bene tabbed to move from wingback to fullback. Josh Scott is another player who'll likely get some regular touches out of the backfield after flashing some nifty moves last fall in a reserve role.

Clancy, Chappell and sophomore Ryan Kane are battling it out for the number one quarterback job. The athletic Clancy, also a standout at NHS in hockey and lacrosse, performed well in mop-up duty for Mohan last season, while the younger Chappell (the brother of two-time South Shore League all-star lineman John Chappell, class of '03) has performed the signal calling duties quite effectively at the JV level the last two seasons.

"All of those guys have shown some real positive aspects to their game," appraised Sullivan earlier this week. "Right now, we're trying to polish the things they don't do as well. We've got a few scrimmages coming up this week, and hopefully one of them will step into the spotlight."

The two that don't win the job could step into another "skill position" role, such as wingback or split end, roles Regan and Corcoran are currently competing for.

The team captains are Brian Ware, Greg Thornton, Adam Nogueira, Myles Clancy and Mike Dwyer.

Abington

2004 could prove to be a very significant year for the Abington Green Wave football program and its head coach, Jim Kelliher. Last year's graduated senior class ended its four year run with a 23-6 overall record, a stretch unmatched by any Green Wave contingent over the past two decades.

This season marks the next generation for the Green Waves and raises one big question: will their recent success carry over to the new core of it's football team? Every successful program has to transfer and reload its talent from time to time and Kelliher feels confident about his football team's chances.

"With our first week out, I think we are better than I expected," said Coach K. "The staff is very pleased with what we have seen up to this point."

Abington will rely on its strength and experience up front to start the season. Anchored by co-captains Dan Hoffman and Jeremy Iaccobucci, the Green Wave returns one of the most experienced group of lineman in the league. Senior tackle Tom Delaney and senior guard Josh Poratti join their captains in the trenches. Sophomore center John McClain is expected to start and will receive tremendous support on each side.

"Our group of linemen are a very hard working unit," continued Kelliher. "They will be a solid group for us, but unfortunately, like most teams, we don't have much depth there.

"We have a lot of sophomores as back-ups and they are going to have to be ready to play. We moved Jon Conway from fullback to tight end and that makes us a better team as well"

Another strength for Abington is its defensive secondary. This group will be one of most athletic and fastest units in the area. Senior Devon Davis, junior Sean Whitman and sophomore Jim Wells will cover a lot of ground and fill many open spaces in a hurry.

"As always, we are going to have to limit our mistakes, control the football and improve our depth," said K. "This league is so close right now with Norwell and Cohasset being the pre-season favorites.

"It is a level league and, if one team slips, another one will be ready to step up. I feel good about our starters, but we need to work and groom our backups.

Abington's sophomore class finished its freshman campaign with a 6-1 record and will help make up the 38 man Green Wave roster.

"Each game is going to be tough," continued Kelliher. "Hull has as talented a team as anyone else in the league. Their problems may arise if they start losing players to injury. Carver has a lot of excitement and energy in their program right now. They have a big challenge ahead of them, but their attitude will overcome a lot of their past setbacks.

"Mashpee will be the sleeper team this year. If you are not paying attention, they will sneak up on you this year. They are a lot like Carver in that they have a high positive attitude, but they may lack a little more talent."

2003 SSL STANDINGS				
		W	L	T
Cohasset	(9-1-0)	5	0	0
Norwell	(6-3-1)	3	1	1
Abington	(8-3-0)	3	2	0
Hull	(2-8-0)	2	3	0
Carver	(2-9-0)	1	4	0
Mashpee	(1-8-1)	0	4	1

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Cohasset High 2004 Fall sports schedule

FOOTBALL
Sept.
11 @ Nantucket **V** 1:30 p.m.
11 @ Nantucket **F-S** 3 p.m.
17 Arch. Will. **F-S** 3:45 p.m.
18 @ Arch. Will. **V** 10 a.m.
25 Card. Spell. **V** 7 p.m.
27 @ Card. Spell. **F-S** 4 p.m.
Oct.
1 Pembroke **V** 5:30 p.m.
1 Pembroke **F-S** TBA
8 @ Carver **V** 7 p.m.
9 Carver **F-S** 10 a.m.
14 Mashpee **F-S** 4 p.m.
15 @ Mashpee **V** 7 p.m.
22 Weston **V** 7 p.m.
25 @ Weston **F-S** 4 p.m.
Nov.
4 Abington **F-S** 4 p.m.
5 @ Abington **V** 7 p.m.
10 @ Norwell **F-S** 3:45 p.m.
12 Norwell **V** 7 p.m.
22 Hull **F-S** 5 p.m.
25 Hull **V** 10 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Sept.
7 @ Hanover 4 p.m.
8 SSL Freshman Summit (Norwell) 4 p.m.
10 @ Mashpee 4:30 p.m.
15 Abington 3:45 p.m.
18 Hanover Alumni 11 a.m.
18 Hanover Alumni 12:30 p.m.
21 @ Carver **V** 5 p.m.
21 @ Carver **JV** 6:30 p.m.
23 Harwich **JV** Milliken 5 p.m.
23 Harwich **V** Alumni 5:30 p.m.
27 Hull **V** Alumni 3:45 p.m.
29 Norwell **JV** Milliken 3:45 p.m.
29 @ Norwell **V** 5 p.m.
Oct.
2 @ Scituate **JV** 11 a.m.
2 Scituate **V** Alumni 3 p.m.
5 Mashpee **V** Alumni 4 p.m.
5 Mashpee **JV** Milliken 4 p.m.
13 @ Abington **JV** 5 p.m.
13 @ Abington **V** 6:30 p.m.
15 Carver **JV** 5:30 p.m.
15 Carver **V** 6:30 p.m.
19 @ Harwich **JV** 4:30 p.m.
19 @ Harwich **V** 4:30 p.m.
21 Hull **V** Alumni 5:15 p.m.
25 @ Norwell **JV** 3:45 p.m.
25 Norwell Alumni 6:30 p.m.
27 Scituate **JV** Milliken 3:30 p.m.
27 @ Scituate **V** 6 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Sept.
7 Cape Cod Acad. **V** Alumni 3:45 p.m.
7 Cape Cod. Acad. **JV** Milliken 3:45 p.m.
8 SSL Fresh. Summit Norwell 4 p.m.
10 Mashpee **V** Alumni 4 p.m.
10 Mashpee **JV** Milliken 4 p.m.
15 @ Abington 4 p.m.
17 @ Cape Cod Acad. 4:30 p.m.
21 Carver Alumni 5:30 p.m.
21 Carver Alumni 7 p.m.
23 @ Harwich 4:30 p.m.
27 Hull **JV** Milliken 3:45 p.m.
27 Hull **V** Alumni 5:15 p.m.
29 Norwell **JV** 3:45 p.m.
29 @ Norwell **V** 6:30 p.m.
Oct.
2 @ Scituate **JV** 11 a.m.
2 Scit. **V** Alumni 1 p.m.
5 @ Mashpee 4:30 p.m.
8 @ Holbrook 4 p.m.
13 Abington **JV** Alumni 5 p.m.
13 Abington **V** Alumni 6:30 p.m.
15 @ Carver **JV** 5 p.m.
15 @ Carver **V** 6:30 p.m.
19 Harwich **V** Alumni 3:45 p.m.
19 Harwich **JV** Milliken 3:45
21 Hull **V** Alumni 3:45 p.m.
21 Hull **JV** Millken 3:45 p.m.
25 @ Norwell **JV** 3:45 p.m.
25 Norwell **V** Alumni 5 p.m.
27 Scituate **JV** 3:30 p.m.
27 @ Scituate **V** 4 p.m.
29 Holbrook **JV** Alumni 3:30
29 Holbrook **V** Alumni 5 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY
Sept.
9 @ Hanover **V** 5 p.m.
9 @ Hanover **JV** 6:30 p.m.
10 Notre Dame Acad. **JV** Deer Hill 4:30 p.m.
10 Notre Dame Acad. **V** Alumni 6:30 p.m.
15 @ Carver **V** 4 p.m.
17 Norwell **JV** Deer Hill 5 p.m.
17 Norwell **V** Alumni 6:15 p.m.
21 Harwich **V** Alumni 3:45 p.m.
21 Harwich **JV** Deer Hill 5:15
23 Mashpee **V** Alumni 4 p.m.
23 Mashpee **JV** Deerhill 4 p.m.
28 Hull **V** Alumni 3:45 p.m.
28 Hull **JV** Deerhill 3:45 p.m.
30 @ Norwell **V** 6 p.m.
30 @ Norwell **JV** 7:30 p.m.
Oct.
2 Scituate **V** Alumni 11 a.m.
2 @ Scituate **JV** 11 a.m.
6 @ Notre Dame Acad. **V** 4 p.m.
6 @ Notre Dame Acad. **JV** 5:30 p.m.
7 Carver **V** Alumni 6 p.m.
12 Westwood **V** Alumni 4 p.m.
12 Westwood **JV** Deerhill 5:30 p.m.
14 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
14 @ Harwich 5:30 p.m.
18 @ Mashpee 4:30 p.m.
18 @ Mashpee 4:30 p.m.
20 Hull Alumni 5 p.m.
20 Hull Milliken 6:30 p.m.
25 @ Westwood **V** 4 p.m.
25 @ Westwood **JV** 5:30 p.m.

GOLF
Sept.
2 @ Abington **V** 3:30 p.m.
9 Norwell **V** 3:30 p.m.
13 Camp Marist-Frosh Retreat
14 Camp Marist-Frosh Retreat
15 @ Harwich **V** 3:30 p.m.
20 @ Mashpee **V** 4 p.m.
21 @ Norwell **V** 3:30 p.m.
23 Carver **V** 3:30 p.m.
27 Abington **V** 3:30 p.m.
28 Harwich **V** 3:45 p.m.
30 @ Mashpee **V** 4 p.m.
Oct.
4 @ Cape Cod Acad. 4 p.m.
5 Cape Cod Acad. 3:30 p.m.
6 @ Quincy **V** 3:30 p.m.
12 SSL Tourn. TBA
13 @ Carver **V** 3:30 p.m.
14 Golf cut off date
14 Quincy **V** 3:30



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Molly Kirk and the rest of the CHS girls soccer team kick off the 2004 season Tuesday at home with Cape Cad Academy. See next week's Mariner for the girls soccer preview.

Fitting end to stellar Summer Games

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the contest was heightened by the fact that it was to be final run of international competition for the players known as the Fab Five. And it couldn't have ended in better fashion.

Unknown to the masses before their World Cup victory in 1991, Mia Hamm, Julie Foudy, Joy Fawcett, Brandi Chastain, and Kristine Lilly had become household names after that historic win, which spawned the now-defunct WUSA (Women's United Soccer Association). Before the 2004 Olympics began, Hamm, Foudy, and Fawcett announced that these Games would indeed be their last and would also mark the end of their 17-year run on the US National team. (Chastain and Lilly may still compete).

These Games would clearly mark the end of an era and the Fab Five (and their fans) all wanted it to end the same way: With a gold medal in hand. After taking an early 1-0 lead on a first-half goal from Lindsay Tarpley, one of a host of young players to which the torch will be passed, Brazil evened it up midway through the second half.

For the second-straight time in as many games, the US women faced overtime. Three days earlier in the semifinals, they defeated Germany, 2-1, in OT. Overtime rules were changed this year as the "Golden Goal" or "Sudden Death" style of play in which a goal scored ends the game was eliminated. Teams were now required to play a minimum of 30 minutes (two 15 minute periods) before going to a shootout.

Still deadlocked after the first OT, the Americans set up for a corner kick midway through the second. From the left of the goal, Lilly launched a beautiful ball to the far right post and found newcomer Abby Wambach. She connected with a header that blew by the Brazilian goaltender for the go-ahead goal. Leading 2-1, with eight minutes to play, the US held on for the win. It was a storybook end to the game as the team's past (Lilly) connected with its future (Wambach) to notch the victory. Sappy, I know, but it made for a highly dramatic and emotional moment.

As you could probably imagine — if you've read any of these columns over the last few weeks — I had tears streaming after this one. It was one of the best stories to come out of the Games. With their age apparent, it was clear the Fab Five were probably no longer the most skilled or talented players on the field, but their hearts were in this one and that made them unbeatable. Those hearts have helped inspire hundreds of young girls across the country. They've certainly left their mark on the field and their presence will be missed.

While their careers may be over, but members of the Fab Five are still aiding the effort to get the WUSA back on track for a 2005 season. I only hope their efforts don't go unnoticed.

Gardner says goodbye

The Fab Five weren't the only one's saying goodbye to their careers at the Olympics. In what was another highly anticipated farewell, American Greco-Roman wrestler Rulon Gardner made an emotional exit last week after winning his bronze medal heavyweight bout.

Gardner — who made history in Sydney after beating the "unbeatable" Russian Aleksandr Karelin for the gold — did all he could to stay composed as he sat down, took off his shoes, and placed them in the center of the mat, signifying his retirement in time-honored tradition. After raising to wave to the crowd, Gardner couldn't hold back the tears as he walked off the mat for the final time.

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These were just two more great stories in what was an Olympics dominated by the Americans, who led all countries with 103 medals, 35 of which were gold. We saw careers end and new ones begin. We saw success and heartache, upsets and letdowns. These Games had it all and they were a blast to watch. I hope I didn't bore you these last few weeks with my take on the Olympics, but I just couldn't resist.

Only four more years to the 2008 Summer Games in Beijing! I can't wait!

On course for success

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Fortunately, there are a number of experienced players battling it out for those last four spots.

Seniors Colin Magruder and Chris Simms were regulars in the five and six spots last year, and Sweeney expressed confidence in the potential of both players to step it up this season.

Two other seniors likely to contribute are Ricky Lordan and Brian Bolger, both of whom saw a decent amount of playing time last year.

Junior Mark Bouchard is also looking to make a move up the ladder, as witnessed by an excellent round in the low 40s last week.

"We've got those guys, a few more seniors and quite a few other younger kids who might be able to help," said Sweeney, who had a total of 35 golf hopefuls turn out. "We've really only been able to get out a few times, though, so it's too early to tell in a few cases exactly what I've got, especially with some of those younger players."

The Skippers will have a week off after today's match, and Sweeney plans to use that time to continue his golfer evaluations. On the balance, though, he likes what he's seen to this point.

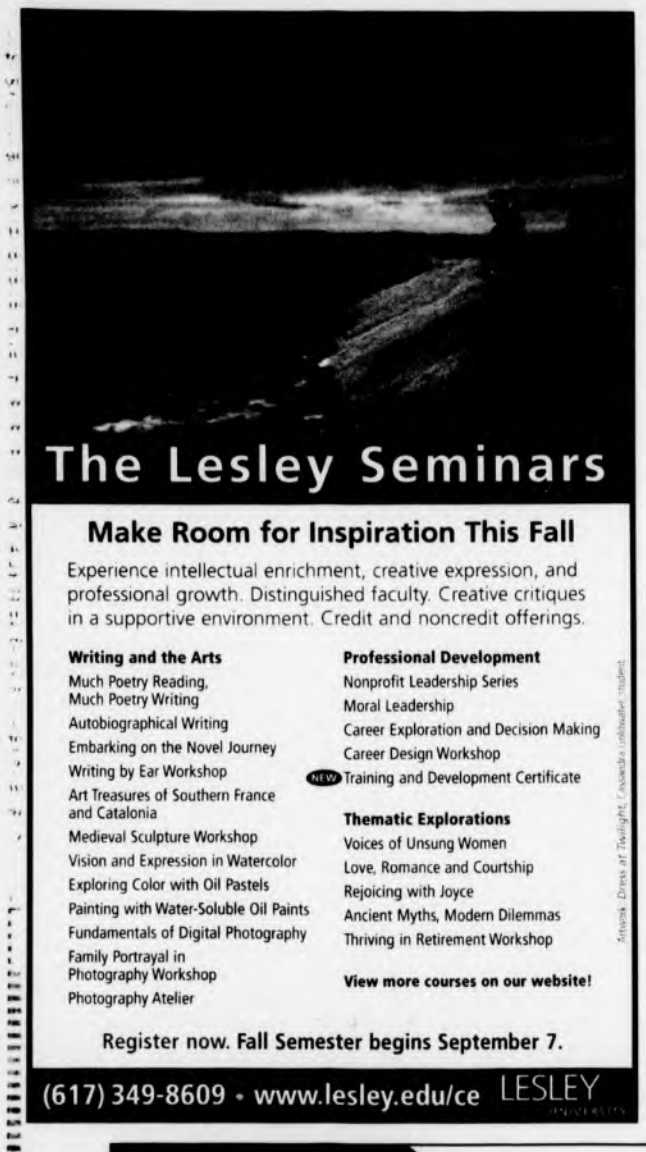
"I think we have a good shot of getting back to the tourney and a.500 record," said Sweeney, whose team came up just one win short of that goal last year. "We have some good senior leadership and a nice mix of talent. I like our chances."

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Graduation, transfer takes heavy toll on CHS boys soccer program

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bringing in a new system," said Leary last fall. "I'm real proud of what we accomplished, and the kids should be too."

Now the real work begins.

Among the nine players the Skippers lost to the caps and gowns were two-time South Shore League all-stars Chris Clark, Conor Buick and Craig Laugelle, and first time SSL all-stars Dave Santiago and Jesse Brewer. Brewer, the team's keeper, also earned All-Eastern Mass acknowledgement, and Buick, the team's sweeper, just missed the honor. Clark, the team's leading scorer the last two seasons, was a 2002 All-Eastern Mass selection.

Also graduating were two-year starters J.T Oronte, a valuable presence in the midfield, and John Andrade, who scored several key goals last season, along with Andrew Wise and Andrew Busk.

And joining the mass exodus was talented center midfielder Matt O'Connell. He'll begin his junior year at private school.

"Basically, we lost 10 of 11 starters, and we've got a bunch of players who played some at varsity and some at JV," said Leary. "As a result, we're going to be forced to move things around a bit. We've got some kids playing positions right now they really haven't played too much in the past.

Leary does not mean this to sound like a concession or an excuse for failure, however.

"I still think we're going to be a very competitive team," stated the second year Skippers coach. "The players I've moved around have adjusted very quickly and done very well. There have been a lot of pleasant surprises and the kids have been working hard.

"We'll be able to tell a little more after the scrimmages this week, but I like what I see so far."

The Skippers scrimmaged a quality Cardinal Spellman team yesterday and will take part in a mini-jamboree with Rockland and Quincy this afternoon at Rockland's Esten School (4 p.m. start).

The season starts for real on Tuesday, as the boys travel to Hanover High for a non-league tilt (4 p.m. start). Play in the South Shore League gets underway on Friday, Sept. 10, with a trip to Mashpee (4:30 p.m. start).

The makeup of the 2004 team appears as if it will be quite similar to that of the 2002 squad, in that much of the premier talent is in the junior class.

The Skippers feature a number of juniors who stepped into key roles last fall with the varsity squad, among them forwards Aidan Buick (Conor's little brother) and Ben Libby, and defenders Nils Sceery, Trevor Brady and Sam McDonald.

Buick and Libby shared playing time opposite Clark for most of the season at striker. Buick has been the star of camp so far, according to Leary, and the slick and clever Libby has opened eyes as well. Coach Leary would like to keep Buick up front as the designated sniper, but noted he may swing him back to halfback some to help control the middle of the field.

"Aidan really looks like he's ready to step up his game this year," said Leary. "He's really looked exceptional in practices and in our scrimmage the other day."

Libby—who has some of the best foot skills in the South Shore League—will remain at attack and act as the principal playmaker.

"Ben will be our target guy up front," said Leary. "He has such good ball control skills and sees the field as well as anyone."

MacDonald and Brady started their sophomore campaigns coming off the bench, but both worked their way into the starting lineup before long, MacDonald at stopper and Brady at fullback.

Brady has been moved to center-midfield for this season, though, essentially replacing O'Connell as the quarterback of the offense.

"Trevor told me he's only played center-mid one or two times in his life, but he's really taken to it," said Leary. "He's moving the ball very well and doing everything I could ask at this point."

Also adjusting on the fly will be McDonald and Sceery. McDonald moves from stopper to sweeper, filling the huge shoes of Conor Buick— meaning he must adjust his game to not going after every ball, as he is now the final line of defense. Sceery moves from fullback to take over for McDonald at sweeper.

"And they've both done a nice job so far too," noted Leary. "Sam and Nils are adjusting well."

Another junior who looks to play a much bigger role with the Skippers this fall is John Grimm. After a promising freshman year at forward for the JV team, Grimm broke his femur early on last season. Leary was happy to report that this talented offensive player now appears to be just about all the way back.

The junior likely to see the largest upgrade in his role, though, is Prescott Busk, the heir apparent to Brewer between the pipes. Of course, sophomore Ryan Kacinski might have something to say about that, as he's come into camp, according to Leary, "in sensational shape."

This is not to suggest, however, that the senior contingent is anything to sneeze at.

Seniors Sam Steele, Kevin Dinsmore and Jonathan Littauer will serve as tri-captains. The former pair saw a good deal of varsity time last season and obviously will see even more this season. Littauer, who missed all of last season with a leg injury, will also be a regular contributor.

"All three have looked very good so far," said Leary. "Dinsmore has really impressed me at wing midfield. He's probably my toughest player."

Another senior who figures prominently in the mix is Toby Norman, a versatile defender.

The Skippers have 40 players out overall, which includes a handful of freshmen who've really captured Leary's fancy in the early going. It will be up to new junior varsity coach Dave Costa, a former Norwich University player, to bring these players along.



Give it a rest, U.S. hoop bashers

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ognize what a huge factor this is. The way Lithuania and Argentina dismantled the U.S. defense was, to be perfectly honest, a thing of beauty. From both an aesthetic and hoop purist point of view, these games were so much more enjoyable to watch than any game I can remember from the NBA playoffs a few months back. Wouldn't it be great if the NBA could get back to this type of true team game rather than the one-on-one bunk that league is trying to pass off these days as the world's best basketball?

- And what about team chemistry and cohesion? The core players on just about all of the top international teams in the Olympics have been playing together for years. The U.S. players were together for weeks.

- As for the theory being floated that these U.S. players simply didn't care enough…that's an outrageous and grossly unjust charge. I watched these games. These guys played hard. They just didn't play very well.

Progress was made, both by the coaches and the players. The bronze medal retribution victory over Lithuania was testament to that.

C'mon folks, leave the players alone. If you insist on firing arrows, aim them at the players who backed out of the commitment—Shaq, Tracy McGrady, et al—or, better yet, the people who put this team together.

A perfect segue for my suggestion (almost as if I planned it): take the top six available players from both the Eastern and Western Conference champions. Bam, you've got a team. Selection committee, go home; your services are no longer required. Obviously, this would take care or the problems related to chemistry and cohesion.

Someone suggested that perhaps the Pistons should have gone, but that doesn't work for me. What happens if just one player can't go? Who takes that spot? If two or three can't go, we're right back in the same mess.

Besides, depth might be a problem. Players eight through 12 on say the Lithuanian roster are probably considerably more talented than the Pistons eighth man…whoever that might be.

But taking the best from the two best NBA teams seems logical, doesn't it? There could be some mixing and matching of personnel, but can you imagine what a great weapon en masse substitution could be?



SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Soccer Club registration underway

Registration for the upcoming soccer season is now underway with registration forms available at the Town Hall. All players must be registered prior to participating in practices or games.

As in prior years, the Fall season will include practice and play for players age 4 through 11 (6th grade). However, as a result of the elimination of Middle School team sports, the Club will also sponsor practice and competitive team play for 7th and 8th grade players as well this year.

In-town programs for players age 4 (PreK) to 9 (4th grade) will begin on September 18th and continue through November 13th excluding Columbus Day weekend. Travel program training for the U12 (5th and 6th grade) and U14 (7th and 8th grade) age groups will begin on September 11th with practice and games in the Cranberry League continuing through early November.

A coaching clinic for all new or interested coaches has been schedule for Saturday, September 11th, with a coaches meeting to start the season scheduled for Wednesday, September 15th.

Signups for 21 Lacrosse

21 Lacrosse, a new lacrosse league based out of the Hingham Sports Center, is looking to run a few summer clinics. See the Website (www.21lacrosse.com) for details.

All fall leagues are currently filling up for 21 lacrosse. If you are interested, you can fill out the application on-line (available after August 1), contact Bagby rbagby@21lacrosse.com or call 781-264-6030.

21 lacrosse will also be sponsoring an all-star team. They will be called the "Black Jacks" There will be an open tryout August 10-12, in eitehr Hingham or Marshfield. Details can be found on line or by contacting Bagby.

Changes add up as schools get ready to start next Wednesday

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to school for the first time, kindergarten orientation will be held at the Osgood School Wednesday Sept. 8 and Thursday Sept. 9. Students and parents will be invited to take a tour of the school and meet their son or daughter's new teacher and classmates. Kindergarten students will have their first full day of school Friday, Sept. 10. Kindergarten hours will be 9:05 to11:50 a.m. for the morning session, and 12:20 to 3:05 p.m. for the afternoon session.

For students buying lunch, hot and cold meals are available for $2.25. The first day of school, the cafeteria will be serving macaroni and cheese with a dinner roll or a turkey sandwich with green beans and sliced apples. Each meal offers a choice of milk — whole, low fat white, or chocolate — or fruit juice. Milk and juice may be purchased by children bringing their lunch for 50 cents. A prepaid meals ticket program is also available.

Sheehan said with the third grade students moving up to Deer Hill, Osgood will be losing roughly 120 students, but the school will now have the opportunity to include the students from the South Shore Educational Collaborative preschool, which operates out of the school, in more activities. "We try to include them in our program," as much as possible, said Sheehan, and with the change, the schools will be able to work together even more inclusively. "We think with our preschool there will be roughly 375 total students."

For the first few days, Sheehan said all elementary students will be greeted by their teachers when entering the building in the morning, and the teachers will escort the class to the classroom. "The whole staff is there to support them," said Sheehan, adding if a child needs additional support getting to their classroom after the first week, the staff will be happy to help.

Sheehan said the Osgood staff strives to make sure all students and parents are familiar with the building and the teachers before the first day. While the kindergarten students have orientation and play dates with their new teachers during the summer, at the end of the school year students who already attend Osgood are invited to participate in "move up day," which allows students to take a look at their classroom for the following year, whether at Osgood or Deer Hill, and meet their prospective teachers. Although some students had not been assigned a teacher at the end of the last school year, as they had not yet been hired, those students will be invited to come to the school with their parents prior to the first day to make that first introduction.

The students and families that are new to town will also have an orientation, where they will be given a tour of both the school and the town, and meet their teacher. "The more transitional activities you can have," the more students and their parents will feel comfortable on that first day, Sheehan said.

Newsletters are sent home with students each Friday to keep the parents informed of the activities taking place at Osgood. In addition, if parents ever have any questions or concerns, Sheehan said they are always welcome to call the office, especially during the start of the school year. "We really do have an open door policy in our office," she said.

Deer Hill

This year, the Deer Hill student body will be comprised of students in grades three through five, rather than four through six. Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley said in light of the change, he will have the opportunity to meet not one, but two new classes of students as both the third and fourth graders will be moving up. "I'm very excited about this year," said Gauley, adding he really looking forward to what the new students and new school year will bring.

Enrollment at Deer Hill will be virtually the same this year, as the school will still house three grades of students. Gauley explained last year's second and third grade classes were among the smaller classes in the district, and while final enrollment figures have not yet been tallied, it looks as if the number of students attending may actually decrease by between five and 10.

The school day will begin a little earlier this year at Deer Hill, and students will be allowed inside the building at 8:10. Students who ride the bus will remain on the bus until 8:10, and parents who drive their children are asked to keep their children in the car until 8:10 as well, when a staff member will give the OK signal for the students to enter the building. The school day will end at 2:10 p.m.

Students riding the bus can expect to see their bus drivers in the neighborhood between 7:45 and 8:10, although bus schedules may vary during the first week. In addition, Gauley said there will most likely be bus monitors on the Deer Hill buses at least for the first couple of weeks, particularly during the afternoon routes, to make sure the children are getting on and off the bus safely. Gauley said he will be meeting with parent volunteers this week, and any additional parents who are interested in donating their time can contact him at the school.

For students buying lunch, hot and cold meals are available for $2.50. The Deer Hill cafeteria will be serving the same meal as Osgood, macaroni and cheese with a dinner roll or a turkey sandwich with green beans and sliced apples. Each meal offers a choice of milk — whole, low fat white, or chocolate — or fruit juice. Milk and juice may be purchased by children bringing their lunch for 50 cents. A prepaid meals ticket program is also available.

The third grade has moved out of the Osgood School and into the Deer Hill School, bumping the sixth graders out of Deer Hill and over to the middle-high school.

There are new staff members at Deer Hill this year that Gauley said he can't wait to work with. There are two new fifth grade teachers, Carey Bowser and Shannon MacIntosh. There are also two new third grade teachers as well as Christine Sherman and Meghan Coleman have joined the Deer Hill staff. Hearing the name alone, students might think they have another new fifth grade teacher in Karin Johnston, but will recognize her as last year's Miss Taylor who was married over the summer.

In addition, there will be some new staff members who have yet to be announced, but will be in place by the first day of school. Deer Hill will have a new health teacher as well as a new librarian to fill the spot left by longtime librarian Marjorie Murphy who retired at the end of last school year. "We can't replace her," he said of Murphy, who was also voted as last year's citizen of the year, but the school is doing their best to find someone who will be just as good a match for the school and its students.

Gauley said this year the school will have its instructional aides back again, which will take some of the pressure off of finding volunteers to help out during lunch and recess. However, much the same as he did last year, Gauley will be carrying around a whistle in his suit jacket pocket, ready at a moment's notice to help out.

CMHS

Although middle-high school students will have a new principal and new assistant principal at the helm on the first day of school, their faces will be familiar. Former Assistant Principal Jack DeLorenzo has already stepped into his new role as principal and former Health Education Coordinator Michael Gill has stepped up to fill DeLorenzo's shoes as assistant principal.

"I'm very excited to be working with the students and staff in a new capacity," said DeLorenzo, adding he has had a wonderful summer working with the staff and he is really looking forward to the new school year.

Already DeLorenzo has updated the school's Web site, which will be updated on a regular basis from now on. Newsletters, athletic information such as rainouts and sports schedules, and other information parents and students might need will be added on a regular basis. The site also has a staff directory with phone numbers and e-mails, as well as district information. Parents and students are urged to check the Web site on a regular basis for updates.

For middle-high school students in grades six through 12, classes will begin Wednesday, Sept. 8. However, returning students in grades eight through 12 will have a two-hour delay while students in grades six and seven as well as students new to the district participate in an orientation program. Buses on day one will begin making their morning pickups between 7:20 and 7:45 a.m., as school will start at 7:50 a.m. For students in grades eight through 12, buses will begin runs at 9:20, and the school day will begin at 9:50.

On Sept. 9, all students will begin school at 7:50 a.m., which is slightly later than middle-high school students would have started last year. The school day will end at 2:36 p.m.

Parents dropping students off at school are asked to leave students only in the front of the school. Only buses will be allowed to drop off in the rear of the building.

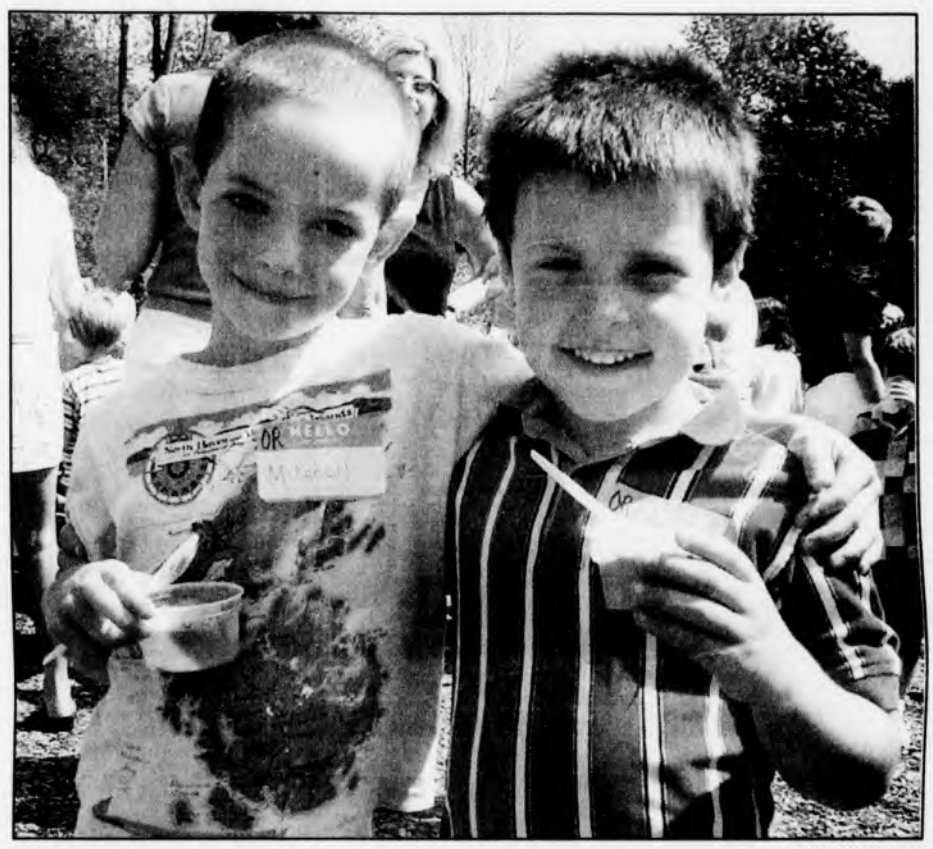
The middle-high school cafeteria offers students more choices than at the elementary level, and lunch costs $2.50. Food Services Director Bob Levy said while the actual menu has not been set for the first day, there will be a "wide variety" of food to choose from. The middle-high school cafeteria is set up much like a college dining hall, with various food stations, including a grill, a deli with made to order sandwiches, the "pizzasta" section which offers both pizza and pasta, a takeout counter and entree counter, which serves a meal similar to a main course dinner. There will be water, fruit juice, and milk available to drink and dessert including ice pops and frozen yogurt.

DeLorenzo said with the addition of the sixth-grade students, middle school enrollment for grades six through eight is up to 374 total students. With high school enrollment up to 424, the total student body count for the middle-high school has been raised to 798. DeLorenzo said of the increased enrollment, roughly 17 are students who are new to the school this year.

Along with the sixth-grade teachers who will move up to the middle school with their students, there will be many new staff members at the middle-high school this fall as well. There will be new high school math, social studies and French/Spanish teachers, as well as middle school French and English teachers coming on board. There will be a new eighth grade science teacher, new instructional aides and a new school psychologist.

While DeLorenzo said he has been best known for reminding students as they leave school for the weekend to "Make good choices," he said this year, he has a new slogan. While he will still be reciting his Friday afternoon mantra, his goal for the year is that each and every student as well as the staff will "Have fun."

For more information on any of the Cohasset public schools, please visit the district web site at www.cohassetk12.org, and follow the link to any of the schools' homepages.



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NEW PALS

Mitchell Buckley, left, and Wyn Barnum get together over some ice cream during kindergarten day at the Osgood School last Friday. The boys are both in Beth Owens-Rigby's afternoon class.

The scoop on Cohasset Schools

Osgood School
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Principal: Janet Sheehan
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Bus schedule: morning pick-up 8:20-8:55 a.m. / afternoon drop-off 3:05-3:40
Lunch: $2.25
Reduced lunch $0.40
Milk or fruit juice: $0.50
School nurse: Joan Kerrigan
School Web site: www.cohassetk12.org/OSschool/default.htm

Deer Hill School
Grades: 3-6
Location: 208 Sohier St.
Principal: Keith Gauley
Phone: (781) 383-6115
School day: 8:10 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.
Bus schedule: morning pick-up 7:45-8:10 a.m. / afternoon drop-off 2:10-2:35 p.m.
Lunch:$2.50
Reduced lunch: $0.40
Milk or fruit juice: $0.50
School nurse: Karen Murphy
Web site: www.cohassetk12.org/DHschool/default.htm

Cohasset Middle High School
Grades: 6-12
Location: 143 Pond St.
Principal: Jack DeLorenzo
Assistant Principal: Michael Gill
Middle School Administrative Coordinator: Ruth Fennessey
Phone: (781) 383-6100
School day: 7:50 a.m. - 2:36 p.m.
Bus schedule: morning pick-up 7:25-7:45 a.m. / afternoon drop-off 2:35-3:05 p.m.
(students in all grades will ride the buses together)
Lunch: $2.50
Middle-high school nurse: Judy Collins
Middle school Web site: www.cohassetk12.org/mschool/default.htm
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Tolman MDA telethon party heads into 28th year in Hingham

Sets goal at $17,000

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Jay Tolman and his "telethon team" are putting the finishing touches on preparations for the annual Tolman Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Telethon Party in Hingham this weekend.

Support is stronger than ever as the event enters its 28th year. Twenty-four hours of fun is in store for all who participate.

This year's fund raiser begins Sunday, Sept. 5, at 7 p.m. and wraps up Monday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. at Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. There's never a dull moment from beginning to end.

Tolman, a former Hingham resident, organizes the event with the help of many dedicated volunteers. He is expecting a good turnout.

Gervaise Calos of Hull has been involved with the Hingham event since she was a teenager. Tolman and her father are friends. Now her own children are involved. "So many people are touched by muscular dystrophy. The telethon party is a great time, great people, and a very worthwhile cause – helping to find a cure."

Thousands of Hingham residents and other supporters have participated in the effort over the years, some from out of state. Many return year after year. New friendships are formed and old ones rekindled.

"It's like a great reunion," Tolman said. "Everyone's life events surround this once-a-year fund raiser."

The party is also a family affair, involving Tolman, his wife, Jodi, and their three children, Jack, Charlie, and Chloe, who travel from their New Jersey home every year to take part in the Labor Day weekend gala fund raiser, which coincides with the national Jerry Lewis MDA telethon.

"Tying into the national event gives us the inspiration to keep going so we won't continue seeing kids and families suffering with this kind of pain," Tolman said.

Tolman's father, John, 83, a Florida resident, is already in Hingham visiting family and helping out with the telethon by posting flyers, sending out invitations, and seeking raffle donations. Many other families also take part.

Support for the event is widespread. "We really went crazy last year," Tolman said with a laugh. "We hoped to raise $16,000 but ended up with $16,728 in donations." This year's goal is $17,000.

This year's event promises a good time for adults and children alike. The award-winning Smith-Houlihan Irish Step Dancers, a young, talented group in full costume who were a big hit last year, will kick off the event at 7 p.m. Sunday. "They are great fun," Tolman said, "with everyone clapping and stomping to the joyous music of Ireland."

Next is a "super dance party," featuring the sounds of D.J. Paul Ciccone. There will be a cash bar, hot hors d'oeuvres, raffle, and prizes.

The party continues through the evening with a large-screen television for viewing the local and national Jerry Lewis Telethon. Old Jerry Lewis movies will also be shown. Some stay up all night and "Watch the Stars Come Out."

The event picks up speed Monday, Labor Day, with lots of fun for the entire family – a giant cookout, pony rides, Cinnamon Bear appearance, clowns, face painting, raffles, balloons, T-shirts, awards, and more. Majic, a South Shore band, will perform live from 1 to 3 p.m..

"Join the fun and excitement, drop a donation in the fish bowl, and have a great time while helping to end muscular dystrophy. Your caring can mean the cure!" Tolman said. The telethon party is a combination of a good time, education about the challenges muscular dystrophy poses, and motivating people to support the cause. "This helps people understand what it's like to live with a neuro-muscular disease," Tolman said.

Even though no phone calls asking for contributions are made as part of the Hingham event, well over $300,000 has been donated over the past 27 years.

"It's an unbelievable effort," Tolman said. "Thanks to everyone's generous support over the years, MDA is entering a new era of hope." MDA-funded scientists have made great strides toward treatment or cures for neuromuscular disorders over the years.

A longtime MDA supporter, Tolman first started hosting the event in 1977, when he felt compelled to hold a telethon-related event in his hometown of Hingham. That tradition has continued ever since. "I had brown hair when I started," he said with

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Sara De Long, Anna De Long and Chloe Tolman show off their face paint at last year's Tolman MDA event at the Hingham Community Center on South Street in Hingham Square.

Tolman MDA telethon party is this weekend

The 28th annual Tolman Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) 24-hour Telethon Party is coming up Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5 and 6, at Hingham Community Center.

The event begins with a dance, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, prizes, games, and music by D.J. Paul Ciccone from 7 p.m. Sunday until midnight.

The party continues until 8 a.m. Monday with "Stay Up and Watch the Stars Come Out."

Wake-up call is from 9 to 11 a.m., when a continental breakfast is served.

A Labor Day cookout is planned from 1 to 6 p.m., featuring the music of Majic from 1 to 3 p.m., clowns, pony rides, balloons, face painting, T-shirts, raffles, food, and fun.

The event wraps up with a telethon finale from 6 to 7 p.m.

For further information, call the MDA hotline at (781) 749-9786 beginning Sun., Sept. 5.

The MDA is a voluntary health organization dedicated to eradicating more than 40 forms of the disease. The Jerry Lewis Telethon will air locally.

Celebrating the lives of those we lost

Mattie Stepanek, 13, who recently succumbed to muscular dystrophy, began writing short stories and poetry when he was three. Some of his works explore the reality of living with a form of muscular dystrophy and the grief associated with the loss of three siblings to muscle disease. Mattie was a national ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

All proceeds from the Labor Day Tolman MDA telethon party in Hingham will be donated to the MDA in memory of former Hingham resident Richard Berberian, Mattie, and John Fasci, Jr., formerly of Weymouth. *(See related sidebar.)*

"People across the nation continue to pay tribute and celebrate Mattie's remarkable life and spirit," said event organizer Jay Tolman, formerly of Hingham.

Some of Mattie's works explore his "uncensored reality" of living with muscular dystrophy, but most of his expressions "proclaim the innocent hope, profound wisdom, and delightful humor of childhood," Tolman said.

Former President Jimmy Carter delivered the eulogy for Mattie, with whom he'd enjoyed a friendship since the two met and bonded over their passion for peacemaking.

"Carter said he's traveled to 122 foreign countries and met kings and queens, but Mattie was the 'most extraordinary' person he ever met," Tolman said.

Mattie wrote the poem "I Could . . . If They Would":

If they find a cure when I'm alive . . .
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Wellspring is offering an opportunity to view nine of the most beautiful homes in Hull. The "Hills of Hull" allows participants to enter and enjoy private homes in the area where they will see Hull from a different angle. All homes included on the tour were specifically recruited for their charm, beauty and views.

Ticket price includes entrance at all tour homes as well as a 10-percent discount at the following restaurants: Bridgeman's, Jake's, The Red Parrot, Mermaids Boutique and Flow Zone Café and Raffael's. For tickets and information: phone: 781-925-3211; e-mail: vinny@wellspringhull.org; Web-site: www.wellspringhull.org.

Senior center menu

Call Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main St., at 781-383-9112 for more information.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 2

Seafood Newburg, O'Brien potatoes, mixed vegetables, potato bread, fudge cake, diet graham cracker.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 7

American Chop Suey, cut green beans, whole wheat roll, Tapioca pudding, diet pudding.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8

Veal parmesan, asparagus or cauliflower, mashed potatoes or rice, fruit.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

Turkey ham, raisin sauce, whipped potato, broccoli, rye bread, brownie, diet graham cracker.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14

Corn chowder, BBQ chicken zucchini and summer squash, oatmeal bread, fresh banana.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15

Shepherd's Pie, summer squash or asparagus, mashed potatoes, fruit.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16

Beef steak with gravy whipped potatoes, peas and carrots, whole wheat roll, chocolate and diet bread.

Elementary School lunch menu

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8

Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, or turkey sandwich, green beans, sliced apples.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

Chicken patty on a roll or bologna sub, oven fries, fruit.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10

French bread pizza, or chicken salad sub, garden salad, Jello.

Tolman MDA telethon party

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a laugh.

Donations are collected throughout the Hingham event in various ways — by children and adults on street corners and by tossing a contribution into a large fishbowl at the community center during the party.

All proceeds from the Hingham event will be donated to the MDA in memory of former Hingham resident Richard Berberian Jr., son of Richard and Joan Berberian; former Weymouth resident John Fasci, Jr., son of John and Mary Fasci; and MDA national ambassador Mattie Stepanek, who all succumbed to the disease. The spirit and courage of those young men and their families have been a source of inspiration to many.

Those who can't attend the weekend's festivities may still show their support by sending tax-deductible donations to "MDA Telethon," c/o Nancy White, 190 North St., Hingham, MA 02043.

For further information, call the Muscular Dystrophy Association at (781) 575-1881 or the Hingham telethon party hotline as of Sunday, Sept. 5, at (781) 749-9786.

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Asian grilled chicken gives poultry dish a new twist

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE
CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



Here we are toward the end of summer and we are faced, yet again, with the prospect of grilling chicken. By this point, most of us have tried a spice rub, a marinade, a sweet barbecue sauce, grill-roasting and perhaps even brining but we still want something fresh, bold, and new. Enter an Asian-style grilled chicken which combines many of the techniques above but in a new way.

The basic approach is to mimic a recipe commonly served as Thai street food. Small pieces of highly seasoned grilled chicken are served with a dipping sauce. We decided to build our recipe around any chicken parts to make it as useful as possible. However, breast meat does have to be brined whereas the dark meat (thighs and legs) don't. So if you like white meat, be sure to brine the breasts before starting the recipe. (The brining is finished in as little as 30 minutes — see recipe below.) You should also cut the breasts in half so that they cook at the same rate as the other, smaller pieces of meat. Leaving on the skin worked out well — it became crisp and flavorful with the rub and grilling. Three pounds of bone-in chicken will yield enough for four to six people.

Traditional components for the rub include garlic, peppercorns, and coriander root. Coriander root isn't exactly standard fare at any of our local markets, so instead we used a combination of grated ginger and chopped cilantro for a very similar effect. We also added ground black pepper, ground coriander, and lime juice. Note that if you are using brined breasts, they do not need to be salted before adding the rub. With thighs and legs, the parts ought to be salted first.

As for the dipping sauce, we started with a combination of sugar and white wine vinegar and then added chopped garlic and red pepper flakes. Other possible additions included chopped cilantro, cucumber, lime juice, and/or fish sauce. The winners, after a few taste tests, included cilantro and cucumber (optional) but we passed on the lime juice and fish sauce as unnecessary.

To make the dish, rub the chicken parts with the paste and grill over a two-level fire. (Start over high heat and then move to the lower heat to finish.) The dipping sauce is best if prepared an hour or so head of time to allow the flavors to meld.

ASIAN-STYLE GRILLED CHICKEN

To prevent the breast meat from drying out it should be brined before being grilled. The thighs and legs have much more fat and do not require the extra step. Since not all chicken pieces are the same size, the cooking times may vary slightly for larger or smaller pieces.

For the Dipping Sauce:
1/3 cup white vinegar
1/3 cup sugar
1 medium clove garlic, pressed or minced
1/2 to 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
Pinch salt
3/4 cup diced cucumber (optional)

For the Chicken and Brine:
1/2 cup table salt
1/4 cup sugar
3 pounds bone-in chicken pieces such as thighs, legs, or breasts split and then each breast half cut into two pieces.

For the Rub:
1/4 cup pressed or minced garlic from about 10 to 12 cloves
2 tablespoons freshly grated ginger from 2-inch piece
1-1/2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
2 teaspoons ground coriander
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1-1/2 tablespoons fresh lime juice from one lime

1. For the dipping sauce: Combine all of the ingredients in a small bowl until sugar dissolves. Let stand for 1-2 hours to allow flavors to meld.

2. For the chicken and brine: Dissolve the salt and sugar in 2 quarts cold water in a large bowl. Submerge the breast pieces only and refrigerate for 30 minutes to 1 hour. Rinse all chicken pieces under cool running water and pat dry with paper towels. Sprinkle thighs and legs with salt, but not breast pieces. Ignite 6 quarts of charcoal briquettes (not hardwood) and arrange coals in a single layer on one side of the grill and a double layer on the other side to create a two-level fire.

3. Combine all rub ingredients in a small bowl until well mixed. Thoroughly rub an even layer of mixture on all sides of the chicken pieces.

When the fire is ready, rub cooking grates with oil-soaked paper towel wad using tongs. Place the chicken on the hot side of the grill and cook without moving until well browned, about two minutes. Turn and cook until browned on second side, about 1 1/2 minutes longer. Transfer to the cooler side of the grill and cook until firm, plump and the internal temperature reaches 165 degrees, about 12 to 14 minutes longer. Alternatively you may prick them with a paring knife to test for doneness. When done the juices will run clear and the meat will no longer be pink. Serve immediately with the dipping sauce passed on the side.

Serves 4 to 6.

You can contact writers Christopher Kimball and Jeanne Maguire at kitchendetective@bcpress.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball\Os public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

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The ease of ornamental grasses

GREEN THUMBS UP
SUZANNE MAHLER



Despite my reluctance years ago to incorporate ornamental grasses into my own garden, perhaps due to my initial encounter with the rampantly spreading ribbon grass (Phalaris), in recent years I have been totally won over by their ease of culture, pleasantly surprised by their diversity and restrained growth and captivated by those that offer the added benefit of winter interest. As with most perennial plants, there are aggressive, overly-exuberant varieties, but most cultivated grasses are much less likely to seed or spread than their wild counterparts. Instead, the majority of popular varieties form lovely clumps that gradually increase in size from year to year and rarely require attention.

The term, "ornamental grass" is currently applied to a wide range of plants including true grasses, sedges and rushes, most of which share similar characteristics in that they demonstrate linear leaves and do not produce brightly colored floral displays. There are grasses to suit nearly every cultural condition including sun or shade, wet or dry. There are a few that are evergreen and still others that offer pleasing winter interest. Add to this adaptability a wonderful diversity of foliage colors, including varying shades of green, yellow, blue, burgundy and variegated varieties, and forms ranging from low prostrate clumpers to 12-foot tall arching specimens, and the stage is set for a spectacular array of low maintenance plants to provide an appealing contrast to adjacent perennials or shrubs.

Tall upright clumps can be used as dramatic, architectural forms, focal points or accents, or as a hedge or backdrop in the perennial border. Their graceful lines and curves soften hardscapes (walks, foundations and fences) or connect plantings. Clumps are particularly lovely when backlit by the sun causing them to shimmer and glow. Add droplets of early morning dew and the effect is all the more enchanting. Shorter, mounding forms help to unify and blend contrasting colors while providing marvelous textural variation to the broad leaves of a wide range of perennial plants and shrubs. Small compact growers, including a number of evergreen varieties, are ideal as edging plants in foundation plantings or borders.

In addition to offering a diversity of forms, colors, and textures to garden designs, many respond to the gentlest breezes adding motion and sound to their visual appeal. Taylor's Guide to Ornamental Grasses comments that "grasses bow and dance in the breeze, each singing a characteristic song. Tall, wide-bladed grasses sigh deeply in wind, while those with finer leaves sing a softer, higher note. As foliage dries and stiffens in dormancy, it emits a harsher, sharper rattle". During the late summer and early autumn, many of these architectural dignitaries produce delicate flower heads that sway and rustle in the wind which serves to further enhance their statuesque beauty.

As the growing season comes to an end, many decorative grasses continue to provide considerable interest to the fall and winter landscape. Green, blue, burgundy and tinted leaves gradually become tawny golds or warm beiges fading to tan and platinum during the winter months.

While the flower and seed heads of a great majority of ornamental grasses could hardly be described as spectacular, many are extremely appealing. Feathery, fluffy plumes, delicate, airy sprays and spikes, or pleasing inflorescences that resemble fuzzy caterpillars add beauty during the latter half of the growing season and often into the winter months.

The majority of ornamental grasses are essentially free of pests and diseases. Average soils suit a wide range of varieties and although most tend to prefer sun or bright light, there are a number of choice grasses for shady locales. These low maintenance plants offer contrast in form, color, texture and height making them valuable additions to any landscape plan.

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.5-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years. Her weekly gardening column 'Green Thumbs Up' has appeared in the Mariner newspapers for nearly a decade.

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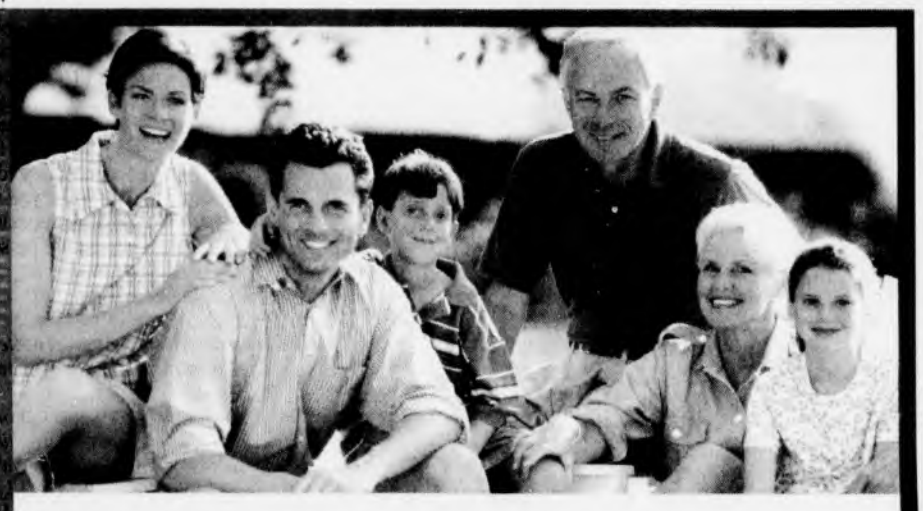
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POLICE BRIEFS

Party host charged

Police are summonsing a party host to court on charges she provided alcohol to minors at a South Main Street home two weeks ago.

Allyson Augusta, 25, of Foxborough is facing charges of furnishing alcohol to minors and keeping a disorderly and noisy house in the wee hours of Friday morning, Aug. 20. Augusta is not a resident but was left in charge of the house at 178 S. Main St., police said.

At roughly 1:30 a.m. that morning a Cohasset police officer inadvertently discovered an under-age party while investigating a car that was parked in an odd way up against the bushes.

"The way is was located, he thought the car might have crashed," Chief James Hussey said. Hussey said while checking out the car, the officer heard noises and walked around the bushes and saw people run into the house.

"He went into the house and spoke to the woman in charge and saw people who were under 21 and obvious evidence of alcohol being consumed on the premises."

Hussey said there were five or six minors in the house; none of them appeared to be intoxicated although it appeared they had been drinking. He said the minors – who were high school or young college age — were transported to the station where their parents picked them up. Hussey said the officer used his discretion in not arresting the teenagers.

Hussey explained the officer was not familiar with the teenagers and had not had any dealings with them in the past. "He determined there was no need to make arrests and to contact their parents," Hussey said. "If we see them (the teens) under similar circumstances in the future then a different course of action may need to be taken."

But police are seeking charges against Augusta. "Adults allowing minors to consume alcohol sends the wrong message," Hussey said. "We have to hold them responsible."

Unauthorized use of boat

Police are charging, Noel Grinnell, 24, of 388 Beechwood St.; Christina M. Alley, 21, of Steamboat Springs, Colo.; Carl C. Dean, 23, of 75 Meadow Lane; and Brian A. Donovan, 24, of 422 King St. with using a boat without authority following an Aug. 22 incident.

Police Chief James Hussey said at about 1:45 a.m., Aug. 22, the harbormaster called for assistance after seeing a group of young people riding around in a boat in the harbor. But when an officer went down to investigate, the group had exited the boat in the vicinity of Margin Court and Stockbridge Road and gotten into a car.

With the description of a gray wagon provided by the harbormaster, the officer stopped the vehicle on Elm Street. No one was arrested at that point because it couldn't immediately be determined if the group had used the boat appropriately or not. At that time, two of the young adults were taken into protective custody. Hussey said they showed signs of having consumed alcohol and were unsteady of their feet. "The officer did not feel comfortable leaving them and wanted to make sure they were safe," he said.

The next day police determined from the boat owner that the four did not have permission to use the boat – an 11-foot Boston Whaler — and have sought complaints in court on the charge of using a boat without authority.

Hussey said the group abandoned the boat on shore and at least one of them was wet when the officer stopped the vehicle.

Citgo Station vandalism

George Roukounakis, owner of the Olympic Citgo station in the village, said vandals trashed the area behind his service station sometime late Friday night for early Saturday morning. He reported the incident to police Saturday morning. The vandals threw the orange plastic barrels around, broke a Farmer's Market sign, broke cement blocks and smashed a bicycle. "It was a war zone," Roukounakis said. "There was stuff all over the place."

When Roukounakis arrived Sunday morning – the mess was cleaned up. He doesn't know who was responsible. "I'm happy that someone cared about what they did wrong and tried to fix it up," he said.

Police Chief James Hussey said it's not clear if those responsible for the vandalism cleaned it up or if an neighboring business did. He said to help stop vandalism downtown, police will be getting out of their cruisers more often and having a bigger presence in the village.

Roukounakis said over the past two weeks, vandals have also broken two windows in the garage doors of his service station.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, AUG. 17

1:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person.

3:41 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, assist citizen.

5:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid.

7 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, patient sign off.

7:13 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, investigated/report taken.

7:27 p.m. **Town Parking Lot**, general services.

7:36 p.m. **North Main St., and Green St.**, general services.

7:51 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, suspicious person, area search negative.

8:45 p.m. **Hull St.**, assist other Police Dept.

11:17 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18

12:59 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, general services.

1:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious auto, area search negative.

2:14 a.m. **Cedar St.**, suspicious person.

2:38 a.m. **Cedar St.**, assist citizen, services rendered.

9:21 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, traffic complaint.

10:17 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Nichols Rd.**, animal control, referred to other agency.

10:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:17 a.m. **Brook St.**, animal control, referred to other agency.

12:57 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

4:13 p.m. **North Main St.**, burglary/breaking and entering.

4:40 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire, investigation.

6:38 p.m. **Turkey Hill**, general services.

7:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, good intent call.

11:06 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

11:38 p.m. **South Main St.**, noise complaint, area search negative.

THURSDAY, AUG. 19

12:20 a.m. **Border St.**, vandalism.

1:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious auto.

1:54 a.m. **HQ.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:43 a.m. **North Main St.**, animal control.

7:46 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen.

8:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:37 a.m. **Border St.**, wires down, investigated/report taken.

12:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance.

1:24 p.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, larceny, investigated/report taken.

3:03 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance gathering.

3:06 p.m. **Stanton Rd.**, larceny, investigated/report taken.

5:03 p.m. **Rocky Lane**, motor vehicle stop, arrest: Jeanne S. Reynolds, 39, 21 Booth Hill Rd., Scituate. Chrgs: Operating motor vehicle unlicensed, failure to stop/yield.

6:36 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, property (found).

11:03 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

FRIDAY, AUG. 20

1:30 a.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance gathering, summons: Allyson Augusta, 25, 8 Joanna Drive, Foxborough. Chrgs: Selling/Delivering liquor to person under 21, keeping noise and disorderly house.

7:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

10:31 a.m. **Elm St.**, assist motorist.

11:46 a.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:52 p.m. **North Main St.**, officer wanted, services rendered.

4:57 p.m. **Johnathan Livingston Square**, general services.

5:01 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, general services.

6:37 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic complaint, 209A served in hand.

6:50 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

7:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:21 p.m. **Turkey Hill Lane**, general services.

7:23 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, harbor enforcement/services.

7:33 p.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:37 p.m. **North Main St., and Joy Pl.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:53 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

10:59 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

11:13 p.m. **North Main St., and Rocky Lane**, general services.

11:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, general services.

11:30 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, suspicious (other).

11:53 p.m. Domestic disturbance.

SATURDAY, AUG. 21

1:39 a.m. **Riverview Drive**, annoying phone calls.

1:52 p.m. **Rocky Lane**, officer wanted.

2:35 p.m. **Elm St.**, public service other.

3:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, tree down.

3:18 p.m. **Doane St.**, fire, investigation.

5:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:32 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny.

7:39 p.m. **Surry Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:23 p.m. **Beach St.**, suspicious auto, log entry information.

10:11 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

11:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, AUG. 22

12:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:49 a.m. **Stockbridge St.**, assist other agency, 23 year-old male in protective custody and 24 year-old male in protective custody.

4:25 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious auto.

7:11 a.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, medical aid.

9:56 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer wanted, area search negative.

11 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, tree down.

12:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted.

2:30 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer wanted, parking ticket issued.

4:28 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance gathering.

5:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation, summons: Noel Grinnell, 24, 388 Beechwood St., Cohasset. Chrgs: Use of boat without authority.

5:18 p.m. **Elm St.** investigation, summons: Christina Marie Alley, 21, 152 Spruce St., Steamboat Springs, CO. Chrgs: Use of boat without authority.

5:18 p.m. **Elm St.** investigation, summons: Carl Chase Dean, 23, 75 Meadow Lane, Cohasset. Chrgs: Use of boat without authority.

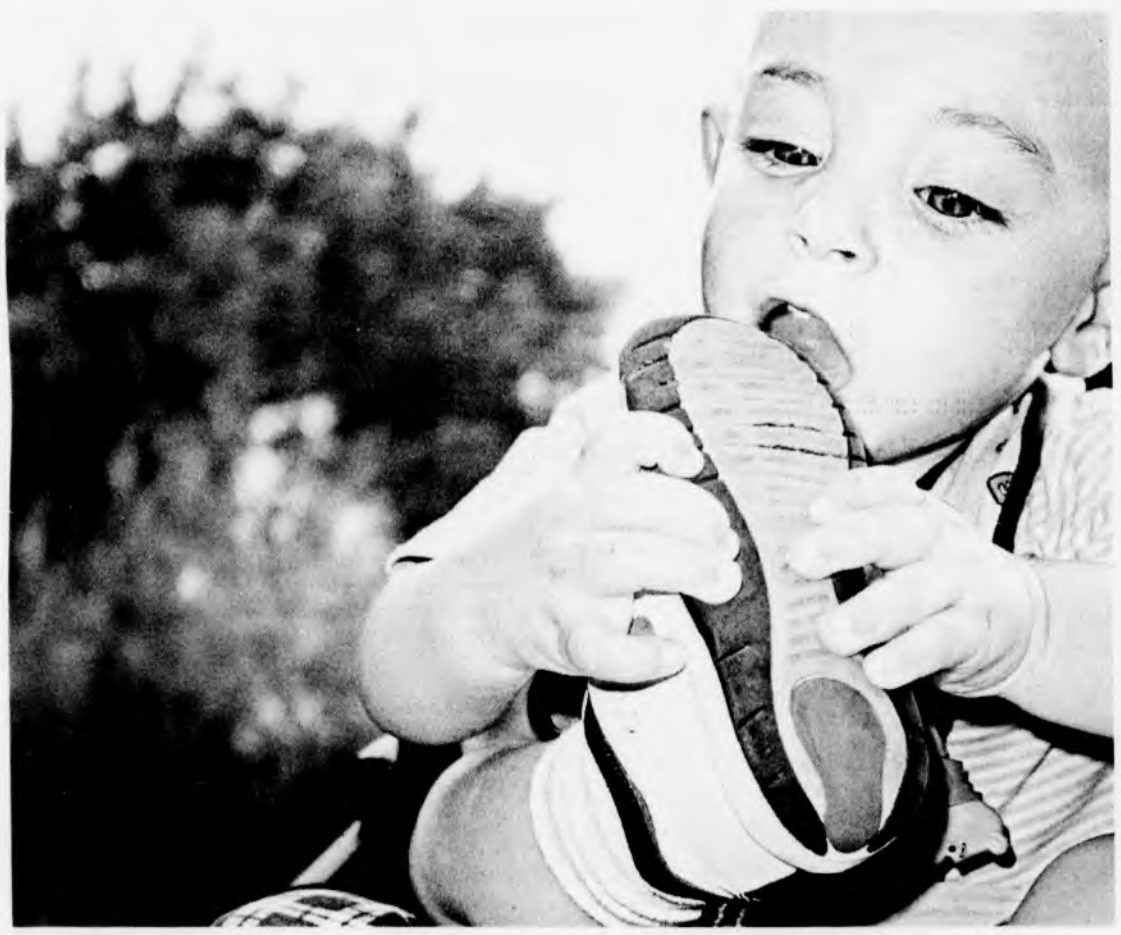
5:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation, summons: Brian A. Donovan, 24, 422 Kings St., Cohasset. Chrgs: Use of boat without authority.

7:36 p.m. **Hull St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:42 p.m. **South Main St.**, noise complaint.

10:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:56 p.m. **Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop.



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You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 45th – 52nd and Final account(s) of Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co. as Trustee (the fiduciary) under the will of said deceased for the benefit of James Dean Jr. for life and thereafter et als. have been presented to said Court for allowance.

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The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, presents ***Nature Scanned: Botanical Photographs*** by **Tony Andrade** in their Vine Hall Gallery Sept. 2-29. The exhibit can be viewed during regular center business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30am to 4:30 p.m. Located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell, less than one mile from exit 13 off Route 3. For directions or information, call the Center at 781-659-2559 or visit on the web at www.ssnsc.org.

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The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth College of Visual and Performing Arts will feature an exhibition of rare prints entitled "Tabernacle, Temple, King, Adulteress: Depictions of Jewish Religion and Life in 17th and 18th Century European Prints" in the University Art Gallery located in downtown New Bedford. Free and open for viewing all summer until Sept. 9.

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COUNTRY STAR TRACE ADKINS, currently hot on the charts with his song "Rough & Ready", will be at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Sunday, Sept 26, at 7:30 p.m., tickets are available at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com>, 866-468-7619, and the box-office located at the Radisson Plymouth lobby (180 Water St.)

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The Scituate Arts Association Gallery 124 Front St., presents a month long exhibit of the latest work by Judi Lister through Sept. 26, Opening reception with refreshments and live music will be held on Sunday Sept. 5, from 2 to 5 p.m. 781.545.5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open form 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series Sept. 2, **Sounds of Yesterday** All concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday.

The Bitter Man in The Red Lion Inn, 76 S. Main St. Cohasset, presents Stand up comedy Open mike hosted **by Rich Gustus,** Sept. 2. Come see tomorrow's stars of stand-up. 781-383-1704 Admission $5.

Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners, presents **Comedy Night** Sept. 2, 8:30 p.m. featuring **Larry Norton**, "Comic on a Harley" along with **Annette Pollack, Pat Hicks, Jenn Dlugos, Bill Ford, and Jess Gersten**. Your host, **Brian Toland**. Admission $10, dinner served before the show. Reservations recommended. 781-848-0300.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Level Ride**, rock. Sept. 2. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri., Sept. 3

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery announces the continuation of its raffle at the gallery of a full-sheet sized painting by **Peter Spataro** valued at over $1,200. The final drawing will be held during the membership show in October. Individual tickets are $5 or triple your chances for twice the amount three tickets for $10. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located at 124 Front St., Scituate, 781-545-5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays



BEST BET

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents singer/songwriter Greg Greenway Friday Sept. 3, at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston. Admission is $13 members/$15 non-members. The Beal House is smoke free and handicapped accessible. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Single Executives Club Grand Opening Dance, Sept. 3, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight, at the South Shore Country Club Ballroom, 274 South St., Hingham. Vocals and live dance music by Joe Pet, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. For single professionals age 35 and older. Ties and jackets required. $10 before 9 p.m. and $15 after. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club USA. 781-749-1720 or visit www.se-uu.com

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission. 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Noreascon Four - The 62nd World Science Fiction Convention will invade Boston Sept. 2-6. Lasting five days, Noreascon Four will feature hundreds of program items: panel discussions, film and anime showings, demonstrations debates, speeches, autographing sessions, and more. www.noreascon.org

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Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **The Crust,** Sept. 3, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St, Abington, **Moondance Blues Band,** Sept. 3, 9:30 p.m., no cover. 781-871-7175.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St.,(Rte. 36), Pembroke, presents live music every Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. to closing. No cover. Sept. 3, **Bob Sylvia** 781-294-4700.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **James Montgomery Band,** blues Sept. 3. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. Sept. 4

Edaville USA is back on track on Sept. 4 and 5. That's when the family fun park reopens for the season with a grand celebration featuring a visit by Jimmy Neutron and many other activities. K.C. McBogg, the park's froggy mascot, will welcome visitors as they arrive at Edaville USA(tm), which features a 5 1/2-mile ride on an authentic narrow-gauge train through 1,300 acres of working cranberry bogs. Now under new management, Edaville USA(tm) will open with fun for the whole family on weekends in September and early October before going full throttle with the famous Holiday Festival of Lights in November and December.

Edaville USA is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, Sept. 4-5, 11 a.m. to noon, 18-19 and 25-26. For the National Cranberry Festival, the family fun park is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 2-3, and Saturday through Monday, Oct. 9-11. Tickets to Edaville USA are $16 per adults and $14 for senior citizens 60 and older and kids from 3-12. Children under 3 are admitted free. The all-inclusive price covers everything except food and beverages. Group rates are available. Call for details. Edaville USA is located on Route 58, less than 4 miles from I-495, in Carver. For information, call 508-866-8190 or toll-free 877-EDAVILLE, or visit the website at www.edaville.org.

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The Bitter Man Comedy Club The Red Lion Inn, 71 S. Main St., Cohasset, A Showcase Of Boston's Best Young Comics Sept. 4, featuring: **Dave Rattigan, Jack Lynch, Owen Bowness, Dan Miller, Matt Soni** and **Steve Guilmette**. Hosted by Lance Norris from WZLX. Advanced ticket purchase strongly advised. Tickets $10. 781-383-1794.

The Dedham Museum 612 High St., Dedham, at the Dedham Historical Society presents **Wedgwood – Not Just Blue and White,** Sept. 1 to Jan. 15. Admission $2 adults and $1 children. 781-326-1385 or www.DedhamHistorical.org

Seventh Annual Rhythm & Roots Festival Sept. 3, 4 and 5 Labor Day Weekend Ninigret Park, Rt 1, Charlestown, RI. Fri: 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday and Sunday noon-midnight 1-888-855-6940, www.rhythmandroots.com



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King Richard's Faire celebrates its 23rd season Sept. 4 through Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Route 58, Carver. Free on-site parking. More than 100 artisans from all over the country display and demonstrate their hand-made treasures. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichardsfaire.net

The eighth annual Powwow of the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe will pay host to two special entertainments on Sept. 4 and 5, at Redway Plain, Route 44, Rehoboth. These include Nettukkusq ("Sisters"), a group of Native American women singers, and the Mishquock Wuttamauog (Red Earth Tobacco) Dancers. Gates open at 10 a.m. with a Grand Entry at noon led by Chief George "Silver Wolf" Jennings. Also featured will be native dancing, singing, and drumming, a wide selection of Native American crafts, food, and games for children. Admission is $3 for adults, with children under 16 admitted free.

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Bettina Lesieuri's First Annual Summer Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge. Lesieur Gallery is located at 301 Saint George Street in Duxbury. This exhibit features oil landscapes, ranging from miniatures to larger pieces of Duxbury and the South Shore area, Cape Cod and Islands, New Mexico, Key West, and Provence. For information call 781-934-5103 or visit www.bettinalesieur.com.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866-JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **DJ Robert,** Sept. 4. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield - Sept. 4, presents **The Fat City Band.** Admission $8 show begins at 10 p.m. dinner optional beginning at 7:30 p.m. 781-834-6505. Handicap accessible.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Love Dogs**, rhythm and blues, Sept. 4. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. Sept. 5

The Mill Wharf Patio, 150 (Rear) Front St., Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. all summer. Bar and grill open all day. 781-545-3999.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Courtneys Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield, presents **Ron Towers** Sept. 5. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield -Sept. 5, Dixieland Jazz concert featuring **Robin Verdier's Monte Carlo Jazz ensemble**. Admission $10. Show 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner optional at 3 p.m. 781-834-6505. Handicap accessible.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Toni Lynn Washington**, blues, Sept. 5. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mon. Sept. 6

The John Curtis Free Library in Hanover, will feature "You Are Here" a collection of nature photos taken within a 20-mile radius of photographer E.J. Doyle's Marshfield home. A reception will be held on Sept. 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. 781-826-2972.

1749 Courthouse Museum, Town Square, Plymouth, is free and filled with items of Plymouth's history. Open through Oct. 2. 508-830-4075 or 508-746-7789.

Hingham Public Library presents an exhibit by **J. Michael Sullivan**, **The Sublime Color of Northern Italy**, through Sept. 24.

Plymouth Ice Rink opens registration for Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Clinics The Armstrong Arena has opened registration for two preseason conditioning clinics t Puck Control & Shooting and Pre-Season Conditioning will be offered at the ice rink during the week of Aug. 16-20. To register or for information, call 781-871-7960 or visit www.BayStateHockey.com.

Choral Art Society, a non-audition community chorus. Rehearsals at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 13, with open rehearsals on Sept. 20 and 27. For information, call Nancy at 781-545-8295 or show up Sept. 13.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus, a 50-voice non-audition chorus, begins their upcoming Holidy Concert rehearsal schedule starting Sept. 13, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the South Shore Conservatory, Duxbury. Call SHCC at 781-837-7041.

The Satuit Band will perform at the **Hanover Bandstand Labor Day Concert,** Route 139, Hanover, Sept 6, at 6 p.m

2004 Summer L. Knife & Son, Inc. concert series Sept. 6, **Legion Bud Band.** All concerts near Plymouth Rock at 7 p.m. Postponed concerts held the following Tuesday.

Tues. Sept. 7

The Braintree Choral Society announces the start of it 82nd season with rehearsals for fall concerts on Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the music room of the Braintree High School. All former, current and potentially new members especially tenors and basses are invited to attend. No auditions.

The Norfolk County Conservation is sponsoring a **Fall Flowering Bulbs and Perennials** workshop. The guest speaker will be horticulturist, **Mike Nelson.** He will discuss various topics. The workshop will be held at the Norfolk County Agricultural High School Cafeteria, from 7 to 9 p.m. $12 per person. To register call 508-668-0995 or send name, address and phone number and check to Norfolk County Conservation District, 400 Main St., Walpole, attention: workshop **Deadline to register is Sept. 3.**

Stories and Art for Preschoolers and Toddlers will be offered at the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St., Duxbury, every second Thursday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from 1 to 2:30 p.m. 781-934-6634 extension 15.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club on North Street, across the street from Seven Eleven.. Non-profit weight loss support group. For information, the T.O.P.S. website is: www.tops.org or call, Eleanor at 781-335-4942.

Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, presents **Olga Rothschild** displaying her hook rugs and work of four other hooking artists, **Peg Irish, Emily Robertson, Linda Rae Cochlin** and **Patty Yoder**. Opening reception Sept. 26, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. 781-934-6634

South Shore Manic-Depression and Depression Support Group-open to anyone with a mood disorder and their friends and family. Meeting at Pembroke Hospital (Oak St., Pembroke) every Thursday at 7 p.m. 781-829-7211.

The Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St. Hingham. An exhibit, **Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past** features antique tools from the society's collection and is on view during museum hours. The Old Ordinary is open through Sept. 11. For information call 781-749-0013 or visit http://www/hinghamhistorical.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave.,

Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

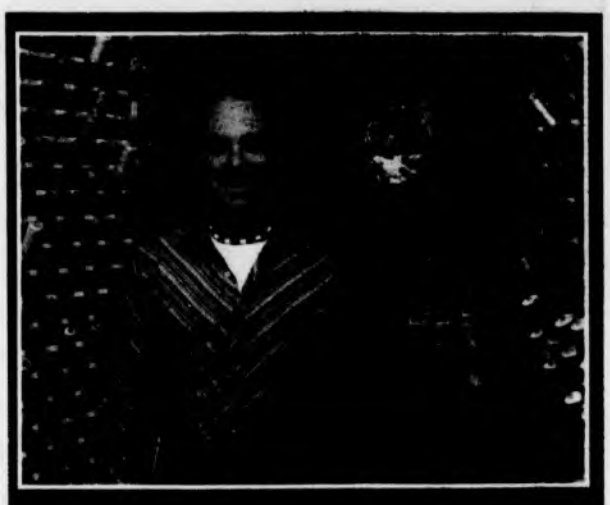
Wed. Sept. 8

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no monies are exchanged - Just time.) Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc. moving furniture), The list is endless. Procrastinating can be a thing of the past. Membership fee: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, at 781-871-2583.

The Y'ise Garden Club, Marshfield, meets second Wednesdays starting Sept. 8. New members welcome. Or join the Backyard Gardeners who will meet monthly on Tuesdays this fall to cover using garden produce, closing the garden and using your garden for gifts and decorating For information go on line at www.ymarshfield.org or call 781-834-8371.

Joyce Wilson of the Poetry Porch is holding a poetry reading at the Scituate Public Library on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 7 to 8:45 p.m. All poets are invited to come and read an original poem, or a favorite poem by a published

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The 'pride' of Weymouth

Harrington returns home on national tour of "The Lion King"

With close 300 individual costume pieces used in the spectacular stage production of Disney's "The Lion King," now at Boston's lavishly restored Opera House, assistant wardrobe supervisor Scott Harrington is usually pretty busy backstage. Every so often, however, the Weymouth native checks out the action on-stage.

"There are days when even this can feel like it is just another job," Harrington explained recently by telephone. "Then you sit in the audience and you see the magic happen all over again and the wonderful effect it has on people of all ages. This show is just not ordinary in any sense of the word."

Based on the 1994 Disney animated feature of the same name, "The Lion King" is the story of a lion cub raised to take his father's place. Before he has a chance, however, to become king of the jungle, his destiny is put on hold by the evil machinations of a dastardly uncle. After a period in exile, the young lion returns to resume his rightful place in the circle of life.

Harrington, a 1986 Weymouth South graduate, first joined the Tony Award-winning show on Broadway where it has been playing to solidly sold out audiences for the past seven years. Since early 2002, Harrington has been with the show's national tour.

"We're a very tight team on the road. It takes all of us to get the show up and running every day," he said. "There are 49 cast members, and two sets of child actors who rotate performances, 21 musicians and a dedicated puppeteering team. There are 110 of us in this company. We also employ a lot of local people in each city. It is choreographed chaos backstage, because there are just so many people involved. My team has to make sure that all costumes are maintained and prepared every day, because we have only one complete set of costumes."

Although he now calls Fort Lauderdale home, and New York the base for his career, Harrington is grateful for the tour's current stop.

"Boston is our longest sit-down of the tour. I'm hoping to see as many of my old friends as possible while we're here. I'm probably also going to spend a fair amount of my free time shopping on Newbury Street and maybe a Monday or two on the Cape. I'm very excited, too, that we will be here for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It's very hard to spend the holidays on the road."

With his parents, Elaine and Walter Harrington, still living in South Weymouth, the Messiah College graduate won't have to wait until November for a nice dinner.

"My mom started to grocery shop for my favorite foods even before we got here. I'll be very happy to have at least a few home-cooked meals over the next few months."

("The Lion King" will be at The Opera House, 539 Washington Street, Boston, through Dec. 26. For tickets and information, visit the box office, or call 617/931-2787.)

- R. Scott Reedy





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The Scituate Arts Association gallery [illegible] presents a month long exhibit of the latest work by Judi Lister through Sept. 26. Opening reception with refreshments and live music will be held on Sunday Sept. 5, from 2 to 5 p.m. 781.545.5150 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open form 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

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poet, to commemorate the tragedy of Sept. 11. The public is also invited to come and listen. Sign up at the door or register ahead by telephone 781-545-0731 or email jpwilson@poetryporch.com. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For information call 781-741-8727 and/or 781-545-0731.

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak St., Brockton, Preview fall art classes and workshops at the Fuller Craft Museum School Open House on Sept. 8, from 5 to 8 p.m. Meet the faculty, explore our studios and see live demonstrations. 508.588.6000, www.fullercraft.org

Adoption Information Night, Sept.8, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cambridge Family and Children's Service will host an informative evening to introduce parents to the adoption process. Free. RSVP 617-876-4210.

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.

The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be held Sept. 8 and 15, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

Senior Net Learning Center at Massasoit Community College is holding an open house for all interested area seniors on Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon. 508-588-9100x1063 or "www.seniornet.org/usa/brockton.

The Monhegan Experience paintings of Monehegan Island by members of the **North River Arts Society** at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St., Rockland.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Boston After Dark, Singles Networking Cocktail Party, for single professionals age 35 and over Sept. 8, at the Skyline Restaurant, Marina Bay, Quincy, exit 12, off Southeast expressway Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. dancing with The Ron Towers Band. Professional business dress required, ties and jackets required. Call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-uu.com. Cost $10. Co-sponsored by the **Single Executives Club** and The Presidents Club of Boston.

Joe's American Bar and Grille, Route 53, Hanover, presents a **Jimmy Buffet Parrot Head Party** featuring the **Jon Frattasio Band,** with special guest **Jim Sylvia**. Proceeds go the **Stephen J. Matheny Scholarship Fund**. $10 per person. Call John Ferraro at 781-826-9012, Steve Matheny at 781-878-1134or Don Hulke at 781-826-8646

Thurs. Sept. 9

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, presents **Nature Scanned: Botanical Photographs** by **Tony Andrade** in their Vine Hall Gallery Sept. 2 to 29. A graphic designer by trade, Tony enjoys making art in various mediums, from watercolor to oils and pastels to photography. The exhibit can be viewed Sept. 2 to 29, during regular Center business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Reckless Daughter and Default Outfit,** rhythm and blues, Sept. 9. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. Sept. 10

New England Singles Dances is holding a dance on Friday, Sept. 10th, 8pm-1am at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Rte. 109, Dedham. Admission $8. DJ. Hors d'oeuvres, Door prizes. Expected attendance 500. 617-325-4900. www.singlesdances-newengland.com



The St. Croix Connection Puppy Rescue's Second Annual Crucian Reunion will take place on Sept 10, from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Commercial Club of East Bridgewater, 1 Neilson Ave., (off Route 18). For information to RSVP by Sept. 7, call 781-383-2597 or via e-mail at soolai@earthlink.net Admission is free, but donations are always welcomed.

Captain Samuel Robbins House, 188 Main St., Avon presents **Candlelight Singing tours** on Sept. 10, with Janet Ashton. Tour this historic 1820's sea captain's home by candlelight as a guide serenades you in every room. Other dates Sept. 24, Oct. 1 and 15. Refreshments. Free and open to the public. 508-583-7616.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Friday, Sept. 10, with The Emanon Orchestra from 8 p.m. to midnight. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington, Ma. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Proper dress required: no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021 Web site: http:www.southshoresingles.org

Plimoth Plantation will host an annual open house for homeschoolers on Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fun-filled education programs will be offered at the colonialand Wampanoag education sites from 11 a.m. to noon and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information visit www.plimoth.org/learn/education/family programs.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum, Recovering from 9/11. **Senator Edward M. Kennedy** will introduce **Kenneth R. Feinberg**, the special master administering the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001. **Jack Rosenthal,** president of The New York Times Company Foundation and founder of the 9/11 Neediest Fund will moderate this discussion on Sept. 10, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations call 617-514-1643.

The Alliance for Jewish-Christian-Muslim Understanding is holding an **International Peace Vigil to Commemorate 9/11** on Boston Common starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10. Featured will be Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Hindu speakers and the Dan Zacc Band and the Aardvark Jazz Ensemble, groups popular with college students. Free refreshments and candles will be provided. The festivities will center around the gazebo near Tremont St. Admission is free and all are invited to attend.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St.,(Rte. 36), Pembroke, presents live music every Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. to closing. No cover. Sept. 10, **Bob Sylvia** 781-294-4700.

Under the Open Sky, a show of Plein air oil paintings by **Susan Brewster Charles** will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from Sept. 10 to Oct. 6. An opening reception for the public will be held Friday, Sept. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday through Friday 1 to 5 p.m. and p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 781-659-7100.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Cindy Daley Band featuring Satch Romano**, Sept. 10. 9:30 p.m., no cover. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Chris Fitz Band,** blues, Sept. 10. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield presents The Fat City Band Saturday, Sept. 4. Admission is $8 and the show begins at 10 p.m. Dinner isoptional beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 781-834-6505.



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With cameras flashing the students smiled as they walked single file on a red carpet akin to Hollywood movie stars, to begin a new year of learning and fun.

As custodian Jones prepared to roll out the carpet, a very excited Gauley said to a student, "Woo-hoo!"

Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley has been working on obtaining a red carpet for the past few weeks in order to make the first day of school a memorable one. He didn't think he would be able to find a narrow, long red carpet, but his search finally came to an end and the plan was set. The carpet would be rolled out at the front of the school by Head Custodian Tom Jones, to greet students as they stepped off the bus at 8:10. However, Mother Nature stepped in, and the carpet had to be moved inside.

Students in grades three through five were sent to the auditorium to meet up with their new teachers and classmates. Once all buses had

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Third-grade-student Hannah Newhall with her school bag in tow walks down the red carpet on the first day of school yesterday. Hannah is in Mrs. Coleman's class.

ZBA looks over Tedeschi's plans

Dunkin' Donuts drive-through is part of project

By Samantha Brown
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The Zoning Board of Appeals took its first look at proposed plans for a new combined Tedeschi's Food Shop, Dunkin' Donuts and gas station to be located at the current South Main Street Olympic Citgo gas station Tuesday.

There had been some discussion about whether the Planning Board should be reviewing the site plan before it reached the Zoning Board, but ZBA members saw no harm Tuesday in a preliminary discussion.

To transform the site, Tedeschi's Food Shops needs to obtain a special permit for a change of use from the ZBA, to allow for a drive-up window. In addition, the Planning Board will need to conduct a site plan review. Tedeschi's attorney Charles Humphreys said in the past, the Planning Board has used the fact that a project does not have a special permit to deny site plans. "Our site plan bylaw is really a building permit bylaw," Humphreys said. He added that if there is no chance Tedeschi's will be given a special permit a lot of money and time would be wasted in designing the site plan. However, if the special permit is granted, at that time it makes sense to move ahead to

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Few races highlight Tuesday's primary

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With the state primary just around the corner, Tuesday, Sept. 14, will be the perfect dress rehearsal to get Cohasset residents in the mood to cast their big vote Nov. 2.

With relatively little competition in Norfolk County, Town Clerk Marion Douglas said she doesn't expect many voters to make their way over to Town Hall on Tuesday. "I think the turnout will be fairly low," she said.

Voting will be at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Votes will be cast by precinct, and for those who do not know their precinct, they will be posted on the door of the Town Clerk's office. Cohasset has two precincts.

The Norfolk County Commissioner's race has four Democratic candidates vying for the position including incumbent John Gillis of Quincy, Francis O'Brien of Dedham, Stephen Harold of Quincy, and Susan Rogers of Canton.

There are two Democratic candidates for Councilor in the fourth district as incumbent Christopher Iannela Jr. of Boston is running against Stephen Flynn of Hull. The winner in the primary will be up against Republican Donald Hussey of Hingham this fall.

Democrat William O'Donnell of Norwood will be looking to continue to fill the position of Register of Deeds and will be up against fellow Democrat

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Two 'big houses' under new bylaw

No neighborhood opposition raised

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Is the brouhaha over 3 Jerusalem Lane becoming a distant memory? From the lack of recent opposition to big houses, it could be the case.

Since voters approved the Large House Site Plan Review bylaw at April's Town Meeting, plans for two big homes have come before the Planning Board for review, and both have been approved without public opposition.

The bylaw was passed to help insure abutters are notified if a "large house" is going to be built in their neighborhood and that the Planning Board holds a public hearing to air concerns on both sides. The bylaw is also intended as a way to preserve the character of the town by preventing "mansionization."

On Sept. 1, the Planning Board approved large house site plans for Cohasset residents Helen and Ethan Arnold. The Arnolds want to raze the house at 20 Bow St., and rebuild a new larger home on the roughly 27,000 square foot lot. The Bow Street home is currently owned by Kathryn and William Morgan. The Arnolds would like to build a two-story, wood frame, shingle style house, which would total roughly 4,300 square feet of living space. With the garage, the total square footage would be roughly 4,800.

Because the house will exceed "the greater of 3,500 square feet or 10 percent of the lot area up to 6,000 square feet," as the bylaw reads, the large house review was triggered. While the homeowners say they may choose to modify plans for the house before it is built, the overall design would remain the same but the dimensions could decrease, making the house

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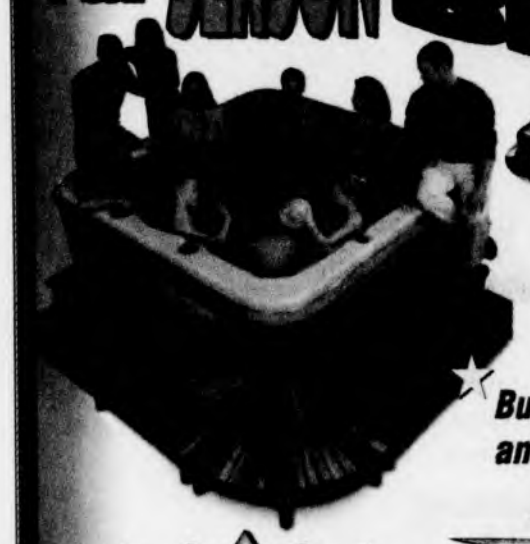
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Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley has been working on obtaining a red carpet for the past few weeks in order to make the first day of school a memorable one. He didn't think he would be able to find a narrow, long red carpet, but his search finally came to an end and the plan was set. The carpet would be rolled out at the front of the school by Head Custodian Tom Jones, to greet students as they stepped off the bus at 8:10. However, Mother Nature stepped in, and the carpet had to be moved inside.

Students in grades three through five were sent to the auditorium to meet up with their new teachers and classmates. Once all buses had

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Third-grade-student Hannah Newhall with her school bag in tow walks down the red carpet on the first day of school yesterday. Hannah is in Mrs. Coleman's class.

ZBA looks over Tedeschi's plans

Dunkin' Donuts drive-through is part of project

By Samantha Brown
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The Zoning Board of Appeals took its first look at proposed plans for a new combined Tedeschi's Food Shop, Dunkin' Donuts and gas station to be located at the current South Main Street Olympic Citgo gas station Tuesday.

There had been some discussion about whether the Planning Board should be reviewing the site plan before it reached the Zoning Board, but ZBA members saw no harm Tuesday in a preliminary discussion.

To transform the site, Tedeschi's Food Shops needs to obtain a special permit for a change of use from the ZBA, to allow for a drive-up window. In addition, the Planning Board will need to conduct a site plan review. Tedeschi's attorney Charles Humphreys said in the past, the Planning Board has used the fact that a project does not have a special permit to deny site plans. "Our site plan bylaw is really a building permit bylaw," Humphreys said. He added that if there is no chance Tedeschi's will be given a special permit a lot of money and time would be wasted in designing the site plan. However, if the special permit is granted, at that time it makes sense to move ahead to

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Few races highlight Tuesday's primary

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With the state primary just around the corner, Tuesday, Sept. 14, will be the perfect dress rehearsal to get Cohasset residents in the mood to cast their big vote Nov. 2.

With relatively little competition in Norfolk County, Town Clerk Marion Douglas said she doesn't expect many voters to make their way over to Town Hall on Tuesday. "I think the turnout will be fairly low," she said.

Voting will be at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Votes will be cast by precinct, and for those who do not know their precinct, they will be posted on the door of the Town Clerk's office. Cohasset has two precincts.

The Norfolk County Commissioner's race has four Democratic candidates vying for the position including incumbent John Gillis of Quincy, Francis O'Brien of Dedham, Stephen Harold of Quincy, and Susan Rogers of Canton.

There are two Democratic candidates for Councilor in the fourth district as incumbent Christopher Iannela Jr. of Boston is running against Stephen Flynn of Hull. The winner in the primary will be up against Republican Donald Hussey of Hingham this fall.

Democrat William O'Donnell of Norwood will be looking to continue to fill the position of Register of Deeds and will be up against fellow Democrat

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Two 'big houses' under new bylaw

No neighborhood opposition raised

By Samantha Brown
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Is the brouhaha over 3 Jerusalem Lane becoming a distant memory? From the lack of recent opposition to big houses, it could be the case.

Since voters approved the Large House Site Plan Review bylaw at April's Town Meeting, plans for two big homes have come before the Planning Board for review, and both have been approved without public opposition.

The bylaw was passed to help insure abutters are notified if a "large house" is going to be built in their neighborhood and that the Planning Board holds a public hearing to air concerns on both sides. The bylaw is also intended as a way to preserve the character of the town by preventing "mansionization."

On Sept. 1, the Planning Board approved large house site plans for Cohasset residents Helen and Ethan Arnold. The Arnolds want to raze the house at 20 Bow St., and rebuild a new larger home on the roughly 27,000 square foot lot. The Bow Street home is currently owned by Kathryn and William Morgan. The Arnolds would like to build a two-story, wood frame, shingle style house, which would total roughly 4,300 square feet of living space. With the garage, the total square footage would be roughly 4,800.

Because the house will exceed "the greater of 3,500 square feet or 10 percent of the lot area up to 6,000 square feet," as the bylaw reads, the large house review was triggered. While the homeowners say they may choose to modify plans for the house before it is built, the overall design would remain the same but the dimensions could decrease, making the house

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, Sept. 9, 5 p.m.

Board of Health, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.

Cohasset Historical Commission, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Council on Elder Affairs, Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Library trustees, Sept. 8, 7p.m., at the library

Planning Board, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.

School Committee, Sept. 9 & 23, 7 p.m., at the high school library

Selectmen, Sept. 14, 7 p.m. with the Town Manager Search Committee

Selectmen, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting

Sewer Commission, Sept. 27, 6 p.m.

Water Resources Protection Committee, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant

Water Commission and Water Resources Protection Committee, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

MBTA takes soil samples

Greenbush Community Coordinator Tom Carroll said the MBTA will be taking soil samples in various locations throughout Cohasset Wednesday, Sept. 8 (yesterday) and Thursday Sept. 9. The soil samples are confirmatory samples for disposal and is not the beginning stage of construction. Carroll said a small bobcat with a drill will be taking the samples, and residents should not be alarmed if it comes close to wetlands. Work will not be done in the wetlands, but with the kind of soil samples the MBTA is taking, they are allowed into the buffer zones. Soil samples may take up to 45 minutes.

'Our Town' to debut

'Our Town" featuring talk-show hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo will debut at 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16 on cable-TV channel 10. Special guests are Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan and state Rep. Garrett Bradley.

Rich Ofsthun, the show's roving reporter, will provide footage from the RTF where he is interviewing citizens about what they'd like to see on the new TV show.

The show will be repeated at 8:30 p.m., Sept. 23. The show can be reached by email at:

ourtown@theclickstudio.com.

Soil samples will be conducted in the following areas: East Street at Hingham and North Main; Rocky Lane; Sohier Street; two areas between Sohier Street and Smith Place; Smith Lane and Pleasant Street; Pleasant Street to Spring Street; Sestito Lane to Castle Road, and Beechwood and Lincoln Lane.

For more information on the Greenbush project, please visit the MBTA's Web site at www.mbta.com, or the Cashman Balfour Beatty Greenbush site at www.cbbgreenbush.com. For questions or concerns regarding construction activities or to see plans, please call the Greenbush hotline at (781) 682-6350.

KoKo Island to be discussed

The Zoning Board of Appeals was slated to discuss proposed changes to the current KoKo Island and Hair Affair sites Tuesday, but continued the hearing until October to allow the Planning Board more time to make a recommendation. The matter is slated to come before the Planning Board again Wednesday Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

Planning Board meeting agenda

The next Planning Board meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 15. The board intends to deliver a decision on the proposed DiNero's site plan. The board will also discuss problems with the subdivision on Ox Pasture Lane as well as some administrative business. KoKo Island, which was slated for the agenda has been postponed until Sept. 22.

On Sept. 22, a proposed subdivision for the "Nader" property off Beechwood Street will be discussed. The Planning Board rejected a set of preliminary plans at its meeting Sept. 1, stating they were incomplete.

Volunteer sought for Conservation Comm.

The Conservation Commission has an opening. Interested citizens should call the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105 or stop by the office at Town Hall. Applicants may also send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025

Hull Seaside Rescue hosts adoption day

Hull Seaside Animal Rescue invites you to its first Adoption Day on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 50 L. Street, Hull, from 1-3 p.m.

Adoption donations are $50 per adult and $150 per kitten (fees for adults include spay/neuter and all vaccinations, and for kittens include spay/neuter and first set of shots). If you are interested, adoption applications will be available. After approval, you will be given a day and time to return and pick up your new pet.

If you are a real giver and want to do more, HSAR is also looking for volunteers for a variety of shelter duties and for a twice-a-month trip to Boston to pick up donated food and supplies for the animals.

See what Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is all about and meet the people who volunteer. For further information, visit www.hsar.org or call 1-877-378-1195.

DPW brush chipping on certain Saturdays

Residential Brush will be accepted at the D.P.W. parking area on the following Saturdays:

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No trees over 3 feet in diameter. No Contractors.

Aquarion water updates web page

Aquarion Water Company that serves North Cohasset announced that it has enhanced its web page to provide customers with more information on the company and water concerns.

According to Larry Bingaman, Aquarion Senior Vice President, the enhanced web site contains timely information about water issues that will benefit customers in its service area of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. Bingaman said, "In addition, customers will be able to contact me directly via email with their concerns and issues."

The web address for Aquarion is http://www.aquarion.com/massachusetts.html. For more information, contact Larry Bingaman at 781-982-7101.

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Sun. 12	10:40	8.9	4:24	10:48	10.0	4:33
Mon. 13	11:19	9.4	5:04	11:30	10.2	5:16
Tues. 14	11:56	9.8	5:43	——	——	5:58
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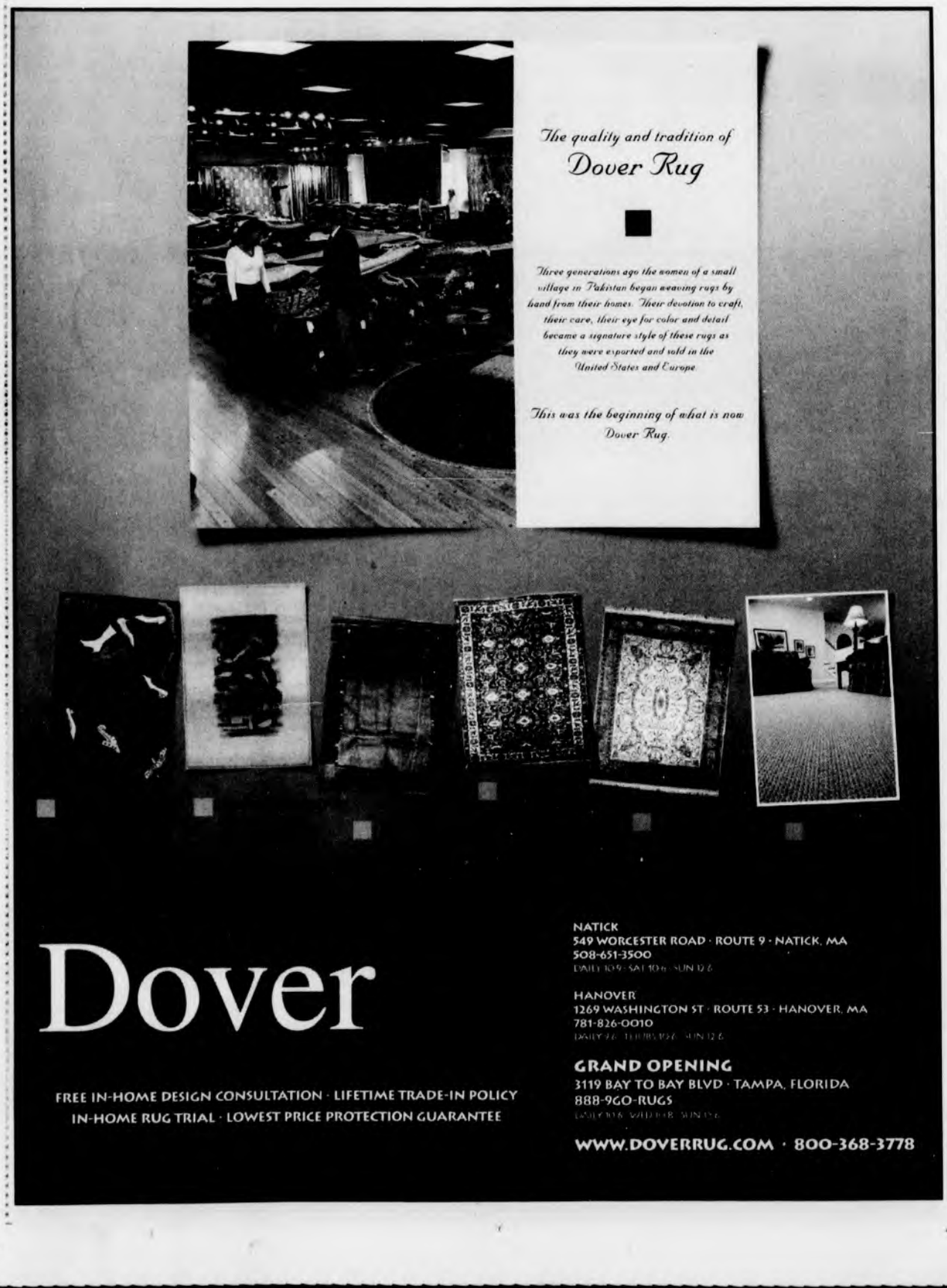


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'All the Best' nature has to offer at new village shop

By Samantha Brown
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David Bigley's health food store is going into the former ABB Optical building.

David Bigley has been known to wish his friends "all the best." For the past 20 years, it has been his "catch phrase," closing out letters, e-mails, and phone conversations.

When it came time to decide on a name for his new health food store, he said there was no other option, "Because that's really what I'm going to be carrying here," he said.

Bigley has a vision to bring a natural health food store to Cohasset, and it is about to come to fruition. With the loss of the former Village health food store, Nothin' But Natural, Bigley said he saw the opportunity to fill the void that was left. Although Whole Foods will be moving in the Derby Street Shops in Hingham, he believes he will be able to set himself apart from the larger chain store, and provide what it can't to Cohasset residents.

"I think I can be the local source," for natural products he said, because he will be able to better respond to customer requests. "It's easier to impact inventory here," and Bigley is looking for residents to do just that.

In the former ABB Optical site, located on Pleasant Street across from the Pleasant Street Parfait, the transformation from large, open warehouse to a cluster of unique shops under one roof is taking place. Bare floors covered with sawdust will be cleaned and filled with standing shelves stocked with whole grains and natural food items, bare walls will house refrigerators and freezers stocked with organic milk, soy, and dairy products, and organic produce harvested by local growers will overflow from baskets.

Bigley's shop, located at the rear of the building, will still need some work before its doors can open, but the finishing touches should be in place within the week, and Bigley hopes to open his doors Sept. 15.

"I'm anxious to hear what people want and I'm anxious to provide what people want," Bigley said.

Bigley plans to stock his shelves with both nutritional and sports supplements as well as protein drinks and bars. He also hopes to provide a selection of fair-trade items. For an item to be considered a fair trade, the people who produce the item are paid a good portion of the price the consumer pays. Bigley said coffee and chocolate are both widely available as fair trade items, and he plans to have both in his store.

All the Best will also have natural health and beauty products. Bigley is currently looking for companies which sell good quality products which have not been tested on animals. In addition, Bigley said he will be selling essential oils , which are typically used for aromatherapy.

Being a business owner is something new to Bigley, but he says he is up for the challenge. "Everything I've ever done I've had to do it for the first time no matter what," he said. "I'm really excited about it. It's a whole new adventure for me."

Along with the excitement of beginning a new business venture comes the convenience of having a short commute as Bigley and his wife Alix White, live around the corner on James Lane. "It is literally a two-minute commute," he said.

In addition to Bigley's shop, the building, which will be renamed "James Brook Crossing," will also house the Platinum Spike, a toy shop currently located on South Main Street; Cohasset Greenery, a florist currently located above Cohasset Hardware on South Main Street; and the Windsor Tea Shop, which has moved from its North Scituate location along with Emporium Naturals, which sells handmade soaps. Emporium Naturals may be run as part of an artisans co-op which will allow between 12 to 15 people to use a space in the building, without having the responsibility of one person having to run their own shop.

Construction is winding down, and while Bigley will open his doors in mid-September, it will be October before the entire site is ready and open for business. However, those who are slated to begin operating think the cluster of businesses will bring a much needed vibrancy to the far end of the Village. The building is tucked away behind the South Shore Arts Center and it isn't as visible from the street. It hasn't always generated many shoppers, but Bigley said the new businesses are going to help change all that. "There will be some reason for everyone to come, whether it's for the best cup of tea in town or the best natural foods," he said.

Bigley said residents are welcome to stop by and take a look at the store, or make requests for items, even before he formally opens his doors. He said he is at the store at some point every day and can be contacted there at (781) 383-3005. If he doesn't answer, please leave a message. For residents interested in the co-op which will operate in the future, please contact Julia Peterson at (781) 383-3434.

Two men trapped in elevator accident

Two elevator repair men are lucky to be alive after the elevator they were working on at the Cohasset Knoll Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility off Route 3A unexpectedly released and fell down the shaft, trapping the two in only 18 inches of space.

The call came in to the Cohasset Fire Department at 11:31 a.m. Tuesday, and Fire Captain Mark Trask said it was reported as two men stuck in an elevator. "We get people stuck in elevator calls all the time," he said, adding it is usually a fairly routine procedure with no injuries.

However, in this case, Trask said it was much more severe.

Trask said the two men, employees of South Shore Elevator Company, based out of Hingham, were completing "Major repairs on the elevator. It was going to be out of service for about two weeks." The men were taking steps to prepare to remove the main piston, when it suddenly released and came crashing down.

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The men were trapped for roughly an hour, and the Hull Fire Department was called in to assist. "Hull has a large number of low-rise buildings with elevator service, and they have a great deal more inclusive experience with elevators," Trask said.

Trask said rescuers were able to communicate with the trapped men the entire time. Because they could speak, and were elevator repairmen, they were able to help decipher where would be the best place to cut through the elevator to get them out. Rescuers cut through a panel of the elevator with a Sawzall, and the man who was less injured was able to stand up in the space between the elevator and the wall and was lifted out, and the other who was more severely injured needed to be strapped down and lifted out.

Trask said from what he has heard from paramedics, the men suffered from head, shoulder and arm lacerations. The more injured of the two was air lifted to Boston, while the second was taken by ambulance to South Shore Hospital. Trask said he has not received any update on the condition of the two men, or what occurred.

"Nobody really knows what happened," said Trask, adding with accidents such as this, the fire department notifies the State Department of Public Safety to investigate. A representative from the Department of Public Safety was on the scene 15 minutes after the ambulance left, and Trask said he will likely interview the men who were trapped to get a better understanding of the situation. Because the men were working on the elevator, only they know what had been removed or replaced, and they will be able to paint a fuller picture for investigators.

Trask said from the pictures he saw which were taken under the carriage, the amount of space the men had under the elevator, would be "like crawling under a chair. They were very fortunate."

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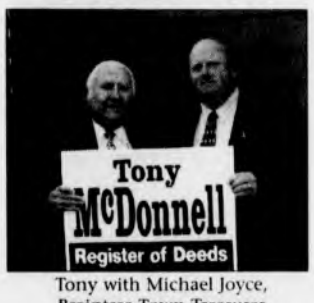
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ZBA looks over Tedeschi's plans

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make the decisions on the particulars of the site such as lighting and a color palette, which the site plan covers.

However, ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick said he doesn't believe the applicant should wait to file for a site plan review until after his board is done, and that the Planning Board needs to be in a position to make a recommendation before the board is done with its review. "There's a chicken and egg thing happening here," Chittick said. After some discussion, the board allowed the applicant's development team to make its presentation.

John Cavanaro of John Cavanaro Consulting is the engineer for the project, and he presented an overview of what future plans could be for the site. He said George Roukounakis, owner of Olympic Citgo, has been working with the owners of Tedeschi's to raze the current building and create a new facility housing both the gas station and convenience store as well as a Dunkin' Donuts.

The new building would be pushed back roughly 100 feet, allowing for six new parking spaces as well as an additional handicapped accessible space in front of the building. There would be three gas pumps, which could serve two customers at a time, in front as well.

To the right of the building would be the queue for the drive-through. The drive-up lane would curve around from the right to the back, where the actual window would be located. There would be a second lane for exiting traffic which bypasses the drive-through lane, and cars will be able to exit either into the town parking lot or onto James Lane from the rear of the building. There will also be three employee parking spaces behind the building.

The new building would be pushed back roughly 100 feet, allowing for six new parking spaces as well as an additional handicapped accessible space in front of the building.

There will also be two curb cuts in the front of the building, allowing traffic to exit and enter from South Main Street. "We tried to have as much diffusion and circulation of traffic as possible," Cavanaro said.

The current building owned by Roukounakis is 15,000 square feet, and would be reconstructed at 35,000 square feet. "This building could be bigger, but Tedeschi's was more concerned with the way it flowed and the way it looked," said Humphreys. The Dunkin' Donuts shop will have a counter inside the building as well, and will essentially be its own operation inside the Tedeschi's shop.

Chittick said for him, it was hard to imagine a drive-through window emptying onto James Lane, especially with the traffic the Red Lion generates. He said in the past Fire Captain Mark Trask has come before the board with concerns that the emergency vehicles had trouble fitting up the road, "and now you're proposing to immeasurably increase traffic?" Chittick went on to say he can't imagine the situation working unless the town made the street one-way only, which the development team said it would be happy to consider.

The development team said it did not anticipate a sharp increase in traffic, as it would be drawing from the same customer base, and wouldn't attract many who do not usually frequent the village. Although there will be some tables inside the Dunkin' Donuts, they do not anticipate customers will stay long. At most, people who work in or near the village may walk over to have a casual meeting and may choose to sit, but their stay will be brief, developers said.

The ZBA continued the hearing until October, and will at that point hear more of the details of the plans. Until then, developers have been advised to file a site plan for the Planning Board's review.

Two 'big houses' under new bylaw

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slightly smaller.

The first set of large house plans to come before the board were submitted by George McGoldrick, 93 Black Rock Road, in May. McGoldrick's plans proposed building a new 4,100 square foot family home on Jerusalem Road. McGoldrick had bought the property at 378 Jerusalem Road, which includes an old Victorian home and its lot, as well as a second buildable lot. McGoldrick had renovated the Victorian home and planned to sell it to a couple from Natick, and move with his family to the home he intends to build on the second lot.

McGoldrick said he looked at the bylaw and tried to conform to its standards as much as possible, taking his neighbors into consideration. The only abutter to attend the meeting was Growth and Development Committee member Mark DeGiacomo, who had helped draft the bylaw and was coincidentally an abutter. DeGiacomo attended the meeting to see how the process would unfold the first time around.

Abutters to the Arnolds' project did not attend the Planning Board's public hearing or previous Conservation Commission and Zoning Board hearings, which is a good indication the bylaw is doing what it was meant to do, officials say.

"When you advertise a public hearing, people usually only come when they're upset," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore at the Arnolds' hearing.

The board said plans were complete, and without any objection from abutters, Ok'ed the plans, subject to approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moore cautioned because the house will have just below 20 percent lot coverage when complete, future expansion could be impeded under the town's zoning bylaws. "Make a note, if you or some future owner wants to put a little porch on, you may not be able to do that," he said.

Demolishing an existing home at 3 Jerusalem Lane and replacing it with a structure three times its size caused an uproar in town that lasted months. The town's new bylaw is intended to address "large house" proposals before construction gets underway.

The large house site plan review was modeled after a bylaw adopted by the town of Weston. It will ensure any construction of residential buildings which exceed the greater of 3,500 square feet or 10 percent of the lot area, up to 6,000 square feet, will be subject to Planning Board review. If a home is under the size requirements, the bylaw will have no effect on any building plans.

Although the Planning Board can approve the site plans for large homes, it is ultimately up to Building Inspector Robert Egan whether to issue a building permit.

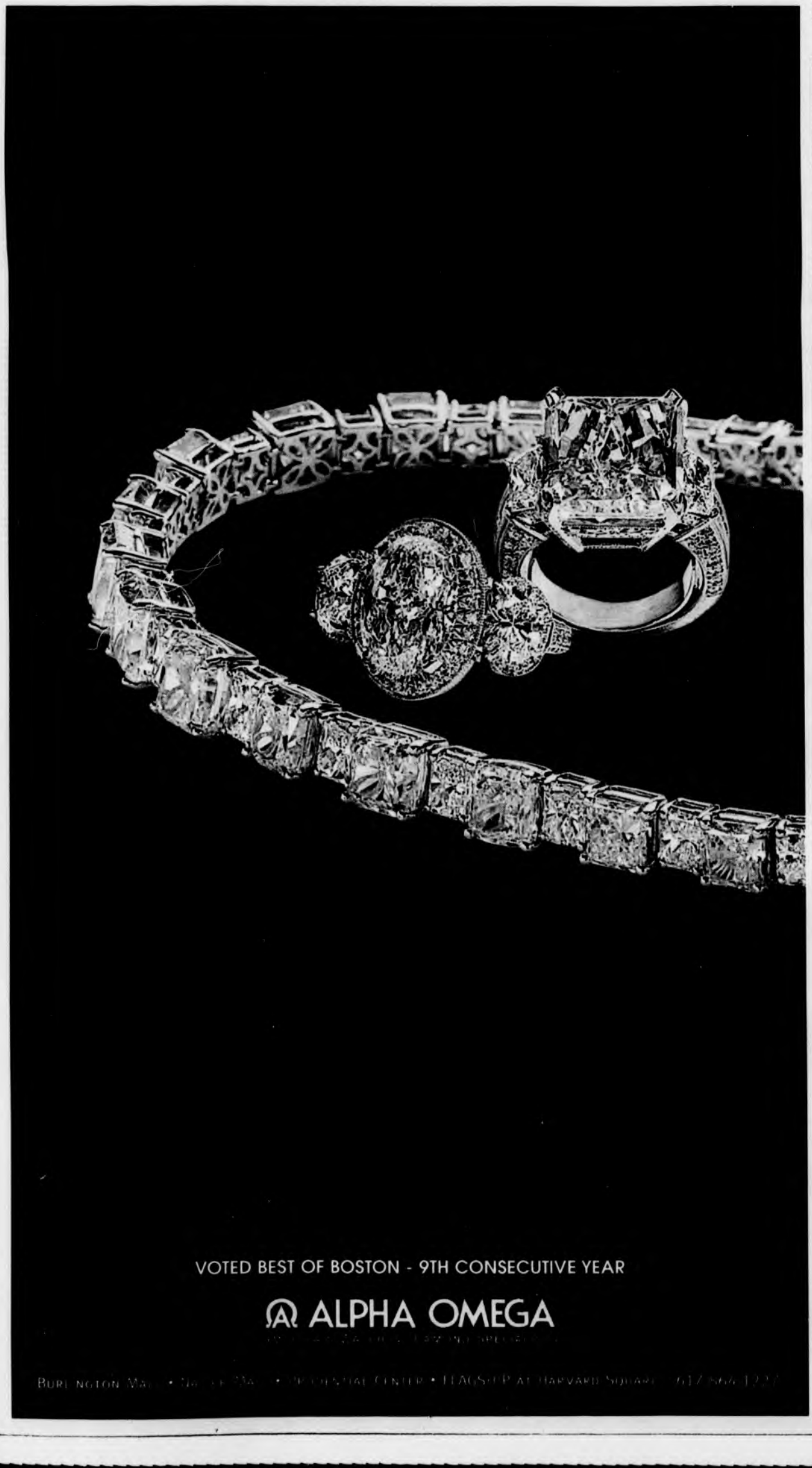
Council on Elder Affairs hosts retiree seminars

The Cohasset Elder Affair (3 North Main St.,) is offering an education series for retirees (5:30 to 6 p.m. light supper, 6 to 7:30 p.m. presentation) titled "Take Control of Your Future."

The sessions are: Oct. 7, "Medicare and Medicaid Changes" (Debbie Banda, AARP Mass State Director; Oct. 14, "New Treatment for Osteoporosis" (Virginia Cummings, M.D., Gerontologist); Oct. 21, "Legal Issues" (Brian Barriera and Paul Tierney, Elder law Attorneys) and Oct. 28, "Memory Loss": What to Do (Carolyn Housman, L.S.W.). Call the C.E.A. at 781-383-9112 to register or for information.

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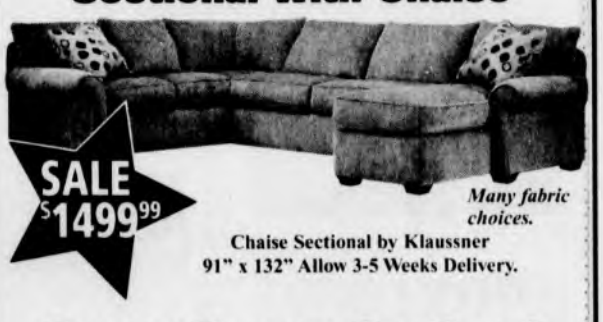
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Fencing on center stage at DiNero's hearing

Abutters concerned over aesthetics and safety

By Samantha Brown
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DiNero's restaurant will be able to move forward with its expansion, provided its owners comply with some very specific conditions. The Planning Board took abutters' concerns into consideration and will still need to OK changes implemented on the plans such as — adding a solid fence between abutting properties, minimizing light spillover onto abutting property, and proof of the safety of stonewalls on site — before giving final approval.

While John Fairchild, 800 Jerusalem Road, is worried about the potential for light spillover, his main concern is regarding proposed plantings on his property and whether they would provide enough of a buffer. He said he had asked for a solid fence from the beginning, but that a chain link fence had already been installed, and he was not aware the board could potentially condition the site plan on making that change. He also said while he had agreed on plantings with representatives from DiNero's, because they will need room to grow, they will be far apart at the outset, and he worries about the "curb appeal" of his property.

DiNero's said having anything but a chain link fence installed on the site will require much maintenance, and because of the high winds, a solid fence would be much more likely to blow over in a fierce wind.

"A stockade fence is a sail," said Frank Amonte of Kelly Engineering, the firm DiNero's hired to help with the expansion. He added wind pressure on a stockade will knock it down, where chain link allows the wind to pass through. Amonte said crawling vines will be planted along the fence which will eventually provide a much more solid buffer, and in the end, the chain link fence will require the least amount of maintenance. Amonte suggested holding off on any decision-making about the fence until after the vegetation takes hold, and if abutters are still unhappy, the issue could be revisited.

Jim Reichardt, 3 Grace Drive, also expressed concern over the chain link fence. His backyard abuts the DiNero's property, and he said a solid fence would greatly improve aesthetics and "make his backyard more enjoyable." He said he has a 4-year-old at home who could potentially climb a chain link fence and therefore, from a safety standpoint, an alternate fence would be his preference.

But Amonte said roughly 175 feet of fencing has already been installed on Fairchild's property as well as another 80 feet on Reichardt's property. DiNero's has had to spend roughly $19,000 on fencing so far, he said.

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— Al Moore, Planning Board

However, Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said, "Quite frankly, the board didn't ask you to put a fence up there."

David Sorgman, manager of design for Bay Planning Company Inc., which has designed the DiNero's expansion, said the chain link fence was actually a replacement fence for another which was removed when roughly 40 feet of ledge was excavated from the DiNero's site. DiNero's attorney Gregory Sullivan said the new fence was installed for safety reasons after the construction was complete.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt said while he wasn't trying to be harsh, "don't spend a lot of money until you have all your permits in hand." Pratt explained the board has an interest in screening the commercial district from the residential district, and DiNero's would have to install a solid fence as a condition for the site plan's approval. Pratt recognized DiNero's has been in a constant state of upgrade for some time, which is good for the area, but the abutters' concerns need to be addressed. "That's what makes this so tough," he said.

In addition, the board said it would like to see a written affidavit regarding the safety of the rock wall surrounding the property. Member Stuart Ivimey said he would also like to see issues regarding drainage and sprinklers dealt with as well as possibly moving one ramp at the front of the building to another location, as it encroaches on town property.

DiNero's said it currently has a license to operate the ramp, and while they understand it can be taken away at any given time, the ramp itself cannot be moved because it needs a certain amount of feet in order to be state compliant, and unless both entrances are on the same side of the building, that cannot happen. Even if the ramp is taken out, DiNero's representatives say the building itself encroaches on town property, and the stairs would have to remain no matter what. DiNero's said it would make more sense to have the ramp stay, rather than keep the entrance but make it inaccessible.

DiNero's will come back before the board with revised plans Sept. 15. Although the public hearing process is closed, which means the time for public comment has passed, the meeting is open to the public.

Signs could be changing for Jonathan Livingston Square

Jonathan Livingston Square currently has only one sign which doesn't have enough space to accommodate for all its tenants. Between the two buildings, 20 businesses are operating, but only five or six are being advertised on the street. In light of that, Tom Cummings, a trustee of the Jonathan Livingston Realty Trust, which owns Jonathan Livingston Square, came before the ZBA Tuesday to inquire about changing the signage in the square to be able to accommodate all the tenants.

Owners of Barkley's Dog Spa, located in the shopping center, is just one of many businesses which have been trying to gain more visibility and has put out temporary signage for their business. Located in a building which doesn't have much visibility from the street, the owners put out their own sign and were told by Building Inspector Robert Egan they would have to bring it back in due to sign bylaws. Egan said because of the long and involved zoning history of the shopping center, it would make sense to bring the matter before the ZBA, to see if a solution could be found.

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That is when Cummings decided to inquire about changing the sign or possibly include two signs, one for each building, in the Square. The two buildings, although considered separate lots, had been treated as one lot to allow for cross-easements to aid with parking, although they were never formally merged as one lot. Because they were considered one lot, only one permanent sign has been allowed. Cummings told the board the two lots were never merged because they were non-conforming and merging them, "would make the whole situation impossible," he said.

Because the lots are separate, Cummings said it would make sense for two signs to be allowed. The ZBA had made a recommendation years ago that the lots would be considered as one for zoning purposes only, and ZBA member Charlie Higginson said if the board made that determination in the past, it could also change it now, and allow one sign on each lot. "If we said go left back then, we can say go right," he said.

The board said it would bring the matter back again in October, and until then, Barkley's would be able to keep its temporary sign out. The board suggested Cummings return with plans for a smaller sign which has room for all the tenants. Depending on the ZBA's decision, the Square may be allowed to come back in the future with plans for two signs for the property, one for each building. "My intention is, after we get this squared away, to do that," said Cummings, adding he will have David Hassan design the sign.

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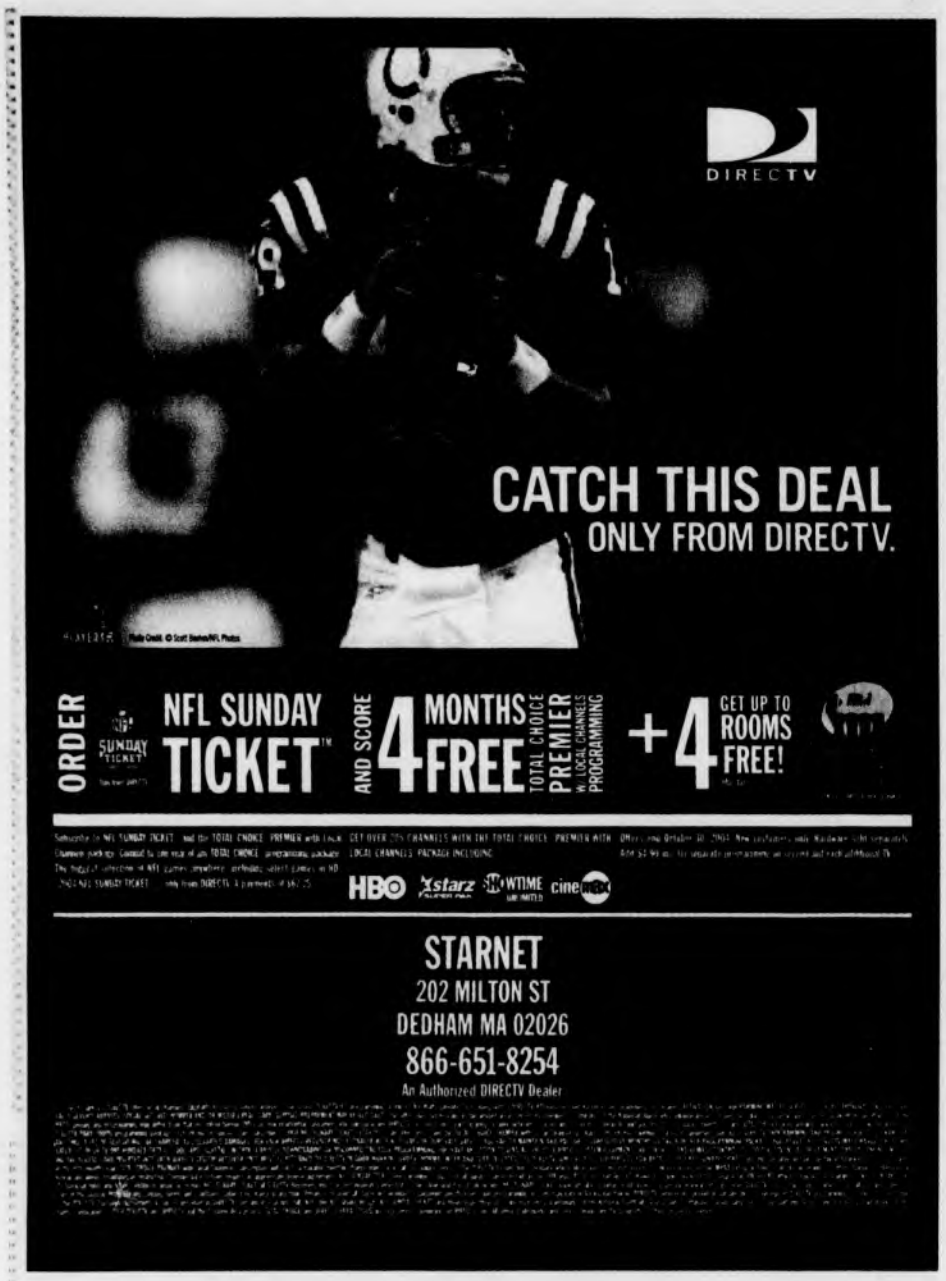
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The Cohasset Papa Gino's crew from left, Brian Billings, Juris Grauds, Wilkens Jeanty (general manager), and Robert Nardi celebrate being the top restaurant in the chain for the Easter Seals and Genesis Fund promotion.

Local Papa Gino's tops in charity drive

By Mary Ford
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They're enthusiastic, friendly and know how to work for a cause. That combination has translated into the Papa Gino's in Cohasset Plaza winning top honors in a recent coupon drive with the proceeds benefiting Easter Seals and the Genesis Fund.

"Every team member got behind it – we knew it was a good cause and we let our customers know."

— Wilkens Jeanty, general manager

The local pizza house raised $2,200 by offering customers coupons worth $35 in savings for a $1 donation.

"We asked everyone who came in if they'd like to participate," said Wilkens Jeanty, general manager at the Cohasset restaurant. "Every team member got behind it – we knew it was a good cause and we let our customers know."

The Cohasset donations helped Papa Gino's and D'Angelo Sandwich Shops across New England raise a total of $312,529 for the charities' annual fundraising campaign conducted in May.

Customers who donated $1 received 12 coupons redeemable for menu items at Papa Gino's and D'Angelo restaurants through August.

Over the past 27 years, the D'Angelo/Papa Gino's coupon campaign has raised more than $3 million for the non-profit organizations. Easter Seals provides services for children and adults with disabilities to expand their independence and the Genesis Fund raises money for specialized care for children with birth defects, mental retardation and genetic diseases.

Jeanty says his staff deserves a pat on the back. "They're the best crew and I'd like to thank the Cohasset Papa Gino's team for a job well done," he said.

Tom Galligan, president and CEO of Papa Gino's, Inc., the parent company of both chains, said customers have supported the campaign with increasing generosity every year.

"D'Angelo and Papa Gino employees and guests are dedicated to helping children and adults with disabilities live full, productive lives as active members of their communities," said Galligan, who is also chairman of Easter Seals.



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First Parish welcomes new minister

The doors of the Meeting House on Cohasset Common open to welcome a new minister on Sunday, Sept. 12. Last May, First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset called the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull to become the 19th minister in the 284 years of this historic congregation.

Dr. Carlsson-Bull, or Jan, arrived on the South Shore this August, with her husband, Dr. Daniel Bull (Dan). For the past seven years, Jan served as assistant minister at the Unitarian Church of All Souls on Manhattan's Upper East Side commuting by train and subway from their home in Montclair, N.J.

Jan and her husband, Dan, have three adult daughters all living in the New York City area. A swimming enthusiast, Jan quips that Sandy Beach and Minot Beach are an altogether different dip than New York Harbor, or even the Jersey Shore. Jan brings almost 20 years of non-profit and corporate experience to her ministry. She holds a Ph.D. in developmental psychology from Yeshiva University and a master's of divinity degree from New York's Union Theological Seminary.

Jan's former church, "All Souls", is a congregation known for its social outreach and social justice advocacy as well as its stellar music program and compelling preaching. Does Jan hope to transform First Parish into an equally compelling beacon for justice in the arena of faith communities?

"That is up to the congregation," says Jan. "First and foremost, I hope to get to know folks, to discover the deeper layers of this congregation with its own track record of justice within the community."

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The Rev. Joseph Osgood, who served First Parish during the tumultuous years of the Civil War, was a well-known abolitionist and public school reformer. The late Rev. Elizabeth Tarbox, who served First Parish in the late 1990s, was a published essayist, whose work resonated with a keen awareness of social injustices.



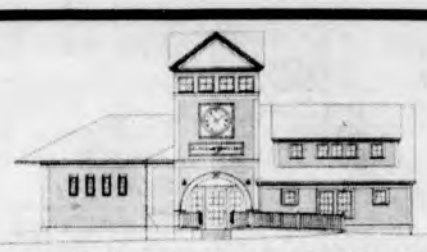
First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Cohasset welcomes Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, shown here, to the pulpit on Sept. 12. Rev. Dr. Carlsson-Bull has been called as the 19th minister of this historic parish on Cohasset Common.

Denominationally, Jan is active as a founding member of the Unitarian Universalist Trauma Response Ministry, established after the events of Sept. 11, 2001. During this time, Jan served as a chaplain both at Ground Zero and at New York City's Family Assistance Center, an extension of her ministry at All Souls. Recently three of her Trauma Response colleagues ventured to the hurricane ridden east coast of Florida, where they offered assistance in processing the disaster and conducted trauma training for other clergy. Jan also serves on the Commission on Social Witness of the Unitarian Universalist Association, is former president of the Metro/New York District's Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, and was for many years an active member of the Metro/New York District's Anti-Racism Committee.

Cohasset's First Parish is housed in one of the oldest continuously used churches in the country. Erected in 1741, the congregation itself was founded in 1721. The membership became "Unitarian" (affirming the oneness of God) in 1824. In 1961 Unitarians merged with the Universalists (affirming universal salvation). As the Rev. William Sinkford, President of the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association) notes, Unitarian Universalism is about "one God, no one left behind." This liberal religious faith community is non-creedal, while promoting principles that include the inherent worth and dignity of every person and the interdependent web of all existence.

In harmony with Jan's hope to build a foundation of knowledge and trust, her opening sermon on Sept. 12 is apt—"Good Morning!" On this same date, First Parish will register children for its highly touted Religious Education program and its nationally reputed OWL (Our Whole Lives) program for youth. With her colleagues from First Parish and a membership that she finds gracious and welcoming, Jan hopes to greet individuals and families who are looking for a parish home where they are accepted for who they are and where everyone matters. She will undoubtedly say more in her September 19 sermon on "Community".

Sunday services at First Parish Unitarian Universalist begin at 10:30 a.m., with childcare available and coffee hour directly following the service. All are welcome. To find out more about the services and programs of First Parish Unitarian Universalist, Rev. Dr. Carlsson-Bull invites you to visit the parish Web site, www.firstparishcohasset.org, or, in her words, to "Take my 'Good Morning' to heart and drop by."



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Secretary Ridge, in his presentation, highlighted Capt. Salerno's achievement in the development of a security plan for Boston Harbor after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and more recently, the plans for the Democratic National Convention. Ridge said the plan was so efficient that it would be utilized at the Republican National Convention in New York City.

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Capt. Salerno served as the Commanding Officer of the Port of Boston for the past three years and has now been reassigned to Washington, D.C. as the Field Director of the U.S. Coast Guard. Capt. Salerno is the son of proud parents **Nicholas and Gertrude Salerno** of Ledge Way.

SEPT. 11 CEREMONY

The Town of Cohasset, police and fire departments invite everyone to a memorial service at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 11 at the flagpole on the common. The service is in remembrance of the victims of the 9-11 terrorist attacks. Bells will toll for 18 minutes from 8:45 to 9:03 a.m. A moment of silence will follow. Local clergy will attend; there will be no public speeches.

STILL NIFTY AT FIFTY

Happy 50th birthday goes out to **Bobby Protrulis** from his family and friends. Bobby is celebrating this special day today, Sept. 9.

REGISTER FOR GIRL SCOUTS

Town-wide Girl Scout registration will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 14, from 5-8 p.m. at the Deer Hill cafeteria. Troops are now forming – new scouts are welcome. Troop leaders are also needed for several grades; share the fun of scouting and learning with girls in town. Please join us to learn more about scouting, including volunteer opportunities. If you cannot make registration night registration forms are available at the Town Hall outside the Recreation Department.

NEW OR USED TOYS

Cohasset Girl Scout Troop #4784 will be collecting new or "gently used" toys and books for Cradles to Crayons, a non-profit organization which collects donations for children living in poverty in the Greater Boston Area. The Girl Scouts will be collecting any donations you might want to make in the parking lot of Saint Anthony's Church from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 19. This is the last stage for members of Troop #4784 of service in achieving their Bronze Award, the highest award possible for Junior Girl Scouts. Please help to make this a success! If you have any questions, please call **Jennie Curley**, 383-0695 or **Megan Richardson**, 383-0998.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY NIGHT

On Saturday evening, Sept. 18, the South Shore Art Center will honor friends whose dedication over the years has created one of the premier arts facilities in the area. Art Center past presidents, directors, artists through the years, staff, students, volunteers and friends who have contributed to the past 50 years will join in the celebration. More than 150 art supporters are expected to participate and toast the SSAC as it enters its next 50 years!. The event will be held at Lionsgate at 306 South Main St. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:30 P.M. Dancing and dessert will be at 9 p.m. with the music of "Groove Authority." The cost is $125 per person and tickets can be had by calling 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

PLAYGROUND CELEBRATION

Bring the kids to the opening celebration for the Our World playground from 3-5 p.m. Sept. 16 at the playground, 100 Sohier St. Hopefully, the kids have been playing on the new facility behind the library and the Our World Museum for a few weeks already, but having some lemonade and balloons will make it all official!



The Salerno family with Secretary Thomas Ridge at the Aug. 12 Change of Command Ceremony. Capt. Salerno is to the immediate left of Sec. Ridge.



Capt. Brian Salerno

(Below) Capt. Brian Salerno is flanked by Sec. Thomas Ridge and Admiral David Pekoske at the Change of Command Ceremony.

NEW ARRIVAL

Michael, Kristyn and sister **Lauren Stevens** of Scituate welcome **Kathryn Blair Stevens**, who was born on July 21, 2004 at the South Shore Hospital. Grandparents include **Richard and Gail Stevens** of Cohasset and **Eileen and the late Edward Blair Lemieux** of Hingham.

YARD SALE

The South Shore Community Center will hold its annual yard sale (rain or shine) on Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at the SSCC located at 3 Main St. Cohasset. The SSCC is seeking donations (no clothing), which are tax deductible, for the yard sale with all proceeds going to support the Center. Donors can drop off items at the SSCC on Step. 9 & 10 between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. For questions, contact the SSCC at 781-383-0088.

AT HAMILTON

Caroline Steele, daughter of **Marjorie and Matthew Steele** of Black Horse Lane, has begun her studies at Hamilton College. Caroline, a Milton Academy graduate, was selected from a pool of more than 4,400 applicants for the college. She joins a class of 476.



That is it for this week. Please send in all info no later than Mondays by 5 p.m.

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Girl Scout Virginia Spofford is in line for Silver Award



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Girl Scout Virginia Spofford, 15, is set to receive her Silver Award.

Is athlete who loves the arts

By Samantha Brown
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Many students look to April vacation as a time to sleep in late, lounge around, and take advantage of the last full week of vacation until summer. But for 15-year-old Virginia Spofford, that one-week hiatus literally set the stage for her to receive a Girl Scout Silver Award, the second highest honor for a Girl Scout.

From 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. throughout four days during vacation, Virginia held a dance and theater workshop for younger scouts in the Hingham Scout House. Virginia, with help from fellow Girl Scout Aisling Guinee who has been working on her own Silver Award project, led the younger girls in theater and dance exercises, then allowed them to write their own scripts and choreograph dances in groups to go along with the story. At the end of the week, friends and family were invited to attend a one-of-a-kind performance, held on the Scout House stage.

Virginia, who has been a Girl Scout since she was in first grade and is one of seven in Troop 4778, said she has participated in various dance and theater productions in the past, including school plays and productions put on by the Children's Drama Workshop through the Cohasset Recreation Department. In addition, Virginia participated in a three-week performing arts camp hosted by the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham, and she thought hosting a similar camp on a smaller scale would be a perfect way to earn her award.

An avid softball player, Virginia is a varsity pitcher, which takes up much of her time. Along with field hockey and her love of skiing in the winter, "I'm too busy with school and sports," to be able to fully participate in dance or theater, she said. However, even though she spends much of her time participating in sports, she has never lost interest in the arts, which is why she wanted to be able to use her talents once more, and share what she has learned with others.

During the workshop Virginia and Aisling broke the 12 participants into groups, and guided the girls as they wrote their own scripts to act out. The girls ranged in age from third to sixth grade. One script told the story of a troupe of monkeys who used magic bananas to rescue another monkey that had been kidnapped, and another involved an enchanted house which put the girls under its spell. Virginia chose the music to be included in the dance scenes in the production.

To be able to use the Hingham Scout House during school vacation, Virginia had to coordinate her project with the Patriots Trail Council for approval as a valid project as well as find responsible adults willing to supervise.

There was much preparation necessary on Virginia's part in order to bring her workshop to fruition. To be able to use the Hingham Scout House during school vacation, Virginia had to coordinate her project with the Patriots Trail Council for approval as a valid project as well as find responsible adults willing to supervise. The Patriots Trail Council is among the 10 largest councils in the nation, and has members in 65 cities and towns in the Boston area. Because scouts of varying ages would be participating, Virginia researched the badge books at each level to make sure the girls who participated would receive credit toward earning badges at their individual levels.

Virginia received help from adults as well, including Paula Pozniak and Virginia's aunt Nancy Homa who were able to administer first aid if necessary. Homa, who traveled all the way from Maine to help with the workshop, is the sister of Virginia's father, Selectman Rob Spofford. In addition, Virginia's mother Susan was also on hand to provide general supervision. However, even with adults around, Susan said both Virginia and Aisling ran the workshop completely on their own.

Virginia said the best part about running the workshop was the variety of girls she was able to meet. With three younger sisters, who are all Girl Scouts as well, she knows many of the girls in their grades, but not as many in the "in-between" grades. Virginia's two 9-year-old sisters, Meredith and Robin, were on hand during the workshop, and her other sister Jennifer, 12 , is currently working earning her Bronze Award.

The Silver Award is given to a Girl Scout after an application for the project is submitted and approved to the Council, and 30 hours of preparation is complete. Before the project can be approved by the Council, the girl must also complete several other leadership and career exploration activities, three interest projects, and a cadet challenge.

Virginia will formally receive her Silver Award on Sept. 17 during a ceremony held in the Cohasset High School Auditorium. Three other girls are slated to receive their Silver Awards as well, including Kate Callahan, Colleen Richardson and Aisling Guinee. The next step for Virginia will be to decide on a project to earn her Gold Award, which is the highest honor a Girl Scout can receive. "I think it will be softball related," she said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

The noblest of professions

Yesterday was the first day of school.

Our Cohasset teachers entered the classroom again to spin their magic.

What did they think about on the first day of school?

Did they realize the miracles they are about to perform this year, whether helping a Harvard-bound physics wizard unlock the mystery of a mind-boggling equation or nudging a struggling first-grader trying to keep up with his classmates like the last skater in the ice show line.

In either case, and all that is in between, teachers have chosen the noblest of professions.

A teacher is so much more than what a test can gauge.

A teacher is a counselor, a nurse, a healer of broken hearts.

A teacher is a police officer watching out for our children's safety.

A teacher is a locksmith unlocking a wonderful world of knowledge.

A teacher is a guide in the adventure of learning.

A teacher is a straight man, a comedian, an actor, a storyteller, a puppeteer.

A teacher is a carpenter with a bulletin board, a bookbinder with Scotch tape, a sanitation worker with the waste basket.

A teacher is a banker keeping track of lunch money, ice cream money and milk money.

A teacher is a salesman. The product is knowledge.

A teacher is a hair stylist when a pony tail falls down, a dentist when a tooth falls out, a fix-it man when the pencil sharpener falls apart.

A teacher is a waitress at snack time, a referee at recess time, a doorkeeper at dismissal time.

A teacher is a press agent, a proofreader, a peace-maker, a playmate.

A teacher is a detective searching for clues, a lawyer settling disputes, a judge making decisions.

A teacher is a coach, a caretaker, a cheerleader.

A teacher is a psychiatrist fostering self esteem, an optometrist helping children see clearly, a neurologist soothing frayed nervous systems.

A teacher is a wizard squeezing small shoes into smaller boots.

A teacher is an X-ray technician reading minds, a publisher at the Xerox machine, a partner with parents in the adventure of education.

A teacher is a miracle worker taking straight and curved lines and making them into letters, taking letters and making them into words, and taking works and making them into ideas.

A teacher must guide a guide through cyberspace making sure that students are not trapped by the computer mouse or lost in the Internet's web.

A teacher is the first one to take the tiny hand of the frightened kindergartner and the last one to shake the proud hand of the high school graduate.

God-bless our teachers in this new school year.



POLITICAL NOTES

Democratic brunch Sept. 26

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee is co-sponsoring a Democratic brunch and political rally with guest speaker Congressman Edward Markey, Co-Chair of the Mass. Kerry for President Committee. The brunch will take place at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Bridgewaye Inn in Humarock.

Tickets are $12.50 per person. With the State Primary next week (Sept. 14), and the general election just weeks away (Nov. 2) there's plenty to do for any Cohasset resident interested in getting involved to help Democrats this fall.

For information about the brunch or any Democratic activities for Cohasset, contact Agnes McCann, Chair of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee at 781-383-0222, or Pat Laugelle, Cohasset's Representative with the South Shore Democratic Caucus, at 781-383-1737.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Refreshing the garden

TO THE EDITOR:

The Perennial Friendship Garden at the South Shore Community center is a focal point in downtown Cohasset. People in the community have regularly commented on its beauty. Many of our seniors stop and enjoy the loveliness of the garden.

Our request is simple: we are in need of refreshing the garden. We will be cutting back, replanting and moving certain plants. The community has always helped the Center, and we are hoping you will consider helping us again.

We are looking for new plants to add to the garden: astilbe, lupine, lady's mantle, hollyhock, delphinium, phlox (white and pink), sedum, rudbecchia (black-eyed Susan), sage, shasta daisy, foxglove, and bleeding heart would all make lovely additions to the perennials we already have. Any donations would be gratefully accepted and placed in the garden.

Any donations can be dropped off at the Community Center, 3 N. Main St. in the village, or we can arrange for a pickup by calling 781-383-0088. We would love to get the garden ready for next spring by doing this work now and in the early fall.

Stephanie Church
Program Director

HEALTH NOTES

Eastern Equine Encephalitis alert

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) has confirmed **Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)** in a Holbrook resident, who died last week. EEE infection was established in the Holbrook teen through tests performed at the State Laboratory Institute on Sept. 1. He was initially admitted to the hospital Aug. 23. This is the second fatality this year from EEE. The first case, reported Aug. 12, was a male Brockton resident in his 60s who later died from the infection.

EEE is a rare human disease, with fewer than 50 cases having been reported in Massachusetts since 1940. Similar to West Nile virus (WNV), the virus that causes EEE is transmitted to humans by bites from infected mosquitoes. Symptoms of EEE infection in humans include a sudden onset of high fever, stiff neck, headache, mental confusion and lack of energy. These symptoms appear two to 10 days after infection. Inflammation and swelling of the brain, called encephalitis, is the most dangerous complication. Encephalitis can worsen quickly and patients may go into a coma within a week. The risk of transmission of EEE virus is greatest in August and September and continues until mosquito activity ends after the first hard frost.

MDPH encourages anyone who develops symptoms of EEE infection, such as sudden onset of high fever, stiff neck, headache, mental confusion and lack of energy, to seek medical attention as soon as possible.

Symptoms of EEE infection in humans include a sudden onset of high fever, stiff neck, headache, mental confusion and lack of energy.

MDPH also reported last Thursday, a horse from Dedham (Norfolk County) tested positive for the virus that causes EEE. The horse, which was not previously vaccinated for the disease, was euthanized on Aug. 27 and tested positive for EEE Sept. 1. In 2003, five horses tested positive for the virus that causes EEE.

MDPH has identified 18 mosquito specimens as positive for the EEE virus to date in 2004. The specimens were collected between July 28 to Aug. 25 from Bristol and Plymouth Counties from the towns of Easton, Norton, Raynham, Middleboro, Halifax, New Bedford and Kingston.

MPDH has strongly recommended that all individuals, particularly those living in counties where EEE virus has been identified, (Cohasset is in one) follow the steps below to prevent mosquito bites and reduce mosquito populations around their homes and communities.

- Remove any standing water near your home to reduce mosquito-breeding habitats. Standing water can be found in a variety of places surrounding homes. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools. Change water in birdbaths frequently.
- Wear clothing that provides more coverage of your skin (such as long sleeved shirts and pants) if you remain outdoors while mosquitoes are biting.
- Use mosquito repellents containing DEET and follow the directions on the label. Never use DEET on infants and do not apply repellents to the face or hands of children. Avoid using repellents with DEET concentrations above 10-15 percent for children and with concentrations above 30-35 percent for adults. Use mosquito netting to cover carriages and playpens.
- Check window and door screens to assure they are in good repair.

Mosquito control in Massachusetts is conducted through Mosquito Control Districts, with 159 member communities. The State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board oversees all districts. Information about Cohasset can be obtained at: http://www.mass.gov/agr/mosquito/districts.htm. or by calling 617 983-6800.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Assisted Living week to be celebrated at Sunrise

Sunrise of Cohasset is joining in the nationwide observance of national Assisted Living Week 2004, Sept. 12-18. A variety of activities are being held throughout the week that are free and open to the public at Sunrise, 125 King St.

Beginning on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunrise will host an Art Show. Resident Artists and Staff members will display their work. Many items will be for sale. If you should miss the reception, the artwork will remain up and on display throughout the week.

Monday, Sept. 15, Eric Olsen will entertain with song and acoustical guitar at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, Avon Make-up instructions will be scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, Cohasset Chief of Police, James Hussey will be here 10:30 a.m. to greet and speak with residents. Also on Thursday, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. South Shore Hospital will host a Lecture and offer Free Diabetic Screening.

If you are interested in attending any of the events planned, call 781-383-6300.

Saturday, Sept. 18, Sunrise will host a Garden Party Celebration, from 2 to 3 p.m. with Scituate Girl Scout Troop #4397 commemorating the completion of the mural that the girls painted for the Sunrise Garden Patio.

If you are interested in attending any of the events planned, call 781-383-6300. Appointments are needed only for the Make-up instructions on Tuesday. If you are interested in additional information about residency at Sunrise ask for Mary Jane Trettis, Director of Community Relations or Denise Baxter, Executive Director. Both will meet with you, offer tours or have you for lunch.

Local Republicans back Bush at Hingham convention event

By Carol Britton Meyer
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"Four more years" is a resounding theme of President George W. Bush's reelection campaign. That slogan was one of several displayed at a recent high-spirited Republican gathering in Hingham on the night of Bush's acceptance speech.

An enthusiastic crowd of South Shore Republicans — and "even a few [curious] Democrats," noted Hingham Republican Town Committee (HRTC) member and State Committeeman John Cafferty — gathered at South Shore Country Club to watch live coverage of President George Bush's talk on a big-screen TV.

The party was open to everyone in Senate district GOP 8, which includes Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, Scituate, Weymouth, Marshfield, Duxbury, and Norwell.

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PHOTOS/OVE PYGH WILCHE

Leonora Jenkins of Cohasset, left, greets congressional candidate Mike Jones, at the Hingham Republican Convention party at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham last Thursday. Republicans from area towns were in attendance.



Lysha Coleman, 14, sits next to a "knock-out Kerry" balloon at the GOP party in Hingham.

Cadegan enjoyed showing off her two cute red, white, and blue Beanie Baby elephants.

The enthusiasm of local Republicans watching RNC events unfold from the club's 19th Hole Restaurant and Lounge — decorated with red, white, and blue balloons — matched that of the flag-waving crowd gathered on the Republican National Convention (RNC) floor in New York City.

Coleman's niece, Lysha, 13, also enjoyed Thursday's Hingham get-together. "I wanted to be a part of everything," she said. The two attended the Democratic National Convention in Boston in July and met up with Coleman's cousin, Sen. Peter Courtney, who was there with the Oregon delegation.

Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy Cruz placed a call to Hingham from the convention, offering some details and reporting that he was having a "great time."

A few baseball fans stole a glance or two in the direction of the Boston Red Sox/AnaheimAngels game that was playing out on a much smaller screen. But almost everyone's attention was drawn to the RNC happenings.

Signs bearing slogans like "This is a Red Sox-Bush nation," "Patriots and Bush reign again," "Let freedom reign," and "Massachusetts needs George Bush" added spice to the event.

All eight towns had signs supporting Bush. Joyce, Cadegan, and Coleman made them last Wednesday night while watching Gov. Mitt Romney and Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey speak at the convention — with the help of Joyce's young daughter, Shannon. "She colored in the letters on the '4 more years' sign after going to the Red Sox game with her dad," said Joyce with a laugh.

HRTC member James Claypoole was decked out in a 10-gallon hat and signature cowboy boots with sharply pointed toes. "Do your toes stop before that point?" one gentleman asked playfully.

"No, I had them trimmed to fit," rejoined Claypoole.

HRTC Chair Ann Collins, who is filling in for Hingham resident Donald Hussey while he makes a run for the Governor's Council, told him he looked "very dashing," which brought a big grin to his face.

"I'm thrilled to see so many people here," Collins said. "This is what it's all about. We have to back the person we think will do what we want done, the one we think will get us back on track."

Claypoole said events such as the one at the Country Club "inspire enthusiasm and motivate people who support the President to go out and work for his reelection at the grass-roots level. It's so easy to just leave it to the other guy," he said.

Hussey is running for the governor's council because the eight-member board is currently comprised entirely of Democrats. "Some diversity would be nice. It would be healthy for the process," he said. "I believe the citizens of Massachusetts are ready to elect a few Republicans. I think the Democratic party has gone a little too far to the left."

He continued, "The divisions in the parties have become so extreme. Whatever happened to the term, 'United we stand'? We need to look beyond partisan politics and stand behind one another and show the world – both our enemies and friends – that we have clear objectives and a united resolve, especially with regard to terrorism. It's important to feel safe in our homes, neighborhoods, and communities. It's the first priority."

Mike Jones, who is unopposed in the Republican primary and will run against Congressman William Delahunt in November, noted that 54 percent of the voters in the 10th District are registered as unenrolled.

"That's important because 73 percent of the district is either unenrolled or registered Republican," he said. "We're reaching out with a mainstream moderate message – lower taxes for families, strong national defense, and getting our fair share of federal dollars in Massachusetts, which is 46th in the nation for highway and national security spending. We need to widen Route 3 and make sure our communities get the homeland security they need to keep us safe."

Jones, who has knocked on many South Shore doors already, came from Plymouth to attend the Hingham event. "I wanted to be with fellow Republicans after a long day on the campaign trail and to thank them for their hard work," he said.

Hussey reported that his son, Gregory, is currently stationed in South Korea at Camp Casey with the 2nd Infantry. "I get an e-mail from him every once in awhile," he said. Gregory will return Oct. 12 for R&R (rest and relaxation). "We'll have a big rally on behalf of the Bush reelection effort when he comes home," Hussey said. "George Bush in my view is the right man at the right time in American history simply because he believes in the security of the United States, uniting its people, defending our country, and supporting our troops."

When Bush began his speech at 10 p.m., the crowd grew quiet as he spoke about how tragedy "arrived on a quiet morning," referring to the events of Sept. 11. He also spoke about "current acts of valor that would make the men of Normandy proud," praising American troops for "making America safer. Because of you the world is more just and will be more peaceful," he said.

Calling the United States the "greatest force for good in the world," Bush said, "We will build a safe world and a more hopeful America." He added, "Nothing will hold us back," which was a recurring theme in his speech. "The greatest duty of the President is to protect the American people, or we will drift into tragedy. This will not happen on my watch. . . . We're striking terrorists abroad so we do not have to face them at home. . . . . We will extend the frontiers of freedom. . . ."

On the homefront, Bush said he will head a bipartisan effort to reform and simplify the federal tax code and help workers find higher and better-paying jobs. He also promised to increase funding for community college. "The government must take the side of working families," he said.

As the event wound down, Cafferty thanked fellow Republicans — who came from a number of South Shore communities — for their participation. "I think we're on a roll," he said. "If we work hard, we'll do it [re-elect Bush]."

The 2004 RNC was held for the first time in New York City at Madison Square Garden from Aug. 30 to Sept. 2. Some say this year's delegation was the most diverse in the party's history.



John Cafferty, right, who is Republican State Committeeman for the Plymouth-Norfolk District, chats with Fred Alexander at the Hingham GOP convention party at the South Shore Country Club.



Barbara Claypoole, left, of Hingham and Cohasset's Julie Guild, right, watch President Bush deliver his address before the Republican National Convention last Thursday.

Time for another crushing defeat?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Well, here we go again!

Here it is, the second week in September and the Boston Red Sox, our Olde Towne Team, has pulled to within two and a half games of the despised New York Yankees and are in a position to deliver the crushing blow, not to the Yanks but to their own Boston fans.

Today's headlines read: "Pennant Fever Grips Hub!" Tomorrow's are already in type: "Wait 'Til Next Year!"

Just think of it. Our Sox haven't won a World Series since 1918. That's 86 years, according to the first mathematical formula that is taught to Boston youngsters when they reach the kindergarten age of four. Some can even figure it out by counting on their figures at the age of two.

Just think of it. Woodrow Wilson was president. A man named Calvin Coolidge was lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth.

Just think of it. Baseball was the only professional game in town the last time the Sox won the series. The Celtics, the Bruins and the Patriots weren't even an idea then. In fact, the NFL and the NBA didn't exist and the NHL had just played its first season with three Canadian teams.

Just think of it. Woodrow Wilson was president. A man named Calvin Coolidge was lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth. Women were not allowed to vote. John F. Fitzgerald, the great grandfather of Arnold Schwarzenegger's wife, was elected, then un-elected to Congress.

It's gotten so bad that divers are scouring the mud at the bottom of a pond in Sudbury to find a piano that was tossed in some 80 years ago by George Herman "Babe" Ruth, who someone once fantasized was the man who was responsible for it all in the first place.

"The Curse of the Bambino" was invented so that Sox fans wouldn't have to think that their team just wasn't good enough to win it all these years. And what the discovery of a piano that may or may not be in a pond in Sudbury has to do with breaking "the curse" is beyond me.

The Sox have been there before and, in the final test, just didn't have it.

Like 1946, in the eighth inning of the seventh game against the St. Louis Cardinals when shortstop Johnny Pesky held the ball for the fraction of a second that allowed Enos Slaughter to score from first base with the winning run, on what essentially a single.

Or, 1986, when first baseman Bill Buckner permitted Mookey Wilson's soft grounder to skip between his legs to give the New York Mets a 6-5 victory after the Red Sox had twice been within one strike of their first World Series since 1918.

Or, 1978, when Bucky Dent, a Yankee who couldn't hit his way out of the paper bag, as we used to say, hit a three run homer over the left field wall in a playoff for all the marbles after the two teams tied for the American League pennant in the regular season.

Or, could it be like 1918, when Carl Mays beat the Chicago Cubs, 2-1, for the Red Sox and Babe Ruth played left field.

Now if they can only find that piano!

CHAMBER CHATTER

Busy with fall line-up of networking events

Sept. 15, "Summer in September" After Hours from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Harbor Resort Members - Free; non-members - $5. RSVP by Sept. 10, by calling 781-383-1616.

Sept. 23, Second Annual Tri-Chamber Golf Tournament "Nine and Dine" Nine Holes at Widow's Walk; Dinner/Networking to follow at Scituate Country Club. All golfers and non-golfers welcome. Sponsored by Cohasset, Scituate and Marshfield Chambers. Call 781-383-1616 for more information.

Oct. 13, "October Breakfast Meeting: Your 60 Second Commercial"

Speaker Dave Kantelis, a Director for Business Networking International (BNI), will discuss developing your "60-Second Commercial" 7:30 to 9 a.m. Atlantic Bagel in Cohasset Village

Buzz is presidential on Romney spotlight at RNC

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

With Gov. Romney's sojourn to the Republican National Convention in New York last week, one could detect the arrival of a new normal in Massachusetts politics: the state of perennial presidential possibility.

After one cycle in abeyance, the state's status as engine for new presidential material couldn't have been on more open display. Even as he attacked the brightest current Massachusetts star, John Kerry, Gov. Mitt Romney attracted and sought to exploit the magic spotlight of attention and speculation that lifts faces from the crowd and makes them leaders of the pack. The general election not even underway, the ambitions of the current Massachusetts superstar began to segue into those of the next contender.

After Romney's week at the Republican National Convention, it would be a major Massachusetts political story if he changed course and forewent a bid for a place on the national ticket in the next election or two. The governor's press office has begun volunteering the news of expressions of interest in Romney from the national media.

Not only did Romney draw a triple-A politician's dream spot in the batting order – a 9:45 p.m. speech last Wednesday, just before the keynote speaker and vice president — he accepted his first Iowa invitation. Romney will deliver the address next month at the Iowa Republican Party's Ronald Reagan dinner.

With these forays, Romney signals himself as the latest contender from Massachusetts to focus the attention of the political community around his ambitions. The attention is non-partisan; that is, whether the aspirant is a Dukakis or a Tsongas or a Weld or a Kerry, the pursuit of something higher gives a candidate's enemies as much to talk about as his friends.

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So it is with Romney. He actually is attempting to transmorgify John Kerry's success: exploiting the opportunity to criticize the senator as a way to nurture the possibility that he, Romney, will someday be where Kerry is today. That's just what Romney did in his Wednesday night address.

This kind of activity doesn't limit itself to the national level. While Romney lambasted Kerry at the presidential level, aspirants for the Corner Office jostled to dole out the same kind of opportunistic fault-finding in Boston. Both US Rep. Michael Capuano and Attorney General Thomas Reilly held events to say the governor is spending too much time away from the state and focusing too much energy on pursuits that don't better the lives of his constituents. The state party held similar events to call Romney "hypocritical" because he has spent so much time out of state lately, some of it to upbraid Kerry for neglecting roll calls and other senatorial duties

From a middle ground, the view is familiar: since both sides were engaging in behavior they decried in the other, both sides were in the wrong, and the right. It was a very political week.

The jockeying and rhetoric and arrests and intrigue in New York contrasted with a State House that was dog-day quiet for the most part.

• *Revenues still running ahead of benchmarks* — The state's strong fiscal performance didn't end with the fiscal year. The Department of Revenue announced that revenues in August came in $16 million above the benchmark level set by the state — $103 million above Aug. of 2003. Revenues for the fiscal year so far are $88 million above the projections on which the budget is based. Officials said they don't yet know what the effect on revenues will be of the Sales Tax Holiday held Aug. 14. Receipts for that day will be reported with September collections.

• *Treasurer, Bank of America chief confer on merger* — State Treasurer Timothy Cahill emerged from a meeting with Bank of America president Kenneth Lewis saying that he believes Lewis will keep the bank's commitments to act in good faith and be good corporate citizens. After BoA unexpectedly dismissed many dozens of employees who didn't know they were going to be laid off, Cahill threatened to end the state's $120 million involvement with BoA. But Cahill said last week he's reassured.

• *Residents in seven communities get warning about water* — Residents of Tewksbury Westford, Boxboro, Millbury and Hadley, and some schools in Williamstown and Westport, have been warned to be wary of their drinking water after the state found unsafe levels of perchlorate. The chemicals is used in paints and as a propellant.

• *Second fatal EEE case takes life of Holbrook resident* — Symptoms of the disease include sudden onset of high fever, stiff neck, headache, mental confusion and lack of energy. The key to EEE control, said the Dept. of Public Health, is avoidance of mosquitoes. The threat is highest in Southeastern Mass.

• *Galvin signs new voter law* — Secretary of State William Galvin signed a new law that will take effect in time for the Sept. 14 primaries here and require any voter who registered by mail to show a valid identification before casting his or her ballot. Those unable to produce a proper ID will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot that can be cast later when their eligibility to vote is proven.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Night at the movies

On Thursday evening, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. the library's first independent film evening will take place showing the film, "Long Life, Happiness and Prosperity." This film focuses on the story of Kin, a young divorced mother raising her 12-year-old daughter, Mindy. When Mindy sets her sights on finding her mother a new boyfriend by using ancient Chinese magic, the results are unexpected, hysterically funny and heart warming. Not recommended for ages under 17 without parental permission. Free admission and refreshments.

The Modern Scholar

Take a college course in your car. Listen to a series of informational lectures on CD, taught by professors. Ideal for the commuter, each course consists of 14 half-hour lectures. What subjects interest you? The library has a collection of courses from political science to music.

New series for kids

Come check out the new non-fiction series at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. There are many new books to support homework and projects along with new non-fiction for young children to help them with first experiences. Some of the new series for young children you may find useful are: Heinemann's "Read and Learn," Raintree's "My First Visit." These series feature photographs and basic text to help parents and children preview new situations. For school-age students there are two new series focusing on the human body and how it works.

The library has 179 new volumes of "Nature's Children." Each book highlights a different animal. The table of contents is set up to help students find the information necessary to complete their school projects. To meet the needs of all students, the library has recently purchased the series "From Sea to Shining Sea." This series will add to the choices of materials needed to complete "State Reports."

Wireless access

The library now offers wireless internet access for patrons with laptop computers.

Artist exhibit

Landscape paintings of Lisa Marder will be on display at the library from Sept. 10 until the end of October. There will be an opening reception for the exhibit on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Yard sale for community center

The South Shore Community Center will hold its annual yard sale (rain or shine) on Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at the SSCC located at 3 Main St. Cohasset. The SSCC is seeking donations (no clothing), which are tax deductible, for the yard sale with all proceeds going to support the Center. Donors can drop off items at the SSCC Sept. 9 &10, between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. For questions, contact the SSCC at 781-383-0088.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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September 3, 2004

QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail us at beaconhill@aol.com or call us at (617)720-1562.THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives and senators' votes on three roll calls from recent sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$1.6 MILLION FOR TRIAL COURT SECURITY (H 4850)

House 137-19, Senate 36-2, overrode Gov. Romney's $1.6 million veto reduction (from $49.9 million to $48.3 million) in funding for the security program for the state's trial courts. Override supporters said this funding is important in order to hire court officers to enhance security, keep the trial courts safe and protect the staff and the public. In his veto message, the governor said that he reduced the funding to the amount projected to be necessary to fund the program. (A "Yea" vote is for the $1.6 million. A "Nay" vote is against the $1.6 million)

$6.87 MILLION FOR EDUCATION RESERVE (H 4850)

House 156-0, Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of the entire $6.87 million in funding for a reserve account for education aid for cities and towns. This so-called "pothole account" provides funds to communities that meet certain criteria including cities and towns with extraordinary enrollment growth, extraordinary increases in their minimum required local contribution to education, median income below the state average and decreases in federal aid. Override supporters said the $6.87 million funds grants for communities that are experiencing financial hardships. They argued that these grants are an important safety net for cities and towns across the state and play an important part in helping these communities that are struggling with their education budgets. In his veto message, Romney said he vetoed the funding because it is not consistent with his original fiscal 2005 budget recommendation. (A "Yea" vote is for the $6.87 million).

$5 MILLION FOR PRESCRIPTION ADVANTAGE PROGRAM (H 4850)

House 154-0, Senate 37-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $5 million in funding to help some low-income senior citizens and disabled persons pay their co-payments under the state's Prescription Advantage Program. The funds would be targeted to help eligible participants with earnings at or below 188 percent of the federal poverty level. The Prescription Advantage Program is an insurance plan available to seniors over age 65 and low-income individuals with disabilities who work less than 40 hours per week. Members are required to pay premiums, deductibles and co-payments on a sliding scale based on their gross annual household income. The plan also includes an annual out-of-pocket spending limit. Override supporters said that reducing the co-payments of these very low-income people would ensure that they are able to continue to take advantage of the program and obtain help in purchasing their prescription drugs. They noted that without the $5 million assistance, many seniors and disabled persons would be left out of the program because they cannot afford the co-payments. In his veto message, Romney said he vetoed the funding because it is not consistent with his original fiscal 2005 budget recommendation. (A "Yea" vote is for the $5 million).

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote



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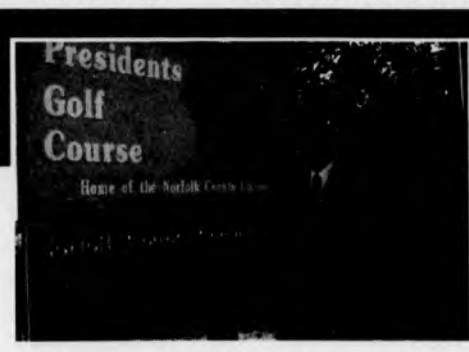
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Tuesday's primary

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Anothony McDonnell of Quincy. There are no other candidates running for the position.

Running unopposed are Republican Robert Hedlund of Weymouth for Plymouth and Norfolk District Senator in General Court, Democrat Garrett Bradley of Hingham for Norfolk County General Court representative in the third district, and Michael Bellotti of Quincy for Norfolk County Sheriff.

The four parties on this year's ballot are Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, and Green-Rainbow Party. Unenrolled voters can choose to vote for any of the four parties and will remain an unenrolled voter. There are no candidates on the Green-Rainbow Party or Libertarian Party ballots.

There are 5,152 Cohasset residents who are registered to vote. Of those voters, 1,193 are Democrats, 1,240 are Republicans, and 2,700 are unenrolled. The remaining 19 voters are registered in other smaller parties such as Green-Rainbow and Libertarian.

Douglas said she has only received roughly 21 absentee ballots so far, which could be a good indicator of what is to come in terms of voter turnout. She said she has not seen any trends, such as college students requesting ballots before they head back to school.

Anyone who registered to vote by mail for the first time in Massachusetts after Jan. 1, 2003 or has never voted in a Massachusetts state, primary, or presidential election may be required to present identification at the polls. Those voters are asked to bring identification in order to help prevent delays. Acceptable identification includes a Massachusetts driver's license, Massachusetts photo ID, or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing the voter's name and address.

For more information, voters can stop by the Town Clerk's office, which is open during regular Town Hall Hours, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 to 1 p.m., or call Town Clerk Marion Douglas at (781) 383-4100.

Absentee ballots are available

Absentee ballots for the State Primary on Tuesday, Sept. 14, are now available at the Town Clerk's office.

Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, Sept. 13, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, which ballot is requested, Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, or Green Rainbow and the signature of the applicant. If a voter is enrolled in a political designation they may not vote in any state or presidential primary.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may *apply* on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. *Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter.* Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an *immediate member of the family* to the Town Clerk's office by Sept. 14, to be counted.

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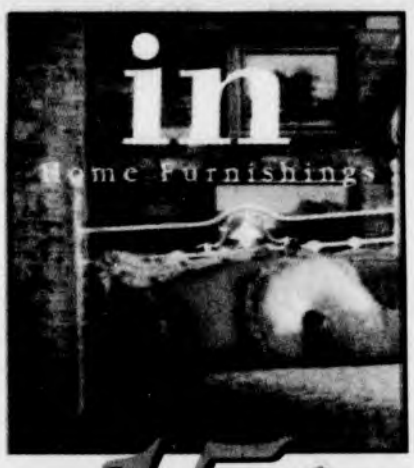


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Adults looking to expand their knowledge of organic gardening or parents seeking activities for their children will be glad to hear Holly Hill farm has just finalized its summer and fall schedule for its organic gardening workshop and family farm series.

• Saturday Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. until noon, the farm will host its "Bees Buzz," class which teaches students about the 20 hives at the farm which produce honey for sale. Students will learn about pollination and the importance of bees in nature from expert apiarist Luke Lambert. Friends of Holly Hill Farm pay $6 for the class, non members pay $10.

• Thursday Sept. 30 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday Oct. 2 from 8-10 a.m. local naturalist Sally Avery will host a two part birding workshop. It will begin with the Thursday night indoor evening presentation, followed by the Saturday morning guided tour through Holly Hill Farm's walking trails. Friends of Holly Hill Farm members pay $16, non members pay $20.

• Saturday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. Farmer Frank White will lead a guided walk through Holly Hill Farm's trails. Suggested donation, $5.

• Sat. Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. until noon there will be a family farm tour. Farmer Jean White will lead a guided tour around the farm, with visits to the greenhouse and growing fields. Attendees will also get to meet the farm animals. Friends of Holly Hill Farm members pay $12 per family, non members pay $15 per family.

• Saturday Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. until noon there will be a family composting workshop. Attendees will learn how to develop a compost pile at home. Children and adults welcome. Holly Hill Farm members pay $12 per family, non members pay $15 per family.

The farm will also host after school programs. The two session series includes four afternoons at the farm, during which participants will learn about organic farming. Highlights include: sowing seeds and planting crops, making compost and preparing fields for Spring, harvesting and tasting the fruits of Summer before frost, and a trip to Weir River Farm. (Cost: $60 per child)

• Session 1 (ages 5-7), Wednesdays beginning Sept. 22, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

• Session 2 (ages 8-10), Thursdays beginning Sept. 23, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

For additional information and registration for all events, contact Jon Belber by phone at 781-383-1455 or by email at jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com., or visit the farm's Web site at www. Hollyhillfarm.org.

'Hills of Hull' house tour

Wellspring's House Tour, "Hills of Hull," will take place Saturday Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to benefit Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull. Tickets are $15 prior to the event and $20 the day of event. They are available at: Wellspring, Flow Zone Café, Bookport, Hingham, and Fleming's, Cohasset

Wellspring is offering an opportunity to view nine of the most beautiful homes in Hull. The "Hills of Hull" allows participants to enter and enjoy private homes in the area where they will see Hull from a different angle. All homes included on the tour were specifically recruited for their charm, beauty and views.

Ticket price includes entrance at all tour homes as well as a 10-percent discount at the following restaurants: Bridgeman's, Jake's, The Red Parrot, Mermaids Boutique and Flow Zone Café and Raffael's. For tickets and information: phone: 781-925-3211; e-mail: vinny@wellspringhull.org; Web-site: www.wellspringhull.org.

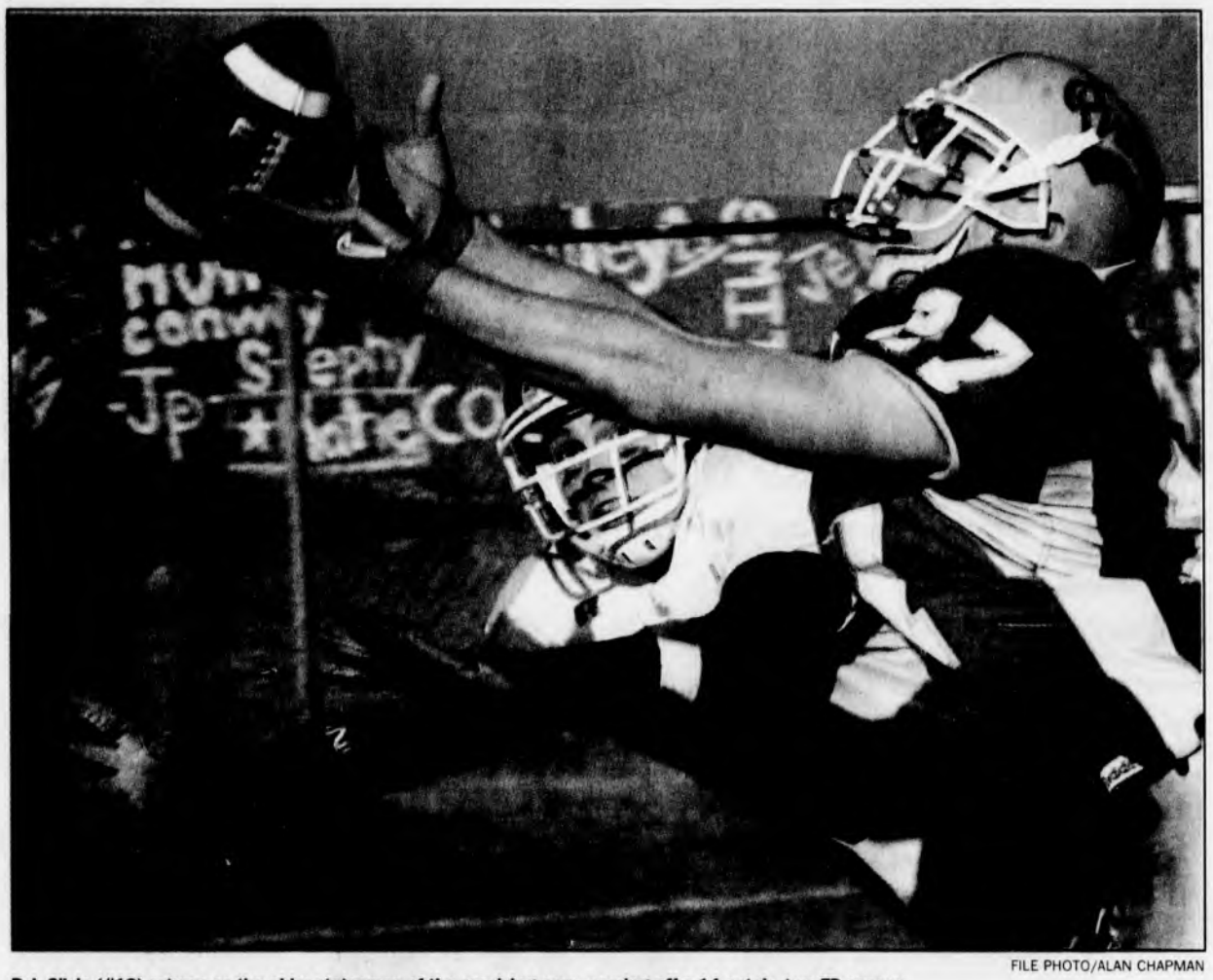
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D.J. Silvia (#13) returns as the elder statesman of the receiving corp, coming off a 14 catch, two TD season.

Defending their turf

CHS gridders eye back-to-back title runs

By Mike Spellman
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CHS football opener
Skippers at Nantucket
Saturday, 1:30 p.m. kickoff

When Cohasset High football coach Tony Rolfe declares the South Shore League to be "as wide open" as he can ever recall, it's fun to wonder how much of that analysis might be based on détente.

After all, Rolfe's Skippers, champions of the South Shore League in both 2003 and 2001, return eight of 11 starters to a defensive unit that was the stingiest last season among all Div. 5 teams in Eastern Mass.

"But look at those players we lost," counters the seventh year head coach, pointing specifically to league all-stars Chris Boilodeau at cornerback and team leading tackler Tony Truglia at inside linebacker.

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Another step in the right direction

Lady booters set sights on third straight playoff run in '04

By Mike Spellman
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With another step forward last year, Cohasset girls soccer is becoming a force to be reckoned with in the South Shore League.

The Skippers finished 10-8-1 in 2003, then lost to Sacred Heart in the first round of the Div. 3 state tournament despite clearly outplaying their opponent.

The next step? Getting over that first-round hump and advancing in the playoffs. On paper, the Lady Skippers would certainly appear to have the talent necessary for pulling this off.

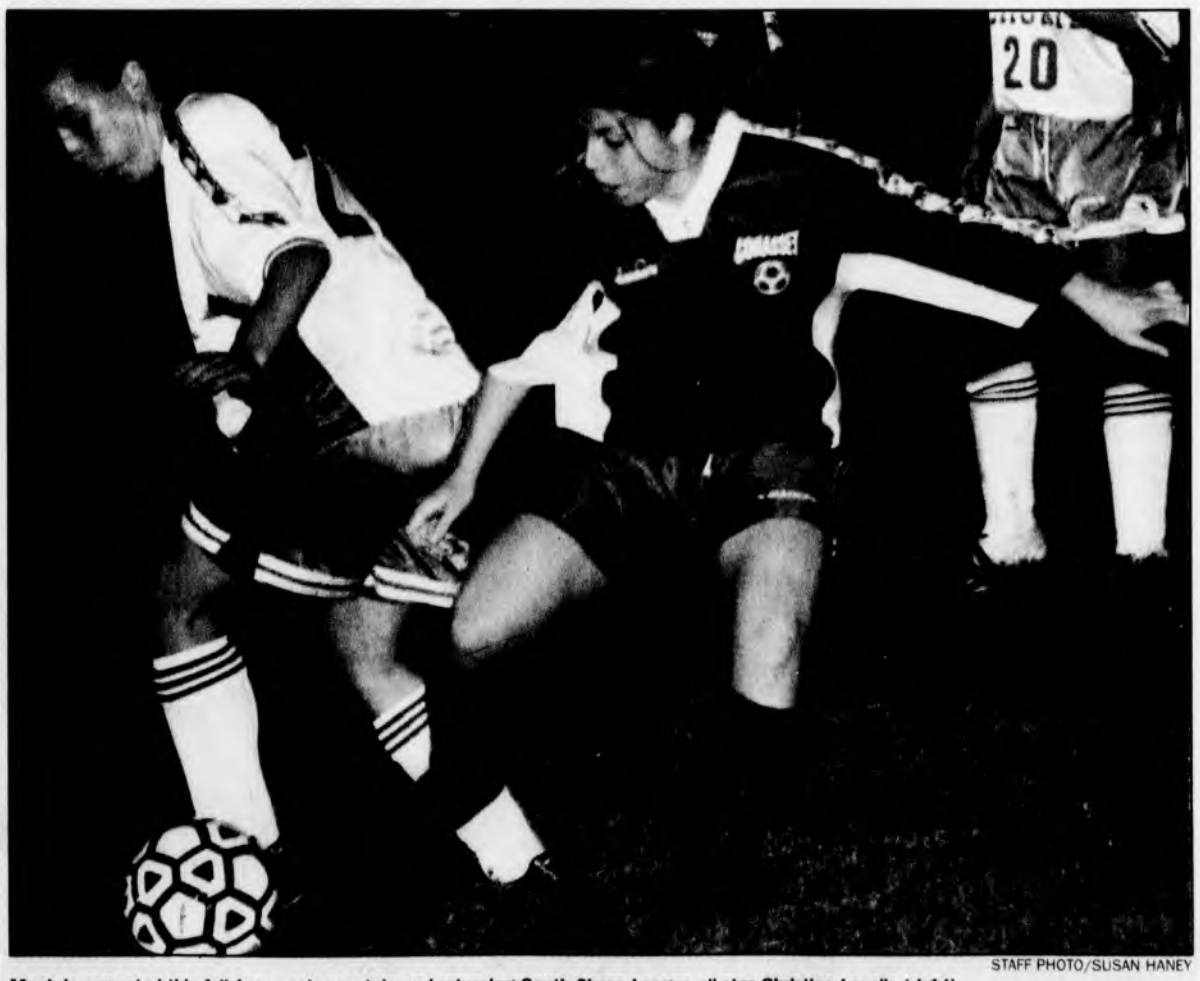
That is not to say, however, that there won't be some holes to fill left by last year's seniors. The caps and gowns have claimed, among others, two of last year's three SSL all-stars, Jenn Buckley and Holly Graham.

Buckley was perhaps Cohasset's best all-around player, providing goal scoring, playmaking and solid defense from her center-midfield position. Graham played very well all season long from the all-important sweeper position.

The team has also lost seniors Gillian Weber, Sarah and Leah McMorris and Alicia Sanchez. Weber and the McMorris twins were among Cohasset's best offensive threats up front, while Sanchez stepped in for an injured Brenna O'Donnell and did a great job on defense.

Fortunately, there is plenty of talent returning this fall, led by defender Christine Lovallo and

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Much is expected this fall from senior captain and returning South Shore League all-star Christine Lovallo (right),

In full swing

CHS golfers open with impressive win over Abington

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High golf team started the season on the right foot, Thursday, taking a decisive 34.5-19.5 decision over South Shore League rival Abington on the road.

Junior Mark Bouchard was the only top player for the Skippers who had never played Abington's Par 34 Strawberry Valley course, so coach Torin Sweeney placed him in the sixth spot in his lineup. The junior responded by shooting a day's best round of 36, two over par, to take his head-to-head match up by a 7-2 score.

"It was wild how that worked out," laughed Sweeney. "The only guy who never played that course gets the best score of the day. Mark really shot a great round."

Not far off this pace was senior Ricky Lordan out of the fifth spot. He shot a three over 37 to also earn seven of nine points.

"Ricky shot a real nice practice round over there last year, so I had a feeling he might come up big," said Sweeney. "It was real encouraging getting that kind of play out of the bottom spots in the order."

Cohasset's returning number one player, sophomore Kevin Barber, matched Lordan's 37 to pull out a 5.5-3.5 decision over his counterpart.

Senior Chris Simms, playing out of the fourth spot, shot a solid round of 40 to win his match up, 6-3.

Senior Colin Magruder took a 5-4 decision out of the third spot with a round of 42.

Only senior captain Tim Pilczak, playing against a tough number two, lost his head-to-head tussle, his score of 41 producing a 4-5 final.

The Skippers were slated to host Norwell today, but that match was postponed due to the Cohasset Country Club not being available. They will get back into action next Wednesday, Sept. 15, when they hit the road to take on defending South Shore League champ Harwich.

The matches will come fast and furious after this, with three per week in most cases, with the Skippers needing to wrap up their 14 match slate before mid-October.



FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Senior captain Tim Pilczak opened the season with a very solid score of 41 out of the second spot in the Skippers lineup.

Learning on the fly

CHS field hockey team opens season with numerous new faces

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

It's that time of year again… to store the bathing suits and sunscreen and to pull out the field hockey sticks and backpacks. Like the Olympic torch, Coach Deb Bostwick has ignited the varsity field hockey team for another season.

She has a lot to heat up on her coaching plate. Twelve seniors moved on and nineteen players moved in. Coach Bostwick recognizes serious reconstruction needs to take place.

She has wasted no time in setting the wheels in motion. The Deer Hill School playfield provides the setting for two hour practices five days a week. When asked by the Mariner about her early observations, Bostwick candidly comments, "This is a fun team. The girls do not yet have the best skills but they are smart and coachable."

Captains Christina St. Pierre and Allison Dean lead the drills, which consist of conditioning, driving, cutting, grid work and field positioning. Junior Katie James believes "communication on the field and good passing" remain essential to a good season.

James adds: "We are trying to work together…all nineteen of us. Building self-confidence will prove crucial."

Brooke Allen also has expressed enthusiasm for the practices.

"Coach Bostwick has taught us how to position ourselves on the field and set up on the corners."

Brooke Allen speaks from experience, having played field hockey since the seventh grade. When asked what motivates her to play year after year, Allen

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Are you ready for some football?!? The defending South Shore League champion Cohasset High gridiron squad kicks off the 2004 season this Saturday afternoon at Nantucket.

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Cohasset Soccer Club registration underway

Registration for the upcoming soccer season is now underway with registration forms available at the Town Hall. All players must be registered prior to participating in practices or games.

As in prior years, the Fall season will include practice and play for players age 4 through 11 (6th grade). However, as a result of the elimination of Middle School team sports, the Club will also sponsor practice and competitive team play for 7th and 8th grade players as well this year.

In-town programs for players age 4 (PreK) to 9 (4th grade) will begin on September 18th and continue through November 13th excluding Columbus Day weekend. Travel program training for the U12 (5th and 6th grade) and U14 (7th and 8th grade) age groups will begin on September 11th with practice and games in the Cranberry League continuing through early November.

A coaching clinic for all new or interested coaches has been schedule for Saturday, September 11th, with a coaches meeting to start the season scheduled for Wednesday, September 15th.

Soccer Club Coaching Clinic Saturday at 10:00

The Cohasset Soccer Club will be sponsoring a coaching clinic for all new and returning coaches on Saturday, September 11th at 10:00. The clinic will run from 10:00 to 12:30 and will be led by Martin Clark, Coerver Soccer's Director of Coaching.

The clinic will be focused on working with new coaches and the mastery of basic soccer skills, but all returning coaches are also welcome to attend. The course will be a hands-on session so come prepared to do the drills and participate in the sessions.

Learn to Skate and Beginner Instructional Hockey Registration

The Coastal Stars hockey program will have registration for the 2004-2005 Learn to Skate and Instructional Hockey programs on September 18th and 25th.

Where: Ventress Library, Rt. 139/Webster Street, Marshfield

When: Saturday September 18, 2004 12:30PM - 4:00PM

Where: St. Anthony's Church Conference Center, 129 S. Main Street, Cohasset

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Signups for 21 Lacrosse

21 Lacrosse, a new lacrosse league based out of the Hingham Sports Center, is looking to run a few summer clinics. See the Website (***www.21lacrosse.com***) for details.

All fall leagues are currently filling up for 21 lacrosse. If you are interested, you can fill out the application on-line (available after August 1), contact Bagby ***rbagby@21lacrosse.com*** or call 781-264-6030.

21 lacrosse will also be sponsoring an all-star team. They will be called the "Black Jacks" There will be an open tryout August 10-12, in eitehr Hingham or Marshfield. Details can be found on line or by contacting Bagby.

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Time: Matches start at 9:00AM

Entries Close: Sept. 8 for Doubles, Sept. 15 for Singles

Starting Times: Call Sept. 9 +10 for doubles, Sept. 16 +17 for singles

(Call 781-545-3396) Also call if inclement weather for rescheduled date of match

Matches: Best 2 out of 3 sets-Tiebreak at 6 All

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Entry Fee: Doubles Team-$40, Singles: $30.00

Tournament Committee: Eliot Campbell, Steve Parker, Mike Merritt

Information: Call 781-545-3396

Mass Miracles sign-ups

A premier Girls AAU basketball organization on the South Shore is holding fall tryouts for girls interested in playing on a U13 team. The Mass Miracles are specifically seeking post players and/or centers. Interested players should attend tryouts on Thursday, September 9th and Friday September 10th at Abington High School, 201 Gliniewicz Way, Abington, MA from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Email Dave Simmons or Cathy Kennedy at massmiracles@aol.com or call 781-659-9344 for further information.

Men's 4x4 basketball League

The Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive, So. Weymouth, is offering a 4x4 Basketball League for men 18 and older.

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Registration through Aug. 31. Call Pat Palingo, 781.337.4600 x153.

Plymouth County Baseball

The Plymouth County Baseball Club is seeking players for their 12U, 14U and 15U teams for the 2005 AAU Mariners. The tryouts are being held on Saturdays from Sept. 11-25 at MArshfield High School. For more information, call 508-749-5979. Or visit out website at www.plymouthcountybaseball.com

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Another step in the right direction

FROM LADY BOOTERS, PAGE 15

striker Casey Anderson.

Lovallo was Cohasset's third all-star last season and also the team M.V.P., dominating many games from her fullback position. The senior will move back to replace Graham at sweeper this year.

Anderson, meanwhile, led the team in goals from her outside forward spot, with several of those coming in clutch situations, including a game-winning corner that went directly into the net against Abington. That victory spurred the Skippers strong second-half run that was responsible for getting them into the postseason for a second straight season.

Others returning seniors who saw significant playing time in 2003 were keeper CeCelia Chapman, defenders Danielle Hajjar and Mary Silvia— slated to play stopper and fullback in '04, respectively— midfielders Nicole Whitney, Molly Kirk, MacKenzie Holway and Rachel Garber, and forwards Lindsay Kennedy and Lauren Rizzotti.

Lovallo, Anderson, Whitney and Garber will share the captaincy.

"I think I have great senior leadership on and off the field and that is not only from the captains," said seventh year Skippers head coach Deb Beal. "I have a remarkable group of seniors this fall and selecting captains was not easy."

In fact, the veteran head coach sounds pretty pleased over just about everything she's seeing on the field.

"I think, for the first time since I have been coaching at Cohasset, I have an abundance of midfielders, which is great," said Beal. "They are in shape and they are ready to run. I have been very impressed with the attitudes and the desire to play so far."

The Lady Skippers have had three scrimmages to date—versus Pembroke, Rockland and Hull— and the veteran coach has been relatively pleased with what's come out of all three.

"We made many mistakes, as did the other teams," reported Beal, "but on the flip side we did many good things many times. I don't see any big holes that I need to worry about. I think we have every position covered by a capable person at all times."

Beal said she also looking forward to the infusion of talent that will come from last year's JV squad. One of those girls will be Lindsay Durkin, a sophomore who saw some postseason playing time at forward. She showed good speed and awareness on the field, and should provide a solid scoring threat for Cohasset in 2004.

Other girls Beal is expecting to step up to varsity are junior Emilie Shea and sophomores Emily Coggins, Lara Novak, and Carin Garber.

Players who will start with the JV team but may potentially see time with the varsity squad include sophomore keeper Melissa Crowley-Buck, juniors Cassie Rosano, Jen Dinger, Jess Bilbo and Jessica Himan, and sophomores Katie Bolger, Charlotte Sida, Christina Pinkus, and Colleen Richardson.

The JV squad will be rounded out by sophomores Shalea Daly, Alyssa Hinman, Jamie Genovese and Siobhan Fludder, along with freshmen Abby Foley. Meg Anderson and Anna Haggerty.

The girls opened the season Tuesday at home with a 4-1 non-league win over Cape Cod Academy, with Anderson kicking off her senior campaign in grand fashion with tree goals, all coming in the final 9:30 t obreak open what had been a close game. Whitney netted the Skippers first tally.

The game was evenly matched to begin, according to Beal, something she attributed to first game jitters.

"We were able to pick up the momentum and make some things happen as the game went on," Beal reported. "We are a young team in the sense that not everyone is on the same page as far as making the game easier for us, but this will improve and the communication on the field also improves.

"We made some careless tactical mistakes. I can't expect perfection but now we have some things to work on and smooth out. Casey Anderson played very well for us today. She came alive and was in the right place at the right time three times. I give the girls a lot of credit today for sticking it out and finishing the game with a victory."

And, in the final analysis, the victory left Beal feeling even better about the makeup of her team.

"I can't help but be excited about the depth of my team," the veteran coach continued. "We really have no one superstar, I have 18 girls who can play soccer. There are no holes and every position is covered well. I think that as the season progresses, I am going to see many different girls step up and do the job.

The CHS girls will open play in the South Shore League tomorrow when they host Mashpee (4 p.m. start @ Alumni Field).

Beal has non-league home-and home series with Cape Cod Academy, Holbrook and Scituate, two historically weaker teams and one, Scituate, that could be loaded. Beal figures her team will need to win the vast majority of its league games over Mashpee, Carver, Harwich and Hull to earn a decent seeding for the Div. 3 state toruney, because Abington appears to be tough and Norwell may well contend again for a state title.



FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Senior captain Lindsay Kennedy scored the first goal in Tuesday's season opening 4-1 win over Cape Cod Academy.

CHS weekly sports schedule

FOOTBALL
Sept.
11 @ Nantucket **V** 1:30 p.m.
11 @ Nantucket **F-S** 3 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
7 lost to Hanover, 5-0
10 @ Mashpee 4:30 p.m.
15 Abington 3:45 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
7 beat Cape Cod Academ, 4-1
10 Mashpee **V** Alumni 4 p.m.
10 Mashpee **JV** Milliken4 p.m.
15 @ Abington 4 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY
9 @ Hanover **V** 5 p.m.
9 @ Hanover **JV** 6:30 p.m.
10 Notre Dame Acad.
JV Deer Hill 4:30 p.m.
10 Notre Dame Acad.
V Alumni 6:30 p.m.
15 @ Carver **V** 4 p.m.

GOLF
2 beat Abington, 34.5-19.5
9 Norwell- PPD
15 @ Harwich **V** 3:30 p.m.

Learning on the fly

FROM FIELD HOCKEY, PAGE 15

says, "the thrill of scoring a goal."

Is another trip to the MIAA Tournament in the cards this year? A 50 percent win record (tournament qualification standard) sounds less than extraordinary. Yet, facing powerhouse teams like Mashpee and Harwich can make the goal a serious challenge.

"If we want to make the tourney, we need to communicate on the field," asserts junior Brooke Allen. She adds: "If we learn to work as a team and keep our confidence, who knows what could happen?"

Coach Bostwick agrees teamwork and not individual playing will dictate this team's level of success.

"We need the team to jell together. It's too early to talk about our tournament chances," she observes.

Part of this jelling includes learning to stay in position and not backing down or being intimidated. Bostwick teaches with the experience of having played field hockey at the collegiate level herself.

Much of the credi, for 19 varsity players rests with Bostwick's ability to generate enthusiasm for the sport. ' the same breath, she describes the game as "powerful, fast-paced and exciting".

On the offensive end, expect to see Brooke Allen, Katie James, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Carrie and Christie Muir firing off some shots. In the midfield, watch for Liz Condos, Courtney Hurley, Christina St. Pierre, Remy Lee, Erin Liddell and Kathrine Whoriskey.

Defensively speaking, Allison Dean, Colby Durant, Alison Fludder, Whitney Condon, Vanessa Plant, Devin Smith, and Ellen Tarpey will all try to protect goalie Aaron Bigley.

Though new to the goalie position this year, Coach Bostwick says "Aaron's aggressive style and fearless attitude will serve him well."

Scrimmages with Hingham and a Duxbury Jamboree have sharpened Cohasset's work on basics. A 2-1 loss in the Hingham scrimmage showed the Skippers need to communicate better during the game. In the Duxbury Jamboree, the Lady Skippers contended well with many of the teams they played against, especially Carver, Stoughton and Plymouth North.

Hopefully the Skippers' practice will pay off in their season opener at Hanover this afternoon

"If we bring our A-game, we should be able to defeat Hanover," said junior Katie James.

Unfortunately for the Skippers, Mia Lieb-Lappen will have to sit on the bench due to wrist surgery. Lieb-Lappen remains upbeat. "I expect the optimistic attitudes on this year's team to carry us far."

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Weymouth Club offers 'back to school' kids programs

Labor day is nearly upon us and it's "back to school time" for thousands of South Shore youngsters. The turn of the calendar will also signal the start of an eclectic schedule of fall fitness programs for school age youngsters at Weymouth Club in South Weymouth.

Among this fall's offerings at the South Shore's largest fitness complex will be a number of programs for youngsters in various age groups. These include Kids Karate for kids 5 to 10 years of age. The eight-week program will be held from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons, beginning September 21st. All skills levels are welcome.

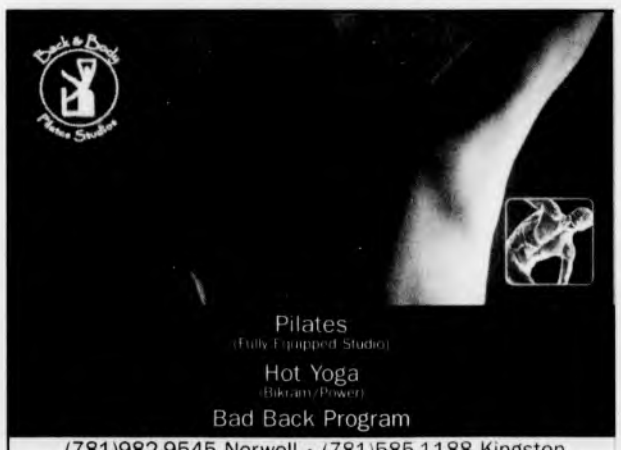
Yoga for the Athletic Youth, a six-week program for ages 12 and up, will be held from 4-5 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons, beginning September 22nd. This program is designed to increase flexibility, enhance concentration and teach relaxation and stress reduction. It's non-competitive and fun, taught in a relaxing atmosphere.

The programs are open to both members and non-members on a course or drop in basis. For additional program information and fees, please call Weymouth Club at 781.337.4600.

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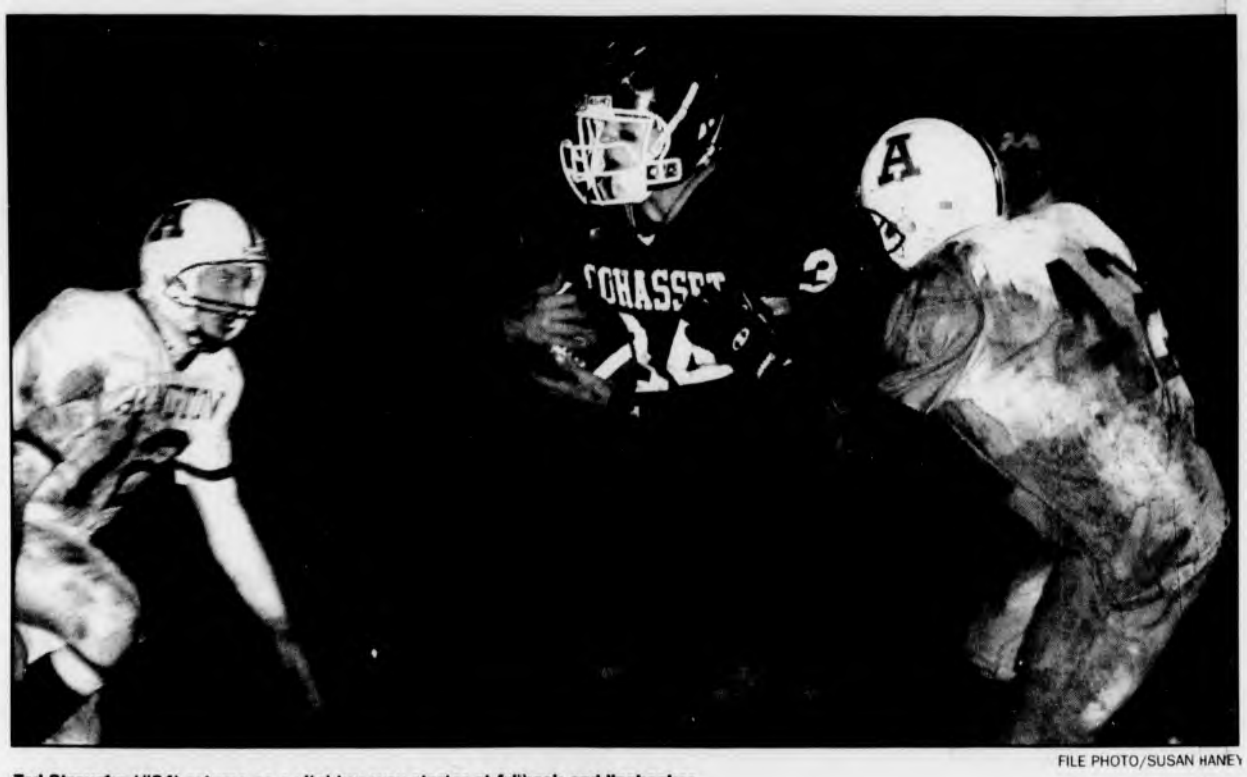
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Ted Straughn (#34) returns as a vital two-way starter at fullback and linebacker.

Defending their turf

FROM GRIDDERS, PAGE 15

"Chris was our coach on the field, one of the smartest players I've ever been around, and Tony was our heart and soul in a lot of ways. He set the tone for us."

Maybe coach, but it still seems there's a pretty good blend of talent out there on that side of the ball.

The defensive line returns seniors Kelvin Ferriera (the team sack leader) and Leo Clougherty at the defensive end spots, and Matt Baroudi at one tackle.

Senior captains Matt Casey (second on the team with 71 tackles) and Ted Straughn return for another season at linebacker. Ditto for seniors Joe Durkin (the third tri-captain), D J Silvia, and Crandon Leahy in the defensive backfield.

No matter how you slice it, that's a whole lot of experience.

Hard nosed junior Scott Wakefield (5-10/175) has emerged as the favorite to man the other tackle spot, with Rolfe hoping he can use his speed to get around the outside and pressure the passer or force the run back to the inside.

Sophomore Jeff Brown, a natural athlete who also shone on the hardwood and lacrosse field as a freshman at CHS, has proven to be one of the most pleasant surprises for Rolfe and staff over the last few weeks, and he's now the favorite to fill the void at safety created by Bilodeau's graduation.

Rolfe is quick to point out he would never expect the sophomore to do everything Bilodeau did, but did note "Jeff has handled everything we've thrown at him so far."

"Jeff is a fearless player and a very smart player too," continued Rolfe. "It's exciting to think how good he could be."

The improvement of juniors Anthony Dipaolo and Dave McKenna in the defensive backfield has Rolfe talking about the possibility of moving Leahy to linebacker or even to the bench—the preferred location on defense for his starting quarterback.

"Crandon is going to be our quarterback, and, all things being relatively equal, I'd like to have him over there on the sidelines to discuss offensive options and plans when the defense is on the field," said Rolfe. "You only have so much time in a game to discuss these things."

The seventh year head coach wishes he had this range of options on the offensive side of the ball.

The graduations of quarterback Mike Dooley, 1,300 yard rusher DeWayne Morris, both SSL all-stars, and half of last year's starting offensive line have left some immense voids.

The lone returnee to the backfield is Straughn (6-1/210) at fullback. Straughn is a devastating blocker and bruising straight ahead runner, the latter attribute being something Rolfe hinted we could see a lot more of this fall. Straughn's fellow captain, Joe Durkin, figures to have the inside track to take over the lead running responsibilities, however.

The 5-foot-11, 180-pound Durkin is arguably the fastest player on the team, but also shows no hesitation to take it hard between the tackles.

"Joe can fly, but he doesn't mind the contact either," reports Rolfe. "He's pretty well rounded."

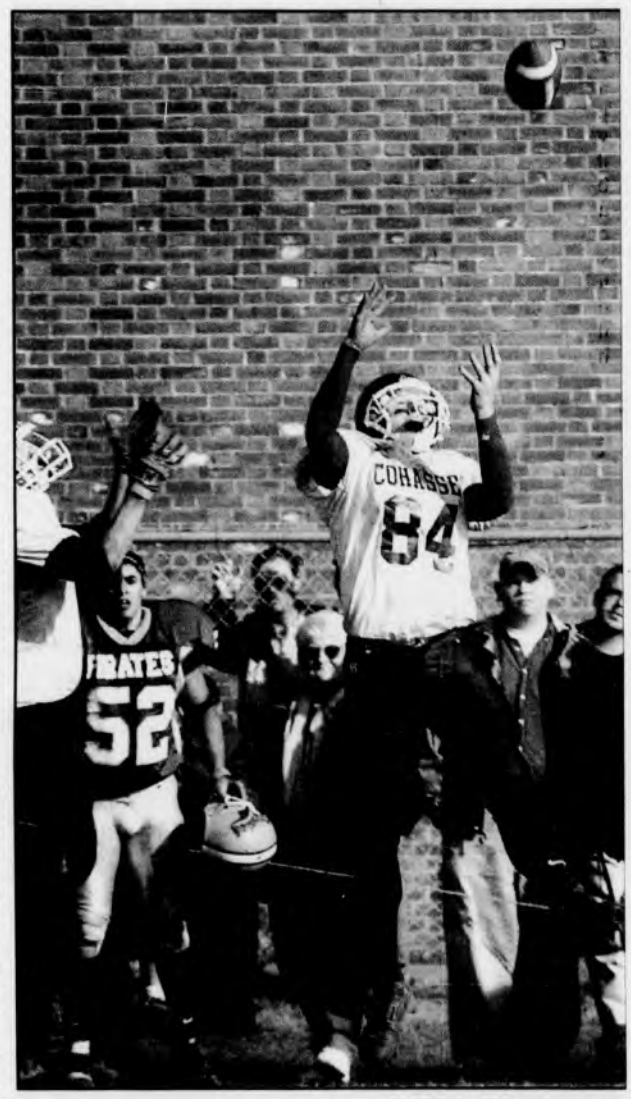
Senior Brendan Michaud is also expected to see some time in the backfield, either at wingback or fullback.

With Bilodeau (28 receptions for 323 yards and 4 TDs) off to college, Silvia (14 receptions for 212 yards and 2 TDs) returns as the elder statesman of the receiving corp. There are several candidates for the other spot on the outside.

On the line, junior left guard Nick Arment will start his third year, Casey returns at center and junior Dan McCarthy will move from tackle to tight end. There are several players vying to fill the void left by Mariner All-Scholastic guard Steven Davis, left tackle Dan Tarpey and tight end Sean Connolly.

Clougherty, freshman Jake Cuneo (6-2/245) and sophomore Justin Alexander appear the favorites for those three spots at the time of this writing.

It seems unlikely anyone could provide all of the positive things Mariner All-Scholastic quarterback Mike Dooley did (1,050 yards of offense, rushing for 334 yards and eight touchdowns, and passing for 725 yards and six more TDs), but Leahy, a powerful 6-foot-2/205-pound natural athlete, will give it his best shot.



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Crandon Leahy (#84) goes from catching passes to throwing them.

"I don't think Crandon is going to disappoint," Rolfe offered. "He's one of our fastest players, he's big, he has a good arm and he's done everything we've asked so far. I think people are going to like what they see with him."

One thing that concerns Rolfe is the reduced preparation time. Because of the late labor day and start of school, games are starting the same week the schools opened.

"I know everyone is in the same boat, but I'm only looking at one team right now, mine, and it's been difficult," he said. "There's not a big margin for error. We're game planning this week, and there are still a lot of things on the field we'd like to address a little more."

Yeah, we're guessing this is a touched with a hint of détente too.

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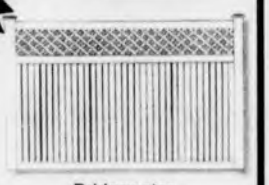
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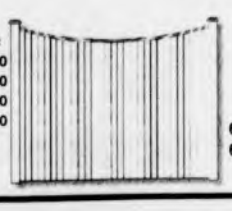
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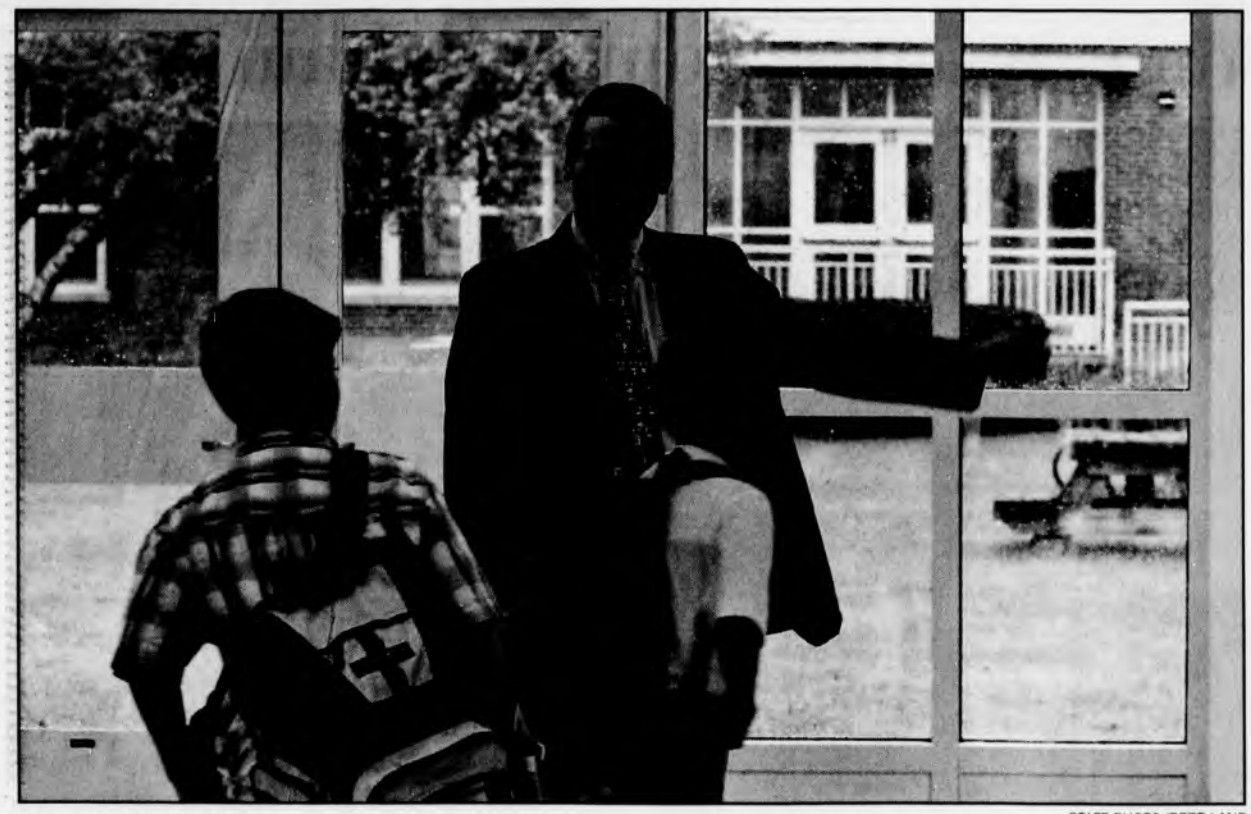
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WELCOME BACK

Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley greets some students at the grade 3-5 school on the first day yesterday (Wednesday).

Deer Hill gets red carpet treatment

FROM DEER HILL, PAGE 1

arrived and the classes were complete and ready to line up, Gauley welcomed everyone and told them he would be "starting a brand new tradition this year," and that Jones would be rolling out the red carpet to welcome students to the building. He also told the students that Jones has been working very hard to get the school ready for them, and had come in at 5 a.m. that morning to finish because, "He had so much he wanted to get done."

As Jones prepared to roll out the carpet, a very excited Gauley said to a student, "Woo-hoo!" The carpet was rolled out, and classroom by classroom students entered the hall. As they passed, Gauley said hello to the students and wished everyone a happy first day of school. One student shouted over his shoulder as he left, "I like the red carpet Mr. Gauley!"

Rolling out the red carpet is a tradition Gauley said will continue on in the coming years. "I admit, I stole the idea," he joked, adding a woman he works with at a camp during the summer had done the same at the school she teaches at. However, Gauley said he loved the idea and the carpet has now become a Deer Hill tradition that will be done on both the first and last day of school.

School lunch menu

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MONDAY, SEPT. 13

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 14

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15

Early Release Day - Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, oven fries, pudding.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16

Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, tomato, cheese and rice or turkey sub, peaches.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17

Chicken stir fry, vegetables or seafood salad sub, rice, pineapple.

Piano lessons start up again

Priscilla D. Daniels, professional pianist and teacher of pianoforte, resumes her lesson-schedule at her Beach Street home in Cohasset. Her personalized instruction has attracted students who have had careers in music, while others play just for pleasure.

Daniels is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music of Boston, magna cum laude. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega, national sorority, and Pi Kappa Lambda, honorary professional society. She has taught in Swampscott, Lincoln, Norwood, and currently in Cohasset.

As part of each lesson she incorporates music theory, harmony, rhythm study and expression. She encourages her students to improvise and compose, and strives to communicate a love and appreciation for the fine arts through the medium of the piano.

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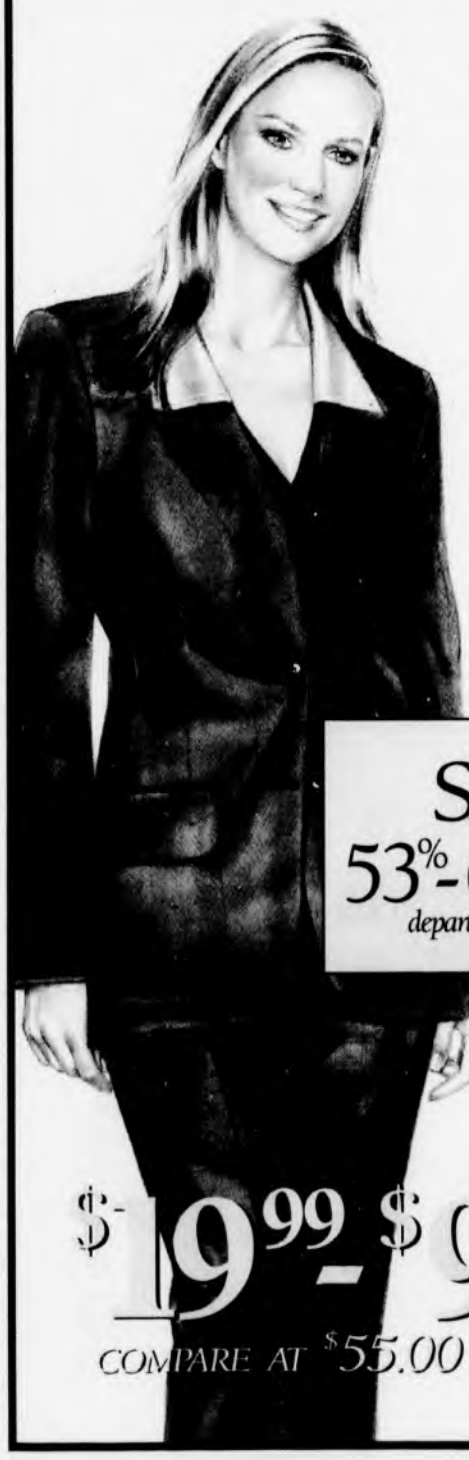
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Determined raccoon is rescued from hull drain grate

Was trying to beat the tide

By Mary Ford
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There's a little Hull raccoon that's happy to be in Hingham.

She may not be completely sure how she ended up at the New England Wildlife Center off Fort Hill Street but one thing is for certain — she is safe and warm and her harrowing ordeal is over.



PHOTO/JEFF MARANHAS

The little raccoon with her head stuck in the grate.



Hingham firefighters try to cut the grate while Hull Assistant ACO Casey Fredette holds the raccoon steady.



The little raccoon is wrapped in a blanket after her ordeal.

It was sometime early Tuesday morning when Hull animal control, fire department and DPW responded to a call that a raccoon had its head stuck in one of the squares in a drain grate.

The "youngster" made her way through a drain pipe from the beach to Hull's Edgewater Street when the tide rose and rather than drown, she pushed her head right through one of the grate's square holes firmly lodging it there. All that was visible from the street was the little creature's snout and ears.

A neighbor to the drain put trash barrels around to keep cars from running over the raccoon's head. Public safety officials arrived and couldn't free the raccoon. But they could remove the grate itself and transport the raccoon to the wildlife center off Fort Hill Street in Hingham.

Once at the wildlife center, veterinary tech Brian Michaels gave the raccoon a tranquilizer to calm it down. Hull Animal Control Officer Megan Hanrahan explained that raccoons run through the pipes at low tide scavenging for food such as clams and crabs on the beach.

Assistant Hull ACO Casey Fredette held the grate up in the back of the van transporting the little raccoon to the wildlife center.

Michaels, the veterinary tech, explained the center tried to "lube" the raccoon's head with Dawn detergent to try and slip it through the grate but to no avail.

"We just couldn't push it through," he said. "So the Hingham Fire Department came and cut her out." An engine from Hingham's Torrent station responded and used "saws-all," a cutting tool, to cut the grate and free the critter.

Michaels said the raccoon, a female who is about 6 months old, should do fine.

"She looks healthy, there aren't any wounds – she's a little hypothermic but it was out there (in the grate) for two hours," he said.

Hanrahan suggested a name for the creature. "They should name her Lucky," she said.

Legion clambake supports scholarship

The George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion will sponsor its 22nd annual Christine Burke Scholarship Fund Clambake on Saturday, Sept. 11, from noon to sunset at Sandy Beach. Proceeds from the event will once again benefit worthy graduating South Shore High School students seeking higher education.

There will be a traditional New England Clambake Catered by Gulf River Clambakes, featuring lobster, steamed clams, chowder, barbecued chicken, your favorite beverages and more This year's event will also include live entertainment by The Irish Volunteers and DJ Jay Flori. The American Legion Auxiliary "Play Ladies" will have games and activities for the kids. Tickets are $35 for adults. Children not eating the clambake are free and there will be plenty of complimentary hot dogs and watermelon.

There will also be a raffle drawing at the clambake for, the winner's choice, of two Vespa Motor Scooters with a trailer or $5,000. The motor scooters and trailer were donated by Herb Chambers Vespa of Boston and local businessman Neil Murphy. The chances are $10 each and only 1,000 chances will be sold.

For tickets stop by the American Legion Post at 95 Summer St. 781-383-9657 or call John Covell at 781-383-0178 Rain Date: Sunday, Sept. 12. Tickets will not be sold at the event.

Nick Flynn at Buttonwood Books

Buttonwood Books & Toys will present former Scituate resident Nick Flynn discussing his book "Another Bull**** Night in Suck City" (W.W. Norton, $23.95) Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7 pm at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. Nick Flynn has written a powerful, gritty memoir that will strike a chord with South Shore residents. He grew up in Scituate. Both his parents were raised in Scituate (his father was born in Hingham and his family later moved to Scituate). The locations described will bring an immediate visual association with local places and events; First Cliff, Second Cliff, Third Cliff, Scituate Harbor, restaurants, Provincetown, The Red Sox, Beacon Hill, Boston and the Pine Street Inn. Flynn was 24 when he began to work at the Pine Street Inn and eventually met his father, Jonathan Flynn, absentee parent, would-be writer, convicted con man, dreamer, alcoholic and homeless person. His story of his youth and his eventual meeting with his father is recounted in his book "Another Bull**** Night in Suck City" (a phrase Flynn senior uses to describe his life on the streets). This is a free event and the public is most welcome. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

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• Chair Yoga with Stephanie Whiting on Thursday at 1 p.m.

• Body Proud with Holly on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

• Safety Fair - Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 10 a.m. with coffee and Danish and lunch at noon. Lots of new information and gifts. Call 383-9112, for lunch

• Book Club with Addie McGrath on second Friday of each month.

• Bridge with Bill Wennerberg at Second Congregational Church each Monday at noon to 3:30 p.m.

• Bridge - Drop in every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

• Computer Tech Help with Austin Breslow on Tuesdays 2:30 p.m.

• Gourmet Cooking - with Anna Abbruzzese. Date to start will be announced in September.

• Knitting with Edna. This is great way to learn to knit and socialize. You can drop in on any Fridays at 1 p.m. Tea and goodies are available

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• Luncheon served at noontime on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

• Foot Care - Second Wednesday of each month. With nurse Jean Reardon.

• Legal Consultation free on monthly bases, call CEA for appointment.

• Tea Party with Marie Frazier Dunn, Sept. 29, at 1 p.m. RSVP a must.

TRANSPORTATION

Around Town - Monday, 9:30 a.m.

Cohasset Village - Thursday 9:30am

Escorted Shopping - Monday and Tuesday 1:15 p.m.

Christmas Tree Shop - Second Wednesday 9 a.m.

Hanover Mall - Fourth Wednesday 9 a.m.

Shaw's First and third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Stop & Shop Friday 9:30 a.m.

Call Cohasset Elder Affairs for question, sign ups and requests 781-383-9112.

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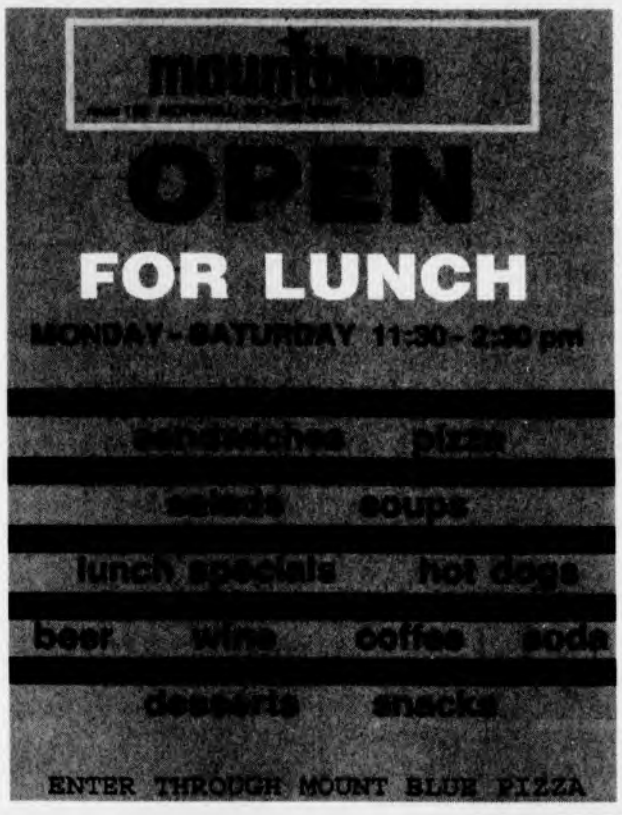
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Senior center menu

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

Turkey ham, raisin sauce, whipped potato, broccoli, rye bread, brownie, diet graham cracker.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14

Corn chowder, BBQ chicken zucchini and summer squash, oatmeal bread, fresh banana.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15

Shepherd's Pie, summer squash or asparagus, mashed potatoes, fruit.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16

Beef steak with gravy whipped potatoes, peas and carrots, whole wheat roll, chocolate and diet bread.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22

Fried chicken, Cole slaw or broccoli, mashed potatoes or French Fries, fruit.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 23

Roast pork with gravy, oven roasted potato, California blend veggie, multigrain roll, fruit cocktail.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

Tomato bisque, savory baked chicken Florentine, whole wheat roll, fresh apple.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

To be announced.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

Low salt hot dog with mustard and roll, baked beans and Cole slow, vanilla pudding and diet pudding.

Free screenings at the health fair

The Cohasset Board of Health will offer free health screenings to the residents of Cohasset at the Annual Health Fair on Tuesday Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church next to the Cohasset Town Hall in Cohasset Village.

Screenings will include blood pressure, vision and hearing, cholesterol and blood sugar (funded by the Cohasset Rotary Club), oral cancer, osteoporosis (bone mineral density) chiropractic and skin analyzer. There will be demonstrations of magnet and massage therapy, holistic health methods including acupuncture, nutrition and water purification methods.

Refreshments will be available and will be provided by Stop and Shop, Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, and Atlantic Bagel. For more information contact Judy Fitzsimmons, RN, public health nurse at the Cohasset Board of Health 781-383-2210.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, AUG. 23

1:06 a.m. **Turkey Hill**, open door/window.

4:05 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, suspicious (other), area search negative.

4:17 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, suspicious auto, area search negative.

7:39 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen.

9:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, patient sign off.

1:05 p.m. **King St.**, fire, log entry.

3:47 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism, investigated/report taken.

8:57 p.m. **Spring St.**, disturbance family.

9:40 p.m. **King St.**, officer wanted, canceled before arrival.

9:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person.

9:46 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, and Surry Drive, officer wanted.

11 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

TUESDAY, AUG. 24

3:36 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, general services.

8:46 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:53 a.m. **Doane St.**, violation restraining order, investigated, summons: Kerry Ann Ash, 27, 761 King St., Raynham. Chrgs: Violation abuse prevention order.

11:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:16 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer wanted, parking ticket issued.

12:32 p.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted, advised civil action.

1:28 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious (other), no police service necessary.

3 p.m. **Forest Notch**, public service other.

4:04 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal control.

4:18 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:29 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, animal control, referred to other agency.

6:21 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:57 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, officer wanted, area search negative.

11:07 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services, detail completed.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25

12:57 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, animal control, referred to other agency.

9:28 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

12:13 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

1:44 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, burglary/breaking and entering, investigated/report taken.

3:11 p.m. **Locust Rd.**, investigation.

9:19 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, suspicious (other), investigated/report taken.

9:40 p.m. **North Main St.**, disturbance general, area search negative.

9:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, good intent call.

10:01 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:02 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services, detail completed.

THURSDAY, AUG. 26

1:20 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, disturbance gathering.

3:18 a.m. **Spindrift Lane**, officer wanted.

11:26 a.m. **Elm St.**, general services.

12:30 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal control, referred to other agency.

12:49 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, patient sign off.

1:43 p.m. **South Main St.**, traffic complaint, services rendered.

2:29 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, fire, investigation, services rendered.

3:28 p.m. **South Main St.**, and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:47 p.m. **North Main St.**, officer wanted, referred to other agency.

5:28 p.m. **North Main St.**, general services.

6:14 p.m. **North Main St.**, general services.

6:44 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic complaint.

6:52 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, property (recovered).

7:21 p.m. **Summer St.**, parking complaint.

7:35 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

9:33 p.m. **North Main St.**, disturbance general.

11:05 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

FRIDAY, AUG. 27

1:17 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, open door/window.

8:51 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle crash.

9:06 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, advised civil action.

9:30 a.m. **South Main St.**, public service other.

10 a.m. **Training**.

10:32 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, fire extinguished.

11:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, investigated/report taken.

12:03 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle crash.

12:24 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, transported SSH/BLS.

2:58 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

3:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious auto, good intent call.

4:25 p.m. **Summer St., and South Main St.**, disturbance gathering.

4:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, transported SSH/ALS.

7:12 p.m. **North Main St.**, disturbance.

7:52 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, wires down.

8:56 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious (other).

SATURDAY, AUG. 28

12 43 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious auto.

3:40 a.m. **HQ.**, assist other Police department.

6:30 a.m. **Crocker Lane**, motor vehicle theft.

7:22 a.m. **Cedar St.**, larceny.

8:43 a.m. **South Main St.**, vandalism, investigated/report taken.

9 a.m. **Marshfield**, investigation, investigated/report taken.

9:02 a.m. **Sohier St.**, general services.

11:58 a.m. **South Main St.**, warrant arrest: Shawna M. Wright, 18, 285 Hatherly Rd., Scituate. Chrgs: WMS warrant.

Noon: **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, general services.

4:42 p.m. **Border St.**, parking complaint.

4:53 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance gathering.

5:19 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

5:34 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:45 p.m. **Mobile**, motor vehicle crash.

7:47 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, AUG. 29

12:10 a.m. **Elm St.**, animal control, referred to other agency.

12:30 a.m. **HQ.**, fire, log entry.

12:53 a.m. **Rust Walk and Jerusalem Rd.**, noise complaint.

2:01 a.m. **HQ.**, assist other Police Department.

4:17 a.m. **HQ.**, assist other Police Department.

7:39 a.m. **Summer St.**, animal control, referred to other agency.

7:45 a.m. **South Main St., and Depot Ct.**, tree down, referred to other agency.

7:52 a.m. **Hull St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/BLS.

8:25 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/BLS.

8:45 a.m. **Commercial St.**, officer wanted.

12:28 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, traffic complaint.

1:34 p.m. **Cedar St.**, property (recovered), investigated/report taken.

2:25 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check.

4:06 p.m. **Church St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

8:57 p.m. **North Main ST., and Forest Ave.**, suspicious (other), area search negative.

9:54 p.m. **Church St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

MONDAY, AUG. 30

12:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** suspicious, area search negative.

1 a.m. **Headquarters**, assist other police department.

1:56 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** general services.

6:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny.

10:17 a.m. **Elm St.,** public service.

12:18 p.m. **Meadow Lane,** officer wanted.

2:39 p.m. **Elm St.,** officer wanted.

2:54 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance gathering.

3:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal control.

4:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and King St., well being check, good intent call.

Police arrested 10 in August

August was a quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department, there were 10 arrests; two for assault and battery; two for outstanding warrants; one for malicious destruction of property over $250; one for possession of a Class D Substance; one for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and finally three for protective custody, Police Chief James Hussey said.

During the month of August the police department investigated 19 motor vehicle accidents; nine of which resulted in personal injury. There were 25 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $855 in fines. Additionally, there were 37 parking tickets issued totaling $990 in fines, Hussey said.

Also in the month of August the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,000 calls for police services of those 85 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of August, there were three reports of breaking and entering; one of a business and two of a residence. There were also nine criminal complaints issued for the month, Hussey said.

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Putting on the dog

Shelter house tour and garden party set for Sunday

By Jillian Fennimore
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On Sunday, Sept. 12 from 2 to 6 p.m., Bruce and Alice La Vigne will open the doors of their historic Scituate Harbor home at 26 Brook Street to visitors.

Stray cats with special needs are on the rise among the Scituate Animal Shelter population and this Sunday's fourth annual Garden Party and House Tour will benefit them, along with dozens of other feline and canine residents. Money raised through the event will help cover the high cost of veterinary and special care for animals housed by the shelter which serves Scituate, Norwell, Cohasset, Hull and Hingham.

On Sunday, Sept. 12 from 2 to 6 p.m., Bruce and Alice La Vigne will open the doors of their historic Scituate Harbor home at 26 Brook Street to visitors who can take part in a silent auction featuring work from local artists, and enjoy fine food donated by Riva Restaurant co-owners Mike and Jimmy Burke.

"One hundred percent of the money goes to the animal shelter," said David Cerutti, organizer of the event. "This town is committed to their animals."

Shelter director Kathy Pendoley, said that the house tour is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year for the 11-year-old facility. Other efforts include a golf tournament, yard sales, and sales of the shelter's *Bone Appetite* cookbook.

Cerutti said supporters and volunteers known as the "friends" of the animal shelter will be helping out with Sunday's event. He added that the shelter has a mailing list of about 2,500 people and currently houses four dogs, 50 cats and one rabbit.

Large numbers of stray cats in residence at no-kill shelters like Scituate's is common, Pendolay noted.

"There is a huge population with cats in the area and everywhere," she said.

Most of the cats at the Scituate shelter were outdoor cats that couldn't find their way home or were abandoned. Others are sick with parasites or emaciated. The majority of the cats that come to the shelter have not been spayed or neutered. That's where the shelter, its fundraisers, and its friends come in.

Cerutti is expecting about 200 people to explore the Scituate home Sunday, possibly raising up to $8,000 for the shelter.

According to Cerutti, the house hosting this year's tour and garden party was built on the site of an onion farm in 1879. The La Vigne's bought the Victorian home in 1999, and added 1,800 square feet of living space in 2001, designing it similar to a cottage.

"It's a mix of old and new," said Bruce La Vigne about his home, adding that it still maintains the original architectural details, restored parquet flooring and antique pine furnishings. "We were flattered when (the Scituate Animal Shelter) asked us to do this."

The recently renovated home also features a spacious great room, octagonal sunroom, gourmet kitchen, and several elegant porches.

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age 3-4
Wednesday, 11.-15-12:00 n.
Wednesday, 1:00-1:45 p.m.
Friday, 11:15-12:00 n.
Friday, 1:00-1:45 p.m.

Pre-School Ballet
age 4-5
Thursday, 10:15-1100 a.m.

Ballet Level I
grade K-I
Thursday, 3:30-4:30p.m.

Ballet Level II
grade 1-2
Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Ballet Level III - Performing Class
grade 2 and up, *by invitation*
Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Isadora for Children
age 4-5, Tuesday, 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Isadora Duncan Level II
grades 1+2, Tuesday, 4:30-5:30

Isadora Duncan Level III
grades 3+4, Tuesday, 5:30-6:30

Pre-School Ballet & Tap
age 4-5
Monday, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Wednesday, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Friday, 10:15-11:15 am.
Friday 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Ballet and Tap I
grade K
Tuesday, 10:15-11:15 am.
Tuesday, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Ballet and Tap II
grades I & up
Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Tap & Jazz
grade 2 & up,
Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Street Dance, Jazz & Funk
age 7-9, Monday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
age 7 & 8, Thursday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
age 7 & 8, Thursday 4:30-5:50 p.m.
age 9 & 10, Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
age 10-16, Friday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Mini Modern & Lyric Dance
Jr.-Sr. High School
Monday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. - *invitation*
Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fit Kids Gymnastics
Wiggles & Giggles -Mom & Me
age walking - 24 months
Monday, 11:15-12:00 n.
8 weeks, $75, *starts September 13*

Toddlers & Tumblers -Mom & Me
age 2 - 3
Monday 10:30 -11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, I0:15-11:00 a.m.
8 weeks, $75, *starts September 13*

Climbers and Jumpers
age 3&4
Monday, 9:45-10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 11:45-12:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $75, *starts September 13*

Beginner Gymnastics
age 4 - K
Monday, I2:00-12:15 p.m.
8 weeks, $75, *starts September 13*

Super Sports Class
age 4 - K
Monday, 9:00-9:45 a.m.
Tuesday, 11:00-11:45 a.m.
8 weeks, $75, *starts September 13*

Pre-School Programs

Arts & Crafts - Mom & Me
ages 2-4
Wednesday, 9:15-10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, I0:I5-11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 11:15-12:00n.
8 weeks, $85, *starts September 29*

Baby Ballerinas
age 2-3
Monday, 12:15-1:00 p.m.
Tuesday 11:15-12:00 n.
Thursday, 1:00-1:45 p.m.
8 classes, $75
starts September 13, 14 & 16

First Experience Play-School
age 2 yrs. 9 months - 3
Tuesday, 9:I5-11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, 12:15-2:15 p.m.
Thursday, 9:15-11:15 a.m.
Friday, 9:15-11:15 a.m.
8 weeks, $105, *starts Sept. 21, 23, 24*

Music for Mom & Me
ages 2 to 3
Monday, 9:15-10:00 a.m.
Monday, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
ages 9 months - 2
Monday, 11:15-12:00 n.
8 weeks, $85 *starts September 20*

Parent & Tot Fun Time
age 2 & 3
Friday, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $85, *starts September 24*

The Busy Bees
age 3
Tuesday, Thursday,
12:00-2:15 p.m. 4 weeks, $125,
starts September 14

Quack, Moo, and Cock-a-doodle-doo
age 2-3
Thursday, 11:00-11:45 am.
age 3-5
Thursday, 12:00-12:45 p.m.
6 classes, $85, *starts September 23*

Exploration
age K
Monday & Wednesday, 12:15-2:15
12 classes, $140,
starts September 27

Exploration
age K
Monday, 8:45-10:45 a.m.
12 classes, $140
starts September 27

Story & Craft Time
age 3-6
Wednesday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
8 weeks, $95, *starts September 22*

Youth & Teen Classes

Baby-sitting Course
age 10 and over
Wednesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
3 weeks, $35, *starts October 6*

Children's Drama Classes: Create a Musical
age 46
Thursday, 2:00-3:00 p.m. 10 weeks, $75, ***"Beauty & the Beast"***, *starts September 23*

Gingerbread House
grades 2-7
Wednesday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
I day, $25, *December 1*

Beginner Karate
age 6-12
Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Friday 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
8 weeks, $65, *starts September 13*

Intermediate Karate
age 7-14 Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Friday, -5:30-6:30 p.m. - Purple Belts
Saturday, 10:00 -11:00 a.m.
8 weeks, $65, *starts September 13*

Kid Power - Everyday Safety Workshop for Children
age 4-7 with parent(s)
I day, $40 per child with parent(s)
Saturday, 10:00-12:00 n., *October 2*

Maria Wood's Fashion Focus Modeling & Finishing Program
age 6-9, Young Miss
Wednesday, 3:30-1:30 p.m.,
15 weeks, $315
age 10-12, Preteen II
Wednesday, 4.30-5:30 p.m.,
15 weeks, $325
age 13-18, Teen III
Wednesday, 5:30-7:00, 15 weeks, $375, *starts September 22*

Kaplan SAT Review Accelerated Math
Grade 2-4 & Algebra I
Thursday, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Orton-Gillingham Reading
Tuesday, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Summit Educational Group - SAT Prep

Adult & Teen Classes

Pilates
Monday 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginner
Tuesday, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Thursday, Thursday 9:30-10:30 a.m. beginner
Friday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
8 weeks, $90
starts September 16, 17, 20 & 21

Ballroom Dancing
Friday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. 8 weeks, $160/couple, *starts September 17*

Ballroom Dancing II
Friday, 8:30-9:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $160/couple
starts September 17

The Complete Course in College Funding
I night, free
Wed., Sept. 22, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

CPR & Pediatric CPR
Monday, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
I night, $20, *October 4*

Pediatric Basic First Aid for Day Care Cert.
Monday, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
I night, $20, *September 27*

Dog Obedience
Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
6 weeks, $75, *starts September 20*

Dog Obedience II
Monday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
6 weeks, $75, *starts September 20*

Bridge Lessons: Introduction to Bidding
Friday, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
8 weeks, $85, *starts September 24*

Bridge Lessons: Diamond Series - Play of the Hand
Friday, 9:30 11:00 a.m.
8 weeks, $85, *starts November 19*

Duplicate Bridge
Tuesday, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
$5 per person per week.

Fencing Classes - Foil I
Ages 10 - adult
Wednesday, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
10 weeks, $275, *starts September 15*

Paying for College - "School of Hard Knox Guide"
I night, free
Thursday, *August 26*, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Adult Karate
Friday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
8 weeks, $65, *starts September 6*

Let's Get Organized
Wednesday, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
I night, $30 *October 20*

Beginning Tap for Adults
Wednesday, 8:30-9:30 p.m.
12 weeks, $96, *starts September 29*

Intermediate Tap for Adults
Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
12 weeks, $96, *starts September 29*

Jazz & Funk- Adult
Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
12 weeks, $96, *starts September 29*

Tai Chi
Wednesday 9:00-10:00 a.m.
8 weeks, $85, *starts September 15*

Tai Chi
Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $85, *starts September 23*

Intermediate Tai Chi
Thursday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $85, *starts September 23*

Public Relations for Small Business
Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
3 weeks, $50, *starts October 6*

Yoga
Monday, 8:00-9:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $85, *starts September 13*

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GREEN THUMBS UP

SUZANNE MAHLER



A visit to our local nurseries is a must at this time of year. Healthy, fresh trees and shrubs are arriving daily at many garden centers while perennials and nursery stock from earlier in the season tend to be on sale for bargain shoppers. Spring-flowering bulbs are usually available early this month and should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure the best selection. Store in a cool, dry location until ground temperatures drop later this month. For a touch of autumn color, choose from a glorious selection of late-blooming plants including colorful chrysanthemums, handsome ornamental cabbages and kale, hardy sedums and cheerful asters, and the supremely beautiful and fragrant sweet autumn clematis.

A perfect foil for these traditional fall bloomers are the carefree ornamental grasses. Most decorative grasses are in their glory during the latter half of the growing season as they finally reach mature stature and begin to display their feathery plumes and seed heads. Perhaps the most popular and best known ornamental grasses are the Maiden grasses, members of the Miscanthus family. These elegant grasses form singular clumps characterized by slender, slightly arching foliage that range from delicate 3-foot specimens like 'Yaku Jima' to the giant M. floridulus reaching a height of up to 12 feet. They perform best in moist soils, full sun and good winter drainage but are tolerant of a wide range of conditions. Silky plumes shimmer in the autumn sun as they sway in the breeze and provide textural contrast in addition to sound and motion, especially during the stark winter months. Clumps enlarge gradually but sufficient space should be provided initially as their dense, fibrous root systems make division challenging. Spring transplanting is preferred and a saw may be required to divide an established clump.

Maiden grasses should be sheared as close to the ground as possible before new growth appears in early April.

Numerous cultivars of Miscanthus are available including several green and yellow-striped varieties known as Zebra (Zebrinus), and Porcupine grass (Strictus). For a delicate, see-through quality, try 'Gracillimus' or 'Morning Light', both standing about 5 feet when established with slender, slightly arching foliage. Russet-colored plumes appear in October and become beige and fluffy as they mature. Variegated members of this family, including 'Cabaret', and 'Silberfeil', produce sensational, eye-catching clumps, or for a different color, look for 'Pupurascens' with purple-tinted leaves that fade to red late in the season.

Most decorative grasses are in their glory during the latter half of the growing season as they finally reach mature stature and begin to display their feathery plumes and seed heads.

Switch grasses (Panicum) are equally lovely additions to the landscape, offering a similar upright architectural presence in the landscape while displaying a slightly more delicate appearance in addition to being considerably easier to divide and relocate. Airy open seed heads give a hazy effect in late summer and early autumn. Several cultivars offer blue-tinted foliage reaching heights of 3 to 6 feet including 'Dallas Blues', 'Prairie Sky' and 'Heavy Metal'. A recent introduction, P. 'Shenandoah', has markedly red to burgundy tones and stays quite compact at under 3 feet. These hardy grasses will acclimate to nearly any soil type in sun or part shade.

The family of fountain grasses (Pennisetum) is another favorite characterized by dense clumps of narrow arching leaves and late summer flowers that resemble caterpillars or bottle brushes. Several selections of Pennisetum are currently available including a darling dwarf called 'Little Bunny' and a number of compact 2-foot varieties including 'Hameln' and 'Cassian'. A recent introduction, 'Karley Rose', produces lovely pink tinged flowers and an especially late-blooming cultivar 'Moudry' demonstrates thick, black seed heads that often produce numerous seedlings. Perhaps the most irresistible of all the ornamental grasses is the crimson fountain grass (Pennisetum setaceum rubrum), which produces stunning burgundy leaves and long, elegant, arching flowers but regrettably, this sensational grass is very tender and must be treated as an annual. The fountain grasses thrive in average soils and full sun.

Several compact ornamental grasses exhibit blue-tinted foliages that provide attractive color contrasts to our predominantly green gardens. The blue fescues (Festuca glauca) form tidy 8-inch mounds of very thin, blue-gray foliage that are effective as edging plants in borders or foundation plantings. Blue oat grass (Helictotrichon) also demonstrates steel blue-gray leaves but is more upright in form, its spiky leaves reaching a height of 12 to 24 inches. Both these grasses tend to maintain their color well into the winter months and prefer sunny, dry, well-drained sites. Blue lyme grass (Elymus arenarius 'Glaucus') is equally stunning in color and thrives in dry soils, but growers beware as this striking grass has an aggressive nature and is often best confined in containers.

Northern sea oats (Chasmanthium latifolium) are a sentimental favorite of mine rekindling fond memories of the dunes of North Carolina when clusters of dangling oats appear in August. Tolerant of a wide range of soils in sun or partial shade, this 3 to 5-foot tall clumping grass seeds about and might be considered by some to be a nuisance but I transplant or weed out the excess.

These low maintenance plants offer a dramatic contrast in form, color, texture and height making them valuable additions to any landscape plan. Plant one or more in your garden this season and enjoy their beauty for months and years to come.

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.5-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years. Her weekly gardening column 'Green Thumbs Up' has appeared in the Mariner newspapers for nearly a decade. She is a member of two local garden clubs, past President of the New England Daylily Society, an overseer for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and is employed at two garden centers.



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Snipdoodles are referred to by many names. Along the Hudson River Valley they were called schnecken noodles, yet snipdoodles or snickerdoodles can also be found in many cookbooks. They are simple round cookies, flavored with vanilla and nutmeg and dipped in sugar and cinnamon, but they are too often baked flat with little chew. We were looking for a thick confection, almost a light macaroon, airy but with enough body to feel like a toothy sponge cake.

The first test was the shortening. Many recipes call for Crisco or a butter/Crisco combination, but we preferred all butter for flavor and for producing a thicker cookie. As with other thick cookies, we found that chilling the dough in the refrigerator for a couple of hours also helped add height and chew. We also added milk to the cookie dough which makes them softer and more delicate.

The hardest part of any cookie-making is determining when to take them out of the oven. The best test for snipdoodles is to see if the bottom is very lightly browned. The cookies will still be soft to the touch but they will set up as they cool. If the bottoms are not browned at all, the snipdoodles will come out underbaked and will deflate as they come to room temperature.

Two other words of caution. Check your oven temperature before baking with a good oven thermometer. (Taylor makes an accurate blue-alcohol-filled horizontal model for about $13.) Second, do not put two cookie sheets in the oven at a time. That causes uneven baking which, for this delicate recipe, usually spells disaster.

SNIPDOODLES

I add a bit of nutmeg to the batter which adds a gentle perfume to what is a very simple cookie. The texture of these cookies is heavenly; light but with a nice chew. They bake up nice and thick, almost like a macaroon. Take them out of the oven when the bottoms are very lightly browned and the cookie is still soft to the touch.

1stick unsalted butter (8 tablespoons), softened
1 1/2 cups plus 3 tablespoons sugar
2 eggs
1teaspoon vanilla
1/4cup milk
3 cups flour
3/4teaspoon baking soda
1teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 teaspoon table salt
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 tablespoon cinnamon

1. Beat the butter and 1 cup of the sugar (reserve the 3 tablespoons) in the bowl of an electric mixer or with a wooden spoon until creamy and smooth, about 3 minutes. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat until fully incorporated. Add the milk and stir to incorporate. In a separate bowl, whisk together the next 5 ingredients (flour through nutmeg) and then stir into the butter/sugar mixture. Chill dough for 2 hours. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper.

2. Shape dough into large, walnut-size balls, about 1 1/4 inches in diameter. Mix together remaining 3 tablespoons sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl. Dip tops in sugar-cinnamon mixture. Place 3 inches apart on the lined baking sheet. Bake for about 12 minutes. Cookies will appear undercooked when removed from the oven; the centers will still be very moist and light. As they cool, the cookies will firm. The bottoms ought to be lightly browned, however.

Makes 20 to 24 cookies.

You can contact writers Christopher Kimball and Jeanne Maguire atkitchendetective@bcpress.com. For free recipes and informationabout Cook◊s Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

South Shore AAUW to meet on Sept. 13

The South Shore branch of the American Association of University Women will present its program for the upcoming year at a Pot Luck Supper to be held Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the Allerton House, Hingham.

Since 1881, this national organization has been at the forefront of promoting lifelong education, positive social change, and equity for women and girls. Although AAUW is an association of diverse professions, backgrounds, cultures, and ages, it is united in its goal of helping to shape the future.

If you would like to learn more, or would like to attend this meeting, call Madonna Hart, 781-331-0390.

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Thurs. Sept. 9

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, presents **Nature Scanned: Botanical Photographs** by **Tony Andrade** in their Vine Hall Gallery Sept. 2 to 29. A graphic designer by trade, Tony enjoys making art in various mediums, from watercolor to oils and pastels to photography. The exhibit can be viewed Sept. 2 to 29, during regular Center business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Reckless Daughter and Default Outfit,** rhythm and blues, Sept. 9. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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King Richard's Faire celebrates its 23rd season Sept. 4 through Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Route 58, Carver. Free on-site parking. More than 100 artisans from all over the country display and demonstrate their hand-made treasures. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichardsfaire.net



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Hingham's Coffeehouse off the Square opens its new concert season with Grammy nominee, Bill Morrissey, on Saturday, September 11, at 8 p.m. The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. Admission is $12 at the door. An open microphone precedes the concert. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds go to the Unitarian-Universalist Service

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth College of Visual and Performing Arts will feature an exhibition of rare prints entitled "Tabernacle, Temple, King, Adulteress: Depictions of Jewish Religion and Life in 17th and 18th Century European Prints" in the University Art Gallery located in downtown New Bedford. Free and open for viewing all summer until Sept. 9.

Jimbo's Boston – Every Thursday night Contemporary Jazz Rhythm & Blues Cover $10 at door- $7 with student ID.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

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Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree, Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery 124 Front St., presents a month long exhibit of the latest work by Judi Lister through Sept. 26, 781-545-5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open form 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Fri. Sept. 10

Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., (just off Hall's Corner), Duxbury, presents "Studies...in Series" an exhibit of water color paintings by Joanne Chittick. Opening reception with the artist is Sept. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibit will run from Sept. 10 through Oct. 2. Exhibit and reception are free. Two steps at the door.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, Sept. 10, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime **Funny Food Stories**. Bring your appetite, Beth is going to read **Arnie the Doughnut** and **Tea for Me, Tea for You.**

New England Singles Dances is holding a dance on Friday, Sept. 10, 8 p.m.-1a.m. at Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St., Rte. 109, Dedham. Admission $8. DJ. Hors d'oeuvres, Door prizes. Expected attendance 500. 617-325-4900. www.singlesdances-newengland.com

The St. Croix Connection Puppy Rescue's Second Annual Crucian Reunion will take place on Sept 10, from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Commercial Club of East Bridgewater, 1 Neilson Ave., (off Route 18). For information to RSVP by Sept. 7, call 781-383-2597 or via e-mail at soolai@earthlink.net Admission is free, but donations are always welcomed.

Captain Samuel Robbins House, 188 Main St., Avon presents **Candlelight Singing tours** on Sept. 10, with Janet Ashton. Tour this historic 1820's sea captain's home by candlelight as a guide serenades you in every room. Other dates Sept. 24, Oct. 1 and 15. Refreshments. Free and open to the public. 508-583-7616.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Friday, Sept. 10, with The Emanon Orchestra from 8 p.m. to midnight. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington, Ma. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-members Proper dress required: no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021 Web site: http:www.southshoresingles.org

Plimoth Plantation will host an annual open house for homeschoolers on Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fun-filled education programs will be offered at the colonial and Wampanoag education sites from 11 a.m. to noon and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information visit www.plimoth.org/learn/education/family programs.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum, Recovering from 9/11. **Senator Edward M. Kennedy** will introduce **Kenneth R. Feinberg**, the special master administering the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001. **Jack Rosenthal,** president of The New York Times Company Foundation and founder of the 9/11 Neediest Fund will moderate this discussion on Sept. 10, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations call 617-514-1643.

The Alliance for Jewish-Christian-Muslim Understanding is holding an **International Peace Vigil to Commemorate 9/11** on Boston Common starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10. Featured will be Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Hindu speakers and the Dan Zacc Band and the Aardvark Jazz Ensemble, groups popular with college students. Free refreshments and candles will be provided. The festivities will center around the gazebo near Tremont St. Admission is free and all are invited to attend.

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The Scituate Arts Association Gallery announces the continuation of its raffle at the gallery of a full-sheet sized painting by **Peter Spataro** valued at over $1,200. The final drawing will be held during the membership show in October. Individual tickets are $5 or triple your chances for twice the amount three tickets for $10. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located at 124 Front St.., Scituate, 781-545-5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays

The Cafe Morada Lounge, 85 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Live music every Friday night at Song Stylings by **Tod Spear** 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No cover. 781-544-3144.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission. 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St.,(Rte. 36), Pembroke, presents live music every Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. to closing. No cover. Sept. 10, **Bob Sylvia** 781-294-4700.

Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Cindy Daley Band featuring Satch Romano**, Sept. 10, 9:30 p.m., no cover. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Chris Fitz Band,** blues, Sept. 10. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. Sept. 11

Girl Scout Alumae Reunion afternoon at Wind-In-the Pines Girl Scout Center in Plymouth, Sept. 11, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. I you are 19 or older and were involved in Girls Scouts, you will be amazed at the changes that have taken place. For information call Arleen Ellis 1-800-242-0925 or aellis@gscsm.org

South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

German Octoberfest, The Boylston Schul-Verein, the largest German-American club in New England, will host a two day gala Oktoberfest on its spacious grounds, 8 County St., (Route 109), Walpole. Sept. 11, noon to 11 p.m.. Sept. 12, noon to 6 p.m. $7 per person, children under 12 free. Wheelchair accessible. 508-660-2018 or 781-431-6715.

BearBones CD release party will be held Saturday, Sept. 11. You can meet the band and get your CD signed. It will be held at the Mt Hope (corner of Clapp and Cedar in Scituate). An opening act will start at 4:30 p.m. followed by BearBones from 5 to 7 p.m. performing songs from the CD and as well as other personal favorites. There will be a $7 PP cover which will be waived per family (four max) with the purchase of a CD for $12 at the door. If you already purchased "Liv'n the Blues", bring it and get in free!

The monthly Down East Dancers Country Western Dance will be held at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Dave Pytka. Snacks, raffles, cash bar. Smoke free, $5. For more info. 508-995-9496; 781-925-9066.

The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. Admission is $12 at the door. An open microphone precedes the concert. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds go to the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.

Plymouth Lighthouse Expedition The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are organizing a boat cruise on Sept. 11, along the South Shore to Plymouth. The boat leaves Long Wharf (by the Aquarium T stop, Blue Line) in downtown Boston at 9.30 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Tickets can be bought at Long Wharf on the day from 8.30am (cash only). The cost is $40 for adults, $36 for seniors (65+), $34 for Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members, $20 for children (3 to 12), and babies travel for free (but still need a ticket). Snack and beverage service will be available. We suggest packing a picnic. www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Corn Festival Pie Contest Bake two mini-pies (4" pie pans will be provided). One will be sold at the Kernel's Kitchen Bake table at the 28th annual Corn Festival at the South Shore Natural Science Center on Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the other will be entered into the competition. Prizes will be awarded for the best pies in each of four categories: Baked Single Crust, Baked Double Crust, Fresh Fruit and Cream. To enter, call 781-659-2559 for a registration form, or stop by the Center at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell to pick up your pie pans.

The South Shore Natural Science Center will hold its annual **Corn Festival** Saturday, Sept. 11 (rain date is Sept. 12) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival features fall fun for the family including hayrides, nature walks, farm animals and antique tractor demonstrations. There will also be musical performers, a farmers market and the annual Scarecrow contest. Admission is $4 for adults, $2 for children ages 2 and up. For directions call the center at (781) 659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org

The John Curtis Free Library in Hanover, will feature "You Are Here" a collection of nature photos taken within a 20-mile radius of photographer E.J. Doyle's Marshfield home. A reception will be held on Sept. 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. 781-826-2972.

Edaville USA is back on track on Sept. 4 and 5. That's when the family fun park reopens for the season with a grand celebration featuring a visit by Jimmy Neutron and many other activities. K.C. McBogg, the park's froggy

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The Dedham Museum 612 High St., Dedham, at the Dedham Historical Society presents **Wedgwood – Not Just Blue and White,** Sept. 1 to Jan. 15. Admission $2 adults and $1 children. 781-326-1385 or www.DedhamHistorical.org

Bettina Lesieuri's First Annual Summer Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge. Lesieur Gallery is located at 301 Saint George Street in Duxbury. For information call 781-934-5103 or visit www.bettinalesieur.com.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866-JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Barbeque Bob & The Rhythm Aces** Sept. 11. 781-335-9796.

Helen's Cafe - 16 Commercial St., Braintree, Sept. 11, at 8:30 p.m. Featuring: **Dave Andrews, Annette Pollack, Dave McDonough, Jenn Dlugos, Adam Copithorne, Greg Howell** and host **Brian Melvin.** Admission: $12 (a portion will be donated to the Children who lost a love one in the 9 -11 attack. Reservations recommended call 781 356 4311.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, **Mojo Kings**, Sept. 11. 781-871-7175.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Bellevue Cadillac,** swing and rhythm and blues, Sept. 11. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. Sept. 12

Porch Ponderings will be presented by the **Tale Spinners**, storytellers, **Wiesey MacMillan** and **Andrea Lovett**, Sept. 12, at 5 p.m. at the Marshfield Hills General Store, Prospect St., Marshfield Hills. Bring a chair or a blanket for seating.

South Shore's Largest Flea Market, Sept. 12, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 61st Semi-Annual Event sponsored by Tri-Town Rotary Club at the Marshfield Fair Grounds, Rt. 3A, Marshfield. Over 300 vendors. Admission $2 per person. Bring the family. Food and beverages available. Free parking. Vendor information call 781-826-53533.

Singles Executives Club Sunday Singles Dance Sept. 12, at the Clarion Hotel at Nantasket, Grand Ballroom, 45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull. Complimentary buffet 7-11 p.m. for singles 35 and over. $10 all night. Proper dress required. www.se-4u.com (781)925-4515

Touch-a-truck Sept 12 rain date Sept 26. Parking Lot of Curtis Liquors, 486 Columbian St., Weymouth. $5 per person admission to all vehicles. All money raised will benefit The New England Wildlife Center.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association will have their bi-annual River Views House Tour, Sunday Sept. 12, from 11 am to 4 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to discover the river's beauty by visiting six homes with spectacular river views. Tickets in advance are $20 and can be purchased at William Raveis Real Estate in Norwell, Daylily in Norwell Center, Noble's in Hanover, Marshfield Office Supply, the Quarterdeck in Scituate, Buttonwoods in Cohasset and at NSRWA headquarters in Norwell. Tickets the day of tour are $30, and can be purchased at Daylily's in Norwell center. Ticket form can be downloaded from www.nsrwa.org For information call the NSRWA at 781-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org



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The Mill Wharf Patio, 150 (Rear) Front St., Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. all summer. Bar and grill open all day. 781-545-3999.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield -**Dixieland Jazz** concert featuring the **River Boat Stompers.** Admission $10. Show 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner optional at 3 p.m. 781-834-6505. Handicap accessible.



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Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Jason Gluck** will exhibit his paintings for the month of September at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information, call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

The South Shore Branch of The American Association of University Women will present its program for the upcoming year at a Pot Luck Supper Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Allerton House, Hingham. 781-331-0390.

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

Westport Winery Weekend with Oldways Sept. 12-13, Westport Rivers Winery & Vineyard, Westport. For information or to register for this event, contact Nicole Nacamuli at 617-896-4866 or nicole@oldwayspt.org.

1749 Courthouse Museum, Town Square, Plymouth, is free and filled with items of Plymouth's history. Open through Oct. 2. 508-830-4075 or 508-746-7789.

Hingham Public Library presents an exhibit by **J. Michael Sullivan, The Sublime Color of Northern Italy**, through Sept. 24.

Plymouth Ice Rink opens registration for Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Clinics The Armstrong Arena has opened registration for two pre-season conditioning clinics t Puck Control & Shooting and Pre-Season Conditioning will be offered at the ice rink during the week of Aug. 16-20. To register or for information, call 781-871-7960 or visit www.BayStateHockey.com.

Choral Art Society, a non-audition community chorus. Rehearsals at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 13, with open rehearsals on Sept. 20 and 27. For information, call Nancy at 781-545-8295 or show up Sept. 13.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus, a 50-voice non-audition chorus, begins their upcoming Holiday Concert rehearsal schedule starting Sept. 13, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the South Shore Conservatory, Duxbury. Call SHCC at 781-837-7041.

The Hanover-based Harbour Choral Arts Society is open for singing. The fall season with new director Sarah Mead, begins on Monday, Sept.13, at the First Baptist Church of Hanover, at the corner of Main Street and Route 123. The doors open at 6 p.m. for registration and socializing, and rehearsals start at 7 p.m. Open rehearsals will be held for the first two weeks, so come and sing and enjoy. Tenors and basses are needed. For information, contact Judy at 781-834-5808.

Tues. Sept. 14

The Community Garden Club of Duxbury will hold its first fall meeting on Sept. 14, at the First Parish Church on Tremont Street. Coffee is served at 9 a.m. Meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Hingham Public Library's popular "Evening with the Author" series begins the fall season. on Sept. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. with a visit from **Reid Oslin,** senior media relations officer at Boston College. Mr Oslin has just published "Tales from the Boston College Sideline," an anecdotal history of BC football. "Evenings with the

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College Sideline," an anecdotal history of BC football. "Evenings with the Author" programs are sponsored by the library in partnership with Buttonwood Books of Cohasset, This event is free, and open to the public is most welcome.

The Seaside Mothers of Multiples Group meets monthly in Scituate to provide support for parents of twins, triplets and more. The club is affiliated with the National Mothers of Twins Club. For information, contact Mary Alcott at 781-545-6681.

The Braintree Choral Society announces the start of its 82nd season with rehearsals for fall concerts on Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. in the music room of the Braintree High School. All former, current and potentially new members especially tenors and basses are invited to attend. No auditions.

Stories and Art for Preschoolers and Toddlers will be offered at the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St., Duxbury, every second Thursday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from 1 to 2:30 p.m. 781-934-6634 extension 15.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club on North Street, across the street from Seven Eleven.. Non-profit weight loss support group. For information, the T.O.P.S. website is: www.tops.org or call, Eleanor at 781-335-4942.

Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, presents **Olga Rothschild** displaying her hook rugs and work of four other hooking artists, **Peg Irish, Emily Robertson, Linda Rae Cochlin** and **Patty Yoder**. Opening reception Sept. 26, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. 781-934-6634

South Shore Manic-Depression and Depression Support Group-open to anyone with a mood disorder and their friends and family. Meeting at Pembroke Hospital (Oak St., Pembroke) every Thursday at 7 p.m. 781-829-7211.

The Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St. Hingham. An exhibit, **Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past** features antique tools from the society's collection and is on view during museum hours. The Old Ordinary is open through Sept. 11. For information call 781-749-0013 or visit http://www/hinghamhistorical.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave.,

Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

Wed. Sept. 15

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no monies are exchanged - Just time.) Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc. moving furniture), The list is endless. Procrastinating can be a thing of the past. Membership fee: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, at 781-871-2583.

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.

The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be held Sept. 8 and 15, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, Sept. 15, at 10:30 a.m. StorytimeCat Tales. Bring the kitties. Beth is going to read **The Cat Vacation** and **The Lighthouse Cat.**

Senior Net Learning Center at Massasoit Community College is holding an open house for all interested area seniors on Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon. 508-588-9100x1063 or www.seniornet.org/usa/brockton.

The Monhegan Experience paintings of Monehegan Island by members of the **North River Arts Society** at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St., Rockland.

Westwinds Bookshop and the Duxbury Free Library Welcome Local Author **Claire Cook** on Sept. 15, presenting her newest novel, "Multiple Choice," as part of the Author Talk and Signing series. The event, presented by Westwinds Bookshop and the Duxbury Free Library, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Library's Merry Room. After presenting the book, Ms. Cook will be available to answer questions from the audience and later sign copies of all her books including *Must Love Dogs* and *Ready to Fall*. Books will be available for purchase that evening courtesy of Westwinds Bookshop. Free advance tickets are required and will be available at the bookshop and library starting Sept. 1. For information on future events, please call the bookshop at 781-934-2128, or stop by the shop or the Duxbury Free Library.

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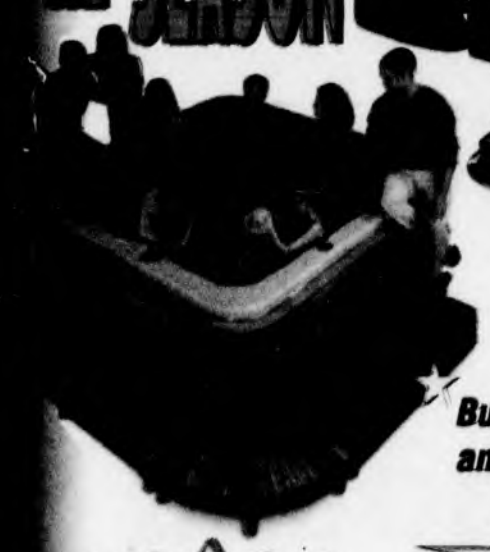
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Nothing in writing for Cook Estate

Selectmen address citizen's concerns

By Samantha Brown
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While many residents may have assumed there is a signed agreement between the town and Northland Residential to develop the Cook Estate property, Selectmen said Tuesday the only signed agreement which exists between the two is the company's bid proposal.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, in response to questions posed by concerned citizen, Karen Quigley, 27 Clay Spring Road, said there will be a signed closing document, but at this time, there is no written document similar to a contract between the town and Northland.

Quigley came to the meeting seeking answers which she had previously put in writing to the board, but for which she had received no response. Quigley asked for a copy of "Whatever signed agreement exists," between the town and Northland Residential, both verbally more than seven weeks ago, and formally in writing to Town Manager Michael Buckley and the Board of Selectmen. While Quigley said she had spoken with Buckley about the matter, he had said he was unable to give her the information, and referred her to the Board of Selectmen, which did not respond to her request.

"Here I am again, asking for the information," she said, adding for the board to not have the courtesy to write her back and "To totally ignore me is incomprehensible."

Sullivan apologized and said he would take responsibility for the oversight, adding it was not intentional. "I had assumed it was taken care of," he said.

Sullivan explained at the time he received the letter addressed to him, he did not have the information, but has since found out there will be signed closing document, but there is no agreement other than the bid process documents right now.

"What was so hard about giving the information?" asked Quigley.

The Cook Estate project is an interesting public-private hybrid with public money making it possible for the town to sell to a private developer who would ultimately build what the town wants: senior housing.

At last fall's special Town Meeting voters allocated $4.5 million to purchase the Cook Estate and agreed to seek $5.2 million in a potential sale of the combined Cook Estate and adjacent town land. Roughly 95 units are planned for the development.

The Mariner has also been trying to obtain copies of a written agreement between the town and Northland. The Mariner was told by Dave Fulton of GLC Consulting, which is working with the town on the Cook Estate project, that a Letter of Intent had been signed by the town and Northland this April, allowing Northland to begin due diligence on the site. Fulton also said the Land Disposition Agreement would be signed after the due dili-

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Kimberly McGowan makes her way up the Town Hall steps to vote in Tuesday's primary. She was one of only 241 registered voters who went to the polls in Cohasset. For results see page 11.

Primary breaks record for lowest turnout

Only 4.6 percent went to the polls

By Mary Ford
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Tuesday's primary could be a record breaker in Cohasset.

Not for coming in first – but for coming in last in terms of turnout.

With only 241 or 4.6 percent of the town's registered voters going to the polls – the election can boast the lowest turnout since at least 1978, which is the farthest back the Town Clerk checked.

"It was dead," Town Clerk Marion Douglas said about an election when two voters at one time were considered a crowd.

One-hundred-ninety-six Republicans voted in Cohasset and 288 Democrats.

There was perhaps little reason for voters to turn out in droves. There were no contests on the Republican side. Races on the Democrat ballot only included races for councilor, register of deeds and county commissioner.

There were no races in either major party for U.S. Congress, state senator or state representative, or county sheriff – which could have attracted more voters.

That will change Nov. 2 when a US Senator from Massachusetts, John Kerry, a Democrat, tries to unseat Texas Republican, President George W. Bush. Presidential elections in Cohasset can draw upwards of 80 percent of the town's registered voters.

On Tuesday, no Cohasset voters pulled Libertarian or Green Party ballots, which

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

David Avery of Marshfield gets ready to hang some artwork for the South Shore Art Center's "50 Towns/50 Years" exhibition.

Art center celebrates 50 years

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The South Shore Art Center in Cohasset is going all out to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The big event is the "50 Towns/50 Years" exhibition, juried by Dore VanDyke, which may be viewed in the Bancroft Gallery at the center Sept. 19 through Oct. 24, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The exhibit showcases distinctive work by South Shore artists.

VanDyke is executive director and curator at the Attleboro Museum Center for the Arts, where she manages the museum's exhibition, education, fund raising, and special events programming.

This follows a creative black-tie gala celebration during the anniversary weekend on Sat., Sept. 18, to honor those whose dedication over the past 50 years helped create one of the area's premier arts facilities, followed by the show's opening reception Sun., Sept. 19, from 4

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Board outlines qualities for top Town Manager candidate

Dormitzer pushes for business background

By Samantha Brown
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As the résumés continue to arrive from those interested in becoming Cohasset's new Town Manager, the Town Manager Search Committee will soon begin weeding through the pile. Members of the committee came before the Board of Selectmen Tuesday to help narrow down the list of qualities they should be looking for in potential candidates, and found the one definite requirement: the ability to hit the ground running.

With budget season and Town Meeting looming, the town doesn't have the time to slowly ease someone into the job, and needs someone with the experience to begin working on their first day. However, Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said the town may want to push municipal experience aside as the most important quality for a new manager, and look for candidates who have a strong business background, and can serve as the kind of leader the town needs. Someone with values who can energize others, is intelligent, ethical, and emotionally mature, and exercises self-control. "Not to dismiss the importance of municipal experience, but we have a great staff around here," that would be able to help a new person at the beginning, he said.

> **"On the job training is not something we have time for right now."**
> — Selectman Ronnie McMorris

However, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, who agreed having those qualities are all important, said this is a critical time in Cohasset's history and, "There are a lot of issues someone would need to have to get up to speed on," including how the school department works, the politics of running a town, and the other duties municipal government requires which the private sector does not. "There will be a learning curve for anyone, but maybe we don't feel this is an appropriate time to consider it," he said. In addition, someone without municipal experience would need time to experience life in a municipal role, and it would take some time before they would even be able to gauge whether they can be effective in their new role. There is also the possibility someone with municipal experience could possess the qualities Dormitzer is looking for.

Selectman Fred Koed agreed with Dormitzer and said he doesn't want to rule anyone out based on municipal experience, as with everything, there can be exceptions. He suggested looking at every résumé and "If something stands out or makes sense," that candidate should be investigated.

However, Selectman Ronnie McMorris reiterated the importance of having someone on board who can hit the ground running because, "On the job training is not something we have time for right now," she said.

Search Committee Member Rick Flynn, who is also on the School Committee, agreed with Sullivan and McMorris, and said at this point, "We don't have the luxury to be able to train someone on the job." However, he also said that while "The ideal candidate has all of Ralph's qual-

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The Warrant for the Dec. 6 fall Special Town Meeting is now open. Anyone wishing to submit articles for the Warrant should do so before Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. Citizen's petitions require 10 signatures to be brought forward. For more information, please contact the Board of Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Conservation Commission, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Council on Elder Affairs, Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m., 3 N. Main St.

Library trustees, Oct. 13, 7p.m., at the library

Planning Board, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.

Recreation Commission, Sept. 29, 6 p.m.

Selectmen, Sept. 21& 28, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Sept. 23, 7 p.m., at the high school library

Sewer Commission, Sept. 27, 6 p.m.

Water Resources Protection Committee, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant

Water Commission and Water Resources Protection Committee, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

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Sun. 19	3:04	9.9	9:09	3:19	10.8	9:45
Mon. 20	3:56	9.6	10:00	4:11	10.7	10:41
Tues. 21	4:53	9.2	10:55	5:09	10.5	11:42
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Aquarion water updates web page

Aquarion Water Company announced that it has enhanced its web page to provide customers with more information on the company and water concerns.

According to Larry Bingaman, Aquarion Senior Vice President, the enhanced web site contains timely information about water issues that will benefit customers in its service area of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. Bingaman said, "In addition, customers will be able to contact me directly via email with their concerns and issues."

The web address for Aquarion is http://www.aquarion.com/ massachusetts.html. For more information, contact Larry Bingaman at 781-982-7101.

Chief Hussey to speak at Legion Post meeting

Chief James Hussey will speak at the George Mealy American Legion Post on Summer Street at 10 a.m., Saturday (Sept. 18), post commander Steve Wigmore said.

Wigmore encourages all Legion members; Sons of Legion members; and the Ladies Auxiliary to attend. The regular post meeting will follow Hussey's remarks, he said.

Safety fair at Senior Center

The first annual Safety Fair sponsored by the Cohasset Elder Affairs and the Norfolk County Sheriffs Office, TRIAD, will be held Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center, 3 North Main St. Opening remarks from Michael Bellotti, Sheriff, Norfolk County, followed by demonstrations, lots and lots of information on safety and brochures, and professional people to answer your questions will be available at Safety Fair.

There will be more than 25 vendors participating. Many with new information on how to remain safe, at home and in your community. This event is a great way to meet people and talk to provider first hand. You will be able to get important health questions answered and do one stop shopping for health and safety needs. Area seniors and families are welcome.

Suzanne Gunthier, OTR/D from the Arthritis foundation will speak before lunch. The luncheon will be served at the First Parish House, 23 North Main St. If you plan to attend this special event, RSVP To CEA office your lunch reservation at 781-383-9797.

Veterans committee seeks information

The Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee is looking to find Cohasset residents who served in the Armed Forces during the Persian Gulf War. The recently updated Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee Web site has posted honor rolls for every war dating back to the Civil War, as well as hero profiles and information about Gold Star mothers. Currently, the committee has an honor roll page for the Persian Gulf War on its Web site, but no names to add to the list.

Please contact Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee Glenn Pratt via e-mail at: gpratt@suburbancompanies.com. Visit the committee's Web site at: cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

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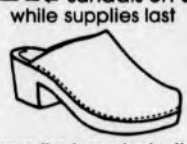
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Cohasset family turns events and memories into movies

By Samantha Brown
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"We do everything from the concept, to the writing to the videotaping and editing."
— Derry Schwantner, Studio Sea

Armed with two MacIntosh computers and a plethora of creativity, Derry and Jim Schwantner have turned simple computer software into their very own movie-making business. Their work has been seen all over town, from video yearbooks at the schools to photo collages at Boy Scouts ceremonies, and the two are just getting warmed up.

Just over one year ago, the Schwantners began "Studio Sea," a production company that writes and produces video documentary content. Although the studio itself, which was located on South Main Street in Cohasset Village, is now closed, it was started to serve as a classroom-type setting, allowing children to bring their imaginations to life, and has branched out to include a wide variety of multimedia services.

Derry said the Studio began as an offshoot of her day job. As a computer teacher at the Osgood School, Derry sees the interest her students have in computers on a daily basis. However, with curriculum restrictions, children in her classes often have projects in mind and there simply isn't enough time to finish them.

"The kids wanted to tell their stories and illustrate them and there was no budget for printing out their wonderful creations," Derry said.

That, coupled with the fact that her daughter Carly, 11 had also been leaving half-written stories around the house, prompted her to begin thinking of a way to create a space where children could finish their projects and have a neat package to take them home in.

For roughly one year, children visited Studio Sea, but when the lease ran out, Derry and Jim decided it was time to branch out in their endeavor, changing their production company to provide a more creative set of services outside the classroom setting. The Schwantners now have a goal of making the medium available to more people who want to use sight and sound to record key events or tell stories about their organizations, companies, schools, and families.

Together, Derry and Jim are completely responsible for the production of the finished product.

"We do everything from the concept, to the writing to the videotaping and editing," she said. For a one-minute movie, it takes hours of editing video footage combined with sound to get the final clip, she said.

Derry said she trained herself to make her own movies, but she first learned about the technology through her son Alex. When he was 13 years old, Alex began making claymation movies using the computer, which Derry said were great, and he has been progressing ever since. "He's lucky to be getting in now," said Derry, adding Alex wants to be a director when he's older.

Derry began her movie-making career by practicing on I-movie, an Apple Computer movie-making program. She said at first, it took some getting used to because she really only began working on computers after she was married. She said she wishes the technology had been readily available much sooner, and she would have been able to start learning about computers at the age her students are at now.

Once she became very familiar with the first program, she said she outgrew it and began looking for something a little more sophisticated. That is when she began using Final Cut, which is the same program used to make motion pictures. "The Lord of the Rings would be made using this," she said.

The Schwantners will begin a new endeavor this week, as they will be providing the production and directing services for a new local access talk show called "Our Town," featuring former School Committee members Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo. The show debuts tonight (Thursday) at 8:30 p.m. on cable-TV channel 10. With his aspirations for become a director, Alex has been given the job of technical director for the show, and their other son Derek, 13 will help out as well.

Derry said the word has been getting out about the service she and her husband provide, and they have been asked to participate in some wonderful events. She said they just finished a movie for the South Shore Art Center, which will help commemorate the Center's 50th anniversary. In addition, the Schwantners have been hired to film the Mixfest concert featuring Alanis Morrisette, John Mayer, Lenny Kravitz, and Maroon 5 this weekend. "We'll take them as they come in," Derry said.

For now, the two are trying to build up a portfolio, and said, "Anything you can think up, we can do." She said she and her husband love working with people to see what kinds of ideas they can share. Between the two of them, Derry said there really isn't any request the two can't meet.



PHOTO/SAMANTHA BROWN

Alex Schwantner, along with his mother Derry and father Jim, will direct and produce "Our Town," a new local talk-show featuring Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo. The show is just one of many projects Derry and Jim have completed through their production company, Studio Sea.

'Our Town' debuts tonight

Sopranos fans might see some familiar footage when tuning in to cable-TV channel 10 tonight. The opening credits to "Our Town," a new talk-show featuring hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo, feature the two cruising around Cohasset in their cars, past some familiar sights, much like the beginning of the popular HBO series.

The show will debut tonight, (Thursday, Sept. 16) at 8:30 p.m. on cable-TV channel 10. Special guests are Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan and state Rep. Garrett Bradley. Rich Ofsthun, the show's roving reporter, will provide footage from the RTF where he is interviewing citizens about what they'd like to see on the new TV show. The show will be repeated at 8:30 p.m., Sept. 23. The show can be reached by email at:
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Primary breaks record for lowest turnout

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had no candidates.

Garrett Bradley, state representative for the Third Plymouth District, was the big vote-getter with 123 votes on the Democrat side.

Robert Hedlund, state senator for the Plymouth-Norfolk District, took top on the Republican side with 94 votes.

Tom Fogarty of Atlantic Avenue and Jonathan Eder of Hill Street were the last two voters to cast ballots at Town Hall on Tuesday. They arrived at 7:55 p.m. and 7:58 p.m. respectively.

Fogarty, a Republican, said he felt an obligation to vote even though there were no contests on the GOP ballot.

> **"It was dead."**
> — Town Clerk Marion Douglas

Eder, also a Republican, arrived at the urging of a coworker who said he should vote for Bob Stone for Plymouth County Sheriff. The only problem is, unlike its neighbors, Cohasset is in Norfolk County and Stone's name was not on the ballot here.

"I heard the sheriff debate on WATD (radio)," Eder said. "All the area towns were mentioned and I assumed that included Cohasset."

According to election workers, Eder was not alone in thinking the Plymouth County Sheriff's race — ultimately won by Democrat incumbent Joseph McDonough of Scituate and Republican Joseph McDonald of Kinsgton — would be on the Cohasset ballot.

Douglas, the town clerk, said the other all-time low turnout occurred in the Sept. 15,1988 primary when only 371 voters or 7.8 percent went to the polls in Cohasset.



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Along Highland Avenue Tuesday, Dr. Edward Woods and Beth Marsden-Gilman campaign for Republicans, incumbent state Sen. Robert Hedlund and Mike Jones, who will challenge U.S. Rep. William Delahunt for his congressional seat.

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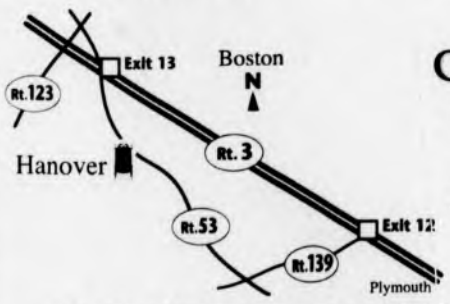
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genee efforts are complete. However, when the Mariner contacted Jack Dawley of Northland Residential for a copy of the letter, it was told the letter did not exist. Dawley said there is no Letter of Intent because work was halted on it when the wastewater issue, "reared its ugly head." Former Town Manager Mark Haddad announced in April that an on-site system would not be an option for the Cook site, although the property had been marketed as needing on-site wastewater disposal.

Dawley said due to the language in the RFP, the $100,000 deposit put down by Northland is the only agreement which is necessary for the $5 million project. He also said the Land Disposition Agreement, which is similar to a Purchase and Sale Agreement, is almost in its final form, but the lawyers are still tweaking it, and he hopes to have a final version ready to sign within the next couple of weeks.

Other questions

Quigley went on to ask whether the money being spent by Northland is solely the company's expense, and Sullivan replied it is his understanding Northland is spending the money on its own. Dawley confirmed any money being spent by the company is at its own risk. Quigley also asked about the private land owner which is supposedly working with the town on some kind of deal to leach water off site, and Sullivan said he was not sure about the status of that deal, and did not mention who the land owner might be or where the parcel is located.

However, a Second Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the town and the Cook heirs, dated August 4, 2004, states, "the development of the (Cook) property as contemplated herein would, of necessity, require securing an off site means of wastewater disposal for the project from an abutter, Donald Staszko, and determining that such site could support such a system." Staszko owns Cohasset Plaza.

The Purchase and Sale also states the buyer, or the town, has until either Nov. 15, 2004 or one business day following the close of the Special Fall Town Meeting, but in no event later than Nov. 30, 2004, to resolve the wastewater disposal issue. The board set the Town Meeting date for Dec. 6 Tuesday night, which may require an additional amendment to the Purchase and Sale.

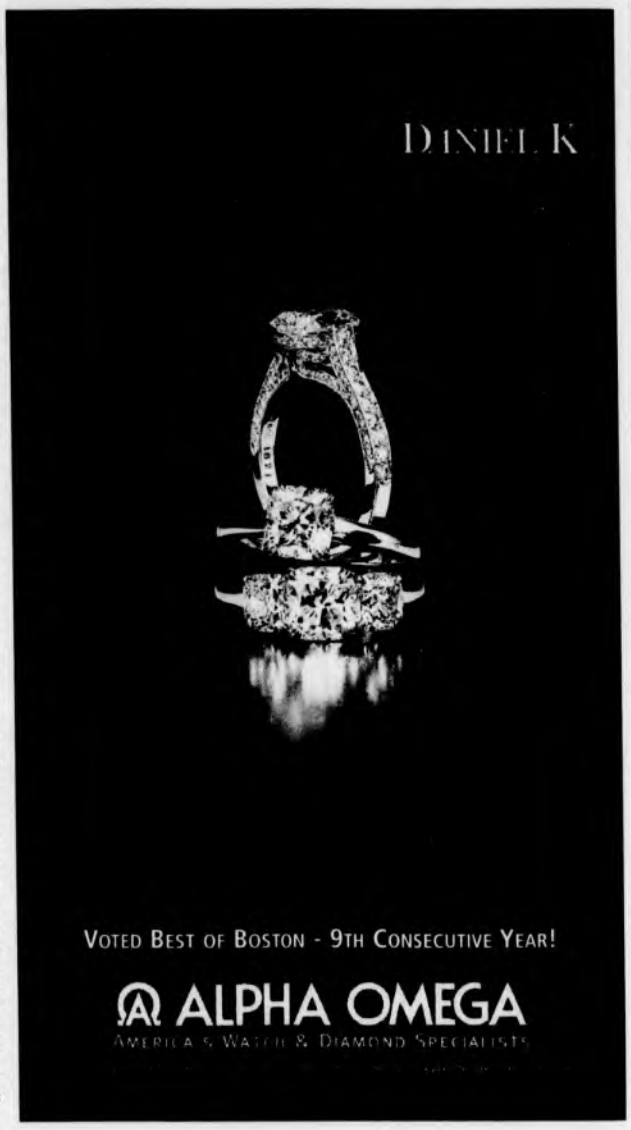
Quigley also asked what the breakdown of housing units would be and the cost for the various kinds of housing, and Sullivan said he wasn't sure. Sullivan said he thought it had been written about in the Mariner. Quigley said she would appreciate an answer in writing, "In a timely fashion."

There were other members in the audience who were also in search of more information regarding the Cook Estate. Tanna Carlson, 18 Old Coach Road, asked whether there would be a time where the board would give another presentation regarding the Cook, to allow residents to have a better understanding, potentially at Town Meeting. Sullivan said there will most likely be an article on the Town Meeting Warrant associated with the Cook and a wastewater solution, and voters will have the opportunity to weigh in on the future of the project.

Carlson said she remembers going to Town Meeting and voting, and being told that if the project cost more than $50,000 for the town, it could walk away. "Now we're $200,000 into it," she said. Carlson added she understood that a vote at Town Meeting this year would mean the Cook Estate could be included in the town's sewer system, but she didn't understand how there could suddenly be more capacity for the project when all the other projects have been told no.

Sullivan said the Sewer Commission has been evaluating the plant and determining the capacity that exists, and if there is capacity, the vote would mean the Cook could tie-in. "The only reason to bring it to Town Meeting would be to get approval to hook up to the municipal sewer," said Sullivan.

Sullivan said the vote may have to be two-tiered, with the first vote being cast to bring the Cook property into the Central District, and the second to allow approval to tie the project into the municipal sewer lines, but it is still too early to say, as the Warrant has not yet been drafted. The Warrant will close Oct. 15 and all articles will need to be submitted by then.





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TOP STUDENT

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ON STAGE

Cohasset's **Kate DeLima** is starring in "All Night Strut!", a sassy musical review of the 30s and 40s opening tomorrow (Sept. 17) and running through Oct. 10 at the Turtle Lane Playhouse in Newton. An accomplished actress, Kate is also a math teacher and received her bachelor's from Harvard and her master's degree from Simmons College. For tickets to see "All Night Strut!" call 617-244-0169.

ACADEMIC STANDOUT

Alan and Linda Genovese of Howe Road want to report their daughter, **Sera Genovese**, recently completed her first year at Southern New Hampshire University in great form! For her efforts she earned dean's list recognition for the fall semester, and she was placed on the president's list for the spring semester. Sera's parents are justifiably proud!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Cohasset Soccer Boosters will hold its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 3 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Deer Hill School Cafeteria.

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HARVEST SUPPER

The Annual Harvest Supper and Auction, an autumn tradition, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street. The public is invited to get together for dinner on Thursday evening, Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m.. Dinner will include ham, string beans, Harvard beets, mashed potatoes, dessert as well as beverages. The harvest auction will take place following supper. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

QUILT SHOW

The Herring Run Quilter's Guild, with members from many South Shore communities including Cohasset, will present its biennial quilt show on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18 and 19. Over 100 diverse and beautiful recently made quilts will be on display including prize winners from the prestigious Vermont Quilt Festival. The show will take place at the Norwell Middle School on Route 123, about 1.5 miles east of Route 53 from 10a.m. to 5p.m. on Saturday, and 10a.m. to 3p.m. on Sunday. A boutique, silent auction and snacks will also be available. Admission is $5.

OUR WORLD FAMILY DAY

A full day of festivities for the entire South Shore is taking place on Oct. 2. Our World Children Global Discovery Museum is celebrating the dedication of the Brooks Thomsen Singer Performance Center and the opening of our toddler play space. This daylong event includes performances by the Tale Spinners, Inca Son Music & Dance, Gary the Silent Clown from Ringling Bros. Circus and Ryanhood along with face painting and arts & crafts activities for the kids. A dedication and a specially choreographed dance piece performed by the Meredith Butulis Dance Ensemble will be a couple of the special highlights of the day. The celebration begins at 10 a.m., admission is $4 for adults, $2 for children and $10 for families up to 6 members. Rain or shine. Parking is free. Call 781-383-3198 for more information.



Kate DeLima is starring in "All Night Strut!" at the Turtle Lane Playhouse in Newton.

PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING

Bring the kids to the opening celebration for the Our World playground from 3-5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16 at the playground, 100 Sohier St. Hopefully, the kids have been playing on the new facility behind the library and the Our World Museum for a few weeks already, but having some lemonade and balloons will make it all official!

That is all the news for this week. I have to ask that everyone Please follow the guidelines and submit all information by Mondays no later than 5 p.m. Otherwise, it will be placed in the following week's column.

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WEDDINGS



Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Post

Post - Noon

Announcement is made of the wedding of Jennifer Carlton Noon and Tyler Dudley Post on July 3, 2004. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas W. Noon of Cohasset. The groom is the son of Mrs. Pamela Post-Ferrante of Cambridge and Mr. Dudley Post of Brookline.

The ceremony took place at St. Stephen Episcopal Church, Cohasset, with the Rev. E. Clifford Cutler officiating. A reception at the Cohasset Yacht Club followed.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Attending the bride as matrons of honor were Alison Schram Baldwin of Hingham and Elizabeth Hren LaRowe of Winchester. Bridesmaids were Whitney Post of Cambridge, sister-in-law; Margo Flug of New York City; Cristina Baseggio of New Haven, Conn.; Karin Kelley of New Haven, Conn.; and Miriam Merz Meko of Port Royal, S.C.

Serving as best men were Steven Lento of Philadelphia, Pa. and Sean McHugh of Randolph. Groomsmen were Theodore Noon III of Boston, brother-in-law; Elliot Noon of Cohasset, brother-in-law; N. Carter Noon of Cohasset, brother-in-law; William Bush of Denver, Colo.; Brian Fitzgerald of Somerville; Toby McGrath of Brunswick, Maine; and John Shukie of Chicago, Ill.

The bride is a graduate of Milton Academy, Milton, Dartmouth College and Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, N.H. She is a pediatric resident at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Her husband, a graduate of Phillips Andover Academy, N. Andover, and Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, is employed at Tenacity in Boston.

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Local Girl Scouts collect toys for needy kids



SAMANTHA BROWN PHOTO

Girl Scouts in Troop 4784, including Jennie Curley, Jennifer Spofford, Polly Murphy, Megan Richardson, and Melissa Campedelli, are working toward earning their Bronze Award.

By Samantha Brown
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Somehow in the imagination of a child, toys can become lifelike, acting as a best friend and constant companion during the day, and helping fight off closet monsters in the night. While the excitement felt on the day a new toy is received may fade as the years go by, for those truly special toys, the day itself will always be remembered.

Recognizing the important role toys play in the lives of children, the Girl Scouts in Troop 4784 have been working with Cradles to Crayons, a non-profit organization which provides toys and other items to children living in poverty in the Boston area. In the past year alone the organization has provided 4,200 children with holiday gifts and books, 1,000 children with warm winter coats, hats, and mittens, and 600 children with back-to-school backpacks, and the girls in Troop 4784 hope to significantly add to the list of donations received.

The five 12-year-old girls in the troop, including Melissa Campedelli, Jennie Curley, Polly Murray, Megan Richardson, and Jennifer Spofford, will be collecting new or "gently used," toys and books at St. Anthony's Church from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. this Sunday, Sept. 19. The girls are quick to point out, only those toys that are truly gently used and still in really good condition will be passed on to the organization.

"You wouldn't want to get a toy that's all broken up," said Polly, adding the children that will receive the donated toys wouldn't want to either.

The project will be a culminating event for these girls, who have been working diligently on various projects which all lead up to their earning their Bronze Award for Girl Scouting. The award is the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can achieve. When deciding on a final project to undertake, there were many ideas which were considered, but in the end, donating to Cradles to Crayons was undoubtedly the best choice.

The girls will be collecting new or "gently used," toys and books at St. Anthony's Church from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. this Sunday, Sept. 19.

Polly said many of the girls in her troop have younger brothers and sisters which have outgrown toys, and they don't know what to do with them. By donating the toys to a good cause, other children will be able to have fun with them too. Megan said all the toys the girls themselves have outgrown can also be donated to the cause, not just those of their younger siblings.

To help get the word out to the rest of the community, Jennifer said the girls got together and made fliers to hang up in various locations around town. From store front windows, to the library, to Town Hall, bulletin boards sure to spread the word to many different people were covered.

Already, Jennie has received calls from St. Anthony's to let her know bags of donations have been dropped off. With items already pouring in before the actual day of collection, the girls are excited to see how much will be donated to the cause.

After all the donations are received, the girls, chaperoned by Troop leaders Liz Richardson and Lillian Curley, will take a trip to Quincy to deliver the items, and will go on a tour of the site, to help reinforce exactly what their donation means.

The five girls in Troop 4784 have been together as a troop for eight years, and while they have had different troop leaders over the years, the girls have continually stuck together. "They're best buds," said Lillian Curley. Once their project is complete, there will be paperwork to fill out, which will need to be approved by the Girl Scout Counsel, and once approved, the girls will be eligible to receive their Bronze Awards.

To achieve this level, the girls have had to earn two badges related to their planned Bronze Award project. In addition, they have also completed the "Sign of the Star," which is like a badge but more involved. They were also required to earn the Junior Aide Award, the Junior Girl Scout Leadership Award, or two other comparable badges. In order to earn the Bronze Award, the girls must demonstrate the leadership skills they have learned along the way, as well as a commitment to the community. The planning and project together should take roughly 15 hours to complete.

Cradles to Crayons accepts everyday items which are donated free of charge to babies and children up to age 12. While the girls will be accepting toys and books, the organization collects everything from cribs to high chairs and clothing items. For those making donations to Troop 4784, please note stuffed animals and cloth toys will not be accepted, nor will violent toys such as guns, or books with torn pages or writing.

The Girl Scouts in Troop 4784 will be collecting donations of new or like-new books and toys for Cradles to Crayons Sunday, Sept. 19 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Anthony's Church. Cradles to Crayons is a non-profit organization based out of Quincy. For more information on Cradles to Crayons, please visit their Web site at www.cradlestocrayons.org. To make a donation prior to Sunday, items will be accepted at St. Anthony's or at the individual Girl Scout homes. Please call Jennie Curley at (781) 383-0695, Megan Richardson at (781) 383-0998, Polly Murray at (781) 383-9444 or Jennifer Spofford at (781) 383-1680 with questions.

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South Shore Art Center kicks off 50th year celebration

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to 6 p.m. The art center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset.

"The exhibition is part of an effort on our 50th anniversary to make the statement that we really are the South Shore Art Center – a resource for all 50 towns that are included in the South Shore region," said Hingham architect Vcevold ("Vcevy") Strekalovsky, who designed the building in which the art center is now located in 1987. "The art that is displayed is representative of as many of those communities as possible."

The exhibit name refers to the 50 communities that make up the South Shore, including Abington, Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset, Norwell, Holbrook, Hull, Quincy, Hanover, Kingston, Rockland, Marshfield, Milton, and Scituate and as far away as Taunton, Bridgewater, Westwood, Raynham, New Bedford, Rochester, Brockton, Lakeville, and Easton. None of the artwork in the exhibit has been shown at the SSAC before, and it is all for sale.

Strekalovsky, a SSAC board member for many years, had two pieces selected for the show. One is of Hingham Harbor at sunset and low tide. "The scene spoke to me with some abstract quality," he said. "I tried to capture the light, space, color, and structure that I saw." The other is of the Isle au Haut in Maine.

Considering that both his father and grandfather were artists, it's not surprising that Strekalovsky grew up painting, primarily in water color. Now he mostly paints in oil. "I experienced that in high school and I never forgot the feel and smell of oil – to sculpt with paint as it were."

After not picking up a brush for a number of years, Strekalovsky began painting seriously again five years ago with John Kilroy at the North River Art Society. A number of artists in the workshops there are also involved with SSAC. "That experience brought me into contact with quite a large community of adult artists," he said. "To paint together is extremely rewarding. Artists learn from each other and feel a drive in spite of being tired from a day's work. We explore various thoughts and subjects together in the workshops."

"Whenever people refer to it as the Cohasset Art Center, I say, no, no, it's the South Shore Art Center. People come from near and far."

— Chris Rifkin, SSAC board member

The center's Manning Lobby features a 50th anniversary exhibit of historical photo montages assembled by Hingham resident Chris Rifkin, who has been a member of the SSAC board for more than 20 years. "So many people have been involved over the years that it's hard to recognize everyone for their contributions," she said. "People come and go, but we're like a big family. People stop by the office with their children to say hi and just to chat. The art center is a community resource where people can socialize and share a common interest in art and music. Good friendships are formed."

The "50 Towns/50 Years" exhibit celebrates five decades of "enriching communities south of Boston through art exhibitions and education," said Monica McKenney, SSAC director of development and public relations. "Artists from 50 towns were invited to submit their art. Thirty artists applied, but only 47 pieces were chosen for display. The process was very selective."

The exhibition includes works by Vcevy Strekalovsky, John Swanson, Janet Kingan, and Priscilla Seddon of Hingham; Monica Martinez of Abington; Stephanie Roberts of Pembroke; Marie Peters of Bryantville; Pam Golden of Marshfield; Paula M. Campbell and Ros Farbush of Hull; Paul Crimi of Hanover; James Baker and Nancy Sargent Howell of Scituate; Jake Basso, Pamela Bower, Philip Dolan, Heidi Ferguson, Ken Lindgren, and Jeanne McKenna of Norwell; Jane Flavell Collins of Duxbury; Tony Andrade and Mark Bieber of Quincy; Irma Cerese, Susan A. Hollis, and Ken Taylor of North Easton; Rob Millard-Mendez of South Easton; Anna Mogilevaky of Dedham; Virginia Holloway of Randolph; and Elizabeth Parker of New Bedford.

In October, nationally recognized artist Todd McKie will select work by national artists for an exhibition, "Remembrances of Things Past: The Last Fifty Years."

The art center offers classes and workshops for children and adults at all levels throughout the year and visiting artist workshops and educational outreach programs. There are also artist talks, lectures, concerts, artist potluck dinners, art auctions, and special events. The work of local artists is exhibited in the two galleries year-round. Visiting artists lead summer workshops attended by well-known artists and teachers from all over New England, providing a "nice cross-section of experiences," said Rifkin. Classes range from botanical drawing and photography to children's clay and life drawing classes.

"Anything involving clay is popular," she said. "The kilns are always firing." Monoprint classes are another favorite. She noted that it's not unusual for a board member who may never have drawn before to enroll in an art class.

SSAC also has an outreach program for students in several communities and provides exhibition opportunities and programs in which they can participate.

It's unfortunate, Strekalovsky said, that art is looked at as an "add-on" in many educational systems, "whereas in Asia and eastern Europe it's seen as an essential component of the learning process. In Hungary and Romania art is a basic part of the curriculum, strengthening students' ability to learn other disciplines, such as science and math. Art helps to develop the whole brain. It helps you think, organize, and problem solve and contributes to one's self-esteem."



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Artists from 50 towns were invited to submit their art. Thirty artists applied, but only 47 pieces were chosen for display. The process was very selective, according to Monica McKenney of the art center.

The primary mission of the art center is to provide educational and exhibition opportunities that enable SSAC members to show their work and cultivate an understanding and appreciation for art, Strekalovsky said. "There's no need to go to New York or Newbury Street to buy original art."

The SSAC also provides a chance for adults to rekindle an early interest in art that they may have never pursued. "Art is about learning to see, to solve problems, to design, to select, and to give expression to what we may not otherwise have an opportunity to express in our other side of life," he continued.

Rifkin noted that the art center has evolved over the years and "gets bigger and bigger, encompassing more communities. More people find it," she said. "Whenever people refer to it as the Cohasset Art Center, I say, no, no, it's the South Shore Art Center. People come from near and far."

SSAC is such a success that there's a need for more gallery and class room space. "The center is in constant use," Rifkin said. "It's bursting at the seams." To help relieve the crunch for space, the SSAC has developed some artist studio space on Government Island in Cohasset, which it rents to artists affiliated with the center.

But more classroom space is still needed. This has proved challenging in light of recent cuts in Massachusetts Cultural Council funding. "At some point we'll have to find more space," Rifkin said. "There are a lot of people who want to teach and others who want to be taught."

In the meantime, the annual festival, which is the major fund raiser for the art center, SEE ART CENTER, PAGE 9

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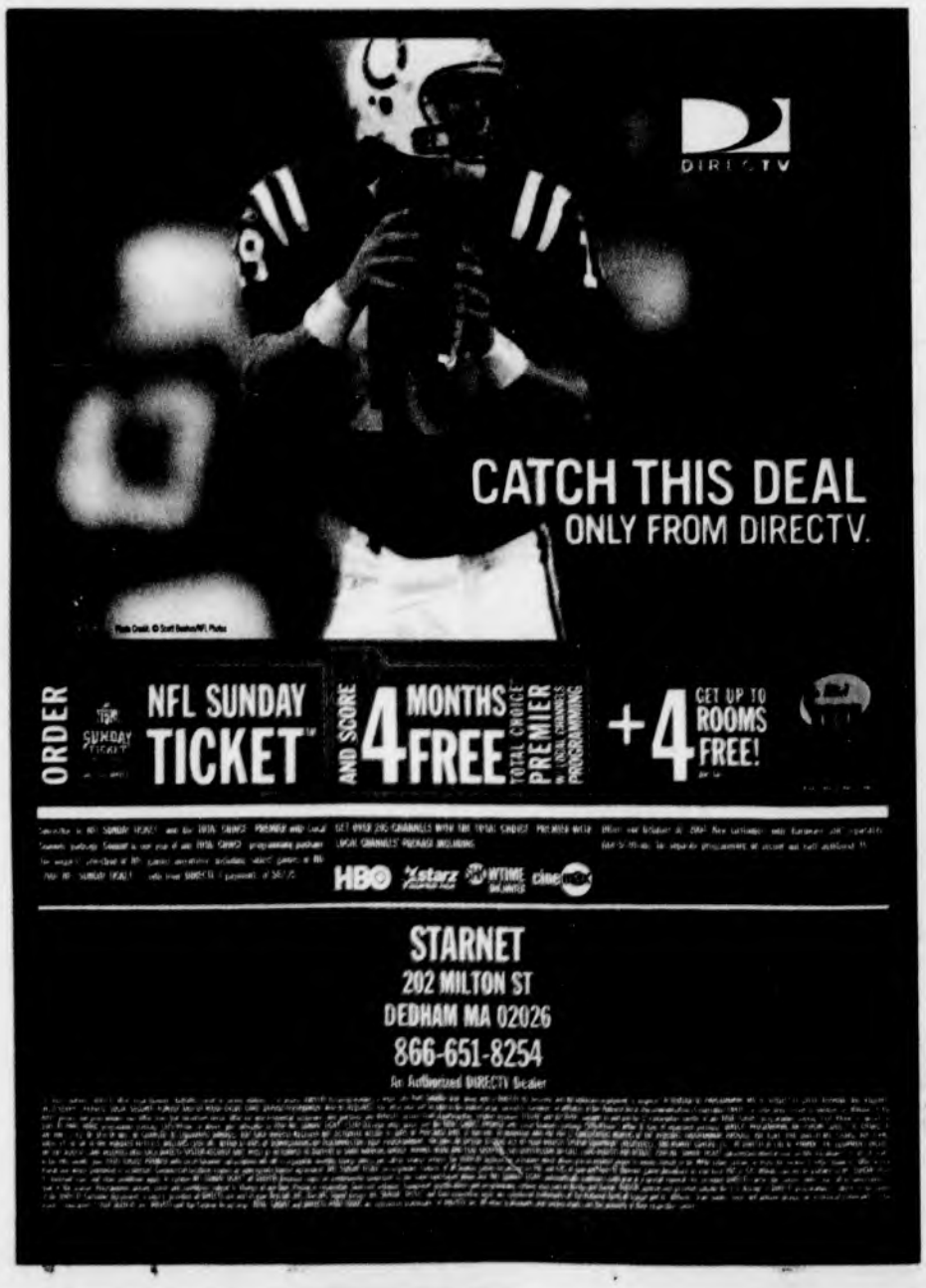
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continues to get "bigger and better," according to Rifkin. In addition to exhibits by local artists, the event has grown to include local craftspeople and a strawberry festival run by the Second Congregational Church. There's also a music stage and a children's activity tent. "The festival is a huge community effort involving many volunteers," she said.

Rifkin recalls the night she found her mother, Dottie Laney, outside during a wind storm holding down the tents so they wouldn't blow away. "We've gotten more professional since then," she said with a laugh.

The late Mary Alice Flynn of Scituate built up the gift shop. "She was such a wonderful volunteer," Rifkin said, "a sweetheart who knew everybody. We all miss her."

The shop is currently underutilized. "We have a wonderful space with no one to run it. If anyone with retail experience would like to give it a try, it would be a wonderful volunteer opportunity," she said.

The Center is looking forward to its next 50 years.

'Concept' has grown into 1,200-member organization

South Shore Art Center celebrates its 50th year

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The South Shore Art Center is bustling with activity.

The Center was founded in 1954 by a small group of artists who wanted a place to exhibit their art and exchange ideas.

SSAC now has 1,200 active members and features two spacious galleries, teaching studios, and a darkroom.

The concept for an art center developed following a festival on Cohasset Common in 1953 or 1954 during which local artists displayed their work on a clothesline.

SSAC opened in 1954 on Brook Street across from the then-Cohasset Savings Bank. The first classes included copper working, flower arranging, painting, drawing, and a number of craft classes. A photo from the Center's archives shows a woman sitting at a loom, obviously teaching a class.

Following a fire, the center moved to a space above the bank. SSAC board member Chris Rifkin of Hingham recalls her family moving to Cohasset in 1959. Her mother, artist Dottie Laney, now a Duxbury resident, immediately became involved with saving the art center, which had run out of money. "She said she didn't move to a town with an art center to have it close on her," Rifkin recalled with a smile. "My mother and others immediately jumped in and managed to save it."

In 1972, the Center moved into the "flat iron" building on Ripley Road, where stage sets were built for star-studded Cohasset theater performances in the 1920s. The spot is also the site of a former railroad station. "The ceilings were so low that the easels would scrape against them," Rifkin said.

Hingham architect Vcevold Strekalovsky designed the current art center building in 1986 on the shell of the former Tantillo's Auto Body Shop in Cohasset Center. He recalls how the site was chosen. Claffy Williams, a well-known Cohasset artist and president of the SSAC board at the time, and Strekalovsky had considered a number of sites in Cohasset and other towns without a decision.

Then one day he was sitting at the Strawberry Parfait and looking toward the former body shop when the thought came, "This is it! This is the place we'll build the new art center." The result was "an educational, social, and cultural center in what was not an active part of town at the time."

The building rose to two stories, extending out into the street. "We incorporated angular geometry to take advantage of the north light to create interesting flowing spaces with flexibility for teaching and exhibitions and to relate the building in a welcoming way to a main part of downtown Cohasset," said Strekalovsky.

Almost $1 million was raised to help pay for building the new center. The $330,000 mortgage was paid off within five years thanks to successful fund-raising efforts.

"We had a burn the mortgage ceremony, with the fire department standing by with a hose," Rifkin recalled.

Lanci Valentine of Duxbury was the first director of the new center. Later Dillon Bustin served in that capacity and established a folk music and jazz connection. Sarah Hannan is the current director. "We've been lucky with our directors over the years," Rifkin said.

While digging through the SSAC archives recently in preparation for setting up historical photo montages for the upcoming "50 Towns/50 Years" exhibition celebrating the center's 50th anniversary, she discovered photographs, notes, and letters from previous directors. She used these to develop a timeline, with a panel for each decade, incorporating the SSAC logo and typeface of each period.

To help her in her research, Rifkin invited a number of people who had been involved with the center over many years to a luncheon. "I wanted to bring them together in the hopes of spurring their memories," she said. And it worked. "We had the best time. Out of that came the fact that at one time the Center's classrooms were located in an old Buick dealership on Ripley Road," said Rifkin, along with other interesting recollections.

At the same time, the Center had a gallery at the corner of South Main Street and Depot Court in a building that was once Ralph Harrison's Pharmacy, featuring a soda fountain where Rifkin enjoyed lemon and cherry cokes.

Tom Lucas, Rifkin's high school art teacher, had earlier founded the center with MacIvor Reddie. Because of her mother's close connection with SSAC, Rifkin grew up knowing most of the center's directors and board members.

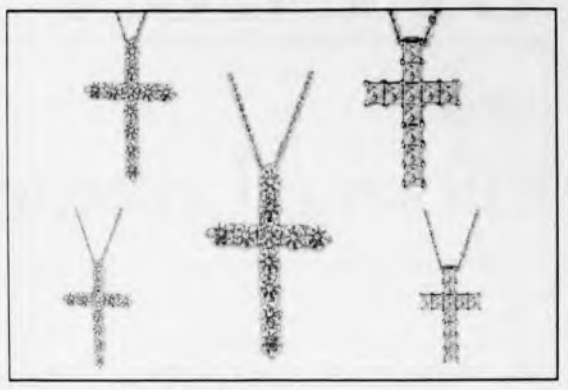
Rifkin's father, Bob, and her mother took art classes at the center. He took up painting late in life and went on to win prizes at the SSAC Festival on the Common. His first work, a painting of a farm in Vermont, had been done in 1959 or 1960 while on vacation and was displayed at the art show then. "Somehow my father got into the local papers as Grandpa Moses," Rifkin said with a laugh. "After that, my father stopped painting for some reason, but took it up again when he was in his 70s by enrolling in a watercolor class at SSAC."

His wife began entering his work in the annual festival and he began winning first prizes. "We asked him if he would like to be a gallery artist, but he said, no, he didn't want to sell anything, that he would give his paintings away."

Rifkin, a stained glass artist, studied in the mid- to late-1970s at the Museum of Fine Arts School. Later, she became formally involved with the Center as a board member, and she oversaw the construction of the new building for a year because with her background, she was able to interpret the blueprints.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Informed voting

Before we start beating ourselves up over the low turnout Tuesday — let's be honest, for the most part only diehard voters, candidates' friends or family members, or their ardent supporters bothered to head to the polls this week.

Why? Without any races in "major" offices and no races at all on the Republican side there wasn't much motivation to cast a ballot.

But Nov. 2 is going to be an entirely different story. Presidential races alone can draw upwards of 80 percent of registered voters in our town.

While we encourage everyone to exercise their right to vote, we are not going to beat the bushes to get voters to come to the polls.

Voting is our right and the privilege we enjoy in a democratic society. But we strongly believe every vote cast should be an informed one. In this age of quick hits on the Internet and sound bites on TV and radio – many voters can be swayed by the cliché or catchy slogan they just heard rather than sound, analytical thought and reflection.

There are those who want to make voting easier with the hope of getting more citizens to participate.

We're old school. In our view, voting shouldn't be something you can do while waiting in the drive-through lane in a fast food restaurant. That's an exaggeration – but is not out of the realm of possibility in these times of making everything simpler for everyone.

With roughly six weeks before the election, we urge all our readers to pay attention to the candidates' message and stance on issues ranging from health care to the War on Terrorism. While the race between President George W. Bush and U.S. Sen. John Kerry tops the ballot – there will also be a race for U. S. Congress between incumbent Democrat William Delahunt and Republican Mike Jones, among other races – including Governor's Council. In the weeks ahead we plan to learn about that office.

Here in the United States we often take our rights for granted. Everyone has the right to vote but that includes the obligation to be informed. There's still time before Nov. 2 research the issues and decide which candidates deserve our vote.

We welcome your feedback on local races and specific issues you would like to see us address. We want to keep you informed about the issues you care about. We are political junkies and enjoy providing coverage throughout the campaigns. But we are only a resource when we are addressing issues readers are invested in.

— Mary Ford
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REMEMBERING 9-11

Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey bows his head during a ceremony by the flagpole on the Town Common Saturday morning remembering the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Church bells tolled from 8:45 to 9:03 a.m.

Homestead exemption increase

Register William P. O'Donnell reported recently that legislation has been enacted to increase the Massachusetts homestead exemption amount from $300,000 to $500,000.

A Declaration of Homestead provides limited protection against creditor claims. An estate of homestead in real estate is established by filing a declaration at the Registry of Deeds with respect to a homeowner's principal residence. By exempting the value of the statutory amount (now to be increased to $500,000) from most unsecured creditor claims, the declaration helps protect possession for the benefit of the filer, spouse and dependent children.

"The effective date of the new statute is Oct. 26, 2004," O'Donnell continued, "but as of that date the increased benefit will apply to all previously filed homesteads, including those filed prior to enactment of the statute."

The complete text of the new law, Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2004, is available from the Norfolk Registry, or online at http://www.mass.gov/legis/bills/st00995.htm. Forms and additional information are available at the Norfolk Registry, online or by mail.

. For further information regarding the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, call 781-461-6101 or visit the Registry Web site, www.norfolkdeeds.org.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Police Chief praised for directing traffic

TO THE EDITOR:

The following letter was sent to Police Chief James Hussey with a copy to the Mariner.

You lead by example this morning (Wednesday), at the intersection of 3A and King Street near Forest Avenue, I was behind you as you pulled your cruiser over and stepped into the intersection at the height of commuter hour (8:10 a.m.) and directed traffic. A thoughtful response and a class gesture by a leader. In my 10 years in this town, I have never seen a police officer direct traffic on 3A during a bottleneck — only details a construction sites and traffic accidents.

Glad you are in Cohasset !

Bruce F. McKinnor
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Medications and your well being

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The big news in the health industry is that the cost of health care is going up at double-digit rates, this rate is twice as much as anything else the government spends our money on (OMB web page). Since a big part of the Medicare budget is cost of drugs, the popular press, not to mention several highly respected studies and books point out that large pharmaceutical companies are using the system to extort unreasonably high prices for drugs from consumers. Moreover, according to several reliable medical authorities, the system of drug research does not provide sufficient emphasis on illnesses which affect the greater numbers of sick people, but rather on those which can be expected to glean the most profit, such as Viagra.

But these facts deal with numbers of dollars with too many zeros behind then to be real to most of us. We are more interested in our own medication cost and whether it's doing the most good for our dollar. Of course, younger age groups worry considerably less about medical costs than seniors, but even younger people are taking more medications for a wider variety of ills than ever before.

And with increased use comes increased risk as well as benefit. Several precautions are important if you are considering adding a medication to those you may already be using:

Before you use any medication, your health care provider should be told:

• If you have ever had an allergic reaction or unusual reaction to any medication, food, or additives. For example: penicillin, yellow dye or sulfites.

Several precautions are important if you are considering adding a medication to those you may already be using.

• If you are on a low salt, low sugar, or any other special diet. Most medications contain more than their active ingredient and many liquid medications contain alcohol.

• If you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. Certain medications may cause birth defects or other problems in your unborn child. For other medications, safe use during pregnancy must be carefully considered and should be discussed with your health care provider.

• If you are breast feeding. Some medications may pass into the breast milk and cause unwanted effects in the baby.

• If you are now or have taken any medications in the past few weeks. Don't forget over the counter (non-prescription) medications such as pain relievers, antacids, cough / cold and laxatives.

• If you have any other medical problems other than the one(s) for which your medication was prescribed.

But it becomes even more important, and more expensive, as we get older and we increase our use of medications for added ailments. According to the American Society of Consulting Pharmacists, seniors take more medications than any other age group. Seniors between ages 65 and 69 have, on average, 13.6 prescriptions filled per year. Those between 80 and 84 years old have 18.2 prescriptions filled per year.

The physiological changes of aging can alter how a body processes and reacts to a certain medication. In the aging body, the liver and kidneys may not as easily metabolize medications. In addition, changes in the distribution of fat and muscle can make seniors more susceptible to adverse drug events.

Seniors have more chronic diseases and multiple conditions, so they use more prescription and over-the-counter drugs. More than 77 percent of seniors between the ages of 65 and 79 suffer from one or more chronic diseases. The number rises to 85 percent for those over age 80.

So, as you get older, it's important be careful about medication. Write down the name of each medication you take, the reason you take it, how you take it, and the form (tablet, capsule, liquid), color and shape of the medication. Write down side effects and any special instructions. List all prescription medications and all over-the counter medicines, including vitamins or other nutritional supplements, pain relievers, antacids, laxatives, and herbal remedies. Add new medicines when you start taking them. Give this list to all doctors you plan to see.

We are all paying a lot for our medications. It's up to each of us to get our money's worth.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Fire Department hosts open house

October is National Fire Prevention Month with "Fire Prevention Week" taking place from Oct. 3 to 9. Papa Gino's, in conjunction with the National Fire Protection Association, is teaming up with local fire departments to help educate the community on fire prevention. For the past 11 years, New England Fire Departments and Papa Gino's have helped educate more than 1 million people by supplying educational materials and free pizza at fire safety open houses. The Cohasset Fire Department is holding an open house at 44 Elm St., on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 1 to 4 p.m.

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Local election results

Republican

Precincts	1	2	Total
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (1)			
Michael J. Jones	49	41	90
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	2	6	8
Total	51	47	98
COUNCILLOR (1)			
Donald A. Hussey	47	39	86
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	4	8	12
Total	51	47	98
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (1)			
Robert L. Hedlund	49	45	94
Write-ins	1	0	1
Blanks	1	2	3
Total	51	47	98
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (1)			
Write-ins	7	3	10
Blanks	44	44	88
Total	51	47	98
REGISTER OF DEEDS (1)			
Write-ins	6	5	11
Blanks	45	42	87
Total	51	47	98
SHERIFF (1)			
Write-ins	8	3	11
Blanks	43	44	87
Total	51	47	98
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (2)			
Write-ins	7	4	11
Blanks	95	90	185
Total	102	94	196

Democratic

Precincts	1	2	Total
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (1)			
William D. Delahunt	39	73	112
Write-ins	2	2	4
Blanks	11	17	28
Total	52	92	144
COUNCILLOR (1)			
Christopher. A. Iannella Jr.	24	33	57
Stephen F. Flynn	21	42	63
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	7	17	24
Total	52	92	144
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (1)			
Write-ins	8	16	24
Blanks	44	76	120
Total	52	92	144
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (1)			
Garrett J. Bradley	40	83	123
Write-ins	2	0	2
Blanks	10	9	19
Total	52	92	144
REGISTER OF DEEDS (1)			
William P. O'Donnell	33	58	91
Anthony T. McDonnell	15	25	40
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	4	9	13
Total	52	92	144
SHERIFF (1)			
Michael G. Bellotti	39	74	113
Write-ins	0	1	1
Blanks	13	17	30
Total	52	92	144
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (2)			
John M. Gillis	25	50	75
Francis W. O'Brien	19	37	56
Stephen G. Harold	11	24	35
Susan M. Rogers	23	31	54
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	26	42	68
Total	104	184	288

Studying music makes you smarter!

COMMENTARY

JOAN JENSEN

It has been proven long ago that the study of music enhances one's mathematical ability, organizational skills and sociability.

It is a well known fact that successful people who reach fame and fortune generally have a musical instrument which they play for enjoyment. Howard Gardner, educator and researcher at Harvard University theorizes that one of the ways children learn is through a natural musical "sense". It has been proven long ago that the study of music enhances one's mathematical ability, organizational skills and sociability.

Music is an emotional outlet. How many times has someone sat down at a drum set and pounded out some anger, or wept while playing a nostalgic tune at the piano? Music has been used for years as a therapy for physical and psychological ailments. Dancing with a rhythmic piece helps coordination, and uplifts the soul.

This goes for adults too.

Adults who return to the piano (for example) after years away rediscover the joy (and challenge!) of playing tunes which are old friends. It's wonderful brain food. Good for the arthritis. Good fun.

More and more, it is becoming evident that music is a very important part of a child's education. It is valuable in and of itself, and can be used as a means to teach "readin', 'ritin', and 'rithmetic." Not to mention history, social studies, science...and it makes it all fun!

The best school systems have strong music programs. In Massachusetts for example, Concord-Carlisle, Wayland, Lincoln-Sudbury all have top-notch educational systems with students showing high achievement in tests in all subjects, going on to colleges and successful professions. These schools all have orchestras, with instrumental programs beginning in the early grades. These schools all have music classes straight through the grades, and especially the impressionable middle school years. The students learn to read music and to appreciate all types of music: rock, classical, jazz.

Students who play together in an orchestra or band or who sing together in a chorus, develop a sense of team work very much as in team sports, but in a less competitive spirit. In performing, they work out their own parts to create an intricate and complicated weaving of sound with other musicians. Their sense of self-worth is enhanced. They gain self-confidence and trust in others. They learn to respect each other.

And it's not like learning. It's playing.

And it makes you smarter.

Joan Jensen teaches piano and voice to students ages 7 to 97 in her home studio in Cohasset and is the music director at Old Ship Church in Hingham.

LIBRARY CORNER

Not too late!

All students who have completed their summer reading and have not yet picked up their tee shirt, should see Mrs. Moody beginning on Monday, Sept. 20. If you did not reach your personal goal or did not do the recording of the books, it still may not be too late for you. Come in and let's talk about it.

Thursday night at the movies

Thursday evening, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. for the first independent film evening featuring "Long Life, Happiness and Prosperity." This film focuses on the story of Kin, a young divorced mother raising her 12-year-old daughter, Mindy. When Mindy sets her sights on finding her mother a new boyfriend by using ancient Chinese magic, the results are unexpected, hysterically funny and heart warming. Not recommended for ages under 17 without parental permission. Free admission and refreshments!

Artist exhibit

Landscape paintings of Lisa Marder will be on display at the library from Sept. 10, until the end of October. There will be an opening reception for the exhibit on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Upcoming events

Authors Bernard Corbett and Paul Simpson will discuss their book "The Harvard/Yale Rivalry: The Only Game That Matters," on Thursday Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. in the library's Meeting Room. The event is sponsored by Buttonwood Books. Author Bill Nowlin will talk about his book on Ted Williams on Monday Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview. Reserve your copy in advance of publication by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "The Deadly Dance," by M.C. Beaton; "Hot Target," by Suzanne Brockmann; "Oh Christmas Tree, My Christmas Tree," by Mary Higgins Clark; "Black Wind," by Clive Cussler; and, "Night Fall," by Nelson Demille.

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Joseph Godzik is appointed to lung association

"I am happy to bring my perspective and experience as a public health agent to the American Lung Association."

— Joseph Godzik, V.M.D, Cohasset Health Agent

The American Lung Association of Massachusetts (ALAM) announces that Joseph Godzik, V.M.D., a resident of Scituate and health agent in Cohasset, has been appointed to its new board of directors. The board was formed on July 1, 2004, upon the merger of the four regional offices into one statewide corporation, serving the people of Massachusetts from the Berkshires to Nantucket.

Godzik first became involved with the Lung Association in conjunction with his work as a health agent with the Cohasset Board of Health. A member of the former ALA of Greater Norfolk County's Board of Directors since 1984, he has been a true leader in the organization, serving as president and a member of the environmental, executive, financial review, nominating, and program committees. Godzik initiated the Walpole office's first membership campaign, Partners for Life and Breath, bringing new donors to the Association and raising over $75,000. He also brings his dedication and energy to the ALA's fundraising events, including the "Blow the Whistle on Asthma" walk. He will continue to serve the Association on both the fund-raising and program development committees.

Joseph Godzik is a doctor of veterinary medicine and retired from the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps after 21 years of service. In addition to his work with the ALA, he served as a board member of the former New England Public Health Association. He is also active in Saint Mary of the Nativity parish in Scituate as a member of the pastoral council as well as a lecturer and CCD teacher.

"We welcome Joseph and the new officers and members of the ALAM Board of Directors," says Stephen Clapp, interim president of the American Lung Association of Massachusetts. "Joseph is a truly amazing volunteer and brings to the board a strong commitment to our mission and a wealth of expertise that will ensure new opportunities for this organization to help more people in Massachusetts. We look forward to continuing the success of the Association by working together to prevent lung disease and promote lung health."

"I am happy to bring my perspective and experience as a public health agent to the American Lung Association," said Godzik. "I am wholeheartedly committed to the research and educational programs the organization provides for the people of Massachusetts."

The American Lung Association of Massachusetts is a non-profit, volunteer-driven health agency whose mission is to fight lung disease today and prevent lung disease tomorrow. The Association fights lung disease in Massachusetts through research, education, advocacy and community service. With the generous support of the public, the American Lung Association is *Improving Life, One Breath at a Time*.

For information about the American Lung Association or to support the work it does, call 1-800-LUNG-USA 1-800-586-4872 or log on to www.lungusa.org/massachusetts

Windsor Tea Shop hosts first event

The Windsor Tea Shop, slated to open its doors in the former ABB Optical site, located at 1 Pleasant Street in early October, is now taking reservations for its first theme tea. "A Victorian Christmas," tea, will be the first themed tea in a series, and will feature the renowned Donna and Ron Lasko of Osterville, who are well-versed in the customs of a true Victorian Christmas.

The tea will be held Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m., and will feature "courtship tea," a blend of black tea with the essence of ginger, which was formulated by Donna Lasko. Only 40 seats are available for the event, which will serve both tea and light luncheon fare, and the price per person is $35.

To make reservations, please call Judy McColgan at (781) 545-7100 prior to Oct. 1. For more information or new contact information after Oct. 1, please visit the Windsor Tea Shop Web site at www.windsorteashop.com.

Remembering Tea Pot Dome

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I used to have an editor named Frank Hart who was the consummate Democrat. When Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defined the word "Democrat," they put Frank's picture beside it. He was convinced the "R" behind the candidate's name stood for "reprobate."

This was in 1952 and when the occasional Republican strolled through our shop and engaged Frank in a discussion of the Eisenhower vs. Stevenson presidential race and backed him into a corner as they did occasionally, Frank would rear back and shout, "Oh, yeah! Remember Teapot Dome!"

My question is this: When is the 2004 Presidential Campaign going to start? The real one, I mean.

I thought of Frank and Teapot Dome last week as I watched, this time from afar, as the 2004 Presidential Campaign struggled to finish the war in Vietnam.

The Teapot Dome scandal, which was so long ago that even I have no firsthand recollection, involved the leasing of government reserves in Wyoming to oil companies, a deal for which several high-ranking Republicans in the Harding administration went to jail.

That was 30 years before the '52 election just as Vietnam was 30 years before the current one.

My question is this: When is the 2004 Presidential Campaign going to start? The real one, I mean. When will the inquiring minds who want to know — most of them in the media, I'm afraid — be satisfied that the war in Vietnam is over and there is not a damn thing we can do about it now?

Will we have to wait until we find out whether those Viet Congs were really shooting at the Swift Boats in the Mekong Delta that day in 1968 before W and Live Shot will let us in on what they have in mind for a national health care plan?

Whaddya bet one of the TV news channels has a team in Vietnam right now, looking up aging Viet Congs to ask them where they were on such-and-such a date and whether or not they were shooting. Film at 11, hopefully before Tuesday, Nov. 2.

I'm sure voters are waiting with bated breath to find out what George Bush was doing on those days when he was absent from his National Guard training post in Texas — or was it Alabama or someplace else. I gotta find out. So much depends on it.

Some extreme Democrats have gone so far as to note that if George was AWOL from his post for more than 30 days he would have been what the armed forces called a deserter and how would you like a deserter to be commander-in-chief while there's a war in Iraq?

And some extreme Republicans have accused John Kerry of giving aid and comfort to the enemy in his anti-war remarks to Congress after his tour of duty on the Mekong. That's called treason, which used to be a hanging offense, along with desertion.

So this may be an historic election in more ways than one. When was the last time a "deserter" ran against a "traitor" for president of the United States?

CHAMBER CHATTER

Call the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce at 781-383-1616 for more information.

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October Breakfast Meeting - "Your 60-Second Commercial" Wednesday, Oct. 13, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Featured speaker Dave Kantelis, a Director for BNI and an Account Manager for Officeland, will be speaking about how to market yourself effectively during a 60-second presentation. Attendees will have the opportunity to present their own "60-second commercial." Atlantic Bagel in Cohasset Village Members - Free; Non-members - $5. RSVP by Oct. 8, by calling 781-383-1616.

Local aid gets $75M boost in supplemental budget

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

AMY LAMBIASO

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

In an election year, every penny counts. After spending weeks waiting for the $649 million supplemental budget to hit their desks, lawmakers had the bill to Gov. Mitt Romney by 8 p.m. last Thursday (Sept. 9) — less than three hours after it was released, chock full of earmarks for local projects and policy changes important to their districts, and their reelection efforts. And with 183 outside sections and a $75 million local aid distribution, it's likely lawmakers won't be afraid to let the voters know how much better off they'll be thanks to the budget bill's passage. The one-time local aid boost, especially, will play high in an election year where local officials, teachers, police and fire personnel are anxious to add back what was taken away during the last three years of budget cuts.

Lawmakers throughout the week said they couldn't talk about the bill because it hadn't been agreed to, but in the days and hours before its release they couldn't resist touting the local aid hike. Senate leaders gave members an extra day to spread the good local aid news to their districts, and the local media. Republicans were ready and waiting to give their stamp of approval to the bill, pronouncing early in the week that they were backing the agreement — even before there was an agreement. The day after returning from a long Labor Day weekend, Senate Minority Leader Brian Lees called the package "very positive" and signaled that there would be good news for cities and towns. Lees had promised earlier in the year to push for inclusion of an income tax cut in the bill, but this week said that will have to wait 'til next year.

The ranking Republican on the Senate Ways and Means Committee followed suit the next day, saying he was prepared to support the bill "because it has additional money for cities and towns," said Sen. Richard Tisei, R-Wakefield. Republicans also said the local aid boost was Gov. Mitt Romney's idea first. "The governor had this first, with $100 million," said House Minority Leader Bradley Jones, R-North Reading. "But if anyone with a primary race wants to get a bang out of this — it's got to be done now." Local leaders acknowledged the political angle to the policy of increasing local aid. Geoffrey Beckwith, a former legislator who now heads the Massachusetts Municipal Association, attributed both politics and policies to the decision to include the money.

The strangest thing about the bill was the way it was advertised. For weeks, lawmakers insisted the bill would be a simple and boring bill-paying exercise. And even when the bill's details were finally unveiled, lawmakers barely acknowledged what was plain to see — scores of projects that government critics sometimes call pork. Lawmakers passed on an opportunity to talk about the importance of those projects. Somehow, though, they may find a way to let voters know about the "bacon" before the election.

The supplemental spending package included much more than the $75 million in additional one-time unrestricted local aid. Other spending initiatives included: $11.9 million for substance abuse treatment spending; $32 million for higher education contractual obligations; $3.3 million to launch two additional MCAS exam this spring in science and history; $1 million for a GPS system to track sex offenders; $16.8 million to raise the hourly pay rates of court-appointed defense attorneys; $15 million to hospitals for Medicaid payments; $21.6 million for charter schools; $2 million for a State Police crime lab feasibility and cost study.

• *80 percent of students pass MCAS on first try* — Four out of five students in last year's 10th grade class passed both the English and math sections of the MCAS exam on their first try, the state reported. The results mark the highest first try-pass rate on the state exam required to graduate, after 69 percent of the class of 2004 and 75 percent of the 2005 class passed the exam on their first attempt. Gov. Romney and Education Commissioner touted the results, but called for a greater focus on reducing the racial achievement gaps.

• *Health care, education top Romney's fall agenda* — Nearing the mid-point of his four-year term, Gov. Mitt Romney announced he plans to reform the state's delivery of health care and method for funding education. Actual plans were not announced but, Romney said, will be part of his big fall agenda. The issues are not new to the governor, who proposed a revised Chapter 70 formula and delegated the responsibility of devising a way to expand health care access in the state to Health and Human Secretary Ronald Preston almost immediately upon entering office.

• *Advocate for the poor loses battle with pancreatic cancer* — Beacon Hill's longtime advocate for health and human services, Stephen Collins, died Sept. 6 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Collins, 51, announced his illness after resigning from the non-profit organization in May. He led the group for five years, pushing consistently to save programs as the state faced its worst budget crisis in years. Collins first joined the coalition in 1990, after first entering the human services field in 1977 with the Cambridge Guidance Center.

• *US Rep. Meehan: I'm likely running for senate and I've got lots of $$$* — Talking with State House reporters this week, US Rep. Martin Meehan confirmed that he will seek to sit where the Bay State's junior senator currently sits, should Sen. John Kerry move to the Oval Office. Records show that Meehan has raised $600,000 since July 1, and currently boasts a $4 million war chest, more than his likely competitors. He said he needs $10 million to run a successful campaign.

Town Manager candidate

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ities with the experience," there is a chance the committee could be "blown away," by someone they didn't expect. However, Flynn said while the committee has its ideas of what a prime candidate should be like, the board is the client, and the committee needs more information on what the board would like to see, to be sure it can do its job properly of finding an appropriate candidate.

Search Committee member Sam Pease said what the board needs to do is come up with a "best athlete" profile, which can outline the person who would perfectly fill the position, possessing every quality the board is looking for. "What kind of person would fit the bill?" Pease asked.

Sullivan said ideally, "We'd like to have someone with all of Ralph's attributes who can hit the ground running," and joked, "There you go guys."

Dormitzer said having a completely municipal background may not be necessary, but relevant experience is a must. But Flynn said the private sector "Is a very different animal," from municipal government, and bringing in someone without the adequate municipal experience could, "set somebody up for some difficulties or frustration."

Sullivan agreed and said, "I can see someone coming in and saying, 'You've got to be kidding me,' because there are so many restrictions."

But Pease said should, "Mr. or Ms. Superstar," come out of the woodwork, he doesn't want to see them pushed aside because they have no municipal experience.

"I think that's why we asked for five candidates," said McMorris.

Sullivan said other qualities the board would like to see in potential candidates are strong written and verbal skills, as they will have to deal with people in and outside of town, from students to state departments to senior citizens. "The issues and pressure points are endless," he said. Someone who is able to see the big picture is also a must, while it is also important to be able to identify the smaller problems people face daily, and work with them to come to a solution. The candidate should have good public speaking skills as well as good budgeting skills, financial and project management skills. The person must also be able to juggle many things at once.

Flynn said because there is a new police chief and a new superintendent, the new Town Manager will be given the opportunity to serve as a consensus builder among leaders of different organizations around town which are also experiencing change. "This is an awesome opportunity for the town to put a new team together and move forward together with one vision," he said.

Pease asked what the new Town Manager have accomplished by this time next year to be considered successful, and Koed said if there is a sense everyone is working together and differences aren't "popping up for whatever reason," the manager will be doing his or her job. Flynn said everyone should feel they have been listened to and treated fairly, "Even if they didn't get what they wanted."

The committee will continue to look over the applicants and will narrow down the field to present five finalists to the Board of Selectmen. Member Joe DeVito, who is also the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector, said he has been doing some proactive searching on his own in the meantime. He said he spoke with a friend who is a former personnel director, and she has sent roughly 14 e-mails out to current Assistant Town Managers and Town Managers to let them know there is an opening in Cohasset. He said he is also in the process of getting an e-mail list to send more correspondence out to municipal employees that could be interested in the job.

The committee may begin looking at interviewing third party search firms, which will be a backup only in the event all 47 applicants are rejected. A Sept. 28 deadline has been set for résumés.

The new Town Manager would replace Mark Haddad who abruptly resigned in May. Michael Buckley, the town finance director, has been serving as acting Town Manager. Buckley says he is not interested in the permanent position.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE, BHRC records local representatives and senators' votes on three roll calls from July sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$189,041 FOR COMMUNITY ACCESS TO COURTS PROGRAM (H 4850)

House 112-44, Senate 32-5, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of the entire $189,041 in funding for a Suffolk County community access program to assist low-income residents who experience educational and language barriers when dealing with probate and family court. Override supporters said this program goes into neighborhoods to educate residents about this court that deals with divorce, paternity, wills, estates and other issues in these residents' lives. They argued that this is an invaluable program for these people who would otherwise have face major barriers in dealing with the court. Some override opponents said the state simply cannot fund this program during these difficult economic times. Others argued that it is unfair that only Boston's "politically-wired" Suffolk County has this program when other counties could also benefit from a similar program. (A "Yea" vote is for the $189,041. A "Nay" vote is against the $189,041).

$2 MILLION FOR WIRELESS LEARNING PROGRAM (H 4850)

House 130-25, Senate 32-6, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $2 million in funding for grants for a pilot wireless learning program. The $2 million must be matched by at least $4 million in matching funds from other public or private entities. Override supporters said this innovative program would allow students and teachers to be trained in and work with this cutting edge wireless technology. They noted that this could lead to expansion of the program throughout the state and argued that the benefit to students would be invaluable. In his veto message, the governor said that he vetoed the funding because the program was not recommended. (A "Yea" vote is for the $2 million. A "Nay" vote is against the $2 million).

SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS AND STATE MANDATES (H 4850)

House 155-0, Senate 33-5, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget provision requiring the state to negotiate an amended agreement with social service providers when a new rule or law mandated by the state government or the courts has an adverse financial impact on the provider. The amended agreement would have to offset the increased cost to the provider. Override supporters said it is unfair when these providers sign a contract with the state for services or supplies and then lose money later when a new state mandate increases their costs. In his veto message, the governor said the new requirement would create a substantial burden on state agencies and increase the cost of the delivery of these services. (A "Yea" vote is for requiring the state to negotiate an amended agreement. A "Nay" vote is against requiring the state to negotiate an amended agreement).

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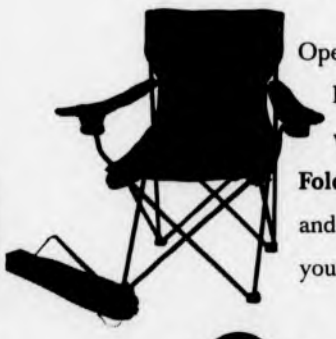
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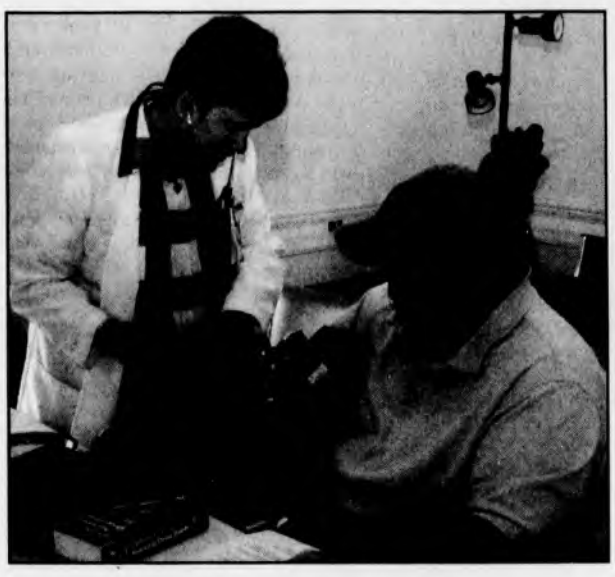
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Terry Carraher, certified hypnotherapist, uses Reiki to relax Austin Ahearn.





Paul Wilson gives a massage to Maureen Throwbridge at the Health Fair which included a range of screenings.

Joan Bennett checks David Wadsworth's blood pressure at the Health Fair at the Second Congregational Church Hall.

Health screenings

Free service at annual event



Michelle Degroat, right, picks up some health-related brochures. At the table are Cheryl Cipolla and Monica Henderson. Standing is John Coe.





Mary Hartwell, left, and Merle Graham, director of volunteers, serve refreshments to Jean Manganaro at the annual Health Fair on Tuesday.

At left: Anthony Finegan has his eyesight tested by a Retinal Imaging Camera at the annual Health Fair on Tuesday.

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Planning bus routes not an exact science

Some runs reworked due to over crowding

By Samantha Brown
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The first week of school can be a fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants operation, because no one ever knows quite what to expect. This year, even with schools housing different grade levels than they had before, new staff roaming the halls, and a new superintendent to oversee it all, things went off relatively without a hitch.

With the exception of tweaking some busing routes, Supt. Denise Walsh said everything went according to plan. "You kind of hold your breath day one," she said, but added she has received nothing but positive feedback.

With the middle-high school taking on the sixth grade this year, there is an extra grade of students which needs to be figured into the school's existing bus routes. In light of the changes, some buses ended up carrying more students than they should have been. Fortunately, Transportation Coordinator Peggy Litchfield was able to reorganize the bus routes and add an additional run, which should alleviate some of the over-crowding.

"Last year went exceedingly well," said Litchfield, in terms of bus runs being completed according to plan at the start of the year. However, Litchfield said this year, she was not as happy. One bus leaving the middle-high school at the end of the day that first week had around 60 children on it when legally, it was only allowed to have roughly 40. Buses are only allowed to carry three children per seat.

"When she was leaving, she really knew she was over (capacity)," said Litchfield of the driver. However, the driver was told to go ahead and begin her route by someone at the school, and she did. However, Litchfield said if a bus is ever over capacity, the driver should immediately turn off the bus and get in touch with her, which is what will be done in the future should a similar situation ever occur. "Everyone got home safely, but this is not a scenario I anticipate will be repeated," said Litchfield.

The over-crowding happened as a result of not only having more children riding the buses, but many of the new students all live in the same area of town. Litchfield said in the Forest Avenue section of town, there is a large contingent of sixth graders, and they have all been added to the middle-high school runs, where they previously would have been attending Deer Hill. There may have been children who were dropped off in the morning by parents and decided to take the bus home in the afternoon, and therefore the problem was only noticed at the end of the school day.

The athletic season is not yet in full swing, but once it is, there could be less students riding the buses in the afternoons when they stay after at school. Litchfield said she was able to pull in a spare bus to help with the routes for now, and said that bus will continue to service students for as long as it is needed. "If it means we run it for the rest of the year, we will," she said.

Other areas of town were able to solve the problem of potential crowding prior to the start of school. Litchfield said she noticed over the summer that a large number of kindergarten students were going to need to be picked up in the Hillside area of town, and an additional bus run would need to be scheduled. A substitute driver was able to come on board, and the problem was solved before it began.

School Committee member Jamie Williams complimented Litchfield on her ability to turn the problems around so quickly, but Litchfield is quick to point out the only way the changes were able to happen is because she has such a wonderful crew. "There is tons of consistency," said Litchfield, as some of her drivers have been working in Cohasset for roughly 20 years, which helps when any transition is needed. "We should be very proud of them."

SCHOOL BRIEFS

School bus reminders

With the school year off to a great start, Transportation Coordinator Peggy Litchfield said to keep things going well, it is important for parents to remind their students, no matter what age, that they cannot cross the street to get on the bus until the red lights are on, the stop sign is out, and they have been given the OK from their bus driver. She said from where they sit, the bus drivers are able to see the whole picture, and can potentially see cars coming that children might not be able to see from where they stand, and for safety's sake, children may not cross the street until told to do so.

New school bus and van

After months of waiting, the schools have received a new brand school bus, which should be up and running this week. The bus needs to be registered, and have various tests including emissions, before it is allowed on the road, and Transportation Coordinator Peggy Litchfield said it shouldn't be long before all safety checks are complete and the bus is ready to roll.

The bus was purchased with funds voted on at the annual Town Meeting, as was a special needs van, which is also on its way to Cohasset. Litchfield special-ordered the van to be painted the same color yellow as the school buses, and have the same lighting system as well. Most vans are painted white and Litchfield said it makes it hard for motorists to recognize it is transporting students to school. However, the yellow color of the van coupled with a special-order lighting system which will shine amber and turn to red as the stop arm extends on the van, there will be no mistaking the van for anything other than a school transportation vehicle.

MCAS scores

Although they have not yet been publicly released, Supt. Denise Walsh said the Cohasset schools have received their MCAS scores, and it is earlier than they have ever been received before. "We're very pleased with grade 10," said Walsh, adding there has been a significant improvement in scores. Walsh said the scores will most likely be released at the next School Committee meeting, Thursday, Sept. 23.

Schools apply for grants

Supt. Denise Walsh said the Cohasset public schools have applied for supplemental financial assistance from the FY05 foundation reserve program. Any local or regional school districts which have experienced a reduction in chapter 70 aid are eligible. A grand total of $6,870,000 has been approved by the Legislature to be divided among qualifying communities. Grant awards are expected to be announced by Oct. 15.

PSO calendars are available

Cohasset PSO calendars are complete and have been mailed out to homes around town. For those who did not receive a calendar, extras will be made available at all three Cohasset schools, and can be picked up any time.

No parking, standing on Old Pasture Road

A reminder for parents picking up children after school. There is no parking or standing at Old Pasture Road. At the close of school, there is a walking and biking path that many students use, and it becomes dangerous when there are cars coming and going. There is a sign designating the area as a no parking zone which can be enforced if necessary.

Schools say energy upgrades can add up to annual savings

Lights, sensors to help conserve

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Paying for the cost of energy has been an expensive endeavor for the schools, causing waves during last year's budget season, and anticipated waves for this year's as well. However, schools financial assistant Karen Park, at the direction of the School Committee, has begun looking into ways to cut energy usage, which could lead to long-term savings for the schools.

Park, along with a representative from Energy Conservation Inc, based out of Hanson, walked the three schools, making note of the energy being used and any conservation measures that are already being taken. The School Committee said it will ask the School Building Facilities Committee if there is any money left over from the school construction budget to help with the costs of the proposed upgrades.

Park said Energy Conservation, which works directly with Mass Electric, recommended purchasing 112 new ceiling mounts with dual technology occupancy sensors to be installed in the middle-high school at various locations. In addition, it is recommended that the middle-high school also purchase 15 new wall switch occupancy sensors to be installed throughout the building. These changes would allow the lights to become motion activated, and would turn off when no one is in the room.

In the middle-high school gymnasium, the company suggests purchasing 39 new four-lamp T5HO High Bay Fluorescent lights with occupancy sensors, which would allow the lights to turn off automatically when no one is using the gym. The total cost to purchase the new fixtures for the middle-high school would be roughly $61,000. However, the company estimates making the changes will result in an annual cost savings of $11,000.

At Deer Hill, Energy Conservation is suggesting purchasing 48 new ceiling mounts with dual technology occupancy sensors to be installed throughout the building as well as 20 new wall switch occupancy sensors, which would control the lights to come on only when they detect motion. The company suggests purchasing 18 new four-lamp T5HO High Bay Fluorescent lights with an occupancy sensor for the Deer Hill gymnasium as well. The total estimated cost for improvements at Deer Hill is roughly $28,000, but the company estimates there would be a yearly cost savings of roughly $5,200.

The Osgood School is already equipped with motion-sensor switches in every classroom, but the company suggested purchasing 14 new four-lamp T5HO High Bay Fluorescent lights with occupancy sensors. The lights would cost the school roughly $7,000, but it is estimated there will be an annual savings of $1,000.

If the changes are implemented, the total cost to the town would be roughly $96,000. However, the town would save a little more than $17,000 annually. With a Mass Electric rebate of roughly $27,000, the schools would pay roughly $69,000 for the upgrade, which would mean the schools can recoup what was spent through the savings they are expected to receive in a matter of four years.

If the changes are implemented, the total cost would be roughly $96,000. However, the town would save a little more than $17,000 annually.

"This is great," said School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy, a former member of the School Building Committee. "It's nice to see something that can bring significant savings."

The schools currently have some energy conservation measures in place, which has led to rebates from the electric company. However, additional savings is greatly needed as this year's budget season is about to begin.

As the schools began closing out the 2004 fiscal year, there were a number of bills that came in which were more than had been anticipated. While $14,000 had been budgeted for electricity, the final bill came in at$22,000. Fortunately, that cost was able to be covered by money in the existing budget, but other costs could not be financed as easily.

A $90,000 Keyspan gas bill came in around the end of April or beginning of May, and because the schools only recently began using gas instead of oil to heat the schools, there were no previous figures to go on, and the estimates given by Keyspan were much lower than what the meter readings actually read. Paying that cost will require voters at Town Meeting to approve it as an unpaid bill for the town.

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KoKo Island renovation plans back on the table

Family-style eatery floated

By Samantha Brown
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Discussions are far from over regarding proposed changes to the KoKo Island and Hair Affair site, located on Route 3A. Michael Tack of the Nauset Group, the company looking to re-vamp the site to include a family style restaurant and Dunkin' Donuts, said when he comes back before the Planning Board Sept. 22, he will have a new, revised set of plans, which incorporates the concerns expressed by both abutters and the board itself, in the safest manner possible.

"The process has been very good," said Tack, adding there has been a lot of good input during meetings from both the board and abutters. He said what makes a good town is good zoning, and he said everyone has been working together to make sure the site plan makes sense for the town and what it would like to accomplish.

Roughly 15 Fairoaks Lane residents came to the Planning Board's public hearing when the plans were first unveiled for the site. At that point, developers discussed the possibility of renovating and conjoining KoKo Island and Hair Affair, turning the former into a family-style restaurant with a sports bar and the latter into a donut shop with a drive-up window. Fairoaks Lane is off of Sohier Street and abuts the 3A site to the east, directly behind the property.

Abutters were mainly concerned with the prospect of the drive-up window causing excessive traffic, noise pollution, and air pollution in an already crowded area. In addition, there are already two other Dunkin' Donuts shops on 3A, within close proximity to the new proposed site. Tack said the plans were drawn under the assumption that the Dunkin' Donuts currently located in the Stop & Shop plaza will move into his site.

Tack said the proposed Dunkin' Donuts would most likely hold the same hours of operation as other chains, which is 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Abutters said they were concerned about the potential noise the speaker at the drive-up window could generate, as early risers may have to raise their voices to make their early morning orders, and that noise would carry into earshot of abutters' homes. Tack said the option of looking into only having window orders for a certain timeframe in the morning, which would cut back on the noise, could be considered. Abutters were also concerned with the potential fumes idling cars would emit.

The majority of abutters in attendance said if renovation plans did not include a drive-thru, they would not be concerned with the proposed changes to the site. Many agreed the site is in need of a facelift, which they are not opposed to. However, Tack said the plans for the site have been designed around the premise that a drive-thru window will be part of the renovations.

In addition, a sports bar which serves alcohol made abutters a little leery of the project, but Tack said now, that aspect of the plans has been changed. As a compromise, Tack said new plans feature a family style restaurant which would be geared toward casual family-style dining, which does not have a bar. The restaurant would close between 10 and 10:30 p.m., where a sports bar would be open much later. The restaurant would not be open for breakfast, which would assure it would not be adding to any morning traffic at the drive-thru. While there are still a few prospects regarding what the actual restaurant chain will be, Tack said the new restaurant could potentially continue serving Asian cuisine, as KoKo Island currently does.

Route 3A is already very traffic heavy, but Tack said he and his partners have spent the last month and a half revising and re-planning the site keeping traffic in mind. "Our number one concern is safety," said Tack, for both customers and abutters to the site.

Planning Board members were concerned that while plans suggested roughly 17 cars could be accommodated in drive-up line, there would be no way of telling what might happen if on the busiest day of the year, more than 17 cars want to get in line. Without a traffic light to help provide a break in traffic, exiting from the site could be problematic. Members said currently, traffic prevents easy access onto 3A in either direction from Sohier Street, which is closer to the light at Stop and Shop than the KoKo Island site, and a coffee shop which generates a good deal of traffic during the commute would potentially cause a traffic disaster. Members said cars are more than likely going to have to wait when exiting, and any more than three cars in the left turn exit lane would cause a back up into the coffee line.

Tack said those concerns have been taken into consideration and have been incorporated into the plans, and in the end, he said they have come up with a plan that could provide the safest traffic pattern on all of 3A. "We really do think this is the best redevelopment of the site," he said.

The proposed changes to the KoKo Island site will be taken up again at the Sept. 22 Planning Board meeting. The meeting will take place in the basement meeting room at Town Hall, and will begin at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

ASP NOTEBOOK

The following is the latest Cohasset Appalachia Service Project news. Visit www.cohassetasp.org:

Gearing up for their 18th trip, Cohasset ASP will hold its informational meeting this Sunday, Sept. 19, 8p.m. at the Second Congregational Church (next to Town Hall). There will be a slide presentation from this past summer's trip, followed by information for the 2005 trip, this year to West Virginia, July 2 -10. Necessary registration forms will also be distributed (deadline for registration: Oct. 1). Organizers would like to stress that enrollment will be limited this year. Forms and information will be available on line at www.cohassetasp.org beginning Sept. 20.

Please note that Scituate will be starting its own group, sponsored by First Trinitarian Church — call 781-545-5300 for more information.

Mark your calendars — grand re-opening of the pumpkin patch (sponsored by Cohasset ASP) will be on the weekend of Oct. 8.

Abbey yard sale is on Sept. 25

Glastonbury Abbey of Hingham's annual fall yard sale will be held this year on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be an array of trash to treasure items from glassware to furniture. Also included will be a book sale, home baked goods sale, and a raffle of donated items from friends of the abbey and merchants in the area.

Food will be supplied by "frankie's" maker of the world's best hotdog.

So bring your family and friends and enjoy a fall outing. Join everyone on the great lawn of Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Route 228, Hingham.

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Blown away

Field hockey team drops two, but better things on the horizon

By Evan Deutsch
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With an intensity that might rival Hurricane Ivan, the Hanover Indians field hockey team blasted past its visiting Cohasset rival on Sept. 9. At the final whistle, Cohasset fell by a numbing score of 9-1.

"We are a very inexperienced team," stated Coach Bostwick. "The players know the basics and remain very coachable. Yet, they simply do not have experience at the varsity playing level."

Only three varsity players returned to play this fall.

"We have to move faster on the playing field," said junior Erin Liddell, voicing her frustration. "We need to help each other out more than focus on our individual playing."

The one bright spot in the showdown with Hanover came on a nice goal by Brooke Allen. In a cross from Christie Muir to Katie James, James took the ball down most of the field and fired over to Allen for the score. Otherwise, the situation looked pretty bleak.

Goalie Aaron Bigley turned back 18 out of 27 shots on goal, a sure sign the defensive side of the team needs more work.

The very next day, Cohasset hosted the Cougars of Notre Dame Academy. In a chilly evening match-up, the Cougars clawed their way to a decisive 4-0 shutout.

"The girls were really down on themselves from the night before," offered Coach Bostwick. "The Hanover game took the wind out of our sails."

Junior sweeper Vanessa Plante made a very honest observation.

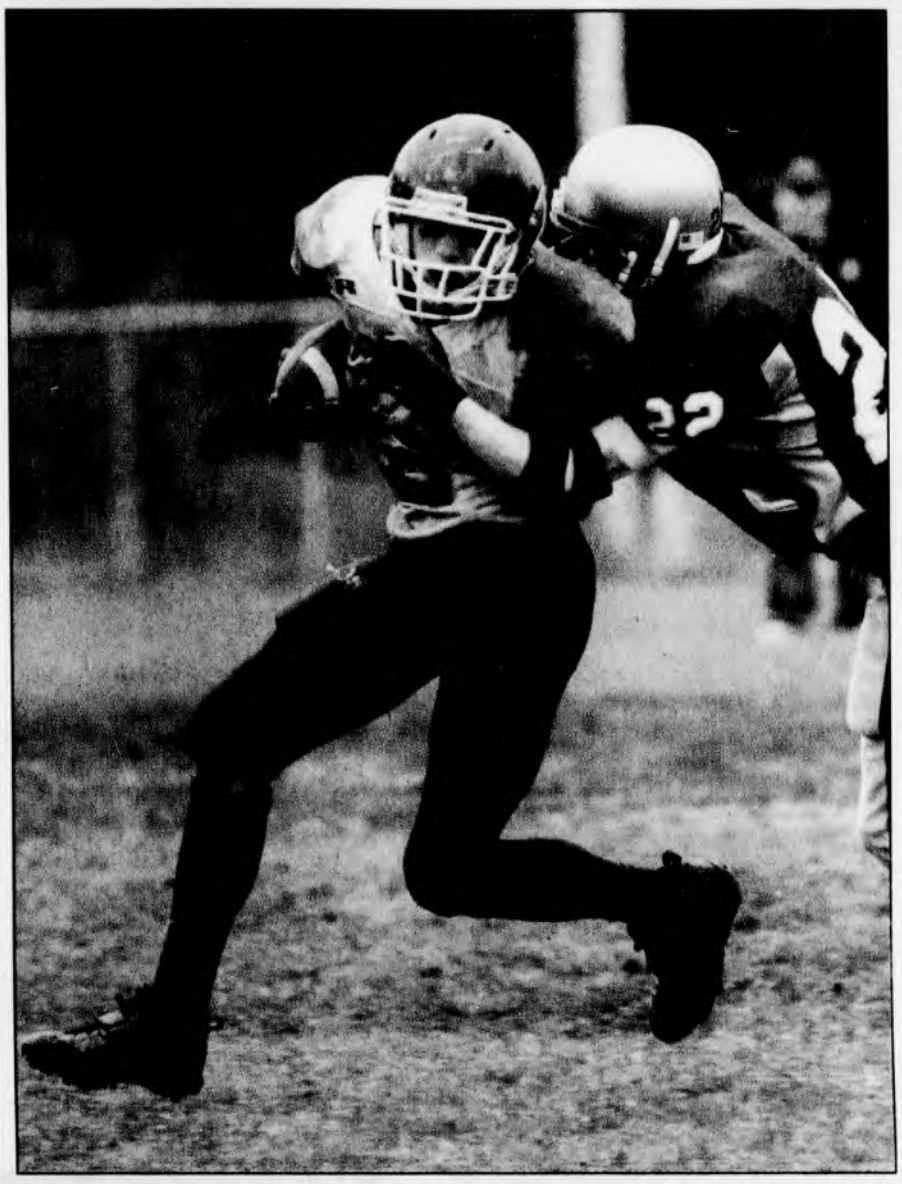
"We just weren't pumped for the game," said Plante. "But we can definitely bounce back. I am not worried."

There may indeed be brighter skies ahead.

Neither Coach Deb Bostwick nor her players seems too worried about the season. Deb feels that once she can find a team that can work well together, the season will be completely different than the current state of the team.

Looking farther down the road, the Skippers will make their first league debut this week in Carver. Unfortunately for the Skippers, next week they'll find themselves face to face

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FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Casey Coleman, seen here carrying the ball, took down the Nantucket punter to help set up the Skippers first score in Saturday's season opening 12-0 win.

Skippers harpoon Whalers

CHS defense, Durkin the difference in grid battle at Nantucket

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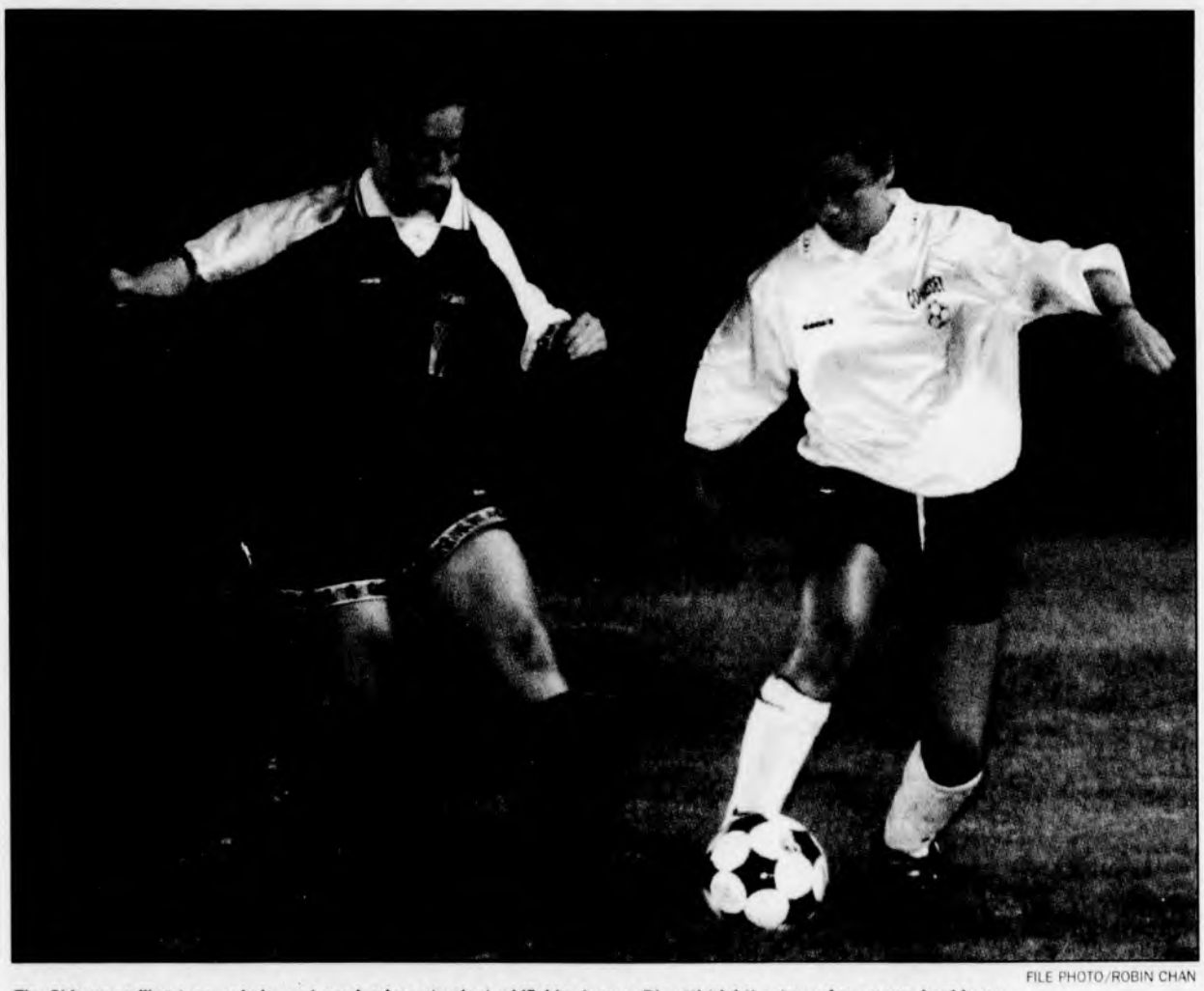
It probably shouldn't come as all that great a surprise that Cohasset's defense was the story of Saturday's season opening 12-0 win on the Nantucket High gridiron.

After all, the Skippers returned eight of 11 starters to a defensive unit that was the stingiest last season among all Div. 5 teams in Eastern Massachusetts.

The host Whalers were held to just five first downs, none on the same possession, and completed just three passes, but two of those for negative yards.

That, combined with a break out day offensively from senior captain Joe Durkin, was more than enough to get the Skippers off to a 1-0 start. Durkin, a part time wingback a year ago, moved into the starting tailback spot and rushed for 117 yards on 23 carries and scored two touchdowns, one on the ground, the other on a 34-yard pass play.

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FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The Skippers will get some help next week when standout midfielder Lauren Rizzotti (right) returns from a sprained knee.

A tie that binds

Girls soccer team not happy with Mashpee deadlock

By Mike Spellman
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The contrast was striking.

There were lots of cheers, smiles and high fives from the members of the Mashpee girls soccer team as they headed off the Cohasset High field and back to their bus with a 1-1 tie.

On the opposite sideline, not even a grin was to be found. The Lady Skippers knew this was one they let get away, and now they can only hope it won't come back to bite them in the long run.

The hosts definitely had the better of the play and created more quality scoring chances, but only sophomore Lindsay Durkin was able to slip it past the Mashpee keeper, that coming with 8:20 to go in the first half.

Mashpee would eventually counter, putting one past junior keeper Melissa Crowley-Buck, and that would be it for the scoring.

"No matter how many opportunities we had, we could not put the ball in the net," said Skippers coach Deb Beal a few days removed from the disheartening outcome. "It was frustrating and discouraging. I give the girls credit, though; they never quit."

Choosing to dwell on the positives, the veteran coach pushed the opinion that Friday's loss had the potential to make her team stronger.

"Mashpee forced us to play kick and run and we couldn't get out of it," she said. "I think we learned some lessons that day and we had two good days of practice to work out the kinks. I think we're ready for the weeks ahead. I am seeing the girls make much better tactical movements on the field during games and especially during practice."

Beal has been at this long enough, though, to know not to get too carried away with what she's seeign in practice.

"Practice is easy," she conceded. "The pressure is low and their minds work better. Game situations are stressful and they tend to move impulsively and not off of one another. We spent a lot of time these past two days working with each other on our skills as opposed to improving our own individual skills.

"We did a lot of moving to open space and working in smaller tighter situations. They are learning if they can keep their eyes up, they can see more."

Of course, it hasn't helped that the injury bug has started biting.

"Some pre season aches and pains are flaring up," reported Beal. "Better now, though, than later in the season."

Standout midfielder Lauren Rizzotti sat out the Mashpee game with a sprained knee, but Beal said she expects her back early next week.

Senior keeper Cecelia Chapman jammed her thumb

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Boys need to kick up effort

Sloppy soccer team lucky to be at .500

By Mike Spellman
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Save for two and a half minutes of play this season from his Cohasset High boys soccer team, Rob Leary has not been a happy coach.

"We're just not playing good soccer right now," said the Skippers second year head coach. "Our defense as a team has been horrendous. And that's not just the guys in back I'm talking about. Our midfielders and forwards are diving right in and not listening. They're not playing smart."

All things considered, the Skippers certainly appear fortunate to enter this week of play with a 1-1 record. It is the aforementioned stretch of 2:30 that's responsible for the win. The Skippers scored three times in the game's opening 150 seconds at Mashpee on Friday, and then barely hung on for a 4-2 win.

"That could have very easily been a loss too," asserted a non-too-pleased sounding Leary. "We played 87 and a half minutes of sloppy soccer. If it hadn't been for (senior keeper) Prescott (Busk) coming up huge all over the place, we could have very easily been down 6-3 at the half."

Busk stopped four or five breakaways before the break, as well as a penalty kick.

As he made clear, Leary does not lay all of this at the feet of his backfield. However, he is shuffling in a number of players into those spots right now, he says, "in the hopes someone will step up."

It doesn't help that junior sweeper Sam MacDonald, who Leary calls his "best defender," has been slowed by an ankle injury in both games. After playing sparingly in the season opening 5-0 loss to Hanover on Tuesday, he did not play at all Friday.

"It just wasn't worth taking the chance of him getting hurt

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FOOTBALL
Sept.
11 beat Nantucket, 12-0

BOYS SOCCER
7 lost to Hanover, 5-0
10 beat Mashpee, 4-2
15 Abington

GIRLS SOCCER
10 tied Mashpee, 1-1
15 @ Abington

FIELD HOCKEY
9 beat Hanover, 9-1
10 lost to Notre Dame, 4-0
15 @ Carver

GOLF
9 Norwell- PPD
15 @ Harwich

CHS defense, Durkin the difference in grid battle at Nantucket

Cohasset 12, Nantucket 0

Cohasset (1-0)	**0**	**6**	**6**	**0**	**12**
Nantucket (0-1)	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Joe Durkin 34 pass from Creighton Leary (pass fail)
Durkin 5 run (rush fail)

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Cohasset capitalized on a turnover to get the ball on its own 40 with about two minutes left in the half. Crandon Leahy then hit Durkin for the game's first score.

Cohasset opened the second half with a 10-play march - mainly on Durkin runs - that culminated in a 5-yard touchdown run from the captain.

The Skippers finished with nearly 200 yards of offense, 147 on 30 rushes and 48 through the air.

The game started slowly, with both teams failing to make first downs on their first series.

The Whalers broke loose on their second possession with a 35-yard gain on a pitch out to the right, giving them a first-and-10 on the Cohasset 33-yard line. The Skippers defense dug in, though, and shut down the Whalers running attack. On fourth-and-six, Cohasset knocked down an attempted pass to take over on downs on their own 29 yard line.

A five-yard offsides penalty moved the Skippers back to their own 24. But Durkin got tha tback and a little more with an 8-yard gain up the middle between Nick Arment and Matt Casey.

Senior Crandon Leahy, starting his first game at quarterback, then rolled to his right and completed a pass in the flat to tight end Dan McCarthy to the 35, good for a first down.

The offensive line again opened holes up the middle and Cohasset gained another first down. The drive ended there suddenly, however, as a Nantucket defender fell on a fumbled hand-off at his team's 45-yard line.

The Skippers appeared to get the ball right back a few plays later, as a mishandled pitch appeardd to be recovered by a Cohasset defender. However, the call went the other way. The Whalers took advantage of their good fortune by picking up a first down on a quarterback keep, moving to Cohasset's 45-yard line.

Senior defensive end Kelvin Ferriera put an end to that drive, however, sacking the Whalers QB for a five-yard loss and forcing the punt.

The Skippers offense went three and out and the ensuing punt saw the Whalers start out just 51 yards from pay dirt. The Skippers defense once again held the line, though, and forced the Nantucket punt team back onto the field. The snap sailed high over the punter's head and, as he attempted to run with the ball after running it down, he was smothered by Dave McKenna and Casey Coleman at the 24-yard line, setting up Cohasset's first scoring opportunity.

On second-and-eight, Leahy was sacked back on the 35-yard line, dimming the Skippers hopes of taking advantage of the opportunity. However, on third down, the offensive line provided Leahy plenty of time, allowing a deep pass pattern to develop. Leahy completed a perfect pass to Durkin on the 10-yard line and Durkin scampered in for the touchdown and six points.

The Skippers failed to convert a two-point pass play, however, leaving it a 6-0 game.

Nantucket fumbled the ball on the next series, as Ferreira ran down the opposing QB. Scott Wakefield scooped the ball up at the 26 and ran it back to the 9-yard line. Cohasset attempted two roll out passes to the right, but the Whalers secondary tightened.

Durkin slashed for a seven-yard gain over the right side, as Arment, Casey and Jake Cuneo provided running room. However, a shoe string tackle at the two-yard line on fourth down turned the ball back over to the Whalers with just a few ticks left on the first half clock.

Cohasset started the second half by returning the kick off to the 37 yard line and then put together an impressive drive to score on their first possession of the second half.

On first down, Durkin picked up 21 yards on a dive up the middle, breaking left off the blocking of Leo Clougherty and Justin Alexander. Durkin then gained another 12 yards on a pitch out right to put the ball on the 30 for another first down.

Leahy completed a five-yard pass to McCarthy on a down and out to the right sideline to the 25.

The offensive line provided running room again, as Durkin gained another seven yards on a half back draw up the middle and another first down at the 19.

Another half back dive and completed pass to the right flat put the Skipper offense just inside Nantucket's 15 yard line.

Cohasset kept the ball on the ground, running to the right side over third year junior starter Nick Arment, and Durkin scored his second touchdown on a half back dive over Arment and Cuneo.

Leahy kept the ball on the conversion attempt on a roll out option to the right, but was tackled short of the goal line.

On the Whalers next series, senior captain Ted Straughn intercepted a pass, giving Cohasset excellent field position on the Nantucket 49-yard line. However, Cohasset fumbled the hand off on the next play and Nantucket recovered at the 50.

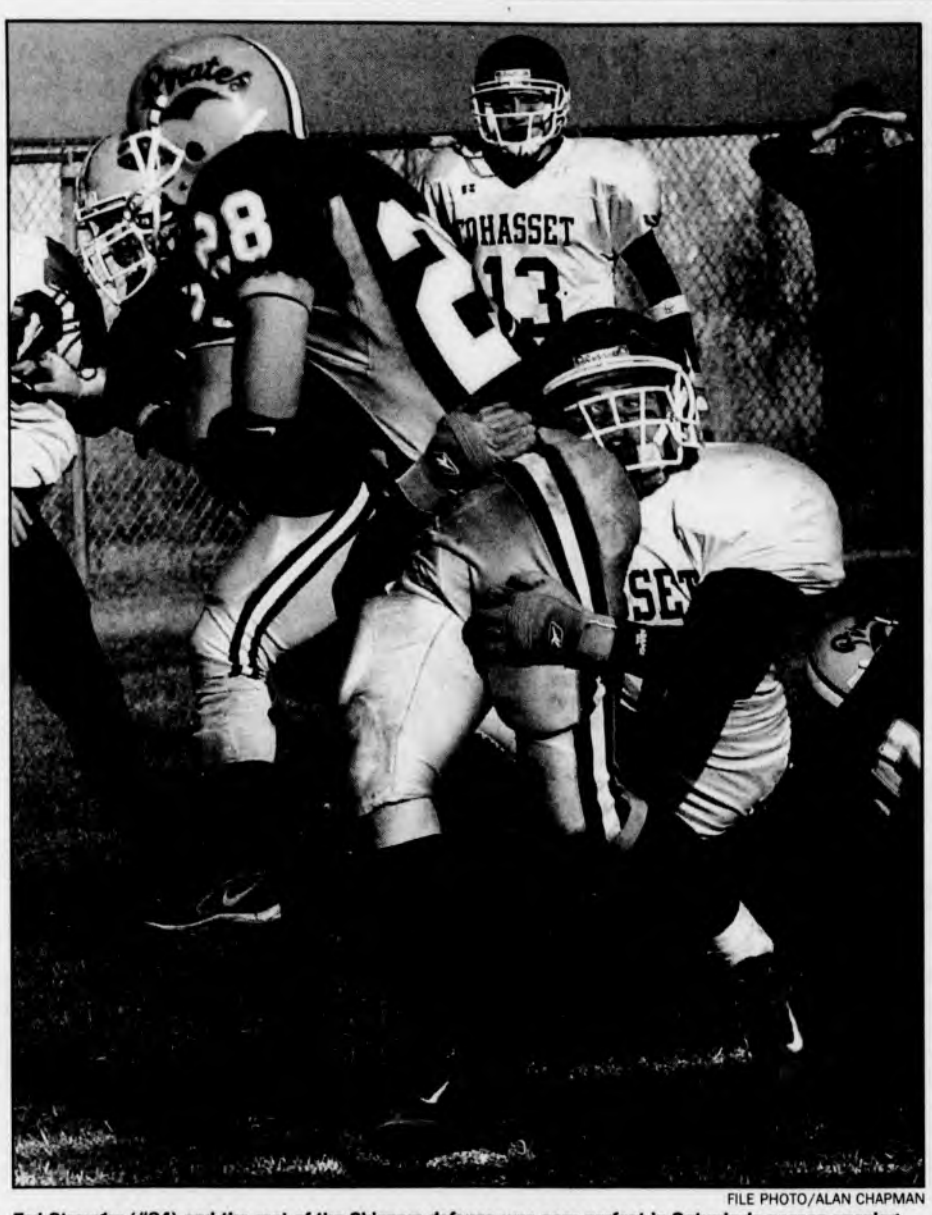
The Skippers defense held again, ending the Whalers series with yet another third down quarterback sack by Ferriera.

Nantucket punted to the 36, where Cohasset took over. After two incomplete passes, Nantucket recovered another Skipper fumble on the hand off at the 36 yard line. The defense again came up big when Casey stopped a screen pass for a two-yard loss and Nantucket failed to convert on fourth down with a little over two minutes left in the game

The Cohasset offense took over, gained another first down and then let time expire.

The Cohasset defense was led by Ferriera, who had four sacks and harassed the Whalers backfield all day. Leo Clougherty and Scott Wakefield controlled the middle of the defensive line. Linebackers Ted Straughn and Matt Casey performed well and had multiple solo tackles. Jeff Brown, Anthony Dipaolo, Joe Durkin and Dave McKenna contained the Whalers passing game.

The Skippers will play another Saturday afternoon game on the road this week, this time travelling to Archbishop Williams in Braintree for a 1 p.m. kickoff.



FILE PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Ted Straughn (#34) and the rest of the Skippers defense was near perfect in Saturday's season opening 12-0 win at Nantucket.

Sloppy soccer team lucky to be at .500

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worse," explained Leary. "It's better to lose Sam for one game than not have him for eight or so. We don't want this to become a big problem for him. He's a young guy and ankle sprains can be a tricky thing."

One defender singled out for praise by the head coach was senior captain Jonathan Littauer.

"We've just moved Jon back there, so he's learning on the fly," said Leary. "It's a brand new position for him, but he's done a nice job so far."

Friday's game followed a different pattern from most of the previous annual sojourns to Mashpee for the Skippers. Often, in recent years, the locals have started slow in the game after the long bus trip and then had to battle to get back into the game. That pattern reversed 180 degrees this time around, however.

Junior Ben Libby punched home an unassisted goal off of a scramble in front a minute into the game. That lead was doubled 37 seconds later when junior Aidan Buick finished on a feed from senior captain Sam Steele.

And 50 seconds later it became a 3-0 game, as Steele potted one of his own off a pass from fellow senior captain Kevin Dinsmore.

"Libby, Aidan, And Sam Steele all played well," said Leary. "They put pressure on the Mashpee net. Lack of offensive pressure is not one of our problems right now."

Mashpee finally put one behind Busk a few minutes into the second half, but Buick got that right back with his second of the game, with an assist going to junior Brandon Smith, and the Skippers appeared to be firmly in control.

That turned out to be a mistaken impression.

"We had to hang on at the end," said Leary. "We're turning the ball over way too much. We're turning it over off of passes and dribbling. We're doing it wrong all over the field and were doing it a lot. We're just not showing a lot of composure, and we're putting our defenders in a bad position."

A win is a win is a win, though.

"Considering the problems we've had the last few years when we take the bus down there, I'm happy to have come away with a win," Leary summed up. "But we're not going to have too many of those if we don't play better."

Hanover 5, Cohasset 0

If you can believe it, the coach sounded even more displeased following Tuesday's opener at Hanover.

Leary took much of the blame for this one on his own shoulders, saying "the kids weren't ready and that my responsibility."

Of course, it didn't help that the Cohasset players weren't back in school yet at that point while the Hanover kids were.

Leary did laud the play, though, after this one of tri-captains Steele, Littauer and Dinsmore.

"Dinsmore was immense all game," the coach said of his midfielder. "He should have had a goal that would have been one of the prettiest I've ever seen at the high school level on a volley from 35 yards out. I think the Hanover goalie was surprised himself making that save."

MacDonald gutted out ankle sprain and played 65 minutes at the defensive end. Hanover scored two goals late with him on the sidelines to make the final score appear more lopsided than it actually was.

"Sam is one of the toughest kids around," said Leary of MacDonald. "I wish I had more like him."

Next up

The Skippers were slated to get back into action yesterday at home versus SSL rival Abington, and then won't play again until next Tuesday at Carver (3:30 p.m. start).

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Senior midfielder Nicole Whitney (right) and the rest of the Lady Skippers faced a big test yesterday at Abington.

Girls soccer team not happy with Mashpee deadlock

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prior to the Mashpee game, which allowed junior Melissa Crowley-Buck to see some playing time. Fortunately, there was no sign of letdown on that front.

"I think we are in for a goalie duel soon," reported Beal.

Beal expects assistant coach Carla Gigon, who has experience between the pipes, to have a lot of input into that decision.

"Carla helping me to make the decisions regarding goalies is a tremendous asset to this program," said Beal. "She knows what she is talking about and she has experience."

The Skippers faced a big test yesterday when they hit the road to take on powerful SSL rival Abington. They'll be at Cape Cod Academy on Friday, the team they beat 4-1 to open the season, and then host league foe Carver on Tuesday under the lights at Alumni Field (JV game starts at 5:30 p.m., with varsity game immediately following).

CHS weekly sports schedule

FOOTBALL
Sept.
17 Arch. Will. **F-S** 3:45 p.m.
18 @ Arch. Will. **V** 1 p.m.
** note change from morning*

BOYS SOCCER
15 Abington
18 Hanover Alumni 11 a.m.
18 Hanover Alumni 12:30 p.m.
21 @ Carver **V** 5 p.m.
21 @ Carver **JV** 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
15 @ Abington
17 @ Cape Cod Acad. 4:30 p.m.
21 Carver Alumni 5:30 p.m.
21 Carver Alumni 7 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY
15 @ Carver **V**
17 Norwell **JV** Deer Hill 5 p.m.
17 Norwell **V** Alumni 6:15 p.m.
21 Harwich **V** Alumni 3:45 p.m.
21 Harwich **JV** Deer Hill 5:15 p.m.

GOLF
15 @ Harwich **V** 3:30 p.m.
20 @ Mashpee **V** 4 p.m.
21 @ Norwell **V** 3:30 p.m.

Sports E-Mail
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Instructional Hockey Registration

The Coastal Stars hockey program will have registration for the 2004-2005 Learn to Skate and Instructional Hockey programs on September 18th and 25th.

Where: Ventress Library, Rt. 139/Webster Street, Marshfield

When: Saturday September 18, 2004 12:30PM - 4:00PM

Where: St. Anthony's Church Conference Center, 129 S. Main Street, Cohasset

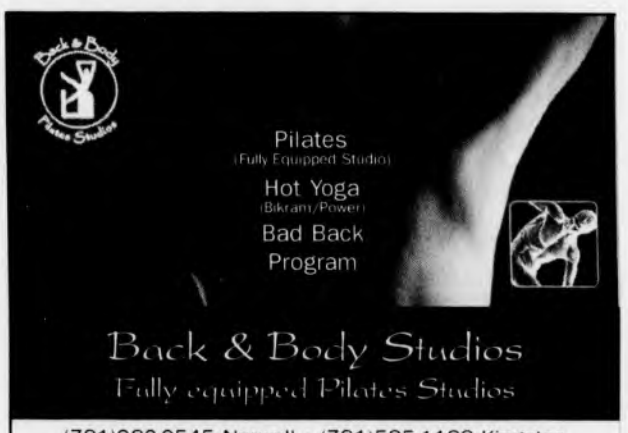
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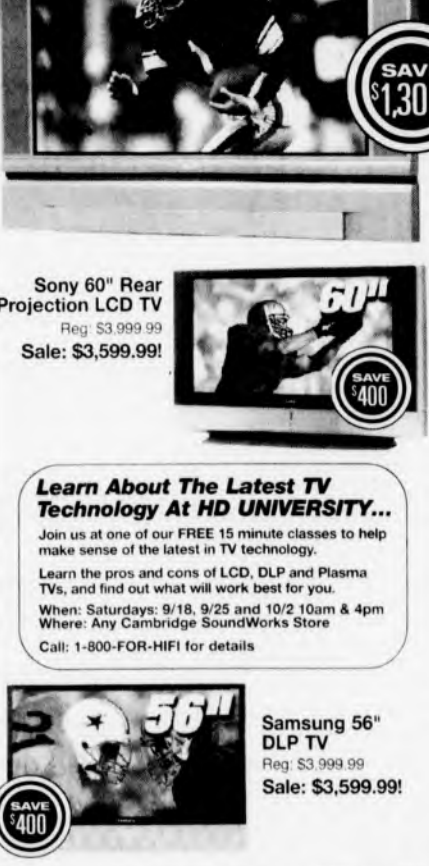
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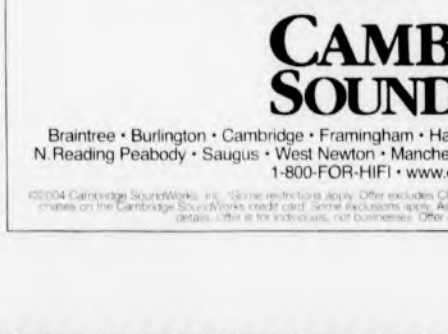
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Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football scoreboard

Games from Sept. 11 and 12 versus Middleboro

Stingrays

Midgets lost, 34-22
Pee-Wees won, 28-0
Mites won, 18-8

Sharks

Midgets won, 30-0
Pee-Wees won, 8-0
Mites won, 18-6

Anyone who would like to submit Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football game reports ,can email them to mspellman@cnc.com

Field hockey team drops two, but better things on the horizon

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with the two toughest league teams Harwich and Mashpee.

"We must capitalize on the mistakes of our opponents," stated Coach Bostwick. She added, "To contend with teams like Harwich we need to play with intensity and with no hesitation. In addition to the regular team practices, the girls must show a willingness to practice on their own if they expect to win on a regular basis."

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SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Soccer Club registration underway

Registration for the upcoming soccer season is now underway with registration forms available at the Town Hall. All players must be registered prior to participating in practices or games.

As in prior years, the Fall season will include practice and play for players age 4 through 11 (6th grade). However, as a result of the elimination of Middle School team sports, the Club will also sponsor practice and competitive team play for 7th and 8th grade players as well this year.

In-town programs for players age 4 (PreK) to 9 (4th grade) will begin on September 18th and continue through November 13th excluding Columbus Day weekend. Travel program training for the U12 (5th and 6th grade) and U14 (7th and 8th grade) age groups will begin on September 11th with practice and games in the Cranberry League continuing through early November.

A coaching clinic for all new or interested coaches has been schedule for Saturday, September 11th, with a coaches meeting to start the season scheduled for Wednesday, September 15th.

South Shore Stealers softball tryouts

Braintree, MA —The South Shore Stealers, a girls fast-pitch softball organization, will be holding tryouts for their 16U team on Sunday September 26th and Sunday October 3rd from 12:30 to 3:00 PM at Flaherty Field on Lakeside Drive in Braintree, right behind South Shore Plaza.

This is a new team that is looking for highly motivated and dedicated team players for the 2005 season. All positions are available which makes for a great opportunity for players. The South Shore Stealers looks to build on the success that they have had over the past two seasons with their younger teams with 9 first place and 5 second place finishes in 20 tournaments entered.

For information on the tryouts or the team in general please contact Rob Spofford at (781) 383-1680 or email Spofford@spoffordgroup.com or checkout our website at www.eteamz.com/ssstealers.

CYBSA girls softball pitching clinic

Cohasset, MA —The Cohasset Youth Baseball Softball Association (CYBSA) is pleased to announce a softball pitching clinic this fall for any girls interested in learning how to pitch or to improve on their skills. Jill McCoy, who has instructed in town previously, will be providing the instruction for this clinic.

The 3 session clinic will begin on Sunday, September 19th at 3:30 PM at Freedom Diamond. The next 2 sessions will be Sunday September 26th and Sunday October 3rd at the same time and place. The cost of this clinic will be $50 per pitcher.

Each pitcher will need to provide a parent catcher to participate. For further information and to register please call Rob Spofford at (781) 383-1680.

Cohasset Youth Baseball Major League tryouts

The try-out for the 2004 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2003 at Barnes Field at 1:30 PM. All boys and girls turning 10, 11 or 12 prior to August 1, 2004 wishing to play Little League major league division baseball and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try-out. Although all eligible 12 year olds are automatically assigned to major league teams, their attendance is mandatory at this try-out. Players should register at Barnes

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Field beginning at 1:00 PM. This will be the only opportunity to try-out. The rain date for this try-out will be Saturday, September 27, 2003. Questions regarding this try-out may be directed to either Matt Salerno at 781-383-2230 or Nancy Froio at 781-383-1897.

Clark's Fall Scramble at Hatherly CC Oct. 18

The first annual "Clark's fall scramble golf tournament" will be held on Monday, Oct. 18, at Hatherly Country Club in Scituate to benefit the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.

The purpose of the fund is to enhance the athletic and recreational opportunities in the town of Cohasset.

Play: shotgun start at noon with dinner/ reception immediately following.

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Mail your checks to the Chatterton Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 652, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Learn to Skate and Beginner Cohasset Soccer Club season starts Saturday

The Cohasset Soccer Club's 2004-2005 season will start this Saturday morning, September 18th at Milliken Field. The following schedule will take place:

Boys U10 (3rd / 4th grade) 8:30 - 10:00
Girls U10 (3rd / 4th grade) 9:15 - 10:45
Girls U5 (PreK) 10:00 - 11:30
Girls U6 (Kindergarten) 10:45 - 12:15
Girls U7 (1st grade) 11:30 - 1:00
Girls U8 (2nd grade) 12:15 - 1:45
Boys U5 (PreK) 1:00 - 2:30
Boys U6 (Kindergarten) 1:45 - 3:15
Boys U7 (1st grade) 2:30 - 4:00
Boys U8 (2nd grade) 3:15 - 4:45

All players should be contacted by their coaches prior to Saturday. If a player is not contacted please come to the field at the appropriate time. Players should come ready to play with shin guards required for all players.

For additional information please go to the Soccer Club's web site @ www.cohassetsoccer.com.

Scituate Police Road Race

The Scituate Police 10K / 5K Road race will be run on Sunday, Oct. 3 at noon.

The race starts at Gates Intermediate School.

Anyone who's interested can contact Lt. Ted Coyle at 781-545-1212 or can email Debbie BEal at dbeal@cohassetk12.org for an application. Applications are also available at the Police Station on Rte. 3A.

SSBC's Fall Ball League on deck

Rookie League play returns to Hingham

HINGHAM, Mass. (August 23, 2004) — The South Shore Baseball Club's annual Fall Outdoor Baseball Leagues, designed for players seven to 18 years of age in four different age groups, returns next month to Braintree, South Weymouth and Hingham.

Nearly 1,000 players have participated in the SSBC Fall Outdoor Baseball Leagues during the past four years. This season's five-to-six week instructional session is open to SSBC members and non-members.

"Braintree and Weymouth are great baseball towns and we're very happy to have our Fall League games played there once again," SSBC president/director Frank Niles, Jr. said. "Everybody will enjoy playing games and practicing, as well as receiving quality instruction from our professional coaches."

Ages 7-9: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 4-6 p.m., Sept.13-Oct. 15, at Hollingsworth Park in Braintree. Players enter individually and are placed on teams by SSBC's staff. Practice, drills and games combine for plenty of baseball.

Ages 10-12: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4-6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12-noon, starting Sept. 14 at Hollingsworth Park. If enrollment increases the number of participants to field seven teams, each squad will have a bye twice during the five-week schedule. Teams will be based geographically to facilitate carpooling.

Ages 13-15: Saturday doubleheaders, starting at 9 a.m., six weeks commencing Sept. 18 at Stella Tirrell Park, South Weymouth and Cronin Field, Hingham. Fee includes SSBC shirt, hat and umpires fees.

Ages 16-18 (High School Varsity): Sunday doubleheader games for eight consecutive Sundays, starting Sept. 12. Three to five SSBC clubs, pending enrollment, will compete against various local squads with 14 players per team. Fee includes SSBC and hat. Qualified umpires will be provided for all games, which will be played at fields including Stella Tirrell and Strong Field in East Bridgewater.

Rookie League

SSBC's popular "Rookie League" baseball program, specifically designed for boys and girls between the ages of 5 to 8 with little or no previous playing experience in organized sports, returns Sept. 14-Oct. 9 at Kress Field in Hingham.

Each participant receives one hour of instruction, one afternoon each week during the four-week session, and also plays in a one-hour game on Saturdays (starting at 9 a.m.). Practices will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 3:45-4:45 p.m. Two teams may practice at each of these times.

"The Rookie League is one of our most popular programs," Niles added. "These young boys and girls will have a lot of fun learning how to play baseball from our experienced staff of instructors. Players are never too young to learn how to play baseball the right way."

SSBC's professional coaching staff will include Niles, Jack Larkin and Rick DelVecchio. They will teach basic fundamentals, as well as safety and sportsmanship. All "Rookie League" players receive a T-shirt and hat. The ball will be pitched - no hitting off a tee!

SSBC is a full service, year-round club and training facility for baseball and softball players, ages five and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or any of its programs call (800) 767-1529/(781) 767-1529 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com



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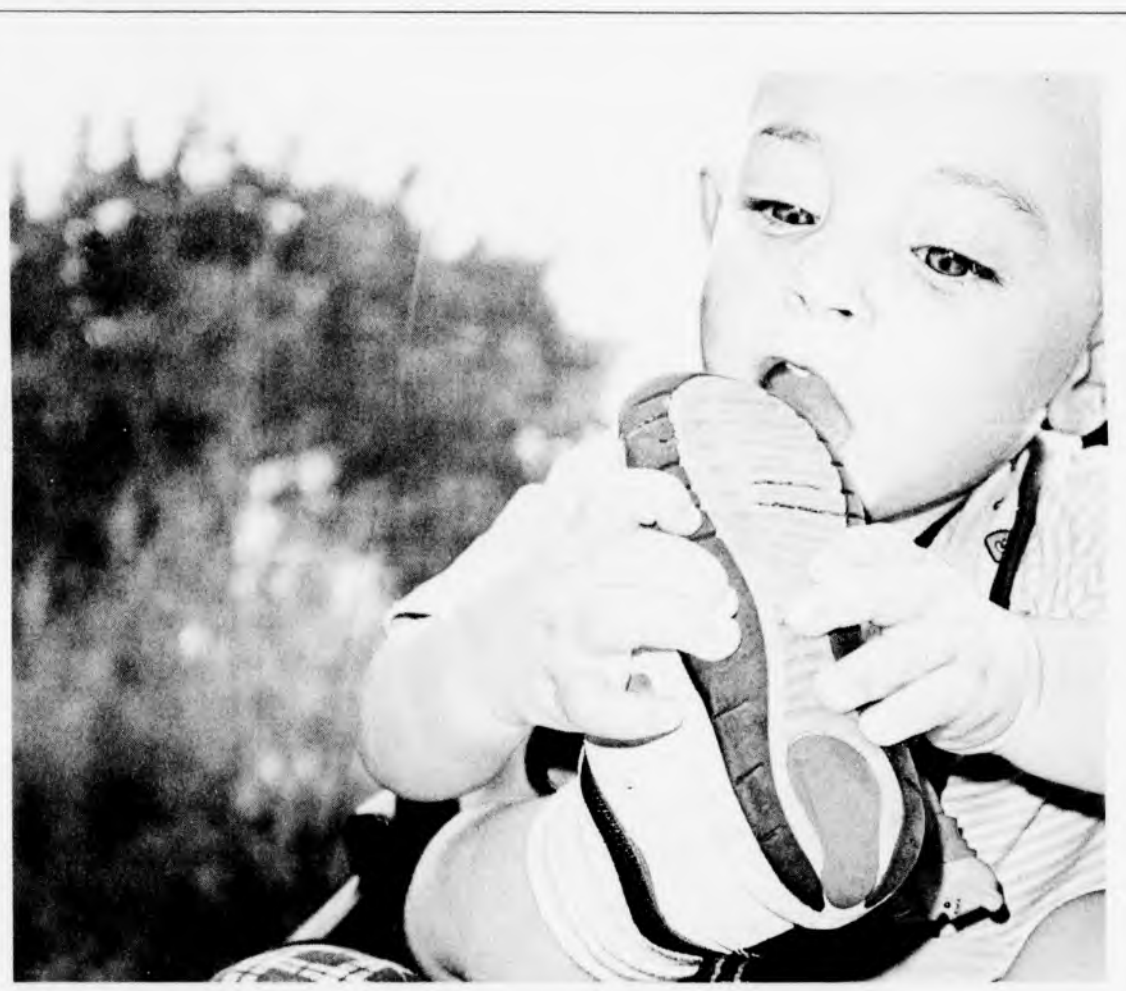
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OBITUARIES

A. Lewis Rogers, Jr.

A. Lewis Rogers, Jr. died at his home, surrounded by his family on Monday, Sept. 6, 2004.

Mr. Rogers was born and raised outside Philadelphia. He attended the Mount Herman School and went to college in the U.S. Navy's V-12 program at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, receiving his Ensign's commission and an electrical engineering degree in 1945, at which time he was assigned to the battleship USS Cleveland.

Following his honorable discharge, Mr. Rogers settled in Virginia Beach where he began his career with Honeywell, working with the Navy to provide cooling apparatus for the new fleet of nuclear powered aircraft carriers. In 1968 Mr. Rogers and his first wife, Barbara (Daughtrey), relocated to Cohasset, where the family's pool served as the primary training facility for the town's swim team.

In 1977 Mr. Rogers married Deborah (Prouty) and moved to Lincoln where he worked with the Lexington based medical devices company, Instrumentation Laboratories. With the help of neighbors and his now expanded group of offspring, Mr. Rogers built a clay tennis court in his backyard. In 1982 Mr. Rogers was named president of the U.S. based medical devices subsidiary of Vickers, PLC.

In 1985 Mr. Rogers and Deborah "retired" to their house on Little Mill Pond in Chatham. Retirement for Mr. Rogers included a six-month assignment in Russia for the International Executive Service Corps.

Mr. Rogers was president of the Chatham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and was a founding member of the new Unitarian Universalist Meeting House. He served on the Chatham Conservation Commission, Chatham Water Watchers, and was a member of the Monomoy Yacht Club.

He enjoyed clamming, boating, biking, and traveling.

Mr. Rogers leaves behind a large and loving family, including his wife Deborah, his children Robin, Kim, and Brian, step-children Laura, Dick, Mark and Chris Tosi, and 10 grandchildren, who always loved to visit their "Papa Lew."

A memorial service will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Chatham on Friday, Sept. 24, at 2 p.m. All of his many friends are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Building Fund of the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, Box 18, Chatham, MA 02633.

Dr. William C. Allard

Dr. William C. Allard, 72, of Cohasset, formerly of Worcester, died Sept. 8, 2004, in Brigham & Woman's Hospital after a long battle with heart disease.

He was born in Bath, Maine the son of William J. and Yvette Allard. Dr. Allard was a graduate of St. John's High School, Clark University, received a Master's Degree from Worcester State College, and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts. He retired from his career in education as Superintendent of Schools in Westfield. Previously, he was Superintendent of Schools in Lunenburg, Principal at Exeter High School in Exeter, N.H. and was a teacher for many years in the Worcester Public School system. "Doc" was an avid fan of Assumption College men's and women's basketball teams, an avid Red Sox Fan and for the past 15 years his favorite pastime was attending all of his grandchildren's sports activities. He belonged to many Rotary groups, and had coached his sons Little League teams.

His wife Mary T. (Zofrea) Allard died in 2000. He leaves his son William J. and his wife, Libby Allard of Cohasset, and a daughter Barbara Dawidjan of Worcester and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sept. 13, from O'Connor Brothers Funeral Home, in Worcester. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester.

Donations may be made to the Special Olympics of Massachusetts, 450 Maple Street, Building 1, Danvers, MA 01923-4009. oconnor-brothers. com

Harvest supper at Beechwood Church

The Annual Harvest Supper and Auction, an autumn tradition, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church St. in Cohasset. The public is invited to get together for dinner on Thursday evening, Sept. 30, at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will include ham, string beans, Harvard beets, mashed potatoes, dessert as well as beverages. The harvest auction will take place following supper. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

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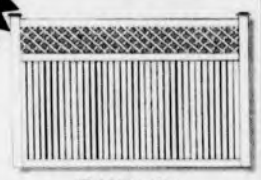
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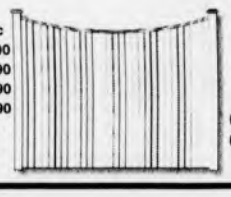
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Beach party

Legion clambake benefits scholarship fund

Photos by Ove Pygh Wilche



About 200 people attend Saturday's clambake on Sandy Beach, sponsored by the George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118. The event benefits the Christine Burke Scholarship Fund.



From left, Katie Teufel, Jack Pattison, Duncan McCormack and Donald McCormack tend to the chicken on the grill. The menu also included lobster, clams, corn on the cob, hotdogs and more.



Deejay Jay Fiori, under a patriotic tent, plays a mix of tunes from rock 'n roll to country and western hits.



(Left)
Jenna Conte, 9, and Kate Livingston, 5, glue glitter on their crowns. Crown-making was one of the children's activities organized by the Ladies Auxiliary at the Legion post for Saturday's clambake.

(Below)
Leslie Croscup, left, serves clam chowder to Paul and Mary McGinnis during the annual Christine Burke Scholarship Fund Clambake on Saturday.

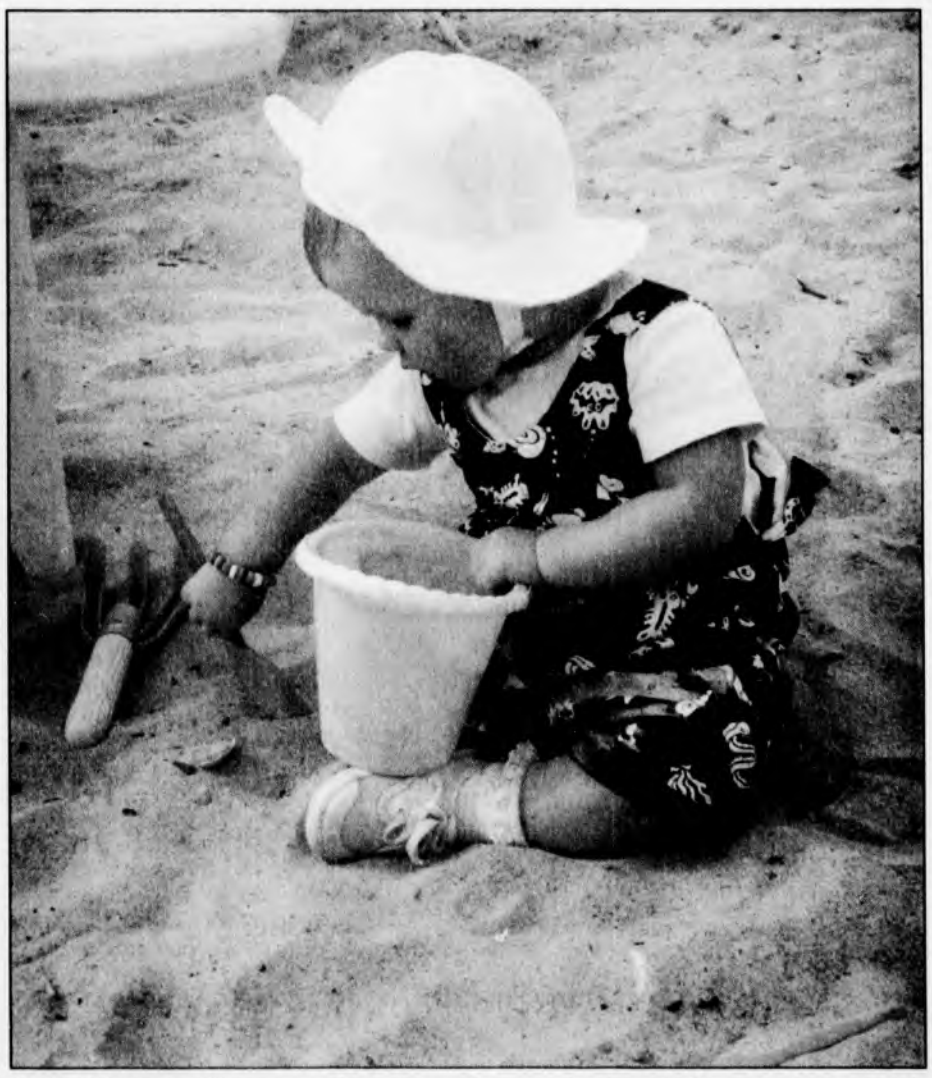


The younger set conducts their own clambake on a toy stove during Saturday's well-attended event.





The Irish Volunteers play for the hungry crowd at the annual clambake sponsored by the George H. Mealy Post. Tickets for adults were $35. The event also included a raffle drawing of two Vespa Motor Scooters with a trailer or $5,000. The motor scooters and trailer were donated by Herb Chambers Vespa of Boston and local businessman Neil Murphy.



Staffani Livingston, 20 months, builds a sandcastle during the clambake Saturday whose proceeds benefit the Christine Burke Scholarship Fund.

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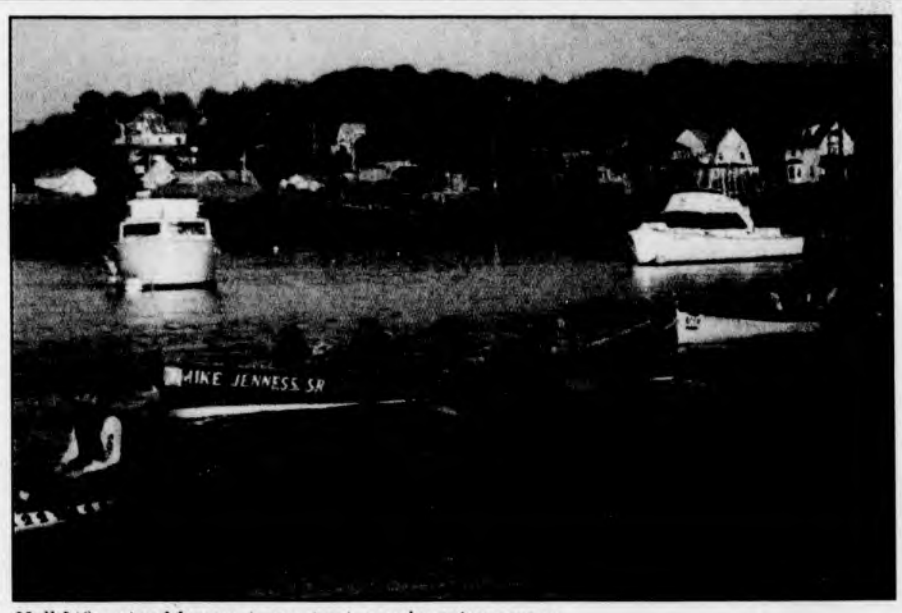
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IT'S HAPPENING

Youth rowing fall sign-ups under way



Hull Lifesaving Museum is starting is youth rowing season.

Sign-ups are now underway for the Hull Lifesaving Museum's fall 2004 South Shore Youth Rowing season. The program is coeducational, and rowers of all skill levels, ages 11 to 18, "pull together" in the museum's big, traditional rowing boats exploring the waters and islands of Hingham and Hull Bays and Boston's outer harbor. The program's emphasis is on personal development through fun, adventure, and teamwork. The fall season runs Sept. 20 to Nov. 20.

The program operates Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., with additional race events, culminating with the Icebreaker (New England Youth Open-Water Rowing Championships), Saturday, Nov. 20. The cost is $120 for museum members and $160 for non-members; limited scholarship assistance is available. South Shore Youth Rowing is conducted out of the museum's Windmill Point Boathouse, located at 185 Main Street in Hull - the last building on the peninsula. Half of the museum's 14-boat rowing fleet is housed at this boathouse, and crews embark in one of several boats depending on their skill level, number, destination, and the weather.

For information or to enroll, contact Corinne Leung, Museum Director, at 781-925-5433 or email the museum at lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net. Complete information and sign-up sheets are also available on the museum's web-site, www.lifesavingmuseum.org.

Send your news tip to mford@cnc.com

Hull gazebo concerts on Sunday afternoons

Sunday afternoon concerts in Hull will entertain the community with big band favorites for the eighth summer in a row. Sponsored by the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home of Hingham, "Music at the Gazebo" concerts will take place at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Hull on Sept. 19 and 26.

Free T-shirts will be distributed to the first 150 concert-goers at the opening show, when singer Bobbi Carrey returns to Hull to wow locals with her soulful singing. Carrey has had a stellar year, performing to critical acclaim in the Boston and Cambridge markets.

The program will run from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on the third, and fourth Sundays in September. The performance schedule is:

Sept. 19: "That Old Feeling" playing hits from the 1930s and 1940s.

Sept. 23: Gregg Savage Quintet featuring swing and Big Band tunes.

The park is located at the intersection of Nantasket and Samoset Avenues across from Hull Donut House. Free parking is available at the Hull Redevelopment Authority in the adjacent lot. Concert-goers should bring their own seating. Performances will be canceled if it rains.

"These concerts have become a tradition here in Hull and are a great way to end the summer on a high note," said Dennis Keohane, director of Pyne Keohane Funeral Home. "We are very grateful to the Hull War Memorial Commission and appreciate both the use of the park and their enthusiasm for this community event." The Pyne Keohane Funeral Home (www.keohane.com) donated the gazebo to the War Memorial Commission in 1996.

Garden Party at Sunrise of Cohasset

Saturday, Sept. 18, Sunrise of Cohasset off Rte. 3A will host a Garden Party Celebration, from 2 to 3 p.m. with Scituate Girl Scout Troop #4397 commemorating the completion of the mural that the girls painted for the Sunrise Garden Patio.

If you are interested in attending, call 781-383-6300.

Cub Scout registration

Registration for new or returning Pack 38 Cub Scouts will be from 6-7 p.m. at the hallway entrance at the Deer Hill School on Sept. 21. Cub Scout boys grades 2-5 and Tiger Cubs (first graders) should register. Fee for Cubs is $30 for Tigers, $25. First Pack meeting for Cub Scouts will begin at 7 p.m. in the Deer Hill cafeteria on Sept. 21. Further information, call Linda Farrag at 781-383-9519.

Cohasset walkers join effort to cure diabetes

For the second year, a team from Cohasset called "Cohasset Kids for a Cure" will be taking part in the Walk to Cure Diabetes in Boston on Oct. 2. The walkathon, is one of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's key fundraisers intended to find a cure for juvenile diabetes and its life-threatening complications. The Walk, held in more than 200 locations across the country, raised more than $74 million last year for diabetes research. This year, their goal is to raise $80 million. The walk in Boston goes from the Hatch Shell across the Massachusetts Avenue bridge, and back to the Hatch Shell where there will be music, food and games for kids.

More than one million Americans have juvenile diabetes, also known as type 1 diabetes, a disease most often diagnosed in childhood that strikes suddenly and carries the constant threat of deadly complications, including heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, and amputation. Several children from Cohasset are juvenile diabetics, motivating a large team of caring families from town to participate in the walkathon last year and an even larger team to walk this year. An outpouring of support in the form of donations is also coming from local families who are not able to walk. And businesses such as JP Morgan, Shoe Market Kids, Goodwin Graphics, Scituate Raquet and Fitness, and Dean and Hamilton have sponsored the team in this year's walk.



Last year's team, "Cohasset Kids for a Cure," poses for a group photo.

Type 1diabetes occurs when the body's immune system attacks and destroys the cells in the pancreas which make insulin, a hormone that helps the body move the glucose from food into cells throughout the body, which use it for energy. Basically it allows organs to function and kids to grow. Kids and adults who have type 1 must take anywhere from 2 to several insulin injections everyday just to stay alive. They must also prick their fingers 6 or more times a day to check their blood sugar levels and make sure they are in safe range. Sugar levels are affected by food intake, insulin amounts, exercise, stress, adrenaline and other factors, so these must be carefully balanced throughout each day. Low sugar levels can cause loss of consciousness, and high levels lead to the risk of long term life-threatening complications. It is a very delicate and difficult balance, and the amazingly brave kids who have diabetes are faced with this challenge everyday.

Researchers still do not know why people are struck with juvenile diabetes, but they believe that autoimmune, genetic and environmental factors are involved. Juvenile diabetics will never outgrow the disease and there is currently no cure. The exciting news, though, and why the team is walking, is that thanks to dramatic research progress, a cure is now within our reach. Researchers have never been closer, and the only thing holding them back is money.

Cohasset Kids for a Cure's goal is to raise money now, so that a cure for this devastating disease will come soon - both shortening the time for this disease to do damage to these kids' organs and giving them a much better quality of life as soon as possible.

If you are interested in walking with Cohasset Kids for a Cure, or sponsoring a walker, please visit www.jdrf.org or contact the New England office of JDRF by calling (781)431-0700.

WELLSPRING NEWS

Volunteers needed

The Thrift Shop at Wellspring is searching for caring, responsible and trustworthy volunteers to work in the shop and to assist with inventory. The Thrift Shop is open: Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Thrift Shops continues to offer clothes, household items, toys and books at low prices. The Thrift Shop at Wellspring also offers a friendly atmosphere and the opportunity to learn about other programs and service available.

Wellspring is at 814 Nantasket Avenue. Hull, 781-925-3211 www.wellspringhull.org

Virtual store

A variety of items are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit Wellspring Multi-Service Center. Donations of items are also welcome and can be done on a consignment basis. Wellspring's mission is to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their financial, physical or emotional well-being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

Smoking cessation groups

Wellspring announces two new support groups for smoking cessation.

Nicotine Annonymous, a 12 step support group will begin Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

A General Support Group called "Anyway you can" will be held every Tuesday morning beginning

Tuesdays from 8 to 9 a.m. All are welcome – there is no fee.

Wellspring's mission is to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their financial, physical or emotional well-being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

Teen center opening

Teen Center Grand Opening Friday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. Join Wellspring and the South Shore YMCA for the Grand Opening of the Teen Center. Wellspring and the South Shore YMCA are opening a Teen Center each Friday evening from 7 to 11 p.m. Programs will include movies, music, games, computers. A safe place for teens to spend the night.

Job counseling

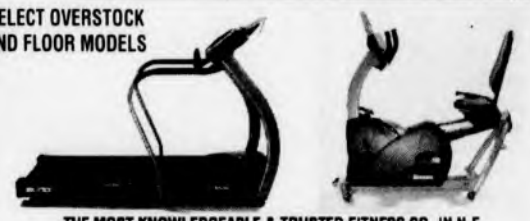
Wednesdays 7 to 9 p.m. Wellspring offers the opportunity to meet with a human resources professional, at no cost, to discuss individual issues with job seekers in the community.

Wellspring's Job Counselor brings more than 10 years of experience in the human resources field working directly in the staffing and recruiting industry, holds a B.S. in sociology and is currently employed as a recruiter for a firm in Boston. Meeting with our HR professional will give you the ability to get answers to specific questions and guidance on your job search. Job Counseling is free of charge. Appointments are required.

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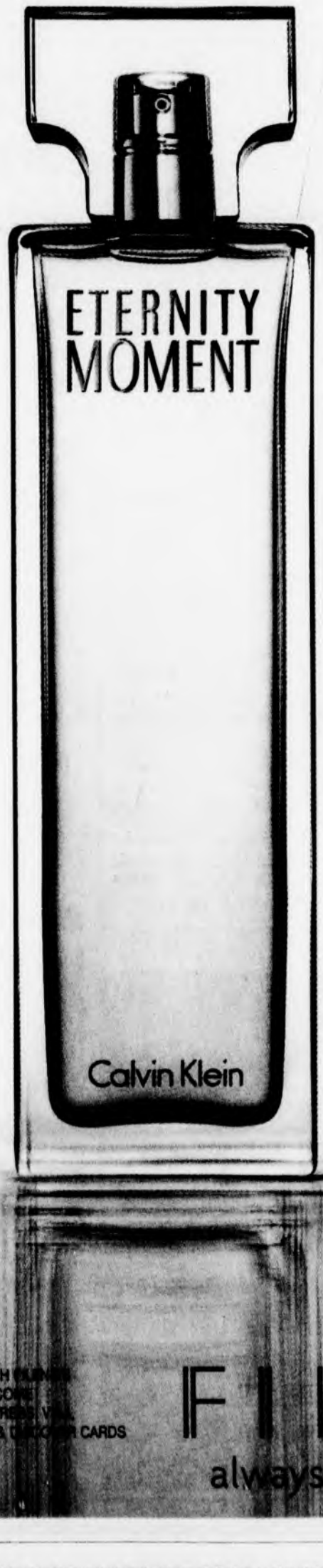
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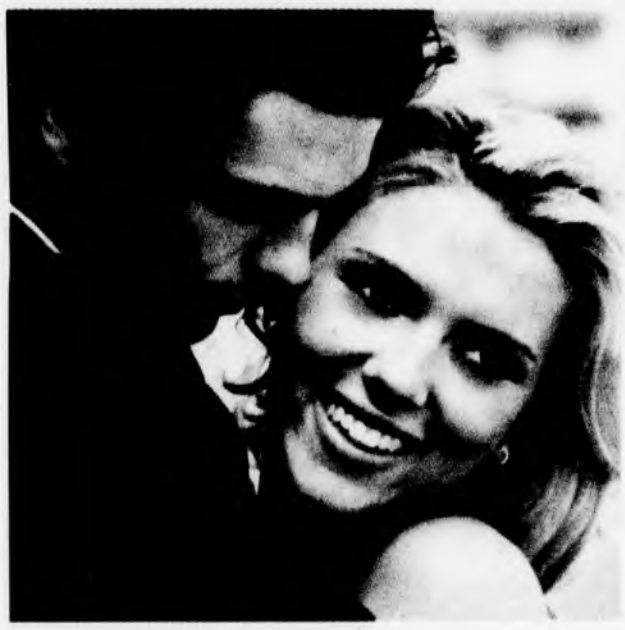
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MBTA begins Greenbush town lot dig

Alternate parking plans explained

By Samantha Brown
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The project will be completed in three phases to minimize the number of parking spaces that will be affected at any given time.

The MBTA is slated to begin preliminary excavation in portions of the Town Parking Lot, Monday, Sept. 20. The work will begin what is slated to be a two-month project, during which time the lot will be dug up one portion at a time. The project will be completed in three phases to minimize the number of parking spaces that will be affected at any given time.

Greenbush Community Coordinator Tom Carroll of Cashman Balfour Beatty said there will always be a way to enter the parking lot from the Pleasant Street entrance during the excavation. There will be between 15 and 20 spaces which are being excavated during most of the three phases, but roughly 50 alternate parking spaces will be available in various Village locations to help accommodate for the loss of parking.

Town Treasurer and Tax Collector Joe DeVito said the town has worked out a deal with George Roukounakis, owner of the Olympic Citgo station on South Main Street, and parking will be made available behind his building, across from the "Garage" teen center. DeVito said there will be barriers put in place to delineate the temporary parking lot, as well as signage. DeVito said the agreement requires there will be "no overnight parking," because Roukounakis must be able to receive deliveries from that portion of his lot. The agreement will be for two months, and patrons of the Red Lion Inn will be able to use the lot at night. "We really appreciate George working with us on this," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan.

Residents will also be able to park between the municipal parking lot and the Pleasant Street Parfait, and off Pleasant Street opposite James Lane. Both areas are currently unpaved, but DeVito said during this interim phase, the lots will be sprayed and treated to minimize dust. Carroll said the MBTA will also make the currently paved right of way next to the former ABB Optical building, which is currently being transformed into the shops at "James Brook Crossing," available for parking, which is the piece of land between the ABB site and the South Shore Art Center. The MBTA owns all of the land which will be used for parking except for the land at the gas station, and is lending it to help alleviate potential parking problems during excavation.

Carroll said all personnel associated with the Greenbush Line construction have been issued a badge which identifies them as CBB workers.

For a complete schedule of work to be done, there will be a posting on local cable access channels as well as the CBB Web site at www.cbbgreenbush.com. For questions or concerns regarding construction activities or to see plans, please call the Greenbush hotline 24 hours, seven days a week at (781) 682-6350.

MBTA e-mail

Greenbush Community Coordinator Tom Carroll said there have been some technical problems with the Greenbush Web site this week, and those expecting e-mail updates might not have received any correspondence. In addition, those who may have tried to sign up for the newsletter may not have been able to do so. Carroll said the problem has been fixed, but for those continuing to experience difficulty, please call the 24-hour Greenbush hotline at (781) 682-6350.

Matos has combined role at court and in the schools

By Mary Ford
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Police Officer Lisa Matos will be back in the school halls this fall.

The veteran Cohasset officer will also be making regular runs to Quincy District Court as police prosecutor.

In looking over how best to utilize his personnel, Chief James Hussey has appointed Matos prosecutor, who will also be working with schools in helping to educate students in the areas of alcohol and drug abuse, violence prevention, safety education and child abuse prevention programs. She will also be involved with issues affecting the elderly.

Matos returns to the schools with considerable experience. For years she served as the PALS (Police Assisting Local Schools) officer. PALS is a DARE-like program that was specifically tailored to Cohasset to bring police officers and teachers together to address some important issues.

Hussey plans to meet with new Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh and other school administrators today (Thursday) to see how police can be bettered involved in the schools.

"When I came to Cohasset, it became clear – as it is in all communities – that there is concern about problems with youth and related issues," he said. "We hope to get out in front of some of those problems."

Hussey also hopes police involvement in Jack Buckley's "Street Law" civics class at the high school continues where officers are invited in to talk to the students.

The chief explained the prosecutor is a part-time specialty post for which an officer is paid a stipend. The prosecutor represents the police department at Quincy District Court during arraignments and court proceedings. He said Matos won't be needed in court every day and the court proceedings usually take place in the morning. On court days, she will be busy working with the youth and elderly for the balance of the day shift.

Matos replaces Officer Bill English who served as acting prosecutor for roughly the past nine months. Hussey said English, who replaced Officer Rick Grassie in the post, did a super job.

Hussey, who posted the prosecutor position seeking applicants, said Matos is a better fit for the new, combined role because of her extensive experience in the schools. English is now working the day shift as a patrol officer.

Hussey said police want to get out in front of potential problems with youngsters.

"We want to see what we can do to prevent and intervene (before trouble erupts)," he said.

Matos resigned from the PALS post last January. Last winter, controversy gripped the town over two officers being placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation into allegations of wrongdoing. [The two accused officers – who steadfastly maintained their innocence – returned to work in July].

At the time, Matos declined to elaborate on her reasons for resigning from PALS.

In a letter to the editor that same week, School Health Education Coordinator Mike Gill expressed his disappointment at losing Matos as PALS officer. He had the highest praise for Matos, describing her as a "born teacher."

"There is no question in my mind that hundreds, perhaps thousands of Cohasset students that she has worked with through the years have all benefited greatly from her," he stated.

Hussey said Officer Christy Tarantino is continuing as safety officer. In that role he deals with issues such as school bus safety and parking issues at the schools. He also looks at crosswalks and sidewalks and other areas of concern relating to the general safety of adults and children in town.

'Hate' graffiti being investigated

Police are investigating vandalism behind the buildings at Tedeschi Plaza where some very elaborate graffiti was discovered by an officer on routine patrol during the night shift Tuesday morning.

According to Chief James Hussey, the graffiti includes a swastika and the word Nazi, among a lot of other symbols and writing.

Hussey isn't sure that it is in fact a hate crime because usually that type of graffiti – as was the case in Scituate earlier this month – is painted where it can intimidate someone. In other words, it usually doesn't appear in a remote area.

"It doesn't appear that it was targeted toward someone," Hussey said. He explained police will ask someone with expertise to take a look at the graffiti – which is sometimes called "tagging" – to help determine its origin.

Hussey said police aren't sure how long the graffiti has been there. It was discovered because Hussey has asked his officers to check behind buildings in town while they are out on patrol.

"I hope we don't find that the graffiti was targeted toward anyone in the plaza," he said.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., Oct. 5, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to § 8.7 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Paul D. & Kimberley Canney** seek to expand a non-conforming dwelling at **10 Black Horse Lane** according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-09-09.

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UNDER INVESTIGATION

Police Chief James Hussey has walked the area behind the Paul Pratt building (historical society headquarters) on South Main Street after reports of vandalism to the new lights along the walkway.

Hussey said he plans to meet with Tom Gruber of the historical society to determine if skateboarders are responsible, as Gruber believes. Gruber also said people are walking on the areas where grass seed has been planted. Police officers will be patrolling the area.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, AUG. 30

5:15 p.m. **Hill St.,** medical aid.

5:59 p.m. **Sohier St.,** and **King St.,** motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

10:59 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

11:35 p.m. **Bow St.,** general services.

TUESDAY, AUG. 31

10:33 a.m. **Mill Lane**, tree down.

10:51 a.m. **Doane St**. and **Bates Lane**, animal control.

1:20 p.m. **Elm St.,** officer wanted.

1:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen.

2:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Brewster Road,** motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

5:12 p.m. **Black Rock Beach/Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning.

8:08 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid.

8:25 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid.

10:10 p.m. **Elm St.,** assist other agency.

10:49 p.m. **Shore Sector**, assist motorist, area search negative.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1

9:54 am. **North Main St.** and **Red Gate Lane**, wires down.

10:41 a.m. **Pond St.,** medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital, ALS

11:13 a.m. **South Main St.,** assist other agency.

11:43 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, medical aid, patient sign off.

12:30 p.m. **Summer St.,** disturbance gathering.

12:39 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance gathering.

1:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash. Patient sign off.

2:47 p.m. **Pembroke/Hanover Line,** motor vehicle crash. Log entry information.

4:13 p.m. **North Main St**. and **Red Gate Lane**, fire.

7:40 p.m. **Beechwood,** general services.

7:44 p.m. **Highland Ct.,** structure fire.

8 p.m. **Beach St.,** suspicious activity.

8:19 p.m. **Sohier St.,** general services.

10:41 p.m. **Sohier St.,** open door/window.

11:09 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** general services.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 2

8:29 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** officer wanted.

8:42 a.m. **North Main St.,** vandalism.

12:05 p.m. **South Main St.,** parking violation.

1:29 p.m. Training.

3:08 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance gathering.

4:29 p.m. **Hammond Ave.,** wires down.

8:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

9:05 p.m. **Sohier St.,** fight, false call.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3

12:39 p.m. **Highland Ave.,** open door/window.

1:08 a.m. **Sohier St.,** open door/window.

1:21 a.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop., verbal warning.

8:47 a.m. **Hull St.** and **Jerusalem Road**, general services.

9:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person. Investigated report taken.

10:36 a.m. **Nichols Road,** fire inspections.

10:41 a.m. **Howe Road**, threats.

12:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid.

4:07 p.m. **Cedar St.,** animal control.

4:18 p.m. **Cushing Road,** medical aid, transported South Shore Hospital/ALS.

6:06 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance gathering.

10:11 p.m. **Spring St.,** fire investigation.

10:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted.

11:26 p.m. **Sohier St.,** animal control.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4

12:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, general services.

1:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, general services.

2:18 a.m. **Elm St.,** parking violation.

4:27 a.m. **Jerusalem Road.** Motor vehicle crash. Arrest: Carl Lewis, 35, 308 Lincoln St., Norwell. Chrgs. Operating under the influence. Liquor, speeding.

8:37 a.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid.

9:52 a.m. **North Main St.,** general services.

9:52 a.m. **Elm St.,** found property.

10:27 a.m. **Highland Ave.,** found property. Transported to SSH/BLS

11 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** medical aid. Transported to SSH/ALS.

11:19 a.m. **Hull St.,** animal control.

12:48 p.m. **Bassings Beach**, noise compliant.

12:59 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal control.

1 p.m. **Harbor**, general services.

1:07 p.m. **Malden Police**, investigation.

8 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** officer wanted.

8:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Mendel Road,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

9:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Mendel Road**, verbal warning.

9:13 p.m. **Joy Place**, disturbance, gathering, good intent call.

9:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Pond St.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

10:07 p.m. **Hull St.** and **Cedar St.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

10:58 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** general services.

11:17 p.m. **Pond St**, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

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Soccer kid's portfolio up 355% in six months



At 12 years of age, in his soccer shorts, Christian Powers is not your average Wall Street investor. But neither are his hefty profits. Christian began trading stocks just after his twelfth birthday when his parents finally said he was old enough. In his first six months, Christian's portfolio was up 355%.

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How does a 12-year-old generate triple-digit gains that would be the envy of almost any investor? Christian's secret is Wizetrade™, a user-friendly software program that tracks the supply and demand of individual stocks and graphically captures the stock's movement. Once Christian sees the historical trend — and the current direction the stock has taken — he forms his trading strategy.

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"We tell our friends that if you're interested in stocks or ever consider buying stocks, get Wizetrade™ first because you need to be able to see what's going on with the stock," says Treva.

Stock runs in the family

Christian's younger sister, Summer, paper trades only, which means she uses Wizetrade™ to assess theoretical trades and then tracks their progress in real time. It's how to become familiar with Wizetrade™ without putting actual funds into the market. "The first paper trade she made is still successful,"says her proud dad, Parris.

Dad's portfolio up 500+ percent

Christian has taken his "Wizetrading" to heart — and to the bank. Christian's mom and dad also use Wizetrade™ and, in fact, introduced him to the software. His mom, Treva, says "My average over the last 26 trades has been 12 to 13 percent gain." Christian's dad, Parris, adds that with Wizetrade™, "Over the last two years, I've probably increased my asset (base) over 500 or 600 percent."

"It saved our retirement account."

For the Powers family, it's not just about making money. It's also about protecting what they've earned. When the U.S. stock market plunged three years ago and investors lost trillions of dollars, Parris says, "Our retirement portfolio was not affected in one little way by the movement that we saw in the market in 2001... That's probably the single most impressive thing about Wizetrade™ — it saved our retirement account."

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On the South Shore

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King Richard's Faire celebrates its 23rd season Sept. 4 through Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Route 58, Carver. Free on-site parking. More than 100 artisans from all over the country display and demonstrate their hand-made treasures. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichards-faire.net

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The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodand-spirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree, Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery 124 Front St., presents a month long exhibit of the latest work by Judi Lister through Sept. 26, 781-545-5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open form 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Fri. Sept. 17

Body to Soul Fitness, Inc., an all-women's health club, 33 Riverside Dr., Pembroke - **Cardio-Striptease** - a fun alternative to cardiovascular training. No clothing removed. Non-members welcome. 781-829-2002.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, Sept. 17, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime **Animal Heroes.** Beth will celebrate those who are fuzzy, four-legged and brave with **The True Story of Balto**.

South Shore Folk Music Club - Coffeehouse featuring **Demetrius** and **Rick Fetters** Open Mike, Sept. 17, at the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main St., Kingston, 8 p.m. $5 members/$6 non-members. Smoke free. Handicap accessible.. For more information call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Country Dance at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Rd.,with DJ Paul DeMaria. Sept. 17, 7 to 8 p.m. dance lesson; 8 to 11:30 couples and line dancing. Snacks, cash bar. $10 admission. Info. 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937.

The North River Theatre will present **Affections of May** by Canadian playwright, Norm Foster, Sept. 17, 18, 24, 25, and Oct. 1 and 2, at the North River Community Club, 513 Rover St., Norwell. Cabaret seating and cash bar. Call 781-826-4878 for reservations.

Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., (just off Hall's Corner), Duxbury, presents "Studies…in Series" an exhibit of water color paintings by Joanne Chittick. The exhibit will run from Sept. 10 through Oct. 2. Exhibit and reception are free. Two steps at the door.

Under the Open Sky, a show of Plein air oil paintings by **Susan Brewster Charles** will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, through Oct. 6. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday through Friday 1 to 5 p.m. and p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 781-659-7100.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery announces the continuation of its raffle at the gallery of a full-sheet sized painting by **Peter Spataro** valued at over $1,200. The final drawing will be held during the membership show in October. Individual tickets are $5 or triple your chances for twice the amount three tickets for $10. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located at 124 Front St.,, Scituate, 781-545-5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission. 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St.,(Rte. 36), Pembroke, presents live music every Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. to closing. No cover. Sept. 17 **Cruisin** 781-294-4700.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents **Stonecrazy** featuring **Danny Klein from J. Geils Band**. Sept. 17. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Lydia Warren Band** swing and rhythm and blues, Sept. 17. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Singles Executive Club Singles Dance, Sept. 17, at the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, Rt. 228, Rockland. Dancing with music by Brian Milligan from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 to 10 p.m. For singles ages 35 and older. Proper dress required. $10 before 9 p.m. $15 thereafter. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club. **www.se-4u.com**

Sat. Sept. 18

19th Annual Antiques on the Green Show, Plympton Green, Route 58, Sept. 18, rain or shine, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. $4 50 dealers. Proceeds benefit preservation of historic sites in Plympton. Wheelchair accessible.

Seventh Annual Quincy ArtsFest, Merrymount Park, Sept. 18, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sept. 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the public with free admission. 617-376-1254.

The Second Annual Winslow House Symposium, "Britton Hammon's World: A Servant and the Sea" will be held Sept. 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the historic Winslow House, at the corner of Webster and Careswell streets. Registration $35 and includes a box lunch. $30 for members. 508-746-1622 ext. 8289 or 781-837-5753.

Duxbury Bay Classic Boat Festival at the Snug Harbor waterfront on Sept. 18 and 19 **Antonio Dias,** internationally known boat designer and builder will speak and show slides on the construction of a Kingston Lobster Boat at the Duxbury Yacht Club, Mattakeesett Court, 3 p.m. Free.

"Shindig in the Shed" party at the Duxbury Bay Maritime School's boat shed on Saturday evening following the event. The party will feature a silent auction of original "wet paint" works of art completed during the day, a raw bar of Duxbury grown oysters and an assortment of appetizers at the "Shindig in the Shed" tickets are $30 per person and are available at DBMS, The Studio and Westwinds. For information, call DBMS at 781-934-7555.

Boston POPS IDOL winner Tracey Silva will be on stage in **The Company Theatre's** concert production of the Broadway musical **CHESS**; Sept 18 & 19. CHESS features lyrics by Tim Rice and music by ABBA's Bjorn Ulvaeu and Benny Andersson. Tickets for CHESS in Concert are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

New Beginnings Singles Group Yard Sale, Sept. 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 460 Main St., Norwell. Rain or shine. All donations gratefully accepted.

Good Neighbor Yard Sale Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. members of Fist Parish Church, Tremont Street (Rt. 3A) next to Duxbury Town Offices. The sale is designed to benefit the outreach work of the Partner Church program, which offers aid to a struggling congregation in Romania Meredith Lehman at 781-934-5484 or Lisa Smith at 781-934-2986.

11th Annual Flea Market and Craft Fair, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain date Sept. 25) Heritage United Methodist Church, 236 Grove St., Braintree. Dealers and donations welcome. 617-479-7965.

Artists at the Felos Memorial Art Center at 720R Park Street (Route 27) in Stoughton cordially invite the public to attend Open Studios on Saturday, Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 19 from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. www.Felosart.com or 781-344-4751.

The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. Admission is $12 at the door. An open microphone precedes the concert. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds go to the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.

The Hills Are Alive Auction and Wine Tasting Event - Saturday, Sept. 18, 7 to 10 p.m. North Community Church Parish Hall, Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. $20 per person in advance, $25 at the door. Call Church Office at 781 837-3784 for tickets.

The John Curtis Free Library in Hanover, will feature "You Are Here" a collection of nature photos taken within a 20-mile radius of photographer E.J. Doyle's Marshfield home. 781-826-2972.

The Dedham Museum 612 High St., Dedham, at the Dedham Historical Society presents **Wedgwood – Not Just Blue and White,** to Jan. 15. Admission $2 adults and $1 children. 781-326-1385 or www.DedhamHistorical.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day week-

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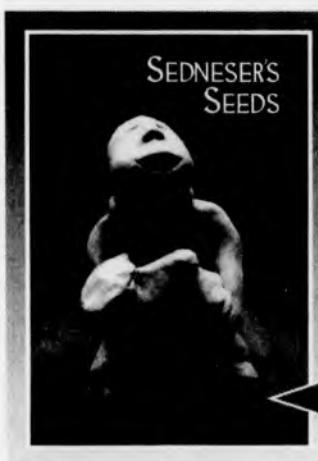
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"Forgotten Poetry," by Dianne Panarelli-Miller
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The Fall Greater Boston Antique & Collective Toy Show will be held at the Dedham Holiday Inn on Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. admission is $3.50 in the morning and $2.50

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, **50th Anniversary Exhibition** presents ***50 Towns/50 Years*** South Shore Exhibition juried Sept. 10-Oct. 24. Opening reception: Sept. 19, 4 to 6 p.m. Bancroft Gallery: by **Dore VanDyke**. Dillon Gallery: **Christian Alexander, Maria Lakhman, Susan Dragoo, Julie Hawking, Patricia McCarthy.**

A special concert featuring the world-touring Steinway "Peace Piano" will take place on at 3 p.m. on Sept. 19, at the **Fireman Performing Arts Center** on the Campus of Tabor Academy in Marion. A tax deductible donation of $25 per person is requested ($5 for students, children under 10 are free). Proceeds benefit the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Tickets are available at the door, or by calling 508-748-2000.

The 12th annual Alzheimer's Association Southeastern Massachusetts Memory Walk Sept. 19, at Heritage State Park Visitors Center in Fall River. Every dollar raised in your community stays in your community and provides care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's. Call Lisa Decosta at **508-944-3937** or visit our web site **www.memorywalkma.org**.

The 12th annual Alzeheimer's Association South Shore Memory Walk The 3-mile and 1-mile walk which also serves Cape Cod and the Islands, begins and ends at the Plimouth Plantation in Plymouth. Register at 9 a.m. Walk starts at 10 a.m. Children's activities. 508-746-9733 or visit www.memorywalkma.org

Hajjar's Bar & Grille, 969 Washington St., Rt. 53, Weymouth, presents **Comedy and Magic** featuring **Mike Donovan, Annette Pollack, Mark Sherman, Jack Hurney, John Hoyce and Brenda Nason.** Cover $10. Free admission to blues club after the show. 781-340-1870.

Mill Wharf Patio, 150 (Rear) Front St., Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. all summer. Bar and grill open all day. 781-545-3999.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield -**The New Black Eagles Jazz Band.** Sept. 19. Admission $10. Show 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner optional at 3 p.m. 781-834-6505. Handicap accessible.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents a **benefit for New England Wildlife Center.** All ages from 1 to 10 p.m. $10 contribution. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mon. Sept. 20

The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **David T. Ellwood**, dean of the Kennedy School of Government and co-author of **Welfare Realities: From Rhetoric to Reality**, and **Jason De Parle,** a New York Times reporter who has covered national antipoverty policy since 1990 and wrote **American Dream: Three Women, Ten Kids,** and **a Nation's Drive to End Welfare**, will discuss welfare reform and its impact on Monday, Sept. 20, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations and information, call 617-514-1643.

In Shape Studio, Hanover Mall - **Back to school, Back to you.** An all women's fitness club featuring the original 30 minute circuit program using Pace circuit equipment (programmed accommodating circuit exercise) which is both aerobic and anaerobic. Weight loss support and other groups forming now. 781-829-5555.

South Shore Secondary School Fair will be held at **Derby Academy** Sept. 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. More than 75 secondary schools from around New England and beyond will be represented by admission officers. Free and open to the public. 781-749-0746 www.derbyacademy.org

Borders Bookstore, Independence Mall, Kingston, exit eight off Rt. 3, presents "Atelier" Hung without Frames, unique paintings by **Hester Write** in the café for the month of September.

The Buttonwood Writer's Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

1749 Courthouse Museum, Town Square, Plymouth, is free and filled with items of Plymouth's history. Open through Oct. 2. 508-830-4075 or 508-746-7789.

Hingham Public Library presents an exhibit by **J. Michael Sullivan**, **The Sublime Color of Northern Italy**, through Sept. 24.

Plymouth Ice Rink opens registration for Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Clinics The Armstrong Arena has opened registration for two pre-season conditioning clinics t Puck Control & Shooting and Pre-Season Conditioning will be offered at the ice rink during the week of Aug. 16-20. To register or for information, call 781-871-7960 or visit www.BayStateHockey.com.

Choral Art Society, a non-audition community chorus. Rehearsals at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. with open rehearsals on Sept. 20 and 27. For information, call Nancy at 781-545-8295 or show up Sept. 13.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus, a 50-voice non-audition chorus, begins their upcoming Holiday Concert rehearsal schedule starting Sept. 13, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the South Shore Conservatory, Duxbury. Call SHCC at 781-837-7041.

The Hanover-based Harbour Choral Arts Society is open for singing. The fall season with new director Sarah Mead, begins on Monday, Sept.13, at the First Baptist Church of Hanover, at the corner of Main Street and Route 123. The doors open at 6 p.m. for registration and socializing, and rehearsals start at 7 p.m. Open rehearsals will be held for the first two weeks, so come and sing and enjoy. Tenors and basses are needed. For information, contact Judy at 781-834-5808.

Tues. Sept. 21

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Show's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, hosts story time every Tuesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Age range is 2 to 5 years old. Free. For information call 781-383-2665.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will hold a **Studio Open House** at the Alden Studio on Sept. 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Pre-registration is required. 781-934-6634 ext. 15.

College Countdown Night Experts from Summit Educational Group and **Campus Bound** will demystify the college admissions process by providing parents with valuable information that will help answer questions and concerns about standardized tests (including the New PSAT and SAT), college applications, and the financial aid process. This free event is designed especially for South Shore parents who are getting ready to help their children navigate the college admissions process. College Countdown Night will take place at the Hingham Library in Hingham, on Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. Parents can register for this free event by either calling 800-698-8867, or by emailing collegecountdown@mytutor.com

The Braintree Choral Society announces the start of its 82nd season with rehearsals for fall concerts on Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. in the music room of the Braintree High School. All former, current and potentially new members especially tenors and basses are invited to attend. No auditions.

Stories and Art for Preschoolers and Toddlers will be offered at the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St.,

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BEST BET

'Chess' a move worth making

When its 1988 Broadway production closed after just 68 performances, the game seemed to be over for "Chess." Indeed, the musical — with its large cast, daunting score and Cold War-themed story dealing with a chess match between American and Russian grandmasters — has rarely been revived. This weekend, however, "Chess" will be performed for the first time on the South Shore in a concert version presented by Norwell's Company Theatre.

"The music is just phenomenal and that's the primary reason for doing it," explained Michael Joseph last week by telephone. In addition to serving in his customary Company capacity as Music Director, Joseph is also director and producer of the concert which will feature a cast of 35 as well as a 25-piece orchestra.

With music by ABBA main men Benny Anderson and Bjorn Ulvaeus ("Mamma Mia!") and lyrics by Tim Rice ("Jesus Christ Superstar," "Evita," "The Lion King"), the show has become a favorite of musical theater devotees. Its book by Rice and Richard Nelson, reworked from an earlier London mounting before its New York debut, is another story.

"It is really a very compelling book, but for the American version they added many components that set it apart from the game of chess and made it a lot darker," explains Joseph. "In our production, we've inserted some of the musical elements from the London version and also some of the silliness that helps give the show a much-needed lightness and levity."

By streamlining the script and eschewing some cumbersome plot elements, Joseph has instead been able to focus the production on the music which will be performed by South Shore favorites including Hingham's Ann McCoy, Boston POPSearch winner Tracy Silva of Taunton, and Company staple John King of Weymouth.

"Our cast is part of the cult of 'Chess.' They were panicked to get roles in this show. People who most often play leads were willing to be in smaller roles and even the ensemble just to be able to do this show. There's an ABBA sounding song, and then the next piece is very symphonic, which makes this a challenging and rewarding score to perform," according to Joseph. "The ensemble gets to sing everything from catchy pop tunes to classical choral music. Our company has been just incredible to work with. Their attitudes have been very supportive. They're delighted to have a chance to do this music, and so am I."

("Chess In Concert" will be performed September 18-19 at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Opening night has already sold out, but seats are still available for the Sunday matinee. For more information, call 781/871-2787 or visit www.companytheatre.com

R. Scott Reedy



BEST BET

The Quincy Dinner Theatre presents "The Cast of Beatlemania" Sept. 18 and 19. Original Beatlemania cast members from the Broadway and national tour companies recreate the look and sound of the Fab Four. Saturday dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday dinner at 2 p.m. and the show is at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are $49,95. For reservations and information call 781-843-5862.

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Duxbury, every second Thursday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from 1 to 2:30 p.m. 781-934-6634 extension 15.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club on North Street, across the street from Seven Eleven.. Non-profit weight loss support group. For information, the T.O.P.S. website is: www.tops.org or call, Eleanor at 781-335-4942.

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South Shore Manic-Depression and Depression Support Group-open to anyone with a mood disorder and their friends and family. Meeting at Pembroke Hospital (Oak St., Pembroke) every Thursday at 7 p.m. 781-829-7211.

The Old Ordinary at 21 Lincoln St. Hingham. An exhibit, **Tools of the Trade from Hingham's Past** features antique tools from the society's collection and is on view during museum hours. The Old Ordinary is open through Sept. 11. For information call 781-749-0013 or visit http://www/hinghamhistorical.org

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave.,

Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

Wed. Sept. 22

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no monies are exchanged - Just time.) Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc. moving furniture), The list is endless. Procrastinating can be a thing of the past. Membership fee: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, at 781-871-2583.

Norwell Historical Society presents a lecture, **Norwell Underground, with Dr. David Titelbaum**. With the help of a metal detector, Dr. Titelbaum has spent years exploring beneath Norwell's surface. See and hear what he has discovered. In addition, Dr. Titelbaum will display some of his collection of old Norwell postcards. The lecture will be held in the Community Room of Norwell Middle School, 328 Main Street, Sept. 22, 7:30pm, and is free and open to the public.

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.



The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be Wednesdays Sept. 8 and 15, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, Sept. 22, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime Funny Folks. Laughter and fun with Beth as she reads **My Favorite Thing - According to Alberta** and **Mrs. Wishy Washy's Farm.**

The Monhegan Experience paintings of Monehegan Island by members of the **North River Arts Society** at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St., Rockland.

Sean O'Toole's Pub, 22 Main St., Plymouth, every Wednesday night, 8:30 to closing. Open Mike & Brews Jam with Mike Landers and Sherry Malone. Open to acoustic entertainers at 8:30 p.m.. All styles are welcome. Free.

Thurs. 23

Borders, 101 Independence Mall, Kingston presents a book signing with **Reid Oslin,** senior media relations officer at Boston College. Mr Oslin has just published "Tales from the Boston College Sideline," an anecdotal history of BC football. Sept. 23, 7 to 9 p.m.

Buttonwood Books & Toys presents former Scituate resident **Nick Flynn** discussing his book "Another Bull**** Night in Suck City" on Thursday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. Nick Flynn has written a powerful, gritty memoir that will strike a chord with South Shore residents. Nick grew up in Scituate. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, located at 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, will open its eighth annual **Sea & Sky Art Show**. This year will mark the first Sea & Sky to include both a juried and non-juried show. The show will be on view through Sept. 16-Oct. 31. The Gala Opening for "Sea & Sky" will be on Sept. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are $20 members, $25 non-members.

Jimbos Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, **11th Year Anniversary Comedy Show,** featuring **Robbie Printz, Annette Pollack, Doug Mola, Adam Copithorne, Matt McArthur, Hugo Maienza, Brian Melvin and Jason Margaca.** Sept. 23, 8:30 p.m. $10 Call 781-848-0300 for reservations.

Fri. Sept. 24

Captain Samuel Robbins House, 188 Main St., Avon presents Candlelight Singing tours on Sept. 10, with Janet Ashton. Tour this historic 1820's sea captain's home by candlelight as a guide serenades you in every room. Other dates Oct. 1 and 15. Refreshments. Free and open to the public. 508-583-7616.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, Sept. 24, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime **How Enchanting**. Beth will enchant you with her reading of **One Enchanted Evening** and **Zin Zin Zin a Violin.**

Next Pages Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Sept. 24., **New Blue Revue** 781-871-7175.

The Outback Steakhouse teams up with **St. Andrew's Church** in Hanover, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m., Outback Steakhouse has partnered with St. Andrew's to prepare and serve a three course dinner in the church parish hall. All of the proceeds from this fundraising event will go to helping the church's Mortgage Reduction Fund. Limited tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Pat at the church office, 781-826-2062. "The Fisherman", a coffee house style program follows dinner. Ticket prices are $17.50, $14, and $6 for adults, seniors/children 10-16yr, and children under 10 respectively. Call to ensure a reservation.

J.C. Dee's, 312 Bridge St., N. Weymouth, **Comedy Show**, featuring **Spike Tobin, Annette Pollack, Scott Higgins, Jan Flanagan, Christina Kiriakos, Scott Loring and Jim Celeste.** 9 p.m. Cover $10. 781-337-1020 for reservations.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St.,(Rte. 36), Pembroke, presents live music every Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. to closing. No cover. Sept. 24 **Dave Becker** 781-294-4700.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke free dance Sept. 24, with DJ music from 8 p.m. to midnight, at the Abington VFW Post, 30 Central St., Abington. $7 members; $10 non-members. Proper dress required. 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fat City Band**, rock, soul, rhythm and blues.. Sept. 24. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing Events

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Jason Gluck** will exhibit his paintings for the month of September at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information, call 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (September-June). The meetings are held at the: Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Needham Campus Administration Building Coffee Shop 148 Chestnut St., Needham Center This informal support group is open to all men and women, regardless of length of time widowed, aged 55 and younger, with the focus on those in their 20's, 30's, and 40's.

The Seaside Mothers of Multiples Group meets monthly in Scituate to provide support for parents of twins, triplets and more. The club is affiliated with the National Mothers of Twins Club. For information, contact Mary Alcott at 781-545-6681.

South Shore Writers Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

Writers' Group meets at Front Street Book Shop every fourth Thursday of the month. Front Street Book Shop offers a supportive environment and encourages all levels of writing experience to attend. Bring a writing project to share. More information call: 781-545-5011.

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.



Families with Children from China (FCC) South Shore, has an active play group meeting every other week from 10 am until noon. Call Cissy White at 781-331-4679 for information. No cost to join.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

La Leche League is an international, non profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and encouragement to all women who want to breastfeed. Meetings are Thursdays, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12, at 7:15 p.m. in Pembroke. For information call: Joanne 781-924-1919/Lisa 781-829-9075/Heidi 781-582-1187. All expectant, new, and experienced mothers and their babies welcome.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com 508-830-4250.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

The South Shore Astronomical Society is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly free meetings, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

The Interfaith Book Study Group meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for March, Palace Walk by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036.



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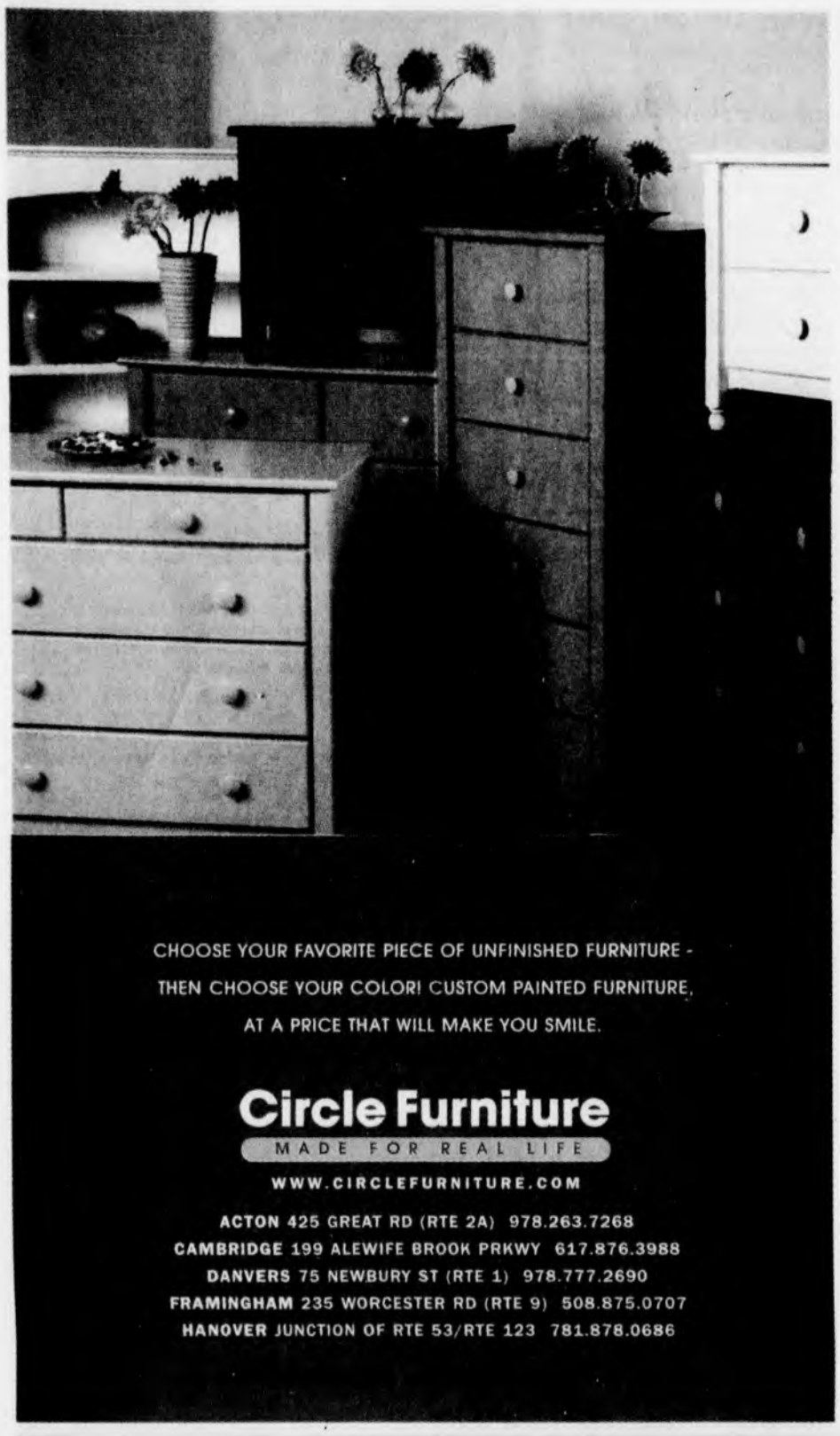


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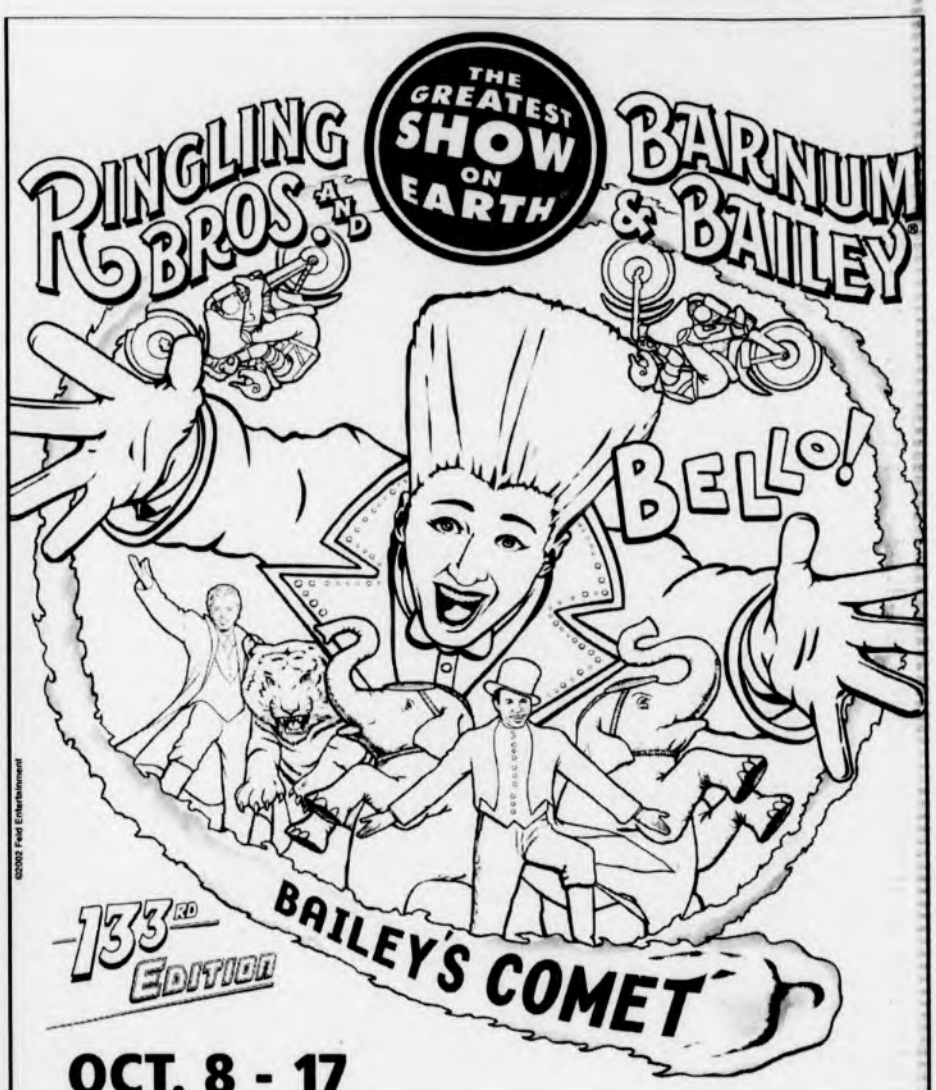




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Kidney transplant buddies organize bike-run for charity

Proceeds help the Jeni Fund

By Mary Ford
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Looking at these two guys you'd never guess they spent a week together at Massachusetts General Hospital.

They're in terrific shape and compete in triathlons [run, bike and swim] on a regular basis.

They laugh at the same jokes; and they look enough alike to be brothers.

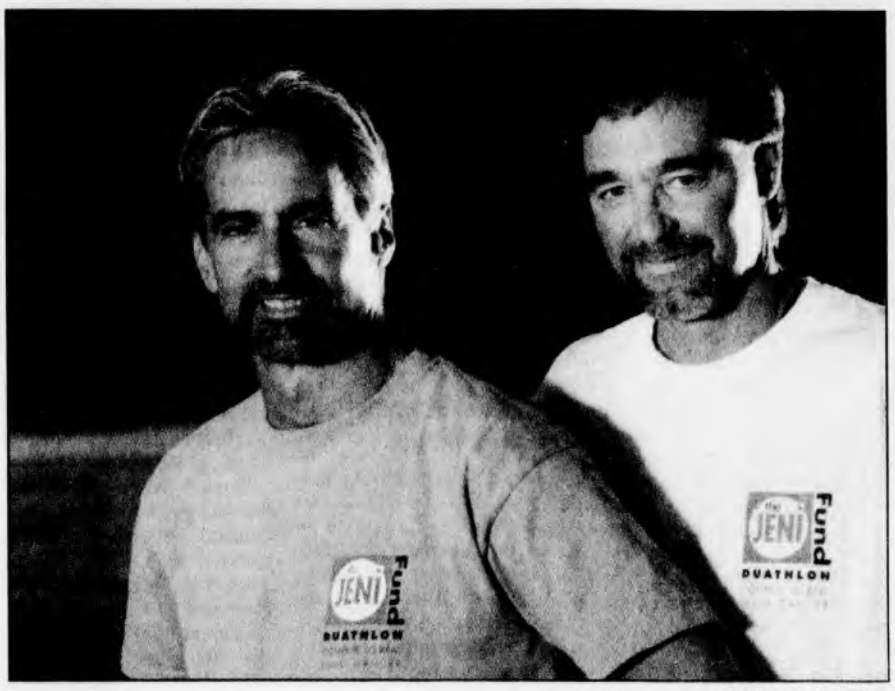
"I wasn't going to watch my friend suffer when all I had to do is show up."
— Chris Hebert

And while they may not be related, they share a bond that is thicker than blood.

Buddies and co-workers since they graduated from college roughly 25 years ago, Rich Berard and Chris Hebert would do anything for each other.

So when Berard's kidneys failed – Hebert immediately stepped up to the plate and said, "I'll shoot you a kidney."

Although it didn't happen quite that fast – ultimately Berard took his friend up on the offer. They underwent the transplant operation in October, 2001.



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Chris Hebert, left, of Duxbury and Rich Berard of Cohasset are helping to organize an Oct. 3 duathlon in Hingham (bike and run) for the Jeni Fund, whose proceeds benefit lung cancer research for women.

Now the duo – who have raised money in the past for the National Kidney Foundation and other charities through competing in triathlons and other athletic events – have switched gears and are pitching in to help fight lung cancer in women by raising money for the Dana Farber Cancer Center.

The event is named for Hebert's wife's best friend, Jenifer Saltzman, who succumbed to the devastating disease at the age of 51. She hadn't smoked in 30 years. Her cancer, adenocarcinoma, is not associated with smoking and is more common in women.

Joanne, Hebert's spouse, is helping to organize the food for the event.

The Jeni Fund Duathlon – a two-mile trail run, eight-mile off-road bike, and two-mile trail run – gets underway at 9 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 3 at Wompatuck State Park off Union Street in Hingham. The course is for all ability levels.

Berard knows what it is like to be sick. He suffered from a degenerative kidney disease that would have tied the ath-

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The first cut narrows field of candidates

By Samantha Brown
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The Town Manager Search Committee has begun sifting through the pile of submitted résumés and has narrowed down the first bunch of 55 applications to 18.

Members of the 12-person committee, of which Chairman Rob Spofford, Joe DiVito, Sam Pease, Nan Roth, Mary Snow, Melissa Browne and Rick Flynn were in attendance Monday night, sorted through the potential applicants, breaking the résumés into two separate piles – those to be further considered and those who were an obvious "no."

The committee had gone through the candidates prior to the meeting and many were prepared to discard a good number of the applications based on the sole fact that they didn't have the education or experience to be able to handle the job. Others were sent by Internet job search firms and were obvious mistakes, as some candidates from out of state who were not interested in relocating were included in the mix. However, there were viable

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Elm Street trees could be history

By Samantha Brown
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A bit of a controversy is taking root over the Historical Society's plan to remove two large trees as part of an upgrade project at the Captain Wilson house and the Maritime Museum on Elm Street.

The society had plans to remove the trees, but the board of selectmen has stepped in asking the group to hold off one more week while it investigates whether it has the jurisdiction to request the trees remain in place.

The society says it owns the land both large ash trees are on, and that it had plans to remove them today (Thursday), but will now hold off until the matter can be resolved. Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley had sent a letter to the society on behalf of the board informing it town bylaws require a shade tree hearing before tree removal can be authorized. However, society member Kathy O'Malley explained Town Clerk Marion Douglas and Richard Henderson,

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Cedarmere development could break ground this fall

On-site septic is fall-back solution

By Samantha Brown
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Despite rumors that the project has expanded to 600 units and is being sold off in pieces, Cedarmere developers say their proposed senior housing development is on course and groundbreaking could take place as early as November.

David Calhoun, 2 Sheldon Road, who is developing the site with his wife Kelli and their business partner Tom Ragno, came before the Planning Board last week not only to clear up some rumors, but present plans which will help the project meet the conditions set by the board when it approved the project's special permit application in January.

Early summer of 2003, the Cedarmere team began seeking out feedback from various town boards and their consultants, and abutters to the proposed senior housing development. The project was the first to file under the town's Senior Multi-Family Residence Overlay District bylaw, and under that bylaw, the plans become subject to review by many town boards. The project is slated for 41-acres on the former Hayes Estate off Beechwood Street on the east side of 3A, and is planned to consist of a mix of 105-units of affordable and market rate apartments and condominiums for seniors 55 and older. The Planning Board must sign off on the final plans after developers have received approval from other town boards.

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An architect's rendering of what some of the Cedarmere units will look like. The 105-unit, 55-plus project looks to break ground in November.

LIVELY LESSON



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Lesley Smith sings "Stand by Me," a song about being a good friend, during a program she put on this week for students at Osgood School. For story, more photos, see page 3.

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Special Town Meeting Warrant clarification

After speaking with Town Clerk Marion Douglas, the Board of Selectmen was required to rescind a previous vote to open the Town Meeting Warrant.

When the warrant is opened, it must be closed seven days later, and acting Town Manager Michael Buckley and the board felt it would be better to open and close the Warrant at a later date to allow residents more time to submit articles. Residents are required to collect 10 signatures to submit an article.

The warrant will officially be open Oct. 12 and closed Oct. 19, and it will be sent to the printer Nov. 1. It will take three weeks to print and should be mailed out Nov. 19. The Special Town Meeting will be held Dec. 6. For more information, contact Buckley at (781) 383-4105 or Douglas at (781) 383-4100.

Garage dance

There will be a dance for students in grades six through eight at the Garage, Friday, Sept. 24, from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be a charge of $5 at the door. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well. The Teen Garage, located on James Lane, behind the Red Lion Inn, is open to grades six and older every Friday from 4 to 10 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays of the month from 5 to 10 p.m.

Annual shellfish bed closure notice

The Division of Marine Fisheries is reissuing the shellfish closure of Little Harbor in order to keep closure records current. This is not a new closure, but an annual re-notification of the existing closure of July1, 1991. The area will remain classified as "prohibited" and closed to the taking of all shellfish. Digging, harvesting, or collecting, and/or attempting to dig, harvest, or collect shellfish as well as the possession of shellfish from the waters, flats, and all tributaries to Little Harbor inside the Atlantic Avenue bridge is prohibited.

Planning Board office hours

The Planning Board office will now be open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The office will be closed Fridays. Town Planner Liz Harrington will be in the office Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information, please contact the Planning Board office at (781) 383-3517.

Farmer's Market annual dog show

The Farmer's Market will hold its annual dog show Thursday, Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. There will be a costume parade, and pet owners are asked to dress up their furry friends in their finest. For more information please contact Tina Watson at (781) 383-6205.

Removal of beach stones is illegal

Cohasset's bylaws as well as the State Wetlands Protection Act prohibit the removal of stones from Cohasset's beaches. All beaches, whether public or private, are protected by the state's Wetlands Protection Act, and the police will be closely monitoring various public and private beaches around town.

Safety fair at Senior Center

The first annual Safety Fair sponsored by the Cohasset Elder Affairs and the Norfolk County Sheriffs Office, TRIAD, will be held Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center, 3 North Main St. Opening remarks from Michael Bellotti, Sheriff, Norfolk County, followed by demonstrations, lots and lots of information on safety and brochures, and professional people to answer your questions will be available at Safety Fair.

There will be more than 25 vendors participating. Many with new information on how to remain safe, at home and in your community. This event is a great way to meet people and talk to provider first hand. You will be able to get important health questions answered and do one stop shopping for health and safety needs. Area seniors and families are welcome.

Suzanne Gunthier, OTR/D from the Arthritis foundation will speak before lunch. The luncheon will be served at the First Parish House, 23 North Main St. If you plan to attend this special event, RSVP To CEA office your lunch reservation at 781-383-9797.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Conservation Commission, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.

Library trustees, Oct. 13, 7p.m., at the library

Town Manager Search Committee, Sept. 27, 7 p.m.

South Shore Educational Collaborative, Sept. 24, 8:30 a.m. at 90 Industrial Park Rd., Hingham

Recreation Commission, Sept. 29, 6 p.m.

Selectmen, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Sept. 23, 7 p.m., in new CHS Community Meeting Room near superintendent's office

Sewer Commission, Sept. 27, 6 p.m.

Recreation Commission, Sept. 29 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Community forums on water related issues

Aquarion Water Company will hold community forums for residents of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset to meet and discuss water issues and concerns with company officials.

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, a forum will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at Hull High School. On Thursday, Oct. 7, a forum will be held at the Hingham Water Treatment Facility (900 Main St., Hingham) from 7-8:30 p.m. Following a discussion, tours of the Water Treatment Facility will be conducted.

For more information, contact Larry Bingaman, Aquarion Vice President Operations, at 781-982-7101.

DPW brush chipping on certain Saturdays

Residential brush will be accepted at the D.P.W. parking area on the following Saturdays:

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Sept. 2004	High AM	- Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	- Hgt.	Low PM
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Fri. 24	8:08	9.1	1:51	8:25	10.5	2:07
Sat. 25	9:11	9.4	2:53	9:28	10.7	3:09
Sun. 26	10:07	9.9	3:50	10:25	10.9	4:07
Mon. 27	10:57	10.3	4:42	11:17	10.9	5:00
Tues. 28	11:43	10.6	5:29	——	——	5:50
Wed. 29	12:05	10.8	6:13	12:26	10.7	6:36
Thurs. 30	12:51	10.5	6:55	1:07	10.7	7:21

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Stringing together life lessons

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STAFF PHOTOS/ BERT LANE

Birthday boy Matthew Doyle takes a big, deep breath to relax during a character education program featuring Lesley Smith and Sammy the Snail.

Entering single-file into the Osgood gymnasium, kindergarten students hear lively music coming from the small stage, and instinctually begin dancing as they take their cross-legged seats on the wooden floor. As the first grade students file in, the music hits their ears, and they begin to dance to their seats as well. By the time the second grade students arrive, all the children are clapping along to the rhythm, excited an captivated, eagerly awaiting a presentation.

This is the kind of music necessary to make children sit up, take notice, and participate — exactly what puppeteer Lesley Smith counts on during her shows. Smith, accompanied by Jimmy MacDougal on keyboards, and the Theatre of Life Puppets, teach children valuable social competency skills, which coincide with the character education curriculum already in place at the school.

"The program went together beautifully with what they've already learned," said Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan, adding from day one of the school year, every Osgood student has been learning valuable social skills as part of the Second Step Education Program the school participates in.

The Second Step program is a state requirement which Cindy Matheison of the Osgood Character Education Committee explains gives children a "Universal language to help solve problems." From bullying to calming down feelings of anger, to using words to help express feelings, character building lessons are integrated throughout every subject, ensuring children at Osgood have the message reinforced every day.

With help from the Osgood PSO as well as Holly Hill of the Social Service league and the Character Education Committee, Smith was able to come to Cohasset, and help reinforce the lessons the children are learning.

Smith began the show by singing some songs. The faces of children in the audience lit up when they realized they were hearing a familiar tune when Smith sang, "Stand by me." Smith then told the children a very animated story about one day when she forgot a piece of her set for the show. She asked the children to use feeling words to describe what she might have been feeling, or what they would feel in a similar situation. The children were then taught strategies for coping with situations, using American Sign Language.

They learned the signs for stop: the first thing they should do when they feel overwhelmed, followed by taking a deep breath to calm down, think: about solutions for the problem, and go forward: with that plan. They then sang an interactive song, signing the words they had just learned.

But after the songs came the real treat, when Smith went behind the curtains to present Sammy the Snail, a soft yellow puppet with a bright green shell.

He was joined by his puppet friends in a tale about bullying. Smith told the students the story was based on an experience she had when she was little, when some girls didn't want to play with her. They were very mean and Smith wanted them to stop, but when the teacher asked if there was a problem, she was too afraid to say "yes." Using Sammy as a role model, children are taught that bullying is "double D" behavior, because it is "dangerous and destructive," and children always need to tell an adult they trust when they're being subjected to it.

Sammy, along with his friend Sir Simon, a brave knight who lives in a castle, begin a medieval journey together, but when Sir Simon is turned to stone, it is up to Sammy to save him. He has to be brave, make friends with a scary dragon to make it into the castle, and ultimately saves the day. He learns to find the qualities in himself that make him special, and realizes what other people say doesn't matter as much as what he thinks about himself.

With a boost in self-esteem, Sammy vows to tell an adult at school about the bullying he has been going through. He realizes he has many adult friends at school, from teachers, to guidance counselors, to custodians and said he'll "keep telling until someone helps me."

The students were captivated from beginning to end, and were very eager to ask Sammy some questions at the end. Some wondered what he eats, and others wondered how Sammy could still be "alive," as he could still talk even with ventriloquist Smith standing beside him, visible to the audience. After questions, Sammy left the children with the message: "Let's work together to create a safe place for everyone."

For more information on Lesley Smith and the Theatre of Life Puppets, visit her Web site at www.sammysnail.com.



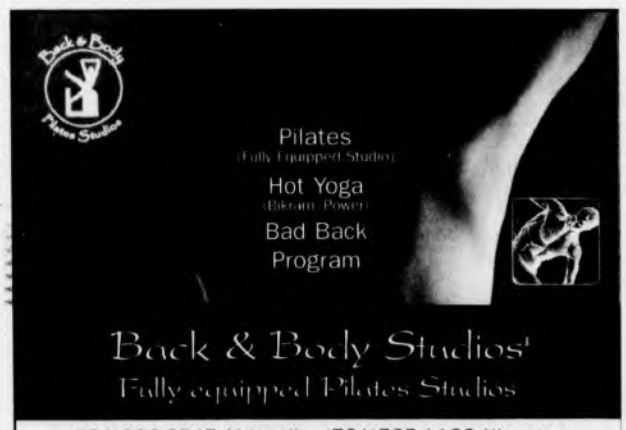
Sammy Snail takes a ride on his new friend, the baby dragon, who is just learning how to fly, during a performance at Osgood School.



Ian Kennedy dances to the music as Lesley Smith and the Theatre of Life Puppets prepare to take the stage at Osgood School Tuesday.



Lesley Smith and Sammy Snail answer questions from students about the best way to handle bullying, during a presentation Tuesday at Osgood School.



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Downtown parking added during lot dig

By Samantha Brown
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The fences are up and the MBTA has begun the two-month process of digging in the municipal lot, which has left some who frequent the Village wondering where to park. While parking spaces in the lot may be lost in portions during the two-month period, there is an abundance of new parking in the Village, which will all be available during the dig, and will hopefully help minimize its impact.

At the end of the Village closest to the Historical Society Headquarters, new parking has been created behind the Olympic Citgo station. Town Treasurer and Tax Collector Joe DiVito said the town has worked out a deal with George Roukounakis, owner of the Citgo station, and he has agreed to allow parking behind his building. The new spaces can be accessed via James Lane, which is between the Citgo station and the Red Lion Inn, and the parking spaces are located across from the "Garage," teen center.

However, overnight parking behind the Citgo station will be prohibited, as Roukounakis must be able to receive deliveries from that portion of his lot. Parking will be allowed for patrons of the Red Lion Inn and other businesses at night.

Toward the other end of the Village, parking is available in a variety of areas. Driving down Ripley Road and bearing left onto Pleasant Street, there is a small parking lot between the municipal lot and the Pleasant Street Parfait. Across the street, in the right of way between the former ABB Optical building and the South Shore Art Center, parking is also allowed. In addition, there is parking in the lot to the left of the ABB Optical building, just past the Pleasant Street Parfait on the right.

The excavation of the town lot began Monday and will be a two-month project, during which time the lot will be dug up one portion at a time in thirds. All personnel associated with the Greenbush Line construction have been issued a badge which identifies them as Cashman Balfour Beatty workers, which is the company the MBTA is working with during construction.

For a complete schedule of work to be done, there will be a posting on local cable access channels as well as the CBB Web site at www.cbbgreenbush.com. For questions or concerns regarding construction activities or to see plans, please call the Greenbush hotline 24 hours a day, seven days a week at (781) 682-6350.

Democrats host debate-watch parties

The Hingham Democratic Town Committee, in order to promote and heighten public awareness of the upcoming presidential debates, will be sponsoring a "Presidential Debate Watch Party" on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 5 Franklin Rodgers Rd.

A second event, a "Vice Presidential Debate Watch Party," will be held at 223 Wompatuck Rd. on Tuesday evening Oct. 5.

Both debate watch parties will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the evening and are open to the public.

There will be a bake sale and raffle to aid get out the vote activities.

Teens are especially welcome as they may be studying the upcoming presidential election in class and the debate watch parties will afford them the opportunity to watch together.

For directions to these events and other details, call Tom Vangel at 617-457-4000 or 781-740-2757.

Cohasset's very own cable TV show

The next edition of Cohasset's very own cable TV show - OUR TOWN - featuring Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin will air on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 8:30 p.m. on Comcast Channel 10. Currently scheduled guests for this show include Cohasset's new superintendent of schools, Dr. Denise Walsh and Chairman of Cohasset's Board of Sewer Commissioners, Ray Kasperowicz. Viewers of OUR TOWN can e-mail questions for guests or provide thoughts and suggestions to ourtown@theclick-studio.com.

A re-airing of last Thursday's show featuring Garrett Bradley and Michael Sullivan will show this Thursday (tonight for Mariner readers) at 8:30 p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

WELLSPRING NEWS

Volunteers needed

The Thrift Shop at Wellspring is searching for caring, responsible and trustworthy volunteers to work in the shop and to assist with inventory. The Thrift Shop is open: Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Thrift Shops continues to offer clothes, household items, toys and books at low prices. The Thrift Shop at Wellspring also offers a friendly atmosphere and the opportunity to learn about other programs and service available.

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Wellspring announces two new support groups for smoking cessation.

Nicotine Annonymous, a 12 step support group will begin Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

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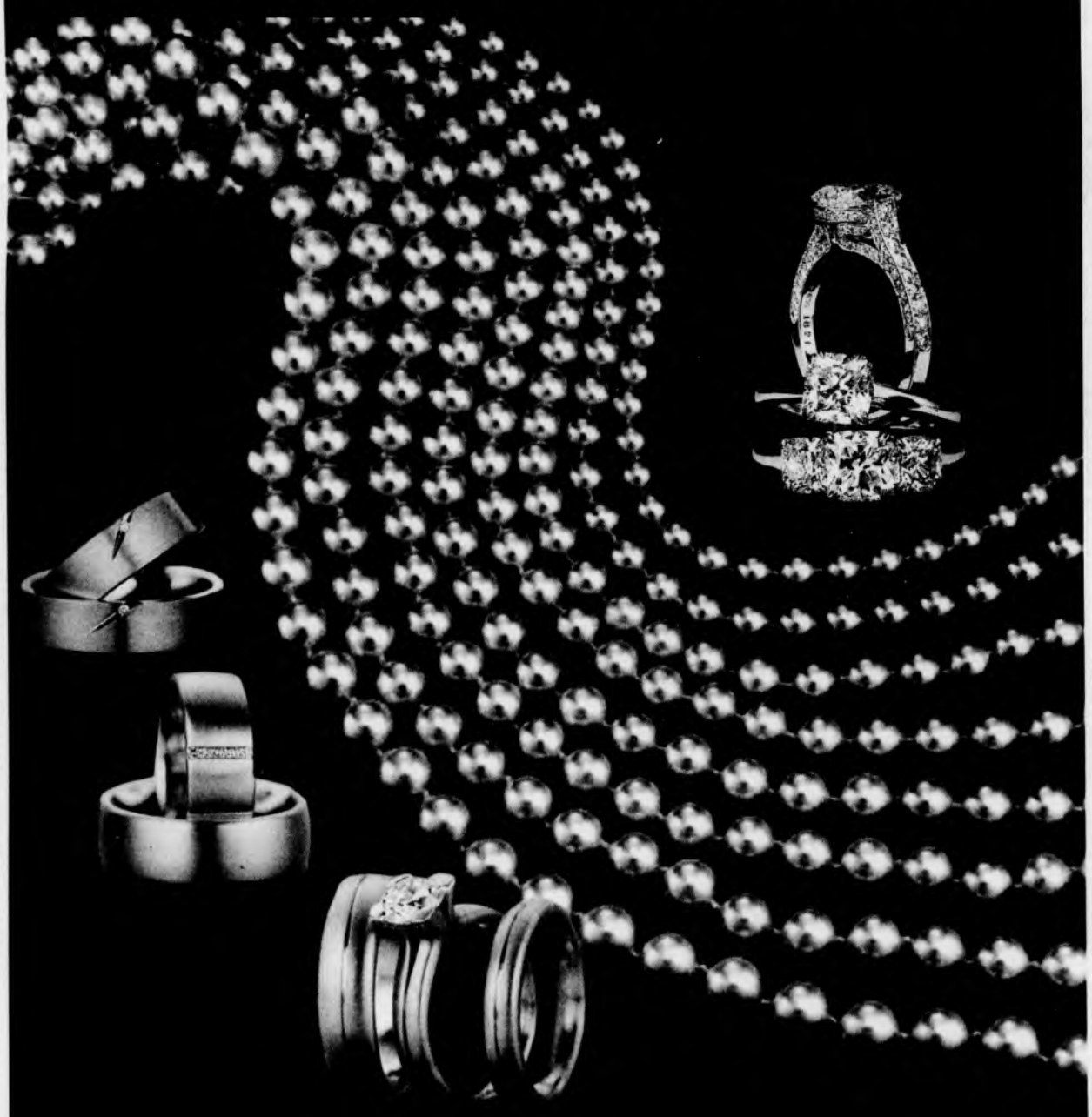
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Two arrested in burglary

By Samantha Brown
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A routine patrol of the town's Recycle Transfer Facility led to the arrests of two men last Friday, when an alert patrolman noticed the door to the RTF office building was slightly ajar and went inside to investigate.

Det. Garrett Hunt of the Cohasset Police Department, who is investigating the incident, said at roughly 1 a.m., Officer Paul Wilson found 31-year-old Robert Andrews of 15 Hull St., Cohasset, and 25-year-old Steven Coble of 140 Atlantic Ave., Hull, allegedly filling an empty grass clipping bag from a lawn mower with various items from the building. They tried to make off with a chain saw, cordless drill, work gloves, a coil of rope, a can of lighter fluid, and a leather jacket.

The two were charged with nighttime breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony, larceny, possession of burglarious tools, and willful and malicious destruction to property of more than $250. Hunt said damages to the door are estimated at roughly $300.

A third suspect, 32-year-old Michael Doherty whose last known address was 12 Park Ave. in Hull, fled from the scene. At the time the Mariner went to press, Doherty was still being pursued by Cohasset police.

Andrews and Coble were arraigned in Quincy District Court Monday. Andrews was held on cash bail and subsequently sent to the Norfolk County House of Correction. Coble was able to make bail.

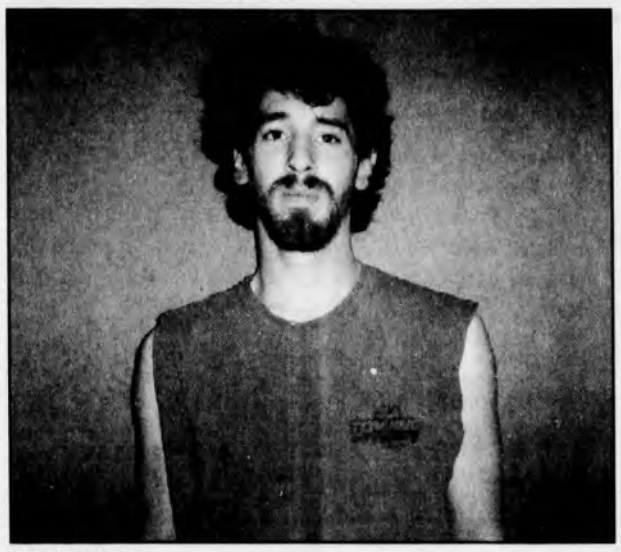
Hunt said within the last six to 12 months, there have been a string of break-ins at the RTF office building. He said while there have been no other arrests made to date, items stolen in the past are similar to those which were recovered Friday.

Coble has a history of criminal activity and was arrested in late August in connection with Cohasset boat break-ins. After investigating a boat going ashore on Gunrock Beach, Hull police found the boat filled with items primarily from Cohasset lobster boats. The boat was allegedly stolen from Cohasset and piloted to Hull. Stolen items included lobster pots, survival suits, rods and reels, flare kits, knives and binoculars. Coble was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property and carrying a dangerous weapon.

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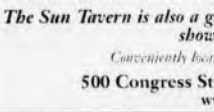
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The Cohasset PSO has kicked off the school year with the Innisbrook Giftwrap Fundraiser! Be sure to open up those packets sent home from school and browse through this year's Innisbrook catalog. The selection of products are wonderful and don't forget that you are supporting our public schools, because we keep 50 percent of the profits. If there is any confusion regarding the due date for the forms: You may turn in your money and completed forms as early as Oct. 7. Keep in mind, Oct. 12 is the FINAL due date for all forms, so that we can have a delivery before December. As always, the PSO thanks you for your continued generosity and commitment to the education of our children attending the Cohasset Public Schools.

FILM NIGHT

The **Paul Pratt Memorial Library** will be hosting an Independent Film Night tonight (Thursday) at 7:00p.m. featuring the film "Long Life, Happiness and Prosperity." Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For more information contact the library 781 383-1348.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its first meeting of the season in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church at 9:30 am on Tuesday, Sept. 28. Coffee will be served at 9:00. New president Judy Dickstein will conduct the meeting, and the new club officers will discuss the current Fall Bulb Sale and other club and community events planned for the coming year.

The mycological expert **Fred Saint Ours** will present a fascinating program about the mysterious and often beautiful growths that are mushrooming around us after recent warm rains. Following the meeting, rain or shine, he will lead a discovery walk in Whitney Woods for all who wish to pursue the hunt. Walk participants should come prepared for weather and wear walking shoes.

GIVE CLUB A BOOST

Anyone interested in joining the **Basketball Booster Club** is invited to the next meeting on Sept 28 in the CHMS library at 7 p.m. This includes parents who have children playing for the high school, recreation leagues and travel leagues. Please come and join in to find what it is all about.

DERBY HOSTS FAIR

Derby Academy would like to welcome the South Shore community to its annual Fall Fair on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain or shine, there will be carnival games for all ages, a haunted graveyard and spooky storytelling, pony rides, live music, art activities and face painting. Thrill seekers can navigate the "Extreme Adrenaline" obstacle course, ride the giant slide, climb the rock wall and go bungee jumping. "Gourmet Galley" in the dining hall will offer a full lunch menu of fresh salads, wraps and pastas, or you can feast on grilled hotdogs, ice cream and cotton candy on the fairgrounds. There will also be a table of home-baked goods. Vendors will be selling jewelry, used books, fossils and other specialty items.

Derby will also be holding its "Swap-It" mega yard sale in Hersey gym at the edge of the fairgrounds, selling clothes, sports equipment, household items and more. The Derby campus is located at 56 Burditt Avenue, at the corner of Burditt and Fearing Avenues in Hingham. For directions to the school, please refer to www.derbyacademy.org.

TRYOUTS

The tryouts for the 2005 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2, at Barnes Field at 1p.m. All boys and girls turning 10, 11 or 12 prior to July 31, 2004 wishing to play Little League major league division baseball and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try-out. Although all eligible 12 year olds are automatically assigned to major league team, their attendance is mandatory at this try-out. Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 12:30 p.m.

This will be the only opportunity to try-out. The rain date will be Saturday, Oct. 16. Questions regarding may be directed to either Liam O'Connell at 781-383-9538 or Nancy Froio at 781-383-1897.

COME DISCOVER

A full day of festivities for the entire South Shore is taking place on Oct. 2. Our World Childrens Global Discovery Museum is celebrating the dedication of the Brooks Thomsen Singer Performance Center and the opening of our toddler play space. This daylong event includes performances by The Tale Spinners, Inca Son Music & Dance, Gary the Silent Clown from Ringling Bros. Circus and Ryanhood along with face painting and arts & crafts activities for the kids. A dedication and a specially choreographed dance piece performed by the Meredith Butulis Dance Ensemble will be a couple of the special highlights of the day. The celebration begins at 10 a.m. admission is $4 for adults, $2 for children and $10 for families up to 6 members. Rain or shine. Parking is free. Call 781-383-3198 for more information.

EAT UP

The **Cohasset Soccer Boosters** will be holding its annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 3, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Deer Hill School Cafeteria. Enjoy a great breakfast, try your luck at some fabulous raffle prizes, even get your car washed while you're eating! Tickets are $5 per person and are available from high school players, at upcoming school events and soccer games, or at the door. Bring the whole family and help support our high school soccer teams!

Als,o the annual Harvest Supper and Auction, an autumn tradition, will be held at **the Beechwood Congregational Church** on Church St. in Cohasset.



INTERGENERATIONAL REPUBLICANS

Cohasset had its own contingent at the Republican National Convention in New York City. Here, Stephen Bumstead, a fifth-grader at Deer Hill, chats with his neighbor, Polly Logan, after President George W. Bush's keynote address.

The public is invited to get together for dinner on Thursday evening, Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will include ham, string beans, Harvard beets, mashed potatoes, dessert as well as beverages. The harvest auction will take place following supper. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

YOU GO GIRLS

The **Cohasset Girl Scouts** held a townwide ceremony last Friday evening for Bronze & Silver Award recognition, bridging, investiture and rededications.

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund and **state Rep. Garret J. Bradley** were on hand to recognize the following girls on their accomplishments and to encourage those who are still working on their awards. Bronze award recipients from Troops 4771 and 4785 were: **Kathryn Hillman, Emily Bertovich, Abigail Perkinson, Paige Collins, Dominique Rioux, Courtney Culhane, Emily St. John, Margaux Donze, Kelsea Hindley, Victoria Lehr and Savanna Young-Norris**. Bronze Awards in progress are being worked on by girls from Troop 4784 and Troop 4785. Those girls are **Melissa Campedelli, Jennifer Curley, Meaghan Leung, Polly Murray, Megan Richardson and Jennifer Spofford.** The Silver Award Ceremony was run by **Molly Dewar, Anne Chapman and Roxanne Tehranian** and recognized the following girls from Troop 4778. They are: **Colleen Richardson**, Pre-School Summer Sports Camp; **Virginia Spofford**, April Vacation Girl Scout Dance and Drama Camp; **Katie Callahan**, Children's Cookbook, and **Aisling Guinee**, Pre-School Reading Program. Congratulations to all of you on these wonderful accomplishments.

That is all for this week. Please take the time to send in all of your news and information to me no later than Mondays by 5 p.m. Anything received after this time will appear in the following week's column.

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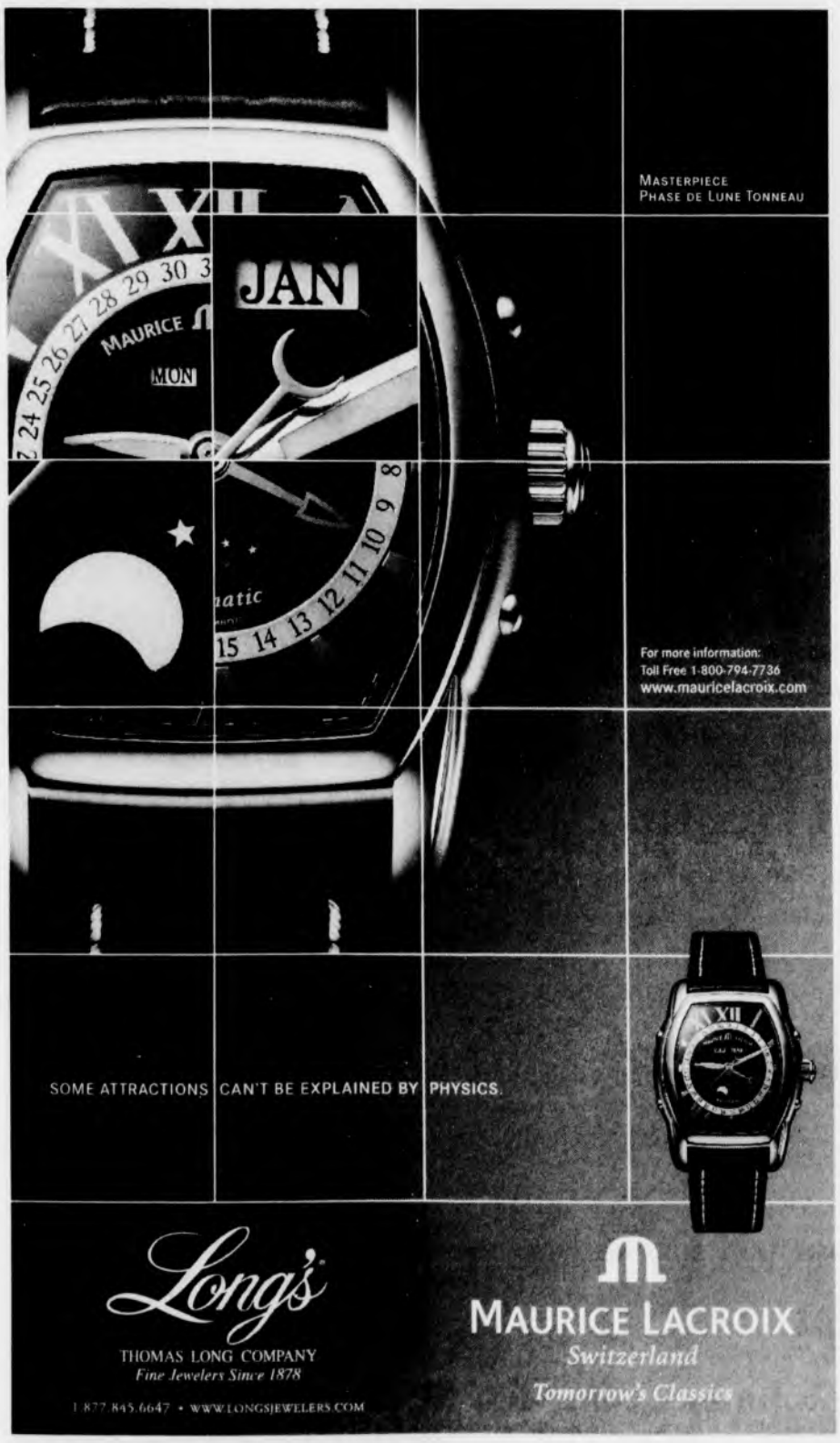
Jennifer Spofford of Cohasset practices face-painting on her sister, Robin, as they get ready for the upcoming Derby Academy Fall Fair. All are welcome to this event at the Derby campus, 56 Burditt Ave in Hingham, on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 11 am - 3 p.m. Call 781-383-2088 Pam Miles MacNaught for more information.

GIDDYUP



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Lilly Hoehn, left, and Taylor Herndon get a pony ride during the Farmers Market that takes place every Thursday on Cohasset Common.



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WEDDING

Edgar - Cellucci

On July 4, 2004, at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset, Jennifer Anne Cellucci, daughter of Judith and Daniel Cellucci of Cohasset, became the bride of Robert Joseph Edgar III.

Mr. Edgar is the son of Patricia and Robert Edgar of Hanover.

The Rev. John Mulvehill performed the Nuptial Mass.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Attending her as maid of honor was her sister, Amanda Cellucci of Quincy. Serving as bridesmaids were Trish Edgar of Hanover, sister of the groom; Christina MacDonald of Arlington; Lisa Thompson of Hingham; Tara Wainwright of North Carolina, cousin of the bride; and Laurie VanGerp of Illinois. The flower girl was Claudia Cellucci of Weymouth and the ring bearer was Jared DiPietro of Weymouth.

Performing the duties of best man were Mark Edgar of New York and Greg Edgar of Hanover, brothers of the groom. Serving as ushers were Aaron Haak of Florida, Brad Nail of Abington and Timothy Byrne of Quincy, cousin of the groom.

The bride, a graduate of Notre Dame Academy and Fairfield University, is employed in the advertising department at Talbot's.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joseph Edgar III

Her husband is a graduate of Xavarian Brothers High School and Auburn University. He is employed in equity sales for Guardian Investor Services.

After a reception at the World Trade Center, Boston, and a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple are residing in Weymouth.

LIBRARY CORNER

Film time

"Long Life, Happiness and Prosperity" will be shown in the Meeting Room, Thursday evening, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. This independent film focuses on the story of Kin, a young divorced mother raising her 12-year-old daughter, Mindy. When Mindy sets her sights on finding her mother a new boyfriend by using ancient Chinese magic, the results are unexpected, hysterically funny and heart warming. Free admission and refreshments! Other films in the series: Oct. 14 "The Republic of Love," Nov. 18 "Carol's Journey," and Dec. 9 "The Rage in Placid Lake."

Author Events

Authors Bernard Corbett and Paul Simpson will discuss their book "The Harvard/Yale Rivalry: The Only Game That Matters," on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. in the library's Meeting Room. The event is sponsored by Buttonwood Books.

Author Bill Nowlin will talk about his book on Ted Williams and the Red Sox on Monday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

Bird presentation

On Thursday, Sept. 30 ,from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sally Avery, an avid gardener and bird watcher, will present a free slide show and lecture at the library. A Bird Walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 8 to 10 a.m. in the woods at Holly Hill Farm. To sign up for the two events and for information on the cost of the Bird Walk, contact Jon Belber at Holly Hill Farm, 781 383-1455.

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview! Reserve your copy in advance of publication by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "Metro Girl," by Janet Evanovich; "A Redbird Christmas," by Fannie Flagg; "Whiteout," by Ken Follett; "Twisted," by Jonathan Kellerman; "Banishing Verona," by Margot Livesey; and "Rumpole and the Penge Bungalow," by John Mortimer.

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Artist exhibit

Landscape paintings of Lisa Marder will be on display at the library from September 10 until the end of October.

Fall story times

Drop-In Story will take place on Mondays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. and from 1:30 to 2 p.m., beginning Oct. 4 and ending Oct. 25. Drop-In story is for all ages and all communities are welcome.

Register Now! for Story & Craft. Story & Craft is for children ages 3-6, requires preregistration, and is for Cohasset residents only. Story & Craft will take place on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m., beginning Oct. 7, and ending Oct. 28.

Spanish music

On Saturday, Oct. 9, from 10 to 11 a.m., Jodi Craft will kick off the "Cultural Connections" grant program, with Spanish songs for young children. Jodi is a dynamic teacher/performer. Drop-In Spanish song groups will continue on Tuesday Oct. 12, 19, and 26, from 10 to 11 a.m. Join us for all four Spanish song sessions! No registration required. All communities welcome.

Priscilla Daniels piano lessons to resume

Priscilla D. Daniels, professional pianist and teacher of pianoforte, resumes her lesson-schedule at her Beach Street home in Cohasset. Her personalized instruction has attracted students who have had careers in music, while others play just for pleasure.

Daniels is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music of Boston, magna cum laude. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega, national sorority, and Pi Kappa Lambda, honorary professional society. She has taught in Swampscott, Lincoln, Norwood, and currently in Cohasset.

As part of each lesson she incorporates music theory, harmony, rhythm study and expression. She encourages her students to improvise and compose, and strives to communicate a love and appreciation for the fine arts through the medium of the piano.

For more information, call 781-383-1487.

SENIOR SCENE

Retiree seminars

The Cohasset Elder Affair (3 North Main St.,) is offering an education series for retirees (5:30 to 6 p.m. light supper, 6 to 7:30 p.m. presentation) titled "Take Control of Your Future."

The sessions are: Oct. 7, "Medicare and Medicaid Changes" (Debbie Banda, AARP Mass State Director; Oct. 14, "New Treatment for Osteoporosis" (Virginia Cummings, M.D., Gerontologist); Oct. 21, "Legal Issues" (Brian Barriera and Paul Tierney, Elder law Attorneys) and Oct. 28, "Memory Loss": What to Do (Carolyn Housman, L.S.W.). Call the C.E.A. at 781-383-9112 to register or for information.

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Girl Scout's cookbook serves up Silver Award

Local farm used as resource

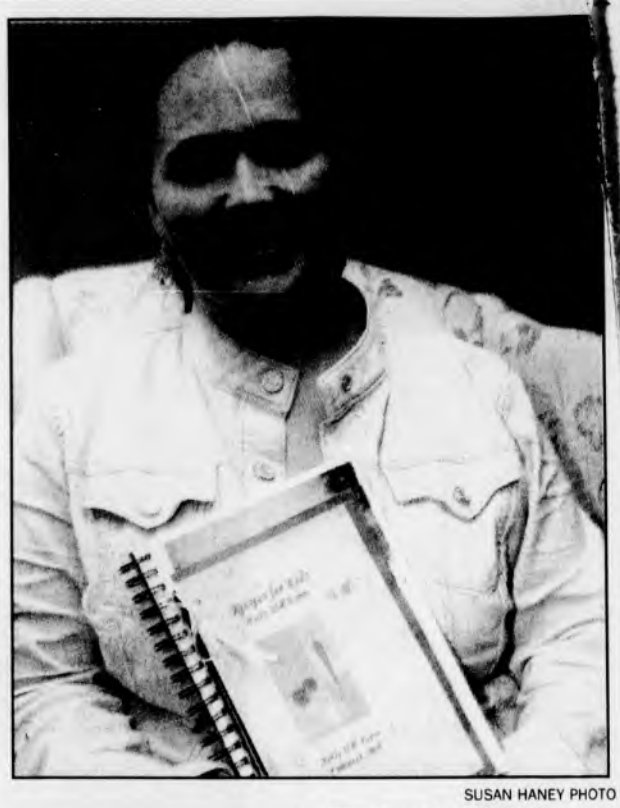
By Samantha Brown
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Nestled between books written by Martha Stewart and the Barefoot Contessa, a cookbook designed and compiled by Girl Scout Katie Callahan will soon be found in many Cohasset kitchens. Using locally grown produce as her inspiration, Katie worked with Holly Hill Farm to create a cookbook that would not only be child-friendly, but promote the use of local, organic produce for everyday meals.

Katie's cookbook, titled "Recipes for Kids : Holly Hill Farm," was created as a project which earned her a Girl Scout Silver Award. The Silver Award is the second highest honor a Girl Scout can receive and requires much hard work and dedication. Katie is currently a sophomore at Cohasset High School and has been a Girl Scout since she was 5 years old. She, along with three other girls from Troop 4778, were presented with their Silver Awards during a ceremony held last Friday night.

While some of the recipes in Katie's cookbook were collected by the farm, some are Callahan family favorites, and some are Katie's own original creations. "I've taste-tested most of them," she said, adding, "They all have at least one ingredient you can get at the farm."

Katie's mother Alison, who is also one of two leaders for the troop, has been very involved with the Friends of Holly Hill Farm, a non-profit organization which uses the farm for educational purposes, using its many acres as an outdoor classroom. During the summer, children who participate in the Young Farmers' program are taught the ways of organic farming, and prepare a meal for their families using what they have harvested. Katie said the farm has been wanting to publish a cookbook, and they were thrilled when she volunteered her services.



SUSAN HANEY PHOTO

Girl Scout Katie Callahan holds the cookbook she designed and published to earn her Silver Award, the second highest honor a Girl Scout can receive.

The cookbook is broken down by section, and is easy for children to follow. At the very beginning, she has illustrations she created of kitchen utensils children might need to use to make some of the recipes, such as measuring cups, pots, and pans, to help them prepare for what could be their first venture into the kitchen. The very detailed drawings which span two pages, took Katie 8-1/2 hours to draw.

In addition, Katie has a section which outlines cooking rules, to ensure children proceed with caution and safety, and have their parent's permission before putting on their aprons.

Most of the book is broken down by vegetable. Recipes for carrots, cucumbers, kale, potatoes, and tomatoes and a number of other organically grown items found on the farm are included. There is a special section for salads, and Katie includes recipes both for traditional green salads as well as potato and tomato salads.

Children, as well as some adults, may not have much experience using herbs, which are grown in abundance at the farm. Katie's cookbook outlines the different kinds of herbs and the dishes they can be added to enhance flavor.

Silver Award projects are very detailed endeavors, and Katie said hers began in August of 2003. Because she used photos from the farm as illustrations in the book, much of her project was on hold while she waited for the spring and summer to arrive again, so she could photograph the vegetables while they were in season.

While she waited for the seasons to chance, Katie had much design work to complete. She completed the layout on her home computer and said all the written copy had to be specially formatted for the pages. "I got halfway through and had to reformat it again," she said, which took even more time. The pages for the book are printed on both sides, meaning formatting was a hefty job, and Katie said it took her 11 hours just to complete the layout of the pages.

Katie's cookbook is a community service project, and is available free of charge at the Holly Hill Farmstand. Katie said she dropped off 35 black and white copies at the farm stand last week, and hopes to have color copies available in the future.

In addition to Girl Scouts, Katie said she loves to swim and she also plays both the guitar and the piano. "I'm very musically oriented," she said. Katie said she likes to listen to classic rock by artists like Jimi Hendrix and Led Zeppelin. Katie also said she likes to travel and has driven down to Florida with her family five times.

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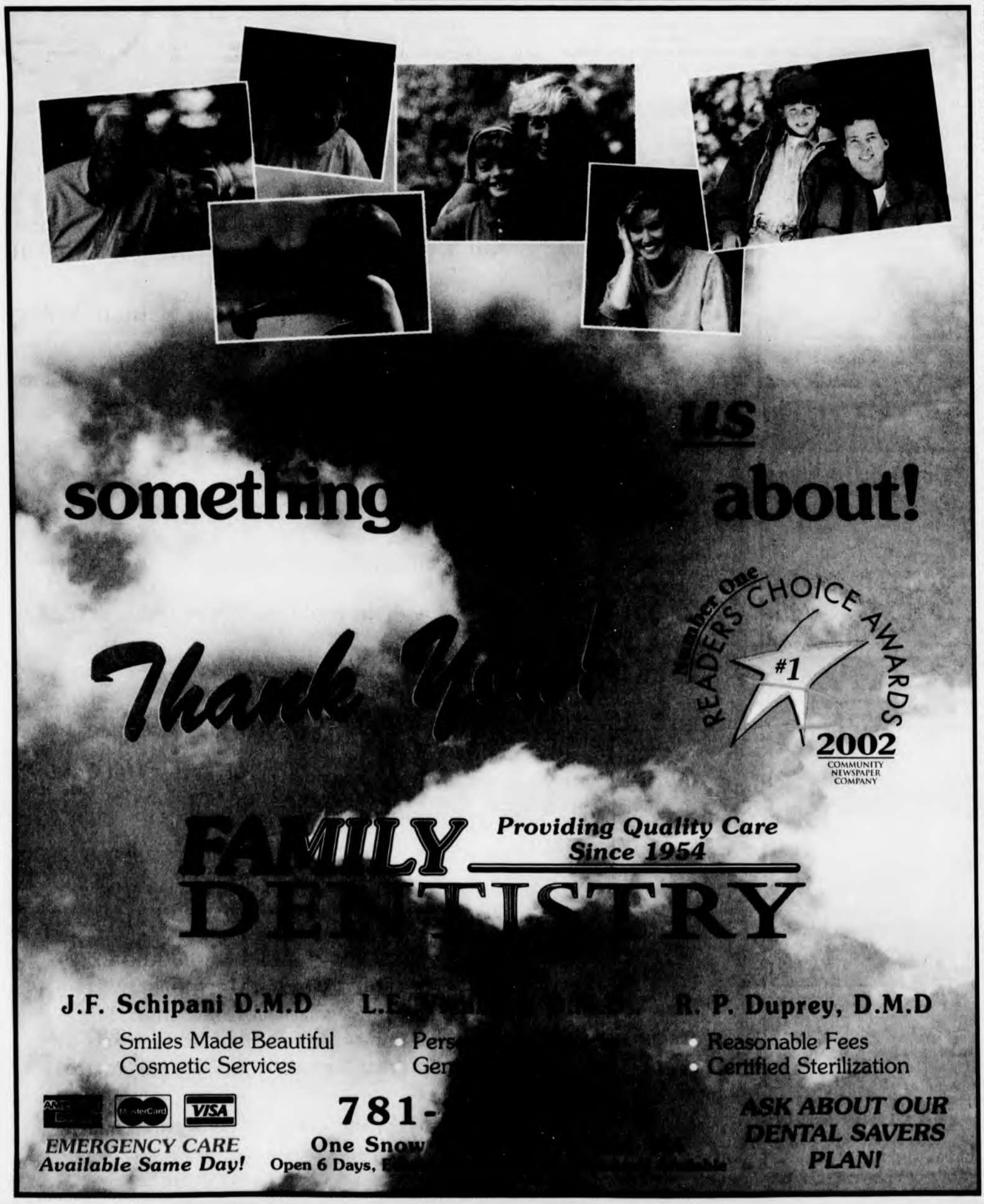
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Making a world of difference

Mt. Blue event to raise funds for Zimbabwe farmers

By Matthew J. Gill
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Jerusalem Road in Cohasset is arguably one of the most beautiful drives in Massachusetts, a windy road that weaves along the Atlantic Coast, while serving as home to some of the area's most beautiful — and expensive — homes. On one end of the road, seemingly out of place amongst its residential neighbors, is Holly Hill Farm. Similarly, on the farm and a long way from home, is Zimbabwe farmer Tim Ashton.

"The basic idea is to get the community to feed itself. There's a lot of hungry folk out there."
— Tim Ashton

For the past five years Ashton, who serves as Holly Hill's manager, has been studying and working in the field of organic farming in the United States, first on the West Coast, and now on the South Shore. Later this year, he plans to return to Africa, and bring with him the knowledge and methods he's learned here in the States. In Zimbabwe he plans to establish a training center where his fellow countrymen can be shown how to produce stronger harvests without overtaxing their land.

South Shore residents can learn more about Ashton and his organization, Gomango Trust, during a benefit that will be held at Norwell's Mount Blue Restaurant on Sunday, Oct. 3 from 5-9 p.m.

The event will feature a number of elements with an African theme including African music, a drum circle, and a menu that will include South African appetizers and wines. There will also be silent and live auctions featuring paintings, pottery and jewelry that have been donated to help bolster the fundraising, from South Shore artisans.

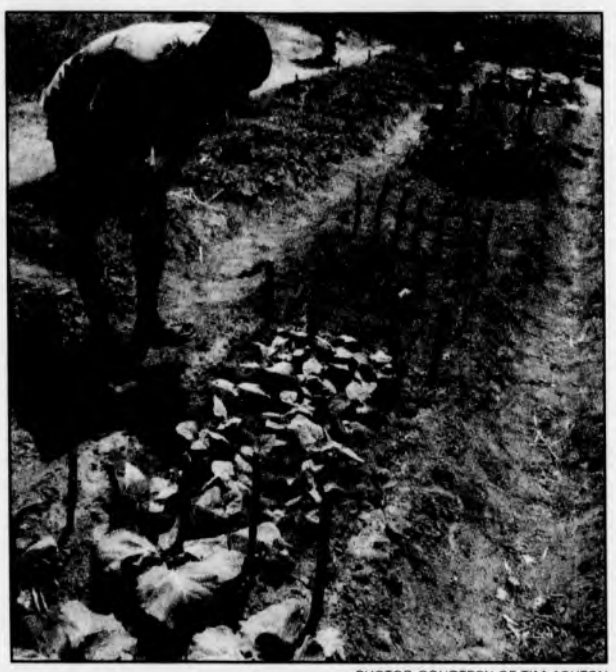
Ashton will present a slide show of images from Africa, and the work Gomango is doing there, and he will give a brief discussion on the crises facing Zimbabwean farmers.

As recently as five years ago, Ashton said Zimbabwe was considered "the breadbasket of Southern Africa," but because of political instability which has included some destructive land reform policies, today 70 percent of the nation's workers are unemployed, and inflation is out of control.



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Tim Ashton, the manager of Cohasset's Holly Hill Farm, discusses his plans to improve farming methods in Zimbabwe.



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Viola Shayera examines bush beans at a demonstration garden in Guruve, Zimbabwe. By teaching farming methods which the land can more easily sustain, Tim Ashton says a family of six can grow enough food on a 100 square meter plot of land, to feed itself for an entire year.

The average farmer in Zimbabwe today has approximately two acres of arable land, said Ashton, but because of a shortage of fertilizer, their harvests decrease each year.

Add to this the region's minimal amount of annual rainfall, and numerous additional problems including the rampant spread of HIV/AIDS throughout the country, and the outlook for Zimbabwe and its farmers looks bleak.

But Ashton sees hope for his homeland.

"It's all about water there," said Ashton. "You can grow anything if you can get enough water."

If the farmers can be taught to employ water conservation methods including drip irrigation, foot-powered pumps, or even the use of solar energy, their harvests will grow.

By using more natural compost, and other farming methods that rely less on the use of fertilizers, including crop rotation and saving seeds, he added that farmers working on a plot of 100 square meters can feed a family of six for an entire year.

"The basic idea is to get the community to feed itself," said Ashton. "There's a lot of hungry folk out there."

Gomango has already established a handful of "demonstration gardens" in Africa, where local farmers can view first-hand how the alternative methods work, but they are also planning to establish the Gomango Agroecology and Sustainable Living Center in Mutorashanga, Zimbabwe.



Viola Shayera (front) and Kensie Matsikwa work at a demonstration garden that Gomango Trust has established in the Zimbabwean town of Guruve.

Ashton is planning to return to Zimbabwe after Thanksgiving.

"I've worked on a farm all my life," he said. "I feel a strong drawing to go back there."

The organizer of the Mt. Blue fundraiser, Scituate resident Debbie Roffo, met Ashton on the day she showed up to volunteer at Holly Hill.

After meeting Ashton and learning about his background and goal, Roffo said she was inspired to get involved on his behalf, and for the people of Zimbabwe.

"They need the basics, food, the necessities of life," said Roffo.

The following day, Roffo introduced Ashton to Jayne Bowe, co-owner of Mt. Blue.

Bowe, who's also a member of the North River Gardener's Club, said she was happy to get involved.

"I was really amazed at his story, and he's here on the South Shore," she said.

"It happened easily so it was meant to be," added Roffo.

Tickets for the event are $40 and can be purchased at the door, or reserved by calling Mount Blue at (781) 659-0050.

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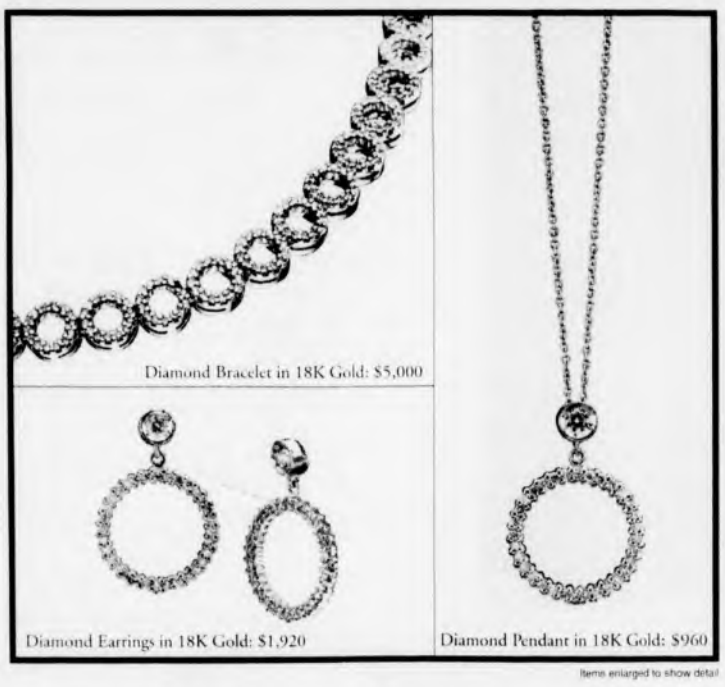
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The first cut narrows field of candidates

FROM MANAGER, PAGE 1

résumés found in the pile which were put aside for future review, and the committee feels very optimistic about the process going forward.

"I think we've made a great first pass," said Spofford.

Pease suggested the next round of cuts — set for Monday — should break candidates down into three categories: those who have Massachusetts municipal experience; those who have the same experience but are from out-of-state; and anyone in the private sector who has relevant experience. Pease said he agrees with comments made by Selectman Ralph Dormitzer at a joint meeting of the two boards last week, that candidates do not necessarily have to come from strictly municipal backgrounds.

Dormitzer has been very vocal about his interest to push municipal experience aside as the most important quality for a new manager, and look for candidates with a strong business background, who can serve as the kind of leader the town needs. In his view, the perfect candidate would be someone with values who can energize others, is intelligent, ethical, and emotionally mature, and exercises self-control.

Pease said it will be a tough decision in weeding through the applications because "you won't get the softer stuff in the résumés," such as emotional qualities, but they will help guide the process. However, he said interviews will be more indicative of the kind of people the applicants really are.

The current staff has the knowledge to be able to help with the municipal aspects of the job in the beginning, said Pease, should the town decide to go with someone with a business background. Members of the committee agreed the current staff, especially acting Town Manager Michael Buckley and treasurer/tax collector DiVito, are doing and have done a wonderful job. However, without any municipal experience, committee members say it might be hard for the new candidate to hit the ground running, which is what the town needs. However, Pease said someone from the business world who has relevant experience for the position could do a great job with the town, with a little help. For instance, "Someone who had run an Internet company would not make sense, but someone who had run a transportation company would make sense," he said.

Pease said with the Special Town Meeting slated for Dec. 6, it would be "wonderful," to have a new Town Manager in place. However, he noted that after someone is hired, they will need time to close out their former job and should take some down time to clear their head before stepping into a new role. He said anyone hired in time for Town Meeting should absolutely be in attendance, as it will help them get a feel for the town and its governmental process, but not act in any sort of management role.

Committee member Nan Roth said in looking over all the résumés so far, she has only found two really solid candidates who would be just what the town is looking for. DiVito said of all the candidates, he had chosen two top contenders, but upon further scrutiny, one had moved around from job to job and hadn't held on to a position for very long. He then narrowed down his top choice to only one candidate. The majority of the committee said they felt there were probably two or three candidates at most that were really strong contenders for the position, but everyone will be equally considered.

DiVito said the sooner the group can come to a consensus on candidates it would like to interview the better because of the fierce competition for Town Manager positions. "We don't want to lose out," he said. Even with the small amount of potential contenders for the position, when Pease asked, "Is there a Town Manager in this group," of candidates, the consensus was, there is.

The day after the meeting, eight more résumés came in, and DiVito said there are some "really great candidates" in the latest group. He said usually the "heavy hitters," send their résumés in as the deadline approaches, which is what seems to be happening now. In addition, DiVito has been doing some behind-the-scenes recruiting of his own to help add to the pool.

A former co-worker and friend of DiVito's has been conducting a mini-search on behalf of the town, and has been proactively contacting candidates with the skills Cohasset is looking for, who might not otherwise hear of the opportunity.

"Out of the 12 e-mails she sent, the leading candidate responded," said DiVito. While the potential candidate has not yet sent in his résumé, DiVito said he has spoken with him on the phone and he asked a lot of great questions about the position. DiVito said the candidate is currently an Assistant Town Manager and is working in a town which is slightly larger than Cohasset, and that he would be willing to relocate for the position. Overall, "He seemed like a promising candidate," said DiVito.

However, the committee agreed because of the importance of the position and as Flynn put it, the "musical chairs," with town managers in the state and the need to fill vacancies, it would be a good idea to begin interviewing third party search firms, just in case one is needed in the future. While there are currently some very good candidates in the running, if in the end due to whatever reason, the town doesn't have five solid candidates to present to the Board of Selectmen, as it has requested, the committee may choose to use the services of a search firm to find additional candidates.

"We've been hired to find the top position in the community," said Spofford, adding hiring a search firm at some point might make sense.

Browne asked how the selectmen felt about paying for the consultants should they be needed. Spofford said he thought the general consensus of the board was that it is better not to be "Penny wise and pound foolish." Spofford also said he thinks the cost for a search firm could be between $25,000 and $30,000. "But it's the CEO of your company," that you're hiring, he said.

At the committee's next meeting, slated for Monday, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, members will each come in with their top candidates, which will include résumés submitted this week. The deadline for applications is Sept. 28.

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Elm Street trees could be history

FROM ELM ST, PAGE 1

the society's legal counsel, have been contacted about the matter and neither one has been able to find anything in the town's bylaws that require a shade tree hearing for trees located on private property.

In addition, O'Malley said a recent property boundary survey of the two museums, conducted by Neil Murphy, states the trees are both located on Historical Society property — meaning the town has no jurisdiction over the matter.

The trees would be removed as part of a drainage project to help restore the buildings. Patrick Guthrie, the preservation architect the society is working with on the project, explained the maritime building was partially built on ledge, and water currently flows through the north wall, down through the south wall, and out. There will be some ledge removal necessary to re-route the water, and while that may not affect the tree, if it does at some point then the tree becomes too weak and falls. He said the building is the last remaining of its kind and is irreplaceable.

If the building is damaged, the collection inside will be damaged, which holds the key to many aspects of the town's history.

In addition, since one tree is very close to the Maritime Museum, its roots are disrupting the foundation as well as the front walkway, and would make it very difficult to construct an accessibility ramp at the main entrance to the building.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer suggesting creating a new entrance at the side of the building, away from the trees, but the Society feels that could harm the historical nature of the building. The tree also covers a good portion of the building, and is causing moisture damage because the sunlight cannot get through. Guthrie said he imagines the problem will only continue to worsen.

"It would be tragic if that building was compromised," he said.

But Dormitzer said he has never heard of a tree's roots ever severely impacting the foundation of a building. "There are reasons roots are a problem, and that's not one of them." He added in terms of moisture problems, if the gutters are cleaned out regularly, that can greatly help the problem and trimming branches to allow sunlight in could help as well.

Members of the society say while they are willing to work with the town, they reiterated there is nothing in the town's bylaws that says the town has any jurisdiction over the tree because the Society owns the land. However, the selectmen say there is a gray area in terms of whether the town can tell it not to remove the trees.

While the society is heading up the drainage project, it is being paid for with money from the Community Preservation Fund, which selectmen say is essentially taxpayer dollars. When accepting the funds, the Historical Society agreed to a deed restriction for the property, stating it will always be used for public purposes. "Yes, it is private property, but it's quasi town property," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan

O'Malley said the Historical Society is prepared to pay for the tree removal, but Sullivan said that is not the issue. "It's not the cost of taking it down, it's concern on the part of people who don't want to lose their trees," he said. Tree Warden Andy Swanson said both trees are healthy.

Dormitzer said the trees are the last remaining large trees on Elm Street, and once they're gone, "You never have a chance to replicate them." He said he didn't think it was fair of the society to take one of the trees down before it suffers any damage, when it is unknown whether the construction will harm the root structure or not. "They're both at least 75 feet tall and at least 2 feet in diameter," said Dormitzer, and should be seen as an asset to the town.

Jim Shipsky, 58 Doane St., is also in support of saving the trees. He said for years he has had his office in a 200-year-old carriage house next to a 275-year-old oak tree. He said the roots go under the foundation of the building, and have never done any damage. He said the tree next to the Maritime Museum is an "utterly magnificent tree. What an asset. It would be a great tragedy to destroy it."

However, Werner Diekmann of the society said at this point, the choice is either to "preserve the building or preserve the tree," and he would choose the former.

Sullivan said it doesn't sound like all the options have been considered as an arborist has not yet looked at the trees.

For now, the appointment to cut the trees down has been postponed and the Historical Society has agreed to have an arborist look at the trees this week. The Historical Society will come before the board again Tuesday, Sept. 28.

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The H.I.K.E.R.S. (Hingham Inspires Knowledge, Education, Research and Support for autism) is a community group of friends and families for autism research. All proceeds from fund raisers benefit the national Alliance for autism Research (NAAR).

Autism is a complex brain disorder that often impairs a person's ability to communicate, respond to surroundings, or form relationships with others.

Autism spectrum disorders affect people of all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds and occur in an estimated one in every 250 births. Some studies place the prevalence of autism spectrum disorders even higher. Recent prevalence studies suggest that more than 1 million Americans are living with autism spectrum disorder. This makes autism spectrum disorders the second most common developmental disability after mental retardation.

Currently the causes of autism are unknown and there are no scientific medical treatments or cures. Physicians have no blood test or diagnostic scan to diagnose the disorder. The diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder is based solely on the observation of behaviors.

Despite increasing national interest in autism and strikingly high prevalence, autism research remains one for the lowest funded areas of research by both private and public sectors.

The primary fund raiser for the H.I.K.E.R.S. is the annual Walk Far for NAAR event held at Artesani Park in Brighton. Last September they raised more than $30,000 for NAAR through the generous donations of the community. This years event will be held on Sunday, Oct. 3, at Artesani Park, e.k. Designs Jewelry from Cohasset is sponsoring the H.I.K.E.R.S. this year. Elizabeth Kissick has designed an "Autism Awareness Bracelet." To view and purchase the bracelet go to www.ekdesignsjewelry.com and click on bracelets with a meaning. All proceeds will benefit N.A.A.R.

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I was eager to support quality emergency care primarily because emergency services touch people in ways that few charitable causes do. We, or someone we love, will likely need South Shore Hospital's emergency care. Rather than hope or assume that what we expect will be available, shouldn't we all get involved to assure that it is?

I believe that the hospital's emergency department is an essential resource for our community. I was intrigued that even though the hospital had already invested millions to double the size and scope of its emergency care, it wanted to do even more. So I agreed to help.

After some planning, I convened the first meeting of the Friends of Emergency Care in January 2004. We started as a handful of people, some with emergency department experiences that didn't meet our expectations. Now, we have 70 members involved, with another 90 interested in joining us. Many are grateful patients or family members. We hope that many more will join us.

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It has been rewarding to meet so many talented doctors, nurses, and other professionals who genuinely want to provide the best possible emergency care. We were candid when describing our personal emergency experiences. The staff welcomed our appreciative comments, but really wanted to hear about opportunities to improve. I, for one, was impressed.

Since our first meetings, we've already seen many positive changes. A nurse now greets each patient, so that the process of evaluating the seriousness of each emergency can begin right away. A concierge focuses on keeping patients and families informed about any delays in care. The waiting room has been made more comfortable, with a snack area nearby for the family and friends of those receiving emergency care.

The Friends of Emergency Care continues to provide input about how to enhance the emergency department experience. Eventually, we will help in other ways — some of us will continue as advisors, others will volunteer in the ED itself, some will help fund-raising that will support emergency care, while others will work at convincing public officials to more adequately fund the care.

You may have read a letter from Braintree resident Robert Walsh (who is not a member of our group) that was published in the *Patriot Ledger*. He wrote, in part, "I realize what has happened at South Shore Hospital. They have become the busiest ER because they are the best in the area."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Thinking outside of the box

The town manager search committee certainly has its work out for it.

From what we have seen in our dealings with numerous other municipalities on the South Shore and Cape Cod, finding an experienced individual to lead a town is a challenge at best. Add to that all the specific qualifications Cohasset is looking for in a candidate and you can see how the process may take some time.

In today's competitive market candidates for town manager or town executive roles are garnering top dollar and are being wooed by multiple towns who recognize they need the best in this changing and complex world. Cohasset's search is ongoing with applicants having until Sept. 28 to send in applications and currently, the town is not at a loss for interest in the position with more than 50 resumes received to date. But once those were whittled down this week, the search committee came up with a possible list of 19 applicants for the modest $100,000 a year job. Yes, modest is the term for the salary given today's standards. Just take a look at the Massachusetts Municipal Association's newsletter and you'll see all the openings and the salaries they generate.

At this week's meeting, the search committee began grouping candidates in the definite no category and one worth further exploration. Candidates remaining will be reviewed based on several fronts: someone first and foremost with Massachusetts municipal experience, whether it be operational such as a department head; a candidate with municipal experience who may be from out of state; and thirdly, a business person who has strong qualifications as a leader.

It seems like the town is looking for a lot in one individual. No one candidate has everything a search committee or hiring manager is looking for when a position opens up. We do, however, applaud the town for wanting it all, but it must be realistic.

That's why we think Selectman Ralph Dormitzer may be on to something when he said last week Cohasset leaders might be wise to look for someone with more business experience and focus less on municipal experience. We think he's right when he said Cohasset needs the kind of leader who has values, can energize others, is intelligent, ethical and emotionally mature. Someone from the business world who knows how to lead and direct a company, because Cohasset is a business after all.

We agree with the theory that there are many qualified people in town who have enough knowledge about municipal government to help a smart, savvy business person get up to speed pretty quick. The town is fortunate to have the likes of Michael Buckley as director of finance and Joe Divito as treasurer/tax collector who "get it" and seem open to share their experiences.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris is also right in that the town doesn't have time right now to provide "on the job training." But that may be underestimating a strong candidate's ability to limit the "learning curve."

We urge the committee and selectmen not to undervalue the role an experienced business leader can play, even if he or she has limited municipal experience.

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HAMILTON

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spare the trees

TO THE EDITOR:

The Village Renaissance Committee strongly objects to the Cohasset Historical Society's decision to cut down the two beautiful, mature ash trees on the site of the Maritime Museum and the Captain John Wilson House on Elm Street. We are surprised and disappointed that an organization dedicated to preserving the historic character and beauty of Cohasset would consider such an action.

The argument that a handicap ramp might be built in 10 years does not justify removing the tree in front of the museum now. Nor is cutting down the other tree to avoid possible root damage a desirable solution. There must be a better way!

Leaving ugly stumps where once stood two tall trees that grace both the site and downtown Cohasset is not in the public interest. We hope that the Historical Society will reconsider its decision.

Jacqueline Dormitzer, Ann Whelan, and Anna Abbruzzese,
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Cohasset mason helps cat shelter

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset mason Brendan St. John and his crew devoted the first third of their Labor Day weekend, a beautiful end of summer Saturday, to helping some less fortunate than themselves have a little light in their lives:

Thanks in great part to Brendan's hard work and generosity, the cats of Hull Seaside Animal Rescue have windows from which to view the world, an exciting one at that — one of the windows oversees the dumpster, and surely when we arrive in the morning to feed our guests and clean their rooms, the cats will look up bleary-eyed, exhausted from watching all the nightly activity.

Thanks to Brendan St. John and his crew that insisted upon doing all this work free of charge, the cats will have healthier air to breathe and a state of mind that comes from having a "room with a view." Thank you Brendan et al. You've done a service that will brighten the lives of so many for years to come.

Pamela Loring
For Hull Seaside Animal Rescue

That was the new chief?

TO THE EDITOR:

Allow me to add my kudos to Chief Hussey for his traffic management skills.

I too was delighted when I saw a uniformed officer directing traffic last Wednesday morning (Sept. 15) at the ever-congested-during-rush-hour intersection of King Street and Rte. 3A. I made sure to extend a special "thank you" as I drove by. Sorry to say, I never imagined it was the new chief waving traffic by.

When public service employees, especially those who lead and supervise over others, extend themselves above and beyond it sets an example for everyone, including the public at large.

John Loupos
King Street

Don't take the stones

TO THE EDITOR:

From time to time we see people helping themselves to stones from Cohasset's beaches and marine structures like the sea wall at Parker Avenue. Apparently, stones make good landscaping features.

There's no denying there's a lot of rocks in Cohasset, and many people see no harm in removing a few from a breakwater or beach. However, both the state Wetlands Protection Act and Cohasset's bylaws make it illegal to remove them, and for no good reason.

Coastal sites are very fragile and complex; subject to impact from nature and man. Stones are an integral part of the beach system, absorbing kinetic energy from waves during storm events. Their removal effects the beach's natural defense as the stones help dissipate the energy of wind and waves, thereby protecting our shoreline.

Similarly, removal of filler rocks from breakwaters and other marine structures allows waves to penetrate into the voids, which can eventually undermine the supporting ground and lead to structural failure.

Most of us begin our fascination with beach rocks when we're young, pocketing sea glass and those nice smooth white pebbles. I'm not suggesting that we empty children's pockets, but only want to point out that as adults, we bear the responsibility for educating ourselves and our children, and helping to conserve our sea coast as much as possible for future generations.

Gary Vanderweil
500 Jerusalem Road

CHAMBER CHATTER

Breakfast meeting

Call the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce at 781-383-1616.

• Oct. 13, "October Breakfast Meeting: Your 60 Second Commercial. "Speaker Dave Kantelis, a Director for Business Networking International (BNI), will discuss developing your "60-Second Commercial" 7:30 to 9 a.m. Atlantic Bagel in Cohasset Village

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Saving old buildings is topic of Hingham lecture

By Constance Gorfinkle
SPECIAL TO JOURNAL

Jane Nylander has made it her goal to recognize and help preserve as many as possible of our historic buildings, objects and gardens.

She has done that through a multitude of positions she has held, from serving as president of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, to being senior curator at Old Sturbridge Village; by teaching American and New England Studies at Boston University, and history at the University of New Hampshire; by mounting exhibitions, publishing numerous articles, and by lecturing extensively on New England social history and domestic interiors, textiles and clothing, as well as on the significance, organization and management of collections for museums, historical societies, antique shows and collectors groups across the United States and in England.

It is as a lecturer that Nylander is coming to old Derby Academy in Hingham, on Sept. 30, at the invitation of the Hingham Historical Society.

On that occasion, she says, the subject will be "the history of interest in New England's past, from the 18th century, and I'll probably take it up to the early 20th century when many of the local historical societies were founded."

Speaking over the phone from her home in Portsmouth, N.H., Nylander went on to explain how important has been the role of antiquarians — such as she herself is — in the preservation of our collective past.

"I think they have expanded our understanding of the world in which we live, the historical influences that affect the way we perceive our environment and our material culture."

Through their efforts, much of the past has been saved, she continues. But, at the same time, much has been lost – through fire, urban renewal and the need of many people to develop any piece of land that can turn a profit. She cites as great losses the Old Indian House in Deerfield and John Hancock's house in Boston.

"But, then, every community has lost important buildings."

Nylander has been interested in historic buildings for as long as she can remember, "since I was a child." By the time she was in graduate school her expertise in antiquities and the interest in their preservation had grown to the point she was questioning what she was being taught

"They said that interest began with the Philadelphia Centennial in 1876. But I knew that didn't make sense, because I knew that as far back as (the settling of) Plymouth (individuals) began paying attention to their history." That fascination increased, says Nylander, during Plymouth's bicentennial in 1820

In the face of wrong information being disseminated, Nylander "began collecting bits of information about this topic," a pursuit that gained focus and purpose in the early '70s, when historian Jonathan Fairbanks founded the department of American Decorative Arts and Sculpture at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts.

"He asked me to do a lecture on the history of collecting. I spent a couple of months doing research, and that began what's become a lifetime interest in the history of collecting and the history of people's interest in the past."

While collecting grew out of people's needs to hold on to their own family histories, it has become a way for a society to understand itself and learn where it has been. In her own endless odyssey to know our beginnings, Nylander will use this visit to Hingham to do some exploring.

"I haven't been to Hingham in about 15 years, but I remember it being very attractive and having lots of wonderful buildings. That's one of the reasons I'm excited to be coming.

"So, I've arranged to do some touring after the lecture."

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"Relics of the Olden Time," a slide lecture, will begin at 10 a.m., Sept. 30 at Old Derby on Main Street following a half-hour refreshment period. Admission is $12 for members; $15 for non-members. To purchase tickets, mail a check for the number of tickets needed, payable to the Hingham Historical Society, and addressed to P. O. Box 434, Hingham, MA 02043. Reservations will be held at the door. One also may pay $15 at the door if seats are available. For more information, call 781-749-0144.

To everything, there is a season —

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN



To everything, turn, turn, turn
There is a season, turn, turn, turn
And a time for every purpose, under Heaven



Summer, we hardly knew you. Where did you go, you and your lazy, hazy days when doing nothing was doing everything. To be fair to summer, Mother Nature was not at her best this year and it was hard to get into a summer mood, but even if she were, we are a society that doesn't do summer very well. Remember when the days of summer would pay out, like a fishing line? You'd cast your line, sometime in late June, then sit back, let it slacken and drift where it would, let whatever might be out there take a nibble. Then, come September, you'd reel it back in, reluctantly, hoping that you had hooked a few memories, a few keepers to show for the summer.



These days, even if we wanted summer to unwind in a leisurely way, the world around us wont let it. We are hostages to clocks and calendars and everyone else's timetables. The outside world sets the pace. You know something's awry when a 12-year-old remarks that the summer flew by. When I was 12, the summers seemed endless, and happily so. I had no concept of time, but for the rising and setting sun that loosely defined the day. What can you say to that 12-year-old except that when you're pushing 50 the summers go even faster, and I'm guessing that at 70 they are faster still.

And so, the summer we hardly knew is winding down. The wheel of the year turns and behind us is Labor Day, an artificial date on the calendar that, for most folks, seems to stop summer dead in its tracks, even though summer officially ended at the autumnal equinox, when the sun crossed the equator on its way south just after midday on Sept. 22. We won't notice any real change at that moment, but knowing that there is that pivot point on the calendar reminds us of the passage of time. At the equator, day and night will be perfectly, though briefly, balanced — 12 hours of each. Here, a bit north, the night will be a smidgeon longer than the day. The sun will rise due east and set due west, and every day thereafter its light will grow meeker, its slanting rays lower, until Dec. 21 when the sun, at its weakest, will be reborn at the solstice.

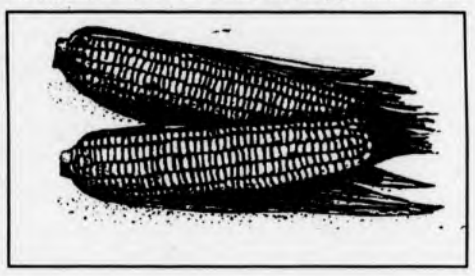
For ancient peoples of many cultures, the autumnal equinox was a time of ritual and feast, an opportunity to give thanks, to deepen one's connection to the Earth, to celebrate her bounty. Then, the success or failure of the crops meant the difference between life and death over the long, harsh days of winter. We no longer depend on the harvest for our very survival — and through the miracle of modern agriculture and transportation, our larders are never really empty, even during the "off season," — and yet, while it seems we are disconnected from our agricultural past, we retain vestiges of those days when natural rhythms — the plumping of the fruits, the browning of the nuts, the falling of the leaves — defined the season.



We celebrate the bringing in of the crops with corn, pumpkin and harvest festivals. Some of us still freeze and can, a throw back to the days when it was impossible to get anything fresh during the winter months. Now, we "put food up" for sheer enjoyment and look forward to that dark, cold day in January or February when a scratch tomato sauce or dollop of beach plum jelly brings back a whiff of summer. We still know the September full moon by its Native American name, the Harvest moon (Sept. 28), and most of us are familiar with the old agricultural adage, "Make hay while the sun shines." Come November, when the very last of the harvest is in we, too, will sit down and give thanks.

And, everywhere, it seems, farmers" markets are sprouting up, reminding us of olden days and simple days, of vast rolling farmland and isolated villages, of self-sufficiency and human resourcefulness — things made by human hands. That the number of markets has increased dramatically in the past decade surely says something about our desire to hold onto our heritage, however tenuously. More than 3,000 markets now exist across the country, providing farm fresh produce and homemade goods direct to the public while helping to preserve agricultural enterprises and open space.

But there is, sadly, a whisper in the colorful farmer's market bounty of something coming to an end. Change is imminent and now is the time to appreciate what has come to fruition, and to plan for next year. If there was failure or disappointment this year, there is always next year to try again — or to begin something entirely new.



And so, with this year's harvest I, too, hear the whisper of something coming to an end. On Jan. 14, 1999, I debuted this nature column with a piece about the weather. I named the column, *Common Ground*, out of admiration for one of my favorite writers, Robert Finch, who wrote a book of eloquent essays with the same title, and also because I believed that nature was something we all had, or could have, in common. In 56 columns I have written about everything from jellyfish, butterflies, Button Island, coyotes, fire, road kill and club mosses to nature folklore, animal tracks, birds' nests, the Home Meadows, Stellwagon Bank, Newfoundland, snowflakes, wildflowers and Quests. There was never any rhyme or reason to my subjects except that they piqued my curiosity and I wanted to learn more. In choosing my subjects, my motives were selfish, but being a regular sort of person with no formal science or naturalist training, I figured that if I was interested, Mariner readers might be, too.



Over the years, I digested piles of information and met dozens of fascinating people who loved what they were doing out there in nature. The intellectual benefits were, however, only the beginning. What the column really provided was the opportunity for me to nurture my appreciation for the natural world and deepen my own connectedness to the Earth. So bountiful and fascinating is Mother Nature that I could easily write for five more years and never exhaust her potential or even begin to understand her mystery.

However, to everything there is a season. I have a new project that is begging for my undivided attention and I am certain that there is another voice out there that could use the space I have been occupying to teach us all about something new, to make us see the world in a different way. I owe Mary Ford my deepest thanks for all her encouragement and enthusiasm over the years. She provided whatever space I needed, frequently let me sneak a column in after the paper's deadline, and gave me the opportunity, every month, to communicate my love of the natural world with Journal readers. We should all be so fortunate to be able to do what we love and to have someone so supportive in our life. I looked forward, eagerly, every month, to researching and writing the column and I can only hope that I have opened a few eyes, as I have my own, to the extraordinary gifts that greet us every day when we step outdoors.

A time to gain, a time to lose
A time to rend, a time to sew
A time to love, a time to hate
A time for peace, I swear it's not too late

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'You're fired' vs. 'wardrobe malfunction'

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The folks who have little to do but keep track of such things, in this case the Global Language Monitor people of Los Angeles, have determined that Donald Trump's favorite phrase "You're fired!" was the top television buzzword of the 2003-04 season.

As one who has heard the words a couple of times, although not from the Donald himself and certainly not in front of millions of viewers on the boob tube, let me be the first to protest the selection of this pedestrian phrase as the best of anything.

Myself, I prefer the simple but highly descriptive "wardrobe malfunction," which explains what happened to Janet Jackson between the halves of the Super Bowl, on CBS no less, an event that is usually confined to Cinemax after the kids have gone to bed.

As one who has heard the words a couple of times, although not from the Donald himself and certainly not in front of millions of viewers on the boob tube, let me be the first to protest the selection of this pedestrian phrase as the best of anything.

Or maybe the top buzzword should have been "girlie men," a phrase that still could propel Arnold (I can't spell his last name) into the White House, if only they can get those foolish restrictions on Austrian weight lifters out of the Constitution.

Television, and before that radio and the movies, have been fertile grounds for catchwords over the years.

Remember, "Where's the beef?" the angry demand of the old lady . . . oops, I mean senior citizen of the female persuasion in the Wendy's commercial which has become so much a part of the English language that I expect it to show up in the next edition of Bartlett's Quotations.

How many youngsters built a whole game of Cops and Robbers around the oft repeated Clint Eastwood challenge, "Go ahead! Make my day!" A generation before, kids playing Cowboys and Indians braced each other with "When you call me that, smile!" from The Virginian.

One of the Sopranos favorite phrases, "Fuhgedaboudit!" also caught the attention of researchers from Global Language Monitor but, as far as I'm concerned, it can't hold a candle to "sleeps with the fishes" from The Godfather, Part I.

Jerry Seinfeld gave the nonsense phrase "Yada, yada, yada" a life of its own, even though no one knew what it meant, and Arnold (the Kennedy/Shriver in-law) was known for years by the promise, "I'll be ba-a-a-ack!" He did, too.

Fifty or more years ago it was radio that contributed the catch words most often heard in the playgrounds and watering holes.

The droll humor of Bob Elliott and Ray Goulding, the Boston boys who made it big, originated the sign off phrase, "Write if you get work . . . and hang by your thumbs," and "This is Steve Bosco rounding third and being thrown out at home."

The old Bob Hope show had the comedian Jerry Colonna and his cockeyed salutation, "Greeting, gate!" and the street corner Santa Claus who kept insisting, "Put a little something in the pot, boy!"

Sgt. Joe Friday first used the phrase "Just the facts, m'am," on radio; so did Fred Allen's Sen. Claghorn when forced to explain, "That's a joke, son," and Ivory enticed listeners with the boast that its soap was "ninety nine and forty four/one hundredths per cent pure."

A tobacco company lured smokers with "LSMFT" (Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco) and described its product as "so round, so firm, so fully packed," which gave rise to a certain scatological parody that I would rather not go into at this time.

Joining forces to save beach access

COMMENTARY

TIMOTHY CRAWFORD WILSON

Hull will have 950 less parking spaces on Nantasket Beach by next summer because of an organization that wants to close down Hull Shore Drive and build massive skyscraper-like, 66-foot condominiums by the beach.

Who is planning to build these massive 66-foot skyscraper condominiums? And why are the parking spaces being shut off from the public? What's going on here anyway? And who is doing something about it, making sure this will not happen so that "We the People" will continue to have our constitutional rights to use a public beach?

Determined to develop the land is the Hull Redevelopment Authority (HRA). The HRA has already chosen a developer, a builder, and is meeting with various Hull boards. The HRA is submitting a request to the state to closedown Hull Shore Drive. The HRA has complete authority and autonomy to do what it wants with the land. The people of Hull don't even have the right to vote on it, and are forced taking legal action, scraping their dimes and nickels together.

"No Way HRA" has formed into a highly organized group. We are looking for a veteran environmental, litigation and eminent domain/constitutional lawyers to take on a good cause and fight. We have little money, but will give what we have.

Please don't be complacent; voice your opinion and do it now. Write your senators, congressman and representatives.



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'No Way HRA' has formed to stop the loss of Nantasket Beach Parking spaces to development.

Please our Web site at: nowayhra.org to keep in touch with current day-by-day events, important upcoming meetings and other vital updates. Send e-mails of protest and to find out what you can do to help to: nowayhra@hotmail.com or call 781-925-1848.

Timothy Crawford Wilson is a Hull resident.

Beautiful, bucolic Cohasset

HEALTH NOTES

While we live in Cohasset, if we are to keep it the way people seem to feel they like, it's important for everyone to have some basic knowledge about the things which make us different from the way they are elsewhere and also about how to preserve some of those things we all love. First, we are a small community trying to keep our smallness in spite of being in a suburb near a growing and dynamic urban center. Some towns near the city have done so quite well, and others not. The towns that have succeeded seem to have several things in common, all dealing with the people who live in their respective localities:

First, there is a majority of well educated people who consider it a duty to become engaged in helping to operate the Town in some way. They don't just come here to sleep, put out the garbage, take in the newspaper, and complain how difficult it is to get into the city. In some way they give of their particular talents to help run the Town.

Second, they have enough humility to hesitate before they use their influence or money or powers of persuasiveness to try to change even the smallest detail without seeking counsel from those who have been around a while. That is, they listen to the townies.

Third, they try to understand a little about those natural trappings and features which make our town so different, and sometimes so achingly beautiful. They learn about how plants and trees react with brooks, ponds, and water; when it's right to cut and when not to cut and why. And what impact changing their little piece of town has on everybody else. It's not easy to think of others when you have a project and a timetable, but it's necessary if we're going to keep our town the way it is. And there are never enough rules and regulations to keep everyone from doing things which may have an unexpected impact. It really amounts to a collective town conscience.

It's not vital for everyone to come to Town Meeting, but it's important for those who get there to understand all the issues and have the Town's interest - and conscience - in mind.

And trash - how often have you seen walkers picking up bottles, etc? How often have you heard "that's not going to do any good."? Well, they're wrong. It goes back to collective town conscience. Which is going to have more effect on you: a sign saying "don't dump" or seeing a walker pick up a bottle, or a dog walker using a Mutt Mitt?

And lawn care – I'm surprised and gratified to see so many neighbors listening to the stuff we say about the harmful effects of pesticides and too much fertilizer. I say "keep it up gang; nobody's too important or busy not to help mother nature".

Everybody wants sewers; why don't we get sewers?. That's what they had when they came from Boston (or wherever) . After all, aren't sewers the most efficient way to treat wastewater? So they are — when you have 500 families in a block 1/20th of a mile long and 1/10th of a mile wide. In Cohasset they're a very expensive half fix to the real problem in Cohasset which is to get rid of rainwater and wastewater in a town full of ledge.

Still they come to bucolic Cohasset for fields, water views, and open vistas. Where they exchange open vistas for perfect lawns, and chlorinated water for pond water and complain of the taste so they buy bottles.

Too many people is not the problem. With the talent in Town, we can manage reasonable growth. The real problem is training. Maybe somebody should write an instruction manual for Cohasset.

S.N. Bobo

Nov. 2 unlikely to yield many more GOP legislators

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Gov. Mitt Romney said the people wouldn't be well served, and he wouldn't like it, if the Legislature were all Republican.

For now, that fear resides in the same category as the sun's mighty nuclear fires failing. Could happen, but probably a good idea to focus one's anxieties a little closer to, well, this planet. And in fact, last week did give our state's own rising star some plausible material to fret about. Much has been made this year of the large crop of Republican legislative candidates. Romney's comments came as he began the process of making even more of it, for the general election. But the fact remains that 60 seats – 30 percent of the Legislature – are automatic Democratic victories, because there is no Republican in the general races. That's a little like one team forfeiting the first two games of the World Series.

The reality is that no one but the voters has made the Legislature 85 percent Democrats, with little change expected even if Nov. 2 is a good day for Romney and his party. For now, there is no reason to expect a violent shift in inclination; the governor advertises himself foremost as a change agent, but party power in legislatures shifts in increments over time. A successful election would consist of simply getting the voters to oust a few familiar names and used to the idea of a true Republican alternative.

But the press and public harbor doubts about Romney's commitment to focus on the state long term, and unhappiness over that phenomenon may have been reflected in polling data released by UMass-Lowell. The survey by the Center for Economic and Civic Opinion showed the governor's favorable rating at 55 percent, down about 10 points. The same poll found 44 percent of respondents thought the governor's recent drift from a Massachusetts focus – promoting his book, going to the Olympics, critiquing John Kerry, speechifying at the Republican National Convention – is bad for the state.

The usual caveat holds: a single poll is not meaningful; polls only work when viewed in groups over time, and then they are extremely reliable at gauging opinion. That said, it would hardly be shocking to find out Romney is indeed hurting himself by going national. For one thing, Massachusetts voters may be tired of governors doing this: it's been 10 years since a governor served out his term instead of angling for a federal posting. For another, citizens here are unambiguous in their preferences: they like electing Democrats to the Legislature and Republicans to the governorship, and they don't like Republican presidents much at all. So when Romney seems to be losing his focus on the role people elected him to play, and behaving as though he might be auditioning for one they like a Democratic to fill, it's not too shocking to learn Bay Staters find him less attractive.

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There's little doubt the governor gets it. Returning to the Corner Office after the hoopla in New York died down, he had his people start talking about new initiatives coming in education and health care delivery. He gathered reporters in front of the Paul Revere House in the North End to talk about ending the Democratic monopoly in the Legislature. And he spent extra time with journalists talking about his Bay State accomplishments. No one doubts Romney's aiming for something higher. The question is how soon he pulls the trigger. The new poll suggested the itchiness of his finger might help determine the success of his future endeavors, at least when it comes to his Massachusetts base.

• *384 Massachusetts schools found problematic by federal government* — About a fifth of the schools in the state were put on the federal government's "watch list" because test scores for some or all students fell short of this year's "No Child Left Behind" standards. Some Massachusetts educators say the findings are too harsh and simplistic, but supporters of President Bush's approach say the substandard determination actually affirms a long-term push for greater accountability and academic success for all students.

• *Central Artery tunnel springs leak* —The much-maligned Central Artery project suffered more damage to its public perception when the northbound tunnel through Boston sprung a leak and traffic backed up for miles as lanes were shut down. Engineers said they think they've diagnosed the problem, and workers applied a temporary fix, but it was unclear when a permanent solution would be forthcoming, how much it would cost, or whether there are more leaks developing. Turnpike authority chairman Matthew Amorello made clear he expects Bechtel Parsons Brinkerhoff, the prime project contractor, to absorb the cost of the solution.

• *Governor appoints Harshbarger-led council to oversee corrections* — In response to the John Geoghan murder and a troubling rate of recidivism, Gov. Romney issued an executive order forming a 17-member panel to monitor the state's corrections system as it make changes in the way prisoners are classified and treated. He named as chairman Scott Harshbarger, the former Attorney General and gubernatorial candidate. "For too long, our system of corrections has operated in the shadows of government, with very little oversight and accountability," Romney said in a statement. "It's time to shine a light on how we can better improve the management of our prisons."

• *Capuano complains over lack of transportation strategy* — Continuing to raise his profile back home as he considers a run for governor, Congressman Michael Capuano complained the state is being ill-served by the Romney administration's approach to transportation planning. The former Somerville mayor said the Romney team has failed to form a coherent strategy for roads, rails, transit and airways, and therefore undermined the Congressional delegation's ability to win federal funding for transportation projects. Capuano said past governors have accomplished much more in the transportation realm. The governor's people responded that their "Fix it First" approach doesn't lend itself to the time-honored "megaproject" thinking. "It's unfair to say that we haven't been doing as much," said Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas. "I'm not looking for one sexy project to go forward, I'm looking for 200 sexy projects."

• *Boston region's rate of high-tech job loss twice the national average* — Researchers at the Center for Urban Economic Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago studied the downturn in the high-tech industry since the dot-com bubble burst, and found Massachusetts was especially hard hit. "The nation as a whole has lost 236,000 high-tech jobs in the sector's recession, the scholars reported. That's about a 10 percent falloff, but the Massachusetts high-tech industry contracted by 20 percent, the research found. "These were jobs we were supposed to have in the future," Tim Costello of the North American Alliance for Fair Employment said during a State House press conference. "And they're now disappearing."

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

	Bradley	Hedlund
ELECTRONIC PAC CONTRIBUTIONS (H 4850)	N	Y
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT (H 4850)	N	Y
$400,000 FOR EXOTIC PLANTS PREVENTION (H 4850)	Y	Y

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives and senators' votes on three roll calls from July sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

ELECTRONIC PAC CONTRIBUTIONS (H 4850)

House 133-22, Senate 33-5, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget provision allowing an employee to authorize his or her employer to make electronic contributions directly from the employee's wages to a political action committee (PAC). The provision expands a current law that allows employees to make the contributions directly from their bank accounts to a PAC. Override supporters said employees should have the right to set up this payroll deduction and use part of their wages to make regular contributions to a PAC of their choice. In his veto message, the governor said that it is inappropriate for employers to remit these political contributions on behalf of their employees. (A "Yea" vote is for allowing the payroll deduction to a PAC. A "Nay" vote is against allowing it).

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT (H 4850)

House 134-22, Senate 33-5, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget provision requiring the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a coordinated state policy for substance abuse services. The provision requires the secretary to gather information on all drug and alcohol addiction, prevention and treatment services in the state including their costs. The secretary would then issue a report to the Legislature including recommendations to effect a coordinated statewide policy to tackle the abuse problem. Override supporters said that it is time to take a harder look at the state's substance abuse services and to ensure that the most effective and coordinated effort is made to combat this growing problem. They noted that many young people are substance abusers and said the state must do more to combat this plague. In his veto message, the governor said the provision is unnecessary because the Department of Public Health is already conducting policy development initiatives for substance abuse services and support in the state. (A "Yea" vote is for requiring the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a coordinated state policy for substance abuse services. A "Nay" vote is against the requirement).

$400,000 FOR EXOTIC PLANTS PREVENTION (H 4850)

House 157-0, Senate 35-3, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $400,000 in funding for a grant program to fund communities and lake associations' exotic plant prevention and research programs. Exotic plants, including milfoil and fanwort, are invasive plants that are unintentionally introduced into land or water where they are not native. Plant fragments stuck to boats and trailers are often the way these exotic plants spread between water bodies. These non-native exotic plants usually lack predators or other natural controls, tolerate a wide variety of environmental conditions and reproduce rapidly. Override supporters said the plants cause major problems across the state including clogging waters and waterways, replacing the habitats of native plants, disrupting the food chain, stunting fish growth and degrading wildlife habitat. In his veto message, Romney said he vetoed the funding because it is not consistent with his original fiscal 2005 budget recommendation. (A "Yea" vote is for the $400,000. A "Nay" vote is against the $400,000).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

STUDENTS WITH DIABETES (S 2231)- The House gave initial approval to a Senate-approved bill allowing all public school students with diabetes to give themselves insulin shots and perform glucose monitoring tests while in school if certain conditions established by the Department of Public Health (DPH) are met. Current state policy gives school nurses the authority to allow students to self-administer medications in accordance with the same DPH regulations. The bill would bar schools from prohibiting these diabetic students from self-administration as long as the DPH regulations are met. A current state law already bars schools from prohibiting students with asthma from self administering their inhalers. A bill approved by the Legislature and awaiting Gov. Romney's signature would bar schools from prohibiting students with cystic fibrosis to do the same with their enzyme supplements.

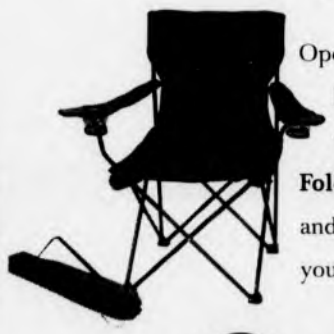
WWII DAY (H 1201)- The Senate gave near final approval to a House-approved measure designating September 2 as World War II Commemoration Day to honor veterans who served in that war. The proposal provides for the ringing of church bells at 9:04 a.m. in recognition of the final surrender of Japan and the formal conclusion of the conflict. Only final House and Senate approval are necessary prior to the proposal going to the governor. Some supporters of the measure are disappointed that the bill has been languishing in the Legislature and was not signed into law in time for this year. The House gave near final approval to the measure in February but the Senate did not do so until last week.

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Kidney transplant buddies

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letic, fun-loving man to a dialysis machine for the foreseeable future.

"Dialysis was awful for me — it was three times a week for four hours a day," recalls Berard, who explained the disease had atrophied his kidneys to the size of golf balls.

He received the diagnosis after feeling poorly during a business trip to Washington D.C. in 1999. He was continuing to work out with Hebert but just wasn't feeling up to par. Berard, who is a Weymouth native and 1974 Thayer Academy graduate, went in for tests and learned his kidneys were failing and that he had to go on dialysis or get a transplant.

Hebert was in the office the following day offering one of his kidneys. "I said, 'no'," Berard recalls. Still feeling strong enough that June, Berard raised $20,000 for the National Kidney Foundation in the "Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon."

Berard then learned his brother was not a good match and he'd have to go on a waiting list for a donor. Hebert –a veteran of six Iron Man Triathlons at that time — kept insisting, he was the guy. Hebert said he wasn't about to let his friend suffer when he could do something about it.

"I was told anything I did before the surgery, I could do after," Hebert says. "A year after the surgery, I had competed in two more Iron Man triathlons." Hebert underwent laparoscopic surgery (which is less invasive) to donate the kidney. "I wasn't going to watch my friend suffer when all I had to do is show up," he recalls.

Buddies and co-workers since they graduated from college roughly 25 years ago, Rich Berard and Chris Hebert would do anything for each other.

Berard, who experienced some rejection when he returned to competition too quickly, knows how to pace himself. "I'm perfectly fine and back to normal," he says. "I don't even think about it."

Although Hebert – who is fiercely competitive – jokes that losing a kidney has made him faster, he is grateful to have been able to help his buddy. With a quick wit and ready smile, he is also completely serious about encouraging others to be organ donors and the effort to raise money to fight another disease: lung cancer.

"Lung cancer in women is different than it is in men," Hebert says. "We need more research and more information about the type of treatment available."

As a transplant recipient, Berard points out that lung transplants are the toughest. They are extremely difficult because they are so prone to massive infection. Berard was out of the hospital a week after receiving a new kidney; lung transplant patients are in the hospital for months, he says.

This is the second year of the Jeni Fund Duathlon. Last year it was held in Plymouth. Both men say they are committed to help the charity get off the ground. Berard and Hebert work for a lumber wholesale business, Capital Forest Products in Hingham. Berard, his wife Annie, and son Aaron, live on Forest Avenue in Cohasset. Hebert (who is a Connecticut native), his wife, Joanne, and their two sons, Mike and Matt, live in Duxbury. Their favorite training ground is Marshfield Hills.

For more about the Jeni Fund and pledge forms, visit www.JeniFund.org. Participants can register online for the Oct. 3 Duathlon at www.Active.com.

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Cedarmere

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When the project received Planning Board approval, one of the conditions was a redesign at the intersection of Norman Todd Road and Beechwood Street. "We have $15,000 we're committed to spend," for the redesign said Calhoun. A first draft of the redesign, completed by engineer Neil Murphy, was given to the Planning Board last Wednesday. The board and its engineer John Modzelewski will review the document and make comments, but ultimately, any redesign of the intersection will have to be approved by the Board of Selectmen because it is a public road.

But redesigning an intersection is relatively minor when compared to other conditions the project has had to meet. In order for any project to receive approval from the Planning Board, it must have a firm wastewater plan in place. The plans for the Cedarmere site have been drafted around the prospect of being tied in to the municipal sewer lines, but to date, the Sewer Commission will not allow the project to connect because of capacity issues and the fact that the project is located outside of the central sewer district.

Although Cedarmere developers say their engineers from Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, which is also the firm that designed the town's sewer treatment plant, have found there is sufficient capacity to hook up not only Cedarmere but other proposed projects and areas of town which are also looking to tie in, the commission's engineers from Tutela Engineering Associates say capacity does not exist. Developers submitted an application for a sewer connection and were denied, and they have since appealed that decision.

However, to meet the requirements set by the Planning Board, the developers have designed an on-site system which could serve as a viable wastewater solution, provided the municipal sewer connection does not work out. The on-site system would be an evaporating system, and Calhoun said the Department of Environmental Protection has given conceptual approval for the plans.

The first set of on-site wastewater plans submitted to DEP were for a complete, 100 percent evaporating system. Calhourt said because the Massachusetts DEP doesn't have much experience with the new technology,

Cohasset's Zenon system uses air to force particles through membrane fibers. The membranes are located in two large tanks, and wastewater is constantly flowing into the tanks through a pipe. The membrane fibers look like long, thin, plastic tubes, which have a hole in the center, like a very thin straw. There are tiny holes along the outside walls of the fibers as well, which allow water to pass through. Pumps act as a little vacuum in the tank, which help push air through fibers in the membrane filters, sucking water from the outside of the membrane, in, filtering solids out in the process. Cedarmere's wastewater would be filtered and pumped into the ground.

Calhoun said he has been working with a hydrologist from DEP to make sure the system is the best on-site solution for the site, but said the preferred method of wastewater discharge for the site is still a municipal sewer hook-up, which they will continue to pursue, although he expects to have permits in hand for the on-site system soon. "DEP is disappointed because they know there's capacity" at the town's wastewater treatment plant, said Calhoun.

At the local level, Calhoun said the permitting process for the project is progressing along smoothly, and has received approval from the Conservation Commission, which was the last board needed to move ahead for final approval.

Calhoun said in the coming weeks, he hopes to schedule a preconstruction conference with the Planning Board, which will need to sign off on the final plans for the site. Calhoun said construction should begin between Nov. 1 and Nov. 15. "It's getting close," he said.

There have also been numerous rumors circulating around about Cedarmere being sold off. Calhoun confirmed the property is and has been listed with a broker and is being professionally marketed by CB Ellis and Gallery 360. Calhoun said if it is sold, the property will be sold as a project, according to plans approved by the town.

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A tie that binds

Things start to come together for boys soccer team in 2-2 draw with Carver

By Mike Spellman
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When is a tie a win?

Simple: when progress is made.

Cohasset boys soccer coach Rob Leary certainly sounded as if his team had won after it twice came from behind to earn a hard fought tie on the road with a fast and physical Carver team Tuesday night.

"That was by far the best game we've played all year," declared the second year head coach, who saw his team go to 1-2-1 with the draw, 1-1-1 in South Shore League play.

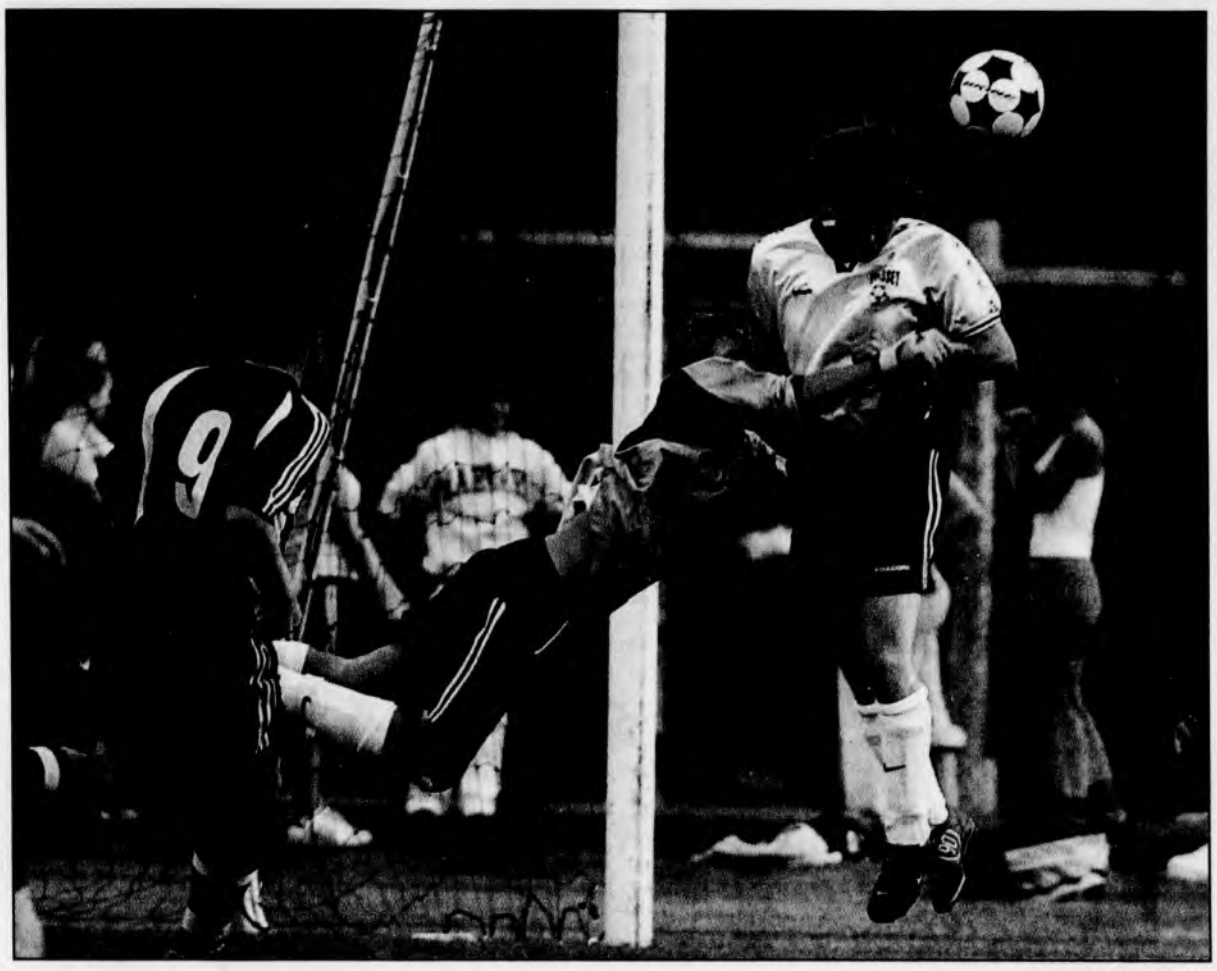
"We outplayed them, I thought, and dominated for long stretches, but Carver's goalie made some big stops. We made two mistakes and the ycasjhed in on them both times. But, all in all, I was pleased. This is definitely one we can build on."

Carver captain David Wadsworth opened the scoring midway through the first half after Cohasset had failed to cash in on a couple of golden opportunities at the opposite end, including one where junior Ben Libby was flat out stoned by the Carver keeper on a deflected shot.

Libby got the Crusaders keeper back, however, as he one-touched a cross from senior Jon Grimm inside the far post from eight yards out with five minutes left in the first half.

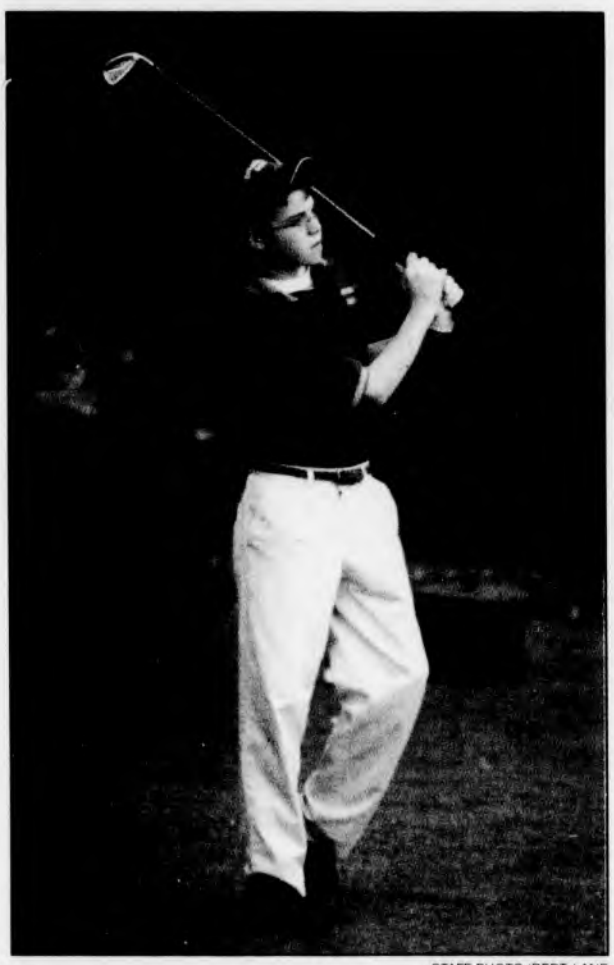
Carver's other captain, Bryce Spencer, put his team back out in front 10 minutes into the second half, but Cohasset junior

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Cohasset goalie Prescott Busk collides with teammate Sam MCDonald during 3-2 loss to Abington, as the Green Wave's Alex Hill moves in hoping for a carom. Hill scored three unanswered secodn half goals to lift Abington to victory.



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Cohasset sophomore Kevin Barber follows the flight of this fairway shot during Tuesday's showdown with league rival Norwell at the Scituate Country Club.

A glass half full

Girls soccer team focuses on positives after two tough losses

By Mike Spellman
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You'd think that two straight losses in games she deemed "very winnable" would get Deb Beal down, but the Cohasset High girls soccer coach remains convinced the glass is half full.

Losses to South Shore League rivals Carver and Abington over the last week have dropped Beal's Lady Skippers to 2-2-1 on the season with three more big league games on the horizon.

"If winning were easy, everyone would do it," noted the unwaveringly upbeat Beal.

"I think it will all come together and it will just happen," she continued. "(The Cohasset girls) have the fundamentals and they certainly have the desire, so I think it is only a matter of time before the scoring gates open and the kinks get ironed out."

The 2-1 loss to Carver (2-2-2) Tuesday night, though, proved particularly tough to swallow. Cohasset sophomore Lindsay

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The defense doesn't rest

Cohasset gridders slip past Archbishop Williams, 14-6

By Mike Spellman
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Visiting Cohasset was able to escape Memorial Field with a thrilling 14-6 win on Sunday against a scrappy and determined Archbishop Williams football team that was out to avenge last years loss.

Defensively, the host Bishops were well prepared, playing a tough 4-4 stunting defense that disrupted Cohasset's blocking most of the afternoon. The fired-up Bishops were able to capitalize on several early Cohasset mistakes and took a 6-0 lead early in the first quarter.

The Skippers were able to eventually adjust, however, as the coaching staff called for more plays to the outside and utilizing senior quarterback Crandon Leahy's strong right arm. The win improved the Skippers to 2-0 heading into Saturday night's home game with Cardinal Spellman (8 p.m. kickoff).

It was a 50-yard pass hookup from Leahy to senior fullback Ted Straughn that tied the game early in the second quarter, and another 11-yard hookup between the pair that set up the game winning one-yard plunge by Leahy with 9:25 to go in the game.

The rest was then left up to the defense, and that unit, to the sur-

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Clippers drive past Skippers

Cavicchi's 36 the difference in battle for first place in SSL golf

By Mike Spellman
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Things have gotten real interesting all of a sudden in the battle for the South Shore League golf crown.

By handing Cohasset its first loss of the season on Tuesday at the Scituate Country Club, 28.5-25.5, the Norwell High golfers find themselves in a tie for first place in the SSL with a 4-1 record. But it's tight...not to mention very interesting.

This looks to be shaping up as a three horse race between Cohasset (3-1-1), Harwich (3-1) and the Clippers.

Harwich, the team that handed Norwell it's lone loss, is technically in first by virtue of the head-to-head tiebreaker, but still has to face Norwell on it home Scituate Country Club Course. Cohasset, the team that handed Harwich it's lone loss, is a half game behind Harwich and Norwell because of a tie on Monday with Mashpee, a team Norwell and Harwich have

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Field hockey team turns back Crusaders



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Cohasset's Remy Lee (white shirt) battles Norwell's Meghan O'Hara for the ball in South Shore League action last week.

Progress abounds in scoreless tie with Carver

By Evan Deutsch
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Last Wednesday, the Skippers traveled down to Carver territory to battle the notoriously fast Crusaders. Going into the game with a 0-2 record, Cohasset's chances didn't look good. Despite their previous games, the Skippers marched out onto the field with their sails full of wind. A 0-0 score doesn't begin to demonstrate the dominance and improvement of the Blue and White team.

The Skippers' solid defensive line seemed to be the instigators of their

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A glass half full

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Durkin matched Carver's first goal. The difference turned out to be the 15th tally of the season from Crusaders sophomore sensation Tina Gillen. What made it most difficult for Beal to bare was the fact her team played some of its best soccer to date.

"We came out slow and got beat to 50-50 balls and did not make sharp enough passes," reported the veteran coach. " We caught on and started to dominate most of the play. We outplayed them, we out-shot them and we out-passed them, but we just didn't outscore them. Are we discouraged? No, I think we are at a point right now where emotions and desire are going to prevail."

The loss to Abington, unbeaten heading into Tuesday night's showdown with Norwell, also had its highlights. The lowlight was watching another underclass overachiever go off. Green Wave freshman Becky DeSieno scored both of the game's goals.

"We struggled to get the simple tasks done, like scoring," noted Beal. "Our game pace and fitness levels are good, better than they have ever been but we can't put it all together. I was not all that discouraged against Abington, I know we can play better, but we never quit."

The Skippers get back into action today against Harwich (4:30 p.m. start) after making the annual miserably long sojourn over the Sagamore Bridge, and will host Hull on Monday (5:15 p.m. start, Alumni Field).

"If we can regroup and pull it together for two wins, that puts us at 4-2-1 going into Norwell (Wednesday), hopefully with all engines running," said Beal. "Norwell will be tough, no matter how you look at it."

Indeed, the defending South Shore League champion and South Sectional finalist Lady Clippers returned most of their key players and were 6-0 at the time of this writing.

Still, Beal sounds confident her girls are capable of giving the vaunted Lady Clippers a game.

"I am seeing the girls do things that I never thought I would see three years ago," said the coach. "They are buying into the system I am trying to sell. They pass and move off the ball very well. I continually drive the point home that more passing and efficient ball movement will lessen the load for everyone. We are doing an outstanding job moving the ball through about three or four passes."

It's when they get close to the net, though, that the discipline seems to unravel.

"...But then it falls apart and they just get rid of the ball," Beal continued. "All that work to give the ball away... senseless. We will work on it more and more everyday until it becomes automatic."

If not for the defense the Lady Skippers have been getting, the team would likely be facing an uphill climb right now.

"I must applaud my defense for they take the brunt of it," said Beal. We rely so heavily on them and they pull us through every time. Christine Lovallo is a wall. Danielle Hajjar is really stepping up as a defensive leader; she is teaching and directing the younger players, and I think that she is doing an outstanding job.

"The midfield is under the direction of Nicole Whitney and she has a tough job. She plays the most demanding position on the field. She runs the most and has to support the most. She is working hard to set up the play and then works harder support it. Rachel and Carin Garber are playing well as are Molly Kirk and Emily Coggins."

And it's not just the veterans who are catching the coach's eye.

"The desire of the younger players is exciting to watch," Beal continued. "I don't think they are that used to losing and they don't really like it.

"Lauren Rizzotti (sprained knee) is back to playing form. She and seniors Casey Anderson and Lindsey Kennedy are working with Lindsay Durkin, Emilie Shea, and Christina Pinkus to form a goal scoring attack. Mackenzie Holway and Lara Novak are working hard to support the defense and also the offense from the stopper position."

And it sounds like some of those younger players may be on the verge of seeing an increase in their roles.

"I believe that in order to play well you must practice well," said Beal. "Attendance is an issue and those who practice hard are those who play. Academics obviously come first and foremost, but we need to buckle down and work hard at practice because it reflects in our game performance.

"There are eleven positions on the field and the best eleven are going to start and play. Just because an athlete is older, doesn't give them the right to play a varsity position. Hard work and desire dictate playing time."

Cohasset 4, CCA 0

Of course, there was a non-league sandwiched between these two setbacks on Friday.

Cape Cod Academy fell victims to the Skippers for the second time this year, but this tiem it was after the Skippers made the long bus ride.

Junior Emilie Shea put the Skippers up 19:55 in. Lindsey Kennedy gave the visiting Skippers a cushion with a tally five minutes into the second half and then Jen Dinger, who played half JV-half varsity on the day, scored goals at 59:50 and 62:00 to put the game out of reach.

Cecellia Chapman and Melissa Crowley-Buck split the time in net to share the shutout, and both played well, according to Beal, who actually lauded the entire defensive effort.



STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset's Sam Steele bangs with Abington's Dan Marini in struggle for control of ball in SSL action last week.

Things start to come together for boys soccer team in 2-2 draw with Carver

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Aidan Buick got the equalizer 10 minutes after that off of a cross from Kevin Dinsmore and then a nice chip pass from Libby to the far post.

Of course, the coach gave junior Chris Ofsthun as much credit as anyone for this goal, as his 70 yard flat out sprint up field on the far wing forced a Carver defender to choose a mark, allowing Buick to sneak open near the open half of the net.

"That was the type of unselfish, smart play I've been looking for," lauded Leary. It seems like more and more of the kids are starting to get that. If they hustle, it might not always be an individual reward, but it's a team reward."

And it wasn't just the hustle that had the coach gushing. He was also impressed with the smarts on display.

"We did a great job passing and switching fields, and that kind of negated Carver's speed," he said. "Really, you could put the name of every kid who played in the paper. It was a real team effort."

The coach did single out, though, his three man defensive backfield of Sam MacDonald, Jonathan Littauer and Trevor Brady. The steady play of this trio— as well as the solid marking of middies Dinsmore, Ofsthun and Brandon Smith— has allowed Leary to switch from the traditional 2-4-4 alignment to a 3-4-3, adding an extra attacker to jump start the offense.

That extra attacker for much of the game was freshman Mike Grimm (Jon's little brother), a recent JV call-up.

"Mike didn't look out of place at all out there," lauded Leary. "He played very well with Aidan and Ben, especially considering he'd never played with either of these guys before. He showed a lot of toughness too. He got plowed over a few times by the keeper, but he got right back up."

This upbeat version of Leary was in stark contrast to the guy this typist spoke with following the first three games of the season, and he was at an all time low following last Wednesday's 3-2 loss to Abington. In that one, the host Skippers built a 2-0 first half lead only to see Abington senior captain Alex Hill put three unanswered second half goals to turn the tables.

"And that was the worst game of the year, no doubt about it," said Leary following the Carver tie. "Obviously, it was quite a turnaround from one game to the next."

The Skippers will get back into action today when they host South Shore League rival Harwich (5:30 p.m. start @ Alumni Field). Next week, they'll host Hull on Monday (3:45 @ Alumni) and then hit the road to take on unbeaten SSL rival Norwell (6-0) Wednesday (5 p.m. start).

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Youth Baseball Major League Tryouts

The try-outs for the 2005 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held on Saturday, October 2nd at Barnes Field at 1:00 PM. All boys and girls turning 10, 11 or 12 prior to July 31, 2004 wishing to play Little League major league division baseball and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try-out. Although all eligible 12 year olds are automatically assigned to major league team, their attendance is mandatory at this try-out. Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 12:30 PM. This will be the only opportunity to try-out. The rain date will be Saturday, October 16th. Questions regarding may be directed to either Liam O'Connell at 781-383-9538 or Nancy Froio at 781-383-1897.

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With a rain-out last Saturday, the Cohasset Soccer Club's 2004-2005 season will start this Saturday morning, September 25th at Milliken Field. The following schedule will take place:

Boys U10 (3rd / 4th grade) 8:30 - 10:00

Girls U10 (3rd / 4th grade) 9:15 - 10:45

Girls U5 (PreK) 10:00 - 11:30

Girls U6 (Kindergarten) 10:45 - 12:15

Girls U7 (1st grade) 11:30 - 1:00

Girls U8 (2nd grade) 12:15 - 1:45

Boys U5 (PreK) 1:00 - 2:30

Boys U6 (Kindergarten) 1:45 - 3:15

Boys U7 (1st grade) 2:30 - 4:00

Boys U8 (2nd grade) 3:15 - 4:45

All players should be contacted by their coaches prior to Saturday. If a player is not contacted please come to the field at the appropriate time. Players should come ready to play with shin guards required for all players.

For additional information please go to the Soccer Club's web site @ www.cohassetsoccer.com.

South Shore Stealers softball tryouts

Braintree, MA —The South Shore Stealers, a girls fast-pitch softball organization, will be holding tryouts for their 16U team on Sunday September 26th and Sunday October 3rd from 12:30 to 3:00 PM at Flaherty Field on Lakeside Drive in Braintree, right behind South Shore Plaza.

This is a new team that is looking for highly motivated and dedicated team players for the 2005 season. All positions are available which makes for a great opportunity for players. The South Shore Stealers looks to build on the success that they have had over the past two seasons with their younger teams with 9 first place and 5 second place finishes in 20 tournaments entered.

For information on the tryouts or the team in general please contact Rob Spofford at (781) 383-1680 or email Spofford@spoffordgroup.com or checkout our website at www.eteamz.com/ssstealers.

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The defense doesn't rest

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prise of no one whose been paying attention the last few years, did not disappoint.

"Our strngth is our defense," noted coach Tony Rolfe. "That's where we have seven guys back. That'll be our strength all year."

Archbishop Williams won the coin toss and elected to kick off with the wind at their backs. Cohasset's receiver fumbled failed to handle the boot cleanly and the Bishops recovered the elusive ball on the Cohasset 32-yard line.

Fortunately, the Cohasset defense was nonplussed. On third-and-five, Cohasset's Dave McKinnon broke into the backfield and dropped Bishops star tailback Khori Witter for a five yard loss. The defense held on fourth down as well, and the Skippers took the ball over on downs at their own 31 yard line.

Cohasset's first possession got off to a disastrous start. Before even the first snap of the ball, the Skippers were whistled for offsides and five yards. Then, on first and 15, Cohasset fumbled the ball and the Bishops recovered on the 29 yard line of Cohasset.

The hosts were quick to take advantage of this gift, as Witter ran the ball down to the 11-yard line. Quarterback Chris Costello scored off a rollout to the right, scrambling into the end zone with all receivers covered. The extra point attempt failed when a high snap forced the holder to run. He was immediately smothered by several Cohasset defenders.

The Skippers returned the ensuing kickoff to their 27. After two short running plays, Cohasset gained its first first down on a four-yard pass completion to Dan McCarthy at the 38. They failed to move the ball on the next series, however, and punted from their 39-yard line.

Archbishop Williams took over on their 36. A 10 yard gain was negated by a holding penalty, making it first and 20 at the 26. Witter, who rushed for almost 1,000 yards as a sophomore last year, then went to work, gaining 27 yards on a sweep and then another nine up the gut, moving the Bishops to Cohasset's 44-yard line.

The Cohasset defense dug in, however, as Kelvin Ferriera stopped a sweep to the left for a four yard loss. Scott Wakefield and Matt Casey combined to hand the Bishops another loss, forcing a punting situation. After a short punt and a seven-yard return, the Skippers took over on their 39 nine yard line.

Joe Durkin broke loose for an 11-yard gain to midfield. Cohasset then capitalized on the tight Bishop defense, sending Straughn through the line on a down and out pattern as Leahy rolled to his right with good protection. The senior signalcaller led the receiver nicely as Straughn pulled in the pass with a one hand stretching grab at the 27, then outran the defenders down the right sideline for a touchdown. A two point pass conversion attempt was intercepted, however, leaving it a 6-6 game.

The Bishops seemed determined to answer back, however. After getting pinned at their nine-yard line on the kickoff, the hosts gained five quick first downs on running plays, marching all the way to Cohasset's 28 yard line. Nick Arment and Joe Durkin then combined to sack Costello for a four yard loss putting the ball on the 32. A Cohasset off side penalty got that right back, but the defense held and the Bishops turned the ball over on downs as an errant pass sailed out of bounds on a down and out sideline pass attempt.

Cohasset took over on downs at their own 20 yard line with 1:05 left in the second quarter and ran the clock out to end the first half.

The two teams traded punts to cap of their first possessions of the second half, and Ferreira came up with a huge stop for a two yard loss on third down to kill the Bishops second try of the half. A nice return from Straughn set the Skippers up at midfield.

They couldn't get anythign going on first and second downs, but senior tailback Joe Durkin gained 10 yards on a third-and-eight sweep call to pick up a first down to the Bishops' 37. Running the ball outside to counter the tight Bishop defense, Durkin then gained another 11 yards on a sweep to the left, giving the Skippers a first down on the 28.

On third-and-9, Leahy rolled to his right and completed a clutch first down pass to Straughn to the 12-yard line. A fullback dive to the left gained two yards on first down, and Durkin picked up another three over the right side of the line to end the third quarter with the ball just outside the Bishops' five yard line and the Skippers facing a third-and-five.

Leahy failed to gain any yardage on a keeper to the left, bringing up a fourth-and-five and a tough decision for Rolfe and staff.

The coaches decided to put the ball back in the hands of their senior QB, and this time he came through. He ran a keeper to the right and attempted to dive over the corner goal line marker. He came up just short of th egoal line, but a chain measurement gave Cohasset a first down by the length of the ball inside the 1-yard line.

On first and goal, Leahy dove over center for the score. He then completed a two-point conversion pass to tight end Dan McCarthy on a short down and out, giving Cohasset the 14-6 lead with 9:25 left to play.

Cohasset's defense seemed to stiffen on the ensuing Bishop possession. Justin Wood stopped a sweep for no gain and a 10-yard holding call against the Bishops put the ball back on the Cohasset 16.

Costello was able to complete a 20-yard pass to pick up a first down, but Cohasset's D held there, forcing the Bishops to bring out the punt team. Senior Matt Baroudi then bulled his way through the middle to block the punt, and Anthony Dipaulo pounced on it at the 25-yard line of Bishop.

Cohasset kept the ball on the ground, looking to run out the clock, but couldn't gain a first down. The Skippers went for the short punt on fourth down, but the ball made it to the end zone, resulting in a touchback and letting the Bishops start at their 20-yard line with over four minutes to play.

The hosts marched the ball down to the Cohasset 30, but the drive stalled as the Skippers defense held and they took over on downs at their own 30.

The Skippers were again unable to move the ball, however, and had to punt it away with 1:53 left.

The defense answered the call once again, though. Junior Dave McKenna stuffed Witter for a two-yard loss and, on fourth-and-three, Durkin stopped him for another loss, giving Cohasset back the ball on the Bishops' 32-yard line with 22 seconds to play. Leahy took a knee and time expired.

Cohasset's strong defensive play carried the day for the 2 and 0 Skippers. The offense scored when they had the opportunity but struggled with the aggressive Bishop defense. The young offensive line had difficulty adjusting to the Bishops defense but did the job when it counted led by the strong blocking of Nick Arment. The Skippers will get back into action with a rare Saturday night game at home (8 p.m. kickoff), with Cardinal Spellman the opponent.



STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset players swarm the net in action against South Shore League rival Norwell last week.

Field hockey team turns back Crusaders

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aggressiveness. Kathrine Whoriskey, Remy Lee, and Ellen Tarpey presented an outstanding performance in defending the Crusaders. Also, captain Allison Dean managed to stop all nine of Carver's offensive corners. Goalie Aaron Bigley managed to freeze all 15 of Carver's shots. He even managed to keep Carver's Lindsay Hobbs, Sarah Pooler, and Stacey Burns from scoring.

"Carver has always given us a physical and tough game," reflected head coach Deb Bostwick. "I am very proud of my team for working hard, being strong on defense, and not backing down."

Starting Sweeper Ellen Tarpey also felt content with the Skipper's performance.

"This was the first game we really came together as a team," she said. "If only we had capitalized on our scoring opportunities, we would have gotten the win."

Going into Friday's game against Norwell, the Skippers felt confident. And rightfully so. Brooke Allen came out and scored early on the Clippers, attempting to set a tone for the game. The Clippers, however, had a different plan.

Norwell quickly came back and scored on the celebrating Cohasset team, tying the game. Another Norwell goal in the second half disheartened the Skippers. The final score:2-1 Norwell.

Despite the loss, the Skippers felt they dominated the game. Their enthusiasm in the second half almost earned them another goal, this time by Katie James.

"Everyone thought it was a goal," stated halfback Colby Durant. "The ball was in the net!"

Unfortunately, the refs saw the play differently.

Though the Skippers got a tough break, they recognize they must move on. On Tuesday, the Skippers faced off with a ruthless Harwich team, closely followed by a Thursday showdown with the Mashpee Falcons. Coach Bostwick plans to focus on her defensive coverage inside the circle. This will prove key in protecting her goalie.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

FOOTBALL
Sept.
19 beat Arch. Williams, 12-0

BOYS SOCCER
15 lost to Abington, 3-2
18 Hanover- PPD
21 tied Carver, 2-2

GIRLS SOCCER
15 lost to Abington, 2-0
17 beat Cape Cod Acad, 4-0
21 lost to Carver, 2-1

FIELD HOCKEY
15 tied Carver, 0-0
17 lost to Norwell, 2-1
21 lost to Harwich, 5-0

GOLF
15 beat Harwich, 29-25
20 tied Mashpee, 27-27
21 lost to Norwell, 28.5-25.5

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Clippers drive past Skippers

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already beaten. These four teams must all play one another again, and the tiebreaker possibilities are all over the map.

"This league is as tough to call as it's ever been right now," said Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney. We're all beating one another. On any given day, you just don't know who is going to be the better team."

The other two teams in the league, Carver and Abington, without league wins, are well on the outside looking in.

Norwell freshman Cody Cavicchi was the difference in Tuesday's huge win, as he shot an even par 36 on the Clippers home course to win his head-to-head match in the second spot, 8-1.

"Man, that kid played a great round," said Sweeney. "He was a one man wrecking crew for us. We just couldn't dig out of the hole he put us in."

Cavicchi had shot in the high 40s the day before at Widow's Walk in a win over Abington, but he and senior captain Mike Dempsey went to a driving range that evening and hit a few buckets of balls.

"Mike and Cody took it upon themselves to work on their swings," lauded Norwell coach Ken Camerota. "I don't know how big a factor that played (Tuesday), but they both played much better than they had the day before."

Dempsey also shaved close to 10 strokes off his score to match Cohasset sophomore Kevin Barber in the top spot with a 40. However, the Cohasset player won one more hole to take a 5-4 decision. That knocked Norwell's advantage down a point to 12-6 with the first foursome in the clubhouse.

Cohasset golfers also won three of the remaining four head-to-head matches, but did not gain back enough holes to wipe out the huge edge provided by Cavvichi.

Norwell senior Brian Shannon won five holes out of the number four spot in the rotation, shooting a matching 44 with Cohasset counterpart Chris Simms.

Cohasset senior Colin Magruder hit a 41 out of the third spot, edging Norwell sophomore Brendan Gilligan in shots (43) and holes, 5-4.

Norwell sophomore Ryan Sweeney, making his varsity debut, did a commendable job of sticking with Cohasset senior Ricky Lordan in the fifth spot, taking four holes.

Another Norwell underclassman, freshman Mike White (47), hung tough with another CHS upperclassman, junior Dave Bouchard (45), out of the sixth and final spot, earning 3.5 hole points.

"I really felt going in we'd have to play just about a perfect game to beat Cohasset," said Camerota. "And we had several players respond and come up big. Cody was just immense, and Dempsey and Gilligan played great as well. We're getting some great play from our younger players right now. Cavicchi, Gilligan and White are playing well, and Ryan Sweeney made a nice debut. It's exciting not only for this year, but the future."

Of course, there's still that date at Cohasset Country Club this coming Wednesday looming.

"Yeah, we had a huge home course advantage (Tuesday)," conceded Camerota. "Scituate Country Club is not an easy course if you're not used to it. It'll obviously be a lot tougher when we go to (Cohasset's) place."

Skippers 29, Harwich 25

Last Wednesday's 29-25 win at Cranberry Valley was not only the Skippers first ever win on Harwich's home course, but the first ever win over Harwich, period.

Sophomore Kevin Barber shot a team best 39 out of the top spot to pull out a 6-3 decision, and senior Ricky Lordan shot a solid 42 to pull out a critical 5-4 decision out of the fourth spot.

Senior Colin Magruder and Chris Simms both shot 45. The result was a 4.5 to 4.5 split and a 6-3 win, respectively.

Junior Mark Bouchard shot a 46 out of the sixth spot to take 5.5 of nine available points.

"This was a huge win for our team and this program," said Sweeney. "We got some clutch play when we needed it."

Skippers 27, Mashpee 27

The Skippers were a shot away from winning or losing a few times in this match, played Monday at the Cohasset Country Club, but they missed and made just enough, and the match ended in a tie.

Sweeney looked back on a number of missed opportunities that might have kept his team perfect on the season, but then noted "we could have missed one we made too and then this would be a loss."

"You can't think about the misses after a match like this," he concluded. "It does not good."

Barber was again low man. He again shot a 39 and again pulled out the 6-3 decision.

Magruder came up with a 42 to take five holes.

Simms also shot a 42 to earn a 4.5-4.5 split.

Lordan also took five of nine points, hitting a 45.

Bouchard shot a 48, but still managed to win four holes.

Senior captain Tim Pilczak was matched up against some extremely tough competition in the second for both matches.

Coastal Stars report

Mike Carbone led the offensive charge with three goals and an assist, and goalie Connor Maher anchored a suffocating defense, as the Squirt A Coastal Stars opened the season with a 9-0 win over the South Shore Eagles. The Stars gained the early momentum with strong skating and unselfish passing, but it looked to be a frustrating afternoon, especially when Patrick Burchill and Jake Durkin were denied in front. But then Carbone rifled a shot to the top of the net from in close at 7:54 of the first. The Stars' defensive corps of E.J. Culhane, Dan LeBlanc, Kevin McDougall, and D.J. Evans kept the puck out of their own end, and the Stars held the 1-0 lead after one.

Johnny Ryan made it 2-0 at :09 of the second when he rebounded a Jonathan Spitz shot into the right side. Mike Carbone, with assists from D.J. Evans and Dan LeBlanc, picked up his second goal about a minute later. Trevor Salmon and Johnny Ryan assisted Carbone when he tucked his hat trick goal into the left side at the 9:30 mark. Two minutes later, Neil Conway ripped the face-off to Jonathan Spitz in the slot. Spitz' one-time backhander quickly found the five hole, and the Stars were up 5-0 after two.

Conway scored thirty-nine seconds into the third when he picked up the puck in the neutral zone, laid a deadly fake on the defense, and potted a backhander. Johnny Ryan was on the spot again two minutes later, this time rebounding a Chris Carpenter shot into the right side. Patrick Burchill's hard work out front paid off when he scored at 3:39, with assists to Evans and McDougall. Jonathan Spitz closed out the scoring with a rebound of Chris Carpenter's shot at 7:06. The Eagles tested Connor Maher with a flurry in front of the net, but Maher was too quick with the pads and glove, and the shutout was saved.

Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football Scoreboard Sept. 18 and 19

Stingrays

Scituate	Hingham	
Midget	12	6
PeeWees	6	16
Mites	0	26

Sharks

Scituate	Bridgewater	
Midget	6	12
PeeWees	0	26
Mites	8	18

Any coach or parent interested in submitting team or game reports, should send them to Mike Spellman by e-mail (mspellman@cnc.com) or fax 781-837-4540.

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

FOOTBALL

Sept.
25 Card. Spell. V 7 p.m.
27 @ Card. Spell. F-S 4 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
23 Harwich JV Milliken 5 p.m.
23 Harwich V Alumni 5:30 p.m.
27 Hull V Alumni 3:45 p.m.
29 Norwell JVMilliken 3:45 p.m.
29 @ Norwell V 5 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
23 @ Harwich 4:30 p.m.
27 Hull JV Milliken 3:45 p.m.
27 Hull V Alumni 5:15 p.m.
29 Norwell JV 3:45 p.m.
29 @ Norwell V 6:30 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY
23 Mashpee V Alumni 4 p.m.
23 Mashpee JV Deerhill 4 p.m.
28 Hull V Alumni 3:45 p.m.
28 Hull JV Deerhill 3:45 p.m.
30 @ Norwell V 6 p.m.
30 @ Norwell JV 7:30 p.m.

GOLF
23 Carver V 3:30 p.m.
27 Abington V 3:30 p.m.
28 Harwich V 3:45 p.m.
30 @ Mashpee V 4 p.m.

Clark's Fall Scramble at Hatherly CC Oct. 18

The first annual "Clark's fall scramble golf tournament" will be held on Monday, Oct. 18, at Hatherly Country Club in Scituate to benefit the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.

The purpose of the fund is to enhance the athletic and recreational opportunities in the town of Cohasset.

Play: shotgun start at noon with dinner/ reception immediately following.

$150 per golfer and $600 per foursome.

Checks made payable to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.

Sponsor: $100 to sponsor a hole. Sign at the hole and listing in a post-tournament newspaper advertisement.

Donate: donate raffle and auction items, or contribute directly to the fund.

All contributions are tax deductible. Register online by emailing:

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OBITUARIES



Joseph D. White

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Joseph D. White of Cohas set and Wareham, a retired supervisor of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and a former officer of an electrical contracting firm, died unexpectedly on Sept. 16, 2004. He was 81.

Mr. White was born in Jamaica Plain, one of 11 children of Margaret (O'Connell) and Louis A. White. Following his 1941 graduation from Jamaica Plain High School where he was president of his Senior Class, he enlisted with the Coast Guard Auxiliary for the duration of World War II. He became an apprentice electrician, joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW 103) and was a proud union member for 22 years. He subsequently rose to be a manager of Anderson Coffey, a large electrical contracting firm. Ultimately, as Vice President and Treasurer of the firm, he helped win the contract to design the electrical systems of the lighting, including the scoreboard, at Fenway Park. During this period, he became friends with several of the Boston Red Sox team members.

In 1976, John Driscoll, Chairman of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, recruited Mr. White to be a Supervisor of the Turnpike, responsible for all the installation, maintenance and repairs of the electrical systems and buildings along the entire length of the Turnpike. He retired in 1990.

Mr. White was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 1975 but he never gave in, and he courageously continued his fight with the difficulties presented by his ever-advancing illness. He never missed a day of work and maintained his warm, caring and friendly manner. "My father was truly a wonderful and unique man, someone whom I wish to emulate", said his daughter Deborah. He was a very talented engineer, a motivating leader to the people who served under and around him and an inspiration to others handicapped by Parkinson's. He was a loving and dedicated husband and devoted father right up to the end.

He leaves Estelle Marie (nee Howard), his dearly loved wife of 58 years, four children — Robert of Mansfield and Wareham; Joseph Jr. of Durham, NH; David of Rochester, Mass.; and Deborah of Boston and Wareham. He also leaves eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild and his two sisters, Kathleen Murphy and Elizabeth Murphy.

Friends may call between 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at the Lawlor Funeral Home in West Roxbury. A celebration mass of Mr. White's life will be held at 11 a.m. at the Holy Name Church in West Roxbury with burial to follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery in West Roxbury.

Donations in Joseph White's memory may be made to: American Parkinson's Disease Association (APDA) 720 Harrison Avenue, Suite 707 Boston, MA 02118

Barbara K. Rinkavage

Barbara K. Rinkavage, 82, of Bristol, Conn., died on Sept. 9, 2004, at Shady Oaks.

Mr. Rinkavage was born in Cohasset, the daughter of the late Thomas and Helen (Daly) Keating.

She retired from SNET after 44 years and was a past Women's Champion for Pequabuck Golf Club and was very active within the club.

She leaves her husband Willis A. Rinkavage; her stepsons and their wives, William and Gayle Rinkavage of Wolcott, Conn. and Robert and Bettie Rinkavage of Bristol, Conn.; her sisters, Pauline Keating and Mary Keating of Cohasset; a step granddaughter, Tiffany Jajack and seven nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her first husband Paul Dickau and her brother T. Gerard Keating.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Sept. 9, at St. Matthew Church.

Arrangements were handled by O'Brien Funeral Home, Forestville, Conn.

Interment was held in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol, Conn.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Dr, Wallingford, CT 06492.

Marion C. Smith

Marion C. Smith, 87, a resident of Cohasset for 30 years, died Sept. 19, 2004, at the Life Care Center in Scituate following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Smith was a self-employed housekeeper for more than 20 years, retiring in the late '70s.

Born in Marshfield, daughter of the late Emerson and Cora Burleigh, she was raised in Scituate and graduated from Scituate High School. After graduation she worked at the Hingham and Quincy shipyards in the payroll department.

Mrs. Smith was past president of the 60-Plus Club in Cohasset.

She leaves a son, Charles H. Smith of Bowie, Md.; a daughter, Jean Phippen of Bettendorf, Iowa; a brother, Howard Burleigh of West Bridgewater; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces. She was sister of the late Wilson Burleigh and Priscilla DeMello, formerly of Scituate.

A funeral service was held at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset. Interment was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Scituate.

In lieu of flowers, , memorial gifts may be made to South Shore Hospice, 100 Baystate Drive, Braintree.

Marie P. Donovan

Marie P. (Burke) Donovan, 81, of N. Scituate, died Sept. 20, 2004, at South Shore Hospital after a long illness.

She was born, raised and educated in the South End of Boston, where she was a graduate of Cathedral High School. She lived in N. Scituate for 35 years and spent winters in Boynton Beach, Fla., for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Donovan worked in the financial industry and The Welch Co., in Scituate. She enjoyed her family, traveling and spending winters in Florida.

She leaves her husband, William M. Donovan Sr. of N. Scituate; a son, William M. Donovan Jr. and his wife, Eileen of Scituate, a daughter Patricia M. Nixon and her husband John of Reston, Va.; and six grandchildren, William M. Donovan III and Sarah H Donovan, Mark Nixon, Sean Nixon, Timothy Nixon, Brain Nixon.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 24, at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Interment will be in new St. Mary's Cemetery in Scituate.

Visiting hours will be Thursday, Sept. 23, at McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

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Changes in store for Hanover Mall

Wal-Mart expected to boost business

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Preparations for a new Wal-Mart store at the Hanover Mall are in full swing.

Hanover Mall officials expect business to pick up even more when Wal-Mart opens its doors in late October.

"We expect Wal-Mart to do triple the amount of business Ames did when it was here," said mall general manager Ed Callahan.

Ames closed in October, 2002 as a cost cutting move when the store's corporate managers filed for bankruptcy.

The opening of Wal-Mart comes at a time when competition for shoppers is fierce, with South Shore Plaza to the north in Braintree and Independence Mall to the south in Kingston. There is also a 460,000 square foot upscale shopping center under construction in Hingham off Derby Street that will challenge these malls for business. The Derby Street Shoppes will include Talbots, Barnes & Noble, William Sonoma and REI Sports.

Callahan said the proximity of the complexes indicates there is high consumer demand on the South Shore. He also said Wal-Mart and the addition of various businesses at the mall during the past few years, including the opening of Patriot Cinemas in December 2001, is a boon to profits.

Callahan said the mall's ability to generate a profit factored into its purchase by Gregory Greenfield & Associates LTD, an Atlanta firm. Greenfield paid $67 million to buy the mall from TA Realty of Boston in early November.

"They (Greenfield) have spent over $2 million to replace the mall's roof," said Callahan. "They've also made significant upgrades to the mall's parking and landscaping."

Greenfield Associates owns 14 shopping centers around the nation. The firms operates the Sears Town Mall in Leominister, a mall on Long Island, N.Y, and a shopping complex in Syracuse.

Patriot Cinemas provides viewers with stadium style seating and the latest sound system, and is looking to expand.

"We've filed a request with the [Hanover] planning board to expand Patriot Cinemas from six movie screens to 10 screens," said Callahan.

The proposal could be difficult to achieve because the state's River Protection Act forbids enlarging an existing structure within 200 feet near a wetlands site. Exceptions to this law can be allowed by the conservation commission if a proponent submits plans that provide the latest septic system mechanisms and storm drainage controls.

Board members will meet with mall officials on Oct. 4 at 7:15 p.m. to hear details about the proposed theater expansion.

Other boons to the mall's profits include the opening of Trader Joe's, in November, says Callahan. Trader Joe's offers traditional food staples such as milk, eggs, bread and hard to find items like Macedonia pinger or lamb from New Zealand at affordable prices.

"Trader Joe's is doing great business," added Callahan.

The profitability of Trader Joe's is encouraging Panera Bread to construct a shop next door. Panera will offer buyers a variety of bread flavors that contain sharp cheeses, rich pecans or piquant Greek olives.

"It's a nice store," said mall marketing director Lisa Washburne. "They play classical music inside."

Panera Bread [which recently opened at the Derby Street Shoppes] is expected to open sometime during the fall.

"Grand Wireless opened this year and Victoria's Secret is being remodeled," said Callahan. "We're expecting to re-open Victoria's by Sept. 23."

Washburne said the malls profits has also been boosted by the installation of a 75-foot pylon sign near Route 3 in May.

"We've used the sign for an amber alert a few weeks ago," said Washburne. "It's a fabulous addition to the mall. We've used it to advertise sales. We've heard great customer stories about the sign. We've used it to advertise Trader Joe's."

Callahan said the marquee gives the mall much needed exposure to potential customers. "It gives us the exposure we need for people who are driving south on Route 3 and especially if they are driving north," said Callahan.

He said recent state traffic studies indicate about 100,000 motorists drive on the highway each day.

The large traffic volumes on Route 3 has mall officials concerned about congestion at the expressway's northbound exit ramp. Drivers and customers going to the mall sometimes have lengthy waiting periods at the off ramp during peak travel periods.

Gov. Mitt Romney recently approved a $2.5 billion bond bill that authorizes more than $1 billion for various roadway construction and traffic signals in the state. The bill includes approximately $300,000 for a proposed traffic signal near the exit ramp and $1.5 million to widen a nearby overpass. Critics of the bill say it has a large number of requests to fund various road projects that are unaffordable.

Romney says his administration will review the various proposals and decide which projects merit approval.

"From a business standpoint we need to get that signal light installed," said Callahan. "It will benefit all the businesses along Route 53."

Washburne said the ability of customers to get to a mall is vital for a community's commerce. "We have a lot of people who live in Weymouth who say they shop at the Hanover Mall because it's easy to get to," said Washburne.

She also said the complex has personal appeal for families. "We cater to moms with kids," said Wasburne. "We have a play center the kids can use when their mothers are here."

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Cohasset retreat featured in Rosary series on BCTV

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The Rosary episodes filmed here will show footage of the oceanfront grounds and buildings of the property and the coastline.



Monsignor Paul McInerny on the grounds of the Sisters of Saint Joseph Retreat on Jerusalem Road for an episode of "The Rosary" series filmed in Cohasset last month.



The spectacular view from the Sisters of Saint Joseph Retreat on Jerusalem Road provides the perfect backdrop for Monsignor Paul McInerny, who is co-hosting the telethon on Boston Catholic Television. The Rosary episode filmed in Cohasset is one of the highlights of this year's telethon.

One of the highlights of this year's telethon will be the debut of two new episodes of one of BCTV's flagship series, The Rosary, which was filmed last month at the retreat house of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Cohasset. The Rosary is one of the most watched programs on BCTV, as Monsignor McInerny travels to sites throughout New England to pray the mysteries of the rosary honoring Jesus and his mother. The Rosary episodes filmed here will show footage of the oceanfront grounds and buildings of the property and the coastline. The Rosary can be seen as part of the telethon at 10a.m.. and 7p.m. on Sept. 24 & 25.

Boston Catholic Television is carried in Cohasset by Comcast on cable channel 56 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. However, Comcast has extended BCTV's hours for the telethon weekend so viewers can tune in the event in its entirety. Internet users can tune in the telethon via BCTV's all-new home page, www.catholictv.org, where a complete list of all the communities BCTV is available also can be found. At any time, viewers can watch the station's cable broadcast on the web site by clicking BCTV LIVE. During the telethon, viewers can call (617) 332-8655 to make a pledge or share their feedback.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

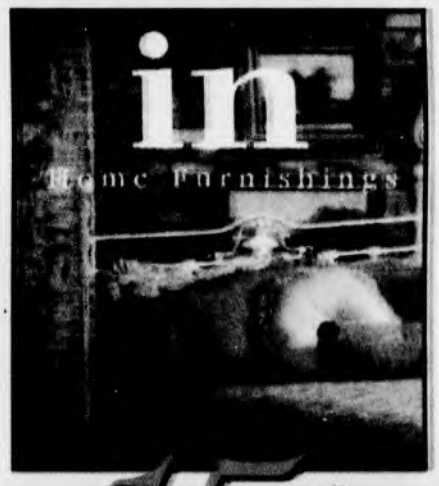
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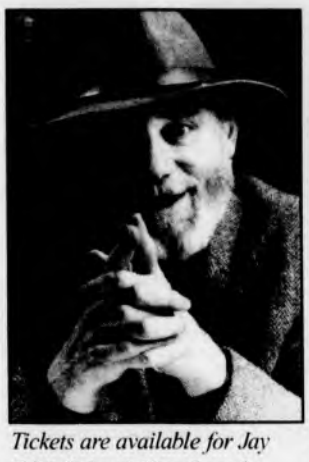
Renowned storyteller at First Parish Nov. 7

Jay O'Callahan, the renowned storyteller, returns from an around-the-world tour to his home in Marshfield and a magical performance of his "Pill Hill Stores" at the First Parish Unitarian Meeting House on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m.

Tickets are $20 – the show is appropriate for adults and children 12 and older. Advanced ticket sales are available at the Unitarian Parish House, 23 No. Main St., or by calling 781 – 383-1100 (wait for the prompt to Jay O'Callahan).

O'Callahan grew up in a section of Brookline, called "Pill Hill" because so many doctors resided there. The magical house and grounds of his parents were the perfect setting for parties filled with singing, drama, and conversation — a great atmosphere for a child's imagination to blossom. Jay started telling stories to his siblings to entertain them, and now it is his way of life.

The "Pill Hill" stories to be told in Cohasset are playlets of his growing up. From his office in Marshfield, O'Callahan describes his work as "parachuting into a community". He creates memorable characters and speaks in their voices. He enlivens characters with a puppeteer's face, a painter's hands, and a musician's voice and transforms a simple stage into a dynamic, sensitive world with compelling characters.



Tickets are available for Jay O'Callahan's Nov. 7 performance at the First Parish Unitarian Meeting House.

O'Callahan has been awarded the National Endowment Fellowship for solo performance excellence, and has performed his "Pill Hill Stories" at the Lincoln Center in New York City, the National Fine Arts Complex in London, and at the Abbey Theatre in Dublin. He is a longtime favorite on National Public Radio and has performed with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and at the Winter Olympics.

Hurry - this event will sell out quickly!!! See his website http://www.ocallahan.com, and meet Jay at the reception with refreshments following his storytelling.



Barbara Dillon, member of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset, is planting some of the tulip and narcissus bulbs from the club's fall bulb sale now underway.

Abbey yard sale is on Sept. 25

Food will be supplied by "frankie's" maker of the world's best hotdog

Glastonbury Abbey of Hingham's annual fall yard sale will be held this year on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be an array of trash to treasure items from glassware to furniture. Also included will be a book sale, home baked goods sale, and a raffle of donated items from friends of the abbey and merchants in the area.

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So bring your family and friends and enjoy a fall outing. Join everyone on the great lawn of Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Route 228, Hingham.

Community Garden Club of Cohasset hosts bulb sale

This year the Community Garden Club of Cohasset is sponsoring a Bulb Sale as one of its fund raising events. A special collection of top size tulip, narcissus, and muscari bulbs is offered for sale between now and Oct. 15. Photographs of the blooms can be seen at the Cohasset Public Library or online at www.webwriteservices.com/bulbsale.htm. To place phone orders call 781-383-0998.

The following varieties are available: Tulips at $1 each include *T.* 'Black Parrot', 'Flaming Parrot', 'Hermione', 'Monsella', and a Rembrandt Tulip Mixture reminiscent of old Dutch paintings. Narcissus selections at $1.50 each include a Double Narcissus Mixture of hardy fragrant varieties, *N.* 'Manly', 'Lemon Beauty', and the old favorite 'Barrett Browning'. Little bright blue grape hyacinths, *Muscari armeniacum*, are the perfect accent for yellow daffodils and colorful tulips. They are sold in bags of 20 for $5.

All of the bulbs offered are hardy through cold New England winters when planted 6 or 8 inches deep in well-drained soil. With protection from freezing they are also very effective in pots. Garden Club horticulturists offer some suggestions to prevent your spring dreams from becoming gourmet treats for furry garden prowlers. To discourage squirrels from digging up newly planted tulips (and crocus), anchor pieces of nearly invisible black bird netting over the clusters of bulbs. The plastic netting or other wire mesh will deter furry paws, and the netting can also be loosely draped over emerging foliage and flower buds in the spring. It is a good idea to incorporate a balanced fertilizer into the soil at planting time, but avoid blood and bone meal because the scent attracts critters. Be sure to pick up any papery bulb tunics or skins left on top of the bed because they signal buried treasure. Avoid using hazardous deterrents like mothballs in the garden, but remember that narcissus are naturally toxic, so daffodils can be used as a beautiful barrier against hungry deer and rabbits.

Proceeds from the sale of bulbs will be used to support the many educational, environmental and historical projects undertaken by the Community Garden Club.

Chinese exercise classes offered

Lin Lin will be teaching the Dao Yin Ba Duan Jin - The Eight Pieces of Brocade, a Chinese health preservation exercise at the South Shore Community Center in two three hour workshops.

The workshop will be held on Oct. 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Oct. 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On Oct. 14, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. , there will be a complimentary class for students to try. Students need to pre-register for this class.

The Eight Pieces of Brocade originated in the Southern Sung Dynasty in China approximately 800 years ago. It is considered to be the root of all Qigong forms. Every movement has a health purpose. These exercises are elegant, graceful and easy to learn. They consist of gentle stretching that lengthen the muscles and tendons and stimulate the meridians and internal organs.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Ammunition Depot reunion set for Sept. 25

A reunion for the former employees and military personnel of the U.S. Naval Hingham Ammunition Depot will be held Saturday, Sept. 25 at 1 p.m. in Wompatuck State Park Visitor's Center (formerly the Annex). Former employees and military personnel are encouraged to bring pertinent photos, "Shot and Shell" newsletters and other memorabilia. The center is the first building on the right after the park gate.

The ammunition depot provided ordnance for the U.S. military during World War I, World War II and the Korean War. Parts for the atomic bomb were also stored there. During the close of World War II almost 5,000 civilian and military people worked at the depot. The complex comprised four towns: Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Norwell. It shut down in 1962.

Fire Department hosts open house

October is National Fire Prevention Month with "Fire Prevention Week" taking place from Oct. 3 to 9. Papa Gino's, in conjunction with the National Fire Protection Association, is teaming up with local fire departments to help educate the community on fire prevention. For the past 11 years, New England Fire Departments and Papa Gino's have helped educate more than 1 million people by supplying educational materials and free pizza at fire safety open houses. The Cohasset Fire Department is holding an open house at 44 Elm St., on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Dance at the Garage

There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, Sept. 24, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone from grades 6 through 8 is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

The Teen Garage is open to grades 6 and over every Friday evening, from 4 to 10 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays of the month from 5 to 10 p.m.

Harvest supper at Beechwood Church

The Annual Harvest Supper and Auction, an autumn tradition, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church St. in Cohasset. The public is invited to get together for dinner on Thursday evening, Sept. 30, at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will include ham, string beans, Harvard beets, mashed potatoes, dessert as well as beverages. The harvest auction will take place following supper. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

Full Day of Festivities for the South Shore

A full day of festivities for the entire South Shore is taking place on Oct. 2. Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is celebrating the dedication of the Brooks Thomsen Singer Performance Center and the opening of our toddler play space.

This daylong event includes performances by the Tale Spinners, Inca Son Music & Dance, Gary the Silent Clown from Ringling Bros. Circus and Ryanhood along with face painting and arts and crafts activities for the kids. A dedication and a specially choreographed dance piece performed by the Meredith Butulis Dance Ensemble will be a couple of the special highlights of the day. The celebration begins at 10 a.m., admission is $4 for adults, $2 for children and $10 for families up to six members. Rain or shine. Parking is free. Call 781-383-3198 for more information.

Find out about yourself

Introduction to the Enneagram will be held in Scituate. There are nine personality types, each with unique habits of behavior and feeling.

The Enneagram is used for personal and spiritual development as well as business applications. This event takes place at St. Luke's Episcopal Parish, 465 First Parish Rd., (corner of First Parish and 3A) in Scituate on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. $15 pre-registration, $18 at the door. Fee includes text. For more information, call Claire at 781-383-9076 or e-mail at barnum@bigplanet.com.

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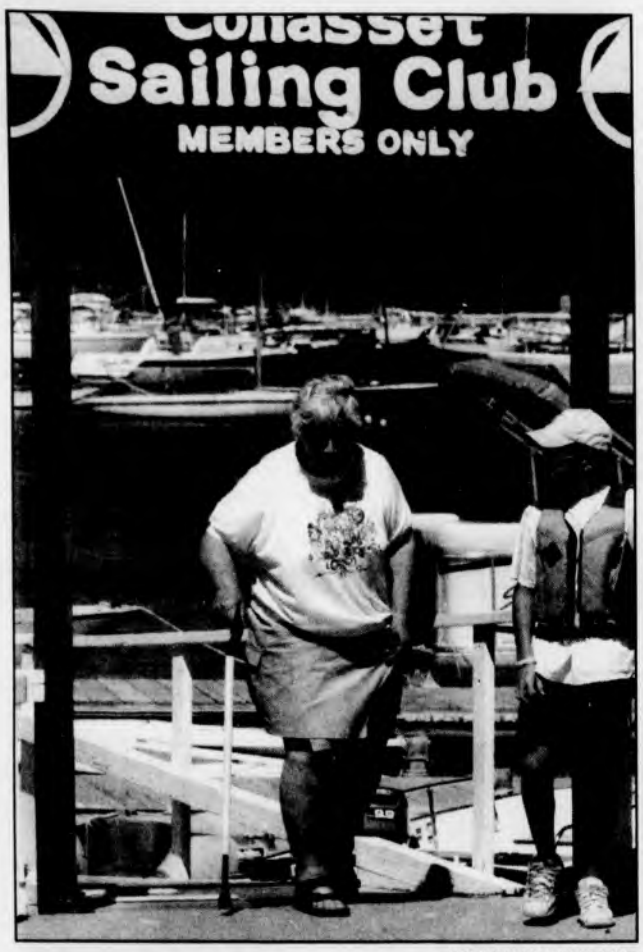


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Jack Murphy, 12, gives Veronica Napolitano a hand as she heads up the boat ramp during the annual barbecue for local senior citizens at the Cohasset Sailing Club. This year's event was sponsored by Grand Gables Realty Group.



Those who attended the barbecue held earlier this month got a ride around the harbor. Here Jack Murphy, 12, is piloting the boat.





Leslie Thompson sings Happy Birthday to fellow senior citizen, Nancy Snowdale (not pictured) during the senior citizens barbecue sponsored by Grand Gables Realty Group.

(Left) Minda MacDonald chats with David Drinkwater of Grand Gables at the annual senior citizen barbecue held at the Cohasset Sailing Club.

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SENIOR SCENE

The following fall programs are offered at Cohasset Elder Affair, 3 N. Main St. Call 781-383-9112.

• Fitness & Dance with Karen Kerkindall on Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 to 8:15 a.m.

• Chair Yoga with Stephanie Whiting on Thursday at 1 p.m.

• Body Proud with Holly on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

• Safety Fair - Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 10 a.m. with coffee and Danish and lunch at noon. Lots of new information and gifts. Call 383-9112, for lunch

• Book Club with Addie McGrath on second Friday of each month.

• Bridge with Bill Wennerberg at Second Congregational Church each Monday at noon to 3:30 p.m.

• Bridge - Drop in every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

• Computer Tech Help with Austin Breslow on Tuesdays 2:30 p.m.

• Gourmet Cooking - with Anna Abbruzzese. Date to start will be announced in September.

• Knitting with Edna. This is great way to learn to knit and socialize. You can drop in on any Fridays at 1 p.m. Tea and goodies are available

• Life Writing Course - Any one interested in learning the methods of expressing themselves in writing, we are forming a new group with Renee Summers, who has a long history of poetry writings.

• Men's Breakfast Club - Chanticleers/Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. Call Winn Merrill at 545-0696 for information on the club.

• Luncheon served at noontime on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

• Foot Care - Second Wednesday of each month. With nurse Jean Reardon.

• Legal Consultation free on monthly bases, call CEA for appointment.

• Tea Party with Marie Frazier Dunn, Sept. 29, at 1 p.m. RSVP a must.

TRANSPORTATION

Around Town - Monday, 9:30 a.m.

Cohasset Village - Thursday 9:30am

Escorted Shopping - Monday and Tuesday 1:15 p.m.

Christmas Tree Shop - Second Wednesday 9 a.m.

Hanover Mall - Fourth Wednesday 9 a.m.

Shaw's First and third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Stop & Shop Friday 9:30 a.m.

Call Cohasset Elder Affairs for question, sign ups and requests 781-383-9112.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

• Lunch helpers

• Drivers three hours once a month

• Office assistance

• Programs planners

• Special events assistance

• Course instructors

If you have a special talent and would like to share it, call Martha Horsefield, volunteer coordinator at 781-383-9112.

Retiree seminars

The Cohasset Elder Affair (3 North Main St.,) is offering an education series for retirees (5:30 to 6 p.m. light supper, 6 to 7:30 p.m. presentation) titled "Take Control of Your Future."

The sessions are: Oct. 7, "Medicare and Medicaid Changes" (Debbie Banda, AARP Mass State Director; Oct. 14, "New Treatment for Osteoporosis" (Virginia Cummings, M.D., Gerontologist); Oct. 21, "Legal Issues" (Brian Barriera and Paul Tierney, Elder law Attorneys) and Oct. 28, "Memory Loss": What to Do (Carolyn Housman, L.S.W.). Call the C.E.A. at 781-383-9112 to register or for information.

The fee is $10 for the series - $3 per session.

Gentle exercise

Nina Constantinides, certified through the Arthritis Foundation to teach PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise), will offer classes Wednesdays at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center beginning Oct. 6. The specially designed program will help participants increase joint flexibility, range of motion and muscle strength. Most of the 45 minutes class will be performed while seated with enjoyable background music. Nina has been teaching exercise classes for over 25 years. The cost is $3 per person. To register call 781-383-9112.

Senior Center menu

THURSDAY, SEPT. 23

Roast pork with gravy, oven roasted potato, California blend veggie, multigrain roll, fruit cocktail.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

Tomato bisque, savory baked chicken Florentine, whole wheat roll, fresh apple.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

To be announced.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

Low salt hot dog with mustard and roll, baked beans and Cole slow, vanilla pudding and diet pudding.

Music by the Sea: Classic Cohasset meets Hingham Symphony

This weekend, step through the gate and back in time to the classical elegance of a Sunday afternoon by the sea in Cohasset. On Sunday, Sept. 26, from 3 to 6 p.m., the Board of Directors of Hingham Symphony Orchestra invites you to join them for an afternoon of music, light fare, and wine tasting, all to benefit the HSO.

The Roy family has generously offered to hold this event on the grounds of their family home on Jerusalem Road, with its breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean from every vantage point.

Marsh's Wine and Spirits in Norwell will provide a variety of wines to complement Arthur Roebuck's classic lawn party fare and a selection of international cheeses and condiments contributed by the new Whole Foods market in Hingham.

At 4:30 p.m., the Hingham Symphony Brass Quintet will perform a lively musical interlude, led by conductor Jin Kim. Rain or shine.

A limited number of tickets at $100 per person are available by calling the HSO at 781-740-5694. Reservations are required. For information about the HSO, visit www.hinghamsymphony.org, or call for a season brochure.

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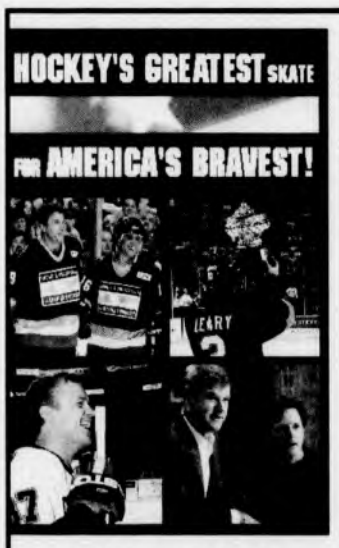
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POLICE LOG

SUNDAY, SEPT. 5

12:15 a.m. **South Main St**, assist citizen.

1:04 a.m. **Elm St.,** noise complaint.

1:09 a.m. **Hull St.,** noise complaint. Summons issued to Tania J. Diatchenki, 25, 1055 Southern Artery #203, Quincy. Chrgs. Disorderly conduct, reckless operation of motor vehicle, leave scene of personal injury, speeding.

2:18 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** parking violation.

4:05 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** assist other police dept.

6:20 a.m. **King St.,** medical aid, patient sign off.

6:48 a.m. Headquarters, assist other police department.

7:04 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** breaking and entering, motor vehicle.

7:10 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** breaking and entering, motor vehicle.

8:22 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** breaking and entering, motor vehicle.

9:12 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, breaking and entering, motor vehicle.

9:15 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** breaking and entering, motor vehicle.

9:26 a.m. **Border St.,** motor vehicle theft.

9:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

10:58 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, found property.

11:44 a.m. **Elm St.,** animal control.

12:32 p.m. **Atlantic Ave**., threats, bodily harm.

1:18 p.m. **Little Harbor Road,** medical aid.

8:21 p.m. **Beach St.,** suspicious auto.

8:43 p.m. **Elm St.,** investigaiton.

8:47 p.m. **Smith Place**, noise complaint.

9:08 p.m. **Elm St.,** assist other agency.

9:54 p.m. **Elm St.,** assist other agency.

10:04 p.m. **Hull St.** and **Cedar St,** motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

10:07 p.m. **Jerusalem Road** and **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity.

11:25 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** and **Black Rock Road**, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

11:41 p.m. **South Main St.,** parking complaint.

11:52 p.m. **Hull St.,** assist other police department.

MONDAY, SEPT. 6

12:46 a.m. **South Main St**., public drinking.

2:31 a.m. **Cedar St**., suspicious person.

10:01 a.m. **Cushing Rd**., medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:20 a.m. **King St**., fire, investigation.

10:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist motorist, referred to other agency.

12:26 p.m. **South Main St.**, medical aid, patient sign off.

1:16 p.m. **Cedar St**., disturbance, adv. contact police if ret.

1:55 p.m. **Forest Ave**., suspicious auto.

8:50 p.m. **South Main St**., disturbance gathering, unfounded.

9:35 p.m. **Elm St., and Summer St**., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

10:55 p.m. **Atlantic Ave**., general services, detail completed.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 7

5:08 a.m. **Atlantic Ave**., general services.

8:30 a.m. **Clay Spring Rd**., medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:15 a.m. **Sohier St**., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, investigated/report taken.

11:46 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation.

3:34 p.m. **Border St**., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

6:33 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St**., officer wanted.

7:10 p.m. **Hull St**., medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:47 p.m. **Atlantic Ave**., suspicious (other).

10:56 p.m. **Atlantic Ave**., general services.

11:07 p.m. **Sohier St**., open door/window.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8

7:18 a.m. **Pond St**., traffic control, detail completed.

9:42 a.m. **Pond St**., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:30 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd**., parking complaint.

11:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, no fire service necessary.

1:31 p.m. **Elm Ct**., traffic complaint, adv. contact police if rep.

2:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St**., animal control, unfounded.

3:28 p.m. **North Main St**., public service other.

4:20 p.m. **Atlantic Ave**., threats (other).

7:45 p.m. **Doane St**., disturbance.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

12:11 a.m. **Crocker Lane**, fire, log entry.

6:30 a.m. **HQ**., fire, log entry.

7:24 a.m. **Norfolk Rd**., animal control.

7:27 a.m. **Nichols Rd**., animal control.

8:57 a.m. **North Main St**., well being check, no police service necessary.

9:54 a.m. **Lincoln St**., well being check.

10:04 a.m. **Ripley Rd**., fire, investigation.

10:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, missing person.

11:46 a.m. **Elm St**., abandoned auto.

12:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, road rage.

2:24 p.m. **Forest Ave**., medical aid, patient sign off.

2:30 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd**., traffic complaint, area search negative.

5:07 p.m. **Atlantic Ave**., animal control.

5:11 p.m. **King St**., medical aid, patient sign off.

7:20 p.m. **Beechwood St**., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window.

10:35 p.m. **Bancroft Rd**., medical aid, services rendered.

11:29 p.m. **Elm St**., assist other agency.

11:51 p.m. **North Main St**., assist other Police Dept.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10

6:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St**., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:33 a.m. **South Main St**., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:14 a.m. **Sohier St**., traffic complaint.

9:35 a.m. **Ox Pasture Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:44 a.m. **King St**., suspicious (other).

10:03 a.m. **King St**., wires down.

10:07 a.m. **James Lane**, fire, investigation.

2:44 p.m. **Pond St**., traffic complaint.

3:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

6:50 p.m. **Stop & Shop**, general services.

6:54 p.m. **Aaron River Rd**., suspicious (other).

7:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:21 p.m. **Sohier St**., open door/window.

8:24 p.m. **King St**., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:17 p.m. **North Main St**., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:06 p.m. **Atlantic Ave**., general services.

11:37 p.m. **Fernway**, officer wanted.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

12:36 a.m. **Linden Drive**, assist citizen.

7:10 a.m. **Surry Drive**, noise complaint.

8:35 a.m. **Norman Todd Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:10 a.m. **Nichols Rd**., animal control, area search negative.

1:45 p.m. **Border St**., disturbance gathering.

2:28 p.m. **Short St**., well being check, good intent call.

2:31 p.m. **Parker Ave**., officer wanted.

5:25 p.m. **North Main St**., fire, investigation.

6:13 p.m. **South Main St**., motor vehicle stop, 46 yr. old male in protective custody.

6:30 p.m. **Grace Drive**, officer wanted, peace restored.

8:14 p.m. **Whitwell St**., notification.

9:24 p.m. **Whitney Woods Lane**, fire, investigation.

10:39 p.m. **Burditt Ave**., animal control.

11:13 p.m. **Atlantic Ave**., general services, detail completed.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

6:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:13 a.m. **South Main St**., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

9:51 a.m. **Diab Lane**, noise complaint, adv. contact police if rep.

9:57 a.m. **Rust Way**, animal control, referred to other agency.

4:34 p.m. **Cedar St**., medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:09 p.m. **Atlantic Ave**., general services.

MONDAY, SEPT. 13

8:46 a.m. **South Main St.,** vandalism, investigated/report taken.

9:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **King St.,** assist motorist, services rendered.

10;13 a.m. **Elm St.,** identity fraud, investigated/report taken.

12:27 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS

1:19 p.m. **Fernway**, animal control, referred to other agency.

2:33 p.m. **Forest Ave**. and **Jerusalem Road,** disabled auto.

2:50 p.m. **Elm St.,** officer wanted, services rendered.

4:13 p.m. **Jerusalem Road Dr**., 911 call verification, false call.

6:22 p.m. **North Main St.,** general services.

11:34 p.m. **Hill St.,** animal control.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14

1:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** hate crime, investigated/report taken.

6:38 a.m. **North Main St.** and **Rocky Lane**, animal control.

6:41 a.m. **Rocky Lane**, noise complaint.

6:48 a.m. **Beechwood St**. and **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:55 a.m. **Beechwood St**. and **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

7:48 a.m. **Pond St.,** motor vehicle stop. traffic citation/warning.

8:50 a.m. **Pond St.,** traffic ocmplaint.

9:42 a.m. **Pond St.,** 911 call verification, false call.

10:55 a.m. **Pond St.** and **Woodland Dr.,** motor vehicle stop.

12:31 a.m. **King St.,** fire, investigation, services rendered.

2:23 p.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle crash. Investigated report taken.

2:28 p.m. **Ripley Road,** parking complaint, area search negative.

4:43 p.m. **Wheelwright Park Road**, motor vehicle violation. Verbal warning.

5:18 p.m. **Linden Dr.,** animal control.

6 p.m. **North Main St.,** suspicious auto.

6:25 p.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle crash. Investigated report taken.

6:35 p.m. **Beechwood St.** and **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

6:57 p.m. **North Main St.,** fire investigaiton, transported SSH/ALS

8:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled auto.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15

1:46 a.m. **Linden Cir.,** officer wanted.

8:16 a.m. **Ripley Road**, abandoned auto.

8:28 a.m. **Sohier St.,** animal control, referred to other agency.

11:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Lower King St.,** disabled auto, vehicle stored/impounded.

3:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Beechwood St**., motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

4:32 p.m. **North Main St.,** animal control.

4:49 p.m. **North Main St.,** disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

5:36 p.m. **South Main St.,** fire investigation.

7:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window.

11:22 p.m. **Haystack Lane,** medical lane.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16

7:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen.

9:23 a.m. **South Main St.,** fire investigation.

10:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

11:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity. Area search negative.

1:09 p.m. **South Main St.,** fire inspections, investigated report taken.

5:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

5:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious area search negative.

6:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** motor vehicle crash. Transported SSH/ALS

8:24 p.m. **King St.,** 911 call verification.

10:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, investigated/report taken.

11:02 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** general services.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17

12:27 a.m. **Cedar St.,** open door/window. Arrest: Robert J. Andrews, 21, 15 Hull St., Cohasset. Chrgs. Night time breaking and entering for felony, larceny from a building, malicious destruction of property over $250, possession of a burglarious instrument. Arrest: Steven R. Coble, Jr., 25, 140 Atlantic Ave., Hull. Chrgs. Breaking and entering night time for felony, larceny from building, malicious destruciton of property over $250, possession of a burglarious instrument.

7:50 a.m. **James Lane,** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS

8:42 a.m. **Atlantic Ave**., animal control, referred to other agency.

9:14 a.m. **Bancroft Road,** medical aid, transported SSH/BLS

9:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

10:02 a.m. **South Main St.,** parking complaint.

11:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, 911 call verification, false call.

1:21 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, medical aid, false call.

2:05 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS

5:56 p.m. **Border St,** 911 call verification, false call.

6:52 p.m. **North Main St.,** annoying phone calls, advised legal help.

7:47 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, disturbance gathering, area search negative.

7:50 a.m. **James Lane,** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS

8:42 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** animal control, referred to other agency.

9:14 a.m. **Bancroft Road**, medical aid.

Legal Notices

21 GAMMONS RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

Notice of License Application pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91
Waterways License Application Number W04-1095
Thomas J. Durkin

NOTIFICATION DATE: September 24, 2004

Public notice is hereby given of the application by Thomas J. Durkin to construct and maintain a pier, ramp and float at 21 Gammons Road in the municipality of Cohasset in and over the waters of Little Harbor. The proposed use of the project is to provide access to navigate waters and is a water dependent project.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received by within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4) (c).

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (617) 292-5500. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: Ben Lynch, Program Chief, WRP, One Winter St., 6th fl., Boston, MA 02108.

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Cohasset Mariner 9/23/04

ZBA/10 BLACK HORSE LANE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tues., Oct. 5, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to § 8.7 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Paul D. & Kimberley Canney** seek to expand a non-conforming dwelling at **10 Black Horse Lane** according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-09-09.

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Cohasset Mariner 9/16, 9/23/04

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On the South Shore

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 1, 2004

Thurs. Sept. 23

Wildlands Trust to Hold First-Ever Photo Show The Wildlands Trust, is sponsoring a juried show to select 50 photographs for a four-month long, traveling exhibit. In addition, the Trust may use 12 of the entries, providing they are taken of one the Trust's preserves, to create a calendar. More information and entry forms are available on line at www.wildlandstrust.org or by calling the Trust at 781 934-9018. Entries may be submitted at the Wildlands Trust office at 165 West St., in Duxbury between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. by Saturday, Sept. 25.

Borders, 101 Independence Mall, Kingston presents a book signing with **Reid Oslin,** senior media relations officer at Boston College. Mr. Oslin has just published "Tales from the Boston College Sideline," an anecdotal history of BC football. Sept. 23, 7 to 9 p.m.

Buttonwood Books & Toys presents former Scituate resident **Nick Flynn** discussing his book "Another Bull**** Night in Suck City" on Thursday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. Free and open to the public. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, located at 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, will open its eighth annual **Sea & Sky Art Show**. This year will mark the first Sea & Sky to include both a juried and non-juried show through Oct. 31. Tickets are $20 members, $25 non-members.

Jimbos Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, **11th Year Anniversary Comedy Show,** featuring **Robbie Printz, Annette Pollack, Doug Mola, Adam Copithorne, Matt McArthur, Hugo Maienza, Brian Melvin and Jason Margaca.** Sept. 23, 8:30 p.m. $10 Call 781-848-0300 for reservations.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, presents ***Nature Scanned: Botanical Photographs*** by **Tony Andrade** in their Vine Hall Gallery Sept. 2-29. The exhibit can be viewed during regular center business hours, Monday through Saturday, 9:30am to 4:30 p.m. 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org.

King Richard's Faire celebrates its 23rd season through Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Route 58, Carver. Free on-site parking. More than 100 artisans from all over the country display and demonstrate their hand-made treasures. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichardsfaire.net

Jimbo's Boston – Every Thursday night Contemporary Jazz Rhythm & Blues Cover $10 at door- $7 with student ID.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree, Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery 124 Front St., presents a month long exhibit of the latest work by **Judi Lister** through Sept. 26, The gallery is open form 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. 781-545-5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com.

Fri.. Sept. 24

Hingham Public Library presents an exhibit by **J. Michael Sullivan, The Sublime Color of Northern Italy**, through Sept. 24.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, Sept. 24, at 10:30 a.m. Storytime **How Enchanting**. Beth will enchant you with her reading of **One Enchanted Evening** and **Zin Zin Zin a Violin.**

Next Pages Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Sept. 24., **New Blue Revue** 781-871-7175.

The Outback Steakhouse teams up with **St. Andrew's Church** in Hanover, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m., Outback Steakhouse has partnered with St. Andrew's to prepare and serve a three course dinner in the church parish hall. All of the proceeds from this fundraising event will go to helping the church's Mortgage Reduction Fund. Limited tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Pat at the church office, 781-826-2062. "The Fisherman", a coffee house style program follows dinner. Ticket $17.50, $14, and $6 for adults, seniors/children 10-16yr, and children under 10 respectively. Call to ensure a reservation.

Body to Soul Fitness, Inc., an all-women's health club, 33 Riverside Dr., Pembroke - **Cardio-Striptease** - a fun alternative to cardiovascular training. No clothing removed. Non-members welcome. 781-829-2002.

The North River Theatre will present **Affections of May** by Canadian playwright, Norm Foster, Sept. 24, 25, and Oct. 1 and 2, at the North River Community Club, 513 River St., Norwell. Cabaret seating and cash bar. Call 781-826-4878 for reservations.

Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., (just off Hall's Corner), Duxbury, presents "Studies…in Series" an exhibit of water color paintings by Joanne Chittick. The exhibit will run from through Oct. 2. Exhibit and reception are free. Two steps at the door.

Under the Open Sky, a show of Plein air oil paintings by **Susan Brewster Charles** will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, through Oct. 6. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday through Friday 1 to 5 p.m. and p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 781-659-7100.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery announces the continuation of its raffle at the gallery of a full-sheet sized painting by **Peter Spataro** valued at over $1,200. The final drawing will be held during the membership show in October. Individual tickets are $5 or triple your chances for twice the amount three tickets for $10. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located at 124 Front St.,, Scituate, 781-545-5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission. 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

J.C. Dee's, 312 Bridge St., N. Weymouth, **Comedy Show**, featuring **Spike Tobin, Annette Pollack, Scott Higgins, Jan Flanagan, Christina Kiriakos, Scott Loring and Jim Celeste.** 9 p.m. Cover $10. 781-337-1020 for reservations.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St.,(Rte. 36), Pembroke, presents live music every Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. to closing. No cover. Sept. 24 **Dave Becker** 781-294-4700.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke free dance Sept. 24, with DJ music from 8 p.m. to midnight, at the Abington VFW Post, 30 Central St., Abington. $7 members; $10 non-members. Proper dress required. 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Fat City Band**, rock, soul, rhythm and blues. Sept. 24. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com



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Sat. Sept. 25

Kites for Kids Day at Sea Side Kites, 293 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Sept. 25 and 26, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids will draw a picture on the kits, assemble and fly their new kits on the beach. Instructors available for assistance. $1 each. All proceeds from the kite making will benefit the Hull Seaside Animal Rescue. 781-925-3277 or www.seasidekites.com

Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Route 228, Hingham, **annual fall yard sale** will be held Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Annual Church Auction under the tent on Sept. 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at **First Baptist Church,** 214 Main St., Hanson. Rain or shine. 781-293-3502.

The Old Ship Church. 107 Main St., Hingham, is sponsoring a **community yard sale** on Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Purchase a space for $25. Setting-up the morning of the event at 7 a.m. Contact Fan Leonard 781 749-0095 or church office 781-749-1679 with questions.

House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 916 Main St., Hingham - **19th Annual Oktoberfest**, to benefit South Shore charities Sept. 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sept. 26, noon to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking. King Ludwig's Bavarian Band, dancing, authentic German food and beverage professional crafters and more.

The Weymouth Art Association will meet Sept. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. **Tom Gill** will demonstrate painting in acrylics. Free and open to the public. 781-337-1402 or 781-337-4513.

The John Curtis Free Library in Hanover, will feature "You Are Here" a collection of nature photos taken within a 20-mile radius of photographer **E.J. Doyle's** Marshfield home. The exhibit is on display through Sept. 30. For

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Mark Your Calendar

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL JOSHUA'S RUN FOR THE JIMMY FUND – Oct. 16, at Peggotty Beach, Scituate. Threefold event consisting of a Kid's Fun Run, a 2-Mile Fun Run/Walk and a 4-Mile Road Race. Call 781-545-4642 or email bblacker@comcast.net or visit www.joshuas-run.com

COMPANY THEATRE PRESENTS DIRTY BLONDE; Oct. 8-24,Claudia Shear's wry and very funny play DIRTY BLONDE features lots of recognizable Mae West one-liners, as well as some titillating vaudeville numbers. This delightful show captures the brave, bawdy spirit of this one-of- a-kind entertainer and her effect on a contemporary relationship. Performances are October 4-October 24. Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. www.companytheatre.com

CREEPY TOUR OF THE CAPTAIN SAMUEL ROBBINS MUSEUM HOUSE, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. No blood, no guts, just a spooky house and a few surprises. Take a candlelight walk through the museum, enjoy music and a ghost story. Free admission. Refreshments. 508-583-7676

IRISH FIDDLER EILEEN IVERS & IMMIGRANT SOUL will be appearing at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, MA on Friday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets priced at $25-$30 now on sale online at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com> and by calling 866-468-7619. Visit www.plymouthmemorialhall.com http://www.plymouth-memorialhall.com

JOAN BAEZ Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $37-$42 Legendary folk singer Joan Baez returns to the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall, the spot where she and Bob Dylan kicked off the legendary Rolling Thunder Revue Tour in 1975. Tickets:www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com/> 866-468-7619 at the box-office located at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth, MA 508-747-0234. All Strawberries

THE SECOND ANNUAL JETT GOLF CLASSIC will be held on Oct. 6, at the Pine Hills Golf Club in Plymouth. A scramble format is planned. Registration and putting contest will begin at 10 am and a shotgun start is at 11:30 am. The Jett Foundation is seeking golfers and non-golfers, volunteers to help organize the event, as well as items for silent/live auction, raffle and prize donations. All levels of sponsorship are available. Dinner only tickets will also be available. Anyone wishing to get involved may call the Jett Foundation president, Christine McSherry, 781-293-2667.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619.

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library hours and information call 781-826-2972.

Garden Tour Benefit: "Splendid Fall Gardens," a selection of choice gardens focused on fall bloom in Westwood, Needham, and Dover, is offered by **New England Wild Flower Society** on Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. 2 p.m., rain or shine and promises to be one of the great events of the fall season. Reserve your ticket at registrar@newfs.org or call 508-877-7630 x 3303. A $25 fee ($30 for non-members) supports the plant conservation programs of New England Wild Flower Society.

The Dedham Museum 612 High St., Dedham, at the Dedham Historical Society presents **Wedgwood – Not Just Blue and White,** to Jan. 15. Admission $2 adults and $1 children. 781-326-1385 or www.DedhamHistorical.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866-JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Bridgewater Veteran's Club, Cottage St., Bridgewater, **Dance** Sept. 25, 8 to midnight $10 per person. Enjoy the music of the **Jerry Seeco - Seven**

Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset, , Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Saturday night from 8-11pm. Non-smoking, casual dress. CD's available! 781-383-0900

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, presents Sept. 25, **Lisa Marie and All Shook Up** 781-335-9796.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Kassie Buckley Band**, 781-871-7175.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **KD Bell R & B Revue**, soul rhythm and blues, Sept. 25. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com



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Sun. Sept. 26

College Essay Workshops - Write Right Now, Hingham, will focus on helping student select an essay topic, provide individualized writing instruction and assist with editing the final draft. Sessions are scheduled for Sundays, Sept. 26 and Oct. 2, from 2 to 5 p.m. Oct. 7, 6 to 9 p.m. and Oct. 10, 2 to 5 p.m.781-749-0834 or email writeright-now04@yahoo.com

House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 916 Main St., Hingham -. **19th Annual Oktoberfest**, to benefit South Shore charities Sept. 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sept. 26, noon to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking. King Ludwig's Bavarian Band, dancing, authentic German food and beverage professional crafters and more.

10th Annual Benefit Walk for Animals and Folk Furfest 2004 presented by **Standish Humane Society** at Wompatuck State Park, Hingham. Rain or shine. The route is paved and handicapped accessible. Registrations begins at 10 a.m. www.standishhumanesociety.com 781-834-HOME

A Conversation with I.M. Pei on the 25th Anniversary of the John F. Kennedy Library. As the John F. Kennedy Library marks its 25th anniversary, I.M. Pei returns to discuss with Boston Globe's Pulitzer Prize-winning architecture critic Robert Campbell the evolution and implementation of his vision for the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. Sept. 26, 3 to 4:30 p.m., at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. For reservations and information, call 617-514-1643.

Norwell Jazz singer Donna Byrne performs on Sept. 26 at 3 p.m. at First Parish Unitarian Church, 24 River St., Norwell. Tickets are available at the door and in advance by calling the James Library 781-659-7100. Tickets: $20/ $18 seniors/$10 students. Jazz standards, tunes from the Great American songbook and ballads. Presented by the James Library & Center for the Arts. www.JamesLibrary.org

Capt. Samuel Robbins Museum House and **The Friend's of Blanchard's Tavern** present an Old Fashioned Apple Festival, 188 Main St., Avon, Sept. 26, from 1 to 3 p.m., Weather permitting. Free Admission. All proceeds donated to pancreatic cancer research.

A unique Japanese garden will be on view from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, during the town-wide **Cultural Cultivations.** Sept. 26. Also on view from 1 to 4 p.m. is the new Elizabeth(Bradford) Garden, a wildflower trail at the Gershom Bradford House, 931 Tremont Street. The garden represents a collaboration between the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society and the Duxbury Community Garden Club.

Creative Cultivations, an exhibition of two-dimensional artwork on a garden theme and the South Shore Conservatory's Maestro Chamber Players performing music from Bach to Bolling is offered at the Ellison Center, St. George Street. The exhibition's opening reception is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. The concert is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. Garden and Landscape Books and materials will be on display at the Duxbury Free Library during library hours from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Also, at that time, the Helen Bumpus Gallery will offer **Hooked In,** a hooked rug exhibit. Additional openings, that day, are for **Underfoot: Contemporary Hooked Rugs; Burchfield and Marsh:Exaggerated Visions;** and **Shaker High/ Shaker Low** at the Art Complex Museum from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Pianist Leslie Amper will perform works of **Haydn and Chopin** in Logan Auditorium of **Thayer Public Library,** 798 Washington Street, Braintree on Sunday, Sept. 26, at 3 p.m. This is the first program in the Fall Concert Series at the library. Free and open to the public.781-848-0405, ext. 4420.

Maestro Chamber Players Sept. 26, at 4 p.m. Concert Hall, Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. South Shore Conservatory presents a concert featuring its faculty in small group ensembles, featuring many combinations of instruments and voice, and a wide range of compositions, from romantic to contemporary. The concert is presented by South Shore Conservatory in conjunction with the Duxbury Cultural Alliance Festival. Donations are welcome. For information call South Shore Conservatory, 781-934-2731, ext. 14.

ShakerHigh/Shaker Low, at the **Art Complex Museum** 189 Alden St., Duxbury through Jan. 9, 2005. Opening reception Sept. 26, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Pieces from its extensive Shaker Collection will be on display. For hours and information call (781) 934-6634 or visit www.artcomplex.org.

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Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, presents **Olga Rothschild** displaying her hook rugs and work of four other hooking artists, **Peg Irish, Emily Robertson, Linda Rae Cochlin** and **Patty Yoder**. Opening reception Sept. 26, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. 781-934-6634

The New Gallery located at Zona Salon, Queen Anne's Plaza, Norwell presents **Fingerprints,** through Oct. 24. This show includes oils, watercolors, pastels, photography, sculpture and pottery by a dozen of South Shore's well-known artists. 781-871-4545.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, **50th Anniversary Exhibition** presents ***50 Towns/50 Years*** South Shore Exhibition juried Sept. 10-Oct. 24, Bancroft Gallery: by Dore VanDyke. Dillon Gallery: **Christian Alexander, Maria Lakhman, Susan Dragoo, Julie Hawking, Patricia McCarthy.**

Blues In The Marina - Sunday nights 8 p.m. **Skyline Restaurant**, 305 Victory Road, Marina Bay, Quincy. Sept. 26 **Mission of Blues** 617-471-1459

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield -**The New Black Eagles Jazz Band.** Sept. 19. Admission $10. Show 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner optional at 3 p.m. 781-834-6505. Handicap accessible.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents a **benefit for New England Wildlife Center.** All ages from 1 to 10 p.m. $10 contribution. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com



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"This is Whoopi's chance to get her sea legs back in front of a live audience," explains Steven Maler who will present Goldberg in Boston, Chicago and Washington, D.C., as part of Wilde Nites, a new performance series aimed at the burgeoning gay and lesbian market.

"We're thrilled to be launching this new series with Whoopi. This is an exciting time for her and for us. It is a real coup for Wilde Nites to be able to present Whoopi. She is extraordinary. Whoopi is fearless, she always has something to say."

Maler, vice president for artistic programming for the Wang Center, founding artistic director of the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company and an award-winning independent filmmaker, is enthusiastic about his latest venture.

"This is a way for gays, lesbians and their friends to congregate as a community. If 40,000 people can show up for Gay Pride each year, then I know there is a definite market for this project. I'm really excited about the possibilities ahead of us," explains Maler who is talking with artists like Melissa Etheridge, Lily Tomlin and Nathan Lane about future Wilde Nites.

"An Evening with Whoopi Goldberg" will be presented Friday, Sept. 24 at the Wang Theatre, 260 Tremont Street, Boston. For tickets and information, visit the Wang box office or call 1-800-447-7400. VIP packages are available by calling (617) 266-0025.

- R. Scott Reedy

"Single Executives Club" Sunday Singles Dance, Sept. 26, 7 to 11 p.m. Pembroke Country Club, 94 W. Elm St., Pembroke. Rte. 53 off Rte. 3. Vocals and live dance music by recording star Beau Paris. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Numerous free door prizes. For singles & couples 35+ years old. Cost is $10 all night. Proper dress required. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com

Country Star Trace Adkins will kick off the Plymouth Memorial Hall Fall Season with a show on Sept. 26, at 7:30pm. Opening will be special guest TJ Weaver. Tickets are now on sale at the Plymouth Hall box-office, located in the lobby of the Radisson Plymouth Hotel (180 Water St., Plymouth, online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 508-747-0234 and 866-468-7619. Tickets are also available at all Strawberries outlets. Plymouth Memorial Hall is located at 83 Court St., in Plymouth, MA

Mon. Sept. 27

The Alden House Historic Site will hold its **Third Annual Golf Tournament** on Sept. 27, at the **Duxbury Yacht Club Golf** Course. For information about playing in or sponsoring the event, to make a cash donation, to provide an item for the auction or raffle, or to volunteer call "Rink" Ringquist at 781-934-2879 or Bonnie Conant at 781-837-8666 or e-mail director@alden.org.

In Shape Studio, Hanover Mall - **Back to school, Back to you.** An all women's fitness club featuring the original 30 minute circuit program using Pace circuit equipment (programmed accommodating circuit exercise) which is both aerobic and anaerobic. Weight loss support and other groups forming now. 781-829-5555.

Borders Bookstore, Independence Mall, Kingston, exit eight off Rt. 3, presents "Atelier" Hung without Frames, unique paintings by **Hester Write** in the café for the month of September.

The Buttonwood Writers' Group, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. New members, beginners and published writers, are always welcome to join the group. Please call 1-781-383-2665 for more information.

1749 Courthouse Museum, Town Square, Plymouth, is free and filled with items of Plymouth's history. Open through Oct. 2. 508-830-4075 or 508-746-7789.

The North River Arts Society presents **A Sense of New England** an exhibit of original landscape paintings by **Trish Hurley** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center through Oct. 9. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

Plymouth Ice Rink opens registration for Pre-Season

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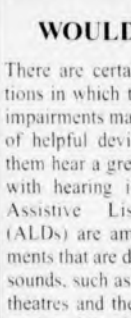
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Conditioning Hockey Clinics The Armstrong Arena has opened registration for two pre-season conditioning clinics t Puck Control & Shooting and Pre-Season Conditioning will be offered at the ice rink during the week of Aug. 16-20. To register or for information, call 781-871-7960 or visit www.BayStateHockey.com.

Choral Art Society, a non-audition community chorus. Rehearsals at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. with open rehearsals on Sept. 27. For information, call Nancy at 781-545-8295 or show up Sept. 13.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus, a 50-voice non-audition chorus, begins their upcoming Holiday Concert rehearsal schedule starting Sept. 13, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the South Shore Conservatory, Duxbury. Call SHCC at 781-837-7041.

The Hanover-based Harbour Choral Arts Society is open for singing. The fall season with new director Sarah Mead, begins on Monday, Sept.13, at the First Baptist Church of Hanover, at the corner of Main Street and Route 123. The doors open at 6 p.m. for registration and socializing, and rehearsals start at 7 p.m. Open rehearsals will be held for the first two weeks, so come and sing and enjoy. Tenors and basses are needed. For information, contact Judy at 781-834-5808.

Tues. Sept. 28

Y.A.N.A. (You Are Not Alone), a support group for widows and widowers will be meeting on Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Holbrook United Methodist Church Hall, Route 139, at Holbrook Square. The speaker for this meeting will be Bob Biggins who will speak on "Celebrating the dignity of Life". This is a non-sectarian group welcomes all widowed persons and supportive friends in the South Shore area. 781-337-0883 or 508-224-2920.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Show's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, hosts story time every Tuesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Age range is 2 to 5 years old. Free. For information call 781-383-2665.

United Way kicks off 2004-05 Campaign at Brockton ballpark Campanelli Stadium, home to the Brockton Rox, on Tuesday, Sept. 28, from noon to 1:30 p.m. To order tickets or for more information, call the United Way of Greater Plymouth County at 508-583-6306, email the staff at info@uwgpc.org or go to the website at www.uwgpc.org.

The Braintree Choral Society announces the start of its 82nd season with rehearsals for fall concerts on Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. in the music room of the Braintree High School. All former, current and potentially new members especially tenors and basses are invited to attend. No auditions.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club on North Street, across the street from Seven Eleven.. Non-profit weight loss support group. For information, the T.O.P.S. website is: www.tops.org or call, Eleanor at 781-335-4942.



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Calling all South Shore Parents Are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community, complete with a listing of family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hot-spots along the South Shore. Www.southshore-parents.com

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages, who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tues nights at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus, under the direction of Patricia Hoitt of Norwell, is a women's a cappella chorus providing vocal training and musical entertainment throughout the greater south shore area. Come and experience the fun , and sing your cares away. Call 781-843-4355.

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Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

South Shore Singles Scene, Sept. 28 at **Skyline @ Marina Bay**, Quincy; ages 30-40. Hosted by 8minuteDating. www.8minuteDating.com

Wed. Sept. 29

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore presents guest speaker, **Dr. Sanford Auerbach,** Associate Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine and chairman of the State's Alzheimer's Association's Advisory Committee on Sept. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St., Hingham. Dr. Auerbach's topic will be **New Developments in Diagnosis Affecting Patient and Family**. Free and open to the public. 781-740-2426 or 781-749-5417.

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.

The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

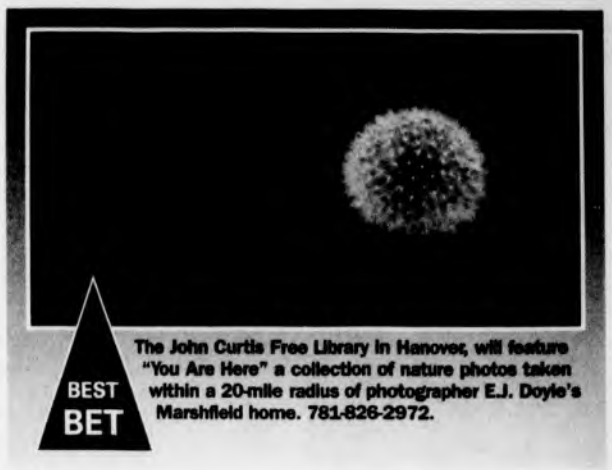
Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, **More Funny Folks**. Join Beth as she reads **Jimmy's Boa Bounces Back** and **Amelia Bedelia, Bookworm**. Sept. 29, at 10:30 a.m.

Thurs. Sept. 30

The Scituate Arts Association presents an **all member show** at the Scituate Public Library, Branch St. through Oct. 4. Opening reception Sept. 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

South Shore Manic-Depression and Depression Support Group-open to anyone with a mood disorder and their friends and family. Meeting at Pembroke Hospital (Oak St., Pembroke) every Thursday at 7 p.m. 781-829-7211.

Stories and Art for Preschoolers and Toddlers will be offered at the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St., Duxbury, every second Thursday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from 1 to 2:30 p.m. 781-934-6634 extension 15.



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The John Curtis Free Library in Hanover, will feature "You Are Here" a collection of nature photos taken within a 20-mile radius of photographer E.J. Doyle's Marshfield home. 781-826-2972.

Fri. Oct. 1

Captain Samuel Robbins House, 188 Main St., Avon presents **Candlelight Singing tours** on Oct. 1, with Janet Ashton. Tour this historic 1820's sea captain's home by candlelight as a guide serenades you in every room. Refreshments. Free and open to the public. 508-583-7616.

The South Shore Natural Science Center 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents ***Autumn Splendor,*** a watercolor exhibit by Norwell artist **Virginia Wilson**, in Vine Hall Gallery Oct. 1-31, in Norwell, 781-659-2559 or visit us on the web at www.ssnsc.org.

The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth are Raising Funds for Children at their **First Annual Art Auction** on Friday, Oct. 1, at the Plymouth Yacht Club at 7:30 p.m. (A preview of the art is available at 6:30 p.m.). A $25 ticket will gain you admission to a live and silent art auction, delicious appetizers, gourmet coffee and mouth watering desserts. There are three ways you can participate: attend the auction, donate original artwork or donate a gift for the silent auction. "Children are priority one" is our motto and you can help us with our important mission. To purchase tickets or donate artwork contact: Sue Chamberlain at 508 224-6521.



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The Craft Factory, 1 Mill Wharf Plaza Scituate Harbor and Route 3A Cohasset October is paint a pumpkin month. Bring in your own pumpkin and paint it for only $1. 781-383-0740, 781-545-4242.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St.,(Rte. 36), Pembroke, presents live music every Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. to closing. No cover. Oct. 1, **Two Way Street** 781-294-4700.

South Shore Folk Music Club, Beal House, Route 106, Kingston presents **Steve Gillette** and **Cindy Mangsen**, Oct. 1, $13 members; $15 non-members. Handicapped accessible. Non smoking. 781-871-1052 www.ssfmc.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Young Neal & The Vipers**, blues/rock, Oct. 1. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-749-3989 or email: theseanote@aol.com

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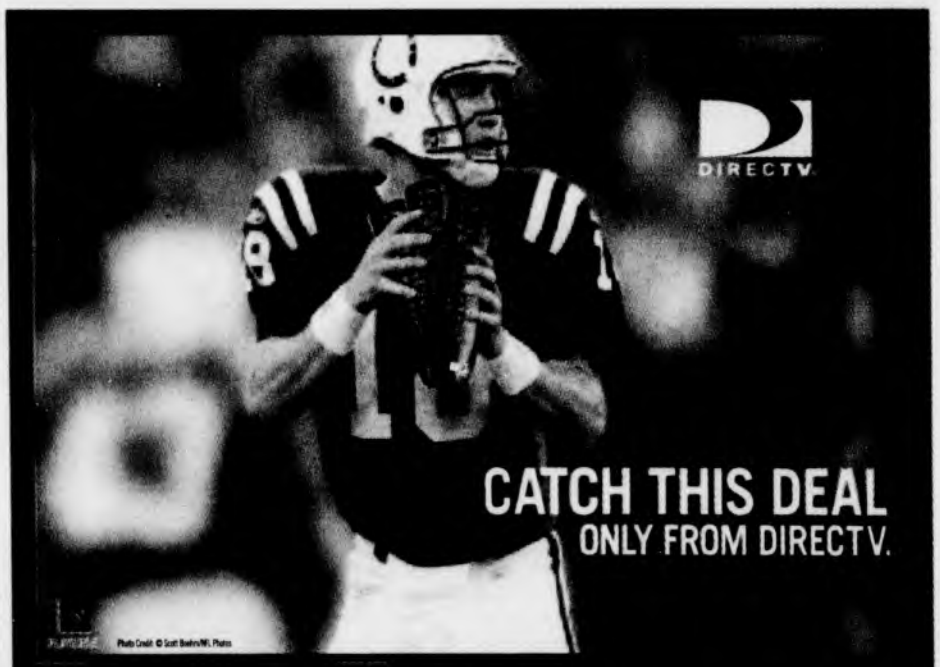
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Worker charged with stealing museum funds

Cohasset plans review of its own

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset is conducting its own investigation of payroll records as charges have surfaced alleging former administrative assistant Nicole N. Bartlett stole more than $200,000 from her previous employer, the Boston Children's Museum.

Bartlett, 43, of Marshfield, is being accused of forging signatures on unauthorized checks she issued from museum accounts and depositing them in her personal accounts. Allegedly, she wrote more than 440 checks to accounts she controlled between October 1998 and March 2003, and could face a maximum of 10 years in prison.

Bartlett was hired by former Town Manager Mark Haddad and had worked in Cohasset since May 12, 2003. As the administrative assistant to the town manager, she was responsible for assisting both the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen, and took meeting minutes. In addition, Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said she was responsible for doing the payroll and benefits for the town and the school.

Buckley said upon hearing the allegations, he was concerned about the possibility of Cohasset's payroll having been affected. "That's why I accepted her resignation," he said. Buckley said Bartlett offered her resignation Thursday, and he accepted it Monday morning. Repeated attempts to contact Bartlett were unsuccessful.

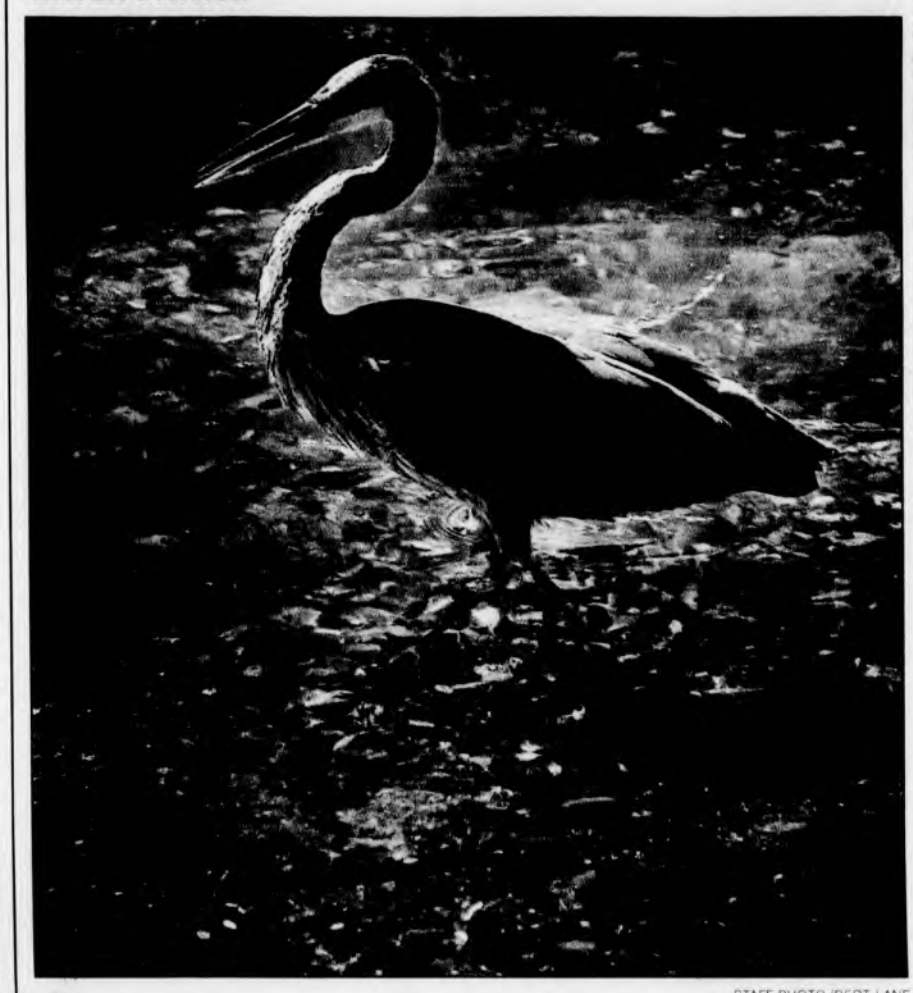
Buckley is the director of finance for the town, and with the resignation of Haddad this May, has stepped up to assume town Manager duties. In light of his position, Buckley has a fair amount of oversight over the town's funds, and said he feels the town has an air-tight system, as checks are generated off site and pre-printed. However, "The auditors are on the way," said Buckley, and an audit will be conducted dating back to May 13, 2003.

Buckley said the bank the town deals with for payroll will be participating with the auditing process as well, just to make sure all the bases are covered. "We're dealing with the public's money, so we have to be sure," he said.

In a press release issued Wednesday morning, the Board of Selectmen said Bartlett is the subject of a fed-

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WATER PATROL



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A great blue heron searches the waters off Jerusalem Road looking for any food prospects.



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Girl Scout Aisling Guinee loves reading to children

Scout's project is one for the books

By Samantha Brown
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Aisling Guinee is used to being around children. With 11 aunts and uncles on her father's side alone, cousins are abundant — not to mention her two younger brothers and younger sister. With all that experience, she has a natural ability to connect with children, which has given her the qualities to one day become a wonderful teacher.

And she has already taken the first step in that direction.

Aisling hosted a reading program for preschool children this summer at the Kids Connection day care and preschool in Quincy. The program, which she coordinated and carried out on her own, qualified her to receive a Silver Award for Girl Scouting.

Aisling has been a Girl Scout since she was in second grade, and the lessons she has learned

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Burns challenges Bradley for rep seat

Fellow Democrat will run write-in campaign

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Hingham resident Laura Burns is taking on Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, in the state representative race for the 3rd Plymouth District, which includes Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and the 3rd precinct of Scituate.

Burns, a registered Democrat who also chairs the Hingham Advisory Committee, announced her plans to challenge Bradley's legislative seat this week. Bradley is not being challenged by a Republican contender as he seeks his third term in office.

Because the primary election has passed, Burns is asking voters to write in her name on the ballot. "I have spoken with many voters who are ready to send Garrett a message," Burns said. "Though he has been very popular in the district, he disappointed a large portion of his base by voting to restrict marriage rights at the Constitutional Convention last spring."

At the 2004 Constitutional Convention, Bradley voted in favor of a constitutional

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Town disputes ranking in Hub magazine article

Cohasset officials say wrong data used

By Samantha Brown
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Residents may have been shocked to learn the September issue of Boston Magazine ranked Cohasset High School 69th out of roughly 150 public high schools in the state. For a school system which prides itself on being able to provide outstanding public education services, the rank came not only as a surprise, but didn't make sense.

"We knew, based on our numbers, the rank had to be wrong," said Supt. Denise Walsh, and after a little investigating, the school came to find out, it was. Incorrect data was used to compile the list, and Cohasset's mark was way under par. "Boston Magazine did not have the correct information," said Walsh.

Curriculum Coordinator Ruth Fennessey contacted Boston Magazine Senior Editor Katherine Ozment for an explanation on the ranking. Ozment replied the figures had been double-checked and the magazine has determined they are accurate. Ozment also said the fact that the data showed Cohasset did not send any students to four-year private colleges could have impacted the town's ranking. However, that statistic couldn't be farther from the truth.

"It is inaccurate and they did us a disservice," said Walsh, adding the magazine, "never checked the data." In fact, roughly 50 percent of students who graduate from Cohasset go on to private four-year colleges.

Guidance Counselor Ed Leonard said the ranking was based on statistics from the class of 2003. Those students were accepted to some very prestigious private schools and are now sophomores at Harvard University, Yale University, Boston College,

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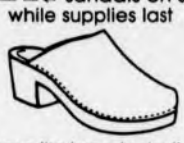
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Correction is noted

The Warrant for the Special Town Meeting will open Oct. 12 and close Oct. 19. Residents submitting articles must collect 100 signatures to submit an article. Residents submitting articles for the Annual Town Meeting are required to collect 10 signatures. The Mariner regrets the error.

Haddad seeks Abington job

As the town of Cohasset conducts its search for a new Town Manager to replace Mark Haddad, who abruptly resigned from the position May 5, it seems Haddad has found a potential new employer in the town of Abington. Abington Selectmen have narrowed down their field of 46 candidates to three, and Haddad is rumored to be the top choice for the position.

School Committee technical problems

The Sept. 23 School Committee meeting was not televised due to technical difficulties. It is anticipated the problem will be fixed in time for the next meeting scheduled for Oct. 7. School Committee meetings are now held in the new community meeting room, located near the superintendent's office in the high school. All are welcome to attend.

At the Oct. 7 meeting the School Committee is slated to hear a presentation from Guidance Counselor Ed Leonard regarding the changes to the SAT, students who participated in the Summer Institute at the Center for Student Coastal Research will present their findings, and there will be a presentation on the Camp Marist and Camp Bournedale outings.

Selectmen cancelled

For those who tuned in to the Tuesday, Sept. 28, meeting of the Board of Selectmen and found dead air, there is nothing wrong with the cable. The meeting was cancelled. Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said the only issue on the agenda was the tree removal at the Historical Society buildings, and its members were not able to attend the meeting. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Selectmen's meeting room.

School open house

Cohasset Middle School will hold its back to school open house tonight, Thursday, Sept. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. The High School hosted its open house yesterday from 7 to 8:50 p.m.

Boat removal

Harbormaster John Muncey asks that all boat owners please remove their boats from the docks before Oct. 17. For more information, please call the harbormaster's office at (781) 383-0863.

Cohasset building permits

The following is a list of recent permits issued in the town.

Oddelifson, 42 River Rd., remodel kitchen, $30,000; I. DeVito, 151 Beechwood St., sidewall, fascia and soffits, $10,600; Ross Smith, 19 Whitney Woods Lane, 10 replacement windows, $5,500; O'Connell/Playfair, 249 Jerusalem Rd., repair deck as needed, $6,608; James and Charlotte Bodell, 35 Fernway, addition 16 x15, sillwork, 3 dormers, $165,000; 4 Cedar Acres Lane, tent and tank Sept. 25, $1,000; Butler, 56 Margin St., interior renovations, $7,000; Bill Baird, 55 Red Gate Lane, remodel 3 season room, $15,000; Fewsmith, 38 Riverview Drive, re-roof 15 squares, $8,000; Brad Murray, 137 North Main St., re-roof 32 squares, $18,000; Maureen Jerz, 133 North Main St., re-roof 29 squares, $15,100; Michael and Lisa Dick, 27 Parker Ave., sidewall 6 squares, $4,000; William Burnett, 45 Windy Hill Rd., sidewall 6 squares, $9,000; Lighthouse, Lighthouse Lane, tent Sept. 3, to Sept. 6, $800; Stuart Ivirney, 7 Sankey Rd., walk in closet, remodel bathroom windows, $52,180; Lyons, 15 Pond St., shed dormer with new deck, $25,000; Graham 22 Parker Ave., raise roof/second floor bedroom/bathroom, deck, $70,000; Curley, 163 Pond St., remove part roof, second story, deck, $75,000; Crocker II Realty Trust, 215 CJCH, new office building, $375,000; Michael and Ann Quigley, 49 Elm Court, addition living room and bedroom, $50,000; Steve Geary, 55 Hillside Drive, addition one story, $25,000; Coates, Jr., 18 Locust Rd., shed 8 x 16, $3,000; DeWaal, 431 South Main St., second floor addition, $15,000; David Hosp, 10 Old Pasture Rd., finish basement, $40,000; Joseph and Lillian Sestito, 246 Pond St., single family dwelling, $400,000; Martin, 169 Linden Drive, re-roof 32 squares, $9,900; Nancy Polito, 24 Lamberts Lane, demolish dwelling, $5,500; Cohasset Harbor Associates, 87 Elm St., replace 8 windows, $1,800; Paula Meallo, 187 South Main St., addition to barn (garage) 5 x 46, $28,000; Richard Burchill, 17 Lamberts Lane, remove roof, addition second floor, 2 additions, $110,000; Leila Tighe, 38 Stockbridge St., second story addition with bump out 6 x 8, $75,00; Jen Havlicek, Desmond, 11 Elm Court, addition 19 x 31, $150,000; Jeffrey Kripke, 37 Surrey Drive, shed 8 x 12, 3 feet from lot lines, $1,000; Paul Sullivan, 82 Forest Ave., remove interior wall, remodel kitchen, $15,000; Joseph Baresi, 60 Brewster Rd., re-roof 15 squares, $6,900; Drysdale, 4 Cedar Acres Lane, tent Sept. 24 to Sept. 27, $960; Cohasset Harbor Inn, 124 Elm St., tent Oct. 1 to Oct. 4, $960; Cohasset Gulph LLC, 82 Border St., rebuild structure, $30,000; Whinnery, 19 Short St., rebuild porch, deck and stairs, $2,500; Charlene Hart, 550A Jerusalem Rd., 10 x 12 addition, remodel kitchen, $50,000; Bank of America, 765 CJCH, replace signs, $5,500; Pizza Zone, 166 King St., tenant build out, $30,000; King St. Realty Trust, 135 King St., 2 handicap bathroom., exit door, ceiling, $15,320; Craig Coffey, 78 Elm St., remodel bathroom, $2,500;Kevin Sullivan, 169 Border St., pool inground 20 x 30, $28,000; Jack Conway, 861 CJCH, sign 48 x 55 1/2, $360; Laurie and Robert Canavan, 100 Linden Drive, renovate dwelling, $26,000; Maryann Maich, 15 Linden Drive, renovate dwelling, $31,000.

Hedlund announces municipal aid grant

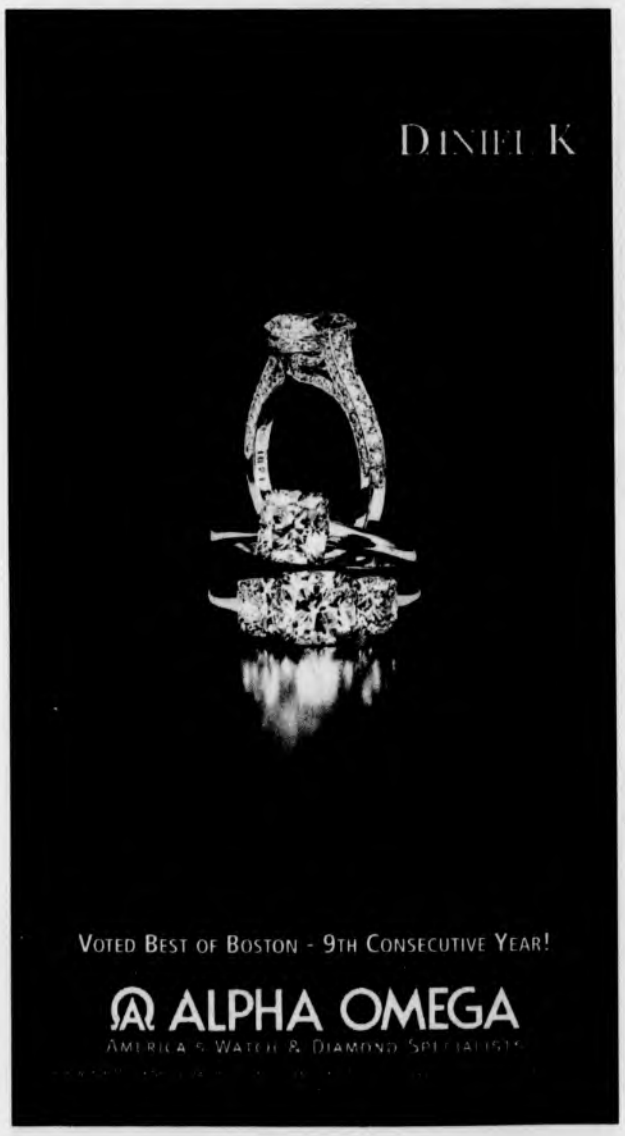
State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, has announced that Governor Romney has signed into law a supplemental budget bill that includes $75 million in additional municipal aid grants for the Commonwealth's 352 cities and towns. The Town of Cohasset will receive $29,132 from this bill in the form of a one-time grant to be used as local officials see fit for this fiscal year. This additional funding was made possible due to the Commonwealth's current $725 million revenue surplus.

"After years of reductions to local aid, this funding couldn't come at a better time for our communities," said Hedlund. "The local officials in my district have done a tremendous job of weathering the latest recession, and now that the state is running a surplus our local communities should be the first ones to see their budgets restored."

The idea for supplemental municipal aid originated from the Governor, who proposed one-time grants totaling $150 million in a supplemental budget bill he filed last July. The Senate then proposed its own supplemental budget with a similar proposal for $150 million in additional municipal aid at the end of Legislative formal sessions. Ultimately, the House of Representatives and the Senate compromised on $75 million in a $649 million supplemental budget that was passed in early September.

"I appreciate Governor Romney's leadership in recommending this appropriation," said Hedlund. "Cohasset officials may now utilize the funds for anything from eliminating user fees to one-time capital improvements."

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Sewer Commission approves hookups in central district

By Samantha Brown
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After years of hearing there is no available capacity to tie-in additional lots to the central sewer district, some landowners were given hope Monday when the Sewer Commission said capacity has been found to tie in roughly 23 vacant lots.

However, Tara Tradd, administrative assistant to the commission, said residents have been warned not to get their hopes up, as the commission still has a lot of work to do before ruling on individual lots.

Tradd said every central district sewer connection request submitted, "From the beginning of time," will be pulled from the files and compiled for the commission in the order it was received. The commissioners will then go through the applications one by one, ruling on whether the lot meets the criteria the board has set, such as directly abutting an existing sewer line, and will then grant the first 23 applications which qualify.

"People are assuming they're approved," said Tradd, but in fact, the commission has only ruled on the central district hookups as a group. Individual cases will be decided at the commission's next meeting, slated for Monday, Oct. 4 at 6 p.m.

Tradd said once the word was out that lots in the central district were eligible for hookups, her Town Hall office was inundated with new applications from hopeful residents. There could be more of the same after Monday's meeting when the commission will likely rule on a similar tie-in plans for the North Cohasset Sewer District. Residents there have also been looking to hook up to municipal sewer, and Tradd said the commission needed a little more time to speak with counsel before acting, as there is a pending lawsuit in place from the Jerusalem Road Estates that could be affected if sewer connections are granted in that district.

Jerusalem Road Estates, the proposed 25-home subdivision across from Straits Pond, was denied town sewer access, and was also denied access to Hull's capacity. The developers had negotiated with Hull to purchase sewer capacity at a hefty price, and the Sewer Commission denied that request, stating it could create a bidding war for capacity between the town and a private property owners. The land does not yet have a wastewater solution, and the law suit is still pending.

But Tradd said capacity has now been found in the North Cohasset District for roughly 23 lots.

While residents living in homes in both districts have been able to tie-in their primary residences, hooking up vacant lots has been a different story. With a connection, vacant lots can be sold and developed, meaning the town could be sitting on roughly 46 soon-to-be-built, single-family homes between the two districts.

Adding 46 homes to the town's housing roster will increase the need for affordable housing. The town is trying to meet a 10 percent affordability threshold set by the state, and the increase in homes will require building five more units of affordable housing. In addition, those homes will potentially add more children to the school system.



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Homemade dinghies sit high and dry at low tide in Cohasset Harbor.

Search closes in on next town leader

Committee expresses confidence in town administrator pool

By Samantha Brown
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The candidates for the Town Manager position are down to what the search committee calls "a very impressive group" of 12. Members of the group are certain there is a new leader for Cohasset in the mix.

Members of the committee met Monday night to whittle down the pile of 76 résumés to a number closer to 10. Those individuals will be contacted to ensure they are still interested in the position. From there, interested candidates will be interviewed by the committee, and a group of roughly five will be selected to proceed to the final round of interviews, to be conducted by the Board of Selectmen — the ultimate hiring authority.

Preliminary interviews are allowed to be conducted in private, to protect the identities of the potential candidates. Interviews with finalists conducted by the Board of Selectmen will be an open process.

"We've got some serious players," said Search Committee Chairman Rob Spofford, adding last week, with the Sept. 28 application deadline fast approaching, many candidates sent in their résumés at the last minute.

In that last wave of applications, "A number of good candidates came in," said Spofford. "We should be pleased."

Even though the deadline has passed, the committee says it will accept résumés until the position is filled, as there has been some additional interest expressed by potential candidates that did not receive word about the position until just before the deadline. Town Treasurer/Tax Collector Joe DiVito, who is on the committee, sent out 350 notices about the position over the weekend to Town Managers and Assistant Town Managers throughout the state to make sure they all know about the opportunity. Committee member Sam Pease had expressed his interest in spreading the word about the opening to qualified individuals who might currently be very content in the position they hold, but might also consider a transfer if the right opportunity came along.

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> Search Committee Chairman Rob Spofford

"I think it's fabulous," Pease said of DiVito's efforts.

Although the committee feels confident the next Town Manager is in the mix of résumés they currently hold, it asked a representative from a third-party search firm to meet with them to discuss the benefits hiring an independent company can bring. With the number of towns who are currently seeking Town Mangers, there is always the possibility the search will progress and there might not be a sufficient pool of candidates to choose from in the end. As a back up plan, the committee said it might be a good idea to have a company with expertise waiting in the wings, and asked Dick Bennett from Bennett Yarger Associates in Scituate to come in and participate in the meeting.

Bennett's company been helping find employees for government and non-profit

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Marathon meeting ends in KoKo Island hearing extension

By Samantha Brown
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In what could have possibly been the longest Planning Board meeting ever on record, the board and developers for the KoKo Island and Hair Affair site finally agreed at 12:30 a.m. to continue the hearing until October.

Clearly a hot topic in town, residents on both sides of the issue packed the Town Hall basement meeting room last week, almost resulting in a change of venue, and many stayed until the very end.

From the meeting's outset, there was confusion as to whether the presentation should even take place. As a resident of Fairoaks Lane, which abuts the site, Planning Board Chairman Al Moore recused himself from the discussion to be fair, leaving only three members of the board. Legally, the board didn't know what the vote would have to be to pass the project with only three members, and it was decided Town Counsel should be contacted on the matter.

But the developers had planned on giving a presentation, and that is just what they did.

At the July 14 meeting of the board, which is when the last KoKo Island public hearing took place, Michael Tack of the Nauset Group — the company looking to turn the current KoKo Island and Hair Affair buildings into a combined Asian restaurant and Dunkin' Donuts with a drive-up window — said it was his understanding the only concerns left for the site were traffic safety issues. With a drive-up window, traffic will be more prevalent in the lot, and abutters as well as the board were concerned about noise and air pollution, as well as the additional traffic.

"I'm very confident and happy to say that we've taken everything into consideration over the last few months, we've listened very carefully, and I think in a very good way, we've made changes," said Tack, adding he has "taken off his developers' rose-colored glasses," and has taken a good look at the site, and feels it is superior to other similar sites both in town, and in the state.

Changes to the plans include reducing the points of egress from two down to one. Engineer John Cavanaro of John Cavanaro Consulting said he had spoken with Mass Highway and representatives there said they "would prefer something like this configuration, with one entrance and exit point." In addition, dedicated fire lanes have been added, a fire hydrant has been added to the front lot, and the parking has been redirected in front. With the closure of the egress, Cavanaro said additional green space has been added to the site.

"We have to make it work for us. We are looking for good plans, which they (developers) have, and we're asking these people to go a lot of hoops."
Susan Turgiss, Jerusalem Road resident

Rick Bryant of Rizzo Assiciates provided a traffic report regarding the site and said in his opinion, "This is a very good site." He said from a traffic standpoint, this new configuration works, and because the lot is on the right side of the road, it will provide easy access for those traveling north to swing in, purchase their morning coffee, and get right back on the road. "We love the site from that perspective," he said. In addition, because the lot is so large, he said it will help keep vehicles off the street while in the queue, and provides a large amount of parking.

The new plans feature 59 parking spaces, and room for 16 cars in the drive-up line. With that in mind, the site can actually accommodate 75 cars, Bryant said. He said because the restaurant will only use the parking at night and the Dunkin' Donuts will use the majority of its spaces during the morning and afternoon hours, the two businesses will be able to share the space. "There's one a.m. operation and one p.m. operation, and that means less pavement. It serves two different uses on one site."

While Bryant said it is impossible to be able to tell the exact amount of traffic the site will generate, it will not add to the amount of traffic Cohasset sees. He said most likely only locals and people who already travel the road will stop to get coffee, and the site will not generate any more traffic than already passes by.

But some abutters said traffic is already a problem in that area and adding this attraction will make matters worse. Trying to make a left-hand turn out of Sohier Street onto Route 3A is close to impossible, and some even said they will turn right to make a left turn or bypass the street entirely because the traffic is so bad. In addition, with Hingham Lumber already operating, the train on its way, and the proposed Avalon development and proposed Cook Estate development all in close proximity to the site, in addition to the preschool and Spanish learning center next to the site, they worry traffic will be too much to bear, especially during the commuting hours.

Some also noted traffic does not just flow in a north-bound direction, and those commuters who travel south and wish to make a left-turn into the site will further complicate the traffic issue.

However, Susan Turgiss, 96 Jerusalem Road, said the town has a limited amount of business zoning and "We have to make it work for us. We are looking for good plans, which they (developers) have, and we're asking these people to go a lot of hoops." She said the town needs thriving businesses and the plans for this site will provide just that. Turgiss' comments resulted in a round of applause.

Peter Goldberg from Tech Environmental conducted the air and noise studies on the property and found the air quality will meet air standards even with every parking space and the queue full to capacity. In addition, he said tests have concluded abutters will not be able to hear patrons ordering from the menu board. However, abutters who say they can currently hear noise from the parking lot, with foliage at its peak, without the additional traffic moving through, weren't thoroughly convinced.

At roughly 11:15 p.m., the board began asking the development team if it would be willing to come back before the board at the next possible date, and continue the hearing process. After much back-and-forth discussion, the development team agreed to come back Oct. 6 for a final hearing, and extend the application until Oct. 14 to allow the board time to file the proper paperwork, should the plans pass muster.

The Planning Board will make its final decision on the KoKo Island and Hair Affair site plans at its Oct. 6 meeting, to be held in the basement meeting room of Town Hall. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and all are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the Planning Board office at (781) 383-3517.

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Cohasset MCAS scores make the grade

By Samantha Brown
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The scores for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, or MCAS test, are in, and Supt. Denise Walsh said the town has a lot to be proud of.

Released Sept. 23, the scores show that passing rates have continued to rise annually across the state, and Walsh said officials would like to see students striving toward not only achieving a passing grade, but obtaining proficient and advances scores across the board.

"The bar is about to be raised again," she said, and she has no doubt Cohasset students are up for the challenge.

Walsh said this year's scores reflect a very positive trend, as a good portion of students have scored in the proficient and advanced categories. "That's where we want to be," she said.

In grade 10 mathematics, there has been significant improvement as 57 percent scored in the advanced category, which is up from 43 percent in 2003. In addition, 33 percent scored proficient, which is up from 25 percent in 2003. In total, 90 percent of the students in grade 10 scored in either the advanced or proficient categories in math.

In the grade 10 English language arts MCAS test, 41 percent scored advanced, which is up from 39 percent in 2003, and 48 percent scored proficient. In total, 99 percent of grade 10 students passed both tests.

"The bar is about to be raised again."
School Supt. Denise Walsh

The grade eight mathematics scores also show a 10 percent increase from 25 percent of the students scoring in the advanced or proficient categories in 2003, to 35 percent in 2004.

In grade six, mathematics scores were fairly evenly distributed between advanced, proficient, and needs improvement, at 38 percent, 33 percent, and 26 percent, respectively.

In grade seven, the number of students at the advanced level in English language arts has increased from 6 percent in 2003, to 10 percent this year. The number of students at the proficient level has dropped slightly, as 84 percent scored proficient in 2003, and 71 percent were found proficient this year.

Grade four students have experienced a slow but steady increase in the advanced English Language Arts scores over the past two years from 10 percent in 2002 to 17 percent in 2003, up to 21 percent scoring in the advanced category this year.

Walsh said the MCAS scores are as much a test of the school system, its curriculum and its teachers, as it is a test of the students' abilities. She said district-wide, everyone will be working together to help ensure students are continually moving over into the advanced and proficient scoring range, and one full professional development day will be dedicated to building up the schools' MCAS programs. Any areas of improvement will be identified and the district will continue to work toward having every student in the proficient and advanced categories.

"We need to shift away from the bare minimum," and continue to encourage the students to achieve a higher level, she said.

Further analysis of MCAS data will be done by teachers and administrators in the days and weeks ahead, and Walsh said a more complete MCAS presentation will be given at the next School Committee meeting, slated for Thursday, Oct. 7 in the new Community Meeting Room, located near the superintendent's office. All are welcome to attend, and the meeting will be televised.

Students acknowledged for 'Outstanding' mark

There are some Cohasset Middle High School students who deserve recognition for receiving outstanding scores for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, or MCAS test. In grade seven, Alyssa Mullin received a score of 70 out of 72 in the English language arts portion of the test. In grade 10 for English language arts, Kelsey Bell, Amanda Daley, and Emily Savage all scored 70 out of 72.

In the math portion of the test, grade 10 students Amanda Daley and Nile Sceery received perfect scores of 60 and Emily Nash received 59 out of 60.

In grade 10, all students passed the English portion of the test and 89.5 percent obtained proficient or advanced status. In math, only one student in grade 10 failed to pass with a score of 218. A score of 220 is required to pass.

In addition, there were some students who excelled in their Advanced Placement tests. AP tests are scored on a scale of one to five with five as the highest. A score of three is required to pass.

In US History, 23 students passed with scores of three or higher, with 10 receiving fives, and eight receiving fours. In chemistry, 15 students took the test and 10 received a passing score of three, and seven received fours. In European History, 18 out of 20 students received scores of three or higher, with eight receiving fives, and seven receiving fours.

In Spanish, 17 students took the test and eight received passing scores of three or higher. In AP biology, three received fives, and five received fours. In English, 13 students took the test and everyone passed, with four receiving fours, and three receiving fives. In English literature and composition, 25 students took the test with 23 receiving threes or higher. In calculus, 18 students took the test and nine received threes, while seven received fours.

Principal Jack DeLorenzo extends his congratulations to all the students and their parents. "They're very proud of you, and so are we."

South Shore Community Center happenings

There are still openings in the following gymnastic and sports classes:

Monday

Tumble Rugs age 3 - 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Gym Explorers age 4 to 6 - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Nursery school drop off and pick up)

Sports for Kids age 4 to 6 - 1 to 2 p.m. (Following lunch bunch)

Gym Explorers age 4 to 6 - 2 to 3 p.m.

Tumble Rugs age 3 - 3 to 3:45 (Nursery school pick up)

Above classes boys and girls

Tuesday

Gym Explorers age 4 to 6 - 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.

Tumble Rugs age 3 - 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

Sports for Kids age3 to 5 - 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Above classes boys and girls

Wednesday

Tumble Rugs age 3 to 4 - 2 to 3 p.m. Boys and Girls

Thursday

Sports for Kids age 4 to 6 - 9 to 10 a.m. Boys and Girls

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Friday

Gym Explorers for boys and girls - 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (Nursery school pickup 11:30)

Sports for Kids boys and girls - age 4 to 6 - 1 to 2 p.m. (Following lunch bunch)

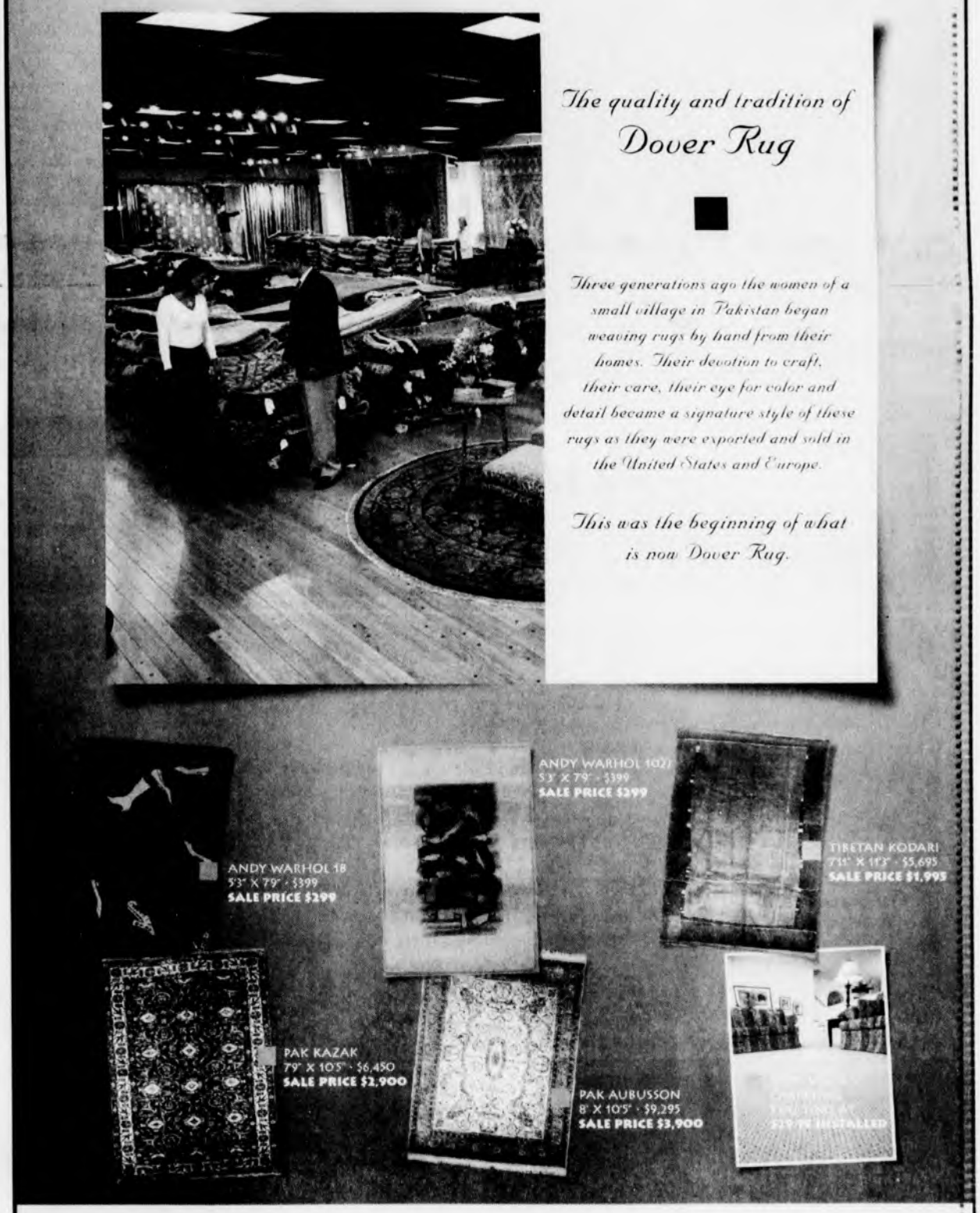
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Please contact Jean at 617-750-8987 to learn more and for time and location of orientation meeting.

MEETING RESCHEDULED

Project SAFEGUARD originally scheduled for Oct. 12 has been postponed until later in the year. Please make sure to check back here and to read all future notices sent to you from the school in regards to this very beneficial event.

A BIT OF MAGIC

The Magical Moon Foundation is looking for crafters for their First Annual Harvest Moon Fest on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Don't miss out on this day full of magical, festive fun. All interested Crafters/Antique/Farmers Market Vendors should contact me, Jen Piepenbrink by calling 781-383-0143 or by email at jenpiep@yahoo.com(please put Magical Moon in the subject line).

EAT UP

The **Cohasset Soccer Boosters** will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, Oct. 3, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Deer Hill School Cafeteria. Tickets are $5 per person and are available from high school players, at Milliken Field on Saturday, or at the door. Enjoy a great breakfast, get your car washed while you eat, and try your luck at some fabulous raffle prizes, including gift certificates to numerous local restaurants, stores and services, and tickets to a Celtics game. Bring the whole family and help support our high school soccer teams!

ANNUAL MEETING

The South Shore Art Center announces its annual meeting to take place Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 7p.m. in the Bancroft Gallery at the Center. All members are invited to the annual meeting to hear reports of the officers and committees as well as to vote on bylaw revisions and nominations for Directors and Advisors. In addition, **Libby Allard and Frank Neer** of Cohasset, **David Avery** of Marshfield **and Patricia Gray** of Norwell will be given Volunteer of the Year awards for their hours of volunteer work at the Center. Braintree artist and **teacher Janice Bracken** will be presented with the Shirley F. Neer Chair in Children's Art. This award, given annually by the SSAC, is presented in recognition of the recipient's "expertise and dedication in teaching art to young children". 50th Anniversary Volunteer Awards will be presented to **Virginia Avery** of Marshfield, **JoAnne Chittick, Lesley Grilli and Claffy Williams** of Cohasset, **Chris Hotarek** of Scituate and **Chris Rifkin** of Hingham.

The South Shore Art Center, currently celebrating its 50th Anniversary, is a regional center for the arts with two galleries offering changing exhibitions of contemporary work by regional and national artists and a year-round schedule of courses and workshops in the visual arts.

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FALL TRADITION

The Annual Harvest Supper and Auction, an autumn tradition, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church St. in Cohasset. The public is invited to get together for dinner on tonight (Thursday) at 6:30.. Dinner will include ham, string beans, Harvard beets, mashed potatoes, dessert as well as beverages. The harvest auction will take place following supper. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

MUSEUM DEDICATION

A full day of festivities for the entire South Shore is taking place on October 2, 2004. Our World Childrens Global Discovery Museum is celebrating the dedication of the Brooks Thomsen Singer Performance Center and the opening of our toddler play space. This daylong event includes performances by The Tale Spinners, Inca Son Music & Dance, Gary the Silent Clown from Ringling Bros. Circus and Ryanhood along with face painting and arts & crafts activities for the kids. A dedication and a specially choreographed dance piece performed by the **Meredith Butulis Dance Ensemble** will be a couple of the special highlights of the day. The celebration begins at 10 a.m., admission is $4 for adults, $2 for children and $10 for families up to 6 members. Rain or shine. Parking is free. Call 781-383-3198 for more information.

FALL FAIR

Derby Academy would like to welcome the South Shore community to its annual Fall Fair on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain or shine, there will be carnival games for all ages, a haunted graveyard and spooky storytelling, pony rides, live music, art activities and face painting. Thrill seekers can navigate the "Extreme Adrenaline" obstacle course, ride the giant slide, climb the rock wall and go bungee jumping. "Gourmet Galley" in the dining hall will offer a full lunch menu of fresh salads, wraps and pastas, or you can feast on grilled hotdogs, ice cream and cotton candy on the fairgrounds. There will also be a table of home-baked goods. Vendors will be selling jewelry, used books, fossils and other specialty items. Derby will also be holding its "Swap-It" mega yard sale in Hersey gym at the edge of the fairgrounds, selling clothes, sports equipment, household items and more. The Derby campus is located at 56 Burditt Avenue, at the corner of Burditt and Fearing Avenues in Hingham. For directions to the school, please refer to www.derbyacademy.org

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The try-outs for the 2005 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2 at Barnes Field at 1:00 PM. All boys and girls turning 10, 11 or 12 prior to July 31, 2004 wishing to play Little League major league division baseball and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try-out. Although all eligible 12 year olds are automatically assigned to major league team, the attendance is mandatory at this try-out. Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 12:30 p.m. This will be the only opportunity to try-out. The rain date will be Saturday, October 16th. Questions regarding may be directed to either **Liam O'Connell** at 781-383-9538 or **Nancy Froio** at 781-383-1897.

That is all for this week. If anyone has any news, event information or item they wish to share, please make sure that it arrives to me no later than 5 p.m. on Mondays. Anything received by me after this date will be in the following weeks column. If you are submitting any photos, please send them directly to Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com or drop a copy in an envelope marked, "Cohasset Mariner Around Town" at Cohasset News on Brook Street in the Village. Send all text for the photo to me in one of the following ways.

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Dancing the night away



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Jeff Evans, Graham Stevenson, Keegan Flynn, Will Lynner and Justin Yeager grab a soda in between dances

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Youngsters at the Teen Garage dance on Friday show they have all the right moves on the dance floor.



Billy Mack does the worm dance at Friday's event.

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DiNero's gets OK to begin expansion

By Samantha Brown
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After months of hearings before the Planning Board, DiNero's has been given conditional approval to go ahead with plans to expand its facilities and reconfigure its parking lot to better accommodate guests.

Last week, before granting approval, the Planning Board discussed some last-minute concerns it had with the applicant, many of which had been remedied.

One of the main conditions the Planning Board wanted to see met, was a compromise found between the restaurant's owner and the abutters to the site regarding a fence located between the property lines. Although the restaurant had installed a chain-link fence between the properties, as a buffer, the Planning Board said it would like to see a more solid buffer between the two. The restaurant agreed to keep the black vinyl chain-link fence and install another white cedar fence as well on the abutters' side, for a double-buffer.

The Planning Board had previously asked for the chain-link fence to be removed and replaced, but when the restaurant explained it would be more expensive to have the 318 feet of chain-link fence taken down rather than solely adding another fence, the board agreed to let the fence stay.

Planning Board member Michael Westcott said he was surprised to see the same property line landscaping plans in place in addition to the new cedar fence. He had thought the landscaping, which would have served as a buffer with the chain link fence, would have been altered in light of the compromise. However, Planning Board member Stuart Ivimey said, "I think they should have both. It's the maximum amount of softening we can do to protect the residential zone from the commercial. I don't think it's that onerous to put in a few extra plantings."

But the abutters' said as long as a solid fence is in place, negotiating the plantings is fine, and the board agreed.

There had been a condition in the plans that would have required the applicant to come back before the board a second time for an additional site plan review, if a Keno license is ever granted.

Gregory Sullivan, attorney for the restaurant, said because the restaurant is currently involved in a suit with the town over the license, the language would suggest the restaurant should drop the suit. "I see (the condition) as a back door way for this board to help the Board of Selectmen," said Sullivan.

Sullivan said at the time DiNero's applied for the Keno license, the Board of Selectmen said if the parking and seating were increased, it would be happy to revisit the issue. With the current wording in the conditions, "We can't even talk to the selectmen," said Sullivan.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt said he would like to see Town Counsel and Sullivan try to work the matter out, but added he feels his board has "an obligation to support another board."

However, Chairman Al Moore said he did not agree with Pratt and that it "sets a bad precedent to set conditions based on what might happen." He added the applicants have submitted a site plan, not a use plan, and to him, applying for a Keno license is no different from applying from any other license. "It gives me the shivers as to what we might be opening ourselves up for," he said.

Ivimey said, however, that if the restaurant is going to have gaming, that is something the applicant should disclose. In response, Sullivan said, "If I may, that's no secret," as it has been public knowledge that the site is pursuing a license for some time. He said if the restaurant receives a Keno license, it does not equal a change of use, and should not require special additional approval. "Some restaurants have Keno, some don't. We've made such progress on the other issues, it would be a shame to have the law suit going on with two boards instead of one, and I don't mean that as a threat," Sullivan said.

The Planning Board agreed a Keno license is the same as any other license, and removed the condition.

Members of the development team agreed to come back before the board in six months, if necessary, to discuss any light, noise, or landscaping problems abutters might face, but it will be left up to the abutters to decide if that meeting is necessary.

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Search closes in on next town leader

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agencies since 1981. Bennett said all of his recruiters have local government experience, and understand the differences between the public and private sectors.

"What clients really hire us for is the process. It's a process that gets to a final product — a successful hire," he said.

Bennett said his company is used to working with search groups and would be comfortable working with the process Cohasset has already begun. He also said any fees charged by the company could be negotiated, as charges typically accrue from the beginning of a search, but Cohasset has already done much of the leg work.

When finding a new candidate, Bennett said there are four things his company considers:

the history of the community and the important issues of the day including what needs to be accomplished in the next three to five years;

what will the new hire need to accomplish in order for the community to consider the match a success;

even though many candidates will have good "tool boxes" every town needs those tools used a certain way, and the hire will need to be able to carry that objective out;

and anyone you hire is going to have an impact and change the community, so it makes sense to outline the town's goals and pick the person who fits those goals the best.

Bennett suggested the town make a weekend of the interviewing process. Prospective candidates can be brought to Cohasset, get a tour and go out to dinner on a Friday night. Saturday, the committee would spend one hour with each candidate and would then pick finalists to go on to the Board of Selectmen. Sunday, the board would conduct its interviews, and the process would be complete in one weekend.

While he said it's a lot of work, it saves time because it happens so fast, and it helps keep the candidates private. From the time the finalists are chosen, which allows their names to become public, to the appointment of the new manager is 24 hours. Bennett advised whether the committee chooses to participate in a weekend interviewing process or not, "Don't let a month lapse between picking finalists and the next step. Make the schedule as tight as you can," he said.

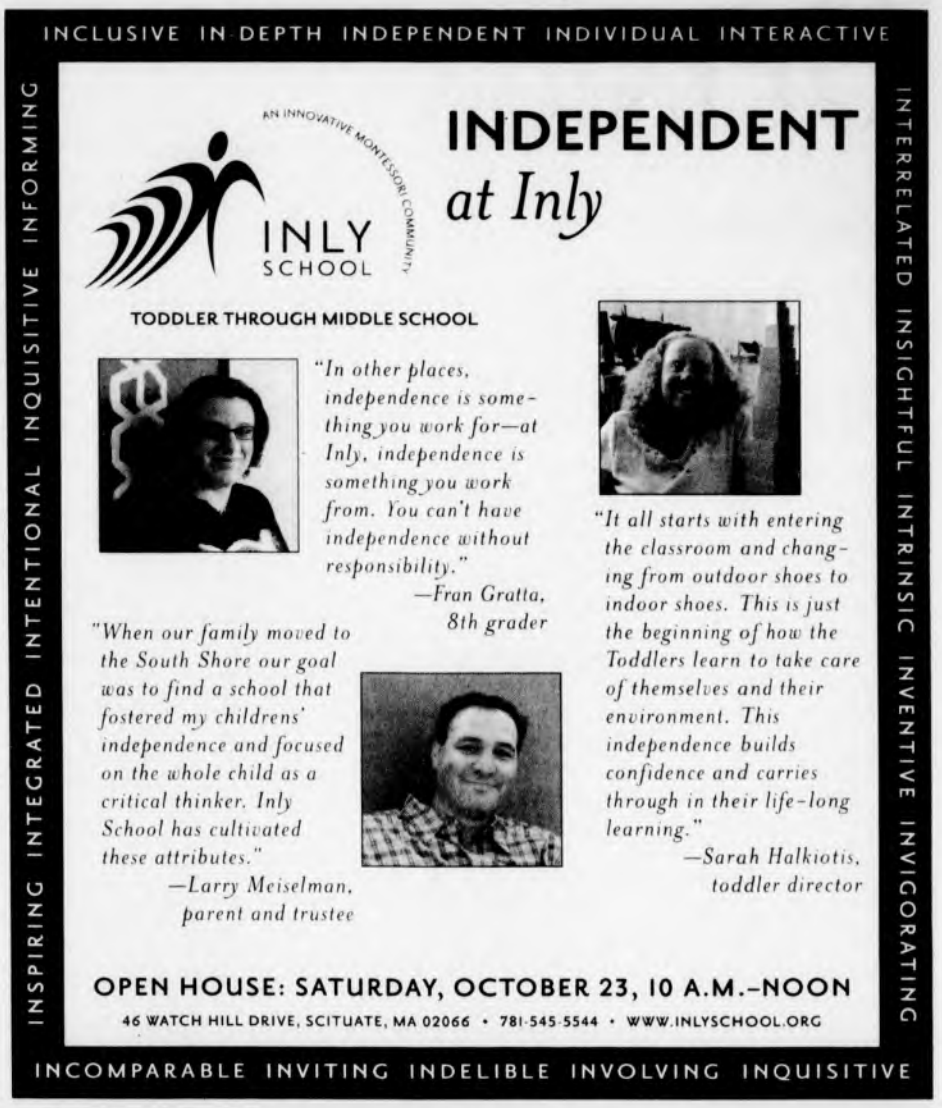
Bennett wished the committee well in its decision-making and said as Cohasset resident until this past December he knows all too well, "This is a small town, but it's not a simple one." He added even if the board does not choose his firm to help with the search, "I hope I've been of service to you."

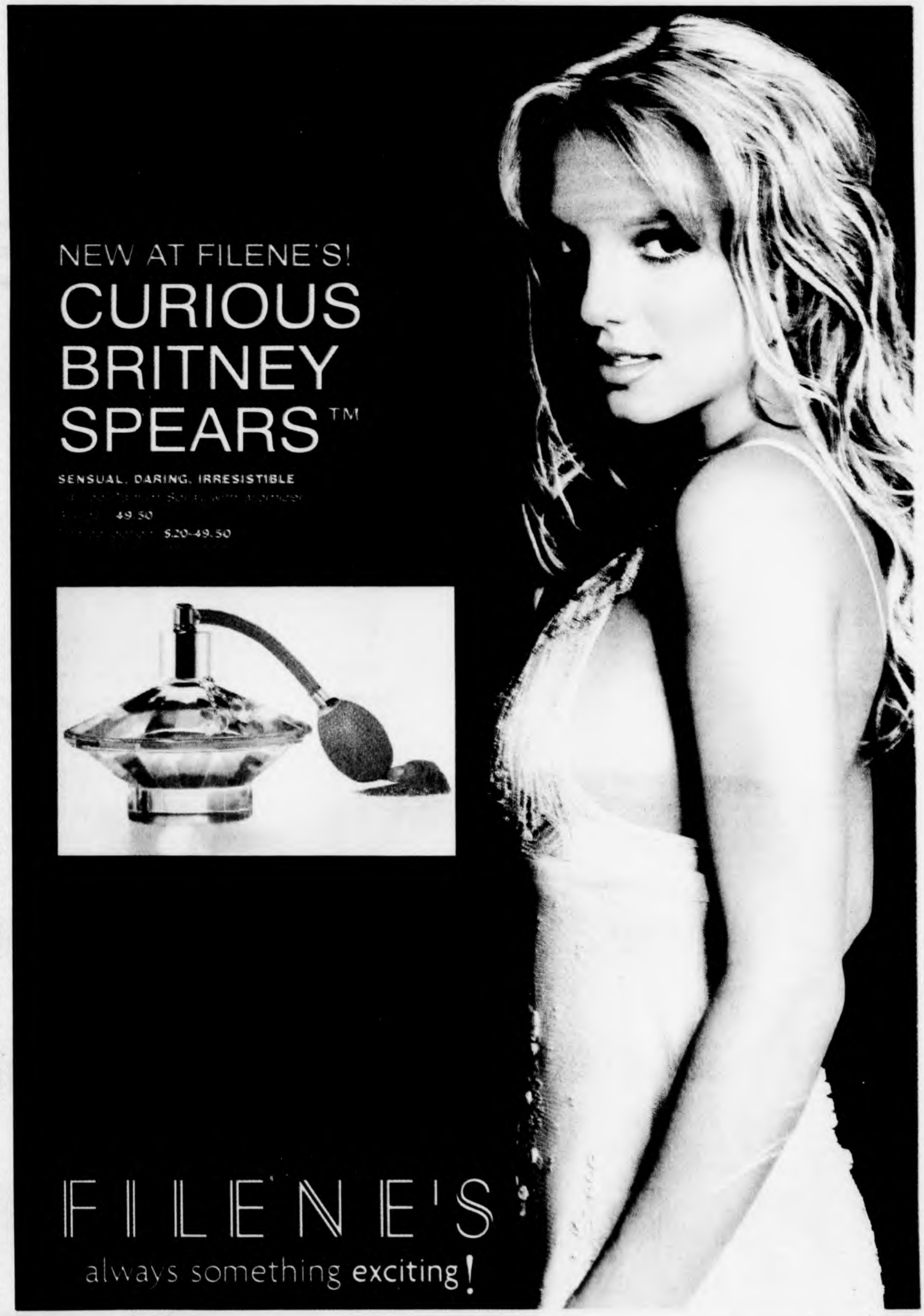
The committee was impressed with Bennett's suggestions and said it would get in touch with him to see if his company would be willing to participate in the late stages of the selection process. The committee felt comfortable bringing the candidates down to five on its own, and from there, discussed the possibility of asking Bennett if he would be willing to come into the equation to serve as a facilitator, to be paid on an hourly basis. Spofford said he would be in touch with Bennett.

The next meeting of the Town Manager Search Committee is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. in the Selectmen's meeting room at Town Hall. All are welcome to attend.









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OPINION

GUEST EDITORIAL

Taking it on the chin

Last week's Sept. 23 Cohasset Mariner published a cartoon I created about Boston Magazine's ranking our school system 69th compared to all Massachusetts public schools.

This Monday, I belatedly received an E-mail from Katherine Ozment, senior editor of Boston Magazine, answering my Sept. 21 E-mail inquiring why Cohasset's rankings were so low relative to our better-than-average statistics of cost per pupil, SAT's, teacher-student ratio and high percentage of students attending 4-year colleges.

The magazine had used incorrect data from the state Department of Education that dropped Cohasset into the middle of the pack rather than ranking it possibly among the top 20 school systems.

If I'd waited a week to get the correct data rather than submitting the cartoon for last week's deadline, I wouldn't be writing this apology for representing our school system unfavorably, particularly since Cohasset has just received credit for ranking high in state MCAS scores. No one is perfect, and certainly we all get it wrong sometime. But I'm owning up to that error now, having relied on faulty data from a magazine.

A cartoonist sometimes exaggerates to make a point, but does not intentionally misrepresent the facts. In the future, especially when school statistics are involved, I'll call the school before publishing anything that could be construed as misrepresenting the position of our school system.

It is always my quest, and that of the newspapers, to get it write the first time. We are big enough, however, to recognize when sometimes we take it on the chin.

- Jim Hamilton



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't spare that tree!

TO THE EDITOR:

A weed is a plant in the wrong place; a tree in the wrong place is but a giant weed. If its disadvantages outweigh its attractiveness or other benefits, then it should be removed.

The aging giant beside the Historical Society's Maritime Museum should never have been allowed to grow there, only about 3 feet from the building, and should have been removed long ago before its roots grew monstrous enough to shift the steps, and before it grew ancient enough to become a threat by falling or dropping a huge branch on an irreplaceable historic building. Because tree roots can split rocks, threatening a foundation doesn't seem improbable, even though some elderly structures have survived being adjacent to large trees. It is not the only surviving elm on the street, as some have claimed. It's an ash (a notoriously "dirty" tree), not an elm. There are numerous other trees in the vicinity, so its removal is not going to be an aesthetic disaster.

The tree stands in the way of the only acceptable way to provide handicapped access to the Maritime Museum and the adjacent Wilson House. Aside from the ethical consideration of providing access for our handicapped fellow citizens, there is the important pragmatic consideration that most grants for maintenance and operation of such facilities require that the facility be handicapped accessible. Clearly, there is no tree trimming that could resolve the access issue; the tree stands firmly in the way of the only realistic way of providing handicapped access. An arborist's opinion of the health of the tree is not relevant.

As to the suggestion that a new access be constructed, not only is that a Philistinic dismissal of historic preservation, but would not provide handicapped access to the other building without further butchery of both buildings.

Even though the tree is located on the private property of the Historical Society and not on town property, the selectmen expressed interest in a public hearing. Admittedly that would provide a forum for impassioned opinion. The facts of the case might be challenged or confused, as they were at the Selectmen's meeting, but that wouldn't change the relevant facts and considerations, which seem pretty clear and simple. A public hearing may be useful political cover, but wouldn't reveal any magic answer that preserves the giant weed while serving the twin issues of protecting the irreplaceable building and permitting handicapped access.

Although the Historical Society apparently is willing to use its own funds for tree removal, at least one of the selectmen hinted that Community Preservation Funding might be withheld if the Historical Society persisted with its plan of tree removal. Such implied threats must be a temptation when frustrated, but are unworthy of our fine representatives, who know full well that the members of the Historical Society are responsible and honorable citizens. (I don't happen to be a member, but appreciate their need to make a difficult decision).

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Article was incorrect

TO THE EDITOR:

The humor of Mr. Hamilton's editorial cartoon regarding Boston Magazine's article ranking public schools is subjective, but the facts are not: The article ranking Cohasset Public Schools 69th in the state was based on incorrect data.

As anyone who went on-line to review the data could see, it was incorrectly reported that 91 percent of the 2003 graduating class went on to a four-year public college and that 0 percent went on to a four-year private college. In fact, while 87 percent of our seniors went on to a four-year college, (a statistic that is higher than three of Boston's top 10 ranked schools and that is equal to or higher than 10 of the top 20 ranked schools) 58 percent went on to a four-year private college and 29 percent went on to a 4 year Public College. Comparing our correct data to 20th ranked Marblehead, Cohasset fares better in all but two categories. Marblehead's Math MCAS was one point higher than Cohasset's and Marblehead's average teacher salary was $5,890 higher than ours. Based on this comparison, I believe it is safe to assume that if Boston Magazine had based its ranking on the correct data, Cohasset Public Schools would have been ranked in the top 20. I am greatly disappointed that our local paper, rather than questioning the integrity of the ranking or even picking up the phone to discuss the matter with our Superintendent, instead chose to perpetuate a falsehood.

The damage done by the Boston Magazine article, and now the Mariner, is to people's perception of our schools, but neither incorrect data, nor irresponsible reporting can alter reality. At last Thursday's School Committee meeting, Middle/ High School Principal Jack DeLorenzo recognized a number of our students for their MCAS achievements. As the meeting was not televised, I'd like to pass along the good news:

- Two students scored a perfect score on the math portion of MCAS and one student scored a 59 out of the possible 60
- Four students scored 70 out of a possible 72 on the English portion of MCAS
- 100 percent of the 10th grade students passed the English portion of MCAS
- 99 percent of the 10th grade students passed the math portion of MCAS
- 90 percent of the 10th grade scored in the advanced or proficient category on the Math portion and 89 percent scored in the advanced or proficient category on the English portion of MCAS, an increase over last year.

Moreover, in an article appearing in the Sept. 24 Boston Globe, Cohasset was ranked 10th in the state based on its MCAS passing rates over the past three years.

While MCAS is but one measure of the quality of a school system, as these numbers reveal, we have a school system of which the town should be proud. In spite of diminishing budgets and diminishing state aid, the Cohasset Public Schools not only continue to excel, but also continue to improve. Perhaps this is just another example of the Law of Inverse Proportions.

Sarah Porter
PSO President

Don't cut trees

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset is enriched by the beautiful old building that houses the Maritime Museum and by the lovely old tree that shades it. To cut the tree would, I believe, detract not just from the elegance of the street but also from the graceful character of the building. The tree grounds the house in time and place so that it seems one with the history it fosters. To cut the tree would be to make the museum more precious, less an organic part of the town. Surely it is possible to preserve the wider heritage of Cohasset and to protect both building and tree.

Gail Bryan
285 Jerusalem Road

Thanks, guardian angel

TO THE EDITOR:

The South Shore Community Center would like to express our thanks and gratitude for the new set of steps recently installed at the North Main Street entrance. Thanks to a "guardian angel" that set the project in motion, and the talents of Brendan St. John Landscaping, the new granite steps are all finished. The previously sloping ground will now be safer during winter and in wet weather. The granite steps also enhance the front of our building and the brick walkway.

We at The South Shore Community Center are fortunate to have such wonderful support from our "guardian angel" and Brendan St. John.

Stephanie Church
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HEALTH NOTES

The Work at Hand

By: S.N.Bobo

Last week we talked about how it was incumbent on everyone to have some basic knowledge about the way nature works in rocky Cohasset, and how we can help our town accommodate to the changes which are sure to come as we grow in this century. This week, we'll talk about some of the systems we are trying to put in place to assure that change can be accommodated gracefully. About two years ago, Merle Brown as Selectman proposed that a new committee, the Wastewater Committee, be established for the purpose of providing information to the Selectmen about the how to plan the needs of the Town to get rid of its wastes safely and find an equitable system to distribute the necessary costs of doing so. This at about the same time the State was beginning to become feisty about continuing our sewer planning and developers were claiming the right to existing sewer capacity to build some four hundred new dwellings in Town. Well, the Committee quietly got to work, and a few weeks ago submitted a draft report to the Selectmen. Among other things, it called for three initial changes in the way the Town handles septic and wastewater issues: First the Committee perceived that since both the Board of Health and the Sewer Commission were essentially providing the same service: getting rid of dirty water; water which mostly originated as a pristine product supplied by the Water Commission, somehow the process was connected and would have to be worked out mutually.

Accordingly, the first recommendation was that the three organizations which deal with our water supply, clean or dirty, begin to talk to each other. Novel concept, since it had never happened before. The lords of our sewers seldom talked to anyone, and the keepers of the water supply worked successfully to straighten out a sadly neglected Town asset while the Board of Health tried to deal with an increasing amount of dirty water as best they could. The Wastewater Committee recommended that the three respective organizations: Water, Sewer, and Health hold meetings quarterly to discuss their mutual problems.

Secondly, the Wastewater Committee, perceived that the Board of Health wastewater plan, while a perfectly fine plan, had the principal defect that nobody was using it, since it would be very costly to join. So the committee called for a revision of the plan which would make it equitable and in which the burden of paying for wastewater management was somehow shared equitably. Since the chairmen of the Sewer Commission and the Board of Health were both on the Committee, they had to talk to each other, and one excellent result of this was that the Sewer Commission came up with a plan to initiate a home rule petition to control the allocation of sewer capacity to the Town at Town Meeting rather than to relinquish such authority to the State or to developers.

The third recommendation was effectively to analyze the facts relating to wastewater disposal and present them to those needing them so that decisions of cost, equitability and environmental impact could be worked out by the one who would be affected: the homeowner/taxpayer.

So, at the Town Meeting this fall, you will see several Warrant articles related to wastewater, and probably a few relating to the water supply. The first from the Sewer Commission is the home rule petition which is designed to ensure that the Town, by vote of Town Meeting, has control of the allocation of sewer capacity within districts established to do so. A simple concept, but very complex and difficult to implement, and therefore, many words will be spoken on the subject. Remember my warning last week that if you go to Town meeting you should be informed about the topics; only a few understand the complexities and vagaries of a home rule petition.

The second, a petition by the Board of Health, will be to approve a revised Wastewater Management Plan. Since this is a Board of Health regulation already approved, a Town Meeting vote merely gives everyone an opportunity to learn how they will be affected by it and to comment on its provisions. Next week, we will describe the provisions of the plan and how the issue of equitable treatment has been addressed.

LIBRARY CORNER

Film series

Upcoming dates for the monthly Independent Film series are: Oct. 14 "The Republic of Love," Nov. 18 "Carol's Journey," and Dec. 9 "The Rage in Placid Lake." Films will be shown in the library's meeting room at 7 p.m. Admission and refreshments are free.

Author events

Authors Bernard Corbett and Paul Simpson will discuss their book "The Harvard/Yale Rivalry: The Only Game That Matters," on Thursday November 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the library's Meeting Room. The event is sponsored by Buttonwood Books. Author Bill Nowlin will talk about his book on Ted Williams and the Red Sox on Monday Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Refreshments will be served.

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview. Reserve your copy in advance of publication by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "London Bridges," by James Patterson; "A Christmas Visitor," by Anne Perry; "Red Leaves," by Belva Plain; "The Rottweiler," by Ruth Rendell; and "Echoes," by Danielle Steel.

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Bird presentation

Thursday Sept. 30, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sally Avery, an avid gardener and bird watcher, will present a free slide show and lecture at the library. A Bird Walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 8 to 10 a.m. in the woods at Holly Hill Farm. To sign up for the two events and for information on the cost of the Bird Walk, contact Jon Belber at Holly Hill Farm, 781 383-1455.

Artist exhibit

Landscape paintings of Lisa Marder will be on display at the library from Sept. 10, until the end of October.

Prepare tender plants for the chilly days ahead

GREEN THUMBS UP

SUZANNE MAHLER



With the passing of the autumnal equinox, the days grow shorter prompting our landscapes and Mother Nature's little creatures to begin to make preparations for the chilly days ahead. Throughout the fall season, plants and animals gather and store food to sustain them during the winter months.

Squirrels and chipmunks scurry about our landscapes gathering food, their cheek pouches filled with nuts and seeds or precious spring-flowering bulbs uprooted from our flowerbeds. Perhaps even more irritating this season is the annoying habit of these little varmints to pilfer or bite holes in tomatoes. Nearly every day I chase fluffy tailed bandits from my deck, each carrying a cherry tomato in their mouths.

Rodent populations seem to have soared this season. Vole damage is particularly alarming this year. Numerous daylilies and hostas have suddenly wilted or turned yellow in my landscape and when scrutinized more closely, it becomes evident that their roots have been devoured by these devastating pests that look like chunky, short-tailed, overstuffed field mice. A couple of good mousing cats are often the most effective solution to eliminating many of these destructive vermin. Inverting a large heavy clay pot over a mouse trap baited with peanut butter or cheese that has been placed next to their quarter-sized holes will often reduce their numbers. A thorough clipping and cleanup of perennial borders following several killing frosts is strongly urged to minimize further damage later in the season.

Skunks and raccoons are beginning to leave telltale holes in our lawns and gardens as they forage for grubs and other soil borne bugs. Although their scavenging may give the lawn the appearance of having been rotor tilled, these primarily nocturnal animals are providing a valuable, environmentally friendly means of insect control. Occasionally, however, they may raid our trash in their instinctive quest for food and midnight encounters in the garage with either of these intruders are often less than pleasurable.

Wise gardeners take their cues from nature. The escalating activity of our wildlife visitors reinforces the sense of urgency to begin making preparations for the advent of killing frosts. To prevent a random, haphazard approach to your fall projects, take time to critically view and analyze your landscape, with notebook in hand, and prepare a prioritized list. List changes to be made and open spaces that may need to be filled in this fall or next spring. Jot down attractive plant combinations in your containers and borders and do headcounts on successful plantings of annuals you may wish to repeat next season. Should time be an issue, take photos to document your container gardens and plantings.

Tropical plants and tender annuals have provided glorious, colorful garden accents throughout the season. Before temperatures drop consistently into the forties, take cuttings of tender plants to root indoors for next season. Many of these plants are easily propagated, especially if the stems are dipped in a rooting powder and inserted into pots of perlite or vermiculite. Coleus plants are particularly sensitive to cooler temperatures and tip cuttings should be taken soon to ensure successful rooting. Transplant rooted cuttings in a few weeks into containers filled with sterile potting medium and grow in a warm, bright location throughout the winter months. Coleus cuttings can be trained to produce sensational topiaries for next season.

Smaller plants from both decorative containers and gardens can be lifted and transplanted into pots filled with sterile soil. Geraniums and begonias will flower all winter on a sunny windowsill, a welcome reminder of the season past and a new growing season to come.

Now is also the time to begin gradually acclimating houseplants that enjoyed a summer vacation outdoors to the lower light conditions they will encounter in your home environment. Even houseplants that spent the summer in the shade received much brighter light than they are likely to find indoors. If these plants can be moved into a sunroom or porch first, the gradual reduction in light will be less of a shock. Although nearly all plants experience some leaf-drop or dieback as they adjust to lower light and humidity in our dry, heated indoor spaces, fewer leaves will turn yellow and drop.

Closely inspect all plants that were outdoors for unwanted pests that may be lurking among their leaves. Somehow, all the little beasties seem to know which plants are destined for a warm, cozy winter indoors and manage to secretly hitch a ride into our homes. Many often go unnoticed for weeks while sucking the vitality out of our plants. Although no insects may be readily observed, eggs are often laid on the foliage and hatch once the plants are brought into warmer environments. Applications of a light horticultural oil spray, which is essentially odorless and non-toxic except to bugs, will eliminate a large percentage of the typical intruders including aphids, scale, mealy bugs, white flies, and spider mites. For a month-long systemic insect control, consider spraying with Bayer Rose and Flower insect killer that contains Merit. Be sure to check the drainage holes of the containers for sow bugs, worms, slugs and snails or you may discover them crawling across the floors of your home.

Following a week of truly glorious weather, it seems difficult to imagine that the end of the growing season will soon be upon us. Early preparations will enable dedicated gardeners to enjoy many of their colorful tender treasures indoors throughout the winter season.

Butternut squash soup

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



Butternut squash soup is the quintessential fall dish but it can also be watery, bitter, flavorless, and difficult to make. The squash itself is often roasted, cut into small pieces and sautéed, steamed, or boiled — a step that can involve a lot of additional preparation time. Finally, trying to coax the essence of butternut squash into the liquid can be challenging. The soup looks great but the taste is disappointing.

The first step was to determine the proper cooking method. Roasted squash has a rough texture, not nearly as nice as squash cooked with wet heat. It can also take on a burned flavor if over-roasted. Sautéed squash requires small peeled pieces and the process, once again, is arduous. The best methods involve liquid. Steaming is fine, but the easiest method was to simply add large unpeeled (peeling raw butternut squash is no fun) pieces of squash to water and then cook it submerged. This adds flavor to the liquid and avoids the peeling step since the flesh is easily scraped away from the skin once cooked and cooled. By using this wet cooking method, the squash was smooth and silky.

A recipe in Cook's Illustrated suggested sautéing the squash scrapings as a key method for developing flavor. Although an odd suggestion, we did find that this step resulted in a more flavorful soup. So, we began our recipe with butter and onion (we also tested leeks and shallots, which also worked well) which are cooked for five minutes. The scrapings are added and sautéed for five minutes and then we added liquid along with the large squash pieces. Water won out over chicken stock, which seemed out of place in this simple recipe. We also limited the total liquid to three cups in an effort to avoid diluting the intense flavor of the squash. As the squash cooks in the water it becomes richly infused with flavor.

Other ingredients include a mere 1/3 cup of cream (light cream and half and half didn't quite make the grade), salt, a tablespoon of brown sugar, and small amounts of ground ginger and cinnamon. Carrots, red pepper, sage, thyme, and bay leaf were all tested and rejected. It turns out that butternut squash soup requires a delicate hand to avoid disguising its simple, elegant flavor.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

This soup can be made up to a couple of days ahead of time and reheated over medium-low heat until hot. If doing so, omit the cream and tablespoon of butter during the initial preparation and add them as the soup is readied for serving.

4 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 small onion cut into 1/2-inch dice, about 1 cup
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
1 large butternut squash (about 3 pounds) unpeeled, halved, seeds and fibers removed with a spoon and reserved and each half cut into quarters
1/3 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

1. Heat three tablespoons butter in a large soup pot or Dutch oven over medium heat until foaming. Add the onion and cook, stirring often, until softened and translucent, about five minutes. Add the squash scrapings and continue to cook until fragrant and the butter is bright orange, about five minutes more. Add three cups of water, salt and the squash pieces with the skin side facing up. Bring to a boil; adjust heat to maintain a lively simmer, cover and cook until squash pieces are tender, about 30 minutes. You can check the doneness of the squash by inserting a paring knife or skewer. Remove squash pieces using a large slotted spoon or tongs and set aside to cool.

2. Strain the liquid and return to the pot. Once the squash pieces are cool enough to handle, scrape flesh into the bowl of a food processor using a large spoon. Add a cup of the strained liquid to the processor bowl and puree until smooth. Transfer puree to the pot, add the remaining tablespoon of butter, cream, sugar, cinnamon and ginger and stir to combine well. Taste for seasoning adding salt if necessary. Heat over medium-low heat and serve immediately.

Serves 4 to 6 as a starter.

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Tess Flynn weighs some of the produce for sale on the Cohasset Common.

It's a long time between drinks

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



It's been a long time between drinks in Rockport.

After 148 years of frisking visitors for adult beverages at Checkpoint Barley on the Gloucester town line, the town meeting in the little North Shore tourist trap finally decided to let them buy a drink in selected restaurants within the town limits.

The town has been dry since 1856 when, as the quaint little story goes, a 75-year-old seamstress named Hannah Jumper and 200 friends, angered by the thought that a fisherman might enjoy a quiet beer after a couple of months at sea, took axes to the local watering holes.

There's nothing like a good debate, with or without axes, over alcohol to raise the hackles on a Puritan's back. It's easy to do. You know the definition of Puritanism, don't you? It's the haunting fear that someone, somewhere is enjoying himself.

And there's nothing like the convolution of laws that have grown up around one man's desire to see that another man lives his life according to the first man's idea of living.

I can recall in the 1950s, a Massachusetts law that permitted a man to drink on Sunday. But he couldn't belly up to the bar. He had to sit at a table. The law was promoted by the waiters' union, I was told, to give drinkers more opportunity to tip them.

I remember a trip across the country by train and a waiter snatching drinks from our table in the club car as we crossed the state line into Oklahoma, then a dry state. Later, when we had safely crossed the border into Texas (or was it New Mexico) he was back taking our order.

Nearly 60 years ago, enjoying my first taste of freedom after years of going to school and working for my uncle, I remained for a time in North Carolina and worked as a bartender in a roadhouse called The Diamond Club in a town called Havelock.

Under the law, patrons had to bring their own booze and we would sell them a glass of soda, ginger ale or coca cola at inflated prices to chase it. On rare occasions, we would mix drinks for them, too, but they were not big sellers in the backwoods of Carolina.

We sold them bottled beer, too, for that was legal in North Carolina at the time, only apparently the alcoholic content was not specified. Our biggest seller was a Mexican import called "Carta Blanca" in a clear bottle. The alcoholic content was three times a normal beer.

Another time, en route home from Fort Smith in Canada's Northwest Territories, I landed in Edmonton and found that I had a five hour wait for the plane to Toronto. I looked for the airport bar. There was none. But, I was told, I could get a drink at a hotel about five miles away.

I got there in time to find the bar closed and a swamper sweeping up and it was only six o'clock. Don't worry, I was told. It's an old English law. They close at six to encourage the working man to go home without blowing his paycheck on booze. They open again at seven.

And don't go rushing off to hustle a drink in Rockport. Town fathers still have to petition the state legislature for permission to put the question to the voters in an April election. And then the individual restaurants have to apply for licenses.

Like I say, it's a long time between drinks in Rockport.

Republicans hope to cash in on election day

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The give and take over giving and taking – the campaign variety – grew more vigorous this week, reflecting the unusual intensity of the statewide struggle over party power in the Legislature.

Recent developments have proven beyond question that the Republicans are serious this year about making inroads on the long-held Democratic dominance of the Legislature.

It has been a long time since such efforts were really taken seriously by non-partisans, and even sometimes by the players themselves. Despite biennial posturing and promise-making, leaders of the GOP – including the Republicans who've held the Corner Office of the State House for more than 13 years – have managed to actually lose ground in terms of electing reps and senators.

Never mind sustaining a veto – the Republican caucus in the Senate has been too small to field a softball team for several sessions. Massachusetts Republicans are doing a lot of grumbling about John Kerry this fall, but apparently didn't find him objectionable enough to actually try and defeat two years ago; the party wasn't up to running anyone against Kerry for Senate in 2002.

All that has changed, at least on the state level. Unlike its predecessors, the Romney team has national assistance, a coherent strategy and capable organizers to support the crop of recruits it assembled last winter and spring.

The Boston Globe documented this week how Romney has been capitalizing, so to speak, on his ties to the business community, generating large volumes of contributions to the state Republican Party's two main campaign accounts. That tactic circumvents limits on contributions from individuals to specific candidates, though the party has been soliciting those too. The GOP has raised and spent $1 million for legislative races since Romney began his party-building in 2003, with $1 million ready to go in October.

The effect of these resources – and the Democratic defense – can't be measured until the night of Nov. 2, but early signs were favorable for the GOP, in the form of Scott Brown's special-election victory this spring. Ultimately, it comes down to getting people to the polls, and Republicans sound confident about mechanisms they've set up to turn people out. The GOP is planning on a media campaign, overseen by successful veteran consultant Michael Murphy, to link Romney's image as a reformer to the local candidates seeking to unseat incumbents in the House and Senate.

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Certainly the Republicans are doing what they need to do in the cash department – and that brought some of the most vigorous politicking of the week. The Democratic State Committee lambasted the corporate solicitations and the use of party committees as funnels. Such practices belie the governor's claim to want to "clean up the mess," said Democratic State Committee Chairman Philip Johnston. The Republicans counter that they expect to be outspent about 3 to 1 in legislative races this fall, much of the incumbents' money raised from special-interest awareness of the powerful positions many Democrats hold. Romney suggested the Democrats are "whining."

Johnston this week challenged the Republicans to limit their party's spending to $210,000 during the legislative cycle. GOP Chairman Darrell Crate pronounced the suggestion "just bananas," declared it the product of anxiety, not virtue, and told reporters: ""Phil Johnston ought to take a look at his own fundraising records."

Democrats also suggested the governor made his vetoes in the supplemental budget selectively – based on how much they might hurt a Democratic incumbent facing a Republican challenger. Peabody's flood war and Worcester's memorial to its fallen firefighters were prime examples, the Democrats said; Romney replied that no one had contacted his office to make the case for the projects. The governor wasn't bashful about trumpeting the spending he did approve, stopping in Somerville and Dorchester and Plymouth to sing the joys of football stadiums and subway stations and rail trails. The Dorchester event produced the photo moment of the year, if not the decade: House Speaker Finneran kneeling in jestful tribute before the bounty-bestowing chief executive.

All of this made the hurricanes swirling about the headlines a convenient metaphor. The building itself is rather quiet – an area of calm at the center of a statewide storm that in a few weeks may well change the face and feel of the legislative branch.

The party won't use the death penalty in its statewide legislative campaign, but a tough-on-crime maneuver did lead the policy headlines this week.

• Finneran job hunting disclosed in public documents — The noise around a potential change in the leadership of the House got a lot louder Friday, when the Boston Herald reported Friday morning that House Speaker Thomas Finneran had reported on his ethics disclosure form that he has had discussions about potential employment with the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council. The House will elect a speaker in January. Finneran is running for re-election and says he will seek another term as speaker, but the situation is fluid, to say the least. Several leading House Democrats are already lobbying behind the scenes for the speaker's post, should Finneran resign. Finneran spokeswoman Kimberly Haberlin on Friday shot down rumors that the Mattapan Democrat was about to step down. "There's no press conference, no availability, no resignation," Haberlin said.

• *State to fit Level Three offenders with GPS devices* — "We're working together to make sure that dangerous sexual predators know they do not want to live in Massachusetts," said Gov. Romney, as he announced the Department of Correction will be using $1 million in the recent supplemental budget to fit all Level Three sex offenders with GPS monitoring bracelets. Advocates for civil liberties said it's not clear public safety will be served by the tactic.

• *Wall that leaks incorrectly poured, experts tell turnpike* — At a press briefing Monday, Turnpike Authority vice chairman Jordan Levy told reporters that analysts have found the section of slurry wall where water leaked into the new I-93 north tunnel earlier this month was incorrectly poured. The experts don't know if the same defect exists in other sections, but are studying all parts of the tunnel. Amorello says it has not been determined whether the leak was due to a design flaw, construction flaw, or both.

• *Romney, Kennedy lobby for Hanscom research expansion* — The governor and the senator he sought to unseat in 1994 were on the same team in Washington this week, urging Air Force Secretary James Roche to back a $410 million initiative to expand military research capabilities at Hanscom Air Base. The effort would create an estimated 5,000 jobs and decrease the odds that Hanscom would fall victim to a future round of base closings.

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$2.3 MILLION FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (H 4850)

House 154-2, Senate 36-2, overrode Gov. Romney's $2.3 million veto reduction (from $4.3 million to $2 million) in funding for workforce development grants. The governor also vetoed some of the earmarking of the grants. The funds come from the Workforce Training Fund that was established in 1998 and is financed by Massachusetts employers. Override supporters said the full funding is necessary to fund these grants that provide resources to Massachusetts businesses to train employees and improve their skills. Override opponents said the earmarking of the funds is unfair because it favors employers in specific areas across the state. They argued that none of the funds should be earmarked but should instead be available equally for all employers across the state. (A "Yea" vote is for the $2.3 million. A "Nay" vote is against the $2.3 million).

N	Y

$500,000 FOR MASS BIOMEDICAL INITIATIVES (H 4850)

House 146-11, Senate 30-7, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $500,000 in funding for the Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives (MBI)—an independent, tax-exempt corporation that supports the growth and expansion of biotechnology and medical device companies throughout the region. Override supporters said MBI works with and invests money in start-up companies by providing them with venture capital, workspace and technical and consulting services. They argued that these companies help the state's economic growth by creating jobs and generating tax revenue and noted that MBI often receives a substantial return on its investment and uses that revenue to invest in additional companies. In his veto message, Romney said he vetoed the funding because it is not consistent with his original fiscal 2005 budget recommendation. (A "Yea" vote is for the $500,000. A "Nay" vote is against the $500,000).

N	Y

$1000 DEDUCTION IF REPORT IS NOT FILED (H 4850)

House 134-23, Senate 30-7, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget provision including language providing that $1000 be deducted from any budget item in which the agency or program is required to file a report and fails to do so within ten days of the due date. The $1000 would be deposited into the state's General Fund. Override supporters said this fine would put some teeth into provisions that often require agencies and programs to file a report with the Legislature and noted that the state can currently do little or nothing if these reports are not filed. They argued that the reports are important in order for the state to receive information about the spending practices and effectiveness of various programs. In his veto message, the governor said the provision is not a valid restriction on these appropriations. (A "Yea" vote is for the $1000 deduction. A "Nay" vote is against the $1000 deduction).

N	Y

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MINOR'S NAME CHANGE (H 4798)- The House gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate legislation requiring the written consent of each parent or legal guardian in order to change the name of their minor child. Supporters said that current law includes no legal requirement for changing a minor's name. They noted that this loophole allows non-custodial parents who abduct their children to evade authorities by unilaterally changing their children's names and enrolling them in schools without official documentation of a true and accurate identity. They argued that the bill would protect children by safeguarding their identity and perhaps lead to the solving of more cases of missing children when one parent abducts the child during a custody dispute.

STUDENTS WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS (S 2231)- Gov. Romney signed into law a bill allowing all public school students with cystic fibrosis to self-administer their enzyme supplement while in school if certain conditions established by the Department of Public Health (DPH) are met. Current state policy gives school nurses the authority to allow students to self-administer any medications in accordance with the same DPH regulations. The bill would bar schools from prohibiting these students with cystic fibrosis from self-administration as long as the DPH regulations are met. A current state law already bars schools from prohibiting students with asthma from self administering their inhalers. The governor also attached an emergency preamble to the bill in order to make the law effective immediately instead of in 90 days.

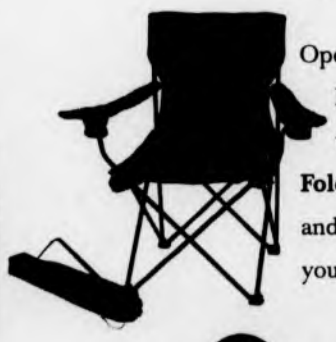
TAX BREAK FOR COMMUTERS (H 5076)- A little-noticed provision in the supplemental budget signed by Gov. Romney provides a one-time 2004 tax break for commuters who pay for tolls through a Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Fast Lane account and for individuals who use weekly or monthly MBTA or commuter rail passes. It allows taxpayers a tax deduction for any amount paid above the first $150 up to a maximum of $600 for individuals and $1200 for married couples. The deduction is not allowed if an employer reimbursed the money to an employee. Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey has filed a bill that she said would clarify ambiguous language in the new law and allow the Department of Revenue to begin printing the necessary forms for taxpayers to receive the deduction.

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Cook Estate's fate tied into wastewater solution

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If a wastewater solution cannot be found for the Cook property, the proposed senior housing project slated to be built on the site will not move forward, the town will have to back out of the deal, and it will have spent and lost roughly $151,000. However, if a solution can be found, the town will be 95-units closer to meeting the state's affordability threshold, seniors in town will have another option for housing, and the town will stand to make at least a $750,000 profit on the transaction.

Developers for the site say they will exhaust every possible options to make their plans for the project a reality.

The course for the Cook Estate will essentially be charted by the town as voters at the Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting will decide whether or not the project should be given a sewer connection. The soils on site cannot support an on-site wastewater disposal system, as was thought during the bidding process. Developers applied for a sewer connection on April 14 and were denied, and they have not appealed that decision. If residents cast an affirmative vote, the project can immediately begin making the rounds to various town boards for approval.

Project developers will file for a special permit under the town's Senior Multi-Family Residence Overlay District bylaw, and will undergo a site plan review process with the planning board.

"It's likely to take between four and six months," to get through the permitting process, said Jack Dawley of Northland, the company the town is working with to build on the site, adding he expects to have all permits in hand and be able to close on the deal next summer.

However, Cedarmere developers were the first to file a project under the town's bylaw, and if their experience is any indication, six months might be optimistic. Dawley said he has come before the planning board once already to give its members an overview of the project, which planning board members have said was helpful and beneficial. However, Cedarmere developers came before the board for three or four informal discussions prior to their formal submission, and it took that project eight months to gain planning board approval.

The Cook developers will need to go through the same public hearing process the Cedarmere developers went through. During the Cedarmere public hearing process, traffic studies were presented, as well as reports on potential noise pollution, light pollution, landscape design, and public safety vehicle access. Abutters to the project were invited to attend all public hearings, and provided feedback for the plans, which was incorporated into the final design.

Dawley said he does not have plans to come before the planning board again prior to finding a wastewater solution because a change in wastewater disposal could impact planning for the site. "We're taking it one step at a time," he said, adding his company has until the end of the year to find a solution.

Dave Fulton of GLC Consulting, which has been working with the town on the project, said the town has successfully negotiated with the Cook heirs to extend the closing date on the Purchase and Sale, without needing to put down any additional funding, until Aug. 15, 2005. At that time, should it become necessary, the town can request three 30-day extensions, which will cost the town $20,000 each time. The money spent will go toward the purchase price of the land. In the event the project falls apart after one of the extensions has already been granted, the $20,000 would not be refundable, but Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said at that point, an extension will only be sought if the project is going to move forward.

The town has put down a $200,000 deposit, which is refundable, as is the $100,000 the developers have put down. Developers were slated to put down a second $100,000 deposit when signing the Land Disposition Agreement with the town, which is similar to a Purchase and Sale agreement, but Fulton said it will soon be determined whether the developer puts down the second $100,000 at the signing or not. The signing was slated for this week.

Town Manager Michael Buckley said the town has borrowed $200,000, of which roughly $151,000 has been spent on Cook-related items so far, including consulting, engineering, and legal fees. There is an additional $44,000 which the town owes for work done, for which payment has not yet been sent, meaning the town has really spent roughly $195,000. In the event a wastewater solution cannot be found, the town will lose that money.

But, if the development acquires a sewer connection, or an off-site solution can be found, none of that will be a concern. "All along we've looked at sewer as something that should be at least discussed," although it is considered a political hornet's nest, said Fulton. He said at one point, GLC considered taking in two bids from each developer, one with an on-site system, and one should town sewer become available. However, Sullivan said that was not the route the town wanted to take.

Sullivan said the board of selectmen will most likely present either one or two articles at Town Meeting which will decide whether the project can hook up to municipal sewer. He said he is not sure if there would be two articles – one which would allow the property into the central district, and a second which would assign the project capacity. Sullivan said the article or articles will be presented according to Town Meeting rules, and will most likely dovetail with the articles being brought forth by the sewer commission.

The sewer commission has been working on two articles. One is a Home Rule Petition, which, if passed at Town Meeting, would amend the Cohasset Sewer Act to allow the commission to expand the sewer district, to encompass areas that would not otherwise be allowed to tie-in. The Home Rule Petition is similar to one that was adopted by Provincetown, and allows for "checker-boarding" of sewer districts in areas where the sewer commission deems it is necessary.

The second article would amend Article 9 of the current General Bylaws to give the board the final say over constructing sewers in public roads. This bylaw would prohibit anyone outside the central district from tying in because the sewer commission would control public roads.

If the Home Rule Petition passes, the commission would be able to make exceptions at its discretion and allow property into the central district if it would like. It is not clear whether the Home Rule Petition, which would need to be approved by the Legislature, would overrule a Town Meeting vote. The sewer commission is slated to discuss the articles at its next meeting, Monday Oct. 4 at 6 p.m.

If the town votes to allow the Cook Estate to tie into municipal sewer, Dawley said he has a $1 million budget which was set aside for the on-site system, but could pay for all the costs associated with a municipal connection. Although Sullivan said he thinks the town could get more than $1 million for a connection, Dawley said at this point, he is planning to spend $1 million for wastewater disposal.

However, the sewer commission decided Monday to allow empty lots in the central district to tie in to the sewer for a $15,000 fee. If that same fee is imposed on the Cook site, with 95 units, Dawley could be looking at a $1.425 million fee just for the right to connect.

Sullivan said with the money collected from connection fees, the town could potentially fix the infiltration and inflow problems with the town's sewer pipes. Infiltration and inflow means the pipes are taking in water from the outside, which in turn takes up capacity in the town's water treatment plant.

Sullivan said in addition, if a deal could be made to tie-in Cedarmere as well, the town could potentially have $2 million to work with to both fix the problem pipes and hook up areas of town that need it.

If the project moves forward, Fulton said it could potentially generate $478,000 in tax revenues per year, after it is fully built in 2008.

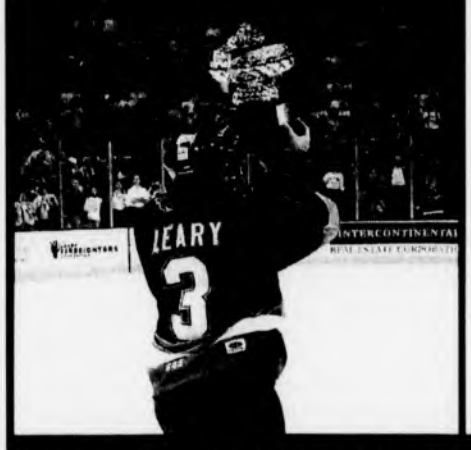
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Boston Magazine's Cohasset ranking compared with neighboring towns

School	Rank	SAT verbal/math	% 4-year college
Cohasset	69	558/562	91
Hingham	23	556/565	80
Scituate	51	518/540	68
Norwell	21	545/543	89
Duxbury	24	556/564	89
Hanover	61	525/513	76
Marshfield	74	519/524	71
Braintree	47	518/512	68

Schools comparable to Cohasset according to Boston Magazine

School	Rank	SAT verbal/math	% 4-year college
Rockport	65	507/499	58
Waltham	66	477/479	62
Dedham	67	485/499	64
Framingham	68	511/533	64
Cohasset	69	558/562	91
North Andover	69	519/520	74
Medway	71	526/518	77
Norwood	72	502/518	75

Magazine used wrong data

FROM RANKING, PAGE 1

Boston University, Villanova University, Tufts University, Dartmouth College, Brown University, and numerous other top-notch learning institutions around the country. In total, students were sent off to more than 75 different private schools in 2003.

Ozment said last spring, when the magazine began compiling the information, it requested information from each individual high school. She said the magazine received so few responses that in the end, it had to rely on data provided by the Massachusetts Department of Education. Although Cohasset had faxed information to the magazine last May, and the DOE information was slightly older than the information used, Ozment said it was only fair to all the schools that DOE data from a given year be used across the board.

Walsh said if the DOE's records show Cohasset has not sent any students off to four-year private colleges, there has obviously been a mistake. Leonard said it was a technological glitch, as the school was in the process of changing software and the new system didn't work well with the old system, and the proper information didn't get out to the DOE.

"This matter is a result of a combination of circumstances," said Walsh, adding the magazine was sympathetic to the situation Cohasset has been put in. Walsh added the data will need to be corrected with the DOE for future use, but for now, the school is taking the ranking in stride, and not using it to compare itself with other schools or letting it diminish the great work the students and staff are doing.

The magazine used a set of 28 criteria to rank the schools including: median home price, rate per $1,000 assessed valuation, enrollment, cost per pupil, SAT verbal/math, Sat Participation 2002, dropout rate percent 2003, average teacher salary 2003, percent classrooms with Internet 2002-2003, students per computer, grade 10 MCAS math/English, student/teacher ratio, four-year public post-grad, two-year public post-grad, four-year private post-grad, two-year private post-grad, other, work, military.

For a complete listing of how the schools measured up, without ranking, visit bostonmagazine.com. A complete list of the rankings can be found in the print version of the magazine, available at newsstands and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Boston Magazine's top 10 public high schools

1. Weston
2. Wellesley
3. Manchester-Essex
4. Newton South
5. Lincoln-Sudbury
6. Lexington
7. Boston Latin School
8. Dover-Sherborn
8. Needham
10. Brookline

Hazardous waste collection

Household Hazardous Product collections include resident mercury thermometer swaps

Five more household hazardous product collections will be held this fall in South Shore Recycling Cooperative member towns. Residents may attend their own town's collection at no charge. Visitors from the following member towns may also attend at no charge with the permission of their own town's Hazardous Waste Coordinator: Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Holbrook, Hull, Kingston, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth and Whitman. Permission authorizes disposal at the expense of the resident's town; proof of residency is required. Some towns may limit subsidized quantities.

Since Marshfield's collection ended early Saturday due to extreme weather conditions, Marshfield residents may attend any collection with just proof of residency.

Visitors without permission may attend for a fee of $40/15 gal or 30 lbs of waste. Commercial "Small Quantity Generators" may also call ahead to 978-683-1002 to arrange disposal and payment.

Collections are scheduled as follows:

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2 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Abington Highway Dept., 225 Central St., with Whitman and Holbrook

9 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plymouth DPW, 159 Camelot Dr.

16 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Weymouth DPW, 120 Winter St.

30 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hanover Transfer Station, Rt. 139, with Rockland.

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Help us make emergency care even better



Claudia Dolphin, Chair
Friends of Emergency Care

Nearly a year ago, I enthusiastically volunteered to organize a community group to advise South Shore Hospital's emergency department. The group's purpose would be to provide input from the patient's perspective. I viewed it as an opportunity to give back to an organization so vital to people of our region.

I was eager to support quality emergency care primarily because emergency services touch people in ways that few charitable causes do. We, or someone we love, will likely need South Shore Hospital's emergency care. Rather than hope or assume that what we expect will be available, shouldn't we all get involved to assure that it is?

I believe that the hospital's emergency department is an essential resource for our community. I was intrigued that even though the hospital had already invested millions to double the size and scope of its emergency care, it wanted to do even more. So I agreed to help.

After some planning, I convened the first meeting of the Friends of Emergency Care in January 2004. We started as a handful of people, some with emergency department experiences that didn't meet our expectations. Now, we have 70 members involved, with another 90 interested in joining us. Many are grateful patients or family members. We hope that many more will join us.

As volunteers, our first job was to learn about what's involved in providing emergency care. We discovered that at South Shore Hospital it takes a team of 350 people to care for as many as 200 patients a day. We learned that with 75,000 patient visits a year, South Shore Hospital has the second busiest emergency department in Eastern Massachusetts.

It has been rewarding to meet so many talented doctors, nurses, and other professionals who genuinely want to provide the best possible emergency care. We were candid when describing our personal emergency experiences. The staff welcomed our appreciative comments, but really wanted to hear about opportunities to improve. I, for one, was impressed.

Since our first meetings, we've already seen many positive changes. A nurse now greets each patient, so that the process of evaluating the seriousness of each emergency can begin right away. A concierge focuses on keeping patients and families informed about any delays in care. The waiting room has been made more comfortable, with a snack area nearby for the family and friends of those receiving emergency care.

The Friends of Emergency Care continues to provide input about how to enhance the emergency department experience. Eventually, we will help in other ways — some of us will continue as advisors, others will volunteer in the ED itself, some will help fund-raising that will support emergency care, while others will work at convincing public officials to more adequately fund the care.

You may have read a letter from Braintree resident Robert Walsh (who is not a member of our group) that was published in the *Patriot Ledger*. He wrote, in part, "I realize what has happened at South Shore Hospital. They have become the busiest ER because they are the best in the area."

I couldn't agree more with Mr. Walsh. People arrive in emergency rooms with all types of problems. Some could cause death in minutes, others are far less serious. How quickly patients receive care is determined by how sick they are, not by how long they've waited. Those who are in most urgent need of care receive it first — and experienced nurses and doctors continually assess new patients to assure that standard is met.

If you're like me and want your friends and neighbors to benefit from the expert emergency care that only South Shore Hospital offers, here's how you can help:

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South Shore Hospital has proven to me that it is constantly improving and that our feedback is valued. We are indeed fortunate to have such expertise close to our homes. I know the team at South Shore Hospital wants nothing more than to protect our health and well-being.

Claudia Dolphin
Chair, Friends of Emergency Care

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Fellow Democrat will run write-in campaign

FROM REPRESENTATIVE, PAGE 1

amendment banning same-sex civil marriage, which is permitted under the Massachusetts Constitution. "Garrett works hard taking care of our district," said Burns. "But we should demand more of our legislators. They should be able to see the big picture too – and civil rights for all Americans is the big picture here."

Bradley noted that Burns has been a "great supporter" of his in the past and that he's "sorry she's upset" with him. "However, as state representative I take hundreds of votes, and every time I do there are people who agree with me and people who don't. I hope to be judged on the totality of my record advocating for this district and not by a single issue, no matter how important that issue is."

In addition to her position on civil marriage for all, Burns favors funding and implementation of Clean Elections and improved state support for education in all communities.

"Writing in a candidate is not an easy thing to ask people to do," Burns said. "But it's important to make ourselves heard now. Our legislators will vote again in two years on the same measure to roll back rights, before it can go to the ballot. Being willing to write in someone else's name will send a powerful message that we expect Garrett to take a strong stand for individual rights for all."

In response to the marriage rights issue, Bradley said he heard from both sides and felt the best course of action is to let the public have a vote on the issue. My job as a state representative is to make decisions, and I make them everyday and stand by them."

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State Rep. Garrett Bradley

education programs for welfare recipients to break the cycle of welfare dependence); state support for education for all communities and all children; and increased funding for local affordable housing initiatives.

"Garrett works hard taking care of our district. But we should demand more of our legislators. They should be able to see the big picture too – and civil rights for all Americans is the big picture here."

Challenger Laura Burns

Burns noted that she agrees with Bradley on a number of key issues, such as the goal of Clean Elections, the need for a single-payer health care system, and opposition to the death penalty.

Burns is also concerned about corporate responsibility (making sure business pays for its share of taxes); welfare/workfare (encouraging

Bradley said he plans to continue advocating for local issues, such as increased local aid including education funding, transportation improvements, increased health coverage, fiscal responsibility, and budget reform. Getting home rule petitions, which come directly from Town Meeting, passed is another of Bradley's top priorities.

Bradley was also instrumental in the erection of illuminated signage at the Fore River Bridge alerting motorists of upcoming bridge openings and in notifying drivers by e-mail when the bridge is scheduled to go up.

Even though he has no Republican competition, Bradley has nevertheless been on the campaign trail, going door to door to speak with voters. "I'm asking people to support me so I can continue the work of my last four years as a state representative," he said. "People will make that decision on Nov. 2."

Why take the step of running a write-in campaign? "This is an historic moment, not just in Massachusetts but for our nation," Burns said. "Not everyone has a meaningful chance to weigh in on this civil rights issue, but our legislators will again, at the next Constitutional Convention. This is an opportunity to stand up for civil rights and do the right thing."

Voters can visit Burns' campaign website at votelauraburns.org for more information.

Burns is serving her fourth year on the Town of Hingham Advisory Committee. Last year she also served on the Town Capital Outlay Committee. She has been active in the Foster PTO since 1997. She and her husband Jude Miller have lived in Hingham for 17 years, and have two children, ages 10 and 14, in the Hingham Public Schools.

Scout's project is one for the books

FROM SCOUT'S PROJECT, PAGE 1

as well as the badges she has been awarded over the years have led up to this achievement. The Silver Award is the second highest award a Girl Scout can achieve. Aisling is one of four in Troop 4778 who have completed their Silver Award projects and she and the other girls received their awards at a ceremony held Friday, Sept. 17.

"I love to read, and I love kids," said 15-year-old Aisling, adding deciding on a her topic for her project was easy. She began to plan, choosing books she thought the kids would enjoy, and art project to coincide with the lesson. Aisling said her parents suggested she contact Sharon Moody, the children's librarian at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, for project ideas and age-appropriate books, and she was extremely helpful. Moody was previously a kindergarten teacher at Osgood, and Aisling said she had books of crafts and was able to help her focus on the particulars of planning her lessons.

When she was younger, Aisling attended the Kids Connection preschool, and her brother Thomas, 4, currently attends the preschool. With that connection, Aisling was able to speak with its director, Judith Coyne, about using her facility to host the program. Coyne was happy to oblige. The preschool hosts a summer camp program for students from 3 years old up to fourth grade, and Aisling enjoyed the diversity offered working in a school closer to the city.

During the planning portion of her project, Aisling had expected to be working with students only at the preschool age level. She took into consideration their ability level, making sure anything that needed to be pre-cut was taken care of and books were age-appropriate. Aisling said with Moody's help, as well as the help of her younger cousin who tested the books and the activities, she was confident the books she chose would be a success.

During the four-day session, which ran from 10 a.m. until noon for three days, and from 9 a.m. until noon on the last, Aisling said the children read Eric Carle's "Very Hungry Caterpillar," and "The Very Grouchy Ladybug," as well as "A Color of His Own" and "Fish is Fish," by Leo Lionni. The children completed art projects, such as creating construction paper ladybugs to go along with the Grouchy Ladybug story, compiling their own books with caterpillars, allowing children to share their favorite foods to eat, coloring fish, and designing their own colored chameleon.

Aisling took the ability levels of the children into consideration and had to enlarge some coloring pages to assist the yougnsters. With a larger image, the younger children "could be proud of what they were doing, and not get frustrated," she said.

But after the first day, Aisling realized some of her preschool planning would not be appropriate for the older children who participated in the camp. The older children were bored with coloring large pictures and assembling lady bugs which had already been pre-cut, so Aisling needed to modify her lessons. The fourth grade children were more independent and more advanced than the preschoolers, which allowed her to incorporate new books and new activities. She said it was a challenge to change her lessons at the last minute, but her attention to detail and her thoughtfulness to ensure everyone's needs were met helped for a smooth transition.

Of the entire experience, "My favorite part was the reaction from the kids," she said, adding on the first day, some of the little ones were shy, but on the second day, they were really excited to see her and find out what the next book would be. She said some of the children who would never volunteer to help out in class were volunteering, and that made her feel like she had made a great connection.

As a result of the project, Aisling said it really got her thinking about her future, and whether she might one day like to pursue a career in teaching. "I like to do so many things, but after working with kids, it's a really good possibility," she said. Aisling said she loved thinking up activities that would be fun for the children, and said having Coyne as a role model really helped her see the kind of teacher she would like to be.

In addition to Girl Scouts, Aisling said she enjoys playing sports and is on the lacrosse and basketball teams at Cohasset High School. She is also in the jazz band, concert band, and pep band, and plays the clarinet, trumpet, and tenor saxophone. Aisling also has plans to try out for this year's school musical, "Grease," for which performances will be held in December. Aisling also traveled to various countries in Europe over the summer as a People to People student ambassador and participated in the Summer Institute at the Center for Student Coastal Research.

Cohasset plans review of its own

FROM STEALING FUNDS, PAGE 1

eral investigation. "However, that investigation does not involve the Town of Cohasset and is not focused on her employment with the town," the release states.

The release goes on to state, "An initial review of the town's bookkeeping procedures by the Selectmen has shown that all of the existing financial controls and procedures are in place," and reiterates that an independent accounting firm will be conducting a complete audit of the town's bookkeeping procedures and will issue a report. "The Selectmen anticipate that this audit will be completed over the next few weeks and the results will be announced shortly afterward."

Federal prosecutors filed criminal information in court Monday signaling Bartlett will plead guilty to making, possessing and uttering forged securities.

According to the U.S. Attorney's office, some of the checks were handwritten by Bartlett while 57 were payroll checks she had issued to different museum workers from funds those employees contributed to their federal tax withholding accounts.

Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

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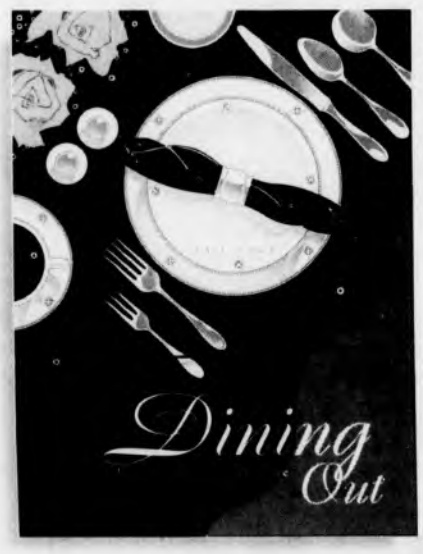
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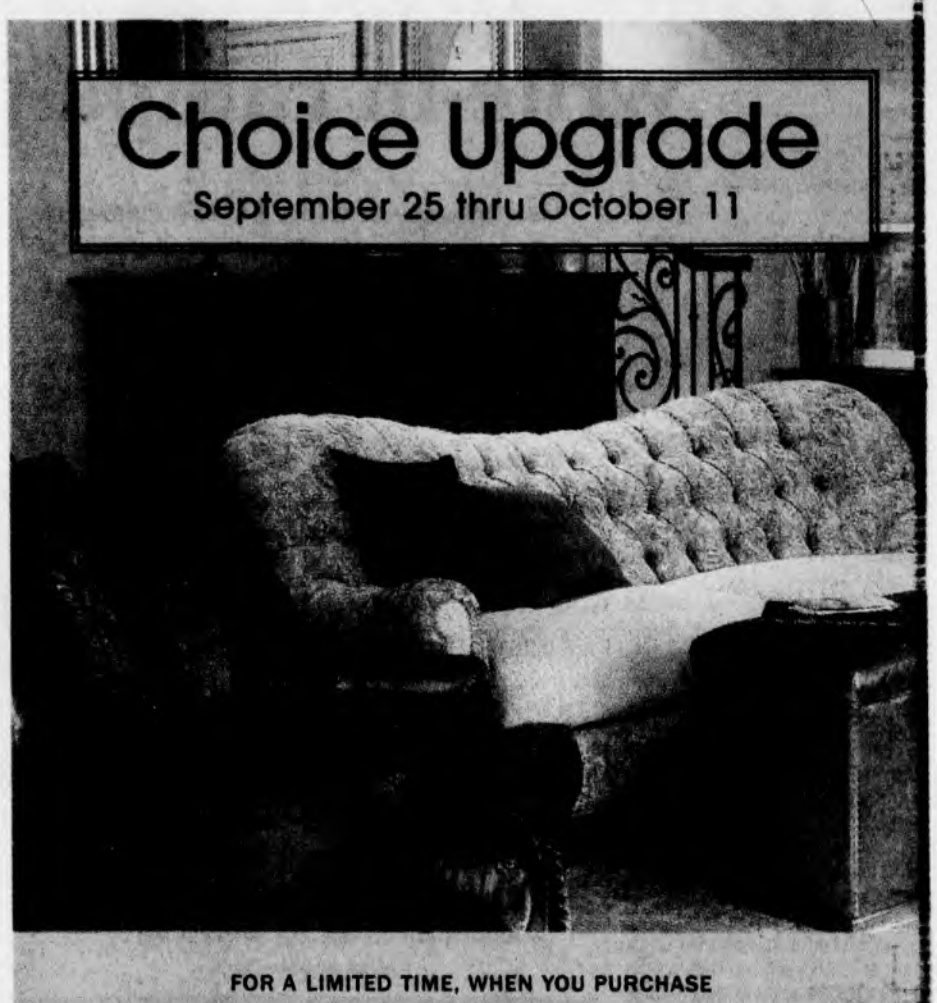


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Better late than never

Girls soccer team survives slow starts to pull out a pair of league wins

By Mike Spellman
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It took the Cohasset High girls soccer squad a little more time than its coach would have liked to get things going in two games this past week, but all's well that ends well. The Lady Skippers took wins of 3-1 and 2-0 over South Shore League rivals Harwich and Hull to improve to 4-2-1 on the season.

The looooong bus ride to Harwich is never any fun for the various Cohasset High teams, but most of the teams must make it once a year, so there's no sense in complaining.

Of course, when traffic proves a nightmare and the team does not arrive at the lower Cape school until 4:40 for a schedule 4:30 start, well, you've got to cut a coach a little slack.

"The bus ride is long and it takes a little longer to get the blood flowing when it is time to play," lamented CHS girls soccer coach Deb Beal. "We were granted our 20 minutes to warm up (after the late arrival), which is never enough by the time we put the finishing touches on our uniforms."

Big surprise: the game starts, and the visiting Lady Skippers appear a bit sluggish.

"The first five minutes were frightening and the next 20 weren't much prettier," reported Beal.

Harwich finally took advantage of the sub-par Cohasset play and potted the game's first score at the 22:37 mark.

As it turned out, that may have been a mistake.

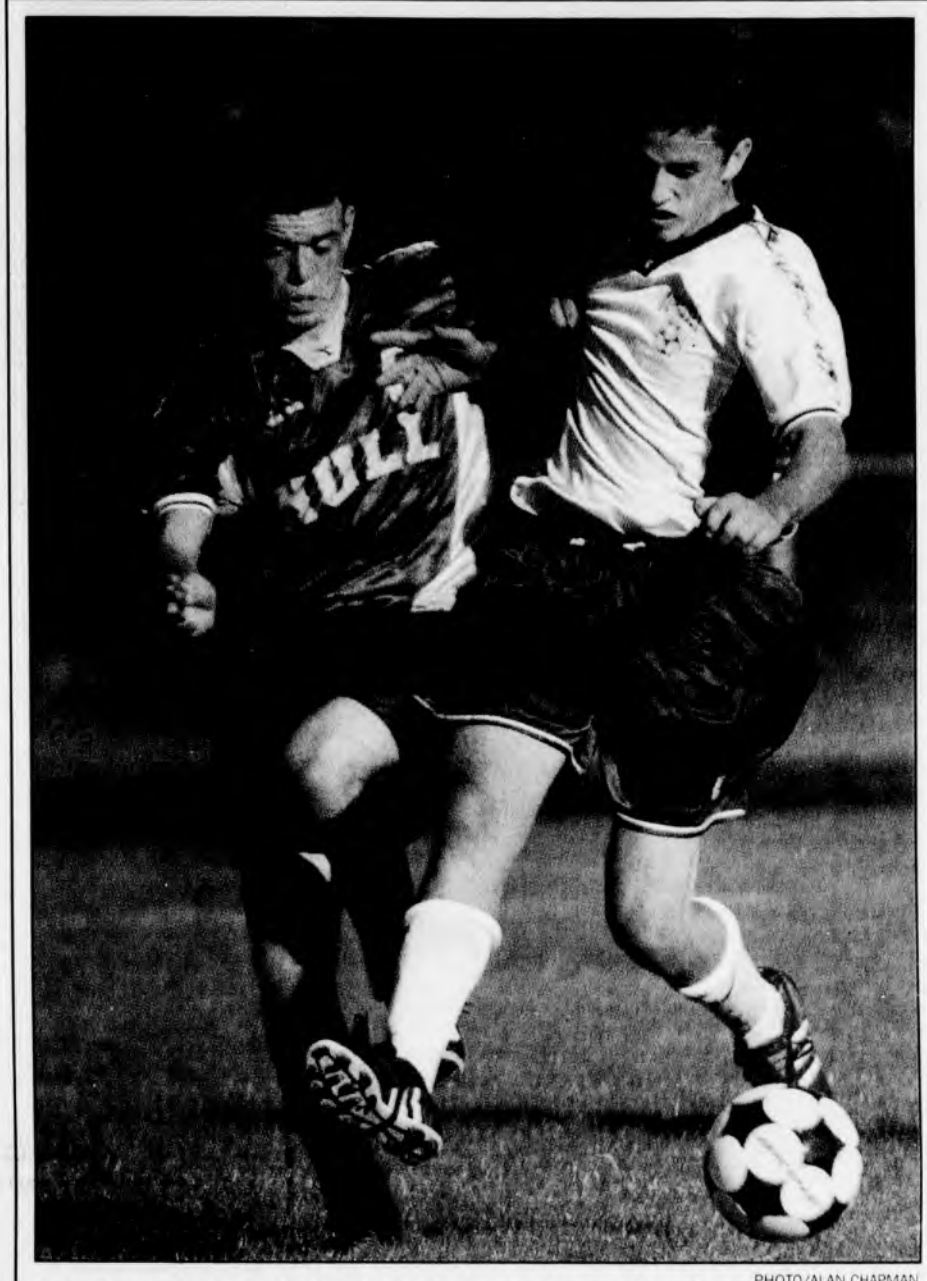
"Their goal seemed to give us the kick in the butt we needed," noted Beal. "We began playing smarter and more cohesively."

The tying goal was delivered by sophomore Lindsay Durkin just six minutes after Harwich broke the ice, sending the game into the halftime break at 1-1.

With the blood seemingly lowing well to all parts of the body at this point, the visitors picked right up where they left off to start the second half.

"Things were much brighter

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PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset senior John Grimm holds off a Hull defender during Skippers 3-0 win Monday at home.

Getting in synch

Boys soccer team on a roll heading into Norwell showdown

By Mike Spellman
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By George, he thinks they've got it.

It took a while, but the members of the Cohasset High boys soccer team are finally starting to play the way Rob Leary wants them to, the way their second year head coach felt pretty certain all along they could.

"I think the guys are really starting to get it," lauded Leary following a 3-0 win over South Shore League rival Harwich last Thursday. "We moved the ball very well and really dominated the game.

"I couldn't ask for anything more than I've gotten the last two games," he added, referring also to a 2-2 tie with Carver last Tuesday.

A second straight 3-0 win in league play, this one at home over Hull on Monday, has the Skippers at 3-2-1 overall, including 3-1-1 in league play, and with a chance to move

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset senior captain Tim Pliczak watches the flight of his iron shot in recent SSL showdown with Norwell at the Scituate Country Club. For golf team report, see page 20.

Skippers fly past Cardinals

Strong second half lifts CHS gridders over Spellman, 20-7

By Scott Roche
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

For 34:38 of Saturday night's non-league game, the Cardinal Spellman football team was in prime position to pick up its first win of the season, but everything fell apart in 11 seconds.

Punting from their own 20 yard line and guarding a 7-6 lead with 5:22 left, the Cardinals lost the lead when the snap from center went out of the end zone for a safety to give Cohasset an 8-7 lead.

On the ensuing kickoff, the roof caved in on Spellman as Cohasset's Joe Durkin returned the kickoff 60 yards for a touchdown to give the Skippers a 14-7 lead en route to a 20-7 victory.

"We played well up to that point," said Cardinal Spellman coach Peter Ambrose. "One thing that has hurt us in our first two games leading into tonight has been us giving up the big play. That was the case again tonight."

Skippers Homecoming football
Pembroke at Cohasset
Friday, 5:30 p.m.

Spellman took over after falling behind, but the Cardinals turned the ball over on downs at the Cohasset 46.

Durkin sealed the Skippers' victory with a 54-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage, scoring with 1:28 left.

"Cohasset is a very good football team with very good speed," said Ambrose. "Once they were able to get to the outside, we had

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset's Brooke Allen (left) slips a pass past Norwell's Kathryn Tajima in recent SSL action.

Cape fears

Field hockey team proves no match for SSL powers Harwich and Mashpee

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Some may argue the Cohasset High varsity field hockey team has dug a hole deeper than the Greenbush tunnel through Hingham Square. In fact, the Skippers think they have hit rock bottom with a no win-five loss-and one tie record. They can't wait to bust out.

Last week was not the week to do it. They hosted the South Shore League's top two teams, Harwich and Mashpee, and came away with two losses, each by an identical score of 5-0. Of their five goals Harwich banged in four of them in the first half.

Senior Captain Allison Dean put a positive spin on the contest when she said: "We went into the Harwich game on Tuesday with our heads held high. Because we have built up our self- confidence, we worked as a team better than in some of the earlier games."

"We all walked into this match knowing Harwich as a very tough team," reflected Coach Deb Bostwick. She recalled how last year the Rough Riders romped over the Skippers by a 9-1 score.

The coach continued: "(Harwich) has a very strong midfield line. I decided to sacrifice one of our offensive positions and add an extra midfielder into our lineup."

Bostwick's tactic paid off, forcing the Rough Riders to keep the ball on the outsides of the field.

Two days later, the Falcons of

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Better late than never

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and team soccer was being played," noted Beal.

Sophomore Christina Pinkus found the back of the net twice, and that was all she wrote on this game.

"Christina has really started to get a feel for her position and her role," lauded Beal. "She is an excellent athlete and she has been playing really well. I am happy with my decision to keep her on varsity."

Monday night saw another slow start, but this time the Lady Skippers had no excuse, with the game being played on Alumni Field, no more than 50 or so paces from the CHS locker room.

"Again, we came out slow and almost a little disorganized," appraised Beal. "This time, though, we were much quicker to adapt to the task at hand and we played very well."

"First five, last five," has long been a favorite expression of Beal's in the locker room and the sidelines. This is her way of reminding her charges that games are often won or lost in the first five minutes and last five minutes of each half.

"You can never let your guard down when there are just a few minutes left to play," she asserted.

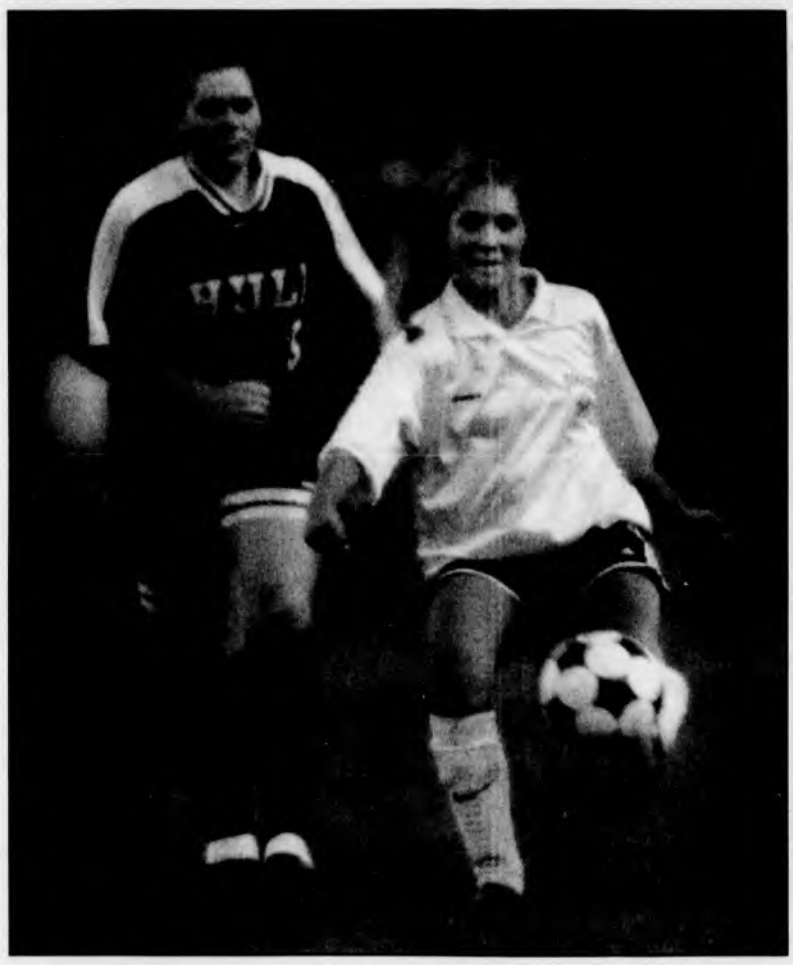
That message found its mark on Monday, as the Skippers "stole" one from Hull inside the final five minutes of the first half, Lindsay Durkin feeding Casey Anderson to break the ice and give the hosts a 1-0 edge at the break. Still, Beal was far from pleased.

"At halftime, we determined that a 1-0 lead was not good enough and we needed to score more," said the veteran coach.

Twelve minutes in, Durkin and Anderson combined again, this time reversing roles, to make it 2-0.

The goal by Durkin placed her second on the team in scoring with three tallies, just 3 just one behind Anderson.

"The nice thing though about this team is many people are scoring," said Beal. "Nicole Whitney, Emilie Shea, Lauren Rizzotti, Lindsey Kennedy and Christina Pinkus and Jen Dinger have all tallied in our 16 season goals."



PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

CHS senior Mackenzie Holway is being lauded by Coach Beal for her decision making and ability to adjust to a new position.

The girls were hoping this modest win streak would give them some momentum heading into tonight's showdown on the road with unbeaten league rival Norwell (5:15 p.m. start).

"We have some people playing really great soccer and taking their roles very seriously," lauded Beal. "I cannot say enough about Mackenzie Holway. She is playing a new position and starting to make good decisions on the field. She is in great shape and is proving that, with hard work, she can compete.

"Keepers Cecelia Chapman and Melissa Crowley-Buck are feeding of one another and the position is getting hot. Defensively, we are strong with Christine Lovallo and Danielle Hajjar. The forwards are working hard in practice to perfect their shots and support one another."

As part of the Homecoming festivities, the girls will get back into action Saturday morning (11 a.m. start) with a hosting of tough non-league rival Scituate. Tuesday brings another trek back over the Sagamore Bridge, though not nearly as long this time. SSL rival Mashpee is an upper Cape school. Friday features another non-league tilt, this one at Holbrook High.

Cohasset, 20, Cardinal Spellman, 7

Cardinal Spellman	0	7	0	0	-	7
Cohasset	0	6	0	14	-	20

Second quarter
S- Justin Murray 39 run (Devon Callinan kick)
C- Joe Durkin 20 run (pass failed)
Fourth quarter
C- Safety
C-Durkin 60 kickoff return (pass failed)
C- Durkin 54 run (kick failed)

Skippers fly past Cardinals

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trouble controlling them."

The game started well for the visitors, as Cohasset's defense had difficulty containing the Cardinals hard charging running backs and were plagued with successive and untimely off-side penalties. This helped set up the game's first score with 2:10 left in the first half, as sophomore running back Justin Murray finished off a six-play, 77-yard scoring drive with a 39-yard touchdown run. Devon Callinan booted the point after to give the Cardinals a 7-0 lead.

Cohasset needed only 90 seconds to answer the Spellman touchdown.

Starting the touchdown drive at their own 14, the Skippers young offensive line provided running room for Joe Durkin and quarterback Crandon Leahy. They took advantage of the opportunities, combining for successive first down yardage. The drive was highlighted by a 40 yard Durkin run through a big hole on the right side of the line following punishing blocks by Nick Arment and Jake Cuneo. Durkin scampered untouched through the hole, sidestepped a would be tackler in the secondary and out ran the remaining Spellman defenders before being knocked out of bounds at the 26-yard line.

After a pair of incomplete passes, Leahy connected with Dan McCarthy for a six-yard pass to the Spellman 20 to set up a fourth-and-short situation.

On fourth down, Durkin, on a sweep to his right, bolted 20 yards untouched for the touchdown to draw the Skippers to within one. The Skippers failed on the two-point conversion pass, sending it into the halftime break a 7-6 game.

The Skipper defense started strong in the third quarter, as both teams traded punts. The Skippers D also held on the Cardinals second possession, forcing the punt from the CS 35-yard line. A high snap from center forced to punter to scramble back to field the ball. A multitude of Cohasset players descended on the ball at the same time, forcing the punter to kick the ball back into the end zone to give the Skippers a 2-point safety rahter than a recovery deep in Cardinal territory.

With the score now 8-6, Spellman chose to kick off from the 20 yard line. The ball was fielded by Durkin on the run. Several key blocks gave him some day light and he scampered down the left side line for his second touchdown of the game. The extra point failed and Cohasset's lead was extended to 14-6.

By the forth quarter, the Cohasset defense had figured out the Spellman offensive attack. Forcing Spellman to punt, Cohasset took over in good field position near their 40-yard line.

After gaining quick first down yardage on the ground and eating up much of the clock, Durkin again exploded for another long touchdown following a key block by Arment. The junior tackle drove a Cardinals linebacker backwards and to the outside 10 yards down the field, allowing Durkin to cut left off the block, slide between two defenders and then turn on the speed to score Cohasset's third and final touchdown late in the fourth quarter. The extra point again failed.

The Cardinal offense began a desperate attempt to recover but the drive was ended when Anthony Depaolo made a spectacular leaping interception of a deep Spellman pass and returned to ball all the way to the Spellman 2- yard line. In typical good sportsmen like fashion, Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe chose to forgo another score. Quarterback Leahy took two knees to run the clock and end the game.

Cohasset's young offensive line stepped it up a notch this week. Center Matt Casey was forced to sit out the game due to an ankle injury. Sophomore Nick Camby took over center responsibility and did well in his first varsity start. Sophomore Justin Alexander, Leo Clougherty, Arment, Cuneo and Dan McCarthy provided the blocking that raised the Cohasset ground game to another level.

On the other side of the ball, Matt Baroudi, Scott Wakefield, Dave McKenna and Kelvin Ferriera combined to stop the Spellman running game in the second half.

Next up

The Skippers will host Pembroke High, a first year school and football program, on Friday, as part of the school's homecoming festivities. The kickoff is at 5:30 p.m..

Mariner Sports Editor Mike Spellman contributed to this report.

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

FOOTBALL
Oct.
1 Pembroke **V** 5:30 p.m.
1 Pembroke **F-S** TBA

BOYS SOCCER
30 Norwell **JV** Milliken 3:45 p.m.
30 @ Norwell **V** 3:45 p.m.
2 @ Scituate **JV** 11 a.m.
2 Scituate **V** Alumni 3 p.m.
5 Mashpee **V** Alumni 4 p.m.
5 Mashpee **JV** Milliken 4 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
30 Norwell **JV** 3:45 p.m.
29 @ Norwell **V** 5:15 p.m.
2 @ Scituate **JV** 11 a.m.
2 Scit. **V** Alumni 1 p.m.
5 @ Mashpee 4:30 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY
30 @ Norwell **V** 6 p.m.
30 @ Norwell **JV** 7:30 p.m.
2 Scituate **V** Alumni 11 a.m.
2 @ Scituate **JV** 11 a.m.
6 @ Notre Dame Acad. **V** 4 p.m.
6 @ Notre Dame Acad. **JV** 5:30 p.m.
7 Carver **V** Alumni 6 p.m.

GOLF
30 @ Mashpee **V** 4 p.m.
Oct.
1 Abington and Norwell @ Cohasset G. C. 3:30 p.m
4 @ Cape Cod Acad. 4 p.m.
5 Cape Cod Acad. 3:30 p.m.
6 @ Quincy **V** 3:30 p.m.



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Cohasset's Remy Lee battles a Norwell player for control of ball in recent SSL loss for the Lady Skippers, 2-1.

Field hockey team proves no match for SSL powers Harwich and Mashpee

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Mashpee swooped into Skipper territory like ants on a piece of sugar.

Captain Christina St. Pierre remained sidelined as a result of illness. Nine minutes into the game, key player Katie James took a nasty hit to her knuckles and never returned. After her unfortunate injury, the game deteriorated very quickly. So much so that Goalie Aaron Bigley wound up fielding 25 shots on goal.

"We just had an off night," said Courtney Hurley. "Our confidence level fell and we were run down from the Harwich match up."

Coach Bostwick felt the pain of facing the top two league contenders in two days.

"We struggled a lot with our ball control and our defensive pressure," she observed.

On the bright side, the veteran coach commended Allison Dean, Remy Lee, Kathrine Whoriskey, Liz Condos, Katie James, Mia Lieb-Lappen and Aaron Bigley for their improved play in recent games.

The Skippers show little signs of throwing in the towel.

"We can definitely dominate the Hull Pirates in our next game," stated Coach Bostwick. "As long as the girls stay positive and work hard, this is a game we can win."

Bostwick added one more observation, "The teammates need to put their hearts into the games and stay positive."

Unfortunately, that game was postponed due to rain, so the CHS girls had to wait a little longer to go for that first win.

Seventh grade boys 2-0 in Cranberry League soccer

Cohasset's 7th Grade soccer team opened Boys U-14 Cranberry League Soccer play this weekend with an easy 5-0 win in Scituate on Saturday morning and then followed it up with an impressive 4-1 road win on Sunday against a very tough Stoughton team.

After first half domination in Scituate in which Cohasset peppered the Scituate goalkeeper with shots but couldn't score, Nick "The Quick" Cannon punched in the first goal of the season in the second minute of the second half. Solid play up the middle all game long from Ollie Forrer, Andrew Littauer and Brendan Doonan, who also scored on a great shot, forced Scituate to try to work their way up the side lines, but they didn't have much success there either. Jo-Di Rosano stole the ball away several times and chipped in two goals from the right forward position while left forward Jackson Dean also made several nice plays. Tyler Durant, Sam Game, Will "Wheels" Evans and Justin Yeager turned in solid mid-field plays to keep Scituate in their end of the field for most of the game. Eamon Davis played a spectacular second half and scored a beautiful goal after playing goalkeeper in the first half and barely touching the ball.

The defense was solid all game long as James "Early" Earle, Andrew Graham and Joe Leighton kept Scituate's scoring chances to a minimum. Graham Stevenson was a solid anchor at center fullback until a hip injury forced him to the sidelines for most of the second half. On Scituate's only real scoring threat late in the second half, goalkeeper Will Evans came up with a great save to preserve the shut out.

Sunday's road game against Stoughton was a make up from last weekend's Ivan rainout and the Cohasset boys again put the pressure on right from the start. Brendan Doonan streaked in for an early scoring chance that was denied, but later scored twice to lead the team to victory. Midfielder Ollie Forrer got his first goal of the season to put the team up 2 –1 at the end of the first half and played a spectacular game from end to end.

Ivan Sceery scored the team's fourth goal filling in for Jo-Di Rosano at forward and Lennart Brown contributed a solid mid-field performance filling in for Andrew Littauer. Will Wise played a brilliant game in goal, denying every Stoughton shot but one that deflected in high off the crossbar late in the first half. Graham Stevenson also played well at center fullback until his hip injury acted up again, forcing him to sit for most of the game.

Sam Game continues to improve and impress and Tyler Durant continued his head's up play with some dazzling foot-work at midfield. Speed, ball control and nice passing by forwards Nick Cannon and Jackson Dean helped to keep the Stoughton defense on their heels, while steady strong play by Andrew Graham, Will Evans, Joe Leighton and Justin Yeager on defense kept Stoughton off balance and shooting wide time after time.

The team's next game will be played this Saturday on the road against Sharon.

(Contributed by Coach Jack Dean 781-383-9916)

Scituate Police Road Race

The Scituate Police 10K / 5K Road race will be run on Sunday, Oct. 3 at noon.

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Getting in synch

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into first place heading into today's much anticipated showdown at Norwell (3:45 p.m. start).

The victory over Harwich, the same team that stunned defending league champ Norwell on Monday with a 2-1 win, featured a well balanced Skippers assault all over the field.

Freshman Mike Grimm scored his first ever varsity goal, and juniors Nils Sceery and Aidan Buick added the others.

Sceery's goal proved the backbreaker for the visiting roughriders, and it came after an electrifying end-to-end rush by Trevor Brady. The junior fullback collected the ball near the top of Cohasset penalty area, split a pair of Harwich defenders with some nice footwork and then outran the chasers up the right sideline, finally serving a picture perfect cross to Sceery for the relatively easy re-direct home.

"That was absolutely one of the prettiest goals I've ever seen at the high school level," said Leary, a former head and assistant coach at Rockland High.

Apart from discussing that one play, however, Leary is pretty adamant in his stance not to single out any one, two, or even a handful of players.

"I know it might sound like a cliché, but we're winning right now because of a total team effort," said Leary. "You want to put kids names in the paper. Why don't you just list our roster. We're really spreading the field right now, and getting everyone involved."

And it's not just him seeing it. The Harwich coach made a point of lauding the type of "team game" the Skippers played in their spanking of his team.

"Yeah, it's a pretty nice feeling when an opposing coach makes a point of coming over just to say something like that," noted Leary.

The second straight 3-0 win came over a perennially weak Hull team, made even poorer on Monday by the absence of their top scorer. Buick added two more tallies to his team best total and junior Tristram Norman scored the other. The Skippers dominated the possession and territorial battle throughout the game, but the coach still felt his charges played down a bit to the level of their competition.

Nevertheless, he wasn't complaining... much.

"That was a trap game, but we did what we needed to win," said Leary. "Maybe we were looking ahead a bit too much at the Norwell game."

Leary speculated that perhaps Norwell's players were guilty of the same thing in their loss in Harwich on Monday. After all, the Skippers and Clippers have waged some pretty memorable battles in recent years.

"Yeah, it's a pretty intense rivalry," noted Leary, who has never beaten Norwell as a head coach, including his three year tenure in Rockland. "The kids are really getting up for it "

The Skippers will next play on Saturday, when they host struggling neighbor to the south Scituate (0-5) in a non-league tilt (3 p.m. start). It's back to league play next week, with Mashpee in town Tuesday, a trip to Abington on Wednesday and a hosting of Carver Friday night.



STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Heads up play. Cohasset junior Ben Libby heads the ball away from trouble in recent SSL tilt versus Abington.

Golfers stay on course

Win over Carver keeps Skippers in contention for SSL crown

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High golf team remains in the running for a South Shore League title, though rain the last two days isn't helping that pursuit.

The Skippers, 3-1-1 in their first go round through the South Shore League, had been slated to host at the Cohasset Golf Club the two teams they're locked up with in the league standings to open this week—Harwich (5-1) and Norwell (4-2). However, Mother Nature had different plans, and now there is a chance the Cohasset golfers might actually have to play a tri-match with these two teams.

"That would be a lot of pressure, and it's something I'm hoping to avoid," said Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney. "But we're running out of time and available times (at the Cohasset Golf Club). We may not have a choice"

What Sweeney was trying to arrange at the time of this writing was adding Norwell to the slate for tomorrow's hosting of Mashpee, making that a tri-match, and then making separate with Harwich for next week, possibly adding it to the card for Tuesday's non-league match with Cape Cod Academy.

Of course, getting Norwell and Mashpee on the same day wouldn't be any great shakes either for the Skippers, considering their lone loss came to the former team and the tie with the latter.

"Whichever way it goes, we've got out work cut out for us," said Sweeney. "I figure we'll have to win out these last five matches to take the championship."

A loss to Harwich would probably leave the Skippers fighting for second place at best, as Harwich has already beaten Norwell twice, leaving it with only three teams it beat up on pretty handily the first time around— Abington, Carver and Mashpee.

The Skippers kept pace with the top pack by knocking off Carver at home last Thursday, 39.5-14.5, behind a stellar round of 39 out of the fourth spot in the lineup by senior Chris Simms.

Simms was low scorer on the day and took eight of nine holes from his counterpart.

"Chris really played a sensational round," said Sweeney. "He made some big shots. He's one of a couple of guys who are really showing right now the strength of our team is in the depth."

Sophomore Kevin Barber shot a solid 41 out of the number one spot to win 5.5 of nine points, and senior Colin Magruder added a 42 out of the second spot, good for a 7-2 match win.

Junior Dave Bouchard, playign out of the sixth spot, also hit a 41 to dominate his match, 6.5-2.5.

Junior Dan Sullivan, who's been hit under 40 repeatedly in recent practice rounds at the Cohasset Golf Club, hit a 45 on Thursday out of the fifth spot. This was still good enough, however, for a 9-0 sweep.

"Danny has really bee tearing it up lately in practice, and forcing me to get him in the lineup somewhere," said Sweeney. "It's tough, though, because we've got other players playing well too."

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Youth Baseball Major League Tryouts

The try-outs for the 2005 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held on Saturday, October 2nd at Barnes Field at 1:00 PM. All boys and girls being 10, 11 or 12 years old as of July 31, 2005 wishing to play Little League major league baseball division and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are eligible and invited to try-out. Although all eligible 12 year olds are automatically assigned to major league team, their attendance is mandatory at this try-out. Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 12:30 PM. This will be the only opportunity to try-out. The rain date will be Saturday, October 16th. Questions regarding may be directed to either Liam O'Connell at 781-383-9538 or Nancy Froio at 781-383-1897.

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South Shore Stealers softball tryouts

Braintree, MA —The South Shore Stealers, a girls fast-pitch softball organization, will be holding tryouts for their 16U team on Sunday September 26th and Sunday October 3rd from 12:30 to 3:00 PM at Flaherty Field on Lakeside Drive in Braintree, right behind South Shore Plaza.

This is a new team that is looking for highly motivated and dedicated team players for the 2005 season. All positions are available which makes for a great opportunity for players. The South Shore Stealers looks to build on the success that they have had over the past two seasons with their younger teams with 9 first place and 5 second place finishes in 20 tournaments entered.

For information on the tryouts or the team in general please contact Rob Spofford at (781) 383-1680 or email Spofford@spoffordgroup.com or checkout our website at www.eteamz.com/ssstealers.

Clark's Fall Scramble at Hatherly CC Oct. 18

The first annual "Clark's fall scramble golf tournament" will be held on Monday, Oct. 18, at Hatherly Country Club in Scituate to benefit the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.

The purpose of the fund is to enhance the athletic and recreational opportunities in the town of Cohasset.

Play: shotgun start at noon with dinner/ reception immediately following.

$150 per golfer and $600 per foursome.

Checks made payable to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.

Sponsor: $100 to sponsor a hole. Sign at the hole and listing in a post-tournament newspaper advertisement.

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All contributions are tax deductible. Register online by emailing "clarksfallscramble @comcast.net."

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BOYS SOCCER
23 beat Harwich, 3-0
27 beat Hull, 3-0
29 @ Norwell- postponed

GIRLS SOCCER
23 @ Harwich 4:30 p.m.
27 Hull JV Milliken 3:45 p.m.
27 Hull V Alumni 5:15 p.m.
29 Norwell JV 3:45 p.m.
29 @ Norwell V 6:30 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY
23 Mashpee V Alumni 4 p.m.
23 Mashpee JV Deerhill 4 p.m.
28 Hull V Alumni 3:45 p.m.
28 Hull JV Deerhill 3:45 p.m.
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GOLF
23 Carver V 3:30 p.m.
27 Abington V 3:30 p.m.
28 Harwich V 3:45 p.m.
30 @ Mashpee V 4 p.m.

North Scituate celebrates fall

Revamped festival set for this weekend

By Jillian Fennimore
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It's that time of year again.

There's a chill in the air and the leaves are starting to change colors.

The arrival of autumn also heralds a familiar tradition in North Scituate.

This weekend North Scituate Village invites residents and visitors to Fall for Scituate, in the annual autumn festival formerly known as Octoberfest.

Sponsored by the Scituate Chamber of Commerce and the Scituate Visitors Center group, "Fall for Scituate: A Hometown Celebration," will be held this Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 2 and 3, and the two-day celebration promises to be packed with family fun, great food and fund-raising efforts.

Fall for Scituate will put North Scituate businesses in the spotlight allowing local merchants to showcase their products. And this year's celebration features a wide variety of events and activities for festival-goers of all ages.

A Matter of Taste owner Nancy Murray Young, one of the organizers of the event, said those planning the event wanted to create something that displays the personalities of North Scituate's businesses.

"We didn't really want a flea market," she said. "The purpose is to see the resources (the businesses) have here. They are participating in very imaginative ways."

The fun gets underway Saturday morning with a community fair set up at the tennis courts from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair will feature a woodcarving demonstration with North Scituate's Carol Balquist, voter registration from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and the MBTA Touch-A-Truck event for children.

Over at the Village Common, the 15th annual chowderfest featuring piping hot cups of local restaurants best recipes will take place from 12 to 2 p.m. and a silent auction will continue throughout the day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided by Ray Papile, a Scituate native who will perform from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Scituate contractor CJ Robinson's 1937 Ford Dwarf Race Car will be on display at Wilder Bros. , while the Visitor's Center will host the Harvest Hat Contest at 2 p.m. with a prize awarded to the most fashionable hat made from corn husks, leaves, berries, apples, turkey feathers and gourds.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vinette Day Spa will offer complimentary makeup consultations and chiropractor Dr. Tara Frare will be on hand to provide free spinal screenings.

Funtastics will get in on the fun with its "attic sale" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring costumes, props and party goods just in time for Halloween and all to benefit the Scituate Community Christmas. Also at Funtastics, there will be an open gym session for kids from ages 3 to 10 from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by a gymnastics demonstration.

Stain removal expert Ken Grippi will provide solutions for your soiled garments at Dependable Cleaners from 12 to 4 p.m., and at Grand Gables Realty, visitors can stop by for free expert advice on how to sell your home in the spring from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Weinery will pop the cork on a special wine tasting event called the "Red Season" from 2 to 5 p.m. Other special events merchants plan include a sidewalk sale at Tedeschi Food Shop, CT Outfitters, and Pipeline Salon, an "Outdoor Café" at Circe's Grotto, "Sideawalk Snack Stop" at Jamie's Pub & Grill, "treat table" at Wilbur's North, and samplings and store savings at A Matter of Taste.

The fall festival continues into Sunday with the community fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and more voter registration from 12 to 2 p.m.

Visitors can take tours of the Glades Estates Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Departing from the North Scituate Post Office., the tours will be narrated by Bob Thorndike, shareholder of the estate. The one-hour trip is $10 and advanced tickets will be sold at South Coastal Bank and Pipeline Salon. Limited seating for the tour is available.

Pumpkin painting will be available for children at the Visitor's Center from 12 to 2 p.m., and Pipeline Salon's "fundraising and fun" event will offer cotton candy, face painting and hair braiding to benefit the Crossroads for Kids organization from 12 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At 2 p.m. on Sunday, an apple pie contest will be open to "home-bakers," 18 or older who live or work in Scituate at A Matter of Taste. Bakers have a chance to be named the 2004 Scituate Apple Pie Baking Champion. Three prizes will be awarded.

Unlike year's past, there will not be hayrides through the village for the event, said Murray Young, who noted many local farms have discontinued hayrides due to liability issues and with the event's earlier schedule there wasn't enough time to work out an arrangement. Next year, festival organizers hope to bring the hayrides back, she said.



Scituate contractor CJ Robinson's 1937 Ford Dwarf Race Car will be on display at Wilder Bros. Saturday during the Fall for Scituate celebration.

For more information on Fall for Scituate: A Hometown Celebration, contact Nancy Murray Young at A Matter of Taste at (781) 545-7548.

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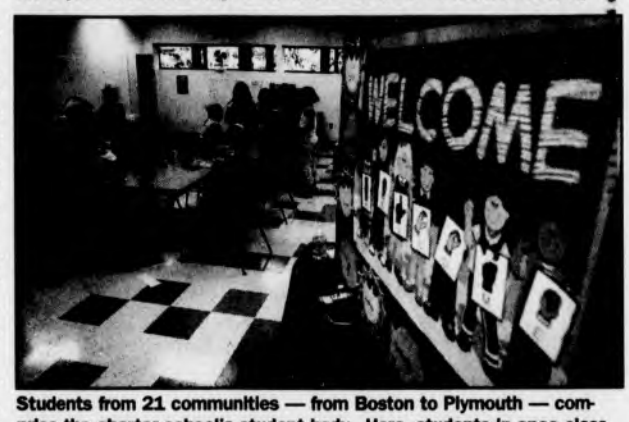
An educated move for charter school

New year, new location

By Matthew J. Gill
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South Shore Charter School Assistant Principal Ted Hirsch helps seven-year old Jacob Gray of Braintree find his classroom last Friday



Students from 21 communities — from Boston to Plymouth — comprise the charter school's student body. Here, students in once class settle into lunch.

There are 30 full-time teachers who comprise the faculty of the South Shore Charter School in Norwell, four of whom are known to their students as Kathy and Rick, Seth and Andre.

There are 25 additional staff members including administrators, aides and part-time instructors, who go by official titles such as Pamela and Mary, Claudia and Thomas.

While still tackling the basics of English, science and mathematics, there are numerous things that are different about the South Shore Charter School starting with the usage of first names; in the hallway and the classroom students and teachers address each other on a basis that's strictly casual.

Michael Munhall, the school's Executive Director, said this friendly naming convention is representative of the school's educational philosophy as a whole.

"We're trying to give a more personal education," Munhall said. "We want the teachers to take a personal interest in their students' success. It's an informal environment."

Using only first names is one way to teach students that everyone in the school, from the principal to the first-grader, to those on the janitorial staff, should be treated with respect.

Munhall added that within this environment, students can be encouraged to take on difficult tasks, while knowing they have the support and guidance of the school's staff to rely on.

"We want to push the kids as far as they can go," he said.

While students and teachers have been getting to know each other since the school year began two weeks ago, the charter school is also familiarizing itself to its new location in Norwell.

Founded in 1995, the South Shore Charter School spent its first nine years of existence at a three-building campus in Hull.

In December of 2003, school officials purchased the current school building, and Munhall described the 53,000 square foot structure in Assinippi Park as "a dream come true."

Since last year, the building which was formerly home to a pharmaceutical company, has been converted from 114 individual offices, to 28 classrooms, with additional work to be done.

One-third of the building remains unoccupied, and Munhall said plans are in place to build additional classrooms as well as computer and science labs.

In March, grades 9-12 made the switch to the new building, while the remaining students arrived for their first classes in Norwell in September.

In all, 468 students in grades kindergarten through 12, hailing from 21 communities from Plymouth to Boston, attend the school.

"There's a lot of life here," said school principal Dr. Tom Gorsuch.

During their tenure at South Shore, Munhall said faculty and administrators want to convey to their students that learning is not just a 13-year project, but an activity to be pursued for a lifetime.

He added that learning at a charter school is just "an opportunity to succeed in a smaller environment."

While school administrators would like to one day enroll 36 students in each grade, Munhall said class sizes will be kept to a minimum, and most are currently under 18 students per class.

Spanish teacher Howard Bean, who previously taught at the Jeremiah Burke School in Dorchester, said smaller classes allow teachers to devote more time to each student.

He added that one of the benefits he's seen working at the charter school, is the educational approach, one which he described as "a lot more open to different ideas."

The school's focus on experiential learning projects is one of these.

In addition to the coursework of their everyday classes, students in every grade also spend six hours per week working in groups to complete one large project.

Students in the younger grades work on specific predetermined projects including learning about gardens and butterflies, while older students have the opportunity to choose which project they want to get involved in.

Some students will learn the ins and outs of working at a newspaper, and by year's end they'll be writing and producing one themselves.

Others will be studying gerontology, and making connections at a local nursing home.

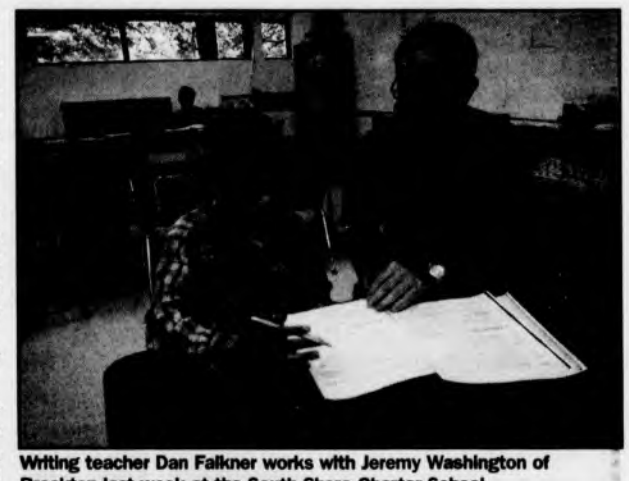
This year, Bean will be working with approximately 14 students on a project that could bring them to Honduras. Throughout the year, Bean's students will be researching, writing and designing a children's book that could be used to teach Honduran children about life and culture in The United States.

Bean has a personal interest in Honduras, as he spent two years volunteering there with the Peace Corps.

Last summer, he returned to La Esperanza, Honduras, and visited the Southwest School where he used to teach, and spoke with the principal about establishing a cultural exchange program with his students at 'South Shore.

Bean's students will also raise money so they can travel to Honduras during their February vacation, and personally deliver the books they create.

In addition to the knowledge they gain, Bean said projects like these help to instill in students a sense of responsibility. Although Bean said he will put goals in place for the group, and assign them individual missions, the responsibility of "making it happen" lies with the students themselves.



Writing teacher Dan Falkner works with Jeremy Washington of Brockton last week at the South Shore Charter School.



Mike Munhall, Executive Director of the South Shore Charter School, described the school's new Norwell campus as "a dream come true."

Each group must establish different roles of leadership during the year, and they must also create a Web page where they will describe what they've done and how it worked out.

As the school year draws to a close, students will be asked to demonstrate what they've learned about their subjects by showing an "exhibition of mastery," in form of a paper, art-piece or presentation.

It's these projects that "set the school apart" from the rest, said Munhall.

Another educational opportunity that the school's juniors and seniors wouldn't find at most other schools, is the chance to take courses at local colleges.

In order to graduate from SSCS, students must apply for and be accepted to a college, said Munhall. To prepare them for this after-graduation experience, he added that each student must complete two courses during their junior and senior years at a local university.

Munhall said many of the charter school's students will be the first in their families to attend college, and enrolling in these courses is one way to show them they can do it.

Another inspiration for students comes with the grading policy for these courses: If they earn a B-grade or higher, the charter school will pay their tuition fees.

"When they graduate from here," said Munhall, "they've already been a college student."

Students in their junior and senior years can also acclimatize themselves to the working world through the numerous internships the school has established with local businesses.

The school also offers a limited amount of after-school activities, including playing for the school's one sports team — boys and girls basketball — or studying various musical instruments in after school courses.

Richard Levitt, the school's Director of Development, said school officials are planning an official dedication ceremony which will likely take place during the second week in October.

The event will be open to the public, he added, and state and federal office holders will also be invited.

The South Shore Charter School is located at 100 Longwater Drive. For more information, check out its Web site: www.sscs-ma.org.

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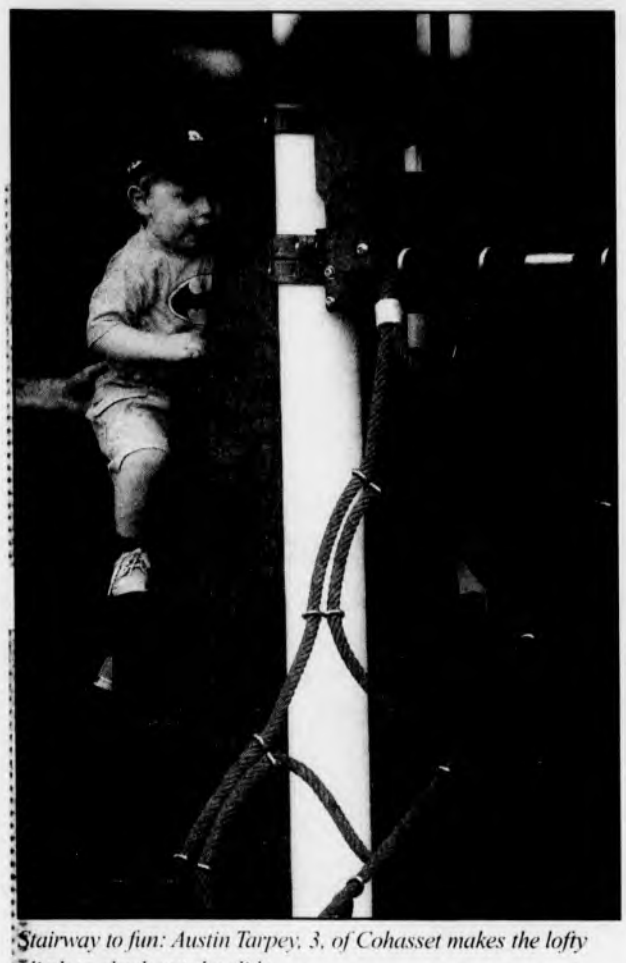
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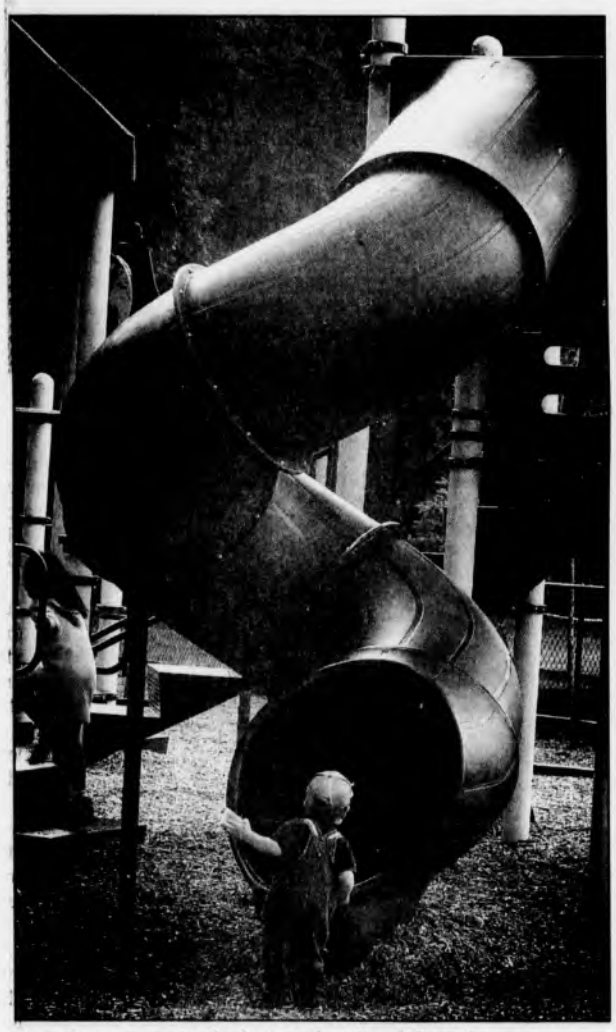
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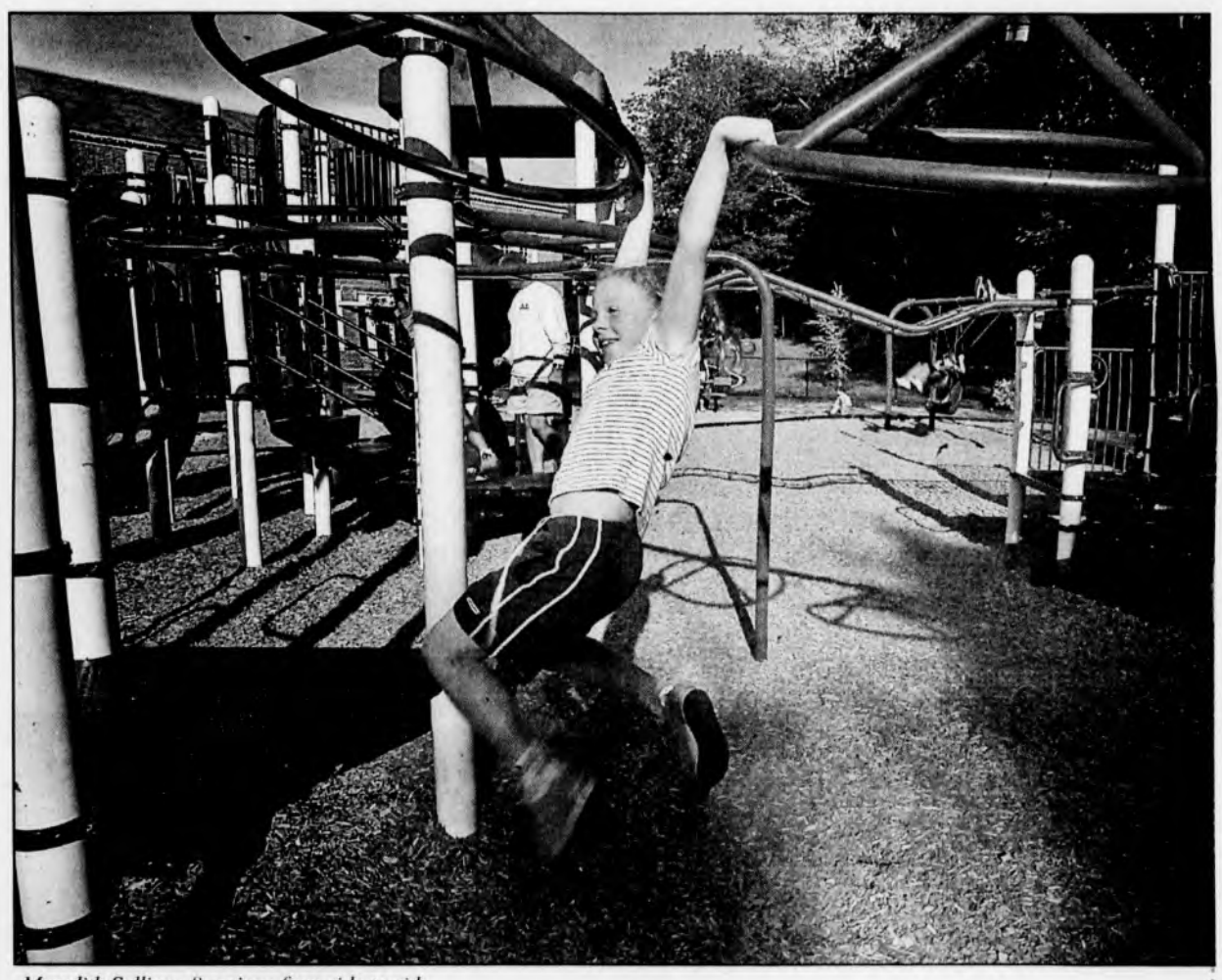
Stairway to fun: Austin Tarpey, 3, of Cohasset makes the lofty climb to check out the slide.



Jungle fever has hit Eric Sullivan, 10, who enjoys the sunshine at the recently opened playground, which is attracting many admirers.



A curious youngster looks into the tube slide at the new Cohasset playground behind the library.



Meredith Sullivan 8, swings from side to side.

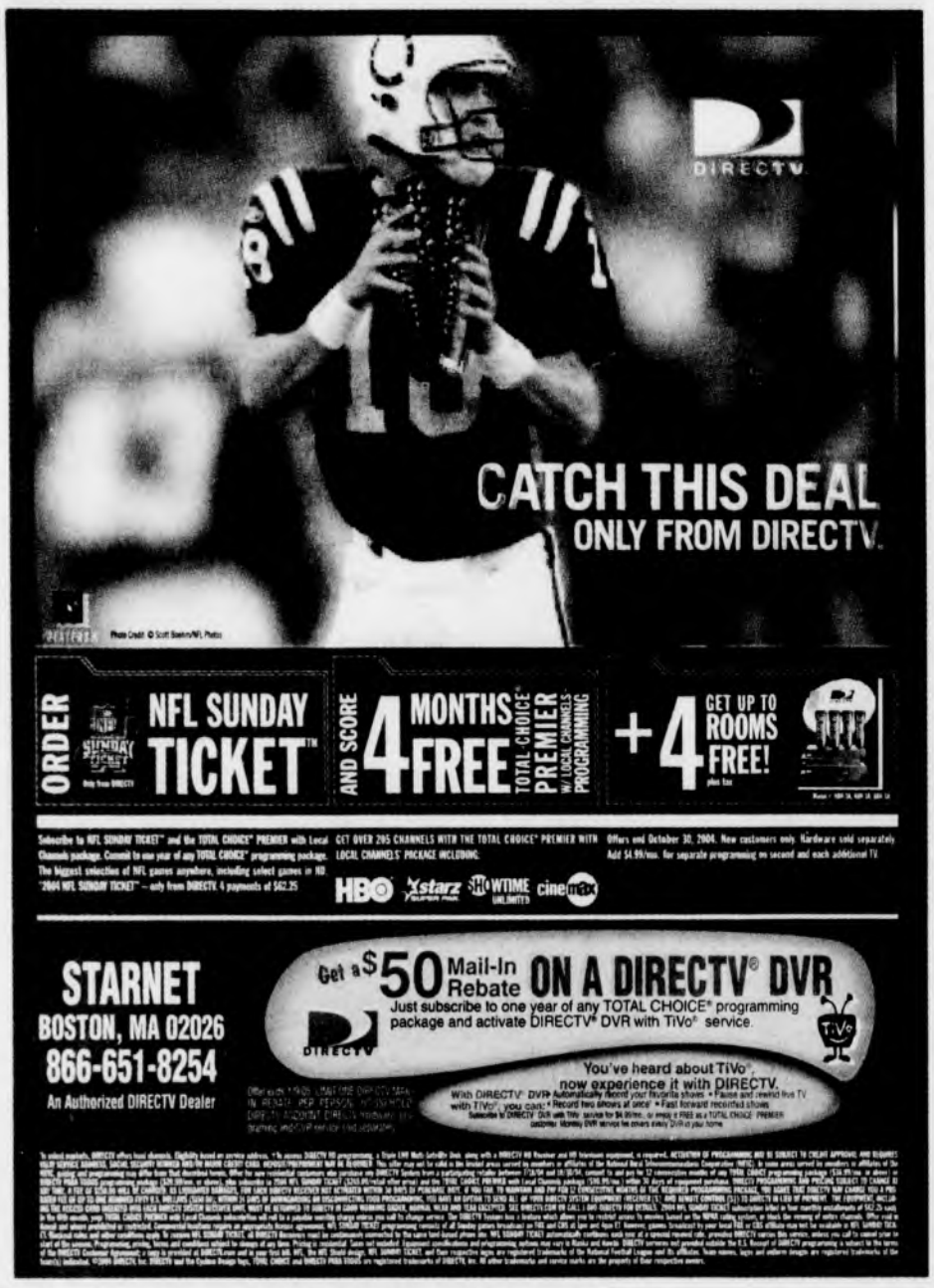
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The walkway at the new playground features messages in brick.



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DEER HILL SCHOOL BEGINNER BAND

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BAND INSTRUMENT SALE?

Now is the best time for sellers to post a note on the Deer Hill Band Bulletin board. Include at least the type of instrument, brand, condition, price, your name and phone number. Drop it at the Deer Hill office or band room and it will be posted. Buyers - call or stop by the school to check out postings. 383-6115 ext. 155

Dance etiquette for students

Donald Mason and the Committee for the Cohasset Assemblies announce the opening date will be Tuesday, Oct. 5. The Assemblies are a series of 10 social dance classes for fifth and sixth grades designed to introduce youngsters to the basics of social dance and etiquette. The Assemblies have been an important part of the social education for children in Cohasset and the South Shore for several generations.

Each class is opened with a formal receiving line in which the children learn to properly shake hands, look people in the eye while speaking, and correctly introduce themselves by their first and last names. The dance instruction focuses mainly on social dances, Fox Trot, Waltz and Swing, so the children learn to comfortably dance together. The social emphasis is on basic courtesy and respect, to be polite when inviting a partner to dance, or when accepting, and in conversation with each other.

Although the classes are structured and supervised, they also include party dances, contemporary dances and dance games with prizes, making the Assemblies a fun way for the children to learn and practice their social skills together.

The classes are held on Tuesdays, approximately twice a month, at St. Stephens Church on Highland Avenue. Invitations have been distributed to all fifth and sixth grade Cohasset students. If your child has not received one, call Mason at 617-983-0106 or contact a Committee member: Patricia Leahy, Barbara Mullin, Elizabeth Naughton, Sharyn Studley and Lucia Flibotte.

Cohasset menu

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY, OCT. 1

French bread pizza or bologna sub, vegetable sticks, apple sauce.

MONDAY, OCT. 4

Bagel with soup of the day or bologna sub, sweet peas, pineapple.

TUESDAY, OCT. 5

Cheeseburger on a bun or tuna sub, oven fries, mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll or turkey sandwich, green beans, sliced apples.

THURSDAY, OCT. 7

Chicken nuggets roll, or ham and cheese sandwich, oven fries, fruit.

FRIDAY, OCT. 8

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Buttonwood Books & Toys will present "Coffee with the Authors" on Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. at the Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset. Enjoy a continental breakfast and a stimulating morning with four authors as they discuss the art of writing and their latest work. Featured authors will be Archer Mayor for "The Surrogate Thief," Ann Napolitano for "Within Arm's Reach" Sharon Pywell for "What Happened to Henry and Karen Shepard for "The Bad Boy's Wife." Archer Mayor is the winner of the 2004 Book Award for Fiction from the New England Booksellers Association. "The Surrogate Thief." He received a starred review in the Sep.13, 2004 edition of Publisher's weekly. "Within Arm's Reach" by Ann Napolitano follows three generations of an Irish-American Catholic family who are jarred into crisis by an unexpected pregnancy. Sharon Pywell will discuss her book "What Happened to Henry", a story about a close-knit family forever changed by tragedy – and mystical forces. Karen Shepard explores the reality of marrying the bad boy- the reckless, irresistible cowboy who steals your heart and then throws it back at you, in her latest book, "The Bad Boy's Wife". Advance reservations and ticketing are required and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665. Tickets are $13 per person and are non refundable

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POLICE LOG

MONDAY, SEPT. 20

7:36 a.m. **Pond St.**, animal control.

8:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

8:55 a.m. **King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled auto, parking ticket issued.

9:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, fire, auto, services rendered.

11:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist motorist, referred to other agency.

1:50 p.m. **Clay Spring Rd.**, property (lost).

3:13 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, fire extinguished.

4:09 p.m. **Stevens Lane**, animal control.

4:15 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, property (lost).

5:42 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, property (lost).

5:46 p.m. **Ledgewood Farms Drive**, property (lost).

6:38 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 21

12:35 a.m. **North Main St.**, annoying phone calls.

1:10 a.m. **King St.**, animal control.

8:46 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9 a.m. **Parking Way**, parking complaint.

10:02 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.**, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

11:32 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, trespassing, investigated/report taken.

2:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:56 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, animal control.

7:17 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, suspicious person.

11:52 p.m. **Ripely Rd.**, suspicious auto.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22

4:34 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, assist citizen.

7:28 a.m. **Town Lot**, traffic complaint, parking ticket issued.

8:53 a.m. **King St., and Beechwood St.**, larceny, investigated/report taken.

10:25 a.m. **Parking Way**, parking complaint.

11:20 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious (other), advised to contact Police. if rep.

12:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic control.

2:19 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, investigated/report taken.

5:21 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, property (lost), investigated/report taken.

10:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious (other).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 23

12:22 a.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, assist citizen, services rendered.

2:05 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:46 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, medical aid, services rendered.

3:39 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious auto.

9:03 a.m. **Pond St.**, E-911call verification, false call.

9:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, E-911 call verification, false call.

10:01 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:56 a.m. **Beach St.**, well being check.

11 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, no Police service necessary.

12:58 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle crash, investigated/report taken.

1:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, advised civil action.

2:19 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, animal control, referred to other agency.

2:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, vandalism, investigated/report taken.

2:59 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:11 p.m. **Town Lot**, officer wanted, area search negative.

10:58 p.m. **Short St.**, officer wanted, investigated/report taken.

11:41 p.m. **Sohier St.**, animal control, referred to other agency.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

6:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:46 a.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen, referred to other agency.

6:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Howe Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:21 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Howe Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal control, investigated/report taken.

9:19 a.m. **Hull St.**, fight.

2:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, investigated/report taken.

2:54 p.m. **Summer St.**, property (found).

6:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Ridge Top Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:56 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, animal control, investigated/report taken.

7:37 p.m. **King St.**, disabled auto, services rendered.

7:54 p.m. **Elm St.**, parking complaint, services rendered.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

12:48 a.m. **Doane St., and Bates Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:13 a.m. **Surry Drive**, threats (bodily harm).

2:01 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious auto.

2:31 a.m. **Surry Drive**, well being check.

9:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal control.

10:14 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, E-911 call verification, false call.

10:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:45 a.m. **Police Headquarters**, officer wanted, false call.

11:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, E-911 call verification, false call.

5:22 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

5:32 p.m. **Elm St., and Brook St.**, disabled auto.

5:47 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal control, referred to other agency.

5:50 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, officer wanted, investigated/report taken.

10:05 p.m. **Border St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:18 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Ridge Top Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26

7:06 a.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

7:13 a.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

12:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property (found).

12:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, no fire service necessary.

1:07 p.m. **Sankey Rd.**, animal control.

3:16 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer wanted, services rendered.

4:29 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, fire extinguished.

5:44 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:22 p.m. **King St.**, disturbance general.

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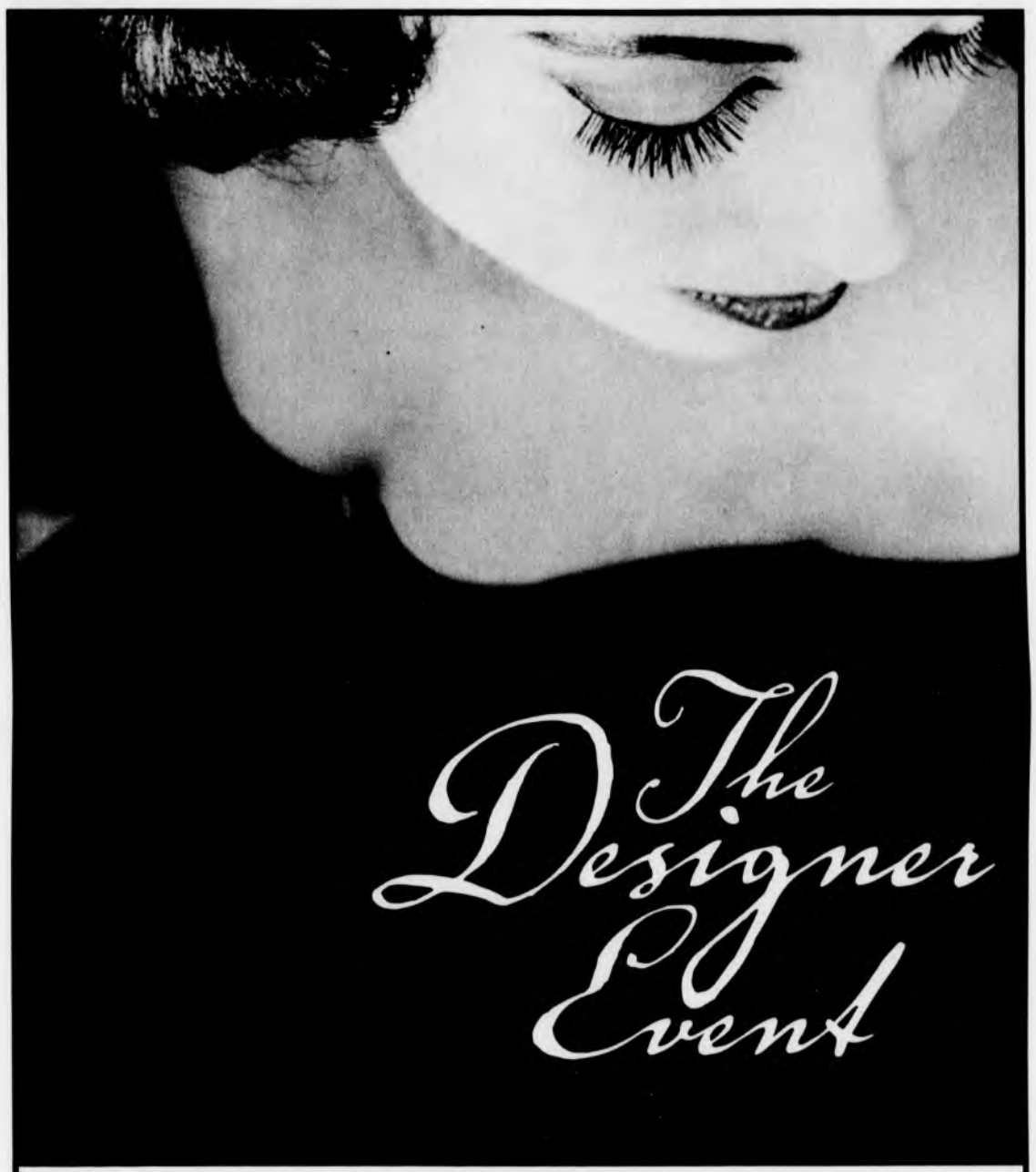
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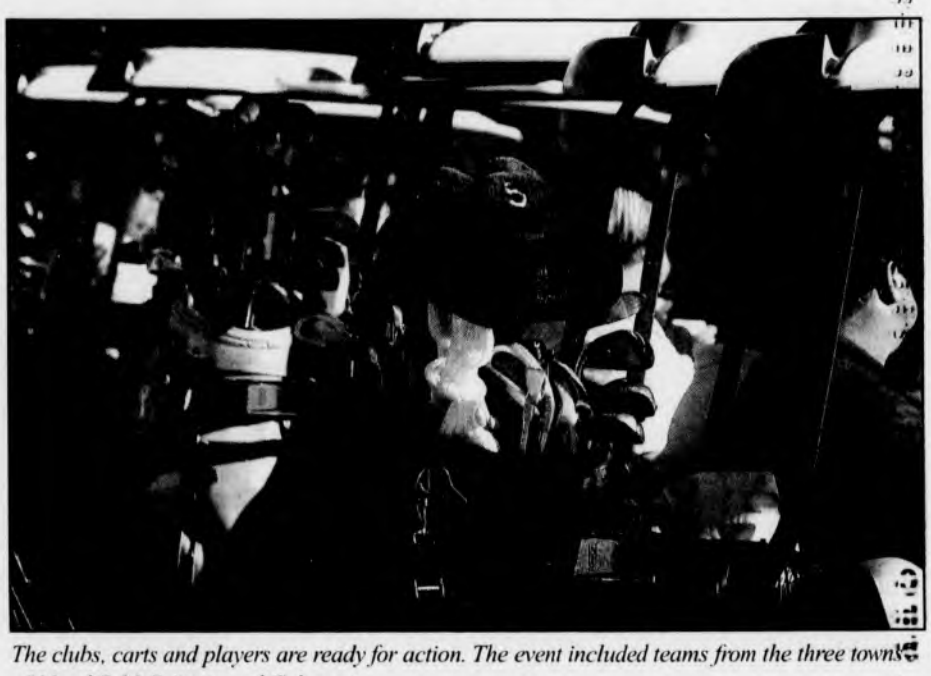
Michael Conlon, president of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, joins fellow presidents John Valianti of Marshfield Chamber and Claudia Oliver of the Scituate Chamber, along with Christine and Sean Cunningham of SG&D Insurance, as they check out the car given away at the Tri-Chamber Golf outing held last week at Widow's Walk in Scituate.

Staff Photos by Bert Lane

Golf outing up to par



Golfers stretch out on the first tee at Widow's Walk as they get set for a day of golf during the Tri-Chamber Golf outing.



The clubs, carts and players are ready for action. The event included teams from the three towns of Marshfield, Scituate and Cohasset.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P2269EP

In the Estate of RUTH M. COBLENTZ
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death March 11, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that LEON A GELLERof OLNEY in the state of MARYLAND or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 27, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON.DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, September 17, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#624431
Cohasset Mariner 9/30/04

NEWMAN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division

Docket No. 04P2257EP

In the Estate of VERA VIDA NEWMAN

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death August 19, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will and codicils of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that GERALD H NEWMAN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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Cohasset Recreation Department announces ice skating lessons

Fall registration information and schedules for ice skating classes taught by Bay State Skating School, at the Weymouth MDC Rink are available at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, 1st floor Cohasset Town Hall.

To register for skating lessons for children or adults scheduled to begin a 9 week session on Sunday, afternoon, Oct. 31, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480.

You may obtain written schedules at Town Hall, or go online at www.batstatesskatingschool.org.

Cohasset Sailing Club members

There are still unclaimed certificates and prizes from the summer. If you were unable to attend the awards ceremony, call me to arrange pick-up of your certificate and/or award.

Anne Rowland at 781-383-1202.

Arts and Crafts

Cohasset Recreation is accepting telephone registrations at 781-383-4109 for Arts and Crafts, scheduled to begin for grades K-2, on Monday, Oct. 18.

The fee for this 5 week program, which meets directly after school until 4:30 p.m. on Monday's, is $50 per child. Becky McArthur will instruct this program.

Cohasset Chamber hosts networking breakfast

On Wednesday morning, Oct. 13, from 7:30 to 9 a.m., the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce will host an October Breakfast Meeting - "Your 60-Second Commercial" at Atlantic Bagel in Cohasset Village. The featured speaker will be Dave Kantelis, a director for BNI and an account manager for Officeland. Mr. Kantelis will talk about how to market yourself effectively during a 60-second presentation. Attendees will have the opportunity to present their own "60-second commercial." This is a great opportunity to get to know your business colleaguesFree for Cohasset Chamber members; non-members - $5. RSVP by Oct. 8, to 781-383-1616.

Cohasset Democrats work to elect Kerry/Edwards

Cohasset Democrats were out in force this past Sunday as more than 200 Democrats participated in a campaign rally for South Shore Democrats featuring Congressman Ed Markey, Mass Co-Chair of the John Kerry for President Campaign. Also featured at the rally was Hingham's State Representative, Garrett Bradley, and Democratic State Committee Leader, Fred Koed.

On Thursday, Sept. 30, the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee is co-hosting a debate watching party at 8:30 p.m. at 3 Franklin Rodgers Road, Conservatory Park. For information about the Debate Watching Party contact Tom Vangel at 781-740-2757.

Our World playground opening celebration

Kids and parents are invited to the official opening celebration for Our World playground at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30. There will be cookies and lemonade for all!

The playground, located at 100 Sohier St., has been open and bustling with children for several weeks, but the proud folks at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum want to make it official now that the landscaping and fencing are essentially complete.

Cohasset Police Association benefit celebrity softball game

Members of the Cohasset Police Association will take on the "All Pro" Celebrity softball team on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 5 p.m. at Milliken Field in Cohasset.

The game will include former Red Sox, Bruins, and Patriots, all of whom will sign free autographs for those in attendance.

The event will benefit a wide variety of Cohasset area charities.

Tickets are $10 each, with children under 12 admitted free.

Safety Fair planned

The first annual Safety Fair sponsored by the Cohasset Elder Affairs and the Norfolk County Sheriffs Office, TRIAD, will be held Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset.

Opening remarks from Michael Bellotti, Sheriff, Norfolk County, followed by demonstrations, lots and lots of information on safety and brochures, and professional people to answer your questions will be available at the Safety Fair.

There will be more than 25 vendors participating. Many with new information on how to remain safe, at home and in your community. This event is a great way to meet people and talk to provider first hand. You will be able to get important health questions answered and do one stop shopping for health and safety needs. Area seniors and families are welcome.

Suzanne Gunthier, OTR/D from the Arthritis foundation will speak before lunch. The luncheon will be served at the First Parish House, 23 North Main St. If you plan to attend RSVP To CEA office for your lunch reservation at 1-781-383-9112. Any vendor interested in participating may call CEA for additional information, before Oct. 1.

Fall story times

Drop-In Story will take place on Mondays from 10:30 to11 a.m. and from 1:30 to 2 p.m. beginning Oct. 4 and ending Oct. 25. Drop-In story is for all ages and all communities are welcome.

Register now for Story and Craft.

Story and Craft is for children ages 3-6, requires pre-registration, and is for Cohasset residents only. Story & Craft will take place on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. or 1-2, beginning Oct. 7, and ending Oct. 28.

Spanish music

On Saturday, Oct. 9, from 10 to 11 a.m., Jodi Craft will kick off the "Cultural Connections" grant program, with Spanish songs for young children. Jodi is a dynamic teacher/performer. Join in for a lively song and dance hour! Drop-In Spanish song groups will continue on Tuesday Oct. 12, 19, and 26 from 10 to 11 a.m Join all four Spanish song sessions. No registration required. All communities welcome.

Yoga classes to start

Holly Pereira will be giving Hatha Yoga classes at the Second Congregational Church. Classes are drop-in and will be held Wednesday nights from 7:15-8:30. The cost will be $7 and participants should wear something comfortable and bring a yoga mat or towel. Beginners are welcome. For more information call Holly Pereira at 857-498-0178.

Red Cross needs volunteers

The American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to help out at blood drives in the community. Help register donors or provide refreshments. Duties are light and will train. Daytime volunteers needed. For more information, call Laura O'Neal at 781-461-2086.

Our town schedule

The next edition of Cohasset's cable TV show-OUR TOWN - featuring Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin will air on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 8:30 p.m. on Comcast Channel 10. Currently scheduled guests for this show include Cohasset's new superintendent of schools, Dr. Denise Walsh and Chairman of Cohasset's Board of Sewer Commissioners, Ray Kasperowicz. Viewers of OUR TOWN can e-mail questions for quests or provide thoughts and suggestions t o ourtown@theclickstudio.com .

A re-airing of last Thursday's show featuring Garrett Bradley and Michael Sullivan will show this Thursday (tonight for Mariner readers) at 8:30 p.m. on Comcast Channel 10.

Holly Hill Farm offers fall family farm series

Adults looking to expand their knowledge of organic gardening or parents seeking activities for their children will be glad to hear Holly Hill farm has just finalized its summer and fall schedule for its organic gardening workshop and family farm series.

- Thursday Sept. 30 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday Oct. 2 from 8-10 a.m. local naturalist Sally Avery will host a two part birding workshop. It will begin with the Thursday night indoor evening presentation, followed by the Saturday morning guided tour through Holly Hill Farm's walking trails. Friends of Holly Hill Farm members pay $16, non members pay $20.
- Saturday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. Farmer Frank White will lead a guided walk through Holly Hill Farm's trails. Suggested donation, $5.
- Sat. Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. until noon there will be a family farm tour. Farmer Jean White will lead a guided tour around the farm, with visits to the greenhouse and growing fields. Attendees will also get to meet the farm animals. Friends of Holly Hill Farm members pay $12 per family, non members pay $15 per family.
- Saturday Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. until noon there will be a family composting workshop. Attendees will learn how to develop a compost pile at home. Children and adults welcome. Holly Hill Farm members pay $12 per family, non members pay $15 per family.

The farm will also host after school programs. The two session series includes four afternoons at the farm, during which participants will learn about organic farming. Highlights include: sowing seeds and planting crops, making compost and preparing fields for Spring, harvesting and tasting the fruits of Summer before frost, and a trip to Weir River Farm. (Cost: $60 per child)

- Session 1 (ages 5-7), Wednesdays beginning Sept. 22, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- Session 2 (ages 8-10), Thursdays beginning Sept. 23, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

For additional information and registration for all events, contact Jon Belber by phone at 781-383-1455 or by email at jbelberhollyhill@hotmail .com., or visit the farm's Web site at www. Hollyhillfarm .org.

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Before the end of the year, you could be my next real estate millionaire — perhaps even a multimillionaire. Even if you're stone cold broke right now, you can still become richer than most Americans will ever be. The profit floodgates have truly opened for so many of my students. I believe you too can take advantage of all the lasting wealth that real estate can provide. And I'd like to tell you how in my updated workshop, *Creating Wealth with Real Estate*.

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Challenge #1: Find fast wealth in any city, town, or neighborhood

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ST. LOUIS

Challenge #2: Take someone from unemployed to over $100,000 in equity

No better example of "ANYBODY CAN DO THIS" exists than when I made another major public challenge. As you might be able to guess, I'm not shy about proving my system works. So I declared..."Send me to any unemployment line in America. Let me select someone that is broke, out of work, and discouraged. In two days time, I'll teach my strategies for Creating Wealth. In 90 days, that person will be back on his/her feet with $5,000 in the bank."

DONE

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Challenge #3: Prove anyone can do it

I've become famous as America's leading expert on purchasing real estate with no money down. I've been interviewed in newspaper, and on radio and TV. In fact, Regis Philbin challenged me on the spot to prove my system worked for anyone. I selected a young woman right out of Regis' studio audience and guided this first-timer to earning more than $20,000 in 90 days. And now, I'd like to pull you out of your chair and invite you to discover why my powerful and internationally acclaimed *Creating Wealth with Real Estate* program has been so hugely rewarding for people across the country — and why it can also be your path to substantial wealth.

DONE

Your turn to succeed

Can you become a millionaire? Dozens of my students have. At the FREE preview of my workshop, you'll see real-life examples of how my powerful wealth creation strategies have helped people jump into making money right away.

Challenge #4: Make you my next millionaire! STARTS NOW!

I've proved time and again that my system can work just about anywhere, anytime, and for just about anyone — even people who are flat broke. Now, I'd like to prove it can work for you.

In fact, my big mouth could make you a millionaire. That's because I've challenged myself to create millionaires all across America. Yup, I went right for the "M" word: millionaire. Raised a few eyebrows with that one. But remember, you don't need money in the bank to buy real estate. You don't even need good credit. All you need is my *Creating Wealth with Real Estate* system and the personal gumption to go out and apply it.

Now it's your turn to take a step toward real wealth

The wealth is out there. I will show you how it's possible to find it and grab it. Take a life-changing step toward financial independence for yourself and your family today. The road (it's more of a superhighway actually) to millionaire status begins right here. Right now. I'm hoping to create at least 1,000 millionaires. And I'd like to count you among them. There's no telling when the free preview of my workshop will be back in your area because it's simply impossible for me to bring my famous workshop to every city. Grab this unique opportunity to discover hidden wealth opportunities in real estate.

Bring someone you care about

If you have a friend or family member who wants to increase their wealth, bring them to this FREE empowering event. I believe there's never been a better time to invest in real estate. Forecasts call for soaring demand for homes and rising prices. At this free event, you'll see how it's possible to ride this historic trend to personal riches.

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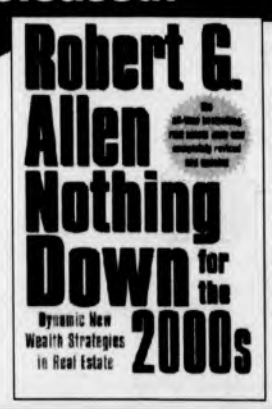
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On the South Shore

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 8, 2004

Mark Your Calendar

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL JOSHUA'S RUN FOR THE JIMMY FUND – Oct. 16, at Peggotty Beach, Scituate. Threefold event consisting of a Kid's Fun Run, a 2-Mile Fun Run/Walk and a 4-Mile Road Race. Call 781-545-4642 or email bblacker@comcast.net or visit www.joshuasrun.com

COMPANY THEATRE PRESENTS DIRTY BLONDE; Oct. 8-24,Claudia Shear's wry and very funny play DIRTY BLONDE features lots of recognizable Mae West one-liners, as well as some titillating vaudeville numbers. This delightful show captures the brave, bawdy spirit of this one-of- a-kind entertainer and her effect on a contemporary relationship. Performances are October 4-October 24. Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. www.companytheatre.com

CREEPY TOUR OF THE CAPTAIN SAMUEL ROBBINS MUSEUM HOUSE, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. No blood, no guts, just a spooky house and a few surprises. Take a candlelight walk through the museum, enjoy music and a ghost story. Free admission. Refreshments. 508-583-7676

IRISH FIDDLER EILEEN IVERS & IMMIGRANT SOUL will be appearing at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, MA on Friday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets priced at $25-$30 now on sale online at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com> and by calling 866-468-7619. Visit www.plymouthmemorialhall.com http://www.plymouthmemorialhall.com

JOAN BAEZ Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $37-$42 Legendary folk singer Joan Baez returns to the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall, the spot where she and Bob Dylan kicked off the legendary Rolling Thunder Revue Tour in 1975. Tickets:www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com/> 866-468-7619 at the box-office located at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth, MA 508-747-0234. All Strawberries

THE SECOND ANNUAL JETT GOLF CLASSIC will be held on Oct. 6, at the Pine Hills Golf Club in Plymouth. A scramble format is planned. Registration and putting contest will begin at 10 am and a shotgun start is at 11:30 am. The Jett Foundation is seeking golfers and non-golfers, volunteers to help organize the event, as well as items for silent/live auction, raffle and prize donations. All levels of sponsorship are available. Dinner only tickets will also be available. Anyone wishing to get involved may call the Jett Foundation president, Christine McSherry, 781-293-2667.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619.

Thurs. Sept. 30

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, located at 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, will open its eighth annual **Sea & Sky Art Show**. This year will mark the first Sea & Sky to include both a juried and non-juried show through Oct. 31. Tickets are $20 members, $25 non-members.

King Richard's Faire celebrates its 23rd season through Oct. 24. 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Route 58, Carver. Free on-site parking. More than 100 artisans from all over the country display and demonstrate their handmade treasures. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichardsfaire.net

Jimbo's Boston – Every Thursday night Contemporary Jazz Rhythm & Blues Cover $10 at door- $7 with student ID.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree, Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

Fri. Oct. 1

Mac McHale & The Old-Time Radio Gang, a vintage American Country Music concert, Oct. 1, 8 p.m. Massasoit Community College, The Buckley Performing Arts Center $12 general public, $10 senior citizens; all seats reserved. Wheelchair access. 508-427-1234.

Captain Samuel Robbins House, 188 Main St., Avon presents **Candlelight Singing tours** on Oct. 1, with Janet Ashton. Tour this historic 1820's sea captain's home by candlelight as a guide serenades you in every room. Refreshments. Free and open to the public. 508-583-7616.

The South Shore Natural Science Center 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents ***Autumn Splendor,*** a watercolor exhibit by Norwell artist **Virginia Wilson**, in Vine Hall Gallery Oct. 1-31, in Norwell, 781-659-2559 or visit us on the web at www.ssnsc.org.

The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth are Raising Funds for Children at their **First Annual Art Auction** on Friday, Oct. 1, at the Plymouth Yacht Club at 7:30 p.m. A $25 ticket will gain you admission to a live and silent art auction, appetizers, gourmet coffee and desserts. To purchase tickets or donate artwork contact: Sue Chamberlain at 508 224-6521.

The Craft Factory, 1 Mill Wharf Plaza Scituate Harbor and Route 3A Cohasset October is paint a pumpkin month. Bring in your own pumpkin and paint it for only $1. 781-383-0740, 781-545-4242.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St.,(Rte. 36), Pembroke, presents live music every Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. to closing. No cover. Oct. 1, **Two Way Street** 781-294-4700.

South Shore Folk Music Club, Beal House, Route 106, Kingston presents **Steve Gillette** and **Cindy Mangsen**, Oct. 1, $13 members; $15 non-members. Handicapped accessible. Non smoking. 781-871-1052 www.ssfmc.org

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Young Neal & The Vipers**, blues/rock, Oct. 1. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Next Pages Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Oct. 1, **Cindy Daley Band featuring Satch Romano** 781-871-7175.

Body to Soul Fitness, Inc., an all-women's health club, 33 Riverside Dr., Pembroke - **Cardio-Striptease** - a fun alternative to cardiovascular training. No clothing removed. Non-members welcome. 781-829-2002.

The North River Theatre will present **Affections of May** by Canadian playwright, Norm Foster, Oct. 1 and 2, at the North River Community Club, 513 River St., Norwell. Cabaret seating and cash bar. Call 781-826-4878 for reservations.

Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., (just off Hall's Corner), Duxbury, presents "Studies...in Series" an exhibit of water color paintings by Joanne Chittick. The exhibit will run from through Oct. 2. Exhibit and reception are free. Two steps at the door.

Under the Open Sky, a show of Plein air oil paintings by **Susan Brewster Charles** will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, through Oct. 6. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday through Friday 1 to 5 p.m. and p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 781-659-7100.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery announces the continuation of its raffle at the gallery of a full-sheet sized painting by **Peter Spataro** valued at over $1,200. The final drawing will be held during the membership show in October. Individual tickets are $5 or triple your chances for twice the amount three tickets for $10. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located at 124 Front St., Scituate, 781-545-5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission. 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Country Dance Promotions Country Dance, Friday, Oct. 1, at Dedham VFW, 84 Eastern Ave., Dedham, with DJ Johnny Dee.7 p.m. lesson; 8 to 11:30 p.m. couples and line dancing. Snacks, coffee, cake, cash bar. $10 admission. 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937.

Sat. Oct. 2

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The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands is organizing Fall Foliage and Lighthouse Extravaganza on a catamaran cruise on Oct. 2, up the North Shore then into the coastal waters of southern Maine. The boat leaves Long Wharf (by the Aquarium T stop, Blue Line) in downtown Boston at 10 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. Advance paid reservations are suggested, though tickets may be bought at Long Wharf on the day from 9am onwards (cash only, first come first served). The cost is $40 for adults, $36 for seniors (65+), $34 for Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members, $20 for children (3 – 12), and babies travel for free (but still need a ticket). Snack and beverage service will be available. We suggest packing a picnic. For information about Friends www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Wellspring's House Tour – Hills of Hull Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To Benefit Wellspring Multi-Service Center Wellspring is offering an opportunity to view nine of the most beautiful homes in Hull. Ticket price includes entrance at all Tour Homes as well as a 10 percent discount at the following restaurants: Bridgeman's, Jake's, The Red Parrot, Mermaids Boutique & Flow Zone Café and $15 Prior to Event and $20 Day of Event, Available at: Wellspring Flow Zone Café Bookport, Hingham, Fleming's, Cohasset. 781-925-3211 vinny@wellspringhull.org

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will focus on helping student select an essay topic, provide individualized writing instruction and assist with editing the final draft. Sessions are scheduled for Oct. 2, from 2 to 5 p.m. Oct. 7, 6 to 9 p.m. and Oct. 10, 2 to 5 p.m.781-749-0834 or email writerightnow04@yahoo.com

Dedication of the Brooks Thomsen Singer Performance Center, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at **Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum,** 100 Sohier St., Cohasset special dedication, 1:30 p.m. with dance performance by the Meredith Butulis Dance Ensemble Rain or shine free parking. Admission $4 adults; $2 children $10 families up to six members.

Fall Gardening Festival, Tranquil Lake Nursery, 45 River St., Rehoboth, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 508-252-4002 Free and open to the public. www.tranquillake.com

The Seaside Mothers of Multiples Club, Annual Fall Tag Sale, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to noon at St. Christine's Church, 1295 Main St. (Rt. 3A). New and gently used children's items, fall and winter apparel, baby equipment, toys and much more. No early admittance.

Meetings held monthly in Scituate. Call 781-545-6681 for information.

National Cranberry Festival at Edaville USA on Oct. 2-3 and 9-11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The first train departs the station at approximately 11 a.m. and the last one leaves a 4 p.m. Edaville USA offers a variety of amusements, including an antique carousel, Ferris wheel, children's rides, indoor play area and many other activities. Www.edaville.org or 877-Edaville

Massachusetts Audubon Society South Shore Sanctuaries celebrate Farm Day at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary Saturday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $5 (children 4 and under are free). For more information, or to volunteer, contact the South Shore Sanctuaries Regional Office at 781-837-9400.

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The Dedham Museum 612 High St., Dedham, at the Dedham Historical Society presents **Wedgwood – Not Just Blue and White,** to Jan. 15. Admission $2 adults and $1 children. 781-326-1385 or www.DedhamHistorical.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866-JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset, , Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Saturday night from 8-11pm. Non-smoking, casual dress. 781-383-0900

Plymouth Philharmonic opens 89th season on Oct. 2 with an American premiere and the Wellesley College Chamber Singers is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 2, at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall at 83 Court St., in Plymouth. This year's opener, called the **Tariot Family Classical I Concert,** will feature the American premiere of *Les Paons (The Peacocks),* a complete ballet score by an accomplished and prolific composer. The Wellesley College Chamber Singers will also participate. Tickets for Classical I - The Tariot Family Concert are available for $42, $37.50, $30 and $20. Tickets $37.50 and less are discounted $3 for seniors and youth 12 years and under by calling 508-746-8008, or in person at the Philharmonic office at 16 Court Street in Plymouth, the Studio in Duxbury, The Snow Goose Shop in Plymouth and Noble's Camera Shop in Kingston. For information **www.plymouthphilharmonic.com**.

"Introduction to the Ancient Art of Feng Shui" at Winslowe's View at The Pinehills in Plymouth Saturday, Oct. 2, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Open to the public "Introduction to the Ancient Art of Feng Shui" by Barbara Madding of Feng Shui Connections. The public is invited to discover the benefits of Feng Shui as expert Madding reveals the secrets of this traditional practice, which originated in China over 3,000 years ago. Attendees will learn how to arrange their environments to improve and enhance relationships, careers, health, family life and finances

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Jeff Pitchel & Texas Flood,** blues/rock, Oct. 2. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The Bitter Man at **The Red Lion Inn**, 71 S. Main St. Cohasset. **Stand Up Comedy - DJ Hazard** with **John Curtin and Ellen Moschetto** Hosted by **Lance Norris** from WZLX. Show starts at 9 p.m. Admission: $10. Advance ticket purchase strongly advised. 781-383-1704.

K.C.'s Pub & Grill, 1284 Washington St., Weymouth (Rt. 53) on the Hingham line, presents Comedy with **Mark Riley, Annette Pollack, Joe Holden, Adam Copithorne, Chrissy Kelleher and Tom Dustin**. $10 cover, 781-340-6666.

Sun. Oct. 3

Lincoln Log Cabin Specially Open for Fall Family Day, Oct 3. The 80-year-old replica of Lincoln's birthplace, the Lincoln Log Cabin, erected at 215 Adams St., Milton in 1924, will have a special opening to the public on Oct. 3, from noon until 4 p.m. Admission is free, as always. The opening is part of the fundraising efforts to restore this historic landmark. For information, or to make donations to the Lincoln Cabin Preservation Fund, contact the Forbes House Museum, 617-696-1815.

The Ventress Library Sunday Concert Series continues on Oct. 3, at 2 p.m. with a performance featuring jazz and pop singer.**Lisa Yves** of Easton. Yves, a member of the final nine out of 731 contestants in the 2004 Boston Pops talent search, has performed with Harry Connick, Jr., Dave McKenna and Marshall Wood. She appears in Marshfield with pianist Richard Rancatore and bassist Dave Zox to present a program entitled, "Women Composers of the 20th Century." Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served at a post-performance social hour. No tickets are required. Contact librarian Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or e-mail cwoods@ocln.org.

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First Church of Christ, Scientist, Main St., (Rt. 228), Hingham will give an organ concert for the community Oct. 3, at 3 p.m. to dedicate their new Ahlborn-Galanti SL 250 organ.

The Pembroke Historical Society will combine two events at the Adah Hall House, Barker St., (Rt. 14), Pembroke. **Appraisals by Keith Klinger** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. $15 for first item, $5 each additional piece with a maximum of three per sitting. **Fall Festival** Enjoy the pastoral site of a 17th century colonial home as the festival includes hayrides, house tours, cider pressing and crafters, rug hooking demonstrations. 781-293-9083. Free admission.

Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra Wellesley College Chamber Singers, Lisa Graham, director Steven Karidoyanes, conductor Houghton Memorial Chapell, Wellesley College, Wellesley, 508-746-8008 www.plymouthphilharmonic.com Free-of-charge Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

The Art Complex 189 Alden St., Duxbury, presents **Les Trois** Oct. 3, at 4 p.m. 781-934-6634.

Fall Family Day is Sunday, Oct. 3, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Many family oriented activities are planned including guided nature tours, children's activities, live animals, and live entertainment. 617-606-1815.

Child Safety Day to be held on Sunday Oct. 3, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor 180 Water St. Plymouth. For information, visit Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, located at 180 Water St., in the heart of Plymouth's waterfront. Or contact the hotel via www.radissonplymouth.com, email info@radissonplymouth.com, or call 508-591-5007 or 877-500-0050.

ShakerHigh/Shaker Low, at the **Art Complex Museum** 189 Alden St., Duxbury through Jan. 9, 2005. p.m. Pieces from its extensive Shaker Collection will be on display. For hours and information call (781) 934-6634 or visit www.artcomplex.org.

The New Gallery located at Zona Salon, Queen Anne's Plaza, Norwell presents **Fingerprints,** through Oct. 24. This show includes oils, watercolors, pastels, photography, sculpture and pottery by a dozen of South Shore's well-known artists. 781-871-4545.

North River Arts Society presents **A few of My Favorite Things, an exhibit of original oil paintings by Don Dacier** through Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R., 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, **50th**

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Fall for Scituate

A Hometown Celebration
North Scituate Village

Highlights: Saturday, October 2

- The 15th Annual Chowderfest Noon-2:00
  Adults, $4.00, Kids under 10, $2.00
- Community Fair 10:00-4:00
- Silent Auction 10:00-4:00
- Entertainment 11:00-3:00
- Harvest Hat Contest Judging 2:30
- Special Activities throughout the Village all day!

Get a complete schedule at most North Scituate shops, and at the Scituate Town Library.

Highlights: Sunday, October 3

- Community Fair 10:00-4:00
- Voter Registration 12:00-2:00
- Glades Estate Tours 1:00-4:00

Departing on the hour, from North Scituate Post Office, $10 per ticket, available at South Coastal Bank & Pipeline Salon

- Apple Pie Contest Judging 2:00
- Pumpkin Painting 12:00-2:00

Space still available for the Community Fair and Chowder Fest. For information about all events, contact Nancy Murray Young at A Matter of Taste, 781-545-7548.

Fall for Scituate is presented by The Scituate Chamber of Commerce & The Scituate Visitors Center

Reunions

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969 35th Reunion Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004 7 p.m. to Midnight Buffet Dinner (cash bar) at the River Club, Scituate $30 per person, make checks out to Marilyn Kenney Shaw send checks to MKS, 28 Adams Circle, Hanson, MA 02341 by Nov. 12.

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989 15th year reunion Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, Scituate Country Club at 7 p.m. For information call Tara Stone 781-544-3143 or email tarabogs@aol.com

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL 1964 - looking for classmates for future reunion. Contact marshfield1964@yahoo.com <mailto:marshfield1964@yahoo.com> OR Joey, P.O. Box 249, LaPorte,TX 77571

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964 will hold its 40th reunion on Oct. 30, 2004 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Clarion Hotel, Nantasket Beach, Hull. Further details will be provided via mail to last known addresses or contact Heather McHugh Allen 781-749-5484 email hinghamite@aol.com <mailto:hinghamite@aol.com> or Mike Studley 617-572-9253 (weekdays).

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '84 will have its 20th Reunion on Friday, Nov. 26, 2004 at the Rockland Ramada. Tickets are $45. Anyone interested in helping with the reunion contact Jim Cantwell (837-5757) or Marie (Gagnon) Malmin (319-0432). http://www.marshfield.net/School/reunion84.html

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, Brookline, Class of 1954 is looking for missing classmates for a reunion. Call 617-277-8610 or 617-327-7803.



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P.S. While one loud, explosive noise can cause immediate hearing damage, prolonged exposure to lesser noise is cumulative and, therefore, potentially equally harmful.

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Anniversary Exhibition presents ***50 Towns/50 Years*** South Shore Exhibition juried Sept. 10-Oct. 24, Bancroft Gallery: by Dore VanDyke. Dillon Gallery: **Christian Alexander, Maria Lakhman, Susan Dragoo, Julie Hawking, Patricia McCarthy.**

Mount Blue Restaurant, 707 Main St., Norwell – Benefit in partnership with **The Friends of Zimbawe…Gomango Trust of Southern Africa,** Oct. 3, 5 to 9 p.m. Silent and live auction, African music, drum circle, cocktails and appetizers. Tim Ashton 781-383-1455 Debbie Raffo 781-544-3171 or www.gomango.org

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, 781-871-7175. **Karaoke every Sunday Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield -Dixielnad Jazz concert featuring **Stan McDonald "Blue Horizon Jazz Band** from 4 to 7 p.m. Admission $10. Dinner optional beginning two hours before show time. 781-834-6505. Handicap accessible.

Mon. Oct. 4

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston – Oct. 4, 5:30 to 7 p.m. **Presidents at War**, A discussion about the American presidency during wartime with **Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.** who served in the Kennedy administration and recently wrote **War and the American Presidency**, and **Kevin Phillips**, author of **American Dynasty: Aristocracy, Fortune and the Politics of Deceit I the House of Bush and William McKinley.** Free and open to the public. 617-514-1643.

The American Cancer Society's Look Good…Feel Better program Monday, Oct. 4, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. A unique event designed to help patients maintain their personal appearance while undergoing treatment for cancer. The free program features cosmetologists leading group sessions, providing tips and practical techniques for coping with hair loss and changes in the skin that often result from chemotherapy or radiation therapy in Caritas Norwood Hospital's Boardroom of the Youngdahl Building at 800 Washington St., Norwood. To pre-register, call Sue McQuaid at 781-278-6022. For information, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

The Scituate Art Association Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate Harbor, presents a new members show at their new gallery through Oct. 31. Opening reception Oct. 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. 781-545-6150.

The South Shore YMCA offers a Men's Basketball League this fall beginning Sept. 30. Call 617-479-8500 ext. 161 for information.

Braintree Art Association member John **Bergstrom** will display his paintings for the month of October at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washingt St., Braintree.

In Shape Studio, Hanover Mall - **Back to school, Back to you.** An all women's fitness club featuring the original 30 minute circuit program using Pace circuit equipment (programmed accommodating circuit exercise) which is both aerobic and anaerobic. Weight loss support and other groups forming now. 781-829-5555.

Weymouth Art Association artist of the month, **Roger Gill,** will exhibit his paintings for the month of October at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St. Weymouth. 781-337-4513.

1749 Courthouse Museum, Town Square, Plymouth, is free and filled with items of Plymouth's history. Open through Oct. 2. 508-830-4075 or 508-746-7789.

The North River Arts Society presents **A Sense of New England** an exhibit of original landscape paintings by **Trish Hurley** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center through Oct. 9. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

Tues. Oct. 5

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Show's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, hosts story time every Tuesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Age range is 2 to 5 years old. Free. For information call 781-383-2665.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club on North Street, across the street from Seven Eleven.. Non-profit weight loss support group. For information, the T.O.P.S. website is: www.tops.org or call, Eleanor at 781-335-4942.

Calling all South Shore Parents Are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community, complete with a listing of family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hot-spots along the South Shore. www.southshore-parents.com

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages, who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tues nights at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus, under the direction of Patricia Hoitt of Norwell, is a women's a cappella chorus providing vocal training and musical entertainment throughout the greater south shore area. Come and experience the fun , and sing your cares away. Call 781-843-4355.

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave.,

Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

Aisling Gallery and Framing, 229 Lincoln St., Hingham will host a Film and Discussion Series on **Modern Irish Politics and Society** with featuring **Richard B. Finnegan**, at Stonehill College, Easton. Oct. 5, 12, 19, and 26, and Nov. 2, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is $100.

Wed. Oct. 6

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.

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Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents **Storytime, Where Are you going?.** Join Beth as she reads And to Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street and I Had Trouble Getting to Golla Golew.. Oct. 6, at 10:30 a.m.



Thurs. Oct. 7

Storytellers/authors Andrea Lovett of Abington and **Weisey MacMillan** of Marshfield are forming an **adult writer's group**. First meeting Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m. 781-871-5892. A small fee will be charged.

Fri. Oct. 8

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents **Storytime, Truck Stop.** Breaker 1 – 9, breaker 1 – 9 Join Beth as she reads Oct. 8, at 10:30 a.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Mission of Blues**, blues Oct. 8. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Friday, Oct. 8, with the Emanon Orchestra from 8 p.m. midnight, at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington, Admission: $7 SSS MEMBERS, $ 10 Non-Members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-33-0021 www.southshoresingles.org

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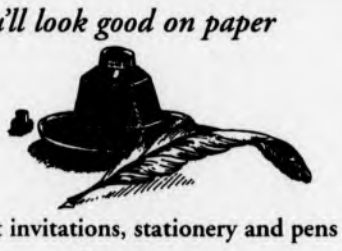
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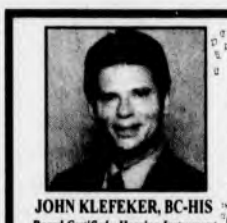


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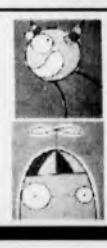
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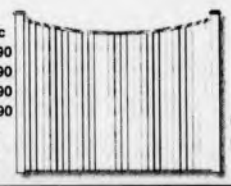
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School chief likes working in a small town

Took over from Malvey in July

By Samantha Brown
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Superintendent of Schools Dr. Denise Walsh can hear the sound of a whistle blowing and the cheers of students, who have just scored a goal on the field outside her office window at the middle-high school. After 25 years of serving as an educator, they are sounds she has come to know well and now, she couldn't imagine being anywhere else.

"I really do feel like I've come full circle."
— Denise Walsh, Superintendent of Schools

Walsh, a former Middleborough superintendent, hadn't been looking to leave her former district.

"I was very happy," said Walsh, but the possibility of working in a small school district led her to apply for the

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PHOTO/TIM LLEWELLYN

Denise Walsh, a Plymouth resident, is Cohasset's new Superintendent of Schools.

Firing known before hiring

Employment dispute settled

By Samantha Brown
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Although former Town Manager Mark Haddad hasn't been seen in Town Hall since last May, his decisions are still affecting Cohasset. Information has surfaced this week that he hired his $46,000-a-year administrative assistant knowing she had been fired from her previous job for employee misconduct.

Nicole N. Bartlett, 43, of Marshfield, has recently been charged with stealing more than $200,000 from her former employer — the Boston Children's Museum — by allegedly forging and cashing

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History may settle trees' future

Selectmen want them preserved

By Samantha Brown
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In an effort to preserve two large ash trees off Elm Street the Cohasset Historical Society would like to remove — the Board of Selectmen must ironically look into the history of the trees.

Town Counsel says if the board can prove the trees were planted with town funds roughly 75 years ago, a public shade tree hearing would be required before the trees could be cut down, even though they are located on private property. On the other hand, if the trees are found to be naturally occurring, Town Counsel says their fate will be the Society's decision.

However, the Society's lawyer, Richard Henderson, believes the Board of Selectmen has no jurisdiction on the matter at all because the trees are located on private property. Members of the Historical Society say in light of that finding, it will move ahead as planned with its renovation project at the Captain Wilson House and Maritime Museum, both located on Elm Street.

This is the latest chapter in an ongoing dispute about the trees that surfaced two weeks ago and continues to generate letters-to-the editor and controversy around town.

Co-President of the Historical Society Kathy O'Malley said the Society enlisted the help of two arborists to help aid in the decision. The one she spoke to said there is no doubt the trees are currently stable, but the work planned for the site would damage the trees' roots. The second arborist, which Co-President Paula Morse spoke with, said the roots of the tree closest to the Maritime Museum are currently compromised because they are on ledge and hit both the house and the sidewalk. "It makes for a less than stable situation," said Morse.

The Society maintains the trees are a hazard and, "We're going to proceed with the project," said O'Malley, which has been in the works for roughly three years.

But Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who has been very vocal about his wish to save the trees, said the trees themselves are a historical asset. He said he heard second-hand that arborist Gary Barrows said, "They'll outlive us." Dormitzer added the tree closest to the street is the last large shade tree at that end of Elm Street. If the trees are in good health, he doesn't see any reason to cut them down. "They're going to ignore the wishes of the majority of selectmen. Why would you do that?" he asked.

Since the early 1800s, the Captain Wilson House has been sustaining water damage and the Society has begun a drainage project which will re-route water away from the buildings. The maritime building is partially built on ledge, and water currently flows through the north wall, down through the south wall, and out. There will be some ledge removal necessary to re-route the

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ZBA ponders KoKo Island site

By Mary Ford
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Picture hundreds of apartment dwellers heading to work in the morning converging on the same spot, at the same time along Route 3A with dozens of commuters needing caffeine fix.

Is it a recipe for disaster?

That question is on the minds of members of the Zoning Board of Appeals as they grapple with plans for redevelopment of the Koko Island-Hair Affair site into a combination family restaurant and Dunkin' Donuts with a drive-through window.

The single, entrance-exit curb cut for the business development is almost directly across the street from the proposed driveway to the future Avalon project – a 200-unit apartment complex that is permitted, pending environmental approval of its wastewater disposal system.

Thanks to the extensive review by the Planning Board that was expected to close its hearing on

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REMEMBERING BROOKS

David, Molly, Taylor and Ryan Singer of Marshfield release doves at the dedication of Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum in Cohasset Saturday. The museum's performance center was dedicated to the Singers' son, Brooks, who died suddenly in his sleep last year before beginning his sophomore year at Marshfield High School. The Singer family has been involved with the museum, which strives to teach children about other cultures.

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Plans are moving ahead with forming a Police Advisory Council, Chief James Hussey said. Any residents interested in serving on the council should contact Town Manager Michael Buckley at 781-383-4105 or stop by the Selectmen's office at Town Hall.

The Police Advisory Council will include members of the police department and will look at ways to provide better community policing and communication.

CMHS students are recognized

Cohasset Middle-High School Principal Jack DeLorenzo is happy to announce many students are serving as wonderful leaders among their peers. Melody Maurer and Mary Kay Richardson have been elected to the School Council. In addition Peer Leaders, Tim Pilczak Molly Kirk, Jim DeGiacomo, Dominic Strazzulla, Peter Bunstein, Jenne Daley, Allison Dean, Christina St.Pierre, Miranda Lanzillotti, Courtney Hurley, Lauren Rizzotti Jenn Murray,Casey Anderson, Bill Carbone, Jacqui Blake, Kevin Dinsmore, Rachel Garber, Christine Lovallo, Jon Littauer, Elizabeth Stone, Lucy Gardner, Jake Kovach, Ricky Lordan, and Jon Grimm donated their time during the ninth grade outing to Camp Marist.

ASP pumpkin patch begins

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project will host the Grand Opening of its Pumpkin Patch Friday, Oct. 8 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the North Main Street entrance of Wheelwright Park There will be cider available as well as a sea of fresh-picked pumpkins.

The Pumpkin Patch serves as the fall fund-raiser for the ASP program, which sends volunteers down to areas of Appalachia to make badly needed home repairs each year. The Patch will be open Oct. 9 through Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TM committee hires search firm

Chairman of the Town Manager Search Committee Rob Spofford said his group voted Monday in favor of hiring a third party search firm. The committee has chosen Bennett and Yarger Associates, based out of Scituate to go forward with the 10 chosen finalists, and take care of the logistics, such as conducting reference checks, which can be very time consuming.

The committee has been working diligently to narrow the 85 applications received for the town manager position down to 10. The process can now begin to contact applicants to make sure they are still interested in the opportunity.

Dick Bennett of Bennett and Yarger met with the board last week and it was impressed with what he had to say. In light of that interview, the committee decided to ask him if he would be willing to come on board even though the committee had already begun the search process. Bennett agreed and will be paid a flat fee of $8,000. He also agreed to help bring the candidates all the way through contract negotiations if the town would like.

The fee does not include the $400 charged for each background check, which will be completed for every finalist. However, the committee said it wants to participate in every aspect of the process, and will be conducting some background checks of its own. The number of finalists the town will have is still unknown, although it will be between three and five, and the cost will be factored in at a later date.

Spofford will come before the Advisory Committee next Thursday and will ask for a $10,000 reserve fund transfer to hire Bennett.

Suspect arrested in MV theft, break-ins

Cohasset Police detectives arrested Michael P. Doherty, 32, Sept. 30, at 6 First Avenue, Scituate, on five arrest warrants. An investigation conducted by Cohasset detectives resulted in charges being filed against Doherty for five motor vehicle break ins and one larceny of a motor vehicle, all of which occurred during the early morning hours Sept. 5. The vehicle, stolen from Border Street, was recovered by Scituate Police near where Doherty was staying. Doherty was also charged with four counts of larceny related to the vehicle break ins.

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An article in the Sept. 30 edition of the Mariner incorrectly stated the Cook Estate will bring the town 95-units closer to meeting the state's affordability threshold. While developers plan to build 95 total units of senior housing, 28 of those units will be considered affordable by state standards. The Mariner regrets the error.

What's on 'Our Town'

A repeat of Cohasset's very own cable TV show - OUR TOWN - featuring Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin will air on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 8:30 p.m. on Comcast Channel 10. Guests for this show include Cohasset's new superintendent of schools, Dr. Denise Walsh and Chairman of Cohasset's Board of Sewer Commissioners, Ray Kasperowicz. Viewers of OUR TOWN can e-mail questions for guests or provide thoughts and suggestions to ourtown@theclickstudio.com.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Oct. 12, 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Oct 7 and Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.

Library trustees, Oct. 13, 7p.m., at the library

School Committee, Oct. 7, 7 p.m., in new CHS Community Meeting Room near superintendent's office

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Water issues focus of tonight's forum

Aquarion Water Company is holding a community forum for residents of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset to meet and discuss water issues and concerns with company officials tonight (Thursday, Oct. 7) at the Hingham Water Treatment Facility (900 Main St., Hingham) from 7-8:30 p.m. Following a discussion, tours of the Water Treatment Facility will be conducted.

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Hedlund office hours

The October office hours for Sen. Robert Hedlund will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall Thursday, Oct. 21, from noon to 1 p.m., on the second floor in the 2A vestibule. If the 2A vestibule is in use, office hours will be held in the employee lunchroom also located on the second floor beside the 2A vestibule.

Hedlund also maintains a district office at 66 Sea St., N. Weymouth that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments with the senator. The telephone number is 781-340-9866 or at the Statehouse, 617-722-1646.

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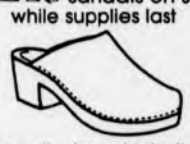
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Selectmen to host 'long overdue' sewer forum Oct. 19

By Samantha Brown
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Just as the Vice Presidential debates were getting underway Tuesday, the Board of Selectmen announced it will host a debate of its own, which many might say is long overdue. Tuesday, Oct. 19, the board has plans to hold an open sewer forum to come up with a final solution for wastewater disposal throughout the town.

With the Sewer Commission choosing a more managerial role in the sewer process through articles to be presented at the Dec. 6 Town Meeting (*see related article*), Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said the public policy issues which that board used to handle have been "put on our desk." He said at a time when there are many sewer issues coming together all at once, it is important to make a plan moving forward.

Avalon, Cedarmere, the Cook Estate, and Little Harbor will be the main points of discussion. The three senior housing projects have been looking to tie-in to town sewer, and for the Cook Estate, that may be the only wastewater option, as soils cannot support an on-site system, and alternate off-site plans have not panned out. However, sewer is given out on a first-come first-serve basis, and the residents in Little Harbor who have been waiting patiently may not want to see other projects step ahead in line.

A large portion of the discussion centers around capacity at the wastewater treatment plant, and Sullivan said he believes hooking up some of the senior housing projects in town could provide money through connection fees that will be able to pay to fix the infiltration and inflow problems at the plant, and make the improvements to tie-in Little Harbor. Infiltration and inflow occurs when water from outside the pipes seeps in and causes more flow to the plant that users are dispensing. Sullivan said it is his understanding that the town has paid for a state-of-the-art plant which is bringing in an unnecessary 70,000 gallons per day.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said it will be important for the board to make a list of criteria by which it will make its decisions, to ensure everyone is on the same page. He said there are a lot of current sewer problems in town and the town may have an obligation to fix the homes which are currently experiencing sewer problems before adding more development to the sewer.

In addition, Selectman Fred Koed said one of the complications with doling out sewer capacity is the fact that Little Harbor was told they're next in line, and hooking up any other project first could be a conflict However, Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she doesn't think there is a conflict because Little Harbor has capacity allocated which will become available when an expansion of the plant takes place, and their capacity is not at risk. "I don't see there's any conflict," she said.

However, Koed said if the board brings the question of giving capacity to the Cook Estate to Town Meeting, he said he believes, "Many people will vote against it."

McMorris said it will be up to the board to alleviate the concerns of residents and make them understand the town has already undertaken the Little Harbor project and has been moving toward a solution. Any new connections will not have an impact on that, she said.

Selectman Rob Spofford said moving forward, he would like to see the board hire its own engineer because from what he has heard, the Cedarmere engineers say the plant has abundant capacity and the Sewer Commission's engineers say there is very little. "Maybe we should hire our own independent third-party engineer. I am not adept enough to know who is telling me the straight answer," he said. Spofford added the board is going to be asked many questions on the floor of Town Meeting, and it needs to be prepared to answer them in laymen's terms so everyone can understand. "We need to put this to bed for the community," he said.

Sullivan said he doesn't believe there is enough capacity at the central plant to tie-in Cedarmere, the Cook Estate, Avalon and Little Harbor. He said the town needs to begin trying to negotiate capacity with Hull because that town has a capacity of 3 million gallons per day, and it only uses roughly half that amount.

However, Koed said the problem with looking to Hull for capacity is that they are looking for a good deal of money to connect. "The Sewer Commission doesn't think it's viable," he said, and added he doesn't think it's viable either.

At the Oct. 12 meeting of the board, Town Counsel will be invited in to help with the preliminary discussions regarding sewer, and Sullivan said he will try to get in touch with Jack Dawley of Northland Residential, the company the town is working with to develop the Cook Estate. Koed said it is important to have an update to ensure Cook developers have exhausted all off-site alternatives for wastewater disposal before suggesting the project can tie-in to the sewer.

Representatives from Cedarmere, Avalon, Little Harbor, the Sewer Commission, the Planning Board, and other town boards, as well as Town Counsel, will be invited to the sewer forum, slated for Oct. 19. It is anticipated the meeting will be a few hours long, and the board is hoping to set a start time for the meeting prior to its usual 7:30 p.m. meeting time. The board will decide on a meeting time within the next week.

For more information on the sewer forum, please call the Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

Sewer Commission grants hook-ups

The Sewer Commission voted Monday to allow 13 vacant lots in the central district to tie-in to the municipal sewer lines, but those with vacant lots waiting for a North Cohasset verdict will have to wait a little longer.

The Commission wants Town Counsel's opinion on an agreement signed with the state Department of Environmental Protection, which the commission believes dictates the hook-ups that can occur in the north district.

Commissioner John Beck said the north district was created as a result of the Second Amended Final Judgement, which ordered Cohasset to clean up pollution in certain areas of town, including around Straits Pond and other waterways. Wording in that agreement might require hook-ups are given to existing homes with on-site failure, followed by vacant lots which abut sewer lines, and then adjacent roads such as Rust Way and Old Coach Road, and, if possible, Deep Run.

Bylaw change could give voters sewer authority

But jury is out on its effect on lawsuits

By Samantha Brown
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The Sewer Commission approved the second of two articles it will bring before voters at Town Meeting Dec. 6. The article would change the town's current bylaws to give sole control over the three outlined sewer districts in town — the central district, north Cohasset district, and Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue district — to the commissioners.

While currently the sewer commissioners have jurisdiction – other boards often weigh in on sewer issues.

To help reduce lawsuits over sewer access, the article would also ensure any expansions of sewer districts would have to be approved by voters at Town Meeting. New separate sewer districts could also be created, but only when presented by citizens and voted in by citizens at Town Meeting.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said the intention of the bylaw change is to "take the authority away (of establishing new districts) from the Sewer Commission." In addition, it would only give the commission the authority to install sewers in established districts. Voters would be responsible for deciding where future districts and sewering will occur. In addition, he said it is an effort to "try to stop people from suing every time someone is unhappy with a decision," the board has made, he said, especially those "attacks" which come from property owners outside the district.

Richard Brooks, 68 Nichols Road, asked if the bylaw would allow Town Meeting to establish new sewer districts. For instance, he asked whether voters could decide they would like to see the Cook property as its own district. DeRensis replied yes, but added "there is a price tag for everything," and there must always be a way to pay for it. Brooks also asked whether a "No" vote to begin a satellite district could be amended on the floor of Town Meeting and overturned, and DeRensis said that wouldn't be a simple process.

However, Brooks reminded DeRensis that at last year's Town Meeting, residents early on did not vote in favor of paying one of his bills. An astute resident voted against paying the bill on purpose in order to bring the matter up again at the end of the meeting when the crowd had diminished, and at that point, the decision not to pay the bill was overturned. Brooks said he worried a similar situation could present itself in the future, where a new sewer district, which developers would have the finances to support, could be voted in at the last minute with a sparse Town Meeting crowd.

Attorney Charles Humphreys, who was attending the meeting for another matter, said as of right now, the Sewer Commission is in charge of all the sewers in town.

"You're taking away your discretion," he said, adding that if the commission is trying to avoid lawsuits, this new policy could just as easily lead to more. He said the bylaw change makes it sound like there are three districts, and "the rest of the town doesn't exist." He said it is the commission's job to oversee the sewers in town and, "You don't abdicate (that responsibility)."

Humphreys said the changes will most likely lead to more suits from residents outside the district, and Kasperowicz said the commission can be sued now.

"You can always be sued, that's the joy of getting up in the morning," said Humphreys, adding the commission can't serve only the portions of town it chooses.

Kasperowicz said he thinks if the board were a full-time commission or if they had a planner on the board, things might be different. "But we're a volunteer board."

"All it does is change who makes the policy changes," said DeRensis of the bylaw change. "You either believe in the voters of this town, or you don't. The voters are sophisticated enough to deal with issues like this," he said. In other words, Town Meeting will be given the ultimate authority over new districts and expansions.

However, Humphreys asked why the town should have elections, "If the voters can do it all," at Town Meeting. He said the bylaw will restructure town government and turn the Sewer Commission into a sewer management board. "I'm not saying your job is easy, but it's what you were elected to do," Humphreys said.

Kasperowicz said the commission is looking for a way to proceed "step-by-step," with sewer expansion, and the bylaw will enable that.

Karen Quigley, 27 Clay Spring Road, suggested conducting a town vote at the ballot box for expansions or new districts because more people show up at the polls than Town Meeting. However, DeRensis said town votes are taken when money is involved, as is the case with overrides. He said if a district or expansion was approved, a town vote could decide on funding to make the expansion happen.

A Home Rule Petition, which is also expected to come before the Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting, would amend the Cohasset Sewer Act to allow for "checker-boarding" of sewer districts in areas where the sewer commission deems it is necessary. The Home Rule Petition would first be approved by voters, then approved by the Legislature, and would likely take between an year and 18 months until it goes into effect.

The two Sewer Commission sponsored articles are slated to be included in the Warrant for Town Meeting, which will take place Dec. 6. The Warrant will be open Oct. 12 and closed Oct. 19. Any citizens wishing to submit an article must submit 100 signatures for citizens' petitions.

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Selectmen want new firm to conduct financial audit

By Samantha Brown
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The Board of Selectmen will approach the Advisory Committee next week to seek funding to hire a company to conduct an independent audit.

The town began conducting its own investigation of payroll records when charges surfaced alleging former administrative assistant Nicole N. Bartlett stole more than $200,000 from her previous employer, the Boston Children's Museum.

"There is no concern after the preliminary review, but we still want to have a third party come in," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan.

Sullivan said the town has historically dealt with Tucci and Roselli during routine audits. He said with the circumstances surrounding this audit, hiring a new firm might be beneficial. However, on the other hand, having a company which is familiar with the town might enable them to work more quickly because they are familiar with the process.

"Tucci and Roselli would involve less time," said Sullivan, both on their part, and as a disruption to employees. "They can come in and do their thing." However, he added on the opposite end, if for some reason the company had overlooked something in the past, "They would want to protect themselves," which might change the results the town receives.

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Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she would like Sullivan and Selectman Ralph Dormitzer sit down and review with some independent auditors what they have to offer and come back to the board with an answer, but not necessarily rule out Tucci and Roselli.

However, Dormitzer said with the investigation, "Our object is to make sure nothing is wrong. In general, you do want to have someone independent come in," he said. While Dormitzer said he is happy to take a look at independent auditors, he said he would like to see Selectman Rob Spofford a part of the process due to his experience with matters such as this, adding he feels the matter is one for the entire board.

Spofford said he believes having the firm which has a history with the town conduct the audit is a "serious conflict of interest," adding the town doesn't want to put the firm in an awkward position where a relationship has already been established. "I'm surprised our auditing firm would even want to do it," he said, adding it might be prudent to ask for Town Counsel's opinion on the matter. However, he said if the board is going to hire an outside firm, which would need to be paid for with funds from the Advisory Committee, there must be a clause in the contract which says the town will not conduct any further business with the company for at least two to three years.

The board agreed to pursue hiring a new firm to conduct the audit, and Spofford said he would come before the Advisory Committee next Thursday to ask for the funding.

Firing known before hiring

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more than 400 checks against the museum's payroll account between October 1998 and March 2003. Haddad hired Bartlett in May of 2003, for a position which entailed overseeing both the town and school payrolls, all employee benefits, and the town and school retirement systems. If convicted, Bartlett could face up to 10 years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

"I knew there were accusations, but I thought they had been investigated and were found to be untrue," said acting Town Manager Michael Buckley. "Now I know better," he said, after talking to Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon and Police Chief James Hussey.

Multiple sources also confirmed the town's insurance company recently settled an employment dispute out-of-court with Bartlett, reportedly involving her manager, Haddad. While the settlement amount is not public, paying the insurance company deductible may have to be authorized by voters at this December's Special Town Meeting.

Buckley declined comment on the employment suit.

Prior to Bartlett being hired, Lennon completed a background check on her, at the request of Haddad. Hussey said as a result of that inquiry, "information was discovered that the employee had been terminated from their prior employment," although the specifics were unknown He said the information was then given to Haddad, who advised the police department he would look into her background further.

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— Selectman Ralph Dormitzer

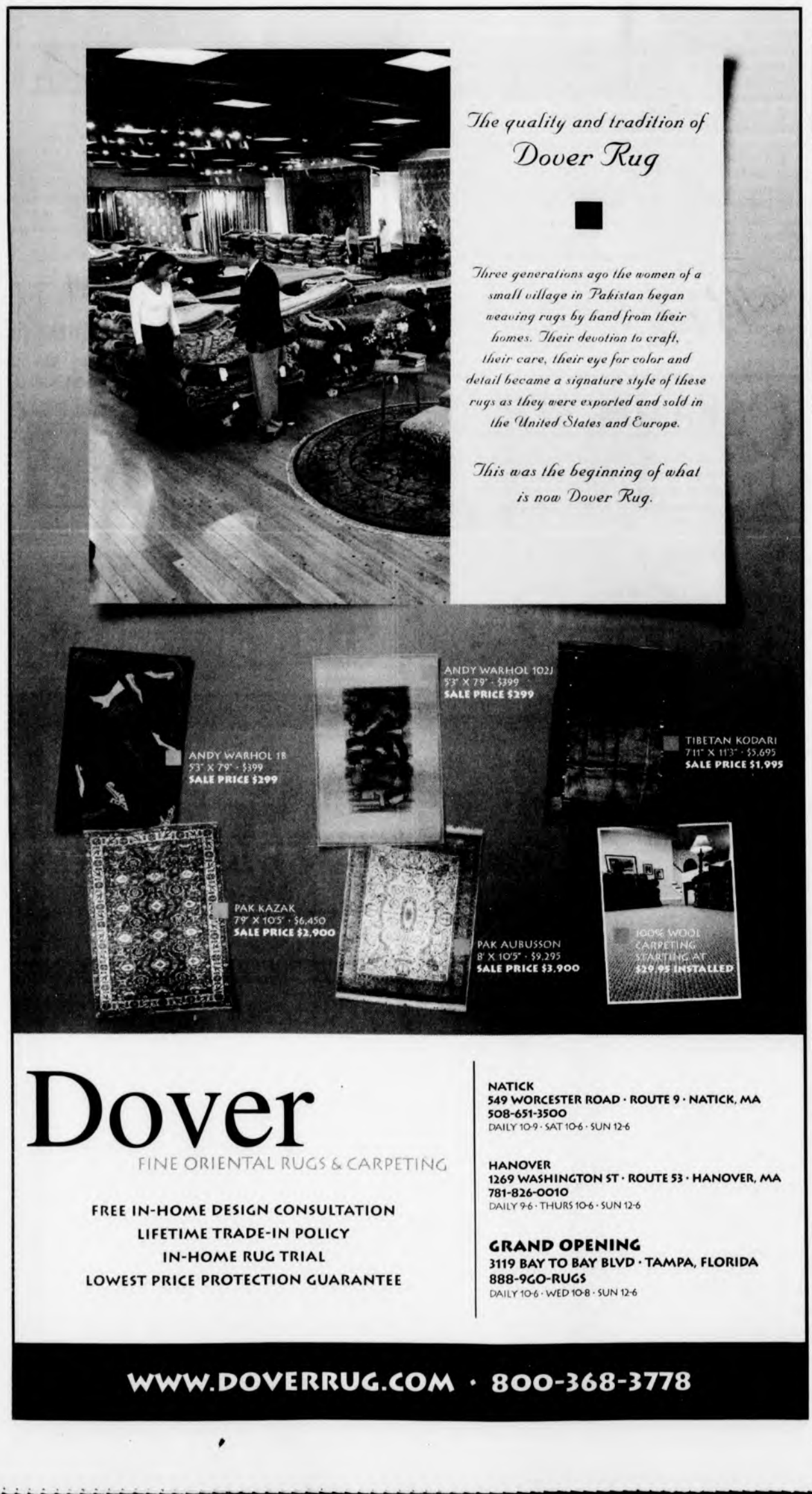
However, after the information was provided, the department had nothing more to do with the matter. "The Town Manager hires, but they made him aware," said Hussey.

Hussey said generally, background checks are conducted by his department for potential police employees, including civilian workers. Hussey said the department also conducts checks for potential fire department employees. The town has requested some background checks in the past and he said he understands there may be certain positions in town government for which the town feels it needs a background check.

Bartlett resigned from her position last Monday, at which time the town decided to conduct a full audit, dating back to the time Bartlett was hired. Selectmen voted Tuesday in favor of hiring an independent company which is not familiar with the town to conduct the audit *(see related story)*.

"I think it's extremely unfortunate knowing it was employee misconduct, that Mark still hired her," said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer. However, he said what is in the past is in the past, and the town has to take a look at the issue moving forward. He said the first order of business will be to ensure there was no misappropriation of funds, and from there, "make sure it doesn't happen in the future."

Haddad abruptly resigned from his position in Cohasset May 5 citing personal reasons. He is currently one of three finalists for the Town Manager position in Abington.



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Former police chief being paid

Separation agreement is still being finalized

By Samantha Brown
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Although Selectmen announced former Cohasset Police Chief Robert Jackson's retirement June 1 – the 25-year veteran of the department is still receiving a paycheck.

Town Manager Michael Buckley said because the town needed to retain Jackson through the transition period while new Chief James Hussey became acclimated with the new department, Jackson's salary, which Buckley said is roughly $1600 a week, has remained in tact, including five weeks vacation owed.

Buckley estimates within the next couple of weeks, Jackson will receive his last check.

"We are drafting an agreement to his employment contract," said Buckley, explaining the document is really a separation agreement. He said when an employee in Jackson's position retires, it is not uncommon practice for a town to sign such an agreement, "to make a clean break."

When Jackson's retirement was announced, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said Jackson had agreed to stay on part-time to offer support when necessary to the interim chief. At that point, it was estimated Jackson would be needed for about one month, and could then enter into his retirement years.

Jackson, 56, was named chief in February of 2002 after a grueling search process that eventually narrowed down a field of more than 54 candidates to four. Jackson was sworn in that March to replace chief Brian Noonan who retired after serving the town for 28 years. Jackson was the only local finalist for the job.

Jackson experienced a rocky last year at the helm of the small-town police force which has been riddled with controversy. Two officers who crossed paths with members of his family were placed on paid administrative leave last October, but returned back to work July 1.

At the time Jackson's retirement was announced, Sullivan said Jackson's departure was not connected to the two officers. In addition, two former dispatchers filed sexual harassment lawsuits and the former animal control officer, who reported to Jackson, is also suing the town claiming unfair termination.

Jackson's retirement also came on the heels of an abrupt resignation from former Town Manager Mark Haddad, who cited personal reasons when leaving his position last May.

Buckley said the employment agreement is expected to be signed soon, once Town Counsel finalizes some remaining details. Buckley said once it is complete, the agreement will become a public document.

Detergent use unlikely cause of septic system problems

By Mary Ford
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Just like any family – the Cifrinos of 792A Jerusalem Road across from the Greek Church don't want to think about what happens when wastewater reaches their septic system. They just want the septic system to do what it's supposed to do.

But unlike households with old, failing systems – the Cifrinos' system is new and state-of-the-art and should do the job. But it isn't.

There's no "lemon-law" for septic systems, which are installed in the ground. In other words, you can't easily return them.

Numbers from regular testing of the Cifrinos' system continue not to meet Board of Health standards. That ongoing situation put the couple before the Board of Health Monday (Sept. 13) where board members tried to figure out what could be causing the breakdown.

"This has been a nightmare," said Jane Cifrino about numbers indicating suspended solids and nitrogen levels that are above the allowed limits, keeping the septic system out of compliance.

There are no easy answers. With the engineer who designed the system and the installer present, the Board of Health enumerated scenarios that included potential leaks, contamination from fertilizers, and water purification back flow as potential culprits.

Leaving no stone unturned, the Board of Health quizzed Mrs. Cifrino about what detergent products she uses; the board also asked if she used ammonia.

She said she stopped using drop in tablets for the toilet tanks. She uses bleach-based cleaner for the bathroom; she uses "All free" for laundry; Pine Sol; Cascade, Dawn and Downey softener.

The list raised no red flags for the Board of Health, which explained that surfactants in detergents – that loosen soil – can be problematic in septic systems that breakdown solids biologically.

The engineer plans to conduct more tests, including installing a flow meter on the Cifrinos' well to see how much water goes into the system and will report back to the Board of Health.

The Board of Health requires regular testing of the alternative septic systems to make sure they are working properly.

The Cifrinos, who live in a newer house, have a FAST Wastewater Treatment System, which uses friendly organisms in the inner aerated media chamber to digest the wastewater and turn it into clear, odorless effluent, according to the company's Web site. FAST is an acronym for Fixed Activated Sludge Treatment.



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Samantha Liberty has her hair cut to help other children

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BACK TO SCHOOL HAIRCUT

Samantha Liberty knew she wanted to get a haircut before school started, she also knew that she wanted to donate her hair to Locks of Love.

Two questions, did she have enough hair to donate? And could she still put her hair up for cheerleading?

Her hair dresser, Kim at Joanna's House of Beauty in Hingham, said yes to both questions. So on Sept. 7 off came 11 ins. of Samantha's beautiful strawberry blonde hair.

Samantha is 12 and in the sixth-grade at the middle-high school.

Locks of Love is an organization that provides wigs for children who suffer from medical hair loss. To learn more about Locks of Love, which helps both boys and girls, visit: www.locksoflove.com

NEWCOMERS CLUB

It's not too late to join Newcomer's! The Scituate/Cohasset Newcomer's Club is still accepting applications for the 2004-2005 season. You don't have to be new! Catch up with old friends and make new ones in a year filled with parties and events. Membership forms can be found at the Scituate or Cohasset libraries, the South Shore Community Center, or www.scnewcomers.com. For general membership information call **Jen Harris** at 544-3910.

Looking for a playgroup? The Newcomer's club organizes weekly playgroups to help moms, dads, or caregivers get out once a week and make new "adult-size" and "tot-size" friends! Playgroups include a weekly meeting at a different house each week and seasonal events and parties throughout the year. Playgroups are scheduled to begin in mid-October. It's not too late to sign up!

Please send in a membership form found at the Scituate or Cohasset libraries, South Shore Community Center, or at www.scnewcomners.com. For membership questions, please call Jen Harris at 544-3910.

CALL IT A WRAP

It's time to call it a wrap! The Cohasset PSO would like to thank everyone for your support and generosity with the Innisbrook Giftwrap fundraiser! Be sure all forms have been completed, money collected and returned to your school today, Oct. 7. Please do not collect sales tax and be sure all checks are made out to the Cohasset PSO. If you miss today's deadline, be sure to send it in on the last extension date of Oct. 12 (so that the PSO can have a delivery before the holidays). The PSO looks forward to making this a successful fundraiser — thanks to you!! If you have any questions, please contact **Claudia McKeon** at 781-383-6125.

HAUNTED TOUR HELPERS

Looking for haunted tour volunteers: Do you love Halloween, want to have fun & help kids at the same time? The Magical Moon Foundation and the Cohasset Dramatic Club are looking for teen and adult men and women to volunteer to act as characters from popular movies and scary stories at their Halloween/Harvest Festival to benefit the "Magical Moon Foundations Children's Cancer Project." The event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 30, at **Donna Green's** Marshfield far. Organizers are looking for sea captains, pirates, mermaids, ghosts, goblins, witches, hobbits, assorted creatures of the night and Harry Potter/Johnny Depp types. Please contact **Jean** at 617-750-8987 to learn more and for time and location of orientation meeting.



Samantha Liberty's beautiful, long hair before she had it cut.



Samantha Liberty, left, pictured here with her hairstylist, holds up the hair she is donating to Locks of Love.

CRAFTERS SOUGHT

The Magical Moon Foundation is also looking for crafters for their its first annual Harvest Moon Fest on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to 9p.m. Don't miss out on this day full of magical, festive fun. All interested crafters/antique/farmers market vendors should contact **Jen Piepenbrink** by calling 781-383-0143 or by email at jenpiep@yahoo.com (please put Magical Moon in the subject line).

AT FORDHAM

Cohasset native **Christen S. Reardon** is a member of the Class of 2008 at Fordham University. Christen is living in one of the three university residential campuses — the tree-lined, 85-acre Rose Hill campus in the Bronx, N.Y.

FAIR AT SONS OF ITALY

This Sunday, Oct. 10 is the annual Sons of Italy Craft Fair being held in the Son's of Italy Hall on the corner of Rt. 3A and Kilby Street in Hingham. Their will be crafters, plants, a bake table, raffles and so much more. Come on down and join the event from 12-4 p.m.

AT COLBY

Jessie W. Guild, Thomas A. Myers, and **Nicole A. Turgiss**, all of Cohasset, are enrolled at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. Before classes began they took part in an orientation that included an introduction to the rigorous academics and the rich cultural life at Colby as well as a four-day excursion.

Jessie and Nicole are CHS graduates and Thomas is a Milton Academy graduate. Jessie the daughter of **Peter Guild** and **Lindsay Cooney**, both of Cohasset. Nicole's parents are **Robert and Susan Turgiss**. And Thomas is the son of **Michael and Rhonda Myers**.

All the best for a great freshman year!

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

On Saturday, Nov. 6 from 10 am to 2 p.m., the annual Holiday Bazaar is being held at the South Shore Community Center to benefit the Gymnasts in Motion program. Here you will find several crafters and vendors ready to show their products and take your holiday orders. What a wonderful way to have "one-stop" shopping for the holidays!

MONDAY EVENINGS

Can't find a place to dine on Monday evenings in Cohasset? Atlantica has answered your call and will continue to be open on Mondays through the fall. Executive chef, **Richie Blinn,** has developed a special selection of entrees which will change each Monday starting Monday, Oct. 18 – to spice things up a bit. Regulars, have no fear - the old faithful "bar menu" will still be offered. Atlantica will even throw in the fantastic water view for free! A complete menu can be found at www.cohassetharborresort.com or call (781) 383-6650.

UNCLAIMED PRIZES

Attention Cohasset Sailing Club members! There are still unclaimed certificates and prizes from the summer. If you were unable to attend the awards ceremony, call **Anne Rowland** at 781-383-1202 to arrange pick-up of your certificate and/or award.

OLD COHASSET PICTURES

The Cohasset Historical Society will present the second in its series of fall lectures on Wednesday, Oct. 20 in the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St.. Historian, **David Wadsworth**, will give a slide and lecture presentation entitled "Images of Cohasset: Beyond Arcadia". Since many of the images of Cohasset had to be excluded from the book due to space restraints, this program will showcase those and more for the enjoyment of all. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is open to both members and non-members. There is no charge and light refreshment will be served.

I have a favor to ask to all of you great people who take the time to send in your news and information for this column. When sending in your information, please make sure to take it out of "flyer" mode and send me the news the way you would like to see it in print or, with only the pertinent information for me to write as a news piece. If you have something that is meart for both the Around Town and somewhere elsewhere in the paper, make sure to also send it to Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com.

That is all for this week. Please send me all of your news no later than MONDAYS by 5 p.m.!

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Historical Society dinner to feature Michael Tougias

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and fall dinner on Oct. 24 at the Cohasset Harbor Inn. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cash bar followed by a buffet dinner.

The speaker for the evening will be author Michael Tougias who will give a slide and lecture presentation on "King Phillips Indian War in New England". Tougias will discuss the Indian way of life, Colonial settlements and the events leading up to the war as well as the battles and strategies employed during this disastrous conflict.



Michael Tougias

Reservations should be made prior to Oct. 15 by calling the Historical Society headquarters at 781-383-1168.

Tougias is the author of 15 books about New England's history and natural history and received recognition by the Independent Publishers when his book "There's a Porcupine In My Outhouse" was named "Best Nature Book of 2003".

The cost of the dinner and lecture is $31 for Historical Society members and $36 for non-members. The buffet dinner will consist of mixed green salad, herb roasted chicken with a garlic herbed jus, penne pasta with a plum tomato sauce and cheese, seasonal fresh vegetable and apple crisp with vanilla ice cream for dessert. Also included is a cheese and fruit platter to start and coffee or tea.

Reservations should be made prior to Oct. 15 by calling the Historical Society headquarters at 781-383-1168. Checks, payable to the Cohasset Historical Society, may be mailed to The Cohasset Historical Society, P.O. Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025. Please include your name, phone number and address as well as the number of attendees. Since this is a buffet dinner, no menu selection is required.

Arts and crafts for grades K-2

Cohasset Recreation is accepting telephone registrations at 781-383-4109 for Arts and Crafts, scheduled to begin for grades K-2, on Monday, Oct. 18.

The fee for this 5 week program, which meets directly after school until 4:30 p.m. on Monday's, is $50 per child. Becky McArthur will instruct this program.

Send your news tip to mford@cnc.com

Cohasset native tackles Mae West role

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

If you'd like a crash course in learning about "Who Was Mae West," try playing the legendary filmand stage actress in a theatre production.

That's what it's been like for Cohasset-raised actress Caroline deLima, who will star as the original Diamond Lil in Norwell's Company Theatre production of "Dirty Blonde," Claudia Shear's semi-biographical play portraying Mae West in a modern context which became a sleeper hit when it debuted on Broadway in 2000.

The Company Theatre's presentation, directed by Peter A. Carey, opens tomorrow (Friday, Oct. 8) and runs through Oct. 24, with evening performances on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and afternoon shows on Sundays.

deLima, who has been in two previous Company Theatre productions, admitted that she knew little about West before taking on the well talked-about role. But, she assured, once readings and rehearsals got underway, she got a fast brushing-up on the life and persona of the late, influential film actress that only increased her interest and appreciation.

"I got a call a few months ago from the higher-ups at the Company Theatre, and since I'd worked with them before they asked if I might be interested in playing the lead in this upcoming production of a show based on the life of Mae West," deLima said. "I'd heard of the 'Dirty Blonde' production on Broadway and of Mae West, but I had very sketchy information about he life and career and who she was.

"Since being cast though, I've done a lot of research to find about (West), who she was and what made her so famous, partly to prepare for the role and partly for my own personal interest. I read some books and magazine articles and watched some old film clips. I found her to be just an amazing character, almost like a force of nature on the screen. She had an amazing way of delivering a line, it was so real and natural and she showed it in a way that she didn't apologize, because by nature she was just a very sexual being."



The curtain rises tomorrow (Friday) on the Company Theatre's production "Who Was Mae West," starring Cohasset's Caroline deLima.

"She had an amazing way of delivering a line, it was so real and natural and she showed it in a way that she didn't apologize, because by nature she was just a very sexual being."

— Caroline deLima

West, who passed away in 1980, was famous for perfecting the stage and screen persona of sultry, nonchalant sexuality, with languid delivery of suggestive, double-entendre charged dialogue. She conveyed this persona first in repertory and vaudeville in the early 1900s, later on the Broadway stage in the 1910sand 20s before bringing the provocative act to films in the 30sand later, in such classics as "She Done Him Wrong," "I'm No Angel" and "My Little Chickadee," which she co-wrote and co-starred in with W.C. Fields.

Ultimately, West is the original model of virtually every blonde starlet who has followed her in the decades of show business, an influence on everyone from Jean Harlow and Marilyn Monroe to Bette Midler and Madonna.

"Dirty Blonde" parallels the life of West with that of a contemporary woman in a romantic relationship. The play features a wry and funny script with lots of recognizable West one-liners (such as the title line, "I was born platinum, but I made myself a dirty blonde"), plus some true-to-character vaudeville musical numbers.

"It's a very challenging role, because I'm playing not only Mae West but also the modern woman character in two parallel story lines. The script has a lot of flashbacks and flash forwards demanding a lot of quick costume changes. But I think Peter (Carey) ran a fun audition and made me feel at ease in the role. He deserves a lot of praise," deLima said.

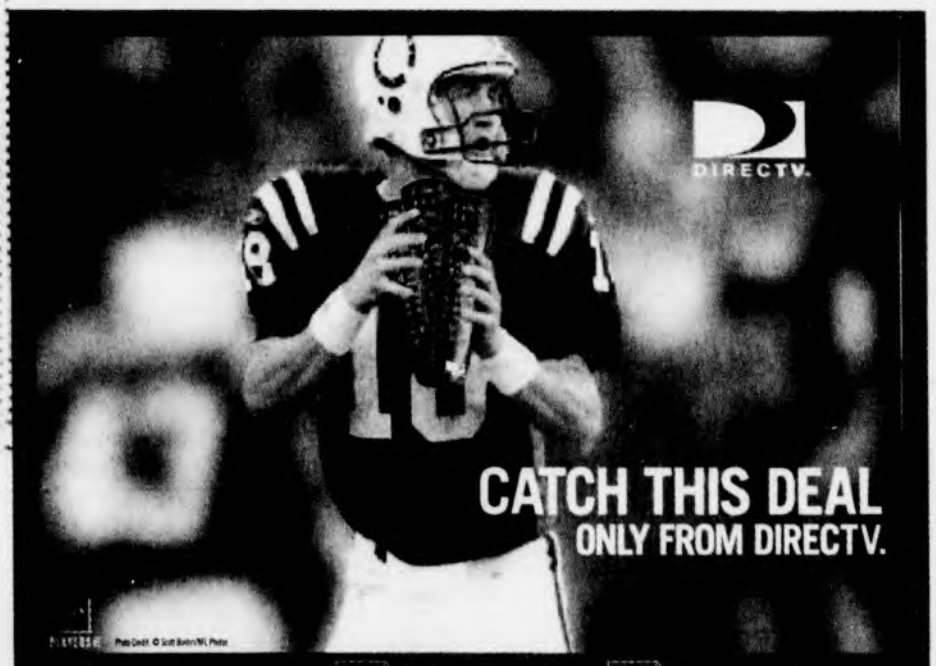
deLima's other two Company Theatre appearances were in "Cabaret" as Sally Bowles and "Hair" as Sheila. Her most recent work was on the Boston Common this summer as Margaret in Commonwealth Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," after she spent most of last year as an original cast member of Gloucester Stage Company's 'Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," first in Gloucester and then at the Stuart Street Second Stage.

deLima grew up in Cohasset and graduated from Milton Academy in 1996. She then earned a degree in theatre from Indiana State University and has joined Actors Equity since moving back to Boston three years ago. She also currently finds work as a nanny during day hours. In her next onstage appearance, deLima plans to share the spotlight with her mother. Sarah deLima, who is also a semi-pro actress. The two will perform together sometime in the fall in the concert musical "Strike Up the Band," presented by American Classics productions.

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Jerry White guest of honor at dinner

St. Stephen's to make parish hall accessible

Jerry White and American landmine survivor, co-founder and executive director of the Landmine Survivors Network in Washington, D.C., will be the guest of honor at a gala dinner at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., on Oct. 16, at 6 p.m.

The dinner is to celebrate the beginning of a campaign to make Saint Stephen's parish hall accessible to anyone with a physical disability. The campaign also aims to create a Memorial Garden as a contemplative setting and, for some, a final resting place for interment of ashes.

The theme of the campaign, from the Gospel of Matthew, is : "Come Unto Me."

White, 40, a native of Cohasset, became disabled while visiting Israel in April 1984 as a junior at Brown University. Hiking on the Golan Heights, he and two friends unknowingly ventured into an unmarked minefield to camp for the night. The next morning White stepped on a land mine and lost his right foot. In 1997 he co-founded Landmine Survivors Network.

Since then, White has testified before Congress and published articles in the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Christian Science Monitor and International Herald Tribune.

"We're in the business of putting things back together again and giving an opportunity for people to get back into the game," White says.

Saint Stephen's "Come Unto Me" campaign is also to ensure that those who have physical disabilities can participate fully, "get into the game," into the life of the community.

White stepped on a land mine in Israel and lost his right foot. In 1997 he co-founded Landmine Survivors Network.

There are many in our community, including parishioners, elderly and others with either temporary or permanent disabilities, for whom stairs are a serous obstacle. Saint Stephen's has been home for more than 20 years to the Social Service League of Cohasset with its Meals on Wheels program and other community organizations including Girl Scouts and Alcoholics Anonymous. Saint Stephen's is acutely aware of the need for elderly guests to be able to attend wedding receptions and to have access to the hall on the second floor for community meetings and events such as the annual Village Fair.

The "Come Unto Me" campaign will enable construction of an annex in which an elevator will access the several levels of the building plus the creation of a Memorial Garden for quiet and response. The goal is to ensure the right of all to participate fully in the life of the community. If you would like to support, in any way, access for all at Saint Stephen's, call the church office at 781-383-1083.

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Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a Town Meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Because of a new federal law, the Help America Vote Act of 2002 passed by Congress; voters who register for the first time by mail will be required to show identification when they vote for the first time in a federal election. Those voters may either mail a copy of their identification to the Town Clerk's office with their voter registration form or they will be required to show it when they vote on Election Day.

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Diversity Committee sponsors free speaker series starting on Nov. 10

The Cohasset Diversity Committee, a part of the Cohasset Parent School Organization, announces a number of events planned for the next five months. In response to the request to expand its programming and outreach to members of the adult Cohasset community, the Diversity Committee will sponsor a fall and early winter speaker series as well as a second International Day Party.

During its first 10 years, the Diversity Committee focused on being a resource for the public schools — students, parents, and staff. Existing and new programs that facilitate the understanding of diverse needs and respect for differences have been its principal focus.

International tensions and specific recent events have convinced the Committee to provide forums to engage the entire Cohasset community around issues and opportunities of diversity. The programs have all been suggested by local residents in response to questionnaires and conversations about what would interest them. Local residents will serve as panelists and discussion leaders.

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The programs will take place on the second Wednesday evening of the month, from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

• On Nov. 10, several speakers will discuss how the United States and other countries are dealing with a common domestic and global policy problem: the control, treatment, prevention, and consequences of the AIDS pandemic. Health care, social, financial, governmental, and cultural issues may be addressed.

• On Wednesday, Dec. 8, the Diversity Committee will present a program about international arts and culture. The speaker will present some ideas about common and diverse trends. The evening will feature a presentation, background music, and extra festivity in keeping with the holidays.

• The subject for Wednesday, Jan. 12 is a discussion about how different customs affect the way people relate to one another. How easy is it to fit in to Cohasset, when you are from another country, or another culture, if you sound or look different from the majority? How can a welcoming environment be created, so that everyone feels valued for his or her differences?

• On March 9, facilitators from the Diversity Committee will join with a group of local residents to explore, in a group discussion with the attendees, the subject: How is the United States perceived in the world today? How can the United Nations and similar organizations provide opportunities for all nations to come to the table as equals? How much can or should individuals do to foster respect for a diversity of cultures, traditions, and priorities?

At each event, the audience will be asked to be part of the program. The speakers and presenters will serve to get the discussion started. These are not lectures.

Venues and specific speakers and panelists will be announced. There will be no charge for participation. Light refreshments will be served.

For further information, contact a member of the Diversity Committee subcommittee on the Speakers Series: Kathryn Earle, (781) 383-0061 or kbearle@aol.com; or Chartis Tebbetts, (781) 383-1662 or c-etebbetts@comcast.net.

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EDITORIAL

Redeveloping Route 3A

A look a the attractive architect's rendering of the proposed redeveloped KoKo Island site of Route 3A and one has to wonder where the same scrutiny was 40 or 50 years ago when much of the commercial property that stretches all along the state highway in Cohasset was built.

It's no understatement to say KoKo Island plans are a huge improvement over existing conditions and show how 3A is undergoing a renaissance of mega proportions.

We applaud the thorough — and yes, grueling — review process this project faced under the careful eye of the Planning Board and now, the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The end result is going to be a first-class site that has exceeded standards for noise and air pollution and will provide plenty of landscaping and screening for neighbors.

Safety and traffic issues have also been addressed.

When one thinks of what we love the most about Cohasset – 3A doesn't necessarily come to mind. We like to talk about a rocky coastline with spectacular views of Minot Light or the rural, small-town character of the Beechwood section of town.

Route 3A has in some areas become an "eyesore." But as 3A undergoes its transformation that will include a commuter train station, there is an opportunity to make sure we don't repeat the problems of the past.

Route 3A is the "gateway" to town. It's the way most people get here. It's a shame that much of the highway business district looks like it needs a facelift.

KoKo Island developers are dedicated and serious about transforming their site. The aesthetic improvements alone are going to create a pleasing oasis and hopefully, will start a trend. We hope more landlords will consider upgrading their properties.

Although they are being held to a high standard, KoKo Island developers are not the first nor are they alone in having to endure an often long, tedious and expensive approval process. Other star projects include Cohasset Plaza, Shaw's Plaza, Hingham Lumber, Cohasset Collision, Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, Sunrise Assisted Living, and the two brick office buildings near Crocker Lane, to name a few.

Yet much of the highway still looks "tired." Route 3A's commercial development is vital to the economic well being of Cohasset. Handsome, well planned redevelopment is a win-win. It will make the roadway more pleasing to the eyes and more attractive to new business.

Thanks to an extensive review process and strong zoning bylaws, the future of 3A is looking brighter every day.

— Mary Ford
mford@cnc.com



POLITICAL NOTES

Local Democrats host screening of 'Fahrenheit 9/11'

Join the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee for a special screening of "Fahrenheit 9/11" on Friday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. Admission is free. Contributions will be gratefully accepted and distributed to Democratic candidates for election. All political junkies and other interested citizens are invited. For information, call Agnes McCann, Chairman, 383-0222

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concern about effects over proposed windmill

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to voice my concern over a proposal in Hull to build a 330-foot windmill at the site of the town's former landfill. The problem is that this location is right in the middle of one of the state's designated Areas of Environmental Concern and right in the heart of the Weir River Estuary.

While I applaud the town of Hull for pursuing wind power, there are several unanswered questions about this plan. The town appears to be on a fast track — Hull voters are scheduled to vote on this proposal at a special town meeting on Oct. 14. Yet, I don't believe any testing has been done on the impact this structure would have on this delicate environment or the impact it will have on the wildlife in this area.

This is a location where the fewest number of Hull residents will see the windmill, but I'm very concerned about the impact this structure will have on the area. At 330-feet tall, this structure will tower over the estuary. It will be approximately 100 feet higher than the existing windmill in Hull. This proposed windmill is higher than the Statue of Liberty, and that seems like nothing to take lightly.

What factors were used to determine what height would be appropriate? What are the average sustained wind speeds at this location? What are the species who will be impacted by this structure's size, speed, and noise? How will this windmill change the migratory patterns of the area's many birds, such as the Osprey, Great Blue Heron, Snowy Egrets, Cormorants, Mergansers, Swans, and Buffleheads? These are just a few of the birds who call this area their home.

When I spoke to about 20 of my neighbors, not one had heard anything about this proposal. It just made me wonder who else is not aware of Hull's plan?

I want to be sure the necessary tests are done to ensure the Weir River is adequately protected. This seems to be an issue that should be a concern to more than just Hull's residents since we will all be living with their decision.

Khela Thorne
Hingham

Save the trees at Society's museums

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Historical Society intends to destroy a huge old, beautiful and healthy and historic ash tree in order to provide wheelchair access to the Maritime Museum. They intend to destroy a second tree located between the Maritime Museum and the Captain John Winslow House in the course of work to be done on the foundation. The loss of these trees will leave the very center of the village relatively barren.

I feel there are many reasons to leave these trees alone.

• The big tree close to the entrance to the Maritime Museum adds immensely to your perception of age and history as you enter the building. Even young children can literally feel the time it takes for a tree to grow that large. Isn't a sense of history about feeling time and our place in it? I especially love how you must almost rub shoulders with this tree as you enter the building. What a perfect welcome to a historic place! We should honor this tree, not destroy it.

• Most of us are aware of tropical rainforests being devastated in South America and Indonesia, aware of old growth forests being clear-cut in the Pacific Northwest, aware of Julia Butterfly Hill living in a giant redwood for over a year to protect it. Julia has since become a cultural hero, especially for youth. But we feel helpless to do anything about those faraway trees. Now two fine old trees in the center of Cohasset are threatened, and we are not helpless to protect them. We can speak out, contact the Historical Society, plead with them to find another way to provide wheelchair access. The trees are not dangerous villains set upon destroying buildings or people.

• There are alternative ways of providing wheelchair access to the buildings. As an architect I rarely find a design problem with only one solution. On the contrary, the difficulty is usually narrowing down a wide variety of solutions. I refuse to believe no other solutions are possible except destroying these trees.

• These elder trees are not "big weeds" any more than elder humans in Cohasset are big weeds, although they too are sometimes treated as if they are and shuffled off to senior housing. These elder trees are a part of the history of Cohasset.

I urge you to take a walk by the Maritime Museum and see these trees for yourself. If you feel they should be saved, contact the Cohasset Historical Society, P. O. Box 627, Cohasset, Ma 02025, phone 781-383-1434, e-mail tlg@copper.net

Jim Shipsky
58 Doane St.

Men's breakfast club welcomes newcomers

TO THE EDITOR:

The Chanticleer Men's Breakfast Club meets each Wednesday at 8.45 in the attractive top floor function room of the Red Parrot restaurant in Hull overlooking the ocean.

We welcome newcomers who are retired, male, and would enjoy fellowship and an excellent breakfast buffet with multiple choices. There are no other requirements; all one needs do is show up by 8.45 a.m. Wednesday.

We generally break up between 10.30 and 11, after some story-telling and lighthearted discussion; good fellowship is the ambiance. The cost is $10. For further information please call me at 781-545-0695.

Current attendance is about 30; members are from several towns in the area. The backgrounds and interests of our members covers a broad spectrum. Occasionally evening dinners or day trips are organized by those members who are interested.

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TO THE EDITOR:

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This past Friday morning, I had an experience that required immediate medical attention. They were at my side in less than three minutes. They were totally in control of the situation. I was naturally concerned, and they were a calming influence during this occasion. I was transported to South Shore Hospital by Dan Smith and Sharon Leone, and during that trip their professionalism again showed through.

We are very fortunate to have such dedicated people working for our town.

Peter J. Wood
77 Summer St.

This letter was sent to Police Chief James Hussey and Fire Chief Roger Lincoln with a copy to the Mariner.

ASP at it again

TO THE EDITOR:

It's hard to believe the summer is over and it's ASP time again. On Sunday, Sept. 17, the registration meeting was held at Second Congregational Church. It was wonderful to see so many old and new faces.

Please make sure to get all applications in by Oct. 1. Space is limited and there will be a waiting list. If you need an application, they are available online at: www.cohasse-tasp.org.

Also, Oct. 9, marks the beginning of the second annual Pumpkin Patch Extravaganza. This year's event will include hayrides, storytelling, and much more fun for the entire family.

Please check here for weekly updates on Cohasset's 18th ASP year. Important dates and fundraisers will be highlighted as well as information about the project, and even stories and pictures from our volunteers, past and present.

Thank you, Cohasset, for your continuing support of the Appalachia Service Project!

Janet Hoyler
For the ASP

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HEALTH NOTES

Town has a plan to manage septic systems

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Two weeks ago, I began what has become a series on one of the primary occupations at the Board of Health: that of dealing with water in all of its aspects and conditions. By far most important and time consuming part of this activity – certainly for Tara Tradd, our overworked and understaffed Health Office Administrator who keeps track, not only of the Board's septic system oversight, but also the Sewer Department's activities — is the management of *wastewater*. In the first article we talked about the problems of both storm water and wastewater in Cohasset's rocky soil. However, in truth, storm water can sicken and ruin our ponds and estuaries, but wastewater can sicken our people and pets. So, obviously, the first priority must be with proper management of wastewater. Therefore, this week we're going to discuss the new revised Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP).

The CWMP finds its roots in a court order imposed some 20 years ago on the Town for violation of the EPA's Clean Water Act. At the time, the thrust of the state was to clean up its waters; Boston Harbor, the Charles, and Cohasset's Little Harbor clam flats. Accordingly, the state wanted the Town to expand its sewer system to the homes around Little Harbor. Since that time, much has changed, but the thrust has continued to be that the Town should increase its attention to better management of its wastewater.

The CWMP really has two parts: Its first four paragraphs try to explain the relationship between the Sewer Commission and the Board of Health with its State required storm-water management. Actually, the Sewer Department, having a substantial infrastructure interconnected in the ground must have considerably more detailed plans, diagrams, staff, and coordination than needed with on-site wastewater management. Depending on population density, sewers can therefore be more expensive, or less, than on-site systems. But the natural inclination, where sewers are considered is to group so-called dwelling units as close together as possible to reduce connection costs. The natural inclination for on-site systems is to spread dwellings out to make use of the area for leaching fields. In most areas of Cohasset, sewers tend to be marginally more expensive than on-site systems. For purposes of processing wastewater it is now generally accepted that either sewers or on-site are a satisfactory and permanent solution depending on location, design and population density factors.

At the time of signing, an inspection will be made and, if a new septic system is needed to meet State Title 5 requirements, the Town will pay half the cost, and the homeowner will pay the other half using a low interest loan over 20 years.

The rest of the CWMP deals with a new and equitable way to manage wastewater both sewer and on-site. First, the Sewer Department's home rule petition will allow those wishing to have sewers to get approval therefor at Town Meeting. Sewers have traditionally been supported by some sort of cost sharing between the Town and the individual; also decided at Town Meeting. With the objective of equitability in mind, the CWMP has been modified to a program which will permit homeowners and businesses to sign a contract with the Town that, for a fee, the Town will inspect, upgrade and maintain their wastewater system.

At the time of signing, an inspection will be made and, if a new septic system is needed to meet State Title 5 requirements, the Town will pay half the cost, and the homeowner will pay the other half using a low interest loan over 20 years. Participation in the Plan is conditional on the property owner using due care in the use of the system.

If a repair, replacement or upgrade of a system is necessary, the Board will prepare a plan for the work. It will present that plan to the property owner for approval in the context of the usual Title 5 hearing process. If the property owner objects to the plan (either as to design or location), the property owner may secure his/her own plan and submit it to the Board for approval within 30 days. To also insure the integrity of the revolving enterprise fund, the Board is not obligated to put forth the most expensive design or most desired location possible, but instead may put forth a design and choose a location on site that achieves Title 5 and local regulation compliance at the least possible cost. If the Board is willing to accept the property owner's alternative plan, but the cost of such plan exceeds that of the Board's plan, the property owner shall be responsible for the additional cost. For a complete copy of the CWMP contact the Board of Health.

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Don't give sewer capacity to developers

COMMENTARY

RICARD BROOKS

On Aug. 10, I submitted a letter to the editor of the Mariner for publishing. The focus of that letter was why, as a couple of town officials were proposing, the town could not and should not allocate previous sewer capacity to commercial developers for proposed, new housing projects and thereby, in spite of their denials, abandoning sewer commitments to thousands of existing, tax-paying residents who have been waiting for many years for sewer tie-in and all the while paying for that capacity via real estate taxes. Unfortunately, my letter of Aug. 10 was not published due to newspaper space limitations.

However, as I predicted in that letter based on my long experience and professional credentials, I note that one of those developers has now "discovered" technology that will allow the developer to provide "on-site" wastewater treatment, rather than demanding, via a filed lawsuit, unavailable sewer capacity from the town. I am also convinced that the Cook Estate project can and will provide on-site wastewater treatment once they realize that existing, taxpaying homeowners will not tolerate nor support any "free lunch" of sewer capacity going to ineligible, for-profit, commercial housing developers at the expense of diverting that taxpayer-funded capacity away from existing, long waiting residents.

I noted in my letter that these same town officials have committed, under a long-standing Superior Court Order against the town, to finally move to comply with that order by sewering that portion of town that is the principal source of the pollution in violation of the Federal Clean Water Act. If the capacity is given away to developers, I can assure you that as a consequence the state Attorney General and the DEP will shortly thereafter most likely levy non-compliance fines against the town in an amount of $10,000 per day for reneging on the compliance Plan and Schedule submitted to the court this past February. Frankly, as a technical professional and a nationally honored environmental businessman, I am appalled and embarrassed at the lack of good faith and "games" that our town officials have been playing over the years to avoid compliance with cessation orders to stop polluting our precious coastal waters, let alone risking the health of our citizens, especially our children, due to the prevalence of obsolete and openly failed septic systems in major areas of the town.

The bottom line here is that commitments by town officials to thousands of existing residents, approved by Town Meeting voters, cannot be abandoned and cast aside!

The two paragraphs that follow below have been extracted verbatim from my unpublished Aug. 10 letter and I include them in this letter to reinforce my prior conclusions that on-site wastewater treatment can be used for the proposed housing projects once the prospects for a "free lunch" have been withdrawn:

"Cohasset may gain some small but needed 'senior' housing benefits and increased tax base if either of these projects go forward under the 'for-profit' developers involved. However, no free lunches are available at the expense of the thousands of existing residents of Cohasset, including the 440 senior citizens who currently reside in the Little Harbor/Atlantic Ave. Sewer District, let alone the other districts, who have been growing old waiting for years, indeed decades, for sewer service and all those years paying taxes that built the Central Treatment Plant and much of the collection sewer lines. Each of these new housing projects can apparently move ahead fairly promptly if the developers involved will simply redo their sums and pay to have the required, on-site wastewater treatment systems installed. A vast array of new and old technologies can be chosen from — whatever it takes to comply with our environmental regulations. As Nike advocates, 'just do it'! Further, as an experienced, professional engineer, based on the information I have seen relative to the testings for an on-site wastewater treatment system for the Cook Estate proposed housing, I believe an on-site system is feasible and practical and I predict that such a system will be 'discovered' and installed by the developer once the 'no sewer' ruling is confirmed and accepted as reality. I sense part of the acceptance problem here is that the concept of sewering the Cook project has been on the table since at least January, 2002! Interesting!"

"The bottom line here is that commitments by town officials to thousands of existing residents, approved by Town Meeting voters, cannot be abandoned and cast aside! Nor can we the town continue to pollute our precious coastal waters, indeed the neighborhoods we reside in, in violation of the Clean Water Act. That's simply irresponsible. There is no fair nor practical nor voter-acceptable way for Cohasset to provide scarce, costly sewer capacity to new, 'for-profit' housing developments proposed to be built in this town!"

Richard E.T. Brooks, PhD, P.E. lives at 68 Nichols Road.

LIBRARY CORNER

Story & craft

Limited space is still available in the afternoon Story & Craft which meets on consecutive Thursdays October 7 through Oct. 28. Story & Craft meets from 1 to 2 p.m. and is for Cohasset residents ages 3-6. Call now and reserve your space!

Sing in Spanish

On Saturday, Oct. 9, from 10 to 11 a.m., Jodi Craft will kick off the LSTA Discovery Kit grant called "Cultural Connections". Join Jodi for a dynamic, lively, musical hour and learn more about the grant. Jodi will continue the program on Tuesday Oct. 12, 19, and 26 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Story Hour Room. Join all four Spanish song sessions. No registration required. All ages are welcome. Caregivers must accompany children.

School Scrabble

The National School Scrabble Championship will be held on April, 8 and 9, 2005 at the Marriott Copley, Boston. Grades 5 to 8 are eligible to put together two-member teams. Registration will open on line on Oct. 12, at 9 a.m The registration fee is $100. To register, log onto hhtp://school.scrabble-assoc.com. Limited space is available. All registered students will receive a free annual membership to the school Scrabble Club and a free digital timer for game play.

T-shirt pickup

Students that participated in the summer reading program should pick up their T-shirts within the next two weeks.

Cultural connections to kick off on Oct. 9

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library has been awarded a $7,500 grant for its program, "Cultural Connections". This project is being funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners from LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act), a federal source of library funding provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Cohasset's "Cultural Connections" grant program presents the opportunity to stimulate and challenge young students as they learn about the diverse cultures, languages and histories of the world's peoples.

Country Kits will be created using educational and cultural resources that will acquaint students in preschool through high school with the language, culture, art, music, history and geography of many countries. The grant materials and programs will support the curriculum frameworks in multiple areas. Kits will be available as check-out resources for home use and may be used as deposit collections in local schools. Story hours will reflect world and native cultures and special musical and dance performances will educate and entertain children and adults of all ages.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, from 10 to 11 a.m., Jodi Craft will kick off our "Cultural Connections" grant program with Spanish songs for young children. Come join us for a lively song and dance hour! Drop-In Spanish song groups will continue on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 19, and 26 from 10 to 11 a.m. Join all four Spanish song sessions. No registration required. All communities welcome. For information call 781-383-1348 or visit library@cohassetlibrary.org

Film series

Upcoming dates for the monthly Independent Film series are: Oct. 14 "The Republic of Love," Nov. 18 "Carol's Journey," and Dec. 9 "The Rage in Placid Lake." Films will be shown in the library's meeting room at 7 p.m. Admission and refreshments are free.

Author events

Authors Bernard Corbett and Paul Simpson will discuss their book "The Harvard/Yale Rivalry: The Only Game That Matters," on Thursday, Nov. 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the library's Meeting Room. The event is sponsored by Buttonwood Books. Author Bill Nowlin will talk about his book on Ted Williams and the Red Sox on Monday Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Refreshments will be served.

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview. Reserve your copy in advance of publication by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "London Bridges," by James Patterson; "A Christmas Visitor," by Anne Perry; "Red Leaves," by Belva Plain; "The Rottweiler," by Ruth Rendell; and "Echoes," by Danielle Steel.

To Place A Hold from home, start at the Web site: www.cohassetlibrary.org. Go to "catalog" and search for the item you want. Click on "hold." Enter your user ID from your library card (no spaces), your PIN (OCLN) and specify "pickup location" as Cohasset. Press "hold." You will be notified when the book is available.

AK-04 the assault vodka?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see that Mikhail Kalashnikov, the Russian who invented the AK-47 assault rifle which has become the weapon of choice everywhere from Baghdad to Roxbury, is about to bring out his own brand of vodka.

Good. Now folks can drink themselves to death over a longer period of time than it takes his rifle, which is capable of firing 600 shots a minute from a 30 or 100 round clip, to do the same job in a fraction of a second.

When it is available in the United States sometime next year, Kalashnikov vodka will sell for $24 per 22.5 ounce bottle. The going rates for AK-47s on the black market, I'm told, is $100 in Honduras and $50 in Pakistan.

I've never been much of a vodka fan myself. Back in the days when ice covered the earth and I had to do something to keep warm, I chose gin, preferably in its natural habitat, wedded to vermouth and surrounding an olive.

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Kalashnikov is said to have invented his assault rifle while a Soviet soldier recovering from his wounds on the Eastern Front in 1941 but it wasn't accepted by the Russian army until 1947, hence the name: Automat-Kalashnikova 47.

The Red Army liked it because you could drop it in water or bury it in dirt and it would still function. It is beloved in places like Baghdad because you can fold it up and hide it under your robes to be pulled out as an American drives by.

Kalashnikov himself, now a retired general, told the Times of London that soldiers in Mozambique — the African birthplace of Teresa Heinz Kerry, incidentally — are naming their first-born sons "Kalash," after their favorite killing machine.

The 84-year-old retired soldier has a retort for those who write him critical of the killing power of his invention. "Tell them I sleep well," he told the Times. "Weapons are not to blame. The ones to blame are the politicians, not the designers."

Spoken like the president of the National Rifle Association.

The only gun approaching the AK-47 in popularity on the mean streets is the Uzi, which was invented by an Israeli Army major named Uziel Gal about the same time Kalashnikov's assault rifle hit the black marketplace.

The major's nickname was "Uzi" but I haven't heard that parents anywhere are naming their first-borns after him. And if he's thinking of bringing out his own brand of sacramental wine, I haven't got the skinny on it yet.

I remember an American-made gun similar to an assault rifle called a "Reising" that was entrusted to me briefly by my uncle during the late unpleasantries with Japan. After one performance, I think, it was dropped in favor of a bow and arrow.

The Reising did have one redeeming quality, though. It could be field stripped (that is, taken apart) in parts small enough to be mailed home in individual envelopes. A lot of the guys did.

ASP NEWS

It's hard to believe the summer is over and it's ASP time again. On Sunday, Sept. 19, the registration meeting was held at Second Congregational Church. It was wonderful to see so many old and new faces.

The application deadline was Oct. 1. Space is limited but there will be a waiting list. If you would still like to apply, and need an application, they are available online at: www.cohassetasp.org.

Also, Oct. 9 marks the beginning of the second annual Pumpkin Patch Extravaganza! This year's event will include hayrides, storytelling, and much more fun for the entire family! Volunteers are always needed for this event. Anyone interested in assisting with the unloading of the trucks on Oct. 9, or signing up for a time to volunteer, please contact Phil Lehr at 383-0783. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Please check here for weekly updates on Cohasset's 18th ASP year. Important dates and fundraisers will be highlighted as well as information about the project, and even stories and pictures from our volunteers, past and present.

Thank you, Cohasset, for your continuing support of the Appalachia Service Project!

— Janet Hoyler

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't chop down historic Elm St. trees

TO THE EDITOR:

The Historical Society has in their sights two trees to which they repeatedly refer as "their property." They claim the trees are robbing the building of needed light and the roots are disrupting the building's foundation. Evident to me, however, is that the society wishes to eliminate these fine old trees to more easily construct handicapped access to the building enabling them to secure federal grant money, having fulfilled these requirements. Their intentions are fine — their process is totally not.

Two weeks ago the society appeared before the Board of Selectmen, accompanied by their expert, who oftentimes in Cohasset needs only to have an unfamiliar face to qualify, and informed the board of their intentions. Rightfully the board, some of whom are coming off discussions with the Waterfield Company's emphasis on the value of street trees, bristled.

Probably not an expert, but my last college stop was at U. Mass. in this field, and the value of mature street trees was always at the top of any priority list on streetscapes. For a group of three or four or five to come before the Selectmen, proclaiming a town treasure such as this as their private property, and propose eliminating something that we are striving to create in the rest of the downtown, tells me they need to be saved from themselves.

I might remind the society that the Wilson House was donated to them by a wonderful man named William McGaw, an old uncle of mine. In another Cohasset, Uncle Will, as we knew him, would see to it that some folks in town less fortunate than he might be helped out some, or that all people in town might get to enjoy the holidays — in another Cohasset indeed!

May I suggest the society view themselves more as fortunate stewards of this little gem rather than owners, and find an architect expert enough to preserve the whole premises including the wonderful trees that actually enhance it so.

A thorough pruning will easily afford the building of any light it may now be deprived of, and the root expansion of such an old growth tree is negligible. Simultaneously, trees with beautiful crowns will emerge. If the tree blows over it will be in an easterly direction, and will land on me, across the street, a chance I'm willing to take.

With problems such as Iraq and Africa it often seems petty to sweat the small stuff — but not always.

James Watson
101 Border St.

Safety fair slated at Senior Center

The first annual Safety Fair sponsored by the Cohasset Elder Affairs and the Norfolk County Sheriffs Office, TRIAD, will be held Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center, 3 North Main St. Opening remarks from Michael Bellotti, Sheriff, Norfolk County, followed by demonstrations, lots and lots of information on safety and brochures, and professional people to answer your questions will be available at Safety Fair.

There will be more than 25 vendors participating. Many with new information on how to remain safe, at home and in your community. This event is a great way to meet people and talk to provider first hand. You will be able to get important health questions answered and do one stop shopping for health and safety needs. Area seniors and families are welcome.

Suzanne Gunthier, OTR/D from the Arthritis foundation will speak before lunch. The luncheon will be served at the First Parish House, 23 North Main St. If you plan to attend this special event, RSVP To CEA office your lunch reservation at 781-383-9797.

CHAMBER CHATTER

Breakfast meeting

Call the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce at 781-383-1616.

• Oct. 13, "October Breakfast Meeting: Your 60 Second Commercial. "Speaker Dave Kantelis, a Director for Business Networking International (BNI), will discuss developing your "60-Second Commercial" 7:30 to 9 a.m. Atlantic Bagel in Cohasset Village

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on the roll call vote on election of a new House speaker and on two roll calls from prior sessions. There were no roll call votes in the Senate last week.

ELECTION OF HOUSE SPEAKER

The House elected Rep. Sal DiMasi (D-Boston) as speaker of the 160-member House. DiMasi received 133 votes while House Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading) received 22 votes. DiMasi replaces former Speaker Tom Finneran who resigned as speaker a day earlier and plans to soon resign from the House to take a new job with the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council. DiMasi had been the second in command in the House as majority leader under Finneran.

FINES FOR CIGARETTE SALE VIOLATIONS (H 4913)

House 21-134, rejected Gov. Romney's amendment to a budget provision increasing the fines on retail stores that sell cigarettes at a cost that is less than the cost that the retailer paid for the cigarettes and on wholesalers who sell cigarettes at less than the cost to the wholesaler. The current fine is up to $500. The budget provision increased the fine to up to $5000 for a first offense, $15,000 for a second offense and up to $30,000 for subsequent offenses. It also requires the reporting of a third offense to authorities for possible disciplinary action concerning the offender's license. The governor's amendment would increase the fine to up to $5000 for each offense and eliminate the reporting requirement. Amendment supporters and opponents agreed that the fine should be increased but differed on the amount of the hike. They both said that these violations are serious offenses that are designed to escape the excise tax on cigarettes and lower their price to make them more affordable for teenagers. Amendment supporters said a standard $5000 fine for all violations is sufficient and argued that the hike to up to $30,000 for a third offense is excessive. Amendment opponents said it is time to get serious with these violators and argued that it is important to increase the fines for additional offenses. (A "Yea" vote is for increasing the fine to $5000 instead of the three-tiered approach of $5000, $15,000 and $30,000. A "Nay" vote is against the increase to $5000 and favors the three-tiered approach).

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (H 4904)

House 155-0, gave final approval to a bill creating a Department of Early Education and Care to serve as the lead agency for the administration of all public and private early education and care programs and services in Massachusetts. The measure also creates a Board of Early Education and Care to oversee the development and implementation of a program of voluntary, universally accessible high-quality early childhood education for all preschool-aged children. Gov. Romney had proposed some minor amendments to the proposal and after the House rejected those amendments, this final vote on the bill was required. Supporters said this bold initiative would consolidate existing early education and care program under a new and streamlined independent department. They noted that the landmark plan would eventually give all three and four-year-olds access to high quality early education and care through a system of both public and private providers. Gov. Romney has signed the bill into law. (A "Yea" vote is for the creation of a Department of Early Education and Care).

ALSO UPON BEACON HILL

ABOLISH PREMARITAL BLOOD TEST (H 75)- The House gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a bill repealing the current law requiring couples to have a premarital blood test to determine if either person has syphilis. Supporters said this antiquated requirement, established during a syphilis outbreak in the 1930s, is no longer worthwhile and noted that thousands of tests annually only reveal three or four cases of syphilis. They argued that the tests cost millions of dollars annually and said these healthcare dollars could be better spent elsewhere. In 2002, the Senate approved the bill and sent it to the House that never acted on it.

ELDERLY WATER CHARGE ABATEMENT (H 4001)- The House has accepted the Senate's amendments to a local option bill allowing cities and towns to abate the first $500 of water charges paid by seniors over age 65 who meet certain low-income and other requirements. The abatement would be provided to single seniors whose income is less than 16,000 annually and to married seniors with a joint income of less than $24,000. These seniors would qualify only if they have lived in Massachusetts for at least ten years and have owned property in the state for at least five years. The measure needs only final House and Senate approval prior to being sent to Gov. Romney.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote



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School chief likes working in town

FROM SCHOOL CHIEF, PAGE 1

Cohasset post that opened up when former Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey stepped down. She said the Cohasset position was the only one she applied for and she would have stayed in Middleborough if it hadn't panned out. However, sometimes in life, timing is just right.

Walsh began her career in education in 1979 as a history and government teacher at Sacred Heart High School in Weymouth. "I have a love for the political system as well as teaching at the secondary level, and I found a way to combine my passion for politics and education early on," she said. Walsh said while she was teaching, she really enjoyed being able to bring the subject matter to life for her students, especially where government was concerned. She even took a trip down to Washington D.C. with her students to help them realize the significant role government plays in their everyday lives.

Although she loved to teach, after seven years she felt it was time to move on to something else. "You reach a point where you realize you have a greater influence in one position over another," she said, and hoped by moving from a teaching to an administrative position, she could "make a difference on a larger scale." However, even still, "I do miss the one-on-one," interaction with children, she said.

In 1986, Walsh was appointed assistant principal at Hingham High School. And in 1992, Walsh moved from her position in Hingham to become principal of Dedham High School, where she stayed until 1997.

"It was a very interesting time to be taking on a principalship," she said, adding curriculum frameworks were suddenly given to the schools and the state was telling them what they needed to do. Schools started operating on a more collaborative level, as school councils were developed and the community started taking a more proactive role in the education of children.

From there the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, or MCAS tests began being administered to children to assess the curriculum the schools were required to follow. "It was a time of change, which was not easy because it happened so fast," Walsh said. "It began the era of accountability."

During that time she had been busy working toward earning her doctoral degree from the University of Massachusetts. Then she decided it was time to take the next step in her career and went on to become the assistant superintendent for the Silver Lake Regional School District.

"I needed budget experience," said Walsh, and the assistant superintendent role for the regional school allowed her to work with five budgets for four different towns, in addition to 55 school buses, and more than 500 students in each class. "The coordination necessary and the experience I had there was very valuable," she said.

In 2000, Walsh decided the time was right to take on the role of superintendent. "I had the training and the background, and felt I had the experience behind me," she said, which led her to apply for the job in Middleborough.

When she began in Middleborough, Walsh said it was once again a challenging time because many retirees had left their positions, and she was responsible for building a new administrative team. In addition, the town was experiencing a change in demographics as new, young families were continually moving to the area, increasing the population a little more every year. With more children, more teachers were required, more supplies were needed, and it affected the budgets for the schools.

"The town faced the issue head-on," said Walsh, adding under her direction, the budget was able to be increased to bring on additional staff and resources.

When former Cohasset Supt. Edward Malvey announced his retirement in October of last year, Walsh said the prospect of working in a small district which has such a wonderful reputation couldn't be passed up. In Middleborough, there had been roughly 4,000 students in the entire system, and she worked out of a building which was separate from the schools.

"I missed the closeness," of working in a small system, she said, and Cohasset felt like a perfect fit. In fact, when the Cohasset School Committee interviewed Walsh, its members instantly knew she was the person for the job as well. The night the committee voted to appoint Walsh as the new superintendent, Member Mark DeGiacomo said during the interview, "I slipped Pat (Martin) a note that said, 'She's the one'."

Since Walsh came on board this July, she said she has been slowly getting to know the students in all of the grade levels. She said she took a trip down to Camp Bournedale to visit the sixth-grade students who were there for the week on a class trip. In addition, she paid a visit to the students at Deer Hill to watch Principal Keith Gauley roll out the red carpet for students. "That is something they will never forget," she said.

Walsh said she likes to attend the various events students are involved with throughout the year. "It helps keep us focused. It reminds us why we do what we do," she said, adding even thought it is easy to sometimes become preoccupied with tough issues such as preparing the budget, "We need to put it in perspective that it's all about the children. The only reason we put together the budget is for them."

Walsh said because her administrative career began next door in Hingham, returning to the area, "I really do feel like I've come full circle." She looks forward to meeting many new people in Cohasset, as she has already been made to feel welcome. She said in her travels around town, people have started to recognize her and she has begun making introductions. "That is one of the many joys of working in a small town," she said.

Walsh currently lives in Plymouth and when she's not in Cohasset, enjoys spending time with her son and daughter. Her son is currently a legislative consultant on the North Shore, and her daughter is a school psychologist in Mashpee. Walsh said she also has a 2-1/2 year old granddaughter, "Who gets all of my spare time and attention."

But Walsh always looks forward to returning to the office, and thrives on the challenges of keeping the school district running smoothly. "I still love it and I can't imagine doing anything else."

History may settle trees' future

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water, which one arborist said will surely damage the roots of the tree which could eventually lead to its becoming weak and collapsing on the historic building. Members of the Society say if the building is damaged, the collection inside will be damaged, and they feel the potential loss of a part of Cohasset's history outweighs cutting down the trees.

The drainage project is being paid for with money from the Community Preservation Fund, which selectmen say is essentially taxpayer dollars. Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said that makes the property "quasi-town property." As a result, the town is eligible to obtain a deed restriction on the property, which allows it to regulate the use of the building and the rights and access by the public. The deed restriction is currently being negotiated, and in Town Counsel's opinion, "The town can use its leverage of providing CPA funds to the Historical Society and try to include the preservation of these trees in the deed restriction. The town can suggest that the trees are as important as the buildings itself because of their age and historical value to the site and the public." However, Town Counsel also said the Society may not agree to those terms and the appropriate state agency which would review those terms may not agree either.

The drainage project is just one of many projects the Society has been working on in recent years. Last year, the Society moved from its former headquarters in the Lothrop House into the Paul Pratt Memorial building, which used to serve as the town library. The Society restored many original fixtures in the building, and has transformed the building itself into a town treasure. The building is now climate controlled to help preserve artifacts, and special shades to block ultra-violet light which can damage artifacts were also installed.

Just after the Society made its move, it celebrated its 75th anniversary with a weekend-long festival, which served as a way to showcase the new headquarters, and promote the history of the town.

This June, Society members Lynne DeGiacomo, David Wadsworth, and Morse published "Images of America: Cohasset." The book, which is the first pictorial history of the town, features many photos from the Historical Society's archives, as well as some which were donated, whose captions tell the story of days gone by.

The most recent accomplishment of the Society is the completion of two apartments in the lower level of the Paul Pratt building. The apartments will be used as affordable housing for the town and will help the town meet the 10 percent affordability threshold set by the state.

Dunkin' Donuts traffic studies to be scrutinized

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the development last night (Wednesday), the ZBA heard a presentation that won accolades by several townspeople present at its hearing Tuesday.

Generally, the ZBA appeared to like what it saw about the project, which is widely viewed as a vast improvement over current conditions.

The ZBA is considering issuing a special permit for a change of use for the Hair Affair site from a hair salon to a donut and coffee shop.

The plans include expanding the square footage of the two, separate existing buildings on the site by connecting the Hair Affair (to be a Dunkin' Donuts) to KoKo Island which would become a family-style restaurant that wouldn't compete for the breakfast crowd, according to the developers.

But ZBA member Ben Lacy expressed concern about Avalon renters making a left turn northbound onto Route 3A at roughly the same spot and during the peak coffee hour of 7:30-8:30 a.m. that northbound commuters would be making a right turn into Dunkin' Donuts.

Lacy said he hoped to read in the extensive traffic reports on the KoKo Island project that included peer review by a town consulting engineer to better understand the traffic picture.

Consultants for the KoKo Island project assured the ZBA that traffic had been studied and reviewed extensively.

KoKo Island engineers state they used the highest and therefore most conservative estimates of roughly 190 customers for Dunkin' Donuts during the peak hours of 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Richard Bryant of Rizzo Associates, traffic engineers, described the KoKo Island site as ideal for a Dunkin' Donuts drive-through. He explained the Dunkin' Donuts is unlikely to generate very much new or "destination" traffic and is primarily a draw for those who are already traveling the busy state roadway.

He said roughly 1,500 cars travel 3A from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and studies show 10 percent or about 150 would make the turn into Dunkin' Donuts. But at the recommendation of the town engineer, KoKo Island developers used the 190 customers for its study.

Bryant provided a detailed presentation comparing the proposed Dunkin' Donuts to others around the state and to other local coffee shops.

"But the big question we have is relative to the people coming out of the 200-unit apartment development across the street," Lacy, the ZBA member, said.

"A lot of people are going to cross over into the right lane, do you think you can handle it all?" he asked.

Bryant explained that KoKo Island developers would restrict customers to a right-turn-only out of the site during peak morning hours. He assured the ZBA there was more than adequate site distance in both directions from the entrance-exit.

Merle Brown of Beechwood Street, who is a member of the Advisory Committee but was speaking as a private citizen, gave the plans top marks.

"It's a great site and a great improvement and would be an advantage to the town," he said.

Agnes McCann of Doane Street agreed, saying she couldn't see how the ZBA could reject the project.

Daniel Tripp of Mendel Road said the aesthetics alone would be a big improvement.

Some others present expressed concern about the speed and general traffic conditions along 3A and questioned whether this proposal exacerbated the problem.

The ZBA took the matter under advisement and continued the hearing until its next meeting, Nov. 8.



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Captains Ted Straughn (#34) and Joe Durkin (#20) are the first players to break through the banner to kickoff Homecoming ceremonies, Friday night, at Cohasset High. It was all uphill from there, as the Skippers took it to Pembroke, 30-6.

Skippers scuttle Titans

First year Pembroke gridders no match for Cohasset

By Mike Spellman
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It's becoming clear the Pembroke High football team is going to give even teams with good defenses some fits this season.

Now, if the Titans can tighten things up a bit defensively, they might actually win a game or two, which would be a remarkable first season achievement.

The Titans opened their second straight game with an impressive scoring drive, this one going for nine plays and 70 yards on Friday night at Cohasset High. Pembroke senior captain Justin Mucci capped things off with a five yard burst up the middle to pay dirt. This cast a brief pall on Cohasset High's Homecoming ceremonies... "brief" being the operative word .

It was all Skippers from that point forward, as the hometown team scored on all four of its first half possessions to run away with the 30-6 victory.

Cohasset (4-0), the defending South Shore League champions, compiled a total of 167 yards on just 16 first half plays to take the 30-6 lead into the break Pembroke (0-3) had one punt blocked and saw the snap on another sail over the punter's head, giving Cohasset plum field position both times.

Cohasset senior backfield mates Crandon Leahy and Joe Durkin did the bulk of the damage to Pembroke. Quarterback Leahy finished with 83 yards on six carries, including two TD runs, and also completed all three of his passes for another 21 yards. Durkin, at tailback, ran nine times for 84 yards, including a pair of TD scampers. Neither player saw much of the field in the second half, with all of the scoring done by the break.

"They were just more physical than us and, defensively, we just couldn't stop them," appraised Titans coach John McIntyre, who does not have a single player on the defensive line weighing over 200 pounds. " They had a lot of speed and we had some responsibility breakdowns."

The Skippers answered right back on the Titans game opening score with an efficient seven play-61 yard touchdown drive.

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Clippers slip past Skippers

Late Kitchen goal lifts Norwell booters past arch-rival Cohasset, 2-1

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There's no such thing as a "bad win" when the Cohasset and Norwell boys soccer teams meet. The age old adage "a win is a win is a win" most certainly applies.

There is a lot of recent history between these two South Shore League programs, and not all of it is pleasant. One thing one can never question in these games is intensity.

Execution, however, can be another matter, and it most certainly was in the first of two scheduled meetings between the teams this past Thursday at Norwell High..

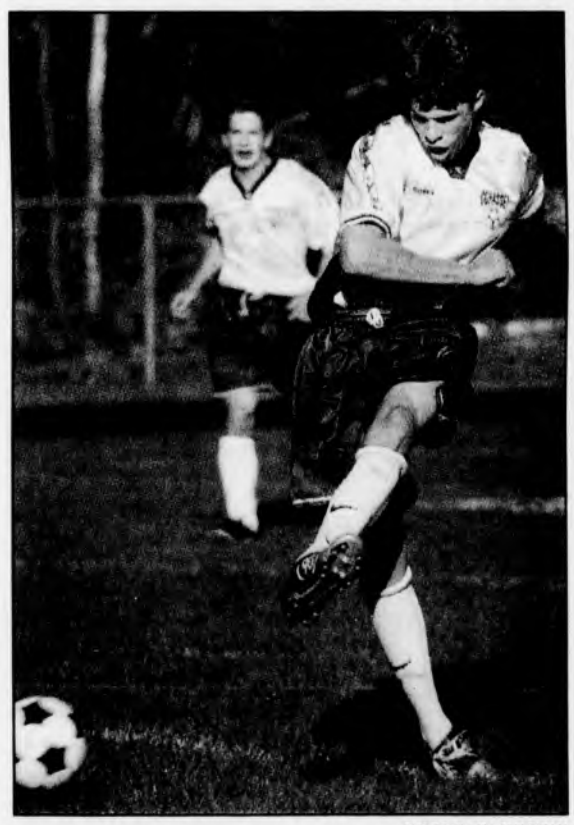
The Norwell and Cohasset squads that battled it out for the top spot in the SSL a year ago were each slammed by graduation this past spring, but both have bounced back better than most observers expected, as indicated by their records of 6-1 and 3-2-1, respectively, heading into Thursday's much anticipated showdown.

Still, following the 2-1 win, it was apparent both teams still need work.

"We're a good team, and I couldn't ask for my kids to play much better than they did in this one, for the most part," said second year Cohasset coach Rob Leary following the setback. "But we're still making mistakes. We made a few bad mistakes today and Norwell cashed in on two of them. Those are kinds of mistakes we just can't afford to make."

His counterpart, Norwell's Jack Browne, was happy to come away with the win, but that was not true with everything

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PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Unfortunately, Aidan Buick's lone goal in last Thursday's much anticipated showdown with Norwell did not hold up, as the Skippers fell, 2-1.

Field hockey team nets first win

By Lou Molinari
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For one game in particular, the Cohasset High field hockey team's rebuilding program hit the nail squarely with the head of the hammer.

After going five games without a win, the Skippers put up win number one with a 2-0 shutout over Norwell late last week. The loss of 12 seniors to graduation is a pretty good reason why this is seen as a rebuilding year at CHS.

Another reason for the ongoing construction project is this year's entire Cohasset team is made up entirely of last year's junior varsity team.

The hammer slipped a bit the next game, the Skippers playing Scituate to a 1-1 tie. On Monday, the hammer smacked Cohasset right on its make believe thumb, dropping a 1-0 decision to previous winless Hull.

After Monday's setback, Cohasset was left with a 1-6-2 record, with Notre Dame scheduled for Wednesday and Carver at Cohasset on Thursday (6 p.m. start).

"The rebuilding continues," said Cohasset coach Deb Boswick. "We have a very young team, and we have been faced with a lot of obstacles. But the team has been coming along and we think the players are ready to go."

It appears the Cohasset team was looking a game beyond when it played Hull, a winless team without a home field. If Hull had a field, it would have been the Pirates home game at Hull. Instead, the Hull team visited Cohasset and the Skippers, nice kids that they are, made Hull the home team, along with the goodies that go along with being the home team.

Getting back to win number one, the Skippers scored the first goal and what proved to be the

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A tie that binds

Lady booters can't afford to drop winnable games

By Mike Spellman
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Considering some of the monsters the Cohasset girls soccer team has on its schedule, it can simply not afford to let "winnable games" slip through its fingers.

Tuesday's 1-1 tie on the road versus South Shore League rival Mashpee was a perfect example of "one that got away." The tie left the Lady Skippers right at the all-important .500 mark, at 3-3-2.

A pretty solo effort by Lauren Rizzotti, splitting the defense on her own and tucking the ball away, gave the Lady Skippers an early 1-0 lead. However, with three minutes left in the first half, Mashpee freshman Katie Drew scored the equalizer with a well placed bullet from 18 yards out.

Coach Deb Beal accepted some of the blame for the game-tying goal, noting "I should have subbed my midfield line. They were tired and they needed a break. I thought they could hold on for four more, but we gave up a goal."

This fact simply added on to what Beal felt was a miserable afternoon. It started with a long ride to the Cape, and, once off the bus, it was discovered the weather was colder and windier than the team had anticipate. And things only went downhill from there.

Beal was not at all happy to learn that the game had been switched last minute to Mashpee's tiny JV field.

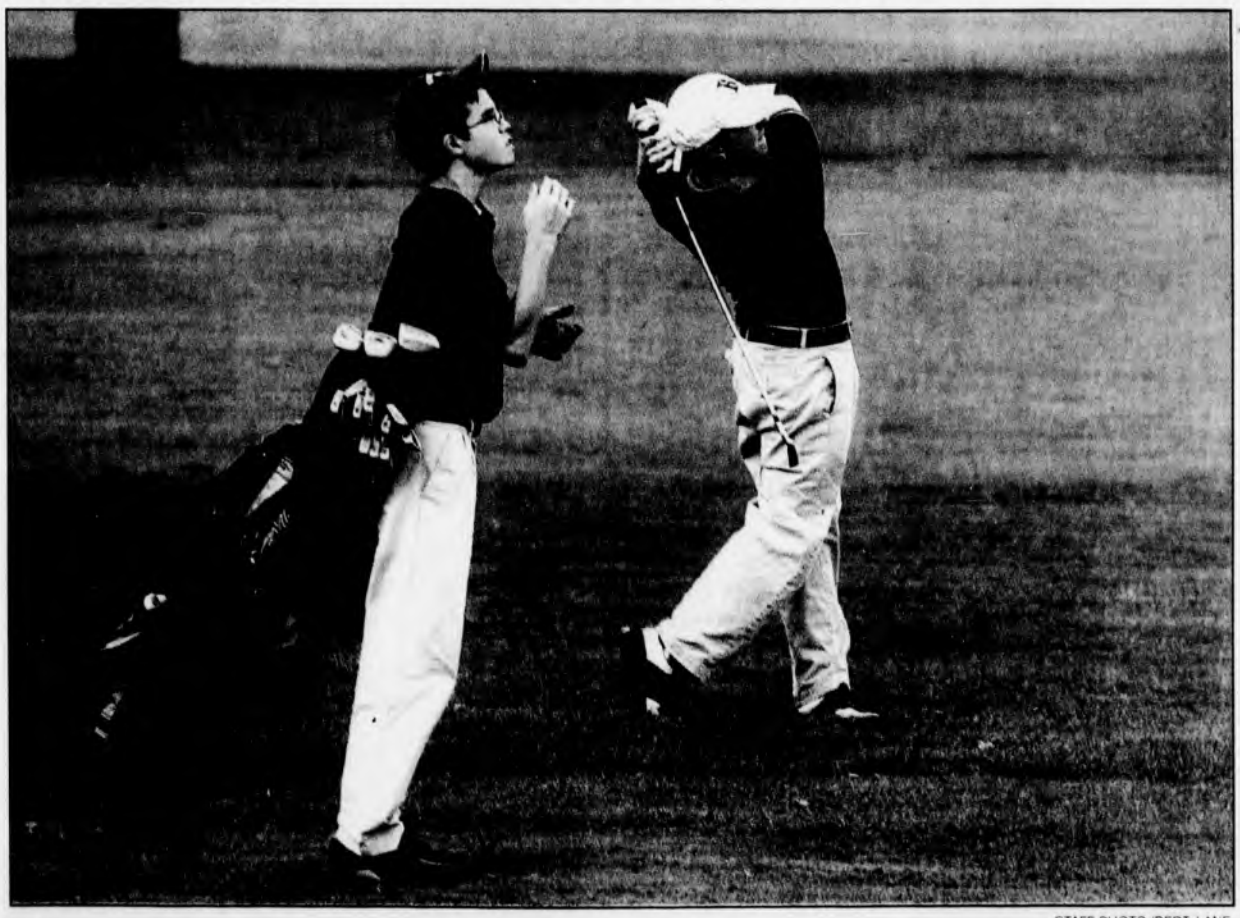
"That's probably the smallest field I have ever seen," stated Beal. "It could not have been more that 85 yards long. It was obvious early that this was no field condition switch. They had a plan, and they executed it very well. They pulled their defenders up real far and were able to draw our forwards offsides probably 10-12 times."

Of course, the veteran coach was just as unhappy, in general, with the play of her team. Beal figures her team gave up at least three solid scoring opportunities by "not paying attention to the defense."

"It was quite frustrating from the sidelines and I felt sorry for the girls," said Beal, "but if they had been paying attention and staying patient then just maybe it may have been different.

"Play all around was not as

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset's Kevin Barber watches senior captain Tim Pliczak's drive in recent action versus South Shore League rival Norwell at the Scituate Country Club. See page 18 for golf report.

Coastal Stars report

Mite C1

Coastal Stars Mite C1 faced Hanover at Hobomock Arena on Sunday, October3. The Stars put up a great fight but lost a tough game 7-4.

Goalie Tyler McKinnon had many great saves and some strong defensive help by Davis Cronin, Sean Feeney, Jake Moore and Tommy Pendergast.

Forwards Liam Manning, Hugh Healey, and Jack Conlon put the Stars on the board. Also adding to the offense was Cameron Mastrangelo,Christopher Bertone, and Joseph Deyeso.

There was other great action around the puck with Daniel Cronin, James Dietrich and Joseph Proctor all keeping the pressure on Hanover.

Jake Shaw and Benjamin Smith had some great moves and kept the puck moving fast.

A hat trick was scored by Jack Conlon.

The Stars look forward to facing Hingham next Saturday at Hobomock.

Mite A

The Coastal Star Mite A team is off to a strong start to the 2004-2005 season. The team had its first sunrise game against Plymouth on September 25. The Coastal Stars controlled the play of the game through the first two periods with strong defensive play by Charlie Blackington, Matt Burchill, and Garrett Leahy limiting the Plymouth Team to just three shots on goal during the first two periods. The Plymouth goalie also played a strong game denying shots by David Cataldo, Jeremy Duchini, Tommy O'Brien and Brendan Crane. The first goal of the game came early in the third period with defenseman Patrick Holway skating end to end to score the first goal for the Stars. Plymouth tied the game and then scored their second goal with eight minutes left in the game. Just under a minute later, Patrick Holway again brought the puck up the ice for his second and the tying goal of the game. Excellent net minding by Jeff Nagle for the remainder of the game helped the Stars end with a 2-2 tie against a strong Plymouth team.

The Stars Mite A second game of the season was held this past Saturday in Taunton against the Brewins of Taunton. The Brewins scored their first goal just two minutes into the first period but goalie Jeff Nagle would deny them of any more goals until late in the third. The Stars scoring began with a nice rebound shot by Brendan Crane to tie the game at one. The Stars defensive players Sam Topham, Jeremy Duchini, Charlie Blackington and Garrett Leahy did a great job backchecking, preventing breakaways and killing power plays by the Brewins. During the second period the Stars lit the light three more times with goals coming from Kenny Parnell, the "Cohasset Connection" of Brandon Winn to Martin Buckley and another nice rebound goal by Colin McDonald. The game ended just about how it started with a goal by Brendan Crane giving the Stars the 5-2 victory.

Squirt A

Hustling, aggressive play was the key to the Squirt A Coastal Stars' 6-0 win over the Mohawks. Defensemen Kevin McDougall, EJ Culhane, DJ Evans, and Dan LeBlanc consistently stepped up at the blue line to keep the puck in the zone and set up scoring chances with smart passing and accurate shots from the point. Jake Durkin and the other forwards were tenacious in the corners and frustrated the Mohawks with their backchecking. But despite constant pressure and several close attempts, the first period ended scoreless.

Jonathan Spitz started the scoring early in the second when he flipped a Chris Carpenter pass from the boards past the defender at the blue line, broke in alone, and fired top shelf. Mike Carbone outskated the defense from the Mohawk blue line and tucked the puck into the right corner at 3:27. About a minute later, DJ Evans and EJ Culhane fed Chris Carpenter, who shifted through center ice, broke free, and fired into the right side for a power play goal. Connor Maher, who was brilliant when necessary, denied the Mohawks' best scoring chance when he flashed the right pad on a breakaway shot. Mike Carbone picked up a John Ryan feed at center ice, zipped his way through traffic, and rifled one to the top corner at 9:33 for the 4-0 lead after two.

Clippers slip

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he saw.

"Cohasset really took it to us in the first half," said the fourth year head coach. "They definitely had their chances. We were having trouble moving the ball out of our zone, and that's a concern.. But Cohasset's a good team. I've got to give them credit too."

The difference in the game turned out to be a direct kick by Norwell leading scorer Scott Kitchen with just over five minutes to play in the game, taken 35 yards straight out from the left goal post. On the re-start, junior Ben Healey ran at the ball first moving right to left as if he were going to pass it toward the left corner, but he stepped over the ball and Kitchen then ran onto it from the left to strike the ball around the four man Cohasset wall, hooking it beautifully just inside the far goal post.

"That was a beautiful shot, but it was a breakdown by us defensively, and a bad play that put them in a position to score that goal," said Leary.

A quick counterattack led by Healey, Kitchen and freshman Colin Henry gave Norwell a number's advantage deep in Cohasset's end that resulted in Healey being taken down from the rear by a midfielder trying to get back into the play.

All of the game's scoring came in the second half, the first two goals potted on penalty kicks. Healey gave Norwell a lead in the 50th minute when he blasted his PK into the top left corner past helpless Cohasset keeper Prescott Busk, but Cohasset's Aidan Buick returned the favor six minutes later when he ripped his freebie 10 feet inside the right post past equally helpless Norwell keeper Drew Caldwell.

The Norwell PK was awarded a few ticks after Kevin McCord sent fast emerging Norwell freshman Colin Henry in all alone on Busk with a long through from midfield. Busk came out to cut down the angle, and Henry's chip attempt caromed off the inside of the right post. Kitchen won the race to the rebound to the left of the net, however, and was taken down as he attempted to get off the shot.

It was a nice run with the ball by midfelder Brandon Smith up the left sideline and slip pass into the goal box to fellow junior Ben Libby that resulted in Cohasset's PK, as Libby had a step on his man as he began to move in on the goal from the left and was bumped hard from the rear as he attempted to crossover and give himself a better angle.

The best soccer of the match was played over the remaining 24 minutes with the score tied at 1-1. It was evenly played, exciting, up and down soccer.

This was much unlike the early part of the game, and really almost all of the first half, when Cohasset maintained a clear edge in the territorial battle.

Of course, Browne had made a few personnel adjustments in the wake his team's first loss, a 2-1 setback to Harwich on Monday, and his team seemed to struggle at first with those. The coach moved the multi-talented Kitchen from midfield to the attack in an effort to bolster the flagging offense, but the junior got few touches in the first half. The Norwell coach also made several changes in his back four alignment, and complications were compounded there when talented sophomore sweeper Mike Pelletier went down with an ankle sprain midway through the first half.

Cohasset senior captain Kevin Dinsmore was a force in the first half from his center mid spot, repeatedly breaking down the Norwell defense with some nice runs in the midfield and quick through passes. However, the Skippers forwards struggled in the front third of the field.

Buick, the Skippers leading scorer, also set up some scoring chances with powerful throw-ins from deep in Norwell's end and well placed corner kicks, both of which the Skippers had in abundance in the first half, but nothing came out of it.

Late in the half, Libby was sent through on a nice pass from Buick, but Norwell's Caldwell charged out without hesitation and smothered Libby's attempt at a quick second touch shot.

Norwell's best opportunities in the opening half came on counter-attacks. McCord was able to split a pair of defenders late after a slick forward pass from Healy, and chipped it just over the cross bar as Busk rushed out at him.

The Norwell defense did a much better job clearing the zone in the second half. Sophomore Mike Valencius, who had been playing a fullback spot prior to the Pelletier injury, moved back to sweeper and acquitted himself well Junior Brett Cleaves came off the bench to play a very strong second half at fullback, and sophomore Craig Pacella filled in well in back as well.

Doing a nice job of marking up in the second half for the Clippers were midfielders Jim Barrett, Ryan Hines and captain Cliff Hanson.

Cohasset continued to pour on pressure after Buick's penalty kick tied the game at 1-1, with the best chance coming when a Buick corner kick caromed out of a scrum in the center of the goal box to Cohasset senior John Grimm 12 yards out from the right post. He hit just a hair under the bouncing ball, however, and it flew over the cross bar.

A few minutes later, at the other end of the field, Kitchen ran down a long pass into the right corner and very nearly chipped a tough angle shot in over the head of Busk, but wound up catching the cross bar.

A wonderful solo effort by Henry very nearly got the Clippers the lead again two minutes after that, as the freshman maneuvered past both the Cohasset sweeper and keeper after collecting a long pass from Healy, but his momentum carried him too far toward the end line to the right of the net, and his shot went into the side of the net.

The late Norwell pressure finally paid off, however, with Kitchen converting on the direct kick with five minutes to play.

Cohasset's last best chance to retie the game came on a scintillating rush by Buick, as he got by three defenders going right up the gut, but his attempted left-footed blast from 25 yards out was softened a bit by Valencius getting a foot on it, and Caldwell was able to smother it with relative ease.

The Skippers have fallen on a bit of hard times since the loss. A last minute goal on Saturday salvaged a 1-1 tie with Scituate in non-league play Saturday and they lost a 2-1 decision to league rival Mashpee at home Tuesday, dropping them to 3-4-2 on the season, one game under the all-important .500 mark.

Coach Leary is hoping to get his team back on track with a series of hard practices over the coming week. The Skippers do not play again until next Wednesday, a big SSL showdown at Abington (6:30 p.m. start).

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

FOOTBALL
Oct.
1 beat Pembroke, 30-6

BOYS SOCCER
30 lost to Norwell, 2-1
2 tied Scituate, 1-1
5 lost to Mashpee, 2-1

GIRLS SOCCER
30 lost to Norwell, 8-0
2 lost to Scituate, 3-0
5 tied Mashpee, 1-1

FIELD HOCKEY
30 beat Norwell, 2-0
2 tied Scituate, 1-1
4 lost to Hull, 1-0
6 @ Notre Dame Academy
7 Carver V Alumni 6 p.m.

GOLF
30 beat Mashpee, 29.5-24.5
1 beat Abington, 40-14
lost to Norwell, 29.5-24.5

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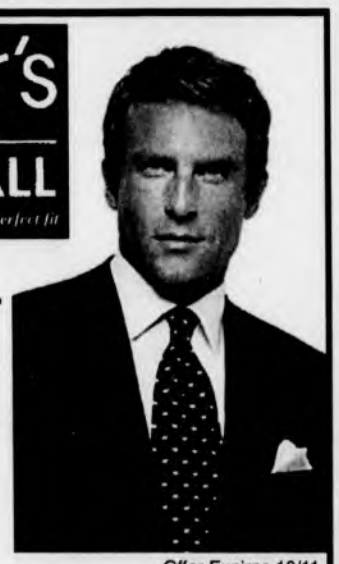
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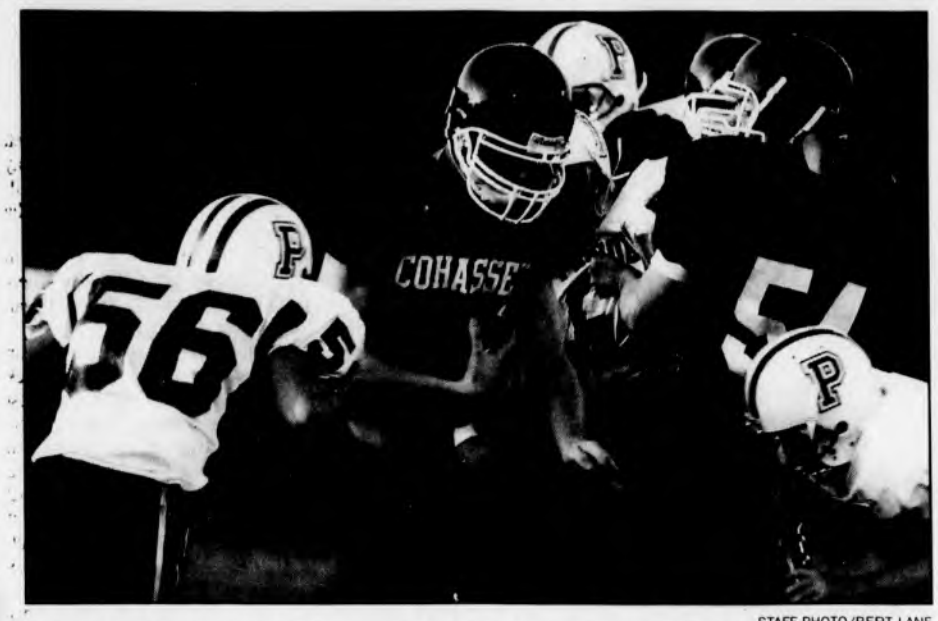


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Cohasset quarterback Crandon Leahy spots a hole to run through during the Skippers 30-6 Homecoming win Friday night over Pembroke. The senior signal- caller finished his night after one half with 83 yards on six carries, including two TD runs, and also completed all three of his passes for another 21 yards.

Skippers scuttle Titans

FROM GRIDDERS, PAGE 15

Durkin carried three times on the push for 35 yards, the final 14 coming on a draw play well disguised by Leahy, as Durkin took the ball straight up the gut and streaked untouched into the end zone. Leahy carried twice for 11 yards on the drive and hooked up with fellow senior D.J. Silvia on a cross over the middle for another 15 yards. 210-pound fullback Ted Straughn then followed 275-pound tackle Nick Arment into the end zone for the conversion to give the Skippers the lead for good, 8-6.

The Titans offense did manage to move the ball sporadically over the remainder of the first half against the vaunted Cohasset defense, a unit that returned eight starters and was top ranked among all Div. 5 teams in Eastern Mass. in 2003.

"I really thought our offense played pretty well," said coach McIntyre. "Coach Forbes did a great job of studying film and getting our guys ready."

Speedy Pembroke sophomore tailback Eric Krasowski finished with 58 yards on nine carries and junior Ryan Mann added 48 yards on nine carries of his own. Mucci, an undersized fullback, finished with 23 hard yards on seven attempts.

"No, that didn't surprise me at all," said Cohasset head coach Tony Rolfe of the Titans relative success against his lauded defense. "(Pembroke) has come a long way in a short time. We've seen them on film, so we knew they ran a pretty good offense.

"You can just go back and look at some of the films of Whitman-Hanson football from the 90s. That opening drive looked a lot like what you'd see there."

This too was hardly a surprise. Pembroke head coach John McIntyre, was a former assistant under legendary Panthers coach Bob Bancroft, and McIntyre brought old W-H offensive coordinator Pat Forbes out of retirement to run his offense.

The problem was the extremely young and inexperience Titans players kept coming up with new ways to shoot themselves in the foot.

After the Titans had picked up a big first down on their second possession, Cohasset junior defensive end Dave McKenna had no trouble getting into the Pembroke backfield to stuff an attempted sweep for a three yard loss. Then, three plays later, McKenna again found no resistance on his way to punter Derek DeAndrade and stuffed the attempted boot just as it left the foot.

The recovery set the Skippers up at the Pembroke 27-yard line. It took Leahy only one play to cash in, as he got just about the entire Pembroke defense to bite on a fake handoff to Straughn up the gut and then raced around right end with not a single defender within 10 yards of him. From there, the Cohasset QB did not even have to turn on the jets to win the race to the cone. This time, Straughn went over 230-pound sophomore guard Justin Alexander for the two-points, making it a 16-6 game with eight seconds to play in the first quarter.

Anxious over the previous block, the Titans punt team tried to hurry things on the next forced boot. This time the snap sailed well over DeAndrade's head and McKenna and senior Kelvin Ferreira swarmed the punter under at the 18-yard line.

After Leahy hit tight end Dan McCarthy for a couple of short gainers, the QB called his own number and again went untouched around end for the TD, this time from six yards out.

Pembroke marched to midfield on their ensuing possession., The push died there, but at least DeAndrade was able to get a punt off this time…not that it mattered much.

Durkin went 12 yards on a pitch right on play one. Leahy went all the way to five-yard line on play two, breaking one tackle after another to pick up the last 15 yards. A holding call on Cohasset brought that back to Pembroke's 23. Again, though, it did not matter. Durkin covered that distance on the third play of the drive on another quick pitch-out.

Cohasset's young but large offensive line of freshman Arment, Alexander, Jake Cuneo (6-2/245 pounds), sophomore Nick Cambi (5-10/185) and senior Leo Clougherty (5-10/195) were dominant in the trenches all night, and the defense—led by McKenna, Ferreira, sophomore Jeff Brown and seniors Matt Baroudi and Matt Casey—adjusted well after Pembroke's opening score.

The second half featured a smattering of Cohasset reserves holding their own against Titans starters. For Cohasset, freshman tailback PJ McGraw was able to pick up a few first downs on the ground, finishing with eight carries for 24 yards, and freshman QB Brian Hill did a solid job of running the offense. Of course, like the Skippers backups, most of the Titans starters are underclassmen.

"I can see progress every week," summed up McIntyre. "This is only the third time these guys have ever played together. We don't have the luxury of playing a JV schedule like a lot of first year programs. We've been thrown right to the wolves. But the kids are starting to get it. They're playing hard and they're playing tough. That's all I can ask at this point. There's plenty we can build off from this one."

Cohasset 30, Pembroke 6

	1	2	3	4	T
Pembroke (0-3)	6	0	0	0	6
Cohasset (4-0)	16	14	0	0	30

P- Justin Mucci 5 run (kick blocked)
C -Joe Durkin 14 run (Ted Straughn rush)
C- Crandon Leahy 27 run (Straughn rush)
C- Leahy 6 run (Brian Hill kick)
C- Durkin 18 run (Hill kick)

Seventh grade booters romp, 7-1

Cohasset's undefeated 7th Grade soccer team continued their strong Cranberry League play with a solid team effort and a 7-1 victory on the road in Sharon on Saturday.

Andrew Littauer surprised Sharon in the first minute of play taking a nice pass from Ollie Forrer and blasting a towering 25-yard shot into the upper corner for a quick 1-0 advantage. Sharon had a chance to tie the game minutes later with a penalty kick award, but goalkeeper Will Evans deflected the shot up over the crossbar to protect the slim lead.

Minutes later speedy forward Brendan Doonan streaked in off a Jodi Rosano pass for his fourth goal of the season to put Cohasset up 2-0, but Sharon came right back, working the ball in deep and scoring on a nice passing play to make it 2-1 midway through the first half.

From there it was all Cohasset. Ollie Forrer continued his excellent midfield play setting up JoDi Rosano and Nick Cannon for scores. Jackson Dean and JoDi Rosano worked the ball in nicely to Brendan Doonan for his second goal of the game. Joe Leighton played another solid game at the left midfield position, sending JoDi Rosano in cleanly for his second goal of the game. Sam Game played very well from the right midfield position, and Andrew "The Leg" Littauer blasted another long shot into the upper corner for his second goal of the game midway through the second half.

Smart play on defense by James Earle, Andrew Graham and Justin Yeager kept Sharon's scoring chances to a minimum in the first half. Then with Will Evans, Nick Cannon and Brendan Doonan rotating in defensively, and Earle and Graham splitting the goalkeeping duties, Sharon failed to score at all in the second half.

With three road wins and no losses, the team's next league play will be on Saturday, October 16th at Milliken Field versus Plymouth.

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

FOOTBALL
Oct.
8 @ Carver **V** 7 p.m.
9 Carver **F-S** 10 a.m.
14 Mashpee **F-S** 4 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
13 @ Abington **JV** 5 p.m.
13 @ Abington **V** 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
8 @ Holbrook 4 p.m.
13 Abington **JV** Alumni 5 p.m.
13 Abington **V** Alumni 6:30 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY
6 @ Notre Dame Academy
7 Carver **V** Alumni 6 p.m.
12 Westwood **V** Alumni 4 p.m.
12 Westwood **JV** Deerhill 5:30 p.m.
14 @ Harwich 4 p.m.
14 @ Harwich 5:30 p.m.

GOLF
6 @ Quincy
12 SSL Tourn. TBA
13 @ Carver **V** 3:30 p.m.
14 Golf cut off date
14 Quincy **V** 3:30 p.m.
End of Regular season

Field hockey team nets first win

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winning goal with 10 minutes remaining in the first half. Junior Katie James re-directed a kick to junior Brooke Allen for the score.

Junior Aaron Bigley had six saves in the first half for Cohasset.

The Skippers made it 2-0 with five minutes remaining in the game when the team of James and Allen scored again, James assisting and Allen scoring.

Bigley made four saves in the second half for a total of 10 and his second shutout of the season. Cohasset played Carver to a 0-0 tie earlier in the season.

Against Scituate, Cohasset scored first midway through the first half. This time James did the scoring and Allen the assisting. With two minutes remaining in the opening half, Scituate's Melissa McGinley scored unassisted to tie the game.

The second half was something to see, with both teams playing superb defense.

The Hull win just seemed to explode into the net, according to coach Boswick.

"We never saw it coming," she admitted.

With nine minutes to go, a Hull player took a free hit and redirected it past Bigley for the lone score of the game.

"Our juniors have been coming along," declared the coach. "Obviously, we need a lot more scoring, but that's coming. The kids have shown tremendous potential and are now getting the varsity experience needed. We have been getting great play from people like Vanessa Plante, Alli Dean, Lizzie Condos, Allen, James, Bigley, Remy Lee and Allison Flutter, to mention a few."

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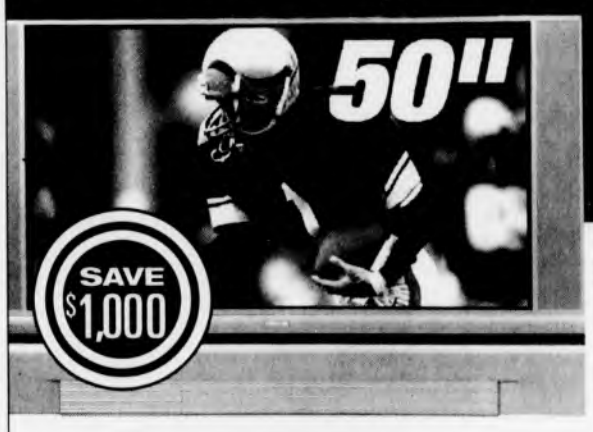
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Skipper slayer

Cavicchi proves one man wrecking crew for NHS golf team

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Cody Cavicchi: Skipper slayer

Don't expect to see Cody Cavicchi getting many invites to social functions in Cohasset any time soon.

This Norwell High freshman has been the difference in both showdowns this season between the Norwell (6-2) and Cohasset golf teams, taking 14.5 of 18 holes in matches determined by a combined total of just eight holes. Thus, in essence, the frosh phenom almost singlehandledly destroyed the Skippers (5-2-1) South Shore League title hopes while keeping his team's alive.

Cavicchi shot a day's best two-over 37 on the Skippers home Cohasset Golf Club course, last Friday, to capture 6.5 of a possible nine holes out of the number two spot for the Clippers against Skippers top player Kevin Barber (41), to lead his team to a surprising 29.5-24.5 victory.

"To be honest, that's not a match I felt real confident going into," said Norwell coach Ken Camerota. "But Cody just played out of his mind again, and we got strong play across the board.

"I don't know what it is about Cody and Cohasset, but he's played his best two rounds of the year against them, and it's proven huge for us."

Cavicchi also won eight of nine holes in go round number one between these teams, a match played on the Clippers' home Scituate Country Club course on Sept. 21, with a spectacular round of 36 to lead the charge toward handing the Skippers their first loss of the season, 28.5-25.5.

Of course, the freshman had plenty of help on Friday.

Senior captain Mike Dempsey won the last two holes to halve his match with Cohasset's Colin Magruder 41 out of the number one spot, 4.5-4.5, and both golfers wound up with matching 41s.

"That was a great clutch finish from Mike," lauded Camerota.

Norwell senior Bryan Shannon also came up big out of the fourth spot, shooting a 39 to earn a lopsided 7-2 decision over his Cohasset senior captain Tim Pilczak—the margin in the match, as it turned out.

"Bryan is really starting to come on with his driving," noted Camerota. "The rest of his game has been pretty solid all season, but now he's hitting his driver much more consistently than he was early on, and that's making a big difference for us."

Perhaps the most noteworthy improvement of late, however, has come out of the six hole and freshman Mike White. He shot a 41 to win his match, 5-4, on Friday over Coahsset's Dave Bouchard, and also hit a team best 40 at Strawberry Valley to help knock off Abington 24 hours before that.

Norwell sophomore Ryan Sweeney has actually been a pretty steady force out of the fifth hole all year, compiling a 5-1 record. His first loss of the season came at Cohasset, where he shot a 46 and lost seven of nine holes to CHS senior Ricky Lordan.

The sixth member of the Clippers starting squad, sophomore Brendan Gilligan, started the season red hot, topping the Clippers scoring chart on a few occasions. He'd gone into a bit of a slump for a few matches after that, but Camerota sees signs that he's coming back out now, with solid rounds of 43 and 45 against Abington and Cohasset, respectively, losing the first by a 4-5 margin and halving the other.

The win improved the Clippers to 6-2, while dropping the Skippers to 5-2-1, essentially out of the SSL title chase. If Cohasset beats Harwich (7-1) next Wedenesday at Cohasset, a feat it already pulled off on the road earlier this year, Norwell would win the league title by virtue of the tiebreaker.

The Clippers still have to play SSL rival Carver twice to keep this chance alive, but most would agree that shouldn't prove too tasking for the Norwell golfers. Still, Camerota is taking nothing for granted, especially yesterday's trek to the Crusaders sometimes tricky Southers Marsh course.

"Stranger things have happened," the veteran coach observed. "Sometimes certain courses just prove huge advantages. We play the matches for a reason."

The day wasn't a total loss for the Skippers, however, SSL rival Abington was in town to make it a tri-match. The Skippers had little trouble conquering the Green Wave, as the 40-14 final clearly indicates.

Skippers 29.5, Mashpee 24.5

Senior captain Tim Pilczak shot a season's best 39, Thursday, on Mashpee's par 35, Willowbend Golf Course to pace this SSL road win.

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A tie that binds

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crisp second half. We were passing well through four or so passes then again just giving it away. Mashpee was not all that fast, so the defense had an easier game than the past few. Christine Lovallo, Danielle Hajjar, Charlotte Sida and Katie Bolger have been doing the brunt of the work back there and I feel for them, being a former sweeper myself, when the offense doesn't take advantage of all the hard work they do."

Beal was not criticizing the work ethic of her offensive players, but it's clear she think the execution should be better at this stage of the season.

"Offensive people are doing their job, but they are not scoring, and we need to figure out why," she said. "I have been swapping people around and trying new combinations, which has provided a little bit more comfort up front, but ultimately they need to finish to win games. I have been trying to tell them that a scoring opportunity has different meaning and value to different positions. Forwards score, that is their job and defenders move the ball up and defend their goal. The value of a goal to each is different. I sometimes think that the offense takes the defense for granted and vice versa."

And this is what she will address at length in practice over the next week.

"Can I teach them that scoring is team effort and each section of the field has a job to do in order to achieve the team goal?" she posed. "I am trying. Practice needs to change. Defenders need to play offense to be in their shoes and offense needs to experience the pressure that defenders feel every game. The midfielders are trying to keep the field balanced and are getting it. They understand their dual roles and execute them very well. Their positions are the most physically demanding. Nicole Whitney, Mackenzie Holway, Rachel and Carin Garber, Emily Coggins, Lara Novak and Molly Kirk are working hard to be opportunistic and supportive to offense and defense.

"Up front, Casey Anderson, Lauren Rizzotti, Lindsey Kennedy, Lindsay Durkin, Emilie Shea and Christina Pinkus are striving to perfect their shots, crosses and passes to create more scoring opportunities. Some junior varsity players have been reported as really improving their games and hopefully, come tourney time, will peak and help us out."

JV coach Carla Gigon reports that Colleen Richardson, Cassie Rosano, Molly Trahon and Jen Dinger have all been playing well.

Keepers Melissa Crowley-Buck and Cecelia Chapman continue to split time in net. With tournament time slowly creeping up, though, Beal anticipates a duel for the slot.

"Speaking of tournament play, though, we need to get there first," said Beal. "With eight games remaining and sitting at a little over .500 now, we need to maintain this pace and pick up the winnable ones."

The coach figures there are winnable opportunities" this coming week, with a trip to Holbrook tomorrow, a hosting of SSL rival Abington Wednesday and a trip to Carver next Friday.

"Let's see what we can get done in those three and move on from there," she concluded.

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Beal was much more unhappy with this tie than she was over the two shutout losses—both at the hands of two of those aforementioned "monsters"— that preceded them, a 3-0 loss to red hot Scituate (5-3-1) on Saturday and an 8-0 loss to unbeaten league powerhouse Norwell on Wednesday.

"We lost to Scituate Saturday in a game that I thought we played very well," said Beal. "Considering we got thumped by Norwell and only had one day of practice to regroup we pulled off a good game."

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset Recreation Department announces ice skating lessons

Fall registration information and schedules for ice skating classes taught by Bay State Skating School, at the Weymouth MDC Rink are available at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, 1st floor Cohasset Town Hall.

To register for skating lessons for children or adults scheduled to begin a 9 week session on Sunday, afternoon, Oct. 31, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480.

You may obtain written schedules at Town Hall, or go online at www.batstatesskatingschool.org

Men's 4x4 basketball League

The Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive, So. Weymouth, is offering a 4x4 Basketball League for men 18 and older.

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The ladies of the Broad Cove barbershop quartet (from left: Sally Davenport and Lynn Anderson of Hingham, Anne Reel and Betts Murray of Cohasset) are already in the spirit of Gala, the 26th annual harvest of song to be presented by the Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale at Norwell's Cushing Center on Friday and Saturday, October 15 and 16 at 8 p.m.

Gala Harvest of Song at Cushing Center

Director Margo Euler of Hingham and the 40 area singers and musicians of the Unicorn Singers and the Broad Cove Chorale will present their 26th annual Gala at the Cushing Center in Norwell on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15 and 16 at 8 p.m.

This year's event will feature jazzy standards, men's and women's barbershop quartets, the elegant choral work "From An Unknown Past" by Ned Rorem and some humorous political satire. Arrangements created by two of the group's own singers, Rich Jensen and Bob Ruplenas (both of Weymouth) will also be performed and range from a racy lute song to hits from the swing era and the 60s!

For the evening's finale the group's accompanist Lenae Badger of Scituate will be joined at the piano by Marcia Babcock of Norwell, for a four-hands medley of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Carousel. The singers will perform in costume. Soloists include Jeanne Scammell of Norwell, Ed Bartholomew of Hingham, Jo-An Heileman of Cohasset, Rich Jensen of Weymouth and Dave Clinton of Hull.

An elegant wine and hors d'oeuvre reception follows the concert. Tickets for Gala are $25 or $15 for students and will be available at the door. Concert goers can reserve advance tickets (or order a money-saving season subscription) by calling 781 749-6561 or going on-line to www.bcc-us.org, where they can download the order form.

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Black and white darkroom classes

Award-winning photographer Lance Keimig is teaching two photography classes this fall at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. Both classes will explore black and white darkroom techniques. Introduction to Black and White Darkroom will show students how to process their own film and make prints on variable contrast resin-coated paper. This 10 week course will give students the necessary foundation for further exploration of the darkroom. Beyond the Basics-Black and White Darkroom is aimed at expanding artistic control of the final print and an introduction to more sophisticated techniques and materials. For this class students should have recent darkroom experience. The Art Center has a darkroom that is available for the use of experienced members for a minimal fee.

Reservations are required 24 hours in advance.

Introduction to Black and White Darkroom meets Tuesdays, Oct. 19 to Dec. 7, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., $205 (includes lab fee). Beyond the Basics-Black and White Darkroom meets Wednesdays, Oct. 20 to Dec. 15, 6:30 to 9:30, $205 (includes lab fee)

To register for these classes call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

Head of the Weir Race

The Head of the Weir Race is Saturday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m.

Registration is from noon at the starting line. Coxswain's Meeting is 1:15 p.m. The race begins at 2 p.m. HLM coxed Boat crews meet at Nantasket Pier at 11 a.m.

The course runs 5.5 miles down the Weir River and across the open water of Hull Bay to the museum's Windmill Pond Boathouse. This race is for intermediate and advanced rowers only.

The launch site for large coxed boats is adjacent to Nantasket Pier (near Jake's Seafood Restaurant and Carousel). For small craft, behind the Hull Municipal Garage on Route 228 (West Corner), at the starting line.

There is no parking inside the Garage gate.

The fee is $20 per rower.

Refreshments and awards will be offered at the Windmill Point Boathouse after the race.

For more information, call the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 781-925-5433 or see Web site: www.lifesavingmuseum.org. .

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Help with homework workshop is Oct. 14

Having trouble juggling all that homework? This is a workshop for high school students, grades 9 - 12.

Students and parents are invited to attend this hands-on workshop designed to review: Planning, organizational skills and strategies reading comprehension and note taking writing skills and much more. Presented by Paula Cocce M.Ed., Learning Specialist, Curry College who is a Senior Lecturer in the Program for the Advancement of Learning (PAL) at Curry College. PAL is the nation's premier support program for college students with learning disabilities. Her research focus is on reading and study skills, metacognition and motivation in students. Starts promptly at 7 p.m., Oct. 14 in the High School Cafe, 143 Pond St. Limited space available: Reserve your spot ASAP, email your contact information and which workshop you are planning to: southshorepac@ comcast.net.

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TUESDAY, OCT. 12
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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13
Pasta with meat sauce, dinner roll or ham and cheese sandwich, sweet peas, mixed fruit.

THURSDAY, OCT. 14
Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, tomato, cheese and rice or turkey sub, peaches.

FRIDAY, OCT. 15
Pizza: cheese or pepperoni or seafood salad sub, garden salad, pineapple.

Parenting series signups by Oct. 18

Project SAFEGUARD presents "Active Parenting of Teens & Preteens" with **Jan Tedeschi**, facilitator. Do you need help communicating with your teen or pre-teen? Advice on discipline? Insight into today's teen pressures and issues? Sign up now for the "Active Parenting" workshop, to be held in Cohasset over six weeks, beginning Oct. 26.

The series will be held on the following Tuesdays: Oct 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30. You may sign up for either the Morning (9:30-11:30 am) or Evening (7-9 p.m.) session. Participants should try to attend all six sessions. To accommodate scheduling conflicts, you may be allowed to switch an evening class for a morning class once or twice (or vice versa). If you have any questions about the course or scheduling, call **Jan Tedeschi** @ 781-982-7007. The workshop will be held at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. A charitable donation of $75 per parent is requested, made payable to "Project Safeguard."

Send a check for $75 payable to Project Safeguard, along with your name, address, e-mail, phone number, and choice of morning or evening session to: Project Safeguard, PO Box 413, Cohasset 02025. Sign up by Oct. 18. Class size limited to 15.

Learn to skate at Pilgrim Arena

The Skating Club of Hingham will be offering skating lessons at the Pilgrim Arena in Hingham.

The lessons will be on Saturdays from 10:40-11:40 a.m. The session runs through April 24. The registration fee is $25 and there is a $25 monthly fee.

For more information, please call: 781-741-8194.

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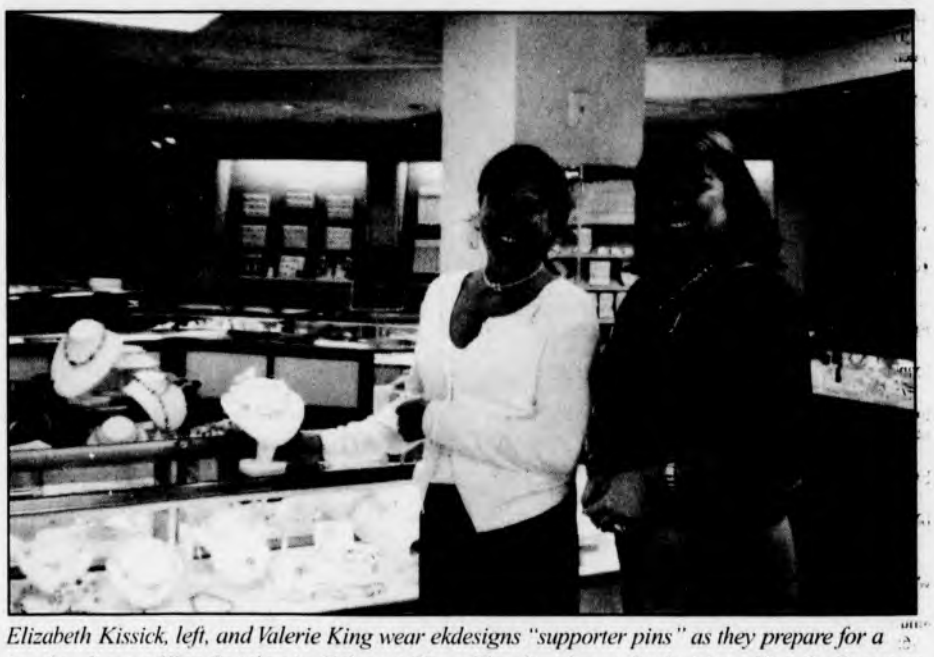
As calendar pages turned to mark October's arrival, King Jewelers again welcomed Elizabeth Kissick and hosted an ekdesigns jewelry show featuring the Fall 2004 Collection. In keeping with tradition, the event held on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 2, heralded the beginning of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Kissick, Cohasset resident and designer of the stylish and elegant jewelry line, was at the store to visit with customers and discuss her newest fall and holiday pieces. Kings, the first fine jeweler to offer Kissick's works is pleased to show case the creations of this community member and talented artist. The store offers one of the largest assortments of the collection in the region.

Among the new items introduced in the fall collection are "candy necklaces and bracelets" of deliciously pastel hand blown beads and fresh water pearls. "Sandy Beach" jewelry and the "Cranberry Bog" bracelet pay tribute to beautiful treasures of the New England Coast. Kissick's latest signature piece is a breathtaking bracelet whimsically named, "Take It In" to symbolize the inspirational message it conveys; "The present is a gift....take it in."

Val King, Treasurer of King Jewelers said, "We are happy to welcome Elizabeth to the store once again to be part of our Breast Cancer Awareness Month activities. ekdesigns is a wonderful addition to our jewelry assortment. The Fall 2004 pieces are imaginative and beautiful and every bit as lovely as we anticipated."

This season, Kissick has expanded her "jewelry with meaning" collection to include pins for both survivors of the disease and those who support them. Sleek and understated, these pins are engraved with the word "survivor" or "supporter" and adorned with a simple pink crystal or pearl. Each piece is hand tied and the drop is suspended in an exclusively crafted silver bead frame. Everyone touched in any way by cancer can wear this hopeful symbol to represent the determination to find a cure for this disease. Also available are awareness ribbon earrings in sterling silver and a breast cancer bracelet fashioned from silver, crystal and varying shades of pink hand blown beads.



Elizabeth Kissick, left, and Valerie King wear ekdesigns "supporter pins" as they prepare for a jewelry show at King Jewelers in Cohasset Plaza. The show began fundraising efforts for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

This season, Kissick has expanded her "jewelry with meaning" collection to include pins for both survivors of the disease and those who support them.

"This pin is being worn by so many people who care and want to help in the battle against cancer," stated Kissick. "It is subtle but its message is clear. To people fighting the disease, it is so encouraging to see others wearing Breast Cancer Awareness jewelry. It says that support is widespread and that we are united in the hope for a cure."

Val King explained Breast Cancer Awareness holds particular importance to the Kings. "Our mother is a 15-year survivor of breast cancer. We are so fortunate to have her with us today as a vital part of the family and the business. Another member of our company is a survivor of almost five years. We have been touched in so many ways by this disease as have so many people in our community.

"This event with ekdesigns has become such a meaningful tradition. With each sale, we know we are serving those both known and unknown to us who are confronting this devastating illness. Also, we are optimistic that this event will encourage all women to visit their doctors regularly and remember that early detection is a key to survival."

King Jewelers will make a donation from ekdesigns sales in the store during October to benefit programs for those touched by breast cancer. For more information, call 781-383-1755, or visit King Jewelers, 380 Route 3A, Cohasset.

Legal Notices

SEL/WATER TANK BIDS

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WATER TANK MIXING SYSTEMS

Sealed bids for the "WATER TANK MIXING SYSTEMS" will be received at the Office of the Town Manager at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025, until 10:00 AM prevailing time on Thursday, October 28, 2004. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the office of the Town Manager at 10:00 AM prevailing time on Thursday, October 28, 2004.

The work includes installing mixing systems in two (2) welded steel water storage tanks (2.0 MG and 1.8 MG), including cleaning residue and sediment from tanks, inspecting and conducting minor repairs to and painting of tanks, and disinfection of tanks. This is a fast track project which must be completed as soon as possible.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

1) Office of the Engineer, Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc., 12 Bay Street, Wilmington, MA 01887

2) Dodge Reports

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, weekdays at the Office of the Engineer, Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc., 12 Bay Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, upon payment of a refundable $50.00 company check (payable to the "Town of Cohasset") for each set.

Contract documents and plans will be mailed upon request and receipt of a separate non-refundable check made out to Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc. for $50.00 to cover handling and mailing costs.

Any BIDDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS promptly and in good condition will be refunded his payment. Any non-bidder shall forfeit his deposit if he does not return the documents prior to the bid opening.

A certified check or satisfactory bid bond issued by a company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, payable to the Town of Cohasset in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the Total Bid Price must be furnished by each bidder together with a letter of intent on the form provided. This proposal guarantee will be returned after the Contract has been executed.

A performance bond and a labor-material payment bond issued by a company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required of the successful bidder. These bonds and the certificate of insurance on form ACORD 25-S (3/88) as amended MUST be delivered to the Town of Cohasset Town Manager within ten (10) days of award. The five percent (5%) bid bond will not be returned to the successful bidder until the one hundred percent (100%) performance bond has been established in satisfactory form. The performance bond is to be in effect for one year beyond completion of the project.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening thereof without permission of the Town of Cohasset Town Manager.

The Town of Cohasset Town Manager reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any informalities in the bidding, or accept the bid deemed to be in the best interests of the Town of Cohasset.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 3:00 PM on Thursday, October 21, 2004 at the Water Department, 339 King Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

The successful BIDDER shall be required to comply with the applicable State and Federal prevailing wage laws.

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SEL/THE PIZZA ZONE
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF COHASSET

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2004 at Cohasset Town Hall on the application of P & B Pizza, Inc., c/b/a The Pizza Zone for a Restaurant Wines and Malt Beverages license to be drunk on the premises at 166 King Street, Peter G. Drake, Manager.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Cohasset Mariner 10/7/04

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LEGAL NOTICE
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Case No. 302177

To Maura L. Dorion and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: Hingham Institution for Savings claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering real property in Duxbury, numbered 207 Parks Street, and Cohasset, numbered 25 Ripley Road given by Maura L. Dorion to Plaintiff, dated January 21, 2004, recorded in Plymouth County, Registry of Deeds in Book 27418, Page 68-80, and recorded in Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 20458, page 576 has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 8th day of November 2004, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN P. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court this 23rd day of September 2004

Attest:
Ann-Marie J. Breuer
Deputy Recorder

AD#632612
Cohasset Mariner 10/7/04

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, SEPT. 27

12:56 a.m. Headquarters, registration inquiry.

6:45 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, fire, log entry.

9:14 a.m. **Elm St.,** lost property.

9:20 a.m. **Norfolk Road,** officer wanted.

11:22 a.m. **South Main St.,** assist citizen.

12:38 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** parking complaint.

1:14 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** suspicious auto.

2:26 p.m. **Cudworth Road**, motor vehicle crash, canceled before arrival.

2:31 p.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop.

3:43 p.m. **North Main St. and Dolan Lane**, well-being check.

4:03 p.m. **Pond St.,** vandalism.

4:08 p.m. **South Main St.,** disturbance.

5:49 p.m. **South Main St.,** disturbance.

7:42 p.m. **Border St.,** medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital, advanced life support.

8:16 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** disturbance.

10:01 p.m. **South Main St.,** disturbance.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

7:45 a.m. **Clay Spring Road,** officer wanted.

7:35 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, fire, log entry.

6:47 a.m. **King St.,** burglary/breaking and entering.

7:11 a.m. **Clay Spring Road**, assist citizen.

7:36 a.m. **Ripley Road**, assist citizen.

7:44 a.m. **Elm Court**, disabled auto.

9:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, burglary/breaking and entering, investigated, report taken.

10:12 a.m. **Old Pasture Road**, well-being check.

1:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, animal control.

2:15 p.m. **Beechwood and King sts.,** traffic safety inspection.

2:40 p.m. **North Main St.,** assist other agency.

2:42 p.m. **Pond St.,** traffic control.

3:22 p.m. **Tad Lane**, property damage, investigated, report taken.

5:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** burglary, breaking end entering, investigated, report taken.

9:19 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious auto.

9:20 p.m. **Sohier St.,** annoying phone calls.

9:27 p.m. **Sohier St.,** annoying phone calls.

11 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** general services.

11:22 p.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle stop.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

12:43 a.m. **North Main St.,** general services.

12:47 a.m. **Pleasant St.,** open door/window.

5:18 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, fire.

6:05 a.m. **Border St.**, general services.

7:10 a.m. **Atlantic Ave. and Meadow Lane**, motor vehicle crash, area search negative.

7:18 a.m. **Nichols Road,** tree down.

7:26 a.m. Headquarters, general services.

7:32 a.m. **North Main St.,** burglary/breaking and entering, investigated, report taken.

8:05 a.m. **Schofield Road**, traffic complaint.

9:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** fire, investigation.

9:16 a.m. **King St.,** tree down.

10:11 a.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle crash.

1:05 p.m. **Lamberts Lane,** well-being check.

1:50 p.m. **Depot Court**, motor vehicle stop.

3:11 p.m. **Beechwood and King sts.,** fire, investigation.

9:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** officer wanted, arrest: Kevin M. Canonico, 37, 45 Pine Ridge Road, Weymouth. Chgs.: shoplifting merchandise $100+.

11 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** general services.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

12:08 a.m. **Rocky Lane**, suspicious auto.

1:18 a.m. **King St.,** open door/window.

1:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, open door/window.

4:11 a.m. **Cedar St.,** suspicious activity.

7:16 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, larceny.

7:33 a.m. **North Main St.,** vandalism.

8:31 a.m. **Old Pasture Road**, vandalism.

12:25 p.m. **Arrowwood Road**, found property, investigated, report taken.

1:17 p.m. **South Main St.,** parking complaint.

2:17 a.m. **First Ave.**, investigation, arrest: Michael P. Doherty, 32, 12 Tower Road, Hingham. Chgs.: warrant (five counts).

4:54 p.m. **Pond St.,** parking complaint, verbal warning.

5:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, lost property, investigated, report taken.

7:14 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital, advanced life support.

10:58 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services, detail completed.

11:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop, good intent call.

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1:14 a.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle stop.

7:31 a.m. **Cushing Road**, medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital, advanced life support.

8:18 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic complaint, area search negative.

9:43 a.m. **Ripley Road**, medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital, advanced life support.

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WORSHIP NEWS

St. Stephen's hold faith-based classes

St. Stephen's is announcing a new contemporary series of faith-based classes called Via Media. The program is open to anyone who has ever been curious or interested in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition. The objective is to create an open and inclusive environment that appeals to people wondering about the Episcopal church or St. Stephen's as well as its existing congregation members. People are encouraged to bring their ideas and questions. Informational resources and a place to exchange your thoughts and voice your opinions will be provided.

Over a period of eight weeks, St. Stephen's invites those seeking a spiritual community to enter both the journey and the conversation. Using a combination of learning styles which includes video, written materials, small group discussion and large group forum, a group of people encounter the basic principles of Christianity through the Anglican approach of Scripture, Tradition and Reason. All people are encouraged to ask questions, and to learn how to answer their own questions of faith.

There is no charge for this course and dinner is included each week. Please contact Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson at 781-383-1083 for more information or to sign up to participate.

Glastonbury Abbey lecture series to start

The Benedictine Monks in Hingham announce the Glastonbury Series, "Listening to Other Voices: The Roots That Feed Us — How the Stories of Our Past Continue to Give Meaning and Direction to Our Present ."

This is the sixth year for the abbey's lecture series, which offers an opportunity for people of all denominations and faiths on the South Shore to participate in inter-religious conversation.

The theme this year explores how various religious traditions continue to nurture one today. This year's speakers represent Native American, Buddhist, Jewish and Christian traditions and use poetry, war, dance, science, tradition and the ancient art of storytelling as invitation to listen to their voices in dialogue with one's own particular religious tradition.

The series begins Thursday, Oct. 14 at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center with Dr. Mark Burrows, professor of Andover Newton Theological School. His theme is "Poetry as a Path to Wisdom and_Contemplation." Dr. Burrows is an acclaimed expert on mysticism, poetics and spirituality. He is an Oblate-novice of Glastonbury Abbey and an ordained clergyman in the United Church of Christ.

The series will continue with:

- James Carroll, Nov.18, "The Moral Legacy of War from Vietnam to Iraq"
- Nikki Hu, Jan. 20, "Dances By a Buddhist Descendent"
- Dr. Joan King, Feb. 17, "Our Bodies—Inner Teachers of Wisdom"
- Ven. Dhyani Ywahoo , April 7, "The Dance of Wisdom Arising"
- Nehemia Polen, May 5, "The Inner Wisdom of Hasidic Tales"

Temple welcomes Cantor Steven Weiss

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham has expanded its religious, educational and spiritual leadership with Cantor Steven Weiss. This is the first time Congregation Sha'aray Shalom has an invested Cantor who has full rights and privileges as a spiritual leader. Weiss will work closely with Rabbi Shira Joseph to enrich every aspect of congregational life through Jewish music, youth and adult educational programs, adult and youth choir, service leadership, Bar and Bat Mitzvah, community outreach, and more.

"Cantor Weiss brings a wealth of musical talent, experience and profound insight into Judaism to Congregation Sha'aray Shalom," said Rabbi Shira Joseph. "He will provide another very critical and deeply meaningful dimension to our Congregation's religious and spiritual leadership, allowing us to offer a more comprehensive center and resource for Jewish study and worship on the South Shore."

Before joining Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, Weiss was the Cantor at Temple Kol Emeth in Marietta Ga., a congregation of 900 families. He was responsible for music programming, leadership of services, education planning, implementation and teaching, officiating life-cycle events and counseling. Cantor Weiss trained 100-125 students per year for B'nai Mitzvah, co-lead Sabbath, Weekday, High Holy Day and Festival Services, conceptualized and organized religious services, and introduced new and innovative music to worship experiences, including the use of instruments. He was also involved with synagogue management and fund raising, serving as director of education, overseeing extensive building expansion, and establishing an annual golf tournament and other fund-raisers.

Cantor Weiss earned a master's degree in sacred music, Cantorial Investiture from Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion. He received a bachelor of science in human resource management/opera performance from Ithaca College.

From Friday Oct. 15 through Oct. 17, there will be a special weekend-long celebration at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom where the Cantor will be formally installed, and he will perform with colleagues from throughout the country in a Cantor's Concert, "From Bible to Broadway." The Cantor's Concert, Saturday, Oct. 16, at 8 p.m., will be open to Congregants and the greater community. Tickets will be available at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 781-749-8103.

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DESTINATIONS

Nevis Nirvana

Little to do and a lot to love on tiny Caribbean isle

By FRAN GOLDEN NEVIS

Why did the sheep cross the runway? To get to the other side. "Do the sheep know to stay off the runway?" a concerned passenger asked a cabdriver, as sheep blocked the roadway. "Sometimes," the cabbie replied with a hearty laugh. Low-key Caribbean can be defined by this round little British West Indies island, 200 miles south of Puerto Rico. Only seven miles long and five miles wide, Nevis is big on natural attractions. There are stunning green mountains and lush rain forests. There are white sand beaches fronting shallow ocean water. There are green monkeys (they came over with British sailors from Africa centuries ago). And there are sheep, lots of sheep, and goats, too; more sheep and goats than the 10,000-person populace. There are also pigs, as a friend and I witnessed while walking down to the beach one day from our bungalow digs at Nisbet Plantation Beach Club, a pretty, small resort, once a sugar plantation, where the great lawn of the 1778 Great House leads to the sea.

We had chosen Nisbet (named for Fannie Nisbet, wife of Admiral Horatio Nelson) because we wanted a real getaway from hectic work schedules and family obligations: Give us sunshine, ocean, potent fruity drinks and a chance to unwind. The property's beachside hammocks, strung between palm trees and slowly rocking in the constant breeze, proved a big bonus. A hammock, a good book and a pina colada: Nirvana. We got the added bonus of friendly general Don Johnson (no, not that Don Johnson) and his wife, Kathie, a native of Wilbraham. There seemed to be a theme on the island, as the resort's drivers were Marlon Brando and Calvin Klein — the former grew up near a movie theater and the latter took the name so people would remember him. Nisbet's 36 guest rooms are located in 15 cottages spread across 30 acres. They are being renovated, but the design theme is comfortably casual, tropical nice. Since unwinding is the thing, there are no TVs. (You can have a VCR or DVD player upon request.)

Sit outside and you'll hear the sounds of wind, birds, farm animals and ocean. You won't see many other people on the half-mile-long beach or on the tennis court. And even though I was here with a girlfriend, I can tell you the place spells romance, a great destination for couples looking for a low-key, togetherness getaway. Meals at Nisbet are taken in the fine dining room of the beautifully restored Great House or next to the beachside pool at the open-air Coconuts bar/cafe. Rates include breakfast, dinner and afternoon tea. The big resort crowd on Nevis heads to the Four Seasons, an expensive property that pretty much put this island on the map when it opened in 1991. Twenty-five percent of the island's population works at the Four Seasons, where 60 percent of the island's visitors stay. It's a big luxury player with 196 rooms, a Robert Trent Jones II golf course, million-dollar villas, a celebrity crowd, all the expected resort amenities, the best beach and, when we were on the island, 200 kids among the guests. Not that there's anything wrong with any of that. It's a matter of what you're looking for. (Jimmy Buffett stayed at Nisbet. Need I say more?)

Still, visitors must stop next to the Four Seasons at Sunshine's, a shack on the beach where the likes of Britney Spears, Kelly Ripa, Sarah Jessica Parker, Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown (to name a few of the celebrities whose photos are on the wall) have learned the sting of the "killer bees." Have one of the lethal rum drinks and you'll feel the buzz; have two and you'll be staring at the ceiling. Sunshine is from St. Kitts and don't let his Rasta locks fool you — he lives in a villa at the Four Seasons. The grilled seafood here is pretty darned good, too. Those who can tear themselves away from Sunshine's and the beach long enough to explore the island will find Charlestown, the capital, exceptionally sleepy. The town is most noteworthy as the birthplace of Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the U.S. Treasury and the man killed in a duel with Aaron Burr. Look in your pocket or pocketbook and you'll probably find Hamilton there; his face is on the $10 bill. Today, Hamilton's former abode is the island's House of Parliament and downstairs is a small historical museum that's worth a look. Also of historical interest is the Old Jewish Burial Ground dating to 1679. It's hard to believe in the late 17th and early 18th centuries the value of exports from Nevis surpassed those from the colony of New York. In the early 19th century, Nevis actually led the world in sugar production. Today, the main business other than tourism is offshore banking. Religion is big here, too. The island is home to more than 55 churches, including the oldest in the Caribbean still in use — the 1643 church is on a hillside near the Four Seasons.



Nisbet Plantation Beach.



Alexander Hamilton's home in Charlestown.

Like Nisbet, other plantations have been turned into inns, including Montpelier, located high in the mountains, where Princess Diana was once among the guests. (Packages are available that combine a mountain stay at Montpelier with a beach stay at Nisbet.) A trip into the mountains at least for a day is highly recommended. Jim Johnson, the island's naturalist (an American, he first came here with the Peace Corps), leads a variety of reasonably priced tours and is an encyclopedia of scientific, regional and local names of the various flora and fauna. "I will let you eat termites if you like," he told our group of four on a two-hour Jessup Rain Forest Hike ($20 per person). We saw a 700-year-old Burn Fig tree and a rare bridal quail dove. We passed on the termites, but did try lemony tamarind (an ingredient in Worcestershire sauce) and fat pork fruit, which makes you pucker. On the way to meet Johnson, we passed a troop of monkeys in the road. And we saw a Rasta guy with a machete heading into the forest. On this island there is no fast food. There are no casinos. There is little shopping. But there are other delights. If you go. . .

STAYING THERE: From Oct. 15 to Dec. 15, stay six nights or longer at Nisbet Plantation and save $600. With the discount, the starting price for a six-day visit is $1,140 to $1,440 per couple including breakfast and dinner. High season rates are from $575 per couple, per night, including the meals. Book through Island Resort Reservations, 800-742-6008, or go to www.nisbetplantation.com. GETTING THERE: American Eagle recently increased service to Nevis, and during the high season, beginning Nov. 15, will offer two daily flights from San Juan. The flying time is one hour. For reservations, call 800-433-7300 or go to www.aa.com. You also can fly to nearby St. Kitts and get to Nevis by boat.



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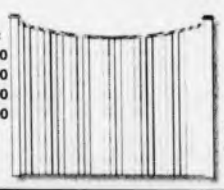
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Thurs. Oct. 7

Chess Club - Children ages 9-14 are invited to join the Hull Lifesaving Museum's free after school Chess Club on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m., Oct. 2-Dec. 20, excluding Columbus Day. Parent volunteers are also welcome. For information contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net. The Hull Lifesaving Museum is located at 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Beginners are welcome. Chess sets and a snack will be provided. Irene Kozmin will lead the club.

Attention All Singers The Second Annual Messiah - Sing will be held on Nov. 21. Rehearsals will begin on Oct. 7, at Pilgrim church from 7 to 8:15 p.m. .All singers are welcome members of this chorus need not be affiliated with any other choir. The only requirement is some experience singing with a chorus. For information call Cathy Morrison director at The Pilgrim Church Office 781-934-6591.

Layers of Experience: An Evening With George Kirby of the 150-year old "George Kirby, Jr. Paint Co." on Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. for an evening with George Kirby of the legendary George Kirby, Jr. Paint Company. The conversation will be moderated by boatwright Geoff Kerr of 2 Daughters Boatworks, Westford, VT. To find out more about the George Kirby Jr. Paint Co. history and products, visit www.kirbypaint.com. Call 781-925-5433 or email lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net.

North Quincy Alumni Theatre presents: Fredrick Knott's Wait Until Dark Oct. 7,8,9, and 14, 15, 16. North Quincy High School Black Box Theatre 316 Hancock St. Quincy. www.nqat.com Tickets - $12 Adults, $10 Seniors and Students Box Office: 617-769-0232

Storytellers/authors Andrea Lovett of Abington and Weisey MacMillan of Marshfield are forming an adult writer's group. First meeting Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m. 781-871-5892. A small fee will be charged

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, located at 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, has opened its eighth annual Sea & Sky Art Show. This year will mark the first Sea & Sky to include both a juried and non-juried show through Oct. 31. Tickets are $20 members, $25 non-members.

Jimbo's Boston – Every Thursday night Contemporary Jazz Rhythm & Blues Cover $10 at door- $7 with student ID.

College Essay Workshops - Write Right Now, Hingham, will focus on helping student select an essay topic, provide individualized writing instruction and assist with editing the final draft. Sessions are scheduled for Oct. 7, 6 to 9 p.m. and Oct. 10, 2 to 5 p.m.781-749-0834 or email writerightnow04@yahoo.com

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, Campaign a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. New Blue Revue Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by Bob "Satch" Romano. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents Karaoke with Ron Towers and Steve every Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree, Every Thursday Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

Fri.. Oct. 8

The 15th Biennial International Conference on Issues Of Single Parent Adoption: "Making SPACE..." Keynote Address by Jeffrey R. LaCure, M.S.W., LICSW presented by SPACE - Single Parents for Adoption of Children Everywhere Oct. 8 and 9, Hampton Inn, Natick, Over 20 workshops, child care, exhibits, networking and more. ODS Adoption Community of New England, Inc. 508-429-4260, info@odsacone.org

James Library and Art Center, 24 West St., Norwell Center, presents an exhibition of Don Larkinis Prints and Ceramics Oct. 8 to Nov. 3.

Temple Beth Emunah, Torrey and Pearl St., Brockton, will be having a Tot Shabbat on Oct. 15, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Bring young children (grade 2 and under) siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles cousins, friends or neighbors for a brief service. A Shabbat meal prepared and served following the service. $10 per adult and children are complimentary. RSVP to the temple 508-583-5810) by Sunday, Oct. 10.

Company Theatre presents Dirty Blonde; Oct. 8-24,Claudia Shear's wry and very funny play Dirty Blonde features lots of recognizable Mae West one-liners, as well as some titillating vaudeville numbers. Performances are Oct. 4 through 24. Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. www.companytheatre.com

The South Shore Natural Science Center 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents Autumn Splendor, a watercolor exhibit by Norwell artist Virginia Wilson, in Vine Hall Gallery Oct. 1-31, in Norwell, 781-659-2559 or at www.ssnsc.org.

The Craft Factory, 1 Mill Wharf Plaza Scituate Harbor and Route 3A Cohasset October is paint a pumpkin month. Bring in your own pumpkin and paint it for only $1. 781-383-0740, 781-545-4242.

Next Pages Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, "Undaunted" Professor Harp Oct. 8. 781-871-7175.

Body to Soul Fitness, Inc., an all-women's health club, 33 Riverside Dr., Pembroke - Cardio-Striptease - a fun alternative to cardiovascular training. No clothing removed. Non-members welcome. 781-829-2002.

Under the Open Sky, a show of Plein air oil paintings by Susan Brewster Charles will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, through Oct. 6. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday through Friday 1 to 5 p.m. and p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 781-659-7100.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery announces the continuation of its raffle at the gallery of a full-sheet sized painting by Peter Spataro valued at over $1,200. The final drawing will be held during the membership show in October. Individual tickets are $5 or triple your chances for twice the amount three tickets for $10. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located at 124 Front St., Scituate, 781-545-5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke free dance Oct. 9, with The Emanon Orchestra from 8 p.m. to midnight, at the Abington VFW Post, 30 Central St., Abington. $7 members; $10 non-members. Proper dress required. 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the Randolph Holiday Inn.. Free admission. 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime, Truck Stop. Breaker 1 – 9, breaker 1 – 9 Join Beth as she reads, Farmer Dale's Red Pickup Truck and My Truck is Stuck .. Oct. 8, at 10:30 a.m.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Mission of Blues, blues Oct. 8. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke - free dance Friday, Oct. 8, with the Emanon Orchestra from 8 p.m. midnight, at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission: $7 SSS MEMBERS, $ 10 Non-Members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes.781-33-0021 www.southshoresingles.org



BEST BET

YWCA, Ferry Hill Road, in the old barn at Marshfield YWCA presents Storytellers Andrea Lovett and Bob Rieser in a storytelling workshop Dark and Stormy Night Saturday, Oct. 9 at 1 p.m. Learn to tell a spooky story. The workshop is $20. For more information call. 781-871-5892.



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The National Cranberry Festival at Edaville USA continues Friday-Monday, Oct. 9-11, at Edaville USA. This original fall fair offers spectacular views of the cranberry harvest from an authentic narrow-gauge train as it travels along 5-1/2 miles of track through a 1,300-acre cranberry plantation in Carver, and much more. 1-877-EDAVILLE (877-332-8455) or go to the Web site at www.edaville.org

Oliveira's, 300 Center St.,(Rte. 36), Pembroke, presents live music every Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. to closing. No cover. Oct. 8, Bob Sylvia 781-294-4700.

Courtney's Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents the Ron Towers, Oct. 8 and 9, 781-834-1910

Sat. Oct. 9

The Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts invites everyone to the opening of their first photo exhibit, "Wild Lands." Opening Reception will be on Oct. 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. at The Marshfield Audubon Center, 2000 Main St., Marshfield, 781-837-9400.

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Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth, colonial house celebrates michaelmas with show participants PBS's Emmy-nominated Colonial House experience drew to a close one year ago. To celebrate, the participants partied in a period way, with the 17th-century feast of Michaelmas. On Oct. 9, visitors may mix and mingle with Colonial House cast-members. In addition, we will offer special menus just like those served on Colonial House. Museum admission fees: adults—$20 per person and children over the age of six—$12 per person508-746-1622, or visit us on the web at: http://www.plimoth.org.

Fuller Craft Museum 455 Oak Street in Brockton, rolls up the rugs for ceramic artist Allison Newsome's installation On Island Oct. 9, through Jan. 2, 2005. Rhode Island artist

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The Company Theatre presents Dirty Blonde; Oct. 8-24,Claudia Shear's wry and very funny play Dirty Blonde features lots of recognizable Mae West one-liners, as well as some titillating vaudeville numbers. Performances are Oct. 4 through 24. Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. www.companytheatre.com

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THE EIGHTH ANNUAL JOSHUA'S RUN FOR THE JIMMY FUND – Oct. 16, at Peggotty Beach, Scituate. Threefold event consisting of a Kid's Fun Run, a 2-Mile Fun Run/Walk and a 4-Mile Road Race. Call 781-545-4642 or email bblacker@comcast.net or visit www.joshuasrun.com

CREEPY TOUR OF THE CAPTAIN SAMUEL ROBBINS MUSEUM HOUSE, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. No blood, no guts, just a spooky house and a few surprises. Take a candlelight walk through the museum, enjoy music and a ghost story. Free admission. Refreshments. 508-583-7676

IRISH FIDDLER EILEEN IVERS & IMMIGRANT SOUL will be appearing at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, MA on Friday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets priced at $25-$30 now on sale online at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com> and by calling 866-468-7619. Visit www.plymouthmemorialhall.com http://www.plymouthmemorialhall.com

JOAN BAEZ Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $37-$42 Legendary folk singer Joan Baez returns to the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall, the spot where she and Bob Dylan kicked off the legendary Rolling Thunder Revue Tour in 1975. Tickets:www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com/> 866-468-7619 at the box-office located at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth, MA 508-747-0234. All Strawberries

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619.



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Allison Newsome will create wet clay drawings and sculptures specifically for Fuller Craft's Tarlow Gallery that address environmental ethics using the imagery of nature and culture. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, Free for members and children under 12.

Quincy Animal Shelter's Annual Columbus Day Weekend Adopt-a-thon Meet the wonderful cats and dogs in need of loving homes on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 9a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. at Quincy Animal Shelter on 56 Broad St., Quincy 617-376-1349 www.quincyanimalshelter.org

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is offering an archeology program. On Saturday, Oct. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, for a family adventure with Dr. David Titelbaum as he demonstrates how to use metal detectors and various hands-on methods to explore for lost and forgotten tools and other treasures. Dr. Titelbaum will also present his collection of local artifacts. The program cost is $5M and $7NM for adults, and $3 for children. Pre-registration is required for all programs: call the Center at 781-659-2559 to register.

The D. W. Field Park Association will present Towerfest at the Central Memorial Tower in D.W. Field Park, close to Oak Street in Brockton from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 9 (rain date Oct. 10) as its celebration of "Connect The Arts" - the Brockton consortium of local artistic, cultural and historic organizations. Free admission. Many children activities throughout the day. visit www.connectthearts.com or call 508-580-7116. Towerfest, call 508-586-4425.

YWCA, Ferry Hill Road, in the old barn at Marshfield YWCA - Storytelling workshop Dark and Stormy Night, facilitated by storytellers Andrea Lovett and Bob Rieser. Learn to tell a spooky story. $20 fee. 781-871-5892

King Richard's Faire celebrates its 23rd season through Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Route 58, Carver. Free on-site parking. More than 100 artisans from all over the country display and demonstrate their handmade treasures. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichardsfaire.net

The Dedham Museum 612 High St., Dedham, at the Dedham Historical Society presents Wedgwood – Not Just Blue and White, to Jan. 15. Admission $2 adults and $1 children. 781-326-1385 or www.DedhamHistorical.org

Berwick Boys Foundation is hosting its 22nd annual Halloween fundraiser, the House of Horrors, 335 West St., West Bridgewater. Open weekends in October. The house is open from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays, and from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Friodays and Saturdays. Admission $8. 508-586-0059 or www.berwick.org

The South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus will present College Daze to benefit youth outreach music education programs in schools throughout the South Shore on Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Parish Auditorium, Weymouth Landing. Joining them will be The Cape Cod Surftones Barbershop/Chorus and will feature The Men in Black. Adults $15, Seniors/students $10. To purchase tickets call 781-659-2582.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866-JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset, , Live music with guitarist/vocalist Matt Browne every Saturday night from 8-11pm. Non-smoking, casual dress. 781-383-0900

Sociable Singles presents the Autumn Moonlight Dance, 8 p.m. to midnight Oct. 9, with rock and soul music by The Moonlighters, Hyannis Golf Club, Route 6, Exit 6, Route 132. $15 admission, $3 discount with current membership card. Hors d'oeuvres, rafles and door prize. Proper dress required, no jeans. 877-626-4900 , www.sociablessingles.org

Next Pages Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Steve DeCecco Band, Oct. 9. 781-871-7175.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Mission of Blues 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtney's Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents Comedy Night Oct. 9, featuring Marshfield's own Tommy Dunham, Annette Pollack Dave McDonough and Bill Ford with host Jan Flanagan. Tickets $15 in advance, $20 at the door. 781-834-1910 Reservations recommended.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents The Nighthawks, blues/rock, Oct. 9. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Meetings

THE NORWELL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION (VNA) is pleased to announce the next session in its free, ongoing Diabetes Support Group. The meeting will take place on Monday, Oct. 4 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the South Shore Baptist Church, located at 578 Main St. in Hingham.

SOUTH SHORE MANIC-DEPRESSION AND DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP-open to anyone with a mood disorder and their friends and family. Meeting at Pembroke Hospital (Oak St., Pembroke) every Thursday at 7 p.m. 781-829-7211.

THE LOW VISION GROUP will meet the third Wednesday of the month in the Duxbury Council on Aging Building on Mayflower Street, Duxbury. New members welcome. 781-934-5774.

THE BUTTONWOOD WRITERS' GROUP, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. New members, beginners and published writers, are always welcome to join the group. Please call 1-781-383-2665 for more information.

THE YOUNG WIDOWED GROUP OF GREATER BOSTON, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (September-June). The meetings are held at the: Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Needham Campus Administration Building Coffee Shop 148 Chestnut St., Needham Center This informal support group is open to all men and women, regardless of length of time widowed, aged 55 and younger, with the focus on those in their 20's, 30's, and 40's.

THE SEASIDE MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES GROUP meets monthly in Scituate to provide support for parents of twins, triplets and more. The club is affiliated with the National Mothers of Twins Club. For information, contact Mary Alcott at 781-545-6681.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN FROM CHINA (FCC) South Shore, has an active play group meeting every other week from 10 am until noon. Call Cissy White at 781-331-4679 for information. No cost to join.

SOUTH SHORE WRITERS CLUB meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

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WRITERS' GROUP MEETS AT FRONT STREET BOOK SHOP every fourth Thursday of the month. Front Street Book Shop offers a supportive environment and encourages all levels of writing experience to attend. Bring a writing project to share. More information call: 781-545-5011.

LA LECHE LEAGUE OF SILVER LAKE is an international, non profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and encouragement to all women who want to breastfeed. Oct. 14 meeting: The Baby Arrives: The Family and the Breastfed Baby. Meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m., at 46 Forge Road, Kingston. For information call: Joanne 781-924-1919/Lisa 781-829-9075/Heidi 781-582-1187, or email Joanne.collins@comcast.net All expectant, new, and experienced mothers and their babies welcome. www.lalecheleague.org

THE SOUTH SHORE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly free meetings, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

THE INTERFAITH BOOK STUDY GROUP meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for March, Palace Walk by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036.



With "Gem of the Ocean," Tony- and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright August Wilson ("Fences," "The Piano Lesson") presents his ninth work, and the first chronologically, in a stirring 10-play cycle dealing with the life of black Americans in the 20th century. The story takes place in 1904, when slavery was still a living memory. It is set in Pittsburgh's Hill District, where Wilson himself later grew up, a predominantly black neighborhood which grew out of the massive migration of former slaves to northern industrial cities at the turn of the last century. In "Gem," Wilson explores the challenges which face some of these people after the Emancipation Proclamation, when their dreams of a better life are replaced by the reality of low-paying jobs and societal repression.

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At the physical and emotional heart of the play — currently being presented in Boston by the Huntington Theatre Company — is the mythical and mystical Aunt Ester, who at 285 years old was born the year the the first slave arrived in America. Phylicia Rashad brings this captivating character to rich, vivid life as an elderly woman with tremendous dignity and palpable prescience. Ester presides over a dilapidated, but still grand home that is a kind of safe house for her relatives and friends.

When Citizen Barlow, a traveler from the South, arrives at the old woman's residence he is in search of a spiritual uplift, but instead finds himself at the center of a tragic maelstrom. It is a testament to Wilson's extraordinary talent that this dramatic plot point dominates, but does not overshadow the insights "Gem" provides about its equally interesting other characters.

Kenny Leon deftly directs a superb cast, led by the amazing Rashad, best-known as Clair Huxtable on TV's long-running "The Cosby Show." Joining Rashad is an excellent company of actors, many of whom have appeared in earlier Wilson plays, including Ruben Santiago-Hudson, LisaGay Hamilton, Anthony Chisolm, and John Earl Jelks. The scenic design by David Gallo, costumes by Constanza Romero and lighting by Donald Holder are all first-rate, befitting a production that will open on Broadway next month.

(August Wilson's "The Gem of Ocean" will be at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, through Oct. 30. For tickets and information, call the Huntington Theatre Company at 617/266-0800 or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org.)

R. Scott Reedy

Sun. Oct. 10

Fuller Craft Family Day Oct.. 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. You know the stories of Cinderella and Rumpelstiltskin, but have you ever heard of The Girl Without Hands or The Singing, Soaring Lark? Award winning storyteller Judith Black recreates these and other tales of the brothers Grimm at the Fuller Craft Museum Family Day. Fuller Craft Museum is located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Admission to Family Day is $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, $2/children under 12. Come dressed as your favorite fairy tale character for free admission. For information, call visit www.fullercraft.org.

Singin' and Stylin', sponsored by the Island Grove Chorus, on Oct.10, at 1:30 p.m., at the Viking Club, Braintree,. Fashions from the Dress Barn, Quincy, will be modeled. Entertainment, raffles, and refreshments will be provided. Island Grove Chorus, a women's a cappela chorus, is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International. Tickets are $15. 781-383-9582.

Country music star Tricia Elliott will appear at Edaville USA on Sunday, Oct. 10, during the National Cranberry Festival. The award-winning musician will perform some of her hit songs in two one-hour concerts at 1 and 3 p.m. For more information, call Edaville USA 1-877-EDAVILLE (877-332-8455) or go to the web site at www.edaville.org.

Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents Places Revisited, an exhibit of paintings in multiple mediums by Stephen Boczanowski., Oct. 10 through Nov. 6. Opening reception with the artist is Oct. 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. Exhibit and reception is free. Two steps to the door. 781-934-0640.

ShakerHigh/Shaker Low, at the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St., Duxbury through Jan. 9, 2005. p.m. Pieces from its extensive Shaker Collection will be on display. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org.

USS Constitution Museum – Celebrate Old Ironsides 207th birthday, Admission is free. Groups of 10 must call to make reservations. Handicap accessible. 617-426-1812 wwwusconstituionmuseum.org

The New Gallery located at Zona Salon, Queen Anne's Plaza, Norwell presents Fingerprints, through Oct. 24. This show includes oils, watercolors, pastels, photography, sculpture and pottery by a dozen of South Shore's well-known artists. 781-871-4545.

North River Arts Society presents A few of My Favorite Things, an exhibit of original oil paintings by Don Daciet through Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R., 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, 50th Anniversary Exhibition presents 50 Towns/50 Years South Shore Exhibition juried Sept. 10-Oct. 24, Bancroft Gallery: by Dore VanDyke. Dillon Gallery: Christian Alexander, Maria Lakhman, Susan Dragoo, Julie Hawking, Patricia McCarthy.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. Stump Team Trivia 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Purple Eggplant Café 400 Bedford Street (RT. 18), Abington Oct. 10, at 8 p.m. Comedy show featuring Paul D'Angelo, Annette Pollack, John Joyce, Joe List, Mark Sherman and Jesse Gersten $10 for show or dinner/show package available for $25. or eat off of the menu. Call (781) 871-7175 For Reservations & Info.

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The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield -Dixielnad Jazz concert featuring a dixieland jazz concert featuring Eric Baldwin;s Balladeers from 4 to 7 p.m. Admission $10. Dinner optional beginning two hours before show time. 781-834-6505. Handicap accessible.

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Mon. Oct. 11

Pumpkin painting at Plaster Play during October. Receive an ornament to hang in your window. 263 Washington St., Norwell. 781 659-0011

The Scituate Art Association Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate Harbor, presents a new members show at their new gallery through Oct. 31. Opening reception Oct. 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. 781-545-6150.

The South Shore YMCA offers a Men's Basketball League this fall beginning Sept. 30. Call 617-479-8500 ext. 161 for information.

Braintree Art Association member John Bergstrom will display his paintings for the month of October at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

In Shape Studio, Hanover Mall - Back to school, Back to you. An all women's fitness club featuring the original 30 minute circuit program using Pace circuit equipment (programmed accommodating circuit exercise) which is both aerobic and anaerobic. Weight loss support and other groups forming now. 781-829-5555.

Weymouth Art Association artist of the month, Roger Gill, will exhibit his paintings for the month of October at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St. Weymouth. 781-337-4513.

1749 Courthouse Museum, Town Square, Plymouth, is free and filled with items of Plymouth's history. Open through Oct. 2. 508-830-4075 or 508-746-7789.

The North River Arts Society presents A Sense of New England an exhibit of original landscape paintings by Trish Hurley at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield Center through Oct. 9. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

Tues. Oct. 12

Buttonwood Books & Toys will present "Coffee with the Authors" on Tue. Oct. 12 from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. at the Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset. Enjoy a continental breakfast and a stimulating morning with four authors as they discuss the art of writing and their latest work. Featured authors will be Archer Mayor for "The Surrogate Thief." Ann Napolitano for "Within Arm's Reach" Sharon Pywell for "What Happened to Henry" and Karen Shepard for "The Bad Boy's Wife" Advance reservations and ticketing are required and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665. Tickets are $13 per person and are non refundable.

Writer and expert fly fisherman Norm Zeigler will be presenting his newest book on the sport titled, Rivers of Shadow, Rivers of Sun. between 5 and 8 p.m. at Baymen Outfitters, 285 Saint George St., in Duxbury. Refreshments will be served. Copies of his book will be available for sale that evening courtesy of Westwinds Bookshop. Free and open to the public. For information, contact Baymen Outfitters at 781-934 2838 or Westwinds Bookshop at (781) 934 2128.

Rogers and Hamerstein's The King and I starring Sandy Duncan and directed by Baayrok Lee comes to The Wang Theatre, Oct. 12-17. Call Telecharge at 1-800-447-7400 or visit the box office at 270 Tremont St., Boston or visit www.telecharge.com

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Show's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, hosts story time every Tuesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Age range is 2 to 5 years old. Free. For information call 781-383-2665.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday night, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Weymouth Heights Club on North Street, across the street from Seven Eleven.. Non-profit weight loss support group. For information, the T.O.P.S. website is: www.tops.org or call, Eleanor at 781-335-4942.

Y.A.N.A. (You Are Not Alone), a support group for widows and widowers will meet Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Holbrook United Methodist Church hall, 60 Plymouth St. (Rt. 139) near Holbrook Square. Small groups for a support discussion. 781-337-508-224-2920.

New England Humane Association will sponsor group dog training/problem solving classes on Oct 12,, classes being offered are Good Manners for Beginners, at 6 p.m. and Improvisional Obedience, at 7 p.m. $100 for a five-week course. 781-857-1239.

Calling all South Shore Parents Are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community, complete with a listing of family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hotspots along the South Shore. www.southshoreparents.com

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents Jamie Wyeth painting "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

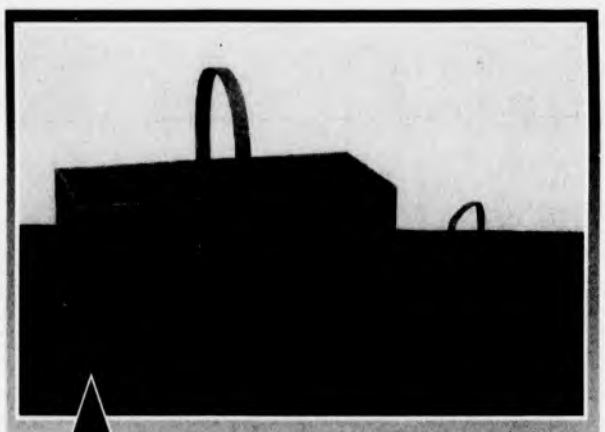
South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages, who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tues nights at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus, under the direction of Patricia Hoitt of Norwell, is a women's a cappella chorus providing vocal training and musical entertainment throughout the greater south shore area. Come and experience the fun , and sing your cares away. Call 781-843-4355.

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave.,

Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by The New Blue Revue at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

Aisling Gallery and Framing, 229 Lincoln St., Hingham will host a Film and Discussion Series on Modern Irish Politics and Society with featuring Richard B. Finnegan, at Stonehill College, Easton. Oct. 5, 12, 19, and 26, and Nov. 2, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is $100.



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The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury presents ShakerHigh/Shaker Low through Jan. 9, 2005. Pieces from its extensive Shaker Collection will be on display at the museum which is located at 189 Alden Street. For more information call 781-934-6634 or visit www.artcomplex.org.

Reunions

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969 35th Reunion Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004 7 p.m. to Midnight Buffet Dinner (cash bar) at the River Club, Scituate $30 per person, make checks out to Marilyn Kenney Shaw send checks to MKS, 28 Adams Circle, Hanson, MA 02341 by Nov. 12.

SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989 15th year reunion Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, Scituate Country Club at 7 p.m. For information call Tara Stone 781-544-3143 or email taraboggs@aol.com

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL 1964 - looking for classmates for future reunion. Contact marshfield1964@yahoo.com <mailto:marshfield1964@yahoo.com> OR Joey, P.O. Box 249, LaPorte,TX 77571

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964 will hold its 40th reunion on Oct. 30, 2004 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Clarion Hotel, Nantasket Beach, Hull. Further details will be provided via mail to last known addresses or contact Heather McHugh Allen 781-749-5484 email hinghamite@aol.com <mailto:hinghamite@aol.com> or Mike Studley 617-572-9253 (weekdays).

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '84 will have its 20th Reunion on Friday, Nov. 26, 2004 at the Rockland Ramada. Tickets are $45. Anyone interested in helping with the reunion contact Jim Cantwell (837-5757) or Marie (Gagnon) Malmin (319-0432). http://www.marshfield.net/School/reunion84.html

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, Brookline, Class of 1954 is looking for missing classmates for a reunion. Call 617-277-8610 or 617-327-7803.

Wed. Oct. 13

The Norwell Public Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys will host Norman Gautreau on Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Norwell Public Library, 64 South St., Norwell. Gautreau will discuss his latest book, "Island of First Light" a novel that takes place off the coast of Maine on remote Alabaster Island. Norman G. Gautreau is the author of Sea Room, which was the recipient of the 2002 Massachusetts Book Award, and also a Book Sense 76 selected title. Free and open to the public. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell is offering an archeology program on Wednesday, Oct. 13 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. join us for a Native American Harvest program for children in grades 1-3. Learn how Native American tools end up in the ground and how they were used. Participants will see some of the more commonly found artifacts from this area, and try their hand at using some of these tools. The program cost is $8M/$10NM. Pre-registration is required for all programs: call the Center at 781-659-2559 to register.

Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, Oct. 13, 6 to 7 p.m. Become a Big Sister for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Informational sessions, 1245 Hancock St., Quincy, (Monroe Building, Suite 7, 2nd floor. www.bigsister.org 617-32801061.

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.

The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime – Lost and Found. Join Beth as she reads Knuffle Bunny and Don't Get Lost, Oct. 13, at 10:30 a.m.

Thurs. Oct. 14

.The Glastonbury Series - Listening to Other Voices: The Roots That Feed Us How stories of our past continue to give meaning and direction to our present. Oct. 14, 7:15 p.m. with Dr. Mark Burrows, professor of Andover Newton Theological School. His theme is Poetry as a Path to Wisdom and Contemplation. Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center. 781-749-2155 x243 stantonc@glastonburyabbey.org

A Taste of the Town Oct. 14, 7 p.m. in the ball room at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth. This fundraiser will benefit the library,. Specialties will be served by 20 restaurants and caterer's and over 40 different wines from around the world can be tasted. The wine is generously being sponsored by Pioppi's of Plymouth.Partygoers will hear the smooth sounds of Ralph Rotundo. The virtuoso plays jazz, classical music, show tunes and more on a seven-string guitar. Attendees can bid on auction items such as: a signed Adam Vinatieri football, a seven day stay in a beautiful home on Chincoteague Island in Virginia, Red Sox tickets, artwork, gift certificates and more. Tickets are $40 call Marianna or Donna at 508 830-4250. Reservations will be held at the door.

Forbes House Museum presents Civil War Circle to Explore the Generals Within the fascinating history of the Civil War, the military leaders on both sides have commanded much study, and the Civil War Circle, a history discussion group sponsored by the Forbes House Museum, will explore some of the period's generals at its second meeting of the season, Thursday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. To offset the costs of hosting the gathering, attendees are asked to donate $5 or to become a family-level member of the Forbes House Museum. The museum is located at 215 Adams St., Milton. Reservations are NOT required. For information, call the museum, 617-696-1815.



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"Nantucket Wildflowers" by Dorothy Palmer

The South Shore Conservatory's Robert and Dorothy Palmer Gallery features the mixed media works of Hingham artist Dorothy Palmer through the end of January 2005. The gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. For directions and information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 10 or visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

Fri. Oct. 15

Friday Night Arts - third Friday night of the month, 5 to 9 p.m. A monthly gathering of visiting artists and art collections featuring: Stephanie Roberts (Pinhole Photography and Mixed Media), Merilee Moscardelli (Jewelry and Glass Bead Maker, Ancient Dreams and Fine Art), Julie Hawkins (Fantasy Images and Pillows, Multi Media Primitive Pots), Russell Hawkins (Off the Wall Celestial Clocks) Native with Marie Flaherty (Indigenous, Tribal and Folk Art from Africa, South America, Mexico, & Native American). The Little House of Arts, 157 Front St., Scituate, 781-545-9326

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime –S'More Animals. Join Beth as she reads Squash the Spider and Mr. Murray and Thumbkin Oct. 13, at 10:30 a.m.

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents, Steve Hurl and Marylou Ferrante, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, across from the First Parish Unitarian Church. Open Mike. Handicap accessible. Non-smoking. $5 members, $6 non-members. 781-871-1052 or www.ssfmc.org

The ladies of the Broad Cove Barbershop Quartet presents the 26th annual harvest of song to be presented by the Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale at Norwell's Cushing Center on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. An elegant wine and hors d'oeuvre reception follows the concert. Tickets for Gala are $25 or $15 for students and will be available at the door. Concert goers can reserve advance tickets by calling 781 749-6561 or www.bcc-us.org

Captain Samuel Robbins House, 188 Main St., Avon presents a Halloween Tour on Oct. 15. Tour this historic 1820's sea captain's home. Refreshments. Free and open to the public. 508-583-7616.

Next Pages Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Mr. Nick's Blues Mafia Oct. 15. 781-871-7175.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St.,(Rte. 36), Pembroke, presents live music every Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. to closing. No cover. Oct. 15, Dave Becker. 781-294-4700.

Courtney's Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents the McLaughlin Brothers Oct. 15, 781-834-1910

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents TheGrandsons, rock and roll, Oct. 15. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com



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The Hull Lifesaving Museum, located at 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, has opened its eighth annual Sea & Sky Art Show. This year will mark the first Sea & Sky to include both a juried and non-juried show through Oct. 31. Tickets are $20 members, $25 non-members.

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Budget report shows expenses adding up

Some line items are out of whack

By Samantha Brown
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Budget discussions are underway early this year, and Town Manager Michael Buckley said already, just three months into the fiscal year, he is concerned about a number of inflated line items.

As part of what will become quarterly budget reports, Buckley presented an overview of the town's financial status to the Board of Selectmen Oct. 5, outlining line items he expects will need to be voted on at the Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting. His overview was based only on figures for the town, as School Supt. Denise Walsh and School Financial Assistant Karen Park will be developing a separate school budget.

Buckley's report included the original appropriation for the items, the amount expended so far, the amount available, and what percent of the funds appropriated have been spent. He said at this stage, where the town has only completed three months of the new fiscal year, he would like to see most line items coming in at roughly 26 percent expended. However, he said there are number of items which already exceed 30 or 40 percent, and a few are over or close to exceeding the total amount allocated.

One of the most concerning line items for Buckley are the legal expenses. The original appropriation was $120,000, which includes a $54,000 retainer, meaning the town has $66,000 to pay Town Counsel for non-retainer issues. During the months of July and August, the first two months of the fiscal year, the town spent $52,294, of which $13,500 were costs covered by the retainer.

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Buckley said he thinks the town will need at least another $80,000 to cover legal costs for the rest of the fiscal year. He also pointed out the figure is based on the amount paid, and not the amount accrued, and 44 percent of the town's total allocation has been spent. "What you see does not bode well for the town," Buckley said.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she would like to see Town Counsel come in on a quarterly basis to review the cases the town is involved with and the stages they are

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SPECIAL DELIVERY
Andrew Barrett pulls a pumpkin to its spot at Wheelwright Park off North Main Street when a trailer truck made the special delivery. The Pumpkin Patch is now open daily; proceeds from sales go to the Appalachia Service Project. For more photos, see page 16.

Landmine survivor to talk at St. Stephen's

By Mary Ford
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When not at work in Washington, D.C., Jerry White can be found travelling the globe talking to anyone who will listen about the danger of landmines.

White — who worked with the late Princess Diana and now works with Queen Noor of Jordan — co-founded the Landmine Survivors Network in 1995 to help the hundreds of landmine survivors alive today.

White will return to Cohasset, his hometown, this weekend to hold a community meeting at 11:30 a.m., Sunday (Oct. 17) at St. Stephen's Church to discuss the eradication of landmines and a proposed, new U.N. treaty for the rights of people with disabilities.

The Cohasset native, whose mother Mimi White lives on Sheldon Road, knows the subject well.

Back in 1984, armed only with a backpack and an Arabic and Hebrew dictionary, the then 20-year-old White set out to explore Israel on a biking trip. The Cohasset High School and Brown University graduate had no idea that he and two friends had entered a landmine field. They camped overnight and the next day White stepped on a mine which cost him part of his right leg. The mines had been planted there years before by Syrian soldiers hoping to kill Israeli troops.



Princess Diana and LSN co-founders Ken Rutherford and Jerry White (far right) visit with Bosnia survivors Malic and Zarco during the princess' much publicized humanitarian trip to Bosnia in August 1997.

White, who lives in Silver Springs, Md. with his wife and four children, founded LSN with another amputee, Ken Rutherford. The association's mission is to ban the production, stockpiling, use and export of anti-personnel landmines. LSN also advocates for the disabled – some 600 million people worldwide. Eighty percent of that number live in developing countries and 82 percent live in poverty, White says.

He explained lack of accessibility prevents people with disabilities from fully participating in their communities.

The Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, rector of St. Stephen's Church, said White has many friends in the parish and he seemed like the "perfect person to talk about including people with disabilities in community life."

White's talk is part of a capital campaign at St. Stephen's to install an elevator in a new annex to be built between the newer Wilson Parish House and the older Tudor-style parish house at the church. The elevator will make all floors of the two parish houses accessible.

"Jerry is awesome," Cutler says. "He really has a passion to see that everyone is included in the life in the community and that is what

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Is it back to the drawing board?

Lone bid too high for village work

By Samantha Brown
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Bids are in for the downtown streetscape project, and the Board of Selectmen is disappointed with the results. Of the 14 companies that responded, only one company actually submitted a bid for the project, and its proposal isn't viable for the town.

"It exceeds our budget even for the base bid," said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer.

Town Manager Michael Buckley said the town originally had a budget of $1.5 million set aside to pay for improvements to the downtown streetscape. The new streetscape is part of the $1.8 million Village Revitalization Project, which is being paid for by grants and private donations. The project has been in the works for upwards of seven years and the discussions surrounding the design of the Village streetscape have been going on for 2-1/2 years.

The Waterfield Design Group — consulting engineers based out of Winchester who were hired by former Town Manager Mark Haddad in the spring of 2002 — has been paid $350,000 so far to design and redesign the downtown plans. With all the redesigns, Buckley said the town has $1.15 million left to complete the project, which will have to include provisions to pay for construction administration and oversight.

Weymouth-based Northern Construction Services bid on the project and provided three different scenarios for streetscape options, not including the cost of labor or project oversight.

- Its most conservative bid, which includes streetscapes and infrastructure improvements with concrete sidewalks, would cost $1,270,245. To add crosswalk pavers, the town would be charged an additional $133,650.
- The second alternate would cost the town $1,403,591 for concrete sidewalks with a bluestone band. This option could also include crosswalk pavers.
- Alternate number three includes sidewalk pavers for a total of $1,456,000 with the option of adding crosswalk pavers.

Selectman Rob Spofford said he would like to speak with someone from the Waterfield Design Group about the issue.

"They're our professionals and I'd like to hear from them why we only had one bid," said Spofford.

Spofford also said when the

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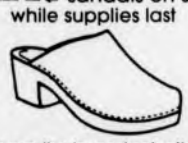
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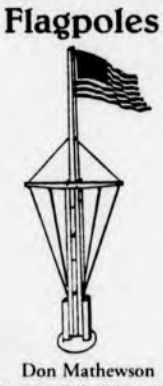
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This week in COHASSET

Correction is noted

All 37 of the Cook Estate's proposed rental units will "count" toward the town's affordable housing stock, even though 28 are considered "affordable." To encourage developers and towns to create affordable rental housing, the state allows all rentals to go toward meeting its 10 percent affordability threshold. The Mariner regrets the error.

Another perfect MCAS score

Congratulations to grade eight student Cameron Cope who just received his Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System test, or MCAS results and was pleased to see he scored a perfect 280 in science. Cameron is one of only a few Cohasset students to have received perfect scores on their grade level's MCAS test.

Board of Selectmen cancelled meeting

The Selectmen's meeting slated for Tuesday, Oct. 12 was cancelled do to a lack of a quorum. The cable company was also experiencing technical difficulties and the meeting would not have been broadcast had the meeting been held. The company expects broadcasting to be halted until Friday, Oct. 15.

The next meeting of the board, slated for Tuesday, Oct. 19, will include a liquor license hearing for Pizza Zone, which will move into the former Atlantic Bagel space on 3A next to Good Sport. In addition, the Conservation Commission will come before the board to discuss three new appointments to the board. Chairman of the Board of Health Steve Bobo will discuss a new Wastewater Management Plan drafted for the town, and if there is time, the board will re-appointment residents to the various town boards.

While a sewer forum had been slated for Oct. 19, that date has been pushed back. Town Manager Michael Buckley said the board wanted to meet with Town Counsel as well as Jack Dawley of Northland, the company the town is working with to build on the Cook Estate, before holding the sewer forum. Dawley must prove all options have been exhausted in terms of alternative wastewater solutions before his project can be considered for town sewer. In addition, Town Counsel needs to give the board advice on how to proceed with the forum as there are many legal questions surrounding giving out capacity.

Buckley said the sewer forum may be moved up to Thursday, Oct. 28, to allow the night to be dedicated entirely to the sewer. The dates will be hopefully be set at the next meeting.

Boat removal

Harbormaster John Muncey asks that all boat owners please remove their boats from the docks before Oct. 17. For more information, please call the harbormaster's office at (781) 383-0863.

Project Safeguard workshop openings

A workshop on "Active Parenting of Teens & Preteens," will be begin Oct. 26th at Cohasset High School. For more information, please call Jan Tedeschi, the facilitator, at (781) 982-7007, Sally Sisson at (781) 383-6190, or Nancy Oddleifson at (781) 383-0408.

Warrant is open

The Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, to be held Dec. 6 in the Sullivan Gymnasium at Cohasset Middle High School opened Tuesday, Oct. 12 and will close Tuesday, Oct..19. Residents submitting articles must collect 100 signatures to submit a citizens' petition. Although the Board of Selectmen did not meet on the 12th, Town Manager Michael Buckley said the board does not need to take a vote for the Warrant to officially open.

Flu shot clinic

Senior and high risk only flu clinic presented by Cohasset Board of Health will be held on Tuesday Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Ave.

The flu clinic is open to all citizens of Cohasset over 65 years and for those who are at high risk.

Some examples are: asthma; chronic pulmonary disease; diabetes; heart disease

Seniors be sure to bring Medicare part B and/or Senior Health Insurance cards. Remember to wear a short sleeve shirt

For information call Judy Fitzsimmons, RN Public Health Nurse at 781-383-2210

West Corner culvert meeting set for Nov. 1

A public meeting on the design of West Corner culvert/tidal gate is 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 1 at the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church, 811 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset. Design engineers will seek input and provide information. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Oct. 12, 4 p.m.
Cohasset Historical Commission, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.
Library trustees, Oct. 13, 7p.m., at the library
School Committee, Oct. 21, 7 p.m., in new CHS Community Meeting Room near superintendent's office.
Selectmen, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Oct. 25, 6p.m.
Water Commission, Oct. 20, 7 p.m., King St. plant
Water Resources Protection Committee, Oct. 15, 2 p.m., DPW building off Cedar Street
Water Resources Protection Committee and Water Commission, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

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Fri. 15	12:24	10.5	6:29	12:38	11.2	6:58
Sat. 16	1:09	10.4	7:12	1:21	11.4	7:45
Sun. 17	1:56	10.2	7:58	2:07	11.4	8:34
Mon. 18	2:46	9.9	8:47	2:57	11.2	9:27
Tues. 19	3:41	9.6	9:41	3:53	10.9	10:25
Wed. 20	4:41	9.2	10:40	4:54	10.6	11:27
Thurs. 21	5:45	9.0	11:43	6:01	10.3	——

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Devising a strategy for the future of the school district

Marathon meetings are slated this month

By Samantha Brown
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Over the past two months, the School Committee has been working with Supt. Denise Walsh to gather a small group of parents, teachers, school administrators and other town officials to create a high-level strategic plan for the district. Now that the goal of renovating and expanding the school buildings is complete, it is time to chart the next course, and the district is looking for community feedback.

On Oct. 22 from 2 to 9 p.m. and Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the 19 strategic planning committee members will meet to discuss the future of the schools for the next three to five years. Members of the committee include Walsh, Town Manager Michael Buckley, Cohasset Middle High School Principal Jack DeLorenzo, Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley, Osgood School Principal Janet Sheehan, Student Services Director Linda Gill, Police Chief James Hussey, Advisory Committee Chairman Donna McGee, School Financial Assistant Karen Park, and all five School Committee members: Chairman Rick Shea, Rick Flynn, Adrienne MacCarthy, Chartis Tebbetts, and Jamie Williams. In addition, two parents to be announced by the PSO and two teachers to be announced by the Cohasset Teacher's Association will also attend the meeting, as well as Kathryn Earle of Touchstone Advisors who will serve as the facilitator.

Since the beginning of the school year, the School Committee and Walsh have been discussing embarking on a strategic planning process. Walsh said there are plans which date back to 1995 and 1999, and it is time the district update plans for the future.

"We've been gathering data and budget information," said Walsh, which will be brought to the committee on Oct. 22. After the meeting, the School Committee will bring the information back to the public and forums where residents can give feedback will be held, which will be followed by a finalization of the plans.

Some of the key goals during the planning session will be finding ways for the school and town to work effectively together. A consensus will be made regarding the best path for change an improvement to the schools, and the schools' missions, visions, and values will be confirmed and/or updated.

For more information, please contact Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh at (781) 383-6111 or via e-mail at dwalsh@cohassetk12.org.

— Strategic Planning survey —

• Demographics: (check all that apply to you personally)

__ Cohasset student
__ Cohasset graduate
__ Cohasset parent
__ Cohasset resident
__ Employee of the town of Cohasset
__ Cohasset educator

• What are the most important student and/or community needs you would like to see the Cohasset Public Schools meet, or perhaps meet better or differently, over the next 3-5 years?

• In your opinion, what has made possible the success we have enjoyed as a school district?

• In your opinion, what is not working well in the Cohasset school district?

• What are the year-to-year indicators that tell you, personally, the Cohasset Public Schools and community are working effectively together to meet their goals?

• As we go into this strategic planning process, is there anything else you would like the members of the Cohasset School Committee and/or the Superintendent of Schools to be made aware of?

All answers received will be collated into one document which will then be provided to the group attending the strategic planning workshop. If you wish to receive an individual response to your input, please correspond directly with the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Denise Walsh. You may e-mail your response to her at dwalsh@cohassetk12.org or, if you wish, to the facilitator Kathryn Earle at kbearle@aol.com. You may also mail your response to the Strategic Planning Committee, c/o Superintendent's Office, 143 Pond St., Cohasset, MA 02025. The survey is also posted online and can be accessed from the school district's web page at www.cohassetk12.org, then clicking on the superintendent's page.

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Landmine survivor to talk at St. Stephen's

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we are all about as a church."

Although the Americans With Disabilities Act helped make the U.S. more accessible to the disabled than is the case in many other countries – White says the LSN philosophy mirrors the proverb " drop, drop, ocean."

"Every drop makes a bucket of change," he says and he applauds St. Stephen's for launching its capital campaign to make the parish fully accessible.

Over the years, White's work with LSN had taken him to all corners of the world.

In August 1997, Princess Diana chose LSN to host her three-day visit to Bosnia where she went house to house visiting landmine survivors and their families. In a note, she personally thanked White and the work of LSN for "allowing me to share your endeavors first-hand in Bosnia."

"He really has a passion to see that everyone is included in life in the community and that is what we are all about as a church."

— The Very Reverend E. Clifford Cutler, St. Stephen's



In April 2003, Jordan continued its longstanding commitment to demining and the Mine Ban Treaty with a dramatic destruction of almost 6,000 mines, its last stockpile. Yet nearly 200,000 mines are still estimated to lie in the Jordan Valley, and they must be removed by May 2009. Here Jerry White meetis with Jordanian Royal Corps of Engineers.



KEVIN MAZUR, ADOPT-A-MINEFIELD, BENEFIT GALA, 2002

Lady Heather Mills McCartney and Sir Paul McCartney presented LSN Co-Founders Jerry White and Ken Rutherford with the Adopt-A-Minefield Humanitarian Award for their leadership in the global landmine movement at a benefit gala in Los Angeles in September 2002.

A few weeks later, White had planned to take flowers to the princess to thank her for her work in Bosnia but sadly attended her funeral instead. Representatives from the charities the princess supported, including LSN, were invited to Westminster Abbey for the service.

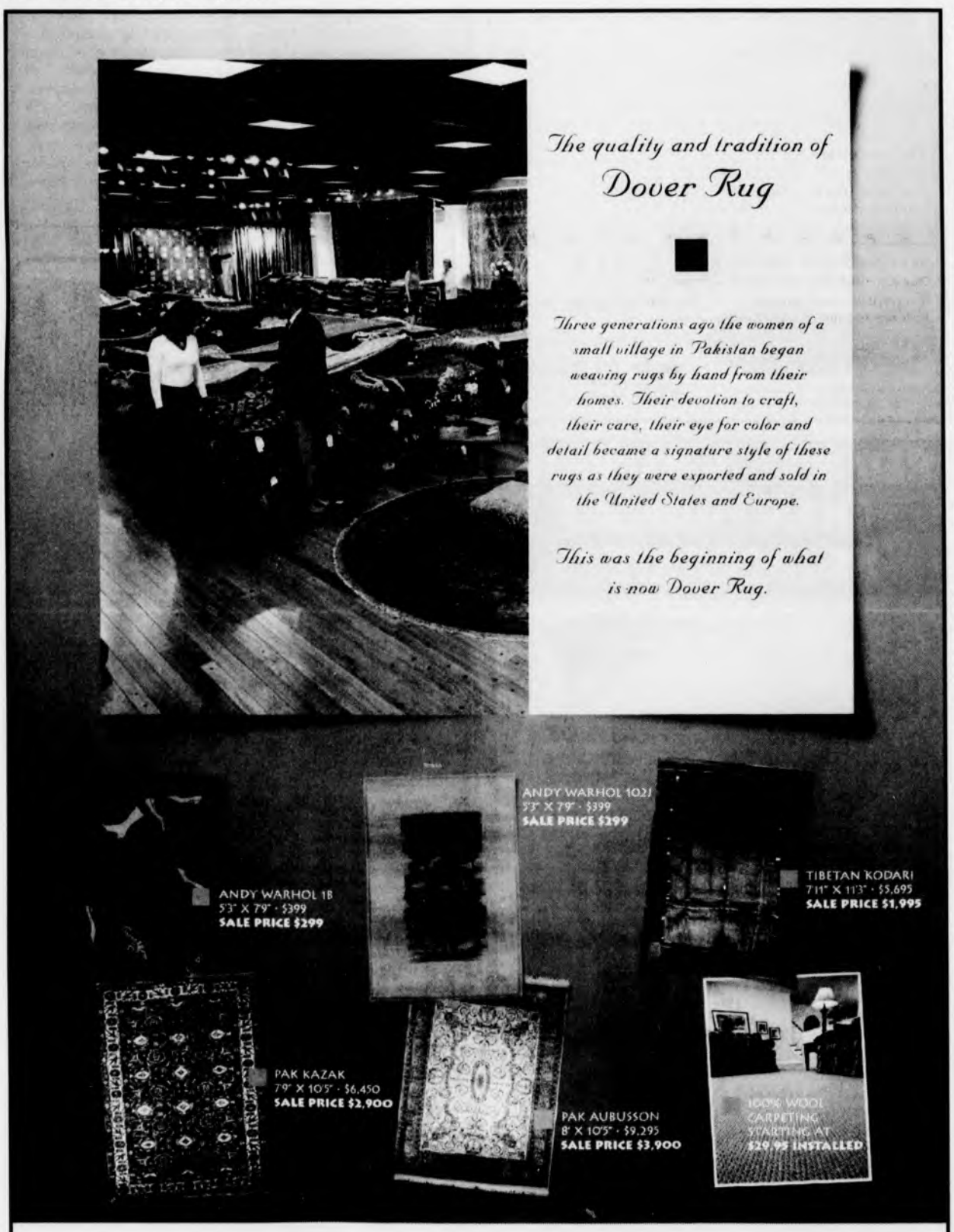
In November 1997, White was off to Norway for the Nobel Peace Prize award ceremony. LSN shared in the prize awarded to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

LSN's patron is now Queen Noor of Jordan. White said Noor understands the issue because 200,000 land mines still pollute the Jordan Valley and efforts to remove them are continuing. Jordan was one of the first counties in the Middle East to sign the global landmine treaty.

White says the U.S. and Cuba are the only two nations in the Western Hemisphere not to have yet banned landmines. He notes that Lincoln Bloomfield, Jr., also of Cohasset, is President Bush's special representative on landmine activity.

"There are two Cohasset people front and center on the landmine issue – Linc is working with the Pentagon," he says.

For more information on White's visit to St. Stephen's, call the church office at 781-383-1083.









KoKo Island one step closer to renovations

Pratt votes against project

By Samantha Brown
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Developers who would like to see the KoKo Island and Hair Affair site revamped into a combined family restaurant and Dunkin' Donuts with a drive-up window, are one step closer, as the Planning Board voted 2-1 last week to approve the site plan with conditions.

Planning Board members Michael Westcott and Stuart Ivimey voted in favor of the site plan, while Peter Pratt voted against it. Chairman Al Moore, who lives on Fairoaks Lane and is therefore considered an abutter to the project, has recused himself from all KoKo Island discussion. Bob Sturdy was away for much of the summer and did not attend previous hearings, and therefore did not vote on the matter.

Pratt said he voted against the site plans because he feels the proposed Dunkin' Donuts drive-thru window, slated for the Hair Affair building, will have a negative impact on 3A traffic. He said because that area of 3A, which intersects with Sohier Street and is heavily traveled, has already received an "F" rating for level of service. "This would delay traffic too much at this point," he said, adding many abutters agree.

Pratt said he admires developer Michael Tack's commitment to mitigate the concerns for the site, and said he has made a substantial investment to improve the site. However, "There is such a challenging traffic problem, and if Avalon is built, they're essentially across the street," he said.

The proposed Avalon development plans to locate its main entryway on the other side of 3A, across from the KoKo Island entrance. That development is slated to build 200 units of rental housing, which could produce two cars each. Pratt said developers have already come to the board looking to build another building between Sunrise Assisted Living and the medical building located off Crocker Lane, which would add even more traffic to 3A. Currently, a building is in the process of being built where the Sweet Surprises candy store used to stand on the other side of Crocker Lane. There have also been rumors that Hingham Lumber will be looking to expand in the future.

Pratt said with the Greenbush line on its way, 3A will soon have a train station just up the road from the KoKo Island site. That traffic will be added to the roadway, and will be very heavy during commuting hours. While it had been thought the intersection at the station would include a traffic light, "That's not a done deal," he said.

"It was arguably the most difficult vote I've taken in years."

— Peter Pratt, Planning Board

In addition, the proposed Cook Estate site, slated to be located off Sohier Street, would have 95-units of housing. Couple that with traffic from both the Deer Hill and Osgood schools during the school year, and summer traffic from the South Shore Music Circus — all of which are located on Sohier Street — and Pratt said he could not in good conscience give his approval to the project.

"It was arguably the most difficult vote I've taken in years," said Pratt.

Renovation plans include reducing the points of egress from two down to one, and adding green space where there is currently concrete. In addition, dedicated fire lanes have been added, a fire hydrant has been added to the front lot, and the parking has been redirected in front.

Rick Bryant of Rizzo Assiciates has provided a traffic report regarding the proposed site plan and said the traffic configuration works because the lot is on the right side of the road, and will provide easy access for those traveling north to swing in, purchase their morning coffee, and get back on the road. In addition, because the lot is so large, he said it will help keep vehicles off the street while in the queue, and it provides a large amount of parking.

The site will feature 59 parking spaces, and there will be room for 16 cars in the drive-up line. With that in mind, Bryant said the site can actually accommodate 75 cars. He said because the restaurant will only use the parking at night and the Dunkin' Donuts will use the majority of its spaces during the morning and afternoon hours, the two businesses will be able to share the space.

While Bryant said it is impossible to be able to tell the exact amount of traffic the site will generate, it will not add to the amount of traffic Cohasset sees. He said most likely only locals and people who already travel the road will stop to get coffee, and the site will not generate any more traffic than already passes by.

With two members of the Planning Board voting in the affirmative, the project is halfway there in terms of permitting. Developers are seeking a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for a change of use for the Dunkin Donuts (formerly a hair salon) before plans can move forward. The plans will also have to meet the roughly 20 "non-boiler plate" conditions set by the Planning Board, including specific vegetation, noise, and light regulations.

Tack said the Planning Board was "very careful to articulate a set of conditions that will make sure the site is harmonious with its neighbors," and he and his team think the abutters to the site will be pleased with the final result. If all goes as planned, Tack said he hopes all renovations to the site will be completed by February or March. "In the long run, I think it'll be good," he said.

The ZBA will discuss KoKo Island at its next meeting, slated for Monday Nov. 8.

Haddad is denied Abington position

Former Cohasset Town Manager Mark Haddad made it to the final round of interviews in the Abington Town Manager search, but was not appointed to the position Tuesday night. Although it was rumored Haddad was the top choice out of three finalists for the position, which was narrowed down from a field of 46 candidates, Abington Selectmen chose Phillip Warren, former Town Administrator of Holbrook to serve as their first ever town manager.

When asked if the barrage of rumors surrounding Haddad's abrupt resignation from his position in Cohasset this May had anything to do with the board's decision, Chairman of the Abington Board of Selectmen Robert Wing said the board stuck to the facts when making its vote.

"The rumors about Mark Haddad were not an issue," said Wing. "The board played by the résumés and the interviews. What happened in other towns is not our concern because those towns are not Abington."

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CAT NEEDS A HOME

Mickey the cat needs a home! Two-year old indoor black and white male cat needs a home. His family is moving out of state next week! He is very playful and loves to cuddle. He is neutered and has had all his shots.

If you are interested and would like to meet Mickey, please call: **Anne Rowland** (781)383-1202.

FARMERS MARKET FINALE

The Cohasset Farmers' Market season ends today (Thursday) with the Harvest Festival from 2:30-6:30 p.m. on the Common. Hayrides, entertainment, lots of delicious, locally grown produce and more! Rain date is Oct. 21

MISTLETOE BOUTIQUE

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at the second annual Mistletoe Boutique. This spectacular event will take place on Sunday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Our World Children's Museum. More than 30 unique designers will offer everything from gingerbread houses to ribbon belts. There will be handmade jewelry, handbags, clothing, accessories and decorative items galore! The museum is located right behind the library. Let the kids enjoy the new playground while you shop. A portion of boutique sales will benefit Our World.

GIRLS TRAVEL HOOP

All girls in grades 5-8 who would like to be considered for one of the weekend travel basketball teams need to come to an information meeting at the Deer Hill School Gymnasium Tuesday Oct. 19 from 7 to 8p.m.. The coaches need to determine the amount of interest before deciding how many teams will be placed in the winter leagues. Parents are encouraged to attend so all questions regarding the travel program can be addressed. For more information or questions, call **Matt Salerno** at 781-340-7794. Please leave a message if you would like to play but are unable to attend.

BC HIGH OPEN HOUSE

Boston College High School will hold its annual Admissions Open House Program for families of seventh- and eighth-grade boys on Sunday, Oct. 24 from noon to 3 p.m. The Open House will be held at McNeice Pavilion, Boston College High School, 150 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston. Directions are available at: www.bchigh.edu.

The annual Open House is a time for prospective families and students to explore Boston College High School, its campus and facilities, outstanding academic programs and wide range of athletic, arts and other co-curricular opportunities. The Open House will include multimedia presentations and a tour of campus. Faculty members, coaches and administrators will be available to answer questions. Light refreshments will be provided.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Village Interiors and the Newcomer's Club "Ladies Night Out" has teamed up for a night of learning from the pros for the latest in decorating trends. Don't be intimidated by interior decorating! Find how color can add warmth without being overwhelming. Discover accent colors and see how just a simple punch of color can bring a room to life! After the program, interior designers will be available to answer your specific decorating questions. This event is complimentary for all club members. Space is limited, RSVP to **Kim Spires** at 781-545-2952. For membership information call **Jen Harris** at 781-544-3910 or jkharris24@hotmail.com Visit www.scnewcomers.com for more Newcomer's Club news, upcoming events, and information.



STAR POWER

Veteran NASCAR Pro Stock driver Steve O'Brien brought his car to the Franciscan Hospital for Children in Brighton last week to rev up the kids spirits and treat them to a live viewing of a real stock car. With Steve is NASCAR fan Doug Chamberlain, a Cohasset resident and chairman of the board of directors at the hospital.

FALL KICK-OFF PARTY

The Fall Kick-Off Party for the Scituate/Cohasset Newcomer's Club to welcome new members and catch up with returning members is Saturday, Oct. 16 from 7-10p.m. The party is hosted by **John and Laurie Schneider** of 42 Arrowwood Drive in Scituate. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a guest. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. RSVP to **Laurie Schneider** at 781-544-7311. See you there!

LEARNING PROCESSES

On Thursday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m., **Tara Reynolds**, regional banager of clinics for Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes, will be presenting an overview on "The Sensory-System Connection: Dyslexia to Autism" at Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes on 515 Washington St. in Norwell. Parents and professionals are invited to attend this very special event. The causes and solutions for learning difficulties, including the symptoms of dyslexia, hyperlexia, autism, and attention deficit disorders, will be presented. For reservations call: (781) 659-7722.

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CRAFTERS SOUGHT

The Magical Moon Foundation is also looking for crafters for their First Annual Harvest Moon Fest on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to 9p.m. Don't miss out on this day full of magical, festive fun. All interested Crafters/Antique/Farmers Market Vendors should contact **Jen Piepenbrink** by calling 781-383-0143 or by email at jenpiep@yahoo.com (please put Magical Moon in the subject line).

SUMMER READING

Mrs. Moody is so proud of the more than 300 Cohasset children that participated in the summer reading program, "explore other worlds at your library"! All children who have not picked up their T-shirts, should come see Mrs. Moody in the Children's Room within the next two weeks.

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is holding an Independent Film Series and the next film is being played on Oct. 14 from 7-9 p.m. The title is, "The Republic of Love" and is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Carol Shields. What a great way to enjoy an evening, catch a free film and snack on some refreshments among other adults? That is all for this week.

HAUNTED TOUR VOLUNTEERS

Looking for Haunted Tour volunteers: Do you love Halloween, want to have fun and help kids at the same time? The Magical Moon Foundation and the Cohasset Dramatic Club are looking for teen and adult men and women to volunteer to act as characters from popular movies and scary stories at their Halloween/Harvest Festival to benefit the "Magical Moon Foundations Children's Cancer Project." The event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Donna Green's Farm in Marshfield. Sea captains, pirates, mermaids, ghosts, goblins, witches, hobbits, assorted creatures of the night and Harry Potter/Johnny Depp types are needed. Please contact **Jean** at 617-750-8987 to learn more and for time and location of orientation meeting.

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Starting next week, the Cohasset Mariner will be moving to a new release day and that means that I can now accept items for the column all the way up until Tuesdays by noon! YEAH!

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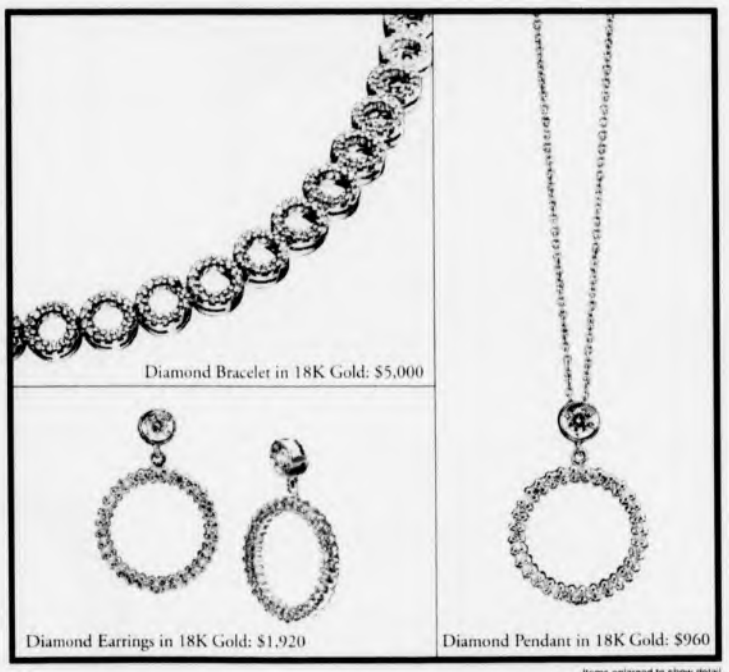
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Center, Rockland Trust team up for 'Art in the Branches'

As part of a partnership with the South Shore Art Center, Rockland Trust is displaying the work of Cohasset resident and artist Judy St. Peter at the Bank's Cohasset Branch on Route 3A in Shaw's Plaza. St. Peter's work will be introduced at a reception from 4-6 p.m., Oct. 18. The reception is open to the public. St. Peter's paintings will be on display at the Cohasset Branch through January 2005.



Judy St. Peter, South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist and Cohasset resident with her painting titled "Long Winding Road."

"We believe that the arts enrich people's lives and we are proud that our partner has recognized this, and is sharing our artists' talents with their customers."

— Sarah Hannan, South Shore Art Center

"At Rockland Trust we believe that the arts are an important component of a strong community, because they aid in developing people's creativity, conceptual thinking and perceptual abilities. As a partner with the South Shore Art Center, we want to encourage people's engagement and enjoyment of the arts from childhood to adulthood, so that our neighborhoods will become stronger and more diverse," says Chris Oddleifson, president and CEO of Rockland Trust.

"We are thrilled to exhibit our artists' work at several of Rockland Trust's branches," said Sarah Hannan, executive director of the South Shore Art Center. "We believe that the arts enrich people's lives and we are proud that our partner has recognized this, and is sharing our artists' talents with their customers."

Rockland Trust will partner with the South Shore Art Center through September 2005, supporting Art Center events, outreach programs and initiatives. To learn more about the programs and events at the South Shore Art Center, please visit: www.ssac.org

Camp program brings high school students together

By Samantha Brown
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A great time was had by all as the entire ninth-grade class headed off for orientation at Camp Marist for what has become a tradition for first-year high school students. In fact, the program is such a success and students have such fond memories of the experience, that a large group of seniors volunteered to tag along.

For the past nine years, students from Cohasset have traveled to New Hampshire for an overnight stay at the camp. They play games, participate in "ice-breaker" activities, and help break down the social barriers, truly uniting them as a class as they embark upon their high school years.

For the returning seniors, going back to the camp they had visited only three years before was a much different experience. This time, they served as peer leaders, leading the activities, giving the younger students advice, and working hard to become a friendly face younger students can look up to.

This year, 24 of the roughly 80 students in the senior class served as peer leaders, including: Tim Pilczak, Molly Kirk, Jim DeGiacomo, Dominic Strazzulla, Peter Bunstein, Jenne Daley, Allison Dean, Christina St. Pierre ,Miranda Lanzillotti, Courtney Hurley, Lauren Rizzotti, Jenn Murray, Casey Anderson, Bill Carbone, Jacqui Blake, Kevin Dinsmore, Rachel Garber, Christine Lovallo, Jon Littauer, Elizabeth Stone, Lucy Gardner, Jake Kovach, Ricky Lordan, and Jon Grimm.

Students leave for camp on a Monday, spend the night, and come back Tuesday. While it's only one night the students are gone, those involved say it has a profound impact on the students and becomes something they will never forget. "We talk about things like goals, behavior, and trust," said Cohasset High School Guidance Counselor Ed Leonard, adding it helps set the tone for the school year.

Guidance Counselor Anne Porter said the program began in 1988 as a way to help students celebrate taking the next big step in their lives, as they make their move up to the high school. When the program began, every ninth-grade teacher and everyone from the guidance department all went on the trip, which is a tradition that still remains. "We're really proud of being able to keep it going," said Porter. "We try to make it a special time."

Porter added that by bringing the class together during the outset of their freshman year, it helps create nice memories, which is part of the reason so many seniors chose to go back this year.

Peer Leader Christine Lovallo said the first year she attended the camp, she was a little shy. She said she didn't talk to as many people as she could have, and wanted to go back to "Help (the ninth graders) have more fun than I did." This time around, being shy is not a problem for Christine, and she said she not only got to know the younger students better, but her classmates who participated as well.

Peer Leader Peter Bunstein said he remembers how fun the seniors were when he went to camp, and what good role models they were, and he wanted to be a positive influence for this year's freshmen as well. He said he worked hard to ensure the shy students felt comfortable, and even "made a fool of myself," to help put the younger students at ease. He said when students feel comfortable around their classmates, "It makes high school less of a social pressure."

Peer Leader Jim DeGiacomo said he noticed a dramatic change in the relationships of the students who participated. He said on the way up, the seniors and freshman didn't talk on the bus, and everyone was hanging out with their own groups of friends. However, as the program went on, and students participated in ice breakers and various activities, "The cliques started to dissolve." Jim said they held a dance Monday night, and everyone was talking with each other. "I even asked a teacher to dance," he said.

Jim said he was a shy freshman as well, and recognizes he could have had a lot more fun. With what he knows now looking back, "I wanted to help the freshmen take advantage of the program," he said.

But the seniors weren't the only students to benefit from the experience as the freshman had an equally enjoyable time. Freshman Tyler Kelly said he got to know the seniors during the trip and it will help him feel more comfortable when walking down the halls. "I had a great time and I can't wait to go back when I'm a senior."

Leonard said he is always impressed with the students during the program, but this year was even more so. He said one of the camp employees who has seen many children go through the programs specifically sought him out to tell him, "This is the nicest group of kids we're had here all summer."

'Daggers and Desserts' at the Hingham Library

The Hingham Public Library off Leavitt Street and Buttonwood Books & Toys host Daggers and Desserts, an evening of delectable confections and authors whose characters perform some dastardly deeds on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library. Featured authors are Chuck Hogan discussing "Prince of Thieves" and Jeffrey Cruikshank discussing "Murder at the B-School" "Prince of Thieves" by Chuck Hogan is a well-organized and suspenseful tale about four Charlestown locals for whom bank robbery and armored car hold ups are their jobs of choice. This novel is filled with descriptive prose about local landmarks. The chapter that describes the robbery of a Braintree cinema is particularly eerie.

Jeffrey Cruikshank, former Harvard Business School administrator and financial writer debuts his first fiction book, "Murder at the B-School". Rich with detail about the prestigious Harvard Business School, the book involves the murder of a young student from a wealthy family and the young assistant professor who is being set up as the assailant. Free and open to the public. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

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Four bands will play at the event including: Ed McMenimon and 5 to the Face, Kenny Parsons, Pookah Finn and the Jenny Lee Band. Food and beverages will be available. No alcohol allowed. Great Family Day. For tickets and information, call Jay at 781-925-1480.

CMHS rededication is Oct. 26

The School Building Committee — together with TLT Construction Corp., Dr. Denise Walsh, Superintendent of Schools, School Committee, Middle-High School staff and students — will rededicate the school on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 8 a.m. in a ceremony in the new Sullivan gymnasium. All Cohasset residents are invited to attend the celebration, which marks the completion of three years of renovations.

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Lone bid too high for village work

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one bid received costs much more than the town has in its budget, there is obviously a problem. He said the last figures he received from the design group had estimated the base bids for the project would come in at roughly $1,034,285, and if the company's cost estimates were wrong, "They should redo the drawings at no additional cost," to reflect a streetscape the town can pay for.

Dormitzer said after hearing only one bid came in, he and Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan thought it would be a good idea to contact some of the companies which requested information, but did not bid, to find out if there was a specific reason why they weren't interested in the project.

Dormitzer said from those he has spoken with so far, "Generally, they all said they have a specialty," and wouldn't feel comfortable taking on the project as a whole. As a result, Dormitzer said if the project was split into parts and put out to bid again, the town could potentially find experts willing to do their portion, and the project could come together one piece at a time. Areas companies tend to specialize in are paving, sidewalks, excavation and utilities, and curbing.

"It exceeds our budget even for the base bid."
— Selectman Ralph Dormitzer

He also said it is possible the multiple postponements from various design changes turned off prospective bidders. "They don't want to have to look at it a few times before you're serious," Dormitzer said.

Some members of the board felt it might make sense to hire someone for the landscaping portion of the project. Selectman Ronnie McMorris said the board will also have to take a look at the items that do not fall into a specific category, and decide who could complete that work. Should the board decide to re-bid the project, it will look for contractors on the state bid list.

Dormitzer said Waterfield should be included in the discussion about how to proceed from here.

Spofford said before the board calls anyone down for a meeting, he wants to make sure the town isn't going to be charged for it. "I'd like to know what went wrong. Why should we pay them any more money?" he asked. "They've (Waterfield) made a lot of money on us."

Dormitzer added every time money is spent on meetings with Waterfield, "We're just cutting into what we can actually accomplish."

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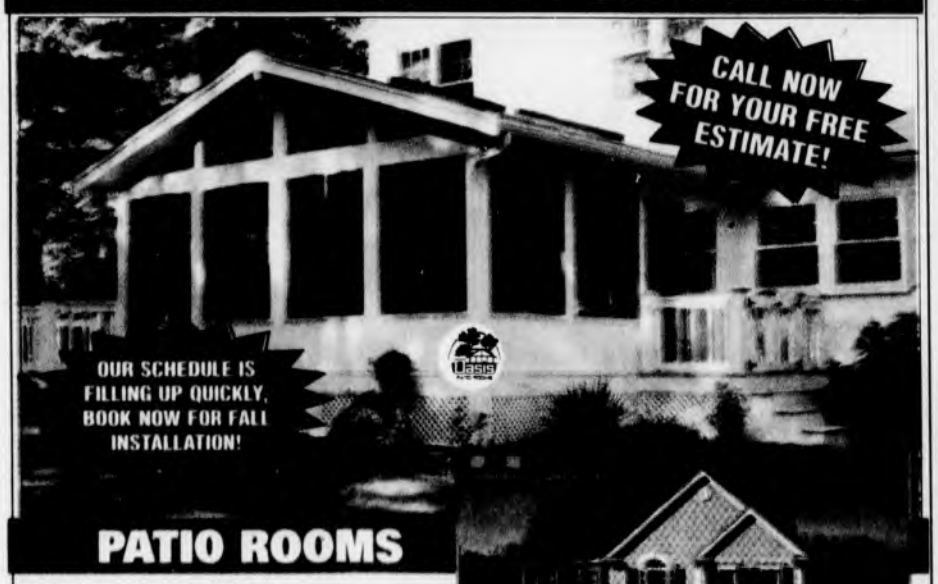
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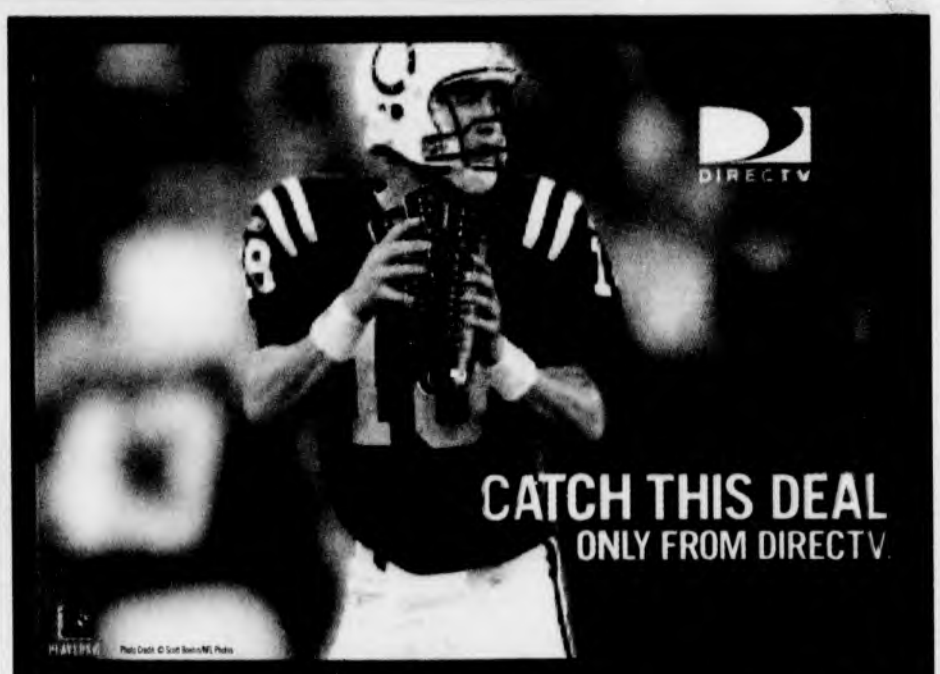
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Summer Institute program has a successful season

By Samantha Brown
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Thanks to the efforts of many teachers and students who participated in this year's Summer Institute, the town has been given many valuable reports outlining the town's environmental status from a coastal perspective.

The program, which is held in the Center for Student Coastal Research, located in the former Hagerty building in Mariner's Park, has been steadily growing since its inception six years ago. Every summer, students are able to explore Cohasset's coastlines and compile environmental reports based on their own findings, which is providing an invaluable service to the community.

"We are so lucky to have the Center for Student Coastal Research. It's an incredible lab right on the water," said Cohasset Middle High School science teacher Anne Thome, who helps run the Summer Institute. With the readily available facilities which are becoming more technologically equipped each year, students are able to compile some very impressive reports which are being used by not only Cohasset, but by neighboring towns whose waterways interconnect with Cohasset's. "North Scituate is going to make some changes based on information they found," regarding pollution and the Gulf River, said Thome. "The students are really making an impact."

Chairman of the Board of Health Steve Bobo also commended the students for their efforts. "They've done a wonderful job," said Bobo, adding he hopes to work with some students over the fall and winter months in preparation for next summer. However, the information compiled over this summer has proved to be a much needed resource, and Bobo said he has sent reports compiled by high school students Ryan Davis, Aisling Guinee, and Carrie Muir off to the Attorney General's office. He said he hopes the projects will explain why the town should not be subjected to pay fines of $10,000 a day for polluting its waterways. The fines would be implemented as a result of the Second Amended Final Judgement, which is a state requirement Cohasset needs to fulfill as a result of its violating the Clean Water Act in 1975.

More than 200 field measurements were taken by the 19 students who participated this summer. Those 19 students combined completed five significant science reports, titled: "The Gulf River Study," the "Cohasset Harbor Salinity Study," "An Introduction to Aquaculture," "Little Harbor Fecal Coliform Study," and "Cohasset Harbor Enrerococci Study."

There were six full-time students working on the Cohasset Harbor Salinity Study, led by teacher Dave Ames, including Carrie Muir, Chelsea Grossman, Chris Reynolds, Brendan Michaud, Charlotte Sida, and Mia Lieb-Lappen.

There were five full-time students who participated in the Gulf River physical and chemical assessment, led by Thome. Of the five, Ryan McClellan, Dom Strazulla, and Toby Norman are from Cohasset.

There were eight full-time students who participated in a Gulf River and Cohaset Harbor biological assessment, or bacteria study, led by teacher Jack Buckley, including Dan Allen, Brent Daly, Shalea Daly, Aisling Guinee, Lara Novak, Caren Garber, and Kara Wilcox. Rob St. John conducted an aquaculture project.

The Summer Institute began six years ago when Dave Magnussen, Pattie McGrail, Jody Wood, Jack Buckley and Curriculum Coordinator Ruth Fennessey began participating in a two-year professional development program with the Massachusetts Teachers Academy. Meeting over a series of Saturdays from Sept. 1999 until June 2001, in addition to hours of additional meeting time during the school year, a plan was formed to begin a coastal research program which became the Summer Institute.

To begin the program, a significant commitment was required, and the Cohasset School District donated $3,000 to the cause over the two years, per requirement of Academy participation, which helped get the program up and running.

Thome said in the early years, many of the outdoor education programs were taught out of the trunk of her car, and at one point, there was only one student who participated. However, the program has grown every year since then, and is now providing an educational facility which is benefiting not only the students who participate, but the town as well.

Over the years, teacher participation has grown beyond the core group who began it. This year, Dan Jones and retired English teacher Jody Wood once again offered their North River Expedition course, "Messing About on the North River." In addition, some courses taught during the Summer Institute have branched out from strictly science. In the summer of 2003, art teacher Nina Berkowitz held a successful art project. To date, 10 teachers have participated in Summer Institute programs.

Due to the success and value of the program, a press release from the United States Environmental Protection Agency dated Oct. 12 states the Summer Institute will be awarded a $4,855 grant. Cohasset was chosen as one of six Massachusetts organizations to split $44,943 in environmental education grants with other environmental groups throughout New England.

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How to sign up? Send a check for $75 payable to Project Safeguard, along with your name, address, e-mail, phone number, and *choice of morning or evening session* to: Project Safeguard,

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New payroll clerk hired; town hall workers fill spots

Taxpayers to pay for 10 more hours

By Samantha Brown
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Many changes have taken place at Town Hall in the last few weeks, as some employees have left, others have changed roles, and some are brand new hires. While Town Manager Michael Buckley said the changes will cost the town a little more overall, in the end, he believes the changes will be worth the money.

Currently, there are five positions which have required some shifting, and many of the changes revolve around the administrative assistant to the Town Manager position. In the end, although there will be an increase in the money the town pays out, Buckley said it will only be for 10 hours per week.

Buckley said at the beginning of the summer, he determined the Town Manager position does not have enough support. The assistant not only aides the Town Manager, but the Board of Selectmen and members of the public who come into the Selectmen's office. In addition, the assistant was responsible for the payroll for both the town and the schools, and Buckley said he made the decision to move the payroll out of the Selectmen's office and into the Treasurer's office where it had been originally, and an advertisement for a payroll clerk position went out.

In the time before the position was filled, information surfaced that the former Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager Nicole N. Bartlett had been accused of forging signatures on unauthorized checks she issued from her previous employer, the Boston Children's Museum, and depositing them in her personal accounts. Allegedly, she wrote more than 440 checks to accounts she controlled between October 1998 and March 2003, and could face a maximum of 10 years in prison. Bartlett had been responsible for the payroll for the town and the schools, and when she resigned from her position Sept. 27, the search to fill the payroll position began progressing quickly.

With Bartlett's resignation, that position needed to be filled immediately, and Devon Vayo stepped in to help. Vayo, who was previously working 35 hours per week in the assessor's office and five hours for the Zoning Board of Appeals, had filled in taking meeting minutes for Bartlett, and was familiar enough with the position to be able to take over. Buckley said Vayo has taken over the position for now, although it will be up to the new Town Manager to decide whom he or she would like to have as an assistant.

Vayo is currently working 35 hours for the Town Manager. A new 35-hour-per-week payroll clerk has also been hired. Tuesday marked Kathleen Mulrain's first day on the job, and she will complete the payroll for both the town and schools.

Vayo has maintained her five hours with the ZBA, and therefore a replacement for her was needed only in the assessor's office. Ellen Werner has been hired on a temporary basis to take on that role. In addition, Janice Rosano has also been hired to help in the assessor's office for the next six weeks while its employees work toward receiving a new certification from the state.

The administrative assistant to the Town Manager has handled payroll since former administrative assistant, Christine Fitzgerald, took on that role in 2000. Fitzgerald had worked under Tax Collector/Treasurer Joe DiVito and had compiled the payroll in that office prior to becoming the administrative assistant to the Town Manager. When former Town Manager Mark Haddad was looking to fill the position left by his first administrative assistant Joyce Studley, Fitzgerald moved her office over, took on that role, and kept the payroll as one of her duties. After Fitzgerald left, Nicole Bartlett took over as Haddad's administrative assistant.

Buckley said in adding Mulrain, the new payroll clerk, the town will only be paying for an extra 10 hours of work per week. Former Assistant Treasurer Jane Henderson became the Assistant Accountant when Mary Farrell retired, and both women worked 25 hours per week. The Assistant Treasurer position has not been filled, leaving 25 hours the town has in its budget; Mulrain's position will fill in those hours and add 10.

Kathleen Mulrain has been hired to take over the payroll for the town and the schools. Devon Vayo had split her time between the Assessor's office and Zoning Board of Appeals' office, and will now take over Bartlett's position as the Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager. While Town Manager Michael Buckley said Vayo is a good fit for the position, when the new Town Manager comes on board, it will be his or her choice to keep her or hire someone else. Filling in for Vayo, are Janice Rosano and Ellen Werner, who are both working on a part-time temporary basis.

Report shows expenses adding up

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in. "Every week there are more and more lawsuits," she said, adding the board should be updated on where they stand, and if there is a way to solve them without litigation.

Selectman Rob Spofford added he would like to see a legal breakdown outlining the individual boards' expenses to see which ones are driving up the town's legal fees. "Is it us, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board, or what? I want to know who's using it," he said.

Buckley said while there is usually some money available from free cash to help offset costs, this year, where he's been "wearing two hats," he may not be able to get the free cash certified by Town Meeting. (Buckley, who has been serving as acting Town Manager since Mark Haddad resigned in May is also the Director of Finance).

Buckley said pensions are another area where the town has a financial problem. The town is part of the Norfolk County Pension System, which means fees "are not negotiable," Buckley said. While the town was given an estimate of the contribution assessment it is expected to pay for the year, the actual assessment which came in was much higher. Buckley said the town has money in savings to cover the cost, and while the town had plans to put away money on an ongoing basis to eventually allow the pensions to be fully funded by 2027, right now, the town only has enough money to pay for roughly 70 percent of its costs. The town appropriated $773,665 and has expended $847,284 so far.

The town has also spent 80 percent of the money appropriated for property and liability insurance. The town had appropriated $195,000 and was required to pay a $155,595 annual premium. The premium changes every July 1. In addition, Buckley said the town owes $41,000 to cover the police and fire departments, as neither one is covered by worker's compensation. Buckley also anticipates the town will need to pay deductibles on up to five cases relating to insurance claims. The deductibles will most likely be $7,500 each. During Fiscal Year 2003, the town expended $185,491 total in property and liability insurance, and in FY04 the town expended $182,000.

The police and fire departments have historically experienced high overtime charges in their budgets, and Buckley said this year is no different. He said the police department is currently down three officers, and those shifts have to be filled. Whether from injury or from employees moving on to other jobs, the departments are required to have a certain number of employees on duty and those who fill in are paid time and a half. "It's the same situation with the fire department and it puts pressure on the overtime budget," said Buckley. While Buckley said Police Chief James Hussey is actively trying to recruit for the open positions on the police department, it will take time to go through that process.



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Administrators provide in-depth MCAS analysis

By Samantha Brown
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The scores for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System or MCAS test, were released Sept. 23, and after examining the data, school administrators have found Cohasset's scores are above par compared with schools across the state.

Curriculum Coordinator Ruth Fennessey said Cohasset began with the goal of making sure all students scored higher than the failing and warning categories. Now, that schools have changed focus, and Cohasset is looking at the number of students scoring in the advanced and proficient categories, and is analyzing ways to keep them there.

In grade 10 mathematics, there has been significant improvement as 89 percent scored in the advanced and proficient categories, which is up from 67 percent in 2003. Where 11 percent of students scored in the needs improvement category, that number has decreased from the 25 percent in that category last year. This year, only 1 percent failed the test, which is down from 6 percent last year.

In grade 10 English language arts, 89 percent scored in the advanced and proficient categories, which is up from 82 percent last year. Ten percent of students scored in the needs improvement category, which is down from 18 percent last year. Both this year and last year, there were no failures in the English language arts category.

While Boston Magazine ranked Cohasset High School 69th out of roughly 150 public high schools in the state, Supt. Denise Walsh said the Boston Globe ranked Cohasset 19th for English language arts, and ninth in the state for mathematics.

Walsh said it has been proven that the number of years students have had content specialists in math really makes a difference in terms of scoring. When a teacher specializes in teaching math, the students undoubtedly benefit. As a result, she said new certifications will be required for teachers to ensure the students in their classrooms continue to excel. "It's a focus for attention," said Walsh.

In grade eight math, the number of students who scored in either the advanced of proficient categories increased from 71 percent last year to 75 percent this year. In addition, those in the warning category were reduced from 8 percent down to 4 percent. However, Fennessey said those who are in the warning category will be investigated to make sure any issues are addressed, and if a child is not on an Individual Educational Plan, or IEP, and should be, that those arrangements are made.

In grade eight science, the number of students in the advanced and proficient categories has also increased from 46 percent last year to 63 percent this year. The number of students in the warning category has also decreased from 10 percent to 5 percent this year.

In grade seven English language arts, 10 percent scored in the advanced category while 71 scored proficient. However, 17 percent scored as needing improvement and 2 percent scored at the warning level. But Fennessey said Cohasset's scores are very similar to those found in other neighboring towns, which suggests the students are right on target with their peers. In Duxbury, 20 percent were advanced and 70 were proficient with 8 percent needing improvement and 2 percent in the warning range. In Hingham 13 percent were in the advanced category with 73 percent as proficient, 12 percent needing improvement, and 2 percent at the warning level. In Marshfield, 9 percent scored advanced, 71 percent scored proficient, 17 percent need improvement and 3 percent were at the warning level. In Norwell, 17 percent scored advanced, 74 percent are proficient, 7 percent need improvement, and 2 percent were at the warning level. In Scituate, 13 percent scored advanced, 78 scored proficient, 7 percent need improvement, and 2 percent were at the warning level.

Despite large class sizes, grade four students are doing very well in English language arts...

"The teachers are very pleased" with the English scores in grade seven, said Fennessey, because many questions are open-ended and ask the students to do some real critical thinking. While the school may not have made the progress it would like to see, "The state doesn't seem to be performing very well either," she said. Cohasset's scores are slightly higher than the state average, which reports 9 percent advanced and 59 percent proficient.

Grade six math

In grade six math, there is still some work to be done before the town reaches its full potential. Because the number of students has continually increased over the past three years, yet the number of teachers remains the same, Fennessey said there have been some challenges. However, compared with other schools in the surrounding area, she said Cohasset is receiving very comparable scores, and Cohasset is outperforming the state.

Cohasset students scored 38 percent advanced and 33 percent proficient, but 26 percent scored in the needs improvement range. "That's too high as far as I'm concerned," said Fennessey. Four percent scored in the warning range. However, the state's scores reported 17 percent scored in the advanced category while 26 percent were proficient, 32 percent need improvement and 25 percent were at the warning level.

However, Fennessey said grade six students scored very well on the standardized tests administered this spring. In math, 81 percent of the students scored above average while 18 percent scored average, which means 99 percent of the students were in the top two tiers. "That is a definite contrast with the MCAS scores," where only 68 percent scored in the top two tiers, Fennessey said.

To help with those scores, the administration is going to try to bring in content specialists to provide help and resources to teachers. The more a child can be exposed to mathematical concepts from an early age, the better, Walsh said. In fact, she said students as small as kindergarten are learning simple algebraic concepts, such as "two plus fill in the box equals five," she said.

The science and technology scores for grade five students have changed very little over the past two years, and have come in at 73 percent advanced and proficient both years. Fennessey said based on scores, students have an even understanding in the four areas tested: physical science, life science, earth and space, and technology and engineering. "There isn't one area that stands out," she said. In all the categories, between 70 and 80 percent of the students scored in the advanced and proficient categories.

Despite large class sizes, grade four students are doing very well in English language arts, and the increase of 21 percent of students falling in the advanced category indicates more students are highly proficient in writing, which Fennessey said has been a long-term goal for the schools. For the first time in four years, not one student fell into the warning category. Over the past four years, students scoring in the advanced and proficient categories has remained stable, from 73 percent in 2001 to 75 percent in 2002, to 74 percent in 2003 and 75 percent in 2004.

Grade four math scores showed the percentage of students scoring at the advanced range has increased from 12 percent last year to 19 percent this year. Those in the proficient category has slightly decreased from 44 percent down to 38 percent, but overall, the number of students scoring in the top two tiers has virtually remained the same. Fennessey said the minimal increases suggest there needs to be more time dedicated to math in the classroom and more specialized math instruction. She said there are some very difficult open-ended math questions students must answer which are four points each and can have a huge impact on a student's score, and there must be more time allocated for sufficient topic coverage.

Upon receiving the grade three reading scores, Fennessey said the schools were worried when they found 78 percent of students were scoring proficient, but 21 percent still need improvement and 1 percent were at the warning level. In grade three, there is no advanced level. However, upon looking at scores from neighboring towns, Cohasset seems to be scoring in the same range. She said because some of the lower grades have large class sizes and there is only one reading specialist to work with students in kindergarten through grade six and one half-time Title One reading teacher, the resources aren't the same as the schools which are showing better test results. However, Cohasset will continue working toward raising the scores for its grade three students.

Overall, Walsh said the MCAS scores continue to show the test is working as it continues to push the students to strive for more. "They are achieving a level they never have before," she said, and expects that success will continue. She added the district is very proud of their accomplishments, and will continue working toward gaining all the resources necessary to help maintain that success.

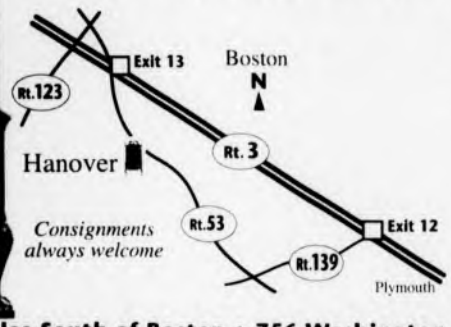
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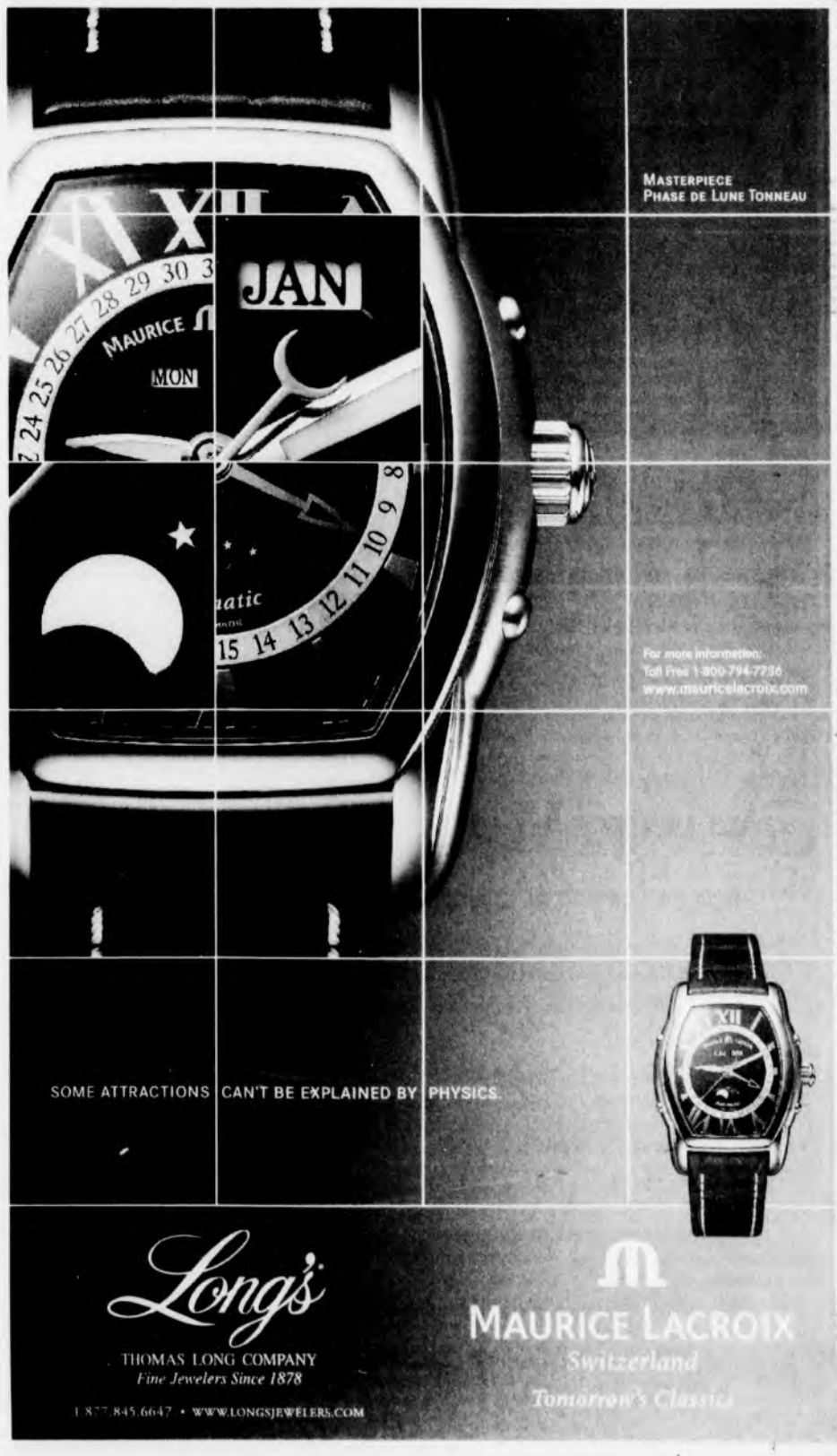
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Fabulous Friday

Starting next week, the Cohasset Mariner will arrive in your mailboxes and at the newsstands on Friday.

We'll admit at first we had some trepidation about changing our publication day from Thursday or "Mariner Day" — as many readers have affectionately called it after some 26 years — to Friday.

But after contacting national and regional newspaper associations for feedback, we came to realize that the move could provide us with an opportunity to provide better, more thorough coverage, especially of the goings-on at Town Hall.

The shift is part of a company-wide press schedule reorganization to provide more color capability for both advertising and editorial.

Despite the change, we're still going to ask you to get your happenings and news items to us as soon as possible to allow adequate time for either typesetting hardcopy or formatting emails. Advertising deadlines won't change.

We will extend our editorial deadline from noon Tuesday, to 5 p.m. Tuesday for happenings and announcements, such as notices of a pancake breakfast, benefit concerts and the like.

Letters to the editor and obituaries will be accepted on Wednesdays. In rare cases if there is an urgent item, you can email us Wednesday morning and we'll do our best to include your news item or announcement.

Again starting next week, we will be in production on Thursday so your newspaper will go to press Thursday and arrive at the newsstands and in your mailboxes on Friday – one day later than has been the case since the paper was founded back in 1978.

Spot news – such as accidents or fires – can occur any day of the week.

But general news, much of which is generated by Town Hall or the schools, tends to "happen" Monday through Thursday. We can't tell you the number of times we've been "white knuckling it" on Wednesday (our current production day) hoping to get a call back for an important "breaking" news story by 3 p.m.

The "extra" day we're gaining by going to press Thursday morning rather than Wednesday afternoon is going to take some of that pressure off and allow us more time to pursue those important stories to the fullest.

In our travels around the country, we are amazed at how few towns actually have their very own newspaper. Most hometown papers are regional publications that incorporate a number of communities.

That is not the case with the Mariner newspapers that tend to be one-town, one-paper pubs including the Cohasset Mariner, which has been recognized five times for excellence by the New England Press Association.

We take our charge as being the shepherds of the Cohasset Mariner very seriously. We love what we do and even more importantly, we love Cohasset.

Being the vehicle through which the community stays informed fills us with unending pride and motivates us to keep providing the coverage you have come to expect.

Please call or email us with any suggestions, or ideas, things you'd like to see in the paper. We can't promise to include them all – but with our "extra" day we'll have a little more time to make some positive changes.

Let us hear from you.

— Mary Ford
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PUMPKIN HELPERS

PHOTO/TIM LLEWELLYN

From left, Letra Kimla, Zoe Whilton and Sara Wilton pitch in unloading pumpkins for the annual Pumpkin Patch fund-raiser for the Appalachia Service Project. For more photos, see page 16.

POLITICAL NOTES

Democrats to hold encore screening

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee invites all political junkies and other interested citizens to attend a special screening of "Fahrenheit 9/11" this Friday evening at 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Library. A special encore screening will be held at the library on Friday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. for all those fans cheering our beloved Red Sox this weekend. Admission is free and contributions are welcome. For information, call Agnes McCann, Chairman, at 383-0222

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More transparency needed as promised

TO THE EDITOR:

It is time the Selectmen reconcile their commitment to "transparency" with the flow unpleasant surprises that afflict Cohasset.

Elected officials did a good job of hiding the reason for Mark Haddad's sudden departure and added a highly questionable $50,000 severance package to the mix. Certainly, the recent revelations about the sudden departure of Nicole Bartlett combined with the Mariner's report that Cohasset very recently made an insurance settlement with her should add to the concern of our citizenry.

Likewise, the lackadaisical process that has seen Chief Jackson resign on June1st, but "transitional" pay continues without a written agreement suggest sloppy management. I am also amazed that the "trashing" of the Atlantic Avenue home was quickly swept under the rug without an "all-court press" to round-up the many other youth guilty of breaking and entering, et al.

I am sure that Cohasset was the victim of an inaccurate assessment of its standing among the State's 350 school districts. However, there has been a gradual slippage each year since the first MCAS results. We have schools that are over-sized by at least 50 percent and we are inexorably moving toward having four principals in one of the smallest school districts in the State.

Yes, many capital projects were deferred for too long and that forced a "catch-up" scenario. However, let's improve management of our tax dollars and be as open as possible with the paying public.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

Shipwreck commemoration

TO THE EDITOR:

Many thanks to St. Anthony's church for the recently wonderfully organized annual commemoration of the shipwreck of The Brig St. John which took place October 1849. During this tragic day more than 150 years ago 99 Irish immigrants from Galway lost their lives in a fierce storm that smashed their ship onto the rocks of Cohasset Harbor. The immigrants were remembered by a special Mass, being honored also by a talented lady vocalist, Máiriín Uí Chei De, who sang beautiful songs.

After Mass a reception was held in the Parish Center. At this time we leaned that a generous and kind gentleman from Scituate, Attorney John Sullivan has organized this commemoration for several years. May aunt, my sister, and I would like to thank John and St. Anthony's Parish for a memorable day. After the reception there was a walk to the Cohasset Central Cemetery with a wreath-laying ceremony at the foot of the Celtic cross. I'm sure that all in attendance were as grateful as we were for this special day.

Joan Doscher, Duxbury
Rosemary Nason, Cohasset
Mary Ann Sacre, Quincy

Bradley praised for anti-pollution support

TO THE EDITOR:

State Rep. Garrett Bradley should be commended for his support of important legislation in the 2003-2004 legislative session that would help reduce the use of toxic chemicals that could endanger our health.

Rep. Bradley voted for the override of the Governor's veto of a budget amendment for a study to identify safer alternatives to ten toxic chemicals, and supported passage of a bill to reduce the use of toxic mercury in products by signing onto a letter which succeeded in getting the bill released from committee.

Unfortunately, neither of those bills passed. However, with the continued support of Rep. Bradley and other legislators in the upcoming 2004-2005 legislative session hopefully such important legislation will be passed.

John K. McNabb, Jr.
53 Pond St.

Soccer boosters appreciate support

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Soccer Boosters Club would like to thank everyone who helped make the Oct. 3 pancake breakfast such a success.

Our thanks go to everyone who bought tickets to the event and to all of the local and area businesses who so generously donated services, products and gift certificates for our breakfast and the raffles.

We are grateful to Michael Libby, the Lovallo Family, Atlantic Bagel, Atlantica, the Barker Tavern, Bernards, Buttonwood Books & Toys, Coastal Nissan, Cohasset Collision, Dependable Cleaners, Good Sport, The New England Revolution Soccer Team, the Red Lion Inn, Tedeschi's, Shaws, Stop & Shop, Sweet Surprises, WWZN, and Tedeschi's for their very generous donations.

All of the money raised by this event will go to support our boys and girls high school soccer teams. The Boosters Club and all of the teams thank you! We hope to see many of you at one of the games this fall.

James Ross, President
Cohasset Soccer Boosters Club

Absentee ballots available for the state election

Absentee ballots for the State Election on Nov. 2, 2004 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, Nov. 1, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

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Physical disability.

Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Nov. 2, to be counted.

POLITICAL NOTES

Bradley hosts pasta dinner

State Representative Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, announces that he will have a pasta dinner campaign rally at the Sons of Italy Lodge, located at 88 Chief Justice Cushing Highway in Hingham. The event will take place on Tuesday Oct. 19 from 7-10 p.m. and is open to the public. Tickets for this event can be purchased at the door or you may call Representative Bradley at his home 781-740-3127.

Hedlund office hours

The October office hours for Sen. Robert Hedlund will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall Thursday, Oct. 21, from noon to 1 p.m., on the second floor in the 2A vestibule. If the 2A vestibule is in use, office hours will be held in the employee lunchroom also located on the second floor beside the 2A vestibule.

Hedlund also maintains a district office at 66 Sea St., N. Weymouth that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments with the senator. The telephone number is 781-340-9866 or at the Statehouse, 617-722-1646.

HEALTH NOTES

Flu vaccine shortage is upon us

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

You have probably heard and read enough about the flu shot shortage to be thoroughly confused by now. The Board of Health has announced that the Cohasset Flu Clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 19 at the Cohasset Town Hall from 10 a.m. to noon. The Town has a limited number of flu shots to handle normal emergencies, but can not handle a town-wide vaccination program. The clinic on Tuesday will accept those Cohasset residents who are over 65 and other residents with conditions which put them at high risk such as heart disease, chronic pulmonary disease and diabetes. Please bring your Medicare part B and/or your Senior Health Insurance cards. And don't forget to wear a short sleeve shirt.

A complete listing of those who have been recommended for vaccination with inactivated influenza vaccine by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) is given below:

all children aged 6–23 months;
- adults aged 65 years and older;
- persons aged 2 – 64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions;
- all women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities;
- children aged 6 months –18 years on chronic aspirin therapy;
- health-care workers involved in direct patient care; and

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- out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children aged less than 6 months.

These categories are considered of equal importance.

Other vaccination recommendations:
- Persons in priority groups identified above should be encouraged to search locally for vaccine if their regular health-care provider doesn't have vaccine available. Consult your doctor, check pharmacies, etc.
- *Flumist* or Intranasally administered, live, attenuated influenza vaccine, if available, should be encouraged for healthy persons who are aged 5 – 49 years and are not pregnant, including health-care workers (except those who care for severely immuno-compromised patients in special care units) and persons caring for children aged less than 6 months.
- Certain children aged less than 9 years require two doses of vaccine if they have not previously been vaccinated. All children at high risk for complications from influenza, including those aged 6 – 23 months, who present for vaccination, should be vaccinated with a first or second dose, depending on vaccination status. However, doses should not be held in reserve to ensure that two doses will be available. Instead, available vaccine should be used to vaccinate persons in priority groups on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Vaccination of persons in non-priority groups

Persons who are not included in one of the priority groups described above should be informed about the urgent vaccine supply situation and asked to forego or defer vaccination.

Persons who should not receive influenza vaccine

Persons in the following groups should not receive influenza vaccine before talking with their doctor:
- persons with a severe allergy (i.e., anaphylactic allergic reaction) to hens' eggs and
- persons who previously had onset of Guillain-Barré syndrome during the six weeks after receiving influenza vaccine

Information on other ways to prevent the flu
- Cover your cough
- Be a germ stopper: healthy habits keep you well

The Board will post notifications about future clinics as we find out more about the vaccine supply.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

Sing in Spanish

Just two more weeks in our learn to sing in Spanish program for children. Jodi Craft and her bag of tricks will be visiting the Story Room on Tuesday Oct. 19, and 26, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Join in for the last two Spanish song sessions. No registration required. All ages are welcome. Caregivers must accompany children.

School scrabble

The National School Scrabble Championship will be held on April, 8 and 9, at the Marriott Copley, Boston. Grades 5-8 are eligible to put together two-member teams. Registration is open on line. Registration fee: is $100. To register, log onto www.school.scrabble-assoc.com. Limited space is available. All registered students will receive a free annual membership to the school SCRABBLE Club and a free digital timer for game play.

Independent film series

"The Republic of Love," will be shown in the Meeting Room, on Thursday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Carol Shields, this is the story of Fay, a museum curator with near impossible standards for romance and Tom, a radio show host, three-times divorced, who speculates with his listeners on the possibility of enduring love. When these two meet, it's love at first sight. Will romantic love conquer all? Other films in the series: Nov. 18 "Carol's Journey" and Dec. 9 "The Rage in Placid Lake." Admission and refreshments are free.

Student help wanted

The library is looking for a motivated, reliable student to work on Thursday evenings from 5 to 9 p.m. Candidate must be at least 15 years old. Call Judy Simons at 781 383-1348 to apply.

Storylines New England

The library is participating in a new radio series, StoryLines New England that focuses on some of the most dynamic and interesting books written about New England. Organized by the American Library Association and funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, StoryLines New England will be broadcast locally on WBUR 90.9 FM on Saturday evenings beginning Oct. 9, at 10 p.m. for 13 weeks.



Each program will feature one of 13 series books; interviews with various guests follow. "After Frost: an Anthology of Poetry from New England" and two of Frost's poems "A Boy's Will" and "North of Boston" will be discussed on Saturday, Oct. 16. The library has copies available for borrowing and will distribute discussion guides on request. For information contact Judy Simons at 781 383-1348. Visit the StoryLines web site storylines.ala.org"

Football fans

Authors Bernard Corbett and Paul Simpson will discuss their book "The Harvard/Yale Rivalry: The Only Game That Matters," on Thursday November 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the library's Meeting Room. Bernard Corbett has been the play-by-play announcer for Harvard University football for five years and is the author of several books about Boston-area sports. Paul Simpson has written articles for the Boston Globe and Hockey Magazine. The event is sponsored by Buttonwood Books. Refreshments will be served.

Red Sox fans

Author Bill Nowlin will talk about his book "Ted Williams: The Pursuit of Perfection," on Monday Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Nowlin has written eight books and approximately 100 articles about the Red Sox for the Boston Globe Sunday Magazine, Boston Magazine, the Red Sox magazine, Diehard and other publications. Refreshments will be served.

Voter information

The Massachusetts League of Women Voters has created a comprehensive, non-partisan website providing voters with information on deadlines for registering, step-by-step voting procedures, where to vote, voting absentee and even a monthly election quiz for 18 to 24 year olds. Visit the site at www.votinginfo.info

Artist exhibit

Landscape paintings of Lisa Marder will be on display at the library until the end of October.

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview. Reserve your copy in advance of publication by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "London Bridges," by James Patterson; "A Christmas Visitor," by Anne Perry; "Red Leaves," by Belva Plain; "The Rottweiler," by Ruth Rendell; and "Echoes," by Danielle Steel.

To Place A Hold from home, start at the Web site: www.cohassetlibrary.org. Go to "catalog" and search for the item you want. Click on "hold." Enter your user ID from your library card (no spaces), your PIN (OCLN) and specify "pickup location" as Cohasset. Press "hold." You will be notified when the book is available.

Undeleting those (expletive deleteds)

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



One of these days they're going to have satellite family newspapers and I'm going to be able to use all those four-letter Anglo-Saxon functional verbs I've been storing up in my typewriter — and now my computer — all these years.

I was encouraged in my quest for a place to display those words, hitherto known only as (expletive deleteds), last week when I read that Howard Stern has signed a five-year, $500 million contract to bring his (expletive deleteds) to satellite radio in 2006.

If you have any doubt as to the meaning of (expletive deleted) it's the kind of word Dick Nixon used on the Watergate tapes, the kind Dick Cheney uses when greeting Democratic senators and the kind your father uses when that truck cuts him off on the Southeast Expressway.

This whole thing started at halftime during the Super Bowl last January when Janet Jackson suffered her unfortunate "costume malfunction" on national television...

Actually, Howard has been using (expletive deleteds) on broadcast radio for many years but every (expletive undeleted) cost his boss, Viacom/CBS's Infinity Broadcasting, six figure fines from the FCC and they were getting a wee bit tired of paying it.

The FCC has no control over the content of satellite radio since it comes into your house by wire and not over the public airways so Howard is free to describe in intimate detail those bodily functions usually discussed only in the corner bar or the confessional.

The FCC has no control over newspapers, either, b ' they have something called an editor who can be just as pedantic as a federal bureaucrat, especially when they believe that all readers are 12 years old and must be protected from the (expletive deleteds), all of them.

We had an editor at the old Boston Sunday Herald who was like that. If I wrote "damn," Carl would change it to "darn." If I wrote "hell," he'd change it to "heck." Carl could make a meeting of Mafia dons sound like a council of church elders.

But I digress . . .

This whole thing started at halftime during the Super Bowl last January when Janet Jackson suffered her unfortunate "costume malfunction" on national television, exposing one of her (expletive deleteds) to millions of fans, most of whom were up getting another beer at the time.

The offending television network, CBS, was fined a half a million bucks for the booboo (if you'll pardon the expression) and now everybody tapes their programs on seven second delay, probably including Pat Robertson's 700 Club, for all I know.

"He (Howard) no longer wanted to operate under the restrictions he had to operate under," the Herald (the new one) quoted a radio insider as saying. "He felt it was stifling his creativity."

Now you can listen to that creativity without commercial interruption all you want but first you've got to get up $150 for the special radio receiver, $15 for installation and $12.95 a month to subscribe.

But hearing those (expletive deleteds) undeleted must be worth every penny of it.

Orchestra's Opening Night is for old fans and new ones

H•S•OVATION

NINA WELLFORD

An occasional series on life behind the scenes of a symphony orchestra, written by supporters of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra.

Opening Night! Two magical words, full of anticipation and excitement. In the life of a performing arts organization, it's the night that joins the past with the future.

On Opening Night, loyal supporters eagerly return to hear their orchestra for the first time since the season ended last May. An HSO concert hall typically holds no more than 400 people. About a quarter of those people attend HSO concerts regularly. They recognize each other, know members of the Board and staff and volunteers, have spoken with conductor Jin Kim and the musicians — for them, Opening Night is a joyous cultural homecoming.

At the same time, a large number of new audience members will hear the HSO for the first time. In any audience, there will always be at least half who did not make the decision to buy the ticket — they came with their spouse, or with friends, or with their employer or their client. And, most members of a symphony audience do not consider themselves knowledgeable about classical music. Will they enjoy the experience? Will they return? For many, Opening Night is an unknown experience, with expectations waiting to be met.

Here at the HSO, we have been preparing for months for this one Opening Night. The season's calendar is set, with concerts and events planned once a month from Oct. 16 to April 30. Music Director Jin Kim, who begins his eighth year at the musical helm of the HSO, has planned an exciting season's program for full orchestra, chamber (smaller) orchestra, and solo musicians. He has chosen works from Bach to Bernstein; each concert presents a mix of familiar and new music, accessible and challenging at the same time.

The concert halls, venues spread across the South Shore, have been carefully chosen to match each program, taking into account the acoustics, the size of the stage, the number of seats, the access and parking, and the general ambiance. For Opening Night, HSO will perform in Derby Academy's new Larson Hall, a perfect venue for both audience and musicians. With excellent acoustics and a large stage that sits below the comfortable, amphitheater-style seating, this intimate gem of a concert hall makes an excellent "home" for the two Masterworks programs this season.

In early September, HSO's core musicians returned to Boston from summer engagements, ready to work for another season with Jin Kim. HSO's musicians are a diverse group: all paid professionals, coming from around the world to be part of the thriving music community in the Boston area. Many perform with other area orchestras and teach privately. Many are graduate-level students in music performance. They all are committed to making music as their living. Through a rigorous selection process, Jin Kim has chosen these professionals to form the core of the HSO. Additional invitational auditions yielded the remaining musicians; through intense rehearsals they will develop their superb individual skills into what we hear as the HSO.

In addition, Jin Kim invites guest soloists to share their recognized musical gift with the HSO. On Opening Night, HSO presents the young American cellist Daniel Lee, who is launching what promises to be an acclaimed career. He has already won accolades as a soloist with the Baltimore Symphony, Cleveland and Philadelphia Orchestras. At age 11, Mistlav Rostropovich embraced Mr. Lee as his student and protégé, and three years later Decca Records signed him to an exclusive recording contract. The recipient of the 2001 Avery Fisher Career Grant, Mr. Lee plays a Carlo Tononi cello made in 1725.

The Masterworks Opening Night program opens with Elgar's Introduction and Allegro for solo string quartet and orchestra, and closes with Schumann's radiant Symphony No. 3. In between, Mr. Lee will perform Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme, composed in homage to Mozart, with a smaller "classical" orchestra consisting of strings, winds and horns.

Before the concert, ticket-holders may join Jin Kim for a seminar on the music they are about to hear. With anecdotes and musical illustrations, he explains what to listen for and brings the times and thinking of the composer to life. After the concert, audience members are invited to stay for a dessert reception, to meet the musicians and mingle with friends and supporters of the HSO.

The orchestra exists in order to infuse our lives with music. Classical music heard live in concert can transport an audience in a way that no other art form can. All that's needed is a willingness to simply go with the music, and be open to the response. A ticket to an HSO concert is a ticket to a full evening of great music, stimulating company and even some fun education. On Opening Night, the music, the people and the insight converge in an experience that leaves the audience transformed. And ready for more.

Join the HSO for Opening Night Masterworks on Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. at Derby Academy, Hingham. Pre-concert seminar at 7:30. Tickets: $30 adults, $20 seniors, and $10 youth through age 18. Call 781-740-5694 or visit www.hinghamsymphony.org for more information.

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Asian eatery slated for Cohasset Plaza

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It's out with the old and in with the new at Cohasset Plaza, as the Shoe Market prepares to move to Hingham's new Derby Street Shoppes, and the empty space will begin the transformation from retail to restaurant. Large signs and banners are posted around the shop's entrance, indicating there are bargains to be found during the closing sale, while enthusiastically announcing the coming attraction for the site.

The plaza will soon be home to Feng Shui, an Asian family-style restaurant. There will be some remodeling necessary to transform the space, and a new kitchen will need to be constructed. In addition, two different bars will be built: one for beverages, and another for sushi. The space is 5,100 square feet, and will have a seating capacity for 170 guests. To compare, DiNero's currently has a seating capacity for 70, Atlantica can seat 110 in its "Yacht Landing" room, and the Red Lion Inn can seat 350 people in "Lion's Hall."

Representatives from White Crane Incorporated who will manage the restaurant, are slated to come before the Board of Selectmen Tuesday, Oct. 26 for an all-encompassing liquor license. On their application, it states construction on the restaurant will take place from Dec. 1, 2004 until April 1, 2005. The lease for the space will begin Feb. 1, 2005, and end Jan. 31, 2025, and the space would be rented for $8,556 per month. The application also states the estimated costs for construction will total roughly $200,000, which the applicant will pay for in cash.

Building Inspector Robert Egan said the space was originally built to be fitted for a restaurant. However, until now, the space had never been leased out to tenants looking to operate a restaurant. The pipes which service the restaurant are all in place, and remodeling is all that will be needed, Egan said.

With the addition of Feng Shui to Cohasset Plaza, there could be two Asian restaurants on Route 3A. Michael Tack, who is looking to renovate the current KoKo Island and Hair Affair sites just up the street from the plaza, is currently working with restaurant owners, one of which serves Asian cuisine, to move into the KoKo Island restaurant space, when its lease expires.

But the addition of Feng Shui won't be the only change to the plaza. In addition to the Shoe Market, King Jewelers plans to move into a new building to be constructed farther south on 3A, and the current Dunkin' Donuts could potentially move into the Hair Affair building next to the current KoKo Island, which could leave the plaza with a new mix of retailers in the months ahead.

Donald Staszko, owner of Cohasset Plaza, could not be reached for comment, but he has previously said he is not concerned about attracting new tenants when the changes take place. "We get about 10 calls a week from people who want space," Staszko said. If the deal with Feng Shui is any indication, when the other businesses are ready to make their move, there should be new leasees waiting in the wings.

Meanwhile, plans to expand Super Stop & Shop by 20,000 feet and construct a new 30,000 square foot retail building at the back of the plaza are moving forward, Staszko said. The new retail building will either be occupied by one major tenant or subdivided into two 15,000 or three 10,000 square-foot spaces, he said.

Quality education and money

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Budget season never truly ends in state government, and fiscal affairs have moved into the courts and out onto the campaign trail.

While advocates for more education spending said the numbers aren't large enough on the expenditure side of the balance sheet, Republicans continued claiming that Democrats want to keep them too large on the revenue side.

In the Hancock v. Commissioner of Education case before the Supreme Judicial Court, justices questioned attorneys for the defendant — the state — and the plaintiffs who allege that students in 19 school districts are being deprived of their constitutional right to an education as good as they'd get in other, mostly wealthier communities.

Justice Margot Botsford, of the Superior Court, last spring recommended a series of major, expensive changes and new programs for the districts in question. The SJC is due to decide whether to order those changes early next year or essentially defer to the Legislature to continue making big education decisions.

The justices' direction was difficult to discern from their questions. At some points, they questioned the connection between money and a quality education. Some wondered whether the court should really be involved in making such decisions. And one justice wondered how long under-served children would need to wait for a better education system.

The bottom line, quite literally, for the state is that should SJC rule for the plaintiffs, it's estimated that implementing such a finding would cost as much as $2 billion. And as the governor has already pointed out, that money would be spent on just the districts in question, limiting the state's ability to pursue educational improvement in the other 331 Massachusetts communities.

But at the same time, the Romney administration has said the time is right to lower the state income tax to 5 percent, the level voters ordered in 2000. With legislative elections just three weeks away — and the Republicans' former favorite focus, Tom Finneran, now an ex-leade — the Republicans have been investing the tax debate with new partisanship. It's clear the party has decided that with Finneran gone, lower taxes is the strongest theme for the recruits on whom the GOP's hopes (at $2 million) ride this fall. Thus, Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey came right out and accused Democrats of being afraid to lower taxes.

The war of words sounded like this -- Healey: "The opponents of reform are scared. They will use every excuse in the book to stop change and to deny the people of Massachusetts the tax cut they voted for in overwhelming numbers." Democratic Party spokeswoman Jane Lane: "At this precarious time in our economy, it would be disastrous for this state to roll the tax back to 5 percent so the typical homeowner can get $100 in their pocket."

And so the budget wars continued, unlikely to abate. If the Hancock case succeeds, and so do the Republicans, it's possible some of the candidates now running so hard, and hoping so fervently, will spend some time next spring wishing they'd never made it to Beacon Hill. Or at least wishing they'd brought some Excedrin.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives' votes on two roll calls from prior sessions. On both roll calls, the House overrode the veto, the Senate took no action and the veto was sustained. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$250,000 FOR TOXIC USE REDUCTION INSTITUTE (H 4850)

House 154-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of $250,000 in funding for the University of Massachusetts' Toxic Use Reduction Institute (TURI) to assess the feasibility of adopting chemical and/or technological alternatives for several toxic or hazardous substances including lead, formaldehyde and dioxins. The assessment would include a look at the use of the toxic substances by companies involved in manufacturing, consumer products and other applications in Massachusetts and how the use of alternatives would affect the environment and the economics and business of the companies. TURI would report its finding to the Legislature by July 1, 2005. Override supporters said it is important to look at alternatives to these dangerous substances. They noted that the assessment would be a fair and balanced one that would include the effects of the use of alternatives on the environment as well as on businesses, jobs and the economy. In his veto message, the governor said that he vetoed the funding because it is not consistent with his original fiscal 2005 budget recommendation. The $250,000 funding has been eliminated because Senate did not act on the governor's veto. (A "Yea" vote is for the $250,000).

DENTISTS AND AMALGAM FILLINGS (H 4850)

House 140-14, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget provision requiring the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to ensure that all dental offices install, use and maintain certified amalgam separators if the dentist inserts or removes amalgam fillings. Amalgam is an alloy composed of mercury and silver used in dental fillings. Amalgam separators are devices designed to remove amalgam waste particles from dental office wastewater. The separators installed by dentists would have to be ones that have been demonstrated to remove at least 95 percent of the amalgam waste containing mercury using what is known as the ISO 11143 protocol. Override supporters said amalgam that is in dental office's wastewater is eventually discharged into the public sewer system. They argued that the mercury in the amalgam is dangerous and can pollute the environment and contaminate many kinds of fish. Override opponents said the DEP currently has an adequate voluntary program for dental practices to certify to DEP that they are using amalgam separators. They noted that dental practices that participate in the voluntary program by January 31, 2005, would be exempt until February 10, 2010 from future DEP regulations and fees requiring installation and upgrading of the separators. In his veto message, the governor said that he vetoed the mandate because it creates a financial burden on dentists that would be required to purchase new expensive equipment. The mandate does not go into effect because the Senate did not act on the governor's veto. (A "Yea" vote is for the requirement. A "Nay" vote is against the requirement).

ALSO UP OP BEACON HILL

UNSIGNED CAMPAIGN CIRCULARS (H 1078)- The House gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a bill repealing the current state law that prohibits any distribution of unsigned circulars or posters supporting or opposing any candidate for public office or any ballot question. Current law requires that these circulars and posters include the name and address of the individual person responsible for issuing the material or the names of two officers of any political or other organization that issues it. Current law also imposes up to a six-month prison sentence on anyone who violates this prohibition.

ELDERLY WATER CHARGE ABATEMENT (H 4001)- The House and Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Romney a bill allowing cities and towns to abate the first $500 of water charges paid by low-income seniors over age 65 who meet certain requirements. Single seniors would qualify if their annual income equals less than $16,000 while married seniors would qualify with a joint income of less than $24,000. Another provision requires that these seniors have lived in Massachusetts for at least ten years and have owned property in the state for at least five years.

RELIEF FUND FOR MILITARY FAMILIES- A new bill proposed last week would place a checkoff box on state income tax forms to allow taxpayers to make a voluntary contribution to a relief fund for Massachusetts families of National Guard and Reserve members. Sponsors said that many of these soldiers are serving unexpected, extended periods of time in Iraq and noted that the fund is used to assist their families until they return. They noted that a similar checkoff system has already been adopted by three states.

FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FRAUD- State Auditor Joe DeNucci said an audit of the state's low-income fuel assistance program has demonstrated the need for improved monitoring of the program to ensure that it is not being abused and that assistance goes only to eligible families and individuals. The program provides assistance with paying fuel bills to low-income households with incomes of up to 200 percent of the poverty level. DeNucci reported that program's income verification procedures should be strengthened amidst indications that some recipients may have had sources of income that they failed to disclose in their applications. He noted that some recipients lived in homes with assessed values of almost $1million and that others reported income that was so low it would be nearly impossible for the family to meet their basic living expenses. He said it is likely that these recipients underreported their income.

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Officials work together during water main crisis

Old pipes likely cause of break

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A 20-foot break in the 20-inch Kilby Street water main left 3,000 Aquarion Water Company customers in Hull and nearby parts of Hingham and Cohasset without service from 3:40 a.m. into late into the day last Thursday.

The cause of the break is believed to be the age of the pipes, which are 60 to 80 years old, according to Aquarion Spokesperson Martin Cohn. "Obviously there was no water activity at the time of the incident."

Aquarion was able to replace the pipe and restore water pressure to most residences by 5 p.m., although service was restored to some homes and businesses earlier than that.

Good communication between officials in the affected towns, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), fire chiefs, boards of health, Sen. Robert Hedlund, and Rep. Garrett Bradley expedited the process.

Because the break resulted in a decrease in pressure, the DEP issued a "boil order" as a precautionary move. "None of the test results indicated there was any danger," Cohn said, "but the order was issued to be on the safe side." The order, issued due to the potential of bacterological contamination caused by low water pressure in the system, was in effect until DEP lifted the order on Saturday after more water quality tests were done.

Customers who had lost water service were advised to boil for one minute all water used for human and animal consumption, including brushing of teeth, hand washing, vegetable or other food washing, and baby formula preparation.

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In Hull, where the most customers were affected, a large water tank was placed at the Senior Center, where residents who didn't want to have to boil their water could pick up some fresh water.

The order was issued to the entire town of Hull. Cohasset consumers on Jerusalem Road, Howe Avenue, and the northern portion of Forest Avenue and side streets, and on Kilby and Rockland streets in Hingham.

Some residents didn't lose water service but experienced discoloration while the pipes were being flushed.

Coincidentally, Aquarion Water Company had scheduled an open forum about water issues and a tour of its 900 Main Street water treatment plant the same evening as the recent water main break.

Despite the day's events, only one resident showed up.

That was disappointing since Aquarion is "reaching out to provide an opportunity for customers to interact with the water company," Cohn said.

This was the second such forum sponsored by the water company.

Those who didn't attend missed out on an update on the water situation in Hingham indicating that:

- Aquarion is awaiting Department of Environmental Protection approval to draw water from Free Street Well #4 to provide a significant supply of water to serve a number of new developments in the towns it serves.
- Cohasset expects to begin supplying water to the 2,000-unit Linden Ponds retirement community off Whiting Street (via the Hingham distribution system) as early as Fall 2005 through an agreement between Aquarion and the Cohasset Water Company. Steps are being taken to improve quality issues related to Cohasset water before it is distributed through Hingham pipes.

The water company regularly updates its Web site (www.aquarion.com) providing consumer information and "is trying to be as accessible to the public as possible," said Cohn.

Cohasset Water Dept. provides water to North Cohasset after water main break

The Cohasset Water Department assisted the Aquarion Water Company following their water main break Thursday morning by interconnecting the two water systems at Surry Drive to provide water to North Cohasset and part of Hull.

"We were pleased to help out our neighboring water system during their time of crisis," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Cohasset Water Commission. "We had more than sufficient water to service the North Cohasset and Hull areas to give time for Aquarion to fix the break and to restore system operations."

"We appreciate the cooperation and patience of the residents of Surry Drive who were inconvenienced by the interconnection," said McNabb. About 500 feet of fire hose ran down one side of Surry Drive from Thursday until Monday morning.

The interconnection was made at 1:25pm Thursday by connecting two fire hydrants; a Cohasset Water Dept. hydrant on Forest Ave. and an Aquarion hydrant on Surrey Drive. The connection was made by cooperation between the Fire Chiefs of Hull and Cohasset, who were on the scene during the day Thursday to make the interconnection along with the two water depts.

Aquarion isolated the North Cohasset area, and Atlantic Ave. in Hull up to Nantasket Ave, from the rest of their system so Cohasset was the sole provider of water to that area. This isolation was essential because the Hingham system operates at 20 pounds higher pressure than the Cohasset system.

Aquarion seeks new sources of water

By Carol Britton Meyer
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About 100,000 gallons of water a day are needed to serve projects that are currently under town review or in the works in the communities served by Aquarion Water Company, which include Hingham, Hull, and part of Cohasset.

Among those are Hingham's Baker Hill, a redeveloped Hingham Shipyard, Black Rock Golf Community, Canterbury Estates, Derby Street Shoppes, Boston Golf Club, the age-restricted Ridgewood Crossing development, and two residential developments proposed by the Hingham Housing Partnership and the Housing Authority on School Depot land off Fort Hill Street and off Beal Street respectively.

That is about the same amount of water that would have been required to serve a former plan for a redeveloped South Weymouth Naval Air Station, which was in the past considered a possibility once the needs of customers in the communities served by Aquarion were met but is now "off the books," according to Aquarion Spokesperson Martin Cohn.

Consequently, Aquarion is eager to receive Department of Environmental Protection approval to draw water from Free Street Well #4 in Hingham, which is now an emergency supply. That well is expected to provide a significant supply of water, including the amount needed to serve those new developments.

Well #4 could go online as soon as Fall 2005. "Clearly it's important for people to understand the need for water from that well to help meet the demand during the next 10 years," Cohn said, emphasizing that the water from Well #4 is for use by Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset customers only.

At the same time, some observers question the wisdom of such a move. They liken it to putting a second straw into a can of Coke because that well is quite close to an existing active well and because the wells will draw on the same overall source as the rest of the town's supplies – the Weir River Watershed.

Aquarion is also looking for other new sources of water, including possibly building a desalinization plant sometime in the future.

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Mikey is looking for a home.

Mikey is a seven year-old Siberian husky. His eyes are the gorgeous, blue husky eyes and his coat is white and black. The animal control officer brought Mickey to the Scituate Animal Shelter and no one ever called to claim him.

If you know the breed at all, then you know huskies can travel miles and miles before stopping. It is anyone's guess as to Mikey's origin. Mikey enjoys long walks and playing in the outdoor kennel; but his passion is playing ball. Mikey would fit into a husky-loving, ball-throwing household quickly!

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Pumpkin party

Human chains and wheelbarrow brigades unload this year's crop

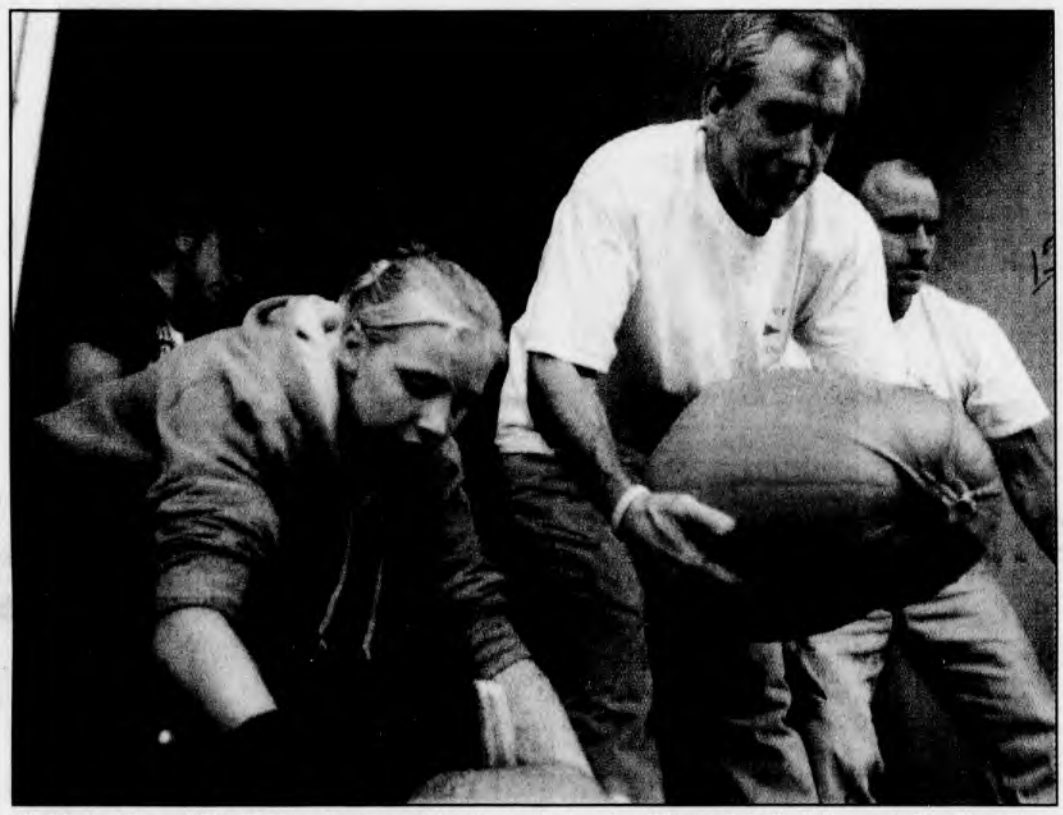


Volunteers create a magical design out of the hundreds of pumpkins. Last year, the pumpkins were laid out as a spider web – to see this year's design, visit the Pumpkin Patch which is open from 10 a.m. - 7p.m. daily.



Sarah Whilton makes moving a wheelbarrow full of pumpkins look easy. Last year's patch was laid out like a giant spider web. Children loved walking through the many pathways looking for the perfect pumpkin. To see this year's design, you'll have to visit the Pumpkin Patch!

Photos by Tim Llewellyn



Tori Lehr, left, and Rick Flynn unload pumpkins from a big truck at Wheelwright Park last week. The Pumpkin Patch, which raises money for the Appalachia Service Project, is now open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Ellen Wise is all smiles as she puts a pumpkin in a wheelbarrow. An intergenerational group of volunteers formed human chains and wheelbarrow brigades to unload the truck and fill Wheelwright Park.

Emily O'Brien, along with an army of volunteers, helps unload the pumpkins for this year's Pumpkin Patch at Wheelwright Park. There will be surprises during the course of the sale including hayrides, story times, a carving party and holiday decorating demonstration. Stop by the Pumpkin Patch at Wheelwright Park to learn about times and dates of the special events.





Brigades of wheelbarrows unload a semi-trailer truck full of pumpkins last week. Proceeds from the annual Pumpkin Patch benefit the Appalachia Service Project, a home-building, repair ministry involving roughly 150 Cohasset volunteers.

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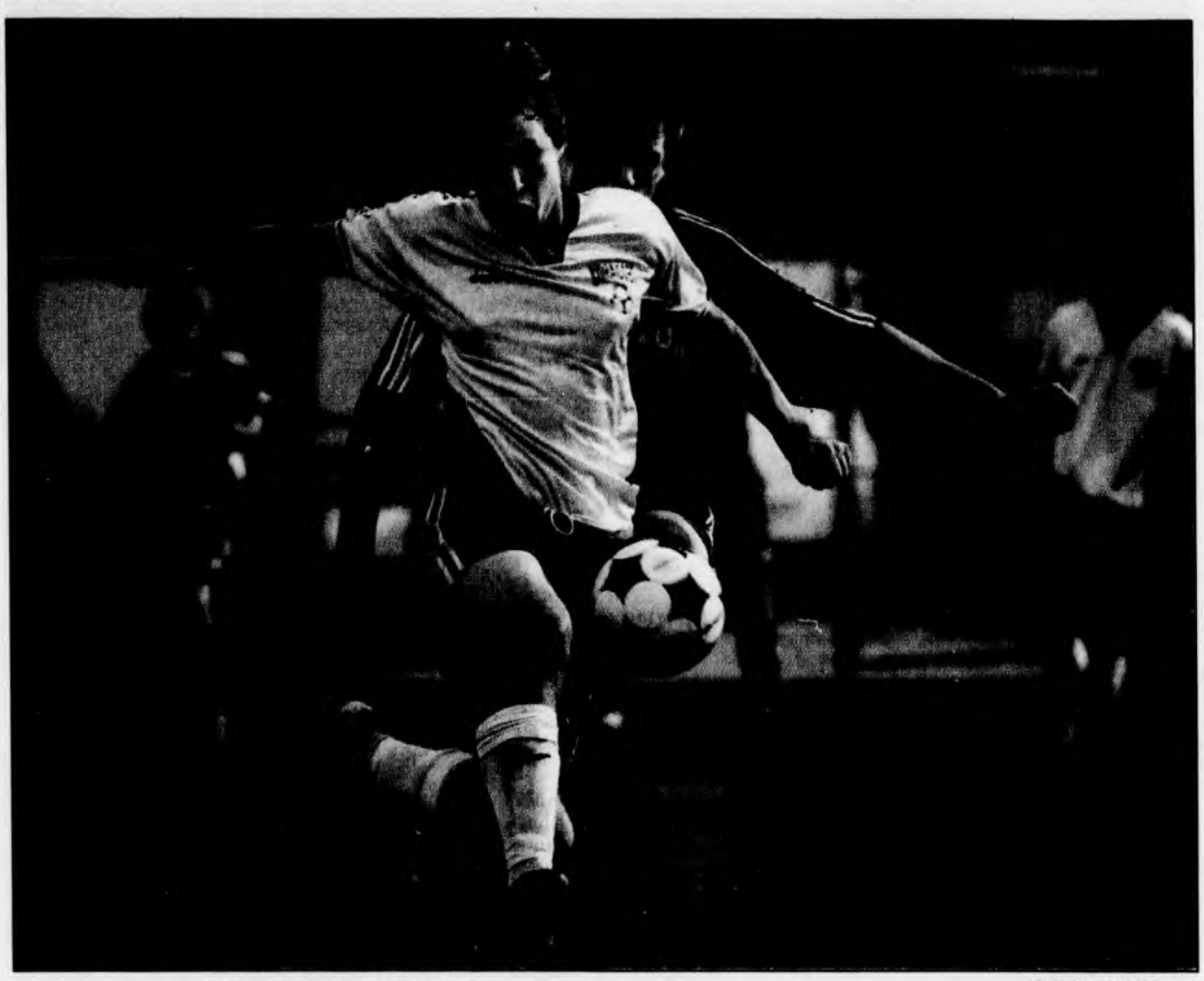
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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset's Sam Steele gets a step on Abington's Eric Hidgon in recent South Shore League action.

Deja vu for boys

Soccer team loses yet another despite dominant performance

By Mike Spellman
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Stop us if you've read this before.

The Cohasset High boys soccer team thoroughly outplayed their opponent last Tuesday, that would be Mashpee at home. Territorially, possessionally and with shots on net; the Skippers were out in front in all three areas. And still they fell, 2-1.

"You can probably just rewrite the story you've done the last two weeks," was the disheartened advice offered by Skippers second year coach Rob Leary. "We just keep finding ways to lose right now."

A first half Ben Libby goal, on a pretty feed from fellow junior Aidan Buick, was the only tangible evidence the Skippers had to show for their dominance last Tuesday.

Still, it appeared it would hold up… that is until a gaffe at midfield in the 65th minute led to a rare Mashpee break-in that resulted in a corner kick. The CK was headed home, and, just like that, it was a tie ball game.

The Skippers continued to buzz the Mashpee net in the waning minutes, but a quick-hitting Falcons counter led to another break-in, this one resulting in a bad penalty inside the goal box with just under two minutes to play. The penalty kick was then blasted past helpless keeper Prescott Busk, and that was all she wrote.

"Dumb plays, that's all it was that led to us losing," charged Leary. "Of course, it never should have come to that. We worked it in close so many times, but then just couldn't finish for one reason another. So, again, we let a team hang around that we probably should have

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Straightforward challenge

Lady booters must win three of final seven to notch playoff berth

By Mike Spellman
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The challenge is pretty straightforward: the Cohasset girls soccer team (5-4-2) must win at least three of its remaining seven games to qualify for the state tourney for a third straight year.

Given this, it sounds funny to hear Skippers veteran head coach Deb Beal talk more about what she hopes to see her players take out of this game as soccer players than on the scoreboard.

"Sure, I want to see us get back into the tourney, but I want to see us do something with the chance once we get there," she said. "We've gone one and out the last two years, and I'd like to see us do a little more with the chance this year, especially the girls who've been there a few times. For that to happen, we need to be playing good soccer."

"Good soccer" is the message she's preaching first and foremost.

Prior to last night's showdown on Alumni Field with South Shore League power Abington (7-1 in league play), Beal offered : "All I really want to see in this game is good soccer from our girls. If we win, great, but

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PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Lindsay Kennedy (left) jostles for position with Hull's Janine Struzziery during recent win for Lady Skippers.

Coming through in the clutch

Golfers postseason hopes kept alive with win over first place Harwich

By Mike Spellman
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A truly clutch win over Harwich on Tuesday, on their home Cohasset Golf Club course, has lifted the CHS golf team into postseason contention for the first time in three years, as well as a good shot at second place in the South Shore League standings.

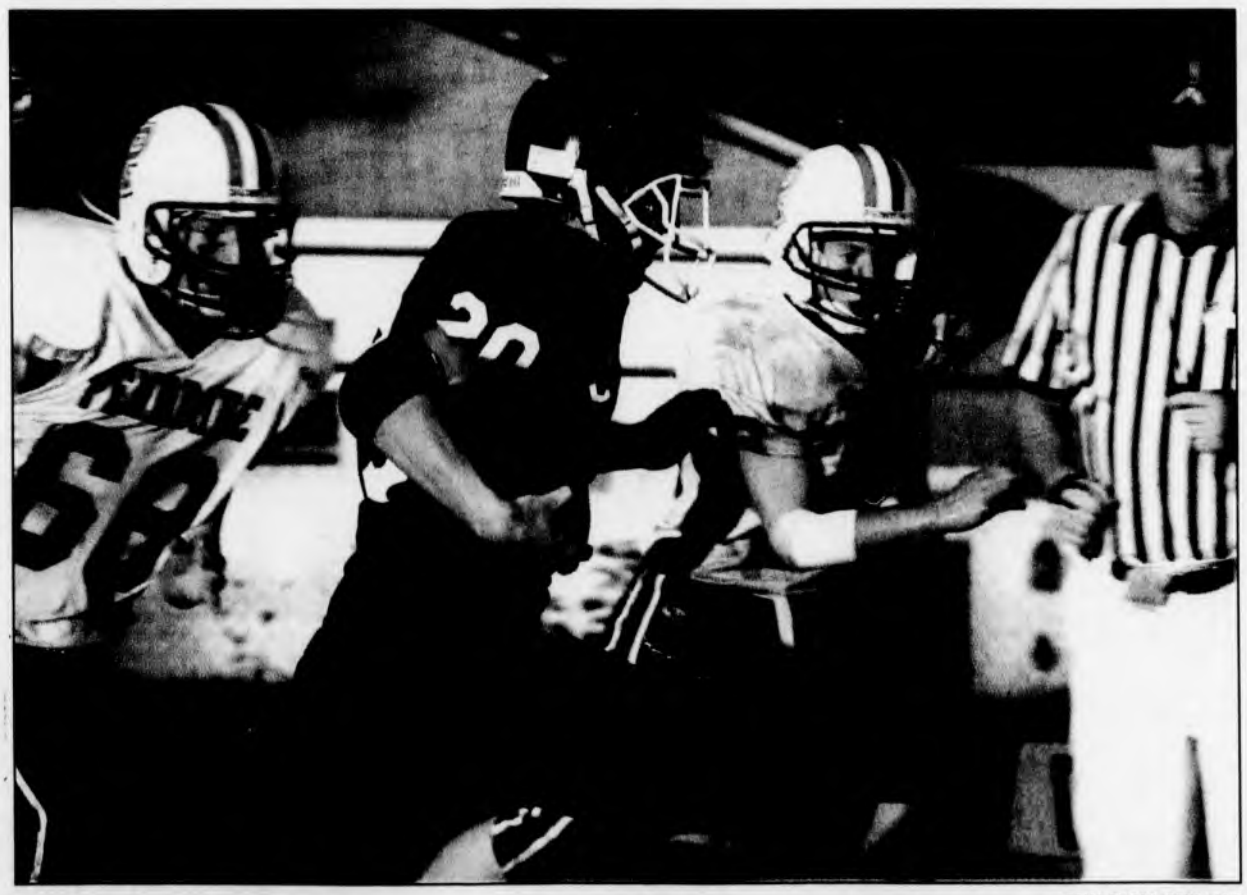
The narrow 28-26 win was secured when Cohasset's number six golfer, junior Mark Bouchard finished off a lopsided 7-2 win over the Roughriders J.J. Sarina in match play, shooting a solid round of 45.

The victory improved the Skippers to 6-2-1 in league play, but only 6-5-1 overall, one game over the all important .500 mark heading into yesterday's regular season finale on the road with Carver on a tricky Souther's Marsh Golf Course. A win or a tie would put the Skippers in the postseason, though only a win would sew up second place behind Norwell.

Norwell (8-2) wins the SSL title despite the fact it lost to Harwich (6-2-2) twice, and has Cohasset to thank for that. The Skippers handed Harwich both of its league losses.

At the time of this writing, of course, Sweeney was a lot less concerned about what could have been in the league title race than he was with getting his team into the postseason.

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset tailback Joe Durkin looks for some running room around end during Oct. 1 Homecoming action versus Pembroke.

Crusaders overrun by Skippers

Carver gridders no match for Cohasset ground attack

Utilizing a well balanced offensive attack, the Cohasset High football team improved to 5–0 with a decisive 29-6 win over Carver on the road, Friday night.

The visiting Skippers took control early with a punishing running attack and timely passing. The defense gave the Skippers several scoring opportunities and the offense took full advantage of them.

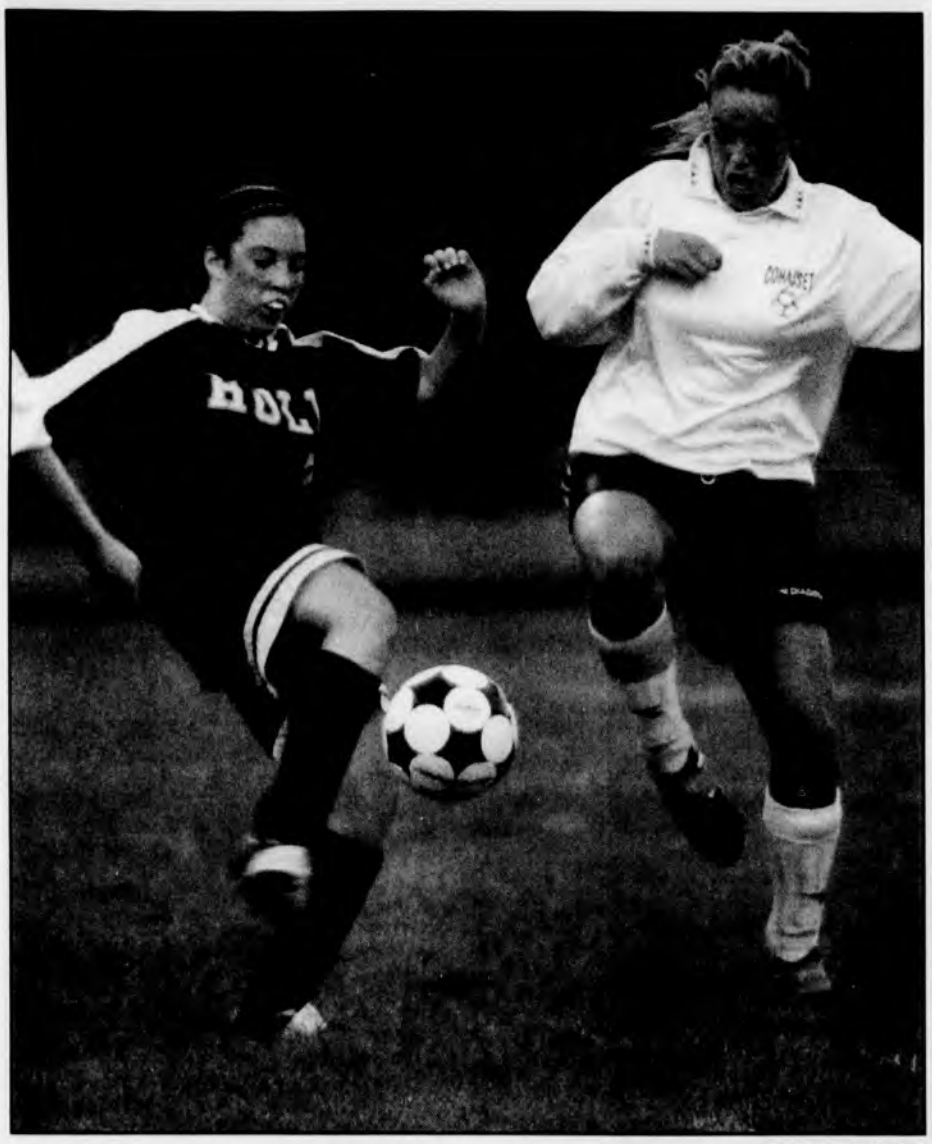
Carver won the toss and elected to receive, returning the opening kick off to the Cohasset 48 on a well executed reverse. The Skipperd defense held and on third-and-11, as Jeff Brown intercepted a pass and returned it to the Crusader 49 yard line.

On the Skippers first play from scrimmage, Joe Durkin picked up a first down running between right guard and tackle. Three plays later, Crandon Leahy gained another first down running to his right, putting the ball on the Crusaders 37-yard line. Fullback Ted Straughn then gained seven yards up the middle.

An incomplete pass was followed by a 19-yard Durkin run, again to the right over Nick Arment and Jake Cuneo. With the ball just outside Carver's 10, Durkin gained another nine yards on two carries. Then, on fourth-and-inches to go, Durkin scored, running through a big hole opened by the right side of the line. Crandon Leahy then ran the conversion in to make it an 8-0 game.

The Crusaders returned the kickoff to their own 38 and the Skipper defense held. On third-and-8, a Carver lateral pass went out of bounds on the 29.

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PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset captain Nicole Whitney (right) shows no fear as she leaps into the path off the ball in recent SSL tilt with Hull.

Straightforward challenge

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what's more important is we do some things we can build on."

The coach was happy to report there were some things her players did in their most recent game, a 3-1 non-league win at Holbrook on Friday, that could be built upon, aside from the fact it got them a game over the all-important .500 mark.

"We seem to have started playing with more mental toughness," reported Beal. "We're not breaking down as often as we seemed to earlier in the year or even at this point in previous seasons. For the most part, this is a pretty calm and composed group."

Composure was certainly the best adjective to apply to the second goal in Friday's game, the one that gave the visiting Skippers a 2-0 lead with 10 minutes to play in the first half. Senior captain Rachel Garber collected a bouncing ball near the 18-yard line with one defender to beat. Rather than rushing things, the forward faked one way and then beat her mark going the other to send herself in one-on-one with Holbrook all-star keeper Kristina Lowe. Again, Garber did not rush things. She waited until Lowe committed herself and then calmly tucked it around her for the score.

"All's I could say after that one was 'wow'," said Beal. "Rachel just really kept herself together. That was a goal I can point to and say 'that's the way to do it.'"

Of course, the game's first goal was nothing to sneeze at either. Approximately mid-way through the half, senior captain Casey Anderson served a corner kick across the goal mouth and sophomore stopper Laura Novak ran onto it beautifully, one-timing it off a hop inside the far post.

The host Bulldogs cut their deficit to one just before the break, but Cohasset came out in the second half to seize control bother territorially and in terms of possession—another indicator to Beal that her team is peaking.

With Holbrook playing an offside trap, though—often pulling their sweeper up as far as midfield— the Skippers had trouble getting much going in transition. This trap also made it necessary for the Cohasset forwards to do more running than they normally do. Subsequently, Beal was forced to sub them out more than has become norm. It was at about the midpoint of the second half that she took talented scorer Lauren Rizzotti off for a breather, and it was no more than a minute after re-inserting her that she scored to give the Skippers back their two goal cushion. That 3-1 lead held up the rest of the way.

Junior Melissa Crowley-Buck, who normally splits halves at keeper with Cecilia Chapman, got to play the whole game with Chapman away for the weekend visiting colleges, and acquitted herself well, making four saves and playing aggressively inside the goal area.

With Harwich, Hull and Holbrook—three teams the Skippers have already bested on the road by two goals each—coming to Cohasset, the necessary three-win goal would appear to be a reasonably safe bet. However, Beal makes it clear she is taking nothing for granted.

"We're not the type of team that can afford a letdown against anyone," she notes. "When we play hard and smart, we're a good team, but we need to stick to that."

The coach would also like to see her Skippers at least play competitively with the other four teams on the schedule: Abington, Scituate, Carver and Norwell, four teams to which they've already lost, and possibly even pull out a win or two.

"These next seven games are definitely big," said Beal. "It's not just about getting in we're looking at. These girls have worked really, really hard, and it just wouldn't be right if this opportunity slipped by. That would be something a lot of them would never forget."

Crusaders overrun by Skippers

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A 40-yard Carver punt was returned six yards to the Cohasset 37. Durkin gained five yards on a halfback draw. Then, following an incomplete pass to the right sideline, Leahy rolled out to his right and, with good protection, completed a pass to Straughn on a down and out pattern, putting the ball on the Carver 35-yard line.

D J Silvia then caught a tipped pass for a six yard gain. On third-and-three, the snap was fumbled but recovered on the 26. Durkin followed with a first down gallop up the middle, moving the ball to Carver's 23.

Keeping the ball on the ground, Cohasset gained another first down up the middle, placing the ball on the five-yard line. On first-and-goal, Durkin ran in over right guard. Straughtn also broke over the goal line going right for the conversion, making it a 16-0 game.

Carver answered, however, with a 70-yard drive on five quick plays. Following an incomplete pass on a waggle left, Carver gained a first down with a pass completion to the left side. Then. One third-and-two with the ball at midfield, Carver ran a pitch left, to catch the defense inside and allow Crusaders tailback Michael Grant to scamper 50 yards down the sideline for a touch down. The extra point attempt failed, leaving it a 16-6 game.

The Skippers had an answer of their own.

After the kickoff was returned to the 45, Leahy rolled to his right and with excellent protection and completed a 10-yard pass to Straughn. Two running plays gave Cohasset another first down, moving the ball to the Carver 30. On third-and-six, Leahy rolled to his left but the pass was intercepted on the six-yard line.

Not to worry. Two plays later, Carver fumbled and Cohasset's Kelvin Ferriera recovered the ball on the five-yard line. Leahy ran a quick count quarterback sneak into the end zone between Matt Casey and Nick Arment. With 46 seconds left in the half. The two-point conversion attempt was not successful, however, so it stayed a 22-6 game at the break.

Carver returned the kick off to the 29. After the Crusaders gained a first down to their 45, Jeff Brown intercepted his second pass of the game, returning the ball to mid field. Leahy then took a knee to end the first half.

Cohasset was again on the match to open the second half. After picking up three first downs, however, they fumbled it away at Carver's 38-yard line.

Once again, though, the Crusaders did not know how to handle good fortune. After an illegal procedure penalty pushed the ball back to the 33, Jeff Brown picked off his third pass on the evening, setting the Skippers up at Carver's 34-yard line.

Keeping the ball on the ground, Cohasset picked up a first down and then another when Leahy called his own number on an option play. With the ball on Carver's 21-yard line. Durkin gained eight yards over the right side and, on second-and-two, scampered 11 yards for a touchdown on a pitch to the left side, sprung by solid blocks from Justin Alexander and Leo Clougherty. Conor Holway's extra point was good, giving Cohasset a 29-6 lead midway through the third quarter.

The defense held Carver again after a quarterback sack by Justin Wood assisted by Matt Baroudi. Then Matt Casey broke up an attempted screen to the right, forcing Carver to punt.

The third quarter ended with Cohasset in possession on Carver's 45. After gaining a first down, a 10 yard holding penalty and a quarterback sack forced the Skippers to punt with Carver taking possession on their own 20.

The defense held again, though, and Cohasset took over on downs at its own 48. Another fumble on the snap gave Carver possession just over midfield. The Crusaders managed to move the ball to the 20, but the game ended after four unsuccessful pass attempts.

Offensively, Cohasset took it up to another level and, while turnovers continue to be a problem, the offense improves with each game, especially the young offensive line consisting of Alexander, Clougherty, Casey, Arment, Cuneo and McCarthy.

Joe Durkin gained 142 yards on 24 carries.

The defense, led by Kelvin Ferriera, gave the offense good field position, setting up two of the touchdowns. The front four of Baroudi, Clougherty, Wood and Kehoe contained the running game and managed to pressure the quarterback throughout the game. Sophomore Jeff Brown led the secondary with three interceptions. Cohasset travels to Mashpee this Friday night. Kickoff is at 7 p.m..

Cohasset 29, Carver 6

Cohasset	**8**	**14**	**7**	**0**	**-**	**29**
Carver	**0**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**-**	**6**

Co- Joe Durkin1 run (Crandon Leahy rush)
Co- Durkin 4 run (Ted Straughn rush)
Ca- Mike Grant 49 run (rush failed)
Co- Leahy 5 run (rush failed)
Co- Durkin 11 run(Conor Holway kick)

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

FOOTBALL

14	Mashpee **F-S**	4 p.m.
15	@ Mashpee **V**	7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

13	@ Abington **V**	
15	Carver **JV**	5:30 p.m.
15	Carver **V**	6:30 p.m.
19	@ Harwich **JV**	4:30 p.m.
19	@ Harwich **V**	4:30 p.m.
21	Hull **V** Alumni	5:15 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

13	Abington **V** Alumni	
15	@ Carver **JV**	5 p.m.
15	@ Carver **V**	6:30 p.m.
19	Harwich **V** Alumni	3:45 p.m.
19	Harwich **JV** Milliken	3:45 p.m.
21	Hull **V** Alumni	3:45 p.m.
21	Hull **JV** Millken	3:45 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY

14	@ Harwich	4 p.m.
14	@ Harwich	5:30 p.m.
18	@ Mashpee	4:30 p.m.
18	@ Mashpee	4:30 p.m.
20	Hull Alumni	5 p.m.
20	Hull Milliken	6:30 p.m.

GOLF

14	Quincy **V**	3:30 p.m.
19	Div. 3 South Sectional 8 am @ Wentworth Hills, Plainville	

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SPORTS NOTES

Clark's Fall Scramble at Hatherly CC Oct. 18

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The purpose of the fund is to enhance the athletic and recreational opportunities in the town of Cohasset.

Play: shotgun start at noon with dinner/ reception immediately following.

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Checks made payable to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.

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Donate: donate raffle and auction items, or contribute directly to the fund.

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Mail your checks to the Chatterton Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 652, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Cohasset Recreation Department announces ice skating lessons

Fall registration information and schedules for ice skating classes taught by Bay State Skating School, at the Weymouth MDC Rink are available at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, 1st floor Cohasset Town Hall.

To register for skating lessons for children or adults scheduled to begin a 9 week session on Sunday, afternoon, Oct. 31, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480.

You may obtain written schedules at Town Hall, or go online at www.batstatesskatingschool.org.

Girls Travel Basketball Sign ups

All girls in grades 5-8 who would like to be considered for one of the weekend travel basketball teams need to come to an information meeting at the Deer Hill School Gymnasium Tuesday October 19th from 7 to 8PM. The coaches need to determine the amount of interest before deciding how many teams will be placed in the winter leagues. Parents are encouraged to attend so all questions regarding the travel program can be addressed. For more information or questions, call Matt Salerno at 781-340-7794

Please leave a message if you would like to play but are unable to attend

2005 Seadogs/AAU baseball indoor clinic/tryouts

October 23 at SSBC, Hingham

HINGHAM, Mass. (October 7, 2004) – The fourth of six clinic/tryout sessions for the *Seadogs*/AAU Travel Team Baseball Program's 2005 season will be conducted October 23 at the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham.

The nationally renowned *Seadogs* will field seven teams in 2005:10-and-under through and including 16-and-under. Players are selected from a series of clinic/tryouts held throughout this fall. The cut-off day to determine proper age group for 2005 teams is July 31, 2005.

Prospects for the 10-and-under, 11-and-under and 12-and-under teams will report at 8 am for the 2 fi-hour session; 13-and-under and 14-and-under at 11 am for the two-hour session; 15-and-under and 16-and-under at 1 pm for two hours.

***2005 Seadogs* Clinic/Tryouts Schedule**

10U, 11U & 12U

Oct. 23, 8-10:30 a.m., SSBC, Hingham

Oct. 30-31, 8-10:30 a.m., SSBC, Hingham

13U & 14U

Oct. 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., SSBC, Hingham

Oct. 30-31, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., SSBC, Hingham

15U & 16U

Oct. 23, 1-3 p.m., SSBC, Hingham

Oct. 30-31, 1-3 p.m., SSBC, Hingham

"This is our first indoor session for the 2005 Seadogs traveling teams," SSBC director Frank Niles, Jr. said. "We'll be having the final clinic/tryouts October 30-31 at SSBC. We want every interested player to have a shot at making the roster, in addition to learning more about playing baseball at the clinic, but time is running out."

The *Seadogs* program is part of the South Shore Baseball Club, which has been a member of the Massachusetts Association of the Amateur Athletic Union since 1994. The *Seadogs* compete against other Massachusetts AAU teams for the right to qualify for the AAU National Baseball Championships held all across the country. The *Seadogs* program is intended to supplement, rather than replace, local Little League, Babe Ruth, or American Legion baseball programs.

The South Shore Baseball Club is a year round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players (boys and girls), ages five and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or the *Seadogs* call 1-888-749-6466/(781) 749-6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

Coastal Stars Report

Mite C2

The Coastal Stars Mite "C2" hockey team won its first game of the season 4-1 over Braintree. Kyle Bowman led the team with 3 goals and an assist while Derek Benson had one goal and one assist. Jo Jo Carbone and Matts Nelson each had one assist.

The "C2"'s Red Line of Evan Antonuccio, Mathew Johnson, Tucker Antico, Harrison Sheldon, and Seamus Ryan, played a strong defensive game in support of Goaltender Christopher Phillips who was stellar in goal.

The "C2" White line put constant pressure on the Braintree defense. Brian Mathews had several break away scoring chances and Andrew Kuppens and Shaelyn Tobin were both solid at the wing positions. Robert Bothwell was a standout on defense.

The "C2" Blue Line led by Kyle Bowman, Jo Jo Carbone, Derek Benson, Gunner McKenzie, and Matts Nelson excelled in all facets of the game with Gunner anchoring a strong defense.

The Coastal Stars Mite C2 team defeated Pembroke 8-2 on Sunday. The team was lead by Tucker Antico's five goal performance. Tucker's line mates, Evan Antonuccio, Shaelyn Tobin, Mathew Johnson and Seamus Ryan all played a solid game with Evan and Shaelyn assisting on goals and Seamus and Mathew playing solid defense.

Brian Mathews, Jo Jo Carbone, and Matts Nelson also scored goals while Brian Mathews and Derek Benson each had an assist. Robert Bothwell, Kyle Bowman and Gunner McKenzie played strong games alternating at both forward and defense. Chis Phillips was a standout in goal.

Squirt A

The Squirt A Coastal Stars came up short in a comeback bid and suffered their first setback of the season to a worthy Hingham squad. The first period see-sawed. Stars goalie Dan Durkin denied a Hingham breakaway with a pad save, and Trevor Salmon's wrap-around pass to Mike Carbone in front was stopped at the other end. Hingham went up at the 8:25 mark on a shot from the right circle. The Stars responded, but Salmon and John Ryan were denied on a give-and-go break.

The Stars created several chances in the second. EJ Culhane passed from the point to Jake Durkin, who fed Jonathan Spitz for a backhander that was wide. Durkin sent Patrick Burchill on a break with a lead pass through center ice, but Burchill's wrister from the slot was gloved. Kevin McDougall skated end-to-end on a power play, but his shot was kicked out, and the period ended, still 1-0.

Hingham scored at 0:47 of the third on a shot from the left side and attacked the Stars for the knockout. EJ Culhane made a fantastic play to save a goal on a Hingham flurry in front of the net, and Dan Durkin made stops on two point-blank attempts. Hingham's pressure paid off with 4:37 left, and the game appeared to be over. Except no one told the Stars. With 2:25 left, Dan LeBlanc and DJ Evans kept the puck in the zone to Mike Carbone in the left circle. Carbone torqued a riser to the top right corner and the Stars were on the board. With 15 seconds left, Neil Conway took a face-off from center ice, fought off two defenders that were hanging on him, and deked the goalie for a backhander that brought the Stars within one. The Stars won the ensuing face-off and John Ryan fired a screamer from the left circle. The shot was saved, and Trevor Salmon's rebound was, too. The Stars had run out of time.

Mite C

Coach Frank Lemieux led his Coastal Stars Mite C team 3 to a 6-0 win over Duxbury on Sunday. Matt Boudreau began the scoring with 4:56 remaining in the first period followed by a tally from Colby Comegu, assisted by Will Cole. Great team defense by Matt McQuillan, Derek McDermott, and Brian Neuls positioned the Stars with a 2-0 lead at the end of the first period.

The Stars strong offense continued in the second period with 2 goals by Domenic Calapa. Russell Santos, Paul Parker, Nick Barnhard, and Jack Kaetzer applied a persistent offensive attack, pinning Duxbury in their end for most of the period.

In period 3, Boudreau and Comegu came through with goals 5 and 6, with Cole adding another assist. Liam Manning, Hugh Healey, and Patrick Cullen turned in solid two-way play to keep Duxbury on their heels.

With 2 minutes left in the game, goalie Connor Lemieux made another of several tremendous saves, preserving the shutout.

Next game is Saturday, October 16 versus Bridgewater in Bridgewater.

Contributed by Rob McDermott

Mite C- 1

The Mites C- 1 team earned their first victory of the season in a 6 – 0 shutout over Hingham.

Tommy Prendergast led all scoring with the hat trick. Cam Mastrangelo, Liam Manning and Tyler McKinnon also scored goals.

The defense was tough as Davis Cronin, Joe Deyeso, Chris Bertone, Jack Shaw, Joseph Proctor and Sean Feeney where instrumental in allowing only a few shots on net.

The offense had some slippery moves with Jake Moore, Benjamin Swim, and Dan Cronin, James Dietrich, Hugh Healey keeping the pressure on.

The Mites play next Saturday in Bridgewater against Duxbury.

Netminder Jack Conlon earned the shut out in his first start for the Coastal Stars in goal.

Deja vu for boys

FROM BOYS SOCCER, PAGE 17

taken out of it early and it came back to bite us big time."

Making it worse was the fact the Skippers had to wait seven whole days before getting back into action, that being yesterday's scheduled match on the road with South Shore League rival Abington.

The Skippers fell a game under .500 with that Mashpee loss, to 3-4-2, so they must now win four of their seven remaining games to qualify for the state tourney.

"We've certainly got our work cut out for us," noted Leary. "Looking at who we've got left, there are no easy games, especially with the way we're playing right now."

The Skippers will host South Shore League leading Carver (7-0-1 in league play) tomorrow night under the lights (6:30 p.m.), and Leary couldn't think of a better opponent for helping his team to turn it around. The Skippers are responsible for the lone blemish on the Crusaders record, a tie back on Sept. 21 on Carver's tiny field, another game in which the Skippers seemed to carry the balance of play.

"A big performance here would go a long way toward curing what ails us," noted Leary.

Next week features a trip to Harwich on Tuesday and a hosting of Hull on Thursday. Norwell comes in for the SSL finale on Oct. 25. The Skippers will then close out the regular season with Patriot League teams Scituate and Hanover, on the 27th and 29th, respectively.

Despite the troublesome bent toward breakdowns, Leary still feels he's getting good individual play from several of his charges, among them midfielders Buick and Kevin Dismore, striker Ben Libby and the three man defensive unit of Jonathan Littauer, Sam McDonald and Trevor

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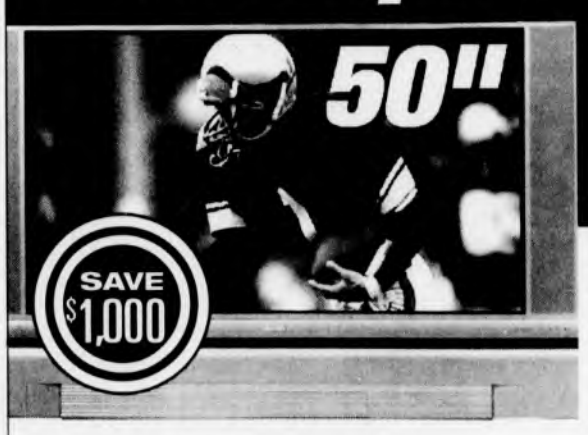
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BOYS SOCCER
5 lost to Mashpee, 2-1
13 @ Abington

GIRLS SOCCER
8 beat Holbrook, 3-1
13 Abington

FIELD HOCKEY
6 lost to Notre Dame, 1-0
7 lost to Carver, 3-2
12 lost to Westwood, 4-1
14 @ Harwich, 5:30 p.m.

GOLF
6 lost to Quincy, 29.5-24.5
12 beat Harwich, 28-26
13 @ Carver
14 Quincy
End of Regular season

Coming through in the clutch

FROM GOLFERS, PAGE 17

"Southers Marsh can be a tricky course," said the Skippers fourth year head coach a few hours before this match. "But our guys have played it before, and I think they know where the pitfalls are. I'm expecting some pretty good scores. If we play like we did (Tuesday(, we should be OK."

Indeed.

The first flight, or foursome, came in with Harwich up two points. Andy Walkley defeated Skippers number one golfer, Kevin Barber, 6-3, but Cohasset's Colin Magruder edged his counterpart, Austin Marsland, 5-4, to make it a 10-8 match.

It was the Skippers second flight that made up. Senior captain Tim Pilczak came up big out of the third spot, winning the medal with a score of 43 and capturing 5.5 holes from Sean Leach.

Chris Simms topped Jim Kelsey by the same score, 5.5-3.5, thanks to his smart round of 44.

This put the Skippers up two, 19-17, with just four golfers left on the course.

As it turned out, that final flight was a push. Senior Ricky Lordan (48) lost his head-to-head match-up to Brian St. Pierre, who matched Pilczak's 43 to win Harwich's medal shooting. However, Bouchard evened that slate with his own clutch 7-2 win.

"Mark came up big, but he wasn't the only one," said Sweeney. "The guys knew what was on the line here, and they came through."

With a win yesterday, the focus would shift immediately to next Tuesday's Division 3 South Sectional at the Wentworth Hill Golf & Country Club in Plainville.

The state Div. 3 championships will be played Monday, Oct. 25, at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton. A minimum of two teams from each sectional tourney will qualify for the state championships. If a sectional tourney has nine to 12 teams, three will qualify. If the field is 13-16, four will qualify. Five is the maximum number of qualifiers. The top 10 percent of individual scorers will also qualify for states.

11 teams had already qualified at the time of this writing, so there will be at least three qualifiers, and quite possibly a fourth.

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A swarm of Skippers surround Norwell's Alexandra Delferro in recent South Shore League battle.

Buzzards luck continues for field hockey

Consecutive one-goal losses eliminates Skippers from playoff contention

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

From a technical standpoint, the 2004 field hockey season has disappointed the hearts of the Skipper field hockey team. They stand at one win, eight losses and two ties.

In reality, the team has doggedly climbed up the ladder of play.

During early season games, the Skippers lost by wide margins. Now they give their opponents a serious run for their money….a very good sign for future seasons.

Take the October 6th game at Notre Dame Academy as just one example. The Skippers lost the skirmish, 1-0. Contrast this loss to their first outing when the Skippers collapsed in a 4-0 shutout.

In the most recent outing, strong performances from Mia Lieb-Lappen, Erin Liddel, and Katherine Whoriskey kept the Skippers in striking range of the Rebels. Aaron Bigley also protected the net well, stopping 12 of 13 shots.

Aside from a costly scuffle in the Cohasset circle, the Skippers matched the Rebels play for play.

"I was so impressed with everyone's performance," lauded Coach Deb Bostwick. "I told the girls that this should have been a 0-0 or 1-1 tie with the way they played."

Fullback Ellen Tarpey also showed enthusiasm about the team's performance.

"We worked very well as a team," she said. "Our defense really contained the Rebels well."

The very next day, the Skippers hosted the Carver Crusaders at Alumni Field. The adrenaline rushed, the fans cheered, and the teams battled it out, not unlike Kerry and Bush in the Presidential debate.

The speedy Crusaders struck first with a nifty reverse stick shot by Captain Lindsay Hobbs. The Skippers struck back without hesitation. Mia Lieb-Lappen fired a powerful cross to Erin Liddel who followed through with a very successful shot on the net.

Carver hit again when Stacey Bruns snuck a shot past the Skippers on the weak side. Cohasset quickly followed with yet another goal, this time by Brooke Allen from Katie James.

At the half, the score was knotted at two apiece.

"Keep playing with the effort, enthusiasm, and heart you are giving out there," Coach Bostwick told her team. "Follow directions, discipline yourselves, and use your skills to the best of your ability."

Both teams came out strong in the second half. Carver attained four offensive corners. Yet the Skipper defense iced every attempt.

With little time left in the game, Aaron Bigley skillfully deflected a Crusader shot. Unfortunately, the ref ruled Bigley batted the ball with his hand. If this were the NFL, Coach Bostwick probably would have asked for an instant replay.

As a result of the controversial call, the Crusaders received a penalty shot. Their top scorer, Lindsay Hobbs, took the shot and put the game away for Carver with a 3-2 final score.

Despite the heartbreaking ending, both teams walked of the field with pride.

"We played tough and Carver played tougher," remarked center forward Brooke Allen. "We played our hearts out. We came out pumped up for this game. Our fans could see the enthusiasm in our play."

These losses have mathematically eliminated the Skippers from entering the postseason MIAA tournament. Yet, the Skippers show no sign of giving up.

"When you aren't winning many games, it's hard to stay positive," said Coach Bostwick. "My players are not quitters, though. I know they will fight to the end, win or lose."

The Skippers hope to carry their energy level into the next match-ups with Westwood and powerhouse Harwich. Coach Bostwick plans to simply work hard in practice and hopes for the best on each game day. She remains confident her players will give their usual all.

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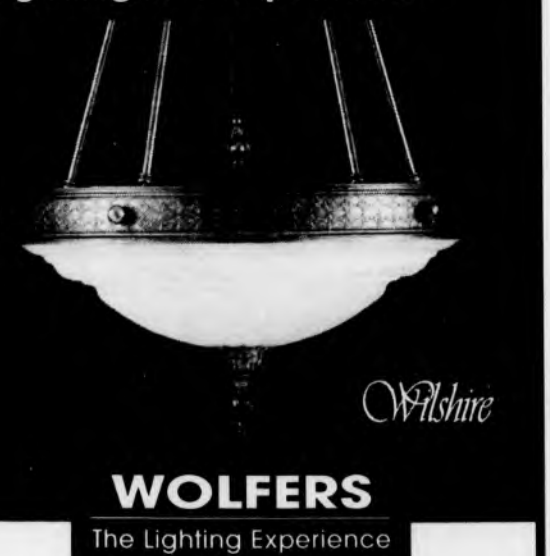
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CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Date nut bread should be loaded with date flavor, dense and moist, and studded with toasted nuts. Recipes are plentiful — what American cookbook doesn't include this classic — but a top-notch version of date nut bread is hard to find. One often ends up with nothing more than a quick bread with a few nuts and just a hint of dates.

The basic method is simple enough. Date nut bread contains flour, dates soaked in boiling water, toasted nuts, baking soda and/or powder, a fat (butter, shortening or oil), sugar (brown or white), one or two eggs, salt, vanilla, and perhaps some dairy such as buttermilk. The first item to nail down were the dates themselves. Two cups turned out to be just the right amount; any more and the bread became heavy and sticky. Next we made bread with dates that had not been soaked at all, dates that had been soaked without baking soda and dates that had been soaked in a water/baking soda solution. The best results came from the boiling water/baking soda soaked dates. The dates were softer and the bread had a deeper date flavor, which we definitely preferred.

For a nice-sized loaf you need to use about two cups of all-purpose flour; cake flour had insufficient strength (protein) to support the two cups of dates. The dates already had a teaspoon of baking soda in the soaking liquid but that wasn't enough to lift the loaf. We tried adding more soda as well as baking powder. We found that the addition of a teaspoon of baking powder produced a loaf that was dense — after all, date nut bread isn't supposed to be Wonder Bread — but not heavy.

We made date nut bread using melted butter, creamed butter, oil, or shortening. The oil and shortening offered up little flavor compared to the butter. Butter not only moistened, it added richness and pleasant flavor. As we have found before, it is easier to use melted butter in quick breads and the results are just as good as those recipes that call for creamed butter. We tested breads with anywhere from four to eight tablespoons and settled on six. The resulting date nut bread was moist but not greasy and had just enough butter flavor. Next, we tested sugars including granulated, light brown, dark brown, and even a touch of molasses. Right off the bat we felt the molasses competed with the date flavor. The granulated and light brown sugars didn't add enough color or flavor so we settled on 3/4 cup of packed dark brown sugar.

Of course the bread needed eggs. We tried using one or two eggs and liked the two-egg bread better. The bread was slightly more moist, rich and light. As for buttermilk, only one recipe used it but we preferred the cleaner flavor we achieved without it. As for the nuts, the logical candidates are walnuts or pecans and since we are not big fans of walnuts (they tend to be bitter) we chose pecans. We definitely preferred them toasted and one cup of coarsely chopped worked well. Salt was a must and we needed 1/2 teaspoon to round out the flavor. Vanilla turned out to be unnecessary.

As for baking, we tested 325, 350 and 375 degrees. The loaf with the nicest color, tallest crown, and best texture was pulled from the 350 degree oven. The date nut bread is dark, deep and date-packed with a toasty crunch from the pecans.

DATE NUT BREAD

This bread keeps beautifully (wrapped in plastic) for up to three days and is arguably better on day two as the flavors have mellowed. It is particularly delicious when served with a smear of softened cream cheese.

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled, plus additional butter for greasing the loaf pan
2 cups (10 ounces) unbleached all-purpose flour, plus additional for dusting the pan
1 cup pecans
1 cup boiling water
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups pitted whole dates, chopped coarse
3/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
2 large eggs
1/2 teaspoon table salt
1 teaspoon baking powder

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Lightly grease the bottom and sides of a 9- by 5-inch loaf pan with butter; dust with flour, tapping out the excess.

2. Spread the nuts on a baking sheet and place in oven until slightly darkened in color and fragrant, about eight minutes. Allow to cool, transfer to a cutting board and coarsely chop. Meanwhile, stir together the water, baking soda, and dates in a medium bowl. Cover and set aside until the dates have softened, about 20 to 30 minutes.

4. Stir the melted butter and sugar together in a medium bowl. Add the eggs and stir until combined. Stir in the date mixture until well combined. In a separate medium bowl, whisk together the flour, salt, baking powder, and nuts. Stir the butter/sugar/egg/date mixture into the flour mixture with a rubber spatula until just moistened. Scrape the batter into the prepared pan and smooth the surface with the rubber spatula.

5. Bake until dark brown and a skewer inserted in the center of the loaf comes out clean, 55 to 60 minutes, rotating the pan halfway through baking. Cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack and cool completely.

Makes one loaf.

You can contact writers Christopher Kimball and Jeanne Maguire at kitchendetective@bcpress.com. For free recipes and information about Cook;s Illustrated, log on t o <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Autumn is the season for planting

GREEN THUMBS UP



SUZANNE MAHLER

I was grateful that I heeded the weatherman's frost advisory. Coleus clippings are safely rooting indoors in pots of perlite and my garage and sunroom could be mistaken for greenhouses as they are overflowing with dozens of containers of tropical blooms, tomatoes, peppers and aromatic herbs. The plight of coleus plants in my borders is a sorry sight however, as once vibrantly-colored foliage lies limp and colorless. While neighbors who garden in coastal locales or sheltered areas may elude deadly chills until later in the month or even into November, the time grows short for performing many gardening tasks.

Each fall, I eagerly hunt for open spaces in my overgrown borders, hoping to find homes for the numerous perennials that remain unplanted and spots to tuck in just a few bulbs. No garden seems complete without a few patches of crocuses, daffodils or tulips and autumn is the season for planting these springtime miracles. Select the largest specimens of each type of bulb or in the case of daffodils, ones having multiple noses, as these will most likely produce more flowers of greater size. All bulbs prefer loose, porous soils with excellent drainage to prevent rotting during dormancy. Soils comprised of sandy loam are ideal. Additions of organic material, including peat moss or compost, will improve drainage in heavy soils. Raised beds may necessary in low, damp locales. Loosen and prepare the soil prior to planting so the roots of the bulbs can develop easily.

While bulbs contain all the nutrients they require to flower the first year, to continue healthy growth and flowering, bulbs need phosphorus, a mineral that moves very slowly through the soil. To ensure its availability in future seasons, mix a teaspoon of superphosphate or bulb booster in the soil at the bottom of the planting hole. Although bone meal serves as an alternative, organic source of this nutrient, you may wish to avoid its use as animals often detect its scent and dig up your newly planted bulbs.

Plant most spring-flowering bulbs at a depth three times their diameter at the widest point. Be sure to read labels for recommended planting depths and keep a ruler handy while planting to ensure reasonable accuracy. The majority of spring-flowering bulbs are best planted in clumps or drifts rather than isolated or in single rows like marching soldiers. I prefer to use a shovel to dig one large hole for each grouping, loosening the soil in the bottom of the hole and spacing the bulbs within that hole. Be sure to firm the soil and water well immediately after planting.

While many of the minor bulbs like snowdrops, crocuses, and scillas are ideal for the front of the border, I have found it advantageous in recent years to plant late blooming tulips and daffodils toward the middle of the bed. The majority of our spring bulbs sprout, flower and begin to decline before many other perennials have barely emerged and as the bulb foliage begins to yellow and fade, the leaves of the expanding perennials conceal the unsightly, yet critical, ripening leaves of the bulbs. Daylilies are especially good companions for bulbs as their slender, arching foliage gracefully shrouds the curing bulbs and fills the voids left once the bulbs go completely dormant later in the season.

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Autumn is the preferred season to transplant or divide herbaceous peonies. These long-lived perennials rarely require division but are easily propagated should you wish to establish new clumps. Plants which fail to produce flower buds may be planted too deeply, receive insufficient sunlight or may be starved of nutrients due to excessive root competition from nearby plants or soil depletion over many years. If you wish to divide your clumps, lift the entire plant and air dry until the soil can be carefully brushed away from the tree-like roots to reveal their reddish-pink buds, referred to as "eyes". Use a sharp knife to cut through the roots and produce divisions containing at least 3 to 5 eyes to ensure flowering the following spring.

Peonies prefer a deep, rich, well-drained loam generously amended with organic matter. The addition of superphosphate will promote a strong root system and maximize flower production. They perform best in sunny locations but can tolerate light shade. Planting depth is critical to ensure blooms in subsequent years. The pink eyes should be facing upward at a depth no more than 1 to 2 inches below the surface. Gently tamp the soil and water well. Apply an airy mulch after the ground freezes to prevent heaving during the first winter.

Take advantage of great fall sales at our local nurseries to add choice trees, shrubs and potted perennials to your landscape. Until the ground freezes, the majority of these plants can still be successfully introduced. Be sure to water all fall plantings several times a week until the ground freezes.

As our plants enter dormancy and inevitable frosty evenings turn the foliage of delicate annuals black, the glorious yellows, golds, oranges and reds of spectacular fall foliage unfold. Take time to enjoy the colorful splendor of the autumn landscape.

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.5-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years. Her weekly gardening column 'Green Thumbs Up' has appeared in the Mariner newspapers for nearly a decade. She is a member of two local garden clubs, past President of the New England Daylily Society, an overseer for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and is employed at two garden centers.

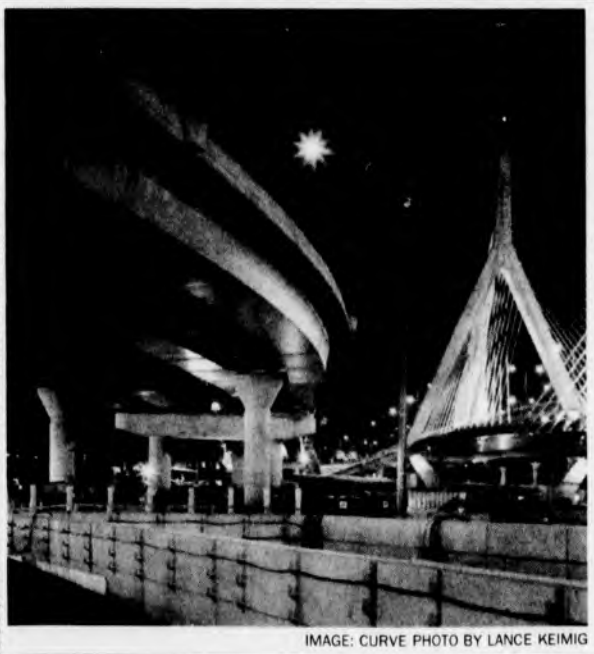


IMAGE: CURVE PHOTO BY LANCE KEIMIG

Black and white darkroom classes at the South Shore Art Center

Award-winning photographer Lance Keimig is teaching two photography classes this fall at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. Both classes will explore black and white darkroom techniques. Introduction to Black and White Darkroom will show students how to process their own film and make prints on variable contrast resin-coated paper. This 10 week course will give students the necessary foundation for further exploration of the darkroom. Beyond the Basics-Black and White Darkroom is aimed at expanding artistic control of the final print and an introduction to more sophisticated techniques and materials. For this class students should have recent darkroom experience. The Art Center has a darkroom that is available for the use of experienced members for a minimal fee.

Reservations are required 24 hours in advance.

Introduction to Black and White Darkroom meets Tuesdays, Oct. 19 to Dec. 7, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., $205 (includes lab fee), Beyond the Basics-Black and White Darkroom meets Wednesdays, Oct. 20 to Dec. 15, 6:30 to 9:30, $205 (includes lab fee)

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Cohasset Homecoming King and Queen, Christine Lovallo and Tim Pilczak, are all smiles as they are announced during the homecoming game at Cohasset Middle High School on Oct. 1.



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A radiant Homecoming Queen Christine Lovallo is surrounded by family and friends at the Oct. 1 game.

PAC PROGRAMS

The Cohasset Parent Advisory Council is sponsoring the following programs:

• 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 2, Osgood School library, 210 Sohier St. Meet the New Director of Student Services, Linda Gill, who will share her view points, experiences and vision regarding special education in the Cohasset. The program is open to all and is free of charge.

• 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 9 at middle-high school cafeteria. Having trouble juggling your homework? This workshop is open to students, grades 6-8 and their parents. The workshop is presented by Paula Cocce M.Ed., learning specialist, who is a senior lecturer in the Program for the Advancement of Learning (PAL) at Curry College. PAL is the nation0s premier support program for college students with learning disabilities. Her research focus is on reading and study skills, metacognition and motivation in students.

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Docket No. 04-E-0165

On June 23, 2004 plaintiff(s) filed in this court a Petition to Quiet Title, with prayers concerning:

Title to certain real property located in the Town of Haverhill, New Hampshire described as Lot 23, Section One (1) as shown on a plan recorded in the Grafton County Registry of Deeds at Book 1083, Page 49

The original pleading is available for inspection at the office of the Clerk, Grafton Superior Court, Grafton County Courthouse, 3785 Dartmouth College Highway, N. Haverhill, NH.

The Court has entered the following order(s):

Service to be made by publication of this citation once a week for three successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Cohasset, MA, the last publication to be no later than Nov. 22, 2004.

Defendant(s) shall file a written Appearance Form with the Clerk of this Court on or before December 7, 2004 or be found in DEFAULT. Defendant(s) shall also file by January 6, 2005 a plea, answer or demurrer and deliver a copy to the plaintiff(s) attorney, or plaintiff, if unrepresented. Failure to do so may result in issuance of orders in this matter which may affect you without your input.

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BUSINESS NOTES

Area children in 'Read to Ride'

Area children read 6,353 books in seven weeks during Dependable Cleaners' Sixth Annual "Read to Ride" summer reading incentive program. The program rewarded 21 children, ages 6 to 15, with new bicycles and helmets. Numerous runners-up also received prizes ranging from tickets to area attractions to bookstore gift certificates and educational coloring books from Clare's Coloring Cottage (www.coloringcottage.com).

For six years in a row, "Read to Ride" has successfully promoted literacy by encouraging children to read during the summer months, with the opportunity to win exciting prizes. The program's success is due in large part to the participation of many local schools, libraries and youth clubs throughout the South Shore and Boston.

"We had an overwhelming response to the program again this year," said Dependable Cleaners president Christa Hagearty of Cohasset. "This summer we saw the program come full-circle. Many of the 2004 "Read to Ride" entrants were the younger siblings of previous winners. This means that entire families are participating in the excitement of "Read to Ride." Congratulations to all the winners and the runners-up."

"Read to Ride" is sponsored by Dependable Cleaners in conjunction with Anderson Bicycle, Farina's Bicycle Center, The Patriot Ledger, WBZ 1030AM and Radio Disney. Entry forms were made available at all 17 Dependable Cleaners locations throughout the South Shore and Boston, as well as at Anderson Bicycle, Farina's Bicycle Center, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and Storybook Cove in Hanover. Visit www.dependablecleaners.com for a list of this year's winners.

Cohasset Stop & Shop helps kids fight cancer

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company announced that the Cohasset Stop & Shop store raised $25,000 as part of the 14th annual Triple Winner Game. The $25,000 is part of the $4 million raised in Stop & Shop stores across Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire to benefit The Jimmy Fund and the Stop & Shop Pediatric Brain Tumor Clinic.

The Triple Winner Game is a scratch card promotion in which every ticket is an instant winner, offering prizes of a free product, gift certificate or cash prize up to $10,000. Throughout the summer, store associates sold $1 Triple Winner Game tickets at the checkout.

To date, the Triple Winner program has raised more than $28 million to support childhood cancer research and search for a cure. The program remains the single largest fundraising promotion for The Jimmy Fund.

Linden Ponds seeks to employ students

Linden Ponds, a campus for people 62 years of age or better currently under development in Hingham, is looking to hire more than 50 students to work in the dining services department.

"We always hire students first," said Marisa Kelley, Student Staff Development Manager, Linden Ponds. "What better way for them to learn than in a hands-on environment. They also get to interact on a daily basis with a generation much different than their own."

The students will work in the Fireside restaurant and the Harbor Café where they will wait on and bus tables. They could also work in the kitchen at a dessert station, in the dishwasher room and on food preparation. They can also apply for a cook's assistant position.

"I am so excited to start working at Linden Ponds," said Stephanie McIntyre, senior at Hingham High School. "This experience will allow me to build my resume and I look forward to meeting my co-workers and the people moving to Linden Ponds."

Many students will also have the opportunity to become Peer Trainers or Service Coaches. Once accepted, after they interview for the position, they will train new student employees. Peer Trainers also attend and participate in monthly trainings for Peer Trainers, act as a voice among peers to appropriately channel ideas, recommendations and/or concerns and they assist in planning quarterly social events for student staff. The applicants must demonstrate a strong work ethic, competency in work tasks, strong leadership abilities especially among peers, they must be friendly and service oriented towards residents, etc.

Students can also become eligible for The Linden Ponds Scholarship Fund by completing 1000 hours of work at Linden Ponds over a consecutive two-year period. Students who are eligible receive $4,000 over four years of College. The money is dispersed directly to their school in $500-per-semester increments, for a maximum of eight semesters or four years.

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Peter Forman named next Chamber of Commerce CEO

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— Peter Forman


Peter Forman

Peter Forman is excited to be the next president and chief executive officer of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, a Quincy-based association of 2,200 businesses serving communities south of Boston.

"It's a great opportunity," he said. "This is an exceptional organization. What sets it apart is its clear sense of purpose. It has a reputation for creativity and political savvy and is made up of some wonderful people. They're not just business people. They're local leaders who happen to be in business and want to create a better life for everyone in the region."

Forman, a former Plymouth County sheriff and minority leader of the state House of Representatives, will take over leadership of the largest chamber of commerce in eastern Massachusetts on Jan. 1.

"I'm not coming in with a set agenda of what the top priorities and problems are," he said. "I expect to be here for many years, and I'm going to do some listening and learning."

Forman will succeed Hingham's Ronald Zooleck, who has led the organization for 27 years and announced in January that he would step aside at the end of the year.

"Peter offers an impressive public policy record, a management background, and a familiarity with the issues facing the South Shore," Zooleck said.

"Ron has built a strong, financially sound organization with a large membership base, a core of active and engaged volunteer business leaders, and a long record of success," said James McDonough, chairman of the board of directors. "Peter is the right person to carry on that tradition."

The chamber of commerce worked with a national search consultant who identified a pool of more than 100 candidates.

"The board of directors has spent a great deal of time over the last six months looking at the mission of the chamber," McDonough said. "Advocacy for business and the region is of paramount importance."

Forman represented Plymouth in the state House of Representatives from 1981 to 1995. From 1991 to 1995, he was the Republican floor leader.

He served as sheriff of Plymouth County from 1995 to 2000. During that time, he was the chief executive of a 1,400 bed correctional facility and managed the 450-employee sheriff's department.

In 2000, he returned to Beacon Hill as undersecretary of administration and finance and was chief of staff to acting Gov. Jane Swift from 2001 to 2002, managing her responsibilities during her extended maternity leave.

"I have worked with Ron and the chamber on issues for more than 20 years," Forman said. "Ron has been able to leverage the strength of this chamber to build statewide coalitions on behalf of business. I am looking forward to building on the success that Ron has created."

He added, "The chamber was specifically looking for someone grounded in public policy. I love public policy. One of the roles of the chamber, which represents so many towns in the region, requires consensus building and trying to get people to reach common ground on a number of issues. That's what people in public life do. My background of having been an elected official lends itself to that."

Since he left government, Forman has been engaged in the management of National Facility Services, Inc., a maintenance firm in Boylston where he is vice president for business development.

Forman lives in Plymouth with his wife and three children.

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Scituate house tour benefits the Erdman Family School

The Friends and Families of Erdman Family School in Scituate present the 2004 Harvest House Tour Fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine.

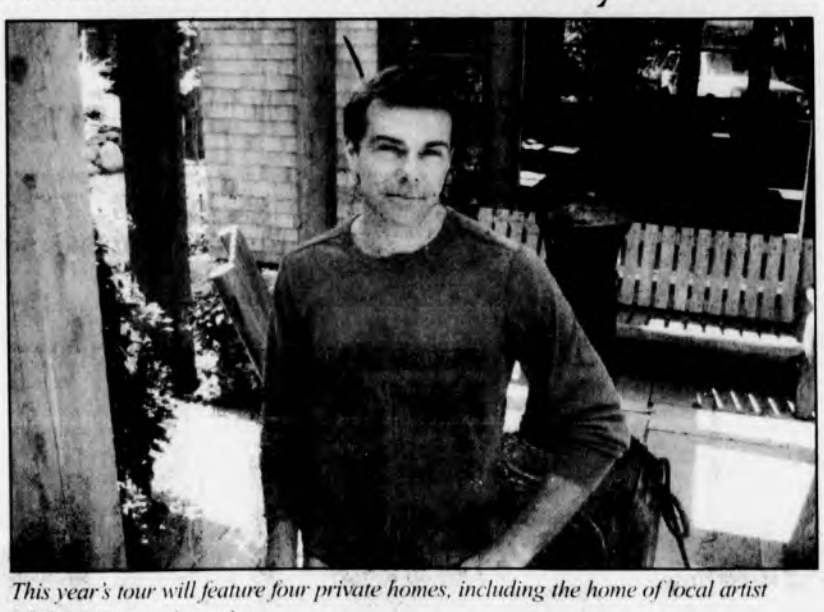
All tour participants will spend an autumn day visiting some of the most unique and beautiful homes in Scituate. Participants will also be able to sample the delicious harvest fare at each home prepared by the family and friends of Erdman.

Entirely volunteer organized and run, the Harvest House Tour is the school's largest fundraiser. Everyone is getting involved from Erdman parents, friends, past Erdman parents, grandparents, and many local businesses. The spirit of community is evident and flourishing.

This year's tour will feature four private homes, including the home of local artist Michael Coyne. Built in early 1900s as a Sears Craftsman bungalow, the Coyne house is situated in a beautifully landscaped yard complete with a butterfly garden bed, shade gardens, stone walls and walkways, patios and a greenhouse. The outdoors is truly brought indoors with the help of multiple screened and open porches, as well as fourteen skylights throughout the house. The use of wood in the cathedral pine beamed ceilings, fir wood floors with radiant heat, custom pine built-ins and even a custom-made wooden bed designed by the homeowner, all work to create a sense of harmony with nature.

As an added bonus, the day of the Harvest House Tour coincides with the opening of Coyne's newly completed art studio adjacent to the house. House Tour participants will have a unique opportunity to tour this studio for the first time and view original oil landscape paintings for sale.

Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 on tour day. They are available by mail and also at A Matter of Taste, Coffee Corner, Earth Tones Salon, Front Street Book Shop, Funtastics, Harbor Scoops, Satuit Hardware, Scituate Racquet and Fitness, The Cohasset Yoga Center, The Welch Co., and The Village Greenery.



This year's tour will feature four private homes, including the home of local artist Michael Coyne, shown here.

To order tickets by mail send a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a check for the number of tickets needed to: Erdman Family School, 330 First Parish Road, Scituate, MA 02066. Mark the envelope "House Tour".

Tickets on tour day will be sold at any of the houses or at Erdman Family School. Participants are welcome to start at any of the tour houses. Please no cameras, small children, pets or high-heels in the homes. For more information, please visit erdmanpreschool.org/events or contact Beth at 781-544-0094 or Compson@comcast.net.

All proceeds raised will benefit Erdman Family School's playground, a community asset for children and parents who play there. The school held a raffle last year and its proceeds netted a huge swing and tire set for the playground.

The Erdman Family School was established in 1971 to provide an enriching and creative educational experience for young children. It has grown from a school for eight children, begun by Margaret Erdman in her home, to a school serving over 100 families in Scituate and neighboring communities. The School is a non-profit organization and does not discriminate in providing services to children or their families on the basis of race, religion, cultural heritage, national origin, political beliefs, gender, marital status or disabilities.

IT'S HAPPENING



Cohasset native in Conservatory opera

When South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay presents a very special production of Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro," Cohasset native Meredith Hansen Skinner will be among the cast.

Directed by Artistic Director Beth MacLeod and Associate Director Beth Canterbury, this "reduced" version of "The Marriage of Figaro" (cut from four to two hours) is the company's first foray into a major mainstream opera, and provides an opportunity for the four-year-old adult opera troupe to spread its wings and grow as an opera company. The production runs Saturday, Nov. 6 in Hingham and on Sunday, Nov. 7 in Duxbury.

South Shore audiences will delight as they experience Mozart's popular opera, a light and humorous tale of courtly antics in 18th century Spain. With lavish period costumes and four different settings, "The Marriage of Figaro" is an ambitious production, but one that the singers of Opera by the Bay are eager to undertake, and that audiences will surely enjoy.

The cast features singers from Cambridge to the South Shore, including many who have become familiar to Opera by the Bay audiences. Pianist Vincent Planès accompanies the singers.

"The Marriage of Figar" will be presented at the Conservatory, on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham, and on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St. in Duxbury. Thirty minutes prior to each performance, Artistic Director Beth MacLeod will present a lively talk about the production. Tickets, at $20 for adults and $15 for students and seniors, may be purchased through the Conservatory offices, 781-749-7565, ext. 10 in Hingham, and 781-934-2731, ext. 10 in Duxbury. Mastercard and Visa are accepted. For more information, please call Beth MacLeod, 781-934-2731, ext. 20.

'Images of Cohasset' focus of society talk

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, the Cohasset Historical Society will present the second in its series of fall lectures. Historian David Wadsworth will give a slide and lecture program entitled "Images of Cohasset: Beyond Arcadia". The number of pictures from Cohasset's past far outnumbered the space available in the book. David will blend images from the Arcadia book with photo's that could not be included in a program that promises to bring back wonderful memories and snippets of our own special history.

This event, which starts at 7:30 p.m., will take place at the Historical Society headquarters at the Pratt Building, 106 North Main Street. The lecture, open to both members and non-members, is free of charge and light refreshment will be served.

Michael Tougias is special dinner guest

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and fall dinner on Oct. 24 at the Cohasset Harbor Inn. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cash bar followed by a buffet dinner.

The speaker for the evening will be author Michael Tougias who will give a slide and lecture presentation on "King Phillips Indian War in New England". Tougias will discuss the Indian way of life, Colonial settlements and the events leading up to the war as well as the battles and strategies employed during this disastrous conflict.

Tougias is the author of 15 books about New England's history and natural history and received recognition by the Independent Publishers when his book "There's a Porcupine In My Outhouse" was named "Best Nature Book of 2003".

The cost of the dinner and lecture is $31 for Historical Society members and $36 for non-members. The buffet dinner will consist of mixed green salad, herb roasted chicken with a garlic herbed jus, penne pasta with a plum tomato sauce and cheese, seasonal fresh vegetable and apple crisp with vanilla ice cream for dessert. Also included is a cheese and fruit platter to start and coffee or tea.

Reservations should be made prior to Oct. 15 by calling the Historical Society headquarters at 781-383-1168. Checks, payable to the Cohasset Historical Society, may be mailed to The Cohasset Historical Society, P.O. Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025. Please include your name, phone number and address as well as the number of attendees. Since this is a buffet dinner, no menu selection is required.

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HSO performs both Masterworks concerts this season in Derby Academy's new Larson Hall, located just outside of Hingham Square. Audience members appreciate the intimate, comfortable, acoustically excellent concert hall that provides a first-class listening environment within easy access from home.

Before the concert, at 7:30, ticket-holders may join Jin Kim for a seminar on the music they are about to hear. With anecdotes and insight, and musical illustrations, he explains what to listen for and brings the times and thinking of the composer to life. After the concert, audience members are invited to stay for a dessert reception catered by Feeding Friends, to meet the musicians and mingle with friends and supporters of the HSO.

HSO is composed of the best young professional musicians in the Boston area and is proud to present a gifted young cellist as guest soloist for Opening Night. Daniel Lee, a protégé of the great cellist Rostropovich, has won acclaim as a soloist with many major symphony orchestras, including Baltimore, Cleveland and Philadelphia. The recipient of the 2001 Avery Fisher Career Grant, Lee plays a Carlo Tononi cello made in 1725. He will perform Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme, composed in homage to Mozart. The program opens with Elgar's Introduction and Allegro for solo string quartet and orchestra, and closes with Schumann's radiant Symphony No. 3.

Tickets at $30 adults, $20 seniors, and $10 youth through age 18 are available in advance at Hingham and Weymouth Main Libraries, La Petite Maison and Noble's, Hingham Square, Buttonwood Books Cohasset, Marsh's Liquors in Norwell, and Front Street Book Shop in Scituate. For more information about the HSO's 12-concert season, visit the web site at www.hinghamsymphony.org, or call the office at 781-740-5694.

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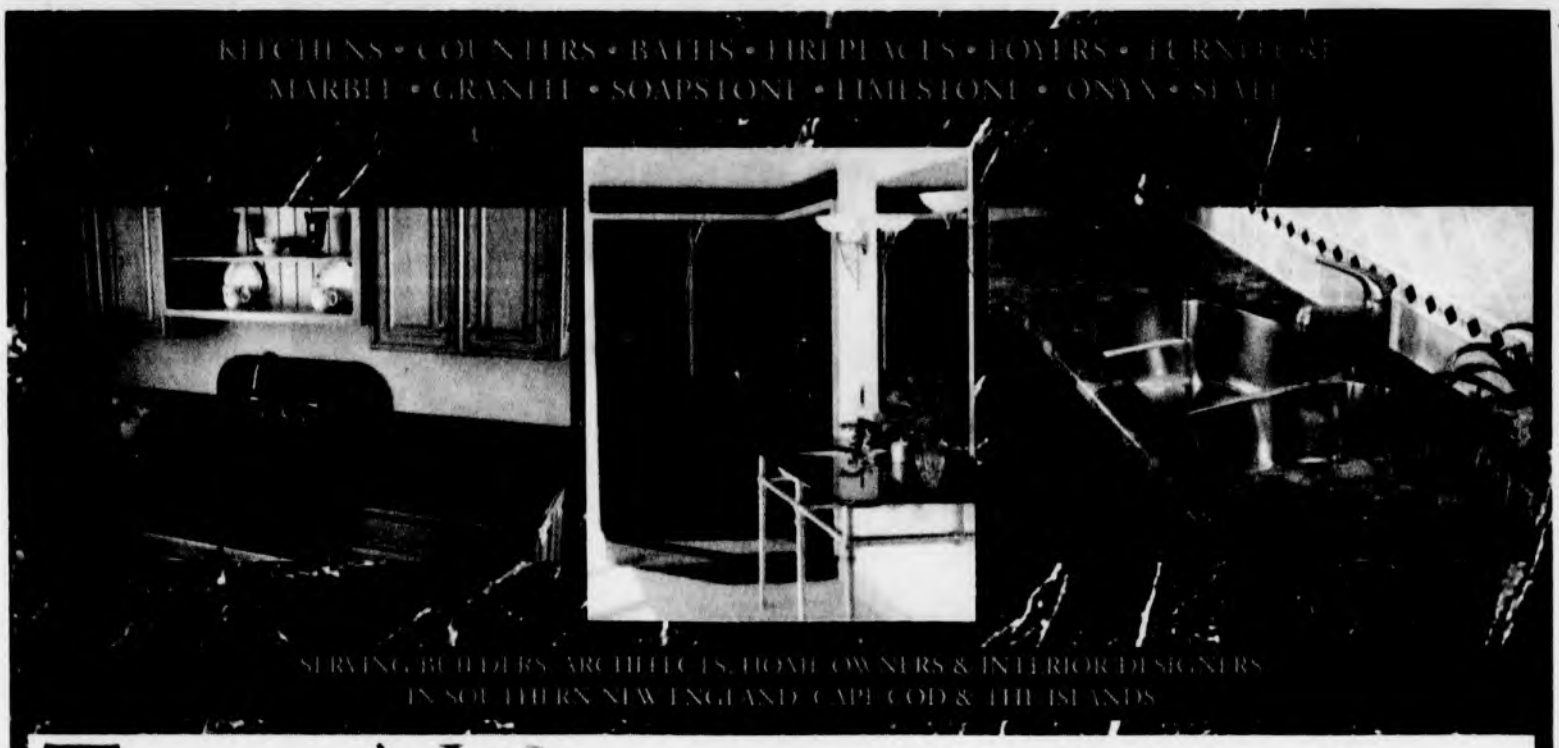
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, OCT. 1

10:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:34 p.m. **South Main St.,** officer wanted, investigated, report taken.

1:45 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** investigation, services rendered.

3:50 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital, advanced life support.

4:58 p.m. **Smith Place**, animal control.

5:05 p.m. **Doane St.**, registration inquiry.

5:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Road**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:35 p.m. **Pond St.,** medical aid, patient signoff.

9:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:37 p.m. **Oak St.,** noise complaint, peace restored.

10:55 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

11:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St.**, motor vehicle crash, verbal warning.

11:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, tree down.

11:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, wires down.

11:35 p.m. **Sohier St.,** open door/window.

SATURDAY, OCT. 2

2:04 a.m. **Elm St.,** noise complaint.

7:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** registration inquiry.

9:38 a.m. **South main St.,** motor vehicle crash, no fire service necessary.

10:39 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, fire, investigation.

12:01 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, motor vehicle crash, transported to South Shore Hospital.

1:47 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, medical aid.

2:27 p.m. **North Main St.,** fire.

2:58 p.m. **Elm St.,** assault, patient signoff.

4:15 p.m. **Pond St.,** medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital, advanced life support.

7:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.**, animal control.

9:42 p.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop.

10:46 p.m. **Elm St.,** noise complaint.

SUNDAY, OCT. 3

12:46 a.m. **Pleasant St.,** open door/window.

12:53 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** general services.

1:29 a.m. **King St.,** general services.

5:28 a.m. **Gammons Road,** officer wanted.

9:21 a.m. **Oak St.,** medical aid, investigated, report taken.

12:44 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, animal control.

1:11 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** animal control.

2:08 p.m. **West Gate Lane**, disturbance.

3:04 p.m. **Jerusalem and Howe roads**, motor vehicle crash, patient signoff.

6:06 p.m. **Border St.,** motor vehicle crash.

11:01 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** general information.

MONDAY, OCT. 4

3:27 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, noise complaint, area search negative.

6:54 a.m. **Jerusalem Road Drive**, fire, log entry information.

9:03 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, disturbance. Arrest of John Delaney, 53, 595 Jerusalem Road. Charge: Assault.

9:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, MV stop, citation.

12:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, lost property, investigated.

2:01 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, lost property, investigated.

4:25 p.m. **Hull Police HQ,** animal control.

4:45 p.m. **North Main St.**, general services.

6:01 p.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted, investigated.

TUESDAY, OCT. 5

12:55 a.m. **Cedar St.**, open door/window.

3:02 a.m. **King St.**, open door/window.

3:34 a.m. **South Main St.**, general services.

4:08 a.m. **South Main St.**, general services. Summons of Gregory J. Baker, 34, 76 East Druid Hill, A City Road, Randolph. Charge: Uninsured MV.

6:51 a.m. **Jerusalem Road Drive**, fire, entry log.

12:52 p.m. **Stanton Road**, larceny.

4 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** MV crash, investigated.

4:23 p.m. **North Main St.**, vandalism, investigated.

11:13 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

11:52 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, assist citizen.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

1:50 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious/other.

7:05 a.m. **Pond St.**, assist citizen.

7:20 a.m. **King St.**, burglary, B&E, investigated.

9:44 a.m. **Border St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH.

10:35 a.m. **King St.**, fire, inspections.

11 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, fire, inspections.

11:27 a.m. **Red Fox Lane**, assist citizen.

12:13 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH.

1:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported to SSH.

2:43 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH.

3:14 p.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted.

5:06 p.m. **Wood Way**, medical aid, transported to SSH.

6:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported to SSH.

10:58 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

THURSDAY, OCT. 7

12:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, MV stop, verbal warning.

3:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, MV stop, verbal warning.

5:05 a.m. **Atlantic Avenue**, general information, log entry.

7:33 a.m. **North Main St.**, found property.

7:45 a.m. **Pond St.**, MV crash, area search negative.

9:45 a.m. **Forest Ave and Jerusalem Road**, fire, inspections.

1:04 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious/other.

4:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported to SSH.

4:35 p.m. **King St.**, MV crash, transported to SSH.

8:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal control.

8:45 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious/other.

FRIDAY, OCT. 8

12:31 a.m. **King St.**, open door/window.

12:42 a.m. **King St.**, MV stop, verbal warning.

7:02 a.m. **Jerusalem Road and Howe Road**, MV stop, citation.

7:24 a.m. **Cedar St.**, disturbance.

10 a.m. **Oak St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH.

11:59 a.m. **Summer St.**, missing person.

1:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny.

3:03 p.m. **Cedar St.,** threats to do bodily harm.

11 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, general services.

SATURDAY, OCT. 9

12:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property found.

1:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, general services.

2:16 a.m. **King St.**, open door/window.

3:17a.m. **Fernway**, officer wanted.

7:25 a.m. **Cedar St.**, disturbance.

9:30 a.m. **Hill St.**, animal control.

9:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist other police department.

10:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported to SSH.

10:21 a.m. **North Main St.**, fire, investigation.

12:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal control, no police service necessary.

1:03 p.m. **Hull St.**, vandalism.

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Raise a glass of Mexico's famed liquor in Tequila

By KERRY PURCELL



Ismael Gama exposes a pina from the bottom of a blue agave plats. He has worked in the agave fields since he was 9.



Mariachis and a young lassoer perform for tours at the Jose Cuervo distiliery.

TEQUILA, Mexico — Come on, you need a Tequila break. Not a Saturday night full of firewater shooters at your local dive bar but a visit to this city, located 40 miles outside of Guadalajara in the state of Jalisco. Here companies produce 80 percent of the world's tequila and they welcome interested imbibers. My editor sent me here because she said she knew I could handle my booze. This part of Mexico is the kind of place that gets you hooked. Small villages, beautiful fields of blue agave (the cactuslike plant from which tequila is made), sugar cane and corn line the antiquated roads (think lots of potholes). Our small group of journalists traveling by bumpy bus passed farm animals, including an amorous pair of cattle, romping in the rough. And then there's the tequila. If you taste, instead of swill, the potent liquor you can appreciate subtle differences between varieties, like with fine wines, cognacs or scotches. To learn more, we visited the Jose Cuervo and Centinela distilleries. There, workers take pinas, the bottom of the blue agave plant, cook them and take the liquid, distill it, age it in barrels and bottle it. Jose Cuervo is located in a volcanic valley in Tequila where the soil is dark, sticky and gives the final product herbal notes. The distillery has almost 7,000 acres of blue agave that color the landscape a bluish-gray. A visit to the distillery includes a tasting, a mariachi band and a father/son duo demonstrating their lasso skills.

Soil in the highlands of Tequila, where Centinella is located, is reddish, has a large clay component and is richer in minerals, producing larger pinas and fruitier tequilas. After our distillery tour, we had a tasting at Hacienda El Carmen Hotel & Spa in Ahualulco, about 40 miles from Tequila, where we were offered six samples, in tall wine glasses no less. It was a bit daunting at first but I knew I could conquer the sea of tequila in front of me. We tried 100 percent tequila, which is all agave sugar, and regular tequila, which is 51 percent agave sugar and 49 percent other sugar. Frankly, I couldn't tell the difference. A representative from the Tequila Regulatory Council told us it's a matter of personal preference, one is not better than the other. As with other liquors, the cooking process, fermentation, distillation and storage differences create unique personalities for brands and varieties. Whether you choose a newborn batch called a Blanco, a Joven (unaged with cane sugar or caramel added), a Reposado tequila (aged for two to 12 months in wooden barrels), or an Anejo (aged for one or more years in oak barrels), it's all about what tastes best to you. Home base for our Tequila exploration was the Hilton in Guadalajara ($119 to $159 per night), where the water was purified, the hotel had a business center and the rooms were standard.



Bottles of Mexican tequila.

But we also spent time at the Hacienda El Carmen, where the scenery includes mountains and roaming peacocks ($100 to $269 per night; spa packages also available). It was nice to get a feel for both the city and country. With seven years of Spanish under my belt, I felt the need to use my rusty skills, although almost all the hotels' employees spoke English. A little Spanish goes a long way here, helping you navigate the crafts markets and read menus at local restaurants. Knowing the basics is a good thing, and that includes the basics of tequila drinking. The most traditional way to drink tequila is to take it straight, or "derecho," accompanied by lemon and salt, but young locals also suggested mixing tequila with cola for a "charro negro" or grapefruit soda and salt to make "la paloma."

If you go TEQUILA FESTIVAL: From Nov. 30 to Dec. 12, the entire state of Jalisco celebrates its annual Tequila Festival with parades, fireworks, rodeo events, mariachis and tastings in various towns and cities.

ACCOMMODATIONS: For Hilton reservations, call 800-HILTONS or go to www.guadalajarahilton.com.mx; for Hacienda El Carmen, go to www.haciendaelcarmen.com.mx .GETTING AROUND: You can rent a car at Guadalajara Don Miguel Hidalgo International Airport ($170/weekend, standard size automatic transmission and air conditioning, from National Car Rental www.nationalcar.com). But if you'd rather explore the bottom of a bottle, the Tequila Express (www.tequilaexpress.com.mx) travels every Saturday from Guadalajara to the Hacienda de San Jose del Rufugio tequila distillery. The party train celebrates the national beverage with a free bar, a mariachi band, appetizers, dancing and historical information. Tickets are sold through the Guadalajara branch of the National Chamber of Commerce. FOR MORE INFORMATION: Go to www.visitmexico.com

Arts, nature charm guests in trio of small towns

By KERRY PURCELL
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — In addition to Tequila, we traveled to three towns surrounding Guadalajara — Chapala, Tlaquepaque and Tonala. Each holds quaint Mexican charm and is easy to get to by highway. Chapala, 45 minutes from Guadalajara, is home to Lake Chapala, which is larger than the Dead Sea but shrinking by the minute. The pretty town has brightly painted boats roped to a pier and streets filled with pushcart salespeople. Most items were of the tchotchkes variety, so I opted to save my pesos for bottles of tequila. Tlaquepaque was a popular summer spot for wealthy Mexicans in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Today, most of the mansions along Independencia and Juarez streets house shops and galleries full of local artists' works. In the center of town you'll find El Parian, an open-air lounge that brings music, food, drink and handicrafts together in one place. Locals and tourists alike flock to the venue for the roaming mariachis who take requests. The town of Tonala ("the place where the sun rises") is known for traditional crafts. Strolling through the back alleys, we saw a family painting pottery in a method followed for seven generations and glass blowers demonstrating their technique. It's a great place to pick up some artisanal work. I, of course, bought a few handblown shot glasses to accommodate the many requests for tequila.



The back streets of the town of Tonala hold works of art and small town souvenirs.

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Thurs. Oct. 14

The Bay State Historical League on Oct. 14, from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the **Hull Lifesaving Museum,** 1117 Nantasket Avenue in Hull, for the inaugural Bay State Roundtable. Admission is free. Registration fee for the VSA arts Conference is $20 and reservations are recommended. Contact Corinne Leung at 781-925-5433 information._www.lifesaving-museum.org

The Glastonbury Series - Listening to Other Voices: The Roots That Feed Us How stories of our past continue to give meaning and direction to our present. Oct. 14, 7:15 p.m. with Dr. Mark Burrows, professor of Andover Newton Theological School. His theme is Poetry as a Path to Wisdom and Contemplation. Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center. 781-749-2155 x243 stantonc@glastonburyabbey.org

A Taste of the Town Oct. 14, 7 p.m. in the ball room at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth. This fundraiser will benefit the library,. Specialties will be served by 20 restaurants and caterer's and over 40 different wines from around the world can be tasted. Tickets are $40 call Marianna or Donna at 508 830-4250. Reservations will be held at the door.

Forbes House Museum, 15 Adams St., Milton, presents **Civil War Circle to Explore the Generals Within the fascinating history of the Civil War,** the military leaders on both sides have commanded much study, and the Civil War Circle, a history discussion group sponsored by the Forbes House Museum, will explore some of the period's generals at its second meeting of the season, Thursday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. 617-696-1815.

Rogers & Hamerstein's The King and I starring **Sandy Duncan** and directed by **Baayrok Lee** comes to **The Wang Theatre**, Oct. 12-17. Call Telecharge at 1-800-447-7400 or visit the box office at 270 Tremont St., Boston or visit www.telecharge.com

Attention All Singers The Second Annual Messiah - Sing will be held on Nov. 21. Rehearsals will begin on Oct. 7, at Pilgrim church from 7 to 8:15 p.m. .All singers are welcome members of this chorus need not be affiliated with any other choir. Cathy Morrison at 781-934-6591.

North Quincy Alumni Theatre presents: Fredrick Knott's **Wait Until Dark** Oct. 7,8,9, and 14, 15, 16. North Quincy High School Black Box Theatre 316 Hancock St. Quincy. www.nqat.com Tickets - $12 Adults, $10 Seniors and Students Box Office: 617-769-0232

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, located at 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, will open its eighth annual **Sea & Sky Art Show**. This year will mark the first Sea & Sky to include both a juried and non-juried show through Oct. 31. Tickets are $20 members, $25 non-members.

Jimbo's Boston – Every Thursday night Contemporary Jazz Rhythm & Blues Cover $10 at door- $7 with student ID.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfk-library.org

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodand-spirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree, Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

Because We Remember: Living with Loss, Oct. 14, 21, 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. 4 Seaport Drive, North Quincy, Facilitated by Karen Flood $49 for three-part Workshop — Advance Registration Required Reflection, writing and sharing with others are powerful means for finding and making meaning in life. This workshop acknowledges participants' experiences of loss by contemplating what has passed, what was brought to their lives and what they need now.*BWR* is noninvasive and respectful of privacy; all activities are voluntary and confidential. *No writing skills are required.* For information/registration, call 617.479.6831 or e-mail journalguru@yahoo.com <mailto:journalguru@yahoo.com>.

Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corner Thursday, Oct. 14, from 8:30 p.m. featuring South Shore's Own: **Tommy Dunham** along with **Annette Pollack, Joe Kringdon Ku Jim Celeste Sean Lilly** Your host: **Scott Higgins** Admission: $10 Dinner served before show special priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime –**S'More Animals**. Join Beth as she reads **Squash the Spider** and **Mr. Murray and Thumbkin** Oct. 15, at 10:30 a.m.

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Captain Samuel Robbins House, 188 Main St., Avon presents a **Halloween Tour** on Oct. 15. Tour this historic 1820's sea captain's home. Refreshments. Free and open to the public. 508-583-7616.

James Library and Art Center, 24 West St., Norwell Center, presents an exhibition of **Don Larkinis Prints and Ceramics** Oct. 8 to Nov. 3.

Company Theatre presents Dirty Blonde; Oct. 8-24,Claudia Shear's wry and very funny play **Dirty Blonde** features lots of recognizable Mae West one-liners, as well as some titillating vaudeville numbers. Performances are Oct. 4 through 24. Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. www.company-theatre.com

The South Shore Natural Science Center 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents ***Autumn Splendor,*** a watercolor exhibit by Norwell artist **Virginia Wilson**, in Vine Hall Gallery through Oct. 31, in Norwell, 781-659-2559 or at www.ssnsc.org.

The Craft Factory, 1 Mill Wharf Plaza Scituate Harbor and Route 3A Cohasset **October is paint a pumpkin month**. Bring in your own pumpkin and paint it for only $1. 781-383-0740, 781-545-4242.

Body to Soul Fitness, Inc., an all-women's health club, 33 Riverside Dr., Pembroke - **Cardio-Striptease** - a fun alternative to cardiovascular training. No clothing removed. Non-members welcome. 781-829-2002.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery announces the continuation of its raffle at the gallery of a full-sheet sized painting by **Peter Spataro** valued at over $1,200. The final drawing will be held during the membership show in October. Individual tickets are $5 or triple your chances for twice the amount three tickets for $10. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located at 124 Front St., Scituate, 781-545-5160 or log onto www.scituatearts.com. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Quincy Dinner Theatre, 17th season **Guys as Dolls: Celebrities Exposed**, Oct. 16-17 and 2-24, Masonic Building, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy. 781-843-5862.



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The South Shore Folk Music Club presents, **Steve Hurl** and **Marylou Ferrante**, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston, across from the First Parish Unitarian Church. Open Mike. Handicap accessible. Non-smoking. $5 members, $6 non-members. 781-871-1052 or www.ssfmc.org

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission. 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Next Pages Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Mr. Nick's Blues Mafia** Oct. 15. 781-871-7175.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St.,(Rte. 36), Pembroke, presents live music every Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. to closing. No cover. Oct. 15, **Dave Becker.** 781-294-4700.

Courtney's Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents the **McLaughlin Brothers** Oct. 15, 781-834-1910

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Grandsons**, rock and roll, Oct. 15. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. Oct. 16

The Red Lion Inn, 71 S. Main St., Cohasset, Oct. 16, **Stand Up Comedy At The Bitter Man** featuring Tom Clark with **Joe List** and **Sandy Asai** Hosted by **Lance Norris** from WZLX 9 p.m. show. Admission $10. 781-383-1704. Advanced ticket purchase strongly advised.

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Mark Your Calendar

IRISH FIDDLER EILEEN IVERS & IMMIGRANT SOUL will be appearing at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, MA on Friday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets priced at $25-$30 now on sale online at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com> and by calling 866-468-7619. Visit www.plymouthmemorialhall.com http://www.plymouthmemorialhall.com

JOAN BAEZ Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $37-$42 Legendary folk singer Joan Baez returns to the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall, the spot where she and Bob Dylan kicked off the legendary Rolling Thunder Revue Tour in 1975. Tickets:www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com/> 866-468-7619 at the box-office located at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth, MA 508-747-0234. All Strawberries

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619.

Fri.. Oct. 15

Friday Night Arts - third Friday night of the month, 5 to 9 p.m. A monthly gathering of visiting artists and art collections featuring: Stephanie Roberts (Pinhole Photography and Mixed Media), Merilee Moscardelli (Jewelry and Glass Bead Maker, Ancient Dreams and Fine Art), Julie Hawkins (Fantasy Images and Pillows, Multi Media Primitive Pots), Russell Hawkins (Off the Wall Celestial Clocks) Native with Marie Flaherty (Indigenous, Tribal and Folk Art from Africa, South America, Mexico, & Native American). The Little House of Arts, 157 Front St., Scituate, 781-545-9326



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Hingham Symphony Orchestra and Jin Kim, conductor, present Opening Night Masterworks Saturday, Oct. 16, at 8 p.m. at Derby Academy, Burdett Ave, Hingham. Guest cellist Daniel Lee joins the HSO for Beethoven's variations on a Rococo Theme, plus Elgar and Schumann's Symphony No. 3.Pre-concert seminar with Jin Kim at 7:30 p.m.; post-concert reception for all. Tickets are $30 adult, $20 senior, $10 youth through age 18. Call 781-740-5694 to reserve, or www.hinghamsymphony.org

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Halloween Happenings

TRICK OR TREATING AND COSTUME CONTEST at the Hanover Mall on Oct. 29, 5 to 6 p.m. Mall wide, costume contest event 6 p.m. at center court. Age groups are 4 years and under, 5 to 8 years and 9 to 12 years old. 781-826-7386 ext. 237

HAUNTED HAYRIDES AT HARTSUFF PARK, ROCKLAND. Oct. 28, 6:30 to 9 p.m.; Oct. 29, 6:30 to 10 p.m.; Oct. 30, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Not so scary hayrides for the little ones, Oct. 30, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. All rides all day $8. sponsored by Girl Scout Troops 113 and 452. Some walking required. Any group of 10 or more call 781-878-3960 for a reserved time, 11th person rides free.

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THE 23RD ANNUAL BRAINTREE HAUNTED HOUSE will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Armstrong Building next to Bay Shore Athletic Club off Plain Street. All proceeds directly benefit the students of the Highlands and Liberty Elementary Schools. Admission is $5. Pizza, drinks and other treats will be sold and free childcare is available. Because of its scary content, the event is not appropriate for young children. Call 781-356-4865 for information.

THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA'S ANNUAL MAIN FOUNDATION FAMILY CONCERT. Entitled *A Musical Trick or Treat* this concert is a Halloween-themed event scheduled for Oct. 31, at 3 p.m. in Memorial Hall at 83 Court St., Plymouth. It will be preceded at 2 p.m. by the popular hands-on instrument demonstrations with many of this all-professional orchestra's musicians. Tickets are $15 for adults and $8 for children through the ages of 12. Purchase in advance by calling 508-746-8008 or in person at the Philharmonic office at 16 Court St. in Plymouth, The Snow Goose Shop in Plymouth, The Studio of Duxbury and Noble's Camera Shop in Kingston. Information regarding season subscriptions and future concerts can be obtained online at www.plymouthphilharmonic.com.

HALLOWEEN BLUES BASH at **The Sanctuary, All Souls Church**, 196 Elm St., (Corn. Elm and Church) E. Braintree. Oct 30. Advanced Tickets $15 includes shows, free buffet by The Purple Eggplant, What's Cookin' and more... and five raffle prize tickets, Best costume prize $100. Backed by The Boston Broomdusters feat. Donnie Noyes on guitars.

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DAGGERS AND DESSERTS at Hingham Public Library. Tuesday, Oct. 26, Hingham Public Library celebrates Halloween with an evening of "Daggers and Desserts." The fun begins at 7 p.m. with a buffet of criminally delicious desserts, after which two best selling mystery authors Chuck Hogan's and Jeffrey Cruikshank will read from their newest books "Prince of Thieves," and "Murder at the B-School" and discuss the art and business of writing mysteries.

BERWICK BOYS FOUNDATION – 22ND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HOUSE OF HORROR FUNDRAISER during weekends in October. House of Horrors is a thrill ride through a maze of monsters and mayhem. Admission $8 335 West St. West Bridgewater, Rt. 24 at exit 16B to Rt. 106West take right at Wendy's on Manley St. turn right at parking lot. 08-586-0059 OR www.berwick.org

CREEPY TOUR OF THE CAPTAIN SAMUEL ROBBINS MUSEUM HOUSE, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. No blood, no guts, just a spooky house and a few surprises. Take a candlelight walk through the museum, enjoy music and a ghost story. Free admission. Refreshments. 508-583-7676

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The Eighth Annual Joshua's Run For The Jimmy Fund – Oct. 16, Peggotty Beach, Scituate. Threefold event consisting of a Kid's Fun Run, a 2-Mile Fun Run/Walk and a 4-Mile Road Race. Call 781-545-4642 or email bblacker@comcast.net or visit www.joshuasrun.com

Harvest Fair, United Methodist Church, corner of Rt. 14 and 53, High and Taylor sts., Duxbury. Oct. 26, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Weymouth Art Association will meet Oct. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tuft's Library, 46 Broad St. Weymouth. **Julianne Molloy-Bithoney** will demonstrate oil-palette knife painting. Free and open to the public 781-337-1402 or 781-337-4513.

The North River Arts Society is offering a Saturday workshop for adults and teens. **Monoprinting And Artists Book Workshop** *with Mary Taylor* will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills. To register call the NRAS office Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-noon.781.837.8091.

The 11th Annual Crossroads for Kids Harvest Moon Benefit, a Festive Fall Soirée on Oct. 16, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Camp Wing in Duxbury. Crossroads for Kids provides life-changing opportunities and experiences for at-risk youth. Dance to "Soul of Boston" and enjoy the catering of The Cuisine of Mark Connolly, plus a raffle and auction. Age 18+, $50/person. Call Mairi Bleakie, Director of Development at 781-834-2700.

Hingham's Coffeehouse Off the Square presents Geoff Bartley on Oct. 16, at 8 p.m., at the Old Ship Coffeehouse at the Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham Square n Hingham, It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. Admission is $10 at the door. An open microphone precedes the concert.

Vocal Concert Furong Gardner , Mezzo-Soprano will sing French art songs, Chinese songs, and songs by Gershwin on, Oct. 16 at 3 p.m., in Logan Auditorium of **Thayer Public Library,** 798 Washington St., Braintree. She will be accompanied on piano by **Judith Cobble.** Free and open to the public.

Fuller Craft Museum 455 Oak Street in Brockton, rolls up the rugs for ceramic artist **Allison Newsome's** installation *On Island* Oct. 9, through Jan. 2, 2005. Rhode Island artist Allison Newsome will create wet clay drawings and sculptures specifically for Fuller Craft's Tarlow Gallery that address environmental ethics using the imagery of nature and culture. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, Free for members and children under 12.

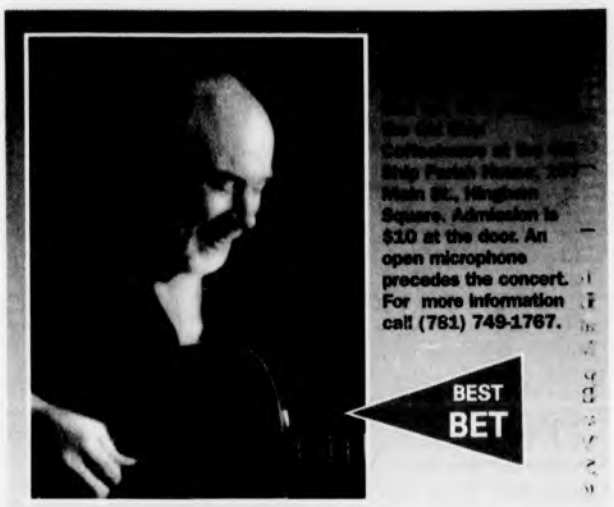
King Richard's Faire celebrates its 23rd season through Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Route 58, Carver. Free on-site parking. More than 100 artisans from all over the country display and demonstrate their hand-made treasures. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichards-faire.net

Berwick Boys Foundation is hosting its 22nd annual Halloween fundraiser, the **House of Horrors**, 335 West St., West Bridgewater. Open weekends in October. The house is open from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays, and from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Admission $8. 508-586-0059 or www.berwick.org

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866-JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands is organizing a **cruise to Thompson Island** on Oct. 16. The boat leaves Fan Pier in downtown Boston at 12.30 p.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Take one of the last chances of the year to be out and about before winter starts. Tickets can be bought on the day from 11.30am onwards at Fan Pier (cash only) and cost $20 for adults, $18 for seniors, $16 for Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members, $14 for children (3 – 12), and babies travel for free. www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Hingham Symphony Orchestra and **Jin Kim,** conductor, present **Opening Night Masterworks** Oct. 16, at 8 p.m. at Derby Academy, Burdett Ave, Hingham. Guest cellist **Daniel Lee** joins the HSO for Beethoven's variations on a Rococo Theme, plus Elgar and Schumann's Symphony No. 3.Pre-concert seminar with Jin Kim at 7:30; post-concert reception for all. $30 adult, $20 senior, $10 youth through age 18. Call 781-740-5694 to reserve, or www.hinghamsymphony.org.



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Down East Dancers Country Western Dance Oct. 16, at the **Taunton Elks Club**, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. **DJ Louie St. George**. Snacks, raffles, cash bar. Smoke free, $5. 508-995-9496; 781-925-9066.

Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset, , Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Saturday night from 8-11pm. Non-smoking, casual dress. 781-383-0900.

Helen's Cafe 16 Commercial St., Braintree Oct. 16, at 8:30 p.m. Featuring: **Bob Niles, Annette Pollack, Barry Kneller, Michelle Peirce Marc Basch**, Host **Jeff Clough**. Admission: $10. Reservations recommended call 781 356 4311.

Next Pages Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Mojo Kings**, Oct. 16. 781-871-7175.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Al Ross Band**, Oct. 16, 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtney's Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **Too Much Fun** Oct. 16, 781-834-1910

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Dave Maxwell Band**, Oct. 16, boogie/blues. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. Oct. 17

Hingham Cemetery Walking Tour A fall walking tour of historic Hingham Cemetery will be held Sunday, Oct.17. Meet at the Hingham Bell Tower (next to the Old Ship Church) at 1pm. The tour will last about 1 fi hours and is open to the public. A $5 donation is requested, with no charge to those under 12. Rain date Oct. 24. 781-749-4868.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum. Columbia Point, Boston. **Combating Terrorism**, Oct. 178 3 to 4:30 p.m. Speakers: **Richard Clarke and Michael Ignatieff.** Call for reservations at 617-514-1643. Free and open to the public.



The Quincy Dinner Theatre in its 17th season features Guys as Dolls: Celebrities Exposed for two weekends in October —Oct. 16-17 and 22-24, at the Masonic Building, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy. For more information call 781-843-5862.

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Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents **Places Revisited,** an exhibit of paintings in multiple mediums by **Stephen Boczanowski**, through Nov. 6. Exhibit and reception is free. Two steps to the door. 781-934-0640.

ShakerHigh/Shaker Low, at the **Art Complex Museum** 189 Alden St., Duxbury through Jan. 9, 2005. p.m. Pieces from its extensive Shaker Collection will be on display. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org.

USS Constitution Museum – Celebrate Old Ironsides 207th birthday, Admission is free. Groups of 10 must call to make reservations. Handicap accessible. 617-426-1812 wwwusscon-stituionmuseum.org

The New Gallery located at Zona Salon, Queen Anne's Plaza, Norwell presents **Fingerprints,** through Oct. 24. This show includes oils, watercolors, pastels, photography, sculpture and pottery by a dozen of South Shore's well-known artists. 781-871-4545.

North River Arts Society presents **A few of My Favorite Things, an exhibit of original oil paintings by Don Dacier** through Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R., 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, **50th Anniversary Exhibition** presents ***50 Towns/50 Years*** South Shore Exhibition juried through Oct. 24, Bancroft Gallery: by Dore VanDyke. Dillon Gallery: **Christian Alexander, Maria Lakhman, Susan Dragoo, Julie Hawking, Patricia McCarthy.**

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneys-foodandspirits.com

The Nantasket Salt Water Club will present a concert at Mariner's Park in Hull Oct. 17, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. as a tribute to the good work that **Wellspring Multi-Service Center** has been providing in the community for almost 20 years. Four bands will play at the event including: **Ed McMenimon and 5 to the Face, Kenny Parsons, Pookah Finn and the Jenny Lee Band**. Food and beverages will be available. No Alcohol allowed. Great Family Day $10 and kids under 6 are no charge For tickets and information: Call Jay Phone: 781-925-1480

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1205 Ferry St. Marshfield -Dixieland Jazz concert featuring a dixie land jazz concert featuring Dixieland Jazz concert featuring **Pete Collins "Jazz Band** Ball from 4 to 7 p.m.. Admission $10. Dinner optional beginning two hours before show time. 781-834-6505. Handicap accessible.

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Mon. Oct. 18

Chess Club - Children ages 9-14 are invited to join the **Hull Lifesaving Museum's** free after school Chess Club on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m., through Dec. 20. Beginners are welcome. Parent volunteers are also welcome. Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or lifesavingmuseum @comcast.net.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum. Columbia Point, Boston. **The Economy in the 2004 Campaign**, Oct. 18, 5:30 to 7 p.m. **Alice Rivlin, Robert Reich** and **Glenn Loury,** and **Tom Oliphant**. Call for reservations at 617-514-1643. Free and open to the public.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, located at 273 Hanover St., Hanover, offers education, support and complementary modalities for people living with the challenges of cancer. For call Ann or Gail at 781-829-4823 or visit our website at www.pathwayscc.org.

Pumpkin painting at Plaster Play during October. Receive an ornament to hang in your window. 263 Washington St., Norwell. 781 659-0011

The Scituate Art Association Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate Harbor, presents a new members show at their new gallery through Oct. 31. 781-545-6150.

Braintree Art Association member John **Bergstrom** will display his paintings for the month of October at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

In Shape Studio, Hanover Mall - An all women's fitness club featuring the original 30 minute circuit program using Pace circuit equipment (programmed accommodating circuit exercise) which is both aerobic and anaerobic. Weight loss support and other groups forming now. 781-829-5555.

Weymouth Art Association artist of the month, **Roger Gill,** will exhibit his paintings for the month of October at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St. Weymouth. 781-337-4513.

1749 Courthouse Museum, Town Square, Plymouth, is free and filled with items of Plymouth's history. Open through Oct. 2. 508-830-4075 or 508-746-7789.

8-minute dating, Have eight great dates in one fun night in a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Enjoy appetizers and a nice cocktail party atmosphere. Oct. 18, at **Town Spa,** Stoughton: Monday Night Football Pre-Game Singles Party for Ages 28-38. Advance registration is required at www.8minute-Dating.com

Tues. Oct. 19

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Show's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, hosts story time every Tuesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Age range is 2 to 5 years old. Free. For information call 781-383-2665.

Calling all South Shore Parents Are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community, complete with a listing of family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hot-spots along the South Shore. www.southshoreparents.com

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave.

Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

Aisling Gallery and Framing, 229 Lincoln St., Hingham will host a Film and Discussion Series on **Modern Irish Politics and Society** with featuring **Richard B. Finnegan**, at Stonehill College, Easton. Oct. 12, 19, and 26, and Nov. 2, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is $100.

Wed. Oct. 20

The South Shore Art Center, Cohasset, announces its annual meeting to take place Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Bancroft Gallery at the Center. All members are invited to the annual meeting I781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

JKF Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, Kennedy library marks 25th birthday with free commemorative gift of JFK's Inaugural address. 866-JFK1960 or www.jfklibrary.oirg

Insight Education Center, Oct. 20, Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Braintree **When Saying NO Is Not Enough Consequences That Work!** (Ages 2 to 12) Certificates of attendance for teachers and child care providers. $25 Individual, $40 per co-parenting couple, $20 groups of four or more. Pre-register at www.insighteducation.com or call 781-294-8004.

Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, Oct. 13, 6 to 7 p.m. Become a Big Sister for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Informational sessions, 1245 Hancock St., Quincy, (Monroe Building, Suite 7, 2nd floor. www.bigsister.org 617-328-1061.

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.

The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime **–Let's Hear it for Tacky!** Join Beth as she reads **Tacky, the Penguin** and **Tackylock & the Three Bears,** Oct. 20, at 10:30 a.m.

The Hull Lifesaving Musuem, Creepy Crafts Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 20 to 21, 3 to 5 p.m. daily $2 members; $4 non-members. Families are invited to spend an afternoon in the Children's Loft making creepy, spooky, eerie, and exciting Halloween crafts. Call 781-925-5433 or email lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net to sign-up.

Thurs. Oct. 21

Barnes & Nobel Educator Appreciation Night, Oct. 21, 7 p.m. at Derby Street Shoppes, 96 Derby St., Hingham 781-749-3319. Receive 25 percent educator discount that evening and a discount card for 20 percent savings on classroom purchases throughout the year. Prizes and a raffle for a $500 gift card. Free and open to the public.

Dedham Historical Society presents **Joseph Cornish to Help Maintain Your Old Home**, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. $5 for non-members. www.dedhamhistoircal.org or call 781-326-1385.

Red Cross Blood Drive The Bob Shrago Memorial Brotherhood Red Cross Blood Drive will take place at **Temple Beth Emunah**, 479 Torrey St. corner Pearl., Brockton, on Thursday, Oct. 21, from 2 to 8 p.m. No appointment is needed. 508-583-5810. www.templebethemunah.org

The Braintree Art Association will meet on Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Bldg., 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Donna Bailey** will demonstrate in pastels. Free and open to the public.

Blanchard's, Route 139, Marshfield, will host their **Annual Fall Wine Tasting & Sale** on Oct. 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. Approximately 100 wines from around the world will be featured with a 20 percent discount.

Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes 515 Washington St., Norwell, will hold an open house, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. RSVP 781-659-7722. www.lindamoodbell.com

Brown Bag Talk - "Caregiver 101" Oct. 21 from 1 to 2 p.m. at **Thomas Crane Public Library**, Quincy Join Donna Ciappina, Family Caregiver Specialist of South Shore Elder Services for an informational talk on family caregiving, community resources and self-care. This program is offered as an initiative of the Family Caregiver Support Program with support from the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs.

South Shore Simmons Club! Join our **Cafe de Paris** for an evening of song with vocal artist **Susan Spileos Dolabany** on Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Old South Union Church, Columbian St., Weymouth. Cost is free and no R.S.V.P. is necessary. New Members and Guests Welcome www.alumnet.simmons.edu

Fri. Oct. 22

Bring-Your-Own-Pumpkin Carving Party Friday, Oct. 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. **Windmill Point Boathouse,** 185 Main Street, Hull (across from Hull High School) Admission is free Carving tools, stencils, laughs, yummy seasonal refreshments and clean-up provided. Bring your own pumpkin(s), energy, and creativity, and please dress warmly.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime **–Sports Inspirations.** Join Beth as she reads **Winners Never Quit!** and **Zachary's Ball**. Oct. 22, at 10:30 a.m.

The South Street Gallery, 149 South Street in Hingham, will host a unique **Isle Au Haut** show, offering the recent paintings of a local traveling group of artists on Oct. 22, from 6 to 9 p.m., a display of the compiled paintings of 4 New England artists' weeklong tour will be available for viewing or purchase. The artists will be available to answer questions at the event. 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

Hooray for Hollywood!, the major fundraising event for the **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra**, will be held on Oct. 22 at Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston. Come join the "stars" for cocktails, dinner, silent and live auctions. To donate auction items or purchase event tickets, cal 508-746-8008.

Country Dance at Dedham VFW, Oct. 22, 84 Eastern Ave., Dedham, with **DJ Paul DeMaria**.7 p.m. lesson; 8 to 11:30 p.m. couples and line dancing. $10 admission. 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance, Oct. 22, with **DJ Dave Joubert's music** from 8 p.m. to Midnight. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington, Ma. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-Members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021 www.southshoresingles.org



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Friday Night Arts - takes place the third Friday night of the month from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Little House of Arts in Scituate. A monthly gathering of visiting artists and art collections featuring: Stephanie Roberts (Pinhole Photography and Mixed Media), Merilee Moscardelli (Jewelry and Glass Bead Maker, Ancient Dreams and Fine Art), Julie Hawkins (Fantasy Images and Pillows, Multi Media Primitive Pots), Russell Hawkins (Off the Wall Celestial Clocks) Native with Marie Flaherty (Indigenous, Tribal and Folk Art from Africa, South America, Mexico, & Native American). The Little House of Arts is located at 157 Front St., Scituate, For more information call 781-545-9326.

Courtney's Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **The Crust** Oct. 22. 781-834-1910

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Dave Maxwell Band**, Oct. 22, boogie/blues. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing events

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages, who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tues nights at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus, under the direction of Patricia Hoitt of Norwell, is a women's a cappella chorus providing vocal training and musical entertainment throughout the greater south shore area. Come and experience the fun , and sing your cares away. Call 781-843-4355.

The Dedham Museum 612 High St., Dedham, at the Dedham Historical Society presents **Wedgwood – Not Just Blue and White,** to Jan. 15. Admission $2 adults and $1 children. 781-326-1385 or www.DedhamHistorical.org

Storytellers/authors Andrea Lovett of Abington and **Weisey MacMillan** of Marshfield are forming an **adult writer's group**. First meeting Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m. 781-871-5892. A small fee will be charged

Stories and Art for Preschoolers and Toddlers will be offered at the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St., Duxbury, every second Thursday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from 1 to 2:30 p.m. 781-934-6634 extension 15.

The Monhegan Experience paintings of Monehegan Island by members of the **North River Arts Society** at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St., Rockland.



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The James Library is located at 24 West St., Norwell Center. For information and hours call 781-659-7100.



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On the national level Nov. 2, voters in Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, and part of Scituate will decide which Presidential candidate to vote for – George Bush or John Kerry.

On the local level, voters in those four communities (Precinct 3 only in Scituate) will be asked to vote either "yes" or "no" on a non-binding marijuana decriminalization question.

The public policy question was placed on the ballot by the Drug Policy Forum of Massachusetts (DPFMA) in the 3rd Plymouth Representative District to measure how these communities feel about the issue.

Should the legislature at some point approve this proposed marijuana decriminalization, the penalty for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana by an adult would carry a $100 civil fine for both first-time and subsequent offenses.

"The current penalty is criminal arrest and a severe and costly punishment," said DPFMA Executive Director Whitney Taylor. "Each of the 30 daily marijuana arrests in Massachusetts takes a police officer off the street for hours and adds another case to the backlogged court system."

The DPFMA chose this district because Rep. Garrett Bradley, who represents the district, sits on the Legislature's Criminal Justice Committee, "which will most likely vote on similar legislation in the upcoming legislative session," Taylor said. "We want to take the politics out of this discussion and see how the public feels about current marijuana control policies. When Rep. Bradley votes on this issue, he should be conveying the opinion of his constituency."

Hingham resident John

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Lines start early for flu shots

Shortage draws crowds to clinics

By Mary Ford
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Tom Nash of Scituate doesn't want to get the flu.

Considered "high risk" for complications from influenza due to a heart condition, Nash didn't take any chances Saturday.

He and his wife, Mavis, got in line at Cohasset Stop & Shop at 4:30 a.m. to make sure they'd be able to obtain the vaccine at the flu-shot clinic slated to start at 10.

Stop & Shop started handing out individually numbered tickets at 7 a.m. to roughly 500 people for the clinic held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Super Stop & Shop in Cohasset was one of the only places in the region providing flu shots to senior citizens and people with health conditions. The clinic was advertised on area radio stations.

Although the health departments in neighboring towns and

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PHOTO/MARY SULLIVAN

People from all over the region line up outside Super Stop & Shop in Cohasset Plaza for Saturday's flu shot clinic.

Recall petition effort underway

Issue is on the STM warrant

By Samantha Brown
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Elections are said to be one of the best ways for communities to participate in their local governmental process. Voting allows everyone with a voice to express themselves, and the majority chooses the candidate best suited for the job. However, after election day in Cohasset, if an official isn't meeting the expected standards there is nothing the average voter can do to recall the election. In light of that, more than 100 residents from all over Cohasset have signed a petition which could one day make that possible.

A citizens petition was filed at Town Hall this week which, if passed by voters at the Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting, would allow those in public office to be removed from their posts with a vote from the town. While it takes 100 votes to put the petition on the Warrant, or Town Meeting agenda, Lou Harvey of King Street, who has been involved with collecting signatures for the petition, said it would take roughly 500 votes, or 10 percent of the town's registered voters, to actually remove someone from office.

"The biggest value is the threat of it."
— Lou Harvey, 465 King St.

"Right now, there is no action citizens can take," to remove an elected official from office for any reason, said Harvey, adding while he doesn't ever envision the recall needing to be used, knowing it exists could be of some benefit to residents. "The biggest value is the threat of it," said Harvey, as officials will be more likely to carry out the will of the people if there is the possibility they could be taken out of their position.

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

The granite train turntable has been unearthed in the Town Parking Lot as part of the Greenbush project.

Roundhouse to go back underground

By Samantha Brown
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For those residents who have not yet made the trip to the municipal lot to see the uncovered "roundhouse," it may soon be too late, as archaeologists have completed their work and the area will soon be buried and paved over to allow for more digging in other sections of the lot. While the area has been mapped to enable it to be found once again, it is only a matter of days before this part of Cohasset's past is hidden once more.

Located beneath the ground in the municipal parking lot next to the Pleasant Street Parfait, the roundhouse is a large railroad turntable, which used to be a part of the railroad which ran through Cohasset. David Wadsworth of the Historical Society said the South Shore Railroad used to come down from Boston, stopping in Cohasset's bustling downtown area, and it was there where the trains were turned around to head back north. Later the line was extended to Scituate.

Research was conducted in 1997 to locate the buried roundhouse, as part of the Massachusetts Bay

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Puppy reunion is event to bark about

St. Croix group has placed 178

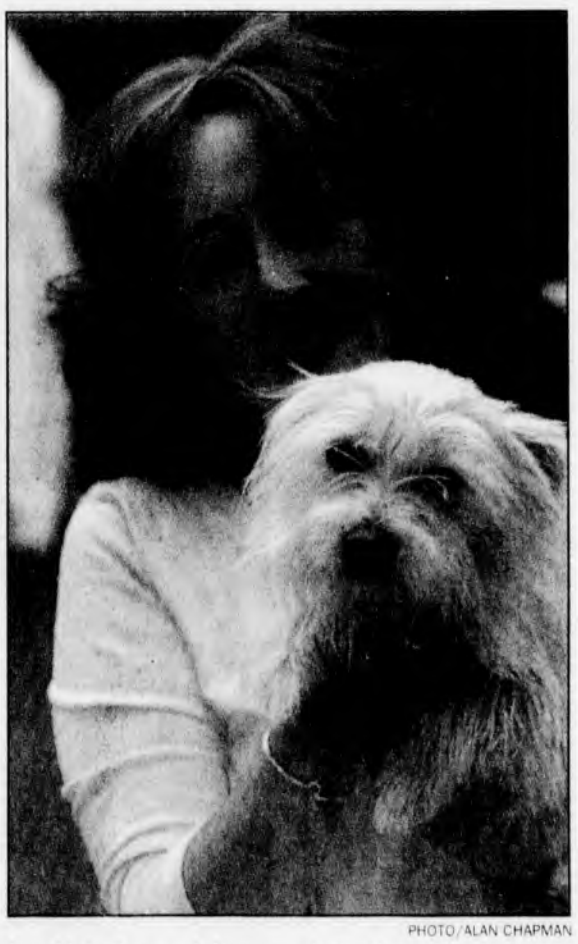
By Laura Yanne
CORRESPONDENT

About a hundred dog lovers enjoyed a beautiful fall afternoon as the St. Croix Connection Puppy Rescue held their first local reunion of foster and adoptive families and their rescued pups. Guests of honor included the latest puppy arrivals who met their delighted new families for the first time on Saturday at the Cohasset Kennel on Cedar Street.

The Barktoberfest was in full swing at the kennel's outdoor exercise enclosures. There were joyful wagging dogs, adoring families comparing pups and tales, light refreshments, cider, and lots of smiling faces.

"She gave us big kisses," said Tory Powers of Scituate, clearly happy with little black and white terrier/Chihuahua mix cradled in her arms. "We definitely wanted to save a dog, and we were looking for a small one who's good with kids," added her mother, Beth, a pre-approved applicant who was waiting to meet just the right one. "It looks like she has little stars sprinkled on her head," she said as they contemplated a

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Joan McCafferty with Kismet at the St. Croix Connection Puppy Rescue reunion Saturday in Cohasset.

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'Our Town' talkshow

If you missed last night's "Our Town" featuring hosts, Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin, you'll want to tune in when the program is repeated next Thursday (Oct. 28) at 8:30 p.m. on Comcast Channel 10. The topic is presidential. Coleman Nee, a Democrat, and Kevin O'Donnell, a Republican, debate the issues. Rich Ofsthun, an undecided voter, has a debate with himself!

Viewers of OUR TOWN can e-mail questions for future quests or provide thoughts and suggestions to ourtown@theclickstudio.com.

Warrant is open until Tues. Oct. 26

Although the Town Meeting Warrant, or agenda, was slated to be open Oct. 12, the Board of Selectmen's meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum, and therefore a vote to open it was never taken. While it had been thought the Warrant could be opened that night without a formal vote, Town Clerk Marion Douglas said it cannot. The board formally opened the Warrant Tuesday, Oct. 19, which means it will now close Tuesday Oct. 26. Citizens looking to submit articles must collect 100 signatures for citizens' petitions. For more information, please call Town Clerk Marion Douglas at (781) 383-4100.

Town parking lot and Greenbush

Weather permitting, work crews will begin filling and paving the current construction area in the municipal lot this week. The work site, currently located in the portion of the lot closest to the Pleasant Street Parfait, will be moved to the adjacent area between the current site and Adamo's Hair Salon. What used to serve as the original entrance to the lot will become an opening once more, and the original exit will be closed. Additional parking will still be available behind the Citgo gas station, across from the Pleasant Street Parfait, and in the railroad bed next to the James Brook Crossing shops, formerly known as the ABB Optical building.

West Corner bridge meeting is planned

There will be a meeting Nov. 1 at the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church on Jerusalem Road to discuss the preliminary design of the West Corner bridge reconstruction project. For more information, please contact Joe DiVito at (781) 383-4102.

Sewer forum on hold

A sewer forum, hosted by the Board of Selectmen, has been put on hold until the beginning of November. Town Manager Michael Buckley said originally, the Board of Selectmen had scheduled a meeting with Town Counsel for Oct. 12 to discuss legal issues surrounding the sewer, which must be done before a forum can be held, but due to a lack of quorum, the board was required to cancel. Buckley said Town Counsel is not free to meet with the board until its Oct. 26 meeting. In addition to Town Counsel, members of the Sewer Commission and Daniel Coughlin of Tutela Engineering, the Sewer Commission's consultant, will attend. The Oct. 26 meeting will begin at 7:30 in the Selectmen's meeting room and will also be shown on cable television.

Positions available on police advisory council

The Board of Selectmen will soon appoint a Police Advisory Council, but interested residents are encouraged to submit their names in writing to the board to be considered for the open slots. For more information, please call the Board of Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

Water main work through October

The Water Commission will continue water main replacement throughout the end of October on North Main Street, Red Gate Lane, and Haystack Lane.

"Our contractor has finished laying pipe in North Main Street," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission, "but will be working through the end of October to reconnect services to the new water main and to make needed drainage improvements."

The trenches where the new water main was installed will be patched with a leveling course of asphalt, according to the guidelines of the Cohasset Department Of Public Works, which allows for settling over the winter so they can repaved curb to curb next spring, he said.

"Replacement of the water mains in North Main Street will improve fire protection and water service by removing 100-year old undersized cast iron pipes and replacing them with new 12-inch ductile iron pipes," McNabb said.

"We appreciate the patience of the residents of North Main Street and the rest of the town as these needed improvements were being made."

Replacement of water mains on Gammons Road, which was planned for 2004, will start in the spring of 2005, because it took longer than expected to complete the required work on North Main Street, he said.

Absentee ballots are now available

Absentee ballots for the State Election on Nov. 2, 2004 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, Nov. 1, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:
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The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Nov. 2, to be counted.

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Sun. 24	8:56	9.7	2:36	9:17	10.2	2:59
Mon. 25	9:49	10.1	3:30	10:12	10.2	3:55
Tues. 26	10:36	10.5	4:19	11:02	10.2	4:46
Wed. 27	11:19	10.6	5:04	11:48	10.1	5:33
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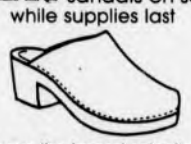
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Town Manager short list is down to 10 'great' candidates

By Samantha Brown
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Chairman of the Town Manager Search Committee Rob Spofford said the search for a new leader in town is going well. "We have narrowed it down to 10 candidates we feel are very qualified," said Spofford, adding many of the finalists submitted their résumés closer to the deadline, and some of the best surfaced later in the preliminary screening process.

With finalists being considered even from out of state, Spofford said the town will have quite a decision to make, as the candidates are extremely qualified and any number could be a good match for Cohasset. "We had a great turnout," he said.

The Advisory Committee has agreed to lend the funds to the town to retain Bennett Yarger, an independent search firm, to help with the selection process. The town has signed an $8,000 contract with the firm, which has agreed to take the town and its potential candidates through to the final stages of the process. The $8,000 will include all consultant expenses, as well as an extensive background check for one candidate. Should the committee request checks for more than one finalist, it will cost $450 for each. In addition, expenses incurred from bringing candidates in for the interviews will be an additional cost to the town.

Spofford said real progress is being made, and he is hopeful the town could have a new candidate by Town Meeting, although they might not be ready just yet to participate. He said the committee has also discussed holding off on bringing someone new in until Jan.1 to give them time to get through the holidays and close things out at their former position, but that has yet to be determined.

Spofford said Dick Bennett of Bennett Yarger, who will be working directly with the town during the search, was very pleased with the candidates as well. In fact, he was familiar six of the final 10 candidates and said he was surprised to hear they would considering leaving their current town positions, which bodes well for Cohasset. Due to his expertise, Spofford said it is already evident the money spent to retain Bennett has been well spent.

Monday, Oct. 25, Spofford said the committee will meet in executive session to discuss the 10 candidates in depth to narrow down those it would like to see participate in interviews. All finalists will be contacted to make sure they are still interested in the opportunity. Of those 10, the pool will be narrowed down to six who will be asked to come to Cohasset for a weekend to participate in a whirlwind interviewing process.

On Friday, Nov. 12, all six will come for informal tours of the town with their spouses, followed by interviews from the committee on Saturday. The Board of Selectmen has been invited to attend the interviews, but will only serve as audience members. At the end of the day, the committee will make its top three recommendations for the position, and at that point, the names of the candidates will become public.

On Sunday, Nov. 14 the Board of Selectmen will interview the three recommended candidates, which should be open to the public and possibly on cable television. A final candidate will be selected soon after.

"It's an aggressive timeline," said Spofford, but other towns Bennett has worked with have said it works well, because it minimizes the amount of time a candidate's name is public.

With the candidates the town has to choose from, Spofford said Cohasset will be lucky to have any one of them fill the position. He said the three the committee brings forward, "will make it hard for the board to choose."

Tax collector/treasurer appointed interim MBTA liaison

By Samantha Brown
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For the time being, all Greenbush line questions will be directed to Tax Collector/Treasurer Joe DiVito, as he has temporarily been appointed as liaison between the town and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority regarding Greenbush line construction.

DiVito's formal title will be the Acting Special Assistant to the Town Manager for MBTA Affairs. "He'll be doing what the Town Manager should be doing but can't be doing," said Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley, who is the Director of Finance, but took on the role of Town Manager when former Town Manager Mark Haddad resigned this May. With the "two hats" he currently wears, Buckley simply doesn't have the time to devote to Greenbush which the residents in town deserve, and he feels DiVito is more than capable of taking on that role until a permanent Special Assistant can be found.

Buckley said he will be accepting applications for the position and that he would prefer someone local for the job. However, being local does not necessarily mean the person must be a Cohasset resident. "Personally, I would like to see someone with a vested interest in the project. Someone who is going to have to live with the results," he said, and that could be anyone from the surrounding communities.

DiVito said so far, he likes his new role and he thinks things have been going well. In fact, he said he is thinking about applying for the permanent position. "I have the construction background and I think I can be a good advocate," he said. Already he has been working with residents on Beechwood Street whose driveway will be directly impacted with the construction of the Greenbush line, and he feels progress is being made to remedy the situation.

Plans to reconstruct the 17-mile Greenbush line have been in the works for 20 years, and have been surrounded in much controversy. The Greenbush Line is the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration Project, and is being built as mitigation for the Central Artery/Tunnel Project in downtown Boston. The project is intended to reduce automobile traffic on the congested highways leading into the city. By diverting South Shore commuter traffic from automobiles to transit, the MBTA says it will not only help keep the roads clear, reduce fuel consumption and air pollution, but will encourage more transit-oriented development and alleviate congestion on other transportation facilities in the area — including the Braintree Red Line. According to the MBTA, the project will cost roughly $479 million including planning, engineering, land and permitting costs, along with the cost of construction and new trains.

With such a large project coming through town, it made sense to appoint a liaison to help keep the lines of communication open between residents and the MBTA.

Until Oct. 2, the town had a binding contract with the Waterfield Design Group to supply an ombudsman for the town during Greenbush construction. Former Town Manager Mark Haddad signed the $120,000 contract with the Winchester firm, which had also been involved with other projects around town, and it agreed to supply a point person who would help mitigate concerns from residents.

However, after Haddad's resignation in May, a number of questions arose regarding the contract, as well as what the then ombudsman's role was supposed to be. Waterfield assigned a new person to the position when the ombudsman resigned in May.

Selectmen discovered the Waterfield contract did not have any provisions for the town to be released if it was unhappy with the performance of the ombudsman. Some residents questioned why Waterfield, which is in Winchester, would provide the ombudsman. When Haddad was searching for an ombudsman, roughly 14 Cohasset residents applied for the position. Their names cannot be released due to personnel issues.

For more information, please contact Town Manager Michael Buckley at (781) 383-4105, or submit a letter of interest to Buckley at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue.

Town and officer reach settlement

By Samantha Brown
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Sgt. William Quigley will be able to put the past behind him as his lawyers finalized language on a settlement with the town Wednesday.

According to Quigley's attorney Kevin Powers, "The parties reached an amicable agreement with respect to Sgt. Quigley's case and employment relations."

Powers said he thinks the town was very reasonable and once the two parties began negotiating, the town realized there was a problem and was happy to work together to solve it.

Although the amount of the settlement has not been made public, Powers said "Sgt. Quigley is very happy with the settlement and he's happy there's a new chief and they're getting along well. He's looking forward to a bright new future."

Former Town Manager Mark Haddad had placed Quigley and another officer, James McLean on paid administrative leave Oct. 20, 2003. The officers claim the town's disciplinary action was in retaliation for their actions relative to the former police chief Robert Jackson's family, although Haddad denied that had anything to do with the disciplinary action.

Quigley later filed a civil suit against Haddad and Jackson personally and the town for interfering with Quigley's employment as a police officer and invading his privacy. The town hired a private detective to look into Quigley's background.

The two were subjected to a public hearing process, during which the town presented its case against the officers over three days. The hearings were cancelled to enter into a 45-day "cooling-off period" before the town finished and officers could present their side.

The two officers returned to work this July, under the direction of Police Chief James Hussey, who took over as interim chief after Jackson's retirement in June.

Multiple sources have also confirmed the town's insurance company recently settled an employment dispute out-of-court with Nicole N. Bartlett, the former Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager, reportedly involving her former manager, Haddad. Bartlett resigned from her position with the town Sept. 27 as allegations surfaced that she stole more than $200,000 from her former employer, The Children's Museum in Boston. While neither Quigley's nor Bartlett's settlement amounts are public, paying the insurance company deductibles may have to be authorized by voters at this December's Special Town Meeting.

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Resident questions whether more surprises are in store

Town government has had rough time

By Samantha Brown
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Since the beginning of the year, some residents feel Cohasset has been in a "free fall" situation, with new unpleasant surprises being uncovered virtually every week. From budgetary shortfalls to personnel matters, Cohasset has had its share of ups and downs, and both residents and the Board of Selectmen are hoping that cycle is coming to an end.

However, although everyone hopes the chaos will wind down, Wig Pierson, 123 Atlantic Ave., asked the Board of Selectmen Tuesday whether the surprises which have plagued the town for the past 10 months are over, or does it anticipate there will be more in the coming weeks. He added it will be best for the residents of the town if the board comes out in front of the issues before they surface, rather than have to hear it from the newspapers. "Is there anything more you might care to share with us?" he asked.

The town has gone through a rocky period, which has included a long, public hearing process regarding two officers who were placed on paid administrative leave one year ago amid allegations of wrongdoing. The officers, who deny the accusations, are back at work, but the former police chief has retired and the Town Manager has resigned. There was a $400,000 override fight for the schools and a heated town election. The recent news of resignation of the administrative assistant to the Town Manager, who is being charged with stealing more than $200,000 from her former employer, has led the town to seek a financial audit. The former Town Manager apparently knew his assistant had been fired from her previous job, but hired her anyway.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said he too would like to see the cycle stop. "I would like nothing more than to be at an end, but some problems you cannot foresee," he said. He added the board has found out about many of the recent events in town at almost the same time as the press. He added in regards to some of the personnel matters the town has had to face, "I wouldn't have anticipated those in any way."

While some events were out as quickly as they were known, Pierson asked why the board never mentioned its plan to continue to pay former Police Chief Robert Jackson's salary, months after his retirement.

Sullivan said he doesn't see paying Jackson as a surprise, as it is common practice for towns to enter into separation agreements with longtime employees, and there have been no instances in the past where the board has issued a press release to announce agreements with employees.

> **"Is there anything more you might care to share with us?"**
>
> — Wigmore Pierson, Atlantic Avenue

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said in regards to Jackson, "To have someone collect accrued vacation pay is something I don't think is newsworthy. It's not a major issue and it's not a major story."

But Pierson said if Jackson has been receiving a paycheck since June, that is six months the town has been paying him. "Perhaps my math is off," he said, but it would seem Jackson has been paid for more than six weeks vacation time.

"Your math is off," said McMorris, adding Jackson was paid during a time of transition and for vacation time, and that is not unreasonable. But Pierson said, "We're at six months now. What happened between five weeks and six months?"

Town Manager Michael Buckley said at the time Jackson offered up his retirement, it was not immediately effective. He agreed to stay on to help Chief Hussey through the transition period, and worked until late July. Ordinarily, when someone retires, they are given the option to take their vacation pay in one lump sum, but Jackson decided to take his in weekly payments, which he received through Sept. 17. He then began receiving severance pay, which will last for six weeks, meaning next week will be the last week he will receive payments.

Pierson suggested each member of the board stand outside Tedeschi's for 15 minutes and ask passers-by how well the town is being managed and their opinion on town government. "I think you'd learn a lot," he said, adding it would be beneficial for the board to speak to people outside their regular circles who continue to tell them what a great job they're doing.

Sullivan said to have been chairman and on the board during these times has been very difficult and he doesn't think anyone has been patting themselves on the back. "I think we've made some tough decisions, and we're doing what we were elected to do. We make decisions which are in the best interest of the town, we do not make decisions we would like to hoist on the town." He said there have been some very difficult issues which have arisen, and "they're not always situations we can put a positive spin on."

Sullivan went on to say many of the surprises the town has seen have quickly become public issues which the board "had no idea were occurring. The public knew almost as quickly as I did," he said.

Pierson suggested the board come out ahead of issues in the future, rather than having the papers and citizens digging information up and the board responding. "It would be to our collective advantage," he said.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said it would be impossible for the board to ever say there will be no more surprises. He said with the new police chief on board and a new Town Manager, he is optimistic about the town's future.

Roundhouse to go back underground

FROM ROUNDHOUSE, PAGE 1

Transportation Authority's environmental impact study. The MBTA will reconstruct the old railroad line and bring train transportation to Cohasset once more through the Greenbush Commuter Rail. When the suspected location of the buried roundhouse was determined, Wadsworth said the digging began in 2000 to determine whether the roundhouse was in fact where it was thought to be.

Town Treasurer/Tax Collector Joe DiVito said he was part of that excavation, as DiVito Construction, his family's company, was hired to do the excavating. Due to its delicate nature, DiVito, along with his father, had to dig at a very slow pace. He said a metal plate was welded to the teeth of the backhoe in order to dig in very shallow, even swipes. "It was very slow and methodical," he said.

DiVito said after the excavation, pictures and measurements were taken at the site to enable it to be thoroughly mapped to be located again in the future. "We threw a blue tarp over it and covered it back over," he said, which allowed those digging this time to clearly see when they had found the site.

Although the roundhouse will be covered over and paved while the rest of the parking lot is excavated, there are plans to permanently install pavers around the exterior of the roundhouse at ground level, to mark where this historic treasure lies under the earth. However, permanent pavers will not be installed until all construction in the adjacent area is complete.

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Recall petition effort underway

FROM RECALL, PAGE 1

Wig Pierson, who has also been involved with the petition, said of the roughly 350 cities and towns in the state, it is his understanding that 170 other communities have similar provisions which give residents some control over elected officials.

"It gives the community an option other than an election," to have a changing of the guard, he said.

Harvey, who ran for selectman last year, agreed and said while elections allow for long-term change of officials, "What if someone does something inappropriate right now?" For example, if a board or its members entered into an illegal executive session, Harvey said currently, all residents could do in terms of action is, "Just say please don't."

Harvey said bringing the recall power into the hands of residents is an issue he raised months ago at the Town Manager Act Review Committee meetings. He said there would need to be a change of the Town Manager Act itself in order to activate a recall of votes. "It is a major loophole," he said, which exists in the current act, and does not give the people who elect an official the same power to take them out of office. However, if the Town Manager Act is changed, there would "be a course of action you could take," to make sure those kinds of instances no longer take place, he said. "Right now, we have our hands tied," he said.

Pierson said it must be made clear it is not the intention of anyone who has signed the petition to try to recall anyone in current office. However, those behind the article, "feel this is the time to see it put in the town charter."

Brian McNiff, a spokesman for the Secretary of State's office said while he did not know the exact number of communities which have recall provisions, "It is not unique by any means."

Accounting firm picked to look at the town's books

By Samantha Brown
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At the request of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager Michael Buckley, Town Treasurer/Tax Collector Joe DiVito, and Selectmen Rob Spofford and Ralph Dormitzer interviewed accounting firms to conduct a forensic audit of the towns books and procedures. Of the two firms interviewed, the group has recommended Melanson Heath & Company, PC of Andover to conduct the audit, based largely on its extensive municipal experience.

The audit became necessary when allegations surfaced that former Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager Nicole N. Bartlett had been accused of stealing more than $200,000 from her former employer, The Children's Museum in Boston, by depositing unauthorized payroll checks into personal accounts. Bartlett was also responsible for the payroll in Cohasset, and an internal investigation began shortly after her resignation Sept. 27. While the town has not reported any suspicious activity, the audit will make sure nothing is amiss.

Spofford said although it is hard to set a budget for an audit, as it will all depend on whether the firm finds anything financially amiss and must stay longer, the firm has said its hourly rates will be between $45 and $185. Town Manager Michael Buckley was slated to come before the Advisory Committee last night (Thursday) to ask for $12,500 to cover expenses related to the audit.

As Town Manager, Buckley would usually be responsible for hiring the auditing firm. However, in this instance, Town Counsel will hire Melanson Heath & Co. Buckley explained where he is wearing two hats as both the acting Town Manager and Director of Finance, he would essentially be required to oversee an audit which is investigating the finances which he also oversees. Buckley was Director of Finance at Town Hall at the time former Town Manager Mark Haddad resigned, and as second in line, Buckley stepped up to fill that position temporarily until a new Town Manager can be found.

"I think we're moving in the right direction," said Spofford, adding the audit can begin immediately.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Oct. 21, 7 p.m., in new CHS Community Meeting Room near superintendent's office.

Selectmen, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Oct. 25, 6p.m.

Water Resources Protection Committee and Water Commission, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.

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The day's activities will include hayrides, pony rides, a teepee display, a pumpkin carving contest, children's creepy costume parade, tables of crafts along with homemade and handmade items for sale. There will be a pumpkin and zucchini bake off contest, which will be judged by state Rep. **Frank Hynes**.

There are many additional activities which include a talk about the stars and demonstration with powerful telescopes by the South Shore Astronomers Club, a Garden of Evil, a Haunted Barn Tour that is based on the history surrounding the old Torrey Little estate starting with its origin as a sea captain's house in 1854 to its current owner, artist/author Donna Green and many added touches by Interior designers, **Phil Smith** of Cohasset and **Verna Dalton** as well as the creative touches of Donna herself and the Cohasset Drama Club members.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Magical Moon Foundation to supports its goal of sending 20,000 Velveteen Rabbit's Gift of Courage care packages by to children battling cancer. To find out how you can support the Magical Moon Foundation's Gift of Courage, call 1- 800- 840- 0205. Donations can be sent to: The Magical Moon Foundation, PO Box 83, Marshfield Hills, MA, 02051. Be sure to mention if your donation is in memory of someone. Admission is $8 for adults and $5 for children. A $100 donation to the foundation entitles a family to a VIP pass, which provides unlimited access to the day's events. Parking is available nearby and on the street, with valet parking for handicapped provided, as well as a drop-off spot for young children and parents at the entrance. No pets please.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Great things are happening for children at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library! New fall programs and events begin Nov. 1. Come in and get a flyer or clip out this week's Cohasset Mariner "Library Corner".

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Come do some holiday shopping at a Holiday Bazaar being held on Nov. 6 from 10 am-2 p.m. at the South Shore Community Center.(3 North Main St.). All proceeds go to the gymnastics program at the center. There will be many vendors at the event including: EK Designs, KTB Designs, Handmade Cigar Purses, "My Little Friend Sweaters", Tupperware, Seabands, Storyland Personalized Books, Pampered Chef, Scarves, activities for the children and so much more. For more information, contact **Ruthann Ardizonni** at 781-383-0088.

MEAT AND CHEESE SALE

The fifth-grade class at Deer Hill will be starting its fundraising event next week to raise funds to attend Camp Bournedale next fall. The students spend an entire week living at the camp attending classes as well as learning about Native American cultures, rocketry, marine life, ceramics and other activities that foster teamwork. This is one of two events that allow the student's to earn the money to help pay for camp. They will be selling meat and cheese items from Kinnealey Meats from Thursday Oct. 21 to Friday, Nov. 5. Items included for sale are a prime rib roast, steak tips, pork chops, chicken breast and more. All orders are frozen and vacuumed packaged and will be delivered on Saturday, Nov. 20 in time for Thanksgiving! The students appreciate your support and thank you! If you have any questions, please call **Anne Kearney** 383-1451 or **Beth Marsden-Gilman** 383-1811.

LEARN ABOUT ORCHIDS

The Community Garden Club Of Cohasset will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 26 in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m. Following the 9:30 business meeting Dr. **Thomas Gregg** will present a fascinating program on the history and cultivation of orchids: "Orchids Grow Where CAIOS Reigns". Dr. Gregg is the founder of CAIOS, the Cape and Islands Orchid Society. His program will include information about orchid shows and include a potting demonstration and slide show.

NEWCOMERS COFFEE

The Scituate/Cohasset Newcomer's Club is hosting a "New Member Coffee" on Thursday, Oct. 28 from 7-9p.m. at Starbucks in Cohasset on Route 3A. Come meet new and seasoned members for a delicious cup of java and fine conversation. Learn more about your new town through this very active social club! The club almost guarantees a new network of friends by way of seasonal parties, the book club, ladies night out events, running/walking group, bon appetite club, playgroups and much more! Visit www.scnewcomers.com for more information. RSVP for the Coffee to **Michelle Loughlin** at 383-8308 or **Suzy Murray** at 545-0635. Hope to see you there!

HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR KIDS

Please join the Newcomer's Club for a Halloween party on Friday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Second Congregational Church at 42 Highland Avenue in Cohasset. Entertainment will be provided by Dr. Scribbles the Clown and a Halloween craft will be provided. Come and enjoy coffee and refreshments or bring a special treat to share. It will be free for all members of playgroups. There is a $5 charge for those not participating in the Newcomer's playgroups. Please RSVP to **Gina Steele** at 378-1310 by Oct. 25. For more club information, visit the website at www.scnewcomers.com .

BASKETBALL BOOSTERS

The Basketball Boosters will be meeting on Wed, Oct. 27 in the CMHS Library at 7 p.m. All parents with children involved in the basketball programs in town are welcome to come and be part of the group.

MEET LINDA GILL

On Tuesday, Nov, 2, come and meet the new Director of Student Services for Cohasset Public Schools. This is open for all to attend. **Linda Gill** will be in attendance to share some or her view points, experiences and vision regarding special education in the Cohasset School District. This event is meeting at the Osgood Library at 7:30 pm. Unable to attend? If you would like to be added to an e-mail network for updates on workshops and presentations throughout the South Shore... please forward your contact information to southshorepac@comcast.net

MISTLETOE BOUTIQUE

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at the second annual Mistletoe Boutique. This spectacular event will take place on Sunday, Nov. 7,from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Our World Children's Museum. More than 30 unique designers will offer everything from gingerbread houses to ribbon belts. There will be handmade jewelry, handbags, clothing, accessories and decorative items galore! The museum is located right behind the library. Let the kids enjoy the new playground while you shop. A portion of boutique sales will benefit Our World

That is all for this week. Make sure to send me all your news and event information no later than Tuesdays by noon! All items received after this time will be placed in the following week's column.

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ENGAGEMENTS



Courtney Elizabeth Murphy and Matthew Kevin Lewis

Murphy - Lewis Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Murphy of Quincy announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Elizabeth to Mr. Matthew Kevin Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Lewis of Cohasset.

Ms. Murphy is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, Villanova University, and is presently in her final year at Suffolk University Law School. Upon graduation, she will be an attorney in the U.S. Navy Jag Corps.

Mr. Lewis is a graduate of Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland and is presently in flight school in Kingsville, Texas.

An August 2005 wedding is planned in Boston.

CMHS rededication Oct. 26

All Cohasset residents are invited to attend the celebration, which marks the completion of three years of renovations.

The School Building Committee — together with TLT Construction Corp., Dr. Denise Walsh, Superintendent of Schools, School Committee, Middle-High School staff and students — will rededicate the school on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 8 a.m. in a ceremony in the new Sullivan gymnasium. All Cohasset residents are invited to attend the celebration, which marks the completion of three years of renovations.

After the ceremony, the community also is invited to tour the school building on the 26th from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

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Puppy reunion is event to bark about

FROM PUPPY REUNION, PAGE 1

name for their new family member who arrived as "Java".

"People who adopt these dogs have a real connection," remarked Kirsten Wohlgemuth, who noted that many people come back and adopt another puppy. It was Kirsten who first brought an island pup home to Hingham from her Caribbean vacation and inspired the whole idea of rescue.

"St. Croix is overrun with homeless, hungry animals, and the island animal shelter is forced to euthanize more than 200 dogs and puppies each month," explains Puppy Rescue Director and Founder Joan McCafferty of Cohasset. Meanwhile, many stateside shelters maintain long waiting lists for families hoping to adopt small, mixed-breed pups. Often families will grow impatient and turn to pet shops that are likely supplied by notorious puppy mills or backyard breeders, and end up paying hundreds of dollars for purebred pups.

"The Crucian pups all tend to be small and their natures are particularly sweet. It's as if they know they've been reprieved," Joni explains. Lots of people are specifically seeking small dogs — if we can connect the right home to the right puppy, we are saving a life and reducing the demand for purebred dogs." Kathy Roycroft of Marshfield, one of the six puppy foster mothers, agrees, adding, "We match wonderful dogs with wonderful people."

Joan Hopkins of Scituate opens her home to foster puppies as well, and often gets a hand from her niece Anna.

Typically, the pups arrive two at a time in the carry-on bag of a volunteer "travel partner," arriving at Logan on late-night flights, where they are met by the six south shore women and taken to one of the foster homes. The women then assess the puppies' personalities, and match them to those of the applicants who express a desire for a certain "look" or characteristic, such as compatibility with other pets and children.

Kennel owners Wendy and Stephen Oleksiak donated use of the venue for the event, saying they were glad to help. "It's great to see animals in such desperate need find loving homes through this small organization," Wendy says. Sometimes foster puppies in transition are invited to board at the Kennel by the generous Oleksiaks.

"Their support has been unbelievable," says Joni.

Families and pups alike looked as pleased and proud as the champions at Crufts. Some of the dogs were known to be relatives, and they all have a "Crucian" look. Judy Sestito of Cohasset adopted shy little Chihuahua mix Prince, who's almost four years old. "He has a twin who lives in North Scituate — we were walking in Wompatuck when we ran into each other, and we said, "where did you get your puppy?" And we figured out that they're both from the island, and they must be related! They're about a year apart." Judy had just adopted a friend for Prince, a 12-week old spayed female dachshund mix.

Barktoberfest was not only an event where families got together and showed off their island pups, but was a successful fundraiser for the rescue group. Kathy Wormersley, a Cohasset middle school teacher and puppy foster mother, was doing a brisk business in selling sweatshirts and raffle tickets (*see sidebar*). Scituate foster mom Jean Piers took photographs of pooches with a backdrop of palm trees on a sand-colored blanket for a nominal donation of $3.

A little blonde pup refused to budge from the blanket. "She's having a flashback!" laughed Lindsay Blake, who adopted Marguerita last May. "She's been perfect! We lost our Rottweiler and we wanted a little friend for our Jack Russell terrier, Maddie." She confesses that she was a "dog snob," and her husband Rick wanted to rescue. "I'm a convert! Their dispositions are so great. With purebreds, you get lots of bad traits. These guys are so good!"

Jane Norton of Cohasset arrived with adorable little long-haired dachshund/papillon mix named Elmo, whose streamer ears and tail and smudge eyebrows made him an instant hit when he came from the island, one of the first adoptees. Jane left the Barktoberfest with Elmo — and a friendly auburn-colored Caribbean heart-stealer, a spayed year-old female.

St. Croix Connection Puppy Rescue has placed 178 dogs since they began last May, and the nonprofit group insists that all puppies be spayed and neutered. The organization will use donations and any money raised for medical bills and puppy plane tickets ($40 each). "Hopefully, as we expand our network of foster homes and raise funds and awareness through gatherings such as this, we can save more dogs," said Joni.

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St. Croix Connection volunteer Kathy Roycroft with Brownie at Saturday's reunion.



Frazier with Deborah Clement and Prince with Judy Sestito greet each other at the St. Croix puppy reunion Saturday in Cohasset.

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Richard Fernald gets a flu shot from Linda Farrag, R.N., at the town flu clinic Tuesday.

Lines start early for flu shots

FROM FLU SHOTS, PAGE 1

many doctors have no vaccine, the Cohasset Board of Health had a limited amount of flu vaccines and held a free clinic from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday at Town Hall for Cohasset's senior citizens and high-risk residents.

Health board chairman Steve Bobo said the town, which usually has 800 shots, obtained 400. "We bought the vaccine early," he said, explaining the vaccine was paid for through a gift account and donations.

A nation-wide shortage of vaccine this year has resulted in long lines at most places where clinics have been conducted. A British company could not provide the 48 million doses of the vaccine as promised due to quality concerns at the company's plant.

People started waiting for flu shot "tickets" at Stop & Shop at 3 a.m. and at 7 a.m. at the town clinic Tuesday.

Due to limited supplies, the state issued an order limiting vaccine to those at high risk. From 800 to 1,000 Massachusetts residents die each year due to complications from the flu. [The state recently notified towns that more vaccine will be delivered to Massachusetts and will be distributed to community health departments.]

According to published reports, pushing and shoving has occurred at some regional flu shot clinics.

But that was definitely not the case at the Cohasset Stop & Shop, where an area was set up with tables and chairs and free coffee was provided for those who waited in line for flu shot "tickets."

Things also went smoothly at the town clinic the following Tuesday, which received high marks for its organization. Because of Tuesday's town clinic, Stop & Shop mainly attracted out-ot-towners at its clinic Saturday.

Sydney Edelman of Brookline surfed the internet to find a clinic for his wife, who has diabetes. Once his wife obtained a ticket at 7 a.m. Saturday at Stop & Shop, they planned to go out to breakfast and come back when the clinic opened.

Sisters, Peggy Kelley, Ann LaCortiglia and Barbara Blushi arrived at 2:45 a.m. – from Milton, Weymouth and Braintree, respectively, along with Peggy's son Ronald.

"We went into a panic thinking we wouldn't be able to get shots this year," said LaCortiglia. "But we're feeling very confident right now." The sisters and Ronald had ticket numbers 3 through 6, out of a possible 500.

When they realized there were still tickets available later that morning, they called their brother, Francis Sweeney, 69, who drove down from Weymouth.

Robert Brown of Needham had ticket number two. He said last year was the first time he had a flu shot.

"I decided to get another one this year – I've known people who have really gotten sick from the flu," he said.

Evelyn Laut, 74, of Brockton arrived at 3:15 a.m. and had ticket number 7.

"I went to the Stoughton Stop & Shop [earlier in the week]," she said. "I was unable to get a number there. "I've heard this year there will be a particularly virulent form of flu."

Stop & Shop handed out consent forms provided by Maxim Health Systems – that provided the vaccine – to those waiting in line. Those not on Medicare paid $20 for an injection. People were also asked to fill out a questionnaire to determine their risk factor and the clinics followed CDC (Center for Disease Control) guidelines providing injections for those most at risk to suffer complications if they contracted the flu.

Robert Keane, spokesman for Stop & Shop, said the company partners with Maxim, which is a different supplier from Chiron Corp. that had the quality problems causing the shortage.

"We had no problem obtaining vaccine because we place our order in advance," Keane said. Stop & Shop conducted 142 clinics and provided 10s of 1000s of shots, he said. Stop and Stop has 347 stores – 250 of which have pharmacies. The clinics were held regionally in stores with pharmacies.

Those interviewed at Stop & Shop reported their physicians said their shipments were cancelled.

Michael Freda of Marshfield arrived at 3:55 a.m. and obtained ticket number 10.

He said the first person in line arrived at midnight.

A school bus driver with some medical problems, Freda said his wife pushed him to go to Cohasset for a shot.

"She said, 'if you get the flu and die, I'll never talk to you again,'" Freda said.



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Bernadette Erickson, a manager at the Cohasset Stop & Shop, talks to an elderly man about the flu shot schedule during Saturday's clinic.



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Massage lends a helping hand in warding off the flu

By Samantha Brown
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The flu shot is in short supply this year, and many people have been standing in line for hours just for the chance to be one of the lucky recipients. Those who are considered to be in good health have been asked to forego the vaccination this year to make sure "high-risk" residents such as the elderly and small children are taken care of first.

But even without the shot, there are measures a person can take to keep flu viruses at bay, and Licensed Massage Therapist Mike Leary of Conlon Family Chiropractic says simply getting a massage can make a tremendous difference in boosting immunity.

Leary performs manual lymphatic drainage massages which help stimulate better lymph flow for health. Lymph is a fluid which travels throughout the body, cleansing organs as if flows. Lymph nodes filter out the unwanted substances such as viruses and bacteria that the lymph picks up along the way, and by ensuring the lymph keeps moving, white blood cells can travel more easily to sites of infection.

"This is safe for everybody and anybody," said Leary, with the one exception of those who suffer from lymphatic cancers, as the procedure could encourage it to spread. However, he said those who are healthy can be massaged multiple times during the week without any ill effects.

Lying on a heated table under soft flannel sheets, Leary's clients listen to soft, soothing music during the massage as a fragrant candle burns. He starts by making sure the legs are relaxed, and massages the feet. Leary said it is important to perform the massage in a sequence which mimics the flow of lymph in the body, which begins at the right leg, then the left, then the left arm followed by the right.

Leary bends the toes, and knees and makes sure the hip joints are loose, to encourage lymph flow. The same is done for the hands, elbows and shoulders.

The massage begins with the right leg and Leary makes small sweeping motions across the top of the skin with his hands. It is almost the same motion as brushing crumbs off your lap. The brushing is done from the toes upward, in the same direction as lymph flow. Leary said some people get a little sticky during the massage as the lymph comes through and collects on the surface of the skin.

The same is done for the left leg, and both arms, and Leary also taps on the upper chest where the thymus gland is located, which is one of the main filters of the body.

Leary then works on the back, pressing on either side of the spine and up the neck to encourage more lymph flow. When the massage is complete, Leary places a hot pack on the lower back and allows the client to relax for a while until going back into the real world.

After experiencing the massage, it is not uncommon for a client to temporarily feel a little under the weather as the body works to get rid of the toxins. Leary advises clients not eat for one hour after the massage to allow the body to do its work without having to worry about digestion. He said it is important to drink lots of water afterward to help filter the body, and immunity will be improved once the toxins are gone.

In addition to lymphatic massages, Leary also gives neuro muscular massages, and he practices reflexology and hydro therapy. He said with his background in sports, he knows all about sports related injuries, and because he has also run in marathons, he is familiar with running injuries as well. "It all depends on the problem," he said, which directs him in the best method to use. "I'm always taking more classes," he said, but added the degree he received from the New Hampshire Institute for the Therapeutic Arts in Hudson, N.H. made him very well versed from the start, and gave him an edge in becoming nationally certified.

"New Hampshire is much more strict in their licensing," than Massachusetts said Leary, adding those who wish to be accredited must pass strict state regulations. He said just after graduation, he had to pass a massage test with many other recent graduates who all set their tables up together to be judged in the gymnasium of a university for national certification. "It was bring your own body," he said, adding he brought his wife Cindy, and judges walked around making sure all the candidates were correctly administering a Swedish massage.

Leary said he has given massages to virtually everyone in his family, including his 10-year-old daughter Shannon. "She's a massage junkie," he joked. However, he said when illness creeps up on family vacations, they symptoms don't last long because of the massages he gives. "I always bring my table," he said.

While Leary said he thinks the flu shot is a great idea, especially for seniors and children, he said they don't always capture the correct strain. In fact, because he is constantly working in close proximity with people he always gets a flu shot. However, he said last year, he received a flu shot in early fall, and in December, he ended up sick in bed with the flu for five days anyway.

Above all, Leary said the basic practices of constantly washing the hands, eating well, drinking plenty of water and getting enough rest always help in the fight against germs, but through massage, the immune system may get an extra boost to help fend off the flu.

For more information, please contact Leary at Conlon Family Chiropractic, located at 814 Route 3A near the Scituate line, at (781) 383-1616 or via e-mail at dmlearylmt@comcast.net. During National Massage Therapy Awareness Week, which runs from Oct. 24 to Oct. 30, massages will be 33 percent off.



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Licensed Massage Therapist Mike Leary of Conlon Family Chiropractic says simply getting a massage can make a tremendous difference in boosting immunity.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were recently issued by the Cohasset Town Hall:

Number 20 Sanctuary Pond Road, Doug Bryan, $10,500, extend 28" for chimney base; 56 Summer St., Stanislawzyk, $176,800, SP #04-08-13 additions; 173 Hull St., Josiah Stevenson, $400, portico entry porch, 9X5; 30 Cedar Lane, Mike Meyers, $9,899, re-roof 25 squares; 39 Atlantic Ave., Amy Banks, $14,900, re-roof 20 squares; 45 Beechwood St., O'Rourke, extend kitchen, new deck; 82 Border St., Cohasset Gulf, LLC, $20,000, stabilize structure, repair, restore.

Maryann Maich, 15 Linden Drive, renovate dwelling, $31,000; Oddleifson, 42 River Road, remodel kitchen, 30,000; I. DeVito, 151 Beechwood St., sidewall, fascia and soffits, $10,600; Ross Smith, 19 Whitney Woods Lane, 10 replacement windows, $5,500; Playfair/O'Connell, 249 Jerusalem Road, repair deck as needed, $6,608; Bodell, James & Charlotte, 35 Fernway, addition 16 x 25, sillwork, three dormers, $165,000; Drysdale, 4 Cedar Acres Lane, tent and tank 9/25/04, $1,000; Butler, 56 Margin St., interior renovations, $7,000; Bill Baird, 55 Red Gate Lane, remodel three-season room, $15,000; Fewsmith, 38 Riverview Drive, re-roof 15 squares, $8,000; Brad Murray, 137 North Main St., re-roof 32 squares, $18,800; Maureen Jerz, 133 North Main St., re-roof 29 squares, $15,100; David Murphy, 90 Old Pasture Road, re-roof 38 squares, $15,500; Lighthouse, Lighthouse Lane, tent 10/1 to 10/4, $1,000; Guiggio, 544 Jerusalem Road, sidewall 60 squares, $65,000; Helen and Ethan Arnold, 20 Bow St., demolish and remove structure, $12,800; Peter Roy, 49 Margin St., addition, 3-car garage, remodel, $785,000; Medwid, 35 Rust Way, re-roof and sidewall, $16,000; MacManus, 19 Forest Notch, remodel kitchen, $36,000;

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Marijuana decriminalization question is on ballot Nov. 2

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Leonard was one of five Hingham residents among the 200-plus citizens in Bradley's district who signed a citizen's petition to get the non-binding question on the ballot. "Other communities have passed questions with similar wording," he said.

Bradley noted, however, that proponents of marijuana decriminalization talked with him about 18 months ago and proposed such a bill for the last legislative session. The proposed legislation was studied by the Criminal Justice Committee during a public hearing. Subsequently, the bill was sent to a study committee due to "lack of support," Bradley said. "That means it's virtually dead."

Bradley named some of the concerns centering around the issue. "Make no mistake about it — marijuana is a gateway drug that can lead to cocaine, heroin, and other drug use," he said.

Stating that the reality of the situation isn't as "simple" as Question 1 implies, Bradley further noted that the effort to decriminalize marijuana "has nothing to do with medicinal use." Besides, he said, "with a civil offense, there's no tracking system [to indicate whether it's a first offense or multiple offenses]. I believe the best way to handle this is within the criminal court system because it is an established way of tracking whether someone is abusing or selling marijuana. The prosecutor's office also has the ability to handle cases properly if it's a first offense. If such a case is tried in criminal court and the person is simply fined, then it doesn't go on his or her record."

Diversion programs for those under age 21 caught with marijuana for the first time are also available to help them deal with the issue of drug use. Upon successful completion of the course, the case can be dismissed without leaving the minor with a criminal record. Marijuana is considered to be an illegal drug for people of any age.

Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey is concerned the forum may not be balanced. " I hope that they are going to at least present both sides," he said.

Hussey said he also believes marijuana leads to other drugs and has yet to be convinced otherwise. "The youth population experiments with that and then wants to try something else," Hussey said.

Marijuana not only affects one's decision-making capabilities, it also affects the immune system, according to Hingham DARE Officer Michael Peraino. "There's also more tar in marijuana than in cigarettes," he said.

He went on to say, "We have enough trouble keeping alcohol out of the kids' hands as it is. If we make marijuana possession a civil violation, the marijuana use problem will explode because there will be no consequences and kids would likely think it worth the risk."

In clarifying the reasoning behind the ballot question, Taylor emphasized that it's not the intent of this question or of the DPFMA that children fall under legislation that would decriminalize marijuana.

"We don't want to encourage kids to use drugs," Taylor said. Nor does DPFMA want young people to "lose higher education and other opportunities through a felony drug conviction." But, she said, "those details will be worked out in the complicated legislative process. We want to make public policy better for everybody in Massachusetts. Maybe at some point we can work with drug and alcohol educators in the school system."

"When Rep. Bradley votes on this issue, he should be conveying the opinion of his constituency."
—Whitney Taylor of DPFMA

The amount of marijuana given in Question 1 was set at an ounce or less because that "would be considered personal use versus trafficking or selling marijuana," according to Taylor.

In order to gauge how citizens feel about the issue, the DPFMA is holding an open educational forum Wed., Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. at Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St. Guest speakers include Michael Cutler, a Massachusetts criminal defense attorney, and Taylor. Their presentation will be followed by a discussion period.

The purpose of the forum is to provide the community with an opportunity to educate themselves about, and to discuss, the issues prior to the election and to ask questions. The event is open to the public.

"We will also be talking about the myths versus the facts," Taylor said. "It has been scientifically proven that the health risks linked to the use of marijuana are much less than those related to alcohol or tobacco use." She further stated that the question refers to marijuana decriminalization for personal possession only, or recreational use.

"The intent is that marijuana possession will still be illegal, but we'd be taking it from a criminal to a civil penalty," Taylor said. "So if someone is caught with a couple of joints, let's fine that person but not waste funds on prosecuting [him or her] criminally."

Furthermore, Taylor said, If someone caught with an ounce or less is found to be driving under the influence of marijuana – or alcohol, that's a different story. "We want them to be prosecuted. An impairment test would show whether or not that was the case," she said.

The point is, said Bradley, that "marijuana is illegal. I think the criminal court system can handle cases involving marijuana in an appropriate way on a case-by-case basis, not just by issuing [the equivalent of] a citation."

The DPFMA has been moving across the state since 2000 to present policy questions. Other Massachusetts communities have passed the same type of non-binding questions as the one facing Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and some Scituate voters on Nov. 2. For example, the Fifth Plymouth Representative District, which includes Hanover, Norwell, and Rockland, passed the same non-binding question in 2002.

Question 1

Voters will be asked to vote on this non-binding marijuana decriminalization public policy question on the Nov. 2 ballot:

"Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would make possession of less than one ounce of marijuana a civil violation, subject to a maximum fine of $100 and not subject to any criminal penalties?"

Forum on marijuana question Oct. 27

The Drug Policy Forum of Massachusetts (DPFMA) has placed a Marijuana Decriminalization Public Policy Question on the Nov. 2 ballot in the 3rd Plymouth Representative District to measure how the community feels about this important public safety issue. DPFMA chose the 3rd Plymouth District because District Rep. Garrett Bradley sits on the Legislature's Criminal Justice Committee which will most likely vote on similar legislation in the upcoming Legislative Session.

The Public Policy Question will make the penalty for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana by an adult a $100 civil fine. The current penalty is criminal arrest, and a severe and costly punishment. Each of the 30 daily marijuana arrests in Massachusetts takes a police officer off the street for hours, and adds another case to the backlogged court system.

An educational forum at 7 p.m., Oct. 27 at the Hingham Public Library, is open to the public.

Special guest speakers include: Michael Cutler, Massachusetts Criminal Defense Attorney and Whitney A. Taylor, Executive Director, Drug Policy Forum of Massachusetts.

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Health board and schools work together for students

By Samantha Brown
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Walsh added the schools are now more accountable at the state level for teaching nutrition than ever before, and Cohasset is right on target.

The Board of Health is involved with the schools in a number of ways. From working with students who participate in the Summer Institute, to performing health inspections, to working with food services, the two departments continually collaborate in the best interest of the student's health.

To keep the lines of communication open, the board invited Supt. Denise Walsh for an informal discussion Wednesday, to decide how to best move forward with objectives for the year. Walsh said as a new member of the administration, she would appreciate any background information the board could give her, adding she is looking forward to working with them in the future.

"We interact with the schools in a number of ways," said Chairman of the Board of Health Steve Bobo, adding one of the most valuable programs the two are involved with is the Center for Student Coastal Research. "It's a very important element in our environmental assessment," he said. Reports compiled by high school students were sent off to the Attorney General's office on behalf of the town after this year's Summer Institute program, and Bobo was very impressed with the work completed. He added that the center also offers programs for young students as well, which is very beneficial in sparking their interest at a young age.

Walsh said the town is "very fortunate to have that facility," which is a great asset to the town, especially due to its location. She added she would be grateful to the board for any information they could give her on the program's history to help "fill in the blanks," as the continue to move forward together.

Walsh and the board also discussed the installation of Automated External Defibrillators at the schools. The fire department has been working hard to raise the funds necessary to both buy the machines as well as pay for training. Walsh said once the machines are installed, she would like to make sure all town departments are on board to ensure everyone has gone through the same stages of training and that everyone is on the same page. She said there will have to be a town-wide initiative which will need to be approved as a community, with the fire department taking the lead. "It's a perfect example of a way the town and schools need to work together," said Walsh.

The board also spoke with Walsh about the current school lunch menu. Bobo said the menus have changed radically in the cafeteria since the school lunch program was brought back in house. Previously, the schools had out-sourced the lunch program, but since Food Services Coordinator Robert Levy has taken over and brought the operation in-house, there has been tremendous progress with the nutritional value of the food served. In addition, Bobo said a Nutritional Advisory Committee has begun which meets with members of the school administration on a quarterly basis.

"I've been very pleased looking at the offerings," in the cafeteria, said Walsh, adding Levy has done a wonderful job in the past year. She said in addition to the wonderful work done by Levy, the Department of Education has taken the lead to improve nutritional value in school cafeterias as well, and healthy food choice "is truly a part of the educational program now." Walsh added the schools are now more accountable at the state level for teaching nutrition than ever before, and Cohasset is right on target. She thinks because Cohasset is responsible for its food offerings, "There is a sense of pride and ownership," which has helped the program keep improving.

Bobo also mentioned the school inspections the board handles. Member Peggy Chapman said inspections have grown and the board now looks not only at the inside of the buildings, but they study the pesticides and fertilizers on the grounds to make sure they do not pose any health risk to students as well.

Walsh said the town is moving forward in its quest to find a full time building maintenance supervisor, who will be responsible for the upkeep and cleanliness of the school buildings, and once that person is hired, the board will most likely work with that person a good deal, especially in coordinating inspections.

Walsh also asked for direction in how to proceed through what could be a tough flu season. Walsh said the schools will be getting questions, "and we need direction on what to advise parents." Bobo said the board would be happy to provide information to ensure the schools have information readily available on various health concerns moving into the winter, to ensure both staff and parents always have information readily available.

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Jon Grimm and Toby Norman, shown here with CHS Principal Jack DeLorenzo, are National Merit commended students.

Students receive academic awards

Cohasset High School seniors Jon Grimm and Toby Norman, shown here with CHS Principal Jack DeLorenzo, have been commended by the 2005 National Merit Scholarship Program. More than 1 million students took the 2003 preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) last October, and the two have been recognized for the exceptional academic promise demonstrated by their outstanding performance on the test. In addition, Toby was also given a certificate of academic excellence by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendent's for his outstanding grade point average. Toby is currently ranked number one in the senior class.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Transparent government

With rare exceptions, there is absolutely no reason not to conduct government in a completely open fashion.

The recent flap over former police chief Robert Jackson's "retirement package" should be much ado about nothing. The chief served the town for some 25 years and has earned the right to receive a severance package upon retirement.

But what has raised the ire of some taxpayers is the fact the citizenry wasn't provided the straight scoop from the start. The former chief's separation agreement and monetary arrangement weren't made clear.

The recent controversy is not Mr. Jackson's fault and we're sure he'd prefer to retire from all the media attention.

However, there's at the very least a perception out there that too much is going on behind the scenes at Town Hall and in the school department. To some it appears officials share information with the public as a last resort, after the issue or financial matter has been massaged and packaged for public consumption.

While that might work in other towns, Cohasset residents are too sharp and care too much about their community to accept anything less than a full and candid disclosure.

By all accounts, Cohasset has had a rough year. Its CEO abruptly resigned under a cloud of controversy only to be followed by his administrative assistant, who stands accused of stealing from her former employer. The town will now conduct an audit to make sure nothing is amiss in the books here.

And that's only the tip of the iceberg in terms of ongoing sagas that read like a Hollywood novel.

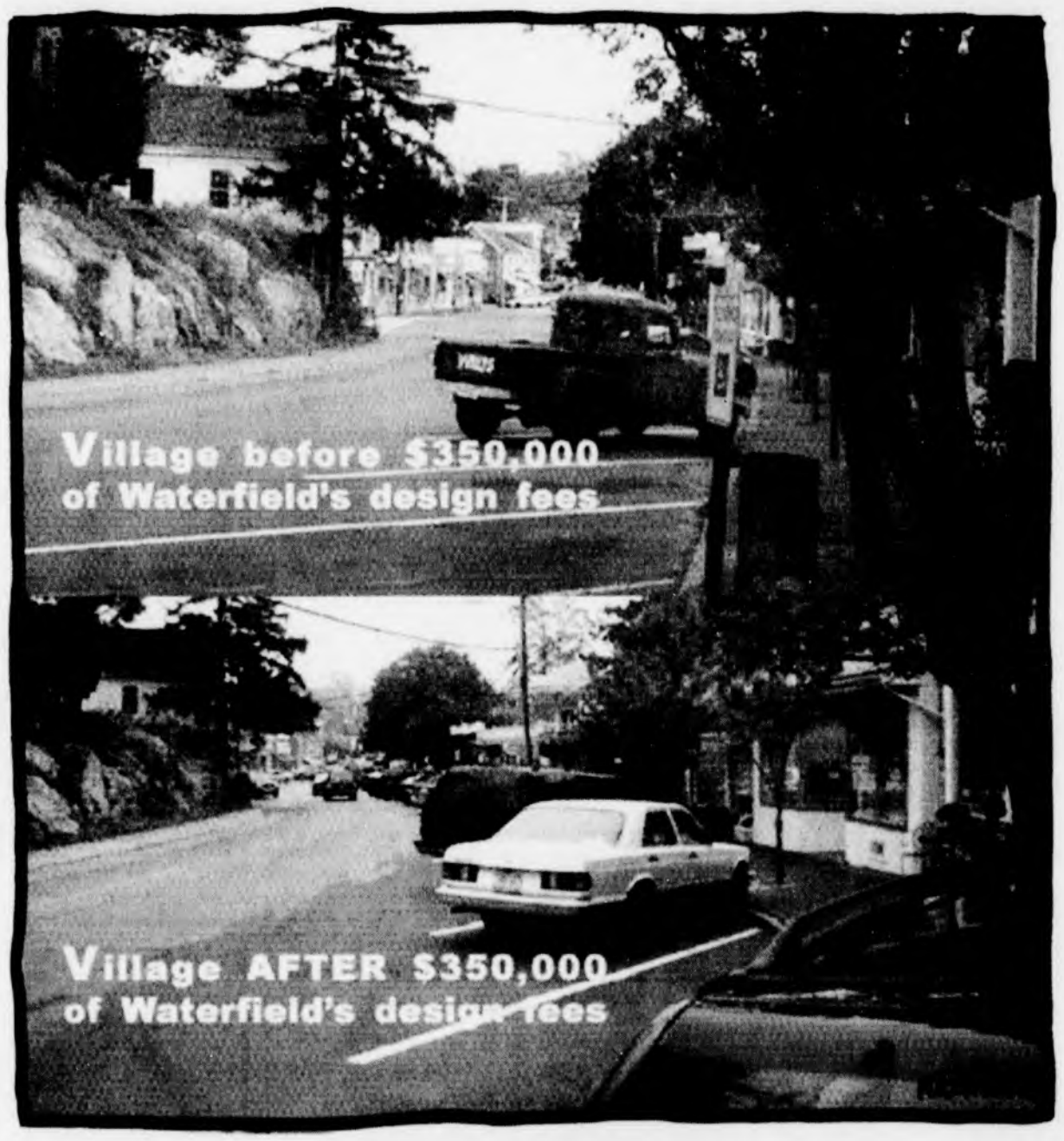
Yet the sun comes up every morning in Cohasset – which despite everything – is still a well run and well managed municipality for the most part.

Now the town is faced with what will likely be an acrimonious debate about adopting a "recall process" for elected officials. While we believe the best recall is a regular election and we don't think a recall should be held like a cudgel over officials' heads, we're not surprised that an effort has surfaced to place the recall option before the Special Town Meeting. We also think those promoting the petition should not be attacked for doing so by the powers that be. The effort is obviously a reaction to complete frustration with the lack of transparency in town government – which, by the way, is supposed of the people, by the people, and for the people.

So where do we go from here? That's really up to those with the courage to lead and be frank with the voters.

We hope leading up to special Town Meeting, there aren't any more surprises. But if issues or financial matters should surface – we suggest town officials give us the news in straightforward way, with complete disclosure, and let the chips fall where they may.

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WELLSPRING

Volunteers needed- The Thrift Shop at Wellspring is searching for caring, responsible and trustworthy volunteers to work in the shop and to assist with inventory. The Thrift Shop is open: Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Thrift Shops continues to offer clothes, household items, toys and books at low prices. The Thrift Shop at Wellspring also offers a friendly atmosphere and the opportunity to learn about other programs and service available.

Wellspring is at 814 Nantasket Avenue. Hull, 781-925-3211 www.wellspringhull.org

Virtual store — A variety of items are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit Wellspring Multi-Service Center. Donations of items are also welcome and can be done on a consignment basis. Wellspring's mission is to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their financial, physical or emotional well-being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

Smoking cessation —Wellspring announces two new support groups for smoking cessation.

Nicotine Anonymous, a 12 step support group will begin Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teens benefit from visit to police station

TO THE EDITOR:

There usually aren't too many smiles on the faces of teenagers and police officers when the two groups come into contact at the Cohasset Police station. But thanks to Chief Hussey, Sgt. William Quigley, and Officer Christy Tarantino, smiles and laughter were the order of the day when the Cohasset Police Department hosted Cohasset High School juniors and seniors enrolled in the Social Studies elective, "An Introduction to Law." Though there were many serious discussions of legal issues ranging from probable cause to penalties for forged identification cards, just having a chance to sit in a cruiser, run the lights, blast the siren, and handle some tactical assault "tools", created the lighthearted moments that come few and far between for teens and cops.

Chief Hussey welcomed the students to the station and by way of introduction as the new chief of the force, encouraged students to share their youthful wisdom with the department via email, phone, or letter. As further evidence of the chief's desire to reach out to the students, an open invitation (as has also been supported in previous administrations) to ride along with an officer was extended to the students. Officer Tarantino and Sgt. Quigley then took over the program, explaining to students the command structure of the department, the function of dispatch, and daily routines of an officer. The highlights of the program, however, began with two presentations. Students were walked through a mock OUI arrest (field sobriety test, breathalyzer, booking) and were given an opportunity to see, touch, and understand uses and deployment of the more intriguing and interesting tools of the trade — tactical weapons. Students dressed in helmets with face shields, sporting Kelvar vests, holding a protective shield (including lights!) and carrying the modern version of the nightstick, made for highly amusing class material. And when the ultimate police toy, the cruiser, was made accessible to students (at the dismay, perhaps, of some elderly neighbors to whom I apologize), the fun was palpable.

Lest one get the impression that this experience was frivolous, let me assure you that it was highly valuable to the community. Students learned important facts about police procedures and legal issues, but more important, students had an experience with the Cohasset Police Department that can't be measured on any law class test, nor fully assessed in the short term. Students had the invaluable opportunity to judge for themselves whether the police in our community do, in fact, have respect for teenagers; whether the officers do, in fact, have an interest in working constructively with teenagers; and whether the officers do, in fact, have a difficult job to perform, despite the fact that "it's just Cohasset."

Though only the teens themselves can answer these questions, this opportunity to work constructively with their town's officers is, I believe, a highly valuable educational endeavor. I thank Chief Hussey, Officer Tarantino, Officer Lisa Matos (who visited class two weeks ago to deliver a highly detailed lecture on case law), and Sgt. Quigley (and all other officers with whom I've worked) for continuing to be invested in the education of Cohasset students.

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CANDIDATES CORNER

Hussey in final stretch

Governor's Council candidate Donald Hussey of Hingham is setting the stage for a final push to Nov. 2. Hussey, a former Norwell teacher and U.S. Air Force veteran, has been criss-crossing the Fourth Council district from South Boston to Duxbury and everywhere in between, meeting with voters in an attempt to unseat attorney Christopher Iannella, Jr. of Boston.

In a recent meeting with voters at 1000 Southern Artery, Quincy, Hussey said, "The Governor's Council confirms the appointment of judges. Judges are constitutionally bound to interpret law, not write it; that's the responsibility of the Legislature. Supreme Court Chief Justice Margaret Marshall, confirmed through the Governor's Council, wrote the law legalizing same-sex marriage in Massachusetts. This issue should be decided by the voters — not by the individual moral interpretation of one person. Following the decision by Justice Marshall, attorney Iannella said the appoint of Chief Justice Marshall was one of his 'proudest accomplishments.'"

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Scalia recently said, "The courts have strayed into a realm of judicial activism that is ultimately bad for democracy." He went on to say, "It is blindingly clear that judges have no better capacity than the rest of us to determine what is moral."

Hussey said, "The existing Governor's Council is made up almost exclusively of lawyers. Lawyers who appoint other lawyers to the bench. This is a clear conflict of interest, even under the best of intentions or circumstances. The eight Council members are elected from districts which stretch across the State.



Don Hussey

"I am looking forward to Election Day with great anticipation. Serving on the Governor's Council will be a great honor for me," said Hussey.

For more information, call the Hussey Committee at 781-749-0977.

Hussey Committee to hold fund-raiser

The Committee to Elect Donald Hussey cordially invites all interested voters to attend a fund-raiser for Governor's Council candidate Donald Hussey of Hingham.

Hussey, a former Norwell teacher and U.S. Air Force veteran, has been actively campaigning throughout the Fourth Council district which stretches from South Boston to Duxbury, including some 24 other communities including Brockton, Hanover, Rockland, and Norwell to Dorchester, Quincy and Braintree, Hussey has been meeting with voters as he criss-crosses Boston and the South Shore in an attempt to unseat attorney Christopher Iannella, Jr. of Boston.

Hussey said, "Judicial appointments impact our lives more directly than ever. The legalization of gay marriage in Massachusetts is a glaring example of judicial activism." The council members, comprised almost exclusively of lawyers, vote to elevate other lawyers to judgeships. This is a clear conflict of interest, even under the best of circumstances or intentions.

The Hussey fund raising event, hosted by Lynne and Donald Pinto, will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 29, at their home in Hingham.

For more information, call the Hussey Campaign Committee at 781-749-0977.

Why the two ash trees must come down

COMMENTARY

COHASSET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Recently, there has been discussion regarding the Cohasset Historical Society's intention to remove two ash trees from its property at 4 and 6 Elm St. This is the result of a carefully researched project, funded by the CPC, to restore the Captain John Wilson House and to add handicapped access to both the 1810 Wilson House and the adjacent c. 1754 Maritime Museum. Let us explain.

For the past three years, the Society has been working with preservation architects and supporting engineers to solve the water drainage problem, which has caused the gradual but serious destruction of the Wilson House. Essentially, the Wilson House is built on and over ledge in such a way that water draining down the ledge from Highland Avenue has caused the underpinnings of the Wilson House to deteriorate. We have consulted two separate architectural firms, as well as civil, structural, and geotechnical engineers, all of whom agree that this is truly a difficult project site. After much testing, analysis, and design work, they have developed plans for a construction project to reroute the water flow around the Wilson House, drain away any water that does enter the building, and rebuild the foundation beams and lower level walls which have rotted.

Why are we so concerned about these buildings? The Cohasset Historical Society is the custodian and protector of the artifacts and buildings under its care. Both the Wilson House and the Maritime Museum are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a significant and exclusive honor. Normally, moving a building from its original location disqualifies it from Register listing. However, the Maritime Museum's move from the harbor area to the center of town did not affect its eligibility since its construction embodies rarely seen techniques and the building remains the sole surviving 18th century ship chandlery in the Commonwealth. Each of the Society's Elm Street museums adds to the character of the center village and tells a distinct story about the early years of Cohasset.

The architects have recommended that we remove most of the scrub and tree growth behind the Wilson House so that equipment can be brought in to do the heavy work of removing soil and ledge to reroute the surface water around the Maritime Museum and down between the two buildings to the storm drains in the street. Both the architects and two separate arborists have told us that the digging that needs to be done between the two buildings will destroy about 40 percent of the root structure of the larger ash tree located in this space and since this tree's root structure will be seriously compromised, the tree probably won't survive.

The other tree stands at the southeast corner of the Maritime Museum and completely overarches the building as well as the power wires on Elm Street. The location of this tree is such that debris from the tree continually falls into the gutters and on the roof. In its present configuration, the tree shades the whole corner of the Maritime Museum keeping the sun away which encourages mold and mildew growth on and in this historic building.

The root pattern for this tree is notably unbalanced. Roots can only grow in front of the Maritime Museum or to the east under a cobble patio. Aborists tell us that this makes this tree more susceptible to toppling in a severe storm, especially with its large crown. Although the tree could be pruned, the required pruning would be severe and certainly would upset the gracious leaf canopy we now enjoy. One arborist commented that the town probably would find the tree quite ugly after the required pruning. Without severe pruning, the larger limbs still pose a potential threat to the 1750s Maritime Museum and the Elm street wires in severe storms.

This tree also has heaved the steps of the Maritime Museum three or four inches so that these are quite dangerous for our visitors, especially seniors. The steps could be leveled, but that would require pruning the roots that are causing the upheaval, further unbalancing the tree's root structure.

At the same time, since we are doing major civil engineering work around the Wilson House and in the area between the Wilson and Maritime buildings, we thought it prudent to do a conceptual design for handicapped access so that no anticipated construction would prohibit the handicapped access from proceeding. The Society viewed about twenty different handicapped entry solutions from three different architects who all agree that this is a difficult and tight site, especially when considering the ramp length required to go from sidewalk level to the nearly four foot high Maritime entrance. The best and least intrusive handicapped access solution of all those reviewed requires the removal of this corner tree.

For these reasons, we feel that it is prudent for the Society to remove these two larger trees at the same time we are doing the other tree work on our property. It has been clearly established by surveyors and the Town that the trees are absolutely on our property. This is not something we do lightly, but with much thought and analysis and responsibility. A majority of the Board of Directors at two regular meetings and one special meeting in September and October voted to proceed with the restoration plan. We will be sensitive to the needs of the Town as we finalize our designs and will include as much landscaping and as many plantings as good design and space will allow. Our Society has been a good neighbor since 1928 and we plan on many more years during which we will continue to add to the fabric of our picturesque and historic town.

This commentary was written by Paula Morse, Co-President; Kathy O'Malley, Co-President; and Tom Gruber, First Vice-President of the Cohasset Historical Society.

'Attitude is everything' when it comes to saving the environment

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY



This week I have a little quiz for you. You can visualize it like one of those survivor shows if you want. Here it is: Imagine a group of people living on a wonderful island, where Mother Nature provides sparkling pure water to drink, fresh moist air to breathe, delicious foods to eat, amazing animals to provide company, beautiful meadows and woodlands, meditative seacoasts, and golden warm sunshine and nourishing rainfall. Imagine this group living a lifestyle in harmony with these natural systems, meaning the systems can remain in balance forever. In short, paradise.

Now imagine one member of the group proposes a change of lifestyle for all the islanders that will gradually destroy the essential life-supporting systems. For example, say this guy proposes dumping lots of carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrous oxides into the air, various poisons to the water, carcinogenic chemicals into the soil and food, exterminating many of the animal species, and clear-cutting the forests. Imagine this guy reassures the islanders, "Don't worry. Trust me. There won't be any negative consequences! You'll still be able to breathe the air, drink the water, and eat the food and it won't hurt you."

Now imagine one member of the group proposes a change of lifestyle for all the islanders that will gradually destroy the essential life-supporting systems.

What do you think the response of the islanders would be? I think if the majority of them had even half a brain, they'd put this guy on a raft to anywhere else.

Does this story sound far-fetched to you? Does this guy's attitude sound unbelievable? Well, I'm sorry to tell you this attitude is the dominant attitude here in the United States and here in Cohasset. Every time we drive our cars, turn up the heat or air conditioning in our homes, flip on the lights, and toss another blue pay-as-you-throw plastic bag into the dumpster, we're doing exactly what that island guy proposed. We're destroying another little bit of our beautiful island.

How can we turn this around and move toward a lifestyle of living in harmony with natural systems? Maybe it begins with attitude. A friend of mine has a favorite saying, "Attitude is everything." Too many of us now have the attitude that we can destroy trees and sand dunes without there being any negative consequences. We believe we have the God-given right to do anything we wish with Nature. I think it's time for us to adjust our attitudes. Think about it.

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Nothing fishy about Jack

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I used to go fishing off Minot's Light with Jack Calderwood, the Scituate adman, a gentle man then in his early 70s who rarely raised his voice or lost his temper, except when confronted by his nemesis — the common dogfish.

I don't know why but Jack hated dogfish with a passion seldom seen outside of a terrorist cell.

I recall a day when one of our fishing party hooked and hauled a dogfish into Jack's boat. Jack went whoopee! He grabbed a club and began pounding the inoffensive fish to a pulp much like Tony beating Ralphie to death in season four of The Sopranos.

Dogfish, as the fishermen among us are well aware, are small sharks that hang around fishing grounds to snap up bait and line that we reserve for the A-list critters of the deep like cod and flounder. They are, in a word, pests.

My friend Jack Calderwood would have handled it differently.

I wonder what Jack, if he were still around, would have thought of the way we treated that 14-foot, 1,700-pound great white shark, the kind that munches on arms and legs and small children, that got trapped in the shallow salt water pond near Woods Hole the other day.

If the same amount of effort that was devoted to freeing the shark, so that she (of course, she was female) could continue making life miserable for the swimmers of the world, went into the search for Osama bin Laden, he would have been in the slammer by Sept. 12, 2001.

I don't have an exact count but the number of people who gathered around the shark pool probably would have been good for second or third place on an NFL Sunday attendance list. They included biologists who appear to have been taking the shark's temperature hourly.

My friend Jack Calderwood would have handled it differently. He would have brought the 102nd Field Artillery of the National Guard back from Iraq to blow the great white dogfish out of the water.

While the shark was trapped in the pool, scientists managed to attach a tracking device — gently, so as not to damage her psyche — onto her dorsal fin so they could spy on her while she was grazing on tourists who ventured past ankle deep waters in Florida.

Unfortunately, the shark divested herself of the device before the scientists could determine whether she preferred arms or legs or small children to snack on, a misfortune that left Greg Skomal, a biologist with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, with "a hollow feeling."

"For the last three weeks, I've gone to the highest point in my professional career to really one of the lowest," he was quoted as telling the Boston Globe.

Three weeks of dangling a line in the dogfish pool off Minot's Light with my friend Jack Calderwood might have shown him a couple of other points that would have straightened out his concerns in a hurry.

HEALTH NOTES

Good and bad news about pollution report

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

For reasons unknown to me, the Mass Bays Program is one of the better ways the State spends money for the environment. The program describes itself as "a partnership of citizens Communities and Government that strives to protect and enhance the coastal health and heritage of Massachusetts and Cape Cod bays."

The program is designed to manage and direct research designed to serve its 50 member communities of which Cohasset is one. Last Thursday, I attended a meeting sponsored by the North South River Watershed Association which is one of the more powerful environmental organizations on the South Shore, in which members of the Mass Bays staff presented a report called the 'State of the Bays Report'.

The report was formatted to provide the answers to a number of interesting questions, such as: 1. 'Have conditions in Boston Harbor changed in the last 10 years?' Or 2. 'Has there been any impact from the Mass Water Resources Authority MWRA's discharge into Mass Bay and Cape Cod?' Or 3. "What are the levels of contaminants in shellfish in Massachusetts and Cape Cod bays?

There were some 14 such questions covering a variety of interesting topics with facts derived from real research; not someone just waving his arms and proclaiming "Things are better!' Actually, the studies revealed that the reserved and somewhat hesitant answers to questions 1 and 2 above were yes. Things have gotten better.

But for us in Little Cohasset the information presented in question 3, was a shocker. First, according to the study: "No organic contaminant in Gulf of Maine (including Mass Bay) mussels exceeded the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's standards for human consumption. However, concentrations of organic contaminants tended to be higher in the southwestern Gulf of Maine, where coastal watersheds still bear the legacy of industrialization, and locally near the urbanized population centers of the Massachusetts Bays. Of all sites in the Gulf of Maine, Sandwich, Mass. has the greatest number of measured contaminants whose levels increased. While Sandwich was originally expected to represent a "clean" site, data shows that it appears to be receiving and accumulating contaminants from elsewhere in the Gulf of Maine. A site in Boston's inner harbor has shown the highest concentrations of many contaminants compared to all Gulf of Maine sites."

Nowhere in the report was Cohasset mentioned except as one of the 50 towns listed in the report's bar graph. But, according to the graph, Cohasset happens to be number 4 with contamination levels about half those at the Nut Island sewage treatment plant in Boston Harbor and second highest on the chart.

Blue mussels are ideal indicators because they remain in one place through their lifetime and can accumulate contaminants in their tissues.

The Mass Bays representative who was describing the report, Chris Krahforst, had good background on the document, and indeed after reading it subsequent to the meeting, the situation clarified itself to some extent. First, the data for this graph was accumulated between 1991 and 2000 and shows the concentration of trace amounts of silver in blue mussels over this period. Blue mussels are ideal indicators because they remain in one place through their lifetime and can accumulate contaminants in their tissues. Silver, among other metals is one of the measures of intrusion of the byproducts of industrialization in our food chain. This finding cannot, at this time be associated with any threat to humans. It merely demonstrates that we in Cohasset are just as susceptible to contamination of our natural resources as any of the larger population centers. Why we have such high levels of silver in our blue mussels must await more analysis of *much* more data.

Perhaps more important is that data about the town's environment has been collected for 13 years without the town being aware of this fact. We certainly knew about threats to our health when they occurred, such as the closing of the clam flats based on Marine Fisheries data collected by Neil Churchill one of the authors of the State of the Bays Report. And the report was given to us in Cohasset at an affair at the Norwell Science Center, sponsored by another contributor to the report, Wendy Garpeau, of Mass Bays and watershed coordinator, working at the North South River Watershed Association in Hanover. I guess the lesson we can learn about the sick mussels, if ,indeed they are sick, is that there are a lot of intelligent, dedicated people organized by the state, and being paid very little, with livelihood threatened every time the legislature cuts environmental funding who are in one way or another, looking out for our health.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Community Center

The following activities are offered at the South Shore Community Center, 3 N. Main St. Call 781-383-0088.

There are still openings in the following gymnastic and sports classes:

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Tumble Rugs age 3 - 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Gym Explorers age 4 to 6 - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Nursery school drop off and pick up)

Sports for Kids age 4 to 6 - 1 to 2 p.m. (Following lunch bunch)

Gym Explorers age 4 to 6 - 2 to 3 p.m.

Tumble Rugs age 3 - 3 to 3:45 (Nursery school pick up)

Above classes boys and girls

Tuesday

Gym Explorers age 4 to 6 - 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.

Tumble Rugs age 3 - 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

Sports for Kids age3 to 5 - 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Above classes boys and girls

POLITICAL NOTES

Truth about 'Farenheit 9/11'

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee will sponsor a free showing of the "Unraveling the Truth About Michael Moore's Farenheit 9/11" at The Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset on Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Call Kevin O'Donnell at 781-383-0193 with any questions.

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The Cohasset Republican Town Committee has a website at http://www.cohassetrepublicans.com/

Screening of 'Fahrenheit 9/11'

Join the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee for an encore screening of "Fahrenheit 9/11" on Friday, Oct. 22 at 7p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. Admission is free. Political junkies and other interested citizens are invited.

Contributions will be accepted and distributed to Democratic candidates for election. The movie is R-rated and anyone under 17 must bring a parent. For information, call Agnes McCann, chairman at 781-383-0222

Delahunt seeks votes – for Kerry

Won't rule out possible Senate run

By Elizabeth Malloy
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While his constituents may not be seeing many bumper stickers or pins proclaiming "Delahunt for Congress," US Rep. William Delahunt said he is campaigning hard by working for the people of the South Shore and Cape Cod in Washington and stumping for Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry.

During a recent discussing about his current campaign, Delahunt also said he has not ruled out a run for Kerry's seat in the US Senate, should the junior Senator from Massachusetts win the Nov. 2 election against President George W. Bush.

Delahunt, who called the current election "the most polarizing moment in American history that I've experienced," said that if his friend and colleague Barney Frank, D-MA, decides to run for Kerry's seat, then he will not. However he has not ruled out the possibility should Kerry be elected president and Frank decide not to run.

There is speculation that Frank, U. S. Rep. Martin Meehan, D-MA, or U.s. Rep. Edward Markey, D-MA, could all run for Kerry's seat if he wins the presidency.

For now though, Delahunt said he is focused on winning re-election and serving the people of the 10th district.

"I take this campaign, every campaign, very seriously," he said. "The best campaign is doing the job as well as you can."

Delahunt said he considers among his greatest achievements in Congress the recent passing an omnibus crime bill which will make DNA testing more wide spread and restores some victims rights. According to Delahunt, getting that bill passed was a major reason he has remained in Washington deep into the campaign season and has not been able to stump for himself as much as his opponent, Republican candidate Mike Jones.

"This is the most important election in a century, clearly in modern American history. The world is watching this election in a very real way."
US Rep. William Delahunt

"It required an extraordinary effort, not just by myself but by others, on a bi-partisan basis, to get this on the president's desk," Delahunt said. "It's really about restoring the confidence of the American people in our criminal justice system.

When it comes to local issues as well, Delahunt said he is proud of how he brought many different parties involved in the creation of fishing regulations, such as scientists, environmentalists and fishermen, to strike compromises.

"Hook fishermen have really, in my judgment, struck a balance between conservation and their own economic needs," Delahunt said. "Some fisheries have been replenished as a result."

In his next term, Delahunt said he would continue to focus on the expansive shoreline of the district. He said the recent battle over energy-producing windmills — in particular the proposed Cape Wind Farm on Nantucket Sound off Cape Cod — has made him realize there needs to be zoning regulations in the ocean just as there are on land. He said he would make it a focus of his term to come up with such regulations and has already filed a bill to create an "oceans commission."

Delahunt said while he is strongly in favor of finding renewable energy sources, until these regulations can be put in place, he would be against off-shore wind farms because it would be too difficult to monitor their construction.

He said he would also like to focus on the cost of prescription drugs and addressing a system he said is "broken." He advocates for bulk purchasing of prescription drugs from Canada.

Delahunt did say he has found the time to stump for Kerry, including an appearance in Florida last week, because he feels this election is very important. He said he knew Kerry personally since they both worked as prosecutors in the mid-1970s.

Mihos leaves mark on Massachusetts politics

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

Craig Sandler

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Massachusetts politics continues to be all about Christy Mihos.

What's that you say? If you don't say "who's that?" first. Well, Jane Swift sure isn't asking who Christy Mihos is. She knows exactly who he is: her worst nightmare.

Mihos, a Republican, founded the convenience store chain that bears his first name. His long and utterly successful campaign to torment the former acting governor began Nov. 16, 2001, when Swift fired him from his post as a Massachusetts Turnpike Authority board member. That day was the start of a series of events that recast the form of Massachusetts politics, with ramifications that are continuing, visible on the faces of restive Democrats who gathered last week in front of the State House in an attempt to counter the Republican Party's developing potential.

Back in 2001, Swift said Mihos and fellow Turnpike board member Jordan Levy were irresponsibly undermining the financial viability and public image of the Central Artery project, as they waged a campaign to block toll hikes and deny payments to the project's chief contractor in the wake of overruns and cover-ups.

As soon as they were fired, they began a legal campaign that, after a back-and-forth series of decisions, defeated Swift in the courts and inflicted enormous damage on her standing with the public. But Mihos didn't stop there. He wouldn't get his turnpike post back until May of 2002, but right after being fired, he began spending money on undermining Swift's reputation. Mihos told the Boston Globe he spent about $80,000 on the effort, but the most effective spending was on a poll Mihos commissioned – the first poll in years to include Mitt Romney's name.

When the survey showed Romney running far more strongly than Swift against all Democratic prospects, Romney took just a matter of days before reversing his earlier declaration against challenging the sitting Republican governor. Politicos continue to debate how important a role the Mihos survey played in Romney's decision making, but there's no question about its effect on the Republican Party: it started a "brushfire" within the party, to quote a Romney adviser who described the effectiveness of Mihos' maneuvering to the Globe in 2002.

The rest is not just history. Mihos didn't rest after Romney was elected. He's talking about running for US Senate should John Kerry leave the spot vacant. He lost his seat on the turnpike board when Romney replaced him with Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas. But Mihos has filed another lawsuit against Swift, this one accusing her of personally violating his civil rights by his firing. It may be a nuisance suit, but it's not frivolous: on Oct. 13, US District Court Judge Joseph Tauro ruled that Swift and a Who Was Who of her administration can be deposed in the lawsuit (Mihos and his associates now can be deposed as well as a result of the ruling.)

More than that – much more – the whole tenor of this political year is different because of Mihos' intervention. Having decided to run, Romney won; and having won; he decided one of his important missions would be electing Republicans to the Legislature. Accomplishing that would earn him major credibility within the national circle of his party – a circle Romney clearly is keen to enter and ultimately command.

The GOP legislative campaign is so well-organized and funded that Congressmen William Delahunt and Barney Frank felt compelled to come to Boston last week to tell State House reporters they object to tactics Republicans are using in one district after another, to undermine the credibility and standing of Democratic incumbents. Democratic Party Chairman Philip Johnston joined in, accusing the Republicans of spreading lies and distortions and circulating a flood of negative advertising. Republicans said they are just exposing the voting records of incumbents. And they pointed out that Delahunt and Johnston were derided in 1996 for deploying negative ads and tactics against each other in their primary contest for the Congressional seat Delahunt now holds. The parry was a measure of the strength of the thrust; Republicans are making Democrats nervous at a pace and on a level not seen in this state for 14 years. Everyone in the party is enjoying it – except Swift.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen
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October 15, 2004

QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives and senators' votes on roll calls from prior sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

REPEAL COURT "ANNIVERSARY FEES" (H 4915 and H 4916)

House 154-0, Senate 37-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget provision repealing the district court "anniversary fee" that was signed into law in 2003. The law requires a plaintiff in district court to pay an additional $90 fee for each year that his or her case remains on the court docket and is not resolved. The House 154-0, Senate 37-0, also overrode the governor's veto of a similar law requiring plaintiffs in superior court to pay a $120 fee for each year in which their cases are not resolved. Plaintiffs that do not pay the fee are assessed a $10 per month penalty and are subject to having their cases dismissed. Override supporters said these unfair, misguided laws impose a fee on plaintiffs that do not have control over the backlogged court schedule. They noted these fees are counterproductive because they do nothing to speed up justice and actually financially reward courts for maintaining a slow system of justice. In his veto message, the governor said that these fees yield some $6 million annually to fund court operations and have allowed the state to charge plaintiffs a lower initial filing fee. He noted that the best way to avoid the anniversary fees is to avoid delays in civil litigation. (A "Yea" vote is for repealing the $90 fee and the $120 fee).

COURT "ANNIVERSARY FEES" EXEMPTIONS (H 4915 and H 4916)

Prior to repealing the court "anniversary fees," the House 20-132 and 21-131, rejected Gov. Romney's amendment leaving the fees intact but exempting some plaintiffs. Plaintiffs that would be exempt from the fee include those that are indigent, serving in the military or filing domestic abuse claims. Amendment supporters said these fees have increased much needed revenues for the courts and argued that the exemptions would give a break for specific extenuating circumstances. They noted the fees are fair because they allow plaintiffs to pay a lower initial filing fee while imposing the larger anniversary fees for cases that use more court resources over a longer period of time. Amendment opponents said the exemptions are well-intentioned but do not correct an unfair fee that is imposed on plaintiffs for delays that are beyond their control and often caused by a backlogged court system. They argued that the only fair solution is to repeal the fees. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendments keeping the fees in effect with exemptions for some plaintiffs. A "Nay" vote is against the amendments).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

VEHICULAR HOMICIDE (S 2484)- The Senate gave final approval to and sent to the House a bill that would make driving with a suspended or revoked license admissible as evidence when a court is determining whether the driver is negligent in a vehicular homicide case. The legislation is known as the Kevin J. Pecor Act— named after a 16-year-old West Springfield bicyclist who was killed by a driver operating with a suspended license.

REAL ESTATE CLOSINGS- The U.S. Justice Department is pushing the Massachusetts House to approve legislation allowing some real estate closing services to be performed by non-attorneys. The services include representing lenders as closing agents and drafting deeds, mortgages and agreements. Justice Department official R. Hewitt Pate said the bill would lower closing costs because these non-lawyers would charge lower fees than lawyers. He also noted that the increased competition would encourage lawyers to lower their fees. Opponents argue that the bill would hurt consumers by allowing unqualified persons to provide these complicated services. The bill was given a favorable report by the House Judiciary Committee in July but has not yet reached the House floor.

TAX BREAK FOR COMMUTERS (H 5076)- The Legislature is still fine-tuning a tax break that was included in a recent supplemental budget signed by Gov. Romney. The one-time 2004 tax break is for commuters who pay for tolls through a Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Fast Lane account and for individuals who use weekly or monthly MBTA or commuter rail passes. It allows taxpayers a tax deduction for any amount paid above the first $150 up to a maximum of $600 for individuals and $1200 for married couples. The House is working on language to fix some problems with the wording of the provision in order to ensure that the break is available to taxpayers on their 2004 state income tax returns.

SPEAKER DIMASI'S COMMISSION- Newly-elected House Speaker Sal DiMasi (D-Boston) has announced formation of a commission to review the operations of the House and recommend reforms to open up the legislative process. DiMasi's office said that several legislators who were critical of former Speaker Tom Finneran's handling of the House have been asked to serve on the commission. DiMasi supporters say this is an indication that the new speaker's style will be different than Finneran's and that DiMasi is striving to include more members in the legislative process. Some critics note that DiMasi served for many years as second-in-command to Finneran. They said that they are encouraged by the move but are taking a more wait-and-see attitude. The Commission will submit its ideas and suggestions for consideration by the House at the beginning of the 2005-2006 legislative session in January.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote



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Safety Fair

CEA and Sheriff's Department host event

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Sheriff Michael Bellotti chats with Robert F. Tarantino from the Medical Affairs office in Boston. The Safety Fair covered a range of issues from financial exploitation to vision, diet and safe driving over 55.



Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey addresses the attendees. Also on hand were Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik, Building Commissioner Robert Egan, and Arthur Lehr of Emergency Management to name a few.



Paul Perito, left, looks over some information about safe driving from instructor, Joseph Beals Jr., of Marshfield. Safe driving was one of the many topics covered at the Safety Fair Oct. 13.



Norfolk County Sheriff Michael Bellotti addresses those who attended last week's Safety Fair at the Senior Center, 3 N. Main St.



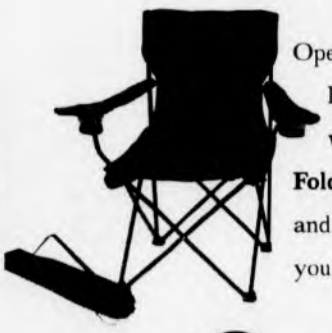
Maria Perroncello, left, and Shirley Kehoe pick up some brochures and information at one of the many displays about health and safety.

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ASP NEWS



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On Sunday Oct. 23, the first official meeting of the Appalachia Service Project will be held at 8 p.m. at the First Parish Church, Cohasset. All ASP volunteers are required to attend.

ALS thanks everyone who has supported the Pumpkin Patch so far. The Pumpkin Patch is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., through Oct. 31.

An aerial view of the giant Pumpkin Patch in Wheelwright Park off North Main Street which is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through the end of the month.

Annual book sale donations sought

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., is currently accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVD's, CD's and videos for it's annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4. If your book shelves are spilling onto the floor, and DVD's, CD's and videos are busting out of the entertainment center, the church has got the solution for you. Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked "church offices." Alternatively, St. Stephen's would be happy to arrange pick up of your donations. For donation pick-up or more information, call Alix White at 781-383-1829. Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Monday, Nov. 22, is the last day book donations will be accepted. Old textbooks, romance novels, water damaged or moldy books, books with note or highlighting cannot be accepted.

The book sale is a mission program of St. Stephen's Church to more strongly establish a church presence in a needy area. "It is exciting to be part of the beginning of a new church," comments the Rev. Cliff Cutler, "establishing a strong ministry for the future. God is doing a great thing in people's lives. It is such a joy to be part of that good news." Through your donation of books, DVD's, CD's and videos that are being accepted now, you will help change lives and strengthen community.

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OUR WORLD UPDATE

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• Drop-in playtime and craft activity for toddlers and preschoolers every Wednesday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is $3 per child, which includes craft activity. Oct. 27 craft will be decorating little pumpkins for Halloween. Call 781-383-3198 to reserve a pumpkin.

• Canta Conmigo! with Jodi Craft. "Sing With Me" is a bilingual (Spanish-English) playgroup for parents or caregivers and their toddlers and preschoolers. Through the use of fun music, interactive toys, exciting games and colorful books, children will learn simple Spanish words and phrases. Dates: Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8. 15. Times: 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m. Cost is $15 per class.

• Manners can be Fun with Angela Brown. Etiquette class for ages 6-9, Nov. 1, 4-6 p.m. Single session reiterates the importance of introductions, phone manners, table etiquette (setting the table, passing food, utensil use, appropriate conversation), poise, posture, please and thank you and more. Cost is $50.

Call 781-383-3198 to register.

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Teeing it up

Cohasset golfers played in sectional tourney yesterday

By Mike Spellman
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Rain on Tuesday postponed the state sectional golf championships to yesterday morning.

Four teams from Marinerland were slated to play in the Div. 3 south sectional tourney at Wentworth Hills Golf and Country Club in Plainville, yesterday: Pembroke, Scituate, Cohasset and South Shore League champion Norwell.

Norwell (8-2) clinched the SSL title, last Tuesday, when Cohasset (7-2-1) beat Harwich (6-2-2) for the second time this season.

"It's great to be back in that number one spot, and we owe Cohasset a debt of thanks," said Norwell coach Ken Camerota, whose team actually fell to Harwich in both meetings this season but (go figure) swept Cohasset.

The Clippers earned at least a share of first place in the South Shore League for six straight seasons before last year's sub-500 season and first ever failure to qualify for the postseason.

As for the Skippers (8-5-1 overall), though they finished second in the SSL with a 7-2-1record, their 1-3 mark in non-league play kept them battling for their postseason lives right up through last Wednesday.

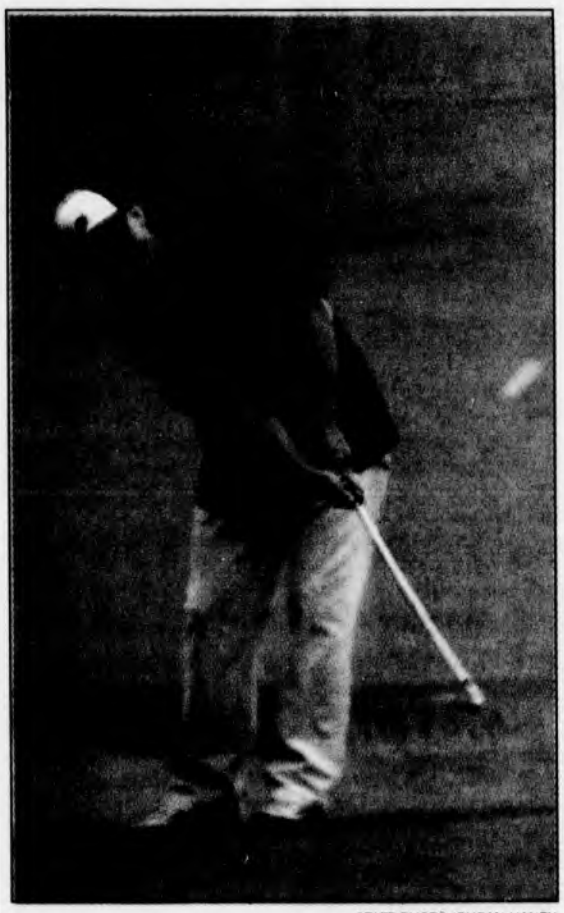
It was a 29.5-24.5 win over Carver on the Crusaders tricky home course, Plymouth's Southers Marsh, that finally sewed up the Skippers first playoff berth since 2001.

"It's great to get back," said Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney. "We finished the year strong too, which is just what you want heading into the tourney."

Sophomore Kevin Barber fired a match best 34 and senior Chris Simms chipped in with a 35 to lead the Skippers charge.

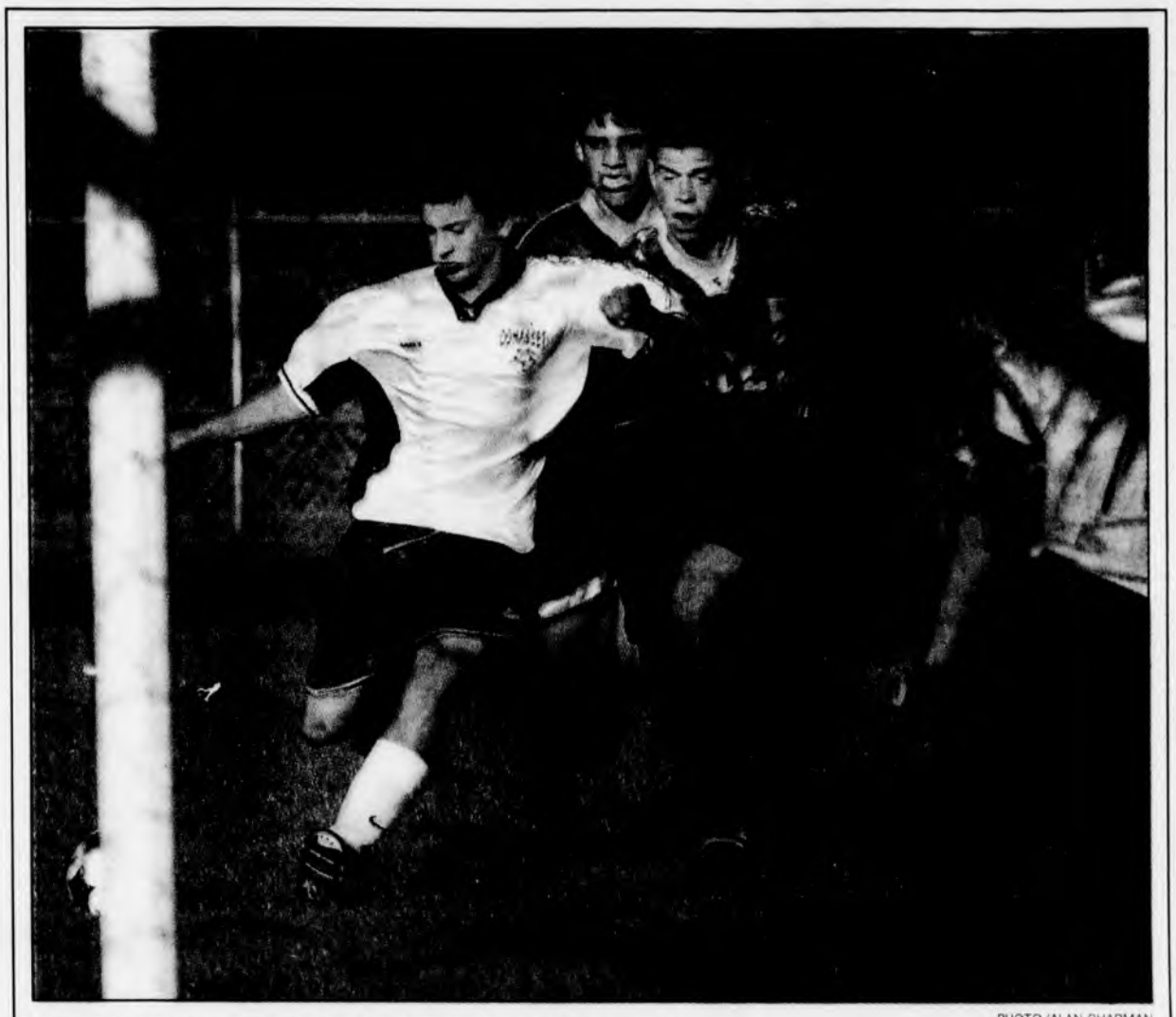
The Skippers avenged an earlier season non-league loss

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset golfer Ricky Lordan practices his chipping before match at Cohasset Golf Club.



PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset freshman moves in on the Hull goal in recent South Shore League action.

Kicking it up a notch

Boys soccer team playing its best ball at right time of year

By Mike Spellman
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There can be a thin line between being a good soccer team and a sub-par one, at least in Cohasset High boys coach Rob Leary's mind

Over the last few games, Leary has watched his Skippers go from playing below his standards to meeting and perhaps even surpassing them, and he seems at almost a loss to explain precisely why that is.

"There's no one thing I can point to and say we're doing it much better," confessed the coach. "I think it's just a lot of little things that show, mentally, these guys are getting it a little bit more."

Basically, I think they've just learned from their mistakes. They're looking at all the chances we've missed on, and that's made them bare down a

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Falcons grounded

Cohasset gridders run over Mashpee, 22-8

Cohasset football
Weston @ Skippers
Tonight, 7 p.m. kickoff

By Mike Spellman
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Here we go again.

To the surprise of no one, the Cohasset High football team kept pace with arch-rivals Norwell (5-1 overall,2-0 in SSL play)and Abington (5-1,1-0), on Friday, improving to 2-0 in South Shore League play (6-0 overall) with a decisive 22-6 win over Mashpee

Cohasset's offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage and kept Mashpee's offense on the sidelines for most of the game to grind out the road win.

Playing in a steady rain for most of the game, the Skippers gained 230 yards running and managed to eat up the clock with ball control dominance.

Quarterback Crandon Leahy completed three key passes for an additional 54 yards to keep one long drive alive.

The Skipper defense shut Mashpee's offense down for the entire first half and didn't give

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset captain Ted Strraughtn (#34) has this Pembroke ballcarrier lined up for a big hit.

Crunch time for girls

Lady booters need to break even down stretch to qualify for postseason

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

What do George Bush, John Kerry and the Cohasset High girls soccer team all have in common?

It's crunch time for all three.

Going forward, the LAdy Skippers (5-5-3) must take at least five points (two points for a win, one for a tie) from their remaining five games if they are to qualify for the playoffs. They did not help themselves at all towards this goal in their most recent two games, having lost one to Abington and tied the other game with the Crusaders of Carver.

The Skippers hosted the Abington Green Wave on the 13th only to be washed away with less than three minutes left in the game. Abington scored first on a rocket shot in the first half.

The Skippers refused to lay back. It seemed like the locals ran through every tackle and dominated 50/50 balls. With eight minutes left in the match, Sophomore Emily Coggins fired the ball into the back of the Abington net, knotting the score at one apiece.

With a mere two and a half minutes left, Abington managed to bomb a shot from outside the 18 to win the game.

"We played very well individually," remarked senior Danielle Hajjar. "We had just as much talent, if not more than Abington. We just couldn't put our forces together as team."

Danielle contributed with a skillful run from the defensive wing position at the end of the game. Unfortunately, nothing resulted on the offensive end.

"We just couldn't put the ball into the net," agreed head coach

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little harder."

What this improved play has yielded the Skippers over the past week is a scoreless tie with unbeaten and league leading Carver and a dominating 6-3 win over Abington, lifting them to the all important .500 mark (4-4-3) with five games remaining.

Hosting Carver (7-0-2 in SSL play, 9-1-2 overall) under the lights at Alumni Field, Friday night, the Skippers carried much of the play and had the better of the opportunities. Unfortunately, Crusaders keeper Jake Trudeau was equal to all nine shots on net, including a handful of legitimate testers, and walked off with his sixth shutout of the season.

"(Trudeau) is the best goalie in the league, hands down," said Leary. "I really thought we had him beat there once or twice, but he just kept coming up with the big play."

Fortunately, Cohasset keeper Prescott Busk was also able to handle everything thrown at him over 80 minutes, allowing the Skippers to escape with one big point for the tie.

"I thought that was our most complete team effort of the season, by far," assessed Leary at game's end. "We played good, hard back and forth soccer. Trevor Brady, Kevin Dinsmore, Sam MacDonald, Aidan Buick, Prescott (Busk) all played great games, but I can go right down the list. Everyone played well."

Not surprisingly, though, there were some specific plaudits from the coach for the three man defensive core—senior captain Jon Littauer and juniors MacDonald and Brady— that played a huge hand in largely neutralizing the generally high powered Crusaders attack.

"I'd say Trevor is one of the top five players in the league right now with the way he's playing," began the second year coach. "And Sam is just so tough. He's been playing with a sprained ankle just about all year. He rolls it every now and again, but he never complains, and he acts as if its not bothering him even though you know it is. He hates to come out of the game, so it's usually left to me to force him to sit."

And, as for Littauer: "He just works hard. He's not as big or maybe as talented as some of the defenders out there, but he plays better than a lot of them because he works so hard at it and has so much heart."

The Carver deadlock came on the heels of the team's most explosive offensive outburst of the season, and the most explosive half for the Skippers in several seasons.

Playing Wednesday on the road, the Skippers proved most objectionable visitors, as they scored five unanswered first half goals on Abington— paving the way for a 6-3 win that, in truth, was not as close as that score might indicate.

Team leading scorer Buick, a junior, and senior captain Sam Steele had two goals apiece. Senior Toby Norman scored his first varsity goal and junior Chris Ofsthun added the other.

"Obviously, our offense was clicking pretty well in that one," said Leary, in his second year at the Skippers helm. "That's where you could see things we've been really working on in practice start kicking in, the guys making the kinds of passes we've been asking them to make, and guys finishing strong."

Buick was Cohasset's linchpin in this one, setting up a few tallies in addition to the two he personally finished.

"Aidan has really been stepping it up the last few games and that makes us a different team," said Leary. "Honestly, I don't think there's a more talented player in our league. When Aidan is playing to his ability, he has the potential to take us to another level."

So what the Skippers must do now is earn five points in their final five games, with wins counting for two points and ties one.

Yesterday's scheduled game at home with Hull (1-11) probably represented the only thing left close to a gimme. Today's game at Harwich (9-4, 7-3) will certainly not be easy. The Skippers managed to slip by the Rough Riders up here last month, but Leary noted it will be a far different proposition playing on Harwich's far smaller surface after a 90 minute bus ride.

Arch-rival Norwell (8-5), who bested the Skippers 2-1 two weeks ago, comes to town Monday night (6:30 p.m.), and Wednesday night will see the Skippers at Scituate (2-10), a team that is much tougher than the record indicates, something the Skippers found out for themselves on Oct. 2 when they needed a late goal to simply salvage a tie.

Leary is hoping to have the postseason question resolved by the Oct. 29 finale at home with Patriot League-East leading Hanover (9-3-1).

"There's no game in there I can point to and say that's an easy win," said Leary. "But if we can continue to play the way we have the last two I feel pretty good about our chances.

"And if we can continue to build on that, I really think we could be a dangerous team in the tourney. No team would want to play us."



PHOTO/ALAN MCPHEE

Who says it's not a contact sport? Cohasset's Mackenzie Holway (#21) is bumped by a Holbrook player as she tries to get to the ball in action last week.

Crunch time for girls

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Deb Beal. "Scoring has remained our Achilles' heel this entire season. On a happier note, I felt this game really showed the girls their potential. Their aggressive play has never been so prominent."

The Skippers hopped on the bus to Carver the very next day. Between the rain drops, the Skippers dominated much of the play. Yet, the Crusaders hung on long enough to eke out a tie at the end. Cohasset sophomore Christina Pinkus drilled a goal in the first half. Carver struck back shortly afterwards to create a first half tie score.

Pinkus booted another goal in the second half to put the Skippers one up on the Crusaders.

With one minute left in game, the Crusaders once again tied the game, this time for good on a direct kick.

"I give the girls a lot of credit for maintaining their composure," noted Coach Beal.

Senior Co-Captain Christine Lovallo also felt teamwork went along with their composure.

"The entire team worked as a unit," she said. "The underclassmen in particular worked well with the rest of the team." Lovallo's defensive line played one of their best games this season.

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

FOOTBALL
Oct.
22 Weston V 7 p.m.
25 @ Weston F-S 4 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
21 Hull V Alumni
22 @ Harwich JV 4:30 p.m.
22 @ Harwich V 4:30 p.m.
25 @ Norwell JV 3:45 p.m.
25 Norwell Alumni 6:30 p.m.
27 Scit. JV Milliken 3:30 p.m.
27 @ Scituate V 6 p.m.
End of Regular Season

GIRLS SOCCER
21 Hull
22 @ Harwich JV 3:30 p.m.
22 @ Harwich V 3:30 p.m.
25 @ Norwell JV 3:45 p.m.
25 Norwell V Alumni 5 p.m.
27 Scituate JV 3:30 p.m.
27 @ Scituate V 4 p.m.
29 Holbrook JV Alum 3:30 p.m.
29 Holbrook V Alumni 5 p.m.
End of Regular Season

FIELD HOCKEY
25 @ Westwood V 4 p.m.
25 @ Westwood JV5:30 p.m.
End of Season

GOLF
21 Div. 3 South Sectional @ Wentworth Hills, Plainville
25 Div. 3 state championship @ Pleasant Valley, Sutton
** for top 3 Sectional placers*
28 SSL Meet @ Southers Marsh, Plymouth

Seventh grade boys soccer team cruises

Cohasset's 7th grade boy's soccer team blasted Plymouth 8-0 Saturday, raising their record to 4-0 in Cranberry League action at Milliken Field.

Center forward Eamon Davis had an apparent early goal nullified on an offside infraction, but then came right back to score off a nice feed from JoDi Rosano to take a quick 1-0 lead. Ollie Forrer then had a chance to increase the lead, just missing a dazzling header to the far post, but JoDi scored seconds later on a perfect pass from Eamon to take a 2-0 lead. Eamon then set up Ollie for a score that put Cohasset up 3-0 and the game out of reach for the spirited Plymouth boys.

The balanced attack continued as they pressured Plymouth into an "own goal" mistake and a 4-0 lead at the end of the half. Jodi Rosano, Eamon Davis, Andrew Littauer and Ollie Forrer all scored in the second half to hit their highest margin of victory so far this season. The team now has a combined total of 24 goals for and just 2 goals against in their 4 games played.

"I've watched these boys compete against each other as they came up through the Cohasset Soccer Club program," said Coach Jack Dean, "It's a great pleasure to watch them now working together on the same team. They run hard, they pass well, they support each other, they use the skills they've been working on in practice and they have a lot of fun. I have no doubt that Cohasset will compete well when these boys are playing together at the high school level."

While the forwards and midfielders continued to pressure Plymouth in their end with the fine supporting play of Tyler Durant, Jackson Dean, Nick Cannon, Joe Leighton and Sam Game, the defense kept Plymouth's scoring chances to a minimum.

Goal keeper Will Evans had just one difficult save to make in the first half as the steady strong positional play by defenders James Earle and Andrew Graham kept Plymouth from mounting any real scoring threats. Chris Wilcox, filling in for Justin Yeager, and August Oddleifson, filling in for the injured Graham Stevenson, both contributed solid defensive play as well, helping to preserve the shut out.

The team's next game is away in Fairhaven on Saturday.

Ice skating lessons for adults and kids

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces ice skating lessons for children and adults at the Bay State Skating School located in the Weymouth MDC Rink. Fall registration, information and schedules are available at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor of Cohasset Town Hall.

The nine-week session begins Sunday, Oct. 31 at the Bay State Skating School. To register for skating lessons for children or adults, please call the school at 781-890-8480.

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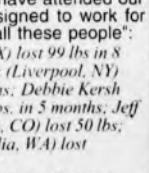
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Falcons grounded

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up a touchdown until the third quarter, following an untimely offside penalty on a Mashpee punt.

Mashpee won the toss and elected to kick off. Cohasset failed to gain a first down on its first possession and punted to the Mashpee 20 yard line. The defense held, forcing Mashpee to punt from their 26. Dave McKenna slanted in from the right side to block the punt and Jeff Brown caught the deflected ball in the air on Mashpee's 29 yard line, giving Cohasset excellent field position.

On first down, Leahy rolled to his right, picked up key blocks from Nick Arment, Jake Cuneo and Ted Straughn and ran the ball to the 10, picking up a first down. A penalty moved the ball back to the 20. Joe Durkin picked up five yards over the left side, then another five running right for a first down. Then, on second-and-seven, Leahy faked a dive left and ran to the 1-yard line. On third down from the 1, Durkin slanted off the right side into the end zone for the touchdown with 3:31 left in the opening quarter. Leahy scored the 2-point conversion on a keeper left, following the blocking of Justin Alexander to give Cohasset the 8-0 lead.

The ensuing kickoff was returned to the 20. An offside penalty moved the Falcons back to the 15 and the defense held Mashpee again, forcing them to punt.

A booming kick sailed over the head of Straughn, who fielded the ball back on the Cohasset 15 and returned it to the 23. A motion penalty moved the ball back to the 18, after a five yards gain to the right, Durkin ran wide left and scampered 67 yards down the left sideline into the end zone but a holding call brought the ball back to the Skippers 25-yard line, the penalty assessed from the point of inception.

On second-and-eight, Durkin gained 20 yards running through a big hole over right guard, providing a first down at the 45-yard line After a one-yard gain, Leahy rolled to his right to complete a pass to D.J.Silvia at the 41 of Mashpee.

On second-and-10, Leahy, faking a counter, rolled to his right and completed a pass to a wide open Ted Straughn at the 20, who then ran it in for the score with 8:36 left in the second quarter. Leahy added a 2-point conversion on a keeper into the left side of the end zone.

Cohasset 22, Mashpee 6

Cohasset (6-0)	16	6	0	0	**22**
Mashpee (2-2-1)	0	0	6	0	**6**

C — Joey Durkin 3 run (Crandon Leahy rush)
C — Teddy Straughn 47 pass from Leahy (Leahy rush)
C — Straughn 2 run (kick failed)
M — Josh Little 6 run (rush failed)

A good return saw Mashpee start at their 42. Following solid defensive plays by McKenna, Scott Wakefield and Matt Baroudi, though, the Falcons were forced to punt.

The Skippers took over at their 24. On third-and-eight, Durkin again found a big hole on the right side and ran 20 yards to the 46. Three plays later, Cohasset picked up another first down, keeping the ball on the ground and eating up the clock.

Facing a fourth-and-four from the 34, Leahy rolled right, tucked the ball in and ran 23 yards to the 11-yard line of Mashpee. Mike Bilodeau picked up two on a dive right and Leahy gained six on an option right. On third-and-two from the 3-yard line, Leahy picked up those two running an option left with 39.1 seconds left in the half. Durkin then scored over right guard Nick Arment on an impressive line surge. The extra point attempt was no good and Cohasset led 22-0.

Mashpee returned the kickoff to the 39, but time ran out after two running two plays.

At the start of the second half, Cohasset kicked off to the Falcons, holding them to three downs and a punt.

Straughn returned the punt to the 35 of Mashpee. On fourth-and-five from the 30, the Skippers picked up a first down on an option right, but a fumble on the tackle was recovered by the Falcons, giving them possession on their 20-yard line.

Failing to move the ball, Mashpee was forced to punt from their 25, but an offside penalty gave them a first down and the Mashpee offense came alive. With a new quarterback at the helm, the Falcons quickly gained a first down on an option left, and that was followed by a first down pass down the left sideline to the 22-yard line of Cohasset.

On third-and-five, the Falcons completed a pass to the 5-yard line running the same pass pattern they had a few plays earlier. Mashpee gained four yards running inside and the quarterback scored on an option right. They ran a dive left into the end zone for the two-point conversion making the score 22-8.

The Skippers appeared poised toe answer back on their ensuing drive, which took them into the fourth quarter. However, on third-and-1 at the Mashpee 41, an offside penalty stalled the drive and Cohasset punted on fourth-and-three, placing the ball deep in Mashpee territory on the five-yard line.

Mashpee was able to pick up a first down to the 22 on two quarterback options runs and a dive play. Three incomplete pass attempts, all to left side, forced he Falcons to punt and Cohasset took over on the Falcons 48.

Grinding it out on the ground, the Skippers put together another drive that ate up most of the remaining time, gaining a quick first down on a dive over the right side to the 38.

On third-and-seven, Leahy rolled to his left and completed a pass to Dan McCarthy at the 25. Durkin picked up seven on a counter to the right, placing the ball on the 19 of Mashpee. On third-and-one, a mix up in the backfield resulted in a one-yard loss. However, Durkin picked up the first down, running another dive right to the 13 with 1:31 left in the game. Cohasset was content to run the clock down, forcing Mashpee to use up its remaining timeouts.

Mashpee took the ball over on downs deep in their own end with only few seconds left on the clock. The game ended two plays later following an incomplete pass and unsuccessful pitch out left.

Commentary: The Cohasset Skippers continue to improve with each game, both offensively and defensively. The team has standout players but what stands out most is that they are a team. There is a certain camaraderie and cohesiveness that surrounds this team and it strengthens with each game. To them, there is no offense or defense, no super stars. They are on a journey together, focusing on the success of the team. Each week different players step up and contribute. This week Cohasset will host a hard hitting Weston team at 7:00 PM Friday night. If you want to be part of something special, be there and support the Skippers.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

FOOTBALL
15 beat Mashpee, 22-8

BOYS SOCCER
13 beat Abington, 6-3
15 tied Carver, 0-0
19 @ Harwich- PPD to 10/22
21 Hull

GIRLS SOCCER
13 lost to Abington, 2-1
15 tied Carver, 2-2
19 Harwich- PPD
21 Hull

FIELD HOCKEY
14 lost to Harwich
18 lost to Mashpee
20 beat Hull, 3-2

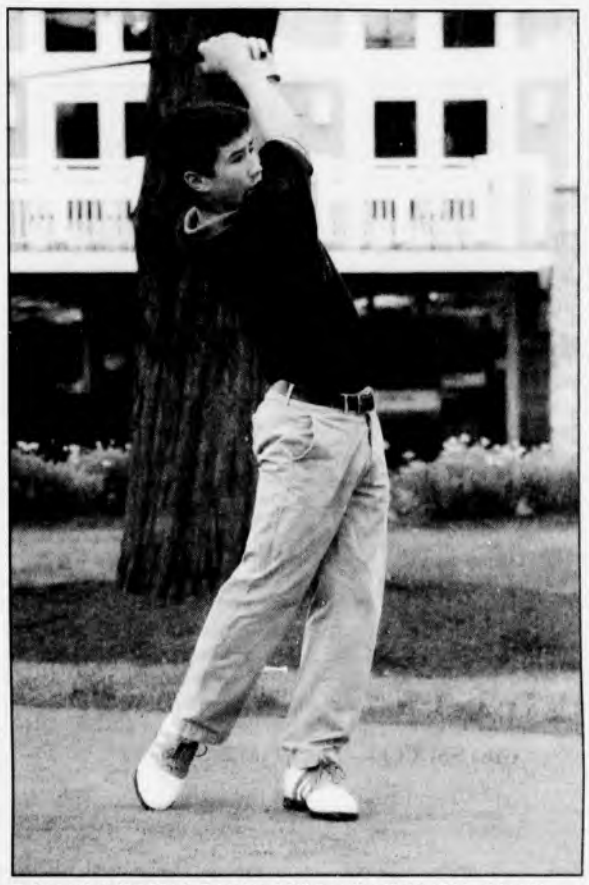
GOLF
13 beat Carver,29.5-24.5
14 beat Quincy, 30.5-23.5
21 Div. 3 South Sectional @ Wentworth Hills, Plainville



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Cohasset golfers loosen up prior to match last week with Quincy.

Teeing it up



Cohasset golfer Mark Bouchard follows the flight of his drive in practice at Cohasset Golf Club last week.

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24 hours later, as they edged Quincy at the Cohasset Golf Club, 30.5-23.5.

Simms shot a 39 and was able to win his match-up at the number three spot, 6-3, which proved a big swing in the match.

Barber was expected to lead it off for the Skippers yesterday, and senior Colin Magruder seems to have cemented himself in at the number two spot. Simms and senior captain Tim Pilczak go three-four, with senior Ricky Lordan and junior Mark Bouchard rounding things out.

Cohasset was slated to be joined at Wentworth Hills yesterday morning by Dover-Sherborn, Hanover, Medfield, Pembroke, Scituate, West Bridgewater, Westwood, Bristol-Plymouth, Dedham and SSL rival Norwell. Each team will send six golfers to play 18 holes, with the low five scores accounting for the team scores. The top three teams here will qualify for Monday's Div. 3 state championships at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, as will the top 10 percent of the 80 individual golfers taking part.

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Coastal Stars Report

Squirt A

The Squirt A Coastal Stars escaped with an 8-7 win over Duxbury that went right to the final seconds. The scoring began early when John Ryan drove down the right wing to the net and knocked in his own rebound. Dan LeBlanc and DJ Evans helped to kill two early penalties. Chris Carpenter saved a goal with a hustling backcheck in front of the net, and EJ Culhane made a diving poke check to deny another attempt. Mike Carbone, Neil Conway, and Jonathan Spitz created a beautiful breakout with precise passing, but Spitz' one-timer from the slot was denied.

At :36 of the second, Conway fought his way from the blue line. The shot that was saved, but Chris Carpenter banged in the rebound. A minute later, Mike Carbone stole the puck and found Spitz in the slot. Trevor Salmon rebounded the save for a 3-0 lead. Duxbury got on the board a half minute later, but the Stars continued their aggressive play. Jake Durkin skated in from the blue line, but his shot was saved. Patick Burchill's hard shot from the right circle was also stopped. Dan Durkin made a marvelous save on a 2-on-0 break when he stuffed a shot at the right post with his pad. At 4:32, Neil Conway stole the puck in the right slot and fired it in to the right side. Kevin McDougall imitated Bobby Orr a minute later when he hustled back to break up a rush, skated end-to-end through traffic, and put the backhander into the left side. Seven seconds later, Trevor Salmon took the face-off down the right side and found nothing but net. Less than a minute later, John Ryan let a rocket go from the right circle to the top right corner for a 7-1 lead

Duxbury stormed back with three unanswered goals. Trevor Salmon broke the string at 3:26 of the third with a shift down the right side past two defenders for a shot into the left of the net. Duxbury came back with three more for an 8-7 game with 4:35 left. EJ Culhane spearheaded a scrambling Stars defense, and nearly put the game away with a rush and shot to the right post that was nipped. Duxbury created furious pressure to the end, but the Stars held on for the win.

Squirt C-4

The Coastal Stars Squirt C-4 team suffered a frustrating lost to Plymouth in a close 2-1 game on over the weekend. Although the Stars out shot and out played the Plymouth team, they had trouble getting the puck in the net, resulting in their first loss of the season.

The Stars controlled the puck and dominated the play during the first period, but were stopped at the net repeatedly by Plymouth's solid netminder. Forwards Michael McPartlin, Matthew Tautkus, Seamus Feeney, Tristan Wiggin, Ryan Melia and Andrew Tautkus put at least a dozen shots on net. The Plymouth team scored one of the few times they made it past the Stars blue line, resulting in an early 1-0 lead.

At the beginning of the second period Stars forward Andrew Tautkus carried the puck the length of the ice, weaving in and out of the Plymouth team, only to be denied again by the Plymouth goalie who made an amazing kick save. Minutes later, Matthew Tautkus snuck one behind the Plymouth goalie after a scurry out front, to tie up the game. Late in the second period, a Stars penalty gave the Plymouth team the man advantage. Plymouth scored the game-winning goal with one minute left to go in the period.

The Plymouth team came alive and began to put some pressure on the Stars defense during the third period but were denied several scoring attempts by Stars goalie Max Hemingway and the strong defensive play of Thomas Coyne, RJ Neuls, Nick Craig, Jonathan Gardner.

Squirt C-4

The Coastal Stars Squirt C-4 team came out strong during their second game of the season with a 10-2 win over the Taunton Brewins at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham. The win was the result of the Stars consistently out-hustling the Brewins at both ends of the ice. The game featured a hat trick by Stars' winger Matthew Tautkus with strong support from linemates Michael McPartlin and James Daley.

Stars forward Michael McPartlin got the team off to an early lead with a rush to the net right off the opening face-off, beating the Brewins' goalie and giving the Stars an early 1-0 lead. Center James Daley quickly followed suit firing a wrist shot behind the stunned Brewins' netminder.

Matthew Tautkus secured the Stars' early lead scoring his first of three goals. Forward Andrew Tautkus used his speed and strong stickhandling to rack up two back-to-back goals during the second period. Michael McPartlin followed with his second goal as the period ended.

The Brewins' bounced back with two goals during the second period, but couldn't overcome the consistent pressure from the Stars team.

During the third period, Matthew Tautkus put two more goals in the net to clinch his hat trick. Right winger Ryan Melia rushed to the net converting a rebound into another goal for the Stars. Defender Jonathan Gardner finished off the game by stopping the puck on the blue line, bursting forward and firing a terrific shot past the Brewins netminder.

The Stars defensive crew of Nicolas Craig, Thomas Coyne, Jonathan Gardner and RJ Neuls were solid behind the blue line and demonstrated some excellent position play that was the key to keeping the puck in the offensive zone for most of the game. When the puck did enter the Stars' zone, goalie Max Hemingway defied several scoring attempts by the Brewins, putting out another stellar performance in net. Solid team play by Liam Rose, Tristan Wiggin and Seamus Feeney helped keep the Stars out in front for the entire game.

Mite C2

Game # 3 Recap: Weymouth 4 Stars 2

The Coastal Stars Mite "C2" team suffered their first loss of the season 4 to 2 in a hard fought contest against Weymouth. Gunner Mckenzie and Mathew Johnson scored the Stars two goals with Kyle Bowman and Brian Mathews each having an assist.

The first two periods were highlighted by solid defensive efforts by both teams. Robert Bothwell, Seamus Ryan, and Matts Nelson all had great plays in support of Goalie Chris Phillips.

Even Antonuccio, Andrew Kuppens, Shaelyn Tobin and Cole Mckenzie played solid games on the offensive end with Shaelyn Tobin and Tucker Antico each having breakaway scoring chances.

With Two minutes left in the period, the Stars, trailing 4 to 2, pulled their goalie. Derek Bensen, Jo Jo Carbone, Kyle Bowman, Matts Nelson, Gunner McKenzie, and Brian Mathews kept the pressure on Weymouth with multiple scoring chances right up until the last second but in the end the Stars ran out of time.

Mite C-1

The Coastal Stars Mite C-1 team posted another victory this weekend against Duxbury. The Stars won 4-1.

Liam Manning was in goal with a strong defense that included Sean Feeney, Tyler McKinnon, Jack Shaw, Hugh Healey and Chris Bertone.

The first goal came from Tommy Pendergast from a pass from Jack Conlon. Cam Mastrangelo had the 2nd goal with the help of a great offensive line that included Joe Proctor and Jake Moore. Joe Proctor had the third goal after many shots, and some offensive help from Benjamin Swim and James Dietrich.

Jack Conlon scored with a minute left with help from Joe Deyeso, Tommy Pendergast and Hugh Healey. The Stars play again this Saturday against Hingham

Squirt B-1

After a long and tiring commute up Route 3, the Stars showed up to play an 8:00 PM game with a smaller but fast Milton squad. Milton drew first blood but thankfully, Matt Steward brought his wrist shot with him and tied it up early in the first period. Milton capitalized on a few missed defensive opportunities and by the end of the first period the Stars were down and out 4 to 1. Goalie Dan Durkin made some incredible saves and the Stars started to crawl back in the second with a quick thinking goal at the blue line from Vinnie Calorio. Momentum started to build and Peter Bent saw some daylight, put on the jets and scored unassisted to bring the Stars within 1 goal. Again Matt Steward got it past the goalie with five minutes left in the second to tie it up and the team was on fire at that point. At the start of the third period, another Star who put on the jets was Will DeCoste who made a great breakaway goal to give the Stars the lead for the first time in the game. Milton again tied it up. Matt Steward came up with a hatrick to take the lead again 6-5. It was a great offensive and defensive battle on both ends. Mattie Sullivan took the pressure off Durkin by finessing the puck out of the zone many times with Justin Henrikson, Tom Powers, and Rob Gargano providing additional strong defense against a nimble Milton squad desperately trying to score. Mike O'Brien got in the face of Milton's offense and broke up some key plays. Joe Kiley kept tremendous pressure on offensively, made some key assists and was all over the ice trying to make plays. Colan Whelan was another offensive force and threatened several times with his speed. Milton pulled their goalie but couldn't make it happen and the Stars clawed their way back to win 7-5.

Submitted by Kevin Kiley

Mite B

On Sunday the Coastal STARS Mite B squared off with an aggressive team from Hingham. From the drop of the puck, this proved to be a lopsided match in favor of the Stars. They got off to a quick start when Aidan Beresford took the puck from center ice and spotted a streaking Joey Redfearm, who then made a blind pass to Michael Lund in the slot. Lund took a one-timer and went top shelf. The clock had only ticked off 90 seconds and the score read 1 to 0.

At 11:09 left in the first period, Robert Reidy dug the puck out of the corner and spotted Beresford. Beresford fed Lund, who then scored his second goal of the contest. The Hingham goalie kept the game close by stopping ferocious attacks from Bryan Bowman and Curtis Golden.

At 10:49 of the second frame, Reidy added a goal to go along with his first period assist. Assisting for the 3rd time in the game was Beresford. Lund also contributed to this goal with the second assist. At this point, Cohasset had completely dominated the game as evidenced by the score of 3-0. With just over 5 minutes left in the second period, Lund scored another goal on a beautiful upper corner "roof job". Assisting on Lund's hat trick goal was Brendan Evitts. The second frame came to a close with the Coastal Mites B team in a commanding 4-0 lead.

Although the goaltending was not so busy for the Stars, Cal Maier pitched his second shutout of this short season with impressive acrobatics the few times Hingham was able to get through the Star's wall of steel defensive line, and attempt a shot on goal.

The third period began just as the previous two with significant pressure in the Hingham zone. Coming off a double hat trick game, Matt Doyle was not to be denied. At 9:56, Brendan Evitts fed Tucker Ambrose who split two defenders and featured a room service pass to Doyle in the slot. Doyle then sent a blistering wrist shot – 5 hole!

With 2:10 remaining in the game, Doyle carried the puck coast to coast and blasted a 70 mph fast ball past the outstretched Hingham net minder, pushing the undefeated Coastal Mite B to a 6-0 finish.

Sam Rice (Gretsky in Terry O'Reilly's body) gave the Hingham team more pressure than the Red Sox felt after the 2nd game of the ACLS series in New York. Declan Leahy played outstanding two-way hockey- leaving the fans to believe he had a twin brother on the ice. Hingham learned to stay out of the corners when Patrick Graham was on the ice, proving it's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog.

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Performing Arts Center dedicated

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the Our World Children's Discovery Museum in Cohasset held its dedication of the Brooks Thomsen Singer Performing Arts Center. More than 400 people attended the event.

Several speakers including, state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield; state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham; Marshfield Selectman Gregory Owen and Cohasset Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan commented on what a special place the performing arts center is and how fortunate the South Shore is to have such a wonderful facility.

This center will be used to bring children together to learn about children and cultures that are different from their own but with the understanding that everyone shares the same needs, feelings and hopes for themselves, their friends and their families.

The center is named after Brooks Singer, a sophomore at Marshfield High School, who passed away last year. The Singer family has been involved in the museum.

Guests at the dedication enjoyed a dance by the Meredith Butulis Dance Ensemble and performances by the Tale Spinners, Inca Son Music and Dance, Gary the Silent Clown from Ringling Bros., and Ryanhood.

The toddler space is now open. For more information, call Our World, 781-383-3198.



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Our World co-founder Leah Taylor Roy, with her son Tristan at her side, talks to those in attendance at the dedication of the Brooks Thomsen Singer Performing Arts Center earlier this month.

LIBRARY CORNER

Drop-In Storytime, Monday, October 25, twice at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. No registration required. All ages and communities welcome.

Spanish Music, Tuesday, October 26, at 10:30. This program is for young children accompanied by a caregiver, and requires no registration. All communities are welcome. Taught by Jodi Craft. This series is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administrated by the state of Massachusetts.

Football Fans — Authors Bernard Corbett and Paul Simpson will discuss their book "The Harvard/Yale Rivalry: The Only Game That Matters," on Thursday Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. in the library's Meeting Room. Bernard Corbett has been the play-by-play announcer for Harvard University football for five years and is the author of several books about Boston-area sports. Paul Simpson has written articles for the Boston Globe and Hockey Magazine. The event is sponsored by Buttonwood Books. Refreshments will be served.

Red Sox Fans — Author Bill Nowlin will talk about his book "Ted Williams: The Pursuit of Perfection," on Monday Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Nowlin has written many books and approximately 100 articles about the Red Sox for the Boston Globe Sunday Magazine, Boston Magazine, the Red Sox magazine, Diehard and other publications. Refreshments will be served.



PLAYGROUND IS OPEN

Children and their families have a great time at the recent dedication of the new playground at the Our World Children's Discovery Museum. The playground, which was built with private funds, is now open to the public. Cohasset residents, Logan Bernstein and Muffy Antico, spearheaded the effort and Mary Larson, also of Cohasset, pulled together the landscape design.



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CHS Class of '99 five-year reunion

The Cohasset High School Class of 1999 will hold its five-year reunion Friday, Nov. 26, from 8 p.m.-midnight at the American Legion on Summer Street in Cohasset.

Tickets are $20 per person and $30 per couple and must be ordered ahead of time. The class of 1999 would like to extend this invitation to former members of the class who would like to celebrate the night. The reunion committee has been unable to locate some members of the class. If you have not yet received an invitation, have contact information for someone whose family has moved out of town, or are a former member of the class who would like to attend, call Meredith O'Hayre at 781-925-4792 or Alyssa McNamara at 781-962-6049.

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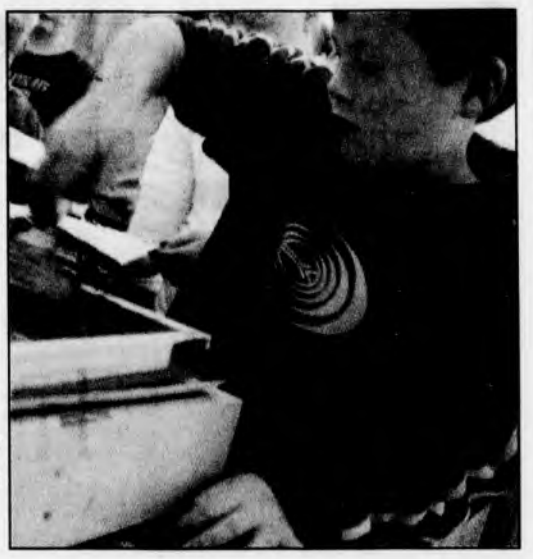
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Artist in Residence at Deer Hill

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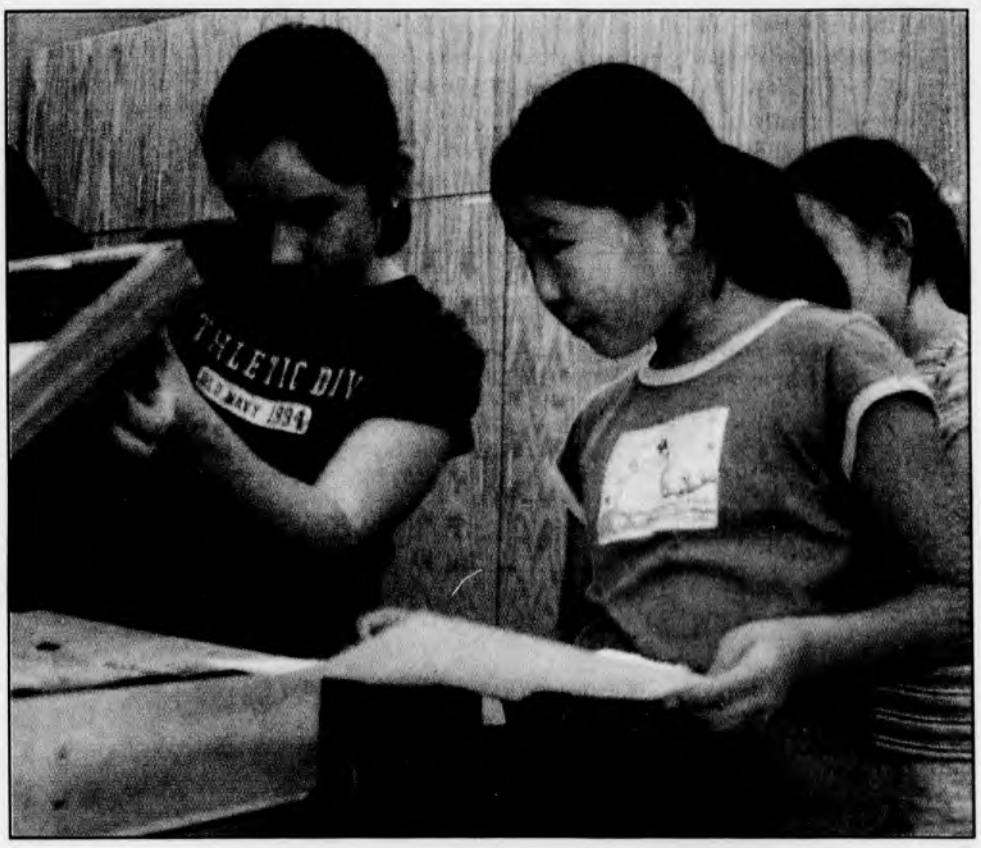
Monice Morenz explains how to create prints on silkscreens to a class at Deer Hill School through the Artist in Residence Program sponsored by the South Shore Art Center in collaboration with Rockland Trust that enabled the art center to offer the program free to area schools.



(Right) Colin Bell learns how to make a print using a silkscreen during the Artist in Residence program offered free to area schools by the South Shore Art Center. The program was made possible in part, through the generosity of Rockland Trust in celebration of the art center's 50 years.



Paul Barnes looks pleased with the print he's making using the silkscreen process. The fifth-graders watched a video about Monice Morenz, her studio, and her home before meeting the artist and learning how she creates her art.





Gabrielle Rioux concentrates as she learns how to create a handmade silkscreen at the Deer Hill School during a special program sponsored by the South Shore Art Center. Fifth-graders in Anne Berman's art classes participated in the free program.

(Above) Emma Smith, left, and Marisa Gildea check on the progress of their silkscreen during the Artist in Residence Program at Deer Hill. The students worked with handmade individual silkscreens following a presentation by Monice Morenz.



Robbie Hillmand gets a little help with his silkscreen from Heather Collins of the South Shore Art Center which sponsors the Artist in Residence program. The fifth-graders participated in a hands-on silkscreen workshop using specially designed individual silk screens.

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Additional information: The Ed Sorrentino Band features the very lyrical trumpeter Jack Martin from the Harry James swing Orchestra and Tito Puente Latin Band. He has performed extensively throughout the entire United States and now resides in Massachusetts. He often can be heard and seen at Radio City Music Hall in NYC. In addition the Band also spotlights the very talented jazz vocalist Judy DeRossi who sings regularly with New England's own jazz stars, Dick Johnson and Lou Columbo. Her husband, Barry Rossi, is a gifted pianist, also appears with Johnson and Columbo as well as numerous recording projects of his own.

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Tickets available for Harvest Moon Ball

The Cohasset, Hingham, Norwell, and Scituate Town Committees of South Shore Health and Educational Foundation present the second annual Harvest Moon Ball to benefit South Shore Hospital's Breast Care Center on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham.

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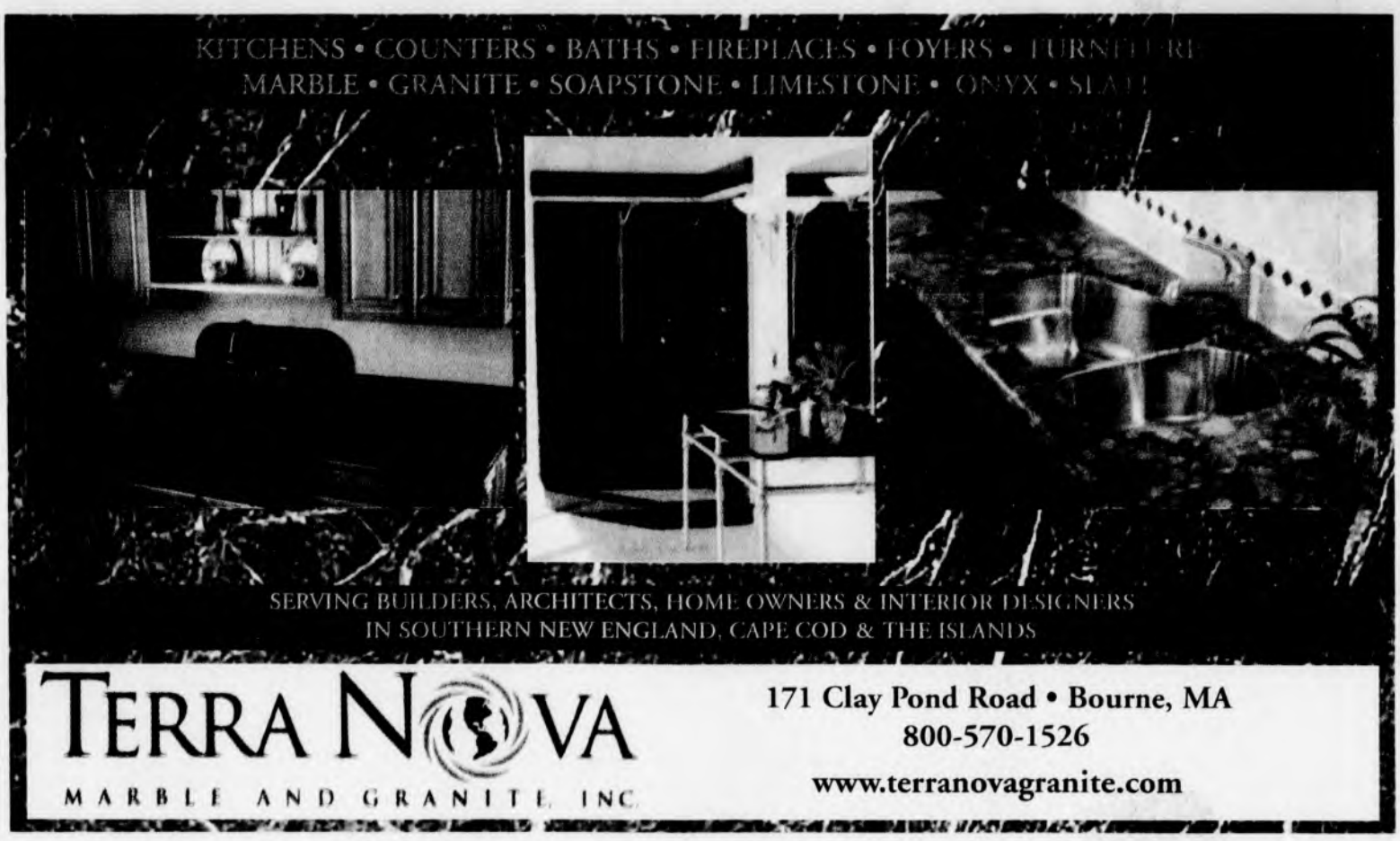
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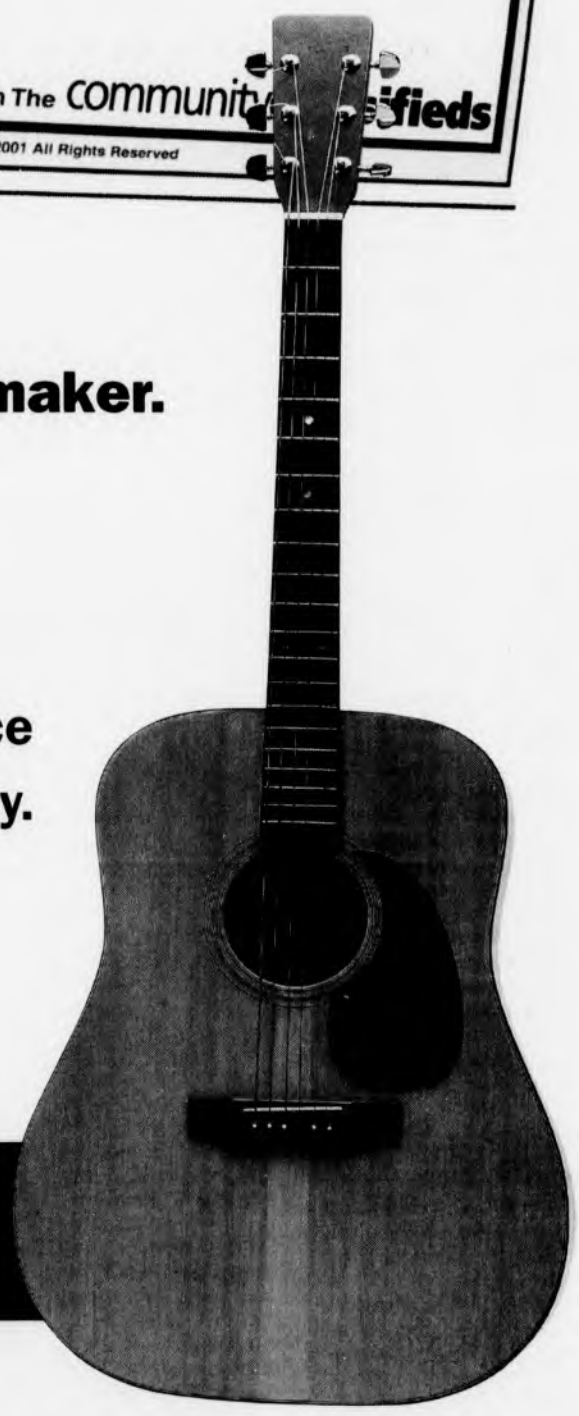


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Thurs. Oct. 21

Barnes & Nobel Educator Appreciation Night, Oct. 21, 7 p.m. at Derby Street Shoppes, 96 Derby St., Hingham 781-749-3319. Receive 25 percent educator discount that evening and a discount card for 20 percent savings on classroom purchases throughout the year. Prizes and a raffle for a $500 gift card. Free and open to the public.

Dedham Historical Society presents **Joseph Cornish to Help Maintain Your Old Home**, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. $5 for non-members. www.dedhamhistoircal.org or call 781-326-1385.

Red Cross Blood Drive The Bob Shrago Memorial Brotherhood Red Cross Blood Drive will take place at **Temple Beth Emunah**, 479 Torrey St. corner Pearl., Brockton, on Thursday, Oct. 21, from 2 to 8 p.m. No appointment is needed. 508-583-5810. www.templebethemunah.org

The Braintree Art Association will meet on Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Bldg., 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Donna Bailey** will demonstrate in pastels. Free and open to the public.

Blanchard's, Route 139, Marshfield, will host their **Annual Fall Wine Tasting & Sale** on Oct. 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. Approximately 100 wines from around the world will be featured with a 20 percent discount.

Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes 515 Washington St., Norwell, will hold an open house, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. RSVP 781-659-7722. www.lindamoodbell.com

Brown Bag Talk - "Caregiver 101" Oct. 21 from 1 to 2 p.m. at **Thomas Crane Public Library**, Quincy Join Donna Ciappina, Family Caregiver Specialist of South Shore Elder Services for an informational talk on family caregiving, community resources and self-care. This program is offered as an initiative of the Family Caregiver Support Program with support from the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs.

South Shore Simmons Club! Join our **Cafe de Paris** for an evening of song with vocal artist **Susan Spileos Dolabany** on Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Old South Union Church, Columbian St., Weymouth. Cost is free and no R.S.V.P. is necessary. New Members and Guests Welcome www.alumnet.simmons.edu

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, located at 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, will open its eighth annual **Sea & Sky Art Show**. This year will mark the first Sea & Sky to include both a juried and non-juried show through Oct. 31. Tickets are $20 members, $25 non-members.

Jimbo's Boston – Every Thursday night Contemporary Jazz Rhythm & Blues Cover $10 at door- $7 with student ID.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point Boston, **Campaign** a special exhibit relives Kennedy's 1960 Run for the White House. through Inauguration Day, Jan 20, 2005. Call 866-JKF-1060 or wwwjfklibrary.org

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **New Blue Revue** Open Mike Blues Jam party hosted by **Bob "Satch" Romano**. Every Thursday night. 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtneys Food and Spirits, Marshfield, presents **Karaoke** with **Ron Towers and Steve** every Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

J.J. Mulligan's 941 Washington St., Braintree, Every Thursday **Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally** every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. prizes.

Because We Remember: Living with Loss, Oct. 21, 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. 4 Seaport Drive, North Quincy, Facilitated by Karen Flood $49 for three-part Workshop --Advance Registration Required Reflection, writing and sharing with others are powerful means for finding and making meaning in life. This workshop acknowledges participants' experiences of loss by contemplating what has passed, what was brought to their lives and what they need now.*BWR* is non-invasive and respectful of privacy; all activities are voluntary and confidential. *No writing skills are required.* For information/registration, call 617.479.6831 or e-mail journalguru@yahoo.com <mailto:journalguru@yahoo.com>.



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First weekend for King Richard's Faire celebrates its 23rd season through Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Route 58, Carver. Free on-site parking. More than 100 artisans from all over the country display and demonstrate their hand-made treasures. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichardsfaire.net

Fri. Oct. 22

Friday Night Arts - third Friday night of the month, 5 to 9 p.m. A monthly gathering of visiting artists and art collections featuring: Stephanie Roberts (Pinhole Photography and Mixed Media), Merilee Moscardelli (Jewelry and Glass Bead Maker, Ancient Dreams and Fine Art), Julie Hawkins (Fantasy Images and Pillows, Multi Media Primitive Pots), Russell Hawkins (Off the Wall Celestial Clocks) Native with Marie Flaherty (Indigenous, Tribal and Folk Art from Africa, South America, Mexico, & Native American). The Little House of Arts, 157 Front St., Scituate, 781-545-9326

James Library and Art Center, 24 West St., Norwell Center, presents an exhibition of **Don Larkinis Prints and Ceramics** to Nov. 3.

Company Theatre presents Dirty Blonde; Oct. 8-24,Claudia Shear's wry and very funny play **Dirty Blonde** features lots of recognizable Mae West one-liners, as well as some titillating vaudeville numbers. Performances are Oct. 4 through 24. Tickets are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Dr., in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787. www.companytheatre.com

The South Shore Natural Science Center 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell presents **"Autumn Splendor,"** a watercolor exhibit by Norwell artist **Virginia Wilson**, in Vine Hall Gallery through Oct. 31, in Norwell, 781-659-2559 or at www.ssnsc.org.

The Craft Factory, 1 Mill Wharf Plaza Scituate Harbor and Route 3A Cohasset **October is paint a pumpkin month**. Bring in your own pumpkin and paint it for only $1. 781-383-0740, 781-545-4242.

Body to Soul Fitness, Inc., an all-women's health club, 33 Riverside Dr., Pembroke - **Cardio-Striptease** - a fun alternative to cardiovascular training. No clothing removed. Non-members welcome. 781-829-2002.

Motown Friday Night every Friday night at the **Randolph Holiday Inn**.. Free admission. 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Free parking. 781-961-1000 extension 173.

Next Pages Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **The Paramounts** Oct. 22. 781-871-7175.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St.,(Rte. 36), Pembroke, presents live music every Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. to closing. No cover. Oct. 15, **Dave Becker.** 781-294-4700.

Bring-Your-Own-Pumpkin Carving Party Friday, Oct. 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. **Windmill Point Boathouse,** 185 Main Street, Hull (across from Hull High School) Admission is free Carving tools, stencils, laughs, yummy seasonal refreshments-and clean-up provided. Bring your own pumpkin(s), energy, and creativity, and please dress warmly.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime –**Sports Inspirations.** Join Beth as she reads **Winners Never Quit!** and **Zachary's Ball**. Oct. 22, at 10:30 a.m.

Berwick Boys Foundation is hosting its 22nd annual Halloween fundraiser, the **House of Horrors**, 335 West St., West Bridgewater. Open weekends in October. The house is open from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays, and from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Admission $8. 508-586-0059 or www.berwick.org

Hooray for Hollywood!, the major fundraising event for the **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra**, will be held on Oct. 22 at Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston. Come join the "stars" for cocktails, dinner, silent and live auctions. To donate auction items or purchase event tickets, cal 508-746-8008.

Country Dance at Dedham VFW, Oct. 22, 84 Eastern Ave., Dedham, with **DJ Paul DeMaria**.7 p.m. lesson; 8 to 11:30 p.m. couples and line dancing. $10 admission. 781-925-1170; 508-653-7937.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance, Oct. 22, with **DJ Dave Joubert's music** from 8 p.m. to Midnight. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington, Ma. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-Members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021 www.southshoresingles.org

Courtney's Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **The Crust** Oct. 22. 781-834-1910

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Love Dogs**, Oct. 22, R&B/blues. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Comedy is back in Rockland at Cataloni's Restaurant, 86 VFW Parkway, Rockland, with **Spike Tobin**, at 9 p.m. Admission is $10. Dinners, pizza and appetizers offered during and before the show. Reservations recommended, 781-878-0834.

Quincy Dinner Theatre, 17th season **Guys as Dolls: Celebrities Exposed**, Oct. 22-24, Masonic Building, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy. 781-843-5862.

Sat. Oct. 23

Joan Baez Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $37-$42 Legendary

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THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA'S ANNUAL MAIN FOUNDATION FAMILY CONCERT. Entitled *A Musical Trick or Treat* this concert is a Halloween-themed event scheduled for Oct. 31, at 3 p.m. in Memorial Hall at 83 Court St., Plymouth. It will be preceded at 2 p.m. by the popular hands-on instrument demonstrations with many of this all-professional orchestra's musicians. Tickets are $15 for adults and $8 for children through the ages of 12. Purchase in advance by calling 508-746-8008 or in person at the Philharmonic office at 16 Court St. in Plymouth, The Snow Goose Shop in Plymouth, The Studio of Duxbury and Noble's Camera Shop in Kingston. Information regarding season subscriptions and future concerts can be obtained online at www.plymouthphilharmonic.com.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619.

LORD OF THE DANCE TO RETURN TO WANG CENTER. Michael Flatley *is* the Lord of the Dance as he returns to Boston for a return engagement on Friday, Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 27 at both 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. The action of the show consists of 21 scenes on a grand scale of precision dancing, dynamic music, costumes and lighting affects. Tickets are $28.50 to $68.50 and are on sale at the Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont St., Boston; or online at www.telecharge.com; or by calling 1-800-447-7400; group discounts available; general information at www.wangcenter.org.

HARVEST MOON BALL – The Cohasset, Hingham, Norwell, and Scituate town committees of South Shore Health and Educational Foundation present the second annual **HARVEST MOON BALL** to benefit **SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL'S BREAST CARE CENTER** on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham. Musical entertainment for the black-tie-optional event will be provided by Java Jive. Tickets are $125 per person and are available until Friday, Oct. 29, by calling (781) 340-8847.

The **23rd HOLLYBERRY CRAFT FAIR** will be held Saturday, Nov. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 14th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Hwy. in Kingston. More than 100 tables of crafts, gift baskets etc.. Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Alumni. Fair Admission; adults $2; under 10 $1. Saturday evening from **5 p.m. to 8 p.m. the Hollyberry Café** will feature a lobster roll, chowder, chef salads, deli sandwiches, and a special kids menu and terrific desserts. Proceeds from the Hollyberry Fair benefit the Alumni Fund which helps to provide student scholarship assistance. For further information, call 781-585-7511, Ext 345



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Folk legend Joan Baez will perform at Plymouth Memorial Hall Saturday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37-$42 and are now on sale at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com>, toll-free at 866-468-7619, and at the Plymouth Hall box-office, located at the Radisson Plymouth Hotel (180 Water St.– 508-747-0234). Tickets can also be purchased at all Strawberries locations. Plymouth Memorial Hall is located at 83 Court Street in Plymouth.

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folk singer Joan Baez returns to the stage of Plymouth Memorial Hall, the spot where she and Bob Dylan kicked off the legendary Rolling Thunder Revue Tour in 1975. Tickets: www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com/> , 866-468-7619, at the box-office located at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water St., Plymouth, MA 508-747-0234. All Strawberries locations.

The Red Lion Inn, 71 S. Main St., Cohasset, Oct. 23, **Stand Up Comedy At The Bitter Man** featuring Tom Clark with **Joe List** and **Sandy Asai** Hosted by **Lance Norris** from WZLX 9 p.m. show. Admission $10. 781-383-1704. Advanced ticket purchase strongly advised.

Fuller Craft Museum 455 Oak Street in Brockton, rolls up the rugs for ceramic artist **Allison Newsome's** installation *On Island* Oct. 9, through Jan. 2, 2005. Rhode Island artist Allison Newsome will create wet clay drawings and sculptures specifically for Fuller Craft's Tarlow Gallery that address environmental ethics using the imagery of nature and culture. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, Free for members and children under 12.

King Richard's Faire celebrates its 23rd season through Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Route 58, Carver. Free on-site parking. More than 100 artisans from all over the country display and demonstrate their handmade treasures. 508-866-5391 or www.kingrichardsfaire.net

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866-JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset, Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Saturday night from 8-11pm. Non-smoking, casual dress. 781-383-0900.

Next Pages Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Stonecrazy feat, Danny Klein from J. Geils Band**, Oct. 23. 781-871-7175.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. **Part Time Lovers**, Oct. 23, 9 p.m. No cover. 781-871-7175.

Courtney's Food and Spirits, 915 Ocean St., Marshfield, presents **Seabreeze,** Oct. 23, 781-834-1910

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Ronnie Baker Brooks**, Oct. 23, blues. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The South Shore Model Railway Club Fall Show and Open House will take place on both Saturday, Oct. 23 and Sunday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Building 51, Bare Cove Park (off Fort Hill St. and opposite S.S. Country Club) in Hingham. Admission is $3, adults; $1.50, seniors (65+) and children 6-12 years; kids 5 and under, free with an adult. For information, call 781-740-2000; or visit www.ssmrc.org.

Silent/Live Auction and Dinner at St. Andrew Church, 17 Church St., Hanover, in the Parish Hall beginning at 6 p.m. with reception and Silent Auction viewing and bidding. Harvest Dinner served at 7 p.m. followed by Live Auction. Auction items include Patriot tickets, trip to Martha's Vineyard, 10-pound chocolate bar from local chocolatier and numerous gift certificates from area businesses. Tickets $12 adults; $9 seniors. Call 781-659-2144 for reservations and info.

The fourth of six **2005 Seadogs/AAU Travel Baseball team indoor clinic/tryouts** will be held Oct. 23 at the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham. Seadogs will field seven teams in 2005: 10-and-under through and including 16-and-under. Prospects for 10-and-under, 11-and-under and 12-and-under teams should report at 8 a.m. for 2-1/2 hour session; 13-and-under and 14-and-under at 11 a.m. for two-hour session; 15-and-under and 16-and-under at 1 p.m. for two hours. For more info about SSBC or the Seadogs call 1-888-749-6466; 781-749-6466 or visit Web site: www.ssbc.com.

Robert Siegelman, instructor at School of Museum of Fine Arts Boston, will conduct two-day **Life Drawing Workshop** at South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, Oct. 23-24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to all ability levels, workshop will focus on drawing as an experimental medium. Fee of $195 includes model fee. For more info, call 781-383-2787 or visit Web site: www.ssac.org.

Boston Vegetarian Society presents **9th Annual Boston Vegetarian Food Festival** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center, 1350 Tremont St., Boston. Festival offers free admission, free food sampling and free parking. More than 100 exhibitors, cooking demonstrations by noted chefs, top national speakers on health and nutrition, educational exhibits, children's activities and more. Info.: 617-424-8846.

Jones River Village Historical Society in Kingston presents **4th Annual Bradford House Pumpkin Festival** at the Bradford House Barn for harvest time fun and Halloween season spooks. Attendees invited to come in costume and bring carved pumpkins for show and judging. For time and more info. call 781-582-9459 or go to www.jrvhs.org.

True Tales of USS Constitution at the **USS Constitution Museum** located in the Charlestown Navy Yard, directly across from USS Constitution. Performances at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Meet characters from Old Ironsides' past, and participate in a live interactive play in the Figgie Theatre.

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield -Fat City Band, 10 p.m. Admission $10. Dinner optional beginning two hours before show time. 781-834-6505. Handicap accessible.

Halloween Happenings

TRICK OR TREATING AND COSTUME CONTEST at the Hanover Mall on Oct. 29, 5 to 6 p.m. Mall wide, costume contest event 6 p.m. at center court. Age groups are 4 years and under, 5 to 8 years and 9 to 12 years old. 781-826-7386 ext. 237

HAUNTED HAYRIDES AT HARTSUFF PARK, ROCKLAND. Oct. 28, 6:30 to 9 p.m.; Oct. 29, 6:30 to 10 p.m.; Oct. 30, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Not so scary hayrides for the little ones, Oct. 30, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. All rides all day $8. sponsored by Girl Scout Troops 113 and 452. Some walking required. Any group of 10 or more call 781-878-3960 for a reserved time, 11th person rides free.

EVILVILLE HAUNTS EDAVILLE USA™ On an October night, by the light of the waxing moon, something sinister will happen. A place of dazzling lights and happy laughter will grow ugly and macabre. For four nights, a group of talented, creative and twisted people will possess Edaville USA™, transforming this well-known park into Evilville. This terror-filled event for those brave enough to attend will be held Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 22-23 and 29-30, from 6-11 p.m. each night. Tickets will not be sold after 10:30 p.m.

THE 23RD ANNUAL BRAINTREE HAUNTED HOUSE will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Armstrong Building next to Bay Shore Athletic Club off Plain Street. All proceeds directly benefit the students of the Highlands and Liberty Elementary Schools. Admission is $5. Pizza, drinks and other treats will be sold and free childcare is available. Because of its scary content, the event is not appropriate for young children. Call 781-356-4865 for information.

HALLOWEEN BLUES BASH at **The Sanctuary, All Souls Church**, 196 Elm St., (Corn. Elm and Church) E. Braintree. Oct 30. Advanced Tickets $15 includes shows, free buffet by The Purple Eggplant, What's Cookin' and more... and five raffle prize tickets, Best costume prize $100. Backed by The Boston Broomdusters feat. Donnie Noyes on guitars.

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DAGGERS AND DESSERTS at Hingham Public Library. Tuesday, Oct. 26, Hingham Public Library celebrates Halloween with an evening of "Daggers and Desserts." The fun begins at 7 p.m. with a buffet of criminally delicious desserts, after which two best selling mystery authors Chuck Hogan's and Jeffrey Cruikshank will read from their newest books "Prince of Thieves," and "Murder at the B-School" and discuss the art and business of writing mysteries.

BERWICK BOYS FOUNDATION – 22ND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HOUSE OF HORROR FUNDRAISER during weekends in October. House of Horrors is a thrill ride through a maze of monsters and mayhem. Admission $8 335 West St. West Bridgewater, Rt. 24 at exit 16B to Rt. 106West take right at Wendy's on Manley St. turn right at parking lot. 08-586-0059 OR www.berwick.org

NIGHT OF A THOUSAND FACES, A HALLOWEEN WALK IN THE WOODS. Take a walk by hundreds of carved and lit jack-o-lanterns. Partake in fun, and Halloween excitement Saturday, Oct. 30 (rain date Oct. 31), 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the New England Wildlife Center, 19 Fort Hill St., Hingham. Admission $5, $4 if in full costume.

4TH ANNUAL BRADFORD HOUSE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL, Saturday, Oct. 23 (rain date Oct. 24), at Bradford Homestead Barn in Kingston. Join members and friends of Jones River Village Historical Society for harvest time fun and Halloween season spooks. Attendees invited to come in costume and bring carved pumpkins for show and judging. Lots of surprises for children including storyteller relating local ghost tales. For times and more info. call 781-582-9459 or visit Web site www.jrvhs.org.

STARS ON HINGHAM HARBOR HOSTS 11TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BASH – Sunday, Oct. 31, 9 p.m. Featured will be music, complimentary pizza and hors d'oeuvres and costume contest with $100 cash prize for first-place winner. Second- and third-place winners will also receive prizes. Contest will be judged at 10 p.m. Stars is located at 3 Otis St. (Route 3A) in Hingham. Call 781-749-3200 for more info.

The **SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY CENTER NURSERY SCHOOL HALLOWEEN FAIR** steps off with its traditional **COSTUME PARADE** on Cohasset Common Sunday, Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. Little ghosts and goblins will want to stay around until the fair's end at 4 p.m. to try their hands at enchanting games of skill and luck; the moon walk; and other ghoulish games. For more info call 781-383-0036. Proceeds will benefit the South Shore Community Center Nursery School's programs and scholarship funds.



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The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield -Fat City Band, Saturday, Oct. 23 at 10 p.m. Admission $10. Dinner optional beginning two hours before show time. 781-834-6505. Handicap accessible.

Sun. Oct. 24

Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents **Places Revisited,** an exhibit of paintings in multiple mediums by **Stephen Boczanowski**., through Nov. 6. Exhibit and reception is free. Two steps to the door. 781-934-0640.

ShakerHigh/Shaker Low, at the **Art Complex Museum** 189 Alden St., Duxbury through Jan. 9, 2005. p.m. Pieces from its extensive Shaker Collection will be on displ . 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org.

USS Constitution Museum – Celebrate Old Ironsides 207th birthday, Admission is free. Groups of 10 must call to make reservations. Handicap accessible. 617-426-1812 wwwuss-constituionmuseum.org

The New Gallery located at Zona Salon, Queen Anne's Plaza, Norwell presents **Fingerprints,** through Oct. 24. This show includes oils, watercolors, pastels, photography, sculpture and pottery by a dozen of South Shore's well-known artists. 781-871-4545.

North River Arts Society presents **A few of My Favorite Things, an exhibit of original oil paintings by Don Dacier** through Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R., 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, **50th Anniversary Exhibition** presents **50 Towns/50 Years** South Shore Exhibition juried through Oct. 24, Bancroft Gallery: by Dore VanDyke. Dillon Gallery: **Christian Alexander, Maria Lakhman, Susan Dragoo, Julie Hawking, Patricia McCarthy.**

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Art of Political Cartoons is the theme at the **J.F.K. Presidential Library** on Sunday, Oct. 24 from 3-4:30 p.m.. Cartoonists, Mike Luckovich of the Atlantic Journal Constitution, Dan Wasserman of the Boston Globe and Mike Peters of the Dayton Daily News will present a show-and-tell program about their craft as political cartoonists. Scott Simon of NPR's "Weekend Edition Saturday" will moderate. The presidential library and museum is located at Columbia Point in Dorchester. All J.F.K. Library Public Forums are free of charge and open to the public. For reservations and information, call 617-514-1643; or visit www.jfklibrary.org.

Award-winning author/illustrator and Scituate resident **Dean Morrissey** will sign his latest work "**The Monster Trap**" from 2 to 4 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, in Cohasset. Call 781-383-2665 for info. or order online at www.buttonwood-books.com.

Boston College High School will hold its annual **Admissions Open House Program** for families of seventh- and eighth-grade boys from noon to 3 p.m. at the McNeice Pavilion, Boston College High School, 150 Morrissey Blvd., Boston. For more info. or directions visit Web site: www.bchigh.edu.

Mon. Oct. 25

Chess Club - Children ages 9-14 are invited to join the **Hull Lifesaving Museum's** free after school Chess Club on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m., through Dec. 20. Beginners are welcome. Parent volunteers are also welcome. Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, located at 273 Hanover St., Hanover, offers education, support and complementary modalities for people living with the challenges of cancer. For call Ann or Gail at 781-829-4823 or visit our website at www.pathwayscc s.org.

Pumpkin painting at Plaster Play during October. Receive an ornament to hang in your window. 263 Washington St., Norwell. 781 659-0011

The Scituate Art Association Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate Harbor, presents a new members show at their new gallery through Oct. 31. 781-545-6150.

Braintree Art Association member John **Bergstrom** will display his paintings for the month of October at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

In Shape Studio, Hanover Mall - An all women's fitness club featuring the original 30 minute circuit program using Pace circuit equipment (programmed accommodating circuit exercise) which is both aerobic and anaerobic. Weight loss support and other groups forming now. 781-829-5555.

Weymouth Art Association artist of the month, **Roger Gill,** will exhibit his paintings for the month of October at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St. Weymouth. 781-337-4513.

South Shore Nature Science Center Preschool to host **Scholastic Book Fair** Oct. 25 through Oct. 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The fair will be held in Vine Hall at the Nature Center. More than 150 titles providing reading for preschoolers to sixth-graders. All proceeds to benefit the Nature Center Preschool.

Tues. Oct. 26

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Show's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, hosts story time every Tuesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Age range is 2 to 5 years old. Free. For information call 781-383-2665.

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South Shore. www.southshore-parents.com

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display. www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum in Columbia Point will host **"A Conversation with Maureen Dowd,"** Pulitzer Prize-winning N.Y. Times columnist from 5:30 to 7 p.m. She will discuss the upcoming presidential elections and has recently authored "Bushworld: Enter at Your Own Risk." All JFK Public Forums are free and open to the public. For reservations and information, call 617-514-1643; or online at www.jfklibrary.org.

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Aisling Gallery and Framing, 229 Lincoln St., Hingham will host a Film and Discussion Series on **Modern Irish Politics and Society** with featuring **Richard B. Finnegan**, at Stonehill College, Easton. Oct. 12, 19, and 26, and Nov. 2, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is $100.

Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys host **"Daggers and Desserts,"** an evening of delectable confections and authors whose characters perform some dastardly deeds, at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library. Featured authors Chuck Hogan ("Prince of Thieves") and Jeffrey Cruikshank ("Murder at the B-School") will discuss their works. This event is free. For more info. call 781-383-2665 or order online: www.buttonwood-books.com to order signed copy if unable to attend

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Wed. Oct. 27

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.

The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime –**Life's Crazy Phases**. Beth will help work out post-toddler issues as she reads "It's Hard to Be Five," Oct. 27, at 10:30 a.m.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury has scheduled a lecture/luncheon with Vermont rug hooker and current exhibitor, Patty Yoder from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.. She will speak about portraiture in rugs in conjunction with her current exhibit there, "Underfoot: Contemporary Hooked Rugs." Pre-registration is required and the fee is $12. For information, call 781-934-6634, Ext. 15

Look Good...Feel Better session Oct. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at South Shore Hospital's Breast Care Center, 2-6 West St., Suite 1, South Weymouth. Sponsored by the **American Cancer Society**, this program is designed to help patients maintain their personal appearance while undergoing treatment for cancer. Cosmetologists lead group sessions to provide tips and practical techniques for coping with hair loss and changes in skin that often result from chemotherapy or radiation therapy. To pre-register, call 781-682-4569. For more information, call ACS at 1-800-ACS-2345.

Do you have a legal question or concern? **Free Legal Clinics** will be sponsored by the **Bar Association of Norfolk County**. Attorneys will be available for a private one on one confidential consultation to discuss any legal issues or concerns, no appointment necessary. Clinics work on a first come, first serve basis depending on your legal issue. This is a free service to the community. Next clinic Nov. 2 at Quincy District Court. For further info call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

Thurs. Oct. 28

Lily's Apothecary at 6 Main Street Extension in Plymouth presents international beauty consultant Patricia Witthinrich, esthetician in botanical skin care at Annemarie Borlind in Germany, from 4-9 p.m. Wine, hors d'oeuvres, good music and great company will be featured. Sign-up for a personalized consultation and discover the benefits of this scientifically-advanced herbal skin care line, Borlind of Germany. A special guest appearance by Bumble & Bumble hair consultant, Mika Laudau will recommend the best hair products suited to your hair type and specific needs. A free gift accompanies a $50 Borlind purchase. To schedule your personal skin and hair consultation and further information, call 508-747-SKIN(7546); and visit them online at www.lilysapothecary.com.

Fontbonne Academy will hold two **Open Houses**: Thursday, Oct. 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 7, 1 to 3 p.m. Tours to begin from academy's lower campus located at 930 Brook Road in Milton. Fontbonne Academy will administer **High School Placement Test** Nov. 20 and Dec. 11. For more info. or to register for test call 617-696-3241.

Insight Education Center offers **"When Saying 'NO' Is Not Enough...Consequences That Work!"** Thursday, Oct. 28, at the Blue Hill Montessori School in Canton. Certificates of attendance for teachers and child care providers. $25 per individual, $40 per co-parenting couple, $20 groups of 4+. Pre-register at www.insighteducation.com or call 781-294-8004.

Fri. Oct. 29

Irish Fiddler Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul will be appearing at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth, on Friday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets priced at $25-$30 now on sale online at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com> and by calling 866-468-7619. Visit www.plymouthmemorial-hall.com http://www.plymouth-memorialhall.com,

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, presents **Elmore James Jr.**, (blues slide guitar) returning to Boston for his third appearance on the South Shore. He will be backed by Satch Romano and Jimmy DiSpirito and The Houserockers aka The Boston Broomdusters Call 781-871-7175 for more info..

The **23rd annual Braintree Haunted House** will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29, 30, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Armstrong Building next to Bay Shore Athletic Club off Plain Street. Admission $5. Because of its scary content, event is not appropriate for young children. Pizza, drinks and other treats will be sold and free childcare available. Proceeds to benefit students of Highlands and Liberty Elementary Schools in Braintree. Call 781-356-4865 for more info.

Comedy Night at J.C. Dee's Restaurant and Lounge, 312 Bridge St., Route 3A, N. Weymouth, 9 p.m., featuring Weymouth's **Bob Niles**. Admission $10. Call 781-337-1020 for info or reservations.

Previously scheduled for Oct. 22, **The South Street Gallery**, 149 South Street in Hingham, will host a unique **Isle Au Haut** show, offering the recent paintings of a local traveling group of artists on Oct. 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. A display of the compiled paintings of four New England artists' weeklong tour will be available for viewing or purchase. The artists will be available to answer questions at the event. 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **James Montgomery Band**, Oct. 29, blues. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime –**Monster Bash**. It will be a spooktacular Storytime when Beth reads "Monsters Party All Night Long," Oct. 29, at 10:30 a.m.

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield -The Humarockers, no cover, 9 p.m.. Dinner optional beginning two hours before show time. 781-834-6505. Handicap accessible.



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The actors in "Sonia Flew" are each double cast, playing Sonia's modern-day Cuban American family in Minneapolis in December 2001, and her parents and family friends in act two's flashback to 1961 Havana. Roman makes "Sonia" a compelling figure, even during the character's occasional stridency. Roman is also very effective in her second role as "Marta," the family confidante who helps Sonia's parents smuggle her out of Cuba. In the second act, it becomes abundantly clear why the adult Sonia is still haunted by the memory of being sent to the U.S. by parents whom she would never see again.

Lopez intriguingly sets a post-September 11, 2001 family conflict against the decades earlier Cuban unrest and the "Pedro Pan" movement carried out by the Catholic Welfare Bureau, which helped get some 14,000 children out of the country before they could be forced to serve Cuba's growing military regime. Adam Stockhausen's period-evoking sets contribute to the high quality level of the proceedings as do Kristen Glans' costumes.

("Sonia Flew" will be at the Virginia Wemberly Theatre, 539 Tremont Street, Boston, through November 28. For tickets and information, call 617-266-0800 or visit www.huntingtontheatre.org.)

- R. Scott Reedy

Artisans Wanted

Craft Fair at Bethany Congregational Church, Quincy. On Saturday, Dec. 4, the Bethany Churchwomen will hold a craft fair in the Social Hall of Bethany Church, 18 Spear St., Quincy from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost for a craft table is $35; call Roberta Murphy at 617-479-3570 or the church at 617-479-7300.

Crafters Wanted for Autumn Fest Craft Fair in Maynard. Fowler Middle School is host to the Autumn Fest Craft Fair on Nov. 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rental fee for an eight-foot by 10-foot space is $40 plus donation of a representative craft for the silent auction. Vendors welcome. Information, applications available on the Internet at www.maynard.ma.us/schools/mhs; also via email to Maria Caristi at caristi@maynard.k12.ma.us; or by mail, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Autumn Fest Craft Fair, MHS, 1 Tiger Drive, Maynard 01754.

Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Hwy., Kingston, is in search of fine crafters and artisans for its 23rd annual Hollyberry Fair scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For applications, call the school's Alumni/Development office at 781-585-7511, Ext. 345, or by e-mail at sgiovanetti@sacredheart-hs.org. All applications must include a photo of the craft entry.

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SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989 15th year reunion Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, Scituate Country Club at 7 p.m. For information call Tara Stone 781-544-3143 or email taraboggs@aol.com

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL 1964 - looking for classmates for future reunion. Contact marshfield1964@yahoo.com <mailto:marshfield1964@yahoo.com> OR Joey, P.O. Box 249, LaPorte,TX 77571

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964 will hold its 40th reunion on Oct. 30, 2004 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Clarion Hotel, Nantasket Beach, Hull. Further details will be provided via mail to last known addresses or contact Heather McHugh Allen 781-749-5484 email hinghamite@aol.com <mailto:hinghamite@aol.com> or Mike Studley 617-572-9253 (weekdays).

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '84 will have its 20th Reunion on Friday, Nov. 26, 2004 at the Rockland Ramada. Tickets are $45. Anyone interested in helping with the reunion contact Jim Cantwell (837-5757) or Marie (Gagnon) Malmin (319-0432). http://www.marsh-field.net/School/reunion84.html

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Cook Estate sewer connection to go to Special Town Meeting

Clock is ticking on senior project

By Samantha Brown
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The Senior Housing Committee and Council on Elder Affairs have joined forces to ensure the Cook Estate — a proposed over-55 housing project — could potentially connect to the town sewer.

The two groups will sponsor an article for the Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting that would set the stage to create a Cook Sewer District, allowing the complex to connect if capacity exists. The Cook Estate lies outside the Central Sewer District.

If Tuesday's selectmen's meeting is a gauge then the proposal is bound to be the subject of considerable debate. Voters at the Special Town Meeting should bring their sleeping bags and prepare for a late night.

"We are at a point where we feel we have chased down every loose end."
— Jack Dawley, developer

On one side will be the "senior lobby" which is rightfully concerned that older folks who love this town can no longer afford to live here. That's what made the Cook Estate proposal that came before voters a year ago so attractive.

But at that time, it appeared an on-site wastewater system would be feasible, eliminating any potential competition for limited capacity.

On the other side are Little Harbor-area homeowners, who have been waiting for years for the sewer, and potentially two developments – Avalon and Cedarmere. Sewer capacity for those projects – that were in line before the Cook Estate – would be a far cheaper and easier solution than alternative on-site disposal systems.

Cook developers say they have exhausted all options for on-site wastewater disposal and have again filed for a sewer connection.

"We submitted an application today (Tuesday)," for a sewer connection, said Jack Dawley, principal and partner of Northland Residential. [The Cook Estate's previous application in April was denied].

Northland is the company the town has been working with to develop the Cook Estate property. Dawley added the discharge from the site will be highly treated in an on-site membrane system, and would be discharged at almost "drinking water" quality, which would therefore not affect biochemical oxygen demand, or BOD levels at the plant. BOD

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WHAT'S YOUR EMERGENCY?

Communications Supervisor Thomas Wigmore, left, answers a mock 9-1-1 call from Cub Scout Harrison Martin, as Cub Scout Hayes Keniley and Officer Lisa Matos look on. The scouts' field trip to the police station was part of their community achievement badge.

Tremendous turnout is expected Tuesday

By Mary Ford
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Last time around, Cohasset voters opted for George W. Bush albeit by only a narrow margin over Al Gore, who won the state and its 12 electoral votes.

In one of the closest presidential races in US history, Bush ultimately won the most electoral votes nationwide and the keys to the White House in an election that was decided by the US Supreme Court. Gore, vice president for eight years, narrowly won the popular vote.

Incumbent Massachusetts US Sen. John Kerry, who is challenging Bush, is expected to carry his home state. Just how Kerry will fare in Cohasset is anybody's guess.

But one thing is for sure, a lot of voters are going to take a trip to the polls. Unlike the September Primary that featured few contests – the race for president is as hot as it was four years ago.

The nationwide result could hinge of a few hundred votes in a key state like Ohio, Florida or Wisconsin.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday at Town Hall.

Judging from ample absentee ballots and a surge of new voter registrations – Cohasset can expect a big turnout. Upwards of 400 absentee ballots have been returned and in the weeks between the cutoff for the September Primary and national election, 100 citizens have registered to vote – including a number of college-age residents.

"It would be great to have 90 or 95 percent," Town Clerk Marion Douglas said. "I feel like it is going to be bigger than 2000."

In the 2000 presidential election, 82 percent of Cohasset registered voters went to the polls.

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— Town Clerk Marion Douglas

There are 5,336 registered voters in town – of that number, 1,238 are Democrats; 1,277 are Republicans and 2,802 are unenrolled. One local voter is in the Reform Party; 11 are Libertarians; three are in the Green Rainbow Party; and four are in the Interdependent Third Party.

In 2000, Bush received 2,128 Cohasset votes and Gore: 2,028.

There are several races and one non-binding ballot question

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Alerting parents in a school crisis

Rapid calling system coming

By Samantha Brown
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In the wake of the recent alleged student plot to commit a Columbine-like mass murder at Marshfield High School, local schools are taking another look at safety measures which could be implemented in a crisis situation.

Taking a cue from Marshfield, which was able to notify the parents of every student within five minutes about the issues at the school, Cohasset will soon implement a new technology that will ensure the lines of communication are always open.

Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh said when she called the superintendent in Marshfield to offer the support of the Cohasset community and commend him on the wonderful job the school had done as the crisis unfolded, she found out about the Connect-ED technology system that was used to notify Marshfield parents. Walsh said at 1:50 p.m., just as students were being dismissed, but prior to the press conference scheduled for 2:30, an automatic phone call with a recorded message from the superintendent was

"It's immediate communication."
— Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh

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Turntable could remain 'unburied' treasure



PHOTO/TIM LLEWELLYN

Steven Diersch is hard at work near the train turntable that has been unearthed in the municipal parking lot in the village.

Plymouth Rock 'like' enclosure may be possible

By Samantha Brown
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Part of the granite, railroad turntable foundation unearthed in the municipal parking lot could remain exposed.

In an effort to keep part of Cohasset's past alive, Town Treasurer/Tax Collector Joe DiVito — who doubles as Acting Special Assistant to the Town Manager for MBTA affairs — said the back-filling of a 15x15-ft. portion of the excavated site has temporarily been put on hold. He said while the idea is still in the preliminary stages, the town will work with the MBTA as well as the archaeologists to see if keeping a portion of old roundtable visible is feasible.

"It would be a lot like Plymouth

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Paul Pratt Library Trustees, Nov. 10, 7 p.m. at the library.

School Committee, Nov. 4, 7 p.m., in new CHS Community Meeting Room near superintendent's office.

Selectmen, Nov. 3, 6 p.m.

Water Resources Protection Committee and Water Commission, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

No meeting Tuesday

Due to the election next Tuesday, the selectmen have been advised not to meet from between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. The board has been posted to meet with the Advisory Committee and School Committee for Wednesday night at 7 p.m. but to accommodate a few business items, such as Sandy Beach and the FY'06 budget, Town Manager Michael Buckley said the board will meet at 6 p.m. The combined meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Superintendent welcome reception

The Cohasset School Committee invites all Cohasset residents to a welcome reception for new Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh Sunday, Nov. 14 from 2p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cohasset Lightkeeper's Residence. For more information please call Adrienne MacCarthy at (781) 383-1028.

All the Best opens

All The Best Natural Foods is now open in Cohasset Village. Located in James Brook Crossing, formerly known as the ABB Optical Building across the street from the Pleasant Street Parfait, the store is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

All the Best has a full selection of bulk organic herbs and spices, an extensive selection of herbal teas, baking products, organic cheeses, a selection of natural and organic snacks, organic and fair traded chocolate (coffee coming soon) and lots more.

Store owner David Bigley said he is adding new items daily, and encourages customers to stop by often. In addition, Bigley said he would like to fill his shelves with the products customers would like to see him carry, and he happily welcomes any product suggestions.

For more information, please contact Bigley at All the Best at (781) 383-3005.

CMHS council community rep.

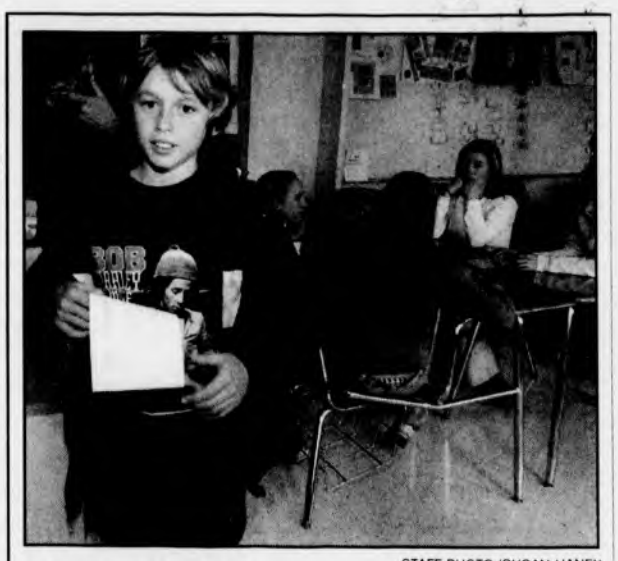
The Cohasset Middle High School Council is looking for a community representative which does not have children in the middle-high school. The next meeting of the school council is Nov. 3 at 3 p.m. in the High School Main Office conference room. For more information, please contact the high school at (781) 383-6100.

Tax bill reminder

Just a reminder tax bills are due Monday, Nov. 1. If you have not yet received your bill or have any questions, please contact the Tax Collector/Treasurer's office at (781) 383-4102.

Principal's newsletter

Parents of students at Cohasset Middle High School may have many burning questions on their minds such as: Why are the lights on at school at night? Why is the building too cold or too hot? What about class sizes? In this month's principal's newsletter from CMHS Principal Jack DeLorenzo, parents can get the answers to those questions and more. The newsletter, which is updated monthly, can be viewed online and the school's new re-vamped Web site at www.cohassetk12.org/hschool.



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MOCK ELECTION

If Cohasset Middle High School students have their way, Sen. John Kerry will be the next President of the United States. Results of a mock election, held Tuesday, Oct. 26, are in and students voted 50 percent for Kerry, 41 percent for President George W. Bush, and 9 percent voted for independent candidates. Here, Enrico Teruzzi casts his ballot.

West Corner culvert meeting set for Nov. 1

A public meeting on the design of West Corner culvert/tidal gate is 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 1 at the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church, 811 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset. Design engineers will seek input and provide information. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Paint day

The last paint collection day of 2004 will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Recycling Transfer Facility.

Water Dept. number

The Cohasset Water Department number published in the Community Guide included in last week's Mariner is incorrect. The correct number is 781-383-0057.

Brush chipping

The last brush collection day of 2004 will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the D.P.W. parking area.

Free legal clinics

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CEES to ask voters for sewer connection guarantee

By Samantha Brown
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In an effort to make sure the promise of being granted a sewer connection does not get pushed aside, more than 100 residents, including members of Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions, or CEES, have signed a citizens' petition, which will ask Town Meeting to formalize its commitment to the Little Harbor and Atlantic Avenue sewer expansion project.

The plans to sewer the Little Harbor area of town dates back to 1979 when the town violated the Federal Clean Waters Act.

There is currently a plan in place to sewer the Little Harbor area of town, and Sewer Commission engineer Daniel Coughlin of Tutela Engineering Associates submitted a schedule for work to the Department of Environmental Protection in February, 2004. The sewer extension will help eliminate private on-site wastewater disposal systems, which are negatively impacting the water quality of Inner Little Harbor, Little Harbor, and Massachusetts Bay, resulting in the closure of area shellfish beds. It is intended to expand the wastewater treatment plant's capacity by 150,000 gallons per day, to allow the "Little Harbor Sewer District" and "Atlantic Avenue Sewer District" to be connected to the existing municipal sewer system.

While the letter states the town is committed to continuing the sewer project, it was not signed by any member of the town's highest governing body, the Board of Selectmen, and CEES members say it is therefore not considered a binding commitment by the state. If that schedule is included in the Second Amended Final Judgment, imposed by the state, CEES members say that will show a firm commitment by the town to sewer the Little Harbor area. The schedule would include awarding the construction contracts for the project in Spring 2007 and project completion in Summer 2009.

The plans to sewer the Little Harbor area of town dates back to 1979 when the town violated the Federal Clean Waters Act. The state, in turn, gave the town a judgment, followed by a second amended judgment, which the town needed to comply with, or face fines of up to $10,000 per day.

To help settle the judgement with the state, the town embarked on two sewer projects, including an expansion of the Central Sewer District and the North Cohasset sewer project, which allowed residents to tie-in to capacity at the Hull treatment facility. Both the Central Sewer District expansion and North Cohasset sewer project were subsidized 50 percent by taxpayers.

In addition, the town created two "priority districts" that included some streets around Little Harbor. Those priority homes, however, were not given sewer connections, and were told their systems would be subjected to immediate mandatory on-site Title 5 inspections whether the owners planned to sell their homes or not. Homeowners were told they would be required to have their systems inspected for Title 5 compliance every two years. If the system did not pass, the homeowner would be required to upgrade their system within two years or replace it to meet Title 5 requirements. CEES members say it has been estimated that the average cost of replacing a septic system in the Little Harbor area of town is between $40,000 and $70,000 per system, and that cost would be at the homeowner's expense.

It was then that CEES, pronounced "cease" was formed, and participating households in the Little Harbor area contributed $500 each, which went toward expenses incurred to fight their battle for equal wastewater options.

Over the years, CEES members have paid to have environmental studies completed on Little Harbor, and its members say many of the studies have identified sewering as the most cost-effective and environmentally friendly wastewater option for that area of town. In light of the resident's work to comply with the judgment, the mandate for septic inspections by the state has been lifted.

However, CEES members say the state's priority designation is not permanent, and the town is still responsible for satisfying the state's judgment. Without a plan set firmly in place, the town could face a renewal of state mandates ordering regular Title 5 systems inspections, which could be very costly for homeowners.

CEES members are hopeful that a ruling for the town of Newbury shows with a firm commitment for the sewer in Cohasset, their property will be spared the threat of mandatory septic inspections while they wait for a sewer connection. Newbury also violated the Clean Waters Act, and according to a ruling by DEP, in that town, property owners can be exempt from forced upgrades, provided the system is not considered a health hazard, if the town promises to provide a sewer connection, and the homeowner promises to connect to the system within five years, or within 30 days of the system coming on line, whichever comes first. During the interim, systems would need to be regularly pumped, but costly inspections and mandatory upgrades or replacement would no longer be a worry for homeowners. If Cohasset can promise sewer to its Little Harbor residents, CEES members believe past DEP rulings would suggest amnesty would also be allowed for homes promised a connection in Cohasset, which is why they say they brought the citizens' petition forward.

The town has supported many of the efforts to keep the Little Harbor sewer project on track and has allocated a good amount of money over the years for the cause. CEES members say therefore, the DEP expects one day the Little Harbor area homes will in fact be sewered. However, with senior housing projects on the rise which could impact the amount of available capacity at the central district sewer plant, members of CEES are worried sewer will never be a reality.

Although it has been said connecting developments to municipal sewer will not affect plans to sewer Little Harbor, members of CEES say that is not true. While the Sewer Commission has proposed dedicating capacity from the planned upgrade of the system to the Little Harbor area of town, CEES members believe by the time their sewer system is built, developers could already have been granted all available capacity. The Sewer Commission has said if one development were granted a hook-up, most likely all other developments and developments to follow would also have the legal right to tie-in as well. The only alternative for Little Harbor, which is currently slated to begin construction of its sewer in 2007, would be to build a new satellite treatment plant, which CEES members say would be more expensive than an upgrade to build, and very, very difficult to permit.

While it has been argued that senior citizens, who will live in either Cedarmere or the Cook Estate, should not have to deal with on-site septic systems, and should therefore be granted sewer connections, CEES members say there are roughly 400 seniors currently living in the Little Harbor area of town who are experiencing septic problems on a daily basis, which is why CEES believes existing homes should be taken care of before developments. If the 400 units from the two senior housing projects as well as the 200 proposed Avalon rental units, are granted the 400 connections which could have been used for Little Harbor, CEES members say their capacity will no longer exist.

Information for this article was provided by members of Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions.

Glades nature walk tomorrow

The First Herring Brook Watershed Association is sponsoring a guided tour of the "Glades" — the beautiful, privately owned coastal area in Minot, North Scituate Saturday, Oct. 30, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

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School Committee, Nov. 4, 7 p.m., in new CHS Community Meeting Room near superintendent's office.

Selectmen, Nov. 3, 6 p.m.

Water Resources Protection Committee and Water Commission, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

No meeting Tuesday

Due to the election next Tuesday, the selectmen have been advised not to meet from between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. The board has been posted to meet with the Advisory Committee and School Committee for Wednesday night at 7 p.m. but to accommodate a few business items, such as Sandy Beach and the FY'06 budget, Town Manager Michael Buckley said the board will meet at 6 p.m. The combined meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Superintendent welcome reception

The Cohasset School Committee invites all Cohasset residents to a welcome reception for new Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh Sunday, Nov. 14 from 2p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cohasset Lightkeeper's Residence. For more information please call Adrienne MacCarthy at (781) 383-1028.

All the Best opens

All The Best Natural Foods is now open in Cohasset Village. Located in James Brook Crossing, formerly known as the ABB Optical Building across the street from the Pleasant Street Parfait, the store is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

All the Best has a full selection of bulk organic herbs and spices, an extensive selection of herbal teas, baking products, organic cheeses, a selection of natural and organic snacks, organic and fair traded chocolate (coffee coming soon) and lots more.

Store owner David Bigley said he is adding new items daily, and encourages customers to stop by often. In addition, Bigley said he would like to fill his shelves with the products customers would like to see him carry, and he happily welcomes any product suggestions.

For more information, please contact Bigley at All the Best at (781) 383-3005.

CMHS council community rep.

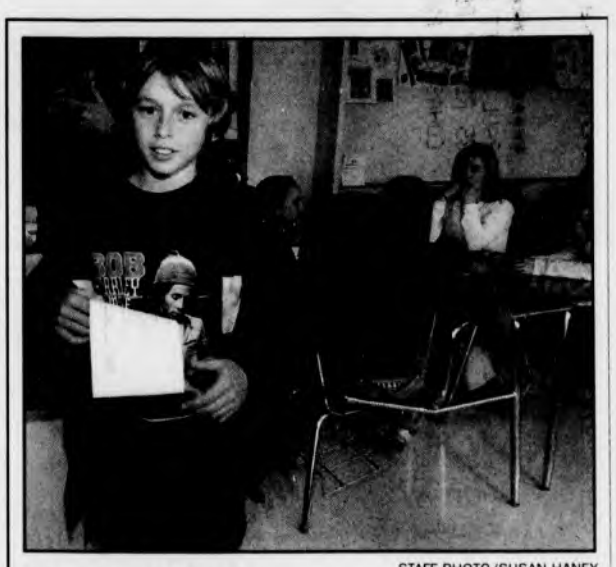
The Cohasset Middle High School Council is looking for a community representative which does not have children in the middle-high school. The next meeting of the school council is Nov. 3 at 3 p.m. in the High School Main Office conference room. For more information, please contact the high school at (781) 383-6100.

Tax bill reminder

Just a reminder tax bills are due Monday, Nov. 1. If you have not yet received your bill or have any questions, please contact the Tax Collector/Treasurer's office at (781) 383-4102.

Principal's newsletter

Parents of students at Cohasset Middle High School may have many burning questions on their minds such as: Why are the lights on at school at night? Why is the building too cold or too hot? What about class sizes? In this month's principal's newsletter from CMHS Principal Jack DeLorenzo, parents can get the answers to those questions and more. The newsletter, which is updated monthly, can be viewed online and the school's new re-vamped Web site at www.cohassetk12.org/hschool.



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MOCK ELECTION

If Cohasset Middle High School students have their way, Sen. John Kerry will be the next President of the United States. Results of a mock election, held Tuesday, Oct. 26, are in and students voted 50 percent for Kerry, 41 percent for President George W. Bush, and 9 percent voted for independent candidates. Here, Enrico Teruzzi casts his ballot.

West Corner culvert meeting set for Nov. 1

A public meeting on the design of West Corner culvert/tidal gate is 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 1 at the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church, 811 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset. Design engineers will seek input and provide information. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Paint day

The last paint collection day of 2004 will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Recycling Transfer Facility.

Water Dept. number

The Cohasset Water Department number published in the Community Guide included in last week's Mariner is incorrect. The correct number is 781-383-0057.

Brush chipping

The last brush collection day of 2004 will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the D.P.W. parking area.

Free legal clinics

Bar Association of Norfolk County hosts no appointment necessary-walk in clinics.

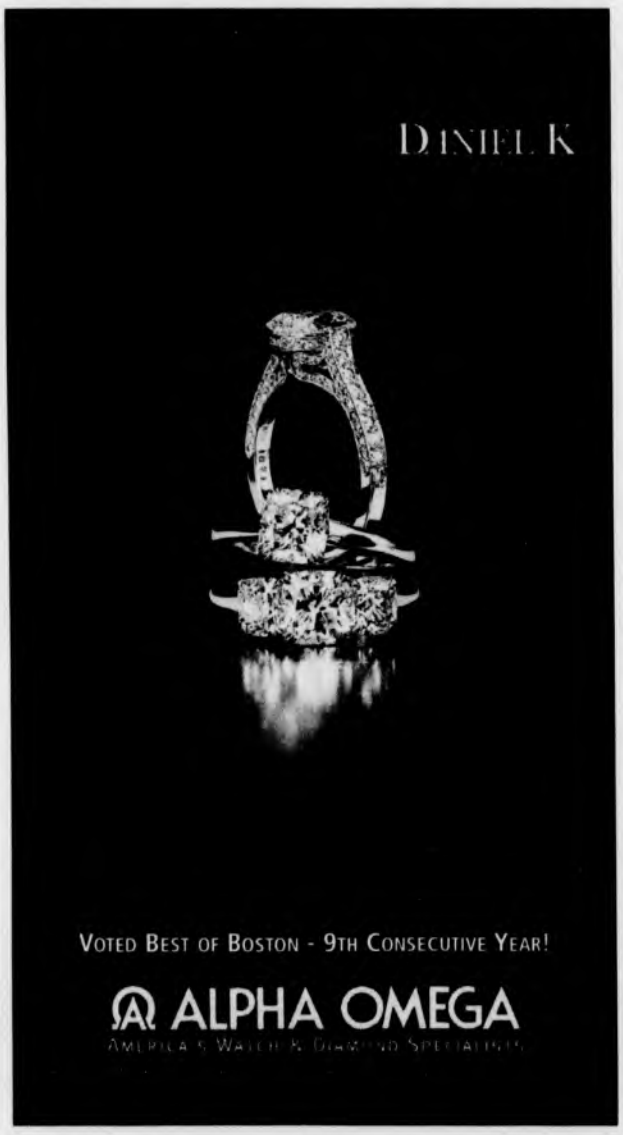
Do you have a legal question or are you confused about a legal issue? The Bar Association of Norfolk County is sponsoring a free legal clinic as a public service to the community. A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. The evening legal clinics will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Quincy District Court on: Nov. 2, Dec. 7, March 1, April 19, June 7, and June 21.

For more information, call Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County at 617-471-9693.

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CEES to ask voters for sewer connection guarantee

By Samantha Brown
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In an effort to make sure the promise of being granted a sewer connection does not get pushed aside, more than 100 residents, including members of Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions, or CEES, have signed a citizens' petition, which will ask Town Meeting to formalize its commitment to the Little Harbor and Atlantic Avenue sewer expansion project.

The plans to sewer the Little Harbor area of town dates back to 1979 when the town violated the Federal Clean Waters Act.

There is currently a plan in place to sewer the Little Harbor area of town, and Sewer Commission engineer Daniel Coughlin of Tutela Engineering Associates submitted a schedule for work to the Department of Environmental Protection in February, 2004. The sewer extension will help eliminate private on-site wastewater disposal systems, which are negatively impacting the water quality of Inner Little Harbor, Little Harbor, and Massachusetts Bay, resulting in the closure of area shellfish beds. It is intended to expand the wastewater treatment plant's capacity by 150,000 gallons per day, to allow the "Little Harbor Sewer District" and "Atlantic Avenue Sewer District" to be connected to the existing municipal sewer system.

While the letter states the town is committed to continuing the sewer project, it was not signed by any member of the town's highest governing body, the Board of Selectmen, and CEES members say it is therefore not considered a binding commitment by the state. If that schedule is included in the Second Amended Final Judgment, imposed by the state, CEES members say that will show a firm commitment by the town to sewer the Little Harbor area. The schedule would include awarding the construction contracts for the project in Spring 2007 and project completion in Summer 2009.

The plans to sewer the Little Harbor area of town dates back to 1979 when the town violated the Federal Clean Waters Act. The state, in turn, gave the town a judgment, followed by a second amended judgment, which the town needed to comply with, or face fines of up to $10,000 per day.

To help settle the judgement with the state, the town embarked on two sewer projects, including an expansion of the Central Sewer District and the North Cohasset sewer project, which allowed residents to tie-in to capacity at the Hull treatment facility. Both the Central Sewer District expansion and North Cohasset sewer project were subsidized 50 percent by taxpayers.

In addition, the town created two "priority districts" that included some streets around Little Harbor. Those priority homes, however, were not given sewer connections, and were told their systems would be subjected to immediate mandatory on-site Title 5 inspections whether the owners planned to sell their homes or not. Homeowners were told they would be required to have their systems inspected for Title 5 compliance every two years. If the system did not pass, the homeowner would be required to upgrade their system within two years or replace it to meet Title 5 requirements. CEES members say it has been estimated that the average cost of replacing a septic system in the Little Harbor area of town is between $40,000 and $70,000 per system, and that cost would be at the homeowner's expense.

It was then that CEES, pronounced "cease" was formed, and participating households in the Little Harbor area contributed $500 each, which went toward expenses incurred to fight their battle for equal wastewater options.

Over the years, CEES members have paid to have environmental studies completed on Little Harbor, and its members say many of the studies have identified sewering as the most cost-effective and environmentally friendly wastewater option for that area of town. In light of the resident's work to comply with the judgment, the mandate for septic inspections by the state has been lifted.

However, CEES members say the state's priority designation is not permanent, and the town is still responsible for satisfying the state's judgment. Without a plan set firmly in place, the town could face a renewal of state mandates ordering regular Title 5 systems inspections, which could be very costly for homeowners.

CEES members are hopeful that a ruling for the town of Newbury shows with a firm commitment for the sewer in Cohasset, their property will be spared the threat of mandatory septic inspections while they wait for a sewer connection. Newbury also violated the Clean Waters Act, and according to a ruling by DEP, in that town, property owners can be exempt from forced upgrades, provided the system is not considered a health hazard, if the town promises to provide a sewer connection, and the homeowner promises to connect to the system within five years, or within 30 days of the system coming on line, whichever comes first. During the interim, systems would need to be regularly pumped, but costly inspections and mandatory upgrades or replacement would no longer be a worry for homeowners. If Cohasset can promise sewer to its Little Harbor residents, CEES members believe past DEP rulings would suggest amnesty would also be allowed for homes promised a connection in Cohasset, which is why they say they brought the citizens' petition forward.

The town has supported many of the efforts to keep the Little Harbor sewer project on track and has allocated a good amount of money over the years for the cause. CEES members say therefore, the DEP expects one day the Little Harbor area homes will in fact be sewered. However, with senior housing projects on the rise which could impact the amount of available capacity at the central district sewer plant, members of CEES are worried sewer will never be a reality.

Although it has been said connecting developments to municipal sewer will not affect plans to sewer Little Harbor, members of CEES say that is not true. While the Sewer Commission has proposed dedicating capacity from the planned upgrade of the system to the Little Harbor area of town, CEES members believe by the time their sewer system is built, developers could already have been granted all available capacity. The Sewer Commission has said if one development were granted a hook-up, most likely all other developments and developments to follow would also have the legal right to tie-in as well. The only alternative for Little Harbor, which is currently slated to begin construction of its sewer in 2007, would be to build a new satellite treatment plant, which CEES members say would be more expensive than an upgrade to build, and very, very difficult to permit.

While it has been argued that senior citizens, who will live in either Cedarmere or the Cook Estate, should not have to deal with on-site septic systems, and should therefore be granted sewer connections, CEES members say there are roughly 400 seniors currently living in the Little Harbor area of town who are experiencing septic problems on a daily basis, which is why CEES believes existing homes should be taken care of before developments. If the 400 units from the two senior housing projects as well as the 200 proposed Avalon rental units, are granted the 400 connections which could have been used for Little Harbor, CEES members say their capacity will no longer exist.

Information for this article was provided by members of Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions.

Glades nature walk tomorrow

The First Herring Brook Watershed Association is sponsoring a guided tour of the "Glades" — the beautiful, privately owned coastal area in Minot, North Scituate Saturday, Oct. 30, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The walk will be led by Linda Bornstein and other FHBWI naturalists. The tour will feature upland and coastal trails with spectacular views and an abundance of birds and other wildlife. This is an easy walk suitable for adults and children over 7. Bring binoculars, cameras and identification manuals. Meet at the Minot Beach parking area. Suggested donation is $3 to support FHBWI activities and programs.

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Alerting parents in a crisis

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placed to each parent explaining what was happening.

When news of immense magnitude surfaces, Walsh said usually the administration has "about a minute and a half before Fox TV or the Today Show are breathing down your neck." By having the communication technology available, the parents can be given real, factual information bypassing the rumor mill. "It's immediate communication," she said.

With the technology comes the option of assigning more than one phone number for each student. "As many as six numbers can be linked to each student," said Walsh. If a parent is tried at the first number and no one answers, the system automatically knows to move on to the next number and will not stop calling until a parent is reached.

Walsh said the school department acts quickly it can lock in a predetermined rate and by having a corporate sponsor to help cover some of the costs, use of the technology will only cost $3 per child per year. There will be a one-time installation fee of $1,000, and there will be a $100 fee for each building to set up the equipment and train staff how to use it. Faculty members are included in the system free of charge.

"We didn't find a down side," said Walsh. She added there are a few other competitors on the market that offer products similar and prices to the Connect-Ed system but Notification Technologies was the only company that had the ability to send out a message recorded by a member of the school staff rather than a digital recording.

"The other companies tried to say you don't want to hear the fear in the principal's voice, but I think it's just the opposite. You want to hear the calm in the principal's voice," said Walsh.

In addition to the role the technology can play during a crisis, keeping parents informed during non-crisis situations is just as important. Walsh said if the schools need to have a weather-related early release, all parents can be notified their children will be arriving home at a certain time.

The system is also able to flag students in a number of different criteria. For example, if band practice has been cancelled, students in the system who are in band can be flagged and only their parents will be called. Or, a friendly reminder can be sent out to students in a certain grade level to get enough rest the night before the MCAS test.

Walsh said the system can also be good for community alerts, such as if police want to alert the community to a suspicious person seen around town.

The School Committee gave Walsh the OK to go ahead and sign a contract with the company and she will look into the potential sponsors the company suggests. Walsh said while she typically doesn't like to see corporate sponsorship on school equipment, she feels this is a very appropriate way to team up with a big corporation.

Walsh said the only indication of sponsorship will come after the message for parents, and will say at the end: "This message has been co-sponsored by Verizon," or whichever sponsor the district chooses. She said it is the responsibility of Notification Technologies to come up with a sponsor the district approves, and if it does not find a suitable company, the school will still receive the discounted rate of $3 per student per year, rather than $3.60 without a sponsor.

For more information on the Connect-Ed technology, please visit their Web site at www.notification.com.

Tremendous turnout is expected

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asking voters to vote either "yes" or "no" for marijuana decriminalization.

The races are for:

- President/Vice President: Bush/Cheney, Kerry/Edwards, Cobb/LaMarche (Green-Rainbow), and Badnarik/Campagna (Libertarian).
- Representative in Congress, 10th District: Democrat William D. Delahunt and Republican Michael J. Jones.
- Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, is unopposed by a Republican in the state representative race for the 3rd Plymouth District. However, a few weeks ago Hingham resident Laura Burns, a registered Democrat, launched a last-minute write-in campaign against Bradley centering around "civil marriage rights for all."
- Councilor, 4th District: Republican Donald A. Hussey of Hingham, Democrat Christopher A. Iannella Jr., and Brian Connolly (Unenrolled).

Question 1 is a non-binding public policy question placed on the ballot by the Drug Policy Forum of Massachusetts in the 3rd Plymouth Representative District, which includes Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, and Precinct 3 in Scituate. The signatures of 200 voters in a district are required in order to place a question on the ballot in that district.

Should the legislature at some point approve this proposed marijuana decriminalization, the penalty for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana by an adult would carry a $100 civil fine for both first-time and subsequent offenses rather than a criminal penalty. There are no other ballot questions.

Voters can vote absentee up until noontime Mon., Nov. 1. The Town Clerk's office will close at that time to prepare for the election.

Absentee ballots available for the state election

Absentee ballots for the State Election on Nov. 2 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, Nov. 1, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:
Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
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Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Nov. 2, to be counted.

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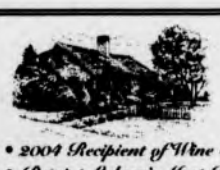
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Revamped SAT to be better gauge of what students learned

Juniors take new test in the spring

By Samantha Brown
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The Stanford Achievement Test, or SAT, has gone through some changes and students taking the test this March will be the first to experience it in its new format. With three testing categories rather than two, the test will take students longer to complete and the fee for the test will be increased. It is believed the changes will better measure what students have learned in high school therefore, helping match colleges with prospective students.

Guidance Counselor Ed Leonard said he attended a workshop given by the College Board, which outlined changes taking place on the SAT and PSAT tests. The PSAT is a preliminary test usually taken by students in their sophomore year, while the SAT is taken by juniors. Roughly 150 Cohasset students have already taken the PSAT, which is in a new format, but has experienced fewer changes, and Leonard said testing day went very well.

"I personally believe our students will be ready for this, but it is a shift and we want to prepare them for it."
— Ed Leonard, guidance

"I personally believe our students will be ready for this, but it is a shift and we want to prepare them for it," said Leonard, adding he will make presentations to both faculty members and students to ensure everyone knows what to expect with the new test.

Currently, there are two portions of the SAT test: verbal and math. Both are scored on a scale from 200 to 800, and 1600 is a perfect score. However, Leonard said part of the reason the tests are changing is to emphasize the importance of writing. In fact, a new section will be added to the test called writing, which will include multiple choice questions on grammar and usage as well as a student written essay.

Another change will be renaming the verbal section, which will now be called critical reading. The section on analogies — such as cat is to meow as dog is to bark — will be eliminated, and short reading passages will be added. The long reading passages will remain on the test.

Math will still be called math, but content will be expanded on the test to include various topics students should have learned while taking three years of math, including algebra and geometry. "For our students, I don't see this as a challenge," Leonard said, adding students at Cohasset High School have at least taken algebra I, II and geometry by the time they take the test, and many are much more advanced. In addition, quantitative comparisons will be eliminated.

Leonard said there will be opportunities for students to take the SAT prior to March, when it will be a requirement to administer the new test to students. However, he said he would recommend all students take the new version of the test, because "it won't be any advantage to take the old. The competition you will be up against are students who are taking the new SAT," Leonard said.

Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said the changes being made to the SAT will be positive, as it will finally be catching up with the MCAS test. "It's a good thing," she said. " With all the timed writing students are asked to do for the MCAS test, the SAT will also begin measuring student's ability to write well. "

Leonard said the new test will be timed; students will have three hours and 45 minutes to complete it, which has increased from three hours. The cost for the test will increase from $28 to $41.50. For more information, please visit the College Board's Web site at www.collegeboard.com.

Help with homework

•High School workshop offered Nov. 9 - Writing skills and much more. Presented by Paula Cocce M.Ed., Learning Specialist, Curry College who is a Senior Lecturer in the Program for the Advancement of Learning (PAL) at Curry College. PAL is a support program for college students with learning disabilities. Her research focus is on reading and study skills, metacognition and motivation in students. Starts at 7 p.m. Location: High School Cafe, 143 Pond St. Limited space available: Reserve your spot ASAP, simply email your contact information and which workshop you are planning to: southshorepac@comcast.net

• Nov 2 - Meet the New Director of Student Services - Open for all to attend. Welcome Linda Gill, the new Director of Student Services. She will be joining us to share some of her view points, experiences and vision regarding special education in the Cohasset School District. 7:30 p.m. at the Osgood Library, 210 Sohier St. Unable to attend? If you would like to be added to the e-mail network for updates on workshops and presentations throughout the South Shore, forward your contact information to southshorepac@comcast.net



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Turntable could remain 'unburied' treasure

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Rock," said Town Manager Michael Buckley, adding in downtown Plymouth, a railed off section allows visitors to peer down at the rock from above. He said Cohasset would be looking to build something similar over a small portion of the exposed turntable.

DiVito said the section of the turntable which would remain exposed would be located under the canopy of a large tree in the corner of the municipal lot closest to the Pleasant Street Parfait.

"It will be the equivalent of about three parking spaces," he said, but giving up those spaces will be worth it to keep a slice of Cohasset's history alive. "

Jeff Kane of the Waterfield Design Group, who is project manager for the James Brook Flood Control project that is going on simultaneously with the MBTA excavation, said he was approached by DPW Supt. Carl Sestito, who asked if there would be any way to keep the excavated site open. Kane thought it was a great idea and approached Buckley and DiVito to see what they thought. DiVito said the idea caught on from there and the town will speak with the MBTA on the feasibility of keeping the area open, as the Greenbush line tracks will run close to the site. DiVito said an estimate of what it would cost to construct a viewing area will also be conducted.

The decision will have to come before the Board of Selectmen because it will require eliminating three parking spaces from the town lot. But at least one member of the board plans to back the project.

"It's a great piece of archaeological history for this town," said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer. "I absolutely support it," he said, but added there will be various considerations to be taken into account before a final decision can be made.

Dormitzer explained everything from safety measures, to how to describe what you're looking at on the plaque, to how to clean the enclosed area, to how to get rid of storm water will have to be discussed. However, he is confident solutions can be found.

In addition to the exposed enclosure, Dormitzer said he would like to see cobblestones set into the new parkng lot asphalt to mark the outline of the rest of the turntable. From the observing platform, the entire turntable would be illustrated. Cobblestones would not interfere with parking spaces, and would be relatively inexpensive for a large effect, he said.

The turntable, which used to be part of the railroad which ran through Cohasset, has been excavated as part of the MBTA's environmental impact study. The MBTA is in the process of reconstructing the Greenbush Line to Scituate. The turntable was used to turn trains around to go back to Boston and help position trains which needed to go into the roundhouse for storage or repairs.

With phase one excavating coming to a close, filling and paving will soon be complete — weather permitting — and the area of the municipal lot adjacent to the current excavating site, closest to the Adamo Salon will be the next area to be explored. While that parking lot entrance is blocked, the former entrance off Pleasant Street will be reopened.



Selectman Ralph Dormitzer provided this aerial view of the train turntable.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were recently issued by the Cohasset Town Hall:

Manuel Perdigao, 30 Aaron River Road, 19 replacement windows, $7,600; Glenn Pratt, 482 King St., re-roof 17 squares, $2,500.

Doug Bryan, 20 Sanctuary Pond Rd., extend 28" for chimney base, $10,500; Stanislawzyk, 56 Summer St., SP#04-08-13 additions, $176,800; Josiah Stevenson, 173 Hull St., portico entry porch 9 x 5, $400; Mike Meyers, 30 Cedar Lane, re-roof 25 squares, $9,800; Amy Banks, 39 Atlantic Ave., re-roof 20 squares, $14,900; O'Rourke, 45 Beechwood St., extend kitchen, new deck, $65,000;

Cohasset Gulf LLC, 82 Border St., stabilize structure, repair, restore, $20,000; Lambert, 35 Norman Todd Rd., replace 10 windows, remove 1, $6,000; Helen and Ethan Arnold, 20 Bow St., foundation only SP, $18,000; Richard Simon, 92 Aaron River Rd., remove/replace sunroom; $70,000; Terry Green, 7 Linden Drive, inground pool 20 x 40, $12,000; Marilyn Pitchford, 552 Jerusalem Rd., addition, garage/room above/entrance, $120,000.

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By Samantha Brown
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Balancing a career and family life is never an easy task, especially for those who own their own business. While serving as your own boss gives a certain amount of flexibility, it also takes a lot of time to make sure the operation is running smoothly.

But for four Cohasset women, who have banded together to operate their own businesses out of one building, being their own boss has become a cooperative effort, as they all work together to support each other's individual efforts and ensure they succeed.

...they all were looking for a way to start their own businesses while balancing family time and responsibilities.

At a women's entrepreneur night, held at the Lightkeeper's Residence roughly one year ago, Andrea Flynn, Michelle Cayer, Jody Caron and Leslie Lemaire were introduced. Although their interests were different, their goal was the same, as they all were looking for a way to start their own businesses while balancing family time and responsibilities.

"We all had thought of doing something at the same time as way of helping each other out," said Flynn, adding because they all have families and need to have fairly flexible schedules, they would all be able to take turns rotating schedules. Without any set plans, the four began looking for a space to rent where they could embark on a joint business venture, where together, they could run Needlepoint South, Bead Combers, and The Sports Closet.

When they found a space for rent on Route 3A, they decided to go for it, and the situation worked well for one year. But when the opportunity recently presented itself for the women to make the move to downtown Cohasset, the three embarked on the second phase of their journey, and have now set up shop at 39 South Main St., next to Bia Bistro.

Flynn has been doing needlepoint for most of her life. Although she had never really thought about starting her own needlepoint business, as her children started getting older, she thought about what she could do to occupy some of her time. While she wasn't sure whether it was the right time to open a shop when she began thinking of opening Needlepoint South, with support from the others, she took a leap of faith and is now glad she did.

Flynn carries needlepoint merchandise and supplies, and said the response from the public has been great. "There is nothing between Boston and Cape Cod like it," she said. Flynn said she has been gaining a strong clientele and many tell her how happy they are to not have to drive a long distance for needlepoint supplies. In addition, Flynn offers classes to help longtime needlepointers refresh their skills, or introduce newcomers to the craft.

Flynn carries many different hand-painted canvases with a variety of needlepoint scenes. She said she even has a company that will hand paint a canvas from a photograph to allow customers to create needlepoint scenes of their homes, gardens, or any other photograph they can provide. Needlepoint, "is not just for pillows anymore," she said, adding she carries kits to make your own pocketbooks, belts, ornaments, and Christmas stockings. "There's a lot of fun stuff you can do," she said.



SAMANTHA BROWN PHOTO

Leslie Lemaire and Jody Caron, wearing coats from The Sports Closet clothing lines, pose with Andrea Flynn from Needlepoint South and Michelle Cayer from Bead Combers. Together, the women operate their own individual downtown businesses under one roof.

Cayer began Bead Combers as a small business operating out of her home. Using high end beads, including those made from glass and sterling silver, she said she started making jewelry with a friend, and began selling it mostly at home parties. However, before long, Cayer found the women at the parties began asking how they could make their own jewelry, and her focus shifted from making the jewelry herself to teaching others how to make their own.

As business began to grow, Cayer began serving as a bead distributor for women, and with such high demand for the beads, she realized she needed a place to keep her inventory. However, she also realized if she was going to have her own store, she wanted it to be more than beads alone. That is when she branched out to help other local women who had started their own businesses, and began buying items from them for her own shop.

In addition to selling beads, Cayer carries knitted hats, personalized stationery, and other items like monogrammed bags which are all crafted by local women. "There's a little bit of everything for everybody," she said.

Together, Carone and Lemaire operate the Sports Closet. An avid tennis player, Carone said she began noticing the women's sports clothes which were being sold at local fitness clubs, and thought she could provide the demand for more products in the women's sports market.

"We started with tennis then went to golf," said Lemaire, adding now the store carries running and casual attire as well as casual skirts and jackets.

When they began, Carone said the two called companies such as Ralph Lauren and Lacoste to see if they would be willing to start a partnership with the store, and she said everyone couldn't have been nicer. Now the store carries 12 different sport clothing lines for women. Carone said the Sports Closet does focus mainly on women's clothing, but they do offer some T-shirts and shorts for men.

In addition to attire, Carone and Lemaire also began to notice there wasn't much in the way of women's sports gear. The two looked into it and have begun selling colorful patterned tennis racquet and golf club covers which can be monogrammed.

Carone said the shop has been doing well and the Lacoste shirts, which come in an array of colors, have been very popular items, especially with the high school students. She said the response has been great and the residents have been really good customers. "They love to shop in their town," she said, adding with the new location, many more visitors are stopping by on their way to do errands, and with all three businesses located under one roof, there is something for everyone who walks through their doors.

NEWCOMER'S NEWS

'Wuthering Heights'

Maybe it was high school required reading...and you only read the Cliff's Notes. Maybe you never read the book...but always wanted to. Maybe you just want a great "re-read". Whatever the reason, join the Newcomer's Club for November's book club selection - "Wuthering Heights."

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The first meeting of "Wuthering Heights" will be on Nov. 1, at 8 p.m. For book club information contact Rebecca Graziano at 545-8024 or rebecca_graziano@yahoo.com Visit www.scnewcomers.com

Walkie talkies

Walk and talk...what a nice combination! The Newcomer's Club organizes thrice weekly walking sessions for its members at local parks with dog and stroller friendly paths. All fitness levels are welcome. Pets and babies are more than welcome. The pace is not intimidating - comfortable enough to hold a conversation and enjoy the crisp weather. Get a head start on your New Year's resolution of health and fitness by meeting us for walking. Running groups are also being organized. Come on...what do you have to lose? Visit www.scnewcomers.com for club happenings. Call/email Jen Harris at 544-3910 or jkharris24@hotmail.com for membership information.

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CLEANUP CREW

Cohasset Pack 38 Cub Scout "Bears" perform a community service cleanup at Sandy Beach. Third-grade Bear Dens "1" And "3" participated. Shown are: Jared Pratt, Derek Benson, Chris Cohen, Clarke Indek, Jake Masci, Jack Leffel, Dylan Bomeisler (with the U.S. flag) and Jack O'Brien. Den Leaders: Bruce Indek, Jane Cohen and Diane Benson. Not shown are: Christian Dimodica, Joe Buckley and Joey Sestito.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Come do some holiday shopping at a Holiday Bazaar being held on Nov. 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St. All proceeds go to the gymnastics program at the center. There will be many vendors at the event including: eK Designs, KTB Designs, Handmade Cigar Purses, "My Little Friend Sweaters", Tupperware, Seabands, Storyland Personalized Books, Pampered Chef, Scarves, activities for the children and so much more. For more information, contact **Ruthann Ardizonni** at 781-383-0088.

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Author Bill Nowlin will talk about his book "Ted Williams: The Pursuit of Perfection" at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Monda, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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COHASSET ALUMNI SOCCER

Saturday, Nov. 27 is the date for the annual Cohasset Alumni Soccer game. Last year's inaugural event ended in a 2-2 tie with over 40 players returning from a span of 30 years of Cohasset soccer. This year two games will be played. The first game will be the first women's game to be held. The game will be played at 12 p.m. at Alumni Field (field conditions permitting). The second game, the men's game, will be played at 2 pm at either Alumni field or Milliken field depending on field availability.

All CHS graduates who played on soccer teams from 1973 (our first team) are invited to participate. The format will be a normal 90 minute game with graduates of odd numbered years playing against graduates of even numbered years. Please contact **Jeff Donze** if you are interested in playing in the men's game jeff.donze@comcast.net or 781-383-9734 or **Alyssa McNamara** if you are interested in participating in the Women's game, Alyssa@McNamaraFinancial. com 781-962-6049.

More details on a social get together after the game will be coming in future announcements. Please check our web site www.cohassetsoccer.com for more information.

YOUTH LACROSSE SIGNUPS

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will open its sign-up for the spring season on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the auditorium at Town Hall. This marks a shift in the way lacrosse registration has been run, and it gives families the opportunity to save some money. Registrants on Nov. 10 will get the 2004 spring season price of $135 for one player and $250 for two. Registrants after Nov. 10 and sign-ups will remain open through a second in-person sign-up day in January will pay the 2005 price of $145 for one player and $270 for two.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is moving registration forward and it is being held simultaneous to Recreation Basketball sign-ups to better prepare for the season ahead. For more information, contact Coach **Chuck Jaffe** by email at CAJaffe@aol.com or by calling 781-383-9858.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Children's Halloween Party! Please join the Newcomer's Club for a Halloween party on Friday Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 12p.m. at the Second Congregational Church at 42 Highland Ave. Entertainment will be provided by Dr. Scribbles the Clown and there will be a craft to create. Come and enjoy the fun! Free for all members of playgroups. There is a $5 charge for those not participating in Newcomer's playgroups. Please RSVP to **Gina Steele** at 378-1310. For more club information visit www.scnewcomers.com or call **Jen Harris** at 544-3910. Hope to see you there in the Halloween spirit!

MISTLETOE BOUTIQUE

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at the second annual Mistletoe Boutique. This spectacular event will take place on Sunday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Our World Children's Museum. More than 30 unique designers will offer everything from gingerbread houses to ribbon belts. There will be handmade jewelry, handbags, clothing, accessories and decorative items galore! The museum is located right behind the library. Let the kids enjoy the new playground while you shop. A portion of boutique sales will benefit Our World!

That is all for this week. All news and event information should be to me no later than Tuesdays by noon.

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When young children from the South Shore are at "Su Escuela" Spanish education program, they're completely immersed in the language.

"From the time they open the door, they hear 'Hola' and 'how are you?' and 'take your shoes off,' all in Spanish," Baldeon said. "There's no English spoken, only Castellano."

Nearly 80 children have joined Su Escuela, a Spanish immersion school, the opening of the program in February of this year. Su Escuela's Director, Sandra Baldeon and her instructors, all native Spanish speakers from Chile, have given young children, as young as three months old, an exposure to a second language, an opportunity many wouldn't normally have until they reached junior high school when foreign language programs often begin in public schools.

To give her students the best experience possible, Baldeon said Su Escuela students only hear Spanish at the school. It's in lessons from her instructors, all college graduates, educators, in the music played at the school and in the games the students play.

"To really capture the language you need that immersion," she said.

In the 16-week program, the students learn a second language in classes with just seven children practicing their words, doing homework and by playing games, a method Baldeon said is important for children.

"We're focused on learning, but also on having fun" she said. "Our goal is not to bring just vocabulary, but for them to get used to the language with the proper accent and develop the ability to learn other languages."

Baldeon said children exposed to a second language at an early age have an advantage over those who pick it up later in their school years. It's difficult to awaken the interest of a 10 year old in learning a second language when they've never been exposed to it before," she said. "The earlier they start they better it is for the children."



Sandra Baldeon, Su Escuela Director, with Will Barao. Will was the first student enrolled at Su Escuela when its doors opened in February 2004.

When Baldeon said it is important to start students at an early age, she didn't mean waiting until after the children learn English. Su Escuela's youngest students are just three months old. They attend classes with their mothers and listen to Spanish music and play age-appropriate games. Once students turn three, then they attend classes without their parents, but the immersion in the Spanish language continues, giving her students the same quality program no matter how old they are.

"When our students say 'hola' to us in the street, we feel like, "Wow, we are really making an impact in the community" she said.

Baldeon added that Su Escuela's Spanish immersion program is the first of its class on the South Shore, "we are really making history on South Shore, one of our goals is to develop a bilingual community and that is already happening." The parents of Su Escuela students should be proud as they now form part of such a multilingual community.

The school is located at 152 King Street, Rte. 3A, in Cohasset. For more information call 781-383-2585.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Sewer situation

If someone had told us when we became reporters that sewer capacity and sewer access would consume a lot of newsprint – we might have chosen another career.

But we would have been wrong to do so. While on the surface sewers may not be a "sexy" subject – nothing affects a homeowner or developer more than the dilemma of how to dispose of human waste.

While the days of backyard privies may be long gone – the issue has become more complex as time goes by. The stress on our environment, in particular, pollution of our water bodies has prompted stringent regulations limiting the options.

Enter public sewers with state-of-the-art treatment plants, as is the case in Cohasset, and it's a "no brainer" that homeowners with existing homes and developers of new projects would be knocking at the door for capacity. The alternative is either a no-build or expensive Title 5 system.

Cohasset is not unique but it is perhaps the "poster child" of the competing interests of protecting the environment and controlling growth.

Now, add the "senior housing project" – a relatively new phenomenon that is likely to grow as the Baby-Boomer Generation ages.

Affordable senior housing to allow for "down-sizing" is sorely needed in our area. In Hingham, Erickson – the company that is developing the 2,000-unit Linden Ponds retirement campus off Whiting Street (Rte. 53) – has the demographic studies to prove it.

Older people want places that provide amenities, take care of the landscaping and snow removal, and provide independence.

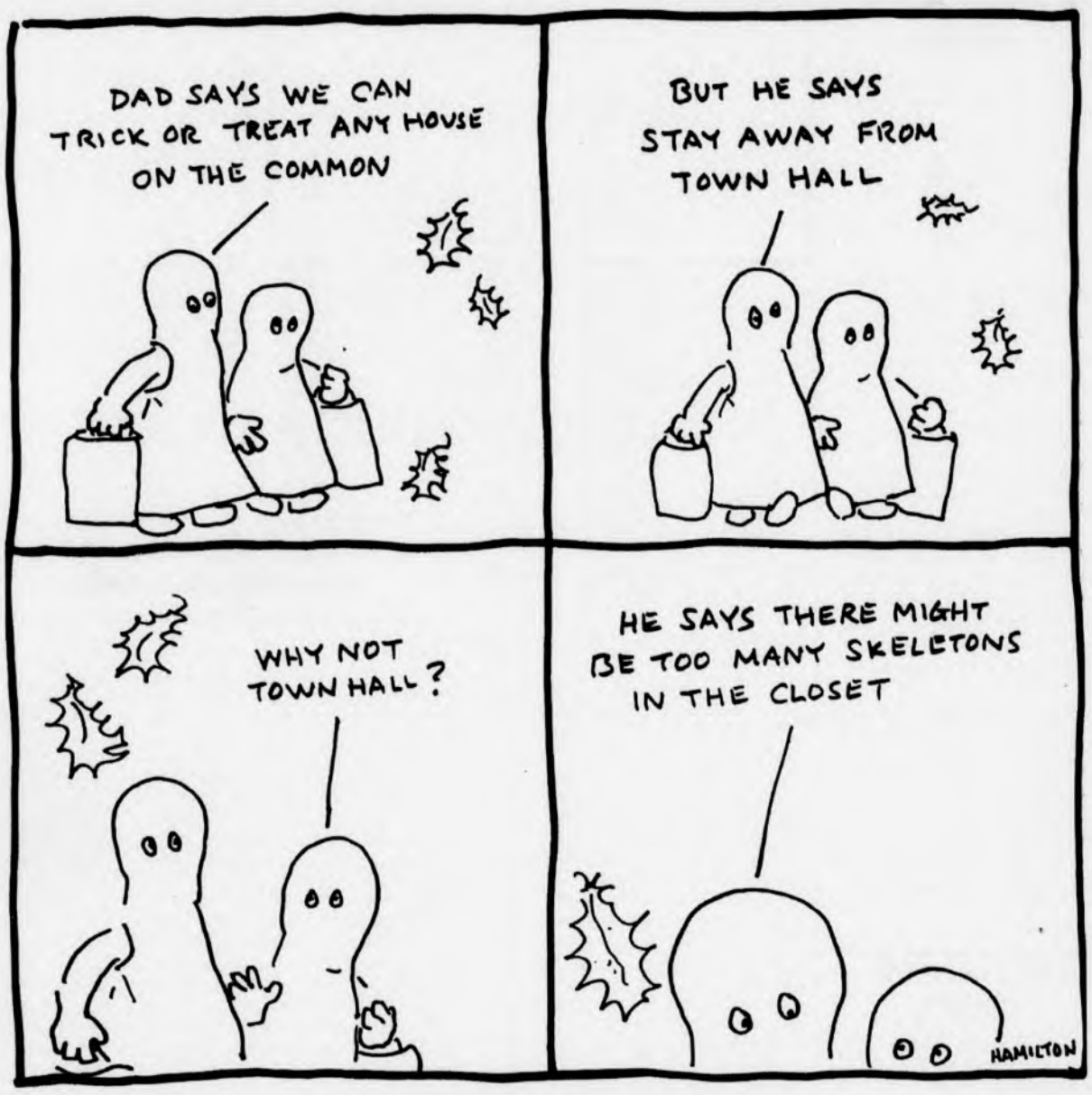
But whether a senior project sponsored by the Town should jump to the head of the sewer line ahead of another senior project and a rental project, all of which include an element of affordable housing, and a neighborhood needing a pollution solution, is what will be before the voters at Special Town Meeting. It's an important question that seeks to balance needs with fairness.

In light of these issues, selectmen should not delay conducting a "sewer forum." Special Town Meeting is not the time to air all the complex and competing interests regarding Cohasset sewer capacity. The forum could also explain and answer questions about the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan through which septic systems would be managed by the town.

A "State of the Town Sewer" night dedicated to the subject would be educational and informative to all. The main question about capacity could be answered. How much is there and who should get it? – are two questions we have for starters. We need some straight, clear answers.

Also, as an aside, let's put to rest the argument that senior housing does not attract children to the schools. It doesn't – but the domino effect does. At Hingham's Linden Ponds, 25 percent of those who have signed up so far are from Hingham. That means in almost one fell swoop, these 62-and-older individuals and couples will be vacating their big Main Street houses for the retirement campus, opening up their homes to an influx of families with kids.

— Mary Ford
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's a turntable and not a roundhouse

TO THE EDITOR:

With regard to the article titled "Roundhouse to go back underground" I would like to point out the difference between a roundhouse and a turntable. A roundhouse is a circular or semi-circular building containing 1, 2 or more stalls with tracks leading to the turntable and is used for storage and service of locomotives. The turntable is used, not only to turn the locomotive for it's return trip, but also to send the locomotive into whichever stall is to be used for the service, repair, or storage of the locomotive.

The granite structure that has been excavated is the foundation of the turntable. The foundation of the roundhouse has not yet been uncovered. The roundhouse at the Cohasset terminus, was located to the East of the turntable as is clearly evident in the photograph on page 255 of the "Narrative history of Cohasset, Volume II" By Burtram J. Pratt.

I hope that this will clear up any misunderstanding abut this archeological investigation.

Peter H. Tolman
28 Black Horse Lane

Citizens should have the option to recall

TO THE EDITOR:

Put me down as one of those saddened by the attitude of a few long-time residents that positive change is not welcome in Cohasset. After years of the old-guard prevailing by guilting all those suggesting change into accepting the status quo, those who want to move forward are finally finding a voice. The fact is that Cohasset is not only a wonderful old seaside village; it's also a modern community with the goal of serving the needs of its citizens. We all greatly appreciate the service of our elected officials and we also recognize them as just that — elected officials with the duty and the obligation to serve the citizens of Cohasset.

Recalls are in place in numerous other towns on the South Shore. They are a tool of democracy that exists to enable the people to point out that their government has diverged from the path of service in a direction the citizens don't like. Good, active, flexible public servants have nothing to fear from a recall — a recall is a last resort that won't be necessary so long as elected officials are listening. Further, the percentage of votes required to recall an official is very high, ensuring that this extreme measure stays extreme.

We hope it's true that the public scandals that have rocked our town over the past two years are anomalies. But anomalies or not, we as citizens have the right to greater transparency and accountability in our government than we have seen of late. Given the number of people running for town government and the great lengths to which citizens go even to be considered for volunteer committees (at least 24 citizens have volunteered to serve on the Police Advisory Board), I am not afraid that the recall provision will dry up the supply of citizens interested in serving.

How better to show that we care about our town than to enact positive change in government? How better to create a positive sense of community than to ensure that the citizens are satisfied with their elected officials?

Considering the very large percentage of our town's citizens who have moved to Cohasset in the last few years, it seems to me that a welcome, a little flexibility, and a willingness to see the potential for positive change might be in order. In the end, the irresponsibility lies with those trying to prevent the voices of the citizens of Cohasset from being heard.

Gabriel Gomez
53 Highland Ave.

Repulsed by contempt

TO THE EDITOR:

Put me down as one of those repulsed by the contempt shown for the all-too small cadre of people willing to expend their time and energy in elected office; contempt implicit in the argument that threat of recall is needed to keep them honest and industrious (or in line with whatever is currently popular with the chattering class in town).

During the two centuries of its existence, Cohasset has developed worthy traditions, institutions, habits of behavior, and a continuing small cadre of individuals willing to put up with the aggravations, frustrations and long hours of public office, despite the generally low level of appreciation in return. Surely the Town doesn't need still another disincentive to serve.

In the last couple of years a noisy and aggressive claque has emerged, ostensibly concerned with the well-being of the Town, but making statements that suggest they believe it necessary to *first trash the town*, its institutions, its modus operandi, its current officials, *in order to save it* ! I say to them: if you desire *lasting* influence, then simmer down and show some respect and understanding of the product of those who came before you.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Hedlund praised for support on legislation

TO THE EDITOR:

State Senator Bob Hedlund should be commended for his support of important legislation in the 2003-2004 legislative session that would help reduce the use of toxic chemicals that could endanger our health.

Sen. Hedlund co-sponsored a bill to reduce the use of toxic mercury in products and helped support the bill by signing onto a letter which succeeded in getting the bill released from committee. He also co-sponsored a budget amendment for a study to identify safer alternatives for ten toxic chemicals.

Unfortunately, neither of those bills passed. However, with the continued support of Sen. Hedlund and other legislators in the upcoming 2004-2005 legislative session hopefully such important legislation will be passed.

Kevin F. O'Donnell
248 King St.

VOLUNTEERS

Red Cross seeks volunteers

The American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to help out at blood drives in the community. Help register donors or provide refreshments. Duties are light and will train. Daytime volunteers needed. For more information, call Laura O'Neal at 781-461-2086.

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Water main flushing to start

The Water Department will flush water mains between Nov.1 and Nov. 19. Flushing will take place Monday through Thursday between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. Flushing will begin with the following schedule:

Nov. 1 – starting at 9 p.m. on King St. (Pond St. to Beechwood St.), Pond St. (King St. to Route 3A), Schofield Rd., Beechwood St. (King St. to end) and streets off these streets.

Nov. 2 – Doane St., Church St., Flintlock Ridge Rd. and all streets off these streets.

Nov. 3 – Route 3A (Pond St. to Scituate line), Beechwood St. (King St. to Route 3A, Brewster Rd./Ledgewood Dr. area.

Nov. 4 – Beechwood St. (Route 3A to South Main St.), Castle Rd., Hammond Ave., Locust Rd., Norman Todd Rd., Todd La., South Main St. (Beechwood St. to Scituate Line) and Stanton Rd.

Residents will be provided advance notification in the Patriot Ledger and Cohasset Mariner of the schedule for flushing each segment of the system. In addition, temporary street signs will be placed strategically around the affected area on the day of flushing. Notice will also be provided on the local cable access channel, Channel 10. Residents should monitor the cable channel (Channel 10) for schedule changes, which will occur if the previous day's flushing was not completed.

"Flushing cleans out sediment and deposits which may have accumulated in the water mains and is an important part of the continuing efforts to improve drinking water quality to our customers," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission.

Do not wash clothes during the time the flushing occurs. If clothing becomes stained it can be cleaned by using "Iron Out" which is available for free from the Water Department.

During the flushing program, some temporary discoloration of the water may occur. Run the *cold* water faucet, preferably outside, for a short time until the discoloration clears. If your water is discolored, avoid using hot water until you flush your hot water tank by opening the valve at the bottom of the tank.

Please call the Water Department at (781) 383-0057 with any questions.

HEALTH NOTES

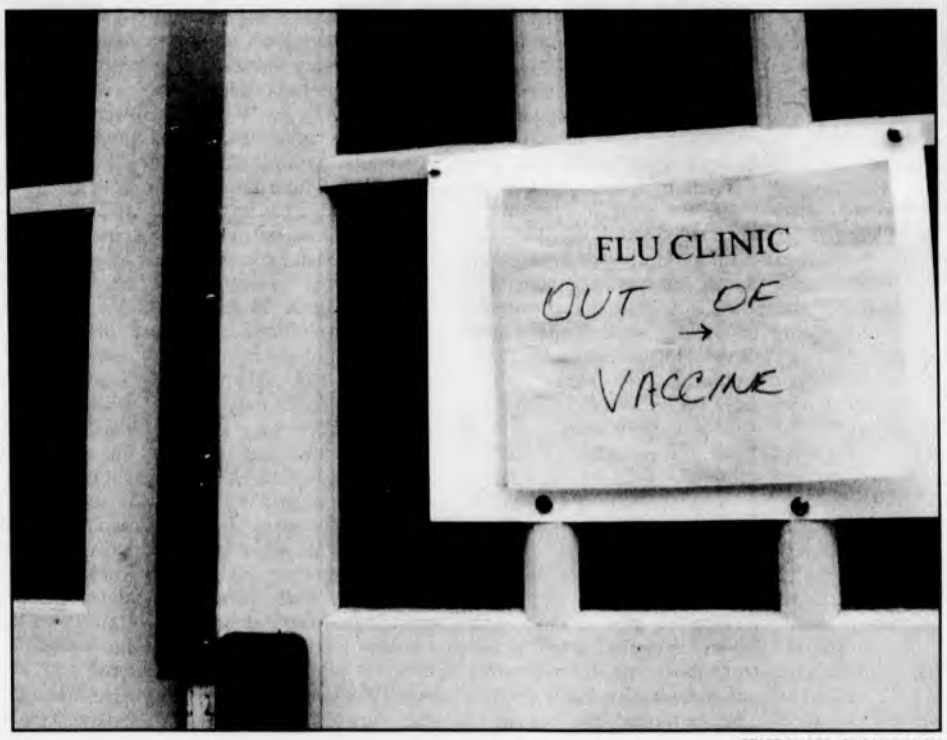
State to provide more flu vaccine

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

You may have read in recent news releases that the Town plans no further flu shots. This is incorrect. The State has published a listing of those to whom vaccines will be made available as follows.

(1) All children aged 6-23 months;
(2) Adults over 65;
(3) Persons aged 2-64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions;
(4) All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
(5) Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities;
(6) Children aged 6 months-to-18 years on chronic aspirin therapy;
(7) Health-care workers involved in direct patient care; and
(8) Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children aged under months.

The DPH has also contacted various Boards of Health indicating that they will receive more vaccine which will be distributed as soon as it becomes available. They have further requested guidance about the form of distribution; whether it should be regional or by town. Since this decision depends upon the number of flu shots available, we have requested more information about the number of shots to be made available since, if we only receive a small number of shots, it will be impossible to have a full-scale clinic, and other means for distribution must be arranged. Nevertheless, we expect that sufficient flu shots will be available later this fall. The Board will post notifications about future clinics as we find out more about the vaccine supply.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

The state is going to make more flu vaccine available. This sign was posted at last week's town clinic for senior citizens and others at greater risk for complications from influenza after the current supply was spoken for.

Wastewater plan

Here's more on the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP).In the past, we have spoken in Health Notes about the CWMP, and listed many of its provisions. Basically it is a voluntary plan to "municipalize" septic systems for those who may wish to have their wastewater management done by the Town.

The expectation, after joining is that one can be reassured that, by paying a quarterly fee as is done for the sewer, they will not have to worry about septic system problems again. There are several new provisions in the new plan which make it differ from the BoH plan initiated in the past. The most important is that participation in the Plan will first be solicited on an "open enrollment" basis for a period of six months following the actual funding of the revolving enterprise fund that will fund the Plan. Those entering the plan during this open enrolment period will have their septic system inspected and upgraded to meet Title 5 and Town regulations. The cost of this upgrade will be borne 50 percent by the Town and 50 percent by the homeowner which may be financed by a low-interest loan. Following this enrollment period, homeowners must pay a betterment fee (the amount to be established) to join the plan. The provisions of Title 5 which call for upgrade of systems upon transfer of property are not changed. Anyone selling his house must have an approved Title 5 system in place or under construction.

The Plan will be paid for not by taxes, but by fees collected from its members. However, it is expected that, at the beginning, expenses will be greater than income. Accordingly, the BoH has investigated sources of loan funding for this shortfall. We find that funds are available. For example, the South Shore Housing Collaborative has indicated that "Mr. Nihar Mohanty, DEP Northeast Region would be very interested in assisting with the proposed Septic Betterment Program in conjunction with your CWMP. There is the distinct possibility that the Town would be able to request $1.5 million for the Septic Betterment Program through DEP dependent upon the identified problems with the area (i.e., failures, ledge etc) and the Town's willingness to accept the Program." Other sources of funding will be investigated and reviewed to get the best deal for the Town.

We expect to have an article on this proposition before the Town for the Dec. 5 Town meeting.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

Football fans

Authors Bernard Corbett and Paul Simpson will discuss their book "The Harvard/Yale Rivalry: The Only Game That Matters," on Thursday Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. in the library's Meeting Room. Bernard Corbett has been the play-by-play announcer for Harvard University football for five years and is the author of several books about Boston-area sports. Paul Simpson has written articles for the Boston Globe and Hockey Magazine. The event is sponsored by Buttonwood Books. Refreshments will be served.

Red Sox fans

Author Bill Nowlin will talk about his book "Ted Williams: The Pursuit of Perfection," on Monday Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Nowlin has written many books and approximately 100 articles about the Red Sox for the Boston Globe Sunday Magazine, Boston Magazine, the Red Sox magazine, Diehard and other publications. Refreshments will be served.

Independent films

"Carol's Journey," winner of the Berlin Best Film, will be shown in the Meeting Room on Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. Carol, a 12-year-old Spanish-American girl from New York, travels with her mother to Spain during the Civil War. Her innocence and rebellious nature drive her at first to reject her new foreign world, but she soon journeys into adulthood through a friendship with Maruja, the village teacher, and a young local boy, Tomiche. (Spanish/English subtitles).

On Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. the film "The Rage in Placid Lake," a whimsical, satirical comedy featuring Placid Lake, an odd fish in a sea of mediocrity whose brilliant ideas get him into more trouble than success, will be shown in the Meeting Room. Admission and refreshments are free.

Celebrate with a book

Donate a book to the library to celebrate a special event or a special person. Every donated book is identified with a bookplate that will honor the individual or group for whom the book is donated. The donation is tax deductible. Call the library 781 383-1348 for details.

Artist exhibit

Landscape paintings of Lisa Marder will be on display at the library until the end of October.

Jeanne L. Replogle's recent paintings will be on display from Nov. 1 through Dec. 31. A reception will be held on Nov. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Booking ahead

Bestseller preview! Reserve your copy in advance of publication by placing a hold on any of the following new titles on order at the library: "Oh, Play That Thing," by Roddy Doyle. The sequel to "A Star Called Henry," is full of epic adventures, breathless escapes, and star- crossed love. "Falling Awake," by Jayne Ann Krentz. Isabel Wright spends her days at the Belvedere Center for Sleep Research analyzing the dreams of others. One of her anonymous subjects captures her imagination through his compelling dream narratives. When they meet in the flesh, a waking nightmare begins. "Runaway: Stories," by Alice Munro. This is a rich collection of short stories about women of all ages and circumstances, their lives rendered as vivid and real as our own. "Magic Seeds," by V.S. Naipaul. From the Nobel laureate, a new novel about identity and idealism, and their ability to shape or destroy us.

For children

Vocal motion — Monday, Nov. 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 10:30 a.m.: This is a creative music and movement series facilitated by Sharon Chase. This is a drop-in program for young children accompanied by a caregiver, requires no registration, and welcomes all communities.

Caribbean for Kids — Saturday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. Come join the Caribbean for Kids song and dance duo for a lively music and dance party. All families are invited. No registration required, all communities welcome. This performance is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions the Library Services and Technology Act administrated by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This event will take place in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Author — Saturday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m.: Jacqueline Davies, will discuss her new book, "The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon". Ms. Davies will be available for book signing and a question and answer session.

This event is for grades 3 and up. Buttonwood Books is sponsoring this event and will have books available for purchase. This event will take place in the meeting room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

To place a hold

From home, start at Web site: www.cohassetlibrary.org. Go to CATALOG and search for the item you want. Click on HOLD. Enter your user ID from your library card (no spaces), your PIN (OCLN) and specify PICKUP LOCATION as Cohasset. Press HOLD. You will be notified you when the book is available.

High marks for strategic school planning

EDUCATIONS MATTERS

JAMIE WILLIAMS

Great things happen when community leaders work together! In the continuing pursuit of excellence, School Superintendent Dr. Denise Walsh brought together a dynamic team of community leaders and parents Oct. 22 and 23. Attendees included, Jack Buckley, CMHS teacher; Laura Keating, Osgood teacher; Janet Sheehan, Keith Gauley and Jack DeLorenzo, our school principals; Town Manager Michael Buckley; Police Chief Jim Hussey; Donna McGee, Advisory Committee; parent representatives, Sandy Crough and Barb Mullin; School Supt. Dr. Denise Walsh; Linda Gill, Student Services Director; Karen Park, Financial Assistant; School Committee members, Rick Flynn, Adrienne MacCarthy, Rick Shea, Chartis Tebbits, Jamie Williams; and facilitator Kathryn Earle of Touchtone Advisors.

Their commission was to create a new Strategic Plan for the Cohasset Public School system. The team of 18 agreed with Dr. Walsh, that this type of proactive strategic planning will allow for more and more responsible budgets as we move forward. The two-day session produced updated Mission and Vision Statements, goals and objectives, and key strategies necessary to move the school system forward over the next five years. "It is not the status quo anymore," Dr. Walsh said, "we intend to raise the bar. The results of the two-day working session have saved me two years of planning."

The assembly represented very diverse constituencies, working side by side for the greater good of the entire community. It demonstrated a strong commitment to total participation across our schools, Town boards, and the community at large, with common goals that benefit not only the entire school system, but also the entire Town. In this economically challenging environment, we are making a shift toward more holistic thinking and action, that will provide a proactive and transparent budget and planning process.

The group agreed upon a commitment to excellence, recognizing and building upon each individual student's potential. It is a process that will build upon comprehensive attention to the learning environment, and provide systematic accountability. The most important goals identified by the team were an updated curriculum; effective professional development for school staff; schools that are safe, clean, and secure; and facilities that are operated, and maintained in fiscally, socially and educationally responsible ways.

A working draft of the Strategic Plan will be available to the public within the next several weeks. Dr. Walsh invites and encourages community feedback as the Plan is circulated. She also wishes to thank all those that participated in the Strategic Planning process. Her sincere appreciation is given to all those that responded to her school survey. The results provided her with an even broader community prospective.

Jamie Williams is a member of the School Committee.

Miss America loses audience

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The annual Miss America beauty pageant, a fixture on the nation's pop culture scene since 1921, appears to be on its way to join Howard Johnson, the 10-cent draft beer and the drive-in theater in the dust bin of history.

The ABC television network announced last week that it will not renew its $5.6 million contract to air the festivities from Atlantic City, a not illogical move since its audience has decreased from 33.1 million in 1988 to 9.8 million this year.

How the mighty have fallen — and fallen and fallen!

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth (and television was still a laboratory curiosity) we waited for the pictures of the winners to appear in the next day's Record-American-Sunday Advertiser in their skimpy bathing suits. Skimpy? They'd be called Mother Hubbards today.

The pageant was first televised nationally in 1954, when the future actress Lee Meriwether won...

The pageant was first televised nationally in 1954, when the future actress Lee Meriwether won, and if your family didn't have even a 12-inch set, you wangled an invitation from one that did just so you could watch the contestants strut down the runway in one piece swim suits. Two piece were banned.

I was one of the wanglers since I didn't own a television set until 1960 or thereabouts when a friend of mine applied for a job as TV critic for one of the New York papers and we figured viewership might prove to be one of the qualifications for the job. But I digress . . .

The Miss America pageant started going downhill in 1968 when a group called the New York Radical Women threw their bras into trash cans outside the pageant hall and spokesman — oops, woman — Robin Morgan called the pageant "patently degrading to women (who are) enslaved by ludicrous beauty standards."

The pageant people must have agreed because bathing suits began to disappear (no, not that way) in favor of evening gowns and the girls themselves sang, danced, played to violin and explained to the judges that they wanted nothing more than to work for world peace.

The coup de gras was applied in 1984 when the winner, Vanessa Williams, was forced to resign when Penthouse magazine came up with a layout of pictures of Miss America wearing considerably less than even the skimpiest of bathing suits and with another woman to boot.

The loss of the ABC-TV contract doesn't mean that the Miss America pageant will go away immediately. In fact, the pageant's acting CEO Arthur McMaster sees it as an opportunity for "other parties who have expressed interest in our organization."

"We are excited at the limitless opportunities," he said.

But who wants to watch a girl in an evening gown play the fiddle and speak of her work with handicapped children and world peace for free when they can put down a few quid and see what they really want to see on Cinemax after midnight?

OUR WORLD UPDATE

The following events are taking place at the Our World Children's Discovery Museum:

- Drop in play time and craft activity for toddlers and preschoolers every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $3 per child which includes the craft activity and optional donation for adults. Nov. 3, an American Indian headband will be made.
- Manners can be Fun with Angela Brown. Etiquette class for ages 6 to 9, Nov. 19, 4 to 6 p.m. Single session reiterates the importance of introductions, phone manners, table etiquette, poise, posture, please and thank you and more. Just in time for the holidays. Cost is $50. Call 781-383-3198 to register.

Cook Estate sewer connection to go to Special Town Meeting

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is the carbon factor in wastewater which has to be removed for it to be considered clean, and BOD has been a problem at the town plant off Elm Street.

"We are at a point where we feel we have chased down every loose end," said Dawley. If a wastewater solution is not found by Special Town Meeting, Cook Estate heirs have the right to back out of the deal.

The Council on Elder Affairs believes the town should back sewering the project because there could be many seniors who will be forced out of town.

"As a senior center director for the past 20 years, there have been two outstanding goals and they are transportation and housing," said CEA Director Kathy Bryanton..

Dawley said he is exploring either running pipes down to the pump by Deer Hill, which connects to the pipes on Pleasant Street, or sending pipes from the site down Evergreen Lane. He said the second approach will require running pipes through wetlands, which could be problematic.

Before the Cook Estate was on the table. The Avalon and Cedarmere projects were wending their way through the permitting process. Both sought sewer capacity.

Avalon, a 200-unit 40B project which was given Zoning Board approval for a comprehensive permit, was told from the beginning that capacity did not exist and a sewer connection would not be feasible. The development then went forward seeking alternate wastewater disposal options at considerable expense, but never filed a sewer application.

Cedarmere, the 105-unit senior housing project slated to be built off of Beechwood Street, was also told there is no capacity, but still filed a sewer application with the sewer commission and was denied. The project was the first to file under the town's Senior Multi-Family Residence Overlay District bylaw to encourage senior housing. The denial of a sewer connection is being appealed by developers, who say available capacity cannot be reserved.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said from what she understands, the application filed by Northland to discharge treated effluent is different than Cedarmere's proposal. However, Sewer Commission Chairman Ray Kasperowicz said Cedarmere had in fact, "bounced the idea off of us, and we said we wouldn't accept it."

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy said in the efforts to settle litigation with the town, Cedarmere not only proposed sending highly treated effluent to the Central wastewater plant, just as the Cook Estate suggests, but also proposed to eliminate at least as much infiltration and inflow, or I&I as they were sending. I&I is water which seeps into leaky pipes from the outside and affects capacity. In addition, Sturdy said Cedarmere also offered to upgrade the plant, "But their offer wasn't even responded to."

Little Harbor-area residents worry they could be affected if the Cook project ties into the municipal sewer. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said the many homes in Little Harbor which have been told a sewer connection will be granted one day have no guarantee until the money is voted for the project.

Dormitzer said if capacity is given to other projects, "You can't assume you haven't pushed Little Harbor out." He also questioned if Cook, Cedarmere and Avalon were given capacity that money from those connections would pay for sewering Little Harbor.

He explained the impact of the new development, while it will increase tax revenues, will also potentially become a financial burden to the town. He said, for example, if the 200 units at Avalon all bring in just one student per household, 200 children could suddenly be introduced into the school system. At roughly $8,000 per student, he said the burden to educate those children may preclude the town's ability to use the money gained to pay for the Little Harbor sewer project.

McMorris noted the board has made a commitment to Little Harbor and has historically supported funding for the project. She added in talking about a financial commitment, Dormitzer is assuming the town will pay for 50 percent of the hook-up for the Little Harbor area of town. "If residents pay 100 percent, how will the project be impacted by the Cook Estate?"

Dormitzer also said the plan to send wastewater from the Cook Estate down the Pleasant Street pipes might not be feasible because that area of town is already experiencing major problems as sewer gases have been coming up through vents in homes. It is suspected the problems are a result of too much flow coming through the pipes, he said. To add to that flow could increase the problems residents are already experiencing.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said there has been talk about including two-day holding tanks for the Cook wastewater, which would allow the flow to be released during the night when resident's flows are down.

.Dormitzer asked whether there is anywhere else the project could discharge its wastewater, such as nearby water or wetlands, because it will be so highly treated. However, John Chessia of Coler and Colantonio said that would require a surface water discharge permit from the Department of Environmental Protection, which is "very difficult to get."

Instead of connecting to the sewer, Health Board Chairman Steve Bobo asked Dawley if sending water to Wheelwright Park had ever been considered. "It would take a mile of pipe, but it could hold all the capacity you need," he said. In addition, he said the site had been looked at before as a possible leaching field for Little Harbor, and it looked favorable. Dawley said the park "Is not a site we've put a ton of energy into."

However, Dawley said he had looked at the on-site system the Cedarmere developers are working with DEP on to gain permits for their site, which relies on new technology including evaporation methods to treat wastewater, but he said he has determined that, "They do not have a permit that allows them to go forward and build," and waiting for approval is not something he can do with this parcel of land.

Allocated $4.5 million

One year ago, voters at Town Meeting approved allocating $4.5 million to purchase the Cook Estate and agreed to seek $5.2 million in a potential sale of the combined Cook and adjacent town properties. Preliminary soil tests on the Cook site had indicated there was good reason to continue with more sophisticated soil testing to make sure it would be an option, but in the interest of time, additional tests were not completed before the matter came before voters. It wasn't until April when hydrogeologic testing on the site, conducted by Coler and Colantonio, determined an on-site system would not be feasible.

Now, some residents feel the town was misled when it was asked to vote on a project which was "sold" to the public

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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October 22, 2004



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, BHRC reports local representatives' roll call attendance records for the 2004 session through October 22.

The House has held 415 roll call votes. BHRC tabulates the number of roll calls on which each representative was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number commonly referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Several quorum roll calls, used to gather a majority of members onto the House floor to conduct business, are also included in the 415 roll calls. On the quorum roll calls, members simply vote "present" in order to indicate their presence in the chamber. When a representative does not indicate his or her presence on a quorum roll call, we count that as a roll call absence just like any other roll call absence.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' ATTENDANCE RECORDS

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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ABOLISH PREMARITAL BLOOD TEST (H 75)- The House and Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Romney a bill repealing the current law requiring couples to have a premarital blood test to determine if either person has syphilis. Supporters said this antiquated requirement was established during a syphilis outbreak in the 1930s. They noted that thousands of tests annually only reveal three or four cases of syphilis and argued that the tests cost millions of dollars that could be better spent in other healthcare areas.

ELDERLY WATER CHARGE ABATEMENT (H 4001)- Legislation allowing cities and towns to abate the first $500 of water charges paid by low-income seniors over age 65 who meet certain requirements was returned to the Legislature with an amendment proposed by Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey. Under the bill, seniors would qualify for the exemption if their annual income equals less than $16,000 while married seniors would qualify with a joint income of less than $24,000. Another provision requires that these seniors have lived in Massachusetts for at least ten years and have owned property in the state for at least five years. Healey noted that the key local option provision "allowing" cities and towns to offer the exemption is vague. Her amendment proposes that the exemption be allowed only if voters agree to it at a regular municipal election.

VIDEOTAPING NUDITY AND BOOTLEGGING MOVIES (H 4863)- The Senate gave near final approval to a bill making it a crime to videotape, photograph or electronically surveil another person who is nude or partially nude, without the person's knowledge and consent. The proposal imposes up to a $5000 fine and/or 2.5-year prison sentence on violators. Supporters said camcorders and camera-phones have made it easier to photograph and tape people without their consent. They noted that no current law covers these acts and pointed to cases in which non-consensual videotaping of a nude victim occurred but charges could not be brought because of lack of a law covering this outrageous practice. Another section of the bill outlaws the videotaping of movies in movie theaters and imposes up to a two-year prison sentence and/or $100,000 fine on first-time offenders and up to a $250,000 fine and/or five-year prison sentence for subsequent offenses. Supporters said this growing crime of taping first-run movies and then bootlegging them on DVDs should be prohibited under state law. They noted that this practice is currently only prohibited under complicated federal copyright laws that do not involve the state. Opponents argued that this section of the bill goes too far and could lead to a person's arrest for simply carrying a harmless camera-phone or camcorder. The House has approved a different version of the bill and the Senate version now goes back to the House for consideration.

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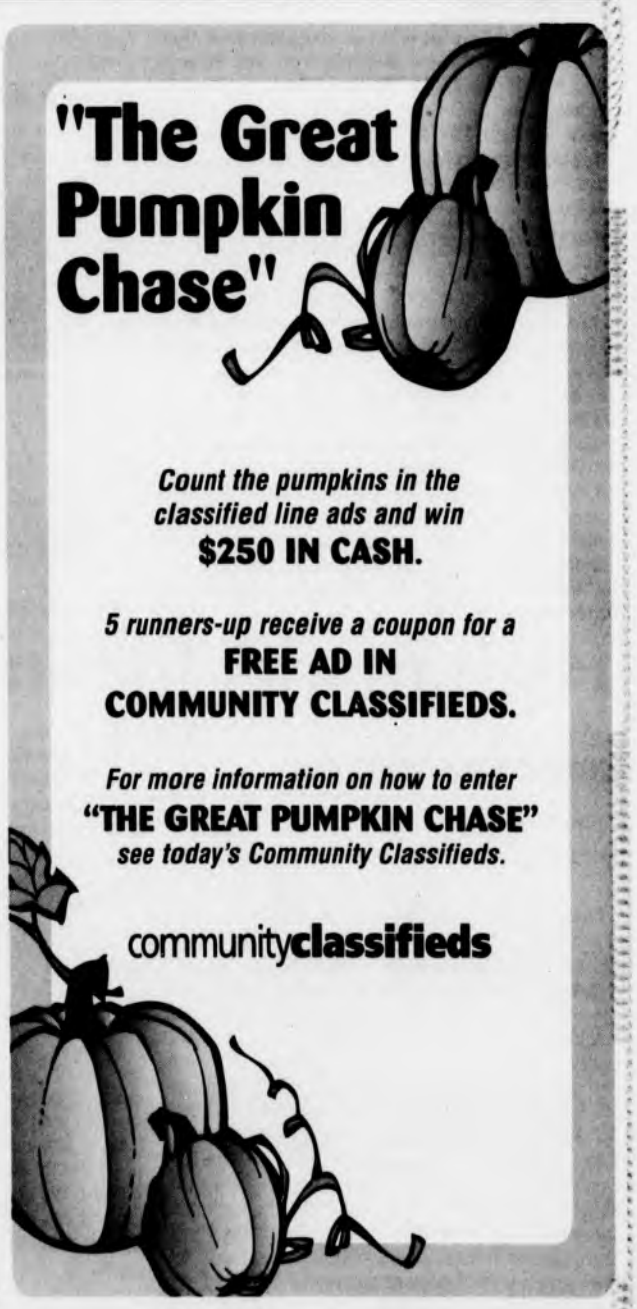
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Cook sewer connection to go to Special Town Meeting

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as one which would not need a sewer connection. Lisa LoJacono, 111 Nichols Road, said she believes she can speak for many homeowners, both seniors and non-seniors, who are very frustrated with the Cook project because it "was sold as a project that wasn't going to have an impact on capacity." However, she believes now, this project which could have been a great solution to the senior housing problem in town, "may be tied to a legal Pandora's box." She said she believes everyone supports the concept, but legally, it raises many questions. "I don't think anyone would have a problem with a senior development. We value the project, but you have to look at how the people voted yes," she said.

Richard Brooks, 68 Nichols Road, agreed. "A lot of people voted to go ahead with it because we'd been told on-site was available," he said. "Some of us voted to do the project on the basis that on-site treatment was going to happen."

Sullivan said he has been very disappointed with the underlying inference that somehow there was a plot from the beginning to ultimately have the project connected to sewer. "I get so frustrated. (The project) had a unanimous vote and the facts have changed since that vote," he said, adding the town has been working to remedy the situation and keep the project moving forward since then.

Sullivan said moving forward, Cedarmere has said it has approvals for on-site treatment, Avalon is working toward finding its own solution and the Cook Estate clearly doesn't have a solution. He said because the site abuts the Central District, and will only discharge roughly 10,000 to 12,000 gallons per day, although the DEP says it must be assumed the site could discharge 15,000 per day, "It is insignificant in the long run. The senior overlay bylaw was put in for a purpose and as a community, we need to decide whether we want to let this opportunity pass."

Sullivan said the bottom line is, "It's a community decision that will be brought forth at Town Meeting. It is important we don't pit people against each other because this project would not have an impact on any other proposals."

Dawley added the Cook Estate site soil conditions could handle about eight to 10 single-family homes with standard Title 5 systems.



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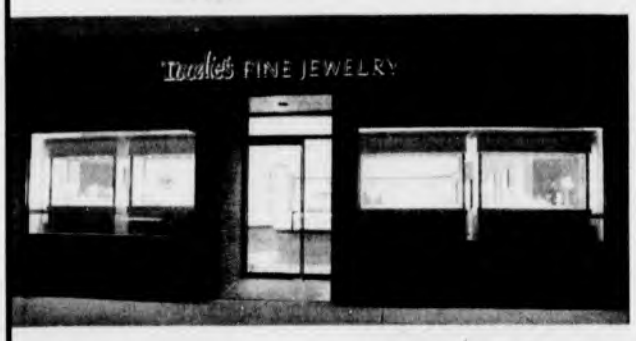
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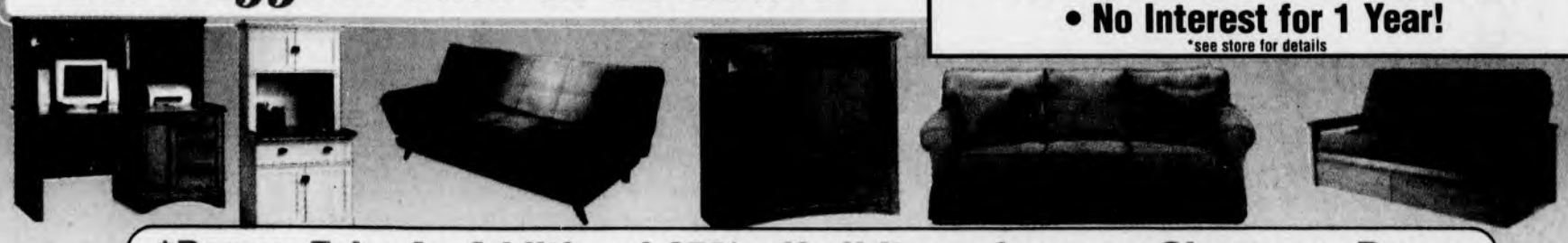
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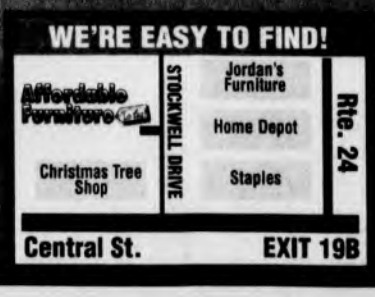
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Effort needs to be kicked up

Lady booters need win over Holbrook today to clinch tourney berth

By Mike Spellman
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It comes down to this: the Cohasset High girls soccer team needs to do no worse than a tie with Holbrook today at home (3:30 p.m. start) to make it three years in a row in the postseason.

And that seems only appropriate to Lady Skippers veteran coach Deb Beal, as she notes: "If we can't do that we probably don't belong (in the state tourney) anyway."

The Lady Skippers began this past week of action well, handling South Shore League cellar dwellers Hull and Harwich easily enough. On Thursday, they topped the Pirates at home, 4-0. Then, a week ago today, the Cohasset girls made the long bus ride back from the Cape with a 6-1 win that moved them to 7-5-3 overall, one point away from sewing up a winning record and the postseason qualification that goes along with that achievement.

In the win over Hull, Lindsay Durkin netted a pair of goals to pace an impressive attack, and Nicole Whitney and Christina Pinkus punched in solo tallies to account for the 4-0 score.

Senior Casey Anderson had the hat trick the next day down in Harwich. Junior Charlotte Sida, Laura Novak and Whitney completed the scoring in the 6-1 victory.

"We needed to go out and get those wins because we knew we'd really be hard pressed to get a win in the next two," noted Beal. "We went out and did what we needed to, and that was pretty encouraging."

Beal's call on the next two games was right on.

She was actually encouraged by her team's 7-1 loss to unbeaten SSL rival Norwell on Monday night, saying her charges played the serious state champion contender "a lot tougher than we did the first time around"—an 8-0 loss three weeks ago.

Beal had little good to say, however, following Wednesday night's 4-0 loss to neighboring town rival Scituate (6-9-1), a team that lost its postseason shot earlier in the week.

"I guess uninspiring is the best

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset defender Trevor Brady (right) bumps Norwell's Evan Henry off the ball during big South Shore League showdown Monday night at Cohasset High.

Skippers give Clippers the boot

Wins over Norwell and Scituate put boys in postseason

By Mike Spellman
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Three shots against: three unanswered goals against.

This is not an easy thing for a soccer team to bounce back from, especially when it comes out of a stretch of three halves it pretty much dominated.

This is precisely the challenge the Cohasset High boys faced after allowing the first two goals to arch-rival Norwell on their home field Monday night, a game coming on the heels of a 1-0 loss to Harwich in which the Rough Riders' only shot also turned into the game's only goal.

"All's I'm thinking after that second Norwell goal is this has been pretty much the story of our season," said second year Skippers coach Rob Leary. "There have been so many games where we've pretty much dominated play, and done everything but score, and then a quick break the other way winds up with a goal against."

On Monday, however, the Skippers (7-5-3) did not go quietly into that night, as they had a few times earlier this season. Faced with the knowledge they needed to end their season with no worse than a win and a tie in their last three games, the

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Junior Dan Sullivan capped his strong late season run by shooting a solid 88 at last Thursaday's South Sectional championships.

That's a wrap

CHS golfers finish ninth at sectionals

By Mike Spellman
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Lack of course familiarity and wet, windy conditions were the enemies of the Cohasset golf team at last Thursday's Div. 3 South Sectional championships.

"That was not the type of course you want to play under rough conditions," said Skippers coach Torin Sweeney after his team placed ninth in the 11 team field at Wentworth Golf and Country Club in Plainville. "Those were some of the narrowest fairways my guys have ever seen, and we had some trouble adjusting, especially with the way the wind was whipping around."

Sophomore Kevin Barber was Cohasset's medallist with a score of 86. The next three low Skipper scorers were juniors Dan Sullivan and Mark Bouchard, both with 88s, and senior Chris Simms (94)

Seniors Tim Pilczak (95), the team's captain, and Colin Magruder (98) rounded out the Norwell card.

Medfield was tops in the 11-team field with a score of 320, followed by Westwood (324) and Hanover (329), who edged Scituate by one stroke in dramatic fashion for the third and final spot for this past Monday's Div. 3 state championships at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton. Cohasset finished with a score of 354, three strokes off the pace of arch-rival Norwell.

Each team sent six golfers to play 18 holes, with the low four scores accounting for the team scores. In addition to the top three teams qualifying for State's, the top 10 percent of individual scorers also qualified. Unfortunately, Barber's 86 was

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Gridders tune up for big battles

By Mark Goodman
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Weston proves no match for repeat-minded Skippers, 32-0

Pardon the cliché, but Cohasset is in control of its playoff destiny.

The teams that can still prevent the Skippers from successfully defending their South Shore League championship are Norwell, Abington and Hull.

The teams that remain on Cohasset's schedule? You guessed it: Norwell, Abington and Hull.

The blue and white are off this week, but they tuned up for their last three games with a 32-0 rout over the visiting Weston Wildcats last Friday night.

Head coach Tony Rolfe said after the Weston win that the week off will serve the team well despite the fact they're on a roll, since it will give everyone a chance to get full healthy for the challenges ahead. He also said the team will be ready and with the proper mindset heading into next Friday's game at Abington.

"We're at the point where confidence is not an issue with us," Rolfe said. Behind a strong effort from his offensive line, senior tailback Joe Durkin led the offensive effort with 129 yards on 19 carries, scoring two touchdowns.

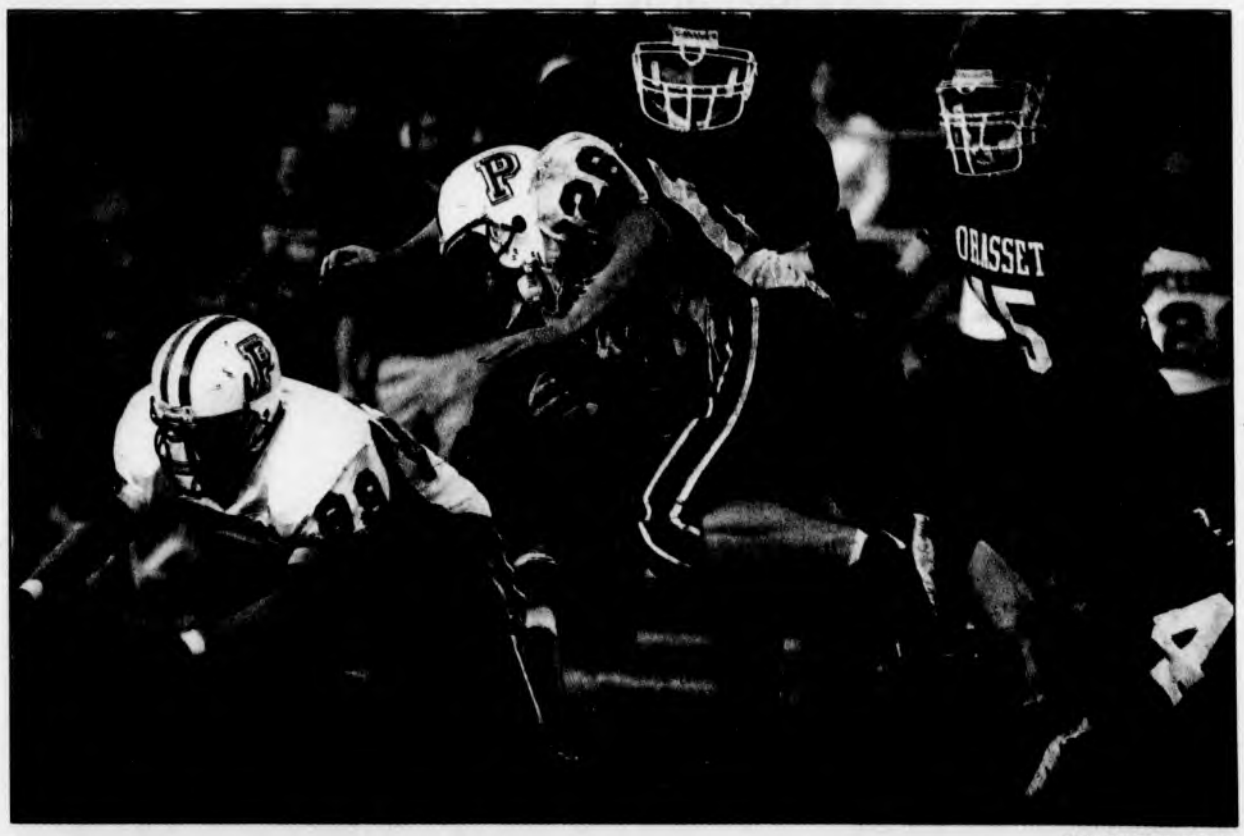
Senior fullback Teddie Straughn kicked off the scoring festival with a six-yard scoring up the middle on fourth and goal with 4:28 remaining in the first quarter. A toss to the left side to Durkin gave Cohasset the two-point conversion and an early 8-(

This was the first drive, a drive in which Cohasset had touch downs called back due to penalties three times, mistakes they can ill afford during the remainder of the schedule.

Senior quarterback Crandor Leahy, in one of the few times he was asked to do something other than hand the ball off, scored on a five-yard keeper to bump his team's lead to 14-0.

Aside from the early penalties

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Chasset's Dave McKenna (#4) trips up Pembroke's Evan Krasowski in recent non-league tilt. The CHS gridders (7-0) have been pretty dominant in play to date, but the "big three" tests come after this week's bye.

Skippers give Clippers the boot

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Cohasset boys forced that switch to flip. And what went on was their offense The end result: Skippers 5, Norwell 2.

"This was absolutely huge for us," said Leary, enjoying his first ever win over the Clippers in 10 attempts, half of which came when he was head coach at Rockland High. "It wasn't quite a must win yet, but it was pretty close, and the kids really came through, especially in the second half."

With the Cohasset win, the Skippers and Clippers (8-8-1) found themselves in precisely the same boat. They each had two games left and needed at least one tie point in order to qualify for postseason play. The Skippers picked up that point plus another, on Wednesday, as a second half Ben Libby to Aidan Buick goal lifted them to a 1-0 win at Scituate. The Skippers can now use today's regular season finale at Hanover High (3:30 p.m. start) to fine tune for the postseason.

The Clippers, however, did not fare so well, as they fell on Wednesday to Hanover by a 4-0 score, and are now faced with the daunting reality they must earn at least a tie with unbeaten Hingham (16-0-2) in today's finale if they're to keep alive a very long streak of postseason qualification.

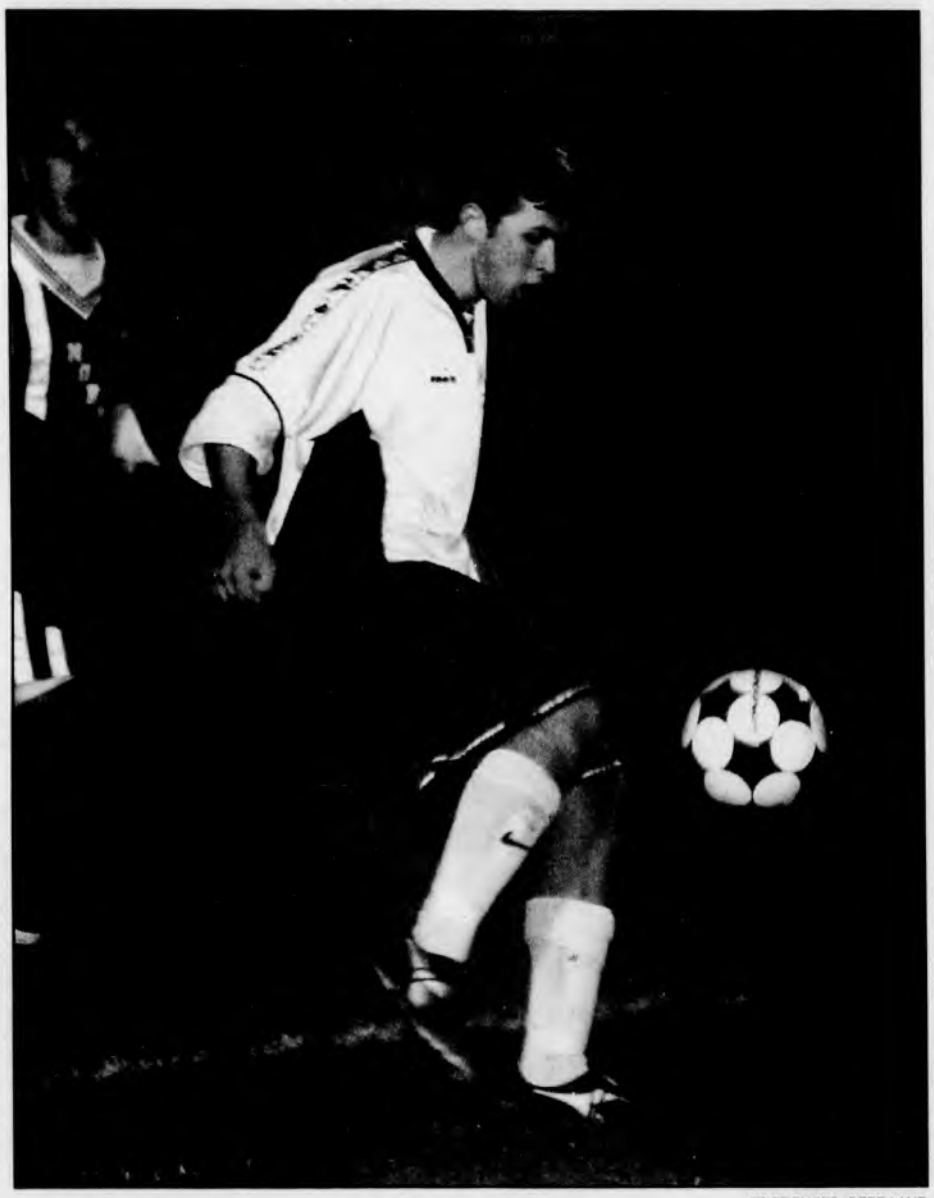
With Norwell missing three key players for a variety of reasons, Monday night, Cohasset dominated right from the opening gun, both territorially and in terms of possession. However, Norwell scored the games first two goals, both on quick strikes after defensive breakdowns by their hosts.

It took the visiting Clippers just 47 seconds to get on the board. Clippers junior star Ben Healey stripped a Cohasset defender near midfield and quickly slipped a pretty through pass to Brian Almeida. Almeida maintained a step on his mark on the dribble and walked in on Cohasset keeper Prescott Busk, calmly waiting for him to charge out before chipping it over him for the goal

Cohasset continued to buzz around the net, but Norwell again countered quickly, with Healey again setting the play. Taking a re-start 50 yards out along the right sideline, the talented junior lofted the ball into the box where it bounced off a few bodies before finally kicking out 15 yards from the right post, where sophomore Mike Kramer won the race to it and drilled it short side for the goal.

The rest of the half featured more of the same, with the vast majority of the action taking place within 40 yards of Norwell's goal. However, it appeared the game would go into break a 2-0 game as the game clock ticked under two minutes.

That is until Ben Libby beat his mark after taking a feed fellow junior Aidan Buick and was tripped from the rear as he split a pair of defenders inside the penalty area. This drew a whistle, and Buick drilled the awarded penalty kick low inside the right post past helpless Norwell keeper Jeff Capella to make it a 2-1 game with just 1:40 to go in the half.



STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset senior Sam Steele moves the ball forward during Monday's night's huge Skippers win over Norwell, 5-2.

"That was a huge momentum lift for us," said Leary. "We'd played well up to that point, but having something to show for it going into half definitely gave us a lift."

Norwell actually had a good shot at getting that two goal lead back less than a minute into the second half, as freshman Colin Henry sent Almeida through into the top left corner of the penalty area, but the senior's blast was smothered by a diving Busk. As it turned out, this was Norwell's only quality shot of the second half, as Cohasset's three man defensive unit of Jonathan Littauer, Sam MacDonald and Trevor Brady tightened the screws from there.

Cohasset would strike with the equalizer a few minutes after that, with 3:45 gone, and then with what turned out to be the winning goal just 80 seconds after that.

The game tying score came after Buick (clearly the best player on the field in this game) eluded a pair of defenders near the left corner to serve a cross that skidded through to Kevin Dinsmore, who chipped it in far side.

Buick set up the go ahead goal just a few yards away from where he did the equalizer, this time on a throw-in that hit down in the middle of the goal area and then somehow squirted through to senior Jake Kovach on a run toward the right post 15-yards out for the quick re-direct home 5:05 into the second half.

The lead was doubled at 48:20 of the match when junior Brandon Smith ran on to a weak clearing attempt just outside the top left corner of the penalty area and blasted a shot nearside past an apparently screened Capella.

The final stake in Norwell's heart was delivered in the 58th minute, and it was almost a carbon copy of the third goal. A Buick throw-in somehow popped though the box and through to Dinsmore on a run toward the right post for the quick one-timer into the twine.

"They were really all over us all night," said Browne,. "I thought after we scored those two quick ones we might settle down and play our game, but that never happened. We just had way too many defensive breakdowns, and Cohasset took advantage of them—just like a good team is supposed to."

On Norwell's side, Healey, senior captains Almeida and Cliff Hanson and sophomore sweeper Jim Barrett had strong games.

The problem for the Clippers, though, is everyone in the home white seemed to have a strong game. Playing particularly well for the Skippers, though, were Brady, MacDonald, Libby, Sam Steele, Dinsmore and Buick.

"Really, I think Kevin Dinsmore's toughness in the middle of the field was the big difference in this one," said Leary. "But it really was a pretty good team game."

Coastal Stars report

U12 girls

The inaugural season of the Coastal Stars Girls U12 team is of to an impressive start! Through hard work, and dedicated enthusiasm this team of several first year players have started the season with a perfect 4 and 0 record and a most impressive 33 goals for and 2 goals against. The girls and their families would like to thank the Coastal Stars and its Board of Directors for establishing the team. With girls hockey destined to be a varsity sport at Marshfield high school very soon this program will benefit many Marshfield and Cohasset girls and lay the foundation for many successful Marshfield high school teams.

Thus far Katie Conlon and Ally Ryan have demonstrated a natural scorers touch with multiple game hat tricks. The goaltending has been stellar with Sarah Coppenrath blanking out a tough South Boston squad. Other girls turning in equally stellar performances between the pipes include Elly Leong, Ally Ryan and Courtney Cullen. Additional scoring on the team has been provided by Emily Matthews, Briana Fountain, Victoria Langrill, Rachel Desrochers, Aria Parker and the tag team sister combinations of Amanda and Nicole Farren and Elizabeth and Christine Graham. Making the commitment to a sure and steady defense include Claire Pozniak, Sarah Denton, Erin Shea, Colleen Sweeney and Melissa Sheridan. Each and every girl is clearly developing more confidence with every game. That will come in handy with upcoming games against Milton, Hingham, and last years conference champ the Mohawks.

Squirt A

Neil Conway led the scoring with a hat trick, and goalie Connor Maher anchored the defense in the Squirt A Coastal Stars' 4-2 win over Canton. Maher, EJ Culhane, Dan LeBlanc, DJ Evans, and Kevin McDougall kept the Stars in the game early with their stellar defensive play. Jake Durkin and the Stars' forwards helped to stifle the Canton attack with dogged backchecking. The Stars' offense, particularly the line of John Ryan, Trevor Salmon, and Chris Carpenter, had early chances, but the Canton goaltender proved to be a tough riddle, and the first period ended scoreless.

Canton got on the board first at 1:30 of the second period. The Stars knotted the score a few minutes later when Chris Carpenter passed to Jonathan Spitz, who fed Conway in the right circle. Conway moved in and fired to the top right corner. A minute later, the Stars took advantage of a power play opportunity. DJ Evans passed out to John Ryan on the right side. Ryan skated down the boards and fed Trevor Salmon in front for a shot to the top left corner. At 7:43, Dan Leblanc kept the puck in the zone to Mike Carbone. Carbone threaded a pass to Neil Conway in front. Conway's shot was saved, but he banged home the rebound for the 3-1 lead after two.

The Stars had near misses into the third period. Patrick Burchill's shot from the right circle glanced off the glove and hit the post. Jonathan Spitz' rebound goal was waved off on a crease violation. Meanwhile, Maher was awesome in net, stopping a flurry of shots from in front and denying a 3-on-0 break. Canton came within one at 7:37. But Neil Conway stole the puck in the slot a minute later and rifled his third goal over the goaltender's left shoulder. Canton pulled their goalie for the last two minutes. Maher made another brilliant stop on a wraparound attempt. Patrick Burchill remained snakebitten, as his shot at the open net was called back for another crease violation. Maher made a final save at the buzzer, and the Stars skated off with the win.

Seventh grade boys soccer team takes their first loss

Facing a team composed primarily of 8th graders and a brisk October wind, the Cohasset boys played valiantly in a 12-2 mismatch loss in Fairhaven on Saturday.

Down 3-0 in the first five minutes, the boys battled back to make it 3-2 on goals by Andrew Littauer and JoDi Rosano. From there it was a test of courage and endurance as the shorthanded Cohasset team faced a much bigger and older squad from the Fairhaven area.

"The other coach explained to me that they had been incorrectly tagged as the Mariner 4 group when they actually should have been Mariner Team 1 or 2," said Coach Jack Dean, "With all of the forces working against us and no subs on the bench, it would have been easy for the boys to pack it in early, but they worked hard right to the end. I'm very proud of the way they handled themselves in a tough situation."

There were a number of bright spots along the way including Nick Cannon's brilliant play on defense, Will Evan's work in goal in the first half and Andrew Graham's big stop in goal on a penalty kick in the second half. Excellent work up the middle from Ollie Forrer, Andrew Littauer, JoDi Rosano and Brendan Doonan kept the game close through the first half. Sam Game and Joe Leighton worked the midfield sidelines well, while Justin Yeager and Jackson Dean worked hard to compete for the ball all afternoon.

"It's no fun to lose, but our boys should be very proud of the way they played today," said Coach Doug Yeager, "They showed a lot of heart and character by running hard and passing well, continuing to work together as a team and do their best, even when the possibility of a win was well out of reach."

The team's next game is at home at 3:00 PM against Scituate this Saturday at Milliken Field.

CHS golfers finish ninth

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six strokes off that pace.

The Skippers qualified for sectionals for the first time since 2001 by finishing with a record of 7-2-1 in league play (8-5-1 overall), good for second place in the South Shore League. After not making the postseason cut the previous two years, Sweeney considered this season an unqualified success.

"I was pleased with the way we played on the whole," said Sweeney. "Other than that one stretch we had a few weeks ago where we lost three straight matches, and., of course, those two losses to Norwell, I thought this was a great year.

"I was happy with the way we had guys stepping it up at different times when we needed it. Our seniors were steady and did what they needed to. I'm getting back one of the best golfers around in Barber, and the way Sullivan and Bouchard played down the stretch I feel pretty good about the top of my order next year."

The team will actually be losing nine seniors in all, including regulars in the rotation Magruder, Pilczak, Simms and Ricky Lordan.

Two other seniors who made their presence felt were Brian Bolger and Dan Allen. Both played big hands in the team's regular season ending 30.5-23.5 win over Quincy last Monday, Bolger winning his match, 6-3, and Allen his, 7-2.

The other three going the way of the caps and gowns are Brendan Ford, Andrew Lovallo and John DeWaal,

Potential returnees Sweeney will be looking toward to step into starting roles include junior Mike Devlin and sophomores Steven Simmons, Zach Murray and Owen Stevenson.

Technically, the season was not over at the time of this writing, at least for four Skippers golfers. Barber, Pilczak, Magruder and Simms were slated to play in the South Shore League all-star match at Souther's Marsh in Plymouth yesterday.

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Lady booters need win over Holbrook today to clinch tourney berth

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word to describe that effort," said Beal. "Our heart just didn't seem to be I nthat one, and I really can't figure out why. We have a playoff spot hanging out there right now."

Scituate senior star Casey Weafer scored the game's first goal 4:30 in, which Beal felt had a quick "deflating effect" on her team.

"I always preach starting strong and ending strong each half; first five and last five are big," said Beal. "So for Weafer to punch that one in 4:30 in was, I think, a little deflating for all of us."

Weafer, one of the top scorers in the Patriot League, would add another goal, her 12th of the season, not long thereafter, and Sailors senior captain Michelle Littke would also net a pair to complete the rout.

"If we get to the tourney, and that's still a big 'if,' and we don't play a lot better than we played today, we're going to be done pretty quick," said Beal, "and it's not going to be pretty."

If the Lady Skippers play to their potential, they should be able to handle the Holbrook girls, who wrapped up their Div. 3 state tourney berth earlier this week, having completed beating up on some fairly weak Mayflower League competition. The Skippers bested the Bulldogs two weeks ago, 3-1, playing on a Holbrook field that is much smaller than their own. Beal sees the bigger field as a considerable advantage for the Skippers.

Still, if she doesn't see a lot better play today from her girls than she did on Wednesday, Beal sounds almost as if she'd prefer a loss.

"I'm asking these girls (before today's game) if they think it's worth it to get to tourney and set themselves up for another week of practice before it starts," said Beal. "I want to see that they want it."

The MIAA will release seedings and brackets for the state tourney this coming Wednesday, with games slated to get underway a week from today.

All-Star game

Regardless of what happens today, three members of the CHS team will be playing at least one more game: seniors Christine Lovallo, Nicole Whitney and Danielle Hajjar.

These three girls will be playing in the annual South Shore League vs. Patriot League All-Star game this Wednesday at Duxbury High School. The boys game starts at 4 p.m., with the girls slated to go on at 6.



PHOTO/ALAN MCPHEE

Cohasset senior Casey Anderson had three goals in Friday's 6-1 win over Harwich and scored the only one in a 7-1 loss to Norwell on Monday, raising her team best goal total to nine on the season.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

FOOTBALL

Oct.

22 beat Weston, 32-0
4 Abington **F-S** 4 p.m.
5 @ Abington **V** 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

21 beat Hull, 6-1
22 lost to Harwich, 1-0
25 beat Norwell, 5-2
27 beat Scituate, 1-0
29 @ Hanover 3:30 p.m.

End of Regular Season

GIRLS SOCCER

21 beat Hull, 4-0
22 beat Harwich, 6-1
25 lost to Norwell, 7-1
27 lost to Scituate, 4-0
29 Holbrook **JV** Alumni 3:30 p.m.
29 Holbrook **V** Alumni 5 p.m.

End of Regular Season

FIELD HOCKEY

25 lost to Westwood, 2-1

End of Season

GOLF

21 Div. 3 South Sectional @ Wentworth Hills, Plainville

Placed 9th/11

28 SSL Meet @ Southers Marsh, Plymouth

End of Season

Gridders tune up for big battles

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about the only thing Cohasset didn't do right was executing their two-point conversions. After Durkin's run following the initial touchdown, the Skippers went 0-for-3 in that area.

Following Leahy's run, the wind played tricks with the kickoff and Weston was unable to field it in the air. Cohasset took advantage of the mistake, as sophomore Jeff Brown recovered what essentially turned out to be a long onside kick.

Despite what appeared to be a few bad kickoffs and punts from both teams, Rolfe rather candidly played down the effect of the wind and the cold.

"I'm a wimp, and I didn't get terribly cold," he said.

Durkin made the Wildcats pay for their miscue with an 8-yard touchdown run on a counter play to the right, capping a five-play, 31-yard drive entirely composed of Durkin runs.

They don't keep track of quarterback rating in high school, but if they did, Leahy's would have been close to perfect, as his one pass attempt for the night was a 41-yard touchdown toss to classmate D.J. Silvia.

Silvia went deep and got behind the Weston defense, as he had no one within 10 yards of him when the pass was thrown. He had to wait a bit for the pass to get to him, but Silvia had plenty of speed to outrun the Weston defenders trying to catch up to him.

The play made it 26-0, effectively putting the game out of reach for the visitors with 2:39 left in the first half.

"That was the one time this game to throw the ball," Rolfe said of the play, which came on third-and-11. "The circumstances dictated it; all we wanted was to get a first down."

A four-yard run by Durkin on the opening drive of the second half closed the scoring.

Rolfe says the strongest parts of his team are the offensive and defensive lines. Last Friday was a good example of that, as both played very capable games.

The O-line is led by senior co-captain Matt Casey, who plays the center position and is responsible for directing his fellow linemen at the line of scrimmage. His calls were near perfect against Weston, as the line often trapped and pulled to create opportunities for Durkin to get his yards.

Aside from Casey and junior right guard Nick Arment, who have been playing together for the last couple years, the line is young. The left side consists of two sophomores in tackle Justin Alexander and guard Nick Cambi. Starting right tackle Jake Cuneo is a freshman.

"You'd never know watching them that they are so young," Rolfe said. "They've improved a lot since the beginning of the year."

The defensive line played equally well against Weston, with the likes of seniors Kelvin Ferriera and Leo Clougherty eating up blocks to allow linebackers Casey and Matt Baroudi make big plays. Baroudi spent a good amount of time in the Weston backfield, disrupting their running attack.

All told, Cohasset (now 7-0) heads into the homestretch in good position, but still with a lot of work left to be done.

"We have to clean up some of our mistakes against Norwell and Abington," Rolfe said. "But this break gives us a chance to get back to basics and get some kids healthy."

As for the matter of confidence, Casey says it is right where it should be for the team.

"We know they're good teams, so we can't be overly confident," he said of the rest of Cohasset's schedule. "We are just going to go in with a good mindset, thinking we are going to win."

Cohasset 32, Weston 0

Weston	0	0	0	0-0
Cohasset	8	18	6	0-32

C- Teddie Straughn 6 run (Joe Durkin run)
C- Crandon Leahy 5 run (run failed)
C- Durkin 8 run (run failed)
C- Leahy 41 pass to D.J. Silvia (run failed)
C- Durkin 4 run (kick failed)

Learn to ski registrations Nov. 2

The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with Buckles and Boards Ski Shop in Marshfield announce its "learn-to-ski at Ragged Mountain" registrations on Tuesday, Nov. 2 from 3-6 p.m. at the Cohasset Recreation Department office in town hall, 41 Highland Ave. Both ski and snowboard lessons are available.

The fee for the program is $259.99 per student and includes: five Saturdays' day-long lift tickets, five 1.5 hour lessons, five motor coach trips and the assistance of an adult chaperone.

Rental of equipment information will be available at the time of registration; however, equipment rental at Buckle and Board allows you to keep the equipment for the duration of the program. Costs are $129.99 for ski rentals and $169.99 for snowboard rentals.

The program, which will take place throughout the winter at Ragged Mountain in New Hampshire, will be open to all ages but children must be able to participate on their own. An adult chaperone will be there to assist; however children must be able to function with minimal assistance.

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Social Service League hosts fashion night



Some of those who will be participating in the Cohasset Social Service League's Holiday Fashion Night include: Vinny Hart, director of Wellspring; Cliff Cutler, pastor of St. Stephen's Church; Jane Reardon, president of the Social Service League; and Anthony Everett, anchor for Channel 5 News.

Nov. 5, Cohasset's own clergy, police, elected officials and students will take to the runway to support the Social Service League's programs in Cohasset and surrounding communities. The Holiday Fashion Show for men, women and children is from 6-10 p.m., at historic Bancroft Hall and will feature some of the top designer labels and furs. Channel 5 news anchor Anthony Everett will emcee the event.

Since its inception in 1912, the League has helped people of all ages. From Meals on Wheels and Thanksgiving dinners to the recent character education program at Osgood School, "Peaceable Kingdom," the League has tried to identify the most important social problems and create, develop and support ongoing programs which can have a positive impact.

This September, the League approved a $10,000 donation to Wellspring in Hull, a non-profit organization that provides domestic violence intervention programs, crisis counseling and adult learning programs. The donation continues a long tradition of League support for the least served members of area communities. Wellspring director Vinny Hart is one of the runway models.

As well as offering the latest fashions, the evening will also highlight collectibles and other items available at the League's Cohasset Consignment Shop. Wine and hors d'oeuvres from area restaurants will be served. After the fashion show, there will be an auction of two items: a fur and a week-long stay at Four Seasons Resort at Troon North in Scottsdale, Ariz. Proceeds from the evening will support counseling programs offered at Wellspring. Tickets are $45 and can be purchased at the Consignment Shop or by calling the League Office, 781-383-0771.

Big Band sound is coming Nov. 6

Ed Sorrentino of the South Shore Conservatory, and his band will entertain all with the music sound of such greats as Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Count Bassie and more. From the 30's and 40's. Sorrentino can often be seen and heard at the Radio City Hall in New York City.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, at 6:15 p.m. at Saint Anthony's Center at South Main and Spring Streets.

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Additional information: The Ed Sorrentino Band features the very lyrical trumpeter Jack Martin from the Harry James swing Orchestra and Tito Puente Latin Band. He has performed extensively throughout the entire United States and now resides in Massachusetts. He often can be heard and seen at Radio City Music Hall in NYC. In addition the Band also spotlights the very talented jazz vocalist Judy DeRossi who sings regularly with New England's own jazz stars, Dick Johnson and Lou Columbo. Her husband, Barry Rossi, is a gifted pianist, also appears with Johnson and Columbo as well as numerous recording projects of his own.

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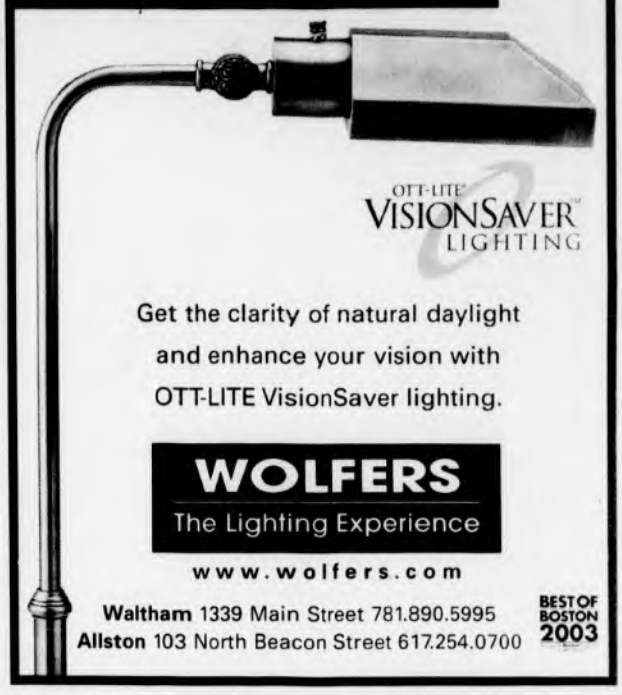
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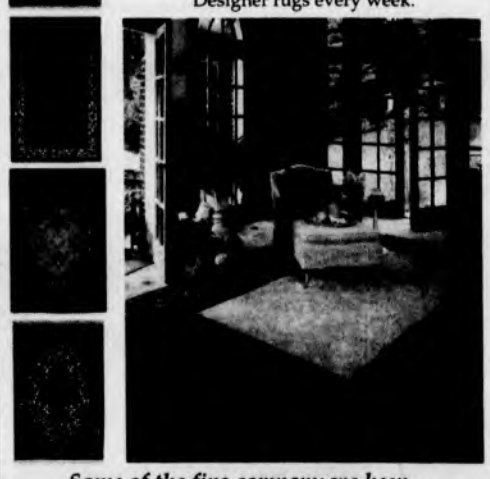
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Oct. 30-31, 8-10:30 a.m., SSBC, Hingham

13U & 14U

Oct. 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., SSBC, Hingham

Oct. 30-31, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., SSBC, Hingham

15U & 16U

Oct. 23, 1-3 p.m., SSBC, Hingham

Oct. 30-31, 1-3 p.m., SSBC, Hingham

"This is our first indoor session for the 2005 Seadogs traveling teams," SSBC director Frank Niles, Jr. said. "We'll be having the final clinic/tryouts October 30-31 at SSBC. We want every interested player to have a shot at making the roster, in addition to learning more about playing baseball at the clinic, but time is running out."

The Seadogs program is part of the South Shore Baseball Club, which has been a member of the Massachusetts Association of the Amateur Athletic Union since 1994. The Seadogs compete against other Massachusetts AAU teams for the right to qualify for the AAU National Baseball Championships held all across the country. The Seadogs program is intended to supplement, rather than replace, local Little League, Babe Ruth, or American Legion baseball programs.

The South Shore Baseball Club is a year round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players (boys and girls), ages five and older, in Hingham. For more information about SSBC or the Seadogs call 1-888-749-6466/(781) 749-6466 or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

Social Service League hosts fashion night

Nov. 5, Cohasset's own clergy, police, elected officials and students will take to the runway to support the Social Service League's programs in Cohasset and surrounding communities. The Holiday Fashion Show for men, women and children is from 6-10 p.m., at historic Bancroft Hall and will feature some of the top designer labels and furs. Channel 5 news anchor Anthony Everett will emcee the event.

Since its inception in 1912, the League has helped people of all ages. From Meals on Wheels and Thanksgiving dinners to the recent character education program at Osgood School, "Peaceable Kingdom," the League has tried to identify the most important social problems and create, develop and support ongoing programs which can have a positive impact.

This September, the League approved a $10,000 donation to Wellspring in Hull, a non-profit organization that provides domestic violence intervention programs, crisis counseling and adult learning programs. The donation continues a long tradition of League support for the least served members of area communities. Wellspring director Vinny Hart is one of the runway models.



Some of those who will be participating in the Cohasset Social Service League's Holiday Fashion Night include: Vinny Hart, director of Wellspring; Cliff Cutler, pastor of St. Stephen's Church; Jane Reardon, president of the Social Service League; and Anthony Everett, anchor for Channel 5 News.

As well as offering the latest fashions, the evening will also highlight collectibles and other items available at the League's Cohasset Consignment Shop. Wine and hors d'oeuvres from area restaurants will be served. After the fashion show, there will be an auction of two items: a fur and a week-long stay at Four Seasons Resort at Troon North in Scottsdale, Ariz. Proceeds from the evening will support counseling programs offered at Wellspring. Tickets are $45 and can be purchased at the Consignment Shop or by calling the League Office, 781-383-0771.

Big Band sound is coming Nov. 6

Ed Sorrentino of the South Shore Conservatory, and his band will entertain all with the music sound of such greats as Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Count Bassie and more. From the 30's and 40's. Sorrentino can often be seen and heard at the Radio City Hall in New York City.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, at 6:15 p.m. at Saint Anthony's Center at South Main and Spring Streets.

Come and join the fun, a dinner reminiscent of that era, prepared by Arthur Roebuck.

Sponsored by the Cohasset Elder Affairs. Tickets are $20, they will be available at 3 North Main St., or call for reservations at 781-383-9112. All are welcome.

Additional information: The Ed Sorrentino Band features the very lyrical trumpeter Jack Martin from the Harry James swing Orchestra and Tito Puente Latin Band. He has performed extensively throughout the entire United States and now resides in Massachusetts. He often can be heard and seen at Radio City Music Hall in NYC. In addition the Band also spotlights the very talented jazz vocalist Judy DeRossi who sings regularly with New England's own jazz stars, Dick Johnson and Lou Columbo. Her husband, Barry Rossi, is a gifted pianist, also appears with Johnson and Columbo as well as numerous recording projects of his own.

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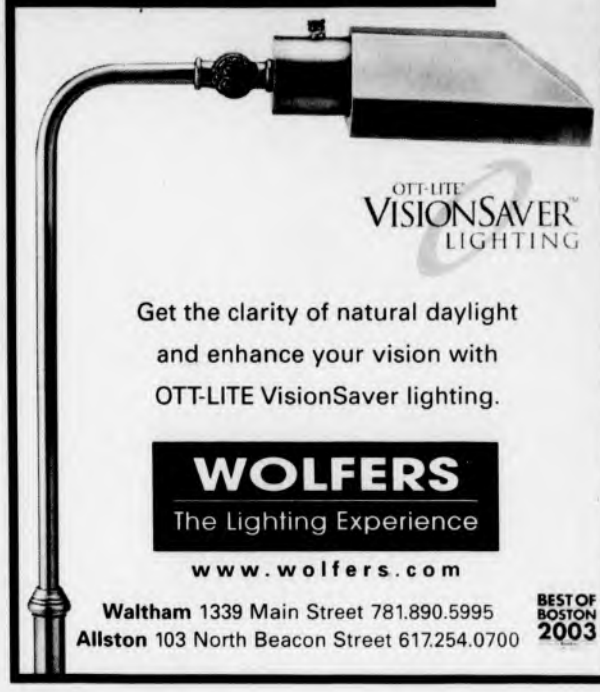
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ASP NEWS

The following news is about the Appalachia Service Project:

Sunday Oct. 21 ASP held its first official meeting for all volunteers. Thank you to all who attended. This was a mandatory meeting. If you were unable to attend please contact Cohasset ASP via e-mail at cohassetasp@rcn.com to find out your center placement.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Pumpkin Patch. This has been a very successful fundraiser. Please stay tuned for our upcoming events. Your support is always welcome and needed!

ASP will be gathering to have a Christmas gift wrapping event Sunday Nov. 21 at 7p.m. This event is for all who participated in the ASP trip this past June. Christmas gifts will be sent to "ASP families". If you are an ASP 2004 veteran, please mark this date on your calendar!

IT'S HAPPENING

Holly Hill Farm walk

On Saturday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m., farmer Frank White will lead a guided walk through Holly Hill Farm's trails. Suggested donation, $5. For additional information, contact Jon Belber by phone at 781-383-1455 or by email at jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com., or visit the farm's Web site at www.Hollyhillfarm.org.

Cohasset native in Conservatory opera

When South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay presents a very special production of Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro," Cohasset native Meredith Hansen Skinner will be among the cast.

Directed by Artistic Director Beth MacLeod and Associate Director Beth Canterbury, this "reduced" version of "The Marriage of Figaro" (cut from four to two hours) is the company's first foray into a major mainstream opera, and provides an opportunity for the four-year-old adult opera troupe to spread its wings and grow as an opera company. The production runs Saturday, Nov. 6 in Hingham and on Sunday, Nov. 7 in Duxbury.

South Shore audiences will delight as they experience Mozart's popular opera, a light and humorous tale of courtly antics in 18th century Spain. With lavish period costumes and four different settings, "The Marriage of Figaro" is an ambitious production, but one that the singers of Opera by the Bay are eager to undertake, and that audiences will surely enjoy.

The cast features singers from Cambridge to the South Shore, including many who have become familiar to Opera by the Bay audiences. Pianist Vincent Planès accompanies the singers.

"The Marriage of Figar" will be presented at the Conservatory, on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham, and on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St. in Duxbury. Thirty minutes prior to each performance, Artistic Director Beth MacLeod will present a lively talk about the production. Tickets, at $20 for adults and $15 for students and seniors, may be purchased through the Conservatory offices, 781-749-7565, ext. 10 in Hingham, and 781-934-2731, ext. 10 in Duxbury. Mastercard and Visa are accepted. For more information, please call Beth MacLeod 781-934-2731, ext. 20.

Seachest Consignment has some rare bargains

Andy Merrill, manager and Colleen Roth announce a former Cohasset resident has donated a rare collection of antique, decorative gold mirrors and other artifacts from a Wellesley estate that will attract and please the antique connoisseurs.

Another gem is the cherry silver antique chest that will hold more than 100 pieces of silver. There is also a gold-trimmed English china tea server complete with gold creamer and sugar, and a dozen dinner-size gold plates. There are numerous choice table lamps, one with decorative elephants on the rim. For Thanksgiving and the holidays, there is a handsome 65-piece Czechoslovakian dinner set complete with bowls, platter, creamer and sugar. Also for holiday cheer, are countless glassware items including gold rimmed wine glasses. New homeowners will be interested in the wide selection of signed and framed paintings, decorative fall arrangements, unique (and working) clocks and assorted linens.

Grandmothers will love the infant sets, handmade baby blankets and warm attire for cool fall days. For the teenagers are leather red jackets, colorful vests and Ralph Lauren sweaters, as well as Banana Republic attire. For the school or career girls, there are Talbot suits, Old Navy slacks and colorful blazers and ski jackets.

The consignment shop is staffed by volunteers and located on Route 3A across from Shaw's Plaza at the Lapel's Cleaners building, side entrance.

Store hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday hours are 1-4 p.m. Consigning hours are Monday through Friday from 10-11:30 a.m. For special evening consigning hours or to volunteer please call 781-383-2293.

Take a Halloween walk in the woods

Enjoy taking a walk by hundreds of carved and lighted jack-o-lanterns. Partake in fun and Halloween excitement and try our delights at the bake sale table.

The walk will be Saturday Oct. 30 (rain date Oct. 31) from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the New England Wildlife Center, 19 Fort Hill Street, Hingham.

Admission is $5, or $4 if you are in full costume.

Help support the New England Wildlife Center by donating pumpkins or one or more carved jack-o-lanterns on Friday, Oct. 29 or before noon on October 30.

You can also help carve the pumpkins that are donated.



IT'S HAPPENING

'Lunch with Authors' Nov. 3 at Bridgeman's

Buttonwood Books and Toys, in conjunction with Bridgeman's Restaurant, 145 Nantasket Avenue, Hull is hosting "Lunch with the Authors" on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 11 a.m.

Featured authors are Elizabeth Graver and Elizabeth Brundage. Graver will discuss "Awake" (Henry Holt and Co., $23), a fictional story based on a very real genetic disorder, Xeroderma Pigmentosum. The novel is about a family whose child has XP. The story focuses on the mother and how her life changes when the 24/7 responsibility of caring for her son Max for ten years is suddenly altered.

Elizabeth Graver is the author of "Unravelling" and "The Honey Thief", both of which were New York Times Notable Books. She lives in Massachusetts and teaches at Boston College.

Elizabeth Brundage, a debut novelist, will discuss "The Doctor's Wife" (Viking, $24.95), a tightly woven story about the lives of two couples. The story is told alternately from the perspective of the four individuals. Their individual passions influence the choices they make in their lives, and the consequences of those decisions have tremendous ramifications. Brundage is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, where she earned an MFA in fiction and a James Michener Award. Her short fiction has been published in the Greensboro Review, Witness Magazine and New Letters. She lives with her husband and children in Massachusetts.

The all-inclusive ticket price is $25 per person, must be purchased in advance, and is non-refundable. The price includes the entrée (traditional chicken Marsala or seasonal mixed grill of fresh seafood), dessert, beverage, tax and tip at Bridgeman's Restaurant.

Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to make reservations or to reserve your signed copy if unable to attend.

Mistletoe Boutique at Our World Museum

Get a head start on holiday shopping at the second annual Mistletoe Boutique from 10 a.m to 5 p.m. Nov. 7, at Our World Children's Museum off Sohier Street in Cohasset.

With more than 30 unique designers, the boutique will feature everything from gingerbread houses to glamorous accessories. There will be one-of-a-kind jewelry, clothing, handbags and housewears — all kinds of giftables.

The museum is located at 100 Sohier St., Cohasset, right behind the Paul Pratt Library. There's plenty of parking and the kids can enjoy the new playground while parents shop. A portion of boutique sales will benefit Our World.

Boatbuilders open mike night

Do friends and family start looking for an escape route as soon as you start talking about your boat? Come tell your boat building stories where they'll truly be appreciated, at the Hull Lifesaving Museum's Open Mike Night on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m..

This is a great chance to swap stories with an enthusiastic and experienced group, as well as an opportunity to seek knowledgeable advice on a current project.

Call Corinne Leung at 781-925-5433 in advance if you wish to participate, or just come to listen and join in the question and answer sessions. All are welcome, free admission.

Chamber music for flute and harp

The Boston-based duo "2" (Peter H. Bloom, flute and Mary Jane Rupert, harp) will perform Chamber Music Duos from Beethoven to Saint-Saëns at the Old Ship Church Candlelight Concert Series in Hingham on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 4 p.m.

The performance titled The Romantic Century spans 100 years of composition in the romantic tradition, from the early 19th century to the early 20th century Selections include Beethoven's "Adelaide Opus 46" with variations, "Fantasy Opus 67" by Anton Bernard Fürstenau on themes from Carl Maria von Weber's operatic masterpiece Der Freischütz, "Sonata Concertante Opus 113" by Ludwig Spohr (composed for his harp virtuoso wife), and "Fantaisie Opus 124" by Camille Saint-Saëns. Known for their dramatic and compelling concerts, Bloom and Rupert have performed together for more than 15 years in venues across the United States.

Rupert earned a degree in Piano from Oberlin College, and she holds Masters in piano, harp, piano performance and music literature from Indiana University. Acclaimed as a concert pianist and harpist, she has given solo recitals from Carnegie Hall to Beijing Concert Hall, and has appeared with symphony orchestras and chamber ensembles throughout the U.S. She can be heard on CDs from North Star and Harmony Hill records. Rupert is on the faculties of Wellesley College, Tufts University, Boston College, and MIT, and taught previously at Oberlin College and Indiana University, among others.

Legal Notices

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CITATION FOR PUBLICATION

Stephen J. Eramo v. John F. Ridge
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Docket No. 04-E-0165

On June 23, 2004 plaintiff(s) filed in this court a Petition to Quiet Title, with prayers concerning:

Title to certain real property located in the Town of Haverhill, New Hampshire described as Lot 23, Section One (1) as shown on a plan recorded in the Grafton County Registry of Deeds at Book 1083, Page 49

The original pleading is available for inspection at the office of the Clerk, Grafton Superior Court, Grafton County Courthouse, 3785 Dartmouth College Highway, N. Haverhill, NH.

The Court has entered the following order(s):

Service to be made by publication of this citation once a week for three successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Cohasset, MA, the last publication to be no later than Nov. 22, 2004.

Defendant(s) shall file a written Appearance Form with the Clerk of this Court on or before December 7, 2004 or be found in DEFAULT. Defendant(s) shall also file by January 6, 2005 a plea, answer or demurrer and deliver a copy to the plaintiff(s) attorney, or plaintiff, if unrepresented. Failure to do so may result in issuance of orders in this matter which may affect you without your input.

Petitioner is represented by:
Stephen U. Samaha, Esq.
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BY ORDER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Robert B. Muh
Clerk of Court

AD#635558
Cohasset Mariner 10/14, 10/21, 10/28/04

KUPSC ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P2568EP

In the Estate of LEONARD P KUPSC AKA LEONARD KUPSC

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In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death July 27, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will and codicil of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that LISA A KUPSC of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 1, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, October 21, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott,
Register of Probate

AD#649504
Cohasset Mariner 10/29/04

ZBA/130 SOHIER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Nov. 8, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s.5.3, 8.7 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc.** seeks to alter license for sale of malt beverage and wine at **130 Sohier St.** according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-09-23.

AD#646605
Cohasset Mariner 10/29/04

ZBA/17 SOHIER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Nov. 8, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s.8.7.1 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Jerome A. & Tracey Vainisi** seek to construct an addition at **17 Sohier St.** according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-10-19.

AD#646609
Cohasset Mariner 10/29/04

ZBA/231 POND ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Nov. 8, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s. 8.7 & 8.3 and **Variance** pursuant to s.12.5 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **M & R Realty Trust** seeks relief from lot width requirement at **231 Pond St.** according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-09-14.

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Diversity Committee sponsors free speaker series

The Cohasset Diversity Committee, a part of the Cohasset Parent School Organization, announces a number of events planned for the next five months. In response to the request to expand its programming and outreach to members of the adult Cohasset community, the Diversity Committee will sponsor a fall and early winter speaker series as well as a second International Day Party.

Local residents will serve as panelists and discussion leaders.

During its first 10 years, the Diversity Committee focused on being a resource for the public schools — students, parents, and staff. Existing and new programs that facilitate the understanding of diverse needs and respect for differences have been its principal focus.

International tensions and specific recent events have convinced the Committee to provide forums to engage the entire Cohasset community around issues and opportunities of diversity. The programs have all been suggested by local residents in response to questionnaires and conversations about what would interest them. Local residents will serve as panelists and discussion leaders.

The programs will take place on the second Wednesday evening of the month, from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

• On Nov. 10, several speakers will discuss how the United States and other countries are dealing with a common domestic and global policy problem: the control, treatment, prevention, and consequences of the AIDS pandemic. Health care, social, financial, governmental, and cultural issues may be addressed.

• On Wednesday, Dec. 8, the Diversity Committee will present a program about international arts and culture. The speaker will present some ideas about common and diverse trends. The evening will feature a presentation, background music, and extra festivity in keeping with the holidays.

• The subject for Wednesday, Jan. 12 is a discussion about how different customs affect the way people relate to one another. How easy is it to fit in to Cohasset, when you are from another country, or another culture, if you sound or look different from the majority? How can a welcoming environment be created, so that everyone feels valued for his or her differences?

• On March 9, facilitators from the Diversity Committee will join with a group of local residents to explore, in a group discussion with the attendees, the subject: How is the United States perceived in the world today? How can the United Nations and similar organizations provide opportunities for all nations to come to the table as equals? How much can or should individuals do to foster respect for a diversity of cultures, traditions, and priorities?

At each event, the audience will be asked to be part of the program. The speakers and presenters will serve to get the discussion started. These are not lectures.

Venues and specific speakers and panelists will be announced. There will be no charge for participation. Light refreshments will be served.

For further information, contact a member of the Diversity Committee subcommittee on the Speakers Series: Kathryn Earle, (781) 383-0061 or kbearle@aol.com; or Chartis Tebbetts, (781) 383-1662 or c-etebbetts@comcast.net.

OBITUARIES

Ruth M. Judson

Ruth M. (Woods) Judson, 87, of Cohasset, a homemaker, died Oct. 23, 2004, at South Shore Hospital, Weymouth, following a sudden illness.

Born in Alberta, Canada, daughter of the late George A. and Susie (Myer) Woods, Mrs. Judson graduated from Santa Monica High School in Santa Monica, Calif. A Cohasset resident for two years, she was formerly a longtime resident of Whittier, Calif.

Wife of the late Frederick W. Judson, she leaves a daughter, Claudia M. Story of Cohasset; a son, Lawrence W. Judson of California; four grandchildren, Anne Marie Judson of California, Karin Gilmartin of Norwell, Christopher Judson of California and Ryan Story of Cohasset; and a great-granddaughter, Hadley Kate Gilmartin of Norwell.

A funeral service was held at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Rosehill Memorial Park in Whittier, Calif.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, 02025.

Priscilla H. Burns

Priscilla H. (Lancaster) Burns, age 81, died Oct. 11, 2004 at Quincy Medical Center following a long illness. She was a resident of Elm Street Cohasset Senior Housing for three years.

Born in Portland, Maine, she was the daughter of the late John and Everlyn Lancaster. She attended Maine public schools.

Wife of the late Robert Burns, she was a housewife in Carver. Mrs. Burns leaves Francis Warfield of Connecticut, Roberta E. Downey of California, James R. Burns of Cohasset, Rosemarie H. Collard of Dedham, Thomas E. Burns of Hingham, Donald J. Burns of New Hampshire; and her 12 beloved grandchildren and the late John P. Burns.

A funeral service was held Friday, Oct. 15 at the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, the Rev. Gary Ritts officiated. Interment will be in Central Cemetery, Randolph.

Funeral arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Annual book sale donations sought

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., is currently accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVD's, CD's and videos for it's annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4. If your book shelves are spilling onto the floor, and DVD's, CD's and videos are busting out of the entertainment center, the church has got the solution for you. Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked "church offices." Alternatively, St. Stephen's would be happy to arrange pick up of your donations. For donation pick-up or more information, call Alix White at 781-383-1829. Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Monday, Nov. 22, is the last day book donations will be accepted. Old textbooks, romance novels, water damaged or moldy books, books with note or highlighting cannot be accepted.

The book sale is a mission program of St. Stephen's Church to more strongly establish a church presence in a needy area. "It is exciting to be part of the beginning of a new church," comments the Rev. Cliff Cutler, "establishing a strong ministry for the future. God is doing a great thing in people's lives. It is such a joy to be part of that good news." Through your donation of books, DVD's, CD's and videos that are being accepted now, you will help change lives and strengthen community.

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Sgt. John Conte congratulates Sgt. Shellee Peters following Peters' promotion during the Selectmen's meeting Tuesday.

Officer Shellee Peters promoted to sergeant

Officer Shellee Peters is now Sergeant Peters.

Peters was promoted during Tuesday's Selectmen's meeting; she fills the sergeant's position that was vacated when Sgt. David Pomerico retired last spring.

Chief James Hussey gave Peters, a long-time veteran of the department, high marks.

"She is someone who will perform her duties with effort and with passion, but at the same time be strong when she needs to be strong," Hussey said adding she's a good fit for the philosophy he envisions for the department. "The town should be very happy with the appointment."

Peters also scored high marks on both the sergeant's exam offered by Civil Service and a practical exam Hussey conducted at the Cohasset Police Department that involves utilizing knowledge of law and police procedures and applying that knowledge to specific situations. "She did outstanding," he said in a telephone interview.

There were two other candidates for the sergeant's position, Hussey said.

Peters has been a police officer for roughly 15 years – 13 of those in Cohasset. She will fill the swing shift, covering the days off of the sergeants who work the 4-12 and 12-8 shifts, Hussey said. There are now a total of five sergeants, including Peters, they are: Sgt. William Quigley, Sgt. John Conte, Sgt. David Cogill and Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon.

There are two vacancies for patrol officers. Peters created one and there was a prior vacancy, Hussey said. A third officer is on medical leave and will probably retire, he said, so the department could be down three. Hussey said he is looking to possibly "lateral" officers from other towns or find candidates from the Civil Service list who are interested in coming to Cohasset.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, OCT. 18

1:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:30 a.m. **King St., and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:32 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:39 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

7:48 a.m. **Headquarters**, assist citizen.

9:38 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:59 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, no fire service necessary.

11:06 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle violations.

12:03 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

11:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle.

TUESDAY, OCT. 19

12:29 a.m. **Elm St.**, open door/window.

4:20 a.m. **Stockbridge St.**, fire, brush, referred to other agency.

6:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:56 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check, good intent call.

9:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, transport citizen, services rendered.

3:35 p.m. **Summer St.**, animal complaint, referred to other agency.

3:38 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint.

7:35 p.m. **Rocky Lane**, fire investigation, services rendered.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20

8:43 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check, good intent call.

3:21 p.m. **Summer St.**, officer wanted.

4:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:43 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:33 p.m. **White Head Rd.**, fire, investigation, area search negative.

THURSDAY, OCT. 21

2:23 a.m. **Elm St.**, assist citizen.

2:30 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, area search negative.

8:43 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:20 a.m. **North Main St.**, fire, investigation.

11:31 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted.

1:42 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation.,

2:03 p.m. **King St.**, fire, investigation.

2:42 p.m. **Indian Trail**, property (recovered).

3:31 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle violations.

4:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, inspections.

7:10 p.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, annoying phone calls.

9:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, shoplifting, investigated/report taken.

FRIDAY, OCT. 22

4:12 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, assist citizen.

7:30 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, motor vehicle violations.

8:45 a.m. **C.J.C. Highway**, assist other Police Department.

9:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle.

3:39 p.m. Nichols Rd., animal complaint.

9:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle violations, area search negative.

10:42 p.m. King St., suspicious/vehicle.

11:06 p.m. **Pond St.**, property (recovered).

SATURDAY, OCT. 23

1:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious/vehicle.

8:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing** Highway, motor vehicle violations, traffic citation/warning.

2:35 p.m. **Elm St.**, well being check.

3:03 p.m. **Ledgewood Farms Drive**, vandalism report, investigated/report taken.

4:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist motorist.

7:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, well being check.

7:40 p.m. **Woodisland Rd.**, transport citizen.

10:44 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious/vehicle, investigated/report taken.

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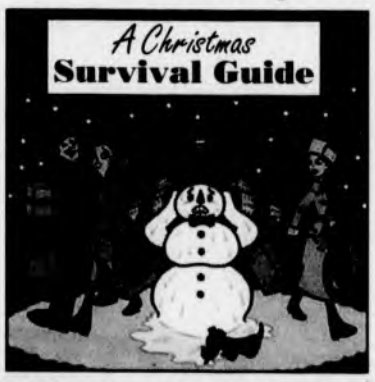


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The Ocean Course

By GREG GATLIN
KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C.

Flying into a hurricane to play golf doesn't make a lot of sense on the surface of it. But it's not every day you get to play The Ocean Course on this island where Ryder Cup history was made in 1991. And so it was that my golfing buddy (Herald photo editor Jim Mahoney) and I found ourselves on a plane headed south toward Charleston, S.C., as Hurricane Jeanne, already battering the Florida coast, started its turn north. The storm was summoning surfers to the agitated shores of Kiawah — a barrier island 21 miles from Charleston — but golfers were canceling tee times in droves.

As we made the 35-minute drive from the airport through the humid night air, we hoped Jeanne might spare us a round or two. Oak trees lined both sides of Bohicket Road as we drove through the darkness, their branches forming an eerie canopy overhead. Our destination, The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island, was a light at the end of that tunnel. When the $125 million, 255-room resort opened just two months ago, following years of planning, design changes and environmental hurdles, it brought perhaps the only thing missing from the Kiawah Island experience — an ultra-luxurious oceanfront hotel. The property is designed to look like a stately Southern seaside mansion where genteel elegance prevails. Sweeping staircases bookend the main lobby, leaving one wondering when Scarlett might make her entrance. To assure that the ocean is the first thing guests see as they walk into The Sanctuary, developers hauled in a quarter million tons of dirt to raise the lobby's level from 7 feet to 20 feet above the Atlantic. French doors, columned windows and hotel room balconies draw you to a grand lawn that leads down to the ocean and 10 miles of pristine beaches. Inside the hotel, wood-planked floors creek and groan as you walk through sitting rooms decorated to make The Sanctuary feel as if it's been part of the oceanfront fabric for more than a century.

Outside, developers transplanted 400 trees, including oaks and palmettos, to make the grounds seem as if vegetation has grown up around the hotel over the years. But it's all new, and Justin, the bellhop, pointed out modern accoutrements including wireless Internet access and hurricane-resistant balcony doors.

A quick look at the Weather Channel before bed revealed that Hurricane Jeanne was heading more inland than expected. Maybe we'd catch a break. We woke up in this spectacular low-country setting to find ominous weather moving in. The island is unspoiled, its raw beauty breathtaking, perhaps even more so when wind sweeps through sea grass-covered sand dunes, rolling surf rumbles off the coastline and dark clouds gather over miles of tidal marshes. Still, we'd come here to play, and grabbed a shuttle for the Gary Player-designed Cougar Point to tee up the first of 36 holes. If you have thoughts of playing the venerable Ocean Course in the afternoon, Cougar Point is a good warm up. Of course, with four stars from Golf Digest, the 6,875-yard Cougar is no slouch, nor are the island's scenic Osprey Point, designed by Tom Fazio, and Jack Nicklaus' Turtle Point. At the fourth hole, Cougar's gentle parkland layout suddenly opened onto panoramic views of tidal marsh and the Kiawah River spanning a three-hole stretch. Little blue herons and egrets stood sentinel over the greens and ospreys flew overhead. Accuracy is everything on the signature fifth hole, a 357-yard par-4 from the white tees, guarded entirely on the left side by marsh. Cougar's high-risk, high-reward par 5s rewarded Jim with an eagle putt on 11 (he made par), and me with two in the drink on 15.

It was barely noon when we holed out on the 18th and headed for The Ocean Course. They called it "The War by the Shore." The 1991 Ryder Cup was an epic battle that made grown men cry — literally. Designer Pete Dye's



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM MAHONEY

Caddies are a must to negotiate the wind swept and difficult Ocean Course. This is the 14th green that is buffeted by the Atlantic Ocean.



Osprey Point's 11th hole is an all water carry to an undulating green. A startled Great Blue Heron takes flight from the shore.



Looking at the Sanctuary from the beach framed by wind-swept oat grass and natural dunes. The 275 room grand hotel is designd to evoke memories of a classic southern mansion.

brand new Ocean Course opened just in time to stage one of the most dramatic golf tournaments ever (all due respect to Brookline, 1999.) The United States' Mark Calcavecchia, up five at the turn, was found sobbing uncontrollably down on the beach after blowing his lead over Colin Montgomerie with a series of triple and double bogies. But the most gripping memory is of Bernhard Langer, who carried the weight of Europe as he stepped up to a 6-foot putt on the 18th. Langer's knees buckled as he missed, giving the Americans victory and sending them celebrating into the Kiawah surf. This course is ranked among the most difficult in the world, for one reason: wind.

Jim and I looked out at this windswept wonder and figured lunch would be a good way to start. Enjoying a tasty bowl of she-crab soup and some waffle fries on the clubhouse veranda, we eavesdropped on the table next to us, where four guys had just finished their round. One bragged about scoring a 104. "It was so windy," he said. "The caddie told me to aim for the pot bunker, but I just couldn't make myself do it." I turned to Jim and said, "If the caddie tells me to aim for the pot bunker, I'm aiming for the pot bunker." Responded Jim, "If he tells me to turn around and aim in the direction I just came from, I'm doing that." Especially with a hurricane looming, The Ocean Course gives new meaning to Gone with the Wind. My slightly tailing drive on the 500-yard second hole got picked up in the jet stream, moved from the left side of the wide fairway to the right and just kept going, winding up in one of the many waste areas for which Dye is known. Roger Warren, Kiawah's director of golf, said the wind even on a good day magnifies any weakness in your game.

Still, Warren said, nobody has ever criticized The Ocean Course as being unfair. And the course is simply beautiful, taking players through sand dunes, marshland, seaside fairways and greens. At wife Alice's suggestion, Dye elevated the fairways so golfers could see the ocean on every hole. Walking is strongly recommended. Chipping in for birdie on the par-5 eighth was a highlight for me. It was on the 13th hole that Jim and I decided that if you want to play The Ocean Course, you might as well do it on the outskirts of a hurricane. We both finished with a score of 101. Take that 104 guy. In the end, Jeanne was kind enough to take a westerly course through the Appalachians. After a heavy overnight rain, we played in glorious sunshine, sharing the Osprey Point course with basking alligators, leaping fish and all kinds of birds.

(Jim Mahoney contributed to this story.)

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Halloween Happenings

MUSICAL TRICK OR TREAT concert will be held at Plymouth's Memorial Hall, 83 Court St. Sunday, Oct. 31, 3 p.m. with an appearance by Dracula, compliments of the "Phil," Plymouth's Philharmonic Orchestra. An excellent lineup of macabre music is promised: Anderson's march, "The Phantom Regimen," Mussorgsky's "Night on Bald Mountain," Disney's "Fantasia" and Offenbach's "Orpheus in the Underworld," to name a few. Tickets $15 adults, $8 children up to 12 and may be purchased by calling 508-746-8008; or at the "Phil's" Plymouth office at 16 Court St.; The Snow Goose in Plymouth; The Studio of Duxbury and Noble's Camera in Kingston. More information on the "Phil" is available online at *www.plymouthphilharmonic.com;*

TRICK OR TREATING AND COSTUME CONTEST at the Hanover Mall on Oct. 29, 5 to 6 p.m. Mall wide, costume contest event 6 p.m. at center court. Age groups are 4 years and under, 5 to 8 years and 9 to 12 years old. 781-826-7386 ext. 237

HAUNTED HAYRIDES AT HARTSUFF PARK, ROCKLAND. Oct. 28, 6:30 to 9 p.m.; Oct. 29, 6:30 to 10 p.m.; Oct. 30, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Not so scary hayrides for the little ones, Oct. 30, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. All rides all day $8. sponsored by Girl Scout Troops 113 and 452. Some walking required. Any group of 10 or more call 781-878-3960 for a reserved time, 11th person rides free.



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THE 23RD ANNUAL BRAINTREE HAUNTED HOUSE will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Armstrong Building next to Bay Shore Athletic Club off Plain Street. All proceeds directly benefit the students of the Highlands and Liberty Elementary Schools. Admission is $5. Pizza, drinks and other treats will be sold and free childcare is available. Because of its scary content, the event is not appropriate for young children. Call 781-356-4865 for information.

HALLOWEEN BLUES BASH at **The Sanctuary, All Souls Church**, 196 Elm St., (Corn. Elm and Church) E. Braintree. Oct 30. Advanced Tickets $15 includes shows, free buffet by The Purple Eggplant, What's Cookin' and more... and five raffle prize tickets, Best costume prize $100. Backed by The Boston Broomdusters feat. Donnie Noyes on guitars.

BERWICK BOYS FOUNDATION – 22ND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HOUSE OF HORROR FUNDRAISER during weekends in October. House of Horrors is a thrill ride through a maze of monsters and mayhem. Admission $8 335 West St. West Bridgewater, Rt. 24 at exit 16B to Rt. 106West take right at Wendy's on Manley St. turn right at parking lot. 08-586-0059 OR www.berwick.org

NIGHT OF A THOUSAND FACES, A HALLOWEEN WALK IN THE WOODS. Take a walk by hundreds of carved and lit jack-o-lanterns. Partake in fun, and Halloween excitement Saturday, Oct. 30 (rain date Oct. 31), 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the New England Wildlife Center, 19 Fort Hill St., Hingham. Admission $5, $4 if in full costume.

STARS ON HINGHAM HARBOR HOSTS 11TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BASH – Sunday, Oct. 31, 9 p.m. Featured will be music, complimentary pizza and hors d'oeuvres and costume contest with $100 cash prize for first-place winner. Second- and third-place winners will also receive prizes. Contest will be judged at 10 p.m. Stars is located at 3 Otis St. (Route 3A) in Hingham. Call 781-749-3200 for more info.

Thurs. Oct. 28

Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce will host **Annual Auction** Oct. 28 at **Pinehills Golf Club**, 54 Clubhouse Drive, Plymouth. Evening begins at 4:30 p.m. with viewing of donated products and services from chamber members, followed by fall inspired dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets $35 per person, reservations required, open to the public. All dinner reservations guarantee added chance to win framed original photograph valued at $500 from Brite I. Deers of Plymouth. Call 508-830-1620 for reservations and list of auction items.

Harvest Moon Ball. The **South Shore Health and Educational Foundation** presents its second annual Harvest Moon Ball to benefit **South Shore Hospital's Breast Care Center** Saturday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at **Black Rock Country Club in Hingham.** The Breast Care Center offers the region's first comprehensive diagnostic and treatment program. This black-tie-optional event will include entertainment by **Java Jive**. Tickets are $125 per person and are available **until Friday, Oct. 29** by calling 781-340-8847.

"River Art: Plein Air Art of the Neponset River." Sale and exhibit of one-of-a-kind art or photography of local area landmarks and icons at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton, through Oct. 31. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.

Halloween Happenings and Hayrides. Boy Scout Troops 113 and 452 will host all new and frightening haunted hayrides at Hartsuff Park, Hingham St., Rockland, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28-30. All rides $8, some walking required. Times are Thursday, Oct. 28, 6:30-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30, 6:30-10 p.m. The scouts assure everyone that not-so-scary rides for little ones will be on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Avoid lines! Any group of 10 riding together can call for a reserved time slot and an 11th person can ride free. Call 781-878-3960.

Cohasset Consignment Shop Fur Sale. More than 100 of the finest furs and sable coats from New York City will be on sale for four days through Saturday, Oct. 30. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shop is located at 790 Route 3A in Cohasset. Call 781-383-0687.

"Creative Cultivations," hosted by the Duxbury Art Association, Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Bengtz and Butler Galleries, through Dec. 3. Exhibit features garden-inspired fine art and photography from some of the South Shore's leading art6ists. Gallery hours Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info call 781-934-2731, Ext. 4.

Bay State Blades is accepting applications for individuals 2.5 years and up for fall and winter skating lessons at **the Asiaf Skating Rink in Brockton**. New programs available for all ages and abilities beginning November/December. Programs are Tiny Blades, Tykes Hockey, Learn to Skate and Hockey Skating Skills. For more information call 781-871-7681 or visit www.baystateblades.com.

Lily's Apothecary at 6 Main Street Extension in Plymouth presents international beauty consultant Patricia Witthinrich, esthetician in botanical skin care at Annemarie Borlind in Germany, from 4-9 p.m. Wine, hors d'oeuvres, good music and great company will be featured. Sign-up for a personalized consultation and discover the benefits of this scientifically-advanced herbal skin care line, Borlind of Germany. A special guest appearance by Bumble & Bumble hair consultant, Mika Laudau will recommend the best hair products suited to your hair type and specific needs. A free gift accompanies a $50 Borlind purchase. To schedule your personal skin and hair consultation and further information, call 508-747-SKIN(7546); and visit them online at www.lilysapothecary.com.

Fonthonne Academy will hold two **Open Houses**: Thursday, Oct. 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 7, 1 to 3 p.m. Tours to begin from academy's lower campus located at 930 Brook Road in Milton. Fonthonne Academy will administer **High School Placement Test** Nov. 20 and Dec. 11. For more info. or to register for test call 617-696-3241.

Insight Education Center offers **"When Saying 'NO' Is Not Enough…Consequences That Work!"** Thursday, Oct. 28, at the Blue Hill Montessori School in Canton. Certificates of attendance for teachers and child care providers. $25 per individual, $40 per co-parenting couple, $20 groups of 4+. Pre-register at www.insighteducation.com or call 781-294-8004.

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The Scituate Art Association Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate Harbor, presents a new members show at their new gallery through Oct. 31. 781-545-6150.



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Irish Fiddler Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul will perform at Plymouth Memorial Hall in Plymouth Friday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets priced at $25-$30 now on sale online at www.ticketweb.com <http://www.ticketweb.com> and by calling 866-468-7619. Visit www.plymouthmemorialhall.com



Rich Little set to make a good impression

Next Tuesday's election will do more than just determine who will serve as our nation's President for the next four years, it will also affect the material Rich Little does when he plays Plymouth Memorial Hall Nov. 12.

"I only started to do John Kerry recently," Little explained by telephone last week from his Las Vegas home. "For a long time, I wondered if I would need to. I wasn't sure he had anything to say. Now, thanks to the debates, I can do him pretty well, although I'm still not sure he has too many recognizable mannerisms."

A Kerry presidency might prove problematic for the Canadian-born master impressionist even though he says politicians are easy to do, because of the extensive television coverage they receive. Little's act often includes his finely honed impersonations of Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, both George Bushes, and Bill Clinton. Even with all the comic fodder these presidents provide, Little still laments one that could have been. "Ross Perot is one I really could have had a ball with," explains Little.

Little may not get to do his impression of the diminutive Texas businessman next month, but he will present a cadre of classic impersonations from the some 200 voices in his repertoire.

"There aren't too many young people today who know Humphrey Bogart and Jimmy Stewart, but they do know Dr. Phil. He is now a part of my act. Thankfully, however, my audiences are usually old enough to still know and enjoy the people whom I admire like Frank Sinatra, Neil Diamond and Johnny Carson."

John Kerry may still be a work in progress for Little, 65, but his fellow Massachusetts senator is another story. "I do all the Kennedys, well not all the Kennedys, but Jack, Bobby and Ted," says Little. "Jack Kennedy was a very forceful speaker, Ted is much lower. Bobby, of course, often sounded kind of whiny. In front of a Massachusetts audience, I'll do at least some of the Kennedys for sure."

Rich Little will perform at Plymouth Memorial Hall, Court Street, Plymouth, Nov. 12. For tickets and information, call 866-468-7619 or visit www.ticketweb.com. Veterans will receive $5 off each ticket purchased at the PMH box office at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water Street, Plymouth. The South Shore Action Council, which supports 15 area food pantries, will receive $2 from every ticket purchased.

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Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, presents **F1 Boston**, Braintree, **Elmore James Jr.**, (blues slide guitar) returning to Boston for his third appearance on the South Shore. He will be backed by **Satch Romano** and **Jimmy DiSpirito** and **The Houserockers** aka The Boston Broomdusters Call 781-871-7175 for more info..

The **23rd annual Braintree Haunted House** will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29, 30, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Armstrong Building next to Bay Shore Athletic Club off Plain Street. Admission $5. Because of its scary content, event is not appropriate for young children. Pizza, drinks and other treats will be sold and free childcare available. Proceeds to benefit students of Highlands and Liberty Elementary Schools in Braintree. Call 781-356-4865 for more info.

Spooky Halloween Stories. Prepare to be spooked as the **Forbes House Witches** scare up some shivering tales outside beneath the ancient beech tree Friday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. A fun-filled 45-minute program of participatory ghoulish and suspenseful stories followed by light refreshments at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams St., Milton. Adult chaperones are complimentary and must accompany children throughout the program. Bring flashlight, blanket and wear warm clothing. Admission $3 per child for family-level and above members and $5 per child for non-members. Suitable for most children ages 4-10, older sibling are welcome. In case of inclement weather, stories will be told inside the museum. For group reservations and info call 617-696-1815.

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Comedy Night at J.C. Dee's Restaurant and Lounge, 312 Bridge St., Route 3A, N. Weymouth, 9 p.m., featuring Weymouth's **Bob Niles**. Admission $10. Call 781-337-1020 for info or reservations.

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Blues great Elmore James Jr. from Chicago returns to Boston for his third appearance on the South Shore, Friday, Oct. 29 at The Purple Eggplant Cafe', 400 Bedford St. in Abington. Admission is $8. He will also perform Saturday, Oct. 30, at All Souls Church Halloween Party in E. Braintree. $15 admission. Elmore will play a 4 p.m. matinee concert Sunday, Oct. 31, at The Sea Note Club in Hull. For more information call 781-258-5232

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **James Montgomery Band**, Oct. 29, blues. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Borders Kingston-Plymouth, 101 Independence Mall Way, Kingston, presents Storytime –**Monster Bash**. It will be a spooktacular Storytime when Beth reads "Monsters Party All Night Long," Oct. 29, at 10:30 a.m.

The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield -The Humarockers, no cover, 9 p.m.. Dinner optional beginning two hours before show time. 781-834-6505. Handicap accessible.

Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Fancy Brothers**, Oct. 29. 781-871-7175.

Sat. Oct. 30

Duxbury's **Barbara O'Connor** will be promoting her latest novel, "Taking Care of Moses," at **Westwinds Bookshop** located at the Duxbury Marketplace, Saturday, Oct. 30. She will be available for questions and book signing between 2 and 4 p.m. For more information call 781-934-2128.

The **Hockomock Association** will present its **32nd Fall Antiques Show and Sale** Oct. 30-31 **at West Bridgewater High School**, Route 106, West Bridgewater (one mile east of Route 24). Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Early Buyers Preview Saturday 10 to 11 a.m. Admission, $4; Early Buyers Preview, $10 per adult. Proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund. For information, call 508-378-7388.

Duxbury Art Association, Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Bengtz and Cutler Galleries. Eerie artists present "**The Gallery of Great Pumpkins**" featuring dozens of carved and painted pumpkins in a spooktacular setting, open 4:30 to 6 p.m. Oct. 30. Admission is free. Call 781-934-2731, Ext. 4.

Indoor Yard Sale Fund-raiser at **Mildred Alford Nursing Home**, 81 Birch St., Abington, Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Many community raffles, baked goods, balloon animals and face painting. For more information, 781-878-4660.

Whole Food Market Grand Opening Oct. 30-31. Located at 94 Derby St., Hingham, official opening ceremony at 10 a.m. Oct. 30, with traditional bread-breaking and charitable donation presentation to Mass. Audubon Society - South Shore Sanctuaries. Thanksgiving dinners will be raffled after bread-breaking, and every hour until 7 p.m. Oct. 30, and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 31. First 200 customers each day will receive free canvas totes. Other highlights include food samples, face painting, pumpkin painting and more each day.

Open Auditions for "A Christmas Memory," a holiday extravaganza directed by Jan Jones; "A Christmas Carol"; The Nutcracker"; and "A Salute to the Armed Forces" ("White Christmas"). Open auditions Oct. 30, 8 a.m. to noon at Stoughton Cinema Pub, Stoughton Square. Ages 3 to 103, singers, dancers, actors or those who want to be. Performance dates Dec. 17 and 18.

'Concerts in the Country'. Artistic Director, **Timothy Roberts and the Art of Music Chamber Players** presents "Concerts in the Country" at the **Ellison Center for the Arts**, 64 St. George St., Duxbury, Saturday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m. Selection of pieces by Saint-Saens, Hummel and Strauss will be performed. General admission, $20; seniors, $15; and students, $5. For tickets and information, call 781-837-2705.

Magical Moon Festival. The festival which will be held at artist Donna Green's farm at 575 Summer St. in Marshfield, is a fund-raiser for Magical Moon Foundation, which she created to help children battling cancer. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and will feature hayrides, pony rides, musical and theatrical entertainment throughout the day, homemade crafts for sale, great food, creepy costume parade, pumpkin carving contest, a not-so-scary haunted barn tour good for young children and more. Admission is $8 for adults, $5 children and seniors. (Hayrides, games and pony rides additional charges.) Free parking. For directions and info, call 800-840-0205 or 781-837-1618.

Antiques Appraisal Day. The **Dedham Historical Society** will host **Antiques & Heirlooms Appraisal Day** Saturday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost $5 for one item, $10 for three items (sorry, no books) and will be done on first come, first served basis. Michael Grogan of Grogan and Co. Fine Art Auctioneers and Appraisers will conduct the event with oral appraisals at the historical society, 612 High St., Dedham. Grogan has been on PBS's "Antiques Road Show" and Channel 7's, "What's It Worth?" For information, call 781-326-1385; or www.DedhamHistorical.org.

Harvest fair—Grecian style. The **Panagia Greek Orthodox Church**, 811 Jerusalem Road, will hold its annual Harvest Fair Saturday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Delicious Greek pastries, breads and pies, collectibles, handmade scarves, blankets, jewelry and other crafts will be available. In addition, fair organizers will accept orders for their famous decorated Christmas wreaths and tabletop boxwood trees.

Medical Diagnostic Healthcare of Norwell will host **"Out of the Darkness,"** an inspirational performance-art event to support the South Shore Breast Cancer Fund at MDH Saturday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Company Theatre in Norwell. Tickets are $25 each and can be purchased in advance by calling 781-878-4004. Reception to follow performance at MDH's Digital Mammography & Wellness Center, including silent auction and special photography exhibit.

First Herring Brook Watershed Association to sponsor guided tour of the **Glades**, a beautiful, privately owned coastal area in Minot, No. Scituate, Saturday, Oct. 30, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Tour will feature upland and coastal trails with spectacular views. Easy walk suitable for adults and children over 7. Bring binoculars, cameras and identification manuals. Meet at Minot Beach parking area. $3 suggested donation to support FHBWI programs. For more information visit www.fhbwi.org.

Stone Temple Coffeehouse "Concerts on the Crypts" at the United First Parish Church (Unitarian), 1305 Hancock St., Quincy, presents **folk concert** featuring singer/songwriter **Vance Gilbert**, with **Stephanie Corby**. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., concert begins at 8. Admission $15, refreshments available. For tickets call 617-796-5882, for directions, 617-773-1290.

Fuller Craft Museum 455 Oak Street in Brockton, rolls up the rugs for ceramic artist **Allison Newsome's** installation *On Island* Oct. 9, through Jan. 2, 2005. Rhode Island artist Allison Newsome will create wet clay drawings and sculptures specifically for Fuller Craft's Tarlow Gallery that address environmental ethics using the imagery of nature and culture. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, Free for members and children under 12.

JFK Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, will celebrate President Kennedy's birthday with a free poster giveaway of President Kennedy sailing "Victura," his beloved sailboat, over Memorial Day weekend as long supplies last. 1-866-JFK-1060 or visit www.jfklibrary.org

Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset, Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Saturday night from 8-11pm. Nonsmoking, casual dress. 781-383-0900.

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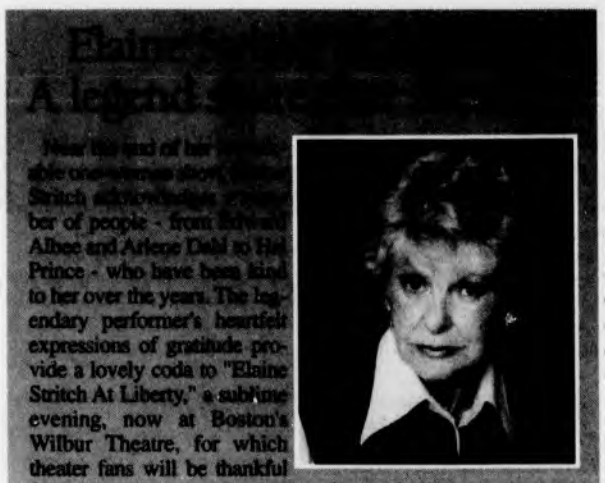
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Elaine Stritch At Liberty: A legend's tribute

Near the end of her remarkable one-woman show, Stritch acknowledges a number of people - from Edward Albee and Arlene Dahl to Hal Prince - who have been kind to her over the years. The legendary performer's heartfelt expressions of gratitude provide a lovely coda to "Elaine Stritch At Liberty," a sublime evening, now at Boston's Wilbur Theatre, for which theater fans will be thankful for years to come.

In an almost 60-year career, Stritch has appeared on Broadway in "Call Me Madam," "Pal Joey," "Bus Stop," "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" "Company," "Showboat" and "A Delicate Balance." In London's West End, she starred in Neil Simon's "The Gingerbread Lady" and Tennessee Williams' "Smallcraft Warnings." Stritch won a long overdue first Tony Award for "At Liberty" in 2002. The 2004 HBO documentary of the show also earned the actress her first Emmy Award, and a legion of new fans thanks to her frank, funny acceptance speech on national television in September.

Wearing just a white silk shirt and black tights, Stritch makes it clear from her first entrance that she plans to reveal herself. And she does, detailing an early romantic misfire with Marlon Brando and later relationships with Ben Gazzara and Rock Hudson. Along the way, Stritch shares first-hand anecdotes about everyone from Ethel Merman, Gloria Swanson and Marge Champion to Noel Coward and Richard Burton. She intermingles the stories of her life with the songs that have helped make her larger than life including the Stephen Sondheim classics "I'm Still Here" and "TheLadies Who Lunch."

Stritch's talent may have kept her working since the 1940s, but for much of that time her alcoholism also led to deep loneliness. The Michigan native parses no words in describing her drinking problem. Stritch mixes the details of the many different drinks of choice that preceded her every performance with each colorful tale of her career. After a diabetic condition almost killed her in the 1980s, Stritch put the bottle down. Her career continued, however, and, even now at 79, Stritch has what she has always had - the ability to command a stage and the power to thrill and enthrall audiences.

"Elaine Stritch At Liberty" will be at the Wilbur Theatre, 246 TremontStreet, Boston, through October 31. For tickets and information, call 617/931-2787 or visit www.broadwayacrossamerica.com.

- R. Scott Reedy

Mark Your Calendar

HARVEST MOON BALL – The Cohasset, Hingham, Norwell, and Scituate town committees of South Shore Health and Educational Foundation present the second annual **HARVEST MOON BALL** to benefit **SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL'S BREAST CARE CENTER** on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham. Musical entertainment for the black-tie-optional event will be provided by Java Jive. Tickets are $125 per person and are available until Friday, Oct. 29, by calling (781) 340-8847.

The **23rd HOLLYBERRY CRAFT FAIR** will be held Saturday, Nov. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 14th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Hwy. in Kingston. More than 100 tables of crafts, gift baskets etc.. Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Alumni. Fair Admission; adults $2; under 10 $1. Saturday evening from **5 p.m. to 8 p.m. the Hollyberry Café** will feature a lobster roll, chowder, chef salads, deli sandwiches, and a special kids menu and terrific desserts. Proceeds from the Hollyberry Fair benefit the Alumni Fund which helps to provide student scholarship assistance. For further information, call 781-585-7511, Ext 345

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619.

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Let's skate! Ice skating classes will be held at local rinks in Weymouth and Quincy. **Learn to Skate Classes** for children 4.5 and up, and adults, are available for figure skating or hockey. Weymouth Connell Memorial Rink classes Sundays at 5 p.m. for nine weeks starting Oct. 31. Quincy's Shea Rink, 651 Willard St. are held Sundays at 11 a.m. for nine weeks starting Oct. 31; and on Fridays at 4 p.m. for eight weeks starting Oct. 29. Information and registration are available by calling Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480; or www.baystateskatingschool.org.

'Natural Selections' in Hingham. Award-winning Marshfield photographer, **Cindy Vallino** will exhibit nine images from her series of photographic prints, "Natural Selections" at the **Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery**, Oct. 31 to Dec. 2 during library hours. Information on her art may be found at her Web site: www.cvallino.com, or www.vallinophoto.com; or at the library at 781-741-1405; or www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents **Places Revisited,** an exhibit of paintings in multiple mediums by **Stephen Boczanowski**., through Nov. 6. Exhibit and reception is free. Two steps to the door. 781-934-0640.

ShakerHigh/Shaker Low, at the **Art Complex Museum** 189 Alden St., Duxbury through Jan. 9, 2005. p.m. Pieces from its extensive Shaker Collection will be on display. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org.



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A Musical Trick or Treat concert will be held at Plymouth's Memorial Hall, 83 Court St. Sunday, Oct. 31, 3 p.m. with an appearance by Dracula, compliments of the "Phil," Plymouth's Philharmonic Orchestra. Excellent lineup of macabre music is promised: Anderson's March, "The Phantom Regimen," Museorgsky's "Night on Bald Mountain," Disney's "Fantasia" and Offenbach's "Orpheus in the Underworld," to name a few. Tickets are $15 adults, $8 children up to 12 and may be purchased by calling 508-746-8008; or at the "Phil's" Plymouth office at 16 Court St.; The Snow Goose in Plymouth; The Studio of Duxbury and Noble's Camera in Kingston. More information on the "Phil" is available online at www.plymouthphilharmonic.com.

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North River Arts Society presents **A few of My Favorite Things, an exhibit of original oil paintings by Don Dacier** through Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R., 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **James Elmore Jr., Oct. 31**, slide guitar/blues. Casual dress, cover charge varies. Matinee 1 p.m., an all ages show. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Mon. Nov. 1

Women's Business Expo '04 will be held Monday, Nov. 1 at **The Lantana** in Randolph. Networking and lunch with guest speakers include, Gay Vernon, WMJX Magic-FM; Joan Collins, executive and personal coach; Boston Globe Editors for getting yourself out there; and marketing techniques by The Ictus Initiative PR. Guests and potential exhibitors should contact Debbie Anders at 781-749-8883; or www.sswbn.org for detailed information and a downloadable registration form.

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Chess Club - Children ages 9-14 are invited to join the **Hull Lifesaving Museum's** free after school Chess Club on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m., through Dec. 20. Beginners are welcome. Parent volunteers are also welcome. Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, located at 273 Hanover St., Hanover, offers education, support and complementary modalities for people living with the challenges of cancer. For info call Ann or Gail at 781-829-4823 or visit our website at www.pathwaysccs.org.

Braintree Art Association member **Joan Percy** will display her paintings for the month of November at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

In Shape Studio, Hanover Mall - An all women's fitness club featuring the original 30 minute circuit program using Pace circuit equipment (programmed accommodating circuit exercise) which is both aerobic and anaerobic. Weight loss support and other groups forming now. 781-829-5555.

Tues. Nov. 2

'Evita' back in Boston. For two weeks only, the Tony Award-winning, **Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, "Evita"** will be playing at Boston's Colonial Theatre, Nov. 2 through 14. Tickets on sale now, $36.50 to $77.50. Performances Tuesday through Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Press night Thursday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m.) Tickets available through Ticketmaster, 617-931-2787; or directly at the Colonial Theatre's box office at 106 Boylston St.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, hosts story time every Tuesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Age range is 2 to 5 years old. Free. For information call 781-383-2665.

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John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

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Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

Aisling Gallery and Framing, 229 Lincoln St., Hingham will host a Film and Discussion Series on **Modern Irish Politics and Society** with featuring **Richard B. Finnegan**, at Stonehill College, Easton. Oct. 12, 19, and 26, and Nov. 2, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is $100.

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Wed. Nov. 3

Acting Classes for beginners and intermediate students will start on Nov. 3 at New North Church in Hingham, Wednesdays from 7 to 9:45 p.m. for groups. To register or for more information, call Acting Studio at 781-749-7895 or www.thespeechcompany.com/actingstudio. Newcomers are welcome.

Buttonwood's Authors' Luncheon will be held Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 11 a.m. at **Bridgeman's Restaurant**, 145 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Featured authors are Elizabeth Graver discussing and signing her book, "Awake" and Elizabeth Brundage on her book, "The Doctor's Wife." Advance-purchase, non-refundable tickets $25 and include gourmet entree, dessert, beverage, tax and tip. For information and reservations (or to reserved your signed copy if unable to attend), call Buttonwood Books and Toys at 781-383-2665.

Classical music in Braintree. Classically-trained Italian pianist, **Francesco Attesti** will perform works by Schubert, Chopin and Debussy on Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Logan Auditorium at **Thayer Public Library**, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Thayer Library is one of a few New England venues on Mr. Attesti's American tour. The concert is free and open to the public. For information, call 781-848-0405.

Fertility Options. On Wednesday, Nov. 3 from 7-8:30 p.m. at **South Shore Hospital**, Emerson 2 Conference Room, **Dr. Elena Yanushpolsky** from Brigham and Women's Center for Reproductive Medicine will lead a session on fertility options for couples looking to build healthy families. Topics include timing and the latest techniques. South Shore Hospital is located on Route 18 in South Weymouth. To register or for more information, call 877-BWF-5773; or online at www.brighamandwomens.org/classes.

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.



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Thurs. Nov. 4

Paul Pratt Memorial Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys announce **Bernard Corbett and Paul Simpson**, authors of "The Only Game That Matters: The Harvard/Yale Rivalry," will appear at the **Paul Pratt Memorial Library**, 35 Ripley St., Cohasset at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 for a **booksigning**. This event is free and open to the public. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order a signed copy if unable to attend.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, presents, every Thursday, New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano . Call 781-871-7175 for more info..

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Thursday 8:30 p.m. **Karaoke with Ron Towers.** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Fri. Nov. 5

"A View of Italy," an exhibition of paintings and photographs by Kimberlee and Richard Alemian, will open at the James Library in Norwell Nov. 5 and run through Nov. 30.

The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

Snowtime for Habitat Coming to Independence Mall. Snowtime, a fund-raising event to benefit **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth**, will be held at Independence Mall in Kingston weekend of Nov. 5-7. Event will feature various snow theme items but will also offer quilts, afghans and gift baskets. Silent auction will offer fabulous items including four tickets to New England Patriots game. Volunteers and donations of items having a snow theme are needed. For further info, call 508-697-7649, 508-866-4188, or e-mail at gftrick@aol.com.

Academy of The Company Theatre presents "Winnie the Poo." Talented young performers (ages 7-12) of The Academy of The Company will bring the characters from A.A. Milne's book to life. Performances are Friday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m. All tickets are $7 and are available at The Company Theatre box office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell and by calling 781-871-2787.

Brooks Williams to perform at the South Shore Folk Music Club Friday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. The non-profit music club is located at **The Beal House**, Route 106, Kingston. Tickets $13 members, $15 non-members. Tickets at the door; or advance tickets available by mailing your request and check at least 10 days early to South Shore Folk Music Club, P.O. Box 316 Marshfield Hills 02051. For more information, call 781-878-1683.

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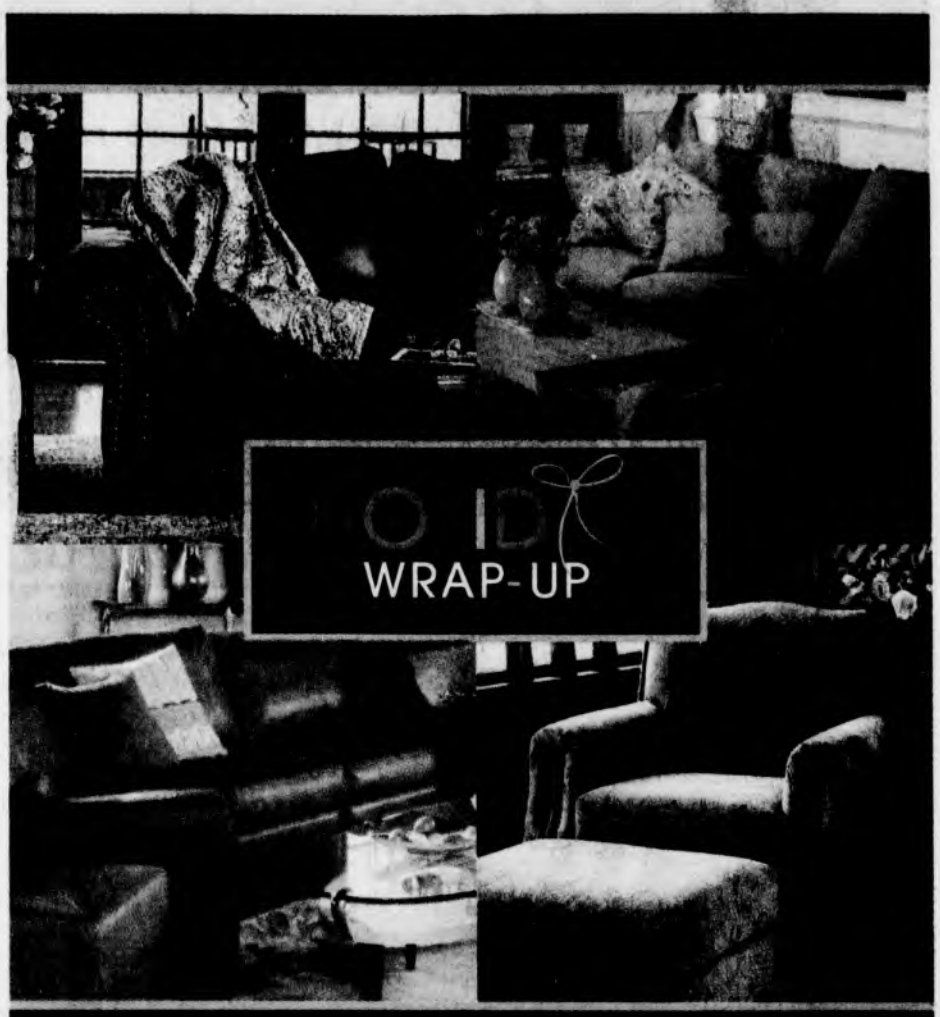
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Deer Hill students are going the distance

Program instills a love of running

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Deer Hill physical education teacher Michael Weydt stands on the field behind the school, surrounded by smiling children, running as fast as their legs will carry them. "Get those arms pumping!" he reminds the students, ranging in age from grade three to grade five, as they sprint in tandem during a relay exercise across the field, to be greeted with "high fives," all around when they reach their teammates on the other side.

"I'm trying to instill a love for running."
— Michael Weydt, PE teacher

For the past five years, Weydt has been holding an after-school cross-country running club for students at Deer Hill, which he says not only focuses on getting the children involved in an after-school activity which is providing exercise for their health, but also lets them socialize with their peers while feeling like they are part of a group. Since its inception, the number of students participating has continued to grow, and currently, there are more than 70 students who meet to run with Weydt for one hour every Tuesday afternoon.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Deer Hill students practice running at half speed during their cross country practice Tuesday.

"It's something you wouldn't think they would get so excited about," said Weydt about cross-country running, but it seems his own love of the sport has rubbed off on his students. Their enthusiasm is evident as they break into small groups and those who are told they will run drills on the hill behind the Osgood School, cheer and run toward it at top speed. "I'm trying to instill a love for running," he said, and if the faces of the

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Town likes Kerry

But Bush wins nation

By Mary Ford
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Three Cohasset young men are no doubt smiling this week as their candidate, President George W. Bush held off challenger Massachusetts US Sen. John Kerry to win four more years in the White House.

Stephen Bumstead, 10, a fifth-grader at Deer Hill braved the chilly temperatures Tuesday afternoon to stump for Bush along Highland Avenue.

"I like Bush because he is very strong," Stephen said. "I trust putting the fate of our country in his hands.

"Freedom always costs something – Bush is proud of our soldiers in Iraq and he doesn't flip flop."

CHS students, John Keniley, 17, and Domenic Strazzulla, 17, both had similar sentiments and took their support a step further.

"I support Bush's social agen-

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Lobbying effort is sought for repair of the West Corner bridge

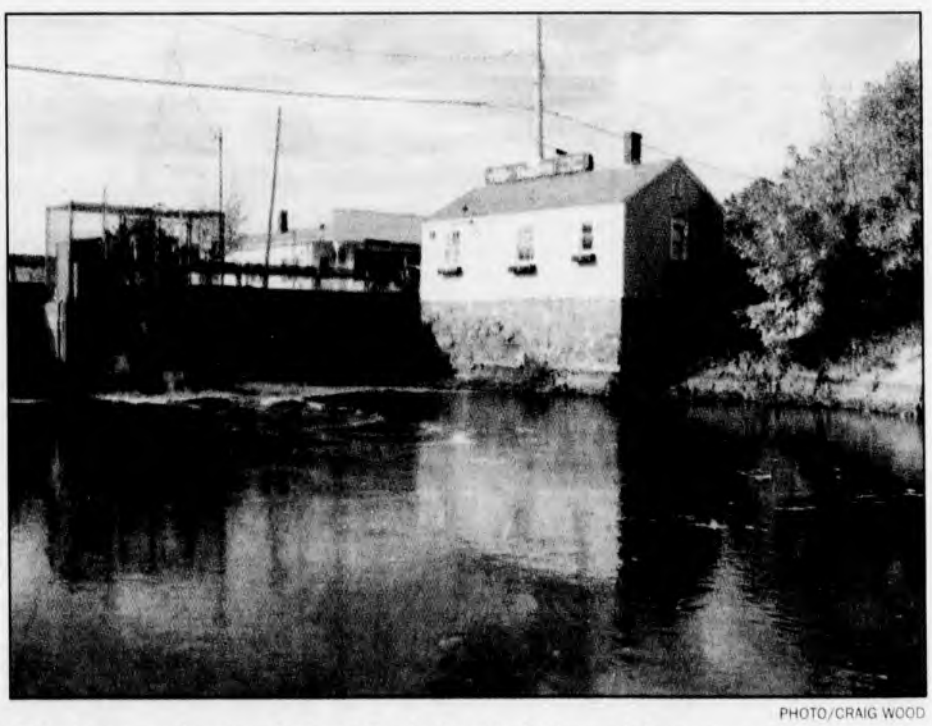
By Mary Ford
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Literally crumbling for some time, the West Corner bridge looks more like the victim of failed government bureaucracy than a symbol of cooperation and team spirit.

"If we don't maintain local unity our grassroots effort will dissolve.'
— Lawry Reid, Straits Pond Watershed Association

But if a grassroots citizens group, three towns and several environmental organizations and agencies have their way, the dilapidated culvert will serve as a beacon for what can be done when people commit to solving a problem.

The West Corner bridge houses two tidal gates that control the flow of water from the Weir River Estuary into and out of Straits Pond, a 92-acre body of water that is shared by Cohasset and Hull. The 96-year-old culvert — over which traverses one of the main routes to Hull (Rte. 228) — also holds water, sewer and gas lines. There is also a telephone conduit duct bank under the sidewalk. The Massachusetts Highway Department has rated the bridge very poor with a number of structural failures.



PHOTO/CRAIG WOOD

This photo was taken from the Straits Pond side of the bridge, and shows a view of the bridge, the two leaking tide gates and the leaking stonework in the bridge.

As Lawry Reid of the Straits Pond Watershed Association says, "if you were inconvenienced by the water main break in Hingham, imagine what would happen if the West Corner culvert failed!"

[A 20-foot break in the 20-inch water main on Kilby Street in Hingham Oct. 7 left 3,000 without water in parts of Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset].

West Corner, where East Hingham, South Hull and North Cohasset meet, was originally called West's Corner after Charles West who operated a general store there a century ago.

A meeting Monday at the Greek Church on Jerusalem Road in Cohasset provided an informational forum for area residents, town officials, and local and state environmentalists to hear an overview from consulting engineers, the Louis Berger Group Inc., about what to do regarding restoring the bridge

SEE BRIDGE, PAGE 4

Veterans honored every day of the year

Daley's sacrifice is remembered

By Samantha Brown
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As Veterans Day approaches, people throughout the country will once again formally show their appreciation for those who have given of themselves to ensure the freedom of this nation. In Cohasset, a ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial Park to mark the occasion, but looking closely around town, it is plain to see, Cohasset honors its heroes daily.

He was described by his friends as being a "genial lad, a good story teller, and jolly."

Through various memorial squares, dedicated to those Cohasset natives who have paid the ultimate price, local veterans can be remembered every day as residents drive past. One of those veterans, Herman Edward Daley, whose date of sacrifice anniversary was Oct. 14, is remembered by a memorial square, located at the corner of Jerusalem Road and North Main Street.



Herman Edward Daley

Daley was born June 29, 1895 to Mr. and Mrs. Bartholemew Daley of Pleasant Street. One of six children, Daley had three sisters and two brothers. He attended Cohasset schools, and after graduating from high school, worked as a painter for Harry Lincoln. He later worked with the Adams Express, and at the Naval Magazine in Hingham, currently known as the Ammunition Depot on Fort Hill Street.

On July 30, 1917, Daley enlisted in the 101st Engineers- 1st Corps Cadets- and qualified for the service from there. He trained in Boston at the Wentworth Institute of Technology until Sept. 24, 1917 and left for France the next day.

Daley was a member of Company A in the 101 Infantry during World War I. He was described by his

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This week in COHASSET

VOTING TRAFFIC



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Voting was steady all day at the Cohasset polls at Town Hall. Even in mid-afternoon, shown here, there were plenty of people casting ballots. The turnout Tuesday was about 85 percent, Town Clerk Marion Douglas says.

Rep. for train affairs

Cohasset is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Town Representative for MBTA Affairs for Cohasset during the MBTA's ongoing restoration of the Greenbush line.

Responsibilities include serving as the Town's liaison with the MBTA and it's general contractor by dealing with public questions and complaints; observing construction activities; reporting deviations from plans and specifications; monitoring construction progress against construction schedule; providing weekly updates to the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen. Candidate should have solid experience as a project manager/supervisor with strong construction and/or engineering experience, with a commitment to a public project.

Submit a letter of interest and resume, along with salary requirements and references by Nov. 24, to J. Michael Buckley, Town Manager, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Lou Harvey to be guest on 'Our Town'

The next edition of our town will air Thursday, Nov. 11, at 8:30 p.m. on Comcast channel 10. Guests will include former candidate for selectman, Lou Harvey, who will speak on the recall petition article scheduled to appear on the special town meeting warrant of Dec. 6. Other articles before town meeting will be discussed by guests not yet determined at press time.

CPC fund receives dollar-for-dollar match

On Oct. 15 Cohasset's Community Preservation Fund received $254,690 from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. This was the third consecutive year that the Commonwealth matched dollar-for-dollar all money raised by Cohasset through the Community Preservation Act.

The money received from the Commonwealth was deposited into Cohasset's Community Preservation Fund and combined with the revenues raised locally by assessing a 1.5 percent surcharge against real property values. The fund is spent on projects endorsed by the Community Preservation Committee and then approved by Town Meeting.

Recent projects include:

- purchasing several lots bordering Lily Pond (in order to protect the water supply);
- creating two senior housing units in the former Paul Pratt Memorial Library;
- constructing playing fields and play grounds, and the highly successful acquisition of the "Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary", which was purchased without any impact to the tax base.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends appropriating money from the Community Preservation Fund on projects supporting low and moderate income housing, historical preservation, and open space acquisition and preservation, CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey explains.

The money provided by the Department of Revenue is raised by a surcharge assessed at all Recorder of Deeds offices each time someone records a deed or mortgage on the land records.

"During the most recent budget session on Beacon Hill, legislators made seven attempts to spend this money on unrelated special interest projects," Ivimey said. "But thanks to a bipartisan effort that included leadership by state Sen. Robert Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley, the Commonwealth's fund was fully preserved."

Anyone interested in applying for Community Preservation funding is encouraged to contact Stuart Ivimey at (781) 383-2604.

Health board thanks town tobacco vendors

The Board of Health would like to thank and congratulate all vendors who sell tobacco on the recent compliance check performed on Oct. 25. No sales occurred in the town of Cohasset. The compliance check was performed by the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative. Checks were performed at Cohasset Food Mart, Village Wine and Spirits, Cohasset News, CVS Pharmacy, Stop & Shop, MaryLou's Coffee, Shaw's Supermarket, Cohasset Mobil, Walgreen's, Leo's Exxon, Curtis Liquors, Tedeschi Food Shops and Cohasset Plaza Liquors.

Committee openings

There are openings for residents on both the Metro Area Planning Council and Cohasset Common Historic District Commission. Residents must live on the common to become a member of the Historic District Commission. Interested residents for either opening are asked to contact the Selectmen's office at (781) 393-4105.

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Mon. 8	7:30	9.1	1:12	7:47	9.3	1:36
Tues. 9	8:15	9.7	1:59	8:36	9.6	2:26
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Special Town Meeting Warrant is taking shape

By Samantha Brown
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With the Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting just around the corner, Town Manager Michael Buckley said the town is experiencing a time crunch, as the unfinished Warrant must be in its final form to be sent to the printer by Nov. 11, and mailed off to voters Nov. 19.

In light of the deadline, two meetings have been set aside specifically for Town Meeting issues. Monday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. the Board of Selectmen will invite members of the Advisory Committee, the Capital Budget Committee, School Committee, Sewer Commission, the fire and police chiefs, the Council on Elder Affairs, the Community Preservation Committee, the Planning Board and the Water Department, to discuss the articles which pertain to each of them.

The following Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee will meet with the proponents of the two citizens' petitions — a recall petition and a Little Harbor sewer article — as well as the Senior Housing Committee and Council on Elder Affairs, to discuss their article which will ask voters to allow the Cook Estate to become eligible for a sewer connection.

In addition, Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. selectmen will meet with members of the Advisory Committee, Capital Budget Committee, and School Committee for a budget kickoff meeting, which will prepare everyone for the Annual Town Meeting.

Buckley has pared down the Warrant, or Town Meeting agenda, to 25 articles, or items of business, which may be pared down even more over the next couple of weeks. If after discussion it is found some items can wait until the Annual Town Meeting in the spring, they may be removed from the Warrant.

Currently, articles one and two deal with the budget. Article one requests $170,634 to cover $59,455 for Town Counsel, $93,000 for the school gas bill, and $18,179 for Tutela Engineering. Article two requests $210,000 to balance the FY 05 operating budget. Buckley said he will be preparing a document to further explain the budget items.

Article three will ask the town to allocate money for various town boards and town expenses, including legal fees, money for field improvements, and new DPW vehicles. As the budget process unfolds and the various departments meet with the board, it will be able to determine which departments have needs that should be addressed this year, and which can wait. However, most of the items in article three "leave very little room for discussion," Buckley said.

Article four also asks for appropriations, but are requests which do leave a little more wiggle room. Some of the items include Town Hall Computers, Elder Affairs Computers, police department vehicles and a school utility vehicle. The affected boards will discuss their requests before the board.

Article five deals with collective bargaining issues with the firefighters' union, and Buckley said figures are not yet in for that item.

Article six deals with the Community Preservation Committee, which will meet with the board Nov. 8 to explain any action it will take this year.

Article seven is the co-sponsored Council on Elder Affairs and Senior Housing Committee article, which will ask voters to allow the Cook Estate property into the Central Sewer District, in turn allowing the senior housing project to be considered for a sewer connection. The wording is not yet final, but the issue will be discussed on Nov. 16.

Two meetings have been set aside specifically for Town Meeting issues, Nov. 8 and Nov. 16.

Article eight also deals with the Cook property and would require petitioning the Legislature. Buckley said Town Counsel has advised the town ask the Legislature to include the property in the Central District to permanently include the property in the district. Town Counsel has not yet drafted the article.

Article nine deals with reconstructing the Border Street seawall, which will be a reimbursable cost for the town.

Article 10 will be a personnel bylaw dealing with longevity pay.

Article 11 will ask the town to approve allocating $30,000 for reconstruction improvements to the Beechwood Ball Park. Proponents for the article will be present at the Nov. 8 meeting.

Articles 12, 13, and 14 deal with the Water Department. Article 12 will ask voters to allow the Water Commission to acquire a parcel of land from the Woodside Cemetery to build a new pump station. Article 13 would allow the town to transfer money from the Water Surplus, but Buckley said the final figures for the article are not yet in. Article 14 would appropriate money for various water system improvement project.

Articles 15 and 16 are zoning articles, which will both be discussed with the Planning Board on Nov. 8.

Articles 17 and 18 have not yet been drafted, but will both deal with issues which came up during the Town Manager Act Review Committee meetings. They will deal with the Advisory Committee's role during the budget process as well as the possibility of drafting a set of budgetary checks and balances.

Article 19 has also not been drafted, but will ask the legislature to allow the town to increase the fine for illegal parking, possibly to $50.

Article 20 and 21 may be postponed, but both deal with the town's adopting the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan compiled by the Board of Health. Selectmen say they would like more time to review the proposal, and believe there should be at least two or three public hearings to enable the residents to fully grasp what the document says before voting.

Article 22 would compensate the Town Clerk for voluntarily taking a course to become state certified.

Article 23 would allow the town to continue sharing its spare ambulance with the towns of Scituate and Norwell.

Articles 24 and 25 are the citizens' petition articles, the first of which would ask the town to commit to the sewering of Little Harbor, and the second would allow the town to conduct recall elections. Both will be discussed in depth Nov. 16.

For more information, please call the Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105, or attend any of the scheduled meetings. Selectmen's meetings are televised.

Sewer Commission wants to withdraw its articles

By Samantha Brown
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The Sewer Commission has decided against bringing forward articles for both a bylaw change and a Home Rule Petition and those items of business are no longer slated to be discussed at the Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting. While procedurally the board was not sure whether it would need to withdraw the articles or whether they would need to be indefinitely postponed, it will do what is necessary to take them off the Warrant.

The intention of the bylaw change was to try to put an end to lawsuits from property owners who have been denied sewer access for property outside the sewer districts. The bylaw would have given sole control over the three outlined sewer districts in town — the central district, north Cohasset district, and Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue district — to the Sewer Commission. Currently other boards often weigh in on sewer issues.

To further help reduce lawsuits over sewer access, the article would have also ensured any expansions of sewer districts would have to be approved by voters at Town Meeting. New separate sewer districts could also be created, but only when presented by citizens and voted in by citizens at Town Meeting.

"I don't like it and I don't think we need it," said Commissioner Sean Cunning about the bylaw, adding he doesn't see why a Town Meeting would be required for every proposed district change when the Commission is currently able to do it on its own.

The intention of the bylaw change was to try to put an end to lawsuits from property owners who have been denied sewer access for property outside the sewer districts.

If voters really want to see change, they always have the right to bring a citizens petition to Town Meeting, and ultimately, the town will either vote for or against the funding to complete any sewer project. In his view, giving away the board's power does not serve a purpose.

However, Chairman Raymond Kasperowicz said he wasn't convinced the bylaw was a bad idea, adding "I don't mind giving up power if it benefits the town." But on the other hand, Kasperowicz said while Town Counsel had advised the bylaw change would greatly reduce lawsuits, whether the commission is in charge or not, anyone who is denied a connection always has the right to sue, it would just be directed at the town rather than specifically the Commission.

Commissioner John Beck added the bylaw change, "doesn't give you any protection against lawsuits which are already in."

The bylaw change was intended to buy the town some time until the second article — a home rule petition —made its way through the legislative process at the State House, which could take upwards of 18 months. The home rule petition would have been similar to those in Provincetown and Nantucket which have the force of law. It would have amended the Cohasset Sewer Act to allow for "checker-boarding" of sewer districts in areas where the sewer commission deemed it necessary. The Home Rule Petition would have first been approved by voters, then approved by the Legislature.

If the commission had chosen to bring forward the bylaw, it is possible another town board would have assumed a wastewater management role. Former Commissioner Gary Vanderweil said anyone seeking a connection outside the districts would probably have needed to seek out the Board of Selectmen, which, in his view, is another burden that board doesn't need.

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Lobbying effort is sought for repair of the West Corner bridge

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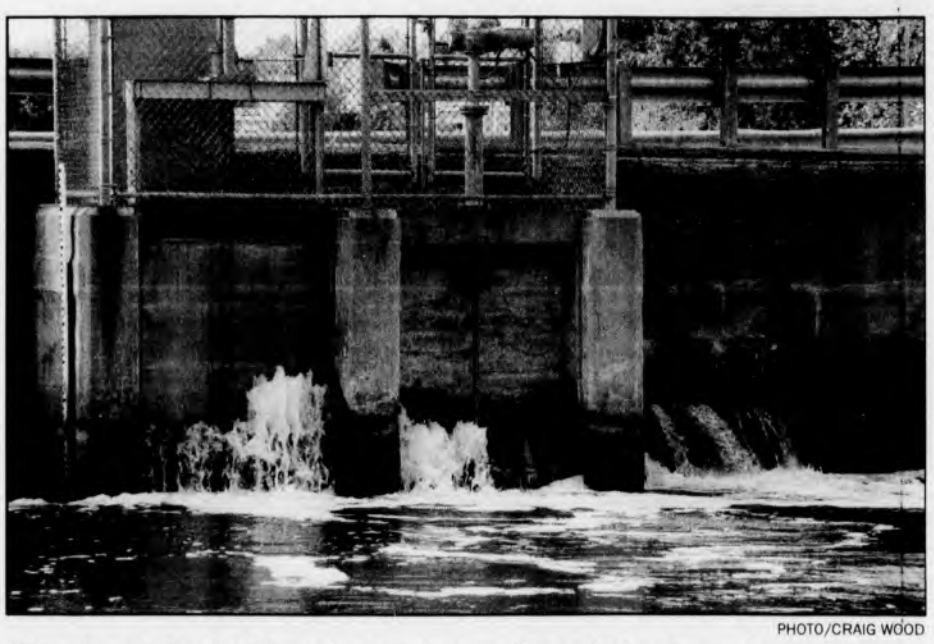
and tide gates. Suggestions from the crowd of roughly 35 people were encouraged.

While the bridge is a public safety issue, replacement of the culvert — including installing new, wider tide gates — would increase the tidal flow and salinity in Straits Pond and improve the quality of life for the residents who live along its shore. Better ecological balance in the pond, achievable through better flushing, could virtually eliminate its midge infestation and odor problems that can make living in the pristine setting less than ideal. The project could also restore fish habitats and help reduce phragmites, an invasive plant that chokes out other marsh plants.

Plans for more recreation on the pond, including better accessibility for kayakers are also on the table.

Efforts to replace the bridge have been ongoing for years but have a new sense of urgency.

As Reid explains, the state Transportation Bond Bill has earmarked $1 million for the West Corner bridge and culvert reconstruction but there is no guarantee of actually receiving the funding because of a borrowing cap. Therefore, the governor needs to be convinced the bridge is a priority.



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This a closer look at the culvert taken from the Straits Pond side of the bridge, showing the two leaking tide gates and the leaking stonework in the bridge, at right.

Hull has assumed the leadership role for the project during the design phase, but all three towns have contributed money for design and documenting existing conditions. Hingham and Cohasset have donated $25,000 each; Hull $56,000 and the Conservation Law Foundation, $35,500 for a total of $141,000. CLF is an environmental advocacy organization.

"If we don't maintain local unity our grassroots effort will dissolve," Reid said. "If we don't hang together, we'll hang separately. What gets support (at the state level) are large-scale projects."

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, described the combined efforts of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset as "unprecedented cooperation between three towns."

In what at times resembled a physics lesson, engineers and environmentalists provided a detailed explanation of salinity levels and pond elevations and how those can relate to the width of the tide gates. The new tide gates would be fully automated, but some in attendance weren't sure the human factor could be eliminated.

Bill McNamara of Richard Road in Hull, who has operated the tidal gates at the pond for 10 years, said at times the gates have to be opened or closed in anticipation of a weather event. There's also the question of frozen ice and potential power failures and therefore a manual override would be needed.

Dick Avery of Forest Avenue in Cohasset said there has to be someone to call to answer problems. A governmental body needs to be in charge of the gates, he said. He also wondered if salt water could be kept out of the pond in the winter to allow for better ice skating and cross country skiing.

Steve Krysler of Reef Point in Hull asked that care be taken to ensure the site is aesthetically pleasing.

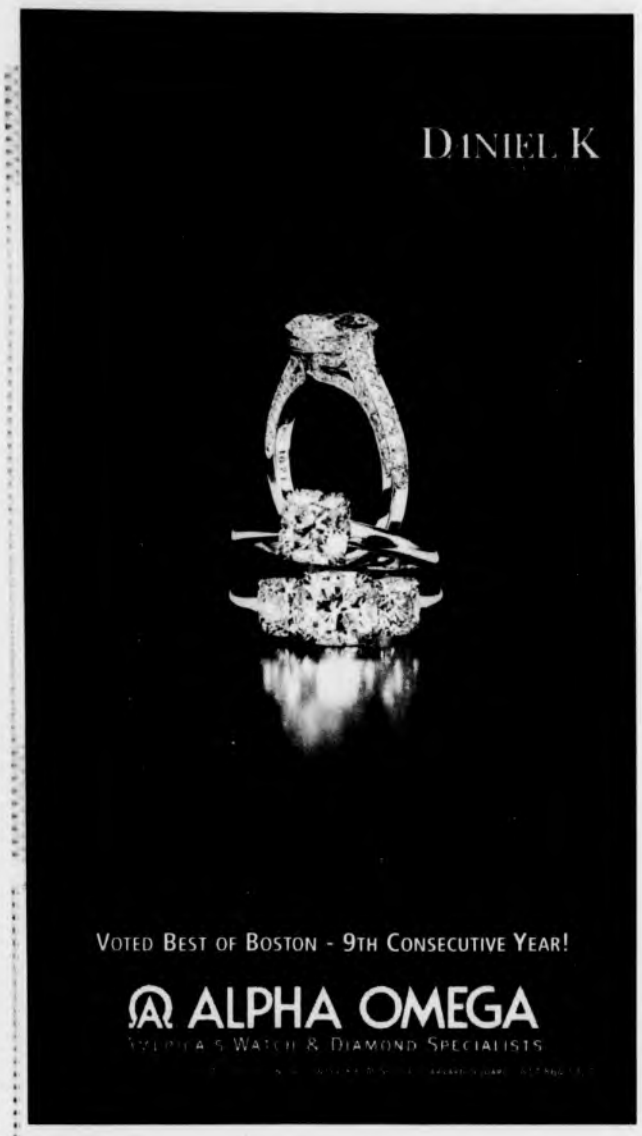
"It's a fantastic project," Krysler said. "I hope after all of this we get a landscape architect. It is still a pretty spot and we need to make sure it still looks nice."

The West Corner bridge is also an historic site where a grist mill once stood that would be evaluated under a regulation of the National Historic Preservation Act. There was some discussion about providing educational plaques on the bridge.

The project will be subject to state environmental review and oversight by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Straits Pond is also an Area of Critical Environmental Concern. ACECs are afforded additional attention and protection by state agencies.

If funding is obtained and all the environmental permitting goes smoothly, construction could start in July 2006, Reid said. The engineering group took the audience's concerns and suggestions under advisement. Plans are to conduct another forum in four to six weeks, he said.

In the meantime Reid is encouraging interested citizens to contact the governor at www.mass.gov (click Gov. Romney) or phone 617-725-4005 or fax 617-727-9725 to urge Romney to commit the $1 million in funding for the project.





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PRECINCTS	1	2	TOTAL
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT			
Badnarik and Campagna (Lib.)	12	12	24
Bush and Cheney (Rep)	1,083	1,081	2,164
Cobb and LaMarche (Green-Rainbow)	7	5	12
Kerry and Edwards(Dem.)	1,178	1,106	2,284
Write-ins/Scattering	10	10	20
Ralph Nader	5	5	10
Blanks	7	8	15
Total	**2,297**	**2,222**	**4,519**
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
William D. Delahunt (Dem.)	1,275	1,264	2,539
Michael J. Jones (Rep.)	919	853	1,772
Write-ins/Scattering	5	1	6
Blanks	98	104	202
Total	**2,297**	**2,222**	**4,519**
COUNCILLOR			
Christopher A. Iannella Jr. (Dem.)	891	881	1,772
Donald A. Hussey (Rep.)	980	897	1,877
Brian Connolly (Unenrolled)	115	174	289
Write-ins/Scattering	5	0	5
Blanks	306	270	576
Total	**2,297**	**2,222**	**4,519**
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT			
Robert L. Hedlund (Rep.)	1,690	1,673	3,363
Write-ins/Scattering	33	19	52
Blanks	574	530	1,104
Total	**2,297**	**2,222**	**4,519**
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT			
Garrett J. Bradley (Dem.)	1,616	1,640	3,256
Laura Burns (Write-in)	75	41	116
Write-ins	113	68	181
Blanks	568	514	1,082
Total	**2,297**	**2,222**	**4,519**
REGISTER OF DEEDS			
William P. O'Donnell (Dem.)	1,441	1,480	2,921
Write-ins/Scattering	12	12	24
Blanks	844	730	1,574
Total	**2,297**	**2,222**	**4,519**
SHERIFF			
Michael G. Bellotti (Dem.)	1,445	1,460	2,905
Write-ins/Scattering	14	16	30
Blanks	838	746	1,584
Total	**2,297**	**2,222**	**4.519**
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote for 2)			
John M. Gillis (Dem.)	1,158	1,133	2,291
Francis W. O'Brien (Dem.)	733	742	1,475
Write-ins/Scattering	10	18	28
Blanks	2,693	2,551	5,244
Total	**4,594**	**4,444**	**9,038**
QUESTION 1			
Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would make possession of less than one once of marijuana a civil violation, subject to any criminal penalties?			
Yes	1,480	1,387	2,867
No	648	643	1,291
Blanks	169	192	361
Total	**2,297**	**2,222**	**4,519**



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Lisa Hewitt Dick, Kevin McCarthy, Peter Pescatore, Grace Ryan and her father, Joe Ryan, Paul Park, Agnes McCann and Ronnie McMorris campaign for Democrats along Highland Avenue on Tuesday.

Town likes Kerry but Bush wins nation

FROM KERRY, PAGE 1

da, economic and taxation policies," Domenic said.

"Domenic knew I supported Bush's policies and asked if I'd stand up for him and here I am," John said.

The three boys — all not old enough to vote — were the youngest campaign workers along "election row" Tuesday, a legendary stretch of roadway bordering the Town Common where dozens of sign-holders camp out during every election.

There were plenty of Democrats and Republicans waving to voters as they drove or walked to the polls at Town Hall on Tuesday.

Unlike four years ago, Bush did not "take" Cohasset, and lost by roughly 200 votes to Kerry.

Democratic Town Committee Chairman Agnes McCann had no way of knowing the final results before the polls closed, but she predicted Kerry would win 54 percent of Cohasset votes cast for president and she was almost right on the money.

The Kerry-Edwards ticket had a total of 2,284 votes to Bush-Cheney's 2,164. It was almost exactly the reverse when Bush ran against Gore four years ago. In 2000, Bush won Cohasset by 200 votes.

McCann noted the turnout had been steady all day.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas said roughly 85 percent of Cohasset registered voters cast ballots Tuesday. She said the high turnout made the long hours at the polls fly by.

"We had more in the first hour than we had all day in the (Sept. 14) primary," she said. [The primary with no contests attracted only 4.6 percent of registered voters].

Laura Burns added a new dimension to the election. She launched a write-in campaign against popular incumbent state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham. Burns received 116 write-in votes in Cohasset.

Burns, who was also campaigning along Highland Avenue, said the response had been "fantastic." She explained that she had stood out for many candidates in the past and not had such a positive response.

Burns ran on a platform of civil rights and doesn't think the issue of same-sex marriage — which is now legal in Massachusetts — should be put before the voters in the form of a Constitutional amendment.

While Bradley supports same-sex marriage, he favors putting a constitutional amendment before the voters even though he would vote against it in the ballot box.

"Garrett is voting in our name [in the legislature]," Burns said, about why she felt so strongly about launching a write-in campaign. "We need to tell him what we want – I just couldn't sit on my hands."

Bradley, who was campaigning just a few feet away, said he hoped voters would judge him on the totality of his record.

"I believe in letting people be involved in the process," he said.

Speaking to supporters at an election night party at the Sons of Italy Hall, Bradley said he has "great respect for my opponent, who ran on an issue she feels passionately about."

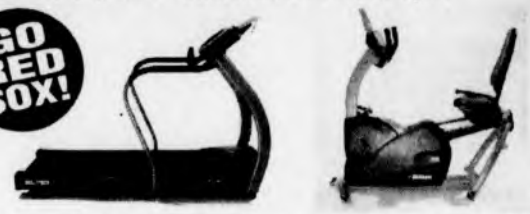
He went on to say, "I'm humbled you sent me back for a third term. I also recognize that some of my supporters differ with me on the civil marriage issue and stayed with me anyway. I hope to earn the support of those who did not vote for me over the next two years."

District-wide (Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, and part of Scituate), Bradley got 18,151 votes to Burns' 1,107 votes.

"Casting a write-in vote is very difficult. Winning 6 percent of the vote for a write-in campaign of four weeks and five days is a grand-slam home run," Burns said. "Every successful write-in vote represents many more people who found writing-in hard to do, or didn't get the word in time. There is an enormous groundswell of voters in this district who strongly oppose writing discrimination into the Massachusetts Constitution, and this is proof positive of that."

Burns said she respects Bradley for "taking this campaign seriously. I know he listens to his voters and that he will get this message loud and clear."

A non-binding policy question placed on the ballot by the Drug Policy Forum of Massachusetts calling for marijuana decriminalization was supported by Cohasset voters, 2,867 to 1,291. Should the legislature at some point approve this proposed decriminalization, the penalty for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana by an adult would carry a $100 civil fine for both first-time and subsequent offenses rather than a criminal penalty. There were no other ballot questions.

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AROUND TOWN



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TIME CHANGE

I hope that everyone had a safe Halloween this past weekend and have adjusted to the move in clocks! It always takes a few days to figure it all out but it is kind of nice to have daylight in the morning when everyone is getting up and ready for the day. Now we have to get ready for the holidays which just doesn't seem possible. Come back summer....

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Come do some holiday shopping at a Holiday Bazaar being held this Saturday, Nov. 6 from 10a.m.-2 p.m. at the South Shore Community Center, 3 N. Main St. All proceeds go to the gymnastics program at the center. There will be many vendors at the event including: EKDesigns, KTB Designs, handmade cigar purses, "My Little Friend Sweaters", Tupperware, Seabands, Storyland Personalized Books, Pampered Chef, scarves, activities for the children and so much more. For more information, contact Ruthann Ardizonni at781-383-0088.

MISTLETOE BOUTIQUE

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at the second annual Mistletoe Boutique. This spectacular event will take place on Sunday, Nov. 7,from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Our World Children's Museum. More than 30 unique designers will offer everything from gingerbread houses to ribbon belts. There will be handmade jewelry, handbags, clothing, accessories and decorative items galore! The museum is located right behind the library. Let the kids enjoy the new playground while you shop. A portion of boutique sales will benefit Our World.

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the Cohasset PSO Diversity Committee which is a 2004-2005 recipient of the Anti-Defamation League No Place for Hate Community Matching Grant. The Community will match the $1,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield grant with funds donated after a successful "friendraiser," the International UN Day Event, October 2003. The Matching Grant will fund a new speaker series, monthly discussions focused on international topics, free and open to the public. The first event is Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7:30 - 9 p.m., at First Parish, with an expert panel leading a discussion on domestic and international approaches to handling a major health issue, HIV/AIDS.

BOOK TALK

On Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 5:30-7 p.m., the Paul Pratt Memorial Library will have pizza and discuss the book, "Fair Weather" by Richard Peck. Come join **Barbara Mullin** for a lively book discussion. This is open to middle school students, grades 6-8. Call Mrs. Moody now and reserve your space 781-383-1348.

AT MOUNT HOLYOKE

Marta Singer of Cohasset has begun her first year at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley. Marta is the daughter of **Ellie Belknap** of Cohasset and is a graduate of Hingham High. An accomplished equestrienne, she has competed in show jumping competitions throughout North America and Europe. She plans to continue with her equestrian activities while at Mount Holyoke and hopes to become successful in the show jumping world both nationally and internationally. Great work, Marta.

BRYANT FRESHMEN

The following Cohasset students have entered the freshman class at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.: **Ryan Tufts, Dennis Dooley, Kristen Watts,** and **Michael Hajjar.**

Dennis plans to major in marketing; Kristen in management; and Michael in finance. Ryan is undeclared. Enjoy your first year and work hard!

MASTERS IN BUSINESS

Whitney M. Orwig of Cohasset received an M.B.A. in business and management with honors from Boston University this fall. Congratulations!

CALENDAR RAFFLE

It's that time again! The Fifth Annual Holiday Calendar Raffle is underway. On Sunday, Nov. 7, the Cohasset High School Varsity Hockey Players will begin selling raffle tickets to their families, friends and neighbors. Raffle tickets cost $5 each. Every day during the month of December, prizes donated by local merchants will be delivered to a lucky daily winner. Winning tickets are re-entered into the pool so every ticket has 32 chances to win. Prizes this year are valued at more than $3,000 and include items like a pair of $250 Maui Jim sunglasses and a special New Year's Day bonus of $150 in cash.

All monies raised are used to purchase team equipment, continue team development and fund the "Coach Dennis Walsh Hockey Scholarship" sponsored by the Hockey Boosters. Please join the fun and support the Varsity Hockey program by purchasing a ticket or two!



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COMMUNITY SERVICE

State Street employees, Fred Buffam, left, and Brian Hayes, both of Cohasset, sort food at the Greater Boston Food Bank. Brian and Fred were among 153 State Street volunteers who competed on four teams that sorted 38,115 pounds, or 25,255 meals, which will be distributed to 700 hunger-relief agencies in Eastern Massachusetts.



ON STAGE

Students at the Academy of the Company Theatre, from left, Michelle Chouinard of Hingham as Owl, Harry Braga of Cohasset as Pooh, and Ale Giannino of Scituate as Rabbit, are on stage in "Winnie the Pooh" at the Company Theatre Nov. 5 (7p.m.), Nov. 6 (7p.m.) and Nov. 7 (2p.m.). All tickets are $7. Tickets on sale at the Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

ON STAGE

On Nov. 6 & 7 Cohasset Middle School will present "Lockers" by Jeremy Kruse. This collection of scenes & monologues relates to the lives of students in middle and early high school. The Saturday night performance is at 7:30 in the CMHS Auditorium. There will also be a 2 o'clock matinee on Sunday afternoon. Tickets are $5 at the door. For more information call **Jenna Emmons** at 781-378-1969.

SUPER RECEPTION

The Cohasset School Committee cordially invites all Cohasset residents to a "Welcome Reception" for Dr. **Denise Walsh**, our new school superintendent, on Nov. 14, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Cohasset Lightkeepers residence. For more information, call **Adrienne MacCarthy** at 781-383-1028.

STRAITS POND BIRD WALK

The Straits Pond Watershed Association will sponsor a Bird Walk around Straits Pond, Sat. Nov. 13, 8 to 10 a.m. with **Sally Avery.** Participants should meet at the base of Summit and Atlantic Ave., near the Cohasset/Hull town line. Call 781-925-9066 for more information. Straits Pond is located in Hull and Cohasset and the West Corner area which includes part of Hingham.

That is all the news for this week. Make sure to send in all of your wonderful family news, stories and events that are taking place and get them to me no later than Tuesdays by noon.

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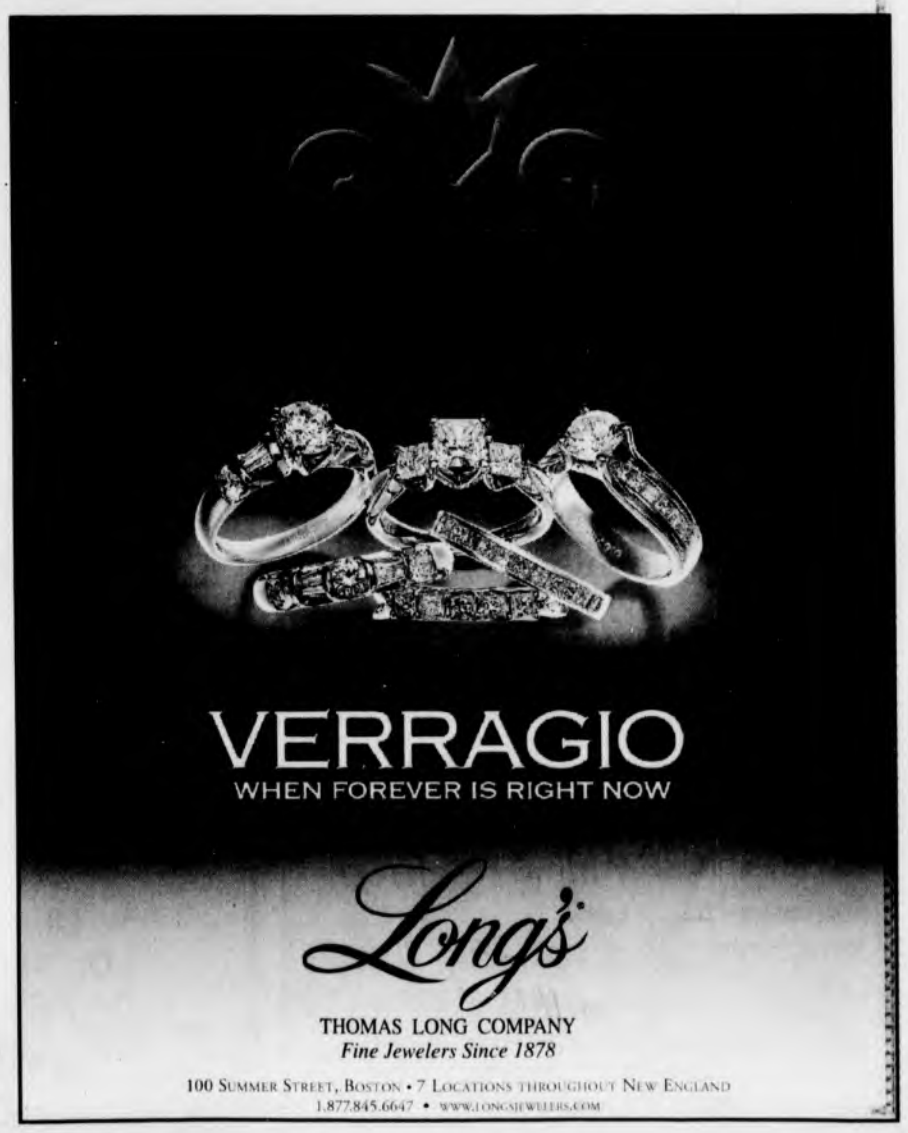
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Deer Hill students are going the distance

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students are any indication, his goal has been accomplished.

Weydt says he has been running for more than 20 years. Although it wasn't until college that he really began taking the sport seriously, he says since then it has become a part of him which he enjoys sharing with the students he teaches. While the program is intended to give the students a workout, he said it is also about giving the students an education on how to run, and provides a way to interact with Weydt and the staff which help him run the program, in a setting outside the classroom.

Because the number of students who participate is so large, Weydt said he is very fortunate to have his intern, Peter Arena, helping out. Arena is currently working toward earning his degree from Bridgewater State College and is completing his student teaching by working with Weydt assisting during physical education classes until December.

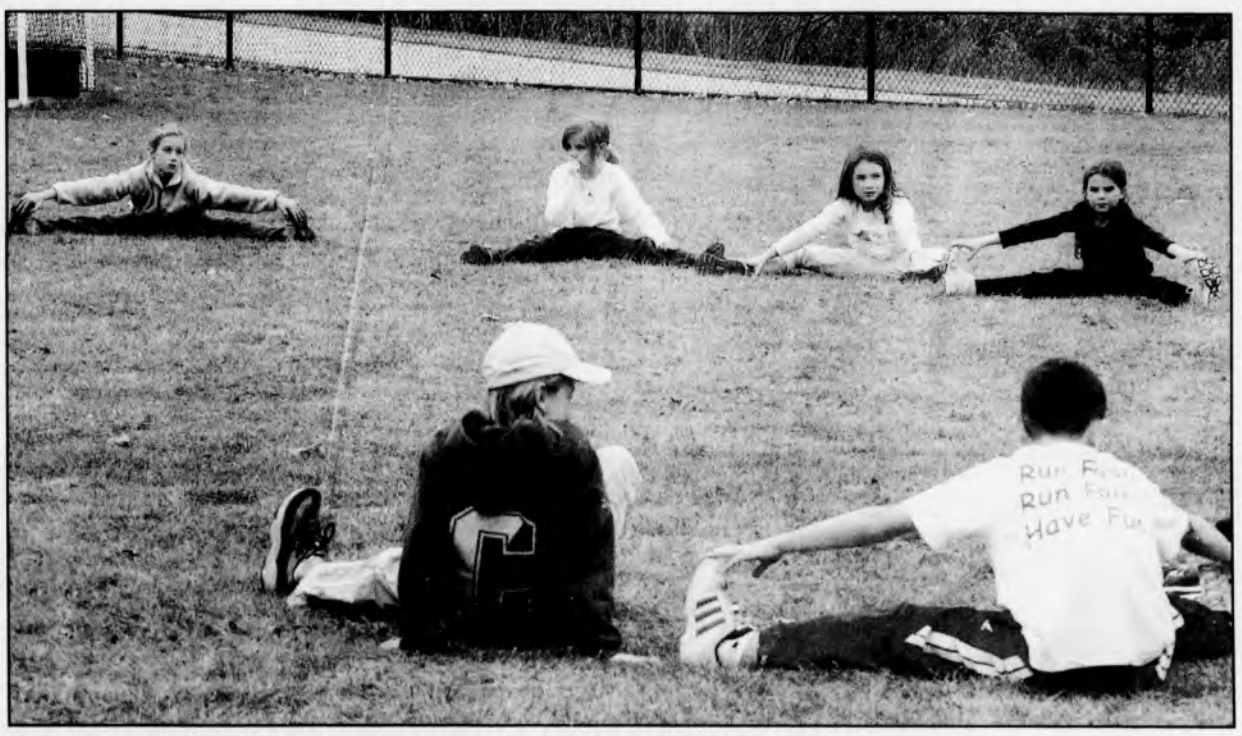
Along with Arena, Weydt says he has been fortunate to have the help of two Cohasset High School freshman, Eric MacCarthy and Nick Secatore, who he says have been very helpful during cross-country practice. "I love having kids come down from the high school," he said, adding he wishes he had more older students who would participate in activities with the younger students because it is a win-win situation for everyone involved. The older students can feel a boost in self-esteem as they take on responsibility and work to help the younger students accomplish their goals, while the younger students can have the benefit of spending time with a good role model.

In addition, Weydt said Cassandra Garner, the technology teacher at Deer Hill, has been very generous in donating her time to the program as well as many parents.



STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

Stretching and strengthening exercises are part of the Deer Hill School cross country program.



Participants in the Deer Hill cross country program stretch before heading out for a run.

The students who participate in the cross country program not only meet on Tuesdays for practice, but compete in meets with the surrounding towns of Hingham and Scituate. Weydt says the different schools take turns hosting the meets and every student who participates is rewarded for a job well done. Weydt says for coming to practice, his students are given a small colorful plastic foot which can be tied to the top of the shoe on the laces. For participating in meets, Weydt gives his students a small plastic runner which can also be tied to the shoe. "It gives them a little more incentive," he said.

But Weydt's students were given an added bonus this year, as they were all given a team T-shirt at the beginning of this years' season, which began Sept. 21. The shirts, printed by Ronnie Goodwin of Goodwin Graphics, are white with blue print and feature runners on the front and the school name, and the team slogan, "Run fast, run fair, have fun," on the back.

With fun as one of the main objectives, Weydt said "Winning and losing is not stressed." In fact, every student who participates in a meet is asked to record their times in a running journal, and the next time they compete, their goal is to try to improve on their own time, and not worry about how anyone else is doing.

"They're working for their personal best," said Arena, to which Weydt added, "and hopefully they'll see progress."

As the cross-country season comes to a close, with the final meet taking place on Nov. 18 in Hingham, Weydt reminded the students at this week's practice of what they should expect. He reminded them of all the hard work they've put in, and all the drills they have successfully completed, which he added are some of the best exercises a runner can do, "especially if you want to see your time drop." He congratulated the students for working so hard and while the course will be long, he said he knows everyone who chooses to compete in this final meet has been well prepared and has run farther than the course will be, which ensures everyone will be successful. "I know you can do it," he said.

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Cook Estate sent packing

Is again denied sewer connection

By Samantha Brown
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After submitting a second application for a sewer connection, Northland developers, who are working with the town to build on the Cook Estate, have once again been denied a connection.

Based primarily on the fact that the project is located outside the central district, and is therefore not eligible to tie-in to the municipal wastewater system, the Sewer Commission voted against granting the connection Monday.

The application, which was filed Oct. 26, states the discharge from the site would be treated effluent, which would mean almost drinking water quality wastewater would be discharged into the town's system. Sewage generated on-site would be treated through a membrane system, similar to the system the town's Elm Street plant currently uses. The first Northland application was filed and denied in April.

The new application states the development would discharge 14,250 gallons per day of wastewater with a biochemical oxygen demand, or BOD level of less than 5 milligrams per liter, which would be less than one pound total, and total suspended solids, or TSS of less than 5 milligrams per liter. BOD is the carbon factor in wastewater which has to be removed for it to be considered clean, and BOD has been a problem at the wastewater plant.

The application states the effluent would add to the volume of flow, but not require additional treatment from the plant, meaning the Cook Estate's wastewater impact would be minimal. In addition, the application states on-site storage would be provided on site to help with infiltration and inflow problems during storms. Infiltration and inflow, or I&I, is when water seeps into leaky pipes from the outside in, which ultimately affects capacity at the plant.

When Town Meeting voters approved the allocation of $4.5 million to purchase the Cook Estate last fall, they were assured the development would not need a sewer connection. However, testing done on site after that vote determined soils at the Cook Estate, located off Sohier Street, cannot handle the wastewater expected to be generated from the development. While engineers have looked at other areas around town to install a leaching field with a plan to pipe the wastewater off Cook site, developers say every possible alternative has been considered and nothing has proven feasible. A sewer connection would remove the cloud over the project, which is hamstrung without a wastewater solution.

Daniel Coughlin of Tutela Engineering, the Commission's engineering consultant, said in his view, the most recent Northland application is the first formal application to propose discharging treated wastewater effluent. "I don't know of another," application which has been submitted with the same idea, he said, adding, "This is something new." However, Commissioner Sean Cunning disagreed and said Cedarmere developers brought forth the exact same plan months before.

Cedarmere

The developers of Cedarmere, a 105-unit senior housing project, and the first project to file under the town's Senior Multifamily Residence Overlay District bylaw, submitted an application for a sewer connection which was denied on Oct. 29, 2003. After the Commission's denial, the developers filed suit against the town, claiming their development has the right to a sewer hookup because there is enough capacity to accommodate for the project, even though the Sewer Commission and its engineers say there is not. As part of a settlement with the town, developers offered to not only treat the effluent discharged from the Beechwood Street site to almost drinking water quality, but help fix I&I problems and upgrade the plant. "The settlement is part of the application to the sewer commission," said Cunning, and Chairman Raymond Kasperowicz agreed.

But regardless of whether the proposal has been suggested before or not, Commissioner John Beck said the board could not entertain the application. "At the risk of sounding consistent, this is not even a valid application because it's out of the district," he said, which has always been the board's position.

In addition to the project's being located outside the district, Cunning said the application may not be valid because Northland does not own the property it is looking to connect. If anyone is going to apply for a connection, he believes it would have to be the heirs to the Cook Estate which currently own the property. "I think we can count this out for a number of different reasons," he said.

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High marks for reunion

Three classes made it special

By Norman S. Jason
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

A wonderful time was held by all as 73 participants gathered together for a series of reunion events, held the weekend of Sept. 10-12 in Cohasset. Among the events were a cocktail party at the Legion Hall of Friday evening, a breakfast and tour of the high school on Saturday morning, a banquet held at the Cohasset Golf Club on Saturday evening and a Sunday morning brunch at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham.

On hand were members of all three classes (1954-1956) who traveled from California, Washington, Oregon, Texas, Florida, Virginia, Michigan, Maryland and from all of the New England states. Receiving the prize for the greatest distance traveled by air to the events was Hans Koehler, Class of 1954, now of Walnut Creek, Calif.; for the greatest distance traveled by car (actually by RV) was Martha Van Buskirk Bagwell, Class of 1954, from Lake Stevens, Wash. Receiving a prize for being the participant with the greatest number of grandchildren was Joan Keefe Begin, Class of 1955, grandmother of 19 and great grandmother of 9. Walter Howe, Class of 1955, was the recipient of the prize for having the most unusual hobby, cryptography or the study and analysis of secret writings and codes. Each prize winner received a Cohasset T-shirt with a picture of Minot's Light on the front.

A steering committee, organized the events, and over the past several months, attempted to reach all members of the three classes. The members of the committee were: Norman Jason (Chairman), Janette Bailey Somerville and Donald McNeil, 1954; Judy Tilden Sestito, 1955; Jane Wilmore King, George Pope, Tim Buckeridge and Betty Bailey Ripley, 1956.

NEWCOMERS NEWS

Walkie talkies

Walk and talk...what a nice combination! The Newcomer's Club organizes thrice weekly walking sessions for its members at local parks with dog and stroller friendly paths. All fitness levels are welcome. Pets and babies are more than welcome. The pace is not intimidating - comfortable enough to hold a conversation and enjoy the crisp weather. Get a head start on your New Year's resolution of health and fitness by meeting us for walking. Running groups are also being organized. Come on...what do you have to lose? Visit www.scnewcomers.com for club happenings. Call/email Jen Harris at 544-3910 or jkharris24@hotmail.com for membership information.

Join the group

The Scituate/Cohasset Newcomer's Club is still accepting members. Expect a year of fun with great parties, weekly playgroups, and ongoing activities. Need an incentive to read a great book? Join the Book Club. Enjoy preparing dishes and sharing them with others in a dinner-party atmosphere? The Bon Appetite Club is for you. Feel the need to get together with the girls for a night out? Monthly "Ladies Night Out" activities are terrific. Looking for an outlet to help you "give back" to the community during the upcoming holiday season? Newcomer's pride themselves on community service efforts throughout the year. This is just a sampling, they offer many more activities and events. Visit website at www.scnewcomers.com for a glimpse into the club. Call/email Jen Harris at 544-3910 or jkharris24@hotmail.com for membership information.

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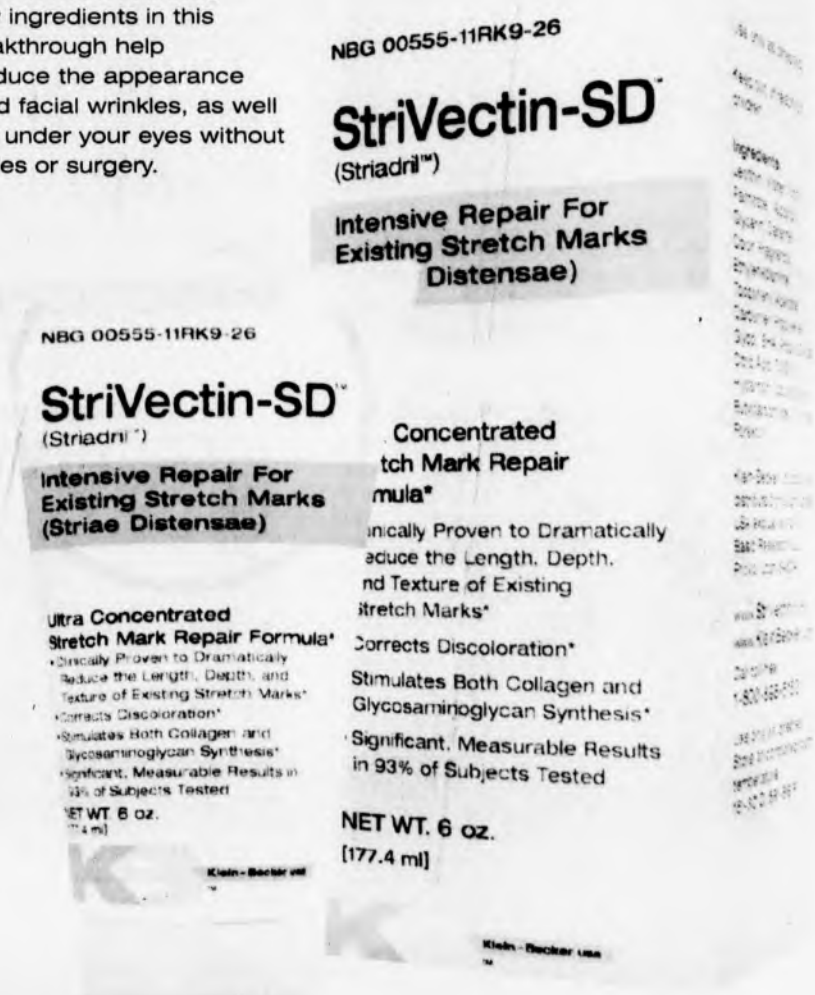


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OPINION

GUEST EDITORIAL

Where's the love?

Editor's note: While eating at Wendy's in Marshfield last week, we overheard two three-year-olds chanting "We hate Bush!" while their moms chatted nearby! Regardless of your political persuasion, it's time to stop the "hate" talk at home. Diane Synder wrote the following piece which provides a timeless message. – Mary Ford

"Come see what I found," invited Susan, grabbing my hand and pulling me towards a shelf in the corner of the restaurant's gift shop. The sign announcing "sale, half price" hung over a stack of folded teal green T-shirts. Susan lifted the top one off of the pile, opened it, and held it up. Across the front, in neat black letters, was printed "Where's the Love?".

I smiled, thinking back to the school year that had just ended. Susan and I are co-teachers who work with four-year-old preschoolers. We thrive on the challenge of meeting the needs of eager, active, and curious youngsters. We spend hours planning a curriculum rich with learning and creativity. We set up centers each morning that will stimulate intellectual and physical development, inviting children to make choices as they begin to orchestrate their day. One child might head to the science area, another to the sand table, several others to puzzles and table toys. The room begins to fill with sound and movement.

We plant the seeds of kindness in our classroom, nurture those seeds, and marvel at the growth.

At the top of our learning ladder, though, higher than the academic subjects, is the topic embodied in the question "Where is the love?" We answer it every day, in numerous ways. We answer it when one child sees another child in tears and walks over to give comfort. We answer it when a child spills a cup of apple juice and a friend offers to help clean it up. We answer it when one student spots another classmate playing alone and says "Do you want to play with me?"

When the inevitable conflict arises around taking turns with a toy, we find the love in two small human beings choosing words to work out the problem. The phrase "we can share it" is music to a preschool teacher's ears, the phrase "we're sharing the love" a rhapsody.

We plant the seeds of kindness in our classroom, nurture those seeds, and marvel at the growth. I remember one morning a round faced, curly haired girl running up to Susan and, between sobs, announcing "I have a wrinkle in my heart." Susan and I understood. We had told the class a story about how words can hurt. Using a construction paper heart, Susan had said, "I don't like you," and folded the heart. "Your dress is ugly." She folded the heart again. "I'm not your friend." Another fold. Susan followed this demonstration with words of kindness. "I like you. Let's play together." She unfolded the heart as she spoke. The wrinkles, however, remained in the paper heart. 20 eager faces watched, listened, absorbed the lesson. We work hard to keep the hearts in our class wrinkle free.

Susan and I left the gift shop that day with the purchase of two tee shirts. We knew what we would wear on the first day of school. Where is the love?, the logo on the shirts, would remain our theme. In each kind word and caring act that we observe in our class, we know that we are finding the answer.

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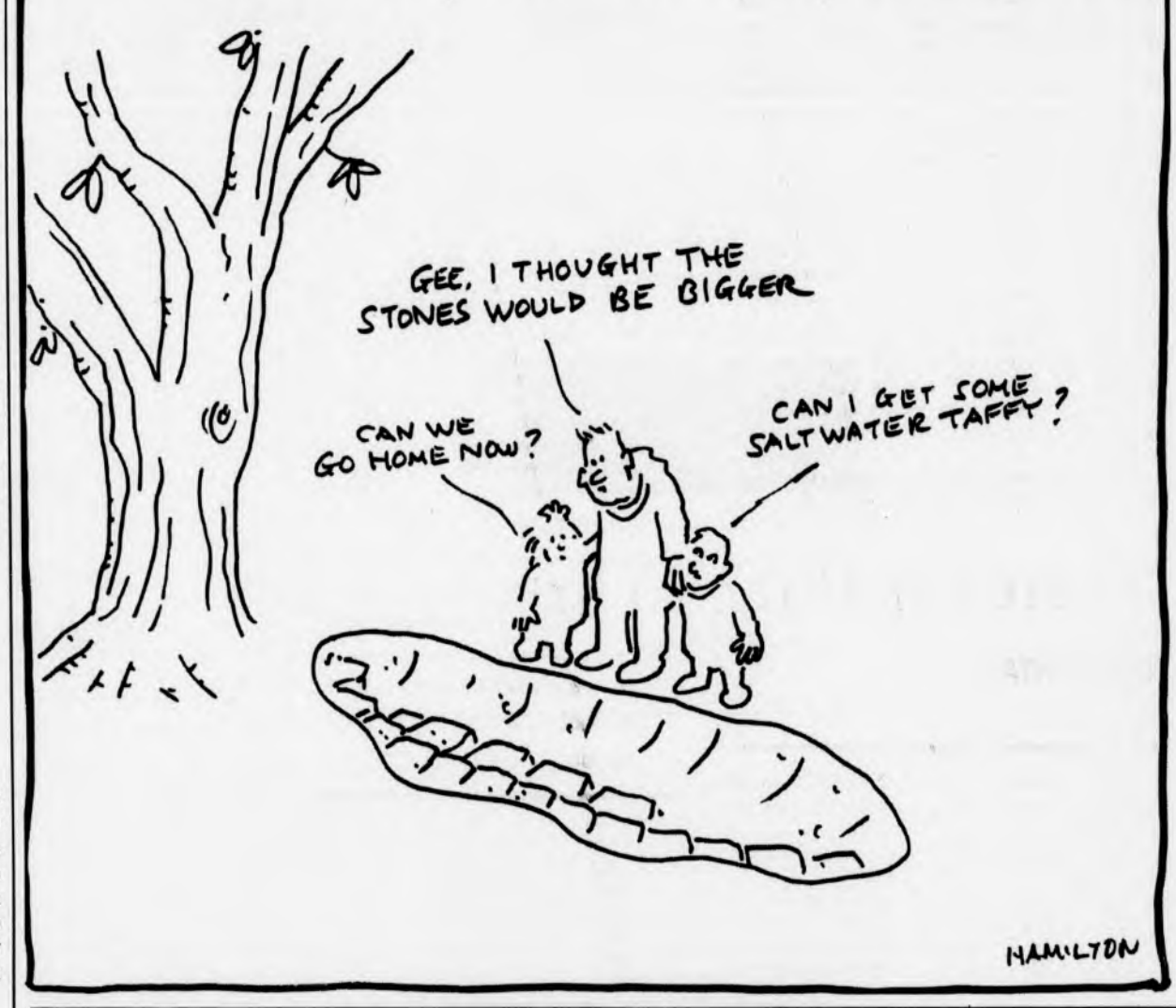
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Less jeering and more solutions

TO THE EDITOR:

Gabriel Gomez (Letter to the Editor, Oct. 28) is quite right; newcomers should be welcomed as candidates for elected and appointed offices and encouraged to participate actively in the many organizations that contribute so much to the town's quality. New ideas, positive change, willingness to examine long-established custom; all are good for us.

However, it doesn't seem to me that there is an "old guard" actively resisting new blood or new ideas. Rather, there is dismay (diluted by amusement) about the "solutions" offered that reveal innocence of the background and other relevant factors, especially when pontificated in a way that implies wisdom and insight superior to that of us local yokels. The articulate and aggressive claque that acts as if the town's officers and behavior need be trashed in order to save the town is not limited to newcomers, and I didn't mean to imply that it did.

On the other hand, much of the negative comment about the Cook estate has been by relative newcomers; the constructive effort to make it come to fruition has been by those with the broader viewpoint gained by longer experience in the town. The Town would be better served by less jeering about the project's bobbles and troubles, and by more mature interest in supporting solutions. (Not that the unhelpful behavior is limited to newcomers)!

The recall may do little harm if it does not become the ready-to-use tool of every over-reaction to miscalculation, lack of transparency or other conceived sin. I'm really criticizing something large than the recall issue: the decline in tolerance, understanding and civility in local affairs. We don't need to emulate some of our nearby towns, who haven't benefited from childishness.

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217 Jerusalem Road

HEALTH NOTES

Health issues aren't immune to politics

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Strangely, this year, some of the political issues in Cohasset deal with health. For example, the Cook Estate, sewer deliberations and, of all things, flu vaccine.

Why flu vaccine became so political is a quandary, but the Board of Health has been confronted with a number of difficult choices which not everyone appreciated when they were made. The first such decision was, at last week's flu clinic. When we announced that it would start at 10 a.m. and go to 12, people started lining up at 7 a.m.. Numbers were handed out; each number assigned a flu shot.

By 8 a.m., we observed a line of some 30 people in the cold rain and made a decision that maybe, rather than having these people treated for exposure, we should open the building early and get them dry. Well, you know the rest: By 10 a.m., the last number was handed out and a notice put up that there were no more flu shots.

By 11 we had given out all flu shots, and we had 30 complaints with one man determined to get up at Town Meeting and denounce the stupid Board of Health. That was a surprise; we usually only get that type of complaint after septic system failures. Well, we're going to try again. Next week, as indicated in our posting in today's Mariner, we will have more flu shots.

The rules have changed somewhat, but many more compliments were actually received than complaints on our performance, and so, we're going to use the same drill:

Flu clinic

Doors will open doors at 9 a.m., Tuesday Nov. 9 at St. Anthony's Parish Hall to those aged 75 and older and other high-risk adults. Numbers will be assigned each available dose, and when we run out we will post a notice so advising. Rather than requesting that you obtain a doctor's note for high risk status, please call Judy Fitzsimmons, the Town's Public Health Nurse at 781 383-2210, who will make a determination and place your name on a list. You need not call if you bring proof of your condition which has been previously accepted. Once again, don't forget to bring your Medicare B and/or your Senior Health Insurance cards., and remember to wear a short sleeve shirt. Also, remember, these shots are for Town residents only because they are being paid for by the Town.

About the Cook Estate

At last night's Sewer Commission the Cook estate was refused a hookup to the Central Sewer district because the Sewer Commission rules prohibited it. At the voting today, Martha Horsefeld, a member of the Elder Housing Committee, which favors the Cook Estate, was giving out flyers which made a very good and rational argument for the Cook Estate Development for elder housing. In today's Mariner, there is a letter to the editor which provides a reasonable option to the sewer hookup. I proposed this option at a Selectmen's meeting, but it received little response. However, those who know about wastewater disposal believe it is an ideal solution for the Cook property.

Sewer Commission decision

At Monday's Sewer Commission hearing, a vote to include in the December Town Meeting warrant a home rule petition for sewer districts to be assigned by a Town meeting vote was unanimously defeated. This decision has been under consideration for some time, and, although I know little about sewers, (a highly political issue) I favored the proposal because of a high regard for the breadth of knowledge and judgment of the Commissioners. In time, for whatever reason, the Commissioners became cool to the idea. But they still merit a high opinion. Accordingly they must have good reasons, and I support them.

Having said that, I commented at the Selectmen's meeting that, for environmental reasons, I was cool to the addition by anyone of more fresh water into Cohasset Harbor.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

SENIOR SCENE

The following fall programs are offered at Cohasset Elder Affair, 3 N. Main St. Call 781-383-9112.

- Fitness & Dance with Karen Kerkindall on Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 to 8:15 a.m.
- Chair Yoga with Stephanie Whiting on Thursday at 1 p.m.
- Body Proud with Holly on Wednesday at 10 a.m.
- Book Club with Addie McGrath on second Friday of each month.
- Bridge with Bill Wennerberg at Second Congregational Church each Monday at noon to 3:30 p.m.
- Bridge - Drop in every Wednesday at 1 p.m.
- Computer Tech Help with Austin Breslow on Tuesdays 2:30 p.m.
- Gourmet Cooking - with Anna Abbruzzese. Date to start will be announced in September.
- Knitting with Edna. This is great way to learn to knit and socialize. You can drop in on any Fridays at 1 p.m. Tea and goodies are available
- Life Writing Course - Any one interested in learning the methods of expressing themselves in writing, we are forming a new group with Renee Summers, who has a long history of poetry writings.

Recycle Cook Estate wastewater to its lavatories

COMMENTARY

RICHARD BROOKS

Relative to the Cook housing project, the private, "for profit" developer stated at last Tuesday's Selectmen's meeting that they are prepared to treat the wastewater, from the proposed 94 housing units, on the site, resulting in a treated water stream "almost as pure as drinking water" to be "disposed". They propose now to dispose of the water by seeking permission to put that stream, essentially void of BOD, into the Town Central Sewer System. [BOD or biochemical oxygen demand has to be removed for wastewater to be considered clean.] However, they are not eligible for a sewer connection and, in my professional opinion, that is not the best disposal route for many, obvious reasons.

The Chairman of the Board of Health(BOH), Steve Bobo, rose at the meeting and suggested that, given the high quality of the stream, that it be piped to a standard leaching field at Wheelwright Park, which he felt could handle the stream readily with no impact on the Park nor on the local community. That is an excellent recommendation which must be pursued by the developer, in spite of the lack of interest expressed by the developer at the meeting. This initial lack of interest raises questions! Anyway, the costs to use the Park would be attractively low, as the developer will find out when the details are reviewed.

If the developer continues to disregard this excellent suggestion by Steve Bobo then, as a Registered Professional Engineer and acknowledged Environmentalist, I propose that this clean water stream be further purified, which is easily done, and recycled back for re-use in the 94 housing units, thus saving a large portion of the costly water bill the senior tenants would otherwise have to pay and, further, eliminating the also costly sewer usage charges the senior tenants would incur. Allow me to elaborate!

Any surplus could easily be used for irrigation of the lawns and shrubs surrounding all these housing units...

First, to allay your initial concerns, this proposal is for further treating the water stream for recycle back to the housing units via a dedicated piping system for use solely in the perhaps 200-plus lavatories in the 94 units!

The relatively pure water stream from the on-site BOD Treatment facility could be readily collected and then totally purified (tertiary treatment), either by distillation or, as is more common, by activated carbon filtration, then held in an underground storage tank and recycled to the housing units solely for use in the lavatories of these units. Any surplus could easily be used for irrigation of the lawns and shrubs surrounding all these housing units or, in winter months, be allowed to evaporate during the final purification process or, given the small volume, be fed into a standard, on-site, subsurface leach field. No special "discharge permit" would be needed!

I believe the economics would be quite reasonable for the developer and the seniors occupying the housing units would save significant funds over the course of each year from reduced water bills and *no* sewer usage fees — which are quite high in Cohasset! I also feel the entire system would be a unique model for other developers to follow and would certainly result in Environmental and Conservation awards for all parties involved. The Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Protection would be quite pleased as well!

As a final note, tertiary treatment of waste water streams via regenerable activated carbon beds is pretty standard practice across the USA and a very well developed technology. An excellent example is the large, municipal waste water treatment plant in Fitchburg where the technology is employed prior to discharging the purified water into the Nashua River.

If the developer adopts either of the above disposal recommendations for the near-pure water coming from the BOD Treatment facility that has already been promised to be put on-site, then I project most all of the voters of Cohasset will support having the Cook project proceed, including seniors like me and the other 400-plus seniors that reside in the Little Harbor Sewer District. All parties can win if the developer steps up and does the right thing — as was promised to the voters at the last Town Meeting. GO FOR IT!

Richard E.T. Brooks, PhD, PE, lives at 68 Nichols Road.

There's nothing to fear from a Recall petition

COMMENTARY

NANCY GARRISON

There is no reason why voters or officials in the Town of Cohasset need be nervous at the thought of Recall.

Like marriage, the decision to recall is not made lightly or unadvisedly. A Recall petition, to be accepted, must be certified to contain at least 10 per cent of qualified registered voters — a considerable number. The board of registrars of voters must certify this percentage. Should a Recall ever be undertaken, it would mean that a significant number of citizens were deeply troubled. It is a serious business.

If Recall were ever to happen, it would be the strongest possible indication that a majority of voters wished to engage in well-considered reform.

Ballots used in a Recall election are eminently fair. They list the following options: a space for voting *for* the recall of an officer and a space for voting *against* the recall of that officer. Below these options is a section headed "Candidates", with directions to voters to choose one name from a list of replacement candidates, already nominated.

To recall, a majority vote is required. If a Town officer is recalled, he/she is removed upon certification of the election results by the town clerk. It is an orderly procedure.

Ballots for candidates are then counted. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes is elected to become the recalled officer's replacement. That candidate will serve the balance of the former officer's unexpired term.

It is not a vindictive sword of Damocles to hang over the heads of Town officers...

Of course, if there is a majority vote *against* Recall, the issue is closed.

It's as simple — yet as serious — as that. The Recall process is straightforward, like any other Town election. It *is not* a vindictive sword of Damocles to hang over the heads of Town officers. It *is* a strong incentive for our leaders to perform effectively, equitably and with transparency to best serve the electorate.

In a recent issue of the Mariner, Editor Mary Ford wrote that she believed "the best Recall is a regular election." I agree with Mary wholeheartedly. Yet she conceded that she was "not surprised" that an effort has been launched to place the Recall option before the Special Town Meeting.

Although a proposed Recall petition may seem a reaction to frustration, in fact it is the recognition of an unwelcome change — an attempt to obscure —that has become endemic among certain of our public servants. Many citizens of Cohasset now share a sense of unease at this "official" obfuscation.

Mary Ford asked, "Where do we go from here?", and I echo that question. Can those in power summon the courage to lead and at the same time be guileless? As our elected officials interact with the voters of Cohasset, *whom they were elected to serve*, can they put aside knee-jerk defensiveness and open the windows?

I'm waiting.

With Mary, I submit that those promoting the Recall petition should not be attacked for thinking as we do. Democracy lives in this town whose values we promote and preserve. Recall is an option, perhaps a very valuable option, as we move forward. No group or individual, who tries honestly to initiate positive reform, should be targeted as disloyal. You may not agree with me, but you must understand that I have the right to explore a means by which our town might become a better place.

Considering the benefits and possible deterrents of Recall for myself and for my neighbors. I have come to believe that this initiative can be a prudent and conservative fail-safe in Cohasset's legislative future — for there is nothing fearsome or undemocratic about Recall.

Many Massachusetts towns already have it on their books.

Seldom is Recall used, and we may never resort to it in Cohasset. But it is a tool and a safeguard, a check and a balance. And, if crisis occurs, as it already has too often in this town of ours, Recall offers a further recourse to voters that elections alone cannot fulfill.

Nancy Garrison lives at 429 King St.

When elections are never final

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Back in the days when the college kids were shaving points and basketball was known colloquially as "bagball," they used to say that the score was never final until the DA looked at the films.

Now you can say the same for Election Day.

The voters finished their part Tuesday, or, rather, most of them did, I think, now it's up to the lawyers to figure out who did that shouldn't have, who should have that didn't, who left all those chads dangling and who made all those other chads pregnant.

Doesn't it make you long for the old days when they counted paper ballots by hand, announced a winner, broke out the coffee and doughnuts (on the town) and went home? No kidding, young feller, it really was that easy. And accurate, too, as far as I know.

Are you sure the folks at the polling place counted your ballot? No? Let's sue and see if they did.

I blame it on the lawyers.

Did you know that right now, only hours after the last ballot was cast, a horde of no less than 16,000 barristers — 6,000 hired by the Republicans and 10,000 by the Democrats — are poking through the remains of Tuesday's action seeking clients?

Are you sure the folks at the polling place counted your ballot? No? Let's sue and see if they did. Did you cast votes for both candidates because you were confused? Let's sue and see whose fault it was. Did your uncle send you to the wrong polling place? Let's sue and see who made him do it.

Tell me, while 16,000 lawyers are sorting through the bones of Tuesday's election, who is manning the legal parapets for Scott Peterson and Kobe Bryant and other miscreants who need teams of them to explain to 12 peers and two alternates why they didn't do it.

Where defendants used to have one, maybe two, lawyers at a time now they have one to question witnesses, another to quiz the experts, another to pick jurors, another to deliver the summation and yet another to go out for coffee, for all I know.

I used to think lawyering was a pretty exclusive profession. Then my November copy of Boston magazine arrived in my mailbox. It contains a 26-page listing of what it calls "Massachusetts Super Lawyers," and that doesn't include the ones who have their radios tuned to the ambulance channel.

If that's not enough, think of what it's going to be like when the Iraqi, Afghan and who knows who else's terrorists start bringing suit for damage done to their fragile psyches when a U. S. Marine knocked that AK-47 out of his hands in Fallujah.

Even now, the state of Massachusetts is gearing up to take on its own law school since schools like Suffolk Law and New England Law are simply not turning out enough lawyers on the cheap to satisfy the demand, which always seems to be growing and growing.

There is a move afoot to buy out the private Southern New England School of Law in South Dartmouth and attach it to UMass-Dartmouth so that kids in southeastern Mass will have a fighting chance to get a law degree and begin charging $65 a hour for their services.

No, I don't agree with Bill Shakespeare's Falstaff when he advises us to "First, kill all the lawyers." Let them live. But let's rough them up a little.

LIBRARY CORNER

Veterans Day — The library will be closed on Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11.

Red Sox Fans — Author Bill Nowlin will talk about his book "Ted Williams: The Pursuit of Perfection," Monday Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Nowlin has written many books and approximately 100 articles about the Red Sox for the Boston Globe Sunday Magazine, Boston Magazine, the Red Sox magazine, Diehard and other publications. Refreshments will be served.

Independent Film Series —"Carol's Journey," winner of the Berlin Best Film, will be shown in the Meeting Room Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. Carol, a 12-year-old Spanish-American girl from New York, travels with her mother to Spain during the Civil War. Her innocence and rebellious nature drive her at first to reject her new foreign world, but she soon journeys into adulthood through a friendship with Maruja, the village teacher, and a young local boy, Tomiche. (Spanish/English subtitles).

On Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. the film "The Rage in Placid Lake," a whimsical, satirical comedy featuring Placid Lake, an odd fish in a sea of mediocrity whose brilliant ideas get him into more trouble than success, will be shown in the Meeting Room. Admission and refreshments are free.

"Celebrate With a Book" — Donate a book to the library to celebrate a special event or a special person. Every donated book is identified with a bookplate that will honor the individual or group for whom the book is donated. The donation is tax deductible. Call the library at 781-383-1348 for more details.

Artist Exhibit — Jeanne L. Replogle's recent paintings will be on display from Nov. 1 - Dec. 31. An opening reception will be held Nov. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. All are welcome.

The library is located at 35 Ripley Road.

For children

Vocalmotion — Monday, Nov. 8, 15, and 22 at 10:30 a.m. This is a creative music and movement series facilitated by Sharon Chase. It is a drop-in program for young children accompanied by a caregiver, requires no registration, and welcomes all communities. Held in the Meeting Room.

Caribbean for Kids — Saturday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. Come join the Caribbean for Kids song and dance duo for a lively music and dance party. All families are invited. No registration required, all communities welcome. This performance is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act administrated by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This event will take place in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Author — Saturday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m., Jacqueline Davies, will discuss her new book, "The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon." Davies will be available for book signing and a question and answer session. This event is for grades three and up. Buttonwood Books is sponsoring this event and will have books available for purchase. This event will take place in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Pizza and books — On Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 5:30-7 p.m. the first middle school (grades 6-8) book discussion group will meet at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The group will have pizza from 5:30-6 in the Community Room and then move to the Young Adult Room for the book discussion. Barbara Mullin, an experienced book discussion leader, will facilitate.

The first book will be "Fair Weather" by Richard Peck. You can place a hold on this book by going to www.cohassetlibrary.org or by calling Mrs. Moody at 781-383-1348. Call now and reserve your space.

Diversity Committee sponsors AIDS talk

International tensions and specific recent events have convinced the Cohasset Diversity Committee to provide forums to engage the entire Cohasset community around issues and opportunities of diversity. The programs have all been suggested by local residents in response to questionnaires and conversations about what would interest them. Local residents will serve as panelists and discussion leaders.

The programs will take place on the second Wednesday evening of the month, from 7:30 – 9 p.m. and the first program is next Wednesday.

• On Nov. 10, at Trueblood Hall in the First Parish House, 23 N. Main St., a panel will discuss how the United States and other countries are dealing with a common domestic and global policy problem: the control, treatment, prevention, and consequences of the AIDS pandemic. Health care, social, financial, governmental, and cultural issues may be addressed.

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The panel includes: Israel Ahimbisibwe, an Anglican priest from the Diocese of Ankole in the Province of the Anglican Church of Uganda, who is at St. Stephen Church for a internship and ministry year; Dr. Robin Lawrence of the Board of Health and who has been a consultant with the Center for Disease Control; and Dr. Jim Brandon, a physician with a health center in Quincy.

• On Wednesday, Dec. 8, the Diversity Committee will present a program about international arts and culture.

• The subject for Wednesday, Jan. 12 is a discussion about how different customs affect the way people relate to one another.

• On March 9, facilitators from the Diversity Committee will join with a group of local residents to explore, in a There will be no charge for participation. Light refreshments will be served.

For further information, contact a member of the Diversity Committee subcommittee on the Speakers Series: Kathryn Earle, (781) 383-0061 or kbearle@aol.com; or Chartis Tebbetts, (781) 383-1662 or c-etebbetts@comcast.net.

OUR WORLD UPDATE

The following events are taking place at the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum off Ripley Road (behind the library). Call 781-383-9198 for more information:

• This week at Our World join the group on Wed. Nov. 3, anytime from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and make an American Indian Totem Pole. Totem poles are used by American Indians to tell the story of their family's ancestral spirits and family history. Create one of your own and spend some time playing in Small World, the toddler play space. Admission is $3 per child, optional donation for adults.

• Registrations are still being accepted for the Manners Can Be Fun class with Angela Brown on Nov. 19, only a few spaces remain. The class will run from 4 to 6 p.m. and is the perfect way to get children ages 6-9 ready for the holidays. This introductory class will touch upon the importance of introductions, formal and informal; phone manners; table etiquette, including setting the table, properly passing food, table conversation and proper utensil use; poise and body posture; please and thank you; and more. Call today to register your child. 781-383-3198.

Red Sox series win puts politics on the backburner

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

AMY LAMBIASO

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The end of an 86-year-old curse overshadowed any political story last week. And the way it played out in state and national politics was most interesting. During the final week before an election that could turn Massachusetts politics upside down, front pages and newscasts that would ordinarily have been dominated by campaign stories focused on baseball 24-7.

Reporters crowded Boston Mayor Thomas Menino's office to hear details of a "rolling rally" expected to draw a record crowd to the city Saturday morning. Hours earlier, Gov. Mitt Romney found himself blowtorching a "Reverse Curve" sign above Storrow Drive that frustrated fans have repeatedly altered into a now no-longer-necessary "Reverse the Curse" sign.

Media trucks lined Beacon Street early last Friday morning in preparation for an appearance by World Series MVP Manny Ramirez and team leader Jason Varitek. The punk band Dropkick Murphy's, the team's unofficial band, performed on the usually sacred State House lawn and drew more attention than a homeland security conference featuring top public safety officials from across the nation. Lawmakers swooped in for a chance to appear with the Sox stars – and to secure autographs and pose for photos. The Sox were the biggest story, the second biggest story and the third biggest story.

There were no media trucks – and only one reporter – to hear the four hours of emotional pleas for more money on behalf of vulnerable citizens who are finding it more difficult to get by in the face of government spending cuts. It was just that kind of week, one in which stories that might get top billing were suppressed by history in the making, and one in which fans wearing Red Sox gear got more attention than political candidates.

It's impossible to say conclusively how the surge of the Sox affects the legislative campaigns. But if you were an incumbent hoping voters would ignore the pleas of a challenger, you might have welcomed the obsession with the Olde Town Team.

President Bush earned a surprise, high-profile endorsement from now-legendary Sox hurler Curt Schilling. Kerry also sought

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to cash in on the Boston nine, sporting a Red Sox hat, and urging voters to "Keep the Faith," and never give up – the all-important lesson of the week. Ashland Democrat Karen Spilka, in a tough fight for a Senate seat, couldn't resist an opportunity to latch onto a winner. She wore a Red Sox team jersey to a campaign event outside the State House Thursday. The Democrats flanking Spilka did give the media a story to close out the week. Making unusual campaign appearances for candidates other than themselves, the state's top elected Democrats – Attorney General Thomas Reilly, Treasurer Timothy Cahill, and Secretary of State William Galvin – made a final dig at the Republican Party's campaign tactics that they say have brought state politics to a "new low."

• *Reilly urges lawmakers to give illegal immigrants a break* — Attorney General Thomas Reilly urged lawmakers to approve legislation that would give children of illegal immigrants a chance to attend college at the same cost as legal Massachusetts residents. Republican legislative candidates have used the issue to claim Democratic lawmakers are voting to allow illegal immigrants in schools. Reilly and other Democrats accused the Republicans of employing scare tactics. "To pick on people who can't fight back - that's absolutely wrong and it doesn't belong in politics," he said. The disputed legislation was included in the Senate's budget this year and would have provided a tuition break to those immigrants who spent at least three years of high school here and are seeking citizenship. Timothy O'Brien, executive director of the state Republican Party, criticized Reilly for supporting an "illegal" policy.

• *Motor scooter bill delayed again* — Legislation regulating the use and speed of motor scooters was stalled again this week after House members and aides determined the bill still has language problems. The bill has languished for weeks in the House over confusion about a single word that would make the law apply to Segway scooters. Opponents of the bill say Segways should not be regulated like motorized scooters because they are safer and are often used by those with disabilities. The bill was brought up for consideration during an informal session Thursday, but Reps. Anne Paulsen (D-Belmont), Alice Wolf (D-Cambridge) and House aides determined language differences needed to be worked out.

• *State gets more flu vaccine, recipient pool restricted again* — State public health officials have more flu vaccine on hand than originally anticipated, but it's not good news for all Bay State residents. The department further restricted eligibility for the limited vaccine for the elderly, pushing the age requirement from 65 to 75. Massachusetts is getting more than one million doses from the manufacturer Aventis Pasteur, 44 percent more than what officials reported. Massachusetts, like other states, is also "actively pursuing" additional doses from Canada and other countries, according to the state public health commissioner. The country is facing a shortage of the vaccine after one of only two manufacturers was shut down earlier this fall over concerns about possible contamination. Aventis shipped 600,000 doses to private entities in Massachusetts, in addition to the 407,000 doses currently being shipped to the state Department of Public Health.

• *Budget season, again* — Budget season is underway again as the Romney administration kicked off a series of health and human service hearings across the state. Families, advocates and patients testified on the need for stronger government programs in the areas of substance abuse treatment, state-sponsored health care benefits, and the protection of children, veterans, and the elderly. The administration is developing its priorities for its fiscal 2006 spending plan, which it will release in January.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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MEMO TO BHRC SUBSCRIBERS: This week's report includes the roll call attendance records of your local senators. Some legislators may have poor attendance records because of a variety of reasons including health problems, family health problems or because they have been called to serve in the military. We do not ask each individual legislator why he or she may have missed roll call votes but it is something you may want to check out with legislators that have a particularly poor record. If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact us.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, BHRC reports local senators' roll call attendance records for the 2004 session through October 29.

The Senate has held 378 roll call votes. BHRC tabulates the number of roll calls on which each senator was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number commonly referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Several quorum roll calls, used to gather a majority of members onto the floor to conduct business, are also included in the 378 roll calls. On the quorum roll calls, members simply vote "present" in order to indicate their presence in the chamber. When a senator does not indicate his or her presence on a quorum roll call, we count that as a roll call absence just like any other roll call absence.

LOCAL SENATORS' ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the senator's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the senator was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls the senator missed.

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX (H 4219) The House gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a bill amending a current law which exempts personal property in a taxpayers' primary residence from a city or town's property tax. Under current law, all personal property, including furniture, electronic equipment, antiques, jewelry and works of art are not taxed as long as they are kept in the home but a tax is imposed on any personal property which is on loan to a charitable organization. The bill would exempt the property on loan to the charity. Supporters said this legislation was filed in response to several cases including one in which a generous person loaned a 19th century piano to a museum and was subsequently presented with a property tax bill based on the value of the piano because it was no longer in his home. They argued that charitable loans should be rewarded instead of penalized. Opponents said it is unfair to the vast majority of taxpayers for the state to offer this tax break to a narrow group of wealthy people that own works of art and antiques. They noted that the Legislature in 2002 repealed a voter-approved ballot question that would help millions of taxpayers by giving them a deduction for donating money to charitable organizations.

WWII DAY (H 1201)- The Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Romney a measure designating September 2 as World War II Commemoration Day to honor veterans who served in that war. The proposal provides for the ringing of church bells at 9:04 a.m. in recognition of the final surrender of Japan and the formal conclusion of the conflict.

ELDERLY ABUSE (H 1116)- The House gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate legislation requiring directors and outreach workers of local councils on aging to report suspected abuse of an elderly person to the state's Department of Elder Affairs. The measure adds these directors and workers to a long list of mandated reporters of elderly abuse including physicians, physician assistants, emergency medical technicians, psychologists,

dentists, nurses, social workers, police officers and firefighters.

RELIEF FUND FOR MILITARY FAMILIES- The Taxation Committee held a hearing on a late-filed bill placing a checkoff box on state income tax forms to allow taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to a relief fund for Massachusetts families of National Guard and Reserve members. Supporters said that many of these soldiers are serving extended periods of time in Iraq and noted that the fund is used to assist their families that are struggling without the soldiers' regular income. They pointed out that taxpayers already are allowed to make voluntary donations on their tax forms to the Organ Transplant Fund, Massachusetts AIDS Fund, Endangered Wildlife Conservation Fund and U.S. Olympic Fund. They noted that a similar checkoff system has already been adopted by three states and urged quick legislative approval of the measure in order to allow donations to be made on 2004 tax forms.

ABANDONED BABIES- A new law allowing parents to leave their baby under the age of seven days at a police or fire station or hospital emergency room went into effect last week. The law, signed by Gov. Romney on July 30, provides that the state place the baby into the foster care system and begin the process of terminating parental rights. Other provisions require the state to publicize the new law, teen pregnancy prevention programs and adoption information. Supporters say that more than 40 other states have similar laws and argue that the measure would save lives and give young, scared mothers a choice. They argue that without this new law, unsafe abandonment or even the killing of babies would continue. Opponents say that the new law sends the wrong message by legalizing child neglect and abandonment for the first few days of a baby's life. They noted the state already provides ample opportunity to give up babies for adoption.

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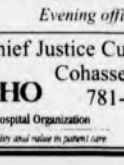
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Hot House Press can write the book on helping authors

Norwell woman's novel is new release

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Finding a publisher to take on a book project from a first-time author can sometimes be a harrowing process. Without an established writing history or the celebrity to help encourage the media to promote the book, it can be tough to get the backing necessary to bring an idea from sheets of paper onto the shelves.

However, with his Cohasset-based publishing company Hot House Press, Cohasset resident David Replogle has changed all that, by bringing the publishing dreams of new writers to life.

Replogle has a long history in the publishing business and during his years as Executive Vice President for Houghton Mifflin, as well as CEO of Merriam Webster, Phaidon and Praeger publishers, Replogle said he met many talented authors. After he retired in 1992, he began doing consulting work for British and French publishing companies which were looking to set up their own companies in the United States, but he was still receiving many calls from talented first-time authors looking for help getting published. When he decided it was time to end his consulting days, Replogle embarked on a business venture which would allow him to use his experience to help budding novelists get their start.

"I wanted to help newer authors get their books published," said Replogle, adding he understands from working in the business for so long just how hard it can be for new authors to even have their manuscripts read. "We get dozens of submissions every week from authors all over the US and Europe," he said.

There are certain criteria Replogle looks for in a manuscript which lets him know it will be a success. Along with good writing and a good story, he one of the main considerations of publishing a book is its marketability. With a smaller publishing house, Replogle said it's more difficult to gain the publicity larger houses would receive, but marketing efforts for every book published by Hot House Press are national.



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Under the direction of publisher David Replogle and Senior Editor Sally Weltman, Hot House Press helps new authors get their writing careers off the ground.

Most recently, Hot House Press published "Under Oath," by Norwell resident Margaret McLean. A courtroom drama set in Charlestown, Mass., McLean used her background as a Assistant District Attorney and criminal prosecutor, to craft a realistic story of murder, deception and suspense. "She had a real sense of how trials are run," said Replogle, which added to the authenticity of the story.

But getting to the point where the book was ready for publication was a process which began roughly one and a half years ago. When the manuscript arrived, Replogle knew it was a great story idea, but knew it needed more focus. With the help of Senior Editor Sally Weltman, the two began working with the story, sending it back to McLean for re-working, then completing structural editing and extensive copyediting.

"It's always an interesting challenge," bringing any book through the process, said Replogle. "Whether to entertain, educate, or inform, it takes a lot of work getting it into shape."

While a story might be first-rate, without an appealing design on the cover to draw potential readers in, even the most fantastic piece of writing could be bypassed. That is why every book which comes through Hot House Press has a professional designer working on help decide every possible design element from the most noticeable outside jacket to the cover of the book itself, all the way down to the print size and style and how to separate chapters.

As is usual during court proceedings, "Under Oath," begins with the statement, "Raise your right hand please." That simple statement was the artistic inspiration of the cover of the book — a black and white portrait of a woman's right hand, standing vertical, palm facing forward. "We wanted to get something that looked different, but was still appropriate," and by working with a photographer friend of Replogle's, based out of Florida, they got the photo they were looking for.

Before the book is actually ready for publication, proofs are printed and sent out three or four months before publication to anyone who requires an early read, such as those who might endorse the book, major newspapers and magazines, and other various media outlets. "There are lots of steps and it's a lot of work," said Replogle.

Once the book comes out, it's all about publicity which means book signings, readings, television and radio appearances, and interviews for articles. Where Hot House is a local publisher, many of the events held for books are local, with some in Boston, and some held right in town at Buttonwood Books and Toys.

Since Replogle began Hot House Press in 2000, the company has published 10 books and has six more scheduled to be printed next year. He said they publish every kind of book, from fiction, to non-fiction to educational. "We have a great time with our books," said Replogle, adding they've had a great time with every aspect of the business, including coming up with the name of the company.

Replogle explained for the past 100 years or more, general publishers have been known as "houses," for example, Random House, so he knew the name would need to incorporate the word house. "We thought, lets have some fun with it," and decided to name the company Hot House Press, with the slogan, "We grow good books," added for fun. "We can't take ourselves too seriously, but we do work hard," he said.

For more information on Hot House Press, please contact David Replogle at (781) 383-8360, or via e-mail at HotHousePress@aol.com. The Hot House Press Web site, which is currently undergoing construction, will be complete within the next few weeks and can be accessed at www.hothouse-press.com.

Upcoming events featuring Margaret McLean's 'Under Oath'

Nov. 6: Book signing at South Shore YMCA's "Enchanted Evening" event in Hanover to benefit their Strong Kids Campaign at their annual fundraiser beginning at 6 p.m.

Nov. 13: Book signing at Barnes and Noble in Hingham at noon.

Nov. 14: Book signing at Borders in Independence Mall, Kingston at 2 p.m.

Nov. 16: Book signing at Barnes and Noble at the Prudential Center in Boston at noon.

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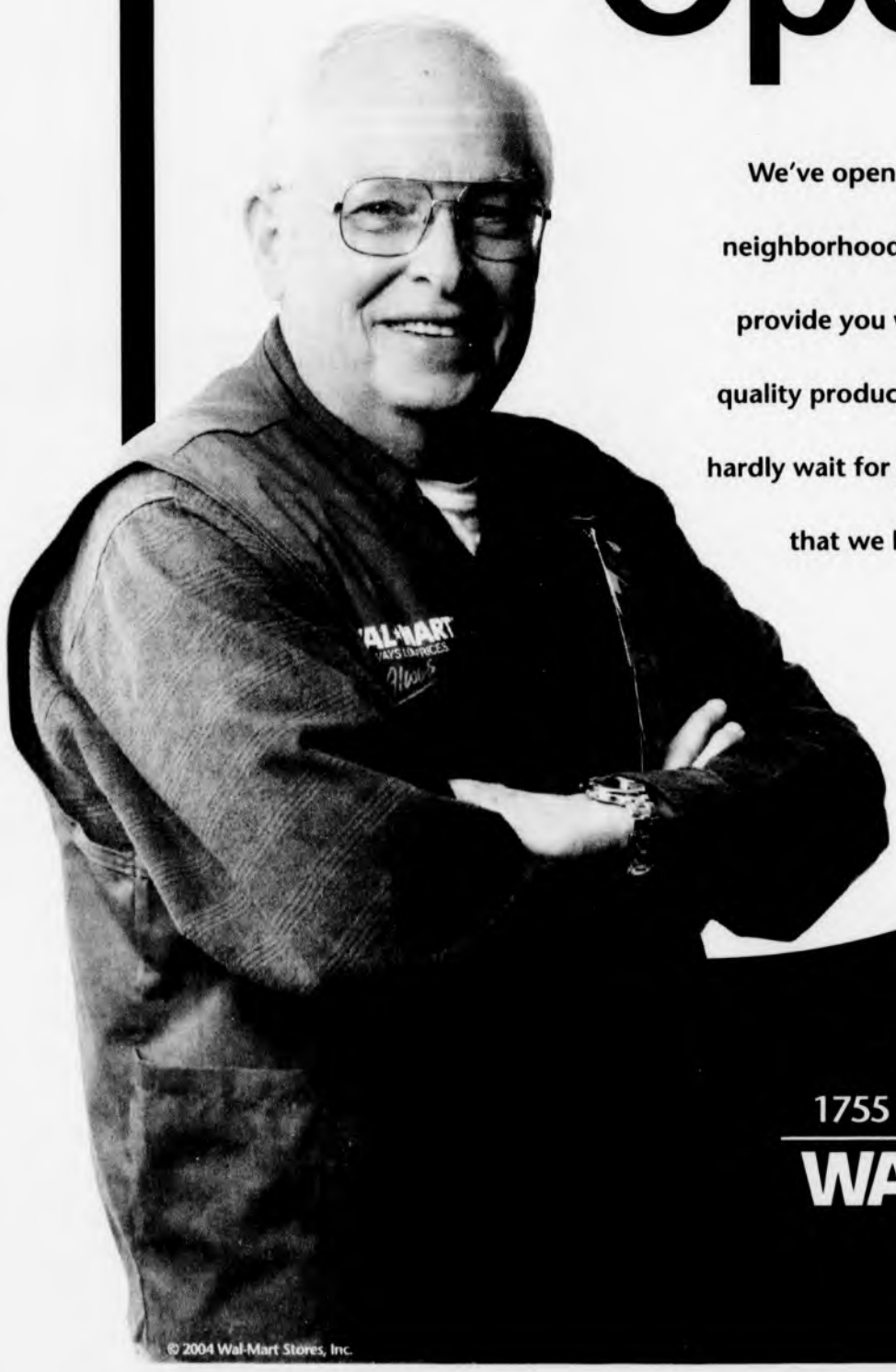
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Boston baseball's early superstar lived in Hingham

Kelly was a legend on and off the field

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The 2004 baseball season is in the history books. And unless you've been cryogenically frozen inside a bubble, you're aware that, finally, the curse has been reversed, the Boston Red Sox are the World Series champions for the first time since 1918.

All of this might turn the thoughts of Red Sox fans to the many back pages of the team's long history, now just over a century old. Long-time fans and old-timers in particular might even offer unabashed reflections (even memories?) in long hours of conversation with friends, family and sports-radio talk show hosts, praising the legends of the last world-conquering Red Sox teams from way back in the 1910s and decrying the infamous sale of Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees by the beginning of the next decade. The exodus of Babe Ruth supposedly began the dreaded 86-year curse. (In addition to 1918, hometown Sox won the era's version of the fall classic for three other years during the decade, in 1912, '15 and '16.)



COURTESY OF HOWARD ROSENBERG

A photograph of Mike "King" Kelly.

But would you like to time-travel even further back into Boston baseball history before the existence of the Red Sox that first saw the light of day as the Boston Pilgrims back in1901? Did you know the superstar of that time had a Hingham connection?

Yes, there was such an era, unbeknownst to probably most Red Sox fans today. This was the original baseball league era of 1876-1900, when there was only a National League (the American League officially began with the Pilgrims franchise as one of its original teams in1901), and when the Boston team was the Beaneaters (the predecessor to the later Boston Braves).

It was also when some of the game's more rugged, hardier souls on the playing field could play it on a gloves-optional basis, when it was not at all uncommon for players to shift around to any position from game to game, and when ballparks were more intimate, 5,000-to-7,000 seat venues, allowing for far more theatrical spoken interaction between players and fans during games.

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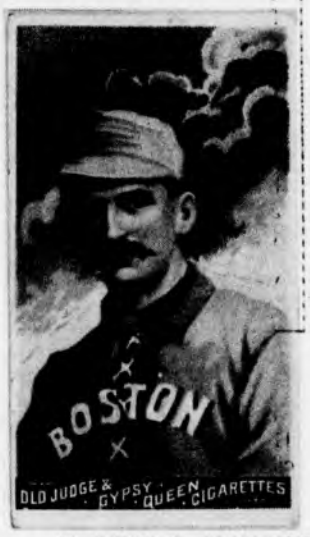
This was also the era of Mike "King" Kelly, who is often considered baseball's first superstar — superstar in the sense of being not only an outstanding performer on the field, but also a colorful personality and fan-favorite, sort of the David Ortiz, or Reggie Jackson, of his day - and who figured prominently in all of the 19th-century baseball quirks and characteristics mentioned above.

"Mike Kelly was really the first true personality in the game of baseball," said Howard Rosenberg, an Arlington, Va. wire service report and baseball historian. "He was credited with inventing the hit-and-run play, although that has been questioned, but also, rightfully, with inventing the hook slide. He was just that much of a creative and innovative player on the field.

"And his personality was such that he was able to build that sort of instant, likable rapport with the fans," he said. "That personality additionally made him a natural in his off-season career as a popular theatre actor and performer."

A member of the Boston Beaneaters in 1887-89 and 1891-92, "King" Kelly (1857-94)was also a Hingham resident for a time in the early 1890s, as the star player's local admirers took action to arrange for a formal presentation of the house at 507 Main St. for Kelly and his wife, Agnes, in August, 1890. The house, which still stands today, has undergone much expansion and renovation over more than a century, but was a simple Greek Revival Cottage (a style resembling classical Greek temples) with several acres of farmland when the Kellys resided there.

Rosenberg is currently in the midst of a long-term project authoring a series of books honoring the legend and memory of 19th century baseball. The books are titled under the lead heading "Cap Anson," after the famous Chicago White Stockings player/manager who managed Kelly when he played for the multi-championship winning Chicago team from 1878 to '86.



COURTESY OF HOWARD ROSEBERG

A baseball trading card featuring Mike "King" Kelly.

The author's second book in his series, "Cap Anson 2: The Theatrical and Kingly Mike Kelly: U.S. Team Sport's First Media Sensation and Baseball's Original Casey at the Bat," focuses specifically on the life and career of "King" Kelly, combining Rosenberg's original text with pieced together reprints from the vast newspaper records of Boston and national sports and news media of the 19th century. The book is newly released by Rosenberg's own independent publisher, Tile Books.

Kelly's off-season career in the theatre included his many famous performance readings of Ernest Lawrence Thayer's 1888 poem "Casey at the Bat," which the author based partly on a Kelly incident.

Equally legendary are Kelly's hard-living, hard-drinking exploits off the field. The lifestyle eventually took its toll, however, and Kelly died of pneumonia at age 36 while en route by train to a theatre performance in Boston on Nov. 8, 1894.

"The whole notion that there is a rich history of Boston baseball up to1900 seems hard for people to realize today," Rosenberg said. "Baseball always seems to be very focused on the present, and in this era a lot of the pre-20th century history tends to be relegated to the history books.

"But with Boston being one of the great cities of history, I think that Boston fans in particular would be drawn to any focused, well-researched study of the city's baseball history before the Red Sox."

Rosenberg's book is available online at capanson.com and amazon.com

IT'S HAPPENING

Genealogy lecture

The third program in the Cohasset Historical Society's fall lecture series will take place Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pratt Building, 106 South Main. Professional genealogist Alicia Crane Williams will present "Where Do I Come From?" a program about discovering your roots and understanding how genealogy can be a fun and meaningful journey. Genealogy, the study of history through our families, is one of today's most popular hobbies. It is a great treasure hunt that requires us to find the clues as well as the answers. In the process, we learn much about the people who made us what we are. Williams is the genealogist of the Alden Kindred of America and works at the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in Plymouth.

The program is open to both members and non-members of the Historical Society. There is no charge for the program and light refreshment will be served.

Violinist featured

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church present violinist Sargis Karapetyan and organist G. Fredrick Guzasky in a recital on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 3 p.m.

Karapetyan is a native of Armenia and had been a professor at the Komitas State Conservatory in Yerevan, is a lecturer at Clark University in Worcester, teaches for Marshfield High School and Our Lady of the Assumption School in Lynnfield. He also performs with a number of New England's symphony orchestras.

On the program, Sargis will play works by Vitali, Bach, Karbonelli, and Geminani. The church is located at 16 Highland Ave. and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

For more information, call 781-383-1083.

Arts and crafts

Cohasset Recreation is accepting telephone registrations at 781-383-4109 for Arts and Crafts, for grades K-2, scheduled to begin early November on Monday afternoons, from release time at Osgood, until 4:30 p.m.

The fee for this five-week program, which meets directly after school until 4:30 p.m. on Monday's, is $50 per child. Becky McArthur will instruct this program.

Irish Showband benefit is Nov. 13

Noel Henry's Irish Showband will perform at Anthony Parish Center, Saturday, Nov. 13, from 7 to 11 p.m.

$10 donation. Proceeds to benefit the Cohasset B.C. High Scholarship Fund.

Tickets available either at the Parish Center, 10 Summer St., 781-383-0219, or at the door.

Mistletoe Boutique at Our World Museum

Get a head start on holiday shopping at the second annual Mistletoe Boutique from 10 a.m to 5 p.m. Nov. 7, at Our World Children's Museum.

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The museum is located at 100 Sohier St., Cohasset, right behind the Paul Pratt Library. There's plenty of parking and the kids can enjoy the new playground while parents shop. A portion of boutique sales will benefit Our World.

Squares named after fallen servicemen

Herman Edward Daley is one of many veterans who have been honored by the town of Cohasset for their service. Of the roughly 250 Cohasset men and women from Cohasset who served during World War I, Daley is one of five who gave their lives, and have been memorialized with squares in town including:

- Sgt. George H. Mealy: intersection of Elm Street and South Main Street in the village
- Cpl. Lawrence B. Williams: intersection of South Main Street and Summer Street
- Pvt. John W. Sidney: the park at the intersection of Elm Street and Margin Street at the Cove
- Pvt. Joseph A. Gonsalves: intersection of Beechwood Street and Doane Street at Beechwood Corner

The mothers of Daley, Mealy, Williams, Sidney, and Gonsalves are memorialized at the Gold Star Mothers Monument at Woodside Cemetery.

Veterans Day observances

Cohasset will celebrate Veterans Day at 11 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 11 at Veterans Memorial Park at the harbor. All veterans and town citizens are invited for the ceremony.

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The Herman E. Daley Square is at the corner of Jerusalem Road and North Main Street.

Veterans honored every day of the year

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friends as being a "genial lad, a good story teller, and jolly." He had many friends and was well liked by the other men in his regiment.

In addition to fighting in battle, there were many personal obstacles Daley needed to overcome. Daley suffered from a fractured ankle as well as scarlet fever which put him in the hospital and off the front lines for approximately two months. Daley was discharged from the hospital in January 1918.

Daley kept a personal journal while overseas, and on Oct. 13, 1918 — the day before he died — he wrote that he had attended church in the morning and had heard the Germans had accepted President Woodrow Wilson's peace terms and were beginning to retreat. However, Daley's hopes for an end to the fighting ended the following day when he was struck in the neck with a piece of shrapnel and died in Fauburg Pave, France at just 23 years of age.

On the day of his death, one of Daley's friends, a fellow soldier, made the last entry into the book writing Daley had been "Mortally wounded by shrapnel and died before he reached the field hospital." Daley's body was buried first at Romague Cemetery, and was later returned to the United States and buried at Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset on Aug. 28, 1921.

Daley was the fifth and last man from Cohasset to sacrifice his life for freedom during World War I. His death was preceded by George H. Mealy, Lawrence B. Williams, John W. Sidney, and Joseph A. Gonsalves.

Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee Glenn Pratt provided the Mariner with the information for this article. For more information on Herman Edward Daley or any of the Cohasset veterans who have paid the ultimate price in the name of freedom, please visit the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee Web site at www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

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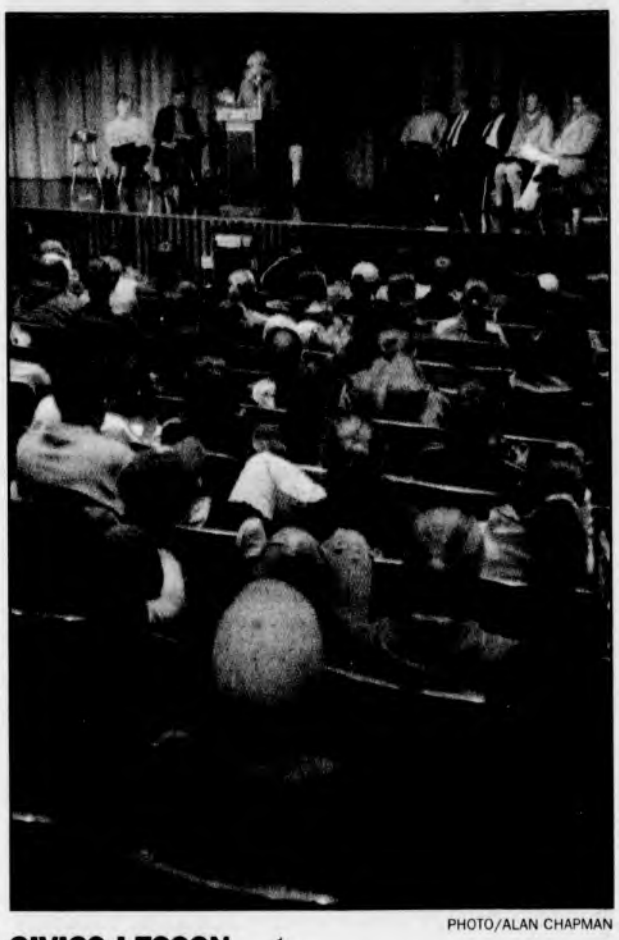
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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK



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CIVICS LESSON

Susan Kent, center, talks to CHS students about the role of the Democratic Town Committee, during a social studies political forum last month. Representatives from both the Democratic and Republican town committees also covered topics including the difference between the two major parties, and made the case for either electing Kerry or Bush in the presidential election.

Elementary School lunch menu

MONDAY, NOV. 8
Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, tomato, cheese and rice, rice, pineapple.

TUESDAY, NOV. 9
Cheeseburger on a bun or tuna sub oven fries, mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10
Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll or turkey sandwich, green beans, sliced apples.

THURSDAY, NOV. 11
Veteran's Day- No school

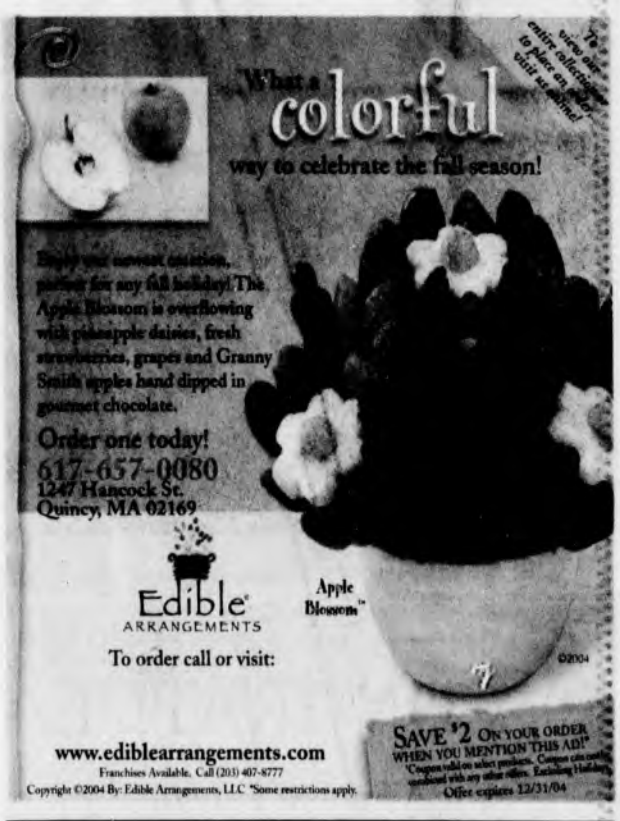
FRIDAY, NOV. 12
English muffin pizzas or chicken salad sub, garden salad, fruit.

Homework help

The Cohasset Parent Advisory Council is offering a Middle High School Homework Workshop Tuesday, Nov. 9 for grades 6-8. The workshop will be held at 7 p.m. at the High School Cafe, 143 Pond St. and is presented by Paula Cocce M.Ed., learning specialist, Curry College, who is a senior lecturer in the Program for the Advancement of Learning (PAL) at Curry College. E-mail your contact information and the workshop you are planning to attend: southshorepac@comcast.net

Middle school presents 'Lockers'

On Nov. 6 and 7 Cohasset Middle School will present "Lockers" by Jeremy Kruse. This collection of scenes and monologues relates to the lives of students in middle and early high school. The Saturday night performance is at 7:30 in the CMHS Auditorium. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday afternoon. Tickets are $5 at the door. For more information call Jenna Emmons at 781-378-1969.



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Looking to surprise

Upset-minded booters roll into tourney

By Mike Spellman
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No one wants to play the Cohasset boys soccer team right now.

With eight key players lost to graduation or transfer from the 2003 team, it took a while for this team to "get it" collectively. But now that the players have "it", coach Rob Leary feels his team is primed to surprise a few higher seeds in the Div. 3 south sectionals, which got underway for the Skippers yesterday when Fairhaven came to town.

"I think we're playing a lot better right now than our record indicates," says Leary, who directed the Skippers to a 7-6-3 season, just one win over the magic .500 mark. "There could be some teams that take us lightly, with our record, so that might work in our favor."

The Skippers earned the 16th seed in the Div. 3 south sectional tourney and drew a preliminary round home game with 17th seeded Fairhaven (9-8-1), of the very competitive Eastern Athletic Conference.

Should Cohasset have won this game, they'd hit the road on Sunday (2 p.m. start) to play top seeded Chatham (19-0-1), champions of a relatively weak Mayflower League. A second win would move the Skippers into the quarterfinals against either eighth seed Sacred Heart (13-4-1) or ninth seed Old Colony (12-5-1), two other Mayflower Old Colonywin here would pit them

"I really don't know much about Chatham or Fairhaven," said Leahy on Tuesday. "I do know I'm glad not to be in the bracket with (second seed) Cardinal Spellman or (third seeded) Ashland in the second round, though. Right now, though, I'd like our chances against a lot of teams."

Bold talk from a coach with a team that barely finished over .500. Clearly, though, Leahy feels he's got the horses that can back it up.

"It's like night and day between the way we're playing now and the way we played at the beginning of the season.," the second year coach offered. "We had a lot of kids playing new positions to start the season, and it took us all a while to figure out what worked best. Over the last few weeks, though, it's been like a series of things clicking into place for us."

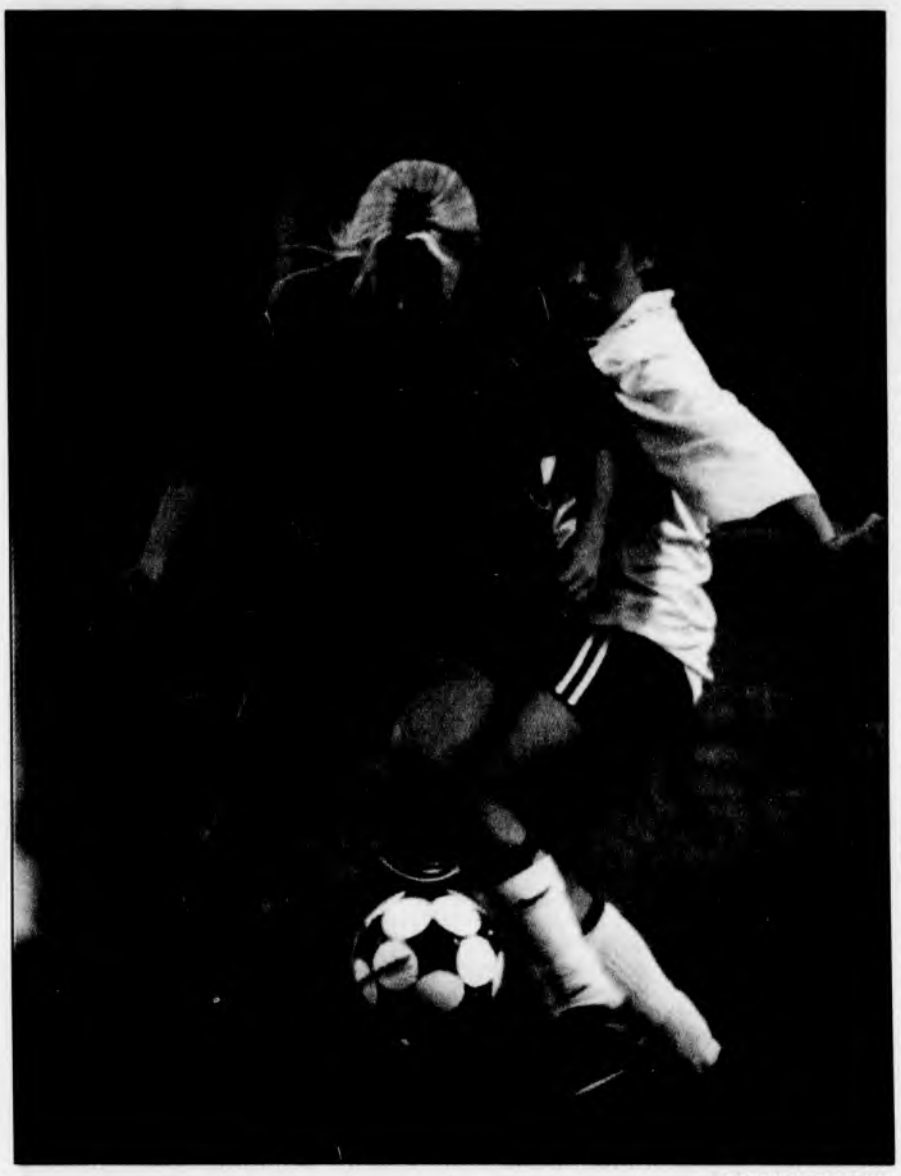
Arguably, the player who best represents this dramatic evolution is senior captain Kevin Dinsmore. He was asked by Leary to move from outside middie to center midfield a few games into the season. He struggled at first making the adjustment from an up

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset senior captain Jonathan Littauer (right) tries to bump Norwell's Mike Kramer off the ball during big 5-2 win for the Skippers last week.



STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Norwell's Christina Locvallo (right) tries to chip the ball away from Norwell's Taylor Cleaves in late season SSL action.

They are in

CHS lady booters sneak by Holbrook to set up yesterday's tourney match at Fairhaven

By Mike Spellman
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Deb Beal conceded earlier this week that she felt a little lucky to be preparing for yesterday's state tourney opener at Fairhaven rather than basketball season, the difference between the two options being a 1-0 win over Holbrook in Friday's regular season finale.

The third straight postseason berth for the Lady Skippers came down to Friday's hosting of Holbrook, a team that had already reserved its ticket for the Div. 3 state tourney.

Cohasset, as expected, carried the play on their home field, much larger than the Bulldogs familiar pitch, but the game remained locked in a scoreless tie past the midpoint of the second half.

Cohasset junior Emilie Shea scored what turned out to be the tourney clincher with 18:30 showing on the game clock, as she took a cross from sophomore Lindsay Durkin bounced it off Holbrook keeper Kristina

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Young woman for all seasons

Hard work and commitment are what set Cohasset's James apart

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

We all have dreamed of it. The cameras flash, the crowd cheers, and your name spans across the cover page of Sports Illustrated. Would you give up this limelight to help out your team a little bit?

That's exactly what Junior Katie James has done for the Cohasset Field Hockey Squad. She opted out of the high visibility forward wing position and adopted the central midfielder post.

Both Head Coach Deb Bostwick and Katie recognize the midfield required a significant face lift.

"I needed more speed, power, stick handling skills, and heart on the middy line," reflects Bostwick. "Katie was the perfect candidate."

Katie embraces the new role without hesitation.

"I'm still adjusting to the change of pace," said an enthusiastic James. "You run more and score less. Not a glory position."

Her coach said James goes "all

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Undisputed champions

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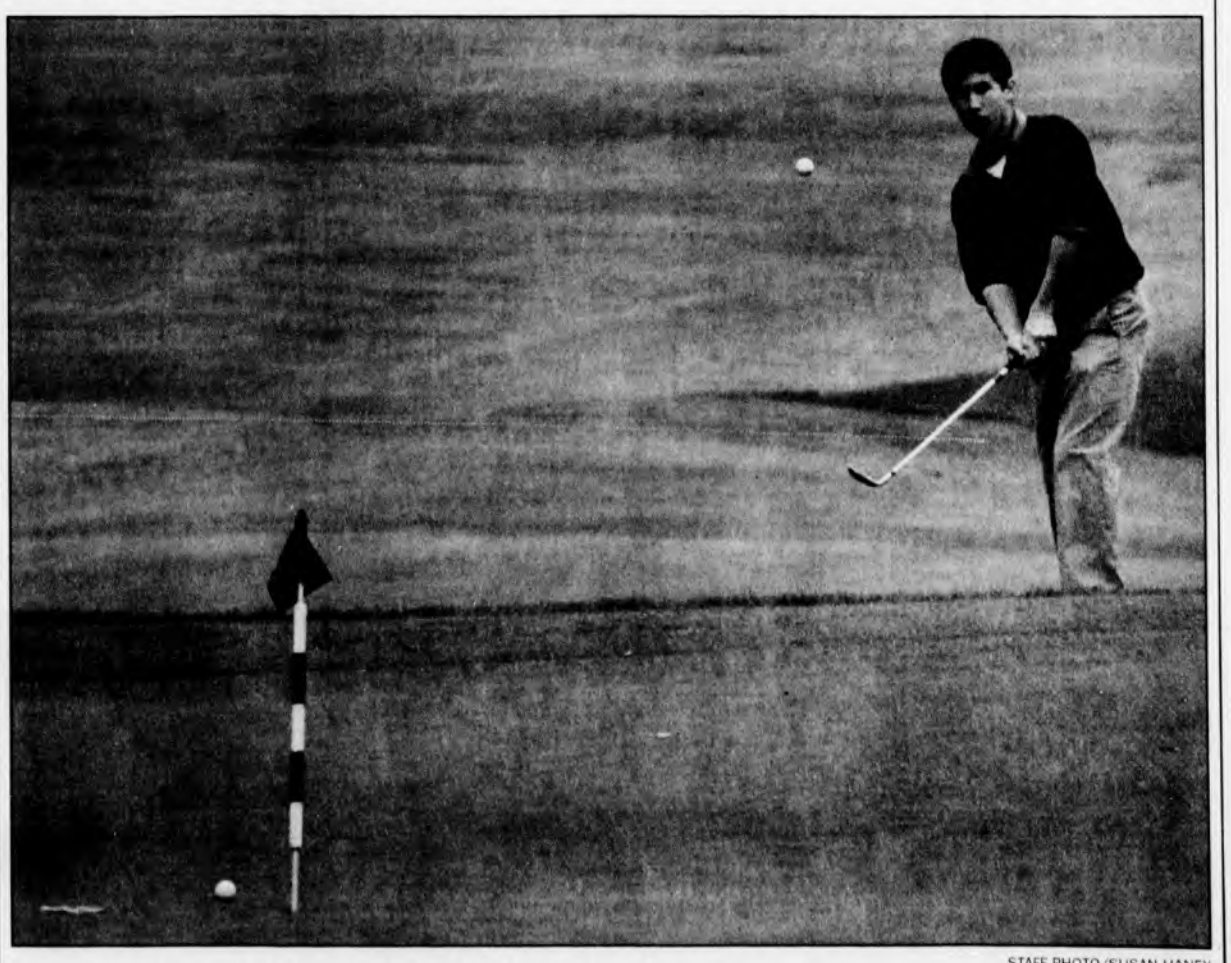
Make that undisputed league champs.

The Norwell High golf team (8-2) needed a little help from Cohasset to win the South Shore League championship this fall. The Clippers fell to Harwich twice but twice beat Cohasset, the same team that beat Harwich twice…go figure.

Harwich had one other loss and Cohasset tied Mashpee, so the Clippers wound up with a league title all to themselves, followed by Cohasset and then Harwich.

Some might have liked to have put an asterisk next to that title, but the Clippers took a big step toward dismissing that notion when their top four play-

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Mark Bouchard will be looked to to jump into a top spot I nthe Skippers lineup next fall.

And then there were three

Cohasset gridders best not look past Abington tonight

When the Norwell High football team knocked off Abington last Friday, 38-23, the South Shore League went from a four to a three horse race.

Norwell improved to 3-0 in the SSL (7-1 overall), while Abington fell to 1-2 (5-3 overall). Cohasset, coming off a bye week, remains tied with Norwell for first place with a 2-0 record in league (7-0 overall). Hull (2-1, 5-2), another recent victim of Norwell, also remains in the Super Bowl playoff picture.

The Skippers' three remaining games, in order, are against Abington, Norwell and Hull. They'll be at Abington tonight (7 p.m. kickoff), host Norwell next Friday (7 p.m. kickoff) and also Hull on Thanksgiving Day.Even though Abington is coming off a crushing defeat at the hands of Norwell, Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe still considers the Green Wave a quality opponent, and is taking pains to keep his players from looking beyond them.

- Mike Spellman

They are in

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Lowe in a race to the ball and then tucked it by her off the carom.

"Sure, I'll say we got a little lucky," said Beal. "We had trouble finishing, as we usually do, and once we did, Holbrook really turned it on the last 18 minutes. We were holding on by our fingernails those last few minutes."

Junior keeper Melissa Crowley-Buck, who came on for Cecilia Chapman in the second half, made two big stops in the waning moments to preserve the win and close out the regular season with a record of 8-7-3.

If the Skippers are to get past the first round of the postseason, something they've been unable to do each of the last two seasons, Beal feels they must shoot a lot more than they have in most games this year. Hence, the coach has run them through a series of shooting drills over the last week of practice and arranged a scrimmage with postseason bound Pembroke, coached by old JV coach Kara Connerty, in which Beal urged her girls to "take lots of offensive chances."

"I'm just trying to get the girls thinking more in terms of jumping on offensive chances," explained Beal. "We also need to keep up our intensity level. We had some pretty good intensity for senior night, but we've had trouble sustaining that in some games this year."

Senior Night

Even with the Holbrook game being critical, Beal stuck to the tradition of starting all 10 of her seniors—Chapman, Lindsey Kennedy, Casey Anderson, Daniele Hajjar, Nicole Whitney, Molly Kirk, Rachel Garber, Mackenzie Holway, Lauren Rizzotti and Christine Lovallo—for this, the final home game.

Coming on strong

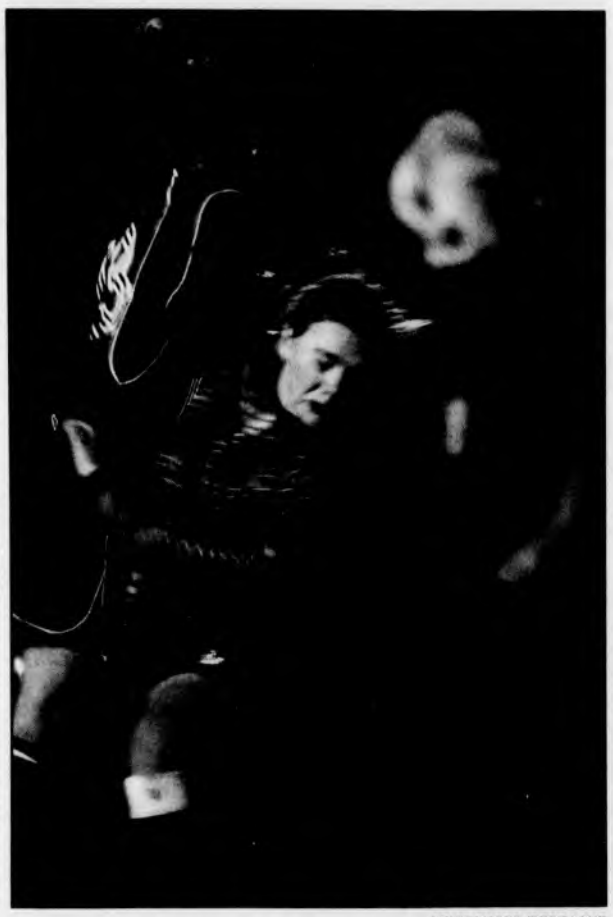
A few individual players who've caught the coach's eye over the last few weeks of the regular season include Laura Novak and Katie Bolger

Novak, a sophomore, has won the starting stopper position with her steady play, and Beal pays her a wonderful compliment by saying she could be the heir apparent to standout center midfielder Nicole Whitney.

"Laura needs to work on changing speeds a bit depending on situations, but I think that will come with more experience and confidence," said Beal. "She playing very well lately."

Starting outside back Bolger, a junior, was set back a few weeks by illness early in the season, but she's been making up for lost time in a hurry, according to the coach.

"Katie has put herself into a starting position with hard work and real steady play," noted Beal. "She's really got all dimensions of her job down. She doesn't panic and just dump the ball out. She finds the right place to get it out to."



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Who says it's not a contact sport? Norwell's Jackie Vickers steamrolls Cohasset keeper Melissa Crowley-Buck in late regular season SSL action.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

FOOTBALL
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4 Abington **Frosh-Soph**
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BOYS SOCCER
29 lost to Hanover, 4-2
End of Regular Season

4 vs. Fairhaven

GIRLS SOCCER
29 beat Holbrook, 1-0
End of Regular Season
4 @ Fairhaven

FIELD HOCKEY
25 lost to Westwood, 2-1
End of Season

GOLF
28 SSL Meet
@ Southers Marsh, Plymouth
Cohasset 4th place of six
End of Season

Youth lacrosse registration begins Nov. 13

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will open its sign-up for the spring season on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the auditorium at Town Hall.

This marks a shift in the way lacrosse registration has been run, and it gives families the opportunity to save some money.

Registrants on Nov. 10 will get the 2004 spring season price of $135 for one player and $250 for two. Registrants after November 10 - and sign-ups will remain open through a second in-person sign-up day in January will pay the 2005 price of $145 for one player and $270 for two.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is moving registration forward - it is being held simultaneous to Recreation Basketball sign-ups - to better prepare for the season ahead.

Registrations will be taken for both boys and girls in the 14 & Under (7th and 8th graders) and 12 & Under (5th and 6th grades) age groups. At the 10 & Under level (grades 3-4), Cohasset will field teams for boys and sponsor a weekly skills-development clinic for girls.

The youth lacrosse program is dedicated to introducing children to the sport. All players receive roughly equal playing time regardless of ability. Cohasset participates in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, the nation's largest youth lacrosse organization, which does not keep standings or have playoffs. Every team makes several road trips per year, which be as close as games in Scituate or as far away as Martha's Vineyard.

In addition, the program is hopeful of attending a jamboree near the end of its season, and is working to develop a special Memorial Day weekend program with teams from Vermont. The season ends with Cohasset's annual Family Day in June.

The youth program is likely to field 12 or more teams this spring, depending on demand and available coaching. In spite of that growth, roster spots at all levels will be limited and it is possible that some youngsters will be turned away.

"This year, we have changed our registration process in an effort to accommodate more families," says Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of Cohasset Youth Lacrosse. "We will have this initial sign-up in November, then allow people to mail in registration forms up until our final sign-up at the high school in early January. At that point, we're likely to be at our ideal roster sizes, meaning there will be no late registration whatsoever."

Parents who can not attend the Nov. 13 registration can wait until Jan. 8 to do it in person at the second sign-up day or can contact Jaffe by e-mail at CAJaffe@aol.com to request registration forms. Include your name, address and the number of children being registered.

The registration fee includes a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes mandatory insurance coverage and a subscription to a magazine especially designed for kids. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse does offer discounts to families with two or more players; the once-a-week girls 10-and-Under clinic costs $100 per player and this year, for the first time, clinic players will receive US Lacrosse membership.

The program is limited to Cohasset residents.

In general, both boys and girls games are played Sunday afternoons. The spring practice schedule has not yet been set, although the older teams for both boys and girls typically have two practices and one game each week. The teams will begin practicing indoors in early March and begin playing games in April. The season concludes in mid-June.

In addition to players, the program is looking for additional coaches at all levels.

Lacrosse is a contact sport; at all levels for boys, practices and games include hitting. In accordance with Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League rules, all boys must be equipped with sticks, gloves, shoulder and elbow pads, and helmets with mouthpieces. Hockey helmets are not allowed, although hockey arm and shoulder pads are (hockey gloves are not flexible enough to allow a child to manipulate and control a lacrosse stick).

The girls game has less contact, but practices will be every bit as physical and demanding as for the boys. All girls must be equipped with sticks, mouthpieces and approved goggles.

There will be more information on the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program available at the Jan. 10 sign-up. If you need more information, or are interested in volunteering to coach, contact Jaffe at 781-383-9858 or CAJaffe@aol.com.

Seventh grade booters returns to winning ways

On a chilly, wet Milliken field, the Cohasset 7th grade boys returned to their winning ways with a 4-1 victory over Scituate last Saturday.

A quick goal by speedy forward JoDi Rosano put the team in the lead, but Scituate came right back to tie the score. Strong play up the middle from Brendan Doonan, Ollie Forrer and Andrew Littauer turned the tide in Cohasset's favor as Forrer netted a goal to put the team up to stay. Later on Andrew Littauer secured the win with two of his remarkable scoring blasts from outside the penalty area.

"Our strength up the middle makes us a tough team to beat, especially when we get a lead," said Coach Jack Dean after the game. "And when they try to get around us to the side they run into Joe Leighton or Tyler Durant who consistently get control of the ball and feed it right back up to our forwards."

Also solid in the win were the defensive trio of Andrew Graham, James Earle and Will Evans, with Evans playing well in goal in the first half.

"Another key to our success is the steady play of guys like Nick Cannon, Sam Game and Jackson Dean who rarely get caught out of position and consistently make good decisions with the ball," said Coach Dean.

The team's final game of the fall season will be at Milliken Field on Saturday at 3 PM against Stoughton.

SPORTS NOTES

Patriot League travel basketball tryouts

The Cohasset Basketball Boosters will be conducting supervised workouts and tryouts for the upcoming Patriot League travel basketball program. All Cohasset boys in grades 5-8 are eligible to tryout. The optional workouts, and mandatory tryouts will be held on the following days:

Tryouts

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Please contact Joe Campbell at 781 383-0665 if you have any questions.

Learn to ski, snowboard at Ragged Mt.

The Recreation Commission of Cohasset is sponsoring a "Learn to ski or snowboard" program at Ragged Mountain on five Saturdays throughout the winter: Nov. 27, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5. The motor coach will leave at 6:30 a.m. from Cohasset Town Hall parking lot, 41 Highland Ave. and returns there between 6:30 and 7 p.m. There will be an adult chaperone on the bus and available to assist your child at Ragged Mountain.

For cost efficiency, visit Buckles and Boards Ski Shop, Route 3A, Marshfield. A rental at Buckles and Boards allows you to keep the equipment through Saturday, Feb. 5, returning it after the season ends. The price for ski equipment is $129.99 and snowboard equipment is $169.99.

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Coastal Stars Report

Mite C-1

The Mite C-1 team had an impressive win dominating Braintree 10-0 on Saturday.

The first goal came from a pass to Liam Manning. The offense kept the pressure on through out the game.

Joe Deyeso skated strong and had 2 goals, 1 came from a pass from Cameren Mastrangelo who also added 1 goal to the tally.

James Dietrich who pulled a lot of double duty had his first goal of the season. On Dietrich's line were Davis Cronin and Sean Feeney. Adding to the awesome offense were Chris Bertone, Tyler McKinnon and Benjamin Swim. Jack Shaw had 2 goals. The first goal was off a pass from Jack Conlon and the second one was a great shot inside the point. Jack Conlon added to the score with 2 goals.

The defense was strong with Hugh Healey in net and posting a shut out. He had some great help from Jake Moore, Joe Proctor, Liam Manning and Tommy Prendergast. Tommy had a sweet goal going coast to coast.

The Coastal Stars Mite C 1 team chalked up another win on Saturday this time against Hingham 3 to 0. Jack Conlon led the scoring with two goals. Cam Mastrangelo also scored. The offense of Ben Swim, James Dietrich, Tyler McKinnon, Jack Shaw Chris Bertone and Joe Deyeso kept the pressure on Hingham with numerous shots on goal. Goalie Tommy Prendergast was hot, allowing no goals.

The defense was strong with Jake Moore, Sean Feeney, Daniel and Davis Cronin, Hugh Healey and Joe Proctor keeping the puck locked in the Hingham zone with some nice shots from the point.

The Mite's face-off Saturday in Bridgewater against Pembroke.

Mite C-2

The Coastal Stars Mite C2 team played to a 4 – 4 tie against the Seahawks on Sunday at Hobomock arena. For the third straight week the game was decided in the final seconds with Jo Jo Carbone scoring the game tying goal with just 40 seconds left.

Derek Benson got the game started with an unassisted goal in the first period. Brian Mathews, Ben Rice, and Jo Jo Carbone also had good scoring chances in the period.

The Stars "Red" line of Tucker Antico, Evan Antonucci, Harrison Sheldon, Andrew Kuppens, and Seamus Ryan played solid defense through out the first period against a much bigger Seahawks line preserving a one to nothing lead at the end of the first period.

The Stars "Blue" line had a number of scoring chances in the second period which culminated in a goal by Gunner McKenzie to make the score 2-2. After trailing 4 – 2 mid way through the third period, the Stars "White" line of Kyle Bowman, Mathew Johnson, Brian Mathews, Shaelyn Tobin, and Ben Rice applied consistent pressure on the Seahawk with Ben Rice scoring a nice goal to bring the Stars within one before the final shift.

With two minutes left in the game the Stars pulled goalie Chris Phillips who was once again stellar in net. Gunner Mackenzie, Jo Jo Carbone, Mats Nelson, Robert Bothwell, Derek Benson, and Kyle Bowman kept the puck in the Seahawks zone and had several scoring chances prior to Jo Jo netting the game tying goal.

Duxbury 2, Stars 1

The Coastal Stars Mite "C2" team lost a hard fought game on Sunday 2-1 versus Duxbury. The Stars goal was scored by Brian Mathews with an assist from Shaelyn Tobin.

Matts Nelson played a stand out game on defense breaking up numerous scoring chances by Duxbury. The Stars "Red" line of Seamus Ryan, Evan Antonuccio, Tucker Antico, Cole McKenzie, and Harrison Sheldon played a solid game in support of Chris Phillips who was stellar in goal.

The line of Robert Bothwell, Shaelyn Tobin, Andrew Kuppens, Brian Mathews, and Mathew Johnson, had several break away scoring chances keeping the puck in the Duxbury zone for most of the game.

Kyle Bowman, Gunner Mackenzie, Derek Benson, Jo Jo Carbone, and Matts Nelson moved the puck well in the Duxbury zone demonstrating a free flowing offense resulting in a number of quality scoring chances. For the second time in two weeks, the game was decided in the last two minutes with the Stars pulling its goalie and keeping pressure on Duxbury until the last second.

Mite B

The undefeated Costal Stars Mite B team scored early and often. At 6:03 of the first period, Patrick Graham streaked down the right side of the ice and sent a laser pass to Curtis Golden who shot a one timer past the Mohawk goalie. At 5:44, Robert Reidy picked off an errant Mohawk pass, split two defenders and whistled a wrist shot into the top right corner. Thirty seconds later, Michael Lund skated from center ice, avoiding a mosh pit of Mohawks, shifted to the right face off circle and went 5 hole. Don't leave your seat fans, @ 4:30 Graham broke up a play in front of his own goal and sent a blind pass up the boards to a rocket called Bryan Bowman. Bowman didn't waste any time shifting left to right as he rifled a shot from 30 feet that found the back of the net in a hurry.

At 8:04 in the second frame, Tucker Ambrose created his own opportunity by digging the puck out of the corner, avoiding two Mohawk defenders and sent a top shelf shot past the out-stretched Mohawk goal tender. With one minute remaining in the second period, Graham sent a saucer pass to his line mate, Lund, in the slot. Wasting no time, Lund roofed his second goal.

At the second period intermission, when asked about his unselfish play, Graham said, "A point is a point whether it's a goal or an assist." At 10:57 of the 3rd period, Graham did the scoring this time – "Just a point". At 9:40 Tucker Ambrose netted his second goal with Golden and Graham in on the assists.

Matty (Prime Time) Doyle scored @ 8:55 unassisted for the first score of the final period. At 5:58 Sam Rice broke up a Mohawk drive and sizzled a text book pass to Bowman who then scored his second goal of the day. At 4:33 Declan (The Enforcer) Leahy collided with an opposing player leaving the puck for Graham (6 pt. game) who fed Bowman –to-Rice for a picturesque left corner shot. On defense Redfearn and Evitts defended an all out Mohawk attack helping Stars goalie Kal Maier to keep his shutout intact. At 2:59 Doyle scored with assists from Ambrose and Golden. With just over a minute to play James (The Crusher) Hussey busted up a Mohawk break-away which resulted in another goal->Lund to Reidy. Final score: 12-0.

Squirt A

The Squirt A Coastal Stars improved their record to 6-1 with a gritty, 5-1 win over Brockton. The Stars jumped out front at 3:43 when Neil Conway gained control of a faceoff outside the Brockton zone and gave it to Jonathan Spitz, who fed Mike Carbone on the right. "The Sniper" carried the puck to the slot and fired to the top right corner. Early in the second, Kevin McDougall rushed the puck to the Brockton blue line and dished to Carbone. Carbone found Patrick Burchill on the right, and Burchill passed across to Jake Durkin. Durkin lifted a pretty pass to the streaking Carbone for a score into the open left side. Chris Carpenter, Patrick Burchill, Kevin McDougall, and DJ Evans killed penalty at the 8:00 mark and put short-handed pressure on the Brockton defense. With thirty seconds left, Neil Conway stole the puck and passed to Mike Carbone at center ice. Carbone broke over the blue line with Jonathan Spitz on his left and fed him in the slot. Spitz' wrister was inside the left post for the 3-0 lead after two. EJ Culhane padded the lead early in the third with a beautiful rush from his blue line down the left side. Culhane skated in front and went top right. Brockton then created some pressure, and scored at 6:30 on a break. Dan LeBlanc helped to stop the pressure with his strong defensive play in front of the net and in the corners. Chris Carpenter was denied on a rush down the left side, and Trevor Salmon's setup to John Ryan was saved. Ryan showed great hustle on the play by following the puck to the corner and fighting to get control. Salmon, Ryan, and Carpenter continued their aggressive play and crashed the net for a rebound, but they were stopped in the crease. Alec Hurd played a great game in net and was immense down the stretch, especially on a point-blank shot to the right post that he got with the skate. Patrick Burchill iced the cake when he followed a Jake Durkin rebound to the right corner and fired it in from a seemingly impossible angle with five seconds left.

Stars 4, Canton 2

Neil Conway led the scoring with a hat trick, and goalie Connor Maher anchored the defense in the Squirt A Coastal Stars' 4-2 win over Canton. Maher, EJ Culhane, Dan LeBlanc, DJ Evans, and Kevin McDougall kept the Stars in the game early with their stellar defensive play. Jake Durkin and the Stars' forwards helped to stifle the Canton attack with dogged backchecking. The Stars' offense, particularly the line of John Ryan, Trevor Salmon, and Chris Carpenter, had early chances, but the Canton goaltender proved to be a tough riddle, and the first period ended scoreless.

Canton got on the board first at 1:30 of the second period. The Stars knotted the score a few minutes later when Chris Carpenter passed to Jonathan Spitz, who fed Conway in the right circle. Conway moved in and fired to the top right corner. A minute later, the Stars took advantage of a power play opportunity. DJ Evans passed out to John Ryan on the right side. Ryan skated down the boards and fed Trevor Salmon in front for a shot to the top left corner. At 7:43, Dan Leblanc kept the puck in the zone to Mike Carbone. Carbone threaded a pass to Neil Conway in front. Conway's shot was saved, but he banged home the rebound for the 3-1 lead after two.

The Stars had near misses into the third period. Patrick Burchill's shot from the right circle glanced off the glove and hit the post. Jonathan Spitz' rebound goal was waved off on a crease violation. Meanwhile, Maher was awesome in net, stopping a flurry of shots from in front and denying a 3-on-0 break. Canton came within one at 7:37. But Neil Conway stole the puck in the slot a minute later and rifled his third goal over the goaltender's left shoulder. Canton pulled their goalie for the last two minutes. Maher made another brilliant stop on a wraparound attempt. Patrick Burchill remained snakebitten, as his shot at the open net was called back for another crease violation. Maher made a final save at the buzzer, and the Stars skated off with the win.

Squirt C-4

The Coastal Stars Squirt C-4 team rebounded from a frustrating loss last week to defeat Cape Cod 5-0. The win marked the first shutout of the season for Stars goalie Max Hemingway.

The Stars controlled the puck and dominated the play during the first period. Stars forward James Daley put the Stars up 1-0 with a blistering shot beating the stunned Cape Cod net minder. Later that period, Daley scored his second goal with an assist from Matt Tautkus.

Four minutes into the second period Stars forward Matthew Tautkus scored the first of his two goals with an assist from defenseman Nicholas Craig. Stars forwards Andrew Tautkus, Michael McPartlin and Liam Rose were solid offensively and slowed the Cape Cod attack with outstanding back checking.

The third period began with a goal from winger Ryan Melia assisted by Stars left wing Jonathan Gardner. Matt Tautkus scored his second goal to end the third period. Stars defensemen Thomas Coyne, RJ Neuls, Nicholas Craig and Tristan Wiggin kept the Cape Cod forwards in check with strong defense in their zone helping to preserve the shutout for Stars goalie Max Hemingway



Coastal Stars netmidner Pat Healey is ready for Plymouth's shot, while Mike O'Halloran and Carter Denton get ready to clear in front of Healey. The Coastal Stars PeeWee "C3" won this contest, 11-2, on Saturday, Oct. 20.

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Cohasset's Jake Kovach (#28) fights for air space with Norwell's Ryan Hines during last week's big 5-2 win for the Skippers.

Looking to surprise

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and down wing man to the role of essentially quarterbacking the offense, but he has made steady gains and is now at the point where Leary considers him perhaps his most irreplaceable player.

"I told the whole team after we finally clinched the tourney spot that they should thank Dins for carrying them on his shoulders the last few weeks," said Leary. "Bottom line, Kevin is one of the toughest kids I've ever been around. He just stuck with it, and willed himself to do this job."

The coach went on to raise the level of praise even further, as he compared Dinsmore to Garrett Bates, the center middie for the 2003 Div. 3 south sectional champion Norwell team, a player most Cohasset fans no doubt remember well.

"Kevin really has been reminding me of Bates lately with the way he's attacking the game," said Leary. "He might not be quite as skilled as Bates, but he's just a notch below that. He plays the game wit hteh same relentless and tough style."

Even the 4-2 loss to Patriot League power Hanover (13-4-1), the eighth seeded team for the Div. 2 south section, in Friday's regular season finale represented a continuation of the steady progress the Skippers have been making over the last few weeks, in Leary's mind.

Hanover scored first in this one on a breakaway resulting from a through pass many in attendance felt was a clear off side violation. The Host Indians scored their second a few minutes later, but Cohasset top scorer Aidan Buick and Dinsmore sandwiched tallies around and early second half goal from Hanover to make it a 3-2 game, as it remained for the balance of the second half. The Indians finally scored the insurance goal inside the final five minutes to put an end a good deal of suspense.

"I thought we actually outplayed Hanover for good stretches in that second half, and had as many quality opportunities as them to score, maybe more," asserted Leary. "Win or lose, I felt this was a great confidence builder for us heading into tourney."

While the coach was quick to point out that he's seen progress across the board from his team and individual players , there were still a few players he made a point to single out for praise.

Leary continues to refer to his three man defensive unit of Sam MacDonald, Trevor Brady and senior tri-captain Jonathan Littauer, as "our anchors," and also lauded the way senior keeper Prescott Busk has jelled with this unit.

Up front, Buick continues to be the focal point of the offense, but Leary noted the emergence of players like hard working senior outside middie John Grimm has helped to take a modicum of pressure off Buick down the stretch.

All Stars

Four Skippers—Buick, Dinsmore, MacDonald and Brady— were named league all-stars by the South Shore League coaches and took part in Wednesday's annual SSL-Patriot League all-star game at Duxbury High Thursday. The Patriot League won the game, 5-0.

On the mend

The Skippers were expecting a lift against Fairhaven with the return of senior captain Sam Steele. The talented middie went down with a sprained knee two weeks ago in a huge 5-2 win over Norwell and has missed the last few games.

Young woman for all seasons

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out, all of the time".

"We would have struggled without Katie this year," commented the veteran coach. "She displays a terrific work ethic. She is really the quarterback of the midfield."

Katie recognizes the important role persistency plays in success. In the summer, she runs daily to prepare for the three sports season. During the school year she leads the basketball and softball teams when the field hockey season ends.

"Field hockey plays a big part in my life," says the dedicated junior. "I love the feeling of being part of a team." When she graduates in 2006, she hopes to play Division 3 field hockey at a university in the Boston area.

In addition to her athletic performance, James also excels in academics and frequently makes the honor role. Eventually she wants to combine her love for science and athletics by majoring in nutritional science.

Katie's extra-curricular activities mirror her first rate athletic and academic achievements. In the summer she repairs and rebuilds distressed homes as part of the Appalachian Service Project. She makes prominent contributions to the school's Social Awareness Club. After school she works part-time at CVS and lifeguards at the town pool in the summer.

Perhaps one of Katie's greatest achievements lies in her consistent participation in the Girl Scouts Program. As part of her commitment, James has organized her own field hockey camp in Cohasset. For her actions she will receive the Gold Award, an equivalent to the Eagle Scout award.

Katie's close friend and teammate, Erin Liddel, sums up Katie's personality in a nutshell. "She has a great sense of humor, and is always there for you as a friend. At the same time, she knows when to roll up her sleeves and get to work."

SPORTS NOTES

Girls South Shore Basketball League Travel Tryouts

The Cohasset Boosters will be conducting tryouts for all girls in grades 5-8 who wish to be considered for each grades travel team. Tryout times are below. Please call Matt Salerno at 781-383-2230 or Andrew Quigley At 781-383-9795 if you have any questions

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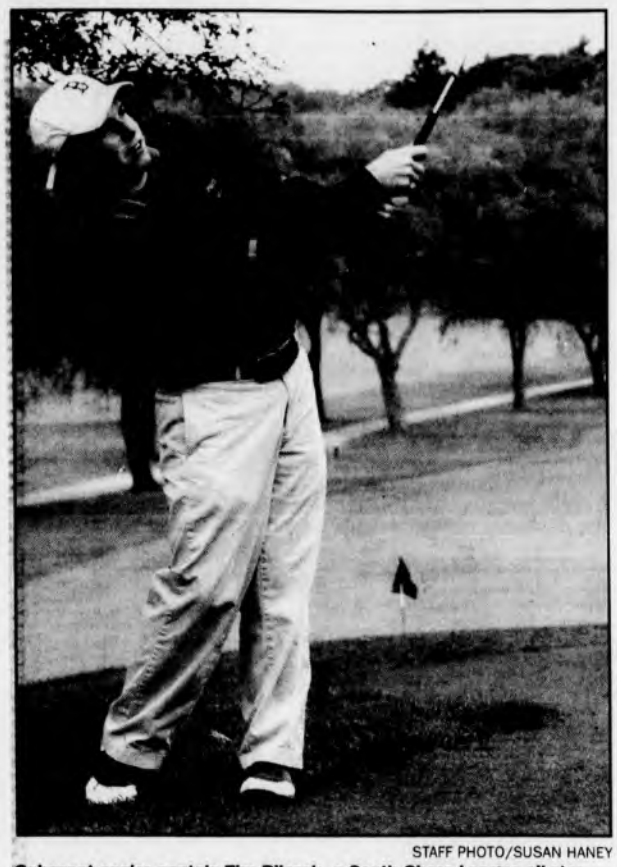
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7th grade- Mon, Nov 8, 7-8:30 pm, Deer Hill

8th Grade- Wed Nov 10, 7-8:30 pm, Deer Hill

Cohasset Alumni Soccer Game

Saturday, November 27, 2004 is the date for the annual Cohasset Alumni Soccer game. Last year's inaugural event ended in a 2-2 tie with over 40 players returning from a span of 30 years of Cohasset Soccer. This year two games will be played. The first game will be the first women's game to be held. The game will be played at 12:00 at Alumni Field (field conditions permitting). The second game, the men's game, will be played at 2:00pm at either Alumni field or Milliken field depending on field availability. All CHS graduates who played on soccer teams from 1973 (our first team) are invited to participate. The format will be a normal 90 minute game with graduates of odd numbered years playing against graduates of even numbered years. Please contact Jeff Donze if you are interested in playing in the men's game jeff.donze@comcast.net or 781-383-9734 or Alyssa McNamara if you are interested in participating in the Women's game Alyssa@McNamaraFinancial.com or 781-962-6049. More details on a social get together after the game will be coming in future announcements. Please check our web site www.cohassetsoccer.com for updates.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset senior captain Tim Pilczak, a South Shore League all-star, will certainly be missed next season.

Undisputed champions

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ers dominated a league wide field on Carver's home Souther's Marsh Golf Club last Thursday.

Norwell sophomore Cody Cavicchi shot the second best score of the day with a 75—just one stroke off the score of Carver's Sean Osborne on his home course—and senior captain Mike Dempsey was third with a 76 to lead the Clippers to 10 stroke win.

Sophomore Brendan Gilligan came in with a 79 to close out Norwell's scoring with 230 points, well ahead of both host Carver and Harwich, both with 240 scores.

"It was a very satisfying way to end out season," said veteran coach Ken Camerota. "We had four players who were very close to one another at the top of the lineup all year, and this kind of reinforced the quality of depth we had there."

Cohasset golfers didn't have their best day, as they finished fourth with a score of 248, followed by Mashpee (252) and Abington (260).

Each of the six teams in the South Shore League sent their top four golfers to the league meet, with the low three scores counting at the end of the day.

Cohasset sent sophomore Kevin Barber and seniors Colin Magruder, Tim Pilczak and Chris Simms. The former three golfers were also named as South Shore League All-Stars by vote of the league's coaches at tourney's end.

The Skippers qualified for state sectionals this fall for the first time since 2001 by finishing with a record of 7-2-1 in league play (8-5-1 overall), good for second place in the South Shore League. After not making the postseason cut the previous two years, Sweeney considered this season an unqualified success.

"I was pleased with the way we played on the whole," said Sweeney. "Other than that one stretch we had a few weeks ago where we lost three straight matches, and., of course, those two losses to Norwell, I thought this was a great year.

"I was happy with the way we had guys stepping it up at different times when we needed it. Our seniors were steady and did what they needed to. I'm getting back one of the best golfers around in Barber, and the way (dan Sullivan) Sullivan and (Mark) Bouchard played down the stretch I feel pretty good about the top of my order next year."

The team will lose nine seniors in all, including regulars in the rotation Magruder, Pilczak, Simms and Ricky Lordan.

Two other seniors who made their presence felt were Brian Bolger and Dan Allen. Both played big hands in the team's regular season ending 30.5-23.5 win over Quincy, Bolger winning his match, 6-3, and Allen his, 7-2.

The other three going the way of the caps and gowns are Brendan Ford, Andrew Lovallo and John DeWaal,

Potential returnees Sweeney will be looking toward to step into starting roles include junior Mike Devlin and sophomores Steven Simmons, Zach Murray and Owen Stevenson.

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Intact oak leaves are ideal for filling in burlap or wire protective barriers that may have been constructed to reduce desiccation around roses and hydrangeas once their foliage drops. Other types of leaves may be best used after they have been shredded with a leaf-eating device or lawnmower. This will help them to decompose more rapidly when composted or turned into gardens to bed. Plants that have entered dormancy are best cut back to 3 to 4 inches tall. A heavy-duty hedge shears can effectively reduce a jungle of dead foliage to a neat and tidy border in minimal time. I prefer to remove the majority of decomposing refuse and add it to my mountainous compost heap to minimize suffocation or diseases and damage that may be done by slugs, snails, insects, voles and chipmunks. Most perennials will easily survive our winters without a cover of mulch although fall transplants will often benefit from a light winter mulch over their root systems once the ground freezes. Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for plants that may have heaved due to alternate freeze-thaw cycles.

Most South Shore residents have enjoyed an extended growing season this year having eluded the hard frosts typical of mid-October. Once killing frosts finally blacken the foliage of tender annuals and vegetables and the leaves of perennials become brown and crispy, it is time to start the process of putting the

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Before chopping all your waning plants to the ground, take a moment to observe and analyze the plants. Some seed heads and foliages provide winter interest by contributing texture, motion and sound to the dormant landscape including those of ornamental grasses and sedums. Other seed heads, especially those of coneflowers (both Echinacea and Rudbeckia), asters and goldenrod, produce seeds loved by many bird species including chickadees, titmice and goldfinches. Selective pruning of unattractive, decaying foliage will maximize the appearance of evergreen perennials and shrubs, fruit-bearing plants, and attractive seed heads.

After the borders have been trimmed and raked, lime and an organic fertilizer such as Espoma's Plantone or MNLA Plant-O-Ganic can be broadcast throughout the borders. An inch or two of shredded leaves, manure, or compost spread around perennial plants as a winter mulch later this month will gradually decompose and work its way into the soil during freeze/thaw cycles providing valuable organic material; care should be taken not to bury crowns or cover evergreen rosettes or foliage. Similarly, new beds or vegetable gardens will profit from the addition of lime and several inches of organic matter which can be turned in to improve drainage, moisture and nutrient retention, worm populations, and an overall enhancement of the soil. When spring arrives, soils will be ready for early planting.

Lawns require only an occasional mowing until the grass eventually stops growing later this month. Mower blades should be gradually lowered from midsummer heights to approximately 2 inches by your last mowing. An application of lime at any time during the fall is beneficial and early November is an ideal time to spread a winterizer fertilizer to promote a healthy root system and an early greening of the lawn next spring.

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.5-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years. Her weekly gardening column 'Green Thumbs Up' has appeared in the Mariner newspapers for nearly a decade. She is a member of two local garden clubs, past President of the New England Daylily Society, an overseer for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and is employed at two garden centers.

'Enchanted Evening' to glitter at YMCA



From left, Jaime Sullivan of Pembroke and Pam Keefe of Scituate, both YMCA committee members for Friday's "Enchanted Evening at Centre Court" with Valerie King of King Jewelers in Cohasset that has donated the grand prize for the event.

More will glitter than evening stars and twinkling lights at the South Shore YMCA's Mill Pond facility in Hanover on Nov. 6. King Jewelers of Cohasset has donated a diamond tennis bracelet as the grand prize in the evening's Champagne Raffle. Located on the indoor tennis courts at the Branch on Mill Street, the Y's "Enchanted Evening at Centre Court" aims to surpass the $125,000 raised at a similar event last year.

According to the Y's Linda Brown, the event has a dedicated committee of volunteers that works tirelessly to make the event a success. Event committee members gathered many contributions from local businesses that will be part of the live and silent auctions. Ticket sales have been brisk and several hundred guests are expected.

This year, King Jewelers was invited to participate and is honored to serve as the "Royal Hosts" of the Champagne Raffle. "We are thrilled to help with the work of this wonderful organization," said Valerie King, treasurer of King Jewelers. "The Y accomplishes so much for the South Shore Community that benefits everyone. It is exciting to be part of the highlight of the evening. We hope our donation of a diamond bracelet will encourage everyone to participate and give generously to this great cause."

Reminiscent of earlier times, the courts will be bedecked in greens and purples. This will add to an ambiance suggesting lawn tennis, large shady porches and flower trimmed courts of a past era. The evening's activities will include a silent and live auction, food and drink, remarks from those assisted by the organization's programs and the announcement of the winner of the diamond bracelet.

Committee members Pam Keefe of Scituate and Jaime Sullivan of Pembroke stopped by King Jewelers recently to discuss the event and express gratitude on behalf of their organization. While there, they previewed the diamond bracelet.

Sullivan spoke about the good works of the YMCA. "The Y helps everyone," she said. "When the Y becomes aware of a need in the community, it finds a way to help. There is something for everyone. It is building a stronger community. It has been great to find out that so many people are willing to help. We are so grateful to King's for their donation."

The "One in Three Teen Initiative" is a program that will be supported by this gala. The Y is committed to "provide meaningful services" to at least "one in three teens on the South Shore." An ambitious vision, this goal is part of the "Strong Kids Campaign" which creates meaningful opportunities for thousands of local children and their families.

For more information about the event, please call: 781-837-8585 x 224. For information about the jewelry, please call King Jewelers: 781-383-1755.

BUSINESS NOTES

Sisters open village store that blooms!

A new store has blossomed in the center of Cohasset Village called Rooms in Bloom, 64 St. Main St. Sisters, Darilynn Evans of Cohasset and Wendy Addison of Scituate, have made their dream of owning a retail shop a reality as they opened their doors for business Sept. 19.

Rooms in Bloom offers lines in tabletop including Vietri of Italy, Droil Pottery, Annie's Glass, a limited edition assortment of individually signed handmade glass pieces that resemble seaglass, Badash Crystal, which is made in the same factories as Waterford Crystal in Poland, and an assortment of fine table linens all custom made.

The women have also incorporated a vast assortment of bedding, including Peacock Alley and Pinecone Hill, wool pile rugs, monogrammed lamps, fun patterned pajamas, cozy slippers, Archipelago hand creams and soy candles, French soaps, semi-precious and crystal jewelry, cards, stationery and a baby department, which includes Fleurville diaper bags, the hottest bag amongst the celebrities in Hollywood.

Rooms In Bloom also offers an interior decorating service. Custom made window treatments and table skirts, some already in stock, are available to be ordered from an assortment of fabrics in house or by bringing in one's own fabric.

"We pride ourselves in assisting old and new friends find the perfect wedding, anniversary, birthday, hostess, shower or anytime gift," said Darilynn Evans. "Service and complete customer satisfaction is our primary goal. Our boutique will flourish with new products and services daily. We are developing a bridal registry and wish list and will try our best to search for any product desired."

The sisters, daughters of Sally and Don O'Neill, originally of Cohasset, acquired their knowledge of home decorating and spatial elements from their parents. Sally O'Neill has been an interior decorator for many years and Don O'Neill has been architect and builder for more than 45 years.

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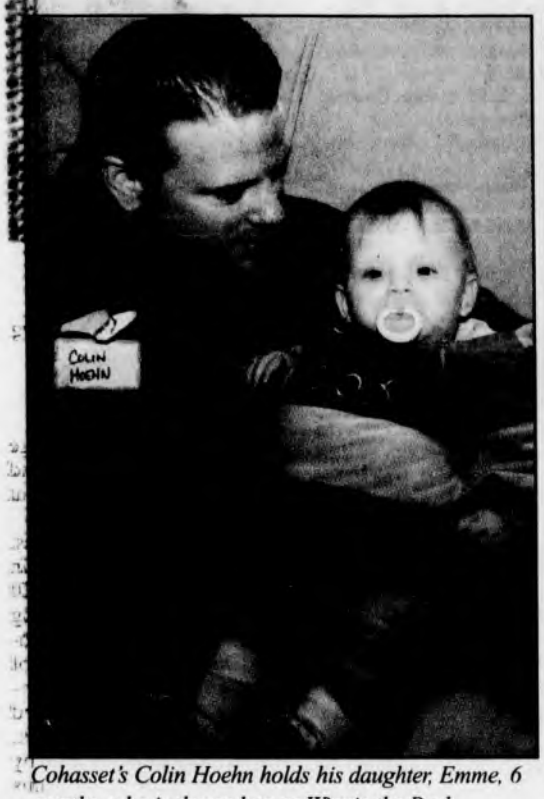


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Newcomers Club celebrates Halloween



Cohasset's Colin Hoehn holds his daughter, Emme, 6 months, who is dressed up as Winnie the Pooh.



Cohasset's Calder Frattaroli, 14 months, dressed as a dragon, takes a juice break during all the fun that featured "Dr. Scrubbles," a magician and lots of refreshments.



"Witch" Patty Thompson with Molly, 1, as a pumpkin, and Jack, 2-1/2, a firefighter — all of Scituate — dig into some of the snacks available at the party.



Twin brothers, Sam and Ben Sturdy, 1-1/2 years old, as Superman and Batman, respectively, drink some "super-energy" juice. The boys are from Scituate.

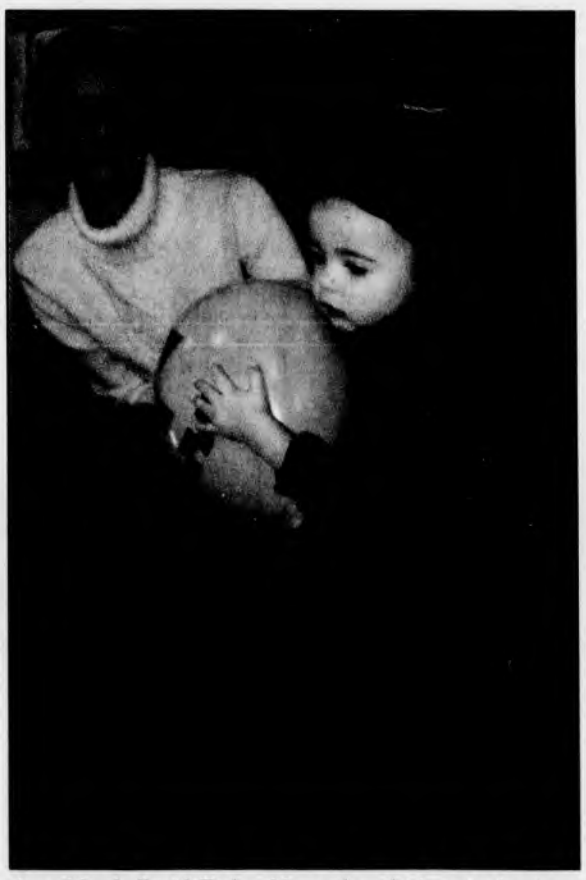
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Scituate's Gina Steele with Catherine, 18 months, who is dressed as a piglet, pose for the camera.



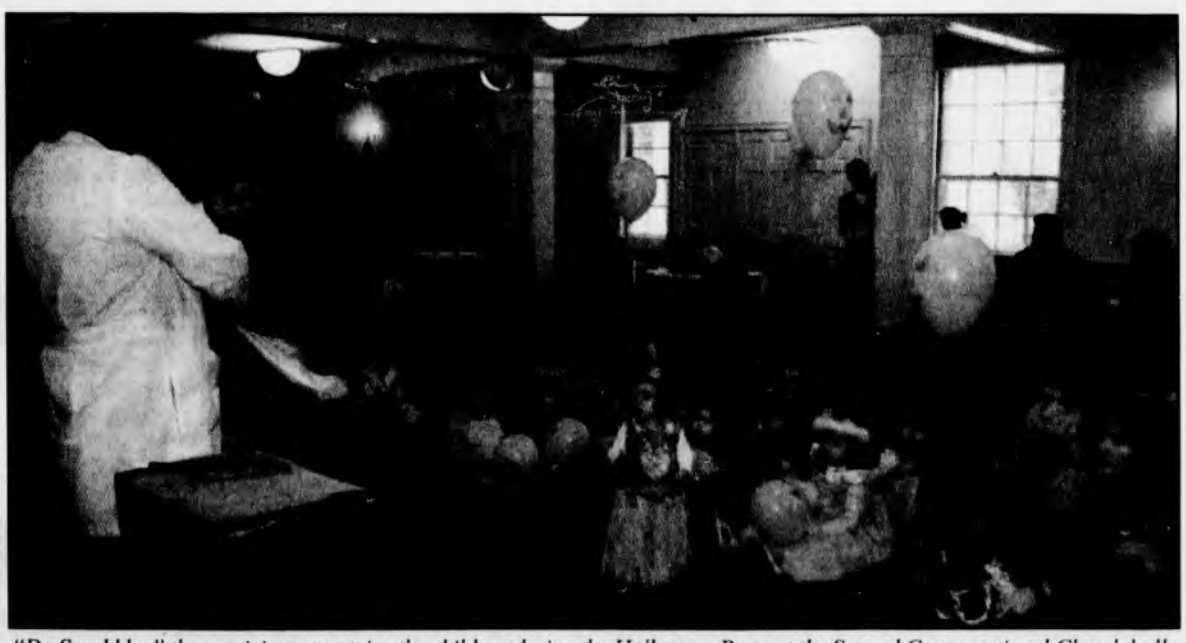
Scituate's David McSweeney, 1, is a not-so-scary spider at the Newcomers Club party last Friday.



Anne Marshall with Taylor, 16 months, who is not going to give up that Halloween balloon. Taylor came to the party dressed as a Lady Bug.



Zoë Dupre, 17 months, of Scituate, is all decked out as a cowgirl for the Halloween party sponsored by the Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club at the Second Congregational Church last Friday.



"Dr. Scrubbles," the magician, entertains the children during the Halloween Party at the Second Congregational Church hall. The annual event is sponsored by the Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, OCT. 24

1:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:03 a.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious/vehicle.

8:21 a.m. **Church St.**, open door/window, secured building.

9:03 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, well being check.

9:40 a.m. **King St., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:44 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

MONDAY, OCT. 25

7:10 a.m. **Pond St., and Buttonwood Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:51 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:46 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle violations/traffic citation issued.

7:17 p.m. **Schofield Rd.**, power outage.

11:10 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, assist citizen.

11:49 p.m. **Margin St.**, suspicious person, area search negative.

TUESDAY, OCT. 26

7:46 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:05 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, animal complaint.

6:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle.

6:15 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint.

9:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, shoplifting, investigated/report taken.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

4:28 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, suspicious vehicle, area search negative.

6:41 a.m. **North Main St., and Joy Pl.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:32 a.m. **Elm Ct.**, assist citizen.

9:04 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:08 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:58 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, missing person, no police service necessary.

1:58 p.m. **Border St.**, threats (bodily harm).

10:43 p.m. **Ledgewood Farms Drive**, well being check.

THURSDAY, OCT. 28

1:05 a.m. **Headquarters**, fire, log entry.

3:14 a.m. **School St.**, assist other Police Department.

4:59 a.m. **Headquarters**, fire, log entry.

6:51 a.m. **Headquarters**, fire, log entry.

2:52 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist citizen.

4:41 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, officer wanted.

4:44 p.m. **Pleasant St., and Cushing Rd.**, traffic complaint.

4:45 p.m. **S. Main St.**, officer wanted.

7:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, false call.

9:11 p.m. **Hugh Strain Rd.**, officer wanted, investigated/report taken.

FRIDAY, OCT. 29

6:32 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer wanted, area search negative.

7:03 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, suspicious vehicle.

7:32 a.m. **Pond St.**, assist citizen.

7:37 a.m. **Pond St.**, assist citizen.

7:42 a.m. **Cushing Rd. and Oak St.**, animal complaint.

1:37 p.m. **Doane St.**, suspicious vehicle.

4:51 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:18 p.m. **Norman Todd Lane and Norman Todd Rd.**, suspicious person, area search negative.

7:58 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint - general.

9:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:35 p.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, traffic safety inspection.

SATURDAY, OCT. 30

1:51 a.m. **Headquarters**, motor vehicle stop.

9:57 a.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

Noon: **South Main St.**, parking complaint, area search negative.

1:20 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted.

4:15 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, animal complaint.

5:22 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious vehicle.

5:34 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle violations.

8:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:58 p.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious vehicle, investigated/report taken.

SUNDAY, OCT. 31

1:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, motor vehicle stop.

9:32 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, animal complaint.

9:39 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:13 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, animal complaint.

11:43 a.m. **Elm St.**, assist citizen, no fire service necessary.

6:37 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious vehicle.

8:48 p.m. **South Main St., and Elm St.**, vandalism report, area search negative.

9:07 p.m. **Parking Way**, hate crime, investigated/report taken.

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Town of Cohasset
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The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Cohasset in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the year hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Cohasset, by the Board of Assessors of said Cohasset, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Cohasset, on Monday, November 22, 2004, at 9:00 A. M. for nonpayment of said taxes and interest, if any, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

Estella May Barnes and Helen E. Babb. Land in said Cohasset at 277 North Main St., shown as Parcel 22 on Assessors' Map 70, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 2899, P. 166. Supposed subsequent owners: Helen Dowding Babb, Virginia Barnes, John T. Barnes, Velma LaFlamme, Judith M. Salvaggi, Vicky M. Williams and Brenda Barnes.
2004 tax $43.99

William E. Cress, Trustee of Fairway Estates Realty Trust. Land in said Cohasset on Lambert's Lane, shown as Parcel 49 on Assessors' Map 2, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 11103, P. 511.
2004 tax $889.37

John Stuart Dean. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 58 Meadow Lane, shown as Parcel 45 on Assessors' Map 28, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 18310, P. 161. Supposed subsequent owner: Barry L. Queen, Trustee of Meadow Lane Realty Trust.
2004 tax (bal) $404.94

John Stuart Dean and Mia Y. Dean. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 61-75 Meadow Lane, shown as Parcel 35 on Assessors' Map 28, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 18310, P. 152. Supposed subsequent owner: Barry L. Queen, Trustee of Meadow Lane Realty Trust.
2004 tax (bal) $1,950.98

Olga A. Dellorfano and Frank J. Dellorfano. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 61 Rust Way, shown as Parcel 52 on Assessors' Map 10, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 11106, P. 41. Supposed subsequent owner: Frank J. Dellorfano.
2004 tax (bal) $8,401.77 2004 CPA tax (bal) $112.92

Michael C. DeZurik and Amy E. DeZurik. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 55 Sohier St., shown as Parcel 38 on Assessors' Map 18, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 19716, P. 58. Supposed subsequent owners: David Frederick and Michelle Cayer-Frederick.
2004 tax (bal) $6,167.42 2004 CPA tax (bal) $79.41

Virginia M. Dinardo. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 100 Pleasant St., shown as Parcel 27 on Assessors' Map 39, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 4833, P. 164.
2004 tax (bal) $1,515.60 2004 CPA tax (bal) $8.55

Frances H. Emanuello, Anthony P. Emanuello, Jeanette Emanuello and Albert V. Emanuello. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 75 Hull St., shown as Parcel 7 on Assessors' Map 3, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 8434, P. 354.
2004 tax (bal) $2,021.55 2004 CPA tax (bal) $16.11

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(This form approved by the Department of Revenue.)

AD#654053
Cohasset Mariner 11/5/04

THOMPSON ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P2519EP

In the Estate of LESLIE GEORGE THOMPSON

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death October 3, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARYANN PEREZ of JOHNSTON in the state of RHODE ISLAND and SUSAN M COX of HINGHAM in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 1, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN,ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, October 19, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott,
Register of Probate

AD#654672
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OBITUARIES

Jane E. McGoldrick

Jane E. (Donnelly) McGoldrick, 73, of Madison, Conn., died Oct. 30, 2004, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Born in Yonkers, N.Y., Mrs. McGoldrick "Skippy" was a graduate of Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. After retiring from the Eastchester Savings Bank as a branch manager in 1985, she enjoyed volunteering at the Watrous Nursing Home in Madison, Conn.

She loved painting and gardening and was active in the New City Garden Club. Mrs. Goldrick was a recent member of the Blackrock Country Club in Hingham.

Mrs. McGoldrick leaves her husband, George L. McGoldrick of Madison, Conn.; two daughters, Elizabeth E. and her husband, Daniel Hunter, of N.Y, Kathy and her husband, Robert Mulhall, of Hingham; two sons, George L. McGoldrick and his wife, Mary, of Cohasset, and Michael F. McGoldrick of New York City, N.Y.; a brother John Donnelly of Virginia Beach, Va., and a sister, Ann Santine of Bottlesville, Okla.; eight grandchildren, Katie and Carolyn Hunter, Robert, Tara and Timothy Mulhall, and Maggie, John, and Emmy McGoldrick.

The Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, Hingham, handled the arrangements.

Contributions in memory of Mrs. McGoldrick may be made to The MSA Research Fund, Boston University, Dept of Neurology, Suite C329, 715 Albany St, Boston, MA 02118

Josephine F. Healy

Josephine F. "Jay Jay" (Jason) Healy, 77, of Cohasset, died Oct. 26, 2004, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, after a brief illness.

Born in Cohasset in the same home she lived in for 77 years, she was the daughter of the late Frank E. and Helen (Sullivan) Jason.

She was a 1945 graduate of Cohasset High School where she played field hockey and was the captain of the basketball team. She was also a graduate of Chandler College Boston.

Mrs. Healy was employed with New England Telephone and at the Welch Co. in Scituate Harbor, retiring in the mid 1980's.

She enjoyed Bassing Beach in Cohasset Harbor for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Healy leaves her husband, Tom Healy; three daughters, Maureen Coburn of St. John U.S.V.I., Susan Beterou of California, Kathy O'Donnell of Scotland; one son, Robert Healy of Cohasset; six grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Robert E. Jason.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the South Shore Visiting Nurse Association, 100 Baystate Dr., Braintree.

A Funeral Mass was held on Nov. 1, at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

Betty Ellen Nahigian

Betty Ellen (Petersen) Nahigian, 90, of Cohasset, formerly of Harwichport and Concord, died on Oct. 14, 2004, at the Harbor House Nursing Center in Hingham after a long illness.

She was born in Somerville, to Danish immigrants, the late Paul and the late Marie (Otto) Petersen. They moved to Bedford, when she was five years old where her family began a farm.

Mrs. Nahigian graduated from Lexington High School in 1932, and then Fisher Business College in 1933. She attended the Boston University School of Practical Arts and Letters, and was employed at Harvard University.

She began her studies of piano at the age of five and earned a scholarship to study violin at the South End Music School in Boston.

In the late 1930s, Mrs.Nahigian was concert mistress of the WPA Orchestra under the direction of Arthur Fiedler. She was an active freelancer and member of the Bedford Piano Trio. She continued her violin playing in the Concord Orchestra and later in the Cape Cod Symphony.

For nearly three decades, she taught piano in her home to hundreds of Concord's young people, many of whom went on to become professional musicians themselves, including her own daughters.

While living in Concord, she was an active member of the Women's Club, the Concord Valley Golf Course Association, participated in serveral organizations at the First Congregational Church in Harwich, and the Harwich-Dennis branch of the Cape Cod Hospital Auxiliary.

Wife of the late Dr. Edward Nahigian, Mrs. Nahigian leaves two daughters, Joan Jensen of Cohasset and Jane Ezbicki of Framingham, and three granddaughters, Kristin, Erin and Katherine.

A Memorial Service will be conducted at the First Congregational Church of Harwich, 697 Main St., Harwich, MA 02645 on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 11 a.m.

The interment will be private.

The Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel in Hingham, handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the First Congregational Church of Harwich or to the Alzheimer's Association, 36 Cameron St., Cambridge, MA 02140.

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If your book shelves are spilling onto the floor, and DVD's, CD's and videos are busting out of the entertainment center, the church has got the solution for you.

Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Monday, Nov. 22, is the last day book donations will be accepted. Old textbooks, romance novels, water damaged or moldy books, books with note or highlighting cannot be accepted.

The book sale is a mission program of St. Stephen's Church to more strongly establish a church presence in a needy area. "It is exciting to be part of the beginning of a new church," comments the Rev. Cliff Cutler, "establishing a strong ministry for the future. God is doing a great thing in people's lives. It is such a joy to be part of that good news." Through your donation of books, DVD's, CD's and videos that are being accepted now, you will help change lives and strengthen community.

PSO Diversity Committee receives grant

The Cohasset PSO Diversity Committee is a 2004-'05 recipient of the Anti-Defamation League No Place for Hate Community Matching Grant. The community will match the $1,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield grant with funds donated after a successful friendraiser, the International UN Day Event, October 2003. The matching grant will fund a new speaker series, monthly discussions focused on international topics, free and open to the public. The first event is Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at First Parish, Cohasset, with an expert panel leading a discussion on domestic and international approaches to handling a major health issue, HIV/AIDS.

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WORSHIP NEWS

Special service at Lutheran Church

Sunday, Nov. 14 will mark Public Servant Day at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 916 Main St., Hingham.

Present and past public servants are urged to attend worship in uniform or otherwise wearing a designation of service to the community and nation. Visitors are always expected, but in particular firefighters, emergency medical technicians and police officers are anticipating the time together. Veterans of military service, Peace Corps and the diplomatic service will also be honored.

"The Lutheran church has since its beginnings honored the ministry of every vocation," says Pastor Paul Sinnott, himself a chaplain of the Hingham Police Department. "But on this special Sunday, we honor and lift up the persons who keep the peace, keep us safe and risk their very lives for the benefit of their neighbor." Worship begins at 9:30a .m. The church is handicapped accessible. Call 781-749-5533 for more information.

Lecture filled at Glastonbury

Glastonbury Abbey's James Carroll Lecture filled.

The Abbey's "Listening to Other Voices," 'Interreligious Lecture Series' Nov. 18, lecture.

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DESTINATIONS

New England slopes will offer more this season

By MICHAEL O'CONNOR

Skiers and snowboarders bound for New England slopes this season will find more of what they love: new trails, lifts and expanded base lodges, from the Berkshires to Mount Washington Valley and beyond. The biggest news is in Maine, where it will be even easier to reach the winter mountain resorts.

MAINE

The three chief ski routes to the Pine Tree State, Interstate 95 to Portland, and routes 26, 27 and 302, which run northwest into the mountains, have all been either expanded, repaved or otherwise improved. And the resorts they lead to have become even shinier. Saddleback, which towers over the lakeside town of Rangeley, has long been a sleeping giant in the western mountains of Maine. No longer. Last season, new ownership initiated a massive renovation of the ski area; $7 million was spent during the summer. The area has increased snowmaking capability to 80 percent of terrain, which will guarantee better cover no matter what the weather. Weekenders also will appreciate the new hotel under construction (completion set for the beginning of the '05 season). The goal is to join the big-mountain ranks of in-state rivals Sunday River and Sugarloaf. Visitors to Saddleback will hardly recognize the base lodge, which is being expanded to three times its current 10,000-square-foot size. Ski tourism officials are hoping the Saddleback renaissance will spur even more interest in the western part of the state. "It all means a lot more beds in our market," said Greg Sweetser of Ski Maine, a state skiing consortium.



At Sugarloaf, Saddleback's nearest neighbor, snowboarders and skiers alike will want to head for the new Superpipe. Longer than a football field, it replaces the existing arena. The new pipe runs on the former Gondi Line trail, one of the steepest on the mountain. Sunday River, Sugarloaf's sister resort within the American Skiing Co. fold, has completed upgrades of the two flagship hotels, the Grand Summit at the base and the Jordan Grand, located at Jordan Bowl. In addition, the Bethel area resort so popular with Greater Boston skiers and riders has completed renovations to its South Ridge and Barker Mountain lodges. Taking Route 302 from Portland up to Shawnee Peak, one finds the ski area fitting in quite nicely as an alternative to the Mount Washington Valley destinations just across the border in New Hampshire. Shawnee also now has a halfpipe located right in front of the base lodge, the easier for parents to cheer on — and keep track of — their young superstars. Over at Black Mountain in Rumford, check out the new triple chair, which increased the area's vertical from less than 500 feet to more than 1,000.



MASSACHUSETTS

Out in the Berkshires, Jiminy Peak in Hancock has added four trails, a halfpipe and a terrain park. The new trails are designated for beginners and intermediates, while the "pile and park" will sate the appetites of riders and free skiers both. Closer to Boston's western suburbs, Wachusett Mountain in Princeton has announced the completion of its Victory Bowl terrain. The new intermediate trails will include snowmaking and feature lights for night skiing, all just off Route 2. "A new Zaugg pipe groomer will bring our halfpipe to a new level," promised Wachusetts spokeman Tom Meyers.

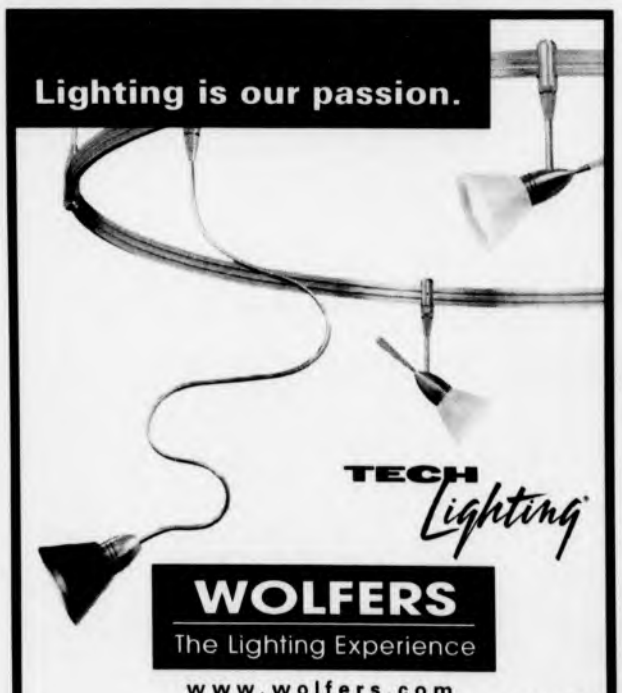
NEW HAMPSHIRE

At New Hampshire's Waterville Valley, "adventure zones" have been created, which Karl Stone of Ski New Hampshire said, "are little oases of mogul fields or easy glades that are designed to give the whole family a taste of what free skiing is all about. Kids and even their parents can work their way up from there. Skitubing — riding inflatables down specially constructed snow chutes — is a growing draw at many resorts. Cranmore in North Conway continues to be a leader and now will be hosting Saturday night parties at the terrain and tubing parks. Loon Mountain, a sister resort to Cranmore and Waterville, has the advantage of being a two-minute drive off I-93 in Lincoln (you'll hear as many Boston accents at this destination as you will in Brighton Center). But it also offers plenty of on-mountain treats, including the Camp 3 lodge on the mountain's north shoulder, where a new sun deck will no doubt attract a midday crowd. At Bretton Woods, just west of Crawford Notch in the midst of the White Mountain National Forest, the new Rosebrook Summit will keep intermediate and advanced skiers and riders happily occupied. There's a dozen new trails and glades, all serviced by a high-speed four-passenger chairlift. This new terrain adds a more challenging experience to this huge, family-oriented mountain resort. Across Franconia Notch, Cannon Mountain has added a new beginner area, featuring an interactive theme, based on the wildlife of the White Mountains. Cannon is located in one of New Hampshire's most picturesque regions, bounded on one side by the village of Sugar Hill and on the other by the spectacular Notch. It's worth a visit whether you're a winter sports enthusiast or not.

VERMONT

Stowe has billed itself as the nation's winter sports capital since the von Trapps set up innkeeping in the nothern Vermont valley after World War II and racing great Billy Kidd emerged a decade later. But a new ski resort is emerging from the exisitng one as Spruce Peak comes into its own with a pair of new chairs, a new beginner trail and a boost in snowmaking. Look for more base area expansion (not to mention expanded real estate) as that side of Stowe blooms. "They have just done a ton of work up there," said David Dillon of the Vermont Ski Areas Association. "Things are really going well." Farther north, Jay Peak also continues to evolve and expand, with more glade terrian opening up for those who love the trees. On the hill, more than 50 condos and townhouses are being built, to complement two golf courses. In the Mad River Valley, Sugarbush has added 40 acres of glades on Mount Ellen, and one can now purchase a season pass for that area alone. At neighboring ski area Mad River Glen, home of retro skiing for purists and traditionalists, the theme for this season is continued trail maintenance to keep the mountain experience as consistent as possible. "Nothing fancy," said mountain manager Nate Martin. "Our skiers just want to come and have a great skiing experience. Our job is to make sure everything works, from the bathroom to the (legendary) Single Chair." At Killington in central Vermont, the Beach terrain park has been moved to West Mountain, home of the party hearty crowd. An expanded resort village is also in the works. Ludlow, situated on the pristine Black River, is one of the loveliest ski towns in New England and we can all thank Okemo for that. The former mom-and-pop hill has evolved during the past two decades into one of the premier winter resorts in the Northeast, with 115 trails and 18 lifts. Its profile has been enhanced by the addition of Jackson Gore, a mini-resort unto itself with trails, lifts, restaurants, a base lodge and hotel. Two more glade trails have just been added. Speaking of plunging through the birches and maples, Stratton in Vermont's southern tier has increased its glades by 30 percent with a new, hand-cut trail.

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Thurs. Nov. 4

Jordan Hospital will host a "Meet the Provider" night on Thursday, Nov. 4, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., to provide families an opportunity to meet the obstetricians, gynecologists and midwives who may be caring for their newborns. Katherine Parsons, Certified Nurse Midwife, will speak on "The Role of Midwifery in Your Care." Tours of the BirthPlace will be provided as well as refreshments. The event is free, but register through JordanCall at 508-750-5343.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys announce **Bernard Corbett and Paul Simpson**, authors of "The Only Game That Matters: The Harvard/Yale Rivalry," will appear at the **Paul Pratt Memorial Library**, 35 Ripley St., Cohasset at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 for a **booksigning**. This event is free and open to the public. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order a signed copy if unable to attend.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, presents, every Thursday, New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano . Call 781-871-7175 for more info..

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Thursday 8:30 p.m. **Karaoke with Ron Towers.** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

"Creative Cultivations," hosted by the Duxbury Art Association, Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Bengtz and Butler Galleries, through Dec. 3. Exhibit features garden-inspired fine art and photography from some of the South Shore's leading artists. Gallery hours Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For info call 781-934-2731, Ext. 4. .

Bay State Blades is accepting applications for individuals 2.5 years and up for fall and winter skating lessons at **the Asiaf Skating Rink in Brockton**. New programs available for all ages and abilities beginning November/December. Programs are Tiny Blades, Tykes Hockey, Learn to Skate and Hockey Skating Skills. For more information call 781-871-7681 or visit www.baystateblades.com.

Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Nov. 4, 8:30 p.m. featuring: **Michael Petit, The Master of Voices and Impersonations** Annette Pollack, Bhupesh Tony Pike, Arik Marks Your Host: Stephanie Peters (She's Back) Admission: $10 Dinner Served Before Show Special Priced Appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations Recommended 781-848-0300. www.annettepollack www.jimbos.com



BEST BET

The Academy of The Company Theatre presents "Winnie the Pooh." Talented young performers (ages 7-12) of The Academy of The Company will bring the characters from A. Milne's book to life. Performances are Friday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m. All tickets are $7 and are available at The Company Theatre box office, 30 Accord Park in Norwell and by calling 781-871-2787.

Mark Your Calendar

LOMBARDO'S THIRD ANNUAL 'GIVING THANKS CELEBRATION - A FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER. At its conference and function facility, 6 Billings St in Randolph on Thanksgiving Day for seniors and those who do not have a family with whom to spend the holiday. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., dinner will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by dancing to a DJ until the event ends at 1:30 p.m. For information or to volunteer for the event call Maribella at Lombardo's at 781-986-5000.

LADIES AUXILIARY OF POST 3169 SCITUATE WILL HOST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR. Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at VFW Hall, Route 3A, Scituate. Admission is free, event is open to public. Many local artist and crafters will have gift and craft items for sale. Complete turkey dinner basket raffle will be drawn day of fair. Proceeds will benefit the auxiliary's charity relief fund. Table rental is $15 and is on a first come first serve basis. Call 781-545-5995.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST TO BENEFIT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. First annual Gingerbread House contest will take place at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor. Contest categories include Most Humorous, Most Traditional, Most Popular, Most Professional and Most Creative. Prizes include Getaway Weekend at Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor and dinners for four at the Harbor Grille. Entry fee is $10, drop-off/set-up date is Dec. 14. Entries will be displayed Dec. 15-20. All proceeds will go directly to Habitat for Humanity. For entry form, call The Radisson at 508-747-4900 or visit www.radissonplymouth.com or e-mail: info@radissonplymouth.com.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619.

LORD OF THE DANCE TO RETURN TO WANG CENTER. Michael Flatley *is* the Lord of the Dance as he returns to Boston for a return engagement on Friday, Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 27 at both 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are $28.50 to $68.50 and are on sale at the Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont St., Boston; or online at www.telecharge.com; or by calling 1-800-447-7400; group discounts available; general information at www.wangcenter.org.

The 23rd HOLLYBERRY CRAFT FAIR will be held Saturday, Nov. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 14th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Hwy. in Kingston. More than 100 tables of crafts, gift baskets etc.. Fair Admission; adults $2; under 10 $1. Saturday evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. the Hollyberry Café will feature a lobster roll, chowder, chef salads, deli sandwiches, and a special kids menu and terrific desserts. For further information, call 781-585-7511, Ext 345

Fri. Nov. 5

The NSRWA's 34th Annual Meeting that will begin with a casual wine and cheese reception from 7 to 7:30 p.m., followed by as a business meeting to elect new directors, award presentations and our featured presentation. Featured speaker will be Doug Lowry, Senior Instructor for the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) and NSRWA Board Member For information visit our web site at www.nsrwa.com, or contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 or paula@nsrwa.org

Hingham Public Library Dolphin Gallery presents the art work of **the late Mary A. Reardon** through Nov. 19. Representative selections reflect her work over a 50-year timespan. 781-741-1405.

"A View of Italy," an exhibition of paintings and photographs by Kimberlee and Richard Alemian, will open at the James Library in Norwell Nov. 5 and run through Nov. 30.

Snowtime for Habitat Coming to Independence Mall. Snowtime, a fund-raising event to benefit **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth**, will be held at Independence Mall in Kingston weekend of Nov. 5-7. Event will feature various snow theme items but will also offer quilts, afghans and gift baskets. Silent auction will offer fabulous items including four tickets to New England Patriots game. Volunteers and donations of items having a snow theme are needed. For further info, call 508-697-7649, 508-866-4188, or e-mail at gftrick@aol.com.

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ANNIE will be performed at the Orpheum-Foxboro, 1 School Street, Foxboro, for three weekends, Nov. 5 to 21 with Saturday and Sunday matinees. Tickets are $24 for adults, $22 for seniors and students, and $18 for children under 12. The Orpheum is handicapped accessible. Call 508-543-2787 (ARTS) for ticket and group sales information or purchase tickets on-line at www.orpheum.org.

18th Annual Christmas Festival to benefit **Community Servings**, Greater Boston's home-delivered meals program for individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS and other acute, life-threatening illnesses, will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5-7, at Boston's World Trade Center. Featuring more than 350 of the nation's most acclaimed artists and master craftsmen creating shopper's treasurer trove of gifts, including home accessories, designer fashions, artisan jewelry, handcrafted holiday décor, gourmet foods and more. Hours are Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets $10 adults, $8 senior citizens and children under 14 free. For more information, call 617-385-5000.

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The Kingston Trio and John Sebastian are coming to Providence Arts Center, 220 Weybosset St., Providence to perform Friday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the R.I. Food Bank. Tickets are $30-$40 and can be purchased by calling 401-421-2787; or online at www.ppacri.org; or at the Providence Performing Arts Center box office. The show is produced by Loretta LaRoche Productions.

Actress Betty Buckley performs for Lupus Foundation. Tony Award-winning actress Betty Buckley will appear in concert at Mechanics Hall in Worchester Friday, Nov. 5 to benefit lupus awareness. Lupus is a chronic disease that attacks the auto-immune system but with early detection and treatment, most patients can lead a normal life. For information, call 781-647-3400; or online at www.lupusne.org.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Swinging Steaks**, Nov. 5, alternative/country rock. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

North River Arts Society presents **A few of My Favorite Things, an exhibit of original oil paintings by Don Dacier** through Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Little Gallery located at the G.A.R., 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills.

Sat. Nov. 6

The Silver Ribbon – American Crafts and Art Gallery, Pembroke Crossing, Rt. 53 Pembroke, presents 17th annual Holiday Open House, Nov. 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 781-826-1525. Free and handicap accessible.

The South Shore YMCA's Mill Pond facility in Hanover, presents **An Enchanted Evening** fundraiser. The evenings activities will include a silent and live auction, food and drink and a champagne raffle featuring the grand prize, a diamond tennis bracelet donated by Cohasset Jewelers. For information call 781-829-8585 x224

Fall Shopping Extravaganza featuring products/goods which are hand-crafted will be held on Nov. 6, at the Cushing Center in Norwell. Admission fee $1. per person. All proceeds from the admissions will be donated to Breast Cancer Research. Pink bracelets will be sold to benefit the **Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation**

A combined concert of Swing, Pop and Broadway music, featuring **The Snugtones, Mixed Company** and the duo of **Bob Norton** and **Kathy Hayden,** will be presented on Nov. 6 at the North Community Church Parish Hall on Old Main Street in Marshfield Hills. The bands will perform popular favorites like It Don't Mean a Thing, Chatanooga Choo Choo, Boy From New York City, and Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy. Two performances: 3 and 8 p.m. Call 781-834-2398. $15, at 3 performance, $10 for seniors and children under 15.



BEST BET

"A View of Italy," an exhibition of paintings and photographs by Kimberlee and Richard Alemian, will open Nov. 5 at the James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell. The exhibit will run through Nov. 30 and features works done during a Sept. 2003 trip the couple made to the Lombardy area of Italy. The James Library is located at 24 West Street. For hours and information call 781-659-7100

Temple Beth Emunah of Brockton will be holding it's annual **Las Vegas Night**. Nov. 6 The doors will be open from 7 p.m. until midnight. The games include Blackjack, Roulette, Money Wheel, Big "6" Wheel, Chuck-A-Luck Cage, Beat the Dealer and raffles. There will be a full snack and dessert bar with wine and beer. The Temple is located at 479 Torrey St. corner Pearl St., Brockton. For information call the Temple office 508-583-5810, on the web www.templebethemunah.org. Admission is $2.

South Shore Humane Society yard sale Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at GAR Hall, 36 School St. Rockland Gar Hall is off Union St. Behind the Rockland Trust. Admission: $.50 there will be refreshments for sale. For information call Jean at distinctive grooming at 781-848-5801. Proceeds to benefit So. Shore humane pet medical assistance/spay/neuter programs

Fuller Craft Museum 455 Oak Street in Brockton, rolls up the rugs for ceramic artist **Allison Newsome's** installation *On Island* Oct. 9, through Jan. 2, 2005. Rhode Island artist Allison Newsome will create wet clay drawings and sculptures specifically for Fuller Craft's Tarlow Gallery that address environmental ethics using the imagery of nature and culture. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, Free for members and children under 12.

Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset, Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Saturday night from 8-11pm. Non-smoking, casual dress. 781-383-0900.

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13th Annual Benefit Auction, Attleboro Museum, Center for the Arts, Saturday, Nov. 6, 6 p.m. Registration, Auction Preview, Live Jazz 7:30 p.m. - Live Auction Begins, Attleboro Museum, 86 Park St., meet, Attleboro, MA. 02703, Phone: 508-222-2644; E-mail: museum@naisp.net - $25 - Available online at www.attleboromuseum.cmarket.com or at the Museum. Admission includes catalog and a light buffet

Sun. Nov. 7

Pet photos with Santa to benefit homeless and abused animals Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Unlimited photos with your camera plus one Polaroid from Santa. Donation $10. Happy-Dog, 308 Ashland St, Abington. 781-857-1239.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury – **Sima Kustanovich and Olga Rogach,** both trained at St. Petersburg Conservatory of Music will perform the music of Edward Grieg, Johannes Brahms, Sergey Rachmaninoff and Maurice Ravel on Nov. 7, at 4 p.m. Free and open to the public. 781-934-6634.

The Fine Arts Chorale will open its 39th concert season with a performance of Antonio Vivaldi's **Gloria** and Johann Sebastian Bach's **Magnificat,** Nov. 7, at 5 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian

CALENDAR, see next page



BEST BET

The South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay presents a reduced version (from four hours to two hours) of Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" on stage Saturday, Nov. 6 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. at the South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive in Hingham and Sunday, Nov. 7 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St. Duxbury. A light and humorous opera of courtly antics in 18th century Spain. Opera by the Bay's first foray into a major mainstream opera, and this production provides the four-year-old adult opera troupe a wonderful opportunity to spread its wings and grow as an opera company. Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for students and seniors and may be purchased through the Conservatory offices, 781-749-7565, ext. 10 in Hingham, and 781-934-2731, ext. 10 in Duxbury.

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Square, South Weymouth. Tickets $15 adult and $12 seniors and students by calling1-800-230-755 or email fineArtsChorale@aol.com

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery presents a **Christmas Show** featuring small paintings at small prices through Dec. 31. Opening reception Nov. 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. 781-545-6150 or www.scutateartsassociation.com

Jay O'Callahan comes to Cohasset's First Parish On The Common, the renowned storyteller, returns from an around-the-world tour to his home in Marshfield,. and a magical performance of his "Pill Hill Stores" at the First Parish Unitarian Meeting House on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 7. Tickets are $20 – the show is appropriate for adults and children 12 and older. Advanced ticket sales are available at the Unitarian Parish House, 23 No. Main Street, Cohasset; or by calling 781-383-1100 (wait for the prompt to Jay O'Callahan See his website http://www.ocallahan.com, and meet Jay at the reception with refreshments following his storytelling.

Mistletoe Boutique, Nov. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Our World Children's Musuem, 100 Sohier St., Cohasset. More than 30 designers of unique jewelry, clothing, accessories, household décor and more. Free parking

Sacred Heart High School, Kingston, will host an **Open House** for students and their families on Nov. 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the school's Route 80 campus. A private, Catholic, college prep school for students in grades 7 through 12. 781-585-7511. Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Highway, Kingston. www.sacredheart-hs.org

Fontbonne Academy will hold two **Open Houses**: Sunday, Nov. 7, 1 to 3 p.m. Tours to begin from academy's lower campus located at 930 Brook Road in Milton. Fontbonne Academy will administer **High School Placement Test** Nov. 20 and Dec. 11. 617-696-3241.

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Emunah will sponsor the **13th Annual Brockton Train Show** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 7, at the temple located at the corner of Pearl and Torrey Streets in Brockton. The show will feature a variety of model trains and accessories, books, photographs, and displays available for purchase. The Cape Cod Model RR Club and the South Shore Hi-Railer's Club will operate large scale model railroad layouts for public display. Several other model railroad clubs will be participating. The kosher snack bar will be open to serve breakfast, lunch and snacks. Admission $3 for adults, $2 for senior citizens and children ages 9-17 and $7 for a family fare. Children 8 and under admitted free with an adult. For information, visit www.templebethemunah.org or call the temple office at 508-583-5810.

Fall Wine Tasting for Kingston Habitat Build - **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth** along with **Long Ridge Wine and Spirits** will be co-hosting a **Fall Wine Tasting** on Sunday, Nov. 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Stonebridge Club in the Pine Hills located in Plymouth. There will be speakers from distributor stores and floral designer, Joyce DiGiovanni, Admission is $25 per person (tax deductible) and individuals can purchase admission to the event at Long Ridge Wine and Spirits, or register at the Stonebridge Club located in the Pine Hills or call Joy Hurley at 781-585-8034 or the office of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth at 508-866-4188. www.hfhplymouth.org



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Jay O'Callahan comes to Cohasset's First Parish On The Common Sunday, Nov. 7. The renowned storyteller, returns from an around-the-world tour to his home in Marshfield and a magical performance of his "Pill Hill Stores" at the First Parish Unitarian Meeting House at 4 p.m.. Tickets are $20 – the show is appropriate for adults and children 12 and older. Advanced ticket sales are available at the Unitarian Parish House, 23 No. Main Street, Cohasset; or by calling 781-383-1100 (wait for the prompt to Jay O'Callahan See his website http://www.ocallahan.com, and meet Jay at the reception with refreshments following his storytelling.

'Natural Selections' in Hingham. Award-winning Marshfield photographer, **Cindy Vallino** will exhibit nine images from her series of photographic prints, "Natural Selections" at the **Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery**, through Dec. 2 during library hours. Information on her art may be found at her Web site: www.cvallino.com, or www.vallinophoto.com; or at the library at 781-741-1405; or www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Artica Gallery, 22 Depot St., Duxbury, presents **Places Revisited,** an exhibit of paintings in multiple mediums by **Stephen Boczanowski.**, through Nov. 6. Exhibit and reception is free. Two steps to the door. 781-934-0640.

ShakerHigh/Shaker Low, at the **Art Complex Museum** 189 Alden St., Duxbury through Jan. 9, 2005. Pieces from its extensive Shaker Collection will be on display. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org.

USS Constitution Museum – Celebrate Old Ironsides 207th birthday, Admission is free. Groups of 10 must call to make reservations. Handicap accessible. 617-426-1812 wwwussconstituionmuseum.org

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneys-foodandspirits.com

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield. Dixieland Jazz concert: Nov. 7, **Stan McDonald's Blue Horizon Jazz Band**, 4 to 7 p.m. $10 admission. Dinner available beginning at 3 p.m.

Mon. Nov. 8

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum: Nov. 8, 5:30 to 7 p.m. **Life with the Hemingways**. **Valerie Hemingway** will share stories of her years living and traveling with her in-laws, Ernest and Mary Hemingway. Free and open to the public. 617-514-1643 www.jfklibrary.org

Morton's Steakhouse celebrates its 25th Anniversary with the World's Largest Wine Bottle commissioned by the steakhouse is in the midst of a 27-city tour and will be stopping at the Morton's Boston location on Nov. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. The World's Largest Wine Bottle stands at 4 1/2 feet tall, weighs 340 pounds and is filled with 130 liters (or 173 bottles or 1152 glasses) of Beringer Vineyards 2001 Private Reserve Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon After the Boston event, the bottle will make one final stop in New York City before being auctioned off at Sotheby's to benefit Share Our Strength, one of the world's leading hunger-fighting umbrella organizations. For wine enthusiasts, tickets are available for $40 by calling Morton's at 617-266-5858.

The Norwell Public Library and **Buttonwood Books & Toys** will host Trevor Corson for his book "The Secret Life of Lobsters: How Fisherman and Scientists are Unraveling the Mysteries of our Favorite Crustacean" on Nov. 8 at the Norwell Public Library, 64 South St.,, Norwell at 7 p.m. Part science, part social history, Corson has written a witty, inquisitive and thoroughly researched book. Mr. Corson will present a computer-run slide show that includes a cool video of lobsters doing their thing: housekeeping, fighting, and even mating. This is a free event and the public is welcome. To order your signed book if unable to attend, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com

MS Support Group on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of South Shore Hospital. Contact Liz 781-878-7041 or email at Vze2n8tr@verizon.net or Cindy 781-878-5835 or email at Rockland119@AOL.com.

'Storm Fears' and other landscape paintings by Duxbury artist, **Matthew Zappala** will be exhibited in the Vine Hall Gallery of the **South Shore Natural Science Center** in Norwell, 48 Jacobs Lane, Nov. 1-28. Zappala's style is reminiscent of the Expressionists and post-Impressionists. Exhibit is free and open to everyone, Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Artist's reception will be held Saturday, Nov. 6, 2-4 p.m. For directions or information, call the center at 781-659-2559 or visit its Web site at www.ssnsc.org.

Chess Club - Children ages 9-14 are invited to join the **Hull Lifesaving Museum's** free after school Chess Club on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m., through Dec. 20. Beginners are welcome. Parent volunteers are also welcome. Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, located at 273 Hanover St., Hanover, offers education, support and complementary modalities for people living with the challenges of cancer. For info call Ann or Gail at 781-829-4823 or visit our website at www.pathwaysccs.org.

Braintree Art Association member **Joan Percy** will display her paintings for the month of November at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Tues. Nov. 9

In Shape Studio, Hanover Mall - An all women's fitness club featuring the original 30 minute circuit program using Pace circuit equipment (programmed accommodating circuit exercise) which is both aerobic and anaerobic. Weight loss support and other groups forming now. **Nov. 9, at 7 to 8 p.m. Feng Shui seminar**. **C.F. Reardon** will discuss Feng Shui and how you can apply the techniques she will discuss at your own home. Tickets $5 in advance and $7 at the door. Both men and women are welcome. 781-829-5555.

Cranberry Hospice is offering single session meetings to help people cope with grief during the holidays. Workshops will be held on the following days: Nov. 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; Nov.. 23, from noon to1:30 p.m.; Dec. 8, from noon to1: 30 p.m.; Dec. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For information or to register call Kathleen McAleer at 508-746-0215.



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Tickets for the non-campus community can be purchased for $5 at the UMass Pass office or at Strawberries outlets. Tickets at the door are $10.

Weymouth Voice of the Faithful November meeting will be Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. at St. Albert the Great Parish Hall, 1130 Washington St., East Weymouth. All are invited to attend. 617-462-3043.

Y.A.N.A. (You Are Not Alone) a support group for widows and widowers will meet Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Holbrook United Methodist Church hall on Rt. 139 at Holbrook Square. The speaker will be Bryan Simpson who will present a Patriot Evening. For information call Grace at 781-337-0883 or Rose at 508-2242920.

The Plymouth Public Library will present a musical program entitled **The Reluctant Composer: performed by Crossroads** in the Otto Fehlow Meeting Room Nov. 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For information, contact Jennifer Harris,. Question? Call 1-508-830-4250; TTY 1-508-747-5882; or visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org

'Evita' back in Boston. For two weeks only, the Tony Award-winning, **Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, "Evita"** will be playing at Boston's Colonial Theatre, through 14. Tickets on sale now, $36.50 to $77.50. Performances Tuesday through Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Press night Thursday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m.) Tickets available through Ticketmaster, 617-931-2787; or directly at the Colonial Theatre's box office at 106 Boylston St.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, hosts story time every Tuesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Age range is 2 to 5 years old. Free. For information call 781-383-2665.

Calling all South Shore Parents Are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community, complete with a listing of family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hot-spots along the South Shore. www.southshoreparents.com

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave.,

Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

Wed. Nov. 10

Maya Angelou to speak at UMass Dartmouth Nov. 10 at the University's Tripp Athletic Center, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission to "An Evening with Maya Angelou," is free for students, faculty and staff of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth who pick up their tickets at the UMass Pass office at the Campus Center by Nov. 9. Advance tickets for the non-campus community can be purchased for $5 at the UMass Pass office or at Strawberries outlets. Tickets at the door are $10 for everybody

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.

The North River Arts Society presents **A Tribute to Willard Robinson**, NRASartist and instructor, at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster, Marshfield through Dec. 4. 781-837-8091.

The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

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Thurs. Nov. 11

Edaville USA celebrates the **Holiday Festival of Lights** New England's largest holiday light display begins Nov. 11 and runs through Jan. 2, 2005. Nov. 11 to 14, open 4 to 9 pm on Thursdays and Fridays and 2 to 9 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. The family fun park features a narrow-gauge train ride through 5 1/2-miles of a decorated cranberry plantation. For information, call 877-EDAVILLE or go to www.edaville.org http://www.edaville.org

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"Annie" will be performed at the Orpheum-Foxboro, 1 School Street, Foxboro, for three weekends, Nov. 5 to 21 with Saturday and Sunday matinees. Tickets are $24 for adults, $22 for seniors and students, and $18 for children under 12. The Orpheum is handicapped accessible. Call 508-543-2787 (ARTS) for ticket and group sales information or purchase tickets on-line at www.orpheum.org.

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The Scituate Affiliate of Voice of the Faithful invites you to a talk by Father Timothy Joyce titled "The Healing Power of Celtic Christianity" on Thursday, Nov. 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Saint Mary of the Nativity Parish Hall in Scituate. All are welcome. After the talk, there will be a question and answer period and refreshments. Father Timothy's Celtic books will be for sale. This is a free event, but freewill donations will be appreciated. Parking is available at the St. Mary's parking lot.

La Leche League of Silver Lake meets every second Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m.. Nov. 11, Breastfeeding Challenges. For information email Joanne.collins@comcast.net

Fri. Nov. 12

Rich Little brings his many voices to Plymouth Memorial Hall, Nov. 12, Opening for Rich Little will be South Shore singer-songwriter Les Sampou. A portion of the proceeds from every ticket sold will benefit the South Shore Action Council, which operates food pantries in many of the South Shore towns. And whereas the show takes place the day after Veterans Day, any veteran purchasing a ticket at the box-office can receive a $5 discount. Tickets for Rich Little at Plymouth Memorial Hall are priced at $35 & $40, and are available at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located in the lobby of the Radisson Plymouth Hotel (180 Water St., 508-747-0234 online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619, and at all Strawberries locations. Plymouth Memorial Hall is located at 83 Court St., Plymouth.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, will be hosting its third annual **Oktoberfest** fundraising event on Friday, Nov. 12, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the Cushing Center in Norwell. The evening will include an "Oompah Band" and later on, dancing to Norwell's own "Disturbing the Peace". The event will be catered by "53South", voted the South Shore's best caterer in 2003. Authentic German food will be served. Beer and wines will also be served. A silent and live auction will include interesting and creative "Ebay" type items.. Tickets are $75 per person and include all food and beverages. For information and tickets, call 781-659-2559.

The South Street Gallery, the area's premier gallery featuring local, regional and national artists, will open an exhibit featuring the works of renowned artist **Charles Sovek** with a reception on Nov. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. The South Street Gallery is located at 149 South St., one minute from the Square in Hingham. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

New Art Forum of Kingston will celebrate its gala opening to the public with the fall art exhibit **What's Going on Here?** Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Yellow Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston. The work of many local artists will be presented. The show continues through Nov. 19. Call 781-585-5622 for information.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke free dance Nov. 12, with **The Emanon Orchestra** from 8 p.m. to midnight. at the Abington VFW,30 Central St., Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-Members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021. www.south-shoresingles.org

Cohasset Dramatic Club Presents "Nunsense" at the Cohasset Town Hall on Nov. 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. Individual tickets are $12 ($10 for seniors) and may be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop in Scituate harbor, at the door, and by calling the ticket reservation line at 617-697-2115. Groups of 10 or more are $10 per ticket; for group sales, please email tangledwb7@aol.com.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Lydia Warren Band** Nov. 12, blues. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing events

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages, who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tues nights at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus, under the direction of Patricia Hoitt of Norwell, is a women's a cappella chorus providing vocal training and musical entertainment throughout the greater South Shorearea. Come and experience the fun , and sing your cares away. Call 781-843-4355.

The Dedham Museum 612 High St., Dedham, at the Dedham Historical Society presents **Wedgwood – Not Just Blue and White,** to Jan. 15. Admission $2 adults and $1 children. 781-326-1385 or www.DedhamHistorical.org

Storytellers/authors Andrea Lovett of Abington and **Weisey MacMillan** of Marshfield are forming an **adult writer's group**. 10:30 a.m. 781-871-5892. A small fee will be charged

Stories and Art for Preschoolers and Toddlers will be offered at the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St., Duxbury, every second Thursday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from 1 to 2:30 p.m. 781-934-6634 extension 15.

The Monhegan Experience paintings of Monehegan Island by members of the **North River Arts Society** at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St., Rockland.

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no monies are exchanged - just time.) Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc. moving furniture), The list is endless. Procrastinating can be a thing of the past. Membership fee: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, at 781-871-2583.

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com 508-830-4250.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**, Broad St., Weymouth for children 4 1/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For more information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnolly@artsfirst.org

Cura VNA & Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, **offers The Young Widow and Widowers Support Group**, meeting every other Thursday for eight weeks from 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m. To register call 508-746-0215.

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runners clinic Mondays at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell - **Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

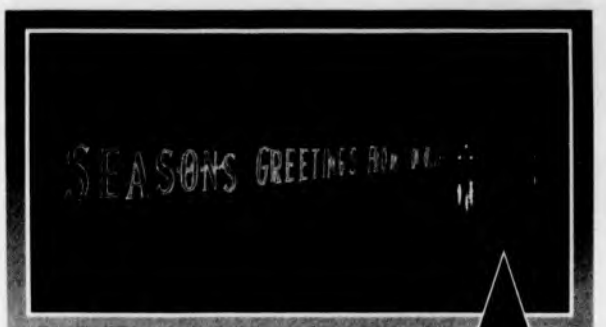
The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury, presents **Stories and Art with Sally for Preschoolers**, every second Thursday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Preregistration required. $5. Call 781-934-6634 ext. 15.

Parental Stress Line - Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. The Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call us before the summer is over at 1-800-632-8188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

Pilgrim Hall Museum presents **Bringing Up Baby: 300 Years of Childhood in the Old Colony**, now through May, 2004 a new exhibit that explores the world of the very young in the Old Plymouth Colony from its beginning to the 20th century. What was it like to be a child 1620, 1850, or 1920? What can we learn from furniture, clothing, toys, games and other objects from the children who used them? What were the beliefs and



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sentiments of the parents who provided for them? How do letters, journals, literature, and other writing help to tell the story of the children of the Old Colony? Who were their teachers, what kinds of knowledge were important to learn? What did they do for fun? The exhibition is free with Museum admission. Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court St. (Route 3A), Plymouth. Information: 508-746-1620; web address: www.pilgrimhall.org Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Admission: adults $5; Seniors (62+) and AAA members $4.50; Children (5-17) $3.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) $15. Residents of Plymouth, admitted free.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For children ages 3 to 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. After school nature programs: Thursdays, 4 to5 p.m. For children grades 1 through 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 and closed Sundays.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679.

The Gallery Cafe, 685 N. Bedford St., (Rt. 18), East Bridgewater, presents **Monday Night Hand Drumming Circle** on the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. The event is free and no experience is necessary. For more information and directions call 508-378-1584.

After The Bell Recreation Program Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive, So. Weymouth. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, 3 to 6 p.m. for youngsters 6-12 years of age. Energetic and exciting non-competitive sports and games designed to motivate, challenge, and build confidence. Time and quiet' space also available for study and homework. Three, one-hour sessions each day. Members $8 per session, non-members, $10. Registration and information 781-337.4600 x111.

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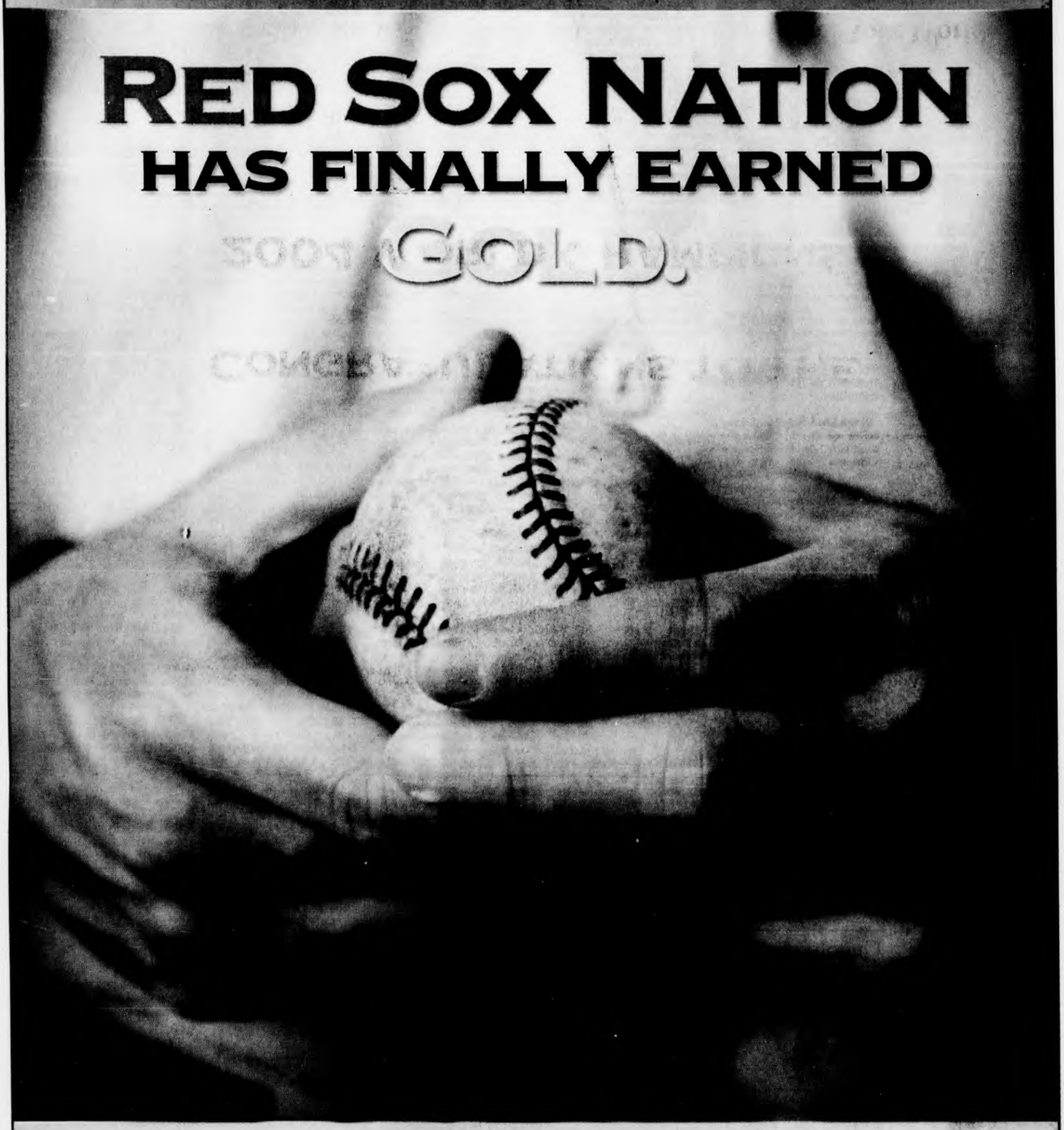
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School budget could be short some $500,000

But officials aren't discussing the issue publicly

By Samantha Brown
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With memories of a $400,000 school override still fresh in the minds of Cohasset residents — the schools could still be $1/2 million in the hole this fiscal year.

In a memo sent to Town Manager Michael Buckley, Supt. Denise Walsh stated, "I have identified a number of line items that appear to be significantly underbudgeted for FY'05. The underbudgeted amount may be as much as $500,000."

However, the apparent deficit did not take center stage at the School Committee meeting last week, the Selectmen's meeting Monday, or the Advisory Committee meeting Wednesday.

"How are we going to dig ourselves out? Where is the money coming from?"
— Selectman Ronnie McMorris

Walsh, School Financial Assistant Karen Park, and the School Committee (minus Chairman Rick Shea) came before Selectmen Monday to discuss school department requests for the Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting.

The schools will be asking for $93,000 to cover an unpaid gas bill which surfaced as FY04 came to a close June 30, as well as $65,000 in unbudgeted unemployment costs. In addition, the schools are asking for $15,000 to purchase a used pickup truck with low mileage, to replace a truck currently used by the schools which would have been costly to repair and may not have passed inspection.

At both the Nov. 4 School Committee meeting and the Nov. 8 Selectmen's meeting, only the FY04 costs were discussed, but Walsh mentioned at both, there were areas of concern where items had been significantly under-budgeted for FY05, which began July 1.

According to Walsh's memo,

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Barbara Baumgarten as Sister Hubert, left, and the Little Sisters of Hoboken are bound to make you laugh in the Cohasset Dramatic Club production of the zany musical comedy "Nunsense" on stage at Cohasset Town Hall this weekend and next. Individual tickets are $12 ($10 for seniors) and may be purchased at Buttonwood Books, at the door, and by calling the ticket reservation line at 617-697-2115.

Sewer battle looms

Cook Estate article is on the warrant

By Samantha Brown
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If this week's Selectmen's meeting is a gauge, then voters at the Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting can expect heated debate on whether to allow the Cook Estate project into the Central Sewer District.

What is shaping up is the potential of pitting the housing needs of the town's senior citizens against the demand for sewer capacity from existing homeowners and other proposed developments.

The Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting Warrant will include an article asking the town to include the Cook Estate – which is slated for a roughly 95-unit senior housing community – into the central district, over the objections of at least one selectman.

Selectman Chairman Michael Sullivan and Selectman Ronnie McMorris both voted to include

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Turning another page in Cohasset's history

New book has a lot of 'punch'

By Samantha Brown
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Its the little known facts about a town which help set it apart from others, and Cohasset's past is full of interesting tidbits. Many residents may not know American independence began with a boundary dispute in Cohasset, or that the First Parish Meeting House was a Revolutionary ammunition depot. It is also probably not a well known fact that Cohasset Harbor had five shipyards and 14 wharves, and was home to the first lifeboat station in America.

To help bring these little known facts to life, Jacqueline Dormitzer and the Committee on Town History are compiling a new hardcover book titled "A Treasury of Cohasset History." The book, which is slated to be roughly 236 pages, will serve as a complement to the three volumes of the town's history, and will be available in January.

"I think this is going to be nice for the public to have as a resource, and it's fun to read."
— Jacqueline Dormitzer

"I think this is going to be nice for the public to have as a resource, and it's fun to read," said Dormitzer, who came

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STAR POWER
Henry Snyder, left, and Kristi McNary hold their stars that will help make up the human American flag at the Osgood School. For story and photos, see page 24.

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This week in COHASSET

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Selectmen change meeting schedule

Beginning this Friday, candidates for the Town Manager position will be in Cohasset for a whirlwind weekend interviewing process. Friday, the five finalists will take a tour of the town, followed by dinner. Saturday, all five will be interviewed by the Town Manager Search Committee, which will narrow the pool down to three finalists. At that point, the names of the final candidates will become public, and Tuesday Nov. 16, the Selectmen will meet to interview the candidates in open session.

In light of the interviews, selectmen will hold their regular meeting Thursday Nov. 18. Items slated for that agenda include the MBTA, the Planning Board, and the Community Preservation Committee. On Monday, Nov. 22, selectmen may meet with Town Counsel, to discuss the sewering of Little Harbor citizens' petition as well as the recall vote citizens' petition, which will both be on the Town Meeting Warrant. Discussion regarding the article which would allow the Cook Estate into the Central Sewer District may also take place that night. Times for the meetings were not finalized when the Mariner went to press. Please call the Selectmen's office for more details at (781) 383-4105.

Middle school intramural sports

Students wishing to participate in middle school intramural sports have many different options this semester. Both boys and girls can participate in basketball, work out in the fitness center, take dance class, play team handball, board games or take sewing class.

The cost to participate is $75 per semester or $125 for the entire year. Students can sign up for as many different activities as they would like, as different activities are held on different days. Sign-ups are held at lunch in the cafeteria. If a student misses the sign-up day, they may go to the activity on the first day, but signing-up ahead is preferred.

Basketball sign-ups were held Friday, Nov. 5. Remaining Girls' practices are: Nov. 15, 17, and 22. Boys' remaining practices are Nov. 12, 16, 18, and 23.

The sign-ups for the fitness center and dance classes will be Nov. 29. The fitness center activity dates are Dec. 1,6,8,13,15,and 20. Dance classes will be held Dec. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, and 21.

Sign-ups for team handball, board games, and sewing will be held Jan. 3, 2005. Team handball will be played Jan. 5,10,12,17,19, and 20. Board games and sewing will be held Jan. 4,6,11,13,18,and 20.

For more information, please contact Athletic Director Ron Ford at (781) 383-6103.

School strategic planning answers

School Committee member Jamie Williams said in light of the commentary she wrote regarding the Strategic Planning Session, which ran in the Oct. 29 edition of the Mariner, many people have had questions regarding how the individuals were selected to be on the committee.

She explained when the idea to begin strategic planning for the future of the schools was introduced, a subcommittee of the School Committee was formed, which included School Committee member Rick Flynn, Supt. Denise Walsh and Williams, and together they decided it made sense to have the principals of the three schools, the financial director for the schools, the special education director, the chief of police, teacher representatives — who were suggested by the teachers' union — and the PSO recommended two parents to serve as community representatives. She said after some additional discussion, the subcommittee also decided it would make sense to have two representatives from town government, and a member of the Advisory Committee was asked to participate as well as the town's financial director, who is also currently serving as the Town Manager. It was also decided the town should hire Touchstone Advisors to help with the planning process and facilitate the meeting.

Williams said the weekend session, which took place Oct. 22 and 23, went very well. "We had a wonderful working relationship," she said of the committee, adding, "It was exciting to be a part of it."

DPW asks for new vehicles

Town Meeting will be asked to approve a capital request for roughly $61,000, to pay for two new DPW vehicles. One would be a 3/4 ton four-wheel drive pickup truck with a utility body and plow for the maintenance department, and the other would be a 3/4 ton four-wheel drive pickup truck with a plow for the Department of Public Works. Both trucks will be run on diesel.

DPW Superintendent Carl Sestito said employees have been working with hand-me-down trucks from both the Water Department and the Sewer Commission, and replacements have become necessary.

Sestito said because the trucks operate around town, "It's the hours, not the miles," put into the vehicles which are the problem. He said usually, it's the body that gives out before the engine does. While he said the department also needs a dump truck with a plow, given the financial circumstances in the town, the department will work with the truck it has to keep it on the road for one more year.

Audit is underway

Melanson Heath & Company, PC of Andover began conducting a forensic audit for the town last week that is expected to be complete by the first of the year.

Selectmen ordered an audit when allegations surfaced that former Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager, Nicole N. Bartlett, is the subject of an investigation amid allegations she stole more than $200,000 from her former employer, the Children's Museum in Boston, by depositing unauthorized payroll checks into personal accounts. Bartlett was also responsible for the payroll in Cohasset, and an internal investigation began shortly after her resignation Sept. 27.

Selectmen said although it is hard to set a budget for an audit, as it will all depend on whether the firm finds anything financially amiss and must stay longer, the firm has said its hourly rates will be between $45 and $185. The Advisory Committee has approved the allocation of funds.

Committee openings

There are openings for residents on both the Metro Area Planning Council and Cohasset Common Historic District Commission. Residents must live on the common to become a member of the Historic District Commission. Interested residents for either opening are asked to contact the Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

Harvey, Nedrow are guests on 'Our Town'

If you missed 'Our Town' last night (Thursday), tune in next Thursday (Nov. 18) at 8:30 p.m. on Comcast Channel 10. Guests include former candidate for selectman, Lou Harvey, who will speak on the recall petition article scheduled to appear on the special town meeting warrant of Dec. 6. Also featured is Joe Nedrow of the Senior Housing Committee.

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School budget could be short some $500,000

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areas include transportation, cleaning/custodial services, tuition reimbursements for professional staff, special education tuition, and legal fees. In addition, the $93,000 shortfall for gas charges will need to be included in the budget moving forward, as will the $65,000 for unemployment costs.

"This isn't great accounting," said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, adding when budgeting began for FY05, the logical thing to do would be to budget based on the past. "It's about time we got a handle on where we are."

Dormitzer also said while some of the costs, such as utilities, are a direct result of the expansion of the buildings, there should be no reason the schools weren't prepared to take on the increased costs. Dormitzer added, Strekalovsky and Hoyt, the architects for the school construction project, gave the schools good estimates in terms of the amount of utilities they were expected to use after construction. "They weren't far off," Dormitzer said, but still the amounts have been under-budgeted.

Based on the history, School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said people didn't know the estimates would be a real number. "Nobody believed it would happen," she said.

In addition, with the increase in size for the schools, they are being used more often, which School Committee member Chartis Tebbetts said requires lights to be on more often. "We want to reassure the community we are addressing the issue, but we can't have dark buildings," she said. In addition, the One Source cleaning company works at night, which also requires the lights stay on a little longer.

In terms of the unemployment costs, Town Manager Michael Buckley said the town is billed by the Commonwealth, and the average Cohasset employee collects roughly $14,000. Last year, the schools had six people who collected. "It's very difficult to budget," said Walsh.

School Committee member Jamie Williams said she has seen Walsh and Park working hard on the budget and while there are issues, she believes they are getting to a point where the situation can be remedied. She said the town realizes "We cannot underfund fixed costs," which is a cycle that is being broken, and she thinks the next step is to "Dig out of this hole and move forward."

However, Selectman Ronnie McMorris replied, "How are we going to dig ourselves out? Where is the money coming from?"

Walsh said that was a matter to be discussed Wednesday.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said going forward, he would like the School Committee think about the cost when hiring or firing employees. He said when the schools hire someone, there is a cost to the town because it pays for the benefits for that individual. In addition, if an employee leaves, that doesn't mean the cost associated with that person completely goes away, as someone needs to pay unemployment. "Everyone needs to be aware of the costs incurred," he said.

Buckley said as of right now, one recommendation he has is to put the money for both the unemployment costs and the outstanding Keyspan gas bill into the reserve fund, which will require the Advisory Committee give permission before the money can be spent.

FY05 budget issues

Walsh said during the Selectmen's meeting that FY05 would be discussed in detail at a joint meeting of the School Committee, Advisory Committee, and Board of Selectmen Wednesday night. But that discussion did not occur during the posted meeting.

According to a FY05 budget analysis, dated Oct. 19, 2004, which Walsh provided to the Board of Selectmen Nov. 8 — but was not discussed in detail during the Selectmen's meeting — school transportation costs were under-budgeted $57,671.

Custodial services are also under budget by $84,220, which includes a $71,047 shortfall for contracted services with One Source, the company the town has contracted with for cleaning services, as well as a $17,096 shortfall for head custodian pay.

Tuition reimbursement, which is required by contract, was not included in the FY05 budget, and the school department must therefore come up with $70,000 to cover those costs. In addition, column changes, which are also required by contract and were not budgeted, will require coming up with an additional $55,000.

The budget analysis also states there are two pending special education placements, pending at $175,000 each, of which the state will pay a portion. There is currently $766,083 budgeted for special education tuitions.

Legal fees are under budget by $28,300 — $8,300 of which deals with collective bargaining and $20,000 is for hearings in process. The budget analysis said there was no budget for special education legal expenses, for which there are at least four hearings in progress.

Separation costs add up

By Samantha Brown
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During calendar year 2003, Malvey received $134,872 in salary and wages, and was the highest paid employee of the town.

Upon their departures, former Supt. Edward Malvey, former Business Manager Ivan Klimko, and former high school principal Michael Jones received payment for accrued vacation. Malvey also received longevity pay even though he was only with the school system for six years.

The separation costs were not budgeted for and totaled roughly $48,000.

According to the teachers' contract — which does not include administrators — after 15 years, a teacher has the option of receiving a $3,000 longevity bonus for each of the last three years they have worked in the system, or a lump sum of $9,000. Malvey, who worked in Cohasset for roughly 6 years, was paid $27,588 upon his departure, which according to town records includes one check for $18,588 that would be roughly seven weeks' pay, as well as an additional $9,000.

Klimko, who had worked for Malvey since 2001, received $10,791 when he left, which is a little more than six weeks' pay. Klimko's position was cut in half due to budget constraints, and Karen Park was hired to take his place. In addition, Michael Jones, who had worked in Cohasset since 2000, was given $9,438 when he left Cohasset to become principal of Lexington High School, which is the equivalent of a little more than four weeks' pay.

During calendar year 2003, Malvey received $134,872 in salary and wages, as was the highest paid employee of the town. Jones and Klimko made $101,196 and $93,724, respectively.

Police Chief Robert Jackson — after 25 years with the police department — took his vacation pay over a period of six weeks rather than in one lump sum, which is why he continued to receive roughly $1,615 per week through Sept. 17. He then began receiving severance pay, which lasted for six weeks.

Jackson's retirement in June was not immediately effective, as he agreed to stay on to help new Police Chief James Hussey through the transition period. Jackson worked until late July.

Former Town Manager Mark Haddad received about 6 months pay – or $50,000 – when he resigned in May.

AdCom doesn't tackle deficit

By Samantha Brown
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Although the school budget deficit was supposed to be discussed at a joint meeting including members of the Advisory Committee, School Committee, and Board of Selectmen Wednesday night, budget talks were limited to the Chairmen of those boards, as they met in closed session prior to the open meeting.

Supt. Denise Walsh, School Financial Assistant Karen Park, School Committee Chairman Rick Shea, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, Advisory Committee Chairman Donna McGee, Advisory Committee member Bernadette Faulkner, and Town Manager Michael Buckley met in closed session before the 7 p.m. scheduled meeting. Without a quorum of any board, the meeting was not required to be posed according to the Open Meeting Law.

Discussion during the open meeting briefly touched on budget issues, but not those of the school department. Walsh said during the Nov. 8 Selectmen's meeting the FY05 budget trouble would be discussed in further detail at the joint meeting.

In a memo addressed to Buckley dated Nov. 2, 2004, which was provided at the end of the School Committee meeting Nov. 4, Walsh states since taking on her role as superintendent July 1, she has "identified a number of line items that appear to be significantly underbudgetd for FY05. The underbudgeted amount may be as much as $500,000." In addition, the schools are still making up for deficits from FY04, which the schools have come forward with and have asked to be included on the Town Meeting Warrant. However, the details regarding the FY05 shortfall have not yet been discussed at any open meetings.

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Turning another page in Cohasset's history

FROM HISTORY, PAGE 1

across articles and various pamphlets about the town during the course of her research for the Narrative History of Cohasset Volume III. The information she found either pre-dated the time period she was covering, or didn't quite fit into the chapters, but she knew it was worthy of setting aside for future use. "It was so happenstance," she said about the way she came across the information, but since then, "I've put it all together, organized it, and I've done some editing," she said.

Dormitzer has also written brief narratives to go along with the articles, to give readers some context. She said one of the most interesting facts about Cohasset is the story behind "Cohasset punch," which was distilled in Chicago. She said it was in fact a real beverage, which may have been a combination of rum and soda, although no one is quite sure. Although the Committee does have an archival bottle of the mixture, there hasn't been anyone daring enough to try it.

Dormitzer said a Cohasset resident used to make batches of Cohasset punch, which became a popular drink. People would serve it at local parties. However, when its inventor moved to Chicago, "They brought the secret recipe with them," she said. Dormitzer said there are still some people in town who remember when the beverage was made in town.

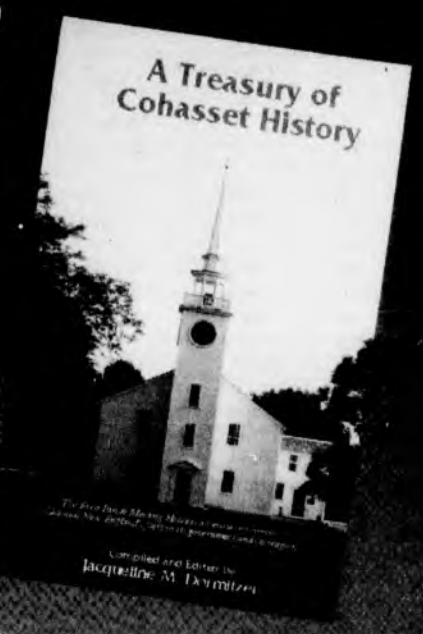
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The book will be printed as an anthology, covering Cohasset events from the end of the ice age to World War II. The Committee on Town History plans to digitally publish the book, as a complement to the town's three volumes of history. Due in part to Dormitzer's volume three history, of which nearly 2,500 copies were sold, the project will be fully funded by the Committee on Town History book account. The account has also supplied the money for the digital re-publications of volumes one and two of the history, as well as the Cohasset schools' continuing first grade and middle school social studies curriculum timeline, history panels, and map reproduction.

When voters head over to Cohasset High School's Sullivan Gymnasium to attend Town Meeting Dec. 6, members of the Committee will be promoting "A Treasury of Cohasset History," and will be taking orders for the book. The book has a publication date of Jan. 1, 2005 and orders taken before the publication date will be given a discounted price of $22 each. Books purchased after Jan. 1 will be $26 each.

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New cruisers, police equipment on the docket

By Samantha Brown
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On the road 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, it isn't long before a police cruiser hits the 100,000 mile mark and needs replacement.

Police equipment such as handcuffs and holsters also need replacing. Raincoats should also be uniform, said Police Chief James Hussey, as part of a presentation to Selectmen on police department needs this week.

Hussey will ask Town Meeting to approve the allocation of $56,000 for two new cruisers. Police recently acquired a new cruiser, which was approved in last year's budget. But Hussey says the department still needs to replace the two others. The department has a total of five marked cruisers.

"These are cars you want to be able to travel at a high rate of speed," said Hussey, adding when a police officer needs to get to the scene of an emergency quickly, the car the officer is driving needs to be reliable.

"They're emergency vehicles. We can't have them breaking down," he said.

Hussey said police cars usually last for roughly two to three years. He said it is good to have one car as a backup, which is used less often and may last longer.

Hussey said in municipalities where he has previously worked, new cruisers have been built into the operating budget which allows for a set replacement schedule. However, he realizes with the financial state of the town, they may need to be included as capital expenses and purchased when the money is available. "I just want whatever is best for the town," he said.

Town Manager Michael Buckley said, "In a perfect world, you budget two cruisers every year in the operating budget." He added with a fleet of eight vehicles which will need replacing every two to three years, new cruisers should be a recurring cost that is planned for. [The chief and detective have unmarked cars and there is also a police SUV for a total of eight including the five cruisers].

However, Buckley added he is "not very optimistic about FY06 at all," and thinks the town might be wise to keep the items as capital expenses for now, purchase the two cruisers, and wait to purchase any more until FY07.

Hussey said the 500-page manual with revised rules and regulations on police procedures should be professionally printed (35 copies) and put on a CD ROM, for a total of $3,200.

"I think that's definitely something we should do," said Selectman Chairman Michael Sullivan.

Hussey also said he would like roughly 25 new pairs of handcuffs at roughly $30 each, for a total of $750 as well as new raincoats for the officers. Hussey explained money has not been allocated for new raincoats in the past, and officers have bought their own, meaning different department members are wearing different color raincoats. He said the coats should all look the same and have "Cohasset Police" written across the back. Contracts require officers are provided with the appropriate equipment, which includes the handcuffs and coats. Hussey said he would like 20 raincoats at 50 inches long, which would cost $4,120, and 20 coats at 30 inches long for $3,200.

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— Police Chief James Hussey

There has also been a change in firearms at the station, and Hussey said officers need new safety holsters for.40 caliber firearms as well as safety belts. He said some officers have bought their own holsters, but by contract the department needs to provide them. Twenty-five holsters and belts would cost $4,750.

One item Hussey requested which may not make it to Town Meeting this year are five mobile data terminals. He said because the department has only one on-duty dispatcher, who also covers the fire department and is responsible for greeting those who come in to the station — the terminals would help relieve some of that pressure. By having data terminals in the cruisers, officers could do their own checks on the computer and file their own reports while in the field, freeing up some of the dispatcher's time.

Hussey said when the train comes to town, things will get busier and there could be pressure to hire another dispatcher. Having mobile units could alleviate that need. "It could be cheaper in the long run," he said.

The mobile units, which could be bought once then transferred to different vehicles as cruisers are replaced, would cost the town $78,993 for five. Hussey said the major portion of the expense is due to the licensing required and the software for the units, rather than the hardware, meaning it would not be advantageous to purchase less than five because the licensing will cost the same no matter how many units are purchased.

The Town Meeting Warrant has not yet been printed, and the police capital expenses request may change before then. Currently, the article has been accepted for the Warrant, but selectmen have not yet made a recommendation for the specific items it will entail. Town Meeting will be held Monday Dec. 6 at the Sullivan Gymnasium in Cohasset High School. Warrants will be mailed out to individual homes prior to the meeting.

MEETINGS

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Conservation Commission, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.

Osgood School Council, Nov. 30, 3:30 p.m., Osgood School Conference Room

Planning Board, Nov. 15, 7 p.m. (9 p.m. public hearing on zoning articles)

Recreation Commission, Nov. 17, 6 p.m.

School Committee, Nov. 18, 7 p.m., in new CHS Community Meeting Room near superintendent's office.

Selectmen, Nov. 16, 5 p.m., & Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m.

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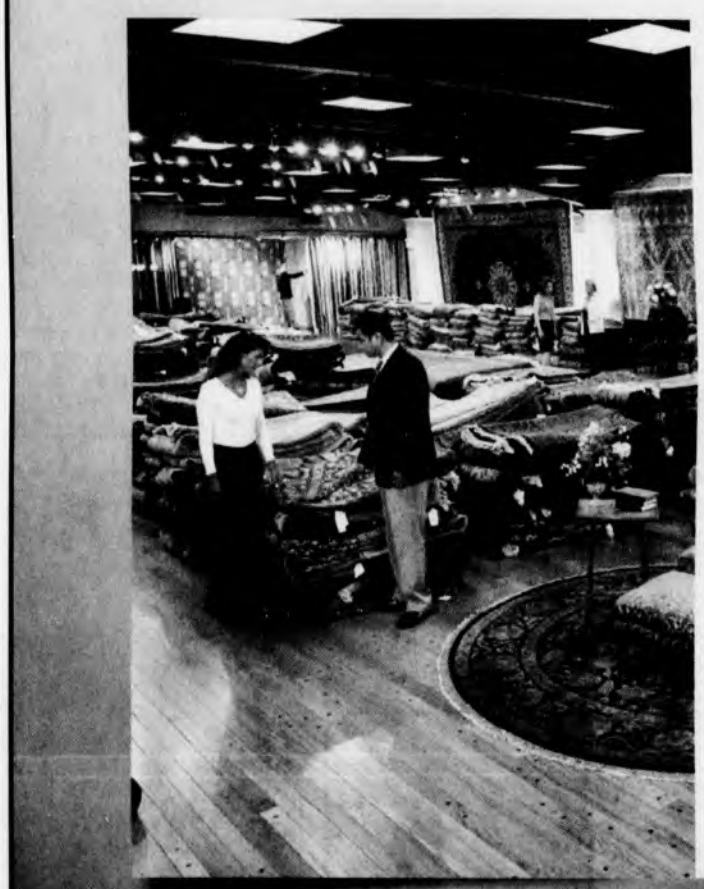
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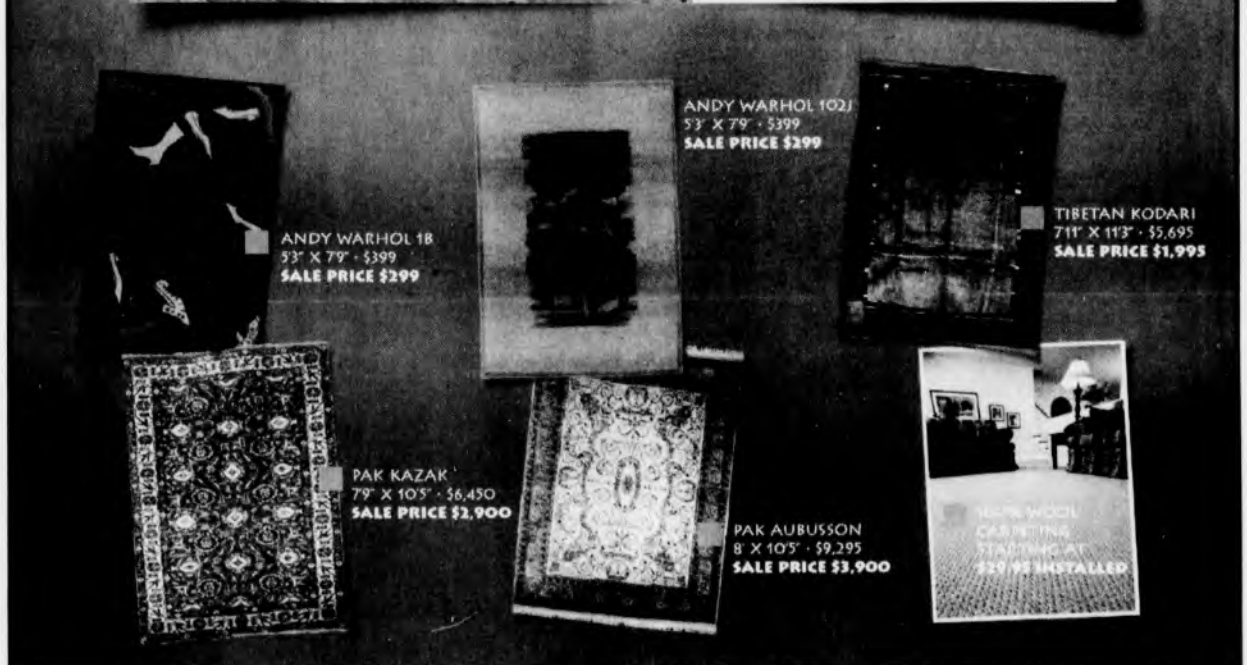
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Sides could square off in sewer battle at Special Town Meeting

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the proposed article on the Warrant, stating it is the board's responsibility to bring it forward to the people.

However, Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said he was opposed to accepting the article, as he believes it will legally put the town in jeopardy. Selectmen Fred Koed and Rob Spofford did not attend Monday's meeting.

"I think this will open us up to endless litigation. It's a Pandora's box," Dormitzer said.

Sewer access is a hot issue in town. Little Harbor-area homeowners have been waiting for years for the sewer. And two proposed developments, the 200-unit Avalon and 105-unit Cedarmere projects, which sought sewer connections before the Cook Estate, are still looking for capacity.

With myriad issues currently surrounding the sewer, "I can't see bringing this kind of thing before the town," Dormitzer said.

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— Selectman Ralph Dormitzer

But McMorris accused Dormitzer of having "tunnel vision" and said the project will bring in tax revenue and will also serve as housing desperately needed to keep seniors in town.

Without a sewer connection, the Cook Estate senior housing project will not move forward.

The Senior Housing Committee and Council on Elder Affairs have joined forces to back the article which would set the stage for sewering the project, which is hamstrung without a wastewater solution.

Testing has concluded soils at the Cook Estate, located on Sohier Street, cannot support an on-site wastewater disposal system. When it became clear on-site disposal would not be an option, developers from Northland Residential, the company the town is working with to build on the site, applied for a sewer connection. Their first application was denied this April, and a second application was denied the first week of November, both times due in part to the fact that the property is not located in the district.

'Senior project' sewer option surfaced earlier

Connecting the Cook Estate project to municipal sewer is a route the town began exploring only a short time ago after on-site soil tests conducted this spring concluded soils could not support the proposed senior housing development.

However, correspondence dating back to 2002 shows the town considered the sewer as a possible means of wastewater disposal for senior housing in the past.

• On Jan. 22, 2002, Sewer Commission Chairman Gary Vanderweil wrote to the Massachusetts Housing Partnership regarding preliminary discussions held with the Sewer Commission, Cohasset Senior Housing Committee, Board of Selectmen, and former Town Manager Mark Haddad to discuss construction of up to 50 units of senior housing in town. The letter stated: "Based on planned renovations to our wastewater treatment plant, the Commission has determined that adequate capacity exists to accommodate a project of this type and size." The current commission maintains there is no wastewater capacity at the central plant.

• The Board of Selectmen met in executive session on June 3, 2003 to begin discussion regarding the possible acquisition of the Cook property, and according to executive session minutes, Selectman Ronnie McMorris asked for a clarification on the Sewer Commission's intentions to allow a sewer hook up for the property. Selectman Michael Sullivan then suggested scheduling a meeting with the Sewer Commission and Planning Board to discuss the town's option's further.

• On June 10, 2003 the selectmen met again in executive session with members of the Sewer Commission and Planning Board to discuss the potential purchase more thoroughly. Although the minutes are limited in their detail, those present discussed the best way to deal with "neighborhood concerns."

• As planning progressed, the Cohasset Water Commission shared its thoughts about the site. In a confidential letter dated September 2003, which was leaked to the Mariner, the Water Commission states "depending on the location of the wastewater discharge site, there will be similar concerns to the Avalon development," because of the nitrogen loading. (The Water Commission is currently appealing Avalon's comprehensive permit, which would allow the site to be built, saying it feels the project could have an adverse impact on Lily Pond, the town's drinking water supply.) Avalon is a proposed 200-unit 40B senior housing project, slated to be built on Route 3A.

At the time the letter was written, it was assumed the Cook project would have roughly 85 units of housing and an on-site system. The Water Commission states the project would be expected to discharge roughly 388 pounds per year of nitrogen, and even if the project was reduced to 66 units and allowed to use septic systems, it would increase the nitrogen load. Even with an alternative treatment system on the smaller development, the Commission said the nitrogen for the site would be increased even more, not to mention the nitrogen from roadway runoff which needs to be accounted for.

• This April, it was announced that the Cook Estate property would not be suitable for an on-site wastewater system. In a letter dated April 7, 2004, David Rosen of LandVest sent the town an update on the findings from the town's hydrogeologic study, performed on Cook soils by Coler and Colantonio. The hydrogeologic study was performed as a requirement for filing a groundwater discharge permit with the Department of Environmental Protection. The permit is required for any project which will discharge more than 10,000 gallons of wastewater per day, and the Cook Estate will generate roughly 15,000. Rosen informed the town that the soils were not considered favorable for DEP approval, and added, "Furthermore, the results show that the likelihood of receiving local approvals for a handful of single family homes is questionable as well."

Developers for Northland Residential, which is working with the town to build on the Cook Estate site, say they have always been pursuing the project with the intention of somehow finding a way to dispose of wastewater without a municipal sewer connection, and have exhausted every alternative means of disposal.

Unpaid Tutela sewer bill is before voters

By Samantha Brown
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Clogging cassettes and citric washes due to faulty sewer pumps have eaten up the Sewer Commission budget.

Therefore, Town Meeting voters will be asked to pay $18,179 to Tutela Engineering Associates, consulting engineers for the Sewer Commission. The unpaid bill – included in Article One — includes services provided between May and July of both 2003 and 2004.

Commission Chairman Raymond Kasperowicz explained due to problems the board has had with a company that manufactures sewer pumps, the commission has spent the money needed to cover other expenses, leaving some Tutela bills unpaid.

Kasperowicz said there have been problems with the pumps provided by Interon Corporation which have required much repair. The town has experienced clogging cassettes, which have resulted in the need for more frequent citric washes.

Tutela started charging $140 an hour in May, up from $135. The $18,179 bill is a relatively small sum in comparison to the amount the town has paid Tutela over the 10 fiscal years from FY'95 through FY'04.

According to town records, between FY95 and FY04, Tutela Engineering Associates was paid $8,391,052 by the town. Boards who used the services of the company included the Sewer Commission, Water Commission, and Board of Selectmen. While the Sewer and Water Commissions have utilized the company's expertise every year, selectmen did not use its services in fiscal years 1995, 1996, 2002, 2003,or 2004.

During those years the town installed the North Cohasset sewers and expanded the Central District, including upgrading the treatment plant. The Water Department also replaced aging water mains to upgrade the system and built a new standpipe.

Of those 10 fiscal years, the Sewer Commission paid $5,225,223 for Tutela's services, while the Water Commission paid $2,944,555 and the Board of Selectmen paid $221,275. The Sewer Commission's highest expenditure was $1,137,891 in FY00. In FY04, the Sewer Commission paid $180,236, while the Water Commission paid $704,648.

The current unpaid Tutela bill breaks down as follows:

• The May 4 through May 31, 2003 invoice totals $3,244. Costs include Zenon upgrade set-up, off loading, and scheduling, as well as chemical cleaning placement and installation.

• From June through July of 2003, items included coordinating letters to the Department of Environmental Protection regarding Interon as well as various coordination of Interon related-items, project status reports for the Elm Street wastewater plant, and providing flow information for various areas around town. Costs for that period total $3,240.

• The invoice for May1 through May 29, 2004 is for $4,090 and includes hours for assembling Board of Health testing information and analyzing Lily Pond sampling reports, coordinating railroad sleeve information with Town Manager Michael Buckley, and discussions and e-mails relating to Interon problems. The board was also billed for two hours for a review of the Provincetown bylaws, which would have dealt with the Home Rule Petition article the board was slated to include on the Warrant.

• The invoice from May 3 through July 3, 2004 totals $7,603 and most of the charges involve Tutela Senior Project Consultant Daniel Coughlin's work on Town Meeting Warrant articles. Fourteen hours were billed for research and drafting of by-law and Home Rule Petition language. Six hours were billed for meeting preparation and meetings with Town Counsel regarding the Home Rule Petition and bylaw review. At least 10 hours were billed for reviewing Town Counsel's revisions to the Home Rule Petition and bylaw.

• In addition, Tutela has billed five hours for reviewing a US Filter contract amendment, and an additional two hours for a contract amendment back-up. Tutela also charged for three hours to review letters to be sent to Cohasset residents not connected to the town's municipal sewer system.

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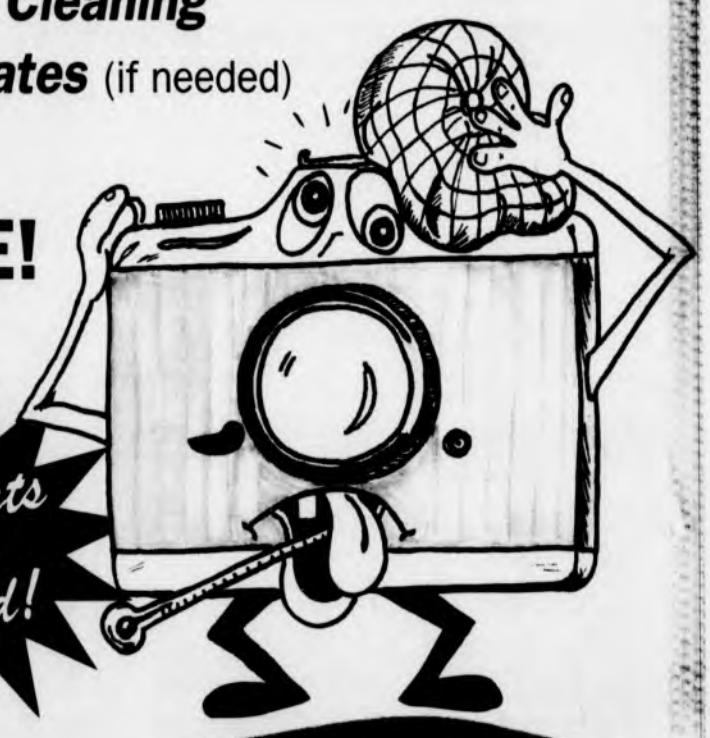
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Cohasset couple displays work at Norwell's James Library

Exhibit has Italian flavor

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

"A View of Italy," the current exhibit in the James Library gallery, is actually two views, categorically speaking.

The exhibit features two artists, the Cohasset wife-husband team of Kimberlee and Richard Alemian, who combine their talents and creative views via the respective media of painting and photography. Despite the minor technical misnomer of the title, the show lives up to the duo effort of its format, as the Alemians present their collective view of eye-catching scenery — both natural and architectural — gathered from a September, 2003 trip to Italy's Lombardy area from distinct individual perspectives.

"A View of Italy" is on view in the James Library gallery through Nov. 30.

Artists of all media are, in a certain given sense, traditionally drawn to the traditions, such as those inherent in the rich native history of Italy in this case for creative inspiration. This particular attraction seems just what has drawn the Alemians to the Old Country as well.

"Italy is always very unique. The whole color, shade and tone of the country's overall scenery are just different from anyplace else," said Richard Alemian at last week's James Library show opening.

In distinction from her husband, a semi-retired orthopedic surgeon, Kimberlee Alemian is the more career-based of the two artists. A Painting BFA graduate of Massachusetts College of Art, with an MFA in Painting from Boston University, Visual Arts Division, Kimberlee is currently an artist member with both the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset and the North River Art Society in Marshfield.

Kimberlee's collection of oil on board paintings, save or one oil on canvas, are concentrated mostly of scenes within the Lake Como area, in Verona within the Lombardy region where she and her husband stayed on their excursion. The portraits of villas and other traditional structures, most of them within waterfront settings, display an overall tastefully subtle use of light and color to create a transporting effect.

"The colors of the Lake Como region are unlike anywhere I have seen," said Kimberlee in her exhibit statement. "Rich turquoise and lavender are dominant colors that are punctuated with the gold ochres and siennas of the architecture. While in Varenna, we explored the various villages along the lake, including Menaggio, Bellagio and Como itself.

"Color and light have always been a strong component of my work and Lake Como is a delight of the visual senses," she said.

Richard Alemian has been a medical doctor by trade, but also a photographer for well over 50 years, starting as a teenager when, he recalled, his mother bought him his first camera, a late 1940s model Argus 21. These days, Richard's cameras of choice are two Canon 35mms, one for film and one for digital, while some of his exhibit pieces are printed on premium glossy paper, others on fine art paper, which is also used for watercolor painting.

Richard too demonstrates a keen eye for observing the natural with the man-made in his displayed works. Particularly captivating is the digital image of "Chiavenna, Italian Alps," portraying the quaintness of a bridge-connected village before a towering misty mountain backdrop. Other shots offer modern urban Lombardian street scenes, such as the back-alley imagery of "Red Hydrant, Lucca" and the sidewalk cafe patrons of "Bar Duomo, Pisa."

Said Richard, "My interests, other than pretty scenes, are composition, color (usually intense), light, texture and geometric lines. Color and sometimes contrast are controlled using Adobe Photoshop. None of the photos have been cropped. Keeping the viewer's eye in the picture is my goal."

More information about the Alemians, plus JPEGs of painting and photo works, can be found at kcalemian.com and richardalemian.com.

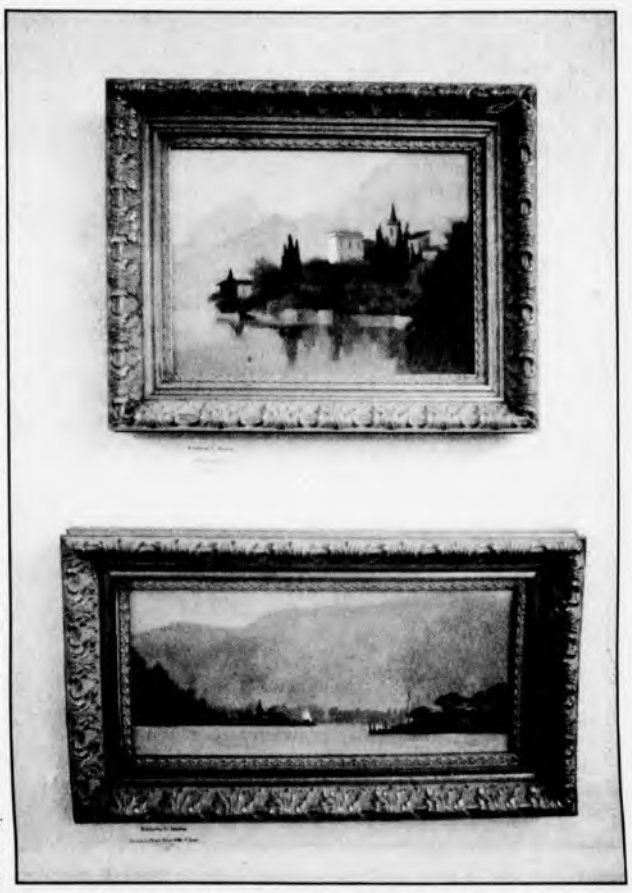


Artist/photographer Richard Alemian shows his work at the James Library and Art Center.



PHOTOS/BERT LANE

Artist Kimberly Alemian shows her work at the James Library and Art Center in Norwell.



Some of Kimberly Alemian's paintings on exhibit at the James Library.

Not too late to join Our World's Brick by Brick program

AROUND TOWN



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I hope that everyone took some time yesterday to remember our veterans across our country and thought about the job they have done. Our thoughts and prayers are with all families who have lost a member of their family and for all of our men and women who are serving our country.

TWIN GIRLS ARRIVE

Tess and Whilhelmina St. John were born Nov. 1 to **Brendan and Stephanie St. John**. They have a big sister, **Anastasia,** whose birthday is also Nov. 1. She turned 3. Proud grandparents are **Paul and Joan St. John** of Cohasset and **Jeanne Walsh** of Scituate.

Congratulations on these two new bundles of joy! "Thank Heaven for Little Girls...."

SCHOOL NEWS

Looking for news and information regarding the Cohasset Public Schools and/or the Cohasset PSO? Go check out the info at www.cohassetk12.org or www.cohassetpso.org.

It really is helpful to keep up-to-date on all the happenings around the schools.

ART CENTER EXHIBITION

The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery currently hosts an exhibition of great interest to art enthusiasts and holiday shoppers alike. Small Works showcases the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 Gallery Artists. Works in all media include watercolor, oil, charcoal, pen and ink, acrylic, pastels, pottery, monoprints, and photography and features familiar local scenes, landscapes, seascapes, still life, ceramics, collages, and folk art. All works are small in size with special pricing for holiday giving.

There are many Cohasset Artists with a number of pieces on display including **JoAnne Chittick, Lisa Marder, Janis Mattox, Jeanne Replogle, Sarah Roche, Diana Rousseau** and **Judy St. Peter**. Small Works is open through Dec. 31. Gallery Hours are M-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 12-4 p.m.,. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

JINGLE BELL WALK

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TOP DEBATER

Dominic Jancaterino of Cohasset (son of **Dr. Jon and Patricia**) was recognized at a Debate Tournament on Sunday, Nov. 7. Dominic was on a team with another student and placed fourth (out of 28) in the team's division. Domenic joined other St. Sebastian's eighth graders in competing against ninth and tenth graders from Chapel Hill Chauncy Hall, Hopkins, Kingswood-Oxford, Miss Porter's, Northfield Mt. Hermon, Phillips Exeter, and Stoneleigh-Burnham. Great work.

10-YEAR REUNION

The CHS Class of 1994 has a 10-year reunion set for Saturday, Nov 27 at Clerys in Boston from 9p.m.-2a.m. Any questions can be emailed to **Brian Pattison** at cohasset1994@hotmail.com

PHOTOGRAPHIC TOUR

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will explore "Midnight In The Garden Of Good And Evil" during the program following the business meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 23. **Karen Jones**, a former board member of the Savannah Foundation, will present a photographic tour of the interior and exterior of Savannah's Historic Homes and their gardens, as well as Savannah's Great Parterre Garden. Coffee will be served at 9:00 in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church.



POOL DEDICATION

From left, Paul J. DellaRocco of Weston, President and CEO of Franciscan Hospital for Children, Richard Smith, Debra Knez, Susan Smith, and Douglas C. Chamberlain of Cohasset, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Franciscan Hospital for Children, attended the dedication of the Richard and Susan Smith Family Therapeutic Pool. The pool is part of the Evelyn M. Jenks Therapeutic and Rehabilitation Center, and provides therapists with ultimate flexibility in a weightless setting that satisfies the demands of traditional rehab patients as well as elite athletes.

'CARIBBEAN FOR KIDS'

"Caribbean for Kids" is multicultural music and movement program which will take place in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m.. All families and ages invited.

BRICK BY BRICK PROGRAM

It's not too late to add your family's name to the brick walkway at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum located at 100 Sohier St. Funds generated from the museum's Brick by Brick program will directly support the continued maintenance of the new outdoor playground and indoor play area along with the acquisition of additional play structures and museum exhibits.

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LOCAL STUDENTS IN WHO'S WHO

Hats off to the following Cohasset residents that are included in the 38th Annual Addition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2003-2004:

Kelsey M. Bell, Mary C. Fegreus, Kristen T. James, Lara A. Novak, Christina M. St. Pierre, Megan Stanley, Lauren C. Strazzulla, Kristen A. Watts, Donald R. Dickinson, Tess Foley, Katharine P. Murphy, Brenna E. O'Donnell, Paul N. St. Pierre, Owen M. Stevenson, Amanda C. Thompson, and **Katherine E. Wilcox.**

Who's Who, published by Educational Communication, Inc., Austin, Texas, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

NATIONAL DEAN'S LIST

Congratulations to the following Cohasset students are among the approximately 254,000 students included in the 27th Annual Edition of "The National Dean's List, 2003-2004:"

Elizabeth Anderson, Curry College; **Thomas P. Bilodeau,** Roger Williams University; **David Crowley-Buck,** George Washington University; **Katharine Grimm,** George Washington University; and **Suzanne Lynner,** Charleston **Southern** University.

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That is all for this week. Send all of your news and information to me no later than Tuesdays by noon.

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OUR WORLD UPDATE

The following events are taking place at the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum off Sohier Street (behind the library). Call 781-383-9198 for more information:

• This week at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, join the staff on Wednesday anytime from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and make a Thanksgiving craft as Our World gets ready to have a feast in the upcoming weeks. Spend some time playing in Small World, our toddler play space while you're there. Admission is $3 per child, optional donation for adults.

• Registrations are still being accepted for the Manners Can Be Fun class with Angela Brown Nov. 19, only a few spaces remain. The class will run from 4 to 6 p.m. and is the perfect way to get children ages 6-9 ready for the holidays. This introductory class will touch upon the importance of introductions, formal and informal; phone manners; table etiquette, including setting the table, properly passing food, table conversation and proper utensil use; poise and body posture; please and thank you; and more. Call to register your child, 781-383-3198.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Sea of red ink for the schools

Like it or not – schools have to be run like a business while they educate our young.

Not all school superintendents are well versed in crunching numbers, some prefer to be "ivory tower" intellectuals pontificating about educational philosophy from on high.

With the $500,000 "surprise" in the school budget revealed this week in a memo to Town Manager Michael Buckley – it appears our previous $140,000-a-year school superintendent may fall into the latter category.

The school budget – whose bottom line is approved by voters – allows considerable "wiggle room" to accommodate unforeseen expenses, such as an unexpected influx of students requiring specialized programs and instruction.

The school department can use money from line items for supplies or maintenance, for example, to cover another expense without having to seek Town Meeting approval or a transfer from the Advisory Committee.

However, despite the flexibility inherent in the school budget, something went seriously awry with school accounting. It hasn't taken long for the new Supt. Denise Walsh to unearth shortfalls and "unbudgeted and under-budgeted" items for fiscal years '04 and '05.

Now in the interest of "moving forward," "strategic planning," and "responsible budgeting" – the taxpayers will be asked to ante up.

Unfortunately, nothing is that easy. Clearly members of the School Committee need to be held accountable for lack of oversight regarding the budget and explain what went wrong. But they seem more interested in damage control.

The $500,000 issue got short shrift at last week's School Committee meeting with much more time spent on reports from Camp Bournedale and the jazz band – two worthy endeavors but paling in comparison to the business at hand.

There seems to be an effort at obfuscating the "big number" by letting the bad news out little by little. At Monday's joint meeting with the Selectmen, the School Committee and school administration adeptly danced around the big picture.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris was told she was out of step when she asked where the money would come from to dig the school department out of the hole it's in. She was told the matter would come up at the Advisory Committee meeting Wednesday.

Then Wednesday night, instead of airing the budget issue openly at the Advisory Committee meeting as promised — the school administration, School Committee and Selectmen chairmen, two members of the Advisory Committee and the Town Manager met earlier. We sat at the Advisory Committee meeting posted at 7 p.m. and the issue never came up.

Cohasset taxpayers have built a new school and renovated and expanded two old ones. They've supported innumerable overrides; last year's was solely for the schools.

Still cuts had to be made. A Cohasset mom launched a grassroots effort last spring to raise money to retain three teachers in the belief that the administration and School Committee had used their sharpest pencil on the budget, going over every line item in excruciating detail.

Yet here we find out that contractual items such as tuition reimbursement, column changes and separation costs were unbudgeted.

Huge hikes in utility costs for our newly expanded and renovated school buildings weren't factored into the budget. Taxpayers will have to foot the bill for both the FY04 deficit and the FY05 under-budgeted utility cost hike.

Clearly, none of this is Dr. Walsh's fault. She inherited a budget that was out of whack. The prior administration apparently ignored some sizeable bills. How could that happen?

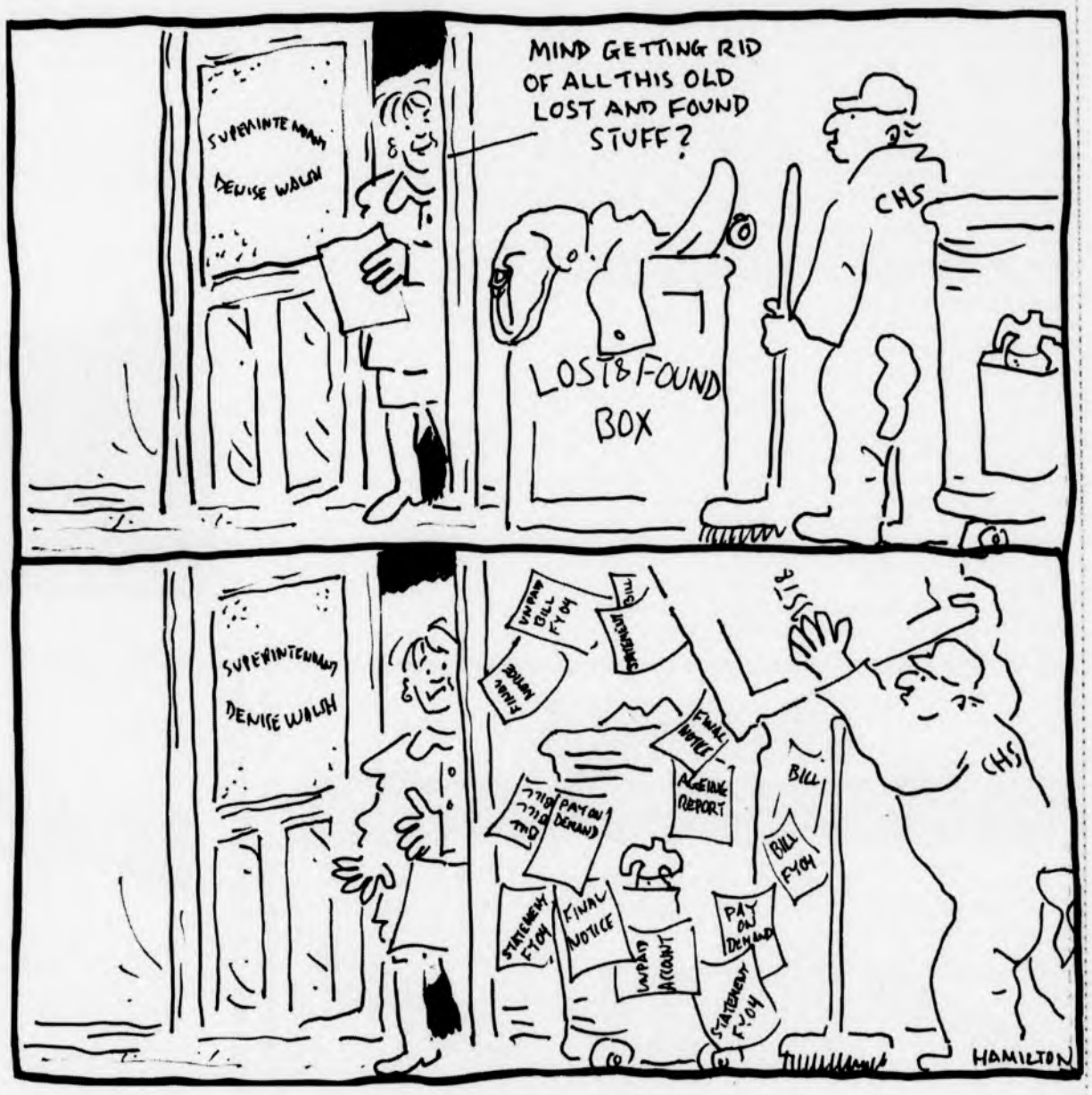
The FY06 budget season is nearly upon us. There's little doubt in our mind that another override is on the horizon.

Here at the Mariner, we pledge to provide our readers with as much information on the process as we possibly can. In that vein, we're printing the budget sheets and Dr. Walsh's memo which are public documents.

We hope from this point forward, the School Committee and new administration will work in a totally up-front, open and transparent fashion.

Cohasset taxpayers, who have stepped up the plate so many times, deserve no less.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spending is up — way up!

TO THE EDITOR:

Is it time for sensors yet?

I don't know what I found most disturbing at the Monday night Selectmen's meeting.

There is the $93K school utility bill from last year that was under-budgeted even though the estimate from the architect was pretty accurate. It is so amazing that on some issues like a utility estimate the powers that be didn't take the architect's advice. But on other issues like energy and maintenance efficiency suggestions from the Design Review Board and concerned taxpayers they deferred to the architects. The architects who were paid *millions* of Cohasset tax dollars.

Next is the $100K that is being tossed around for light sensors that will cut the school's energy costs. One must realize that as far back as 1996 during discussions for the building of the new Osgood School these sensors had been suggested. Two architects for the three schools and the School Building Committee decided that they didn't want to use such technology, which by the way has been in existence for years. Instead we have been having our town unnecessarily illuminated causing both a huge energy waste of tax dollars and a nuisance to the neighbors. But of course it was explained that public safety demands that the driveway of the elementary campus be always lit. I don't know why public safety isn't an issue on the town common, especially the back right corner. which is pitch black and felt very unsafe on election night.

Another line item is the increase needed for the cleaning contractor. What did they expect when instead of providing easily maintained learning spaces we had to have cathedral ceilings, forums, etc., etc.

Now we are in the process of hiring a special maintenance person for the town buildings, someone who is able to work the complicated computer systems that control the lights, heating and a/c and even the doors in some buildings. What have we gotten ourselves into?

The lighting issues, the difficult to clean high open spaces and the refusal of the architects to use dual fuel rather than just gas burners at the Middle/High School when we had new oil tanks, has cost the taxpayers untold thousands already that should have gone to education programs. And this is just the beginning — it is a gift to the town that will keep on taking.

And it isn't just the schools with their hands out. As always overtime in police and fire is out of control. I distinctly remember at a previous town meeting that we were promised that by increasing the staff at the fire department by four that we would be cutting down the o/t drastically and it would virtually pay for the four employees. Now we find out that we need to have several more paramedics before the OT will supposedly go down. Also two of the five towns dropped out of the unmanned ambulance agreement. Maybe it is time for a new ambulance study to look into privatization.

And remember when we just did the rehab to the firehouse that had a $100K extra because the architect (the same one who did the Deer Hill and Middle/High) made a mistake. Well now we need a new generator because the one we have is inadequate. It will only cost $25K with another $13K to hook it up and build a pad. Hmmm, why wasn't that part of the major renovation?

It is always difficult to figure out how a 10-year-old garaged fire truck could have extensive rust and need major refurbishing. That question did come up at the meeting but was not really answered. What kind of maintenance program are we using?

I remember when we went to dispatchers to free up public safety personnel and save the town substantial amounts. The day we had the windstorm with the power outages appeared to the chief to be an indication that our dispatchers needed a staff increase to handle the workload during freak storms. The chief has come up with a possible solution to help alleviate some of the dispatch work and it would only cost $78K for mobile data terminals for five marked police vehicles. That way the police in the field could check license plate numbers without having to call dispatch. There is always the possibility that even with these units that the powers that be will still be looking to increase the dispatch staff.

Our Special Town meeting this year is in December during the season of giving. Is that wishful thinking on the part of our town officials.

L. C. Jenkins
Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers
198 Jerusalem Road

SEE LETTERS PAGE 13

Gambling with sewer not a safe bet

COMMENTARY

LOUIS S. HARVEY

Cohasset is making a million-dollar gamble with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on one-hand and real estate developments on the other. The gamble is that we can avoid the $3,650,000 per year fine for the environmental damage caused by inadequate sewerage of Little Harbor and Atlantic Avenue.

Cohasset has no more sewer capacity. So, in order to comply with the DEP, save the environment from further damage, provide for future growth and for contingencies, Cohasset has proposed to expand the sewer capacity. This intent was acceptable to the DEP, which confirmed that the plan submitted several months ago was satisfactory. That plan did not include connecting any new development projects to the expanded sewer (intended to meet DEP requirements).

The DEP has indicated that Cohasset faces a fine of $10,000 per day ($3,650,000 per year) until we comply, if we fail to comply with the plan. This fine would be in addition to the cost of constructing a sewage plant and would mean higher taxes and lower budgets for years, until the requirements are met.

The discussion of connecting new developments to the planned sewer system expansion flies in the face of this $3,650,000 per year risk. While engineers discuss how much capacity can theoretically be added, there has been little or no discussion of the risks if the forecasts are wrong.

If we take this $3,650,000 per year risk we must assume that everything will go right. We must believe that there will no construction problems such as delays, cost overruns or unexpected hazards. We must assume that existing residents will not expand use in the decades to come including no increase family size or waste disposal. Further, we must assume no increase in federal or state regulation of waste disposal and no errors in estimates or unexpected problems. Is it reasonable to assume that we can forecast so accurately that it is worth the multi million-dollar risk of putting the critical Little Harbor Atlantic Avenue environmental problem on the back burner?

The argument for taking the monumental risk has been the desire to meet the needs of senior citizens. This is a vitally important goal and one that should be pursued with great vigor. The fact is, however, that the needs of senior citizens can be successfully met in a far more economical and environmentally friendly way than building separate old-age communities.

Most seniors prefer to stay in their lifelong homes if they can afford it and if someone would take care of the day-to-day needs ... mowing the lawn, plowing the snow, fixing the roof, community activities, taking care of the heat and all the chores that loom large as age takes its toll. These and all the other needs can be met in a far more compassionate way.

There are economical and practical solutions to the goal of meeting the needs of seniors that do not involve putting the Town at financial risk. Instead of uprooting seniors from their lifelong homes, perhaps it would be less risky and more practical to establish the services that seniors really need at an affordable cost.

I propose creating a commission to develop a solution that is in line with what seniors really want and stop gambling with our future.

Louis S. Harvey lives at 465 King St.

School memo on the budget

Supt. Dr. Denise Walsh sent the following memo dated Nov. 2 to Michael Buckley.

Mr. Michael Buckley
Interim Town Manager

Dear Michael:

This correspondence is to follow up on our recent telephone conversation regarding the school department budget for FY05. As I shared with you, since taking on this responsibility as Superintendent of Schools on July 1, I have identified a number of line items that appear to be significantly underbudgeted for FY05. The underbudgeted amount may be as much as $500,000.

The major categories of concern that appear to be underbudgeted are: transportation, cleaning/custodial services, tuition reimbursements for professional staff, special education tuitions, legal fees, unemployment and utilities. This fiscal reality is made even worse by the fact that we are still making up for deficits from FY 04.

We will do our best to cut back in spending in areas that we can but you will notice that many of the underbudgeted line items are fixed costs or are in areas where we are mandated by law to provide services, or we have a contractual obligation.

At this time, I am requesting assistance from the town in two areas. I am requesting first that the town at the Special Town Meeting support the payment of an unpaid gas bill for heating at Cohasset Middle High School FY04 in the amount of $93,474.31. Also that the amount of $93,500 be added to the FY05 budget to help support this years underbudgeted amount.

Secondly, in FY 04 there was $20,000 budgeted for unemployment costs. The actual unemployment costs however were $85,000, leaving a deficit of $65,000. I am requesting from town meeting also the $65,000 for FY04 unemployment costs as well as an additional $65,000 for FY05. In the future, I would like to discuss the possibility of budgeting these costs outside of the school department's operational budget, similar to how other benefits are budgeted.

In closing, there is one additional item for consideration at: the Special Town Meeting and that is the replacement of the small truck used for trash pick up removal as well as moving furniture and equipment within the district. This truck at a cost of $14,800 would be utilized by both school department and DPW. Unfortunately, safety concerns are forcing me to bring this request to you during these difficult fiscal times.

As always thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

Denise M. Walsh, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

COHASSET PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FY05 Budget Analysis
10/19/2004

PURPOSE: TO ILLUSTRATE MATERIALLY UNDERBUDGETED LINE ITEMS IDENTIFIED AS OF 10/19/04

	FY04 Actuals per G/L	FY05 Budget	Anticipated Need	(Shortfall)	
TRANSPORTATION					
Salaries	$ 173,842	$ 169,908	$ 203,000	$ (33,092)	2 new substitute drivers, one additional bus
Contracted Service - Regular ed	$ 23,066	$ 42,000	$ 25,000	$ 17,000	
Contracted Service - Special ed	$ 156,773	$ 125,200	$ 150,000	$ (24,800)	
Vehicle Maintenance	$ 96,970	$ 76,700	$ 97,000	$ (20,300)	one new bus, one new van
Other Expenses	$ 41,946	$ 45,521	$ 42,000	$ 3,521	
	$ 492,597	$ 459,329	$ 517,000	$ (57,671)	
CUSTODIAL					
Contracted Services (OneSource)	$ 224,198	$ 253,953	$ 325,000	$ (71,047)	OneSource contract in place
Custodial (Salaries)	$ 273,042	$ 255,904	$ 273,000	$ (17,096)	retroactive head custodian pay
Supplies	$ 25,500	$ 38,923	$ 35,000	$ 3,923	
	$ 522,740	$ 548,780	$ 633,000	$ (84,220)	
UTILITIES					
Gas (Heat, hot water, etc)	$ 305,723	$ 224,900	$ 354,000	$ (129,100)	Based on increase in cost per therm from 1.13 to 1.25
Electricity (AC, lights, etc)	$ 229,139	$ 230,181	$ 270,000	$ (39,819)	Based on increase in cost per kilowatt from .090 to .095
Telephone	$ 22,858	$ 26,100	$ 26,000	$ 100	
Water	$ -	$ 31,298	$ 32,000	$ (702)	
Add back: non-recurring rebate	$ 55,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	$ 612,720	$ 512,479	$ 682,000	$ (169,521)	
UNEMPLOYMENT	$ 85,158	$ 20,531	$ 80,000	$ (59,469)	Based on prior year activity
SALARIES					
Tuition Reimbursement	0	0	$ 70,000	$ (70,000)	Required by contract, unbudgeted
Column Changes	0	0	$ 55,000	$ (55,000)	Required by contract, unbudgeted
Separation Costs	0	0	$ 48,000	$ (48,000)	Accrued vacation costs and longevity buyout for admin, unbudgeted
	$ -	$ -	$ 173,000	$ (173,000)	
LEGAL					
School Committee	$ 15,580	$ 11,700	$ 20,000	$ (8,300)	Collective Bargaining
Special Education			$ 20,000	$ (20,000)	Hearings in progress
Legal Settlements			TBD	TBD	
SPECIAL EDUCATION					
Tuitions	$ 702,305	$ 766,083	TBD	TBD	2 residential placements pending @ $175k each
TOTALS				$ (572,181)	Excluding residential placements and legal settlements

December Special Town meeting requests

Utility relief for FY05	93,000	in addition to FY04 unpaid gas bill of $93,000
Unemployment relief for FY05	65,000	in addition to FY04 deficit of $65,000
Remaining shortfall	(414,181)	Excluding residential placements and legal settlements

COHASSET PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Budget Analysis
September 16, 2004

PURPOSE: To compare FY04 expenditures per the G/L to the FY05 budget.
To illustrate that the FY05 budget is actually less than 3% more than FY04 actuals and does not appear to be adequate based on outstanding contractual obligations

	% of Total	FY 04 Actuals	FY 05 Budget	$ Difference	% Difference	Items to monitor
SALARIES						
Professional		$ 7,669,522	$ 7,904,658	$ 235,136		vacation pay buyouts, consulting, course reimbursement, column changes not budgeted
Clerical		$ 296,377	$ 305,830	$ 9,453		
Instructional Aides		$ 424,427	$ 480,043	$ 55,616		
Transportation		$ 173,842	$ 169,908	$ (3,934)		
Athletics		$ 146,356	$ 103,908	$ (42,448)		
Custodial		$ 273,042	$ 255,904	$ (17,138)		
Other		$ 34,336	$ 45,051	$ 10,715		
Unemployment		$ 85,158	$ 20,531	$ (64,627)		
	78.26%	$ 9,103,060	$ 9,285,833	$ 182,773	2.01%	3% salary increase not including step and column changes
CONTRACTED SERVICES						
Custodial		$ 224,198	$ 253,953	$ 29,755		
Transportation		$ 276,808	$ 243,900	$ (32,908)		
Special Education		$ 174,235	$ 99,068	$ (75,167)		
Legal		$ 15,580	$ 11,700	$ (3,880)		no budget for SPED legal, at least 4 hearings in progress
Athletics		$ 17,998	$ 21,075	$ 3,077		
Other		$ 66,886	$ 119,880	$ 52,994		
	6.67%	$ 775,705	$ 749,576	$ (26,129)	-3.37%	
TUITIONS	6.04%	$ 702,305	$ 766,083	$ 63,778	9.08%	summer tuitions exceeded budget by $20,000
UTILITIES						
Gas (Heat, hot water, etc)		$ 308,723	$ 224,900	$ (83,823)		
Electricity (AC, lights, etc.)		$ 229,139	$ 230,181	$ 1,042		
Telephone		$ 22,858	$ 26,100	$ 3,242		
Water		$ -	$ 31,298	$ 31,298		
Add back: non-recurring rebate		$ 55,000	$ -	$ (55,000)		
	5.29%	$ 615,720	$ 512,479	$ (103,241)	-16.77%	underbudgeted based on prior year usage by $100k assuming no price increase
SUPPLIES	2.10%	$ 243,742	$ 307,555	$ 63,813	26.18%	increased to compensate for years of budget freezes
OTHER	1.64%	$ 190,765	$ 320,524	$ 129,759	68.02%	
TOTALS		$ 11,631,297	$ 11,942,050	$ 310,753	2.67%	

Reconciliation to legal budget:	FY 04 Actuals	FY 05 Budget	$ Difference	% Difference
Original legal budget	$ 11,177,297	$ 11,942,050	$ 764,753	6.84%
Add: custodial bill	$ 41,000		$ (41,000)	-100.00%
Add: utility increase	$ 200,000		$ (200,000)	-100.00%
Legal budget	$ 11,418,297	$ 11,942,050	$ 523,753	4.59%
add: unemployment	$ 65,000		$ (65,000)	-100.00%
add: gas bill not posted	$ 93,000		$ (93,000)	-100.00%
add: non recurring rebate	$ 55,000		$ (55,000)	-100.00%
Total expenditures	$ 11,631,297	$ 11,942,050	$ 310,753	2.67%

LIBRARY CORNER

For children

Caribbean for Kids: Saturday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m., in the Meeting Room, the library will host "Caribbean for Kids." Encompassed in the ensemble's performance is a multicultural repertoire which includes rhythms, songs, and instrumentation from many Caribbean Islands, including Puerto Rico, Cuba, Trinidad, Tobago, Jamaica and Barbados. Come hear the steel drums, move to calypso and reggae rhythms and join in the limbo. This event is sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administrated by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Pizza and books: On Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 5:30-7 p.m. the first middle school (grades six-eight) book discussion group will meet. The group will have pizza from 5:30-6 p.m. in the Community Room and then move to the Young Adult Room for a book discussion. Barbara Mullin, an experienced book discussion leader, will facilitate. The first book will be "Fair Weather" by Richard Peck. You can place a "hold" on this book by going to www.cohassetlibrary.org or by calling Mrs. Moody at 781-383-1348. Call now and reserve your space.

Vocalmotion, Monday, Nov. 15 and 22 at 10:30 a.m. This is a creative music and movement series facilitated by Sharon Chase. This is a drop-in program for young children accompanied by a caregiver, requires no registration, and welcomes all communities. Held in the Meeting Room.

Author, Saturday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m., Jacqueline Davies will discuss her new book, "The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon." Davies will be available for book signing and a question and answer session. This event is for grades three and up. Buttonwood Books is sponsoring this event and will have books available for purchase. This event will take place in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Independent film

"Carol's Journey," winner of the Berlin Best Film, will be shown in the Meeting Room Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. Carol, a 12-year-old Spanish-American girl from New York, travels with her mother to Spain during the Civil War. Her innocence and rebellious nature drive her at first to reject her new foreign world, but she soon journeys into adulthood through a friendship with Maruja, the village teacher, and a young local boy, Tomiche. (Spanish/English subtitles).

On Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. the film "The Rage in Placid Lake," a whimsical, satirical comedy featuring Placid Lake, an odd fish in a sea of mediocrity whose brilliant ideas get him into more trouble than success, will be shown in the Meeting Room. Admission and refreshments are free.

Celebrate with a book

Donate a book to the library to celebrate a special event or a special person. Every donated book is identified with a bookplate that will honor the individual or group for whom the book is donated. The donation is tax deductible. Call the library at 781-383-1348 for more details.

E-mail address

The Paul Pratt Library has a new automated system for booking meeting rooms and museum passes. Please provide the library with your e-mail address so that reminders of the passes and meeting rooms you have booked can be sent to you via e-mail. We can also notify you of your available holds and any items you have checked out that will be due soon.

Artist exhibit

Jeanne L. Replogle's recent paintings will be on display in the Meeting Room through Dec. 31. An opening reception will be held Nov. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. All are welcome.

WELLSPRING

Volunteers needed- The Thrift Shop at Wellspring is searching for caring, responsible and trustworthy volunteers to work in the shop and to assist with inventory. The Thrift Shop is open: Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Thrift Shops continues to offer clothes, household items, toys and books at low prices. The Thrift Shop at Wellspring also offers a friendly atmosphere and the opportunity to learn about other programs and service available.

Wellspring is at 814 Nantasket Avenue. Hull, 781-925-3211 www.wellspringhull.org

Smoking cessation —Wellspring announces two new support groups for smoking cessation.

Nicotine Anonymous, a 12 step support group will begin Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

A General Support Group called "Anyway you can" will be held every Tuesday morning beginning

Tuesdays from 8 to 9 a.m. All are welcome – there is no fee.

Wellspring's mission is to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their financial, physical or emotional well-being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

Virtual store — A variety of items are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit Wellspring Multi-Service Center. Donations of items are also welcome and can be done on a consignment basis. Wellspring's mission is to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their financial, physical or emotional well-being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

Job counseling —Wednesdays 7 to 9 p.m. Wellspring offers the opportunity to meet with a human resources professional, at no cost, to discuss individual issues with job seekers in the community.

Wellspring's Job Counselor brings more than 10 years of experience in the human resources field working directly in the staffing and recruiting industry, holds a B.S. in sociology and is currently employed as a recruiter for a firm in Boston. Meeting with our HR professional will give you the ability to get answers to specific questions and guidance on your job search. Job Counseling is free of charge. Appointments are required.

Wellspring 814 Nantasket Avenue. Hull, 781-925-3211 www.wellspringhull.org

HEALTH NOTES

Nearly 20 percent have diabetes

And many don't know it

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

A recent major clinical trial indicates that those at high risk for Type 2 diabetes can sharply lower their chances of getting the disease with diet and exercise.

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. An estimated 18.2 million persons in the United States (i.e., 6.3 percent of the population) have diabetes. However, 5.2 million (29 percent) of these persons have not had their condition diagnosed. Persons with diabetes have a risk of premature death that is approximately two times greater than that of persons without the disease. From 1980 to 2002, the number of persons with diabetes in the United States more than doubled. In 2000, diabetes was the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and cost the nation more than $132 billion dollars in health-care expenditures.

Throughout this month, the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) which studies the results of our national medical program, will publish reports related to diabetes, including reports on diabetes among certain racial/ethnic populations, diabetes and obesity, diabetes and vision impairment, and psychological distress associated with the disease. These reports are invaluable to health-care officials. They broadly and generally describe our success in meeting the health care challenges of our nation in sufficient detail as to be relevant to communities such as Cohasset .

During November, the CDC, along with 59 state and territorial diabetes-control programs and other partners, will highlight activities that increase awareness about diabetes and women's health. More than 9.3 million women in the United States are now living with diabetes. This month, the CDC will release a 30-minute video that emphasizes the healthy behaviors and coping skills that women have learned from adolescence through their older years to help manage their disease.

Diet and exercise

A recent major clinical trial indicates that those at high risk for Type 2 diabetes can sharply lower their chances of getting the disease with diet and exercise. "In view of the rapidly rising rates of obesity and diabetes in America, this good news couldn't come at a better time," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson in announcing the findings Aug. 9 at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). "So many of our health problems can be avoided through diet, exercise and making sure we take care of ourselves."

The study also found that treatment with the oral diabetes drug Glucophage (metformin) reduces diabetes risk, though less dramatically, in people at high risk for Type 2 diabetes.

Participants who were randomly assigned to intensive lifestyle intervention reduced their risk of getting Type 2 diabetes by 58 percent. On average, this group maintained their physical activity at 30 minutes a day, usually with walking or other moderate-intensity exercise and lost 5 percent to 7 percent of their body weight. Participants picked randomly to receive treatment with Glucophage reduced their risk of getting Type 2 diabetes by 31 percent. The study, called the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), compared diet and exercise to treatment with Glucophage in 3,234 people with impaired glucose tolerance (IGT), a condition that often precedes diabetes. The trial ended a year early because the data had clearly answered the main research questions.

The DPP, conducted at 27 centers nationwide, is sponsored by the NIH. It is the first major trial to show that diet and exercise can effectively delay diabetes in a diverse American population of overweight people with IGT, a condition in which blood glucose levels are higher than normal but the individual is not yet considered to have diabetes. Forty-five percent of the participants enrolled in the DPP were from minority groups that suffer disproportionately from Type 2 diabetes: African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and American Indians. The trial also recruited other groups known to be at higher risk for Type 2 diabetes, including people age 60 and older, women with a history of gestational diabetes, and people with a first-degree relative with Type 2 diabetes.

Volunteers in the diet and exercise group achieved the study goal, on average a 7 percent —or 15-pound —weight loss, in the first year and generally sustained a 5 percent total loss for the study's duration. Participants in this lifestyle intervention group received training in diet, exercise (most chose walking), and behavior modification skills.

Additional information about diabetes is available from CDC at: www.cdc.gov/diabetes.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

CHAMBER CHATTER

Business After Hours

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce announces that Pilgrim Co-operative Bank, located at 800 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Rte. 3A, will host a Business After Hours Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The chamber encourages all members to stop by, pick up their membership folder and meet their business colleagues. Prospective members are welcome. There is no entrance fee, participants are asked to bring a donation of a non-perishable food item for the Cohasset and Scituate Food Pantries. RSVP by Nov. 15 by calling Paul Cosgrove or Michaele Russell at 781-383-8441 or e-mail PCosgrove@Pilgrimco-op.com

Coffee Corner

In its ongoing effort to provide different kinds of networking opportunities to it members, the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is coordinating a weekly networking opportunity with the Scituate Chamber that's called Coffee Corner. There will be a networking event every Tuesday morning from 7:30 to 8:30/9 a.m. at different locations in Cohasset and Scituate. The Coffee Corner is open to everyone as an opportunity to promote their business. New locations will be added and a revolving schedule will be established. Take advantage of this opportunity and help your business grow. Bring plenty of business cards. For more information, call Michael Conlon, 781-383-1616; Bob Hofmann, 781-378-1998.

November Schedule:

Nov. 16: Starbucks Coffee, Rte. 3A, Cohasset

Nov. 23: Jamie's Pub, North Scituate Village

Nov. 30: The Pub at Widow's Walk Golf Course, Scituate

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued last week at Town Hall:

Craigie Zildjian, 127 Nichols Rd., addition, roof deck, stairway, $300,000; Chris Snook, 37 Stanton Rd., addition with garage under; Joseph Fewsmith, 38 Riverview Drive, finish attic, install dormer, $20,000; Ford, 790 Jerusalem Rd., woodstove, $2,200; Cingari, 10 Norfolk Rd., remodel kitchen, $15,000; John Martin, 45 North Main St., reroof 9 squares, $3,700; Tom Cook, 281 King St., install window, $1,000; Andrew Koropey, 26 Rustic Drive, replace 16 windows, $8,000; Stoughton, 87 Pleasant St., re-roof, $6,750; Legge 419 South Main St., addition over breezeway, $53,000; Marie Quinn, 34 Lamberts Lane, replace 7 windows, French door, $7,000; Condos #8-20, 100 Pond St., re-roof 63 squares, $20,475; Judy Perry, Hugh Strain Rd., renovate bathroom, $19,247.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen
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November 5, 2004



Senator
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Room 413F



Representative
Garrett J. Bradley
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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives and senators' votes on two roll calls from prior sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

	Hedlund	Bradley
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE COURT (H 4850) House 156-0, Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget provision creating a special commission to conduct an investigation into the feasibility of creating a specialized court to hear cases of medical malpractice claims. The commission would report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by February 1, 2005. Override supporters said it is time to look into establishing a separate court that would be presided over by medical professionals and experts to handle the escalating number of medical malpractice cases. Override opponents said the Romney administration is already working with the Harvard School of Public Health to develop a pilot plan that would replace the jury trial system for medical malpractice cases. The plan would create a new system to resolve these cases by an administrative tribunal similar to the current system used for workers' compensation claims. In his veto message, the governor said that he does not believe that it is necessary to establish a commission through legislation. (A "Yea" vote is for the special commission and investigation).	Y	Y
$460,000 FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT (H 4850) House 134-21, Senate 36-2, overrode Gov. Romney's $460,000 veto reduction (from $960,000 to $500,000) in funding for the Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment (MOITI). Override supporters said MOITI boosts the economy and creates jobs by working to attract foreign companies to Massachusetts and increases exports by marketing Massachusetts businesses internationally through trade shows and foreign trade missions. They argued that the full $1.1 million is necessary to ensure that the MOITI has sufficient funds to do its job. In his veto message, the governor said that he reduced the funding to an amount consistent with his original fiscal 2005 budget recommendation. (A "Yea" vote is for the $460,000. A "Nay" vote is against the $460,000).	N	Y

ABOLISH PREMARITAL BLOOD TEST (H 75)- Gov. Romney signed into law a bill repealing the law requiring couples to have a premarital blood test to determine if either person has syphilis. Supporters have filed this bill for many years and argued that this antiquated and expensive requirement costs million of dollars and was established during a syphilis outbreak in the 1930s. They noted that thousands of tests annually only reveal three or four cases of syphilis and argued that this money could be better spent in other healthcare areas.

WWII DAY (H 1201)- Gov. Romney signed into law a measure designating September 2 as World War II Commemoration Day to honor veterans who served in that war. The proposal provides for the ringing of church bells at 9:04 a.m. in recognition of the final surrender of Japan.

VIDEOTAPING NUDITY AND BOOTLEGGING MOVIES (H 4863)- The House has approved the Senate version of legislation making it a crime to videotape, photograph or electronically surveil another person who is nude or partially nude, without the person's knowledge and consent. The proposal imposes up to a $5000 fine and/or 2.5-year prison sentence on violators. The also bill outlaws the videotaping of movies in movie theaters and imposes up to a two-year prison sentence and/or $100,000 fine on first-time offenders and up to a $250,000 fine and/or five-year prison sentence for subsequent offenses.

STATE COLORS (H 2694)- The House gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate a proposal designating blue, green and cranberry as the state's official colors.

REGULATE MOTORIZED SCOOTERS (H 5125)- The House approved a new version of a bill regulating gas and electric-powered motorized scooters by putting in place many restrictions that currently apply to motorized bicycles. These restrictions include requiring operators to be at least 16 years old, possess a valid driver's license or learner's permit and wear a helmet; subjecting the vehicles to most state traffic laws and banning them from sidewalks and bike paths and limiting their speed to 20 miles per hour. Two additional restrictions that are not currently placed on motorized bikes but would be placed on motorized scooters include banning the scooters from being operated before dusk and after dawn and mandating that they be equipped with directional "blinkers" in the back. Supporters said that these inexpensive, under $400 low-riding scooters are basically unregulated and are being used by people of all ages across the state. They said the vehicles are "an accident waiting to happen" and should be quickly regulated by the state.

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS- Last week's election results indicate that the Democrats gained two seats in the Massachusetts House and one seat in the Senate. The 2005-2006 House will include 138 Democrats, 21 Republicans and one unenrolled member while the Senate will be comprised of 34 Democrats and six Republicans.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cook Estate project is good for Cohasset

TO THE EDITOR:

When I think of things that are needed in Cohasset, number one on my list is drumming up additional sources of revenue so that all of the financial burden of running a town of 7,000-plus people does not fall upon the residential rate payers. Second on my list, is abiding by a mutually agreed upon Master Plan whereby we satisfy our responsibilities to provide the level of affordable housing as directed by the Commonwealth. Finally, I think we must offer alternative housing options for our seniors allowing them the option to continue to reside in the community where they raised their families.

We already provide excellent schools, a fine library, open spaces, beaches and ocean which our citizens can enjoy so when you get right down to it — there aren't very many other items that are necessary and within our control.

There is a plan for the development of the Cook Estate on Sohier Street, which I truly believe the citizens of Cohasset must get behind in order to satisfy the items on the "wish list" noted above. The sale of the Cook property will provide the Town with an immediate $700,000 and annual payments of $470,000.

As a residence for those 55 of age and older, the Cook development will not strain our schools and will in part satisfy our obligations under 40B. The project, it has been learned, will need to build an on-site sewer treatment plant, but it needs the town's endorsement to pump its treated water into the town's Central Sewer District, which has the capacity to handle it. All costs associated with this hook up, will be at the developer's expense and approval for this hook up will be on the Warrant at the December Town Meeting.

We need to get behind this project and vote to approve the Cook property's request to hook up to the town's Central Sewer District. The Cook Estate has been extremely patient, but time is running out! If the town does not approve this hook up, the town will lose control of the Cook property. The risk is the site could then potentially be sold to another developer who could develop 10 "McMansions" putting unforeseen strain on our schools and not providing the annual revenues that a 55+ development would offer. This would also prevent seniors from having the opportunity to continue to live in the town they love.

We need to think long and hard about the future of Cohasset. Development of the Cook Estate should proceed with the town's oversight, as a residence for those age 55 and over. We need to vote to support the hook up to the town's Central sewer treatment plant at the December Town Meeting. We cannot afford to let this opportunity slip through our hands.

Susan S. Galligan
31 Border St.

Community support urged for Cook project

TO THE EDITOR:

Two worthy objectives need not be mutually exclusive. The objectives are: (1) preserving the capacity allotted to the Little Harbor area and (2) saving the Cook estate project from failure and replacement by a development of "McMansions," by allowing its clean treated waste water to be discharged to the ocean via the Cohasset sewage treatment plant. Surely, with forbearance and intelligent public-spiritedness we can find a way to achieve both objectives. (Other means of disposing the clean treated water have been discussed, but it is uncertain that any are capable of sufficiently timely resolution of permitting, cost or other issues).

The Cook estate project will provide much needed housing for seniors wishing to move from their homes to residences more suitable to their less active lifestyle, and who would prefer to remain in Cohasset rather than relocate to Linden Ponds, Pine Hills etc. Most seniors move to such housing rather than continue the work and expense of upkeep of their homes, whether or not there is senior housing available in their own town. Their former home may then be occupied by a younger family with children in school, but that will happen whether the senior can find senior housing in his or her own town, or has to seek elsewhere. The town benefits, as well as the Cohasset resident whose wish to remain here is satisfied, because our town, rather than some other town, reaps the benefits of tax revenue from the senior housing. The existence of senior housing in our town neither increases or decreases the load on the schools, regardless of where our seniors move to. So let's have the tax advantages of keeping as many seniors here as possible, while providing them with the opportunity that all of us may want in the future! If the project moves to fruition, the town should receive a one-time profit of about $700,000, and annual real estate tax revenue of about $470,000, with little increase in the town's annual operating budget. Maintenance of roads, grounds and buildings is paid for by the condominium association.

The Senior Multi-Residential Overlay District Bylaw adopted two years ago at Town Meeting was the response to residents' outcry for senior housing and the product of 10 years of effort. Fortunately, the Cook estate became available, contiguous to some Town-owned land. The combination of the two, together with the co-operative attitude of the Trustees of the Cook estate, made possible the excellent concept adopted at town meeting last year, to provide a mix of market-rate units and affordable housing, some rental and some to be purchased.

Although preliminary tests indicated that the real estate could accommodate on-site

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Interbasin Transfer Act application approved

Stage set for water sale to Hingham

The state Water Resources Commission, by a 7-0 vote, has approved the Interbasin Transfer Application filed by the Cohasset Water Commission,

This permit will allow the Cohasset Water Department to transfer up to 310,000 gallons of water a day from the South Coastal Basin (Cohasset) to the Weir River Basin (Hingham) to provide water to the Linden Ponds (Erickson) development in Hingham.

"The Water Commission has signed contracts to sell up to 310,000 gpd to Linden Ponds over the next 20 years," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission. "This sale of water will provide revenue to help us to continue our aggressive water system improvements program, while not depleting our supply.

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— John McNabb, Water Commission

"Cohasset uses about 710,000 gpd, while the water supply system is capable of safely delivering more than 5,200,000 gallons per day," McNabb said.

The Water Dept. also needs a Water Management Act Permit Application, filed with DEP, to withdraw an additional 380,000 gallons per day from the Cohasset water supply to serve Linden Pond

To provide the water to Hingham, the Water Department will install a new 12-inch water main along Route 3A from Hingham Lumber to the Hingham Line and will construct a new pumping station near the Hingham town line.

Copies of the applications are available for review at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall, and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Notice of these applications will be published in the Aug. 25 Environmental Monitor, which can be viewed at:

www.mass.gov/envir/mepa/secondlevelpages/environmentalmonitor.htm

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disposal of wastewater, more intensive examination conducted by the contractor (Northland), unfortunately revealed that the site could not absorb the projected 14,250 gallons per day of treated wastewater from an on-site treatment plant. (Projected by the arbitrary regulatory formula; the actual discharge will be somewhat less). Bitter complaints about the alleged misjudgments and false promises that got us into this predicament are counterproductive; what's needed is recognition of the benefits of the Cook project and an open-minded willingness to work for a solution.

If this clean treated water were to flow through Cohasset's sewage treatment plant on its way to an ocean discharge, it would increase the plant's total discharge slightly but would not diminish the treatment plant's existing or potential future capacity to serve future tie-ins, and specifically the Little Harbor area. Nevertheless, this ideal solution is of concern to the Sewer Commission and homeowners in the Little Harbor area, primarily because of concern that an undesirable precedent would be established for tie-ins in advance of serving their area. The Agreement for Judgment mandates that this area be sewered (but doesn't in itself preserve the treatment capacity to do so), and is supplemented by a DEP moratorium on upgrades of residential leaching fields to Title 5 standards.

In reality however, precedence probably will have little impact on how the large potential treatment capacity of Cohasset's plant is utilized.

Given the desirability of this project for the Town, it is essential that we work constructively with Northland to develop off-site means of disposing of the treated effluent. The technical, regulatory, financial (and political) issues must clearly be capable of timely resolution, otherwise the option to obtain the property must be terminated. The Trustees of the Cook estate have been very accommodating, but in the end must honor their instructions and cut us loose at some not-so-distant-future point in time, if a viable solution is not forthcoming. The property then will go on the market again, and Cohasset will not only have lost this ideal opportunity to profit financially while fulfilling some of the need for senior housing, but can expect yet another development of large houses.

Anna Abbruzzese
155 Border St.

Anna Abbruzzese, chairman, for the members and officers of the Council on Elder Affairs.

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Sand removal causes waves at Sandy Beach

By Samantha Brown
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The Sandy Beach Association and Conservation Commission are working with Town Counsel to remedy a situation which has surfaced with the Department of Environmental Protection.

"We all believe this isn't a dune."
— Debbie Cook, Conservation Commission

A pile of sand, which the DEP classifies as a sand dune, was removed from the beach this June, in an effort to help clear the view for motorists exiting the beach. Sand dunes prevent beach erosion and protect natural features of the land from water and wind erosion. The sand removal coincided with the town's annual clean-up of the parking lot.

Every winter, strong winds and storms blow sand from the beach onto the lot. In the late spring, the town hires a contractor to use heavy construction equipment to push the sand back onto the beach. The removal has caused the DEP to threaten enforcement action against Cohasset for both removing what it feels should be a protected dune, and aggressively pushing it back onto the beach with construction equipment.

"We all believe this isn't a dune," said Debbie Cook, chairman of the conservation commission. The commission believes that sand, which is not contiguous with the beach, does not "nourish" it in any way, and is located on top of a parking lot, cannot be classified as a dune. The roots from plants growing in the sand cannot penetrate the hard surface under it, and do not completely anchor the sand in place.

The Sandy Beach Association owns the beach and the town owns the parking lot, which has brought the two together in the matter. Cook said her board gave permission to the beach association to remove the sand to improve site lines for motorists, and while more sand was removed than had been anticipated, the town says it was posing a safety issue. However, DEP believes the Conservation Commission should not have allowed the extensive removal, as vegetation had taken root in the sand, which they believe qualifies it as a dune, which should therefore be protected.

However, the orders of conditions outlined for the beach association and the conservation commission clearly include dune maintenance, and Cook said the sand pile was never recorded as a dune which either group must maintain. The DEP approved those orders.

The DEP has said it expects the town to come up with a plan to replace the dune or face the consequences. DEP would like to see the town put the sand back where it was and it wants vegetation planted along the seawall to protect the beach from erosion. Another dune abutting the seawall was damaged by the construction equipment that pushed sand from the parking lot onto the beach.

Members of both town groups say the DEP did not contact them before coming down to the beach for an inspection and only visited the town in response to a resident's complaint over the removal of the sand dune earlier this summer.

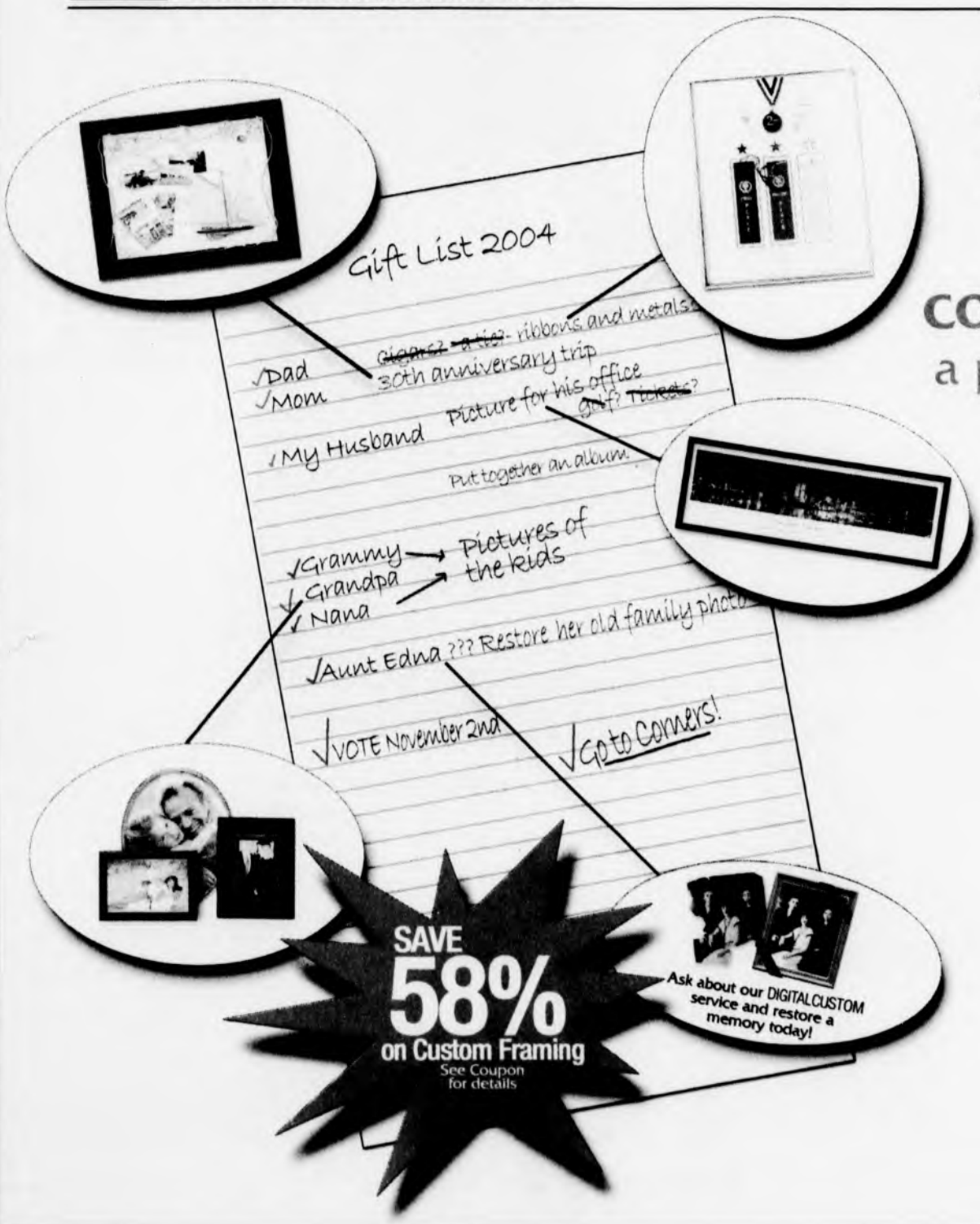
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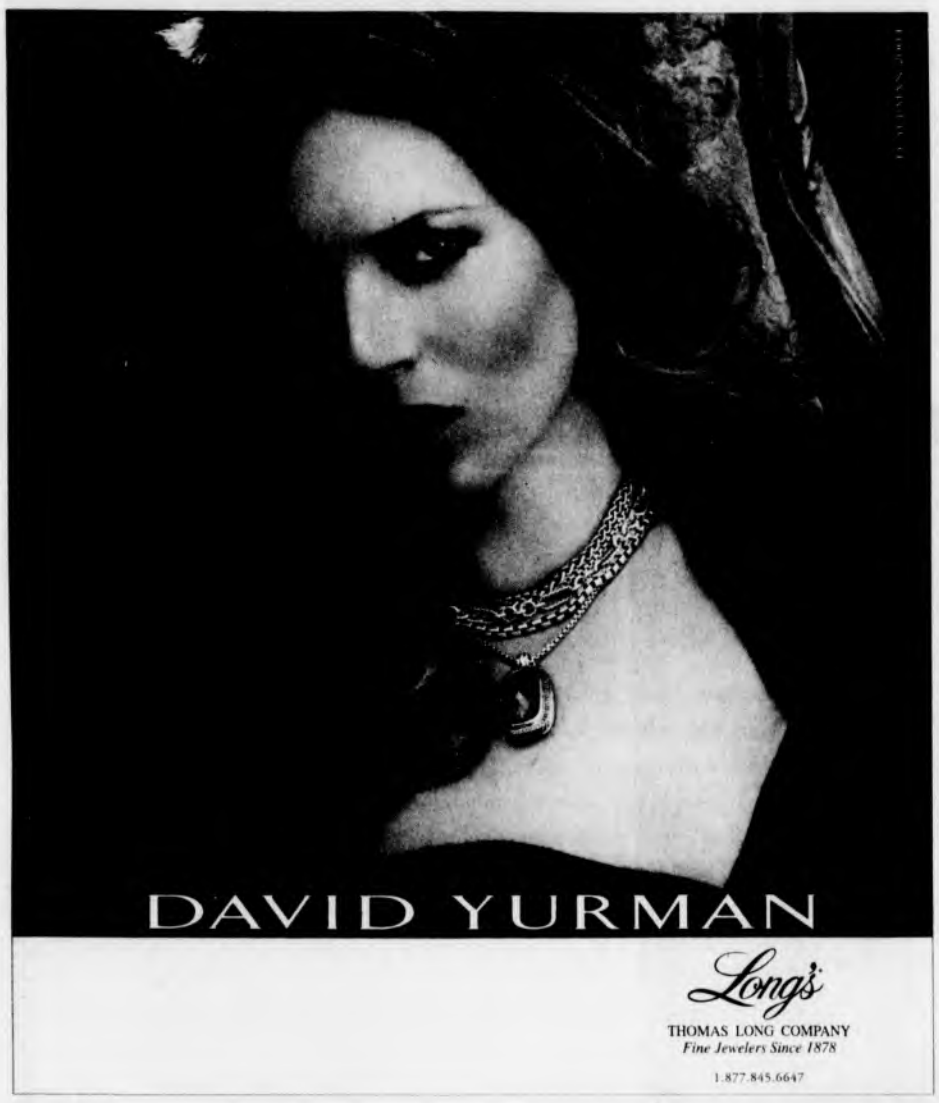
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Santa will be upstairs in the Center to pose for pictures with you and your children. Please stroll through the village to share in the local shops' holiday ambience.

At 3 p.m. on Cohasset Common there will be a "Turkey Tot Trot" for ages 3 to 10. You may register the day of the event for $3 per participant. Proceeds will benefit the Nursery School. All participants will receive a prize.

Listen to the bells of St. Stephen's playing from 2:30 to 4 p.m., while enjoying a hayride around the Common. Hayrides will be available from 3 to 4 p.m. At 3:45 p.m., gather around the Cohasset Common to listen to the Rusty Skippers Marching Band. The festivities culminate on Cohasset Common at 4:15 p.m. with the lighting of the tree.

There is something for everyone this year at the Jingle Bell Walk. It's a great way to appreciate the picturesque surroundings, while involving the whole family in a Cohasset tradition.

In the event of rain, all outdoor activities will be cancelled and Santa will arrive in the Community Center Gym at 2 p.m.

Schedule

2 p.m. Santa and his elves arrive by boat at Cohasset Harbor (Off Border Street)
2:05 p.m. Santa passes out jingle bells
2:15 p.m. Santa and Elves proceed by fire truck down Elm Street to Main, followed by families and friends
2:30 p.m. Arrival at the center's gym for cookies and beverage
2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Bells of St. Stephen's to play
2:30 to 3 p.m. Sing-A-long in the center's gym
3 to 4 p.m. Open Bowling and face painting at the center
3 to 3:45 p.m. Turkey Trot at Highland Avenue (proceeds to benefit nursery school)
3 to 4 p.m. Hayrides on the common
3:30 p.m. Lighting of the luminaria on the common
3:45 to 4 p.m. Rusty Skippers Band on the common
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4 p.m. Lighting of the tree on the common

Local talent at Coffeehouse Nov. 20

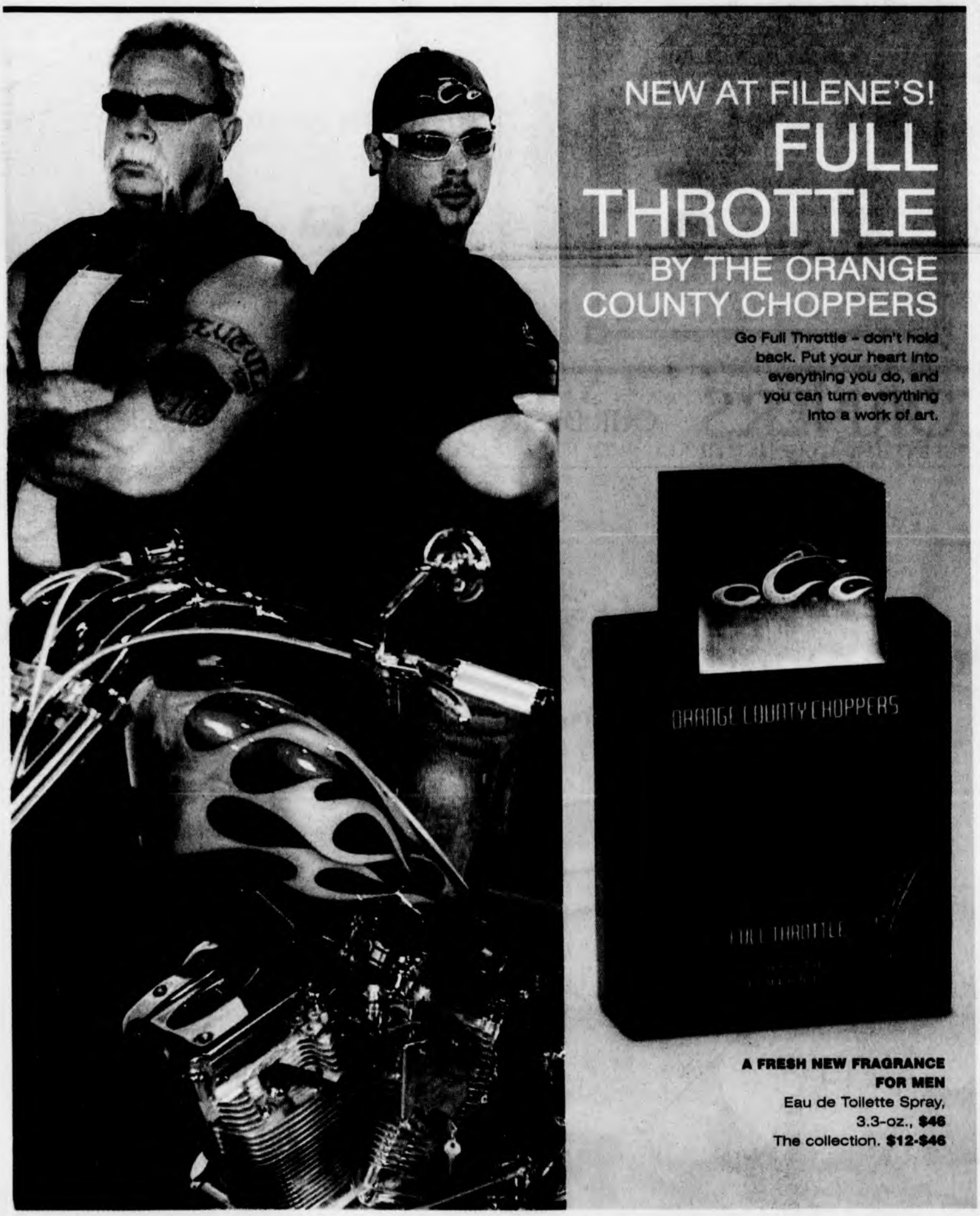
The classically trained, Renaissance-oriented Bedlam Boys will be featured at Hingham's Coffeehouse off the Square on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. The Bedlam Boys will be preceded by Hingham's own Jane Gilmartin.

Their name is "Bedlam," though their music is anything but, as Grant Foster and Gregor Harvey combine vocal and instrumental talents to create a unique sound. The concert will feature traditional songs and tunes from Ireland, Scotland, and England and adaptations of great poetry from Shakespeare to Yeats, arranged with a nod to modern folk music.

Preceding the Bedlam Boys is Jane Gilmartin, a young singer of old songs. As a teenager she sang along with punk rock records and then discovered "all those beautiful Renaissance ballads interpreted by Steeleye Span, June Tabor, and the Watersons." Jane was fascinated by those songs because they were like "little pieces of common history, passed down through the ages."

Join the Coffeehouse audience for an evening of 16th-Century "oldies but goodies."

The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. Admission is $10 at the door. An open microphone precedes the concert. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds go to the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee.



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PHOTO BY BERT LANE

Cohasset tailback and leading rusher Joe Durkin fights for extra yards in last month's tilt with Pembroke.

For all the marbles

Winner of Norwell-Cohasset grid showdown will be SSL

By Mike Spellman
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So, here we are, right where most of us in the know guessed we'd be: Norwell at Cohasset on Friday (7 p.m. kickoff) for all the marbles in the South Shore League football race.

Cohasset (8-0, 3-0 in SSL play) remained on track for the winner-take-all showdown with a 30-23 win over SSL rival Abington on Friday, while Norwell (8-1, 4-0) tuned up with a 41-7 non-league win over Plymouth South.

Hull (6-2, 2-1), an Oct. 15 Clippers victim and Cohasset's Thanksgiving day opponent, has already been eliminated via the tiebreaker formula.

This marks the fourth year in a row the Clippers and Skippers have gone into this late-season clash with a shot at the SSL title. Cohasset took the title in 2001 and '03, while Abington was champion in 2002. The Clippers have finished in second place all three years.

The 2004 Norwell and Cohasset teams feature similar styles. Both teams rely on steady defenses that don't give up big plays and a smash mouth game on offense.

Senior captains Greg Thornton (1,500 rushing yards to date) and Brian Ware are a very effective tailback-fullback tandem. Ditto for Cohasset's senior duo of Joe Durkin and Ted Straughn. Cohasset quarterback Crandon Leahy can also lug the rock effectively, as witnessed by his six rushing TDs to date.

SSL football title game
Norwell at Cohasset
Friday, 7 p.m. kickoff

In nine games, Norwell has outscored its opponents, 263-81, while Cohasset checks in with a 189-66 count through eight games.

On defense, the Skippers returned eight of 11 starters from last year's SSL champion team. The Clippers didn't get off quite so easy, but they've still put together a very solid unit. A good portion of the 81 points

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Closing it out in style

CHS field hockey hopes to ride momentum into 2005

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

You will not find Cohasset hoisting any banners to the gym ceiling in honor of this season's field hockey team. This team has paved the way, however, for future field hockey teams lucky enough to benefit from this year's hard work.

Some fans may have turned their back on Cohasset's 2-7-1 league record team. The smarter fans did not and for good reason.

Defensively speaking, the Lady Skippers migrated from misery to mastery. In September, you could barely feel a pulse in the team arm when the players lost to Hanover and Notre Dame Academy by the respective scores of 9-1 and 4-0. Then they turned the corner, losing games by only a goal or two.

"I feel the team improved on defense a lot. Aaron Bigley remained consistent in the net for much of the year," said coach Deb Bostwick.

Junior Erin Liddell also showed enthusiasm about her team's

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset's Emilie Shea gets sandwiched by a pair of Fairhaven defenders during Lady Skippers season ending 3-0 loss in the first round of the state tourney last Thursday. See next week's Mariner for girls soccer wrap up.

Lost opportunity

Boys soccer team edged by top seeded Chatham in second round

By Mike Spellman
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Rob Leary began to get a bad feeling after his Cohasset boys soccer team narrowly missed on a quality scoring opportunity early in the second half on Sunday, his team up 1-0 at the time.

That "feeling" proved prophetic, as Leary's Skippers went on to lose the second round state tourney showdown to top seeded Chatham (20-0-1), 3-1.

"Had we scored there, I feel pretty certain we'd have won this game," said Leary, whose team finished up the season with an 8-6-3 record, which included a 2-0 first round win over Fairhaven last Thursday. "I don't think Chatham has been down 2-0 all year, and we would have been able to take a bit different approach if that had happened. And [Chatham] might have become a little more desperate."

The play that could have changed the complexion of the game dramatically started when Cohasset top scorer Aidan Buick broke free in the box and was taken down from behind before he could get a shot off. The ball squirted to freshman Mike Grimm, though, and he sent his pressured shot just over

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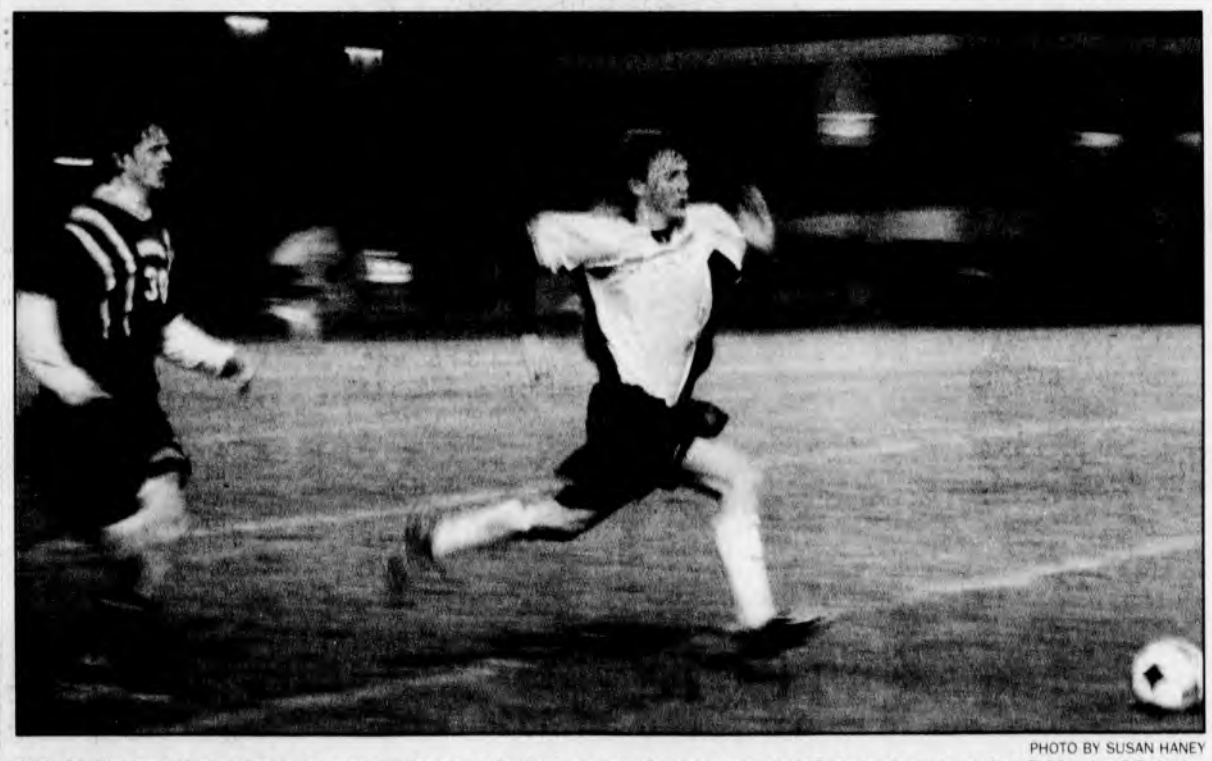


PHOTO BY SUSAN HANEY

Chris Ofsthun runs down a loose ball with a Fairhaven defender in pursuit. Cohasset won their first round game against Fairhaven, 2-0, last Thursday night.

Thanks for everything, Mariner readers

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN



This is the best job I've ever had, and I'll be surprised if I'm saying otherwise whenever my professional life ends.

Hence, it is extremely hard to walk away. Family and financial considerations, however, must win out.

Y'know, a lot of squirming and second guessing has accompanied those occasions in the past where I've offered things up of a personal nature. Obviously, putting yourself out there is never easy. Beyond that, there's always that fear that people aren't the least bit interested. It just wouldn't feel right, however, if I didn't at least risk embarrassment this one last time. Thanks in advance for indulging me.

What I take with me from this job is four and a half years of great memories, and for that I have an impossibly long list of people to thank.

Let me try anyway.

Thanks to Mark Skala and Greg Mathis for taking a chance on someone who'd been out of fulltime journalism for a while.

Thanks to fellow editors Mary Ford, Cathy Conley, Alice

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scored against them have come late in games after the matter had already been decided.

For whatever all that's worth

Before any of this could take place, the Skippers needed to play a very dangerous Abington squad this past Friday night. The Green Wave (5-4, 1-3 SSL), coming off of two tough league losses to Hull and Norwell on consecutive weekends, were looking to get back in the win column. Having competed for league titles in each of the past three years and winning twice, how Abington would respond ithout a title on the line remained the big question.

Across the field, Cohasset entered the game ith a 7-0 mark. The combined record of the Skippers opponents, however, was 6-29. Obviously that too left a question mark.

The questions about Abington were quickly answered as the Green Wave jumped out to a 7-0 lead on their opening possession. On the 13th play of the drive and facing a third-and-19, quarterback Tim Wells lined up in a shotgun formation. Wells took the snap, found a gap on the left side and bounced outside toward the sideline on a draw. When he stretched for the pylon, Wells's 24-yard touchdown run completed Abington's 75-yard drive.

Cohasset, which was coming off a perfectly timed bye before closing the season with the Abington, Norwell and Hull gauntlet, looked a little rusty most of the first quarter. Following a Cohasset punt, though, it was Abington which looked as if it had not played in close to two weeks. The Green Wave turned the ball over on each of thier next three possessions and would not run a clean play until there was just under two minutes left in the first half.

Abington's first fumble came inside its own 20-yard line as Cohasset's Kelvin Ferriera fell on the loose ball at the 11. Two plays later, Joe Durkin took a sweep right for a four-yard touchdown run. A quarterback draw from Crandon Leahy gave the Skippers the two-point conversion and an 8-7 lead.

The Green Wave gave the ball right back to Cohasset on the ensuing kickoff as a fumble recovery by Colin Conway wound up on Abington's 30-yard line. Durkin went off tackle for 25 yards on the first play and five more yards on the second for the Skippers' second score, increasing their lead to 14-7. Abington's Tom Delaney made a tough solo tackle on Teddie Straughn to prevent the two-point conversion attempt.

On Abington's next play from scrimmage, a botched center-to-quarterback exchange landed in the belly of Leo Clougherty for Cohasset's third fumble recovery. Starting at the Green Wave 33-yard line, the visitors needed only three plays to get in the end zone. Durkin once again sliced through Abington's defense for a 14-yard touchdown. Straughn's second two-point attempt gave the Skippers a 22-7 lead with two minutes remaining in the half.

Three Abington turnovers inside its own 35-yard line led to 22 Cohasset points.

"Those turnovers turned out to be huge for us," said Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe. "We capitalized on them, but we gave some back in the second half."

As the second half started it was Cohasset's turn to let Abington back in the game. A fumbled exchanged turned into a fumble recovery by Wells at the Skipper 36-yard line. The Green Wave gave it right back on the next play when Silvia intercepted Wells for the second time in the game at his own five-yard line.

A Delaney third-down tackle on Durkin forced Cohasset to punt inside its own 15-yard line, which gave Abington a first down at the 38. Whitman started the drive with an 18-yard sweep around the right end. Two plays later, Matt Jones slipped on a trap for a 12-yard touchdown run. Following Wells completion to Devon Davis for the two-point conversion, the Green Wave closed the gap to 22-15.

Cohasset opened the fourth quarter in the middle of a 10-play, 50-yard drive. Behind the running of Durkin (27 carries, 164 yards) and Straughn, the Skippers would get a first-and-goal at the Abington three-yard line.

On second-and-goal, Leahy took the snap and immediately rolled to his right. Abington's Dan Hoffman, playing defensive end, fought through two blockers to stretch the play out and force Leahy to cut up inside. Leahy lost the ball on a hit from Hoffman, and Jon Conway recovered it for Abington at the nine-yard line.

The Green Wave eventually turned the ball over on downs at their own 38. Cohasset again took advantage of good field position and got inside the Abington 10 on runs of 11 and nine from Durkin. Abington's defense stayed tough and forced the Skippers into a fourth-and-goal situation at the 11-yard line.

Cohasset came out on fourth down with a slot formation to the left, forcing a shift in the Green Wave front. Leahy took the snap and raced to the right side for the touchdown. Straughn's two-point conversion increased the lead to 30-15.

Abington come back to score Wells returned Carroll for a six-yard touchdown pass. Davis again snagged a pass from Wells for the two-point conversion to make it a 30-23 game.

Cohasset's recovery on the ensuing onside kickoff secured the Skipper victory and set the stage for next week's match up with Norwell (8-1, 4-0 SSL).

Correspondent TJ Byrne supplied the Abington-Cohasset game report

Cohasset/Norwell football advisory

At 7:00 pm, this Friday night (November 12), the Norwell – Cohasset Football game at Cohasset's Alumni Field will decide the South Shore League Championship. The winner receive a bid to the M.I.A.A. Division 3 Super Bowl Playoffs. We are anticipating a large crowd. Here is some information to assist fans coming to the game.

Admission

Admission to the game will be $4 for adults, $3 for children (10 years of age and over) and $3 for senior citizens. There will be an entrance gate on both the home and visitors sides. Once you have entered the facility you may not leave and be readmitted.

Children

Every child who is not a high school student must be supervised by an adult. We have had problems with groups of unsupervised kids wrestling on the hill next to the home bleachers, trampling the newly landscape hill on the back turnaround, and not watching the game. The purpose of the event is to watch the game and to support the team not to play tackle football on our back practice fields. We strongly suggest parents supervise their children before someone gets seriously injured.

Parking

Parking is limited, so carpooling will be much appreciated. After all of the school parking lots are filled, street parking will be utilized. Please be aware of our neighbors' driveways and lawns when parking around the school. There are a number of spots available at Milliken Field, and the visitor's side entrance will be open for admission. Police officers will be present to assist you with parking.

Restrooms

Restrooms will be open in our gym lobby located directly off the back turnaround circle. The lobby will remain open throughout the game for people to warm up and get out of the cold weather.

Concession Stand

The concession stand will be located behind the Press Box and will be operated by the Wrestling Boosters Club. Pizza, hot dogs, cold drinks, and plenty of hot chocolate will be available.

Do's and Don'ts

We expect positive cheering and good sportsmanship from the fans on both sides. Taunting, profanity, and negative cheering directed at players, coaches and officials will not be tolerated at Cohasset. Please do your part to be a good sport.

Alcohol, drugs and tobacco products are not allowed on school grounds at Cohasset Middle-High School. Friday nights have been a family event. Please don't do anything prior to or during the game to change this.

There are no dogs allowed in the facility during the game. We are expecting a large crowd so please leave your pets at home.

If you see problems in our stands or on school grounds please find an Athletic Department Staff member in a blue jacket to assist you.

Conclusion

The players and coaching staffs from both schools have had outstanding seasons. On behalf of the athletic departments and school administrations from both schools and the entire South Shore League we hope everyone comes to support their team in a positive way.

Ron Ford
Athletic Director
Cohasset Middle-High School

Thanks for everything, Marinerland

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Coyle, Ed Baker, Matt Gill, Seth Jacobson and Paula Woodhull for all your help and support.

Thanks to all the paginaters who, time after time, never failed to amaze me by somehow making my harried and confusing layout designs work. Specifically, thanks Mary Murray, Paula O'Brien and Linda Smith for the patience. I know there were times I really didn't deserve it.

Thanks to photographers Chris Bernstein, Bert Lane, Susan Haney, Robin Chan and Alan Chapman for always making my sports pages at least *look* good. Thanks even more for all those times you answered the phone and agreed to drop everything in order to honor a last minute photo assignment.

Thanks to Anne Rodwell for coming through for me more times than I can count.

And an extra special thanks to Julie Nevero, the cuter and cleverer of the Mariner sports editors. It's been a blast.

Thanks moreover to all of these folks for making this such a fun place to toil, not to mention a hard place to leave.

As for the actual "work"…this has been as good as it gets, as far as I'm concerned.

In my mind, I reached the pinnacle of sportswriting through this job.

I will tell anyone in this industry who'll listen, flat out, there is nothing better than covering high school sports. This is a personal feeling that's again become crystallized in my mind all too clearly this week, as it seems to every time postseason rolls around. Getting to not only watch, but report on the manner in which these high school athletes put absolutely everything they have on the line to represent their school and their town— all the while dealing with the reality that the next loss will signal the end of an era, the final time they will be playing with individuals they've called friends and teammates dating back to their earliest memories— is a profoundly moving honor.

This kind of athletic backdrop can never be duplicated or come even close to being matched.

In terms of volume, it's difficult to imagine anything matching the widespread fervor this region experienced over the Red Sox this fall and the Patriots last winter. However, if it's pure unadulterated pride and passion from a sports following you want, the Sox and Pats have nothing on…say, what the Scituate boys lacrosse team did this past spring, going from a team that won just five games total in the previous three years of the program to winning more than double that amount in 2004 and marching to the state quarterfinals. Ditto for what the Cohasset High girls tennis, Scituate High girls tennis and Norwell High baseball teams accomplished this past spring with their postseason runs.

I love the Sox and Pats as much as anyone. I was literally shaking as I watched the final innings in both the Yankees and Cardinals series, just as I also was when Adam Vinatieri was lining up both of his Super Bowl clinching field goals.

Still, in my quiet and reflective moments, it's pretty difficult to ignore how absurd these emotions are. In this age of the professional athlete, with salaries and free agency run amok, all we're really rooting for is laundry and corporate entities.

It is also in these quiet and reflective moments that I realize just how lucky I've been to do what I've done since July of 2000.

And I have tasted life on the other side. I covered the Celtics for five years, 1990 through '95, the end of the Bird Era. I got to speak regularly with Chief, Kevin, DJ, Reggie, Dee and Larry. It was a pretty exciting time, to say the least. I've also covered the Red Sox, done interviews with Roger Clemens, Mo Vaughn, Nomar Garciaparra, Jim Rice and Yaz (these latter two as coaches…I'm not that old), to name a few of the highlights.

Yup, it was loads of fun. I was living out a boyhood dream.

But, you know, I never *really* felt honored to be doing any of this. In fact, I never even felt much appreciated. Those were jobs. OK, pretty cool jobs, but jobs still the same. And the longer I did them, the more they felt that way. There were always four or five other reporters there, looking to tell pretty much the same story I was. And if I wasn't there, someone else would have told it. And it's not like the athletes I was covering really thought all that much about what I was writing or the mental efforts expended to report or frame things just so.

Conversely, in my soon to be former capacity, I'd stumble into a sense of honor on an almost weekly basis. I've chronicled treasured personal histories, something I've been reminded of frequently by both humbling expressions of appreciation and complaints from folks who'd felt I'd dropped the ball or come up short of the mark. But even these latter contacts proved, more often than not, to be personal motivators. It was great to know people cared that much.

I felt honored to be on a cold and windy Sandwich High soccer field this past Saturday night when the Silver Lake boys soccer team—decimated in 2004 by graduation and the split of Pembroke from the school system, and then for this game by a couple of key injuries—nearly pull off an upset over much higher seeded Sandwich. This game had to go 100 minutes (the regulation 80 plus two 10-minute overtime periods), the set of five penalty kicks each and then finally three rounds into sudden death penalty kicks before it was decided: Sandwich 2, Silver Lake 1. The much deeper Blue Knights team, now a perfect 10-0 on their home field for the season, substituted liberally throughout the game. The Lakers, with starters Rob Massman and Ben Warren out with injuries, pretty much went with the same 11 players throughout the second half and two incredibly intense OT frames. When it finally ended, with Sandwich players swarming their keeper wildly and SL players collapsing to the field in agony, all's I could do was think of how fortunate I was to be there on the sidelines to witness it all.

I felt honored to be there when the Cinderella 13th seeded Scituate High boys basketball team finally fell this past winter to top seeded Norwell in the sectional semifinals, after three wins on the road over higher seeded teams, just as I felt honored exactly two years earlier when the reverse scenario played out. The range in human emotion alone at both venues made it so.

I felt honored to cover the 2001 Norwell High hockey team that stunned us all by barely squeaking into the postseason and then marching all the way to the sectional semifinals, where it became the only team to truly throw a scare into Hanover on its unbeaten drive to a state championship.

I felt honored to cover the 2003 Braintree High boys lacrosse team, a program in just its fourth year that made it all the way to the state semifinals before falling to eventual state champion Beverly. I was also honored to cover the Braintree High boys gymnastics team that won its second straight state championship this past winter season.

I could go on an on and on…the unbeaten 2002 Cohasset High hockey team, the 2003 Scituate High hockey team, with all those great personalities, that made it to sectional semifinals, the 2003 Silver Lake boys soccer team that broke a school record for wins in the final year before Pembroke left the SL region, the three Cohasset High wrestlers (Matt Baroudi, Joey Kehoe and Phil Strazzulla) who won state championships in front of their hometown fans in dramatic fashion this past February, the 2004 Norwell baseball team that went from worst to first in the South Shore League and then marched to the south sectional semifinals …

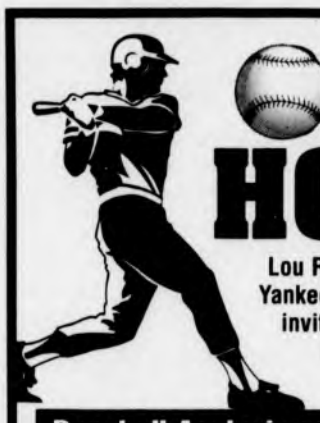
Of greater honor still has been getting to know and work with so many coaches who truly do it the right way, folks like Jeff Doyle, Ron Ford, Tom Giacomozzi, Al Gallotta, Tony Rolfe, Jim Sullivan, Torin Sweney, Rita Dennehy, Kevin Greer, Scott Payne, Ken Camerota, Bruce Emerson, Dana Battista, Bob Fisher, Jim Cassagrande, Ken Owen, Derek Sulc, Tom Jacobs, Bill Donovan, Scott Turley, John Willis, Frank Granara, Ben Virga, Joe Darche, Fred Watson, Deb Beal, Matt Poirier, Kevin Duggan, Mike Breen, Mike Merrick, Bob Beatty, Jack Browne, Paul Hurley and so many others. There's even a few in there with whom I've been fortunate enough to become friends.

Of greatest honor, though, has been the position I've been placed in to observe the individual growth and development of young athletes, both on and off the field of competition…

Thomas Talden, Kiel Milliken, Morgan Coyne, Sarah Cox, Gerry Corcoran, Ben Spitz, Chris Conroy, Garrett Bates, Jesse Cole, Jason Connelly, Steve McDevitt, Greg Levin, Hannah Rapalee, Peter Krzyzewski, Steve Barry, Jeff Ciulla, David Ingber, Daviann Brown, Chris Camerota, Matt Henry, Jen Buckley, Kristin Sheerin, Rob Himberg, Nick McDonough, Rob Weber, Frank Granara, John Chappell, Andrew Farinick, Meg Wiley, Mike McAteer, Brad Barnard, Bob Savoy, Matt Hall, Mike Noonan, Chris Travis, Max Schenkein, Joel Racicot, Aquila Judge, Curt Alpert, Lindsay Horne, Greg Thornton, Liz Stone, Tim and Joe Duggan, Tom and Kiely Cuddihy, Greg and Matt O'Connell, Ted and Tim Straughn, Terry and Matt Baroudi, Mike and John Mohan, Emily and Margaret Tansey, Chris and Andrew Clark, Sam and Sara Bitetti, Ryan and Heather Nicotri, Terence and Blaine O'Brien, Bryan and David Butterworth, Adam and Jason Grier, Matt Christian and Anthony Vercollone, Craig, Kyle and Geoffrey Simpson, TJ, Matt and Chris Bilodeau, Ronan, Conor and Aidan Buick…and Brendan MacDonald…to name too few.

In short, it's been an incomparable honor.

Mike Spellman moves on to become CNC's new circulation manager for the South Shore and Cape Cod. Anyone interested in contacting him can still do so at mspellman@cnc.com.



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the cross bar.

"I don't know if (the referees) would have awarded a penalty kick if the ball hadn't gotten to Mike," said Leary. "It looked like a missed call to me, though."

It was Grimm who had scored the game's first goal, as he collected the ball in a scramble after junior Brandon Smith had served a corner kick in, and punched it home. This was just the 10th goal scored against Chatham this season.

This came midway through the first half, with the wind at Cohasset's back on the elevated Chatham High pitch.

"Wind was definitely a factor on that field," reported Leary. "I chose to take the wind at our backs in the first half, because I thought if we scored first we might be able to stun them a little bit. It almost worked."

With the wind going their way, the host Blue Devils tied the game at 1-1 13:40 into the second half when Jonathan Pierre proved quickest in a scramble. Chatham got a free kick just outside and to the right of the penalty area. Pierre initiated the play before Todd Monson's free kick bounced behind the wall. Christian Messersmith appeared to get a foot on the ball for Chatham before it came to Pierre, who banged home his first goal of three goals.

Messersmith also set up Pierre's second score seven minutes later when he headed down a Shawn McGlynn cross from the left corner for Pierre to run on to and chip home to give Chatham its first lead.

Messersmith also assisted on the third score with a cross. A second of confusion between a couple of Cohasset defenders gave Pierre the time he needed to step forward and finish his hat trick.

Chatham fielded a much larger team than the Skippers and, led by defenders Greg Horne and Zach van Esselstyn, played a more physical style.

"The game could have turned on one play, but Chatham did beat us fair and square," asserted Leary. "They're a very good team. There's a reason they're the number one seed. But we played very well as a team and I thought this was a very evenly played game.

"It was a great soccer game, and a lot of fun to watch."



PHOTO BY SUSAN HANEY

Head Coach Rob Leary has some words for co-captain Kevin Dinsmore during Cohasset's 2-0 victory over Fairhaven last Thursday night.

Skippers 2, Fairhaven 0

The boys did manage to extract a little revenge from Fairhaven on Thursday night, as, earlier in the day, the Fairhaven lady booters had knocked off the CHS girls in the first round.

A light drizzle began to fall in Cohasset just before the boys 6 p.m. start. That continued throughout the game, with a few periods of heavier rain mixed in, making for some slippery conditions. Alumni Field itself, however, held up remarkably well.

Junior Ben Libby gave the Skippers the only goal they'd need 15 minutes in, sliding into the goal box to punch home a feed from senior John Grimm. The play started when junior Aidan Buick spotted an overloaded left side of the penalty area and alertly switched fields, sending a long volley across to Grimm in the right side of the penalty area. Grimm beat his mark with a nifty move toward the end line and then slid the ball across the crease area, where Libby was able to slide into it just ahead of the diving Fairhaven goalie to slip it inside the right goal post.

The Skippers continued to dominate both in terms of possession and territory for the balance of the first half, with league all-stars Buick and senior Kevin Dinsmore doing a sensational job of settling the play.

Fairhaven did come close to scoring on a counterattack just before the halftime break, though, as the ball was knocked behind Cohasset keeper Prescott Busk on a collision with a Fairhaven forward. The ball caromed free to another Fairhaven player, but junior Trevor Brady raced in front of the shot labeled for twine to take it off his midsection, and then cleared it out of harm's way.

Fairhaven became increasingly desperate over the course of the second half, and kept bringing extra players forward trying to capitalize on several deep pushes. The Cohasset defense bent, but did not break, and Fairhaven's offense-first gambit backfired as Buick was sent in alone on a long clearing boot by Dinsmore near the 60 minute mark and tucked it past the Fairhaven keeper with a nifty chip off the outside of his right foot.

Cohasset defenders Jonathan Littauer, Sam MacDonald and Brady did a nice job of keeping the play in front of them over the final 20 minutes against the even more desperate Fairhaven measures, and Busk made a couple of nice plays as well, including a straight out dive to take the ball off the foot of a Fairhaven forward who'd gotten behind him just as he was preparing to step into it.

Closing it out in style

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development.

"We really learned from the rough start. Almost every player picked up the intensity as the season went on," she said. "Hopefully, our last game against Hull gives us a preview of what lies down the road."

The Hull contest proved tighter than the Bush-Kerry race. The first half ended with a 0-0 tie on the scoreboard, not a surprise with the two teams so equally matched.

Cohasset struck first in the second half with a Brooke Allen shot, assisted by Liddell. The Pirates refused to give in and quickly fired two rockets into the back of the Cohasset goal.

Bostwick called a time out and flipped on her motivational switch.

"Are you going to let Hull win this way and give up with 18 minutes left in the game?" Bostwick asked her players. "Let's wake up and win this for our seniors!"

The Skippers took to heart their coach's speech. Junior Katie James tied the game with a goal, again assisted by Liddell, on an offensive corner.

With only 1:20 left in the game, Katherine Whoriskey fired a textbook pass to Mia Lieb-Lappen, who deflected the ball into the Hull net. Time ran out and the Skippers had dazzled their fans.

"This was a great way to end the year," remarked star Lieb-Lappen. "If only the season were longer. We were definitely on a roll."

A happy Bostwick added, "I am absolutely thrilled with the team's improvement over the year. The progression was phenomenal. The team began to gel by the end of the season."

The Skippers will lose six senior leaders to graduation: Co-captain Allison Dean (a league all-star), co-captain Christina St. Pierre, Liz Condos, Colby Durant, Allison Fludder, and Courtney Hurley.

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CHS field hockey coach
Deb Bostwick

After rebuilding this year, the Skippers look forward to the potential victories in store for them next season. With 13 juniors on the team now, the Skippers will have plenty of experience and time to buff up their skills.

A key to their success lies in their ability to improve on the offensive side of the game.

"I would like to see much more offensive play and more goals scored," Bostwick said. "We will need quickness in our midfield and no kick balls."

Bostwick and her players hope their experience and perseverance will pay off in the 2005 season. Maybe we could borrow a little magic from the Red Sox and Patriots camps.

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Coastal Stars Report

Mites A

The Coastal Stars Mites A team continued their winning ways with a 10-3 decision over the Duxbury Mite A team Saturday at the Asiaf Rink in Brockton. The win extends the team's overall season record to 4-1-1. The game featured a balanced attack with six different Stars skaters scoring, great defensive play and strong goaltending by netminder Jeffrey Nagle. The Stars first goal came early in the first period when Left Wing Brandon Winn scored an unassisted goal. Winn also scored the second goal of the game off of a great pass from Right Wing Brendan Crane halfway through the first period. The final score of the first period was the result of some more great team play, with Defensemen Sam Topham passing the puck to Winger Patrick Holway at the blue line, who skated in on the break away and lifted the puck over the goalie's glove. The Stars were ahead 3-0 after the first period. Although Duxbury scored its first goal midway through the second period, the line of Jeremy Duchini, Garrett Leahy and Charley Michalowski applied constant offensive pressure leading to two goals from Charley, who recently rejoined the team after breaking his arm at the beginning of the season. Center Kenny Parnell's hustle and backchecking helped to keep the Duxbury team from scoring any more during the second period. The Stars continued its team play with an excellent centering pass from Dave Cataldo to Brendan Crane to make the game 6-1 after two periods of play. Throughout the game Coastal Stars defensemen, Charlie Blackington, Sam Topham, Matt Burchill, Martin Buckley and Tommy O'Brien played a solid game limiting the Duxbury skaters offensive opportunities. Scoring in the third period came from Colin MacDonald, Patrick Holway and David Cataldo off of his own rebound. Although Duxbury was able to score two more goals in the third, the Stars Mite A team held on for their fouth win of the season. The boys face a strong Norwood team this coming

Squirt C-4

The Coastal Stars Squirt C-4 team beat the Seahawks 5-3 at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham on October 30th. Forward James Daley stole the spotlight scoring four times to keep the Stars in the lead for all three periods.

Skating from mid-ice, Daley opened the scoring for the Stars at 11:32 into the first period with a wrist shot that sailed over the left shoulder of the Seahawks goalie. On his next shift, Daley tucked another wrist shot in the net, giving the Stars a 2-0 lead. The Stars jumped ahead to a comfortable 3-0 lead when forward Ryan Melia fed line mate Andrew Tautkus a perfect pass, which Andrew handedly fired into the net.

The Seahawks made several scoring attempts, testing the defensive team of Nicholas Craig and Thomas Coyne. Craig and Coyne managed to shut the Seahawks down on repeated drives for the net. Goalie Max Hemingway kept his composure when Seahawks forwards fired four consecutive shots on net. Hemingway kicked, swatted and dove on the puck to keep the Seahawks scoreless in the first.

During the second period, Hemingway continued to impress by turning aside many shots from the Seahawks. Defenders Jonathan Gardner and RJ Neuls were solid behind the blue line, sending the puck into the offensive zone where Daley could utilize his wrist shot once again and earn his third goal, putting the Stars ahead 4-0. At the end of the second period, the Seahawks began to come to life, scoring their first goal.

During the third period, the Seahawks scored twice, threatening the Stars early lead. Going into the final minutes of the game, with the score 4-3 Stars, the Seahawks pulled their goalie, giving Daley the open net and the opportunity to sink his fourth goal and secure the win for the Stars.

Solid team play by Matthew Tautkus, Michael McPartlin, Liam Rose, Tristan Wiggin and Seamus Feeney contributed to a real "team win", giving the C-4 squad a 3-1-1 record.

Mite C-3

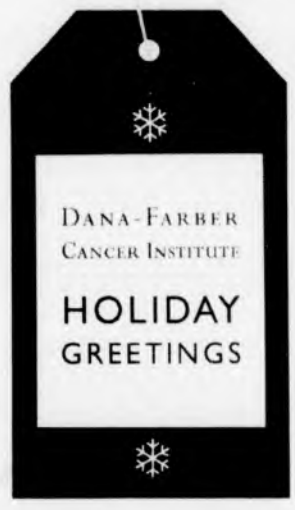
Saturday's game was a nail biter till the end as Frank Lemieux's Mite C-3 team fought their loss to Hanover, 2-3. The action-packed first period was filled with tremendous defensive plays by Boudreau, Calapa and Neuls. Lemieux's powerful breakaway had fans on the edge of their seats and Santos got the Stars on the board with 2:20 left in the first. O'Brien made some key moves shooting the puck into the Hanover end, keeping the opposition on their toes. Despite Hanover's 6 shots on goal, Stars goalie Comeau only allowed the one goal, ending the first period 1:1.

The excitement continued in period 2 as McDermott and Barnhard had great shots into the Hanover end. Kaetzer also did his job getting the puck into the Hanover end and keeping it there. Boudreau foiled a Hanover breakaway, poking the puck away. Later, Boudreau and Parker had firey breakaways on Hanover. Cole's fancy stick handling and shot on goal added to the energy of the second period

Stars effort continued to shine in period 3 with McQuinnan and Cullen keeping up the fight making awesome defensive plays. With 9 seconds left in the third, Comeau had an unbelievable save on a Hanover breakaway.

The Stars Mite C-3's face WHK2 on Saturday.

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SPORTS NOTES

Youth lacrosse registration begins Nov. 13

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will open its sign-up for the spring season on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the auditorium at Town Hall.

This marks a shift in the way lacrosse registration has been run, and it gives families the opportunity to save some money.

Registrants on Nov. 10 will get the 2004 spring season price of $135 for one player and $250 for two. Registrants after November 10 - and sign-ups will remain open through a second in-person sign-up day in January will pay the 2005 price of $145 for one player and $270 for two.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is moving registration forward - it is being held simultaneous to Recreation Basketball sign-ups - to better prepare for the season ahead.

Registrations will be taken for both boys and girls in the 14 & Under (7th and 8th graders) and 12 & Under (5th and 6th grades) age groups. At the 10 & Under level (grades 3-4), Cohasset will field teams for boys and sponsor a weekly skills-development clinic for girls.

The youth lacrosse program is dedicated to introducing children to the sport. All players receive roughly equal playing time regardless of ability. Cohasset participates in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, the nation's largest youth lacrosse organization, which does not keep standings or have playoffs. Every team makes several road trips per year, which be as close as games in Scituate or as far away as Martha's Vineyard.

In addition, the program is hopeful of attending a jamboree near the end of its season, and is working to develop a special Memorial Day weekend program with teams from Vermont. The season ends with Cohasset's annual Family Day in June.

The youth program is likely to field 12 or more teams this spring, depending on demand and available coaching. In spite of that growth, roster spots at all levels will be limited and it is possible that some youngsters will be turned away.

"This year, we have changed our registration process in an effort to accommodate more families," says Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of Cohasset Youth Lacrosse. "We will have this initial sign-up in November, then allow people to mail in registration forms up until our final sign-up at the high school in early January. At that point, we're likely to be at our ideal roster sizes, meaning there will be no late registration whatsoever."

Parents who can not attend the Nov. 13 registration can wait until Jan. 8 to do it in person at the second sign-up day or can contact Jaffe by e-mail at CAJaffe@aol.com to request registration forms. Include your name, address and the number of children being registered.

The registration fee includes a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes mandatory insurance coverage and a subscription to a magazine especially designed for kids. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse does offer discounts to families with two or more players; the once-a-week girls 10-and-Under clinic costs $100 per player and this year, for the first time, clinic players will receive US Lacrosse membership.

The program is limited to Cohasset residents.

In general, both boys and girls games are played Sunday afternoons. The spring practice schedule has not yet been set, although the older teams for both boys and girls typically have two practices and one game each week. The teams will begin practicing indoors in early March and begin playing games in April. The season concludes in mid-June.

In addition to players, the program is looking for additional coaches at all levels.

Lacrosse is a contact sport; at all levels for boys, practices and games include hitting. In accordance with Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League rules, all boys must be equipped with sticks, gloves, shoulder and elbow pads, and helmets with mouthpieces. Hockey helmets are not allowed, although hockey arm and shoulder pads are (hockey gloves are not flexible enough to allow a child to manipulate and control a lacrosse stick).

The girls game has less contact, but practices will be every bit as physical and demanding as for the boys. All girls must be equipped with sticks, mouthpieces and approved goggles.

There will be more information on the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program available at the Jan. 10 sign-up. If you need more information, or are interested in volunteering to coach, contact Jaffe at 781-383-9858 or CAJaffe@aol.com.

Cohasset Recreation Department announces ice skating lessons

Fall registration information and schedules for ice skating classes taught by Bay State Skating School, at the Weymouth MDC Rink are available at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, 1st floor Cohasset Town Hall.

To register for skating lessons for children or adults scheduled to begin a 9 week session on Sunday, afternoon, Oct. 31, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480.

You may obtain written schedules at Town Hall, or go online at www.batstatesskatingschool.org.

Basketball registration

Registration will be held for boys and girls, grades one through eight, 2004/'05 Cohasset Recreation/Boosters Basketball Program Saturday, Nov. 13, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. The fee is $75 per player.

This program will be held on Saturdays starting Dec. 4, with evaluations meeting each Saturday through mid-March, 2005. Basketball will not meet during any school vacation periods.

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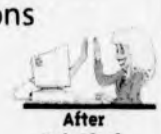
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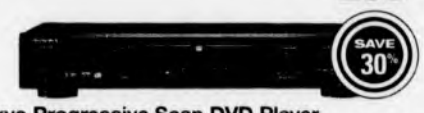
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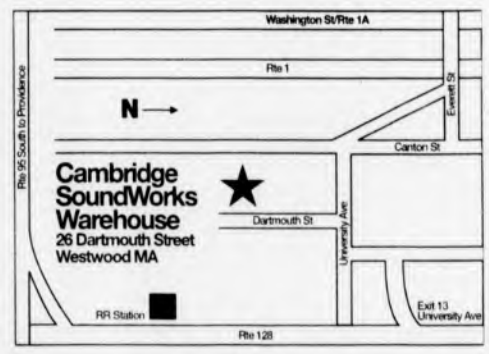
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The Greek Orthodox Church's popular Café and General Store at Town Hall is testament to the wonderful variety of offerings at the fair. Homemade baklava and spanakopita are just a few of the treats you'll find at Town Hall alongside beautiful fresh holiday greens and decorations.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist's popular Swedish Bake Shop was established years ago by parishioner Sine Pounder who owned her own bakery in Cohasset. She recruits and trains new Swedish bakers every year who begin baking at 5 a.m. on Saturday to make the more than 1,500 popular cinnamon buns sold at the fair every year. Volunteers both young and old contribute to the makings of the fair. The church school at First Parish will once again create their famous soup mix festively packaged for gifting.

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The fair is an important fundraiser and supports many local charities including the Cohasset Food Pantry, Father Bill's Place, The Mary Martha Learning Center in Hingham, Wellspring in Hull, and Cohasset's Appalachia Service Project. The Village Fair is sponsored by the First Parish in Cohasset Unitarian Universalist, the Second Congregational Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the Nativity Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, and the non-profit Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (ASP). All proceeds support the work of the churches, local charities and ASP's home repair program.

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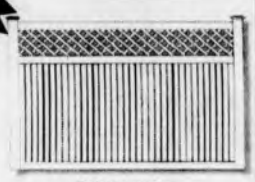
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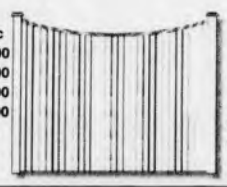


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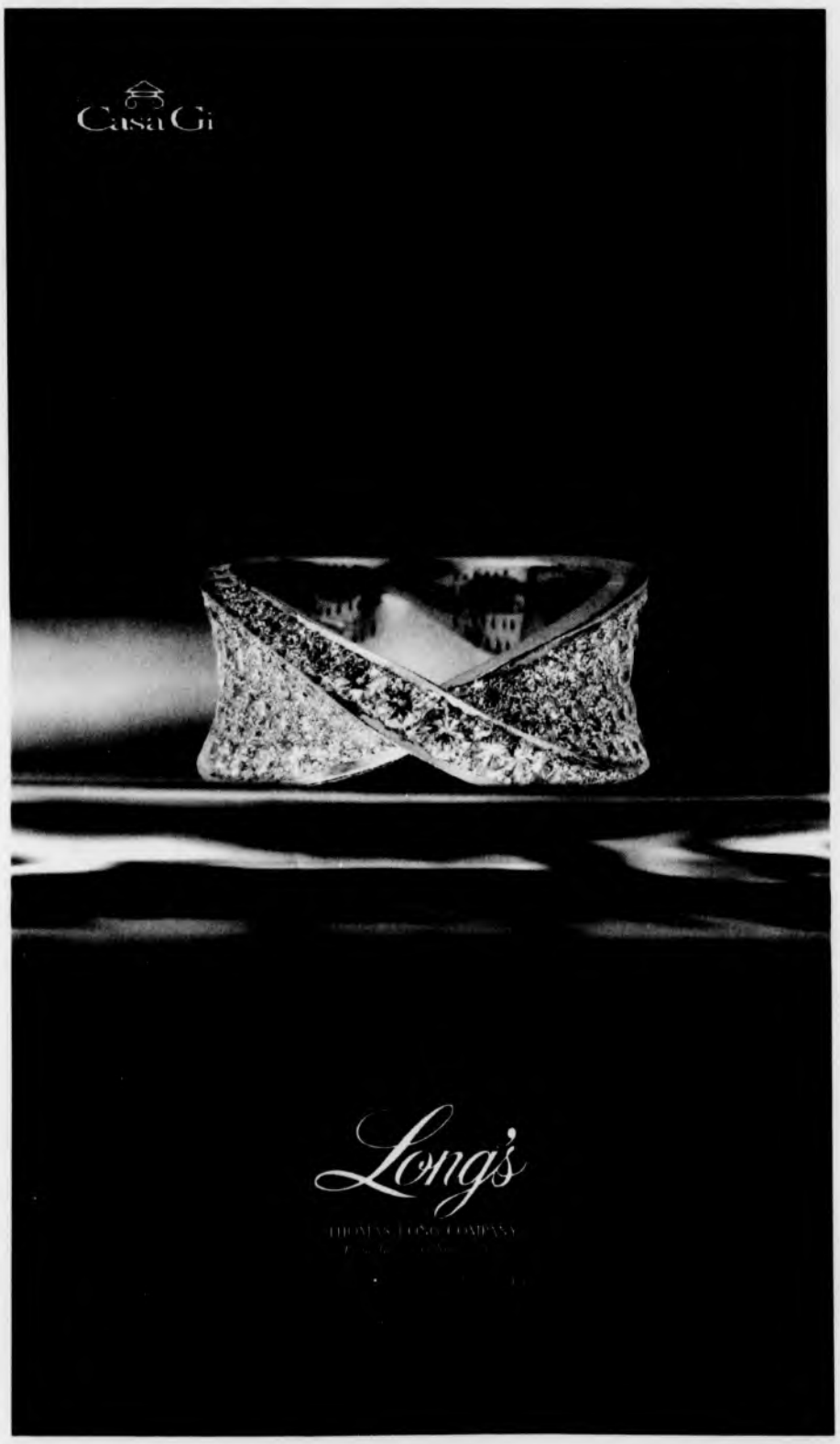
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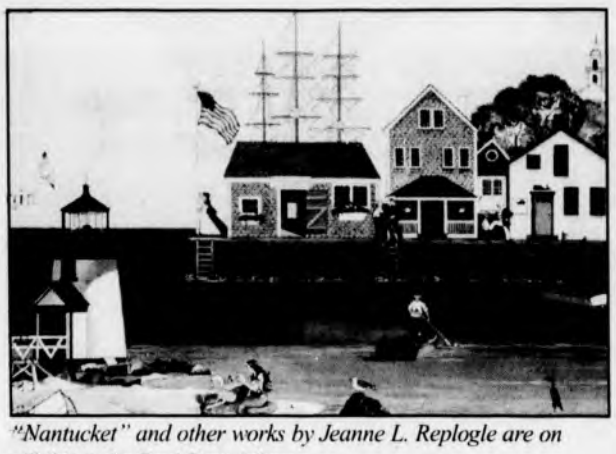
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Reception Saturday for Jeanne Replogle

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, is hosting an exhibition of Jeanne L. Replogle's recent paintings through Dec. 31. A reception will be held Nov. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Since childhood Jeanne Replogle has studied art. Beginning as a realistic landscape, still life and portrait painter in oils on canvas, her style of painting evolved toward a more imaginative folk art genre in the past two decades, generally using acrylics on masonite board.

Her commissions from private collectors are spread across the country, depicting individual homes, families, wedding parties, and other special occasions or events. These commemorative paintings become family heirlooms. Other commissions include corporations, banks, and universities.

Recently, Replogle was curator and exhibitor in a major show for the South Shore Art Center, where she is a Gallery Artist. She has participated in many other shows in the Greater Boston area. Her work was selected for the "Arts Around Boston—2000" show, and she has been juried into the "Two Collection" for WGBH television for the last three years.

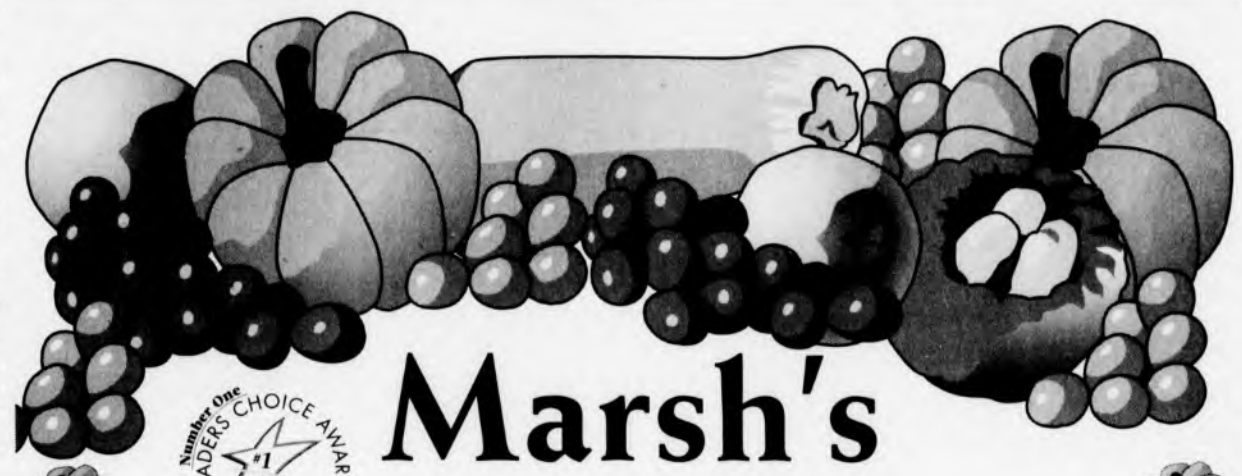
This year she was included in "Who's Who of American Women." Replogle is an artist member of the American Society of Marine Art (ASMA), and has just finished three marine paintings for the Hughes Gallery in Florida.

During the past four years, she has been commissioned by Boston area galleries to do a series of original "New England Heritage" paintings. They are then reproduced as limited edition prints. These include the towns of Hingham, Duxbury, Cohasset, Plymouth, Norwell, Hanover, Scituate and Edgartown.

The decorative, whimsical and often maritime aspects of her work have engendered an increasingly appreciative public. Her studio is in the beautiful seaside town of Cohasset, where she resides.







IT'S HAPPENING

Class of '94 reunion

The Cohasset High School Class of 1994 10-year reunion is set for Saturday, Nov 27, at Clery's in Boston

from 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Any questions can be e-mailed to Brian Pattison at cohasset1994@hotmail.com.

Artist at Buttonwood

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes Susan Sargent discussing "Susan Sargent's: The Comfort of Color, Inspire, Transform, Create" (Bulfinch Press, $29.95) on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. "Susan Sargent's The Comfort of Color" presents color makeovers of nine different home environments. The colors and textures pictured by Eric Roth in this book are vibrant and striking. Each page has some nugget of inspiration guaranteed to stimulate thoughts of change. The refashioned homes are a blend of the homeowner's special needs and Susan's talent and skill as an artist and colorist. She has two stores, Manchester, NH and the newly opened location on Newbury Street in Boston. Susan will present a Power point presentation of home fashion selections. Susan Sargent has been featured in the New York Times, Country Living, Better Homes and Gardens, and other major publications. Wine and cheese will be served. Free and open to the public. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Rotary Club hosts an elegant evening

This event hosted by Village Wine & Spirits and Chef Brian Houlihan, owner of Bia Bistro, will be held Monday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at Bia Bistro, 35 South Main St.

Houlihan has work as a chef in some of Boston's top restaurants including The Harvard Club, Aujour d'hui at The Four Seasons Hotel, and before opening Bia he was the executive chef at Seasons Restaurant at the Bostonian Hotel.

This promises to be a fun event. Treat yourself and your guests to an elegant evening of food and wine at Bia Bistro

Proceeds will benefit Father Bill's Homeless Shelter.

Tickets are $75 pp and may be purchased at Village Wine & Spirits or Goodwin Graphics, or by calling 781-383-6355.

Casino night benefits the community center

Bring your lady luck to Black Rock Country Club, Saturday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. for a fun-filled night of gambling, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, prizes and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit the South Shore Community Center. Tickets are $75 per person and may be purchased at the South Shore Community Center or by calling the Center at 781-383-0088.

Violinist featured

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church present violinist Sargis Karapetyan and organist G. Fredrick Guzasky in a recital on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 3 p.m.

Karapetyan is a native of Armenia and had been a professor at the Komitas State Conservatory in Yerevan, is a lecturer at Clark University in Worcester, teaches for Marshfield High School and Our Lady of the Assumption School in Lynnfield. He also performs with a number of New England's symphony orchestras.

On the program, Sargis will play works by Vitali, Bach, Karbonelli, and Geminani. The church is located at 16 Highland Ave. and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

For more information, call 781-383-1083.

Bird walk around Straits Pond

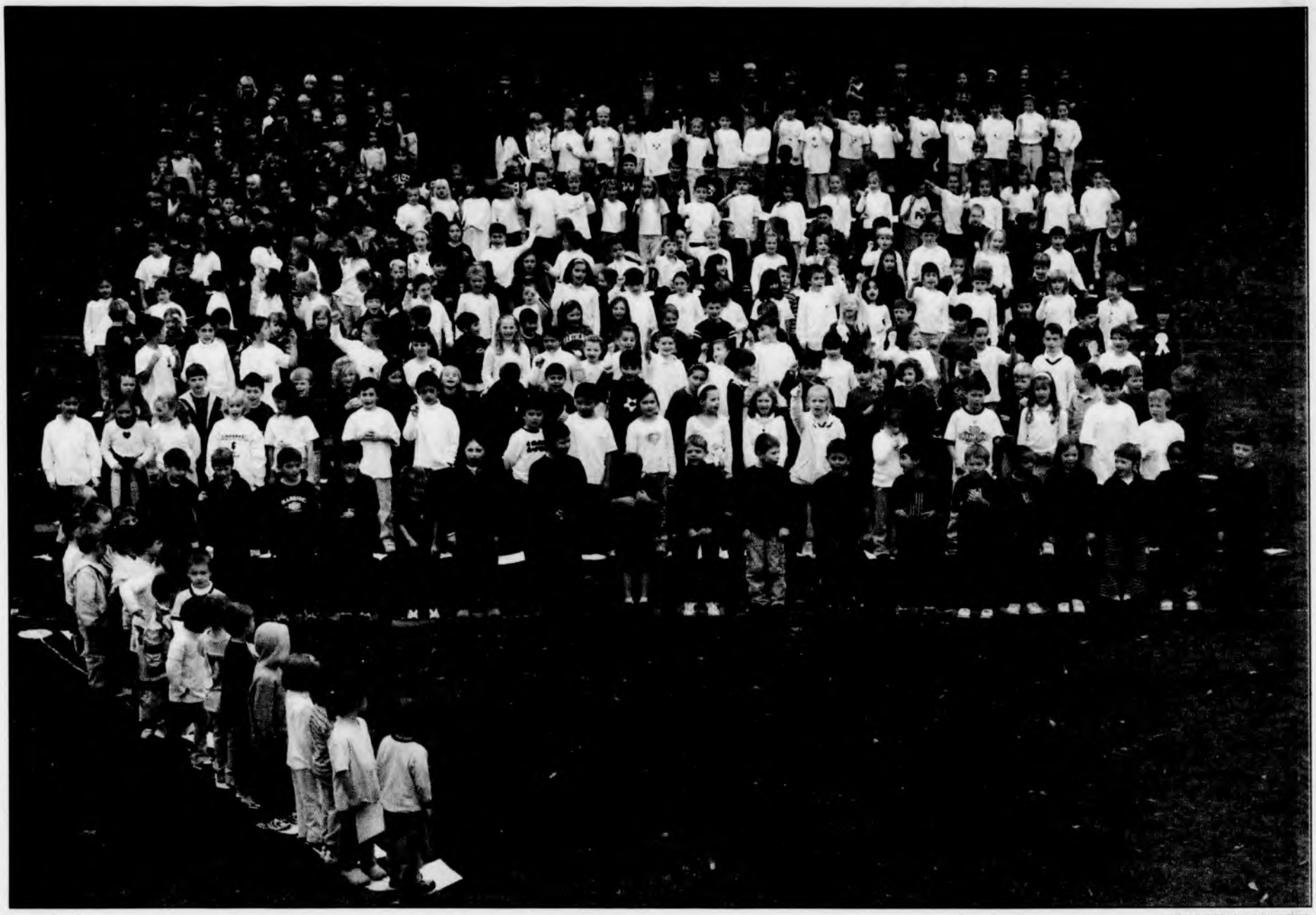
The Straits Pond Watershed Association will sponsor a Bird Walk around Straits Pond, Sat. Nov. 13, 8 to 10 a.m. with Sally Avery. Participants should meet at the base of Summit and Atlantic Ave., near the Cohasset/Hull town line. Call 781-925-9066 for more information. Straits Pond is located in Hull and Cohasset and the West Corner area which includes part of Hingham.

Irish Showband benefit is Nov. 13

Noel Henry's Irish Showband will perform at Anthony Parish Center, Saturday, Nov. 13, from 7 to 11 p.m.

$10 donation. Proceeds to benefit the Cohasset B.C. High Scholarship Fund.

Tickets available either at the Parish Center, 10 Summer St., 781-383-0219, or at the door.



PHOTO/DERRY SCHWANTNER

A bird's eye view of the human American flag at Osgood School Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Osgood students bring American flag to life

The human flag is the culmination of many student activities that were planned with the specialists at the Osgood School. These specialists are Anne McCarthy, Derry Schwantner, Betsy Ogden, Jack MacInnis, Rose Hathon and Kevin Dykas. The library, technology, art, music and physical education departments integrated their curriculum in a "Celebration of Freedom" coinciding with Election Day, Nov. 2, and Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Second-graders analyzed the "Pledge of Allegiance" in the library. Using dictionaries to define unknown words, students came up with a 2004 kid-friendly version.

I promise to take care of the flag
And the country it represents.
America is a country that...
~ votes for their president
~ tries to make good laws and good choices
~ can't be separated or split up
~ has freedom
~tries to be fair to all.

In art class, second-grade artists painted a folk-art flag that proudly hangs in the forum area of the Osgood School. First-grade artists created American flags out of house shingles and along with the kindergarten artists they made red, white and blue 'vote' posters. All students learned patriotic songs in music, which they shared on Election Day when they created a human flag.

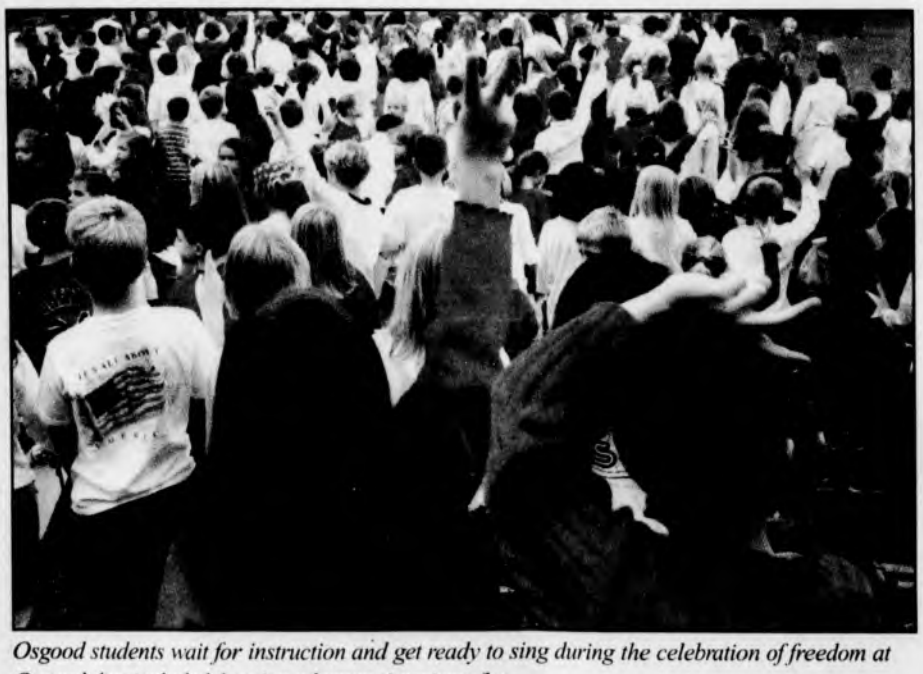
In computer class the children went to a kid-friendly veterans Web site where they learned some cool facts about veterans along with the history and proper display of the American flag. This Web site is www.va.gov/kids/k-5. In gym, Osgood students learned the concept of formation and coordinating motion for the flag which all came together in the back yard of the Osgood School where technology coordinated and filmed the "human flag in motion."

All the Osgood students were asked to dress in appropriate colors — kindergarten in blue, first grade in red and second grade in white Tuesday, Nov. 2. You could tell they were excited about this project because every student was color ready that day. The video will be shown at the Osgood Holiday Concert Dec. 16 and will also be included in the Osgood School video yearbook.



PHOTOS/TIM LEWELLYN

Henry Snyder and Kristi McNary get ready to help make up the field of stars on the human American flag at the Osgood School.



Osgood students wait for instruction and get ready to sing during the celebration of freedom at Osgood that included forming a human American flag.



Getting ready to do their part for the human flag are from left, Christian Cunnie, Dagmar Seppala, Isabelle McCarthy, Michael Lund and Daniel Surkovic.





Timmy Giuggio and Sam Murphy are all smiles during the celebration of freedom at Osgood School on Election Day.

Far left: Buddies, Justin Fein and Ryan McElhinney, mug for the camera before helping to make a human flag at Osgood School.

Sixth-graders share their camp experience

School Committee hears presentation

By Samantha Brown
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Continuing a 10-year tradition, Cohasset's sixth-grade students packed up some belongings to spend a week down at Camp Bournedale in Plymouth recently. During the day, students learned about the environment, the arts, and the sciences. At night, they slept in cabins with a group of their classmates, learning a little more about themselves and each other.

This year, sixth-grade teachers, Elizabeth Cisneros, Nancy Magnussen, Stephanie Noble, Sue Horigan, and Vickie Sullivan, spent all five days at the camp, bunking up in a special house designated for teachers only. Horigan said this year, many administrators and classroom aides came down to offer their assistance during the day. To help out during the night, parents volunteered their time and slept in a special section of each cabin.

"We usually need 50 parents for four nights," said Horigan, adding every year, the teachers feel a little panicked they won't have enough coverage, but "we often end up with more parent volunteers than we need."

Sixth-grade students Danny Aherne, Charlie Coffman, Emily Toomey, Merrick Sease, and Mike Monaco, were chosen by their teachers to give a presentation to the School Committee on their experiences at Camp Bournedale. Students in the sixth grade wrote about their time at camp, and the five who made the presentations read selections penned by their classmates.

Mike talked about rocketry class and said how much fun everyone had watching a flaming rocket shoot toward the sky.

Danny's presentation covered the experience in "adventure class." He said the students were asked to complete a number of tasks, always working as a team. He said there were many obstacles to overcome, including the "wheel of doom" and the "pit of frustration," which required students to hold on tight to a rope and swing over a pit without touching the ground. The mission was only successful if everyone in the group completed the task.

Charlie talked about the class called "Lobster Tales," which introduced students to the life of lobstermen. Charlie said the students learned about other creatures lobstermen sometimes catch. He also said some students saw harbor seals during their outings. The campers learned about how lobster traps work, and Charlie explained if the lobstermen cannot get to their traps in time, the clips which hold the animals rust off, allowing them to escape.

Emily spoke about the coastal ecology class students participated in. She said they learned about pollution and how to prevent it, and had a scavenger hunt on the beach. One day when it rained and students couldn't go out on the beach, Emily said one group stayed inside and dissected a fake dolphin.

Many students participated in ceramics during their time at camp, and Merrick said they learned about how to make a clay mold. Each student chose a mold to paint, and Merrick said explained they learned how to paint using a dry brush technique. By painting with a base color first, then using another paint over it, the sculpture looks textured. Some student works are on display in a glass case at the middle school.

Mike talked about rocketry class and said how much fun everyone had watching a flaming rocket shoot toward the sky. He said the camp leader would shoot other rockets in the air, and told students if they could catch the rocket in their mouth when it came back to earth, they would win $5 and if they could catch it in their hands, they would win an ice cream sundae.

Horigan said by participating in the Camp Bournedale experience, the sixth-graders learned how to live with other people in tight quarters; how to make schedules, and that they could be independent enough to sleep away from home for an entire week. Horigan said from reading journal entries that students wrote while at the camp, she can see how much they've grown from the experience, and the many lessons learned.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

CMHS jazz ensemble in the 'spotlight'



As part of the middle-high school's effort to "shine the spotlight" on the good works of students, the jazz ensemble held a mini-performance for the School Committee last week.

Members of this year's jazz ensemble include: On saxophone, Emerson Oronte (alto 1), Tristram Norman (alto 2), Mike Martone (alto 2), Aisling Guinee (tenor 1), John Coffey (tenor 2), Mike Devlin (baritone sax). On clarinet, Thomas Ross and August Oddelifson. On flute, Charles Miller, Anne Chapman, and Emma Simon. On trumpet John DeWall (trumpet 1), Toby Norman (trumpet 2), Jonny Drybanski (trumpet 2), Oliver Brennan (trumpet 3), Stephanie Fewsmith (trumpet 3/4), Conor Ofsthun (trumpet 3/4). On trombone Cecelia Chapman (trombone 1), Myles Collins-Wooley (trombone 2), and Sam Kusek (trombone 3). On bass, Andrew Jerz and on guitar, Evan Deutsch. On piano, Molly Trisler and Jean Thomae. On drums, Kyle Dattola-Harris, Ramsey Davis, and Conor Michaud.

Members of the School Committee, Supt. Denise Walsh, and those in attendance, gave the students a long round of applause, and Walsh commended the students for an outstanding performance. "Kudos to the students and their parents who support them," she said.

Organizational skills

Cohasset has joined with local PAC members in the South Shore area to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. If you would like to be added to the e-mail network for updates forward your contact information to southshorepac@comcast.net.

Hanover PAC invites South Shore PAC Network: Workshop is Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Center School Auditorium, 65 Silver St., Hanover.

Mission: Organization! Sara Ward, a speech pathologist specializing in cognition and attention, teaches organizational skills for children. Helpful for parents of special needs students as well as any child struggling with organization. School staff are encouraged to attend.

Help the South Shore PAC Network determine audience size by notifying them of the event you are planning to attend. E-mail southshorepac@comcast.net.

School menu

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
MONDAY, NOV. 15

Chicken patty on a roll or tuna sub, oven fries, fruit.

TUESDAY, NOV. 16

Breakfast for lunch, waffles with maple syrup, sausage, potato tots, peas.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17

Chicken nuggets, oven fries, dinner roll, carrots, applesauce.

THURSDAY, NOV. 18

Roast turkey dinner, mashed potato, stuffing/gravy, cranberry sauce, peaches.

FRIDAY, NOV. 19

French bread pizza or seafood salad sub, vegetable sticks, pineapple.

News for parents

- No Parent Left Behind: Keep updated with school events, news and happenings by visiting www.cohassetk12.org.
- The Cohasset Middle/High School is in the process of collecting and updating emergency information. Look for new forms to be sent home with report cards and be sure to complete and return.

Reception for Supt. Walsh

The Cohasset School Committee cordially invites all Cohasset residents to a "Welcome Reception" for Dr. Denise Walsh, the new Superintendent of the Cohasset Public Schools.

On Nov. 14, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Cohasset Lightkeepers residents.

For more information, call Adrienne MacCarthy at 781-383-1028.

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Annual book sale donations sought

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., is currently accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVD's, CD's and videos for it's annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4. If your book shelves are spilling onto the floor, and DVD's, CD's and videos are busting out of the entertainment center, the church has got the solution for you. Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked "church offices." Alternatively, St. Stephen's would be happy to arrange pick up of your donations. For donation pick-up or more information, call Alix White at 781-383-1829. Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Monday, Nov. 22, is the last day book donations will be accepted. Old textbooks, romance novels, water damaged or moldy books, books with note or highlighting cannot be accepted.

The book sale is a mission program of St. Stephen's Church to more strongly establish a church presence in a needy area. "It is exciting to be part of the beginning of a new church," comments the Rev. Cliff Cutler, "establishing a strong ministry for the future. God is doing a great thing in people's lives. It is such a joy to be part of that good news." Through your donation of books, DVD's, CD's and videos that are being accepted now, you will help change lives and strengthen community.

Alzheimer's support group meets Nov. 17

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc., will host Kevin W. Gaughen, J.D. on the topic "Legal and Financial Issues in Coping with Alzheimer's Disease." The presentation will summarize financial eligibility standards and the financial protection of the community spouse, steps to consider in the early stages of the disease such as durable power of attorney, health care proxies, revision of wills and the role of transfers and trusts in protecting assets. A question and answer session will follow. Gaughen concentrates his practice in estate planning.

This meeting is open to the public. You are encouraged to bring your questions or concerns and to bring a family member or family friend.

The meeting will be held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St. It is free and open to all interested in learning more about this disease that affects approximately 4.5 million Americans.

For more information, call Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426 or JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417.

OBITUARIES

Sandra Burens

Sandra (Reid) Burens, 64, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, died Nov. 8, 2004, at the Mary McCarthy Hospice House in East Sandwich following a lengthy illness.

Born in Cohasset to the late William J. Jr. and Enna Monteiro Reid, Mrs. Burens was educated in Cohasset schools.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Burens was a post Korean War veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

She leaves her husband, Frank Burens; a daughter, Laura Doetkott of Wisconsin; a son, Frank Burens of Illinois; a brother, William J. Reid of Scituate; and two grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset.

Visiting hours are omitted. Interment will be in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mary McCarthy Hospice House, 73 Service Road, East Sandwich, 02537.

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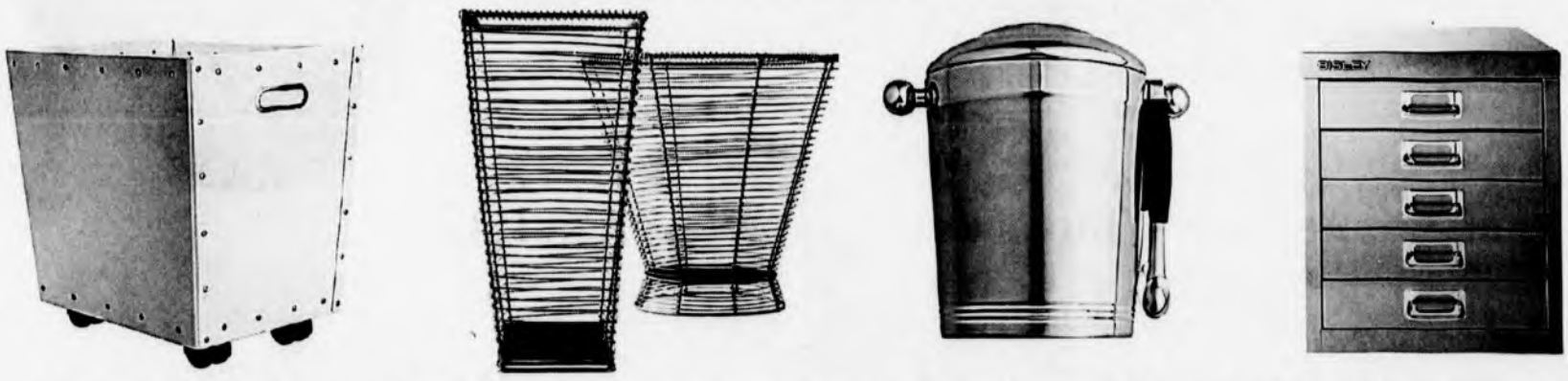
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, NOV. 1

1:43 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, outside, fire extinguished.

1:54 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, vandalism report, investigated/report taken.

5 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, patient sign off.

7:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

7:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle violations, referred to other agency.

7:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, transport citizen.

8:37 a.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle violations.

11:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:25 p.m. **Crocker Lane**, fire, auto, fire extinguished.

4:48 p.m. **King St.**, vandalism report, investigated/report taken.

TUESDAY, NOV. 2

12:29 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, (misc.), fire extinguished.

7:23 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:37 a.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:31 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:08 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, civil matter.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3

5:43 a.m. **Hull St.**, vandalism report.

6:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:48 a.m. **HQ.**, fire, log entry.

7:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist other Police Department.

7:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, traffic complaint.

9:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:49 a.m. **Elm Ct.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:50 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, patient sign off.

11:45 a.m. **Parker Ave.**, well being check.

4:46 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, (misc.), fire extinguished.

THURSDAY, NOV. 4

1:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, open door/window, secured building.

2:08 a.m. **Crocker Lane**, open door/window.

6:45 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:57 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:06 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:09 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen.

7:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen.

8:36 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, property (lost).

10:06 a.m. **Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:56 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid.

12:12 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:31 p.m. **Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:47 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, parking violation, parking ticket issued.

2:06 p.m. **Black Rock Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:48 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and North Main St.**, suspicious/vehicle.

3:31 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, animal complaint.

7:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:24 p.m. **Ash St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

8:29 p.m. **Sohier St., and King St.**, well being check, area search negative.

10:29 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, open door/window, secured building.

FRIDAY, NOV. 5

12:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious/vehicle, verbal warning.

2:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks, good intent call.

6:33 a.m. **North Main St.**, power outage.

6:39 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:46 a.m. **Cushing Rd., and Norfolk Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:48 a.m. **Border St.**, assist other Police Department.

8:57 a.m. **Elm St.**, traffic complaint.

9 a.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, traffic complaint.

9:07 a.m. **Cedar St**, fire, investigation.

9:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, inspections, investigated/report taken.

10:46 a.m. **Gammons Rd.**, fire, investigation.

10:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted.

11:16 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, animal complaint.

11:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted.

South Shore PAL soliciting

The South Shore Police Activities League (P.A.L.) has been soliciting over the telephone in Cohasset. South Shore P.A.L. is based in Duxbury and helps fund various programs there, as well as in Quincy and Whitman and should not be confused with Cohasset's P.A.L.S. (Police Assisting Local Schools) program.

"Cohasset Police have received calls from Cohasset residents asking if we are soliciting for our Police Assisting Local Schools (P.A.L.S.) program," Chief James Hussey said. "I just want to make sure Cohasset residents understand the difference and to what they are donating."

Police arrested three in October

October was a quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department; there were three arrests, one for minor in possession of liquor, one for operating under the influence of liquor, and finally one for breaking and entering. Police Chief James Hussey said.

During the month of October the police department investigated 20 motor vehicle accidents, three of which resulted in personal injury. There were 47 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $975 in fines. Additionally, there were 27 parking tickets issued totaling $675 in fines, said Hussey.

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Also in the month of October the emergency dispatch center received a total of 966 calls for police services of those 131 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of October there were three reports of breaking and entering: two from a business, and one from a residence. There were also eight criminal complaints issued for the month, Hussey said.

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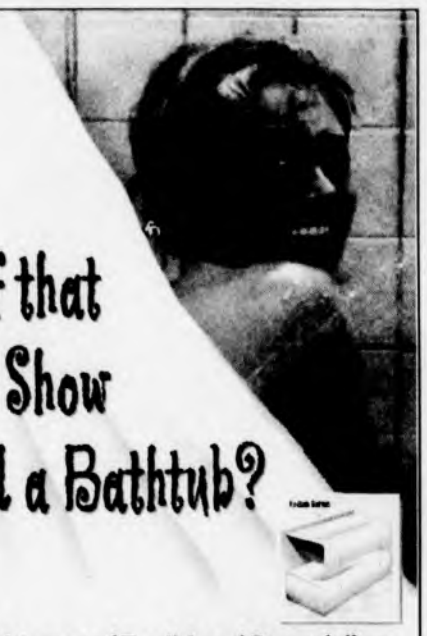

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Holiday boutique offers gifts from the heart

By Mary Jane Hanron
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The season of family gatherings approaches as the Parish of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham presents its fourth annual Holiday Boutique this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12 & 13. This two-day festivity promises to delight visitors with new and extraordinary items as well as familiar favorites for which the event is known.

Many participating artists and merchants unite entrepreneurship with charitable works. Fascinating, poignant stories inspire their creations. Meeting these people is as much of a gift as the items on a holiday shopping list.



Kate Roland of Noteworthy with her Oma bags that are placed beneath the tree with the hope that Santa will fill them. According to Boland, the bags, which are an Irish tradition, are made in various sizes of colorful fabrics and ribbons. Look for the Oma bags and much more at St. John's Holiday Boutique Friday and Saturday.

Among those joining the event for the first time is Suzanne Philby, owner of Main Street Stitches, who will be offering knitted creations. Her work began as a hobby which she shared with others by teaching them to knit scarves. She organized sessions when people of all ages would gather to knit and then donate the products to charities and shelters. Now newly named, her pastime has become a business of handmade products created from yarns of varying textures and hues. Shawls, ponchos and scarves will be available in her display.

Philby also has created wristlets which she describes as" a cuff with a button that is really beautiful and warm!" Look for whimsical Christmas stockings two-and-one-half-feet long when visiting this display! Philby reflected upon this hobby turned vocation. "Knitting brings people together. It is something that people can have in common; children, grandparents, teachers and friends. It is relaxing and makes time to enjoy each other," she says.

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Coming to Hingham from Framingham is Ilma Paixio, founder of Handeira Linens. Her products are created in Brazil in a small tribal village where women are lace makers. The fine and intricate art of hand made lace is evident in her collection of linens, baby items and christening clothes. Proceeds from the sale of these items support the village in which the linens are made.

Upon learning of the plight of these people, Paixio developed a program to help them with medical needs, vision care, education and various ways to become more independent. Her devotion to this cause has given new hope and optimism to the village occupants. Women are able to teach younger girls the art of lace making, keeping the tradition alive. "I hope people will value these beautiful pieces and keep them for a long time. The workmanship is so lovely," Paixio says.

Paixio, recipient of an award from the Entrepreneurial Foundation of New England, will have items in all price ranges beginning at $15. Each sale will support a specific project. "Selling a doily will feed a family for 10 days," she says. "Proceeds from selling a large tablecloth can support the village for a year. It truly takes a community to raise a village."

Paixio looks forward to introducing Handeira Linens to Boutique visitors. "Helping someone else always brings rewards," she says.

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"Three Wishes Artwork" will be another pleasurable Boutique destination for shoppers. Laurie Ingersoll, owner describes herself as "a self-taught artist." Previously a biochemist, she combined her knowledge of science with imagination to make jewelry, key rings and gift items. Also in her area at the Boutique will be "Art from the Heart" ;collections of holiday cards created by handicapped artists. Ingersoll shared a heartwarming tale about one very innovative drawing of the Three Wise Men wearing sunglasses. "I asked why the wise men were wearing sun glasses," she says. "The answer was, 'the star is so bright, they need them!'"

Ingersoll says the inspiration for her business is her three children. "I named my business for them," she says. She looks forward to participating in the St. John's event. "I enjoy being creative in different ways," she says. "I love color. It makes people happy. There isn't anything bigger in life than helping someone else and making the day brighter."

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The gentler pace of Ireland's lifestyle stirred a lovely family tradition resulting in the creation of Oma bags. According to Kate Boland, the bags are made in various sizes of colorful fabrics and ribbons. They are placed beneath the tree with the hope that Santa will fill them. Throughout the years these attractive cloth containers serve as a fun alternative to a stocking and a practical option for paper gift wrap.

Returning to the Holiday Boutique will be some of the local community's own businesses, among them "Noteworthy" and "ekdesigns".

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Also contributing to the elegance and tradition of the affair are the members of St. John's. The Youth Group will present its magnificent selection of potted bulbs and arrangements, perfect for holiday blooming. Edible goodies and delectable confections will be available thanks to the efforts of parish bakers and the able organization of the Needlepoint Guild. As always, the "Café" will be serving its renowned specialties. The Parish invites the public to partake in this event. Bring your shopping list and complete your buying early as you discover countless treasures inspired by dreams, devotion, compassion and spirituality.

The Parish of St.John the Evangelist is located at 172 Main Street, Hingham. Proceeds from the event support Parish operations and works. Hours for the Holiday Boutique are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both Friday and Saturday. For more information, please call :781-749-1535.

Legal Notices

ALLARD ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P2679AD

In the Estate of
WILLIAM C ALLARD

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death September 8, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that WILLIAM ALLARD of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 15, 2004.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, November 3, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott,
Register of Probate

AD#661657
Cohasset Mariner 11/11/04

HAPPENNY ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 04P2642EP

In the Estate of GRACE HAPPENNY

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death September 5, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JODY WALSH of QUINCY in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 8, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, October 28, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott,
Register of Probate

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MELANSON ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate & Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 99P2270GC
Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To all persons interested in the estate of Eileen T. Melanson of Cohasset Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the second account(s) of Bryan Morrissey as Guardian (the fiduciary) of the property of said Eileen T. Melanson has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the ninth day of December, 2004 the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account (s). If you desire to object to any item of said account (s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Canton this twenty-fourth day of October, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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Cohasset Mariner 11/11/04

SULLIVAN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 03P1982EP

In the Estate of KATHRYN T SULLIVAN

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death August 11, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MEREDITH EMMONS of SCITUATE in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 1, 2004**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, November 3, 2004.

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NOVEMBER 11 - 19, 2004

Thurs. Nov. 11

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The Scituate Affiliate of Voice of the Faithful invites you to a talk by Father Timothy Joyce titled "The Healing Power of Celtic Christianity" on Thursday, Nov. 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Saint Mary of the Nativity Parish Hall in Scituate. All are welcome. After the talk, there will be a question and answer period and refreshments. Father Timothy's Celtic books will be for sale. This is a free event, but freewill donations will be appreciated. Parking is available at the St. Mary's parking lot.

La Leche League of Silver Lake meets every second Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m., Nov.11, Breastfeeding challenges. For information email Joanne.collins@comcast.net

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, presents, every Thursday, New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano . Call 781-871-7175 for more info..

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Thursday 8:30 p.m. **Karaoke with Ron Towers.** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

"Creative Cultivations," hosted by the Duxbury Art Association, Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Bengtz and Butler Galleries, through Dec. 3. Exhibit features garden-inspired fine art and photography from some of the South Shore's leading artists. Gallery hours Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For info call 781-934-2731, Ext. 4.

Bay State Blades is accepting applications for individuals 2.5 years and up for fall and winter skating lessons at **the Asiaf Skating Rink in Brockton**. New programs available for all ages and abilities beginning November/December. Programs are Tiny Blades, Tykes Hockey, Learn to Skate and Hockey Skating Skills. For information call 781-871-7681 or visit www.baystateblades.com.

Fri. Nov. 12

Thayer Academy 745 Washington St. Braintree, presents Footloose fabulous dancing, great music, with lots of fun on Nov. 11, 12, and 13, at 7 p.m. $5. Handicap accessible 781-843-3580.

Rich Little brings his many voices to Plymouth Memorial Hall, Nov. 12, Opening for Rich Little will be South Shore singer-songwriter Les Sampou. A portion of the proceeds from every ticket sold will benefit the South Shore Action Council, which operates food pantries in many of the South Shore towns. And whereas the show takes place the day after Veterans Day, any veteran purchasing a ticket at the box-office can receive a $5 discount. Tickets for Rich Little at Plymouth Memorial Hall are priced at $35 & $40, and are available at the Plymouth Memorial Hall box-office, located in the lobby of the Radisson Plymouth Hotel (180 Water St., 508-747-0234 online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619, and at all Strawberries locations. Plymouth Memorial Hall is located at 83 Court St., Plymouth.

Dramatikos presents **Steel Magnolias** Nov. 12 and 13, at 8 p.m. and Nov. 14, at 3 p.m. at the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, Brockton Campus, One Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. Tickets $6 for students and seniors; $8 for general admission. Reserved seating, handicapped accessible.

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, will be hosting its third annual **Oktoberfest** fundraising event on Friday, Nov. 12, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the Cushing Center in Norwell. The evening will include an "Oompah Band" and later on, dancing to Norwell's own "Disturbing the Peace". The event will be catered by "53South", voted the South Shore's best caterer in 2003. Authentic German food will be served. Beer and wines will also be served. A silent and live auction will include interesting and creative "Ebay" type items. Tickets are $75 per person and include all food and beverages. For information and tickets, call 781-659-2559.

The South Street Gallery, the area's premier gallery featuring local, regional and national artists, will open an exhibit featuring the works of renowned artist **Charles Sovek** with a reception on Nov. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. The South Street Gallery is located at 149 South St., one minute from the Square in Hingham. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

New Art Forum of Kingston will celebrate its gala opening to the public with the fall art exhibit **What's Going on Here?** Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Yellow Yankee Barn, 228 Main St., Kingston. The work of many local artists will be presented. The show continues through Nov. 19. Call 781-585-5622 for information.

South Shore Folk Music Club will host a coffeehouse and open mike with **Matt Newberg and John Thiboudeau** on Nov. 12, at 8 p.m. doors open at 7:30 p.m. The coffeehouse is located at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol free. Tickets at the door only, $5 members; $6 for non members. 781-871-1052 or www.ssfmc.org

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke free dance Nov. 12, with **The Emanon Orchestra** from 8 p.m. to midnight. at the Abington VFW,30 Central St., Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-Members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021. www.southshoresingles.org

Cohasset Dramatic Club Presents "Nunsense" at the Cohasset Town Hall on Nov. 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. Individual tickets are $12 ($10 for seniors) and may be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop in Scituate harbor, at the door, and by calling the ticket reservation line at 617-697-2115. Groups of 10 or more are $10 per ticket; for group sales, please email tangledwb7@aol.com.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Lydia Warren Band** Nov. 12, blues. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Hingham Public Library Dolphin Gallery presents the art work of **the late Mary A. Reardon** through Nov. 19.



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Representative selections reflect her work over a 50-year timespan. 781-741-1405.

"A View of Italy," an exhibition of paintings and photographs by **Kimberlee and Richard Alemian**, at the James Library in Norwell through Nov. 30.

ANNIE will be performed at the Orpheum-Foxboro, 1 School Street, Foxboro, for three weekends, Nov. 5 to 21 with Saturday and Sunday matinees. Tickets are $24 for adults, $22 for seniors and students, and $18 for children under 12. The Orpheum is handicapped accessible. Call 508-543-2787 (ARTS) for ticket and group sales information or purchase tickets on-line at www.orpheum.org.

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Nov. 12, **Rockin' George Leh**, 781-335-9796.

The Back Side Tavern, Webster Square, downtown Marshfield, Nov. 12 and 26, at 9 p.m. **The J Place Band** - Blues, Soul, & Rock 'n Roll 781 837 0300, (No Cover Charge).

Sat. Nov. 13

The Old Colony Hospice will hold its Annual Circle of Remembrance Ceremony on Nov. 13, in order to join together and remember loved ones. As a symbol of the special memories that have been shared with lost loved ones, Old Colony Hospice invites members of the community to personalize a white rose, in honor of that individual, to be placed on the Circle of Remembrance. The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. at the Christ Congregational Church located at 1350 Pleasant Street in Brockton. Refreshments in the Parish Hall. Handicapped accessible, open to the public.

Grand Funk Railroad, the top selling American rock group of the 70's is back and coming to **Plymouth Memorial Hall** in Plymouth, on Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37 & $42 are now on sale at the Plymouth Hall box-office, located in the lobby of the Radisson Plymouth Hotel (180 Water St., 508-747-0234), online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619, and all Strawberries locations. Visit www.plymouthmemorialhall.com

Down East Dancers Country Dance Workshop and Dance, Saturday, Nov. 13, will be held at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. The dance workshop, mostly for beginner dancers, starts with registration at 9:30 a.m. with classes, practice and lunch break until 4:30 p.m. For complete schedule visit www. geocities.com/downeastdancers or call 781-925-1170. $10 for the workshop. The dance will be held at night with the dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Couples and line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ Dr. "K". Snacks, raffles, cash bar. Smoke free, $5. For information 508-995-9496; 781-925-9066.

Artist Ginny Allen, a long time resident of Scituate and retired professor of Mass. Art is having an exhibition "Memento Mori" at the **South Shore Conservatory**, Nov. 3, to Jan. 31, 2005. The opening reception will be Nov. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Third Annual Art in the Corporate Park. - Open Studio and Sale featuring the works of **Lance Keimig, Becky Haletky, Stephanie Roberts and Brooke Stanton** on Nov. 13 and 14 from noon to 5 p.m. at 55 Corporate Park, Pembroke. 781-424-7018 or www.thenightskye.com

First Baptist Church, 219 Adams St., Abington – **Annual Fall Sale**. Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. featuring a bake table, jewelry, Christmas items and clothes by the bag. No admission fee.

The South Shore YMCA's Mill Pond facility in Hanover, presents **An Enchanted Evening** fundraiser. The evenings activities will include a silent and live auction, food and drink and a champagne raffle featuring the grand prize, a diamond tennis bracelet donated by Cohasset Jewelers. For information call 781-829-8585 x224

Fuller Craft Museum 455 Oak Street in Brockton, rolls up the rugs for ceramic artist **Allison Newsome's** installation *On Island* through Jan. 2, 2005. Rhode Island artist Allison Newsome will create wet clay drawings and sculptures specifically for Fuller Craft's Tarlow Gallery that address environmental ethics using the imagery of nature and culture. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is

CALENDAR, see next page

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13th ANNUAL PLAIN STREET STUDIOS-Open Studios Nov. 20 and 21, noon to 5 p.m. The Codman Building, 185 Plain St., Rt. 139, Rockland. More than 100 artists will display their works. www.plainstreetstudios.com

LOMBARDO'S THIRD ANNUAL 'GIVING THANKS CELEBRATION - A FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER. At its conference and function facility, 6 Billings St in Randolph on Thanksgiving Day for seniors and those who do not have a family with whom to spend the holiday. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., dinner will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by dancing to a DJ until the event ends at 1:30 p.m. For information or to volunteer for the event call Maribella at Lombardo's at 781-986-5000.

LADIES AUXILIARY OF POST 3169 SCITUATE WILL HOST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR. Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at VFW Hall, Route 3A, Scituate. Admission is free, event is open to public. Many local artist and crafters will have gift and craft items for sale. Complete turkey dinner basket raffle will be drawn day of fair. Proceeds will benefit the auxiliary's charity relief fund. Table rental is $15 and is on a first come first serve basis. Call 781-545-5995.

***VOILÀ* NORWELL'S FRENCH COUNTRY BOUTIQUE** 428 Washington St. (Route 53) Norwell will open its doors for hospitality, hors d'oeuvres and beverages for a Holiday Open House on Dec. 9.--a la Provence. Voilà is a shop modeled after those in Europe with one of a kind European accents and furnishings for the home. Enjoy south of France ambience for the holidays For information, call

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST TO BENEFIT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. First annual Gingerbread House contest will take place at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor. Contest categories include Most Humorous, Most Traditional, Most Popular, Most Professional and Most Creative. Prizes include Getaway Weekend at Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor and dinners for four at the Harbor Grille. Entry fee is $10, drop-off/set-up date is Dec. 14. Entries will be displayed Dec. 15-20. All proceeds will go directly to Habitat for Humanity. For entry form, call The Radisson at 508-747-4900 or visit www.radissonplymouth.com or e-mail: info@radissonplymouth.com.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619.

LORD OF THE DANCE TO RETURN TO WANG CENTER. Michael Flatley *is* the Lord of the Dance as he returns to Boston for a return engagement on Friday, Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 27 at both 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are $28.50 to $68.50 and are on sale at the Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont St., Boston; or online at www.telecharge.com; or by calling 1-800-447-7400; group discounts available; general information at www.wangcenter.org.

The 23rd HOLLYBERRY CRAFT FAIR will be held Saturday, Nov. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 14th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart High School, 399 Bishops Hwy. in Kingston. More than 100 tables of crafts, gift baskets etc.. Fair Admission; adults $2; under 10 $1. Saturday evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. the Hollyberry Café will feature a lobster roll, chowder, chef salads, deli sandwiches, and a special kids menu and terrific desserts. For further information, call 781-585-7511, Ext 345



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Cohasset Dramatic Club Presents "Nunsense" at the Cohasset Town Hall on Nov. 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. Individual tickets are $12 ($10 for seniors) and may be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop in Scituate Harbor, at the door, and by calling the ticket reservation line at 617-697-2115. Groups of 10 or more are $10 per ticket; for group sales, please email tangledwb7@aol.com.



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$5/adults, $3/seniors and students, Free for members and children under 12.

Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset. Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Saturday night from 8-11pm. Non-smoking, casual dress. 781-383-0900.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Nov. 13, **Undaunted Professor Harp**. 781-871-7175.

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Nov. 13, **J Place Band**, 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Miss E.C.Scott and her band,** Nov. 13. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. Nov. 14

The Ventress Library Sunday Concert Series will present the fourth concert of the season on Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. Big band vocalist **Nancy Carr** of Hingham will sing a tribute to popular American composers accompanied by her husband **Michael Cardoza** on keyboards, Elmer Drotos of Hanover on reeds, and bass player Genevieve Rose of Wilbraham. Come to the library for a relaxing afternoon listening to classic and familiar songs. Ventress Sunday Concerts are free and open to the public. No tickets are required. Refreshments are served at a post concert reception in the Ventress Gallery. For further information call librarian Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org.



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Piano Concert at Thayer Library on Nov. 14, at 3 p.m. Alfred Watson will perform works of Scriabin, Chopin, Schumann, Liszt and Debussy, as well as some of his own compositions. This third concert in the Friends of the Library Fall Series, will be in the library's Logan Auditorium, and is free and open to the public. It is sponsored in part by Comcast. For information call 781-848-0405.

The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore a new marching arts program, is accepting applications for brass and percussion players, as well as color guard (flag squad) members. A family style group open to individuals 13 years and older. Musical experience desirable but not necessary. Inexperienced but motivated people will be trained by expert instructional staff in a fun and dynamic rehearsal setting. Has your community eliminated its band or music programs? Would you still like to be in a very high caliber marching and musical group? The Imperials is much cheaper than music lessons. Free unlimited trial membership. Winter rehearsals on most Sundays at the Pembroke Community Center Rt. 14, Pembroke, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. For rehearsal info, membership and directions, visit www.pathwayproductions.org/imperia ls.htm

23rd Hollyberry Craft Fair will be held on Nov. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **at Sacred Heart High School,** 399 Bishops Highway Kingston**.** More than 100 tables of crafts, gift baskets etc. Admission; Adults $2; Under 10 $1Saturday Evening from 5 to 8 p.m. the Hollyberry Café will feature a lobster roll, chowder, chef salads, deli sandwiches, and a special kids menu and desserts., MA 02364-2098. For 781-585-7511, ext 345

Eighth annual Evening for Charities at the **Independence Mall** on Nov. 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. The mall will put on its gala holiday face with festive Victorian décor, great door prizes, entertainment such as; Santa, jugglers, carolers, face painting and the charity train will be running. More than 35 non-profit organizations are already taking part in these festivities by selling tickets for $5. All proceeds from ticket sales go directly to the organizations.

'Natural Selections' in Hingham. Marshfield photographer, **Cindy Vallino** will exhibit nine images from her series of photographic prints, "Natural Selections" at the **Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery**, through Dec. 2 during library hours. Information on her art may be found at her Web site: www.cvallino.com, or www.vallinophoto.com; or at the library at 781-741-1405; or www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Art Complex Musuem in Duxbury presents the work of **Nancy Murphy Spicer** beginning Nov. 14, through Jan. 9. Opening reception Nov. 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

ShakerHigh/Shaker Low, at the **Art Complex Museum** 189 Alden St., Duxbury through Jan. 9, 2005. Pieces from its extensive Shaker Collection will be on display. 781-934-6634 or www.art-complex.org.

USS Constitution Museum – Celebrate Old Ironsides 207th birthday, Admission is free. Groups of 10 must call to make reservations. Handicap accessible. 617-426-1812 wwwusconstituionmuseum.org

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield, Dixieland Jazz concert: Nov. 14, **Jeff Hughes' and his Hot Toddies Jazz Band** 4 to 7 p.m. $10 admission. Dinner available beginning at 3 p.m.

Mon. Nov. 15

The Hingham Public Library & Buttonwood Books & Toys will host **Richard Marinick**, author of "Boyos" on Monday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

'Storm Fears' and other landscape paintings by Duxbury artist, **Matthew Zappala** will be exhibited in the Vine Hall Gallery of the **South Shore Natural Science Center** in Norwell, 48 Jacobs Lane, Nov. 1-28. Zappala's style is reminiscent of the Expressionists and post-Impressionists. Exhibit is free and open to everyone, Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Artist's reception will be held Saturday, Nov. 6, 2-4 p.m. For directions or information, call the center at 781-659-2559 or visit its Web site at www.ssnsc.org.

Chess Club - Children ages 9-14 are invited to join the **Hull Lifesaving Museum's** free after school Chess Club on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m., through Dec. 20. Beginners are welcome. Parent volunteers are also welcome. Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or lifesaving-museum@comcast.net.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, located at 273 Hanover St., Hanover, offers education, support and complementary modalities for people living with the challenges of cancer. For info call Ann or Gail at 781-829-4823 or visit www.pathwaysccs.org.

Braintree Art Association member **Joan Percy** will display her paintings for the month of November at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Tues. Nov. 16

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes **Susan Sargent** discussing "Susan Sargent's: The Comfort of Color, Inspire, Transform, Create" on Nov. 16, 7 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset, MA. "Susan Sargent's The Comfort of Color" details color makeovers of nine different home environments. This is a free event and the public welcome. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Karen Flood will be presenting a mini-workshop at the November meeting of the **Interagency of the South Shore.** "The Eye of the Storm: the Holidays, the Hoopla, and YOU" will explore the frenzy that often marks this time of year at work and at home. IAC meets Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Quincy Medical Center, noon to 2 p.m. (Lunch:$7 Members, $10 Non-members.) IAC is a membership organization representing local communities, and visitors are welcome at monthly meetings (third Tuesday/mo.). To learn more or to make a reservation, contact Karen McKim, 617-376-1285.

In Shape Studio, Hanover Mall - An all women's fitness club featuring the original 30 minute circuit program using Pace circuit equipment (programmed accommodating circuit exercise) which is both aerobic and anaerobic. Weight loss support and other groups forming now.. 781-829-5555.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, hosts story time every Tuesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Age range is 2 to 5 years old. Free. For information call 781-383-2665.

Cranberry Hospice is offering single session meetings to help people cope with grief during the holidays. Workshops will be held on Nov.. 23, from noon to1:30 p.m.; Dec. 8, from noon to1: 30 p.m.; Dec. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. To register call Kathleen McAleer at 508-746-0215.

'Evita' back in Boston. For two weeks only, the Tony Award-winning, **Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, "Evita"** will be playing at Boston's Colonial Theatre, through Nov. 14. Tickets on sale now, $36.50 to $77.50. Performances Tuesday through Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Press night Thursday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m.) Tickets available through Ticketmaster, 617-931-2787; or directly at the Colonial Theatre's box office at 106 Boylston St.

8-minute dating, Have eight great dates in one fun night in a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Mix and mingle with other single people in cocktail party atmosphere at. Nov.16, at **Raffael's at Nantasket Beach in Hull:** Ages 36-49 Enter and receive your matches after event. For ages 32-42. Advance registration required at www.8minuteDating.com.

Calling all South Shore Parents Are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community, complete with a listing of family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hot-spots along the South Shore. www.southshoreparents.com

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave.,

Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

Grand Funk Railroad rolls into Plymouth



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The fact that Grand Funk Railroad's legacy still looms large over the pop music landscape more than thirty years after its 1969 birth in Flint, Michigan is also a testament to the group's influence and staying power. Mega-hits "We're An American Band," "I'm Your Captain/Closer To Home," "Locomotion," and "Some Kind Of Wonderful" still receive continuous airplay on Classic Rock radio. Over their career, Grand Funk has had 19 charted singles, 8 Top 40 hits and two Number One singles ("We're An American Band" and "Locomotion," both selling more than one million each). The group has 13 gold and 10 platinum records with record sales in excess of 25 million copies sold worldwide

Today the group includes original founding members Don Brewer (vocals and drums, writer and singer of the hit, "We're An American Band") and bassist Mel Schacher. Joining Don and Mel are true "ALL-STARS" featuring singer Max Carl (38 Special), lead guitarist Bruce Kulick (12 years with KISS) and keyboardist Tim Cashion (Bob Seger).

***Grand Funk Railroad** will perform at **Plymouth Memorial Hall** Saturday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37 & $42 are now on sale at the Plymouth Hall box-office, located in the lobby of the Radisson Plymouth Hotel (180 Water St., 508-747-0234), online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619, and all Strawberries locations. Visit www.plymouthmemorialhall.com*

Wed. Nov. 17

New acting classes are starting at the Acting Studio for intermediate and beginners on Nov. 17, for eight weeks at New North Church in Hingham. Hands-on film and stage techniques, exploring content and craft, On-camera feedback and a fresh start for new and intermediate actors, using Hagen, Meisner and Dillon NYC techniques. Monologues, scene study and group exercises will be explored. To register, contact Acting Studio at 781-749-7895 to enroll. There will be no classes during Christmas vacation. Students will be considered for upcoming projects for television, stage and film as well as leave classes with an audition monologue.

The Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham – **Independent Film Feature**, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. **Buddy** Norwegian with English subtitles approximately 100 minutes. 781-741-1405 www.hinghamlibrary.org

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.

The North River Arts Society presents **A Tribute to Willard Robinson**, North River Arts Society artist and instructor, at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster, Marshfield through Dec. 4. 781-837-8091.

The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

Thurs. Nov. 18

The 10th annual Wine Tasting for the benefit of the Talking Information Center (TIC) of Marshfield, which includes five wines paired with a five course dinner, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on

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The Art Case Model B grand piano which Byers made for Steinway & Sons can be seen and heard at Fuller Craft Museum's salon concert Sunday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. Pianist Steve Porter will perform at this free concert. Fuller Craft Museum is located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton, MA. The Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5/adults, $3/seniors & students, Free for members and children under 12.



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Join the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for a visit from actress **Marcia McDonald, aka Hungarian Grand Duchess Mariska,** at the **Thursday Tea** on Nov. 18, from 1:30 to 3:30pm. During her presentation, Grand Duchess Mariska will reveal her timeless beauty and diet secrets. Although this is somewhat tongue-in-cheek, Mariska will present several real home remedies. Tea and delicious treats will be served following the presentation. The cost is $8 members/ $10 non-members. Space is limited and pre-registration is necessary. To register, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

Boston Philharmonic, Benjamin Zander, conductor, presents **Ravel: La Valse Gershwin: Concerto in F** featuring **Kevin Cole,** piano. Stravinsky: Petrushka **The Whirl of Life** Nov. 18, 7:30p.m. Lecture Integrated into Performance, Sanders Theatre, Call box office 617-496-222 for tickets from $15 to $59.

Fri. Nov. 19

Pianists Edwina and Margaret Li (with Pianist **Jane Viemeister**) perform piano six-hand as **South Shore Conservatory's** Piano Department presents ***Piano Virtuosi in concert*** on Friday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the **Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury.** Sponsored by M. Steinert & Sons, ***Piano Virtuosi in concert*** includes jazz standards plus selections from Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, Rachmaninoff, Prokofieff, Poulenc, and living American composer Ned Rorem. Advance tickets to the concert are $15 for adults, and $10 for seniors and students and may be purchased at Conservatory offices, or by calling 781-934-2731, ext. 10. Tickets at the door are $20 for adults and $15 for seniors and students. The Ellison Center for the Arts is located at 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. For directions to the Ellison Center, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org, or call 781-934-2731.

St. Mary's Church, 392 Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover, will have their annual **Holiday Bazaar** Nov. 19 from 5 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday night supper and Saturday lunch will be sold during the bazaar. Pictures with Santa, Nov. 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 781-878-7337

Plympton Folk Arts is presenting its **23rd annual Christmas Shop in the Country,** Nov. 19, from 1 to 8 p.m. Nov. 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Town House Rt. 58. Country chicken supper on Friday night and chowder lunch on Saturday. Admission and refreshments are free. 781-248-7011

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Ongoing events

MS Support Group on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of South Shore Hospital. Contact Liz 781-878-7041 or email at Vze2n8tr@verizon.net or Cindy 781-878-5835 or email at Rockland119@AOL.com.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages, who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tues nights at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus, under the direction of Patricia Hoitt of Norwell, is a women's a cappella chorus providing vocal training and musical entertainment throughout the greater South Shorearea. Come and experience the fun , and sing your cares away. Call 781-843-4355.

The Dedham Museum 612 High St., Dedham, at the Dedham Historical Society presents **Wedgwood – Not Just Blue and White,** to Jan. 15. Admission $2 adults and $1 children. 781-326-1385 or www.DedhamHistorical.org

Storytellers/authors Andrea Lovett of Abington and **Weisey MacMillan** of Marshfield are forming an **adult writer's group**. 10:30 a.m. 781-871-5892. A small fee will be charged

Stories and Art for Preschoolers and Toddlers will be offered at the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St., Duxbury, every second Thursday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from 1 to 2:30 p.m. 781-934-6634 extension 15.

The Monhegan Experience paintings of Monehegan Island by members of the **North River Arts Society** at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St., Rockland.

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no monies are exchanged - just time.) Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc. moving furniture), The list is endless. Procrastinating can be a thing of the past. Membership fee: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, at 781-871-2583.

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club**.** A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com 508-830-4250.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**, Broad St., Weymouth for children 4 1/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnolly@artsfirst.org

Cura VNA & Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, **offers The Young Widow and Widowers Support Group**, meeting every other Thursday for eight weeks from 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m. To register call 508-746-0215.

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Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

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New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

Free Caregivers Support Group open to all will be held every Thursday, at the Allerton House in Weymouth. Call 781-335-8666 x 207 for registration and directions.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth - Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com



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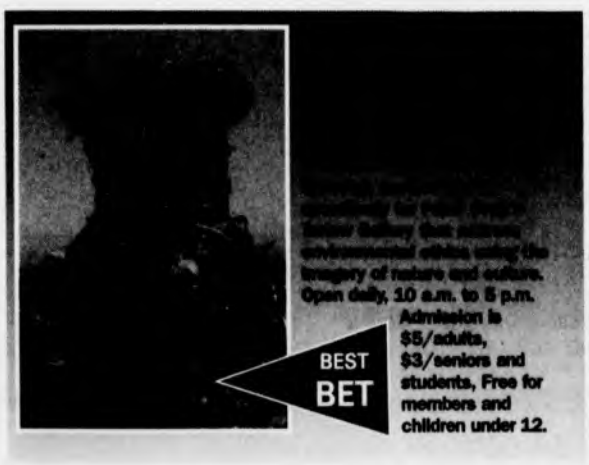
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Island vibes

Bermuda visitors can groove to their own beat

By Arthur Pollock

A Bermuda weekend getaway always sounded like a good idea. When the opportunity arose to attend the Ninth Annual Bermuda Music Festival last month, it didn't take long to swing my vote. What I didn't count on was subtropical storm Nicole attending as well. Bermuda is just over an hour-and-a-half plane ride from Boston, a lot quicker than trying to get away to Caribbean destinations, which can keep you airborne for three or four hours. Amid a long line to enter the country at customs, the sun was shining and a band was playing to welcome us.

In another hour my wife and I would be sitting smugly on a pink sand beach, gazing at calm turquoise waters, sipping Bermuda's famous adult beverage, the "Dark and Stormy" (Gosling's Black Seal caramel-flavored, 151-proof rum mixed with ginger beer). Our hotel, the Pompano Beach Club in Southampton, on Bermuda's southwest coast, is a comfortably casual property in a beautiful setting with a cliff-side pool and private beach. It was started back in the 1950s by a gentleman from Waban, Mass. Throw in two 24-hour hot tubs, boat rentals, golf and tennis and there was really no reason to venture too far away. But we wanted to play tourist, so we climbed the steps of Gibbs' Hill Lighthouse, in Southampton Parish, for "the Queen's view" of the island. Then it was onto the Aquarium, one of Bermuda's most popular attractions, with its 145,000-gallon coral reef tank. Also not to be missed is the Underwater Exploration Institute, with its fantastic collection of exotic sea shells from all over the world. We lunched at the White Horse Pub, the island's oldest, in St. George, the second oldest English town established in the New World. You can sample rockfish, wahoo fish or fresh tuna, and, of course, the ubiquitous fish chowder, made with (what else?) Gosling's rum.

Several times a week at Kings Square you can watch a re-enactment of the "dunking of the nags and gossips," Bermuda's 18th century form of justice similar to New England's old tradition of dunking suspected witches underwater. The weather was still holding up when our first night at the music festival began. The festival offers mostly smooth jazz, in keeping with the mellow vibe of the island. Held at the Royal Naval Dockyard, it boasts a unique stage, built out of scaffolding in the water. Behind is the expanse of gorgeous Atlantic Ocean, and in the early evening the front row of seats is just a few feet from the ocean (by the end of the concert the water receded to just several feet from the stage). It has to be one of the prettiest settings for a concert anywhere. With a gentle breeze blowing and a few sips of a Dark and Stormy or Rum Swizzle (rum, sugar, club soda and lime juice), the music goes down just as nicely. Several thousand people can fit in the open-air facility, and area restaurants offer a variety of local dishes from food stands that ring the seats æ take your pick from dozens of choices, among them, ox tails, curry goat or jerk chicken. After a variety of Bermudan talent, headliner Seal took the stage and put on a satisfying show. Perhaps too satisfying æ as some fans rushed down to the stage to be close to the smooth, British balladeer, several fell on their keisters, due to the water-slicked concrete.

The next night, the weather gods were not as cooperative, and the scene started to literally resemble a Dark and Stormy. About half of the night's performers managed to get through their sets before the heavens opened up, washing out headliners Isaac Hayes and the OJ's. Heavy morning rains the next day did not bode well for the festival, but they did not put a damper on our trip to Hamilton, Bermuda's charming capital, for some serious shopping on Front Street. Behind the pastel-colored storefronts are reasonable prices and, best of all, no sales tax. Here you can check out Trimingham's, a landmark since 1842. You may just walk out wearing pink Bermuda shorts and knee-high socks. For lunch, visit Harbourfront restaurant, which serves excellent sushi as well as Continental and Mediterranean specialties. And after your meal, you can fire up an expensive Cuban cigar if you like (there are no nonsmoking signs in sight). Continuing downpours and gale-force winds throughout the afternoon made it clear we would not be hearing the romantic soul music of that night's festival headliner, Anita Baker, anytime soon.

Luckily our hotel had a fine restaurant and we spent most of the evening eating and drinking and listening to the surprisingly romantic sounds of the howling wind. As the sun peeked out the next morning, we snuck in a midmorning horseback ride at Spicelands Riding Centre in Hamilton. Despite a midride downpour, this was a highlight of the trip, as we rode through picturesque allspice woodlands and hisbiscus hedges and ventured onto sandy Warwick Long Beach. The winds started to pick up and rain began to fall in earnest, as we arrived back at the hotel, cutting short my hot-tub time. By late afternoon, the Ministry of Tourism threw in the soggy towel declaring Nicole had defeated Anita Baker's music. It was small comfort that the locals told us it hadn't rained like this in months.

As a consolation prize, we were invited to an indoor performance that night by a group from Philadelphia called Kindred the Family Soul, who put on a stellar performance. They cleverly did a medley of hits from Issac Hayes, the OJ's and Anita Baker, so we could go home saying that we did indeed hear some music from the scheduled headliners. Though I didn't get my music fix totally satisfied, being in Bermuda more than made up for it. Tropical storm or not, as first-time visitors my wife and I fell for this picturesque island. To quote Mark Twain, "You go to heaven, if you want. I'll stay here in Bermuda."



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The private beach at the Pompano Beach Club.



Two gentlemen converse in the town of St. George. The man on the left wears the traditional Bermuda shorts and socks.



A lionfish on display at the aquarium in Bermuda.

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Paying the price for bad choices

Teens hear ex-con's story

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For the past 14 years, students from Scott Newkirk's Cohasset High School social studies classes have been traveling to the Massachusetts Correctional Institute at Norfolk for a field trip they will never forget.

Abiding by the strict clothing regulations for visitors, students make their way through metal detectors, and are given an up-close look at the life of an inmate. Sixteen months ago, one of those inmates was Gator Collet.

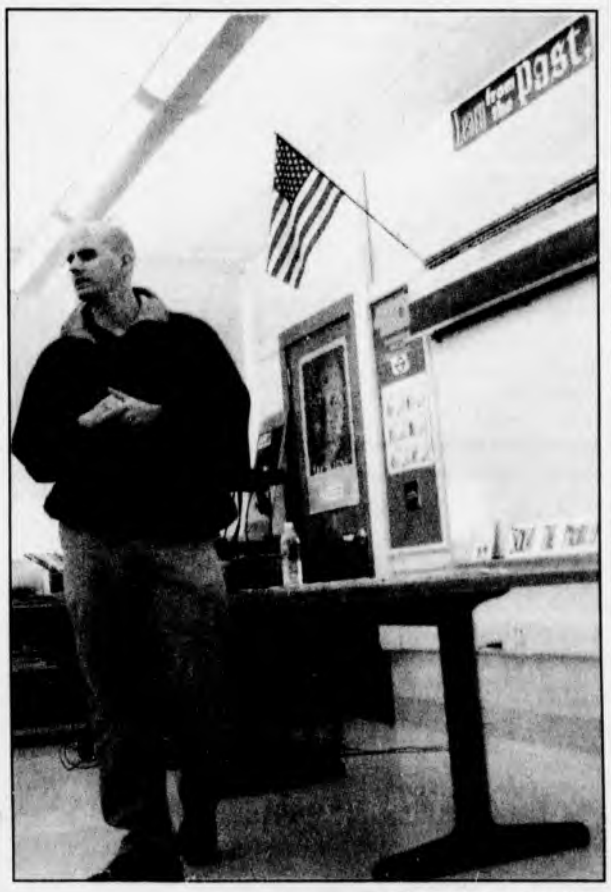
But now, after he served 10 years for manslaughter, students had the opportunity to meet Collet in the classroom where he turned the tragic events of his past into a vehicle to convey the message that violence is never the answer and choices made can save a life.

As Community Resource Director for Project Youth, a non-profit organization for violence prevention, Collet travels to area high schools, telling his story in the hope others won't repeat his mistakes.

Standing before roughly 30 students in Newkirk's class, Collet asked for a show of hands to indicate how many anticipate they will one day go to jail. With not one hand in the air, Collet told students that is what he would have said too.

"I thought it was never going to happen to me. I believed you came from a bad neighborhood and had been arrested a bunch of times," he said, and living in New Bedford in an upper-middle class family, and being someone who didn't drink, did-

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Above, Gator Collet talks to Scott Newkirk's social studies class about making the right choices in life. At left, Newkirk's class listens to Collet tell his story about going to jail at 16. The students asked him a total of 61 questions before the class came to an end.

AdCom at odds

Some members say they were left in the dark

By Samantha Brown
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The way school budget talks were handled last week is still having reverberations at Town Hall.

Heated discussion erupted during the Advisory Committee meeting this week, as member Pat Waters said closed-door budget talks the committee chairman and vice chairman attended the week before could have put the board's credibility on the line.

The school budget could be facing as much as a $500,000 deficit for fiscal year '05, which started July 1, just as fiscal year '06 budget talks are set to get underway. The news is significant for taxpayers in light of the fact last spring the town passed a $400,000 override for FY'05 earmarked solely for the schools.

The Advisory Committee makes recommendations to Town Meeting on financial and other matters.

The discussion also goes to the heart of "transparent" government – a catch-all phrase for openness. Transparency was at the center of last spring's heated election for both the School

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Seeking special citizen

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By Mary Ford
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In keeping with an 11-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Marjorie "Marjie" Murphy as Citizen of the Year. The mother of three and grandmother of two touched countless lives through her roughly 25 years as school librarian at Deer Hill.

The deadline for nominations for the 2004 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 7. Please see the nomination form on page 7. The form may be photocopied.

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SOUTH SHORE'S FINEST

Cohasset's DJ Silvia (13) and his teammates have once again proven themselves to be the best team in the South Shore League. For the second straight year, the Skippers put away Norwell to take the league title. This time, they did it in dominating fashion with a 20-0 victory on Sunday. After the annual Thanksgiving battle with Hull, Cohasset will take on the Tri-Valley champion in the first round of the MIAA Div. 3 football playoffs. For more see sports.

14-home subdivision slated

Off Beechwood St. near train crossing

By Samantha Brown
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There could soon be a new subdivision in Cedarmere's backyard, as developers have come forward with plans to build single-family homes off Beechwood Street, adjacent to the proposed senior housing site.

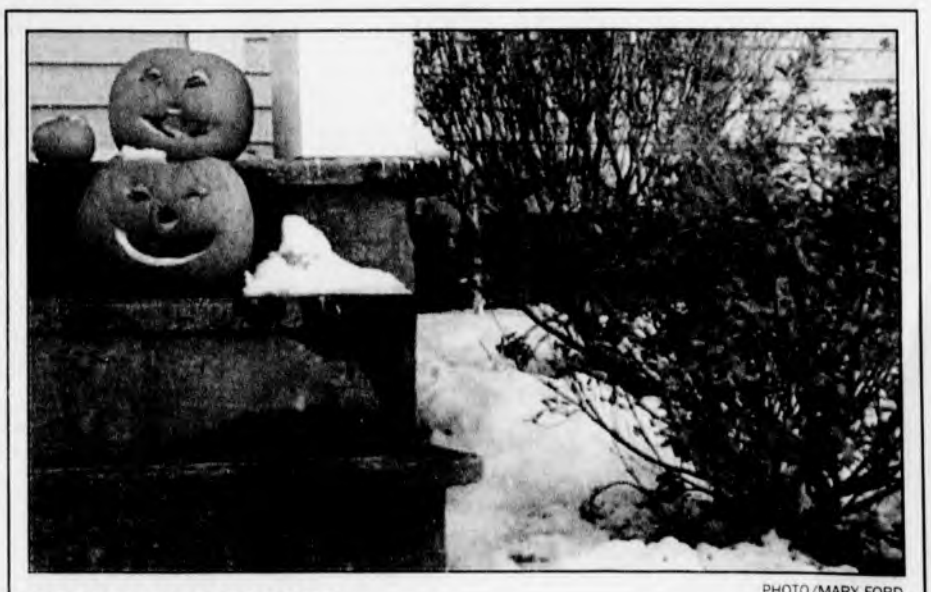
The entrance to the proposed subdivision is near the intersection of Beechwood and Norman Todd Road.

"There will be a variety of shapes, but a similarity to give the neighborhood an identity."
— Architect Jim Sandell

Property owner Anthony Nader and his development team came before the Planning Board Monday during a public hearing to give a preliminary overview of the proposed project. Plans thus far include building 14 single-family homes on the 18-acre parcel of land.

Architect Jim Sandell — who also designed the buildings for Cedarmere, a proposed 105-unit senior housing development slated to be located just up the road from Nader's "Highland Estates" — has proposed building shingle-style homes on the property. He said the property can be described as "woody" but also has a good amount of ledge, a

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SEASONAL DISORDER

Last Friday's late-night fall snowstorm caught many by surprise including these local pumpkins. It was the earliest snowfall in 17 years.

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This week in COHASSET

CPC fund receives dollar-for-dollar match

On Oct. 15 Cohasset's Community Preservation Fund received $254,690 from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. This was the third consecutive year that the Commonwealth matched dollar-for-dollar all money raised by Cohasset through the Community Preservation Act.

The money received from the Commonwealth was deposited into Cohasset's Community Preservation Fund and combined with the revenues raised locally by assessing a 1.5 percent surcharge against real property values. The fund is spent on projects endorsed by the Community Preservation Committee and then approved by Town Meeting.

Recent projects include:

- purchasing several lots bordering Lily Pond (in order to protect the water supply);
- creating two senior housing units in the former Paul Pratt Memorial Library;
- constructing playing fields and play grounds, and the highly successful acquisition of the "Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary", which was purchased without any impact to the tax base.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends appropriating money from the Community Preservation Fund on projects supporting low and moderate income housing, historical preservation, and open space acquisition and preservation, CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey explains.

The money provided by the Department of Revenue is raised by a surcharge assessed at all Recorder of Deeds offices each time someone records a deed or mortgage on the land records.

"During the most recent budget session on Beacon Hill, legislators made seven attempts to spend this money on unrelated special interest projects," Ivimey said. "But thanks to a bipartisan effort that included leadership by state Sen. Robert Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley, the Commonwealth's fund was fully preserved."

Anyone interested in applying for Community Preservation funding is encouraged to contact Stuart Ivimey at (781) 383-2604.

Thanksgiving breakfast at Legion Post Nov. 25

The Sons of the American Legion are hosting the annual Thanksgiving breakfast from 7-9:30 a.m. Nov. 25 at the Legion Post on Summer Street. Donation is $5. All you can eat. The public is welcome.

MEETINGS

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Please note: the Selectmen and School Committee met Thursday (Nov. 18) after the Mariner went to press. Coverage of those meetings will appear in next week's Mariner.

Advisory Committee, Nov. 22, 7 p.m. (Open forum)

Cohasset Cultural Council, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Osgood School Council, Nov. 30, 3:30 p.m., Osgood School Conference Room

Selectmen, Nov. 20, 9 a.m. (Town Manager finalist interviews)

Sewer Commission, Nov. 29, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m., King St. plant.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Free legal clinics

Bar Association of Norfolk County hosts no appointment necessary-walk in clinics.

Do you have a legal question or are you confused about a legal issue? The Bar Association of Norfolk County is sponsoring a free legal clinic as a public service to the community. A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. The evening legal clinics will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Quincy District Court on: Dec. 7, March 1, April 19, June 7, and June 21.

For more information, call Adrienne C. Clarke, Bar Association of Norfolk County at 617-471-9693.

Red Cross seeks volunteers

The American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to help out at blood drives in the community. Help register donors or provide refreshments. Duties are light and will train. Daytime volunteers needed. For more information, call Laura O'Neal at 781-461-2086.

Norfolk Registry online research

Register William P. O'Donnell, D-Norwood, has announced expansion of research information online at the Registry of Deeds Web site, www.norfolkdeeds.org. Document images for the years 1974 through 1995 are in the process of being included in the Web site library.

"We have completed the first part of this project," stated O'Donnell, "which covers the years 1994 and 1995. Additional years will go online in the coming weeks, with a goal of having all documents back to 1974 available by early next year."

Indexes (summaries) from 1974 to date are currently online, but up to now, document images (copies of the filed documents) were viewable only for documents filed from 1996 forward. "The ability to look at the actual documents on the Internet is a great help to researchers," O'Donnell continued. "These improvements will improve the usefulness of the system. We are continuing our efforts to improve this service and welcome comments and suggestions."

The Registry of Deeds, located at 649 High St., Dedham, is the principal office for real property in Norfolk County. The Registry receives and records hundreds of thousands of documents each year and is a basic resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities and others with a need for secure, accurate and accessible land record information. For more information visit www.norfolkdeeds.org or call 781-461-6116.

McGee, Peter Pratt guests on 'Our Town'

Tune in to Our Town next Thursday (Nov. 25) at 8:30 p.m. on Comcast Channel 10. Guests include Advisory Committee Chairman Donna McGee and Planning Board member Peter Pratt. Also, reporter Rich Ofstun meets with the "Old Goats."

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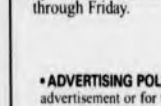
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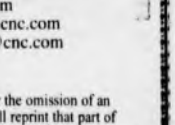
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Could big housing projects provide a budget cushion?

Forum slated on pros and cons of more development

By Samantha Brown
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It's budget season and in Cohasset, that translates into looking at creative solutions to prevent the dreaded "O" word from surfacing again.

With more tax revenue for the community and the potential to generate income from sewer connections, the Avalon, Cedarmere, and Cook Estate multi-unit developments are looking to some citizens like a way to obtain the funds necessary to dig the town out of a hole and avoid another override situation.

News surfaced last week that the FY'05 school budget could be facing a $500,000 deficit just as FY'06 budget talks are set to get underway.

However, development can have both positive and negative effects on a town. Increases in school enrollment can offset gains in tax revenue and multi-unit projects can eat up sewer capacity for existing homes. The Advisory Committee plans to tackle these issues at a forum that includes other town boards on Monday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.

Assuming the projects are coming, it will be a benefit for the town to receive more income in a time when it is desperately needed, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said. If the projects are provided sewer connections, the town could gain roughly $5 million in one fell swoop, as sewer connection fees are collected up front.

"I know some people don't want (the projects) at all, but assuming they're all coming, you strike the best deal for the community," Sullivan told the Advisory Committee last week during a discussion on the issue.

Town Manager Michael Buckley said at the same meeting, from a financial standpoint, he thinks the Cook Estate and Cedarmere projects have the ability to generate some positive tax revenue to the town. Later, in a telephone interview, he said in his view, neither one would put that much of a burden on town services because they do not attract children because they are age-restricted developments.

As for Avalon, Buckley said, "I have a hard time saying that's a good thing." With the way family dynamics have changed over the years and many children splitting their time between homes, he said it is very possible with the excellent reputation of Cohasset's schools, students could use an Avalon address to attend school in the district, although they may live in a neighboring town.

Together, Buckley said the three projects (Avalon, Cedarmere and Cook) could generate roughly $1.2 million in annual tax revenues, in addition to the one-time betterment and connection fees for the sewer. If all three projects were to connect, the town could bring in from $5-$6 million.

Sullivan said in addition to the revenue benefits, "It would also max us out on 40B projects." Chapter 40B is the state law that allows developers to skirt local zoning in exchange for providing affordable housing. The town is currently trying to meet a 10 percent affordability threshold set by the state to get out from under the threat of more 40B projects.

Avalon is a proposed 200-unit, 40B project slated for Route 3A opposite Good Sport and the Pizza Zone. All units will be rentals and will therefore all "count" toward the town's affordable housing stock even though only 25 percent of the apartments would be affordable. The state counts all apartment units toward the town's 40B threshold because it wants to encourage more rental housing.

To help fend off 40B projects and have more control over the process, the town drafted and passed its own bylaw — the Senior Multi-family Residence Overlay District bylaw. Cedarmere, a 105-unit housing project slated to be built on 41-acres off Beechwood Street, has filed under the bylaw and received a special permit from Planning Board for the development. The Cook Estate project, slated to build 95 units on Sohier Street, will file its plans with the Planning Board and go through the same process.

With the three projects possibly coming to town, Sullivan said the senior bylaw would sunset, meaning the affordable housing quotient would be filled, and the bylaw would no longer be necessary. In addition, he said the projects will provide much needed senior housing in town, which would allow Cohasset to keep many longtime residents who are looking to downsize from their family homes. "People don't like the idea of growth, but we could max out and we do want diversity in our housing stock," he said.

However, Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who was also in attendance at the Advisory Committee meeting, strongly disagrees with Sullivan and doesn't want to sell the town's sewer capacity to new developments. He said there are existing homes currently experiencing septic trouble that could be remedied with a sewer connection. "Title 5 and sewer standards were put in place to protect the health of the people and our coastline," he said, adding the environment should be dealt with first, not the interests of a private developer.

Advisory Committee member Merle Brown also said the town would receive a one-time payment from a sewer connection. But Sullivan said the projects would bring recurring tax revenue as well as water usage fees and sewer service fees.

Advisory Committee member Bernadette Faulkner said seeing the projects only in terms of the revenue they can bring, "doesn't reflect the whole picture." She said there will be children added to the school system as a result of all three projects. Seniors will move into the Cook and Cedarmere opening up their homes to young families with children. She added Avalon is not age-restricted and children could potentially move into those units which have two bedrooms.

"People don't like the idea of growth, but we could max out (on 40B projects) and we do want diversity in our housing stock.
— Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan

However, School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said seniors are going to move out of their family homes eventually anyway, and in her view, "I'd rather keep our seniors in town." But Advisory Committee member Tucker Glavin said there would be a natural turnover of homes without the proposed projects, and not a doubling of turnover "in a one- or two-year process."

Supt. Denise Walsh said while she thinks revenue from housing being built is good for the town — for every child which enters the school system, it costs the town between $7,000 and $13,000. In addition, with the normal growth the schools experience, there were more than 50 new students who enrolled this year. She noted there are two teacher's salaries paid for by private fund-raising efforts that couldn't be absorbed by the budget. If there is a sudden influx of students, there will be more money needed for the schools to help provide the materials and staff.

Brown added senior housing is more likely to use the services of the fire and police departments, especially the ambulance service.

Sullivan said in light of the financial situation, there are only so many places the town can turn.

"When you see the possibility of $1 million," development begins to look like a good option, he said.

To help iron out the details of the impacts new development will have on the town as a whole, the Advisory Committee will host and Chairman Donna McGee will moderate a joint meeting with other town boards including the Sewer Commission, Planning Board, Wastewater Committee, Water Commission, Zoning Board and Board of Health, Monday Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. Although a location was not set at the time the Mariner went to press, the public is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

Advisors are at odds over non-posted school budget session

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Committee and Selectmen seats.

Waters said he arrived at Town Hall (Wednesday, Nov. 10) for a meeting posted for 7 p.m., which he believed was slated to be a joint meeting to discuss the budget, with representatives from the school department, Board of Selectmen, and the Advisory Committee. He also said comments made by the superintendent of schools during the Selectmen's meeting two days before led him to believe the Advisory Committee would be provided a budget update.

Waters and some other board members waited that Wednesday night in the downstairs meeting room for others to arrive for the scheduled meeting. However, unbeknownst to Waters, some of the committee members he was waiting for were already in the building, as budget talks were in progress upstairs. Waters said he only found out about the closed meeting after reading the Mariner.

"What could be so sensitive that there was an inability to be given notice the event would take place?" he asked.

Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh, along with School Financial Assistant Karen Park, School Committee Chairman Rick Shea, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, Advisory Committee Chairman Donna McGee, Advisory Committee Vice Chairman Bernadette Faulkner, and Town Manager Michael Buckley attended the budget meeting, which took place prior to the Advisory Committee scheduled meeting.

Without a quorum of any board, the meeting was not required to be posted under the Open Meeting Law.

Waters noted Walsh came to the scheduled 7 p.m. meeting and "made no presentation." Looking back, he feels the conversation which took place upstairs superceded what was going to happen at the posted meeting.

He said the Advisory Committee needs to be very careful about being open. When the Advisory Committee members come to a meeting expecting to have a discussion on a particular topic, but not a word is spoken about the budget when everyone is in the room, it leads him to believe: "The topic we came here to discuss was already discussed. I find it to be inappropriate and perhaps I'm in the wrong place."

McGee, the Advisory Committee chairman, took umbrage at Waters' remarks.

"I resent you doing this," said McGee, adding the committee has always operated in a transparent fashion and Waters was wrong to suggest otherwise. "The chairman and the vice chairman were invited to a meeting and we attended," said McGee.

McGee explained when the superintendent said at the Selectmen's meeting last Monday (Nov. 8) that *you* would be hearing more about the budget at the Wednesday meeting, the *you* she was referring to wasn't Waters and the public, but the board members who would be invited to the earlier (non-posted) meeting that coming Wednesday.

"I don't understand why you're so upset," added Faulkner, the Advisory Committee vice chairman. "If you feel the need to go to every single meeting," that is something the board will need to discuss, she said.

McGee said she asked members of the board to stay after the scheduled meeting to enable her to update them on what happened during the closed meeting. She also said she made phone calls to the board members who did not attend the scheduled meeting to update them as well. She said Waters attended the meeting, and he should have stayed after to be informed about the earlier meeting.

However, Waters said, "To explain it to me after the fact is the problem."

"The point is, I had no notice and no idea it took place or that it was going on," said Waters, adding he is the committee's liaison to the School Committee. He said if there is something in the bylaws that allows meetings to be conducted in this manner, he is completely opposed and thinks the policies and procedures should be revised. He said if that is the way the board wants to operate, that is something "I will not be a part of."

Faulkner said Waters was "out of line in suggesting anything was inappropriate," adding there are many people working on solving problems in town, and the superintendent of schools asked for representatives from the boards to attend the meeting. "There has been misinterpretation by many people in this room," she said.

Faulkner also said it was her understanding the Mariner obtained the budget information it acquired by picking it up somewhere without permission. However, McGee said she did not think that was true, as it was her understanding the Mariner was provided the information as part of the School Committee's correspondence. [In fact, the Mariner was handed both Supt. Walsh's letter to the Town Manager and budget information sheets — which were printed in last week's Mariner — along with as other correspondence, by the superintendent's administrative assistant during the prior Thursday's School Committee meeting.]

McGee told Waters if he was so upset, he should have called her during the week to discuss it, but Waters said he thought it served no purpose to call her about a meeting after it had already taken place. "I'm part of a group," he said, adding he feels he shouldn't be kept in the dark. He said after the Mariner article came out, when people asked him about the closed meeting, all he could say was, "I don't know," and that shouldn't be the case.

Faulkner said, "I think you're reading much more into this and into people's motives or intents. It's a pretty straightforward explanation."

Not alone

But Waters was not alone in his interpretation.

Advisory Committee member Tucker Glavin said he agrees with Waters 100 percent. "The Superintendent was (at Town Hall) last Monday and last Wednesday, and we never discussed the elephant in the room (the $500,000 deficit)." He went on to say he trusts the board and appreciates what McGee and Faulkner said, but "It appears what happened last week was a very well orchestrated event."

"I have to stop this," said McGee. "If what (the superintendent) did last week wasn't transparent, I don't know what is," she said. She went on to say the superintendent didn't have to come out with the information she did about the budget, and she is trying to involve people to help things moving forward.

However, Advisory Committee member Susan Kent said the superintendent "doesn't have an option," of not bringing budget information forward. If she finds there is $500,000 which can't be paid for, that should be discussed in the open, Kent said.

Kent also said she understands small meetings sometimes need to be held. She said when she was chairman, she would often hold meetings in small groups, and would send out an informational e-mail to let everyone know where and with whom she would be meeting.

"Sometimes it's the right time to get together and have a small group," she said. However. "When there's $500,000 out there, I think that's something we should talk about. Last Monday (at the Selectmen's meeting), we were all Mickey the dunce. I don't blame you for being insulted," she said to Waters.

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Highland Estates project planned

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characteristic shared by many other pieces of land in Cohasset.

Sandell said he would like to see the least amount of ledge blasted as possible, and as few trees cut down as possible on the site, which is why he designed the homes to fit in with the natural features that currently exist. "We want to preserve as much of that as we can," he said, adding placement of the homes and their design take the natural shape of the land into account. "We're trying to tuck the houses into the landscape," he said.

The homes will have two floors with the main living areas located on the first. There will be large dining and family areas as well as outside porches. One master bedroom and three other bedrooms will be located on the second floor.

Sandell said in order to build the homes in accordance with the landscape, each will have a slightly different design from the next, to conform to its individual lot. "There will be a variety of shapes, but a similarity to give the neighborhood an identity," he said.

Traffic engineer Tim Wagner of Fay, Spofford, and Thorndike said traffic studies he has conducted indicate travel on Beechwood Street will not be greatly affected by the development. "Fourteen residential units aren't going to have much impact at all," he said. Wagner estimates during top commuting hours, there will be an increase of roughly 11 trips in the morning and 13 in the afternoon. He added there will be roughly 134 total trips generated daily from the development, which will increase total traffic on Beechwood Street by only 3 percent. "There isn't going to be a change in the level of service," he said.

There will be a grade crossing for the Greenbush line commuter rail train located closer to the South Main Street end of Beechwood Street, and Wagner said his study does not currently take that change into account. He said he will look into the changes slated to take place, but said from his experience, train crossings usually help with traffic, as it ensures motorists will decelerate as they approach. The entrance to the development will be located roughly 300 feet from the train crossing.

The developer's drainage expert Frank Holmes said there will be some challenges ahead to ensure water from the development does not flow in such a way as to impact abutters' property. Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said as the process unfolds before his board, that is an issue that will be thoroughly discussed.

Moore suggested taking an inventory of all the trees of significant size as well as specimen trees on the site before any changes are made to the landscape. While it will be necessary to clear some trees for the homes as well as the drainage system on the property, having a map of the most important trees to save may result in changes to the plans. Member Bob Sturdy added in his view, it is more important to save the trees "with something to them, not the utility poles with a sprinkle of foliage at the top."

Members of the Planning Board will take a tour of the site Saturday, Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. The meeting will be posted as a public meeting, and members of the public are allowed to attend. For more information, please contact the Planning Board office at (781) 383-3517.

Town Manager finalists named

After months of sifting through résumés and whittling down the number of applications, the Town Manager Search Committee has unanimously selected three candidates it will recommend to the Board of Selectmen for its consideration.

The finalists, William R. Griffin, Town Administrator of Bourne, Robert T. Markel, Town Administrator of Norfolk, and James R. Merriam, former Town Administrator of Wrentham, will be interviewed in succession Saturday, Nov. 20, with the first appointment scheduled for 9 a.m.

"We are very pleased with the experience the three would bring to the town," said Search Committee Chairman Rob Spofford.

The interviews are open to the public and will be shown on the local cable channel. For more information, please contact Chairman of the Search Committee Rob Spofford at (781) 740-8990 or (781) 383-8338.

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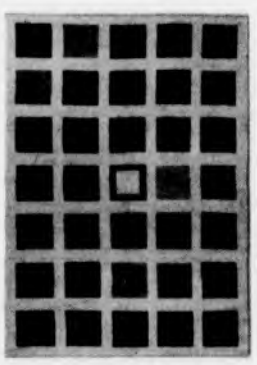

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Cohasset artist shares her creative side

Work is on exhibit at Paul Pratt Library

By Samantha Brown
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Creativity flows out of Jeanne Replogle's hands. Out of seashells she has collected from trips to the Caribbean, she can fashion a decorative Christmas wreath. With a bit of handiwork, she can cross-stitch a beautiful bedroom quilt, and has the perseverance it takes to see through a seven-year project of that size. But at the heart of her creative soul is an absolute love for painting which has continued to grow since she was seven years old.

Although many artists have a specific genre of art they prefer, Replogle said she is constantly stretching her talents and trying new techniques. "It's an ongoing process," she said, which gives her art show, currently on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, an interesting mix of work. Although she is a member of the American Society of Marine Artists, and therefore paints many seaside scenes, some are very realistic, and some have the fanciful qualities of contemporary folk art.

"Contemporary folk art should always have a sense of whimsy," she said, and looking at her creations, which feature mermaids swimming alongside fishermen who have had a long day at sea, her paintings are not only beautiful, but fun. Some of the lands in her folk art are based on real-life places, as one features a lighthouse — one of her favorite objects to paint — which is located off the coast of Plymouth, England.

But living in Cohasset, she is surrounded daily by nautical inspiration, and has painted a very realistic Minot's light at sunset. A resident of Rice Island, Replogle said she and her husband David can see the beautiful sunrises and sunsets, which captured her interest one day, and she said she just had to paint it. She has also painted many lighthouses on Cape Cod, as well as the Scituate lighthouse, which in one painting is located on top of a beautiful cliff. "I move lighthouses and the ocean with impunity," she joked.

Replogle has had a lot of training, as she was an art major in college and attended the Chicago Art Institute. She said she still continues to teach herself new techniques and experiments with different paints and surfaces frequently. She said one of her latest challenges has been learning to paint a realistic fog, which she said is "very difficult and sort of a stretch, especially painting with acrylics." Because oil paints stay wet, she said it is easier to blend and thin out to create a convincing fog, but with acrylics, it poses an interesting challenge, which she thrives on.

While seascapes are a common theme for her artwork, Replogle is also well-known for her renderings of town landmarks. She said many towns have commissioned her work, and they always dictate the different buildings they would like to see included in the final painting. "You really need to map out where things are going to go," she said, "It's like putting together a jigsaw puzzle."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Jeanne Replogle in her studio with one of her paintings. Her work, which is well known throughout Cohasset, is currently on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Replogle has painted pictures for many towns on the South Shore, featuring their most beloved areas or buildings in town, including Cohasset, Scituate, Hanover, Hingham, Weymouth, Duxbury, and Norwell. She said traveling to some towns she was less familiar with to take photographs of the desired historical buildings, she and her fine art agent, Pam Henry would often find themselves on a wild goose chase. "In every painting, it's a history lesson," she said.

In addition to the work she does on the canvas, Replogle said she has been known to paint objects given to her by decorators, and has even splashed some paint around her own house. Around her fireplace, Replogle has painted all the shore birds she sees out her windows, and in the bedroom which has the quilt she cross-stitched, she has painted matching flowers on a trunk at the foot of the bed. "David used to be afraid to go on business trips and leave me home with the children for fear I'd paint them," she joked.

But Replogle has painted her children, as they are featured in some of her many works of art. Her five boys, Bill, Bruce, Stewart, James and John, are shown in one painting of Replogle's which she has lent to the show, but is not for sale, where all five are swimming together and swinging off an apple tree into the water below. "I have this one in my bathroom at home," she said, which is where it will return.

When Replogle isn't painting, she can be found teaching art classes. She said every Wednesday for the past 15 years, she has been meeting with a group of women to paint. "It started out being girls I played golf or bridge with," she said, and now some of the women have gone on to sell their own works of art, bringing the talent full-circle.

Jeanne Replogle will have her work on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library until Dec. 31.

LIBRARY CORNER

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Independent films

The film "The Rage in Placid Lake," a whimsical, satirical comedy featuring Placid Lake, an odd fish in a sea of mediocrity whose brilliant ideas get him into more trouble than success, will be shown in the Meeting Room Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Admission and refreshments are free.

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Artist exhibit

Jeanne L. Replogle's recent paintings will be on display in the Meeting Room through Dec. 31.

The library is located at 35 Ripley Road.

Children's room

Author, Saturday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m., Jacqueline Davies, will discuss her new book, "The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon." Davies will be available for book signing and a question and answer session. This event is for grades three and up. Buttonwood Books is sponsoring this event and will have books available for purchase. This event will take place in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Vocalmotion, Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 10:30-11a.m. Sharon Chase will host music and movement. This is for young children accompanied by a caregiver.

Spanish Story Hour, Dec. 4, 11, 18 and Jan. 8, 15 and 29, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This is a Spanish immersion story hour generously performed by the instructors of Su Escuela. Children of all ages welcome when accompanied by a caregiver. This is an interactive listening and speaking program. Enjoy your favorite stories in Spanish.

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Annual book sale donations are sought

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., is currently accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, DVD's, CD's and videos for it's annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4. Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked "church offices." Alternatively, St. Stephen's would be happy to arrange pick up of your donations. For donation pick-up or more information, call Alix White at 781-383-1829. Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Monday, Nov. 22, is the last day book donations will be accepted. Old textbooks, romance novels, water damaged or moldy books, books with note or highlighting cannot be accepted.

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Christopher Brandt makes his debut

AROUND TOWN



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METCO WREATH SALE

The holidays are here no matter how soon it seems and with it comes all of the joys and special events that help to make them so nice. One of those events is the annual METCO Wreath Sale which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4 at Cohasset High School from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. These beautiful wreaths are the 22 ins. double-faced variety and they cost $10 a piece. Families with children in the school system will receive more information in their backpacks and if anyone would like more information, please call **Jodi Golden** at 781-383-2685.

ON STAGE

Ok all you greasers, Cohasset High School will be putting on the show, "Grease" on Dec. 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. and on Dec. 12 at 2:30 p.m. with tickets at $10 each. What a fun show to go and see with the family.

ALUMNI SOCCER

Cohasset Alumni Soccer Game Saturday, Nov. 27 is the date for the annual Cohasset Alumni Soccer Game. Last year's inaugural event ended in a 2-2 tie with more than 40 players returning from a span of 30 years of Cohasset soccer. This year two games will be played.

The first game will be the first women's game to be held. The game will be played at noon at Alumni Field (field conditions permitting). The second game, the men's game, will be played at 2 p.m. at either Alumni Field or Milliken Field depending on field availability.

All CHS graduates who played on soccer teams from 1973 (our first team) are invited to participate. The format will be a normal 90-minute game with graduates of odd numbered years playing against graduates of even numbered years. Please contact **Jeff Donze** if you are interested in playing in the men's game jeff.donze@comcast.net or 781-383-9734 or **Alyssa McNamara** if you are interested in participating in the Women's game, Alyssa@McNamaraFinancial.com or 781-962-6049. More details on a social get together after the game will be coming in future announcements. Please check: www.cohassetsoccer.com for more information.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Cohasset Relay for Life date has been set for June 17 & 18 at Cohasset High School. Many people are needed for the committee and both **Jacqui Vitello** and **Justine Vanderlugt** would love to talk with you about becoming involved in this wonderful and touching event. Just about everyone these days has been touched in some way by the dreaded disease ofcancer and here is a way to help raise funds to find a cure. Please contact Jacqui at 781-383-2668 or Justine at 781-383-2956. You may also contact **Mary Sheppard** at the American Cancer Society at 508-897-4329.

The first planning committee meeting is scheduled for Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the middle-high school library where all are welcome to come and see what it is all about.

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Mike Abbruzzese in Hartford High Hall of Fame

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AT DARTMOUTH

Lindsay Deane of Cohasset has enrolled as a member of the Class of 2008 at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. Lindsay is the daughter of **Gordon and Motoko Deane**. Enjoy your freshman year Lindsay and let us know how it is going.

COOK PROPERTY RALLY

The Friends of the Cook Property Project will be holding a rally on Saturday, Nov. 20 on the Cohasset Town Common from 11 a.m. to noon. Please join us for some hot cider and hot topics.

HALL OF FAME

A very proud daughter wanted to let us know that her dad, **Mike Abbruzzese**, was honored last Sunday Nov 7 in Hartford, Conn. as one of 18 inductees to the Hartford High Hall of Fame for his exceptional sports achievements and leadership, in particular, football.

He was co-captain of the 1951 Hartford Football team which won State, District and Triangular League Championships. Mike was voted All-State and All-District Center, and was also a three-sport player for his school in 1952, including baseball and track. His success in Hartford led to a full scholarship at BU where he enjoyed another 4 years of outstanding football. Mike credited his opportunity to play football at Hartford Public High School for giving him the opportunity to go to BU, where he majored in marketing, and met his wife **Anna.**

At BU, he was voted into the "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," and was the 1956 Outstanding Senior ROTC Graduate. Subsequently, he served as an officer in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1959.

Mike & Anna, their children and families were all on hand for festivities in Hartford last week. Among them, happily, are two generations of football players! Also in attendance at the event were Mike's former Hartford and BU team mates who traveled distances to be part of the celebration. Congratulations to you Mike from your family and friends in Cohasset!



Mike Abbruzzese of Cohasset at the Hartford Public High School Hall of Fame ceremony in Hartford, Conn. Nov. 7.

GRIDIRON FUND DRIVE

The Gridiron Scholarship Fund Drive will be taking place on Sunday, Nov. 21 during the afternoon, rain or shine. Cohasset High School football players will deliver their 2004 football program book to town residents and seek donations. This Book Drive is the Gridiron Club's major fund-raiser. The donations help to support and promote Cohasset Football and especially to provide scholarships to deserving student athletes who have participated in the Football Program. Please come and cheer on the team at their Thanksgiving Game at 10 a.m. This exciting annual event will be played on Alumni Field against Hull.

VILLAGE FAIR

Cohasset's Village Fair is planned for Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Join the Village churches and the non-profit Cohasset Appalachia Service Project as they work together to create this wonderful holiday marketplace on and around the Common.

The Estate(ish) Sale (formerly Jumble Sale) is back at First Parish. Beautiful handmade decorations and ornaments, fresh holiday greens and great gift ideas abound at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the Second Congregational Church, First Parish Unitarian Universalist, and Town Hall. The food alone is well worth a visit — baked goods and a snack shop, fancy French herb rubs, homemade clam chowder, and a Swedish Bake Shop all on the Common. Santa will be the guest of honor from 11 - 2 p.m., and the Rusty Skippers play their free Holiday Concert at noon in the First Parish Meeting House.

Proceeds from the fair support the charitable work of the churches and the ASP.

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It's not too late to add your family's name to the brick walkway at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum located at 100 Sohier St. Funds generated from the museum's Brick by Brick program will directly support the continued maintenance of the *new* outdoor playground and indoor play area along with the acquisition of additional play structures and museum exhibits. Your donation of $100 to the Brick by Brick program will be recognized with an engraved brick. Each brick is a creative and enduring way to honor families, children, grandparents, teachers or members of the community. And they make ideal holiday gifts too! To reserve your engraved brick, please call **Debbie Kuppens** at (781) 383-6399. Orders will be accepted until all spaces are sold! All donations are tax deductible.

That is all for this week. Make sure to send in all of your news, event information and stories no later than this coming Monday at noon to be included in next week's column. Deadline is a day early due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

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EDITORIAL

Hospice is here to help

It's a subject most of us aren't comfortable talking about. Yet it is one we are all forced to deal with at certain points in our lives, often times in crisis when we aren't at our best.

But there is a much easier way to approach the subject of a loved one's death and end of life issues. It's called planning. We plan for so many other momentous occasions in our lives – weddings, births, vacations, you name it. Somehow, though, we fail to plan for what the South Shore Hospice calls "the most important trip" one will ever take.

Yet even when Hospice is called in — usually too late or at the last minute in many cases — family members beg Hospice workers not to tell the dying where they are from. In those final days and hours, some family members still can't bring themselves to admit their loved one is near death.

That is so unfortunate, especially given the planning resources at a family's disposal if Hospice is called in time to help participate in end of life choices. The South Shore Hospice group, an affiliate of South Shore Hospital, has a complete team available to families — primary nurses, home health aides, social workers, chaplains, volunteers and physicians. They are all trained to assist and care for the dying and aid family members in any way possible cope with this life-altering experience.

"We have an incredible team approach and would love to see more families take advantage of that benefit," explains Mary Beth Barry, director of Hospice of the South Shore. "It can be a huge frustration because we often come in at the end, and it ends of up being crisis management instead of a transitional approach to end of life care."

Each year November is chosen by Hospice groups throughout the country to promote and educate the public on what their organizations offer. They see the awareness campaign as perfectly suited with the season of giving thanks and remembrance.

"Hospice should be a part of life, not death," Barry notes. "We find our patients are our best teachers about living, not dying. They are such a gift to each family member, if only they open up to it."

Hospice espouses many admirable goals. The organization recognizes its mission is to help a patient live until they die, not help them die. Nearly 98 percent of all South Shore Hospice patients die at home, close to their families and things they hold dear.

Each year, South Shore Hospice assists between 400 to 500 patients, with this year's figure perhaps even higher. On average a patient is with Hospice from 15 to 17 days. But that length could easily be longer if more early referrals are made, but often times doctors don't talk to patients and patients don't want to hear all other measures have been exhausted.

Hospice is assisting more and more non-cancer patients, those with heart disease and Alzheimer's, for example. Patients with "life-limiting prognoses" and their families also need not wait for the doctor to make the referral, they can make the call if they feel it is appropriate. Hospice is covered by several insurance carriers, but a patient and family are never denied Hospice care because of an inability to pay.

In almost all cases, family members have told Hospice workers "we wish we had let you in sooner." Don't be one of those families who regret not calling Hospice. Bringing in the Hospice team and planning the inevitable may be one of the more important gifts you can give someone you love.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Third time a charm for Recall Petition?

TO THE EDITOR:

This will be the third time that a citizen's petition has brought the right of recall before a town meeting. Previously in March of 1997 and 1998 this concept was presented to town meeting for consideration. Needless to say the same objections were voiced.

For some reason there is a faction in the community that wants to deny the rest of us this basic right and they consider recall to be a very negative initiative. Those of us who have attempted to add recall to our by-laws regard it as an empowerment and safety net if circumstances ever spiral out of control. With events that have been unfolding in the last few years some may consider that Cohasset has gone completely off the deep end.

Unfortunately we have a vocal group in town that appear to be against giving the taxpayers more rights. Conversely is the group that believes in more disclosure about the operations of the town, more participation through information to determine the spending of their tax dollars and the ability to remove an elected official in a more timely fashion who is obviously detrimental to the welfare of the community.

The contention that all of our elected officials, all of the citizens they appoint to town boards and the people they hire are 'nice' is not a good enough reason to deny the rest of us rights. We can go through a litany of names of identified 'nice' people that have given us bad advice or left us with a terrible mess. Blind trust is a principle that we can no longer afford to follow.

On the flip side, those who want to engage in dialogue that is in opposition to a certain majority are not 'evil'. Asking probing questions, demanding answers and offering alternatives and options to matters that affect our pocketbooks is not being divisive. Rather it is being fiscally responsible and using the tools that we must to help differentiate between the actual needs and wish lists presented at town meetings. The objective is to have the best that our community can afford without affecting diversity and putting an oppressive financial burden on ourselves and future generations.

In the past few years there have been other defeated citizens' petitions meant to increase rights and information to the taxpayers which some have considered to be contentious. They are: the right of local binding initiative petition, the actual override amounts voted at Town Meeting posted at the ballot box, and the bringing of financial matters outside the budget to the ballot box so that those unable to attend town meeting still would have a voice.

Citizens petitions that passed include: a by-law change providing a 30-day review of collective bargaining agreements to the advisory board before town meeting, changing the form of government from executive secretary to a town manager, the breakdown and an explanation of the total tax rate on the real estate bills and Pay As You Throw which has been saving the town tens of thousand in SEMASS fees since 2000.

I am hoping that in the light of recent circumstances, at this next town meeting attendees will be able to listen to discussions on this matter with an open mind and not be clouded by emotion. Maybe the third time will prove to be the charm for adoption.

L. C. Jenkins
Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers
198 Jerusalem Road

Don't expand Central District

TO THE EDITOR:

December's Town Meeting will contain an Article asking the Citizens to expand the boundaries of the Central Sewer District to include the planned Cook Estate. The Town should vote no. The reasons are self-evident.

The Town must sewer existing residences first. Cohasset has entered into an Agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to reduce Town pollution. The Agreement specifically targets pollution in the Little Harbor Watershed area. Installing on-site wastewater systems in the Little Harbor District is not an option, as they will not eliminate enough pollution to meet current and future State standards. A sewer is the only reliable and permanent option. With Town Meeting approval in the years 2000, 2001, 2002 and, again, in 2004, the Town has spent $500,000 for the plan and initial design phase of the sewer system for the Little Harbor District. To further this goal, in February of this year, the Town submitted to the DEP the updated sewer plans for the Little Harbor District, which the DEP accepted. The Little Harbor District must receive sewer capacity fist.

The Town has limited sewer capacity. Despite the expansion of the Central Treatment Plant, sewer capacity will remain limited. Contrary to popular argument, there is no capacity for both the Little Harbor District and the Cook Estate. Should additional capacity exist upon completion of the Little Harbor District, a fact that can only be demonstrated once Little Harbor is hooked up, homes in other environmentally sensitive areas deserve priority. Examples include additional homes abutting Lily Pond, and the homes along South Main Street in the Gulph River Watershed.

The Cook Article asks that we vote to hook up a proposed new development. Undeveloped land is not a source of our Town's pollution and deserves no hook-up consideration. Developers should not get town sewer. Period. Manipulating our sewer district to accomplish this end is simply wrong. Derailling the ongoing Little Harbor project and jeopardizing this Town's Agreement with the State is irresponsible and risky.

Can the Cook Estate project be saved? Maybe or maybe not. It is unfortunate and unfair that our Senior Citizens were placed in the position of relying on a sewer hookup that the Town has no right to give. Developers have little incentive to seek alternative options when they believe that they can access a municipal sewer. Nevertheless, here in Cohasset as in other towns that lack sewer access, new developments are being, and will continue to be built, including senior housing.

Ann Swanborg
49 Nichols Road

Why Recall article is a bad idea

TO THE EDITOR:

My immediate reaction to the "Voter Recall" article being promoted for the Special Town Meeting in December was that it is a terrible idea. That was about two weeks ago, and on reflection, nothing has changed.

Cohasset is a small town run largely with the assistance of small boards elected for short terms. The individuals who put themselves up for election or accept appointments are volunteering their interest, time, expertise, experience and whatever else they may bring to the table for no guarantee of any greater reward than the satisfaction that comes from trying to do the right thing. Certainly they do so with their eyes open to the potential for public scrutiny of their performance, which often abounds, whether or not it may be merited. My observation over time is that their fortunes as public officers tend to rise or fall on their perceived performance, and is tempered by the strength of their personal determination to serve.

What the Recall notion suggests is that there are people who in the short time they hold an office would be performing so abominably that it cannot be tolerated, and that there is no way to address the situation short of an emergency election. What it would allow is an election that is called by a group of 100 people, who do not have to specify a reason, and get 400 more people to agree.

This is a scare tactic, not a good tool for governance. There are so many real ways to hold a person accountable, given a compelling reason and (presumably) 500 voters' concerns. Granted, they all require some actual attention to the substantive issue, some diligence, honesty and effort in articulating the problem and its possible solution. A recall procedure skips past all that to an arbitrary showdown, for any — or no — stated reason, and is costly to boot.

On the scale of a town of this size, this process amounts to "spectator" politics at its worst, and is the last thing we need.

Agnes McCann
104 Doane St.

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No simple solution to water taste and odor problems

The Water Commission has released its taste and odor report and the actions they have taken so far to improve the aesthetic quality of the tap water.

"Our 25-year old treatment plant is being extensively upgraded and improved across the board to provide state of the art water treatment."

— John McNabb, Water Commission

"Our Taste & Odor Study," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission, "shows that our tap water displays complex, layered taste and odor characteristics that do not appear to have one cause or a single simple solution. Furthermore, the study shows that our customers have taste and odor problems throughout the year and throughout the distribution system and that this is a pervasive problem that needs, and is getting, a lot of attention from the Board of Water Commissioners. We are committed to solving this problem as soon as we can."

McNabb said, since completing the study in July, the Water Commission has conducted follow-up water sampling and analysis and have started to take actions to improve taste and odor of tap water.

"We have already taken action by: adding potassium permanganate to the treatment process, which will neutralize some tastes and odors out of the water, and moving the location where chlorine is added to the water in the treatment plant, which will reduce the amount of chlorine that needs to be added to protect public health as they water travels through the distribution system," he said.

"We are also implementing a comprehensive water treatment optimization project, which is still underway, where we will fine tune the entire treatment process to ensure that we are always providing the highest quality drinking water and are minimizing taste and odor as much as possible. Our 25-year old treatment plant is being extensively upgraded and improved across the board to provide state of the art water treatment," McNabb said.

At the December 6 Special Town Meeting the Water Commission will request authorization to borrow $2 million to provide funds to continue with these improvements.

"The projects in this request include: installing mixers in the two water storage tanks to constantly cycle the water and therefore reduce water age, installing baffles in the clearwell in the treatment plant which will allow us to further fine tune and reduce the amount of chlorine to the water, and conducting comprehensive pilot studies to evaluate major retrofits to the plant such as microfiltration, granulated activated carbon, and ozonization," McNabb said.

Mailed to customers

The "Taste and Odor Study" included a Comprehensive Water Quality Survey that was mailed to all 2,500 water customers, on March 3, 2004, to solicit consumer input regarding water use patterns and the perceived aesthetic quality of Cohasset's water. The Water Commission received 472 responses, which showed that the major taste issue was metallic taste (42 percent), followed by sour/acidic taste (12 percent) salty sweet (5 percent) – and that 31percent reported no taste! The survey showed that the major odor issue was earthy/musty (25percent), marshy/swampy (20percent) and chlorinous (17percent) – and that 25percent reported no odor. Overall ratings on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (best) were: (1) poor, 25percent, (2) 24percent, (3) 23percent, (4) 20percent, and (5) 9percent.

Following the customer survey, detailed laboratory testing was completed, on April 26, 2004, on 50 samples randomly collected throughout the water service area. The comprehensive sampling event included 1) in home testing for pH, temperature and chlorine residual; 2) laboratory water quality testing of samples collected from ten locations; and, 3) professional Flavor Profile Analysis to identify the predominant taste and odor characteristics of the water.

McGuire Environmental Consultants, Inc. completed a professional Flavor Profile Analysis, on April 27-30, 2004, on all 50 samples using 10 panels of four people each to evaluate the water. This analysis indicated that Cohasset's water displays characteristics predominantly described as having musty, old pipe, metallic or damp paper odors and flavors.

McGuire also noted that, although many of the odors and flavors were not aesthetically pleasing, the reported intensities were all in the very weak range, with an intensity rating that was 2 or less on a scale ranging from 1 (low) to 12 (high).

Copies of the full "Taste & Odor Report" are available review at the Lily Pond Treatment Plant, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, and at the office of the Board of Selectmen at Town Hall. A PDF file of the report will soon be placed on the Water Commission's web site, www.cohassetwater.org where it can be viewed and downloaded.

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Who's the top citizen in Cohasset this year?

FROM CITIZEN, PAGE 1

Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931. Nominations may also be sent by email to mford@cnc.com.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2004 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2005.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the11th person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

1993: the late **Gerard T. Keating**, "Mr. Cohasset": for his more than half-century of contributions to the community, including serving as chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

1995: **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998**: Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: the late **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman. She was also honored for her public service as state representative for more than two decades and for always putting her constituents first.

2001: **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and spearheading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

2002: **Arthur Lehr** for more than 50 years of volunteer service on worthwhile projects including the Boy Scouts; serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals and as a Registrar of Voters; Clerk of the Works for the DPW garage, Little League Complex, and Mariners Park; serving on the Recycling Committee, as town Civil Defense Director, on Gravel Pit Reuse Committee and more.

2003: **Marjorie Murphy** for touching countless lives through her roughly 25 years as school librarian at Deer Hill. With eyes that twinkle and an infectious smile, Mrs. Murphy – fondly known as Marjie — devoted her life to helping children discover the wonders of reading and the value of a good book.

Paying the price when you make the wrong choices

FROM BAD CHOICES, PAGE 1

n't do drugs, and did well in school — he would have said he didn't fit the description of someone who goes to jail.

"Every day in life we're faced with choices. Some seem so simple, we just react, but that could be the one that changes your life forever," he said.

On April 12, 1993, at just 16 years old and in his junior year of high school, Collet made a choice which changed his life and the lives of many fellow classmates forever. Looking for a fight, he and two other friends — Karter Reed, a friend from another high school, and Nigel Thomas — entered Dartmouth High School. Wanting to ensure a fellow student who attacked Thomas earlier would never bother him again, the boys were armed with weapons, including a baseball bat, billy club, and a length of pipe.

"This time, we were going to make sure it was a fair fight in our favor," said Collet. The three charged into the school and Thomas had second thoughts. Collet recalls him saying, "No, don't do it," but they carried on and burst into a classroom looking for the student.

Collet recalled standing at the front of the classroom with the bat in his hands, he scanned the room for his target, but didn't see him there. As he looked over the faces of the students, a friend of the student they were looking for, Jason Robinson, spoke up.

"To this day, I still don't even know what he said," said Collet, but he and Reed lunged forward anyway. Two teachers grabbed Collet from behind, dragging him to the ground, where all he could hear was screaming and crying.

Both Collet and Reed had been carrying pocket knives that day, and with one quick motion, Reed plunged the knife into Robinson's stomach, severing his aorta. That one wound, inflicted by a 3-inch knife, caused Robinson to die on the way to the hospital.

"Never did I think it could happen," said Collet, adding the three had only intended to start a fight, but the violence that took place that day ended in three charges of first degree murder.

"I couldn't understand how Nigel (Thomas) could have been charged with first degree," as he changed his mind and ran away from the classroom, not entering with the other two. But because he had entered the building with the intent to carry out a violent crime, he was considered just as guilty.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Project Youth Director Gator Collet chats with students in Mr. Newkirk's social studies class as they leave the room following his talk.

"Every day in life we're faced with choices. Some seem so simple, we just react, but that could be the one that changes your life forever."

— Gator Collet, convicted of manslaughter

Collet and Reed were arraigned as adults even though they were only 16, and Thomas, at 15, was arraigned as a juvenile because of his lesser role in the events. Thomas was required to move to Denmark to live with his father, while Collet was given the option to plead guilty for manslaughter, and receive a 17 to 20 year sentence. Reed will spend his life in prison.

"They offered me 17 to 20 years and I was happy to plead guilty," said Collet, and as a result of good behavior, he was released on probation after 10. He added while the students in the classroom might think they have an idea of what prison is like from television or movies, or taking a trip to the facility, "nobody ever tells you what it's like to wake up every morning regretting every decision you've ever made. I go to sleep and wake up every day knowing that in my lifetime I'm never going to be able to give a mother her son back."

Collet added that every day he thinks about how Reed should never have been in that school. "I asked for his help and he said 'Gator, I don't want to go, but I won't leave you here'."

Now 28, Collet stands before students on a regular basis, asking them to please, when they take a look at him, "See failure, regret, and see something you, in your lifetime, never want to experience. I don't want to see any one of you become what I became." He encourages students to listen to their parents and teachers who try so hard to instill the messages that could prevent tragedies from happening. "I spent 10 years of my life in prison because I didn't want to listen. Realize all the people trying to make sure this doesn't happen to you."

Collet hasn't spoken to Thomas since the day of the incident, and while he said he talks to Reed about once a month, he has never visited him in prison and doesn't plan to. He said he is very fortunate to have a good job, in addition to the work he does with Project Youth, and he has plans to get married in February. He was also going to put in an offer on a house this week. While he will never forget the past, Collet is doing the best he can to move on in his life, and hopes if nothing else, his experience will serve as an example for others.

"If I had stolen money, I could give you that back and then some, but I can't give this back. All I can hope is that if one of you are in a situation like me someday, you'll think of what I've said."

For more information on Project Youth, please contact Gator Collet, community resource director, at (508) 496-1590 or via e-mail at gjc7260@aol.com.



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Sewering must be done for right reasons

COMMENTARY

GARY VANDERWEIL

Presently, different interests are competing to obtain whatever exists of Cohasset's sewer capacity. There is a great deal of noise and confusion, and many conflicting opinions and capacity estimates.

It is important for people to realize that the Town should not parcel out sewer capacity based on who makes the most noise, or who pulls strongest on our heartstrings, or who threatens the largest lawsuit. Rather, it should be parceled out rationally and scientifically, the way we have always done it, and that has been to base sewer allocations on environmental and public health concerns.

Since 1965, our sewers have always been designed to reduce or prevent environmental damage to our waterways. Our job is not done; our waterways are not yet protected. Before allocating sewer to new developments, we must finish the job, including further protection of our reservoirs.

I cannot agree that the need for empty-nester homes at the Cook Estate outweighs our need for environmental protection, so I am opposed to the Town Meeting article requesting sewage for this project.

The Town's waters have been degraded or threatened for years by inadequate septic construction and

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inadequate subsurface materials. The most critical areas were the first to be corrected, as follows:

- The original 1965 sewer was installed to eliminate pollution of Cohasset Harbor originating from downtown and homes on the inner harbor.
- We developed the North Cohasset Sewer District in 1997 to eliminate pollution in Straits Pond.
- We expanded the Central Cohasset Sewer District to avoid further threats to Cohasset Harbor by the Hillside/James Brook area and by the homes along outer Cohasset Harbor and Border Street.
- We added the Lily Pond District to protect our water supply from homes within 400 feet of the reservoir.

But important work remains. If further capacity is developed by negotiations with Hull, or by reducing Inflow/Infiltration into our system, or by gaining operational experience with our plant, there are areas of Town that still must be addressed in order to protect our waters. With our limited plant capacity, these areas must be given priority over new development.

Our areas for priority sewer service, as capacity becomes available, are:

- First of all, Little Harbor, as already planned and as agreed with DEP.
- Then, Rust Way and Old Coach Road, which are designated expansion areas of the North Cohasset District.
- Then, Jerusalem Road and side streets between Linden Drive and Atlantic Avenue, in order to protect Massachusetts Bay.
- South Main Street and side streets from Summer Street to the Scituate line, in order to protect the south side of the Gulf River and Cohasset Harbor.
- To protect Lily Pond, extend the Lilly Pond District further up and down King Street, and around onto Beechwood Street to the Bound Brook area.
- A district must be created at the end of Beechwood Street to protect the Aaron River Reservoir. Because of its distance from the Central Plant, this would be served by a satellite plant.

Once capacity is obtained for these areas, we can began to allocate it to new developments, but doing so today, would, in my opinion, be a mistake.

Gary Vanderweil is a former Sewer Commissioner and lives at 500 Jerusalem Road.

Cook Estate is different from one voted a year ago

COMMENTARY

KAREN QUIGLEY

One year ago the citizens of Cohasset voted to approve the Cook Estate project. The vote at Town Meeting was predicated on certain facts presented by our then Town Manager and Board of Selectmen. How have these facts stood up to the test of time?

We were told it would provide housing options to allow seniors to remain or return to Cohasset. Is this the best we can do for a broad spectrum of our seniors? Or is it a subsidized, age-restricted community for those of our seniors who are downsizing from larger homes? The facts support the latter. All the townhouses will be at market rate which is listed in Northland's bid as $550,000 to $625,000. What will it be at the time building begins?

Our seniors who are having a difficult time paying real estate taxes and for the upkeep of their homes today will not get relief. They will pay both real estate taxes and condominium fees. Will these additional costs be affordable to our seniors living on fixed incomes?

The needs of our more financially secure seniors can be met by other age-restricted communities — existing and proposed.

Of the rental apartments, 9 two-bedroom apartments are at market rate with a proposed rental of about $1,800. The affordable component consists of 28 one bedroom apartments which have a proposed rental of about $800-$1,250. Also note that this large structure is sited downhill overlooking the Stop & Shop parking lot so as not to detract from the overall appearance of the development.

Additionally, the makeup of the affordable units has been changed since Northland's bid proposal. Instead of 30 affordable units there are now 28; instead of 5 market rate units there are now 9.

We were told it would preserve Open Space. Although the Senior Overlay Bylaw limits the amount of impervious surface, the high purchase price dictates the developer must place as many units as possible on the site to make a profit. Instead of utilizing cluster housing the site design is more urban sprawl. Housing and infrastructure are sited right up to wetland and waterway buffer zones.

The promised acres of open space are in reality wetlands and cannot be developed. The acreage on the other side of Sohier Street deeded as conservation land does not qualify under the Senior Overlay Bylaw for development as it is not contiguous.

They will pay both real estate taxes and condominium fees. Will these additional costs be affordable to our seniors living on fixed incomes?

Where are the strong permanent development controls and additional buffer protection for wetlands and wildlife habitats? We were told the 10-acre town-owned parcel is of no value to the Town unless it is sold for development. Since last year, we have voted millions of dollars for the Water Commission to purchase land around Lily Pond in order to protect our drinking water. The 10-acre parcel we are bundling with the Cook Estate property is comprised largely of wetlands, and acts as a buffer zone to Peppermint Brook which is the main tributary to our drinking water. Why are we spending millions of dollars to purchase land, and then selling land we already own that is already protecting our drinking water?

We were told the development would have an onsite wastewater solution, would not be hooked up to Town sewer, and would have no effect on the limited existing capacity at the sewer plant. We are now being told the only way for this project to move forward is to be hooked up to Town sewer. This has negative ramifications. If the developer is allowed sewer access, the Town will most likely face legal action from Cedermere and Avalon — two developments denied access, and which stand in line ahead of Northland. (In addition to these, we should not overlook the development proposed on Beach Street.)

Legal action will most likely occur regardless of their success in developing alternative wastewater solutions. We will, once again, pay huge legal fees, and then face the possibility of having to build (at great cost) another sewer plant to serve the needs of the Little Harbor area which must be sewered as mandated by a Superior Court Order and the Department of Environmental Protection for Cohasset to cease its pollution of our coastal waters in violation of the Clean Water Act. The $1 million dollar ($425,000 short of the $15,000 per household the rest of the Town will pay) hookup fee Northland is willing to pay won't cover the cost of a new plant.

There are 420 households, approximately 1,500 residents — including 400 seniors — who live in Little Harbor and who will face significant financial penalties vis a vis Title 5 if we give their long-promised capacity to developers. Why is a developer more deserving?

We were told senior housing has no effect on our schools. This is just not true. If, as is purported, there are 60 Cohasset seniors prepared to move into the Northland development, they will sell their homes all within a short period of time. Normal attrition will not apply. Younger families will purchase these homes. It is very possible that 50 new students will enter the school system within one year. At $9,000 per student — a total $450,000 in increased school costs — this would negate any gain from real estate taxes.

We were told it will not cost the town anything. There are already at least $196,000 in paid and accrued (disclosed) costs associated with this development. What will be the legal costs associated with suits from Cedermere and Avalon. $200,000 is probably a fair figure and would not include payments the Town will be required to make to the plaintiffs to recover their capital expenses in pursuing other wastewater disposal means. What is left of the profit from the sale? Enough to offset the $500,000 we have already spent on studying the Little Harbor area? Where is the windfall profit we were promised?

Before you vote on Dec. 6, consider the long-term, wide-ranging ramifications to our Town of voting to approve sewer access to a developer. This is not a senior issue. This is a growth & development issue. Cohasset has many resources — intellectual, financial, and community spirit. We should be able to do better for our seniors and our Town.

Karen Quigley lives at 27 Clay Spring Road.

HEALTH NOTES

Recognizing strokes and heart attacks

Web offers some do-it-yourself tips

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

There are a lot of things going around on the internet that make one wonder. For example, here's a piece which is circulating as an email. "Is It A Stroke? Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, a stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say any bystander can recognize a stroke by asking 3 simple questions: *1. Ask the victim to smile. 2. Ask him or her to raise both arms 3. Ask the person to speak a simple sentence. If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.*

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage." This information comes from the American Stroke Association's web page link:

www.strokeassociation.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=1200037

The Stroke association is an advocacy organization for stroke health care professionals who sponsor an annual Stroke Conference from which a speaker gave the above advice. The American Stroke Association does not provide this guideline. It's message about detecting stroke is:

"Call 9-1-1 Immediately If You Experience Symptoms: • Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body • Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding • Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes • Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination • Sudden severe headache with no known cause • Learn to recognize a stroke.

What to believe: it's up to you to decide.

The point that should be made about all of this is that you, as an intelligent person should react carefully and thoughtfully (and also, for a possible stroke, quickly) in an emergency.

The next example is about possible heart attacks: " Is It A Heart Attack?"

A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this e-mail sends it to 10 people, you can bet that at least one life will be saved. Read this... It could save your life!! Let's say you're driving home alone. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up into your jaw. You think it's a heart attack and you begin to feel faint. The person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. — A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without letup until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. — Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

Aside from the fact that it's incredible that a responsible cardiologist would be advocating sending spam, it's interesting to find out where this message came from. According to CBS News, it came from Dr. Tadeusz Petelenz who said the technique, called cough CPR, forces blood to the brain while the heart is starting to fail and keeps patients conscious long enough to call for help. It may also rectify their heart rhythm, he said at a meeting of the European Society of Cardiology.

A rebuttal came from a web service, Trend Micro , a Japanese company which publishes a listing of hoaxes, on the web. It's description of this particular "hoax" is, in part given below: *This email hoax started circulating on the Internet in June 1999.* The email message also suggests that this *"cough CPR" technique was recommended by Rochester General Hospital and The Mended Hearts support group. Rochester General Hospital has denied this, and Mended Hearts released a disclaimer.* Further, the American Heart Association does not recommend that the public use this method in a situation where there is no medical supervision.

What to believe: it's up to you to decide. Frankly, if you're having a heart attack on the expressway and you can't think of anything else to do, it's probably OK to try coughing. Almost everywhere else, there's a defibrillator nearby and someone trained to use it.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Making money on the Red Sox

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I got a letter from the Danbury Mint the other day offering me a keepsake reminder of the 2004 World Champion Red Sox, a detailed replica of Fenway Park, if I would send them $199, payable in five installments of just $39.80 (plus $7.80 shipping and service).

The 14 by 11-3/4 inch replica comes complete with lights that work, hand-painted bricks and flags (no grass, though), seats atop the Green Monster and Coca Cola bottles in left field, the Budweiser sign behind the Pesky Pole in right field, and a certificate of authenticity.

What would I do with a 14 by 11-3/4 inch replica of Fenway Park?

What would I do with a 14 by 11-3/4 inch replica of Fenway Park? Could I leave it out on display with three curious cats roaming the premises? Should I lock it in a closet and take it out to show visitors? Or should I put it in a safe deposit box at the Rockland Trust Co.?

While I was considering this problem, I read that Shreve, Crump & Low, which bills itself as the "Official Jeweler and Timekeeper of the Boston Red Sox," is offering a sterling silver pin with the Red Sox logo for $75 and the same thing in 14 karat gold for $325.

Great with "plaids, stripes and curse breaking," the hype says.

It has occurred to me that a whole cottage industry has grown up around the first Red Sox World Series victory since 1918 and it promises to bring its industrialists more money than the talents of Manny Ramirez and Pedro Martinez combined.

Just I case I wasn't interested in a miniature replica of Fenway Park (and I wasn't), the Danbury Mint followed up with another enticing offer — 22 karat gold baseball cards featuring the individual Red Sox players, with a deluxe collector's album thrown in at no cost.

This, says the hype, "is sure to become one of the most desirable collectibles ever issued," and it will only set you back $9.95 (plus 95 cents shipping and service) per card.

The Boston Globe, which had already completed its season-long collection of individual Red Sox pins, opened up again to offer five new player pins and a World Series pin in an album for only $24.95. The full set of 24 player pins will cost you $125.

Even the Sporting News is getting into the act with "Curse Reversed," a 144-page "spectacular keepsake book forever commemorating the historic season of the 2004 World Champion Boston Red Sox" for only $25.95 in hard cover, $16.95 in soft.

Of course, every true Sox fan will have to have the framed "Reversed" collage including 8 by 10 photos of Babe Ruth and the 2004 World Series celebration plus a copy of the contract selling Ruth to the Yankees stamped "Reversed 11/27/04 @ 11:39 p.m."

It's only $169.99 from Steiner Sports Memorabilia — "Don't wait . . . Call now . . . Supplies are limited!"

Somehow I wish Great Expectations would call again. It might not be so frantic.

CHAMBER CHATTER

Coffee Corner

In its ongoing effort to provide different kinds of networking opportunities to it members, the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is coordinating a weekly networking opportunity with the Scituate Chamber that's called Coffee Corner. There will be a networking event every Tuesday morning from 7:30 to 8:30/9 a.m. at different locations in Cohasset and Scituate. The Coffee Corner is open to everyone as an opportunity to promote their business. New locations will be added and a revolving schedule will be established. Take advantage of this opportunity and help your business grow. Bring plenty of business cards. For more information, call Michael Conlon, 781-383-1616; Bob Hofmann, 781-378-1998.

Remaining November Schedule:

Nov. 23: Jamie's Pub, North Scituate Village

Nov. 30: The Pub at Widow's Walk Golf Course, Scituate

GOP holiday party

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee is giving a Holiday Party to celebrate the Republican victory on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Lighthouse Keepers. . All are welcome to join the members and guests. Hearty hors d'oeuvres will be served; donations will be asked for beer or wine. The tickets are $15 per person. Mail checks to Julie Guild, 365 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, 02025 payable to Cohasset Republican Town Committee. Any questions call Polly Logan 383-0031 or Julie Guild 383-6443.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The larger picture surrounding Cook Estate

TO THE EDITOR:

The proponents of the Cook Estate ask us to judge the project based solely on its own merits without looking at the reality of the larger picture. Unfortunately, the time has ended when we could look at the Cook Estate project in a vacuum and decide whether it would be good for the town. The decision to sewer this property has more far reaching implications than gaining some senior housing for the town. If we go down this path, we risk losing our ability to sewer Little Harbor and other existing residents who have long contributed to the sewer expansion while waiting their turn to be connected. We risk large fines and a return to mandatory inspections, resulting in the upgrades or complete replacements for all septic systems in the Little Harbor watershed. We risk gaining 400 new units of housing in our town and all the impacts associated with this amount of growth.

When the Cook project was presented, the Selectmen stated it was doubtful Cedarmere and Avalon would progress because they had wastewater disposal problems and could not tie into town sewer because the capacity did not exist. We were told Cook would not need to tie into sewer, the developer would be required to build an on-site wastewater treatment facility and it was our best chance of getting additional housing suitable for seniors in our town. We were told the town would walk away if things didn't work out as planned.

A year has past since the town meeting where Cook was approved. Now Northland, the Cook developer, says they can not proceed without a sewer connection. Northland has applied to the Sewer Commission twice and been rejected. The Senior Housing Committee and Cohasset Elder Affairs are sponsoring a warrant article asking the town to change the boundaries of the Central Sewer District and to allow this property to connect to town sewer. They say there will be minimal impact if we first treat the wastewater on site and dispose of "grey water" only into the sewer system. This was an idea that Cedarmere proposed as a settlement to end their lawsuit. The Sewer Commission did not respond to their offer, and it rejected this same proposal from the Cook developer.

What impact will this article have on the other developments in line for sewer? Cedarmere and Avalon both approached the Sewer Commission for capacity long before Cook was even presented to the town. Cedarmere has filed a lawsuit for sewer capacity and Avalon has taken the position that the ZBA approval specified they should be given a priority if any excess capacity exists. Common sense tells us that if we approve this article we will probably lose lawsuits to both Avalon and Cedarmere while generating large legal bills.

What impact will this have on the rest of the town? The result could be that all 400 units of new housing will be given sewer access and we put the Little Harbor expansion as well as connections for any other existing homeowners at risk. If the DEP feels that the Town hasn't demonstrated its commitment to finally resolve the Little Harbor pollution issue to the degree that the DEP feels is reasonable, the town to could be assessed fines of up to $10,000 per day. Again, the homeowners in this area could face mandatory inspections and astronomical costs to replace failing septic systems. If we add 400 new residences to our town, it will be an increase of over 14% of our existing housing stock. This much growth will have an impact. Our schools and town services will be affected. The costs could far exceed any compensation the town receives from the sale of its property.

There are hundred of seniors in the Little Harbor area who would benefit from a sewer connection and the opportunity to have amnesty if their systems fail between the date of any resolution of the Judgment, and the Town's own completion date for the LH project of August 2009. A vote against the article to include Cook in the Central Sewer District is not a vote against the seniors and it should not be characterized that way. It is recognition that this article, while well intentioned, has the potential to cause more harm than good, not only for our seniors but for the rest of the town as well. We can't look at this article in a vacuum; the potential cost is just too high.

Bernadette Crawford
64 Old Pasture Road

Four questions for the Board of Selectmen

TO THE EDITOR:

Anna Abruzzese absolutely is correct when she suggested in her letter to the editor last week that it is counterproductive to dwell on the past decision-making process by the former Board of Selectmen and the former Town Manager concerning the proposed senior housing project for the Cook estate.

While it may be true that had the former Board been the project managers on the hit TV show The Apprentice, they all would have heard the words "You're fired," from Donald Trump in view of their gross mismanagement of this project (not to mention their deliberate sidestepping of the Open Meeting Law by which they devised this project behind closed doors over a period of months), we must look at the project as it stands today and determine whether it still makes sense for our town.

I believe that in order for the present Board of Selectmen to establish their credibility on this issue for the Special Town Meeting on Dec. 6, they must have definitive answers to the following four questions:

1) If the proposed 95 units of housing on the Cook estate are allowed to tie into the town's central sewer district, will there be enough capacity in the central sewage treatment plant for the homes in the Little Harbor district also to tie in at a later date? The selectmen immediately should hire an independent engineering firm, not someone hired by the proposed Cook estate developer, to give us that answer.

2) If we vote to allow the Cook estate property to tie into the town sewage plant, will there be possible legal ramifications vis a vis the requests of Cedarmere and Avalon Bay to tie into our central sewer district? Some have suggested that we may be opening up a Pandora's Box of legal difficulty for the town which could lead to a judge ordering the town to allow Cedarmere and Avalon to tie in, thereby surely dooming Little Harbor's chances of ever having enough capacity in the sewage plant. The selectmen must obtain an opinion from a lawyer who has expertise in this area to provide Town Meeting members with the information we need for an informed decision.

3) Depending upon the answers to the first two questions, what is the possible legal and financial exposure for both the town and/or Little Harbor homeowners in terms of the consent judgment with state environmental regulators under which the town has agreed to clean up the pollution in Little Harbor? That judgment establishes a schedule of fines amounting to thousands of dollars per day for every day that the town is not in compliance with the judgment. Homeowners could be subject to immediate Title 5 inspections and be required to expend huge sums for new septic systems. The selectmen need to obtain an independent legal opinion from a lawyer who specializes in this field of law so that Town Meeting members will know what the possible ramifications could be if we allow the Cook estate to tie in to the central sewage plant and if that decision ultimately results, directly or indirectly, in an inability to sewer Little Harbor in a timely manner.

4) Since we now know that the Cook estate property is capable of development for no more than a "handful of single family homes" because of poor soil conditions, what is the fair market value of that property today? Certainly, it cannot be anywhere near what the former Board of Selectmen agreed to pay for it, yet I have not read anywhere that the present Board of Selectmen has sought to renegotiate the price of the property as any rational person would do based on the facts as we know them today. Allowing the Cook estate to tie into our sewer plant is an improvement to the property which should inure to the financial benefit of the town, not to the seller, who stands to make a windfall profit. The selectmen should hire a real estate appraiser immediately to give the present fair market value of the Cook estate and renegotiate with the seller so that we do not overpay for this property by millions of dollars.

In sum, the former Board of Selectmen amply demonstrated its ineptitude in the real-estate development business given the fiasco in which we now find ourselves. If the present Board of Selectmen is seeking to convince us to continue with the Cook estate project, then we need all of the facts, from reputable experts, so that we can make the correct decision this time around.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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November 17, 2004



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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives and senators' votes on two roll calls from prior sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.		
SAFE DRIVER STUDY (H 4850)		
House 141-15, Senate 33-4, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget provision requiring the Registry of Motor Vehicles to create a commission to study their policies, programs, test materials and publications to ensure that the requirements encompass and promote the safety of drivers and pedestrians. The commission would report its findings to the Legislature by June 1, 2005. Override supporters said it is time to mandate a review of these policies and materials to ensure that drivers learn the proper rules of the road and know the material well enough to obtain a license. In his veto message, the governor said that the Registry is already engaged in policy review. He noted that if such a study is necessary, it can be done administratively and does not need to be authorized by the Legislature. (A "Yea" vote is for the study. A "Nay" vote is against the study).		
SAFETY ON PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION SITES (H 2367)		
House 154-0, Senate 37-0, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a bill amending the public construction bidding laws to require, effective July 2006, all workers on public construction projects to have at least ten hours of Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) safety training. Employers would have to show documentation of each worker's completed training along with the company's first payroll report. Any worker that is found working on the site without documentation would be subject to removal. Override supporters said this new pro-worker requirement is an important one that would help ensure the safety of workers. They argued that the state and local communities should not award public construction contracts to companies that are not paying enough attention to worker safety. In his veto message, the governor said the legislation is flawed because it allows work to begin on a project prior to the time companies have to prove that workers have completed the course. He noted that it is unfair to allow a worker to be removed from the site simply because he or she is found working on the site without documentation. The governor also said that the bill would increase the cost of construction projects and argued that there does not seem to be a valid reason to subject only public, not private worksites, to this requirement. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).		
ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL		
"THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW"- December 1 is the deadline for legislation to be filed for consideration during the 2005-2006 legislative session. Many late-filed bills are admitted to the Legislature following the deadline but most proposals are filed by December 1. Massachusetts is one of a handful of states that give citizens the "right of free petition"— the power to propose their own legislation. A citizen's proposal must be filed in conjunction with his or her representative or senator or any other representative or senator. Many legislators will file a constituent's bill even if they do not agree with it. In those cases, the legislator files the bill "by request"— indicating that he or she is doing so at the request of the constituent. Citizens that are interested in filing legislation should contact their representative or senator or any other legislator.		
EXEMPTIONS FROM CONFLICT OF INTEREST LAW (H 5113)- The House and Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Romney a proposal requiring the State Ethics Commission to develop a list of exemptions to the existing conflict of interest law. Supporters said that the measure was supported by Gov. Romney, government watchdog groups and legislators. They noted that current law is too vague and that a specific list of exemptions would simply provide clear guidelines for public employees to follow. They argued that this would ensure easier compliance with the law and reduce the number of individual inquiries on specific matters to the commission.		
BOOTLEGGING MOVIES AND VIDEOTAPING NUDITY (H 4863)- The House and Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Romney legislation outlawing the bootlegging videotaping of movies in movie theaters and the videotaping or photographing of a person that is nude or partially nude, without the person's knowledge and consent. The penalty for illegally taping movies would be a two-year prison sentence and/or $100,000 fine for first-time offenders and up to a $250,000 fine and/or five-year prison sentence for subsequent offenses. Violation of the nude taping ban would result in up to a $5000 fine and/or 2.5-year prison sentence.		
RESTRICTIONS ON MOTORIZED SCOOTERS (H 5125)- The House and Senate gave final approval to and sent to the governor a bill regulating and imposing restrictions on gas and electric-powered motorized scooters. Supporters said that these low-riding scooters are unregulated by the state and are being used by young people with no driving experience. They said local police departments have received numerous complaints about the dangers of the vehicles and argued that it is time for the state to step in and regulate them. Provisions include requiring operators to be at least 16 years old, possess a valid driver's license or learner's permit and wear a helmet; banning the vehicles from sidewalks and bike paths; limiting their speed to 20 miles per hour; barring their operation before dusk and after dawn and mandating that they be equipped with directional "blinkers" in the back. Both branches also attached an emergency preamble to the bill in order to make the law effective immediately instead of in 90 days. Supporters noted that the preamble was attached in order to take care of the problem immediately. They argued that this would prevent the mass purchase of the vehicles during the Christmas holiday by users who would be prohibited from driving them in three months.		
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Leaky Big Dig sure to have lots of political fallout

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

The public and the political world witnessed an odd phenomenon unfold last week: the Central Artery Tunnel appears to have extensive, expensive defects, but officially, no one was responsible for causing them.

It's a state government project, but Gov. Mitt Romney said he was just an observer — waiting to see what the project's overseer, the quasi-independent Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, was going to do about it. It's a turnpike project, but the head of the authority said neither he nor his authority should be held accountable for the defective concrete panels and numerous leaks plaguing the notorious underground highway. Matthew Amorello said the problems were the responsibility of the Big Dig's prime contractor, Bechtel Parsons Brinckerhoff, not the turnpike. But Bechtel was taking no blame, making no statements, and identifying no one as in charge and therefore accountable. Other contractors insisted they had done their work properly and could not be faulted.

So, while the governor told reporters "you wonder who in the world was asleep at the switch," by week's end the story so far was that the errors and defects just happened. Just as no one yet knows how widespread the tunnel leakage problems are, no one had come forward to acknowledge committing any mistake or causing any problem. Last Friday, a day after saying it was too early to say who was to blame for the leaks, Romney targeted Amorello, saying he had lost confidence in him, questioning his qualifications, and requesting his resignation.

Meanwhile, an ugly political truth dawned. The largest public works project in history was turning into one of the largest public relations problems in the annals of Massachusetts. The Big Dig appears now to have fully failed to fulfill a often-heard prediction: that once the tunnel opened and the bridge was done, the overruns and missed deadlines would fade into inconsequence, subsumed by appreciation of the expertise that went into the work and the newfound ease of travel. But now, the Big Dig is officially not just over budget and late, but faulty too, and not having the impact on traffic flows that many expected. More than just a scandal, the Big Dig has also become a joke. But it's dark humor — it's clear that many motorists don't trust assurances that the tunnel is safe, and they want to know who's going to do something about it. In political life, that's the worst-case scenario. Reaction was swift. The opening rounds were announced last Wednesday (Nov. 11), as the chairmen of the Transportation Committee set Nov. 30 as the tentative date for an oversight hearing at which, they made clear, they expect all those involved to explain themselves. Meanwhile, Attorney General Thomas Reilly warned that water is collecting on the roof of the tunnel, a point the authority had not mentioned at a press conference hours earlier, and told reporters there was the problem of who to go after, since no one will admit making any mistake. Reilly vowed to determine who's at fault. "A big question in our minds is who knew what and when," he said.

This latest crisis of confidence in the project hit suddenly, when the Boston Globe reported the findings of a team of slurry wall construction experts hired to trace the cause of a tunnel-wall breach in September. That team found there are "400 or so" leaks plaguing the brand new I-93 north tunnel, and they will take up to 10 years to repair. At week's end, the Globe was asking what Amorello knew about the problem, and when he knew it. Memos surfaced last week suggesting the problems were reported internally at the project in both 1999 and 2001.

The true extent of the defects remains unclear and under review, but two consequences seem certain. One is litigation, probably lots of it. The other is that if no one is willing to step forward and accept any blame, the public will assign blame on its own — to everyone.

• *Romney and Johnston both say they'll stay put* — Fresh off an election in which his party did well nationally and he did terribly locally, Gov. Romney met with White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, and Romney's future in Washington was discussed. Romney emerged saying he wouldn't accept a job in D.C. even if it were offered. The governor said he'd promised to serve a full term, and he intended to keep the promise. Meanwhile Romney's chief electoral nemesis, Democratic Party Chairman Philip Johnston, at first said he planned to leave his post, and then said an outpouring of support from party members had caused him to change his mind. Now, Romney must decide whether to run again for governor in 2006, but Johnston's decision making is uncluttered. He'll be seeking to oust Romney, or his equivalent, from the moment intentions are declared. Others making known their desire to keep their present jobs: Darryl Crate, the state GOP chairman, and Brian Lees, the longtime Senate minority leader. Both said they'll seek the support of their peers in upcoming state committee and caucus elections.

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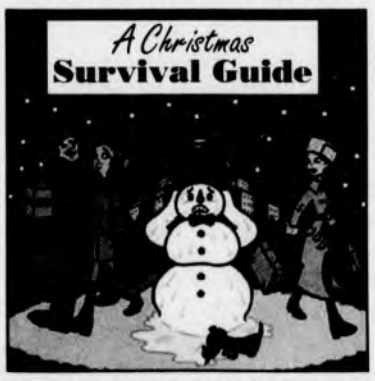
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sewer existing homes first!

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Central Sewer Treatment Plant is operating very close to its design level capacities. This stark fact has been stated repeatedly by the Cohasset Sewer Commission, and confirmed by the consulting engineering firm based upon recent test data. The plant's "flow capacity" is the volume of sewage flow entering the plant, (Cohasset's plant has a permit capacity of 300,000 gallons per day), and, more importantly, its "biological capacity" is the pounds of BOD (biological oxygen demand) removed from the sewage flow (Cohasset's plant has a permit capacity of 630 pounds per day). Neither capacity limit, especially the BOD capacity, can be exceeded on a regular basis and meet the State permit obligations for the operation of the plant.

Regardless of the variations of the entering raw sewage stream in terms of gallons per day, if the total BOD level in that flow exceeds the capacity of the plant to remove it, then the plant would be in violation of its State permit to operate. Because of high BOD measurements this summer, the plant's biological loading appears to be near capacity. Thus, BOD is the limiting factor in taking on new hookups. The State severely limits and monitors the amount of BOD discharged into its coastal waters, in this case Cohasset Harbor. Environment and permit violations are what caused Cohasset to enter into litigation with the State in the first place, and must be avoided in the future.

The average daily and monthly levels of BOD per gallon of sewer flow entering the plant, as well as the volume of raw sewerage, vary up and down depending upon the season of the year; the local weather (wet or dry); and other factors. This is to be expected, but it means that the system has to be operated in a fashion so that in a worst case scenario the capacity limits are not surpassed, or if so, only occasionally and not by much. This spring during some of the wet weather the volume inflows were greater than the plant's capacity. Some of this is due to leakage of ground water into the system and can be fixed by finding and sealing the leaks. However, neighboring Scituate has been trying to find and stop leaks in its system for five years at a cost of $1.5 million with little success. so far. Until practice shows that these leaks have been minimized, the Sewer Commission has to include this leakage in the inflow volume of the plant and can not safely add new discharges into the system without jeopardizing our permit. Furthermore and more serious is the BOD load on the plant. Based on the higher summer measurement, the Sewer Commission believes that only about 22 new houses can be added to the Central Plant without jeopardizing its present permit and if the plant is expanded, its ability to handle the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue District as required by the Consent Decree. Beyond the 22 homes there is presently no assured available capacity.

People who argue that there is now available capacity are arguing from a sunny day perspective and not from the daily operation of the plant and the need to meet the permit capacity limits on the rainy bad days as well as the sunny ones. There is no assured available capacity. The plant's BOD capacity has been reached.

The existing Cohasset Central Sewer Plant was designed to be upgraded and expanded. This has happened once and this Plant can accommodate one more major expansion, subject to State and Federal permitting. Under this expansion the volume permit could increase from 300,000 gallons per day to 450,000 gallons per day and the BOD removal capacity could increase from 630 pounds per day to 945 pounds per day. These capacities are only just sufficient to meet the Town of Cohasset's agreement with the State to eliminate the pollution in the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue watershed by sewering that District.

As is commonly known, Cohasset is under a Superior Court Consent Decree with the State to cease its long term and on-going violation of the Clean Water Act - the environmental pollution of Little Harbor and our coastal waters with fecal coliform bacteria. The Attorney General, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Town of Cohasset have mutually agreed that sewering the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue watershed is the most efficient, least costly method for Cohasset to comply with the Court order. The Town has submitted a detailed plan and schedule, which includes the above expansion of the Central Sewer Plant to comply with the Consent Decree. That plan and schedule has been accepted by State officials. If the Town now authorizes this capacity to be used for other purposes, the Town will be in violation of the Consent Decree unless it shows the State that it has another way of curing its violation of the Clean Water Act. The choices facing the Town are to commit this additional capacity for Little Harbor, implement another solution that all agree will be much more expensive, face daily fines of up to $10,000 a day or $3,650,000 a year, or other punitive sanctions. The State has waited 26 years and now insists that Cohasset takes care of existing obligations.

In addition to the costs of meeting this Court order and potential fines, the Town would still need to appropriate funds to expand the plant's capacity for the Cook development and probably Cedermere and Avalon, thus diverting the limited, future capacity away from its planned use to comply with the Court order, as approved at three prior Town meetings with funding for initial planning and engineering (approximately $500,000 thus far).

Therefore the rallying cry "SERF," Sewer — Existing — Residences — First!

Charles Higginson
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Supports amending Recall article

TO THE EDITOR:

I have been following with interest the proposal to add a provision for a recall petition which is to be voted on at the forthcoming Town Meeting.

Although the concept makes sense, the timing is wrong for the Article as currently written.

This has been a difficult year for the town, for reasons we are all aware, and we are now in the process of selecting a new Town Manager. To put the Article forward in its current form will only increase friction between our citizens and seems an unnecessary distraction to the important job ahead, which is to make the town run efficiently and in the best interests of all of us.

I understand the proponents are planning to amend the Article in such a way as to delay the effective date of any potential recall for three years.

To me that makes sense. The recall provision will add a layer of protection for all of us; and the delay in implementation will effectively insulate the current boards from its provisions, at least for the three year period.

Let's pass it, make it effective three years from now, and get on with the more important business of running the Town.

Galt Grant
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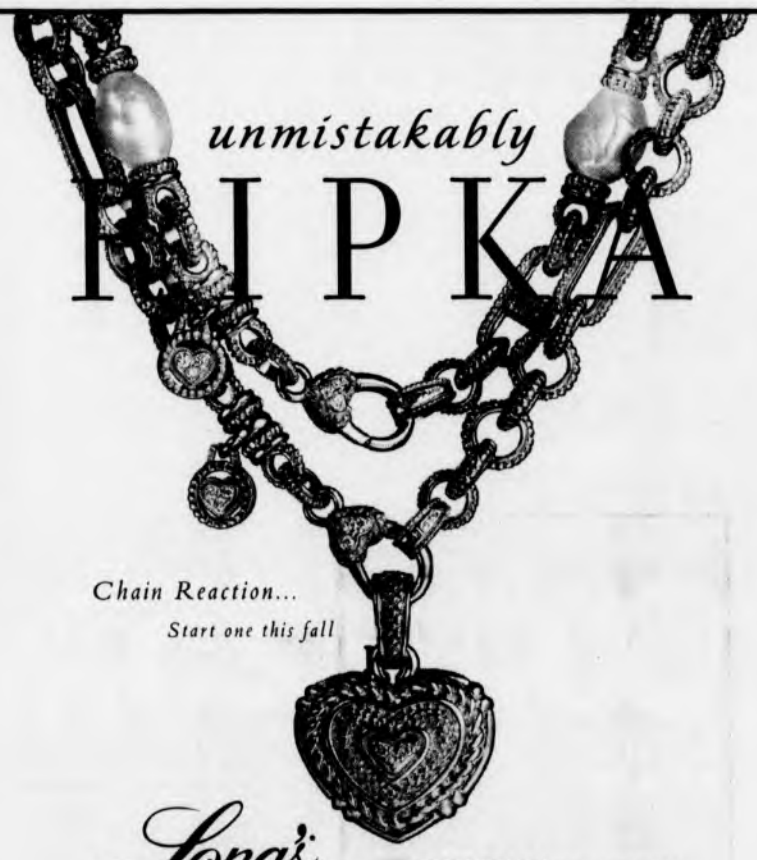
POLITICAL NOTES

Democrats host movie night Nov. 19

Join the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee for screening of "Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism" on Friday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road.

Doors open at 6:30p.m. and Admission is Free. Come for a fun night! For more information, please call Agnes McCann, Chairman, 383-0222 or visit: www.cohassetdems.org

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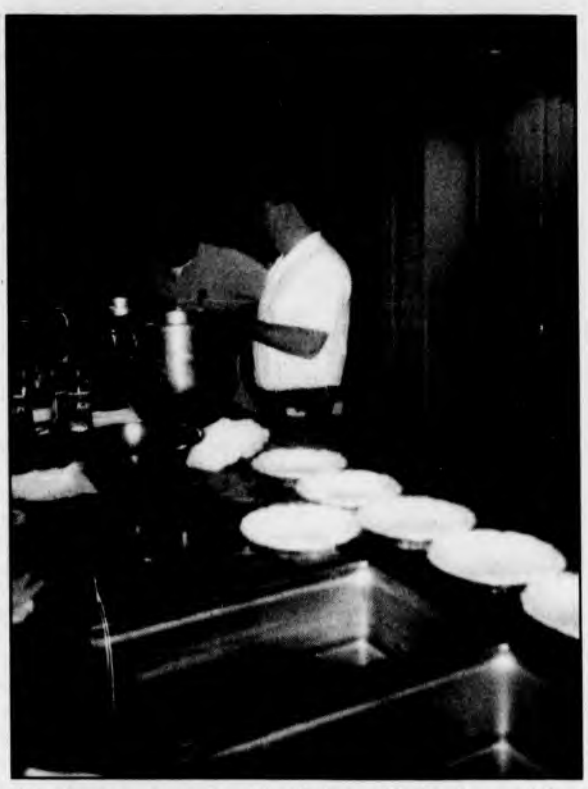
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Cohasset Harbor Resort holiday charity events

Atlantica will hold its annual "Pie in the Sky" pie sale to benefit Community Servings, a Roxbury based food shelter Monday, Nov. 22 at 11 a.m. The staff of Atlantica will gather together for a "bake off," with the goal of making and baking 30 pies. Proceeds will be given to the shelter, and the sale of each pie will allow a family of four to sit down and share a Thanksgiving dinner — a meal they would not otherwise have.

Atlantica will also open its doors to serve a special pre-Thanksgiving luncheon for Cohasset Elder Affairs Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 11 a.m. Approximately 75-100 senior citizens have been invited to join in the festivities. Many of the guests once worked at the famous Hugo's, which has since been transformed into Atlantica Restaurant.

All food, staffing, and use of the facility for both events is donated by Atlantica and the Cohasset Harbor Inn.



John Spencer, manager of the Cohasset Harbor Inn, and Joe Campbell, at right, director of operations at the Cohasset Harbor Resort, at last year's pie-baking event.

BUSINESS NOTES

Molignano promoted at Dependable Cleaners

Christa Hagearty, President of Dependable Cleaners, announces the promotion of Dawn Molignano from Senior Accountant to Business Manager. Reporting directly to Hagearty, Molignano's new responsibilities include management of the company's growing delivery service, point of sale systems, and billing and collections for Dependable Cleaners Restoration Division. Her expanded duties also include conducting store audits and accounting-based training.

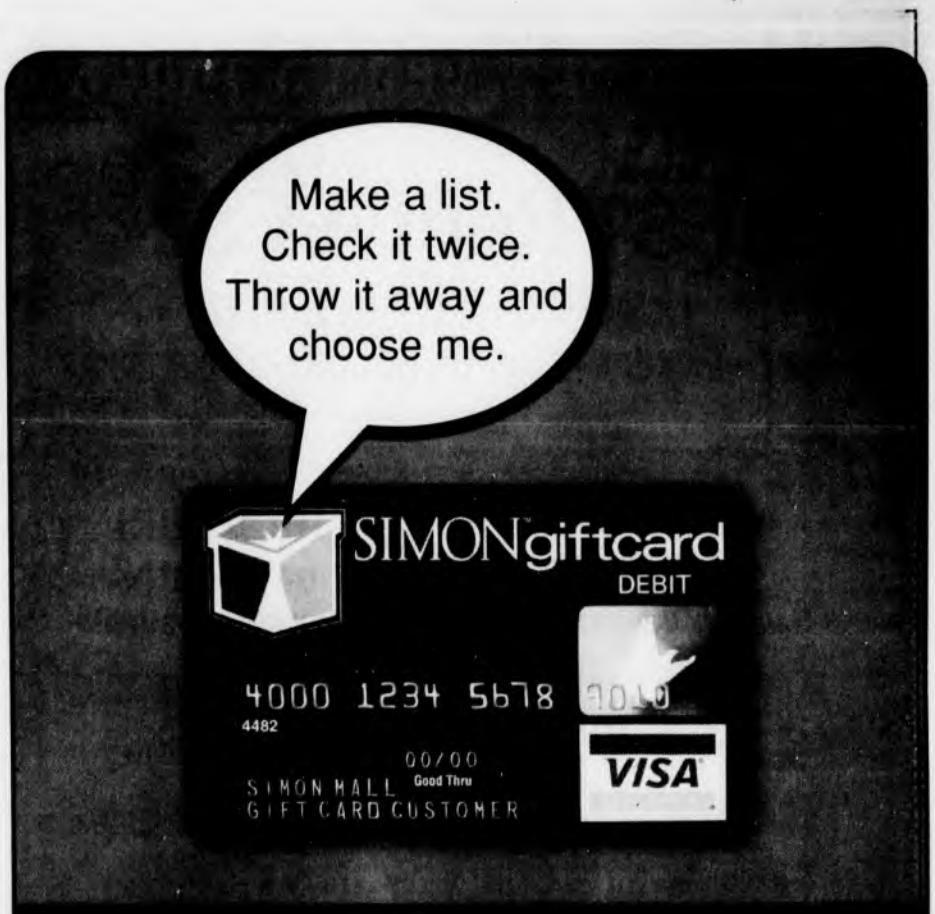
Molignano joined the Dependable team in 1999 as an entry-level accounting clerk.



Dawn Molignano

"Dawn has been a great asset to this company since joining us five years ago," said Hagearty. "She is capable of seeing the "big picture," which makes her the perfect choice for this position. Her attitude and knowledge will help us excel as a company."

Molignano, who lives in Weymouth, has an associate's degree in business from Massassoit Community College. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in business at Bridgewater State College and plans to pursue a Master's degree. She enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking and kayaking.



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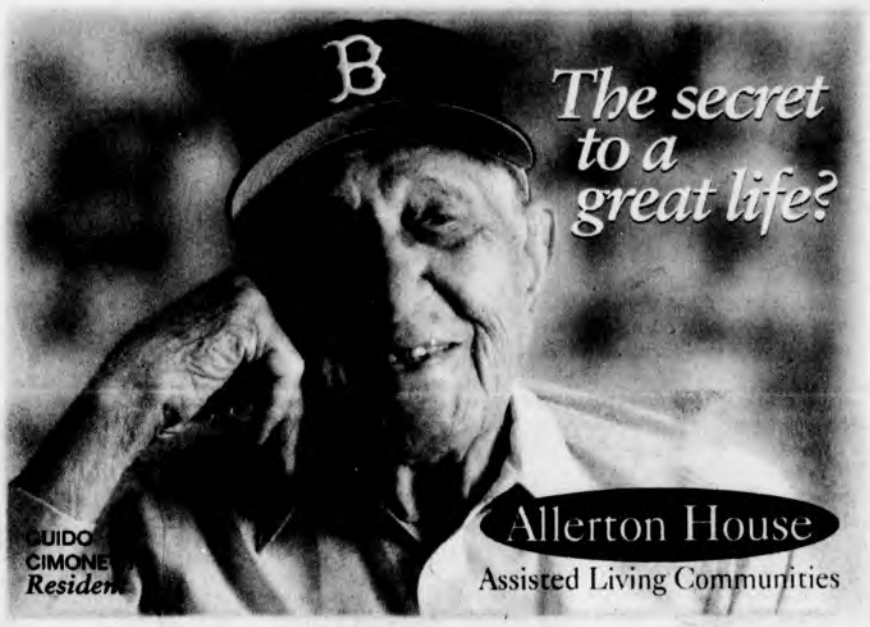
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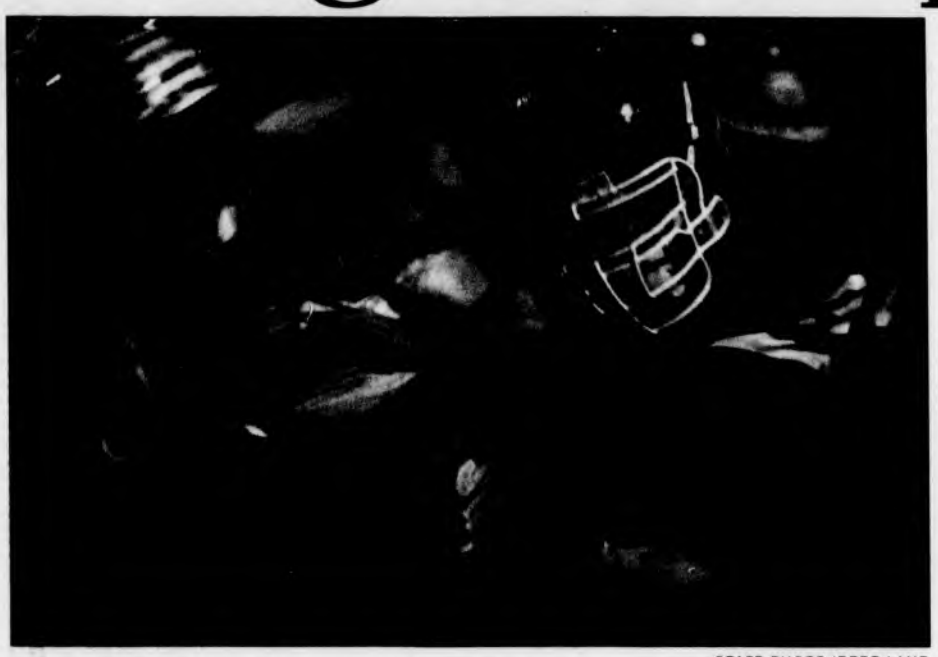
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League champs once again



STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

A familiar sight on Sunday: a Cohasset defender stopping Norwell star running back Greg Thornton at the line of scrimmage. In this case, it's Teddy Straughn.

Cohasset gridders roll over Norwell to sew up playoff berth

By Mike Spellman
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The story of Cohasset High's surprisingly easy 20-0 win over Norwell on the gridiron Sunday night could be seen pretty plainly on the face of Norwell coach Jim Sullivan.

It was a cross between consternation and utter shock that adorned the visage of the normally even keeled and accommodating veteran coach, as he waved off reporters' question at game's end and suggested: "You should probably go talk to Tony," referring to his CHS counterpart, Tony Rolfe.

It was tough to blame the Clippers' coach for the emotion that provoked this uncustomary behavior. After all, this game, delayed from Friday night by snow, was being touted as a classic smash-mouth battle between two South Shore League titans, with a Div. 3 Super Bowl berth at stake to sweeten the pot.

But it was the host Skippers who did all of the smashing.

Behind dominant play in the trenches on both sides of the line of scrimmage, the host Skippers out-gained the Clippers in yards by a 137-24 margin in the first half, and a pair of short touchdown runs by senior quarterback Crandon Leahy took them into the break with a 14-0 lead.

Whatever measures the Clippers coaches took during the half in hopes of regrouping were quickly dashed, as the Skippers D picked up right where it left off, stuffing the Clippers on three straight plays to open the second half. Then, on 4th-and-10, Cohasset senior defensive tackle Kelvin Ferreira popped clean through the line of scrimmage and stuffed Adam Nogueira's attempted punt, and Leo Clougherty recovered the ball at the Norwell 22-yard line. Two plays later, Leahy found senior fullback Ted Straughn 20 yards downfield on a designed rollout to the right. Straughn hauled in the well placed lead pass and bulled over the lone defender between himself and the goal line, making it a 20-0 game with 6:57 to play in third quarter.

The closest Norwell came to scoring all night was the Cohasset 46-yard line.

That proved more than enough for the Cohasset defense, which held the Clippers to just three first downs and 64 net yards for the game. The closest the Clippers came to pay dirt all night was the Cohasset 46-yard line.

"We had very solid play on both sides of the line of scrimmage," acknowledged Cohasset head coach Tony Rolfe, who, with the win, sewed up his second straight South Shore League title and third in four seasons.

The seventh year Skippers coach insisted his team did nothing fancy. He did say, however, that he and his staff spent more than the standard amount of time preparing for this winner-take-all showdown.

"We've seen [Norwell] play a lot," said Rolfe. "We went back and looked at as much film as we could. We looked at game films from five years ago. We knew some things to look out for. We just played a basic defense, though. There was nothing fancy about it."

Perhaps the single biggest key to the win was the Skippers' ability to stop explosive Norwell tailback Greg Thorton. The speedy and deceivingly strong senior entered the game with over 1,600 yards on the ground for the season and had gone over 100 yards in each of team's first nine games. The Skippers - led by big efforts from Ferreira, Clougherty and senior captain Mat Casey - held him to just 66 yards on 23 carries, and better than half of those yards came after Cohasset's third TD.

When asked to explain how this happened, Norwell's coach Sullivan said simply: "Their defense penetrated and just beat our offensive line all night."

Conversely, the Skippers got a huge effort from their lead back, senior captain Joe Durkin. He went for 114 yards on 12 first half carries and finished with 144 yards on 21 carries.

Durkin set the tone on the game's second play from scrimmage when he cut it inside on a designed sweep left, one of the Skippers most effective plays all

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Coming up: Hull

By Mark Goodman
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With a playoff berth already clinched, the only thing Cohasset has to play for in its annual Thanksgiving Day game with the Hull Pirates is pride.

That should be enough, however, for head coach Tony Rolfe to get his players motivated.

Hull (7-3, 2-2 league) is certain to come out extremely motivated for the game on Thursday, for multiple reasons. The first of those is the result of its last game, a rather shocking loss to Carver, one of the lower-rated teams in the South Shore League.

Cohasset vs. Hull
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The Pirates will also be looking to avenge last year's holiday result. In a rather sloppy game in Hull, the Skippers came out on top in a close one, 7-6.

This is the 18th year of Cohasset-Hull Thanksgiving football. The Skippers hold the all-time advantage in the rivalry, 10-6-1.

Rolfe says his defense will have to step up big against a potent Hull offense that can put points on the board. The Pirates are third in the league in scoring, averaging over 22 points a game.

Talent at the skill positions is Hull's strong suit, according to Rolfe, and that is where of lot of Cohasset's defensive focus will be.

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Girls soccer: gains and losses

CHS says good-bye to 10 seniors, hello to young talent in '05

By Mike Spellman
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In the throws of an athletic season, it is not easy for a coach to see all that far through the trees.

It is only at season's end, more often than not, that those in this profession recognize the forest that has popped up seemingly out of nowhere.

At times, Cohasset girls soccer coach Deb Beal seemed worn down and even exasperated by the day in-day out grind of the recently concluded 8-8-3 campaign, but now that it's over…

"It is amazing how quickly the season goes by," observed the Lady Skippers head coach. "Imagine we started in the 90 degree summer heat and now it is freezing outside.

"The season held many ups and downs. I saw many good things happen, though. Overall I am very pleased with the way the season ended and I think we laid the foundation for some good times ahead."

The Cohasset girls qualified for the Division 3 state tourney for a third straight year and were promptly ousted for the third straight time, this time in Fairhaven by a 3-0 score.

Naturally, there is a degree of disappointment accompanying the continuation of this record of futility.

The season's end is always a disappointment, especially when it ends on a loss that we let slip through our fingers," said Beal. "Looking at the seeds in the Division 3 South, it really makes you think 'Wow, I wish we didn't tie Mashpee twice and give up a late goal to Abington.' The way the season and bids would have played out are all 'shoulda, coulda, wouldas,' but I think we had a better shot with a better record."

Nevertheless, there is still an appreciation of what was accomplished.

"Quite a few players were asked to play new positions this season and they adapted to the changes quickly and effectively," said Beal.

On this front, the coach was particularly proud of four seniors.

"Christine Lovallo played a new position at sweeper. Danielle Hajjar went from stopper to outside defensive back. Nicole Whitney moved from the outside midfield to the center midfield and Mackenzie Holway took on more of a consistent role in the stopper position."

These are just four of the 10 players the Skippers will lose to graduation.

Co-captains Whitney and

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Sophomore Christina Pinkus, heading the ball during her team's tournament battle with Fairhaven, scored five goals this season. As part of a talented core of underclassmen, she will be counted on for even more next year.



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(L to R) Sam Steele, Jonathan Littauer and John Grimm strike the infamous pose for defending a free kick. All three are graduating this spring.

Foothold on the future

Pieces in place for bigger and better things in 2005 for CHS boys

By Mike Spellman
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For the first time, Cohasset High boys soccer coach Rob Leary feels he has a foothold on the future; excuse the pun.

"Next year will be my first one I won't feel like I'm starting from scratch," said Leary, who directed the Skippers to an 8-6-3 record and into the second round of the state tourney this fall, his second season at the helm. "We're losing some good players, and there are still some positional things to figure out, but we've got a lot more answers than questions."

The Skippers will lose seven seniors to graduation, including tri-captains Jonathan Littauer, Sam Steele and Kevin Dinsmore, all starters. The other four players going the way of the caps and gowns are John Grimm, a starter on the wing who finished the year strong, Colin Regan, Jake Kovach and Toby Norman.

Dinsmore, an SSL all-star center midfielder who Leary called "our heart and soul leader and one of the toughest players I've ever coached," will be the most difficult to replace.

"Kevin really carried us down the stretch the last few weeks," said Leary. "We moved him from the outside to the inside at midfield early on, and it took him a while to adjust. Once he did, though, he was just unbelievable. We were a much better team at the end of the year than at the beginning, and he was probably the biggest single reason why. He's also one of the toughest and hardest workers I've ever coached, so it was great to see that pay off for him."

Of course, Steele was a valuable complement to Dinsmore in the middle of the field and Littauer, a starting fullback, seldom came off the field.

"Sam is a very skilled player," said Leary. "We saw how valuable he was when he missed the last few [regular season] games with an injury. He was a big part of our success.

"And Jon [Littauer] was such a hard worker. He wasn't as big or maybe even as talented as some of the other defenders in the league, but he made himself a very good player because he just outworked people."

Grimm had suffered leg injuries in his sophomore and junior seasons, but really found his game and confidence over the second half of this season.

"John really came into his own

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Pieces in place for bigger and better things in 2005 for CHS boys

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down the stretch," said Leary, a former head soccer coach at Rockland High School. "He was another big reason we were a much better team at the beginning than we were at the end."

That said, Leary will still be starting his third year at the Skippers' helm in much better shape than he did his second. Graduation 2004 claimed nine players, all of whom saw regular playing time. This group included South Shore League all-stars Chris Clark, Conor Buick, Craig Laugelle, Dave Santiago and Jesse Brewer.

Junior Aidan Buick, an SSL all-star and All Eastern Mass selection, will again be a huge piece of the puzzle whether he moves to center midfield or remains at striker. He finished among the league's leaders in scoring this season with 15 goals and 14 assists, easily the best totals in both categories for the Skippers.

"Moving Aidan into the middle is something I'm considering," said Leary. "He's such a skilled overall player and sees the field well. It's tempting to leave him up front because he's such a big scoring threat. I do think, though, we've got a few other guys who can put the ball in the net."

Specifically, those players are juniors Ben Libby, a skilled and intelligent player, and Nils Sceery, a large and powerful athlete. Both figure prominently in the front field picture for 2005, as does freshman Mike Grimm (John's younger brother), a gifted all-around athlete.

Defensively, the Skippers return three-fourths of what was a very good unit this fall. Juniors Trevor Brady and Sam MacDonald were both deservedly named to the South Shore League all-star team and fellow junior Prescott Busk was a steady performer between the pipes.

Returnees to the midfield who will be expected to play a bigger role in 2005 are juniors Brandon Smith and Chris Ofsthun.

As for this year's team, removed a few days from the second round 3-1 loss to top seeded Chatham, Leary seemed quite satisfied with what was accomplished.

"It took us a while to figure things out, which wasn't surprising after all the changes we had to make, but we really came together the last few weeks," he asserted. "We became a very good team."



STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

The Skippers went 8-6-3 this season, and are hopeful for a better record and longer postseason run in 2005.

Coming up: All-Scholastics

Over the next several weeks, the sports editors of the Cohasset Mariner and other surrounding weeklies in the area will be putting together our All-Scholastic teams for the fall high school sports season.

The All-Scholastic golf team will be coming out in next week's edition. Our editors are in the process of surveying all golf coaches in the area to put that team together. There will be a group of All-Scholastics, and a group of honorable mentions.

Those designations will be decided by the editors, with input from the coaches.

If you are an athlete that is selected to one of our All-Scholastic teams, you will be contacted by one of our editors in order to obtain a photo that will run with the write-up of your accomplishments during the 2004 season.

After golf, there will be teams comprised of the best area athletes in cross-country, volleyball, field hockey, boys and girls soccer, and football.

In addition to Cohasset, athletes from the following communities will be represented: Weymouth, Abington, Rockland, Holbrook, Hingham, Braintree, Scituate, Norwell, Marshfield, Hanover, Kingston and Scituate.

We at the Mariner hope you have enjoyed our coverage of CHS sports during the fall season, and will continue to follow your favorite teams in these pages this winter.

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Youth lacrosse sign-up open through Jan. 8

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse completed its initial registration day for the Spring 2005 season on Nov. 13, but registration will continue through Jan. 8.

Parents can come to a second sign-up day - scheduled for 9 - 11 a.m. at Cohasset High School on the first Saturday in January - or can request paperwork via e-mail and return it by January 8.

"The one thing that became clear during the initial registration day is that we are not likely to have any roster spots after January 8," says Chuck Jaffe, director of Cohasset Youth Lacrosse. "We will take everyone who signs up during the registration period, even if it puts us above our ideal roster sizes, but it's very likely we'll be full once the registration period closes."

To that end, Jaffe suggests that parents who have any concern about forgetting or missing the Jan. 8 final sign-up simply drop him an e-mail at CAJaffe@aol.com <mailto:CAJaffe@aol.com> or call 781-383-9858, telling him the number of children they are registering for the season.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will field boys teams in the 11-and-Under (grades 3 and 4), 13-and-Under (grades 5 and 6) and 15-and-Under age groups. It will field girls teams in the two older age groups and will hold a 90-minute weekly clinic for the youngest girls.

At all levels, practices should not conflict with most other youth sports activities.

Registration for 2005 costs $145 for one player, $270 for two players and $390 for three. The girls clinic for players in grades 3 and 4 costs $100 per player or $90 if another family member is participating on one of the teams.

To receive forms or get more information on Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, call 781-383-9858 or e-mail CAJaffe@aol.com <mailto:CAJaffe@aol.com>.

Cohasset Soccer Club 2004-2005 indoor program

The Soccer Club will be offering an indoor training program again this year for players in grade 5 and above on Fridays at the Hingham Sports Center. This indoor season will start on November 19th and continue through March 25th. We will play every Friday except on 11/26 (Friday after Thanksgiving), 12/24 (Christmas Eve), 12/31 (New Year's Eve) and 02/25 (February vacation). During each session there will 45 minutes of skills training followed by 45 minutes of scrimmage.

The cost for the full winter indoor program will be $225 per player. If two or more players from the same family register, the subsequent player registrations will be $200. This includes 15 weeks of indoor training and one indoor game session comprised of 7 team games during January through March plus playoffs for teams making it that far. The deadline for registration is November 19th.

Scheduled times for each age group are below.

BU12 Friday 3:30-5:00
BU10 Friday 4:15-5:45
GU10 Friday 5:00-6:30
GU12 Friday 5:45-7:15
GU14 Friday 6:30 - 8:00

Registration forms are available at the Town Hall or players can be registered at the Hingham Sports Center during the first session to be held on November 19th.

Cohasset Alumni Soccer Game

Saturday, November 27, 2004 is the date for the annual Cohasset Alumni Soccer game. Last year's inaugural event ended in a 2-2 tie with over 40 players returning from a span of 30 years of Cohasset Soccer. This year two games will be played. The first game will be the first women's game to be held. The game will be played at 12:00 at Alumni Field (field conditions permitting). The second game, the men's game, will be played at 2:00pm at either Alumni field or Milliken field depending on field availability. All CHS graduates who played on soccer teams from 1973 (our first team) are invited to participate. The format will be a normal 90 minute game with graduates of odd numbered years playing against graduates of even numbered years. Please contact Jeff Donze if you are interested in playing in the men's game jeff.donze@comcast.net or 781-383-9734 or Alyssa McNamara if you are interested in participating in the Women's game Alyssa@McNamaraFinancial.com or 781-962-6049. More details on a social get together after the game will be coming in future announcements. Please check our web site www.cohassetsoccer.com for updates.

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The Recreation Commission of Cohasset is sponsoring a "Learn to ski or snowboard" program at Ragged Mountain on five Saturdays throughout the winter: Nov. 27, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5. The motor coach will leave at 6:30 a.m. from Cohasset Town Hall parking lot, 41 Highland Ave. and returns there between 6:30 and 7 p.m. There will be an adult chaperone on the bus and available to assist your child at Ragged Mountain.

For cost efficiency, visit Buckles and Boards Ski Shop, Route 3A, Marshfield. A rental at Buckles and Boards allows you to keep the equipment through Saturday, Feb. 5, returning it after the season ends. The price for ski equipment is $129.99 and snowboard equipment is $169.99.

The $259.99 ski package includes: luxury motor coach transportation on all five Saturdays; adult chaperone on the bus; five, one-and-a-half-hour (1.5 hours) skiing or snowboarding lessons; and six full-day lift tickets at Ragged Mountain.

This will be an enjoyable treat for first timers or for those who want to improve their skills. For more information, call 781-383-4109.

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DJ Silvia fends off Norwell's Greg Thornton (1) during Cohasset's 20-0 win over the Clippers on Sunday.

Gridders roll over Norwell

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season, and went 71 yards untouched before finally being run down from behind by Thornton at the 5-yard line.

"That run set the tone, and got us all pumped up," said Durkin. "Our [offensive] line came up huge. They were opening up holes left and right and the defense came up big when we needed them to."

Said Rolfe: "That's the way [Durkin] has played all year. We have been putting up 30 points all year, and so much of it has to do with him. He's such a solid runner. He sees the field real well and makes good decisions."

On the next play, Leahy faked a handoff to Durkin up the gut and then scrambled around left end to punch it in. The senior QB called his own number on the 2-point conversion as well, making it an 8-0 game just 1:23 in.

After forcing the Clippers three-and-out, Straughn hauled in the line drive punt from Nogueira on the run and brought it back 29 yards to the Norwell 27-yard line.

The Skippers kept the ball on the ground the entire time during its eight-play, 4:46 scoring march, which culminated when Leahy plunged in from one yard out. The conversion rush failed, but Cohasset had a 14-0 lead with 1:19 left in the first quarter.

Win or lose to SSL rival Hull on Thanksgiving, the Skippers will move on to face the Tri-Valley Conference champion for the second season in a row in the first round of the Div. 3 Super Bowl playoffs, as this win also secured the deciding tiebreaker in the league title race.

Hull (7-3, 3-2) and Norwell (8-2, 4-1) both have only one loss in SSL play, but two overall. So, even if the Skippers (9-0, 4-0) lose on Turkey Day, they'll still have the league's best overall record.

Coach Rolfe, however, did not want to hear anything about tiebreakers.

"There are still a lot of reasons we want to beat Hull on Thanksgiving," he said. "We'd like an undefeated season and, obviously, we'd like to go into the playoff game on a high."

It was believed the CHS football team has not gone undefeated since 1959.

The Clippers will face Hanover on Thanksgiving for the 39th straight year and are looking for their ninth win of the season, which would be the program's best total since the 1999 Super Bowl season.

Digging down deep

You know that old adage" "Hard work is its own reward?"

Well, the members of the Cohasset High football team got some first hand verification of that popular truism, as their hard work on Saturday literally helped pave the way for their victory on Sunday.

CHS players, coaches, and parents spent four hours on Saturday shoveling snow off of Alumni Field to get it ready for the next day's game, and then threw a pizza party for everyone afterward.

Coming up: Hull

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"They've been able to put a lot of points on the board," said the coach. "We need to stop the deep pass, and stop their running backs from getting big carries."

Stopping running backs has been Cohasset's forte all season long, and never was that more evident than Sunday against Norwell. The Skippers D held one of the area's best backs, Greg Thornton, to under three yards a carry.

Rolfe is looking for a repeat performance from that unit on Thursday.

"We need our defensive line to play as well as they did against Norwell," he said. "It all begins with them."

The starting D-line of Kelvin Ferreira, Joey Kehoe, Scott Wakefield and Leo Clougherty have done a good job all year long of filling potential running lanes for opponents, and allowing linebackers like Matt Baroudi, Matt Casey and Teddie Straughn to make stops at the line of scrimmage.

The offensive line, led by Casey and junior Nick Arment, has also had a very good year. Rolfe looks to the guys in the trenches on both sides of the ball for strong performances, calling that group "the foundation of every football team."

"I've been doing this long enough to know that you can't do it without a good offensive and defensive line," Rolfe said. "You can do it with mirrors, bells and whistles for so long, but the time comes when you have to be able to push people around. That's what we did against Norwell."

As for the offensive side of ball, Cohasset supporters can expect to see a lot of senior running back Joe Durkin. The co-captain has run for over 1,500 yards this season, stringing together one 100-yard game after another. .

If the Skippers have to throw, they have a reliable passer in senior quarterback Crandon Leahy, who also presents a running threat to the Hull defense. Leahy has a good target in 6-1 receiver DJ Silvia.

"It's going to take a total team effort," Rolfe said.

The game starts at 10 a.m., but fans should plan on getting to the field as early as possible, as this will be one of the highest-attended athletic events of the year.

The week after Thanksgiving, the Skippers will face the Tri-Valley champion in the first round of the Div. 3 EMass playoffs. The leader of that conference right now is Holliston (9-1, 8-0), who is averaging over 31 points per game.

Medfield and Westwood, who defeated Cohasset in the playoffs last year, are also in the mix. The Skippers will know their opponent after Thanksgiving.



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Joe Durkin (20), who has rushed for over 1,500 yards so far this season, will need to have another big performance if Cohasset is to defeat a solid Hull team on Thanksgiving.

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CHS says good-bye to 10 seniors

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Lovallo were South Shore League all-stars and starred at arguably the two most important field positions. Hajjar, a marking defensive back, was the team's third all-star.

In addition to these three players and Holway, the team will lose Molly Kirk, Lindsay Kennedy, Lauren Rizzotti (four goals), Rachel Garber, team leading scorer Casey Anderson (10 goals), and keeper Cecilia Chapman to the caps and gowns. All were regulars in the rotation and Beal notes "each one is irreplaceable."

Nevertheless, the coach insists "the future also looks bright."

Beal rolled the dice a bit this season by giving significant minutes to five sophomores - Emily Coggins, Lindsay Durkin, Lara Novak, Caren Garber and Christina Pinkus - ahead of a few upperclassmen. Durkin and Pinkus wound up tying for second in the team scoring race with five goals apiece. All things considered, Beal said she was "thrilled with the results" of this gambit.

"The experience each gained is not measurable," she said. "The age of the athlete is irrelevant. It is the skill. Look at Freddy Adu – 15 years old and playing in the MLS for D.C. United. Players learn more by playing than by watching and practicing. We need to build a stronger foundation and teach the system of play earlier to have more success.

"The five [sophomores] that I took and the remaining six or seven that played junior varsity all gained an enormous amount of game experience this season. There was not one sophomore who didn't play a major amount of minutes this season. I am excited for seasons to come with these girls."

Juniors Katie Bolger, Charlotte Sida, Emilie Shea, Cassie Rosano and Melissa Crowley-Buck, who split the goalkeeping responsibilities with Chapman, also played critical roles with the Skippers this season and Beal made a point to laud all of their performances as well.

As for promises for 2005, Beal refuses to make any.

"Do I have a plan? Of course I do," she noted. "Will I tell you it now? Not a chance.

"Let's see who works hard in the off season. Let's just wait and evaluate who comes back next August in game shape and ready to stir the South Shore League up.

"Next year's seniors are a small group and will be far outnumbered by the underclassmen. I need strong leadership from the five of them and I am confident in their abilities."

Captains were named at the annual break up dinner on November 16. Beal noted "I think it will be interesting."

Also at the banquet, the varsity team members named their Most Valuable Player, Most Improved Player, Unsung Hero, Top Offensive Player and Top Defensive Player.

Beal did not tip her hand prior to the banquet, noting only, "From the ballots collected from the girls, most of the votes are obvious, which proves that these individuals caught the attention of their teammates and did a great job."

Optimism is further spurred by the junior varsity team finishing with an impressive record of 13-3-1 under first year coach Carla Gigon.

Goalkeeper Shalea Daly finished off her great season by playing in the Fairhaven game.

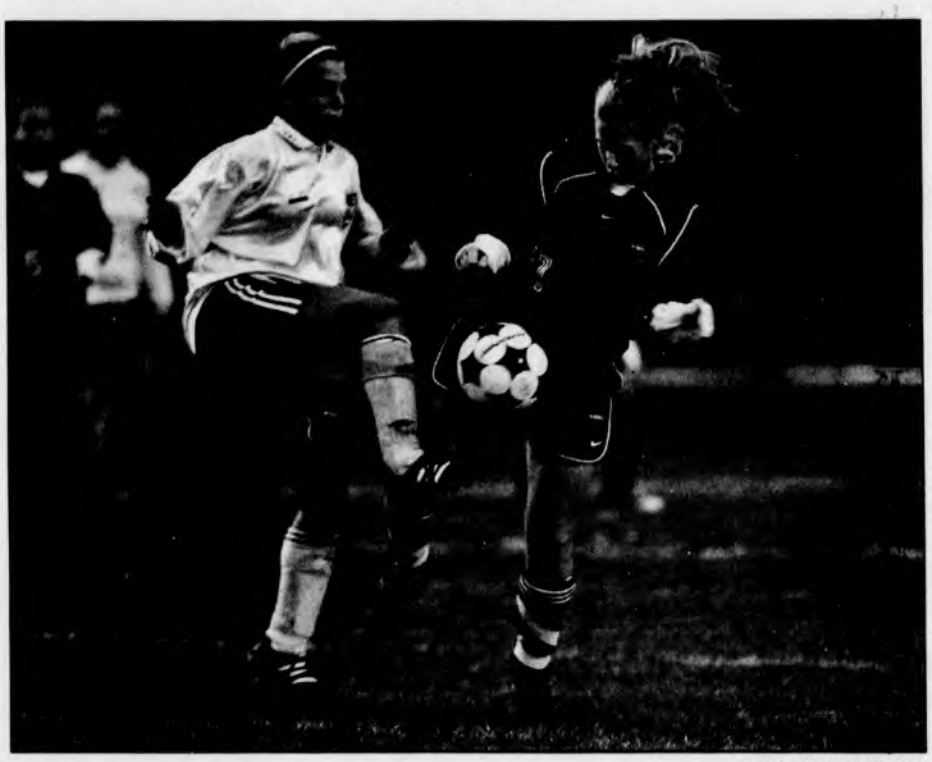
"I think with some off season coaching and consistent practice she can play keeper," said Beal. "She is a smart player with the determination a coach loves to see."

JV standouts Anna Haggerty and Meg Anderson also dressed for the tournament game.

"They did a great job all season long and I wanted them to get a taste of what is to come," said Beal. "I know that Jen Dinger, Molly Trahon, Jess Bilbo and Jessica Hinman all worked hard and it didn't go unnoticed by myself or Carla.

"Colleen Richardson and Haley Haracz played tough defense, while Jamie Genovese and Kara Wilcox combined with Anderson and Trahon to lead the scoring charges. Freshmen Abby Foley and Siobhan Fludder played well also.

"Looking to the future I see a young team with a lot of potential and hopefully we will continue to grow and mature into an even better than before team."



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Defender Rachel Garber (left) is one of ten seniors hanging up their cleats at Cohasset High School.

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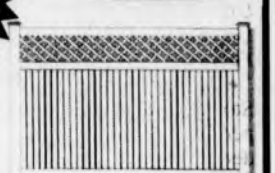
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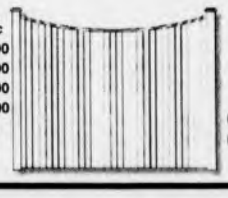




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Santa Claus is coming to town!

Jingle Bell Walk is a local tradition

The South Shore Community Center invites family and friends to join in the holiday spirit at the Jingle Bell Walk. The Jingle Bell Walk, a Cohasset tradition offered by the SSCC, begins at 2 p.m. on Nov. 26, when Santa Claus arrives by boat with his elves at Cohasset Harbor (Border Street). After Santa distributes jingle bells to the children, he and his elves will board a hayride and the walk continues along the sidewalks of Elm to Main Street in Cohasset. At 2:30 p.m. the South Shore Community Center welcomes everyone to partake in cookies, a beverage and a holiday-sing-along. Holiday music and carols will also be sung by all.

Santa will be upstairs in the Center to pose for pictures with you and your children. Please stroll through the village to share in the local shops' holiday ambience.

At 3 p.m. on Cohasset Common there will be a "Turkey Tot Trot" for ages 3 to 10. You may register the day of the event for $3 per participant. Proceeds will benefit the Nursery School. All participants will receive a prize.

Listen to the bells of St. Stephen's playing from 2:30 to 4 p.m., while enjoying a hayride around the Common. Hayrides will be available from 3 to 4 p.m. At 3:45 p.m., gather around the Cohasset Common to listen to the Rusty Skippers Marching Band. The festivities culminate on Cohasset Common at 4:15 p.m. with the lighting of the tree.

There is something for everyone this year at the Jingle Bell Walk. It's a great way to appreciate the picturesque surroundings, while involving the whole family in a Cohasset tradition.

In the event of rain, all outdoor activities will be cancelled and Santa will arrive in the Community Center Gym at 2 p.m.

Schedule

2 p.m Santa and his elves arrive by boat at Cohasset Harbor (Off Border Street)
2:05 p.m. Santa passes out jingle bells
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2:30 p.m. Arrival at the center's gym for cookies and beverage
2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Bells of St. Stephen's to play
2:30 to 3 p.m. Sing-A-long in the center's gym
3 to 4 p.m. Open Bowling and face painting at the center
3 to 3:45 p.m. Turkey Trot at Highland Avenue (proceeds to benefit nursery school)
3 to 4 p.m. Hayrides on the common
3:30 p.m. Lighting of the luminaria on the common
3:45 to 4 p.m. Rusty Skippers Band on the common
4 p.m. Winner of turkey trot announced on common
4 p.m. Lighting of the tree on the common



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Rudolph, Mrs. Claus and Santa – along with a lot of elves – arrive by boat at Cohasset Harbor last November. They are coming back to town next Friday, Nov. 26 for the annual Jingle Bell Walk.

Have your photo taken with Santa at the center from 3 to 4 p.m.(proceeds to benefit SSCC). In the event of rain, Santa will arrive in the gym at 2 p.m.

Village Fair is Dec. 4

Hosted by three of the Town's churches and the non-profit Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (ASP), the Village Fair has been a wonderful holiday tradition for more than 60 years. Volunteers from First Parish Unitarian Universalist, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the Second Congregational Church, and the ASP work together to create this holiday marketplace.

- The Second Congregational Church (next to Town Hall) opens its doors to their holiday boutique filled with beautiful hand-crafted holiday gifts and decorations.
- First Parish's Estate(ish) Sale (formerly known as the Jumble Sale) will thrill all with its treasures in their Parish Hall at 23 No. Main Street.
- Don't miss the Swedish Bake Shop at the First Parish's Parish House – stop by and warm your spirit with their popular home-made cinnamon buns served with coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Many volunteers begin very early in the morning under the direction of Sine Pounder to create these delicious treats. Tickets will be on sale for the 26th annual Christmas Concert by the Unicorn Singers held December 12th at 4 p.m. at First Parish's Meeting House.
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- Santa Claus will be the guest of honor on the Common (or the Second Congregational Church Nursery in inclement weather) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children can visit with Santa and have a picture taken by an ASP volunteer. Don't miss your child visiting the Secret Room at St. Stephen's Church where ASP volunteer elves help little ones select and wrap the perfect surprise for Mom and Dad, a sister or brother, or even the family pet! All gifts are priced for a child's wallet and start at just 50 cents. Proceeds support ASP's home repair program.
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Cohasset announces publication of "The Eclectic Gardener," a reflection on the pleasures of gardening and the related activities that we enjoy. For many months, Garden Club members have been editing their collective interests and expertise to share in a 12-month format. Local artists illustrate the new book with original watercolors and drawings. A new painting by Cohasset artist JoAnne Chittick appears on the book's cover.

The entire Community Garden Club has contributed in some way to this labor of love, and members are happy to be able to present it in time for holiday gift giving.



PHOTO/LIZ RICHARDSON

Kathy Gray, Marcia Diekmann, Jackie Fitts and Mary Eisenhaure of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset working at one of many editing sessions during production of "The Eclectic Gardener."

"The Eclectic Gardener" will appeal to everyone who enjoys the beauty of nature, as well as its bounty. Favorite recipes are included in each monthly section, along with suggestions for nature walks and birding observations. Children's activities and herb lore are shared, and the text includes extensive information on design and arrangement of flowers. The year-long format presents a progression of horticulture tips from experienced gardeners, and there are sections for book owners to file information and to keep their own journal notes.

The entire Community Garden Club has contributed in some way to this labor of love, and members are happy to be able to present it in time for holiday gift giving. Copies are $25 and may be reserved by calling 781-383-2486. Profits from the sale of "The Eclectic Gardener" will be used to fund the scholarship and community projects sponsored by the Community Garden Club of Cohasset.

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OUR WORLD UPDATE

Thanksgiving craft time Nov. 24

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Arts and crafts

Cohasset Recreation is accepting telephone registrations at 781-383-4109 for Arts and Crafts, for grades K-2, on Monday afternoons, from release time at Osgood, until 4:30 p.m.

The fee for this five-week program, which meets directly after school until 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, is $50 per child. Becky McArthur will instruct this program.

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Cohasset Jewelers' pin sales help in breast cancer fight

Special bracelets are also offered

Cohasset Jewelers has raised more than $33,000 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation through the sales of their signature breast cancer ribbon lapel pin. The 14K gold piece was originally designed by Cohasset Jewelers owner, Mark Cirone, in honor of his wife Sharon, who has valiantly battled the disease for 9-1/2 years.

In what started and remains a total philanthropic endeavor, Cohasset Jewelers in Tedeschi Plaza continues to encourage sales of this pin and donates 100 percent of the proceeds from the sale of its breast cancer ribbons with all of the proceeds benefiting the charity.

"Through the sale of these ribbons I want to increase breast cancer awareness and let people know that the fight is not over. I also want to make a substantive contribution to help fund a cure for this insidious disease."

— Mark Cirone, Cohasset Jewelers

The exclusive pin consists of 18 pink cubic zirconia stones mounted in a substantial 14k yellow gold ribbon. Heavy enough to go through a denim lapel and graceful enough to be worn on a silk gown, the pins sell for $250.

"It feels wonderful to make such a large contribution and realize our efforts are truly helping people afflicted with this disease," said Cirone.

"My goal is twofold," explained Cirone. "Through the sale of these ribbons I want to increase breast cancer awareness and let people know that the fight is not over. I also want to make a substantive contribution to help fund a cure for this insidious disease."

Cohasset Jewelers' efforts are joined by breast cancer survivor, Elizabeth McQuade, founder of In the Pink, who was inspired to create breast cancer bracelets after her diagnosis with the disease in the spring of 2003. McQuade started making Breast Cancer Awareness Bracelets on an impulse and in a very short time she has donated more than $4,500 dollars to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation through the sale of these bracelets.

Now available at Cohasset Jewelers, the bracelets come in assorted styles and sell for $80 and are made from Swarovski crystals, Bali sterling silver and genuine cultured pearls.

McQuade met Cirone in May of 2003 when she came in to buy a Breast Cancer ribbon after being diagnosed with Breast Cancer two months earlier. "It's fantastic working with Mark in this effort" says McQuade. "We are on the same page and are both committed to making a difference by the monies we contribute to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation."

"Elizabeth is a great person," added Cirone. "It takes a tremendous amount of courage to be able to give in the face of adversity and Elizabeth represents the very best of what the human spirit is all about."

The ribbons and bracelets provide hope and encouragement to those who wear them. The styles are at the height of fashion with pink being the "in" color for jewelry and also the color that symbolizes breast cancer. More importantly, they receive the satisfaction of knowing that a substantial part of their purchase goes directly to help those affected by this disease.

Cohasset Jewelers can be reached at (781) 383-1933. Also, visit Cohasset Jewelers on the web at:

www.cohassetjewelers.com.

In the Pink bracelets can be found at Cohasset Jewelers. McQuade can be reached at 781-383-1559 or:

www.Beinthepink.com



From left, Mark Cirone, Cohasset Jewelers and Elizabeth McQuade, In the Pink, present checks for $33,000 and $4,500, respectively, to Phil Graceffa, President of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Massachusetts Affiliate.

Casino night benefits the community center

Bring your lady luck to Black Rock Country Club, Saturday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. for a fun-filled night of gambling, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, prizes and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit the South Shore Community Center. Tickets are $75 per person and may be purchased at the South Shore Community Center or by calling the Center at 781-383-0088.



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NE Artisans Showcase Dec. 4



Santa by Tim Jumper of Hingham.

Saturday, Dec. 4, will mark the debut of a new event, the first annual New England Artisans Showcase, to be held at the Sons of Italy Hall on Route 3A in Hingham.

Twelve craftsmen, most of whom are former exhibitors from the Hingham Winterfest Folk Art and Craft Show, will offer their work for sale at this one day show. Winterfest will not be held this year, but you will still have a change to buy from some of your favorite artisans.

Featured will be woodcarvings by local artists Tim Jumper and Bill Sarni, as well as tinware, yellowware, scherenschnitte, floorcloths, bandboxes and other folk art and historical crafts.

Many of the exhibitors have been listed in the directory of Early American Life Magazine's 200 best craftsmen issue and have had their work featured in other national publications. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free. For more information, call 781-749-6764.

IT'S HAPPENING

CDC's 'Nunsense' on stage this weekend

Cohasset Dramatic Club presents the zany "come have fun with a nun" musical, "Nunsense" at the Cohasset Town Hall on Nov. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 21 at 2 p.m.. This upbeat, toe-tapping romp through the lives of the sisters of Mt. Saint Helen's Convent is filled with wonderful music, dancing and belly laughs throughout. Fun for the whole family. Individual tickets are $12 ($10 for seniors) and may be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop in Scituate harbor, at the door, and by calling the ticket reservation line at 617-697-2115. Groups of 10 or more are $10 per ticket; for group sales, email tangledwb7@aol.com.

Bird walk around Straits Pond

The Straits Pond Watershed Association will sponsor a Bird Walk around Straits Pond, Sat. Nov. 20, 8 to 10 a.m. with Sally Avery. Participants should meet at the base of Summit and Atlantic Ave., near the Cohasset/Hull town line. Call 781-925-9066 for more information. Straits Pond is located in Hull and Cohasset and the West Corner area which includes part of Hingham. The event was rescheduled from Nov. 13 due to last week's snowstorm.

Rowing race hosted by Lifesaving Museum

The sport of "fixed-seat/open-water rowing" is rapidly expanding into the mainstream as evidenced at the hotly contested "Icebreaker: Northeast Regional Youth Open Water Rowing Championships," hosted by the Hull Lifesaving Museum every year in Boston Harbor. This year's event will take place Saturday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Windmill Point Boathouse in Hull. Call Lory Newmyer at 781-925-5433 for more information.

The most highly-skilled youth open-water rowers in all of New England — from New York City, New Haven, Conn., Lake Champlain, Vt., Maine's North Haven and Vinalhaven and in Massachusetts, from Boston, Hull, Hingham, Gloucester, Hanover, and Kingston — compete for the coveted "Key to the Harbor," and bragging rights for the rest of the year. More than 200 teenagers participate every year in big, traditional rowing boats they have built themselves.

The Icebreaker is more than a conventional race. The day is comprised of a series of grueling round-robin-style sprints, with crews asked to test their mettle against each other, the winds and currents, and their own mounting excitement and exhaustion. The event culminates with a 25-boat nautical mile sprint across Hingham and Hull Bays. During the course of this one event, the youth crews cover greater distances than collegiate crews race in an entire season. This is an unequalled spectator event, and a rare chance to see every pilot gig and coxed-four in the region up close and at work. Participation in this event is by invitation only.



Getting a head start on the holidays

Our World hosts Mistletoe Boutique

Holiday shopping started early this year at the second annual Mistletoe Boutique held in the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum off Sohier Street.

The boutique was represented by more than 35 vendors selling all types of wares from gingerbread houses, personalized decoupage plates and stationary, antique prints, Mini Cooper raffle tickets and more. All vendors donated a portion of their proceeds to the museum. And 100 percent of raffle ticket sales directly benefit Our World.

Have you bought your raffle ticket yet? It's not too late, call today 781-383-3198. The day was a great success and will be held again next year on Nov. 6, 2005 so mark you calendars now!

Photos/Ove Pygh Wilche



Alissa Ford, left, buys a ring from Amy Peterson at the Doodle Ink Jewelry table at the Mistletoe Boutique held earlier this month.



Robert McConnaghey with Kendall, 4, and Quinn, 2, (in the star-covered cap), take a look at some of the jewelry for sale at the Mistletoe Boutique.



Some of the colorful gingerbread houses offered by Ginger Betty's Bakery of Quincy.



Beth Jeannetti and Lena Daly sell gingerbread houses at the Mistletoe Boutique. All the vendors donated part of their proceeds to benefit the Our World Children's Discovery Museum off Sohier Street.



Janice Crowley, who was selling jewelry and dried flowers, chats with Ken and Selma Ingber of Cohasset.



Reilly St. Pierre, 2, was one of the younger shoppers at the Mistletoe Boutique that had something for everyone.



Cailey Hart, 8, Trish Hart and Muffi Antico, all of Cohasset, at the Seabands table at the Mistletoe Boutique to benefit Our World.



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OBITUARIES

Gertrude K. Chase

Gertrude K. "Trudy" (Rowell) Chase, 82, of Cohasset, died on Nov. 10, 2004, at the New England Medical Center in Boston.

She was born in Brockton, lived in Abington and Newton and made her home in Cohasset for the past 50 years. She was a graduate of Newton High School, and a 1944 graduate of the Newton-Wellesley Hospital School of Nursing.

From 1944 to 1946 she served in the Army Nurse Corps. On active duty in the European and South Pacific Campaigns during World War II, she was awarded several service medals including two Bronze Stars, a World War II Victory Medal, two Campaign Medals, a Meritorious Service Award, and an Overseas Service Bar. After the war, Trudy was a nurse at the Army Hospital in Giessen, Germany, where she met her husband, the late Raymond M. Chase.

Mrs. Chase worked at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, and for many years was the school nurse at the Jacobs Elementary School in Hull. An avid sports fan, she enjoyed rooting for all the Boston teams, especially this year's World Champion Red Sox. She never missed the Cohasset little league, youth basketball, dance recitals, or any of the activities of her grandchildren.

She loved travel, nature, her church, being with family and friends, and of course bingo. She will be missed by many dear friends of all ages.

Wife of the late Raymond M. Chase, she leaves her two daughters, Holly C. Chanatry and her husband David of Cazenovia, N.Y. and Heidi C. Salerno and her husband Matthew of Cohasset; five grandchildren of Hannah, Claire and Betsy Chanatry of Cazenovia, N.Y., and Carly and Jay Salerno of Cohasset. She was the sister of Verna Hurd of New Hampshire and Texas, Dolly Kahlstrom of Vermont and Richard Rowell of New Hampshire. She was also the sister-in-law of Bayne C. Gregory and Nancy B. Chase.

A Memorial Service was conducted on Nov. 13, at the Second Congregational Church, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Paul Pratt library, 106 South Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025 or to the Norwell Visiting Nurse Assoc., 320 Washington St., Norwell, MA 02061.

The interment is to be private.

Arrangements by the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, Hingham.

Donald L. Kelley

Donald L. Kelley, 85, a 70-year resident of Cohasset, died Nov. 10, 2004, at home after a brief illness.

Born in Swanton, Vt., he was the son of Benjamin and Claire Kelley. He was educated in Cohasset schools.

Mr. Kelley was employed as a custodian in the Hingham School system for 20 years retiring in 1987. He was also an on-call fireman for 14 years for the Town of Cohasset.

Husband of the late Margaret (DeMello) Kelly, he leaves a son, Stephen P. of Randolph, two daughters, Ruth Kelley of Cohasset and Donna Bila of Nevada; a granddaughter, Tami McLoughlin and two great-grandchildren.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Baystate Drive, Braintree, MA 02184.

A graveside service will be held at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

William E. Stover Jr.

William E. Stover Jr., 72, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, died Nov. 14, 2004, at Boston University Medical Center after a brief illness.

Born and educated in Cohasset, he was the son of the late William E. Stover Sr. and Elizabeth (Witt). He attended Cohasset schools.

Mr. Stover was Korean War veteran serving in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1960.

He was employed as an auto mechanic at Cohasset Village for more than 40 years, retiring several years ago.

Mr. Stover leaves his wife, Nancy (Decker) Stover; two daughters Cynthia L. of Plymouth and Carol E. Gargiuho of Hull; two sons William e. Stover III of Buckfield Maine; a son Douglas E. Stover of No. Carolina; two brothers David Stover and Charles Stover both of Cohasset; two sisters Ruth Brown of Cohasset and Sarah Mottern of Butler, Pa.; seven grandchildren.

Services and interment were private.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, NOV. 5

11:48 a.m. **Pond St.**, power outage.

11:53 a.m. **Brook St.**, fire, investigation.

12:48 p.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, fire, investigation.

1:43 p.m. **Church St.**, fire, investigation.

2:42 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check.

2:43 p.m. **Border St.**, fire, investigation.

4:29 p.m. **Forest Notch**, well being check.

7:12 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:56 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check.

10:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:37 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, officer wanted.

SATURDAY, NOV. 6 ,

9:03 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, officer wanted, peace restored.

10:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, well being check, area search negative.

1:55 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:43 p.m. **North Main St.**, property (lost).

5:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious/vehicle, area search negative.

6:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:10 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check, good intent call.

9:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, suspicious/person.

10:17 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and White Head Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SUNDAY, NOV. 7

8:54 a.m. **Summer St.**, animal complaint.

10:47 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer wanted, investigated/report taken.

10:50 a.m. **North Main St.**, officer wanted, referred to other agency.

12:24 p.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, property (lost), investigated/report taken.

5:36 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious/person.

MONDAY, NOV. 8

7:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:16 a.m. **Elm Ct.**, fire, (misc.).

10:35 a.m. **North Main St.**, threats (other), advised civil action.

11:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

5:48 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop.

6:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Otis St.**, assist other Police Dept.

7:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, well being check, transported SSH/BLS.

TUESDAY, NOV. 9

6:48 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, log entry.

7:17 a.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen, canceled before arrival.

7:28 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:18 a.m. **Lower King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic complaint.

9:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle.

10:33 a.m. **Elm Ct.**, parking complaint.

11:40 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, animal complaint, referred to other agency.

12:41 p.m. **Pond St.**, investigation.

1:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:54 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, fire, outside.

5:47 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, medial aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:58 p.m. **N. Main St.**, assist citizen.

9:16 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10

12:48 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid, patient sign off.

1:09 a.m. **HQ.**, registration inquiry.

5:18 a.m. **Mendel Rd.**, animal complaint.

5:41 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, Drive, assist citizen.

6:29 a.m. **Haystack Lane**, assist citizen.

6:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:42 a.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen.

7:10 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, Drive, assist citizen.

7:19 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, summons: Caetano Pinguil, 31, 51 Jefferson St., Milford. Chrgs: Speeding in violation of special regulations, operation of unlicensed motor vehicle.

7:31 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:41 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:47 a.m. **Sanctuary Pond Rd.**, assist citizen.

11:29 a.m. **West Gate Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:38 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, vandalism report.

8:34 p.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious/vehicle.

9:48 p.m. **South Main St. and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:27 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Surry Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist motorist.

10:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, good intent call.

THURSDAY, NOV. 11

12:25 a.m. **Elm St.**, noise complaint.

6:26 a.m. **Forest Ave., Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen.

6:46 a.m. **HQ.**, fire, log entry.

6:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:03 a.m. **HQ.**, fire log entry.

7:46 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, illegal dumping.

9:54 a.m. **Howe Rd.**, assist citizen, area search negative.

10:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:17 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:21 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, open door/window, no police service necessary.

10:48 a.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, vandalism report.

2:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

FRIDAY, NOV. 12

8:24 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, public service other.

1:03 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service other.

7:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist motorist.

9:20 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, NOV. 13

4:22 a.m. **Elm St.**, notification.

7:31 a.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:13 a.m. **Pond St., and King St.**, assist motorist.

12:12 p.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, fire, investigation.

12:19 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, traffic complaint.

7:06 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

7:32 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, well being check.

9:59 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:25 p.m. **Border St.**, assist citizen.

SUNDAY, NOV. 14

12:52 a.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

8:54 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.



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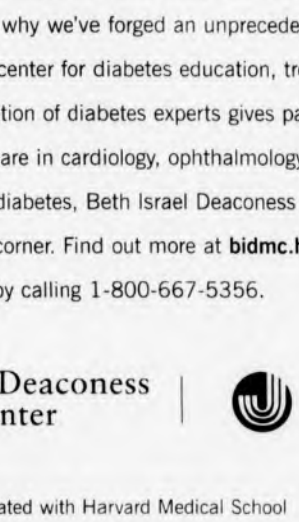
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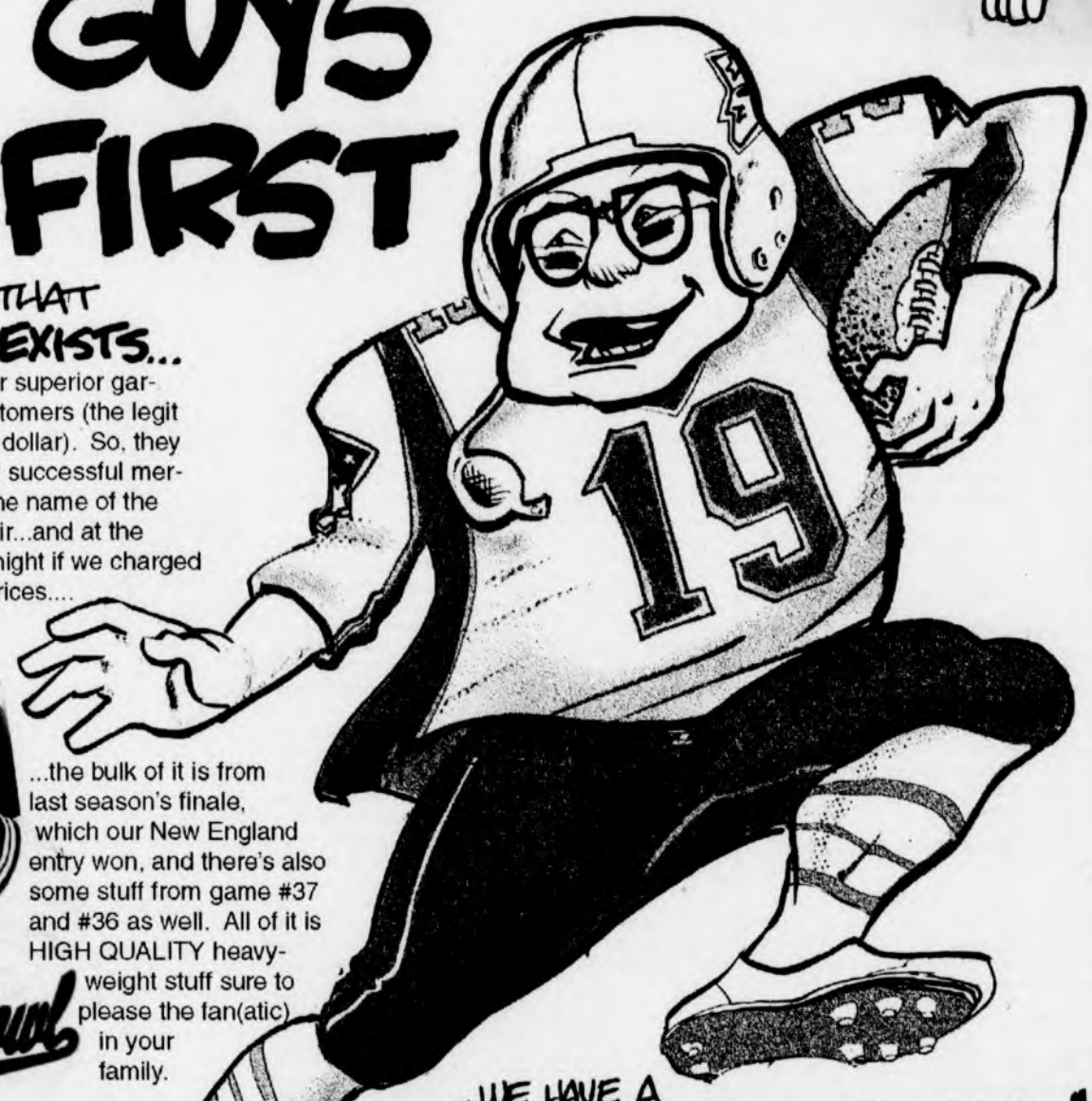
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LOMBARDO'S THIRD ANNUAL 'GIVING THANKS CELEBRATION - A FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER. At its conference and function facility, 6 Billings St in Randolph on Thanksgiving Day for seniors and those who do not have a family with whom to spend the holiday. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., dinner will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by dancing to a DJ until the event ends at 1:30 p.m. For information or to volunteer for the event call Maribella at Lombardo's at 781-986-5000.

LADIES AUXILIARY OF POST 3169 SCITUATE WILL HOST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR. Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at VFW Hall, Route 3A, Scituate. Admission is free, event is open to public. Many local artist and crafters will have gift and craft items for sale. Complete turkey dinner basket raffle will be drawn day of fair. Proceeds will benefit the auxiliary's charity relief fund. Table rental is $15 and is on a first come first serve basis. Call 781-545-5995.

***VOILÀ* NORWELL'S FRENCH COUNTRY BOUTIQUE** 428 Washington St. (Route 53) Norwell will open its doors for hospitality, hors d'oeuvres and beverages for a Holiday Open House on Dec. 9.—a la Provence. Voilà is a shop modeled after those in Europe with one of a kind European accents and furnishings for the home. Enjoy south of France ambience for the holidays

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST TO BENEFIT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. First annual Gingerbread House contest will take place at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor. Contest categories include Most Humorous, Most Traditional, Most Popular, Most Professional and Most Creative. Prizes include Getaway Weekend at Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor and dinners for four at the Harbor Grille. Entry fee is $10, drop-off/set-up date is Dec. 14. Entries will be displayed Dec. 15-20. All proceeds will go directly to Habitat for Humanity. For entry form, call The Radisson at 508-747-4900 or visit www.radissonplymouth.com or e-mail: info@radissonplymouth.com.

LORD OF THE DANCE TO RETURN TO WANG CENTER. Michael Flatley *is* the Lord of the Dance as he returns to Boston for a return engagement on Friday, Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 27 at both 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are $28.50 to $68.50 and are on sale at the Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont St., Boston; or online at www.telecharge.com; or by calling 1-800-447-7400; group discounts available; general information at www.wangcenter.org.

Thurs. Nov. 18

Pot Pourri Designs, 2053 Washington St., Merchants Row, Hanover, will host a **Holiday Open House** this Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. See the new holiday collections by **Sue Wong, Andriena Papell, Jade** and **Donna Degnan**. Refreshments will be served. 781-871-2911.

The Archbishop Williams High School Drama Club will present, **You Don't Know Me,** a modern play about the comedy and tragedy of teenage angst, Nov. 18 and 19, at 8 p.m. in the school's auditorium, 80 Independence Ave., Braintree. Admission is $4 for students and senior citizens, and $5 for adults. For information, contact Gus Lawlor at 781-843-3636.



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The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield, presents a Dixie Land Jazz Concert featuring New Eagles Jazz Band Sunday, Nov. 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. $10 admission. Dinner is available beginning at 3 p.m. For more information call 781-834-6505 The Bridgewaye is handicapped accessible.



BEST BET

'Lord of the Dance' back for Thanksgiving

Next weekend, after you've had your fill of turkey and all the fixings, you may be able to burn off some calories just by watching Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance," which features a cast of 40 in a show filled with heart-stopping dance, colorful costumes, dramatic music, elaborate sets and state-of-the-art pyrotechnics

The international Irish dancing phenomenon, "Lord of the Dance," returns to Boston's Wang Theatre, November 26-27, on a tour that has played to over 50 million people in 45 countries. Michael Flatley, who originated the role of the Lord, serves as artistic director and continues to oversee all aspects of the production. The troupe of performers, who have an average age of 22, stretch every boundary of a traditional form of dance that has evolved for more than 2,000 years.

"This show is not ballet. It's not tap. It's not flamenco. It is something I created from scratch, because nothing else was just right," according to Flatley.

(Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance" will be at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, November 26-27. For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.wangcenter.org

—R. Scott Reedy

The 10th annual Wine Tasting for the benefit of the Talking Information Center (TIC) of Marshfield, which includes five wines paired with a five course dinner, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 18 at the historic Barker Tavern located at 21 Barker Road in Scituate. Tickets are $75 per person. To purchase tickets, or for information, call the Talking Information Center at 800-696-9505, or 781-834-4400, or email general@ticnetwork.com.

Join the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell for a visit from actress **Marcia McDonald, aka Hungarian Grand Duchess Mariska,** at the **Thursday Tea** on Nov. 18, from 1:30 to 3:30pm. During her presentation, Grand Duchess Mariska will reveal her timeless beauty and diet secrets. Although this is somewhat tongue-in-cheek, Mariska will present several real home remedies. Tea and delicious treats will be served following the presentation. The cost is $8 members/ $10 non-members. Space is limited and pre-registration is necessary. To register, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

Boston Philharmonic, Benjamin Zander, conductor, presents **Ravel: La Valse Gershwin: Concerto in F** featuring **Kevin Cole,** piano. Stravinsky: Petrushka **The Whirl of Life** Nov. 18, 7:30p.m. Lecture Integrated into Performance, Sanders Theatre, Call box office 617-496-222 for tickets from $15 to $59.

The Braintree Art Association will meet Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building. **Becky Haletky** will demonstrate pointing in watercolor. Free and open to the public.

Edaville USA celebrates the **Holiday Festival of Lights** New England's largest holiday light display runs through Jan. 2, 2005. The family fun park features a narrow-gauge train ride through 5 1/2-miles of a decorated cranberry plantation. For information, call 877-EDAVILLE or go to www.edaville.org http://www.edaville.org

.Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, presents, every Thursday, New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano . Call 781-871-7175 for more info..

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Thursday 8:30 p.m. **Karaoke with Ron Towers.** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

"Creative Cultivations," hosted by the Duxbury Art Association, Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Bengtz and Butler Galleries, through Dec. 3. Exhibit features garden-inspired fine art and photography from some of the South Shore's leading artists. Gallery hours Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For info call 781-934-2731, Ext. 4.

Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St. Hingham. Listening to Other Voices, lecture is filled to capacity. No other reservations are being accepted. www.glastonburyabbey.org 781-749-2155x243

Bay State Blades is accepting applications for individuals 2.5 years and up for fall and winter skating lessons at **the Asiaf Skating Rink in Brockton**. New programs available for all ages and abilities beginning November/December. Programs are Tiny Blades, Tykes Hockey, Learn to Skate and Hockey Skating Skills. For information call 781-871-7681 or visit www.baystateblades.com.

Fri. Nov. 19

Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St., Scituate. **All Aboard! Polar Express Party** Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. Children 4 and up, their parents and siblings, are invited to participate. Charlotte will read aloud from the much-beloved children's book, **The Polar Express**, by Chris Van Allsburg. The contemporary-classic Christmas story of a doubting young boy, who takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole. Give away three sets of two tickets to the Polar Express movie (courtesy of Patriot Cinemas) and have other games/activities. 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com

The Archbishop Williams High School Drama Club will present, **You Don't Know Me,** a modern play about the comedy and tragedy of teenage angst, Nov. 18 and 19, at 8 p.m. in the school's auditorium, 80 Independence Ave., Braintree. Admission is $4 for students and senior citizens, and $5 for adults. For information, contact Gus Lawlor at 781-843-3636.

Pianists Edwina and Margaret Li (with Pianist **Jane Viemeister**) perform piano six-hand as **South Shore Conservatory's** Piano Department presents ***Piano Virtuosi in concert*** on Friday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the **Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury.** preceded by a complimentary reception at 6:30 p.m. ***Piano Virtuosi in concert*** includes jazz standards plus selections from Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, Rachmaninoff, Prokofieff, Poulenc, and living American composer Ned Rorem. Advance tickets to the concert are $15 for adults, and $10 for seniors and students and may be purchased at Conservatory offices, or by calling 781-934-2731, ext. 10. Tickets at the door are $20 for adults and $15 for seniors and students. The Ellison Center for the Arts is located at 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. For directions to the Ellison Center, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org, or call 781-934-2731.

St. Mary's Church, 392 Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover, will have their annual **Holiday Bazaar** Nov. 19 from 5 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday night supper and Saturday lunch will be sold during the bazaar. Pictures with Santa, Nov. 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 781-878-7337

Plympton Folk Arts is presenting its **23rd annual Christmas Shop in the Country,** Nov. 19, from 1 to 8 p.m. Nov. 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Town House Rt. 58. Country chicken supper on Friday night and chowder lunch on Saturday. Admission and refreshments are free. 781-248-7011

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center will present four performances of the romantic classic **Jane Eyre**. The final dress rehearsal is Nov. 18 at 4 p.m. and is open to senior citizens free of charge. Opening night is Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. The remaining three performances are Nov. 20, at 2 and 7 p.m. and Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. All performances are held at the Norwell Grange, 142 Main St., Norwell. Tickets go on sale 30 minutes prior to performance. $10 general admission $8 senior s and $5 students and Dreamchasers students. Call 508-224-4548 to reserve tickets.

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings the sound of the Beatles to Duxbury Performing Arts Center; Friday., Nov. 19. Tickets for **BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!** are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 866-468-7619.



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"My Friends, My Tools" by Jack Haran

The North River Arts Society will hold its 23rd Annual Holiday Art Sale, Nov. 20 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield. Original prints, paintings, and photographs start at $15. 781-837-8091.

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Nov. 19, **Satch & The Houserockers**, 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **The Spurs,** vintage western swing, on Nov. 19, Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

The South Street Gallery, the area's premier gallery featuring local, regional and national artists, will open an exhibit featuring the works of renowned artist **Charles Sovek**. The South Street Gallery is located at 149 South St., one minute from the Square in Hingham. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery. com.

The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery currently hosts an exhibition of great interest to art enthusiasts and holiday shoppers alike. **Small Works** showcases the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 Gallery Artists. Works in all media include watercolor, oil, charcoal, pen and ink, acrylic, pastels, pottery, monoprints, and photography and features familiar local scenes, landscapes, seascapes, still life, ceramics, collages, and folk art. All works are small in size with special pricing for holiday giving. Small Works is open through Dec. 31. Gallery Hours are Mon. to Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. For information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

Cohasset Dramatic Club Presents "Nunsense" at the Cohasset Town Hall on Nov. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. Individual tickets are $12 ($10 for seniors) and may be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop in Scituate harbor, at the door, and by calling the ticket reservation line at 617-697-2115. Groups of 10 or more are $10 per ticket; for group sales, please email tangledwb7@aol.com.

Hingham Public Library Dolphin Gallery presents the art work of **the late Mary A. Reardon** through Nov. 19. Representative selections reflect her work over a 50-year timespan. 781-741-1405.

"A View of Italy," an exhibition of paintings and photographs by **Kimberlee and Richard Alemian**, at the James Library in Norwell through Nov. 30.

ANNIE will be performed at the Orpheum-Foxboro, 1 School Street, Foxboro, for three weekends, Nov. 5 to 21 with Saturday and Sunday matinees. Tickets are $24 for adults, $22 for seniors and students, and $18 for children under 12. The Orpheum is handicapped accessible. Call 508-543-2787 (ARTS) for ticket and group sales information or purchase tickets on-line at www.orpheum.org.

Sat. Nov. 20

13th Annual Plain Street Studios-Open Studios Nov. 20 and 21, noon to 5 p.m. The Codman Building, 185 Plain St., Rt. 139, Rockland. More than 100 artists will display their works. www.plainstreetstudios.com

The North River Arts Society will hold its **23rd Annual Holiday Art Sale**, Nov. 20 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall.

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Bedlam Boys will be featured at Hingham's Coffeehouse off the Square on Saturday, November 20, at 8 p.m. The Bedlam Boys will be preceded by Hingham's own Jane Gilmartin. Join the Coffeehouse audience for an evening of 16th-Century "oldies but goodies. "The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square. Admission is $10 at the door. An open microphone precedes the concert. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents. For further information contact:Jim Watson at (781) 749-1767.



BEST BET

"Low Tide" by Mary Sheehan Winn

This weekend marks the 13th Annual Plain Street Studios-Open Studios at the Codman Building, 185 Plain Street (Route 139) Rockland. The studios will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 20 and 21 from noon to 5 p.m. and will feature the work of more than 100 artists will display their works. For more information visit www.plainstreetstudios.com

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...Productions, under ... and Executive ... John F. ...Donald, Jr., plans a full ... of comedies, musical ...ravues, specialty acts and live game shows, with a new line-up each week. Beginning in January, the company will be offering matinee dinner theater options for seniors, but will no longer be offering dinner theater packages for evening performances.

Upcoming productions in "The Den" at the Fox and Hound Wood Grille and Tavern include "Misgivings," Nov. 18; "The Mood Elevators," Nov. 19; "Connie, Brenda, Patsy and Me," Nov. 20; "Just Singing" with North Shore Acapella, Nov. 27 and Dec. 17; "Jazz 101: The Carol Wyeth Trio," Nov. 26 and Dec. 18. In addition, JM Productions will present its annual holiday production, "What Christmas Means to Me" throughout December.

(For tickets and more information about JM Productions new season at Fox and Hound Wood Grille and Tavern, 123 Sea Street, Quincy, call 617/786-7469 or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com <http://www.jmproductionspresents.com>)

- R. Scott Reedy

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157 Old Main St., Marshfield. Original prints, paintings, and photographs start at $15. 781-837-8091.

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library and **Buttonwood Books & Toys** host children's author Jacqueline Davies, to discuss her book **The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon**" on Sat. Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Rd., Cohasset. Suitable for Grades 3 and higher. This is a free event and open to the public. If you are unable to attend but would like a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwood-books.com

Independence Mall, Kingston - Santa will be arriving via fire truck thanks. Nov. 20, at 10 a.m. Santa will be available for visits through Christmas Eve in Center Court Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Additionally there will be a breakfast with Santa in the Food Court on Sunday Dec. 12, at 10 a.m. and a Pet Day on Dec. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. (Pets must use the yellow entrance). Be sure to come by for a visit with our new Santa and Christmas display. Visits with Santa are always free.

Archbishop Williams High School will hold its annual **Holiday Craft Show** Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 80 Independence Ave., Braintree. Highlights include a 50/50 raffle, and more than 40 tables of baked goods, crafts, novelty baskets, and jewelry. Refreshments will be available. Ample parking is available. For information call 781-843-3636.

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, will once again offer its **Art Appraisal Day** Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hingham resident Arthur Garrity, a professional fine art appraiser, will offer verbal appraisals at the Gallery at 149 South Street. Etchings, prints or original oil or watercolor paintings may be submitted for review. There is a fee of $10 per appraisal, with a portion being donated to the Hingham Library Fund. The Gallery is open from 10 a. m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday or by appointment.781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com

South Shore Conservatory's "Casual Jazz," featuring Scituate's **Lennie Peterson**, best known as the trombonist for Boston rock band **Clutch Grabwell** and renowned jazz clarinetist and saxophonist **Billy Novick** along with **Guitarist Mark Campbell, Pianist Ayn Inserto, Bassist Marshall Wood, and Percussionist Ed Sorrentino**, all of who perform professionally throughout the New England area will perform Nov. 20, at 4 p.m. at the Conservatory's Hingham campus. Admission to the event is $12, or $6 for Conservatory students, and may be paid at the door. All proceeds benefit the Jazz/Rock Department. South Shore Conservatory's Hingham campus is located at One Conservatory Drive. For directions, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org, or call 781-749-7565.

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Annual Silver Bells Fair, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the **First Congregational Church**, in the **Beal House**, 222 Main St., Kingston. Don't forget to bring your sharp knives, scissors, and clippers to the fair so Mac the Knife can sharpen them. A raffle table will feature a number of holiday baskets you can purchase a ticket to win. Then after you shop, visit our snack bar and have a bowl of chowder, a lobster roll or a hot dog and rest your feet. Admission is free.

Duxbury Art Association hosts **32nd Annual Craft Show and Sale** at the Duxbury High School, 130 St. George St. Nov. 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission $5; children under 12, free. 781-934-2731x4

Scituate's historic Ellis House, 709 Country Way, will host open studios Nov. 20 from noon to 6 p.m. A variety of artists will be displaying and selling their artwork. Studio artists **Nancy Cusack, Lisa Flynn, Kieli Storm, Rene Gaudet, Doug Orr, Julie Coletta and Frank Strazzulla Jr.** will be joined by others in displaying and selling artwork. Oil paintings, watercolors, monoprints, figurative drawings, stained glass, unique cards, photographs, handmade scarves and jewelry will all be available.

Artist Ginny Allen, a long time resident of Scituate and retired professor of Mass. Art is having an exhibition "Memento Mori" at the **South Shore Conservatory**, through Jan. 31, 2005.

Fuller Craft Museum 455 Oak Street in Brockton, rolls up the rugs for ceramic artist **Allison Newsome's** installation *On Island* through Jan. 2, 2005. Rhode Island artist Allison Newsome will create wet clay drawings and sculptures specifically for Fuller Craft's Tarlow Gallery that address environmental ethics using the imagery of nature and culture. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, Free for members and children under 12.

The Bedlam Boys and Hingham's own Jane Gilmartin to appear at **Hingham's Coffeehouse off the Square** The classically trained, Renaissance-oriented Bedlam Boys will be featured at Hingham's Coffeehouse off the Square on Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. Admission is $10 at the door. An open mike precedes the concert. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents.



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"Life" by Ted Polomis

The North River Arts Society presents an exhibition of oil paintings by artist Ted Polomis in the Dolphin Gallery of the Hingham Public Library. Running from November 20 to January 13, the show features a variety of intimate still lifes and studies painted in the tradition of classical realism. The library gallery is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to an opening reception on Monday, Nov. 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. The Hingham Public Library is located at 66 Leavitt Street in Hingham. For more information, call the North River Arts Society at 781.837.8091. Visit the artist's Web site at

Helen's Café, 16 Commercial St., Braintree 781 356 4311 Nov. 20, at 8:30 p.m. Featuring: **Mark Riley, Annette Pollack, Barry Kneller, Matt McArthur Jeff Clough**, and host **BHUPESH.** Admission: $10. Reservations recommended.

Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset, Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Saturday night from 8-11pm. Non-smoking, casual dress. 781-383-0900.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Nov. 20, **Racky Thomas Band** 781-871-7175.

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Nov. 20, **Steve Murphy Band**, 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Nov. 20, **Steve Smith & The Nakeds** funk, R and B, Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. Nov. 21

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Duxbury- Rockland Trust will sponsor the second annual community sing along Messiah performance hosted by Pilgrim Church in Duxbury, on Nov. 21, at 4 p.m., five talented soloists and a small orchestra will perform Handel's Messiah under the direction of Cathleen Morrison. Singers in the community will be the featured chorus. A reception with refreshments will follow the performance.

The Red Lion Inn in Cohasset Nov. 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. at — Lights, camera, fashion! Come enjoy a casually elegant afternoon of **fashion, food, wine and an auction**. You'll thrill to fall fashions from **Ports & Company of Cohasset Village** and try delectable delicacies from The Red Lion Inn. Tickets are limited and just $25 per person. Call 781-826-8995 for information. All proceeds benefit the no-kill, **non-profit Scituate Animal Shelter.**

First Herring Brook Watershed Initiative Wild Turkey Nature Walk Nov. 21, 1 to 3:30 p.m. This a family event featuring an easy stroll through interesting trails near the scenic, secluded Galen Damon Pond in Norwell. Meet at the Mt. Hope Improvement Society Building at the Corner of Clapp Road and Cedar Street in Scituate's rural West End. Nature themed art and photography will be offered for sale to support FHBWI programs. Refreshments will be served after the walk which will be led by FHBWI naturalists. $3 recommended donation, $5 maximum per family.Visit www.fhbwi.org or call Lisa Tompson on 781-545-7376.

30th Annual Fall Flea Market & Craft Fair Temple Beth Emunah , 479 Torrey St. corner Pearl St., Brockton, Nov. 21 & Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. There will be over 75 dealer tables. Snack bar will be open for breakfast, lunch and snacks during the day. The Temple is Handicap Accessible. Admission is still only 50 cents. For information and directions call the temple at 508-583-5810 www.templebethemunah.org.

The Hanover Mall, Hanover, will host its **Sixth Annual Charity Night** for members and supporters of charities and non-profit organizations on Nov. 21. All organizations are encouraged to sign up. $5 admission fee gives participating organizations entrance to the mall from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. 100percent of the proceeds from the admission ticket sales will go to the member's organization. The Mall will give highest number of tickets sold from top three organizations cash prizes. Call 781-826-7386 for information.

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center will present four performances of the romantic classic **Jane Eyre**. The final dress rehearsal is Nov. 18 at 4 p.m. and is open to senior citizens free of charge. Opening night is Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. The remaining three performances are Nov. 20, at 2 and 7 p.m. and Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. All performances are held at the Norwell Grange, 142 Main St., Norwell. Tickets go on sale 30 minutes prior to performance. $10 general admission $8 senior s and $5 students and Dreamchasers students. Call 508-224-4548 to reserve tickets.

The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore a new marching arts program, is accepting applications for brass and percussion players, as well as color guard (flag squad) members. A family style group open to individuals 13 years and older. Musical experience desirable but not necessary. Inexperienced but motivated people will be trained by expert instructional staff in a fun and dynamic rehearsal setting. Has your community eliminated its band or music programs? Would you still like to be in a very high caliber marching and musical group? The Imperials is much cheaper than music lessons. Free unlimited trial membership. Winter rehearsals on most Sundays at the Pembroke Community Center Rt. 14, Pembroke, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. For rehearsal info, membership and directions, visit www.pathwayproductions.org/imperials.htm

'Natural Selections' in Hingham. Marshfield photographer, **Cindy Vallino** will exhibit nine images from her series of photographic prints, "Natural Selections" at the **Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery**, through Dec. 2 during library hours. Information on her art may be found at her Web site: www.cvallino.com, or www.vallinophoto.com; or at the library at 781-741-1405; or www.hinghamlibrary.org.

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Cohasset Dramatic Club Presents "Nunsense" at the Cohasset Town Hall on Nov. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. Individual tickets are $12 ($10 for seniors) and may be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Book Shop in Scituate harbor, at the door, and by calling the ticket reservation line at 617-697-2115. Groups of 10 or more are $10 per ticket; for group sales, please email tangledwb7@aol.com.



Billy Novick — Lennie Peterson

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Scituate's Lennie Peterson, best known as the trombonist for Boston rock band Clutch Grabwell, performs in South Shore Conservatory's Casual Jazz, featuring renowned jazz clarinetist and saxophonist Billy Novick on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 4 p.m. at the Conservatory's Hingham campus. Admission to the event is $12, or $6 for Conservatory students, and may be paid at the door. All proceeds benefit the Jazz/Rock Department. South Shore Conservatory's Hingham campus is located at One Conservatory Drive. For directions, please visit www.southshoreconservatory.org, or call 781-749-7565. For more information on the program, please call 781-749-7565, ext. 21.



LISTEN To Life

by John Klefeker, BC-HIS

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NO REPLACEMENT (THERAPY) FOR HEARING

Hormone replacement therapy (HRT) for the relief of such menopausal symptoms as hot flashes and night sweats has already been called into question, having been linked to increased risk for breast cancer, heart attacks, stroke and dementia. Now, a pilot study has linked HRT to hearing loss as well. According to researchers from the International Center for Hearing and Speech Research at the University of Rochester and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at the Rochester Institute of Technology, older women receiving HRT performed 10% to 30% worse on hearing tests than women not receiving HRT. While further studies are sure to follow, this initial finding is one more reason to weigh HRT very carefully.

We bring you this column on hearing in order to better educate our friends here in Weymouth on the importance and benefits of taking care of their hearing and thus enhancing their quality of life. If you are having trouble hearing, or if a family member seems to be experiencing hearing difficulties, we welcome your call at **FAMILY HEARING CARE CENTER 781-337-1144.** We offer comprehensive services by a Board Certified Hearing Instrument Specialist at **534 Main St. (Rt. 18)**, across from the Stetson Bldg. in **Weymouth**, including testing, evaluation, fittings, a full range of hearing instruments and follow-up care.

P.S. The study mentioned above noted that the hearing loss among women receiving HRT was most noticeable when background noise made understanding sentences difficult.



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Pianists Edwina and Margaret Li (with Pianist Jane Viamelster) perform piano six-hand as South Shore Conservatory's Piano Department presents *Piano Virtuosi In concert* on Friday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. Sponsored by M. Steinert & Sons, *Piano Virtuosi In concert* includes jazz standards plus selections from Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, Rachmaninoff, Prokofieff, Poulenc, and living American composer Ned Rorem. Advance tickets to the concert are $15 for adults, and $10 for seniors and students and may be purchased at Conservatory offices, or by calling 781-934-2731, ext. 10. Tickets at the door are $20 for adults and $15 for seniors and students. The Ellison Center for the Arts is located at 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. For directions to the Ellison Center, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org, or call 781-934-2731.

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Nancy Murphy Spicer beginning through Jan. 9. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org

ShakerHigh/Shaker Low, at the **Art Complex Museum** 189 Alden St., Duxbury through Jan. 9, 2005. Pieces from its extensive Shaker Collection will be on display. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org.

USS Constitution Museum – Celebrate Old Ironsides 207th birthday, Admission is free. Groups of 10 must call to make reservations. Handicap accessible. 617-426-1812 wwwussconstitutionmuseum.org

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield, Dixieland Jazz concert: Nov. 21, **Dixie Land Jazz Concert** featuring **New Eagles Jazz Band** 4 to 7 p.m. $10 admission. Dinner available beginning at 3 p.m. 781-834-6505 Handicap accessible

Single Executives Club" Sunday Singles Dance Nov. 21, 7 to 11 p.m.. Pembroke Country Club, 94 W. Elm St., Pembroke. Rte. 53 off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com Vocals and live dance music by recording star **Beau Paris**. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Numerous free door prizes. For singles and couples 35+ years old. Cost is $10 all night.

Mon. Nov. 22

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, located at 273 Hanover St., Hanover, offers education, support and complementary modalities for people living with the challenges of cancer. For info call Ann or Gail at 781-829-4823 or visit www.pathwaysccs.org.

The North River Arts Society presents an exhibition of oil paintings by **artist Ted Polomis** in the Dolphin Gallery of the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham, through Jan. 13. The show features a variety of intimate still lifes and studies painted in the tradition of classical realism. The library gallery is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. The public is invited to an opening reception on Nov. 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. For information, call 781-837-8091 or visit www.polomis.com.

'Storm Fears' and other landscape paintings by Duxbury artist, **Matthew Zappala** will be exhibited in the Vine Hall Gallery of the **South Shore Natural Science Center** in Norwell, 48 Jacobs Lane, Nov. 1-28. Zappala's style is reminiscent of the Expressionists and post-Impressionists. Exhibit is free and open to everyone, Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For directions or information, call the center at 781-659-2559 or visit its Web site at www.ssnsc.org.

Chess Club - Children ages 9-14 are invited to join the **Hull Lifesaving Museum's** free after school Chess Club on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m., through Dec. 20. Beginners are welcome. Parent volunteers are also welcome. Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or lifesavingmuseum @comcast.net.

Braintree Art Association member **Joan Percy** will display her paintings for the month of November at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Tues. Nov. 23

In Shape Studio, Hanover Mall - An all women's fitness club featuring the original 30 minute circuit program using Pace circuit equipment (programmed accommodating circuit exercise) which is both aerobic and anaerobic. Weight loss support and other groups forming now.. 781-829-5555.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, hosts story time every Tuesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Age range is 2 to 5 years old. Free. For information call 781-383-2665.

Cranberry Hospice is offering single session meetings to help people cope with grief during the holidays. Workshops will be held on Nov.. 23, from noon to1:30 p.m.; Dec. 8, from noon to1: 30 p.m.; Dec. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. To register call Kathleen McAleer at 508-746-0215.

Calling all South Shore Parents Are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community, complete with a listing of family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hot-spots along the South Shore. www.southshoreparents.com

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave.,

Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

Wed. Nov. 24

New acting classes are starting at the Acting Studio for intermediate and beginners on Nov. 17, for eight weeks at New North Church in Hingham. Hands-on film and stage techniques, exploring content and craft, On-camera feedback and a fresh start for new and intermediate actors, using Hagen, Meisner and Dillon NYC techniques. Monologues, scene study and group exercises will be explored. To register, contact Acting Studio at 781-749-7895 to enroll. There will be no classes during Christmas vacation. Students will be considered for upcoming projects for television, stage and film as well as leave classes with an audition monologue.

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.

The North River Arts Society presents **A Tribute to Willard Robinson**, North River Arts Society artist and instructor, at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster, Marshfield through Dec. 4. 781-837-8091.

The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, presents, **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party** hosted by Satch Romano . Special night due to Thanksgiving holiday. 781-871-7175.

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield, Dixieland Jazz concert: Nov. 24, **The Infractions** kick off holiday music fest with their Annual Thanksgiving Reunion $7 admission from 9 p.m. to midnight. Diner available beginning at 7 p.m. 781-834-6505 Handicap accessible

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Nov. 24, **The Fat City Band.** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Thurs. Nov. 25

Thanksgiving in the Mountains, travel via a chartered motor coach. Join in a feast with family and friends on an **all-you-can-eat holiday buffet** in grand style at the **North Conway Grand Hotel** in the Mount Washington Valley of New Hampshire. After the feast stroll the village of North Conway. Mid morning departures and early evening arrivals. $55 per person covers it all. Call 617-361-4445 or www.mysticvalleyrs.org

The Wildlands Trust, a local nonprofit organization protecting over 4,000 acres of land in Southeastern Massachusetts, invites you and your family to visit the **O'Neil Dairy Farm** on Nov. 25, at 10 a.m. before your Thanksgiving dinner. Come find out what the cows are up to and watch for wild turkeys as we walk the fields. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring binoculars, a camera, and water if desired. RSVP by the Tuesday prior to the walk by calling the Wildlands Trust office at 781 934-9018.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Nov. 25, **Level Ride and Fish Bowl,** rock. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Fri. Nov. 26

Fontbonne Academy's 25th Annual Art & Crafts Festival will be held Friday, Nov. 26, 5 to 8:30 p.m. and continuing through Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fontbonne Academy's gymnasium at 930 Brook Road, Milton. Open to the public and handicapped accessible. Admission is $2/person; under 14 free. Refreshments will be available. A pasta dinner will be offered between 5 and 7 p.m. on Friday evening and a continental breakfast and light lunch will be on the menu on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For info about the fair, contact Mrs. Margaret O'Connor at 617-698-3007.

JFK Library, Columbia Point, Boston. , Nov. 26, 10:30 a.m. **Angkor Dance Troupe, Traditional Asian Fold Dance**. Free performance. 617-514-1646 www.jfklibrary.org

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, will bring back to its stage the Charles Dickens' classic **A Christmas Carol**; opening Friday, Nov 26 and running through Dec. 18. Performances are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. There will also be a 4 p.m. show on Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Tickets are priced at $25 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and $23 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at, and by calling 781-871-2787.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke free dance Nov. 26, featuring **DJ Dave Joubert** from 8 p.m. to midnight. at the Abington VFW,30 Central St., Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-Members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021. www.southshoresingles.org

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library will unwrap a special exhibit, "Presents for a President and First Lady," on Nov. 26, a display of 65 state gifts presented to President and Mrs. Kennedy by foreign leaders from around the globe. The exhibit, which features a large selection of never-before-seen treasures from the Kennedy White House, opens for the traditional gift-giving season in the Museum's White House corridor and ceremonial room, and runs through November 13, 2005. General admission is $10; seniors over the age of 62 and college students with appropriate identification is $8, and for children ages 13-17, $7. Children ages 12 and under are admitted for free.

The Library and Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the exceptions of Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Handicapped accessible. For information, call (866) JFK-1960 or access www.jfklibrary.org

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Nov. 26, **Basic Black** 781-335-9796



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Duxbury has Beatlemania

BEATLEMANIA-LIVE!" brings back the sound of The Fab Four to the Duxbury Performing Arts Centerwith a show that will have audiences dancing in the aisles Friday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. Having toured throughout the world, BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! Celebrates the 40th Anniversary of The Beatles' invasion of America by recreating more than 35 Beatles' classics, played note for note, all live on stage. The show will also feature three full costume changes as they send audiences time-trippin' back to the days of the Early Beatles, the Sgt. Pepper's Beatles, and the "hippie-look" Beatles from the Abby Road period.

Tickets for BEATLEMANIA-LIVE! At the Duxbury Performing Arts Center are now on sale at $35 at the Business Office located at Duxbury High School at 130 St. George Street in Duxbury. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketweb.com and by calling 781-934-7604 866-468-7619.

The Back Side Tavern, Webster Square, downtown Marshfield, Nov. 12 and 26, at 9 p.m. **The J Place Band** - Blues, Soul, & Rock 'n Roll 781 837 0300, (No Cover Charge).

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield, Dixieland Jazz concert: Nov. 26, The Humarockers play classic rock of the 60s, 70s, andmore No cover 9 p.m. to midnight. 781-834-6505 Handicap accessible.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Nov. 26, Chris Fitz Band, blues. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com



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JM Productions presents a nostalgic comedy night featuring comedian Paul O'Donnell at its new home in "The Den" at Fox and Hound Wood Grille and Tavern, 123 Sea Street Quincy. It is a homecoming for O'Donnell who played at the venue in the 1950s and 60s. O'Donnell will perform two shows only Nov. 17 and 26 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15 in advance, $20 the night of the show. For tickets and information visit wwwjmproductionspresents.com or call 617-786-SHOW (7469).

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By FRAN GOLDEN

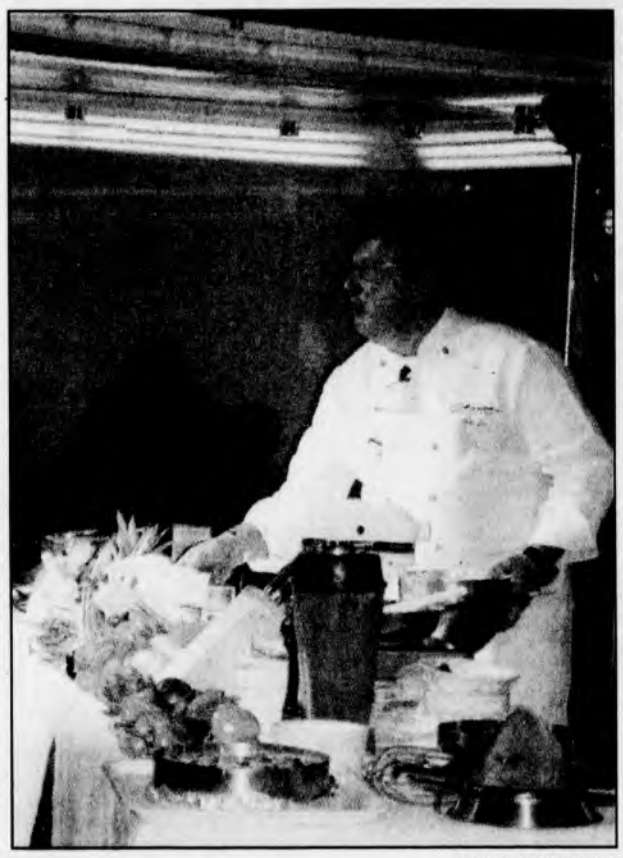
Celebrated chef/restaurateur Robbin Haas was showing cruise passengers how to make his tuna ceviche with lime-soy-coconut marinade when he pulled a Julia Child. "Did I forget to put soy in the (handout) recipe? Add a cup of soy sauce," Haas told the attentive crowd of about 70, who were following his cooking action on an overhead screen. Around the small theater pens were pulled out, the additional ingredient written down. Haas, whose contemporary Latin restaurant Chispa opened a year ago in Coral Gables, Fla., also showed how to make his sinfully delicious guava cheesecake, telling an elderly audience member, "It's all about the guava, baby." The demonstration was as good as anything you'll see on the Food Channel, but live, with samples of the dishes carefully passed out by waiters and accompanied by wines. All very civilized; all very entertaining. During a Q&A, Haas was asked the secret to the crispy top on creme brulee. The bearded chef told his elegant questioner to go to Sears and buy a blowtorch. "It's no harder than flicking a Bic," Haas said. As a top luxury line, Seabourn is known for fine, top restaurant-quality cuisine. Its annual Great American Food and Wine Festival is icing on the cake for foodies. Sailing down the eastern seaboard (this year from New York to Nassau in the Bahamas), the cruise features guest chefs and special food-related shore offerings.

The line also hosts visiting chefs on other select sailings as part of its Chef's Circle program. In addition to his cooking demonstration, Haas prepared a meal for passengers in the ship's dining room one night, his exquisite main course offering of tenderloin of beef with cabrales cheese crust on boniato-calabaza hash a true incentive to visit his restaurant for more. The full October sailing was for 13 nights, but you could pick up the ship in Alexandria, Va., for a seven-night cruise, which is what I did. During the first half of the cruise, New York-based celebrity chef Charlie Palmer, the line's culinary consultant, was the visiting chef and led a shopping tour where the goal was fresh fish, cannolis and prosciutto. I missed that. But on the latter half of the sailing there was also much time to talk food, eat and learn. Frankly, I don't know all that much about Southern cuisine. So it was a delight to visit such ports as Charleston, S.C., and Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island, Fla., where Southern cooking's the thing. A great introduction was offered on the Historic Charleston and Lowcountry Cuisine shore excursion ($129 per person). Tenth generation South Carolinian Amanda Dew Manning, a lowcountry food expert, was our guide. After a brief city tour by bus æ with glimpses of the historic downtown, waterfront mansions and Citadel æ Manning took us to Magnolias (185 E. Bay St.), where chef/owner Donald Barickman (he also owns Blossom and Cypress in Charleston) is credited with creating new South Carolina cuisine.

But before you can understand the new you have to understand the past, and Manning took us through South Carolina food history in a PowerPoint presentation. Influences on South Carolina cooking came from American Indians, slaves from Africa, and Europeans (including French Huguenots), Manning explained. She said Charlestonians in the early days drank a lot of wine because the water was bad. "We still drink a lot here," she said. Historic foods include rice, corn and pork. She talked of the virtues of stone-ground grits and grits vs. hominy, hoppin' John (black-eyed peas and rice) and game meats such as wild turkey and possum, as well as South Carolina's big peach crop and the local American Classic Tea, the official tea of the White House. Chef Barickman stopped by to explain his "uptown, down South" concept. "Grits are on the menu morning, noon and night," he said. We dined on pimiento cheese spread served with flatbread and house-made potato chips topped with blue cheese and scallions, spicy shrimp and sausage with tasso gravy over creamy white grits, and a sweet biscuit with strawberries, orange custard sauce and whipped cream. Visitors are advised to pick up a bag of Magnolias' stone ground grits for $5, buy a copy of the chef's cookbook ($19.95) to learn the proper preparation. For more on Manning's tours, call Carolina FoodPros, 843-723-3366, or go to www.carolinafoodpros.com.

Walking back to the ship, on Manning's advice I stocked up on South Carolina's delicious treat benne (sesame) wafers and artichoke relish at Gita's Gourmet in the historic Charleston Market. Later on Amelia Island I got more of a homegrown lesson on Southern cooking. The Florida House Luncheon & Stroll shore excursion ($55 per person) in historic Fernandina Beach was a walking tour highlighted by a visit to the Florida House Inn (20 S. Third St.), built in 1857. Ulysses S. Grant, Jose Marti, the Rockefellers and the Carnegies have all slept here. We sipped tasty mojitos and dined "boarding-house-style" on Southern treats including fried chicken, chicken with dumplings, field peas, biscuits with orange butter and banana pudding. I asked one of the seniors serving the meal how to make the delicious field peas (little red beans). "Honey, you take a ham hock and you put it in a pressure cooker with the peas and some salt and pepper and water, and you let it go."

The Dec. 12 sailing of the Seabourn Pride will feature Rob Feenie of Lumiere in Vancouver, considered one of the finest restaurants in Canada. His specialty is French meets Pacific Rim. Fares are from $2,757 for the weeklong sailing from Barbados to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Arrangements for Chef's Circle cruises in 2005 are still in the works. Next year's Great American Food and Wine Festival will be Oct. 16-30 on the Seabourn Pride. Fares are from $6,948 per person. For reservations, call your travel agent or go to www.seabourn.com.



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Guest chef Robbin Haas conducts a cooking class on the Seabourn Pride.



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They serve traditional Southern cooking "boarding house" style at the Florida House Inn in Fernandina Beach, Amelia Island, Fla.

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Cohasset chooses new Town Manager

Should come on board in two months

By Mary Ford
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Members of the current Board of Selectmen haven't always been in agreement. But Saturday, all five were unanimous in their first choice for Town Manager – William R. Griffin who is currently the Bourne Town Administrator.

Although Griffin, 51, a Plymouth resident, was the third finalist Selectmen interviewed during a marathon meeting Saturday at town hall, he finished at the top of the list.

"Bill has the passion, enthusiasm and conviction," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan. "He has the gut feeling that this is the right thing for him and my gut feeling is I agree with him."

Pending the results of an in-depth background check and employment negotiations expected to take roughly two weeks, Griffin will take over the reins at town hall in about two

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PHOTO/MARY FORD

William R. Griffin stands on the Town Hall steps following Saturday's interview before Selectmen, who made the Bourne Town Administrator their unanimous choice. Griffin was one of three finalists out of a field of 86 that sent in résumés for the Cohasset post.

Winds of change at Sandy Beach

New dune could help control erosion

By Samantha Brown
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The landscape at Sandy Beach could soon be changing as the Department of Environmental Protection said it would like to the town form a new dune, to help control erosion from traveling sand. In addition, it would like to see a maintenance plan drafted for the beach, which would regulate what the Sandy Beach Association and town can do on the site.

After a concerned resident reported the town had removed a dune from the parking lot, the DEP paid the town a visit this spring. In addition, it was reported the Sandy Beach Association had used heavy equipment on the beach to bring sand from the parking lot, back onto the beach.

As a result, members of the Sandy Beach Association, Conservation Commission, Town Manager Michael Buckley, and various DEP members and affiliates, met in Boston Nov. 16 for a hearing to determine whether the town had violated any regulations, and how it should proceed from here.

The DEP is not going to require the town to replace sand which was removed between the beach parking lot and Atlantic Avenue this past spring. President of the Sandy Beach Association Robin Lawrence said it has said a new dune, to be located on the beach, will need to be established along the sea side of the current rock wall. Although plans could change depending on the maintenance plans the town and the Sandy Beach Association submit, the former strip of sand running along Atlantic Avenue may be gone for good.

"DEP would like us to establish a frontal dune," said Lawrence,

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Giving thanks to those who serve our country



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Cohasset resident Dennis Reardon lost his life during Vietnam at the young age of 24.

By Samantha Brown
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Sitting around the holiday table, many families will count their blessings this Thanksgiving. Some will be thankful their loved ones have returned home safe after serving on active duty in the armed forces, while others will be thankful there are brave men and women who have answered the call of duty to serve and protect our country, and have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The sacrifice of 1st Lt. Dennis Joseph Reardon is remembered every day by those who pass by the memorial square dedicated to him on the corner of Elm Street and Stephen's Lane near the police department entrance, just three houses down from the home he grew up in, 84 Elm St. As a living tribute, members of one of the Cohasset garden clubs planted a very rare cucumber tree, (*Magnolia acuminata*), which has continued to flourish since the 1960s.

Well known around town, Reardon, whose nickname was "The Duck" was often spotted riding his motorcycle up Jerusalem Road. His quick smile and irresistible sense of humor help those who knew him continue to remember him today.

Reardon grew up in Cohasset and attended the old Ripley Road School, the Deer Hill School, and graduated from Cohasset High School in 1963.

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From left, Margot Robbins, Megan Rosano, Shea Kearney, Alyssa Lum and Emily Rosano learn what it was like to grind corn and beans for dinner in the wetu, a Wampanoag wigwam.

History in the making at Osgood

Hands-on program for kids after school

By Samantha Brown
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In a corner of a classroom in the Osgood School, three little boys wearing brown vests play under a wetu — a small Native American hut. As they role-play and pretend to grind corn, under a structure they helped build, they are learning a valuable lesson about community and culture, the history of our country, as well as everything they have to be thankful for.

Every day, after school, a group of students ranging in age from kindergarten through grade two make their way to the school's Enrichment Program. There, guided by teacher Grace Griffiths, they are given inspiration for their imaginations, which since early October, has focused on Christopher Columbus, followed by Native American culture, leading up to the Pilgrim's first Thanksgiving.

"Because they're enrichment, the activities don't follow a curriculum format," said Griffiths, although with her extensive teaching background, she said she tries to parallel curriculum with play. However, she said the children have so much fun with the activities, "They have learned a lot by accident."

"They have learned a lot by accident."
— Grace Griffiths, teacher

Griffiths said the students have learned all about hunting and gathering, and the importance of being able to use what you have to fulfill your needs. She said every child "hunted and gathered" a "brown bag-skin," to fashion their own Native American vest, many of which say "Shaws" or "Stop & Shop" on the inside. The children also learned how to smash berries into a beautiful colored ink to paint with, and each child made their own pictograph.

The children have also been learning about music and have listened to many different forms with different rhythms. Griffiths said they have also learned about different kinds of numbers including Roman numerals and tallying with lines.

"We've also done a lot of cooking from scratch," she said, adding the children love being hands-on with projects and recently made corn muffins. She said every child also made their own wreath to bring home, fashioned out of bittersweet and grapevines.

The children have also been taught about Native American folklore and if they sit quietly enough, Griffith said they are able to hear the "voice of the turtle." She said by using the turtle as a metaphor, children can see turtles sometimes feel like they want to hide inside their shell because they are sad

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Campaign reaches out to the military

"Violence flares in Sunni bastions."
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Throughout the holiday season we'll be writing stories and profiling the work of three South Shore efforts geared to helping military families in need. We'll be partnering with the Pembroke Military Support Group; Care Packs of Weymouth; and the Quincy based operations of the National Guard's Family Readiness Groups. All are devoted to providing needed support — financial or otherwise — to our soldiers and their families.

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Supt. reception, a nice welcome

School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said the welcome reception for new Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh, held at the Lightkeepers' Residence Nov. 14, went very well.

"It was a really nice reception for a really nice person," she said. Although there was low attendance, MacCarthy said among those who did attend, many were new faces, some of which have students in kindergarten. "It's nice to know there's another group coming in and they want to be involved," said MacCarthy.

MacCarthy offered her thanks to everyone who helped plan the reception, including the generous donation of the Lightkeepers' Residence for the event. "It's a great opportunity to be able to share the facility with people," she said.

Girl Scouts bake sale for charity

The Girl Scouts in Troop 4778 had a very successful bake sale last week, and raised $85.50 which they donated to the Boston Rescue Mission to help feed the homeless. The girls, who are all in fourth grade, sold baked goods during the fourth grade lunch at Deer Hill Nov. 16, and took turns working the table and making change.

Before the sale, the girls made posters and hung them around the Deer Hill School to promote the event, and also wrote an announcement which Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley read over the PA system.

The girls came up with the idea after Troop leader Mary McKelvey received a brown paper bag in the mail a few weeks ago which said for a $1.78 donation, a homeless person could be given a Thanksgiving dinner, complete with turkey. The girls estimate their donation will be enough to feed 48 people.

Strategic Planning brochure available

Copies of the schools' strategic planning brochure is now available for the public. Copies can be picked up at the superintendent's office, and the School Committee said it will also be made available at the Town Library as well as online in the coming weeks. The brochure outlines the goals and objectives of the schools moving forward for the next five years.

McGee, Peter Pratt are guests on 'Our Town'

Tune in to Our Town next Thursday (Dec. 2) at 8:30 p.m. on Comcast Channel 10 for a repeat of the Nov. 25 show. Guests include Advisory Committee Chairman Donna McGee and Planning Board member Peter Pratt. Also, reporter Rich Ofstun meets with the "Old Goats."

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Advisory Committee, Dec. 1 and Dec. 2, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.

Osgood School Council, Nov. 30, 3:30 p.m., Osgood School Conference Room

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, Dec. 8, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, Dec. 1, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Nov. 30 and Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.. (Town Manager finalist interviews)

Sewer Commission, Nov. 29, 6 p.m.

ZBA, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Register to vote

Friday Nov. 26 will be the last day to register to vote in the upcoming Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting. Registration sessions will be held at the Town Clerk's office on Nov. 26 from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home. Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later meetings or elections. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's office at (781) 383-4100.

CPC fund receives dollar-for-dollar match

On Oct. 15 Cohasset's Community Preservation Fund received $254,690 from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. This was the third consecutive year that the Commonwealth matched dollar-for-dollar all money raised by Cohasset through the Community Preservation Act.

The money received from the Commonwealth was deposited into Cohasset's Community Preservation Fund and combined with the revenues raised locally by assessing a 1.5 percent surcharge against real property values. The fund is spent on projects endorsed by the Community Preservation Committee and then approved by Town Meeting.

Recent projects include:

- purchasing several lots bordering Lily Pond (in order to protect the water supply);
- creating two senior housing units in the former Paul Pratt Memorial Library;
- constructing playing fields and play grounds, and the highly successful acquisition of the "Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary", which was purchased without any impact to the tax base.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends appropriating money from the Community Preservation Fund on projects supporting low and moderate income housing, historical preservation, and open space acquisition and preservation, CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey explains.

The money provided by the Department of Revenue is raised by a surcharge assessed at all Recorder of Deeds offices each time someone records a deed or mortgage on the land records.

"During the most recent budget session on Beacon Hill, legislators made seven attempts to spend this money on unrelated special interest projects," Ivimey said. "But thanks to a bipartisan effort that included leadership by state Sen. Robert Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley, the Commonwealth's fund was fully preserved."

Anyone interested in applying for Community Preservation funding is encouraged to contact Stuart Ivimey at (781) 383-2604.

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Sun. 28	11:52	10.2	5:41	——	——	6:17
Mon. 29	12:32	8.8	6:22	12:31	10.1	6:57
Tues. 30	1:13	8.7	7:03	1:12	9.8	7:39
Wed. 1	1:55	8.5	7:46	1:55	9.5	8:22
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School officials look at ways to boost the bottom line

Could charge for non-academics

By Samantha Brown
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There's going to be a budget shortfall for the current fiscal year, which started July 1.

Although the fiscal year 2005 number is far from being concrete and could be as high as $500,000 — the schools are looking at ways to help the bottom line.

Some school programs could experience an implementation of fees, or could be cut altogether, while additional programs could be added to help increase revenue.

Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh said while it may seem counter-intuitive to add programs at a time when resources are low, she has an idea which could help generate the revenue the school department needs.

She said if the school department can start up its own preschool and also expand to full-day kindergarten —which would be run on a fee basis — it could "possibly generate a net gain equivalent to three teachers." Currently there is a preschool program being run by the South Shore Educational Collaborative out of the Osgood School.

But there are other possible revenue options which have been floated in the past and will be considered again, such as implementing fees for transportation, extra-curricular activities, and athletics, and increasing lunch prices.

Last year, the School Committee discussed increasing fees for high school athletics, but ultimately decided to cut the middle school athletic program, and replace it with an intramural sports program, funded solely by fees. However, School Committee member Rick Flynn said when fees are increased too much at the high school level, "Depending on how high you go, you can tend to drive more kids away."

Flynn said many Cohasset students are able to go to college as a result of sports scholarships, and it might not be the best solution to begin implementing fees for such a beneficial program which could deter some athletes from participating. In addition, in order to raise the kind of money the schools really need, increasing fees can only do so much.

However, Walsh said she knows of other schools which have experienced the same budget woes as Cohasset and they have been forced to cut all funding for everything non-academic. Those schools systems have taken the approach that it is the school's responsibility to educate first and foremost, and everything else must be secondary. That means anything extra-curricular, from music to art class to sports, is not included in the budget, and is funded solely through user fees or the local boosters clubs.

Walsh said she has also heard of towns beginning extra-curricular or athletic funds where residents can make tax-deductible contributions to help keep programs going. However, Flynn pointed out the town already has an organization that accepts donations —the Cohasset Educational Foundation — but, with the exception of the funds raised last year to save teaching positions, funding is usually contributed to cover one-time items such as the language lab or computer lab. "The question is, do we want to support our operating costs with donated funds," said Flynn.

"We need to regroup, knowing the challenges we have ahead and deal with those issues right now."
— Jamie Williams, School Committee

Asking those who ride the bus to pay a fee may seem like a viable option, but when the particulars are really looked at, Walsh said there would only be a small number of students who could be charged. She said the schools are required to transport students in kindergarten through grade six, and any other students for whom it would be dangerous to walk to school. That would include any child who lives on the other side of Route 3A,as well as any children living on a street which does not have a sidewalk. To single out a small percentage of students to pay the fees not only would be unfair, but would be unprofitable, she said. While parking fees could be implemented for those students who choose to drive to school instead of taking the bus and paying the transportation fee, in the end, Walsh said transportation fees won't be a viable solution.

Without any certain means of generating funding, School Committee member Chartis Tebbetts said the board has three options: do nothing and watch the figures to see if they go up or down; look at other ways to increase revenue; or look at areas to cut back services, such as salaries for paraprofessionals and support staff.

However, Committee member Jamie Williams said in her opinion, sitting back is not an option.

"We need to regroup, knowing the challenges we have ahead and deal with those issues right now," Williams said. She added the board needs to group all of its energy and focus to create a "realistic, documented budget, and make sure it is clear so even the individual who is not budget savvy can understand."

Moving forward into the FY05 and FY06 budgets, Williams said the Committee must realize the state is not going to give the schools the funding they need, and the school department needs to do what it must to ensure the education of students is not compromised.

"We have to say, 'No more Mr. Nice Guy,' and we have to pay for the education of our students. If that means implementing athletic fees, music fees, or raising lunch fees, if it is not academic," it should be a secondary consideration. "Our business is to educate when it's all said and done," she said.

Williams also said she has heard a lot of talk about solutions, both this year and last, but it's time the Committee start making some concrete decisions to begin moving forward. "Our best effort is what will prevent a deficit. We need to be proactive," she said.

State of finances

When the town passed a $400,000 override last year, it was understood the school department received a roughly 6.8 percent increase. However, School Financial Assistant Karen Park said in actuality, when all fixed costs are factored in, the schools only received a 2.8 percent increase.

The largest portion of both the FY04 and FY05 budgets is the amount paid for salaries. In FY04, $8,927,331 was paid, and in FY05, the cost has increased to $9,285,833. Walsh said it is important to note, if the total increase in the budget is less than 3 percent, with 3 percent salary raises set in stone for contractual obligations, it is impossible to break even.

While the salary increases could be planned for, Park said there were unexpected changes which needed to take place throughout the course of the fiscal year. She said the original FY04 budget was set at $11,177,297, but an additional custodial contract for $41,000 was added to the budget, as well as an increase of $200,000 for utilities. The adjusted budget was up to $11,418,297 as of June 30, 2004.

At the Special Town Meeting this Dec. 6, the school department will ask for $93,000 to cover a Keyspan gas bill which was left over from FY04, as well as $65,000 to cover FY04 unemployment costs, bringing the budget up to $11,576,297. Fiscal year 2004 ended June 30.

While the schools were previously awarded a $55,000 utility rebate for making energy saving upgrades in the schools, that was a one-time opportunity and the funds to cover that cost on a continual basis were also added to the FY04 budget.

Walsh said she has heard the School Committee talk about the overwhelming support of the town when the schools needed the override last year, and the "last message we want to send is that it was not appreciated." She understands fully why people might have questions about how the schools arrived at this point after passing an override, and said she will provide the answers.

As budget season progresses, the final counts for expenses will begin to be more concrete. Walsh said the numbers the schools are currently using in their budget scenarios are estimates and "We can't say," what they will be. "It could be less, it could be more. There are a lot of 'coulds' out there."

One thing that is certain, is that the budget process will change moving into FY06, as all budgets will start from zero. Actual figures, based on estimates from the previous actual costs from the year before, will be plugged in, allowing the School Committee to achieve one of its strategic planning goals — to have a true budget, Walsh said.

School board provides budget tutorial at meeting

Goes over last year's process

By Samantha Brown
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Balancing the budget every year is no easy task, the School Committee says. For school board members, the process begins in October. By mid-winter last year, it was clear the schools needed more than the town could appropriate under the limits of Prop. 2-1/2 – the state law that caps the amount a municipality can raise its tax levy from year to year.

Last April following a strong lobbying campaign by the schools, a majority of voters opted to pass a $400,000 override to subsidize the school budget.

This year, with budget discussions underway and a possible $500,000 deficit, members of the School Committee want to remind residents of last year's process and ensure the public that the budget talks will continue to unfold in the weeks ahead giving a clear picture of where the schools stand.

School Committee Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts said planning for the FY05 budget began in early October, 2003. She said at that time, she, along with former School Committee members Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo both sat on the board, as well as current Chairman Rick Shea, and Rick Flynn. Tebbetts said current member Adrienne MacCarthy had been kept abreast of the budget situation because of her involvement with the PSO, and member Jamie Williams "became more in tune," with the budget as election season began. The election took place the first weekend of April 2004, one week after the annual Town Meeting, and voters passed the override, and elected MacCarthy and Williams to seats on the board.

The first red flag to present itself in the budget was an unexpected rise in utility costs. The actual total cost for utilities for all three schools was $259,925 — but the schools had only budgeted $95,900. This left a deficit of $164,025, due in large part to the construction going on at the middle-high school with utilities used by workers during extended hours, with some effect from Deer Hill construction. In addition, the increased price in natural gas coupled with a severe winter pushed the budget further off its mark.

As December rolled around, Tebbetts said former Supt.

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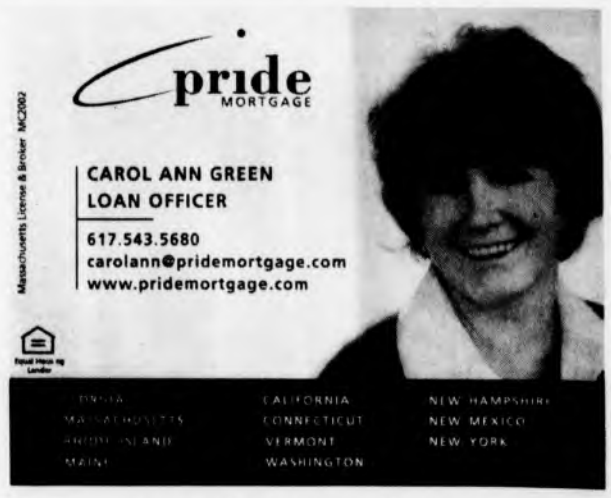
















Winds of change at Sandy Beach

FROM DUNE, PAGE 1

which would be located between the parking lot and beach. He said as the dune grows, it will trap sand and keep it from traveling up onto the parking lot, and across Atlantic Avenue into Little Harbor, which is an especially big problem during the winter months.

Lawrence also said the association has put in a Request for Determination of Applicability, or RDA, with the Conservation Commission, which would give permission for the association to install a low snow fence roughly 5 feet inside the current sea wall at the beach to help trap the sand and keep it from traveling.

He said the town has also put in an RDA which would allow it to take all the sand off the paved surfaces at the beach, and put it back on the beach, "from whence it came."

A meeting between the Conservation Commission Sandy Beach Association and the Board of Selectmen is tentatively scheduled for Thursday Dec. 2 at 8:15, to discuss the requests as well as the best way to proceed with the situation.

Lawrence said for roughly the past 80 years, the town and the Sandy Beach Association have been working together to remove sand from the parking lot and put it back on the beach using heavy machinery during the fall and spring.

In an effort to improve sight lines for motorists exiting the beach, sand — which Lawrence describes as being a "linear sand feature" — located between the parking lot and Atlantic Avenue was removed this past spring.

The Sandy Beach Association, which owns the beach; the town, which owns the parking lot; and the Conservation Commission, which oversees the environmental status of the beach — do not believe the sand which was removed qualifies as a dune. However, there are some residents who believe when vegetation began to grow on the sand, it qualified the sand as a dune.

"A dune has to be contiguous and serve a purpose," such as preventing coastal flooding, said Lawrence. He said the sand between the lot and the street is not contiguous with anything, and would be similar to having the same pile up of sand in the middle of the parking lot, whether vegetation grows on it or not. He said he believes the orders of conditions for both the association and the town allowed the activity which had taken place at the beach.

A Conservation Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 2 to discuss the Sandy Beach issues. For more information, please call the Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

Cohasset chooses new Town Manager

FROM GRIFFIN, PAGE 1

months – the amount of notice he is contractually required to provide Bourne. He will come to Cohasset via Bourne, Dedham and Plymouth. He has served in the top administrative post in all three municipalities, accumulating the most time in Plymouth (roughly 18 years).

In Dedham and Bourne, he was the first Town Administrator. In Plymouth, Griffin was the first Town Manager after serving as that town's Executive Secretary. In Cohasset, he will follow Town Manager Mark Haddad who served in the post for seven years.

[Executive Secretary, Town Administrator and Town Manager are different forms of local government – with the Town Manager form having the most authority vested in that position].

Relaxed and affable while in the "hot seat" Saturday, Griffin described himself as a "generalist" who knows a little about a lot with a knack for encouraging people to work like a team. He said he realized Cohasset has had a tough couple of years.

"I think I can help," he said. "I've had a good relationship will all the Boards of Selectmen (I've worked with) and I want to be a resource to you."

Griffin said he would try to develop a 10-year financial plan for the town, looking at both revenue and expenditures. He would also look at formulating a consortium with other towns to develop a benchmark to see how Cohasset compares to communities of similar size and character in terms of services and budgetary issues.

He said in his experience, he was used to setting a number and having the schools come in well above that. But he would work with the schools early on in the budget process and endeavor to bring a balanced budget to Town Meeting. "The towns I've worked in, overrides have not been part of the mix," he said, adding he would welcome reviewing the budget quarterly with Selectmen.

Griffin said he would be accessible to officials and the general public, even speaking to groups such as the Lion's Club.

"I don't always have the answers people want to hear but I want them to know I put the time into it," he said. He said he gives honest answers and builds credibility one person at a time.

The married, father of two said he has a good relationship with state agencies and knows when to call upon state legislators. In Plymouth, which was under a consent order for its wastewater disposal, Griffin worked with the Department of Environmental Protection. He also dealt with the MBTA in Dedham.

Griffin said he would team up with Cohasset's financial staff and talk to the employees in town about what they think needs to be done to improve services and solve problems, while honoring the structural relationship between the employee and department heads. He said he would create an environment where input is welcome.

"I want department heads to feel I can help make their job better and foster their professional development," Griffin said.

He said Selectmen set the direction. "It's my job with staff to get the job done," he said. "I have to come up with a plan to accomplish that."

Griffin said he would welcome interacting with individual members of the Board of Selectmen and would work through the chairman in setting meeting agendas. "I want you to feel you have access to me," he said to the entire board.

Sullivan asked how Griffin balances the fine line between advice, recommendation and conviction.

"You're not going to agree with me all the time," Griffin said. "That's OK" But, he said, keeping the lines of communication open at all times. would be a priority.

Griffin, who will commute from Plymouth, said while there were no impediments to taking the position, he would provide Bourne a two-month notice. "I always honor (agreements) with the communities I'm working for," he said. If picked for the post and until he comes on board, he said he would try to attend some government meetings. He said he would also ask interim Town Manager Michael Buckley, who is also the Finance Director, to provide five years of budget recap sheets.

Griffin said he liked the size of Cohasset and thinks with his management style, he can be successful here.

Selectman Fred Koed described Griffin as very professional and very well respected, with a lot of experience and a nice manner. "I would be very comfortable with him," Koed said.

Selectman Rob Spofford, who chaired the Town Manager Search Committee, said he received many unsolicited calls from other Town Managers praising Griffin. "He's a strong candidate," Spofford said. "What we see with Bill is what we get with him."

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said he liked the 10-year financial plan and the fact Griffin would encourage employees to further their career goals.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she was very impressed with Griffin. "This is the first time I've listened to the (other) board members speak and agreed with everything they said," McMorris quipped.

While she also praised James R. Merriam, the board's second choice, she liked the strength in Griffin's answers and how he said he would relate to town employees and residents.

In addition to Merriam, who is the former Wrentham Town Administrator, Robert T. Markel, the Town Administrator in Norfolk, was also in the running.

Spofford said the search committee received 86 résumés and eventually narrowed the field down to five and then to three.

Selectmen said they could not comment on salary range or length of Griffin's contract. Those issues will be hashed out during negotiations. Griffin's current salary in Bourne is about $107,000. Haddad's salary was roughly $110,000 when he resigned in May.

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Griffin said he is very pleased to have been selected.

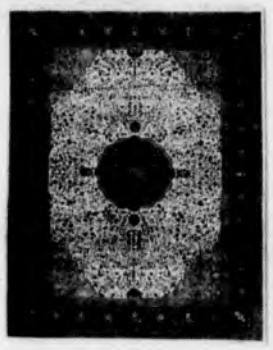
"I was especially pleased that it was a unanimous vote of the board," he said. "Now we're working on terms of the agreement and I'm confident it will all work out.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity of working in Cohasset."

About William Griffin

Name: William R. Giffin
Age: 51
Resident of: Plymouth
Family: Married with two children; one in college and one in high school
Education: Master of Public Administration, Syracuse University; BA in political science, Providence College
Experience: Town Administrator in Bourne and Dedham; Town Manager in Plymouth

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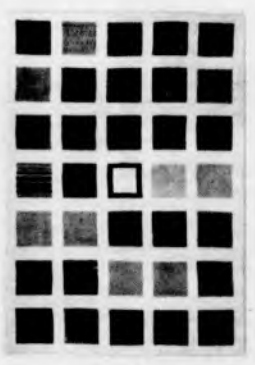

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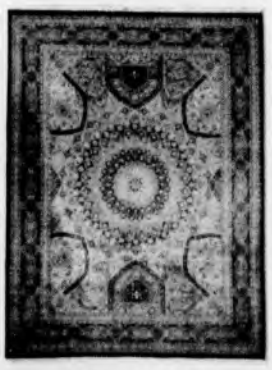

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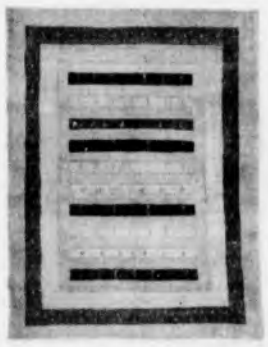

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Opposing groups are cordial during uncommon sewer rally

By Jim Hamilton
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

While the three Town Manager finalists were being interviewed at Town Hall Saturday morning, Cohasset Common provided the setting for the backers of connecting Cook Estate to the sewer versus those who are pushing for sewering existing residences first (SERF).

Proponents in favor of the town developing the Cook Estate were fortified with coffee, doughnut holes, chocolate chip cookies and juice. They mustered on the common where they were accompanied by a folk singer.

SERF folks turned out with an impressive array of signs which were set up along North Main Street. They also stood out and waved to passing cars.

Small-town issues, especially ones that involve the creation of senior housing and sewer capacity, can bring out the emotions in anyone, but these groups got along quite well. They chatted, enjoyed the music and a fine fall morning.



Anna Abbruzzese, left, a proponent of the Cook Estate, chats with Nancy Garrison, far right. That's Julie Guild in the background.



PHOTOS/JIM HAMILTON

Polly Logan, left, of Nichols Road, and Julie Guild of Jerusalem Road, lobby for SERF (Sewer Existing Residences First) along North Main Street Saturday.



An impressive array of SERF signs adorned the Common on Saturday.

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Avalon eyes buying sewer capacity from Hull

Pipes would run near Cook Estate

By Samantha Brown
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Avalon developers are in the process of seeking a sewer connection from Hull. Vice President of Development Scott Dale said that town looks eager to find a mutually beneficial solution.

While talks seem to be going well, Avalon developers say nothing is set in stone, and are not ruling out the two other possible wastewater solutions for the site, including on-site treatment or a Cohasset municipal sewer connection.

Although the project has three possible wastewater solutions it is simultaneously pursuing, according to a letter sent by Dale to Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan — the fact that the town is supporting other multi-unit developments that are also seeking a connection has resulted in a continued effort by Avalon to pursue Cohasset sewer.

Slated to bring 200-units of rental housing off Route 3A (across from Good Sport), Avalon is a 40B project which would help the town meet the affordable housing threshold set by the state. Chapter 40B is the state law that allows developers to skirt local zoning regulations in exchange for providing 25 percent affordable housing. The state encourages rental housing, and because all 200 units would be rentals, all units — affordable and market rate — would be counted toward the town's affordable housing inventory. In other words, Avalon could help the town get out from under future 40B projects in one fell swoop by adding 200 units that would meet the 10 percent affordable housing benchmark set by the state.

Avalon was granted a comprehensive permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals last October, but due to wastewater disposal issues, the project has not yet broken ground. A short time after approval was granted, the Water Commission appealed the ZBA's decision over concerns wastewater from the apartments would negatively impact the Lily Pond Watershed, the major source of the town's drinking water.

One of the conditions in the permit states Avalon may connect its project into either the Cohasset municipal system or the Hull municipal system, subject only to the verification of capacity. In light of that condition, Avalon contacted the Sewer Commission, requesting written confirmation capacity exists at the town's Elm Street wastewater treatment plant. When developers did not receive a response, Avalon concluded the Sewer Commissioners "may not feel it is in their best interest to provide this verification. As a result, we are left with no other alternative than to take this matter up with the Board of Appeals as a request for a modification to our comprehensive permit as a local approval under Chapter 40B," Dale stated in his letter to Sullivan.

ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick said Avalon developers have not come before his board recently, and he has not had any indication they will be back before the board. However, he said if they are looking to modify the permit, "It's only a matter of time, I guess," before he'll be seeing them again. He said for a modification, there would need to be a public hearing, but only new information pertinent to the modification could be presented. The first time around, sewer capacity was not well discussed, as it was thought the development would have an on-site system, he said. Until Avalon actually files information, Chittick said he can only speculate on what the wastewater disposal future of the development will be.

Avalon developers say they are still committed to an on-site treatment system, and are "more confident than ever," it is a viable solution that would ultimately be approved by the Department of Environmental Protection.

"The principal advantage of this approach from our perspective is that we would not need any third party to proceed with this option, other than DEP approval," the letter states.

Avalon also said while the on-site treatment option is the most direct alternative, they recognize, although disagree with, the objections of the Water Commission, relative to the location of the potential treatment plant. As a result of the conflict of opinion, Avalon developers say it might be a waste of time and resources for both parties to further proceed in that direction.

At a meeting with many town boards Monday night, Dale said a connection to Hull's sewer treatment plant is looking like a good solution. He said if given permission to connect, Avalon would run pipes down Route 3A and take advantage of that town's 1.2 million gallons of excessive capacity. He said Hull has proposed a price equivalent to what a new treatment plant would cost, and said that town is also willing to take over the sewer line once installed. Dale said a Hull connection would bring sewer to the development at zero cost to Cohasset, and would also bring in a sewer line one-eighth of a mile from the Cook Estate.

Sewer question may not reach voters at Dec. 6 STM

By Samantha Brown
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With Town Meeting only two weeks away, and many unresolved issues still on the table, the Advisory Committee held an all-encompassing meeting with members of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Water Commission, Sewer Commission, and Town Counsel on Monday to help provide the answers necessary to allow it to make its final recommendations on the Town Meeting Warrant.

With Advisory Committee Chairman Donna McGee leading the charge, the boards took on the task of evaluating two of the most pressing issues Town Meeting will face: the sewering of Little Harbor and the Cook Estate, both of which could have reverberating consequences. However, in the opinion of Town Counsel Paul DeRensis, neither article may be appropriate for the Warrant.

Article seven asks the town to authorize the expansion of the Central Sewer District to include the Cook Estate property, located on Sohier Street. Since last year the town has been working with Northland Residential developers to build on the site. When soil tests deemed the site could not support an on-site wastewater system for the proposed development, alternate means of disposal were looked into, including connecting to municipal lines. At this stage, developers say sewer is the only viable option.

The article states its being passed is contingent on sufficient treatment capacity being reserved for the Little Harbor area of town, which has been looking for a sewer connection for many years.

However, DeRensis said in his opinion, allowing a development to be added to a sewer district is "not a Town Meeting issue." He said the issue is one for the Sewer Commission, and the article ignores the fact that the town is a defendant in a lawsuit regarding capacity. Cedarmere, another housing project comparable to the Cook Estate, is slated to be built off Beechwood Street, and is also looking for a sewer connection. When the project was denied by the Sewer Commission, it sued the town, stating the town cannot reserve capacity for future projects. "If (the article) passed and was rendered mandatory, it could subject the town to a variety of different lawsuits," he said.

"There are many ways Cook can be done, it's just not stated here," he said of the article.

DeRensis said article eight, which would ask the town to formalize its commitment to the sewering of Little Harbor by incorporating a sewer schedule to the Second Amended Final Judgment, is also not appropriate for the town to vote on. He said Town Meeting usually votes on issues such as appropriating money or purchasing property, and this article does not fall into either category.

The Second Amended Final Judgment was handed down by the state, which he believes is not Town Meeting business. In1979, the town violated the Federal Clean Waters Act, and in turn, the state gave the town a judgment, followed by a second amended judgment, which the town needed to comply with, or face fines of up to $10,000 per day. DeRensis said if the article was re-written to include a monetary value, it would be more appropriate.

Because there are currently four separate entities looking for sewer connections in town including Little Harbor, Cedarmere, the Cook Estate, and Avalon, a 200-unit 40B development slated for Route 3A, Selectman Ronnie McMorris asked whether expanding the framework of the Cook Estate article to encompass other developers would help the situation. Because there has been some dispute regarding which project was in line for a connection first, incorporating more than one project for sewer consideration would seem like a viable alternative.

However, DeRensis said it would take a change in state law to change sewer districts, which could have happened had the Sewer Commission left its Home Rule Petition on the Warrant. Currently none of the projects are in the Central Sewer District and are not eligible for a connection. However, the judgment from the state gives the town some flexibility to connect Little Harbor.

The Home Rule Petition would have allowed the commissioners to allow "checker-boarding" of districts, by giving them the authority to designate new sewer districts wherever it deemed they were necessary. The Home Rule Petition would have been first passed at Town Meeting, then by the Legislature. However, he said without that article, the town is left with existing law which can be challenged, and hooking up the three housing projects isn't an option.

"You can't do spot sewering," DeRensis said, and anyone abutting sewer lines can connect to the system the way the laws are now, meaning to run pipes down one street opens up the possibility of not only having a development connect, but all those who abut the line. "Legislatively we wanted to stop that because it multiplies the demands on the system," he said.

In DeRensis' opinion, he does not think Little Harbor must be tied in to the municipal sewer, and the judgment only requires the town to prepare a study of the pollution problems in the Little Harbor area followed by an action plan, which does not need to include sewer. He said the town has implemented that plan, and in his view, has met all the requirements necessary under the judgment.

"There is no requirement to sewer Little Harbor, only to continue with the measures already underway," DeRensis said.

However, although DeRensis says the town has met all the necessary requirements set by the state to comply with the judgment, he said the town currently has nothing in writing which confirms it is in compliance.

Because sewers and senior housing are such hot topics in town, a new committee will be appointed to help iron out some of the details, and accomplish as much as is possible throughout the next two weeks, leading up to Town Meeting. Advisory Committee Chairman Donna McGee has been appointed to chair the new committee, but new members have not been announced as of yet. For more information or meeting times, please contact the Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

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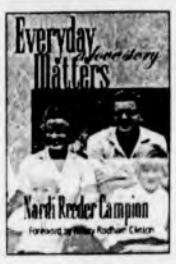
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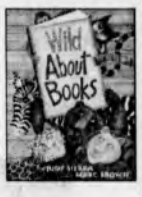
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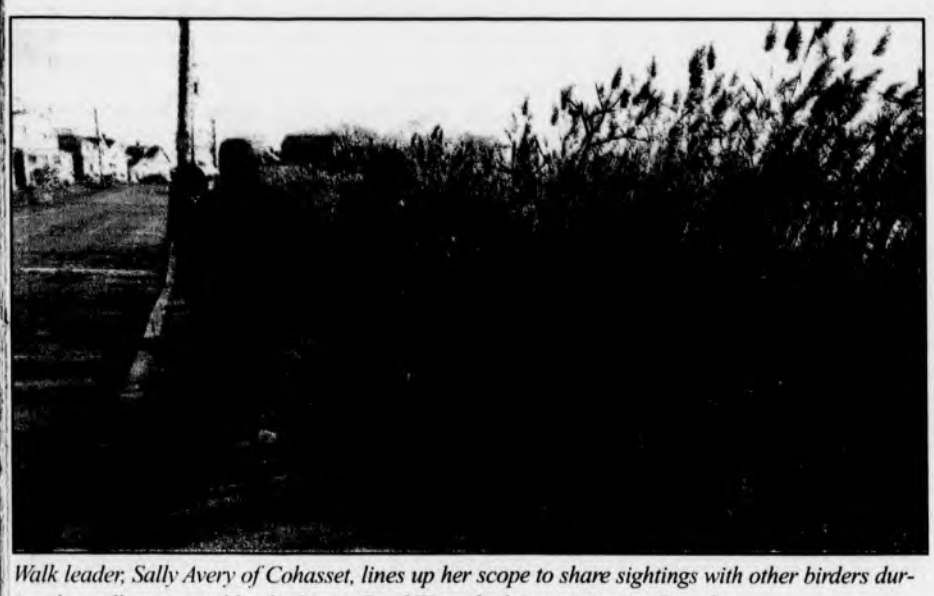

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Local birders see many of their feathered friends



Walk leader, Sally Avery of Cohasset, lines up her scope to share sightings with other birders during the walk sponsored by the Straits Pond Watershed Association on Saturday.



Red-breasted mergansers were sighted on Straits Pond during Saturday's walk.

Straits Pond group hosts walk

By Nancy Kramer
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Sally Avery, Cohasset birder, was the leader again for the Straits Pond Watershed Association's annual Fall bird walk around the Pond.

We saw a few Mute Swans, Canada Geese, American Black Ducks, Mallards, Hooded Mergansers, Red-breasted Mergansers, Buffleheads and Ruddy Ducks feeding and swimming. Land birds were scarce but we did see some Rock Doves, (recently renamed Rock Pigeon), Mourning Doves, Downy Woodpecker, Black-capped Chickadees, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Northern Mockingbird, many European Starlings, House Finch, American Goldfinch, and many House Sparrows.

At Gunrock and Black Rock ocean areas, we used Sally's birding telescope to spot Red-throated Loon, Common Loon, Red-necked Grebe, Horned Grebe, Great Cormorant, Common Eider, White-winged Scoter, Black Scoter, Ring-billed Gulls, Herring Gulls, and Great Black-backed Gulls. Bufflehead and Mergansers were also spotted in ocean areas.



A tree sparrow house set in the pond encourages birds to stay and feed on midges.



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Dick Avery, far left, and Sally Avery, center, stop for a look at some birds flying over during the Straits Pond bird walk Saturday.

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As we all hopefully took some time yesterday to reflect on family and friends, I hope that each of us took the time to reflect on the year that went by since last Thanksgiving and really looks ahead at the year to come. Life changes so fast and so quick that we really need to focus more on family time and the quality of how we spend it.

I give thanks each day for the family and friends that we have and for health and happiness for us all. I hope that we can all slow the craziness of our lives down even if for a day and just enjoy each other instead of always rushing to work, sports, school and the many other things that eat up a day. Happy Holidays, Cohasset.

IT'S A GIRL!

Welcome to the world to **Amanda Rose Oliver** who was born on Oct. 30, 2004 to **Billy and Katie Oliver**.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday wishes go out to "Princess Pooh Bear" more commonly known as **Abbey Johnson.** Abbey is turning four-years-old on Monday and all of her family and friends, especially her Mom, Dad, big brother **Jake** and new puppy **Maxie** want to wish her a very special birthday wish. Abbey, Happy Birthday and enjoy your day!

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That is all for the week. Send me all of your news, information for events and anything else that can be shared with Cohasset no later than Tuesdays by noon.

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Jessica Wood Manchester, the daughter of Robert and Judith Alling Manchester of Shelburne, Vt. married Mr. Gerhard William Lubitz, son of Edward J. and Kyle H. Lubitz of Cohasset on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004 at Shelburne United Methodist Church, Shelburne, Vermont. The Rev. Garry Campbell of New York officiated.

The bride wore an heirloom, handmade Brussels lace veil.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Coach Barn on Shelburne Farms.

Katherine Winder was Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Hannah Fairbank, Moira Feeney, Libby Foster, Mary Connell Grubb, Aoife Meehan and Stephanie Lubitz, the groom's sister.

Bradford Johnston and John E. Lubitz, brother of the groom, were Best Men. Groomsmen were Theodore Grannatt, Roman Iwachiw, Michael Lennon, Holt Manchester, brother of the bride, and Matthew Wheeler.

Attendants were Scott and Duncan Sewall, cousins of the bride.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Milton Academy and graduated with honors in 1998 from Brown University. She received her law degree from Northwestern School of Law in 2003. She is a law associate at the Boston Law Office of Piper Rudnick.

The groom graduated from Noble and Greenough School in 1994 and from Williams College in 1998 where he was captain of the Williams Varsity Crew. He received his law degree from Northwestern School of Law in 2003. He is a law associate with the Boston law firm of Testa, Hurwitz and Thibeault, LLP.

Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple resides in Boston.



Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard William Lubitz

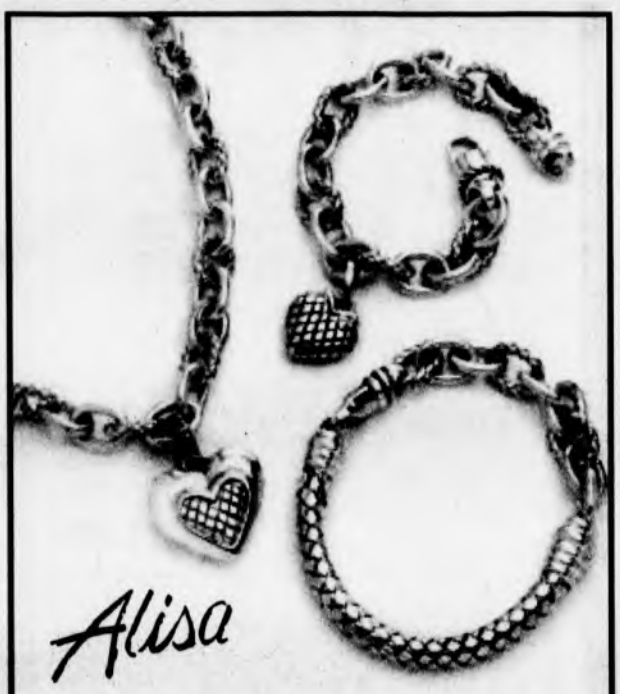
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Independent films

The film "The Rage in Placid Lake," a whimsical, satirical comedy featuring Placid Lake, an odd fish in a sea of mediocrity whose brilliant ideas get him into more trouble than success, will be shown in the Meeting Room on Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. Admission and refreshments are free.

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Artist exhibit

Jeanne L. Replogle's recent paintings will be on display in the Meeting Room through Dec. 31.

Children's room

Pizza and Books —Dec. 14, from 5:30 to 6 p.m. This month's books selection is "What Child is This?: A Christmas Story," by Caroline Cooney. Call now to reserve your space.

You may place a hold on this book by going to our web site at www.cohassetlibrary.org. This group is open to students ages 10 to 13. Mrs. Barbara Mullin will lead the discussion.

'Letters About Literature' — The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target Stores presents "Letters About Literature" a national reading and writing promotion for children and young adults.

This contest asks you to think about a book that inspired you, and then asks you to write a personal letter to the author to explain how and why this book changed you or inspired you. Applications are available in the Young Adult Room and in the Children's Room. You can also go on-line at www.massbook.org or www.loc.gov/letters. If you have any call or come see Mrs. Moody.

Spanish canceled — Spanish Story Hour scheduled to take place on Saturday mornings in December and January has been canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. We hope to reschedule in January.

Mother-daughter team book signing

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset will host Duxbury natives Debbie and Brynne Blackington on Sun. Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. "Mama's Wish/Daughter's Wish" is the title of their collaboration and it is the story about the adoption of a Chinese daughter. The story written by both mother and daughter (Brynne, currently age 7, told her story to her mother when she was four) actually contains two stories.

The perspective of mother and daughter is presented from different ends of the book and then meeting in the middle. A unique feature of this book is the red thread that runs through the pages that translates (Translated by Xiaolan Z. Sommer) the story from English to Mandarin. The author writes, "A Chinese proverb states that there is an invisible red thread that connects those destined to meet, regardless of time, place or circumstance.

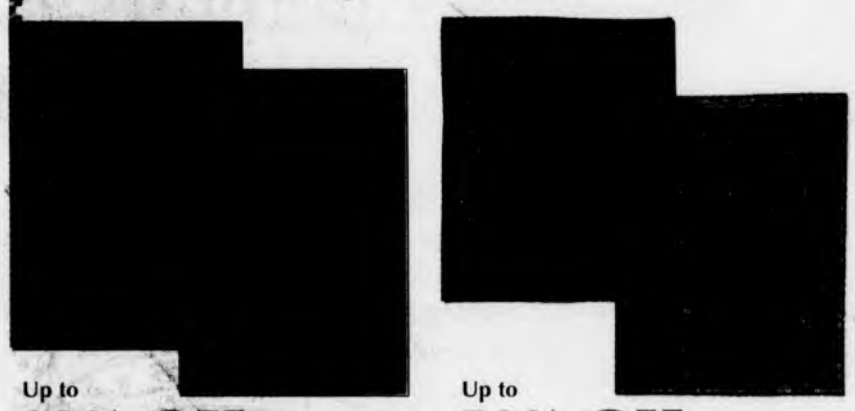
The thread may stretch or tangle, but never break." This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Love story

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes Nardi Reeder Campion, on Saturday. Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. She will read from and sign her latest book "Everyday Matters: A Love Story" (University of New England Press, $24.95) an anecdote filled memoir that typifies her wit, charm and candor. Campion is a graduate of Wellesley College (class of 1938). This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

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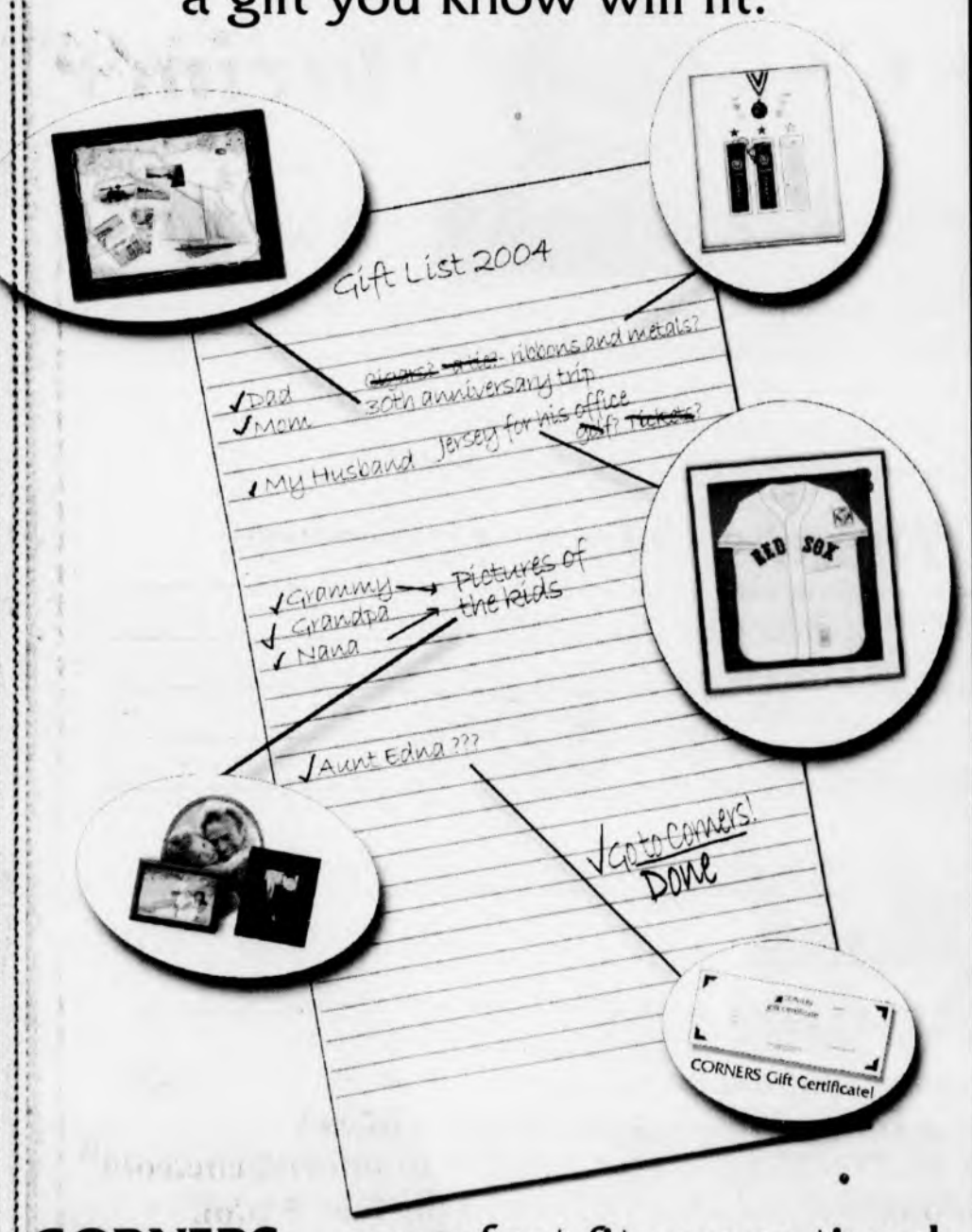
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Giving thanks to those who serve our country

FROM REARDON, PAGE 1

Reardon was very involved in the community he loved, serving as an alter boy at St. Anthony's Church, and playing football on the high school team. He was a standout athlete and was selected as co-captain of the Cohasset football team as well as co-captain of the Mayshore League team. He was also chosen to be a member of the Patriot Ledger Football All Scholastic team.

After graduating from Cohasset High School, Reardon went on to study at Boston College, where he majored in finance. He was a member of the Delta Sigma Pi fraternity and graduated in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in science. Shortly after, Reardon volunteered for service in the United States Marine Corps, and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. on Nov. 1, 1967. At that time, Reardon's brother Norbert was also serving as a Marine officer. Reardon was the third oldest of six children, and had three sisters and two brothers.

Reardon went on to attend flight school at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla., and earned his wings as a naval aviator on April 25, 1969. That September, he received orders assigning him to HMM-364 — the Purple Foxes — a helicopter squadron located at Marble Mountain in Vietnam.

On Nov. 29, 1969, Reardon received the orders which would be his last. On a mission to evacuate combat casualties from a location in the Que San Mountains, 20 miles south of Da Nang, Reardon's CH-46 helicopter exploded in flight, killing Reardon and his entire flight crew.

After Reardon's death, his parents, Mary and Norbert, received a letter from Reardon's commanding officer, Lt. Col. C.R. Dunbaugh, informing them of the tragedy. He wrote, "Even though Dennis had been with this squadron for a short period of time, he quickly made friends and leaves us with lasting memories. He was extremely conscientious and devoted to his duties and immediately gained the respect of his fellow Marines. We will miss him a great deal, and hope that you find some comfort knowing this."

Vietnam took a heavy toll on the town, as eight men were killed, including Peter J. Albiani, Jr., Peter Cogill, Allen F. Keating, William C. Laidlaw, John Paul Lyon, Edward R. Maree, Craig M. Simeone, and Reardon. Cohasset lost the same number of soldiers during World War II.

The worst eight months of Vietnam were in 1969, when the town lost five men, four at six-week intervals. By the end of the year, Cohasset had sacrificed three men from the Cohasset High School class of 1966.

For his heroism, Reardon was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star medal with the Combat "V", the Air Medal with Numeral 7, the Purple Heart, and the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Honor medal. In addition, Cohasset residents dedicated the Dennis Joseph Reardon Memorial Square in his memory to ensure the boy who gave his life for his hometown and his country, receives eternal thanks.

Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee Glenn Pratt provided the Mariner with the information for this article. For more information on Dennis Reardon or any of the Cohasset veterans who have paid the ultimate price in the name of freedom, please visit the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee Web site at www.cohassetveteransmemorial.com.

Campaign reaches out to the military

FROM GIFTS, PAGE 1

"The Family Group becomes and important link to support families during this difficult time," explained. Jill Price, of the National Guard.

The goal of the Gifts of Hope campaign this season is to raise awareness and any contributions possible to assist in these causes.

"Whether it's care packages for the troops, financial assistance to a family struggling while their loved one serves our country, or emotional support, we want to make sure these organizations have the resources they need," explained Mark Skala, CNC/South editor in chief. "They are sacrificing so much and we want to help make a small difference."

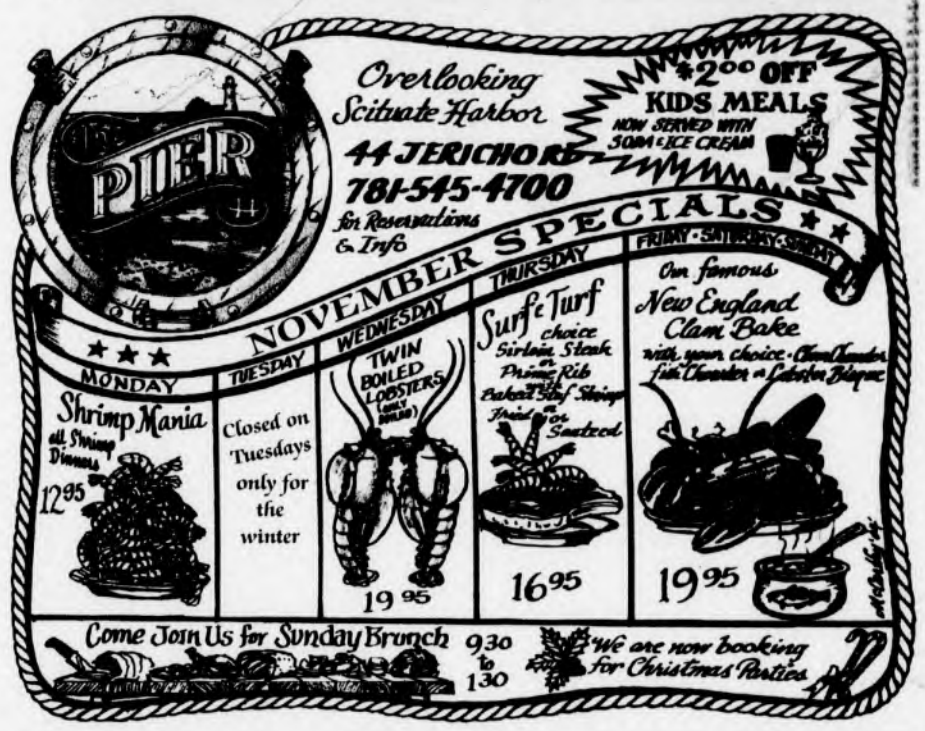
Skala said readers have been particularly generous in past years when the Gifts of Hope campaign focused on assisting programs that work with the homeless. He said South Shore residents showed amazing generosity and hopes stories over the next several weeks will encourage people to contribute.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Campaign is a show of support

GIFTS of HOPE
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The yellow ribbon bumper sticker with the words "Support Our Troops" has never had more meaning than right now.

With more and more of our family and friends serving our country in military operations across the globe — particularly in the Iraq war — we need to reach out to soldiers and their families to let them know we support their efforts.

The soldiers and their families are sacrificing more than most of us can fathom. There are jobs and lives put on hold while they fight for our country's interests.

That's why we at Community Newspaper Company on the South Shore have decided our Gifts of Hope campaign this year should promote efforts geared toward helping the military and their families.

The holiday season often exacerbates the challenges families face when they are missing a loved one. It is even harder to cope with financial issues when you add the demands of holiday gift giving and celebrating. Loneliness and depression can generally set in as someone thinks about their partner, dad, mom, daughter or son so far away.

The Pembroke Military Support Group, Care Packs in Weymouth, and the National Guard's Family Readiness Groups want to help ease some of those burdens. And we hope our generous readers will join in the efforts.

Care Packs is a South Weymouth neighborhood group that has come together to assemble, pack and ship care packages to U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. These caring people answered the call after they heard many of the troops were lacking basic supplies they needed on a daily basis — sunscreen, powdered sweet drinks, or just a letter letting them know we here at home care about them.

The group's goal is a simple one: boosting troop morale while they face deadly conditions.

The National Guard's Family Readiness Group and the Pembroke Military Support Group have similar goals. They all want to support in any way they can, both the soldiers and their families.

The efforts of these three groups are incredibly noble and worthwhile. Yet they still pale in comparison to what our troops and their families are doing.

Over the next several weeks we plan to share with our readers stories on how people are making a difference during this time of war. We hope our readers reach into their wallets and pocketbooks to provide some kind of donation, no matter how small or large, so we can send a strong message to our troops and their families. We need to let them now loud and clear that we support them not only with words and bumper stickers, but with deeds.

To donate a Gift of Hope, make your check out to one of the charities of your choice and mail to:

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Flu clinic for Cohasset residents

A flu clinic will take place on Tuesday Nov. 30, at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium.

All adults age 75 years and over and individuals (over 18) with high-risk medical conditions such as chronic lung and heart conditions; diabetes (not those controlled by diet and exercise alone) chronic kidney disease; chronic anemia's; Immunosuppression (cancer therapies; HIV-AIDS etc.) Also pregnant women; health care workers, 50 years of age who provide direct patient care.

Parents of children under 18 years of age should consult with their pediatricians. The state has shipped some vaccine to pediatric providers. Seniors bring Medicare part B and/or Senior Health Insurance cards. Remember to wear a short-sleeve shirt.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recall is divisive; counterproductive

TO THE EDITOR:

Article 16 in the Warrant for the December 6 Town Meeting is potentially mischievous and divisive for sure, and will not help our town to move forward after a difficult year.

Cohasset has been well-served for more than 200 years by citizens willing to step up and take responsibility for its governance on both volunteer and elected boards. Who now will be willing to commit time, energy and money to run for an elected office if they can be voted out in six months?

All it will take is 100 people to file a petition for recall and 10 percent of registered voters or approximately 500 people to order a special election for the purpose of recall. Many of our town elections are closely contested. A candidate who receives 1,000 votes, but lost his/her bid for election, could easily round-up 500 votes and demand a recall six months later.

We have never had a problem that required a recall in this town in 200 years and there is no reason to change our election laws now. It will discourage public-spirited people from running.

Let us vote for indefinite postponement for Article 16 and move on with the town's business.

Lucia and Edward Woods
Betsy and John Millard
Jane and Peter Goedecke
Sam Pease

Sewer outflow hurts health of the harbor

TO THE EDITOR:

Paul Pattison is 75 years old, his brother Bob is 59 and has been lobstering for 48 of those years. Both men grew up in Cohasset, clamming in front of the Cohasset Lobster Shop owned by their grandfather and father.

The Lobster Shop is no longer at the head of the harbor. The clams aren't either. Last year, Paul seeded the Cove with 75 healthy clams. When he last checked, less than six were alive. The others were dead with their necks sticking up out of their holes.

Paul has been monitoring water quality in the Harbor's Cove Inlet for the last two years, ever since he was on his boat at the mooring and felt the boat rock as treated effluents were discharged from one of the three Harbor outflows located between the Atlantica and the Cohasset Harbor Inn. At that time, Paul had 10 lobster pots and was holding lobsters in a lobster car or water pen near his mooring in preparation for a family clambake. He decided to check on the lobsters. "I pulled out one nearly-dead lobster after another. They all looked as if they had velvet sweaters on," he says. He threw the lobsters back into the Harbor and hopes they were able to swim away. "I wasn't going to risk my family's health," he explains.

Bob Figueiredo has been lobstering out of Cohasset for 60 of his 75 years. His son Paul is the fourth generation to lobster Cohasset waters. Bob describes the environment in Cohasset Harbor as "a disgrace." His family used to have a [lobster] car for storing lobsters in the Harbor to hold them until they could get the most favorable market price. Today Bob says, "I wouldn't dare leave any lobsters in a car because of the sewer outflow." He adds in explanation that fresh water is "...the worst thing for lobsters. It kills them."

All three men I spoke with agree that the Harbor can't support sewering another development and must be cleaned up *first*. Paul Pattison points out that eelgrass is no longer prevalent in the Harbor and that the rocks surrounding the inner Cove are no longer covered with seaweed—as they should be if the water quality is healthy enough to support clams, lobsters, smelt and other marine life.

Cohasset is a coastal community and a lot of its appeal is dependent on the health of his harbor. Before we think of allotting new, uncommitted space to our sewer system, we owe it to our fishing community and ourselves to correct the quality and possibly the location of the water being discharged from the sewer treatment plant.

Susan Playfair
249 Jerusalem Road

Horrified by scheme detailed in news story

TO THE EDITOR:

Concerning the latest "scheme of the month" from a couple of the Selectmen as outlined in the "Budget Cushion" Mariner article of Nov. 19, I can best describe my reaction as astonishment that any knowledgeable person would think that such a scheme would work, let alone be in the slightest best interests of the Town or acceptable to the vast majority of the voter residents.

Even if anyone wanted to take Cohasset in this high-growth direction of 400 or more, probably a lot more, new housing units becoming available all at the same time, the budget crises is *now*; yet the overstated real estate taxes, sewer and other fees from such massive growth would not flow to the Town for another 2-3 years when the construction of these housing developments are finished and occupancy begins.

To infer that such housing and population growth would not be costly on our infrastructure, services and, especially, our schools with an abrupt jump in enrollment, is sheer fantasy and a large disservice to our taxpayers. I can envision repeated overrides in the million-dollar range! It would be useful to see the back of the envelope on which the proponents did their calculations, if any.

Its also convenient for the proponents, per usual misstatement, to continue to ignore that there is no capacity at the Central Sewer Treatment Plant to give to all these private developers and a costly expansion to the Treatment Plant would need to be immediately permitted, funded and constructed to be ready when the 400-plus housing units are occupied. Also add in the ~ $3.6 million per year($10,000/day) in fines that the State/DEP probably would levy on the Town for its arrogant, continued non-compliance with the outstanding Superior Court Order to sewer the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue watershed area to cease the fecal coliform pollution of Little Harbor and our coastal waters.

This latest, desperate scheme is Dead on Arrival! The best way for those few Selectmen who are proposing this folly to address the out-of-control-spending and budget crises in the Town would be to personally get out of the real estate development business that currently takes up much of their time and get back to their elected jobs and tasks of managing the Town and controlling the excessive, out-of-budget spending that's become a way of life in Town Government because it appears that no authority is saying "NO"!

Richard E.T. Brooks, PhD, PE
68 Nichols Road

Playground program sponsors are thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Recreation Commissioners would like to extend its most sincere gratitude to our 2004 Playground Program sponsors.

Responding to the commissioner's letter of last April, were 17 local business and civic organizations that registered for one of three levels of sponsorship for our summertime, seven-week day camp-type program for children ages 3.5 to 12 years.

Levels of sponsorship were $500, $200 or $100 which resulted in logo and listings of each business/organization on both the children's and staff's program T-shirts, as well as notation in our summer brochure.

In our effort to become 100 percent financially self-supporting, while affording the continuation of top quality services, the commissioners wish to thank and recognize the following local supporters:

Shaw's Supermarket, Kristine A. Grazioso, D.M.D., Coldwell Banker, Anderson Fuel, Bernard's, Sunrise Assisted Living, Cohasset Collision Center, South Shore Music Circus, Pizza Box, Rockland Trust, Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, Stop & Shop Supermarket, Cohasset Veterans of Foreign Wars, Hypertone Personal Fitness Training, The Good Sport, Inc., the American Legion Post #118 and the Cohasset Police Association.

Via their sponsorship, each sponsor has demonstrated their concern for and interest in our children and community; hence, having benefited all residents and taxpayers.

During late winter of 2005, the commission will again send letters to local business and civic organizations regarding this unique advertising/sponsorship opportunity. You may also call the Cohasset Recreation Department office anytime at 781-383-4109, should you be interested in sponsorships.

Jack Worley, Director,
for the Cohasset Recreation Commission

Supports Cook project

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a friend of the "Cook Project" because I think there is a great need for a "senior community" in Cohasset.

Being a longtime resident of Cohasset, I realize the importance and need for "community living," as well as the services this project would allow.

It is time the Selectmen and Sewer Commission resolve the wastewater problems the town is now facing and is affecting so many people.

A town of this affluence should be able to provide a "senior community" of which all can be proud.

Joan Graham
269 Forest Ave.

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On baseball and orchestras: Musicians as team players

H•S• OVATION

NINA WELLFORD

An occasional series on life behind the scenes of a symphony orchestra, written by supporters of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra.

When conductor Jin Kim brings nine musicians into an elementary school to present a fun, interactive musical program in the HSO KidsConcerts, he often makes the comparison between an orchestra and a baseball team. The young students easily grasp the similarities: each player learns to play one position really well, and each position is vital to the performance of the team. In order to play well, the players must practice, alone and together. They are guided by a coach, whose primary role is to elicit the best from each individual, and to bring the team together. The hours of practice lead to games that are played for fans who have more fun when their team plays well.

With the memory of the World Series Champion Red Sox team fresh in our mind, this comparison seems particularly apt as a way to get to know the Hingham Symphony Orchestra. The HSO is a team of individual players, guided by Conductor Jin Kim, who come together after years of practice to form a premier professional orchestra that performs for fans across the South Shore region. Like the Red Sox, this team is composed of individuals – each with a story and character. And like with the Red Sox, anyone who attends more than one HSO concert begins to identify with the orchestra, follow its progress, share the fun with other fans, and care enough to support it.

An HSO concert always thrills audiences with superb performances of great classical music, in intimate venues that pull the audience into the orchestra. Who are the musicians whose efforts result in such spectacular play? Meet four of 70 HSO musicians, for a glimpse into the stories that abound with this team.

• Kai Yun Lu, a native of Taiwan, came to Boston to earn her undergraduate degree in at New England Conservatory and her artist diploma at Boston University. She joined the HSO in 1997, serving as Principal Clarinet and playing beside Muriel Bledsoe, who had been a member of the earlier version of the HSO, the all-volunteer Hingham Civic. When Muriel lost her battle with cancer, HSO named the principal clarinet chair in her honor. Kai-Yun has held that position for the seven years since then. She is an active freelance musician in the Boston area, performing regularly with the Boston Pops and the Boston Symphony Orchestra, among many others.

The next "home games" will be the "Classical Celebrations" featuring music by Beethoven, Bach, Massenet and Bizet on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Old Ship Meeting House in Hingham, and Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. in St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset.

• Jeb Kulevich joined the HSO eight years ago as a talented high school drummer from Scituate. His involvement in the HSO and various regional youth orchestras led him to decide to major in percussion performance at Boston University's School for the Arts. Last spring, Jeb was accepted into the Masters programs at both Julliard and Boston's New England Conservatory. He chose to attend NEC, to gain more experience as an orchestra musician. This fall, he auditioned and won the position of Principal Percussion with the HSO. We join his proud parents in celebrating the growth of this genuine young man into an accomplished young leader in the orchestra.

• Polina Sedukh came to the Longy School of Music in Cambridge from Russia to study violin with Malcolm Lowe and others. She played with the HSO for three years, serving as assistant concertmaster last season, and performing as a featured soloist in the chamber concert. Early last Spring, she entered the challenging audition process for a coveted seat in the violin section of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. On the day of the HSO's performance at Jordan Hall, she learned that she had been accepted as the only violinist chosen to fill one of four open positions. Polina now performs full-time with the BSO.

I spoke with Polina recently as she was warming up before the BSO's performance of the new symphony by Elliott Carter. She described the demands of practicing hours each day to learn new repertoire, and the need to manage the physical and emotional stress of performing full-time at such a level. Yet her excitement and appreciation were palpable, and those of us in the audience with connections to Hingham Symphony were thrilled to watch her on stage in Symphony Hall.

• Andrew Price also joined the HSO eight years ago, as Principal Oboe. A native of New England, he first decided he wanted to play oboe when he watched Leonard Bernstein's Young People's Orchestra concerts on TV as a child, and was captivated by oboist Ralph Gomberg. He subsequently studied with Mr. Gomberg, and now teaches music to middle schoolers in Newburyport. During the summer, he teaches at the Tanglewood Institute. Andrew is a highly sought-after freelance oboist, subbing regularly with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

(Andrew Price was the featured solo musician in the HSO's new series, Classical Uncorked, held Saturday, Nov. 20 at 8:30 p.m. in the intimate wine bar at Cohasset's Red Lion Inn).

Jin Kim, "coach" of this exciting team, will be featured in a future column. His vision, expertise and commitment have created a dynamic, unified orchestra out of the 70 players who bring 70 unique life experiences to form this one particular group. His coaching has contributed to developing the careers of the best young musicians; many members of past HSO groups have joined major orchestras world-wide, including five HSO musicians who now perform with the BSO.

The live concert experience has its own sights and sounds, just like a ball game at Fenway Park. The next "home games" will be the "Classical Celebrations" featuring music by Beethoven, Bach, Massenet and Bizet on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Old Ship Meeting House in Hingham, and Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. in St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Or take in batting practice at Classical Uncorked. Get to know the HSO — we are your team, and hope that you will become a fan.

Nina Wellford is Managing Director of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra.

That first Thanksgiving

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see where another city has laid claim to the first Thanksgiving some 56 years before our Pilgrims sat down to slice the turkey and spill cranberry sauce on their tunics.

The culprit is the city of St. Augustine, Fla., although why someone who just landed in St. Augustine would have anything to be thankful for is beyond me unless they were only passing through on the way to Miami and South Beach.

The claim is put forth by Michael Gannon, a retired history professor at the University of Florida, who reported that 800 Spanish settlers celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving; and even invited the Indians to share their grits and crawdads, back in 1565.

"There aren't any competing claims. It's a matter of fact," he told Ledger reporter Lane Lambert.

Oh, yeah. It seems like every year at this time some imposter shows up claiming the first Thanksgiving. Just the other year, El Paso, Texas, announced that Spanish conquistadors first gave thanks there in 1598. Only they didn't invite the Indians. They whacked them first.

In order to settle this annual dispute once and for all, I called my crack investigative team off the Kennedy assassination --- they're still in the grassy knoll phase --- and put them to work solving the thorniest American mystery since the disappearance of Whitey Bulger.

The answer that they came up with will amaze you.

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated thousands of years ago when Asian people, who eventually became the Indians, gave thanks to the Great Spirit for guiding them from Siberia to Alaska before the land bridge between the two sank under water.

"Let us have a feast to celebrate," said Ogh, son of Fire.

"We shall have roast mammoth and cranberry sauce," said Egh, son of the Wind.

"Good. I am tired of mammoth chow mein," said Ugh, son of a (expletive deleted).

(I am reluctant to use the actual word, which rhymes with "switch," for fear of getting yelled at by Mike Powell and the FCC. Moral values were far less demanding in Ugh's day.)

The description of the real first Thanksgiving, which took place in an igloo near Nome, Alaska, was contained in a letter carved in stone that was to have been sent back to the old folks in Siberia only the rising water shut off contact between the continents.

It eventually wound up as a stepping stone at a bar in Anchorage where it was discovered by a member of my crack investigating team while he was being thrown bodily from the establishment for ordering a less than six-to-one martini.

The team is still working on a translation of the stone, a difficult task after generations of likkered-up Alaskans have been tromping on it. But they're still trying. They're up to the part where Egh says:

"Let's invite the Indians."

"We are the Indians," said Ogh.

"Oh," said Egh.

Stay tuned. Maybe the Indians will invite us after all.

Dune plan will restore beauty of beach

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY



I have wonderful news for readers who love our seacoast's natural beauty. Last week the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Coastal Zone Management (CZM) conferenced with representatives of Cohasset's Sandy Beach Association (SBA) and the Town of Cohasset. The cause of the meeting was the removal of the dune that formerly separated the parking lot at Sandy Beach from Atlantic Avenue. When the Town removed that dune earlier this year, several environmental regulations were violated. DEP offered the Town two options: restore the dune or face a substantial fine.

DEP stated at the conference they really don't want to fine Cohasset. Instead, DEP supported an agreement whereby no wrongdoing would be mentioned. They offered free technical expertise in the formulation of a beach management plan that will benefit all parties. Here are some of the elements of the plan now in the works:

They offered free technical expertise in the formulation of a beach management plan that will benefit all parties.

• Restore the dune along Atlantic Avenue in a way that does not obstruct sight lines of motorists exiting the parking lot. Plant American dune grass to anchor the sand and help trap sand blowing off the beach. If in the future the dune grows to the point of obstructing sight lines, the agreement will precisely define how much of it may be removed.

• Promote the formation of a primary dune at the upper extremity of the beach, where now a row of huge boulders separates the beach from the parking lot. Build several paths through the dune so you don't need to walk far to get to the beach. Plant the dune with dune grass. Allow other native plant species to thrive, helping anchor the dune and trapping windblown sand. Protect the dune with sand fencing and informational signage.

This environmental restoration work will have numerous benefits:

• The beautiful dune that was removed will be restored, enhancing both Atlantic Avenue and the parking lot.

• The row of huge boulders will gradually disappear, replaced by a beautiful, sinuous, undulating, graceful vegetated sand dune. Sandy Beach will begin to resemble a miniature Cape Cod National Seashore. A gem in Cohasset's crown. I can't believe any beachgoers prefer seeing asphalt, cars, and trashcans to a natural dune.

• Very little beach area will be lost to the dune. More sand will stay on the beach.

• The primary and secondary dunes will trap sand that now blows off the beach and onto the parking lot, onto Atlantic Avenue, and into Little Harbor. The Town will save money on maintenance.

I feel great gratitude toward the folks at DEP, CZM, SBA, and the Town who are being so cooperative in helping Sandy Beach evolve into a place of beauty all can enjoy. Thank you.

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Why Cook Estate project is a good one for Cohasset

COMMENTARY

MARGY CHARLES

Some speak about the Cook Estate without the understanding that it came to the town through the efforts of the Senior Housing Committee and the Selectmen. Seven proposals were made according to the guidelines set forth by the town. Northland won the bid. They have spent more than $50,000 to find a solution to the site treatment plant similar to what 100 Pond Street had, but the stumbling block is the clean waste water.

I have read the letters to the editor in last week's Mariner.

Mr. Higginson's letter clarifies capacity and "BOD" but how much "BOD" would come from the Cook?

Gary Vanderweil uses the term, "empty nesters" to define seniors. There are many seniors who do not live in mansions but they are having a hard time managing their ordinary homes (nests). Most seniors did not earn six-figure salaries like so many of the young new residents earn today. They are overwhelmed with taxes and maintenance. They gave to the town and they pay for the schools.

Do you want all these seniors to go elsewhere? Hingham has four developments for people over 55. Many have already gone to Duxbury Village and Doctor's Hill in Scituate. Certainly young couples will move into their homes but they will anyway, no matter where the seniors go!

Some letters refer to Northland as if they were an enemy. "Developer" seems to be a dirty word but most of us already live in homes "developed" by some one in the past. We chose this developer, Northland, over six other bidders.

I understand about the consent decree for Little Harbor. However, the way Gary Vanderweil proposes sewer projects, it seems as if the whole town would have to be taken care of *now* before this unique opportunity before us could be accepted.

Growth and Development wants managed growth…well this is it. There is manifest need for "affordable" housing and although 30 percent of Cook is designated "affordable," the fact that it will have a total of 37 rental units makes it most attractive to many who might not qualify for "affordable."

The growth of our town must include "affordable." The Department of Housing and Community Development needs towns to step up to the plate. There is a severe shortage of affordable housing. Are we so prestigious that the Planning Board can place that requirement on the backburner? Why can't the Selectmen and the Sewer Commission and the Planning Board make a "Plan"?

Some said in their letters-to-the-editor that the seniors have been manipulated. That is just not so. SERF (Sewering Existing Residences First) is so opposed to the Cook Project but we know there will be capacity for the state-mandated area and it will need an override at some time in the future that will pay for the bond to dig up the streets and put down the pipes.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

From left, Nancy Barrett, Adrienne MacCarthy, Martha Horsefield, Anna Abbruzzese, Nancy Anderson and June Simeone man the refreshment table during Saturday's "Cook Estate" rally on the common. SERF (Sewer Existing Residences First) held a counter demonstration at the same time.

Those of us who want the Cook property developed seem to be pitted in opposition to Litter Harbor residents. Not so! Because of the time frame in dealing with the Trustees of the Cook Estate, we are asking for clean effluent to go the Central Plant. We know that when the town needs a bond for Little Harbor they will get it, but right now the town has to bring down the school debt. Little Harbor has to wait. Are there many failed systems now? Of course, no one wants to spend money on litigation.

I urge all seniors to support this project including all the seniors who live on Little Harbor.

Margy Charles lives at 85 Linden Drive. She's been a Cohasset resident for 46 years.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Clueless over fiscal matters

TO THE EDITOR:

Being a fair-minded person, I went to see the presentation of "Outfoxed" put on by the Democratic Town Committee last Friday. This was a feel good performance to help them recover from Black Tuesday.

As expected I found the film to be extremely one sided in their attempt to trash the Fox News Network whose motto is Fair and Balanced. This network has grown in popularity in the last few years in reaction to the extreme left wing bias displayed on the alphabet stations and CNN.

The room was full of chuckles throughout the evening and it bothered me when they were directed toward the treatment of military matters. I admit that I was also offended by the Michael Moore movie that the Dems presented a few weeks ago. In this time of international terrorism I don't consider it is supporting our troops by promoting distortions meant to be divisive and tear us apart. The maximizing of any negative images of our side, discounting any of the positives we accomplished and minimizing or ignoring the atrocities of the terrorists does not make life easier for our soldiers. Maybe I am more sensitive since my brother while in the Navy during Vietnam was treated as one of the baby killers that their hero John Kerry depicted during his infamous rise to fame.

After the film, one of their rising stars, a former selectman and current columnist in another newspaper talked to me. I was rather surprised when he asked me if I could tell him what made up the $500K deficit in the school budget.

This is a man who was one of our town leaders during the FY'05 budget process. The same man who has written lengthy articles disparaging those of us who for years have been cautioning about fiscal irresponsibility and also offering viable alternatives to runaway spending. He was a member of those infamous strategy sessions about what dollar amount to choose to 'sell' the overrides to the taxpayers. They picked only an additional $400K for the schools at the ATM and we have since discovered they were low by at least $500K in their last sales pitch. This is a man who praised the leadership of the last school committee. And yet he and they are basically clueless about this huge deficit after their numbers had so carefully been crunched.

He has described those that have asked questions, requested transparency and offered solutions as "foaming at the mouth about the budget and town management". In his opinion most of the budget is out of our control like everything else in town.

I wish that I could say that this former selectman wasn't typical of our officials in town of the last few years, but I can't. How can we constantly have cost overruns in legal, and overtime? Who kept track of the last Town Manager's hours and how did he accrue so much owed timed before he left with his big payoff that we could ill afford? Who authorized giving almost $50K of school funds to the top three union school administrators on their leaving when that money was not in the budget? Was some of this money actually for owed accrued time who has those records? Why have work orders for school maintenance taken up to 6 months to reach the DPW? Do any of our officials know how many vehicles each department has, how they are used and their current condition?

There are too many questions, not enough answers and too great a willingness to relinquish matters to highly paid professionals all of whom don't necessarily have the good of the town as their main goal.

Are there solutions to our financial woes? Sure, but it is not in the fairy tale of the pot of money we will get by bringing in three big developments Cook, Avalon and Cedarmere —on the sewer.

L.C. Jenkins
Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers
198 Jerusalem Road

Put cap on school budget increases

TO THE EDITOR:

The budget comparison for FY04 versus FY05 that Superintendent Walsh wrote and the Mariner published (on Nov. 12) is misleading.

Supt. Walsh makes it look like the School District only received a 2.67 percent increase for FY05($11.631M to $11.942M).

If you refer to the March 27, 2004, Town Warrant you will see that the FY04 budget was $11.267M and the FY05 Budget was approved at $12.003M or a 6.5 percent increase. The basic difference was overspending of the budget and resultant supplementals with more on the docket for the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

The only way to control the School District budget is to place a cap on it and make the Superintendent, School Committee, Advisory Committee and Selectmen live within that budget. One opportunity for major savings is to do a space utilization survey of the schools and close-off unnecessary space until increased enrollment justifies its usage. I estimate that the schools are operating with about 60 percent excess square footage. "Nature abhors a vacuum," so, the staff and faculty have "spread-out" to fill the vacuum.

I would also like to ask that the Mariner and Superintendent Walsh print a five-year comparison of enrollment growth to full and part-time hiring growth.

About eight years ago, Dick Avery, as Chairman of the Advisory Committee, suggested that in our type of municipality; we cannot avoid some proposition 2-1/2 overrides, but we ought to cap annual budget increases at 4.5 percent. His recommendation remains valid today. If each new student costs $7,000 to 13,000; perhaps that should serve as a yardstick for School District budget increases in excess of 2-1/2 percent.

I would also like to see Selectmen who blindly supported the actions of the Town Manager, Police Chief and School Superintendent/School Committee held accountable for their poor judgement.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

Get budget under control

TO THE EDITOR:

As one of Cohasset's senior citizens, I am concerned with the shortsightedness of proposals to connect new real estate development projects to our sewer resources.

Under the pretext of serving Cohasset's senior citizens and low-income families, various interest groups are collaborating with Town officials to divide up the sewer resources among future property owners and renters. This is leaving the homeowners, who have paid taxes to build sewers, out in the cold.

To tell us that developments, which would serve only a small portion of seniors, will benefit all seniors is a myth. The real motivation for the new developments is a means to execute lucrative real estate transactions for developers and their backers.

Think about the future and address the problems we have without adding new unknowns. Think about all the promises made and were unable to be kept.

Although I believe the Cohasset Elder Affairs advocates are in earnest and have our best interests at heart, they are being misled.

Lets put more effort into getting the budget under control, instead of adding to it, so we can stay in our homes.

June Hubbard
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Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen
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Nov. 19, 2004

QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Hingham Journal. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local representatives and senators' votes on two roll calls from prior sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

MEDICAID NURSING HOME ELIGIBILITY (H 4850)

House 147-8, Senate 37-1, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget provision prohibiting the state from establishing more restrictive clinical criteria for nursing home eligibility under Medicaid without first submitting a detailed, multi-year plan to the Legislature. The provision prohibits the criteria from being any more restrictive than the criteria in effect on January 1, 2004 and prohibits any new criteria from affecting current nursing home residents. Current regulations mandate that a person must need assistance with at least three activities of daily living in order to qualify for nursing home admission under Medicaid. Override supporters argued that it is important to maintain this standard and not allow the Romney administration to unilaterally increase the number of daily activities to four or more without explaining the plan and consequences to the Legislature. They noted that the Legislature would then have the option to allow the plan to go into effect or consider legislation to modify or stop it. They said that changing the criteria would bar many needy seniors and others from nursing home admission under Medicaid. In his veto message, the governor said the prohibition would improperly impose legislative controls on what should be executive branch decisions. (A "Yea" vote is for prohibiting more restrictive standards without submission of a detailed, multi-year plan to the Legislature. A "Nay" vote is against the prohibition).

MEDICAID AND SENIORS' HOMES (H 4850)

House 153-0, 153-0 and 154-0, Senate 37-1, 35-1, 36-1, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of three budget provisions repealing a 2003 law, approved by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Romney, expanding the state's power to collect the costs of medical and nursing home care from the estates of state-subsidized Medicaid recipients following their death. The repeal would put back into place the prior law allowing the state to only collect from assets that were owned solely in the recipient's name and allowed couples to protect their assets simply by owning the property jointly or with a family member. These assets include homes, bank accounts, insurance and other personal property. The controversial 2003 law allowed the state to expand its collections to assets owned jointly with others including spouses and family members. Under the expanded powers, the state would place a lien on the home or other asset and collect the deceased recipient's share of it when the asset is sold. The expanded recovery powers were actually in effect from July 2003 until March 2004 when the Legislature delayed the effective date until July 1, 2004. The state had already collected money and placed liens on properties but then developed plans to remove the liens and refund the money while the delay was in effect. Override supporters said it was unfair to have changed these rules in the middle of the game and argued that the expanded recovery would effectively destroy the estate planning of many senior citizens and have a devastating effect on the surviving spouses of deceased recipients. They argued that a state lien on a home would make it difficult for the surviving spouse to take out a home equity loan for improvements or living expenses. They also argued that if the surviving spouse sold the home, he or she would forfeit a substantial sum of money to the state. Override opponents said the expanded powers would ensure that all Medicaid recipients are on an equal playing field rather than favoring those who do estate planning to avoid allowing state recovery. They noted that the state must rein in skyrocketing Medicaid costs and has a right and obligation to recover the deceased recipients' share of assets before taxpayer dollars are spent. They argued that the state, under the expanded powers, would not have forced a surviving spouse to sell the home and pointed out that the state had indicated it was willing to waive or subordinate its claim if there is an undue hardship including the need for the spouse to take out a home equity loan. (A "Yea" vote is for repealing the expanded recovery powers. A "Nay" vote is against repealing the expanded recovery powers).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

RESTRICTIONS ON MOTORIZED SCOOTERS (H 5125)- Acting Gov. Kerry Healey signed into law legislation requiring drivers of gas and electric-powered motorized scooters to be at least 16 years old and possess a valid driver's license or learner's permit. Other provisions require drivers to wear a helmet, limit the vehicle's speed to 20 miles per hour, bar their operation after dark and mandate that they be equipped with directional "blinkers" in the back. "This new law treats motor-powered scooters essentially like motor vehicles, with the expectation that riders will be licensed and obey the rules of the road," said Healey. She also noted that restricting these devices "goes a long way in protecting our children from life-threatening injuries." Sponsors of the new law have long argued that these low-riding vehicles are unregulated by the state and are being misused by young people without any driving experience. The bill includes an emergency preamble that makes the law effective immediately instead of in 90 days.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote



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HEALTH NOTES

Buck stops at Selectmen's desk

Some thoughts on Cook wastewater

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As chairman of the Board of Health, I've tried to keep abreast of the sense of the town on general health and also, since so much time is spent on it, wastewater disposal. From what I've heard around town, everybody is generally in favor of the principles of elder housing, both affordable and market rate, both of which are addressed at the Cook property.

The Warrant article at the Town Meeting was intended by its authors to provide another opportunity for the town to express its consensus about the creation of elder housing within the Town. Nothing more. It is an instruction to the Selectmen to work out the details. Within this context, there are, at this time, precious few alternatives known to the Town to make this happen: Almost all off site solutions have become unusable for one reason or another.

The option which made the most sense from a wastewater standpoint was to consider the use of Paul Pratt Library property for treated and sanitized effluent. Unfortunately, the library property is in a Town designated wellfield at Ellms Meadow, created long before the Town became as prosperous in terms of water supply as is now the case.

With 9/11 and other factors which caused a broad consensus about the need to address emergency preparedness, two of the Town's original wellfields were identified and their watersheds designated as Zone II water resource districts. Subsequently, considerable resources were spent in developing these well fields as an emergency water supply. Changing the status of these wellfields would mean that the Town would be throwing away the money spent on them, and they would no longer be available for emergency purposes.

Another option about which there is much controversy is to provide for a connection to the central sewer plant. There are many facets to the adornments which have been hung on the arguments both pro and con about this issue. Probably the most telling seems to be as strongly held, and by roughly as many people as those who want elder housing, is that granting sewer capacity to unbuilt homes before it is given to existing homes which have wastewater problems is about as popular as bringing a skunk to church.

For those of us who don't have direct responsibility for the decisions about these issues (which is almost everyone in Town), the solution is simple. Leave it to the Selectmen. It's their responsibility. But you may want a few observations on the alternatives from a Board of Health standpoint which is essentially technically and economically based rather than based on planning or political considerations.

• The effect of connecting to the central plant is, because of the technology being used, difficult to fully characterize from a capacity standpoint. It was the only system of its type built in this country when it was begun, and although it shows much promise, its long-term performance is not fully known. Permitting for the plant will allow it to grow to a size that would accept effluent from anything now planned for it, including Little Harbor with some surplus. Only time will permit a full understanding of the actual capacity of the system and its full capabilities. At best, there is a finite limit to the capacity of the Central Plant, and it is prudent to guard this limited capacity for those who need it most.

• The Library site is known to both the Town and the DEP. It has the type of soils for effluent disposal not available on the Cook parcel. The DEP has unofficially confirmed that if all requirements were met, a Groundwater Discharge Permit for treated effluent would be approved in 6 months to a year based on a hydrogeological study undertaken by the developer. A favorable outcome for such a study is not certain; nevertheless, it represents one option for wastewater disposal.

But in the last analysis, the Selectmen must carry out the will of the Town. They have to find a way. However, it should be remembered that the Selectmen will be dealing with hard-headed experienced businessmen who plan to build a $40 million project. And so they can't give away the store, and it may take some money to secure a positive outcome.

The truth is that the many acres of Deer Hill have lousy soil. Accordingly, big dreams for many units of housing are not possible on site without off-site wastewater disposal. This represents a loss of value for the Town, the developer, and eventually, the Cook Estate. It means that the estate may not be worth as much as the deal was negotiated for in the first place.

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So it's also up to the Selectmen to see that the Town profits from this deal. Some proclaim the fiction that seniors leaving their homes would invite the entrance of many new school children into the system. When these seniors bought their houses they had kids, or soon got them, and paid for the classrooms with their taxes many years ago. And sewers are not necessarily the best solution for much of the Town.

The mantra which many carry when they move to Cohasset is that eventually everyone will need to get on a sewer. For about half the population of Cohasset this will never happen. And it shouldn't. There are many cheaper and equally environmentally sound alternatives to sewers available to many who are not on a sewer now. The Board of Health is seeking an equitable solution for these citizens by a plan which we have been working on for about four years. A little known provision of the Townwide Wastewater Management Plan, approved in 2000 by the Town and subsequently by the State, for septic system upgrades and repairs is *Septicredits*. Although never used by the Town, the regulation is on the books. It provides for payment to the owner of a piece of property to use that property for onsite wastewater disposal of effluent from another site. The regulation provides a fee structure for such use to be paid to the landowner by the user. This plan represents an attempt to provide equitable treatment for *every* property owner regardless of whether they use sewers or any other wastewater disposal system.

The good news is that the Boards responsible for providing wastewater treatment to citizens in town are approaching unanimity about what needs to be done about wastewater. Next comes the hard work of finding the least expensive solutions for the various users depending on the circumstances of each.

But much work needs still to be done. We need to obtain a resolution regarding the geological and hydrographic conditions of the Library site to determine if it meets the State's reuse standards, because someday it should be used for wastewater disposal. Unfortunately, this work will not help the current Cook decisions. In addition, perhaps, the question should be asked 'are the well fields 'for emergency purposes' more important than providing for seniors who have, and are still giving the Town so much?'

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Health-care tops list of citizen concerns

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Memos about the construction of the Big Dig started leaking faster than the notorious tunnel itself last week.

The public relations problem grew so bad that the Herald published tongue-in-cheek emergency escape instructions for I-93. Turnpike Chairman Matthew Amorello insisted the tunnel was safe; but the public has endured two decades of surprise revisions in the price tag and completion date and assurances that the project would be a technical marvel. Amorello and his agency have reached the nadir of public communications: it doesn't matter if they're telling the truth.

With nothing they could do directly to make that situation better – and Gov. Mitt Romney just as happy to continue witnessing the fall-guy foibles of his designated chief nemesis – Beacon Hill leaders turned their attention to a matter on which they have some traction.

Presuming the tunnel stays intact, the present brouhaha will meld into the rest of the project's unfortunate history, and the average citizen will be back to worrying about the usual items. Health care always tops that list. Thus it was that even as the media chased a series of revelations and pronouncements about the Big Dig, state government's leading lights quietly made another series of headlines on health policy – a topic that affects people whether they ever get anywhere near I-93:

• Attorney General Thomas Reilly's office said he was investigating whether anyone in the practice of brokering health insurance has broken the law. New York Attorney General Elliot Spitzer has accused the big health broker Marsh & McLennan Cos. of accepting special payments and bonuses from insurers in return for advising clients to use those particular insurers, whether it was in the client's best interest or not. Reilly's office and Insurance Commissioner Julianne Bowler are both investigating whether any Massachusetts brokers did the same thing. Employers use brokers to seek out the best, most affordable health insurance options, and obviously the brokers need to be unconflicted in order to do the job properly. [On the Big Dig last week, Reilly expressed his concerns about fixing the problem but offered little in the way of remedy or specific plans for recourse against the contractors.]

• Senate President Robert Travaglini set a specific, ambitious goal for health insurance: cut the number of uninsured people in Massachusetts to 230,000, which Travaglini said would be a 50 percent reduction. The president said the goal could be accomplished in two years, but offered no price tag. House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi made clear that he won't stand in the way of attempts to insure more residents.

• Human Services Secretary Ronald Preston, not always on the same policy page as legislative Democrats, told reporters, "It was hard to find fault in anything the Senate president said. I think we share the same goals." Thus, both the Senate and the administration put themselves on track to make health access one of the leading issues of 2005 – and to start out unusually well-aligned.

The promising signs on the health front should, of course, be viewed warily. As with the Big Dig, promises of advancement on health care have not jibed with the reality of more and more people going without insurance. And, in another analogue to the Central Artery, every effort to build a fair, effective, affordable health policy always seems to spring leaks.

• *Report: Mass. women ok economically, lack political clout*: — It's one of the big mysteries of Massachusetts public life: why are our leaders overwhelmingly men? A new report from the Institute for Women's Policy Research found the state in the lower third nationwide for the number of women voters empower with legislative and constitutional offices. On the bright side, "The Status of Women in the States" finds Massachusetts women are near the top of the country in earnings. But as with most other metrics, a racial gap exists and persists in earning power; women earn substantially more if they're white.

• *Higher ed eyes 9 percent increase in budget next fiscal year* — The Fiscal Aid and Administrative Policy Committee of the Board of Higher Education will send a budget recommendation to the full board Dec. 1. At last Thursday's (Nov. 18) session, the committee envisioned more money for nursing initiatives and student aid, worker contracts, state and community colleges. They're up against slow growth in state revenues, and pressures to increase spending on local aid and health care.

• *Scooter, video bills become law*— Two bills with broad appeal (the underage-scooter-riding and Peeping-Tom communities excepted) were signed into law. The governor inked legislation putting statutory penalties on the books for videotaping a person without his or her consent. That law also bans the unauthorized recording of a motion picture in a movie theater. And, filling in for Romney, Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey made law out of a bill banning those 16 and under from riding motorized scooters, and subjecting riders of the popular vehicles to new strictures such as ceiling on speed and turn-signal requirements.

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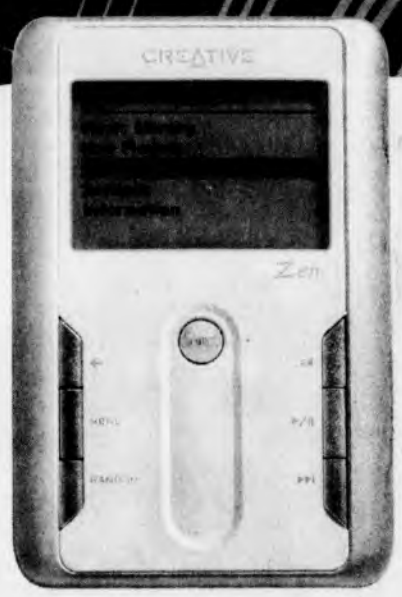
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Cohasset football seniors, from left to right, Crandon Leahy, Teddie Straughn, Joe Durkin, and Leo Clougherty.

Seniors going out in style

CHS football veterans aiming for a Super Bowl title

By Mark Goodman
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They have been here before.

Making the EMass Div. 3 football playoffs three out of the last four years is quite an accomplishment, particularly for a school as small as Cohasset High.

For CHS football seniors Teddie Straughn, Crandon Leahy, Leo Clougherty and Joe Durkin, however, that is not enough. They want to graduate this spring with a championship on their resume.

They and the seven other seniors on the team were freshmen three years ago when the Skippers lost to Tyngsboro in the playoffs. And, of course, they were on the field last year when the team lost again in the first round to Westwood.

Durkin says because of that experience, the boys are better prepared to win that first game and get to the Super Bowl.

"I think that, because of the pressure [after falling behind against Westwood], we kind of put our heads down," said Durkin, the team's leading rusher this season with over 1,500 yards. "Now, we have the strength to come back from that situation."

And your reaction if the team falls in the first round again?

"I don't want to think about that right now," Durkin said before last Friday's practice.

These seniors are part of a group of athletes that have played together for several years; in some cases, as young as eight years old. Knowing that this is

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Skippers await Tri-Valley champ

Playoff opponent was to be determined on Thanksgiving

By Mark Goodman
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As of press time, the Cohasset football team's first round playoff game against the champion of the Tri-Valley League was scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 30, 4 p.m. at Curry College in Milton.

Athletic Director Ron Ford stressed Wednesday morning that the schedule is tentative and subject to change, although he was expecting to hear later that day the official word from the MIAA.

To get the official details, you can call the CHS athletics office at 781-383-6103, which features an automated hotline that has all the latest scheduling details.

For students interested in attending the game, there will be spectator buses leaving from the high school that day. Students can sign up for the buses in school on Monday.

Tickets will be sold at the game, and are $10 for adults, $7 for students.

As for who the Skippers will be playing, that was to be determined on Thanksgiving. If Holliston, who is undefeated in Tri-Valley play, beats Westwood on Turkey Day, they are Cohasset's opponents.

For students interested in attending the game, there will be spectator buses leaving from the high school that day.

Should Westwood win and Dover-Sherborn defeats Medfield, it will be a rematch of last year's Cohasset-Westwood matchup, one which the Skippers lost.

If Westwood beats Holliston and Medfield wins over Dover-Sherborn, things then go into a complicated tie-breaker scheme.

The Tri-Valley tie-breaker, if you can believe it, is determined by points given up in the first half against one another. The bottom line is, Medfield has the advantage in that department, depending on what happens with the Holliston-Westwood game.

But, again, if Holliston wins, the tie-breaker is moot.

In any of the three cases, Tony Rolfe's team will have a tough task on their hands.

Holliston has put up over 30 points per game, led by quarterback Tyler Parrino, recently named the TVL most valuable player. A lanky 6-footer, Parrino can throw and run with equal effectiveness.

Holliston also has a couple talented junior running backs in Dave Menapase and Zach Rodgers, the latter 5-11, 205-pound bulldozer of a fullback. Parrino's two favorite targets are Chris Valiant and Mike Shalalie.

Westwood has seven league all-stars on their roster, led by quarterback Jeff White, who has thrown for over 1,800 pages and 19 touchdowns this year. He has two talented receivers in Joe Fabiano (over 800 yards, 10 touchdowns) and Chris Laham (700+ yards, nine TDs).

Amadeaus Guerrero is Westwood's top running threat, and in his last game before the holiday, ran for 212 yards in a win. Westwood also has a tough defense, led by TVL defensive player of the year George Whetstone, and all-league cornerback Morgan Donahue.

Medfield has a talented signal-caller of its own in Kevin Lynch. A 6-3, 205-pound athlete, Lynch plays linebacker on defense and is a multi-dimensional quarterback.

Medfield has good size in the offensive line, which blocks for running back Bryan Lee, a fast 5-9, 175-pound senior. Leading that line is all-league tackle Ryan Policella, who checks in at 6-2 and 230 pounds.

Exactly who that opponent is will also be available on the CHS athletics line, or by viewing the MIAA website, www.miaa.net.

STANDING TALL



Scituate-Cohasset Shark Mites John Brady #69 and Joe Buckley #77 anchored a defense that held undefeated Barnstable scoreless for the first three periods in the youth team's recent Super Bowl. For more coverage, turn to page 20.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Girls soccer seniors, from left to right, Christine Lovallo, Nicole Whitney, and Mackenzie Holway.

Soccer seniors set the tone

Lovallo, Holway, Whitney reflect on their CHS careers

By Mark Goodman
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Soccer and baseball have at least one thing in common.

When it comes to those sports' most important positions, they are up the middle.

In baseball, obviously, it's the catcher, middle infielders and center fielder.

In soccer, the center midfielder and central defenders are the backbone of any team. A team's success - or lack thereof - can often be directly tied to those three positions.

Perhaps the biggest reason the Cohasset girls soccer team made the state tournament for the third straight year in 2004 was the play of seniors Christine Lovallo, Mackenzie Holway and Nicole Whitney.

Lovallo, the team's best defender last year, was arguably its best player this season. A two-time South Shore League all-star, Lovallo made the switch this year from fullback to sweeper, the position Cohasset head coach Deb Beal says could be the most important on the field.

"Christine has been studying that position for so long, it was just natural to put her in there when it opened up this year," Beal said. "It's something we're going to have to do again next year, figure out who is going to play that spot."

Whoever does will have some big cleats to fill. One of the top defenders in the league, Lovallo was a constant nuisance to opponents trying to score with her quickness and marking skills.

Playing ahead of Lovallo at the stopper back position was Holway, a solid two-way player who is equally adept at defending and starting counter-attacks for her own team.

Holway said a key to her personal success this year was an improved commitment to physical fitness.

"I honestly thought that if just ran once in a while during the off-season, I'd be alright," she said. "Nicole can do that. She could not run all year and then run at practice like she never stopped. I can't do that."

Beal says she has been impressed by Holway's dedication, both athletically and academically.

"She's made a full-force commitment to herself and to her team," said the coach. "She is just a picture of hard work and determination right now."

And in the midfield there is Whitney, who made the South Shore League all-star team in her senior season. Cohasset lost a very good player in Jenn Buckley from that position last year, but Beal had no second thoughts about who would step in.

"Nicole was the obvious choice there," the coach said. "She probably did not have as much confidence in her foot skills and ball control ability as she should have. But as the season went on, she became more and more capable."

Unfortunately for the Skippers and their ten seniors in particular, their tournament frustrations continued this season. Last year, Cohasset thoroughly outplayed Sacred Heart but lost, 2-1.

This season, Cohasset lost to Fairhaven 3-0 in a game that was closer than the score would indicate.

The lack of postseason success was not due to a lack of effort. Whitney says the fact that this was the last time all the seniors played together in the same uniform was a big motivating factor.

"That made you want to work even harder. You didn't want to screw things up," she said. "It's hard for the seniors. It's over,

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Thanksgiving coverage

Cohasset's annual Thanksgiving Day game against the Hull Pirates took place after the Mariner went to press.

Next week's edition will have full coverage of the event, including a game story and photographs to capture the atmosphere of our Thanksgiving football tradition.

We will also have next week, of course, coverage of the football team's playoff game.

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Cohasset Youth Lacrosse completed its initial registration day for the Spring 2005 season on Nov. 13, but registration will continue through Jan. 8.

Parents can come to a second sign-up day - scheduled for 9 - 11 a.m. at Cohasset High School on the first Saturday in January - or can request paperwork via e-mail and return it by January 8.

"The one thing that became clear during the initial registration day is that we are not likely to have any roster spots after January 8," says Chuck Jaffe, director of Cohasset Youth Lacrosse. "We will take everyone who signs up during the registration period, even if it puts us above our ideal roster sizes, but it's very likely we'll be full once the registration period closes."

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will field boys teams in the 11-and-Under (grades 3 and 4), 13-and-Under (grades 5 and 6) and 15-and-Under age groups. It will field girls teams in the two older age groups and will hold a 90-minute weekly clinic for the youngest girls.

At all levels, practices should not conflict with most other youth sports activities.

Registration for 2005 costs $145 for one player, $270 for two players and $390 for three. The girls clinic for players in grades 3 and 4 costs $100 per player or $90 if another family member is participating on one of the teams.

To receive forms or get more information on Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, call 781-383-9858 or e-mail CAJaffe@aol.com <mailto:CAJaffe@aol.com>.

Cohasset Alumni Soccer Game

Saturday, November 27, 2004 is the date for the annual Cohasset Alumni Soccer game. Last year's inaugural event ended in a 2-2 tie with over 40 players returning from a span of 30 years of Cohasset Soccer. This year two games will be played. The first game will be the first women's game to be held. The game will be played at 12:00 at Alumni Field (field conditions permitting). The second game, the men's game, will be played at 2:00pm at either Alumni field or Milliken field depending on field availability. All CHS graduates who played on soccer teams from 1973 (our first team) are invited to participate. The format will be a normal 90 minute game with graduates of odd numbered years playing against graduates of even numbered years. Please contact Jeff Donze if you are interested in playing in the men's game jeff.donze@comcast.net or 781-383-9734 or Alyssa McNamara if you are interested in participating in the Women's game Alyssa@McNamaraFinancial.com or 781-962-6049. More details on a social get together after the game will be coming in future announcements. Please check our web site www.cohassetsoccer.com for updates.

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The Recreation Commission of Cohasset is sponsoring a "Learn to ski or snowboard" program at Ragged Mountain on five Saturdays throughout the winter: Nov. 27, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5. The motor coach will leave at 6:30 a.m. from Cohasset Town Hall parking lot, 41 Highland Ave. and returns there between 6:30 and 7 p.m. There will be an adult chaperone on the bus and available to assist your child at Ragged Mountain.

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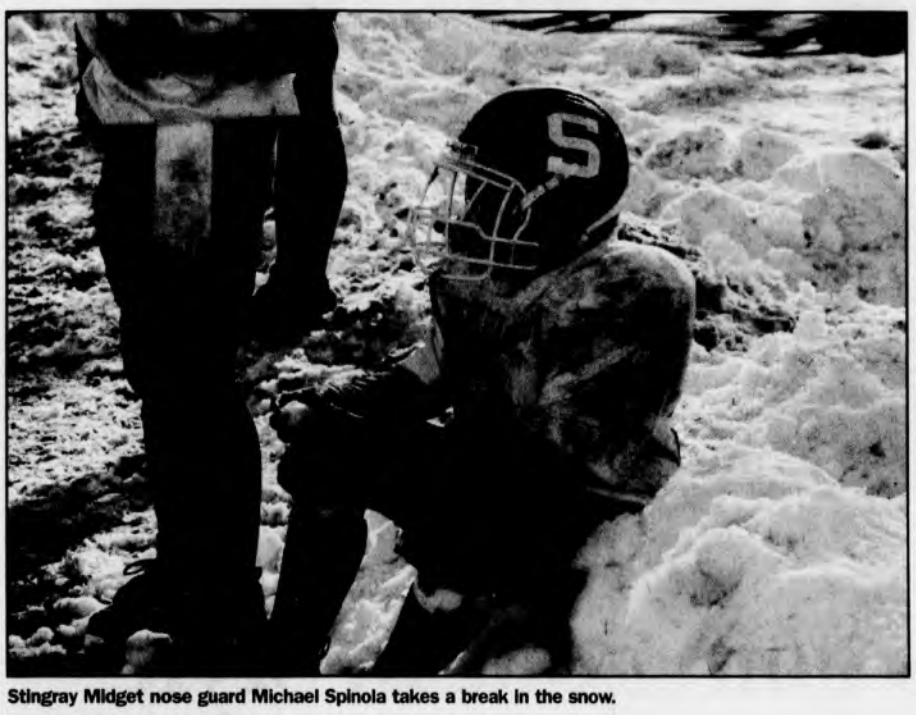
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Stingray Midget Kenton Toney eludes two Hanover tacklers during a kickoff run back for a touchdown.



Stingray Midget nose guard Michael Spinola takes a break in the snow.

A season of success

The Scituate-Cohasset youth football program recently completed another successful season.

The program, which consists of one team each in grades three through eight, once again demonstrated good sportsmanship and fair play throughout the year.

The Stingrays Midget team (7th grade) and Sharks Mite (4th grade) each made their respective youth football Super Bowls. Unfortunately, they both lost, but both teams still had a great year.

The Stingrays Midget team advance to the Super Bowl on a 14-8 win over Marshfield in the first round of the playoffs, and the Sharks Mite team did so on a 6-0 win over Bridgewater.

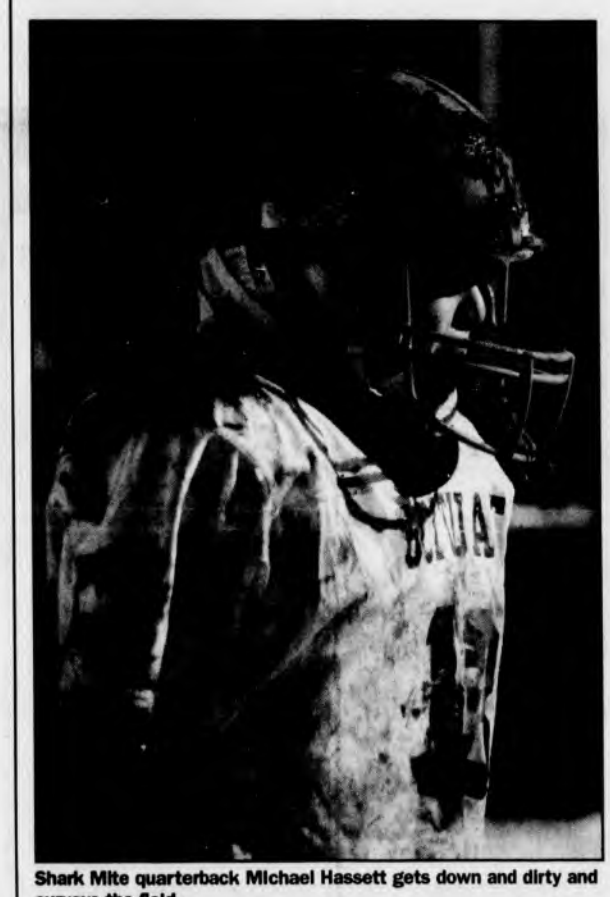
The Sharks Midget team (8th grade) and Stingrays Mite team (3rd grade) each also made the playoffs, but lost in the first round.

Congratulations to coach Bob McQuaid and his players, as well as cheerleading coach Lorie Neil, for another good season.

These photos were provided by Days End Photography, which chronicled the entire youth football season through their pictures.

To look at more photos and order a picture, if you're interested, visit www.daysendphoto.com.

For more information about the football and cheerleading programs, visit the program's website at www.scicohfootball.com.



Shark Mite quarterback Michael Hassett gets down and dirty and surveys the field.



Shark Mite #10 Matthew Cousins beats the Barnstable defenders to the corner for a long gain.

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Soccer seniors set the tone

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unless you play in college."

One thing those seniors can take from the experience is the chemistry they had with one another.

"This group of seniors probably got along more than any group I've had," said Beal, who just finished her seventh year with the girls soccer program.

One thing the seniors admittedly had to work on throughout the season was getting the team's underclassmen on the same page. The team carried five sophomores and one freshman during the regular season, and called up a few more for the tournament.

"It worked out OK between the seniors, because we've been together for so long a time," Lovallo said. "It was different with the sophomores because we had never played with them."

Whitney, one of the team's four senior co-captains along with Lovallo, Rachel Garber and Casey Anderson, said she took it upon herself to talk to the younger players and get them in gear when needed.

"I think I did that more than everyone. I was a little more aggressive, and I tried to push everyone," she said.

That seemed to work out in the end, although according to Beal, there is always a fine line when getting in a teammate's face, particularly in women's athletics.

"You can scream at a boy all you want, and they'll take it," Beal said. "If you yelled at a girl, 'What are you thinking?', you'd probably hear what they were thinking. Girls are sensitive and very emotional, but that can be a good thing, too."

But it is that kind of leadership from this year's seniors and those of years past that have brought the Cohasset girls soccer programs from the doldrums into respectability, an improvement Lovallo, Holway and Whitney say they are aware of and are proud to be a part of.

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COASTAL STARS REPORT

Squirt A

The Coastal Stars Squirt-A Team got back to their winning ways with a 4-3 victory over a very strong Brockton team. The stars jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead on goals by **John Meehan and Tyler Martina**. Meehan's goal was a rebound of a quick Martina shot from the slot. **Ryan Donovan** also had an assist on the play as he showed great patience holding onto the puck until Martina found an opening in the slot. Ryan made a perfect pass to Tyler who one timed the puck off the post and the rebound fell on the stick of a perfectly positioned Meehan.

Martina scored the second goal from nearly the same position where he hit the post on the previous goal. This time the release was just as quick and the puck found the back of the net before the Brockton goaltender knew it was on it's way. Donovan and Meehan registered assits on the play after a nice job of cycling down low. As dominant as the Stars were early Brockton was equally dominant in the final five minutes of the first period and evened the score with two well deserved goals.

The Stars regained the lead five minutes into the second period on John Meehan's second goal of the game on a terrific feed from Ryan Donovan. **Brian Scott** also assisted on the play with a strong pass from the neutral ice area. Meehan displayed great hands on the goal as he accepted the Donovan pass and in one motion let go a wrist shot that beat the Brockton goaltender high over his glove hand.

With the score tied at three heading into the third period the Stars were determined to tighten up in the defensive zone and did a great job of maintaining possession of the puck, thus limiting their opponents chances of scoring. **Pat Cull** has been exceptional all season on defense and he consistently made smart outlet passes to the forwards enabling them to break out and apply pressure in the Brockton defensive zone. The Stars have been getting better each week working on carrying the puck and not simply throwing it away when they are challenged. This patience lead to the winning goal by **Travis Craven** who completed a great three on two rush by splitting the Brockton defense and snapping off a hard shot that beat the Brockton goaltender and gave the stars a hard fought 4-3 win. **Jeff Durkin and Conor McLean** assisted on the play and did a nice job of spreading out the defense on a perfectly executed three on two. The Stars continue to get consistent goaltending from **Kevin Kelly** and solid defense from Scott, Cull, Entwistle, and Schorle. This team is really working hard at the little things that define a good hockey team and are becoming more complete each week.

Mite A

The Mite A's scored an impressive 7-1 victory against Duxbury at the Rockland Arena last Sunday. Led by **Will Golden's** hat trick, the Stars played a complete game, limiting Duxbury to three shots on goalie **Jonathan "Le Papillon" Spitz** and peppering the Duxbury goaltender throughout the game. The Stars applied relentless pressure from the outset. **Colin Whelan** and the other Stars forwards backchecked and dug in the corners tirelessly. **Will DeCoste** set up first **Connor Maher**, and then **Andrew Geddes**, out front. **Chris Cohen** rushed and shot from the right side, and was sent in on net by Kenny Parnell for another shot that was saved.

Duxbury drew first blood on a sneakaway with about 1:30 left in the period. Things appeared to worsen for the Stars when they were called for a penalty at the 1:05 mark, but **Terrence Doonan** grabbed the puck in his own end, skated the length of the rink, and lifted one to the top corner to tie the game. Doonan's goal lit a fire for the Stars. On the first shift of the second period, Connor Maher picked up a loose puck at his blue line and outraced Duxbury's defense to their net. His shot beat the goalie to the left side for the 2-1 lead. Will Golden scored the first of his three from a scramble in front of the net with 7:35 left.

Brian Smith and the Stars' defense not only killed the team's second penalty, but allowed the offense to make several shorthanded attempts. **Jared McCrystal** displayed textbook defense by playing the body and separating a Duxbury rusher from the puck, which allowed defensive mate **Kevin McDougall** to scoop up the puck. Chris Cohen's wraparound attempt was saved. Will Golden set up **Jake McDonough** out front. The shot was saved, but McDonough, Doonan, and Golden followed the shot for the rebound, and Golden banged it home after a flurry to put the Stars up, 4-1. McDonough and Doonan had later attempts saved, and Connor Maher fed Andrew Geddes out front, but the buzzer prevented any further scoring.

The Stars didn't let up in the third. **Jeremy Duchini's** pass sent Will Golden on a breakaway that was saved, and Andrew Geddes' shot from the slot was also saved. With 8:00 left in the game, Will Golden kept the puck in at the blue line, skated to the net, and fired to the top right corner from 10 feet out for his hat trick and a 5-1 lead. With 2:15 left, Terrence Doonan picked up the puck just outside the Duxbury blue line, split the D, and rushed to the net. T-Dog's shot was saved, but Jake McDonough hustled to the follow-up and netted the rebound. Doonan and McDonough paired again with 1:48 left when Doonan skated the puck down the left side and passed out front to McDonough. Jake found the five-hole for the game's final tally. The Stars' record now stands at 4-1-1.

Mite C2

On Saturday, Mites 2 team shut out Hanover 4-0 at the Pilgrim Arena. The Stars came out shooting in this contest, quickly wearing down the Hanover defense. **Patrick Graham** was outstanding in net logging the shut out for his squad. He received great defensive support from defenseman **Jake Burchill** who stopped several Hanover attacks and pushed the puck up the ice for the Stars. **Robbie Bertone** contributed to the effort with solid puck control and consistent overall play on defense. The Stars scored their first goal with 6:33 left in the first period

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Seniors going out in style

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their last go-around together in the same uniform, it is hard to come up with a better motivator.

"Everyone will leave everything on the field," Straughn said. "I think the underclassmen respect that."

Straughn has played fullback at the varsity level since his sophomore season, and has played a key role in Durkin's success this season. Like Durkin and their coaches, however, Straughn is quick to give credit to the offensive line, a group that has manhandled opponents in the trenches and beyond.

"It's the offensive line; they're hitting cornerbacks after they get through the defensive line," Straughn said.

Leahy is a big kid (6-2, 200 pounds) with a good arm that he doesn't have to use all the often. Not that it's a problem for him.

"It makes my life ten times easier, knowing that on that first play of the drive we're going to get five to ten yards on the ground," he said. "That makes it easier to do your own job."

One of the reasons the players are eager to praise their teammates is the level of chemistry that has developed in the locker room and on the field as the season has progressed.

Durkin says that aspect was lacking at the start of the season.

"At the beginning of the year, there were some cliques. We weren't a whole group," he said. "It came to the point where you have to deal with stuff you don't want to deal with. It's been fun seeing this team grow. Our chemistry is as good or even better than it ever has been."

With only 11 seniors on a 41-man roster, Cohasset has had to rely on a lot of juniors, sophomores, and even a few freshmen to contribute to the team.

On some teams, the youngsters may not give the same level of effort as the seniors who are playing their last high school games, causing a rift on the team. In the world of Skippers football, however, that is not the case.

"I think the underclassmen have really committed themselves to the team and have stepped up for us," Clougherty said.

Some of those underclassmen that the seniors mentioned include junior defensive tackle Scott Wakefield, sophomore defensive backs Jeff Brown and Anthony DiPaolo, and sophomore linebacker Colin Conway.

Now is the seniors' time to shine, however, and Straughn summed it up best.

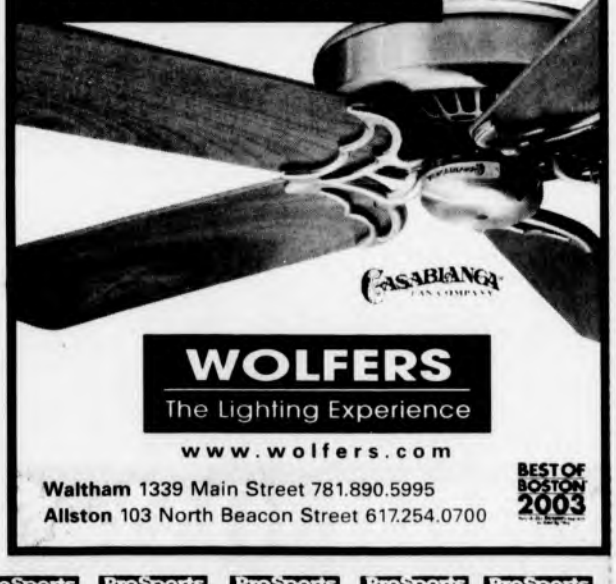
"It's nice to say we've been in the playoffs three out of the last four years," he said. "But it would be a lot nicer to say we won a championship."

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COASTAL STARS REPORT

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on an attempt by Hanover to clear the puck out of the zone. **Aidan Beresford** intercepted the clear out and promptly beat the Hanover goaltender on a wrist shot from the slot.

The Stars were ahead 1-0 after one period of play. The second period was all Stars as the front-line of **Tristan Wiggin, Matt Doyle and Brendan Evitts** attacked the Hanover defense with a barrage of shots. Playing right wing, **Jeremy Archibald** cut through the middle and scored with 9:38 in the period off a rebound by a **Joey Redfearn** scoring bid. **Jack Evitts** assisted the team effort with yeoman work in the corners. Also during the period, Patrick Graham made an outstanding save on a rush by Hanover, challenging the shooter and taking away the angle. The Stars went into the third period with a comfortable 2-0 lead.

This last period proved to be a continuation of the second with more offensive pressure by the Stars. **Matt Boudreau** broke in all alone on the Hanover goalie only to be stifled by a pad save. **Joseph Proctor** won two key face-offs in the third period and Thomas Coyne chipped in with great blue line play that allowed the Stars to maintain possession in the offensive zone. With 10:02 left, **Michael McPartlin** made a truly creative play. McPartlin curled around from behind the Hanover net, stopped and pulled the trigger, scoring on a tough angle. **Kal Maier** joined the offensive party with a nice rush in on the Hanover goal-tender but could not convert.

With a minute left, Matt Doyle made it 4-0 as he cruised through the middle and fired the puck into the left corner of the net. The Stars look to continue their winning ways when they match up with Weymouth next Sunday at the Hobomock arena.

Mites C3

The undefeated Mite C3 team notched their 5th victory with an action packed 6-0 win over Whitman/Hanson/Kingston at Bridgewater Arena. In the 1st period, the Stars fired many quality shots on the W/H/K net minder who was able to keep the puck from entering the net. Stars goaltender, **Jeffery Powers**, was equally up to the task, stopping several W/H/K quality shots including a brilliant save on a two on none breakaway.

Garrett Leahy opened the Stars scoring late in the first period with a great individual effort, going "coast to coast" up the left wing and beating the goalie to make the score 1-0, which held through the end of the first period. **Bryan Bowman and Declan Leahy** provided some inspirational defensive play early in the second period breaking up several opponents' rushes up the ice. **Jeremy "Remy" Archibald** scored the second Stars goal with some nifty stickhandling up the right wing then beating the goalie with a wrist shot. Jeremy and linemates **Ryan Davis** and Garrett Leahy kept constant offensive zone pressure on the W/H/K goalie.

James Daley scored the third goal for the Stars of the contest after splitting the W/H/K defensemen upon receiving a slick pass in the neutral zone from winger Andrew Tautkus. Several fine "end to end" rushes by defenseman **Sam Topham** finally paid off late in the second period as right winger **Mark McGoldrick** followed Sam's shot and scored on the rebound. The third period opened with some excellent offensive zone play by center **Ryan Melia** and wingers **Curtis Golden** and **Hugh Healy**.

The line generated several good scoring opportunities only to be stopped by the opposing goaltender. As the third period continued Stars defenseman, **Max Hemingway**, who constantly stood his ground at the blue line hustled back and broke-up a W/H/K clean breakaway with a nice stick check. Mark McGoldrick, parked in front of the crease, scored his second goal of the game midway through the third period off a nice feed from center James Daley to make the score 5-0. The goal came as the result of defensemen **Jake Denton** and Sam Topham step-ping up into the play and keeping the opponents trapped in their defensive zone.

Garrett Leahy closed out the scoring with his second goal of the game on a great move around the goalie then tucking the puck behind the tender and into the empty net. Stars defensemen, Max Hemingway, Bryan Bowman, Jake Denton and Declan Leahy thwarted oppo-nents third period center ice play making attempts and along with net minder Jeffery Powers pre-served the teams fourth shut out of the young season. Stars play-er, **Matthew Tautkus**, with arm cast now removed, should see ice action soon. Keep up the good play Stars!

Squirt B1

The Coastal Stars Squirt B1 team had a successful weekend, as they overpowered the South Shore Seahawks 8-0 on Saturday, and followed up with a 2-2 tie against a tough Taunton Brewins team on Sunday. Against the Seahawks, the Stars carried the play from the opening face-off and had several early scoring chances turned away by the Seahawks goalie. They final-ly broke through, scoring twice in the last four minutes of the period. **Carter Denton** scored the first of his two goals, putting the puck just inside the right post after picking up the rebound of a DJ Evans shot from the slot. **Ryan Talanian** also picked up an assist on the play. With just over a minute to play in the first, the always hustling **John Kenney** came up with the puck at center ice and broke in on a two-on-one with **Jared Coletta**. The Seahawks goalie made a great stop on Kenney, but Coletta was perfectly positioned and flipped the puck over the goalie to make it 2-0.

In the second period, Jared Coletta battled for the puck and got it to Ryan Talanian, who broke in alone, put the puck on his backhand and slid it through the goalies pads for a 3-0 lead. Two minutes later, it became 4-0, as **Bobby Harrington**, a force in both games, stole the puck and broke in on a two-on-none, with **Mike Carbone** streaking down the right wing. Harrington looked to Carbone, freezing the goalie, and then beat him with a low wrist shot.

The third period was all Stars, as they controlled the tempo and scored four times. Mike Carbone made it 5-0, skating in from the point to pick up the rebound of a John Kenney shot and firing the puck into the top corner. Ryan Talanian then scored his second of the game, with assists from **Neil Conway** and Jared Coletta. Coletta followed that with a goal off a Carter Denton rebound to make it 7-0 and Denton closed out the scoring with his second goal and third point of the game, putting in a rebound after Brian Ford beat his man and broke in alone.

On Sunday, the Stars came out flying against the Brewins, and top to bottom, played their best game of the year. Goalie **Danny Durkin** had a strong game, con-trolling rebounds and making several saves on point blank shots. He had a lot of help from his defensemen and his forwards, particularly **Ross Horan and Bobby Parelli**, as they hustled to get back and battled for the puck along the boards. The Stars went up 1-0 in the first when Neil Conway battled for the rebound of a Bobby Harrington shot and tucked it in the net. The play went back and forth for a while with both goalies being tested. Then **Brian Ford** made a nice play to keep the puck inside the Brewins zone.

The Brewins gained possesion but Mike Carbone stole the puck and whistled a wrist shot by the goalie's glove for a 2-0 lead. The Brewins battled back, tying it on a tip-in from in front and a low wrist shot from the slot. Both teams had scoring chances down the stretch, but strong team defense and goaltending kept it deadlocked.

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History in the making at Osgood

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or scared, and its OK to feel the same way as the turtle sometimes. "It's about social awareness," said Griffiths, and seeing they have the ability to control themselves, just as the turtle does, and listen to their inner voices, "It's empowering for them," she said.

When every child is able to sit very still and very quiet, they are given a small, smooth stone to remind them of their ability to sit as still as stone, just like the turtle. Although Griffiths said the stones all look the same to her, "They do remember which ones are theirs." She said every student also sewed together his or her own special pouch made out of felt to hold their special stones.

The children have also learned about Sacajawea, and the importance of her role in the country's history. Griffiths said they also spoke about the important role children played in the Native American culture. "The children were just fascinated," she said with the stories of the country's history. Realizing there was a time not long ago when parents had no choice but to make things from scratch is sometimes hard for them to grasp, she said.

Griffiths, along with Enrichment Director Liz Alpert, and teachers Janet Gordon and Jessica Malone, teach using themes, and with the passing of Thanksgiving and the transition into other holidays, Griffiths said the theme of the room will gradually change as well. She said there has been much success with the wetu in the classroom, which has been enjoyed not only by the afternoon Enrichment Program students, but those who use the enrichment room during the breakfast club before-school program, and the KEDS extended-day kindergarten program, "After Christmas, we're building a space station," she said, which is just as sure to spark the imagination.



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- The CMHS School Council will meet on Dec. 1, at 3 p.m. in the CMHS main office conference room.
- Important dates for December will be posted on the CMHS web site (www.cohassetk12.org) on Dec. 1.
- Enjoy coffee and conversation with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Denise Walsh at the Red Lion Inn on Thurs., Dec. 2 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- There will be a CMHS PSO meeting at 9 a.m. on Tues., Nov. 30 in the high school conference room. All are welcome.
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Questions and answers about Cohasset's PAC

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Cohasset, has an active parent's council, a system-wide organization of parents working in partnership with teachers, special education service providers and administrators to promote a successful educational environment for our children. They are dedicated to ensuring that children with disabilities have equal access to educational opportunities and schools that are safe, nurturing, challenging learning environments. Cohasset PAC provides access to current resources, regulations, laws and activities that impact special education.

Who should be involved? All parents and guardians of students who receive special education services, including families whose children have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), 504 Accommodation, or Out-of-District placement, etc. The involvement of educators or interested parties are welcome. All parents who think their child may have some learning, behavioral, social or attention issues.

When are PAC meetings? Cohasset PAC meets the first Tuesday of almost every month at the Osgood Elementary School in the Music Room or Osgood Library at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are free and open to the public. Notices of meetings are posted in Town Hall, the Paul Pratt Public Library, the school newsletters and the local paper. Watch for notices of special events, workshops, activities, etc.

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March 1

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April 5

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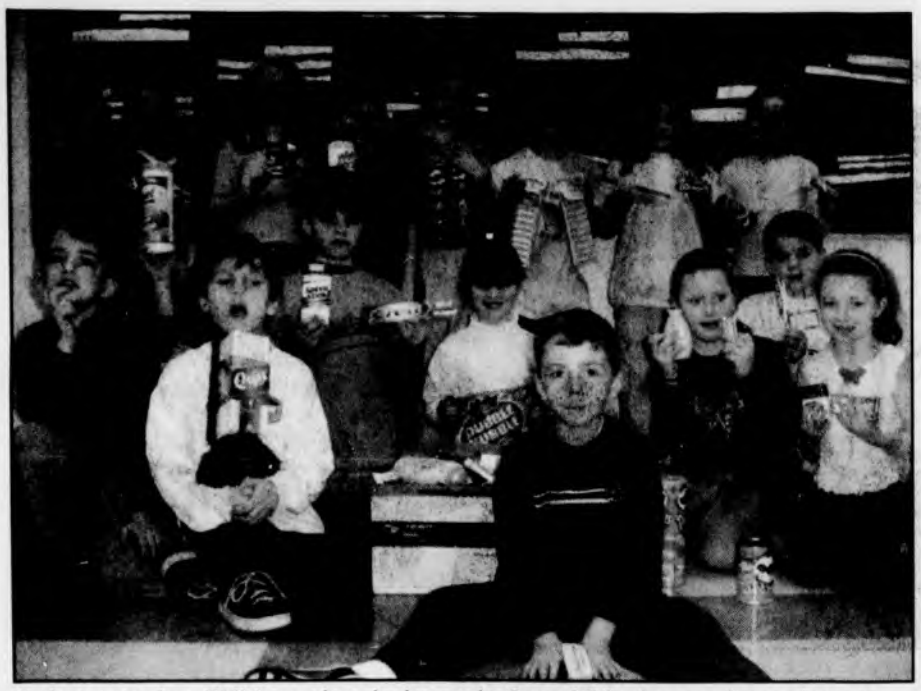


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Goodbye Mrs. Schleiff

Marie Schleiff walked down a corridor in the middle school Nov. 12 to the cheers of faculty and students, celebrating her 35 years of service to Cohasset schools. Students and faculty lined up to applaud her on her last day. Also on hand was Mrs. Schlieff's husband Bill, who is also a retired teacher (from the Weymouth schools)







Snowflake Fair at Beechwood

The Snowflake Fair will be held on Sat. Dec. 4 at the Beechwood Church on Church Street from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Beach glass candy will be available this year! Crafts by The Crafty Ladies as well as baked goods and attic treasures will be for sale. Lunch will be served.

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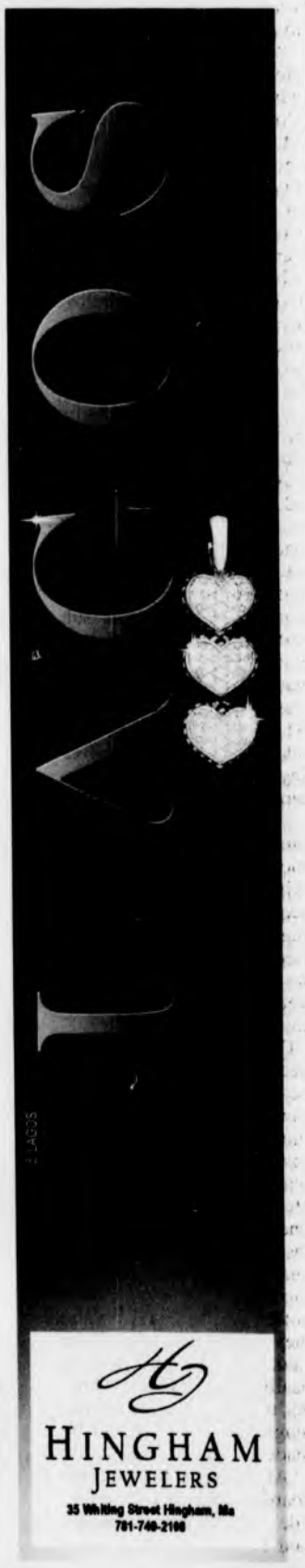
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School board provides budget tutorial

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Edward Malvey and former Business Manager Ivan Klimko presented a budget to the committee which allowed the schools to keep all services at the same level. The proposed budget was essentially a "wish list" of items the school would like to have, if money was no consideration, which was pared down as the board established funding priorities. However, she pointed out keeping the same level of service is a lofty task even when the budget is not level-funded.

The first red flag to present itself in the budget was an unexpected rise in utility costs.

Tebbetts said in order to have maintained services, the schools would have needed a budget increase of 13 percent from what had been appropriated the year before. However, with dramatic decreases in state aid, it was only feasible for the schools to receive an increase of 6 percent, she said.

"We cut administrative positions, support positions, teaching positions and middle school sports," said Tebbetts, adding at the end of the day, even with the cuts, the School Committee felt it needed to ask the town to support a Prop. 2-1/2 override of $400,000.

"We really felt we were unwilling to cut any more staff," she said, and the only way to avoid more cuts was to pass an override.

"We gave everyone sufficient data," said Tebbetts, which included the Advisory Committee, former Town Manager Mark Haddad, and the Board of Selectmen. Flynn added, "I spent a lot of hours with the Advisory Committee, and they dug very deep," into the budget, which was a very informative process. "We realized we didn't have the money and we needed it or we would be in bigger trouble," he said.

"I would say the entire process was very transparent throughout," said Tebbetts.

A good deal of the costs added to last year's budget were fixed costs "which hadn't been there before," said Flynn, adding along with the unforeseen utilities costs, the line item for substitute teachers had been under-budgeted, as $46,500 had been budgeted the previous year and roughly $120,000 was spent. In addition, the cost of covering contractual obligations alone was roughly $490,000.

"We had a significant amount of special education money we had to come up with," said Flynn, which required even more re-working of the budget. "We certainly gave it out best shot last year, and I think it was vetted very well around town," he said.

Flynn added because last year was one of the more active election seasons the town has seen in a while, more people became involved with and concerned with the budgeting process. He added while it was no one's first choice to go for the override, "It's expenses versus what you're not willing to give up. People have gotten used to services and they like the services," he said, but when the town is dealing with budgets which do not have a lot of fat, tough decisions need to be made.

"At the end of the day, (the boards) supported the override, and the town agreed," said Tebbetts.



Rusty Skippers clarinetists, from left, Eric Oddleifson, Steph Hoskins and Lisa Pratt.



Rusty Skippers guest conductor Mark Bodner at last year's holiday concert. The Rusty Skippers will be back this year performing at the First Parish Meetinghouse at noon Dec. 4.

First Parish at the heart of Village Fair

First Parish Unitarian Universalist is bustling with the preparation for its part in this year's Christmas Fair on the Common on Dec. 4. Its Estate(ish) Sale and Swedish Bake Shop are found in the Parish House across from the Common where you'll also find the Coming of Age Group's "Nine Bean and Barley Soup Mix" and an ornament sale. The Rusty Skippers Band conducts a Holiday Concert at noon, and tickets will be on sale for the Dec. 12 Unicorn Singers concert.

The Estate(ish) sale (formerly the Jumble Sale) is back by popular demand in the Parish House. Don't miss this great selection of pre-owned treasures of all kinds for adults and children. Accompanying this sale is the Swedish Bake Shop's cardamom bread and fabulous cinnamon buns with coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

The Rusty Skippers will performing its annual Holiday Pops Concert at First Parish Meeting House at noon the day of the Village Fair. Selections include swinging jazz arrangements of familiar carols: Sleigh Ride (made famous by the Boston Pops), Jingle Bell Rock and many other familiar tunes and carols in all styles.

The concert is free and appropriate for all ages and will last about one hour. A free-will offering for the Cohasset Food Pantry will be taken.



IT'S HAPPENING

Combined choirs perform in Cohasset

The Choral Art Society of Scituate and the adult and youth choirs of St. Theresa of Avila Parish of West Roxbury, will join voices to present a holiday concert titled "Noel, Nowell: A French and English Christmas." on two Sundays in December. The program includes Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols", Gounod's "Missa Brevis" and an assortment of carols.

Dr. Richard R. Bunbury, musical director, will conduct the combined chorus with musical guests harpist Xiao Yin Zhang and organist Frederick Guzasky. On Dec. 5, at 4 p.m. the group will perform at St. Stephen's Church, on Cohasset common. The performance will be repeated on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m. in West Roxbury at St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre Street.

Tickets are $12/$10 (students and seniors) for the Cohasset concert and are available in advance by phone or at the door on performance day.

A freewill donation at the door is suggested for the West Roxbury concert. Both churches are handicapped accessible. A reception will follow each concert with free refreshments.

For information call 781-545-8295 or visit www.choralartsociety.org. The program is funded in part by grants from local cultural councils through Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

METCO wreaths are now on sale

The annual METCO wreath sale has now begun. Flyers went home last week to all children in the Cohasset schools. Wreaths are $10 a piece

Double sided balsam and 22 inches in diameter. Wreaths can be picked up on Saturday Dec. 4, between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the high school.

Additional wreaths will be sold at this time as well. Any questions call Jody Golden 781 383 2685

Shipbuilding legacy is subject of talk

On Thursday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m., as the Hull Lifesaving Museum welcomes Harold Burnham.

In Essex, shipbuilding is a tradition handed down over time. As each generation learns from the past, the standards are both faithfully preserved and continuously refined. Harold Burnham bears a family name that is virtually synonymous with Essex — the birthplace of approximately 4,000 schooners.

The Burnhams arrived in Essex in 1635, spawning a shipbuilding legacy. As the 28th Burnham to operate a shipyard in Essex since 1819, Harold has carved out a place in history as a master boat designer and shipwright.

Like his ancestors before him, Harold has a holistic approach to vessel design, construction and operation which makes him uniquely efficient today. In addition to holding a bachelor's degree in maritime transportation and fisheries from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, he draws upon extensive experience at sea, and of course, techniques learned in the famous shipyards of Essex.

Hear Harold discuss building the schooner Thomas E. Lannon, the Chebacco boat, the Story, and his current projects. Admission: $3 members, $ 5 non-members

For information and directions about the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., call Corinne Leung at 781-925-5433. Visit the museum on the Web at: www.lifesavingmuseum.org

The Maritime Artisans Speakers Series is a project of the Mass Bay Maritime Artisans, and is hosted by the Jones River Landing and the Hull Lifesaving Museum. The Mass Bay Maritime Artisans is the boatbuilding department of the Jones River Marine Ecology Center. MBMA is a loose association of boat builders, designers, suppliers, curators, and sailors. Its purpose is to foster a sense of community and collaboration among people working in the tradition of small wooden boats in the waters of Massachusetts Bay.

NE Artisans Showcase Dec. 4 at Sons of Italy

Saturday, Dec. 4, will mark the debut of a new event, the first annual New England Artisans Showcase, to be held at the Sons of Italy Hall on Route 3A in Hingham.

Twelve craftsmen, most of whom are former exhibitors from the Hingham Winterfest Folk Art and Craft Show, will offer their work for sale at this one day show. Winterfest will not be held this year, but you will still have a change to buy from some of your favorite artisans.

Featured will be woodcarvings by local artists Tim Jumper and Bill Sarni, as well as tinware, yellowware, scherenschnitte, floorcloths, bandboxes and other folk art and historical crafts.

Many of the exhibitors have been listed in the directory of Early American Life Magazine's 200 best craftsmen issue and have had their work featured in other national publications. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free. For more information, call 781-749-6764.

Seachest Consignment has some rare bargains

The Seachest Consignment Shop off Rte. 3A behind Lapel's Cleaners can always be counted on for some rare bargains. Jewelry, china, bric-a-brac, clothing, furs, clocks, paintings, linens and so much more are available. Antique-hunters are never disappointed!

Grandmothers will love the infant sets, handmade baby blankets and warm attire. For the teenagers are leather red jackets, colorful vests and Ralph Lauren sweaters, as well as Banana Republic clothing. For the school or career girls, there are Talbot suits, Old Navy slacks and colorful blazers and ski jackets.

The consignment shop is staffed by volunteers and located on Route 3A across from Shaw's Plaza at the Lapel's Cleaners building, side entrance.

Store hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday hours are 1-4 p.m. Consigning hours are Monday through Friday from 10-11:30 a.m. For special evening consigning hours or to volunteer, please call 781-383-2293.



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IT'S HAPPENING

Class of '94 reunion

The Cohasset High School Class of 1994 10-year reunion is set for Saturday, Nov 27, at Clery's in Boston

from 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Any questions can be e-mailed to Brian Pattison at cohasset1994@hotmail.com.

Poinsettia sale helps fund LWV web site

The Hingham League of Women Voters is having a Holiday Poinsettia sale to raise money to create a Hingham League of Women Voters we bsite. The League Easy Web (LEW), a project of the League of Women Voters of California, helps local leagues build their own web site in three hours or less without special software or custom programming. The LEW allows us to easily keep the web site updated going forward.

All poinsettia plant sale proceeds will be dedicated to funding the HLWV website, so support the Hingham League of Women Voters and brighten your and/or a friend or relative's home this holiday season by ordering a beautiful poinsettia. All poinsettia plants are in eight inch pots, which contain two plants, with color choices of red, white or pink. The cost is $14 per plant. The plants will be available for pickup or delivery on Dec. 3, and Dec. 4. If you opt for home delivery, there will be flat rate $5 charge. All orders must be pre-paid and submitted to Dina O'Neil by Nov. 30. Contact Dina at 781-749-8450, or dina@hinghamvoter.com, to arrange for payment and plant pick-up or delivery.

Holiday showcase

The Hull Artists Studio Connection will present the 2004 Holiday Showcase of Fine Arts and Crafts on Saturday, Nov. 27, and Sunday, Nov. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall, 88 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, (Route 3A), Hingham.

Gifts created by local artists, paintings, printmaking, photography, pottery, wood carving, stained glass, shell art, jewelry and floral arrangements can be purchased at the show. Free admission. Visit www.hullartistsstudioconnection.org.

Holiday trunk sale

The James Library & Center for the Arts in historic Norwell Center is hosting a holiday trunk sale featuring 12 South Shore artisans on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The three-floor Victorian library building will be transformed into a holiday fair featuring hand-made items including painted floor cloths, sculpted dolls, monoprints, ponchos and boiled wool hand bags, jewelry and more.

Sue Page Thompson of Scituate will be doing "while you wait" pencil portraits. All the artisans are from the South Shore and items are priced for holiday gift giving. Proceeds benefit the center's Art Gallery Fund. For information, call 781-659-7100.

Merrie Market, a shopper's delight

Old Ship Church, 107 Main St. , Hingham will hold its annual holiday Merrie Market Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This festive bazaar has been held for more than 50 years and is eagerly anticipated by shoppers all over the South Shore. New features this year include a special area where children may purchase gifts for their friends and families and a spectacular gingerbread house raffle. Festive holiday wreaths, gift baskets with themes, unusual gifts, a silent auction featuring a handmade quilt and special art items, an opportunity to win a reserved pew or parking space for Old Ship's popular Christmas Eve service, tempting food products and a new lunch menu are among the other offerings.

• Festive Holiday Wreaths: Old Ship wreath makers will gather soon to make festive holiday wreaths. Each one is hand-crafted from beautiful materials and designs to achieve the one-of-a-kind look. The materials used are natural products such as pine cones, berries, nuts, boxwood, rose hips, winterberry, juniper and white pine boughs.

• Seekers of Unusual Items: The annual Treasures Table will again feature jewelry, small furniture, glassware, ceramics, and many other items donated from homes in the community.

• A Delightful Gift for Someone Special: A special room for children will have the usual array of toys, plus a new area where children can purchase gifts for their families and friends. To help keep kids happily occupied while their mothers shop, volunteers will help them work on crafts. Santa will pose with children and families for photos, which will then be mounted in a holiday folder designed by artist Marty Saunders.

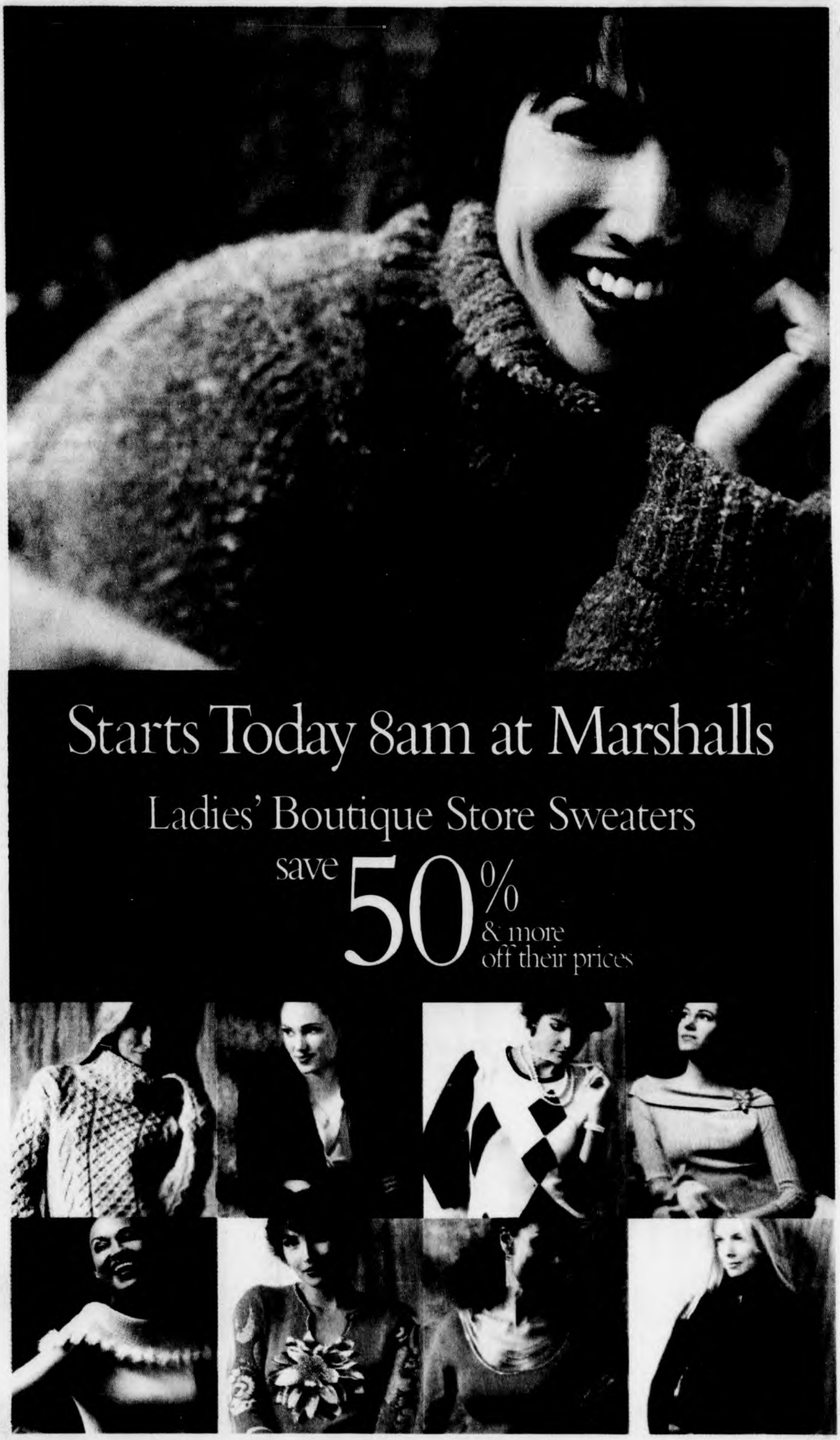
• Tempting Homemade Products: The Kitchen Treats table will again feature a wide variety of food items, such as preserves, homemade candy, pies and honey, all produced in the kitchens of Old Ship members and friends.

• New Lunch Menu: Lunch will feature a creative new menu: home made corn chowder, chicken vegetable soup, macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, apple pie, brownies, coffee, tea and cold drinks. Stop for lunch before or after shopping.

• Raffle Item: A spectacular Gingerbread House will be the featured raffle item this year. This too, was created and donated by one of our parishioners.

• Find the Perfect Gift: Unique, one-of-a-kind gift baskets are an added feature to this year's Merrie Market. Gift baskets will be prepared around specific themes, such as items for gardeners, teenage girls, wine with glasses, your favorite doggy and kitty. These are just a few examples; there are many more.

• Silent Art Auction: Creative people in the Old Ship community have donated special art items for this event, including a hand-made quilt.





Three-year-old Elizabeth Donahue, one of the youngest models, talks with event emcee Anthony Everett.



Vinny Hart, director of Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull, addresses the crowd. The fashion show proceeds benefit counseling programs offered through Wellspring.

Fabulous fashions for the holidays

SSL event benefits Wellspring

The Social Service League of Cohasset recently teamed up with community members at the Lightkeeper's Residence to put on a Holiday Fashion Show, featuring fashions, furs and accessories from the League's Cohasset Consignment Shop. Proceeds from the evening will go toward supporting counseling programs offered through Wellspring in Hull.

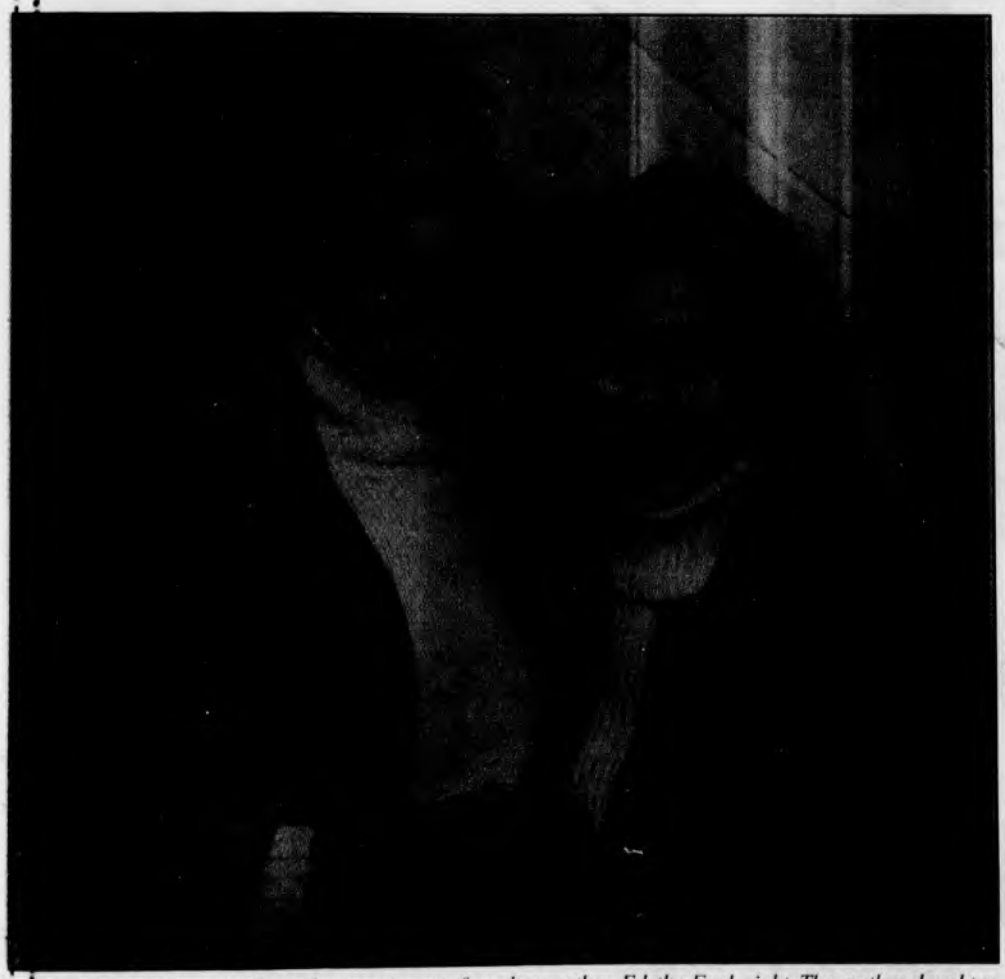
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Social Service League Board member Patty Smith, model Gitte Shea, and League President Jane Reardon are all smiles at the benefit fashion show held earlier this month at the Lightkeeper's Residence.



Elizabeth Stone, a Cohasset High senior, smiles as she drapes a fur coat over her shoulder. Emcee Anthony Everett is in the background at right, and at left, is CHS senior Casey Anderson, wearing a fur coat.



Candice Ford, left, no doubt got her great genes from her mother, Edythe Ford, right. The mother-daughter duo served as models at the fashion show.



New Police Chief Jim Hussey models a jacket during the fashion show benefit at the Lightkeeper's Residence.

When winter barks up the wrong tree

GREEN THUMBS UP

SUZANNE MAHLER



Time to prune flowering shrubs

Mild days followed by evenings below freezing can adversely affect young, thin-barked trees, especially those planted in open areas or in southwesterly facing exposures. During the warmth of the day, the trunk of the tree, both its bark and inner core, expand in response to the heat of the sun. When the temperature drops dramatically at night, the thin outer bark rapidly shrinks, while the dense inner core cools down more slowly causing the bark to split and peel.

The bark of a tree is analogous to our own skin. If the outer layer is damaged, the vital inner trunk becomes susceptible to damage by insects and diseases. The use of tree wraps, which breathe and expand as temperatures fluctuate during the winter months, can greatly reduce this damage. Local nurseries usually stock these protective wraps that breathe and expand as temperatures fluctuate in addition to protecting the trunks from destructive rodents near their bases. Keep grass short around tree trunks and remove leaves and debris until the ground freezes; be sure to remove this protection each spring.

It should be noted that split or peeling bark is not always a sign of a tree in distress. Sycamore, birch, paperbark maple, Kousa dogwood, and stewartia are only a few of the woody plants that routinely exhibit appealing exfoliating bark. These lovely specimens add beauty to our winter landscapes.

The recent storm took its toll on many woody plants with the heavy, wet accumulation of snow bending and distorting evergreen branches and splitting tree limbs, particularly those of trees and shrubs whose leaves had not yet fallen. Although major pruning should usually wait until late winter or early spring, storm-damaged branches should be trimmed as soon as they are noticed. Jagged cuts may pose a serious hazard to healthy tissue during the winter, as they tend to collect water potentially leading to disease; partially broken tree limbs, if left dangling may eventually cause the bark of the trunk to be stripped beneath the tear. Take a few minutes to inspect your trees and shrubs and prune injured branches before more winter weather arrives.

Light pruning of other flowering shrubs may help to reduce winter damage. If shrub rose canes are especially long, it is advisable to trim these back to approximately 3 feet in height to lessen the possibility of damage caused by wind or snow. Remove dead or diseased shoots. Be sure to rake up and dispose of rose foliage to minimize diseases overwintering in the ground surrounding your plants. Tall, vigorous butterfly bushes should also be pruned to 3 or 4 feet as they may be uprooted during winter storms.

Do not prune the woody stems of the showy pink or blue mophead hydrangeas in autumn or early spring as the buds for next season's blooms have already formed near the tips of these twigs.

Roses need special attention in order to survive our typically open winters. Last winter was particularly hazardous for these popular plants. Protection of the bud unions, especially the fist-shaped grafts of hybrid teas, is critical for their survival during the coming months. This knob should have been planted about 2 inches below the surface but nursery pots are rarely deep enough to cover the graft and most of us are inclined to plant the rose bushes at the same level as they were grown in their container. To protect this critical growth point, a mound of fresh soil, bark mulch, or well-draining compost should be applied to the base of the plant. This cone-shaped mound should be 6 to 12 inches high and completely cover the crown. Use soil from a vegetable garden or other source rather than pulling soil together from around the base of your roses as you risk exposing their shallow roots making them more susceptible to the cold. Apply a layer of mulch to the mound once the ground freezes.

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.5-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years. Her weekly gardening column 'Green Thumbs Up' has appeared in the Mariner newspapers for nearly a decade. She is a member of two local garden clubs, past President of the New England Daylily Society, an overseer for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and is employed at two garden centers.

A good spiced nut can be hard to come by

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



Like Punxsutawney Phil, spiced nuts appear once per year and then quickly disappear. In most cases, they go away for good reason since they are either too sticky, too sweet, or just too weird (such as an odd, garlicky mix of flavors). As we quickly learned when testing a variety of recipes, a good spiced nut is hard to come by.

We started out testing with cashews that are coated in an egg white mixture, coated with sugar and spices, and then baked. Raw, unsalted nuts were best. Our original recipe called for egg whites plus one tablespoon water but we quickly dumped the water from the recipe. Now we simply tossed the nuts with the whisked egg whites and placed them in a colander to drain before we added the spices. A third cup of sugar added both flavor and a nice sparkle once baked. Two teaspoons of coarse salt added crunch; cumin and coriander added depth, and cayenne was reduced to a mere 3/4 teaspoon although this is a matter of personal taste. (More cayenne will stop your kids from eating them all before the party.) They were baked at 300 degrees for about 40 minutes with a quick toss halfway through.

SPICED CASHEWS

For best flavor use the freshest and best quality nuts you can find. A couple of good sources are Whole Foods and Trader Joe's. Once completely cooled the nuts may be stored in an airtight container for up to a week.

1 egg white
1 pound raw unsalted cashews
1/3 cup sugar
2 teaspoons Kosher or coarse salt
1-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
3/4 teaspoon cayenne or to taste

Heat the oven to 300 degrees. In a medium bowl whisk the egg white until foamy. Add the cashews and toss to coat. Transfer to a colander to drain. Meanwhile, wipe out bowl and add the remaining ingredients and whisk to combine well. Add the nuts and toss to coat evenly with the spice mixture. Place nuts on a parchment or aluminum foil (dull side facing up) lined baking sheet (or jelly roll pan) and spread out in one layer. Bake for 20 minutes. Using a spatula stir the nuts and once again spread into a single layer. Bake until the nuts are dry and mahogany colored, about 20 minutes more. Cool completely before serving.

PECANS

Many spiced pecan recipes start by toasting the nuts in the oven and then coating them with a glaze. After much testing, we decided to stick with our basic egg white method above (this method produces crunchier nuts) but change the mix of spices. Butter and vanilla, two common ingredients, were nixed in flavor of a simpler, cleaner flavor. So, we ended up with a mixture of 1/3 cup sugar, 1-1/2 teaspoons coarse salt, 1/2 teaspoon chili powder, a pinch of cayenne, and 1/4 teaspoon each cinnamon and cocoa.

SPICED PECANS

This recipe uses warmer spices such as chili powder and cinnamon, given the stronger flavor of the nuts.

1 egg white
1 pound raw pecans
1/3 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons Kosher or coarse salt
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon cocoa
Pinch cayenne (optional)

Follow the above recipe for Spiced Cashews, replacing the nuts and spice mixture accordingly.

ALMONDS

Almonds, just like cashews, are sweet and mild. Trader Joe's sells honey sesame almonds and cashews that are quite good and we tried to do some sort of variation on that idea. When we tried this in our kitchen, we ran into problems with the glaze melting off the nuts (the nuts were roasted and then the glaze was applied). In the end these nuts also benefited from the method used above, roasting them once the wet and dry ingredients had been applied. This proved to be simpler than toasting the nuts and sesame seeds separately and allowed the glaze to dry and the sesame seeds to adhere to the nuts. We prefer using blanched almonds for this recipe.

SESAME HONEY ALMONDS

With such simple flavor, a mixture of sesame seeds and honey worked out the best. Blanched almonds work best.

2/3 cup light brown sugar
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 teaspoon soy sauce
1 pound almonds, blanched preferred
1 cup sesame seeds

1. Heat the oven to 300 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Line a rimmed cookie sheet or jellyroll pan with parchment or aluminum foil (dull side facing up). Bring the sugar, honey, butter, soy sauce and one tablespoon water to a boil in a medium saucepan. Cook until smooth and thick, about 2 minutes. Add the nuts and cook, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until they are shiny and almost no liquid is pooling in the bottom of the pan, about 1 1/2 minutes.

2. Transfer the glazed almonds to a medium-sized mixing bowl, add the sesame seeds and toss until the seeds have evenly coated the almonds. Dump nuts onto cookie sheet and spread into a single layer. Bake until the nuts are dry and fragrant and the sesame seeds have very slightly colored, about 40 minutes. Cool completely before serving. The nuts will keep in an airtight container for up to a week.

You can contact writers Christopher Kimball and Jeanne Maguire at kitchendetective@bcpress.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/>. For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Whole Foods helps shelter go natural

This Thanksgiving, the animals of Hull Seaside Animal Rescue will be feasting on some of the finest pet foods available thanks to customers of Whole Foods Market. Whole Foods has offered a home for the animal shelter's Food Donation Bin. Right now, the bin is brimming over with all kinds of healthful kitty kibble.

"Having a bin at Whole Foods Market is really wonderful. The food donations save us a lot of money, and the food itself is such high quality. We feel really lucky and grateful for their support and the support of all the customers who anonymously drop a can or bag of food in there—it makes such a difference," said Pam Loring, HSAR president. For information on HSAR, call 1-877-378-1195.

OBITUARIES

Pauline C. Gilman

Pauline C. (Mullaney) Gilman, 74, of Hingham, died Nov. 19, 2004 at North East Specialty Hospital in Braintree.

Born in Boston, she graduated from St. Joseph's School in Boston. She lived in Hingham for 12 years and formerly in Cohasset. She was a homemaker.

Wife of the late Francis P. Gilman, she leaves her son, Francis P. Gilman of Marshfield; her three daughters, Cheryl Gilman-Newton of Hingham, Ann Faria of Scituate and Patricia Crouch of Taunton; her nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Christine's Church, Marshfield. Interment was in Couch Cemetery, Marshfield.

Funeral arrangements were made by the MacDonald Funeral Home of Marshfield.

Donations may be made in Mrs. Gilman's memory to the Autism Center of the South Shore, 210 Winter St., Suite 101, Weymouth 02188.



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7:16 a.m. **HQ**, fire, log entry.

7:51 a.m. **Border St.**, fire, investigation.

8:28 a.m. **North Main St.**, assist motorist, no police service necessary.

8:42 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, well being check.

2:26 p.m. **Reservoir Road**, assist motorist.

4:27 p.m. **Cohasset Housing Authority**, fire inspections.

8:42 p.m. **Pond St.**, property recovered, brought to station.

9:41 p.m. **Jerusalem Road and Forest Ave.**, suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

11:20 p.m. **Ripley Road**, suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

TUESDAY, NOV. 16

7:44 a.m. **Nichols Road**, animal call or complaint.

4:49 p.m. **Sohier St.**, fire, investigation.

6:28 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid, transferred to hospital.

8:08 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17

1:19 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, suspicious activity/person(s).

6:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning

7:27 a.m. **Little Harbor Road**, fire, log entry.

9:13 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

10:44 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:52 a.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:53 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning

11:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning

11:05 a.m. **Bayberry Lane,** medical aid, transferred to hospital.

11:15 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:26 a.m. **Sohier St**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:36 a.m. **Sohier St**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:39 a.m. **Elm St.**, threats, bodily harm, advised legal help.

1:38 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid.

2:10 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:56 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, patient sign-off.

4:10 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, investigation, area search negative.

5:49 p.m. **Norman Todd Road and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:07 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:30 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Nylson M. Andrade, 23, of 458 Nantasket Ave., #D, Hull. Charges: Operating motor vehicle with license suspended; speeding; number plate violation.

THURSDAY, NOV. 18

9:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal call or complaint, referred to other agency.

12:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal call or complaint, referred to other agency.

2:42 p.m. **Pond St.**, threats to do bodily harm, log entry.

4:22 p.m. **Deep Run**, traffic complaint.

8:44 p.m. **Elm St.**, road rage.

9:58 p.m. **Elm St.,** investigation.

10:51 p.m. **Ledgewood Farms Drive**, animal call or complaint.

11:50 p.m. **Police HQ**, investigation. Summons of Robert A. Leitch, 19, of 50 Country Way, Scituate. Charges: Larceny by check under $250; larceny by check over $250.

Summons of Mark P. Tarmey, 36, of 28 Central Ave., Humarock. Charges: Larceny by check under $250; larceny by check over $250.

FRIDAY, NOV. 19

8:06 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transferred to hospital.

9:25 a.m. **Sohier St.,** civil matter, services rendered.

10:20 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, parking complaint, general, no police service necessary.

12:44 p.m. **Norman Todd Road**, civil matter.

1:15 p.m. **James Lane**, civil matter.

1:34 p.m. **Short St.**, medical aid, transported to hospital.

3:27 p.m. **King St.**, vandalism report.

4:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, transport citizen.

4:54 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported to hospital.

6:51 p.m. **Ripley Road and Sohier St**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, NOV. 20

1:35 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Michael James Larsen, 20, of 1 Sherman Drive, Scituate. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor—subsequent offense; possession of a Class B drug.

7:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Lane**, animal call or complaint.

2:32 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported to hospital.

7:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:43 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:02 p.m. **Elm St.**, civil matter, field interrogation report.

8:08 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:29 p.m. **Joy Place**, medical aid, transported to hospital.

SUNDAY, NOV. 21

3:24 a.m. **HQ**, assist other police department.

6:58 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, open door/window, secured building.

8:48 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, vandalism report, investigated/report taken.

10:31 a.m. **Tupelo Road**, threats (other), investigated/report taken.

11:26 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal call or complaint.

3:46 p.m. **Bayberry Lane**, animal call or complaint.

5:18 p.m. **Elm Court**, suspicious activity/person(s), area search negative.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Dec. 13, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s. 8.7 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Kendall Village Cohasset Builder, LLC** seek to demolish 4 family dwelling & rebuild four condo units at **150 North Main St.**, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-11-12.

AD#668926
Cohasset Mariner 11/26, 12/2/04

ZBA/130 SOHIER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Dec. 13, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to §5.3 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc.** seek construct temporary canopy at **130 Sohier St.** according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-11-22.

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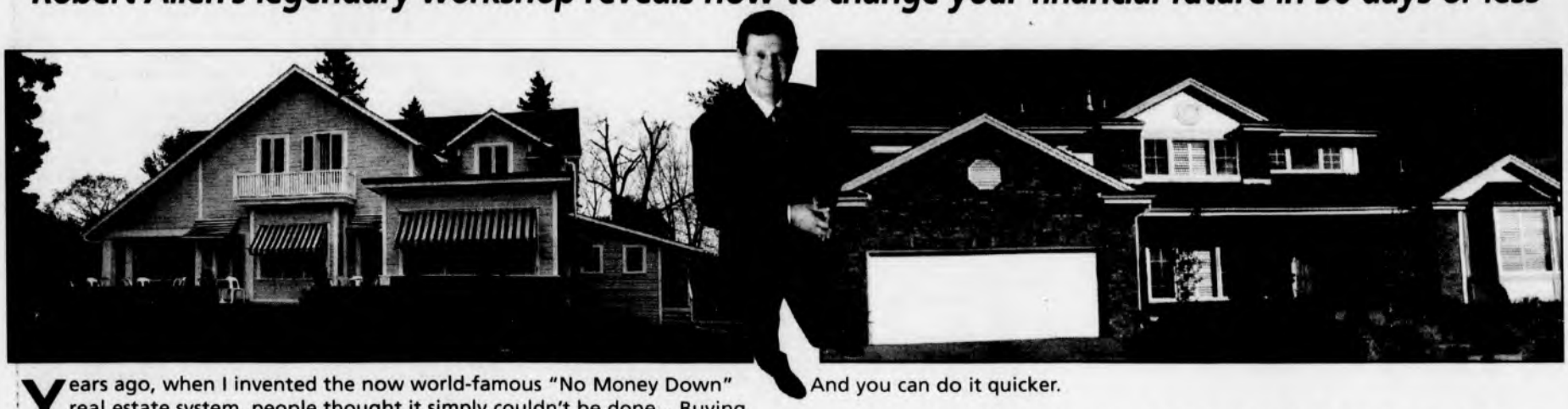
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NEW YORK

Challenge #3: Prove anyone can do it

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In fact, my big mouth could make you a millionaire. That's because I've challenged myself to create millionaires all across America. Yup, I went right for the "M" word: millionaire. Raised a few eyebrows with that one. But remember, you don't need money in the bank to buy real estate. You don't even need good credit. All you need is my *Creating Wealth with Real Estate* system and the personal gumption to go out and apply it.

Now it's your turn to take a step toward real wealth

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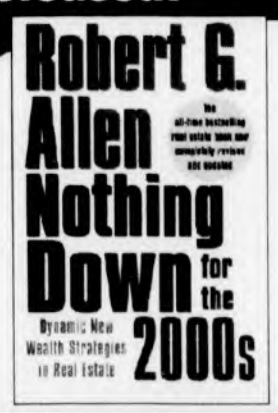
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CALENDAR

On the South Shore

Thurs. Nov. 25

Thanksgiving in the Mountains, travel via a chartered motor coach. Join in a feast with family and friends on an **all-you-can-eat holiday buffet** in grand style at the **North Conway Grand Hotel** in the Mount Washington Valley of New Hampshire. After the feast stroll the village of North Conway. Mid morning departures and early evening arrivals. $55 per person covers it all. Call 617-361-4445 or www.mysticvalleyrs.org

12th Annual Dreamcatcher Classic Road Race, 770 Middle St., Weymouth, is set to start at the Seach Middle School at 8 a.m. www.coolrunning.com 781-331-0600.

The Wildlands Trust, a local nonprofit organization protecting over 4,000 acres of land in Southeastern Massachusetts, invites you and your family to visit the **O'Neil Dairy Farm** on Nov. 25, at 10 a.m. before your Thanksgiving dinner. Come find out what the cows are up to and watch for wild turkeys as we walk the fields. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring binoculars, a camera, and water if desired. RSVP by the Tuesday prior to the walk by calling the Wildlands Trust office at 781 934-9018.

Lombardo's Third Annual 'Giving Thanks Celebration - a free thanksgiving dinner. At its conference and function facility, 6 Billings St in Randolph on Thanksgiving Day for seniors and those who do not have a family with whom to spend the holiday. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., dinner will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by dancing to a DJ until the event ends at 1:30 p.m. For information or to volunteer for the event call Maribella at Lombardo's at 781-986-5000.

Edaville USA celebrates the **Holiday Festival of Lights** New England's largest holiday light display runs through Jan. 2, 2005. The family fun park features a narrow-gauge train ride through 5 1/2-miles of a decorated cranberry plantation. For information, call 877-EDAVILLE or go to www.edaville.org http://www.edaville.org

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, presents, every Thursday, New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano . Call 781-871-7175 for more info..

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"Creative Cultivations," hosted by the Duxbury Art Association, Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Bengtz and Butler Galleries, through Dec. 3. Exhibit features garden-inspired fine art and photography from some of the South Shore's leading artists. Gallery hours Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For info call 781-934-2731, Ext. 4.

Bay State Blades is accepting applications for individuals 2.5 years and up for fall and winter skating lessons at **the Asiaf Skating Rink in Brockton**. New programs available for all ages and abilities beginning November/December. Programs are Tiny Blades, Tykes Hockey, Learn to Skate and Hockey Skating Skills. For information call 781-871-7681 or visit www.baystateblades.com.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Nov. 25, **Level Ride and Fish Bowl,** rock. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke free dance Nov. 26, featuring **DJ Dave Joubert** from 8 p.m. to midnight. at the Abington VFW,30 Central St., Abington. Admission: $7 SSS Members, $10 Non-Members Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. 781-331-0021. www.southshoresingles.org

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library will unwrap a special exhibit, **Presents for a President and First Lady,** on Nov. 26, a display of 65 state gifts presented to President and Mrs. Kennedy by foreign leaders from around the globe. The exhibit, which features a large selection of never-before-seen treasures from the Kennedy White House, opens for the traditional gift-giving season in the Museum's White House corridor and ceremonial room, and runs through Nov. 13, 2005. General admission is $10; seniors over the age of 62 and college students with appropriate identification is $8, and for children ages 13-17, $7. Children ages 12 and under are admitted for free. The Library and Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the exceptions of Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Handicapped accessible. (866) JFK-1960 or access www.jfklibrary.org

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Morning Graze by Nancy Colella, Norwell, oil on canvas, '04

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Plymouth students join Judy Collins in concert



Judy Collins will lend her crystalline soprano to a special holiday-themed performance at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Saturday.

Collins will present a program combining traditional holiday music with some of her greatest hits, including "Both Sides Now," "Someday Soon," "Amazing Grace," "Send in the Clowns," and many others. The evening will also feature a Children's Choir from Plymouth Middle schools who will join the legendary folk singer on-stage to bring the warmth of the holiday season to life.

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(Judy Collins will perform at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Saturday, November 27, at a holiday event being hosted by comedian Loretta LaRoche. Tickets are priced at $35-$40. There are also a limited number of Gold Circle seats priced at $125, which include front row seats, a pre-show reception and a meet-and-greet with Judy Collins, and Silver Circle seats priced at $75, which include the second or third row seating and a pre-show reception. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Plymouth Public School music programs. For more information, call 866-468-7619 or visit www.plymouthmemorialhall.com

- R. Scott Reedy

Mark Your Calendar

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THE 14TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ON NORTH STREET celebration will take place Dec. 3, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the center of Plymouth's scenic historic district. The event features a double Christmas tree lighting, majestic street puppets, and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus and much more. This will be the last chance to visit the Plymouth National Wax Museum which closes permanently after the event. 508-746-0012 or pasm@mindsring.com

MUSICAL HOLIDAY PARTY FEATURING song, dance and comedy at Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock St, Quincy Center, Dec. 3 to 19. Dinner and show. Handicapped accessible. Free parking. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations

THE PHIL'S HOLIDAY POPS PROMISES FAMILY FUN! "Great fun and great family entertainment!" That's what Plymouth Philharmonic conductor Steven Karidoyanes promises for this season's Holiday Pops! The concert mixes holiday favorites with fun musical novelties. The Pilgrim Festival Chorus, directed by William B. Richter, also joins in the festivities. Two performances are scheduled – Saturday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m., both at Memorial Hall, Plymouth.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST TO BENEFIT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. First annual Gingerbread House contest will take place at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor. Contest categories include Most Humorous, Most Traditional, Most Popular, Most Professional and Most Creative. Prizes include Getaway Weekend at Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor and dinners for four at the Harbor Grille. Entry fee is $10, drop-off/set-up date is Dec. 14. Entries will be displayed Dec. 15-20. All proceeds will go directly to Habitat for Humanity. For entry form, call The Radisson at 508-747-4900 or visit www.radissonplymouth.com or e-mail: info@radissonplymouth.com.

Fri. Nov. 26

Fontbonne Academy's 25th Annual Art & Crafts Festival will be held Friday, Nov. 26, 5 to 8:30 p.m. and continuing through Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fontbonne Academy's gymnasium at 930 Brook Road, Milton. Open to the public and handicapped accessible. Admission is $2/person; under 14 free. Refreshments will be available. A pasta dinner will be offered between 5 and 7 p.m. on Friday evening and a continental breakfast and light lunch will be on the menu on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For info about the fair, contact Mrs. Margaret O'Connor at 617-698-3007.

JFK Library, Columbia Point, Boston. Nov. 26, 10:30 a.m. **Angkor Dance Troupe, Traditional Asian Fold Dance**. Free performance. 617-514-1646 www.jfklibrary.org

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Mount Blue, Norwell, presents **Matt Chase Group** Nov. 26 at 9 p.m. South Shore based quintet lead by Scituate native. playing mostly original music. Www.mattchasegroup.com

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Nov. 26, **Basic Black** 781-335-9796

The Back Side Tavern, Webster Square, downtown Marshfield, Nov. 12 and 26, at 9 p.m. **The J Place Band** - Blues, Soul, & Rock 'n Roll 781 837 0300, (No Cover Charge).

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield: **Nov. 26, The Humarockers** play classic rock of the 60s, 70s, and more No cover 9 p.m. to midnight. 781-834-6505 Handicap accessible.

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The South Street Gallery, the area's premier gallery featuring local, regional and national artists, will open an exhibit featuring the works of renowned artist **Charles Sovek**. The South Street Gallery is located at 149 South St., one minute from the Square in Hingham. Hours are from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.



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"A View of Italy," an exhibition of paintings and photographs by **Kimberlee and Richard Alemian**, at the James Library in Norwell through Nov. 30.

ANNIE will be performed at the Orpheum-Foxboro, 1 School Street, Foxboro, for three weekends, Nov. 5 to 21 with Saturday and Sunday matinees. Tickets are $24 for adults, $22 for seniors and students, and $18 for children under 12. The Orpheum is handicapped accessible. Call 508-543-2787 (ARTS) for ticket and group sales information or purchase tickets on-line at www.orpheum.org.

Sat. Nov. 27

Lord Of The Dance to return to Wang Center. Michael Flatley *is* the Lord of the Dance as he returns to Boston for a return engagement on Friday, Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 27 at both 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are $28.50 to $68.50 and are on sale at the Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont St., Boston; or online at www.telecharge.com; or by calling 1-800-447-7400; group discounts available; general information at www.wangcenter.org.

North & South Rivers Watershed Association sponsors **Thanksgiving Weekend Willow Brook Preserve and Misty Meadows Walk** in Pembroke - Nov. 27, at 1 p.m. Walk off some of that turkey. Join NSRWA board member, Carolyn Sones, for a tour of some of the new trails linking the Town of Pembroke's Misty Meadows property and the Wildlands Trust's Willow Brook Farm Preserve.. To participate on this walk pre-registration is required. Contact NSRWA at 781-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org Suggested donation is $5.

Fuller Craft Museum hosts **Glass Banquet** Nov. 27, to Jan. 30, 2005 Glass artist **Beth Lipman** puts a new spin on a familiar scene with her installation Bancketje, on exhibit at Fuller Craft Museum. Bancketje, the Dutch word for Banquet, is a life-size recreation of a sumptuous feast complete with wine goblets, fruit, game and tableware all hand sculpted in 3-dimensional glass. Fuller Craft Museum is located at 455 Oak St. in Brockton. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5/adults, $3/seniors & students, Free for members and children under 12. Visit www.fullercraft.org for information.

Girly Junk Hosts Holiday Eye Opener staring famed beauty professional **Beth Bender** Bender, former lead make-up artist for Bobbi Brown, will offer complimentary makeovers (by appointment only) at *Girly Junk's* 454 Washington Street, Norwell location on Nov. 27, from noon to 5 p.m.

Duxbury Art Association hosts **32nd Annual Craft Show and Sale** at the Duxbury High School, 130 St. George St. Nov. 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission $5; children under 12, free. 781-934-2731x4

Artist Ginny Allen, a long time resident of Scituate and retired professor of Mass. Art is having an exhibition "Memento Mori" at the **South Shore Conservatory**, through Jan. 31, 2005.

Loretta LaRoche Productions brings **Judy Collins** presenting her annual holiday concert Nov. 27, at Plymouth Memorial Hall. The night will be a partial benefit for the Plymouth School's Music Department and a school choir will join Judy on stage for several songs. Tickets priced at $40 and $35. Www.ticketweb.com and 866-468-7619.

Fuller Craft Museum 455 Oak Street in Brockton, rolls up the rugs for ceramic artist **Allison Newsome's** installation *On Island* through Jan. 2, 2005. Rhode Island artist Allison Newsome will create wet clay drawings and sculptures specifically for Fuller Craft's Tarlow Gallery that address environmental ethics using the imagery of nature and culture. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, Free for members and children under 12.

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Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset. Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Saturday night from 8-11pm. Non-smoking, casual dress. 781-383-0900.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Nov. 27, **Lisa Marie and All Shook up** 781-871-7175.

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Sun. Nov. 28

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset, will host Duxbury natives **Debbie and Brynne Blackington** on Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. **Mama's Wish/Daughter's Wish** is the title of their collaboration and it is the story about the adoption of a Chinese daughter. Free and open to the public. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your signed copy if unable to attend

The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore a new marching arts program, is accepting applications for brass and percussion players, as well as color guard (flag squad) members. A family style group open to individuals 13 years and older. Musical experience desirable but not necessary. Inexperienced but motivated people will be trained by expert instructional staff in a fun and dynamic rehearsal setting. Has your community eliminated its band or music programs? Would you still like to be in a very high caliber marching and musical group? The Imperials is much cheaper than music lessons. Free unlimited trial membership. Winter rehearsals on most Sundays at the Pembroke Community Center Rt. 14, Pembroke, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. For rehearsal info, membership and directions, visit www.pathwayproductions.org/imperials.htm

Art Complex Musuem in Duxbury presents the work of **Nancy Murphy Spicer** beginning through Jan. 9. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org

ShakerHigh/Shaker Low, at the **Art Complex Museum** 189 Alden St., Duxbury through Jan. 9, 2005. Pieces from its extensive Shaker Collection will be on display. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org.

USS Constitution Museum – Celebrate Old Ironsides 207th birthday, Admission is free. Groups of 10 must call to make reservations. Handicap accessible. 617-426-1812 wwwusconstituionmuseum.org

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Mon. Nov. 29

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, located at 273 Hanover St., Hanover, offers education, support and complementary modalities for people living with the challenges of cancer. For info call Ann or Gail at 781-829-4823 or visit www.pathwaysccs.org.

The North River Arts Society presents an exhibition of oil paintings by **artist Ted Polomis** in the Dolphin Gallery of the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham, through Jan. 13. The show features a variety of intimate still lifes and studies painted in the tradition of classical realism. The library gallery is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. For information, call 781-837-8091 or visit www.polomis.com.

Neighbors needed to help homebound elders by delivering Meals on Wheels on any given mid-morning Monday to Friday. Call South shore Elders at 781-848-3910 ext. 430.

Adult Day Health Center, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement, located in Quincy, seeks participants from without any comfortable commuting distance. 617-479-3040.

Chess Club - Children ages 9-14 are invited to join the **Hull Lifesaving Museum's** free after school Chess Club on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m., through Dec. 20. Beginners are welcome. Parent volunteers are also welcome. Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net.

Tues. Nov.30

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes **Susan Sargent** discussing **Susan Sergeant's: The Comfort of Color, Inspire, Transform, Create** on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 7 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. Wine and cheese will be served. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

South Shore Caregivers Collaborative presents "Take the Humbug Out of the Holidays: How to de-stress and find one's own meaning of peace during the holiday season", featuring inspirational speaker Barbara Tortorella, LICSW, BCD, on Tuesday, Nov. 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St, Hingham. Open free to all caregivers; light supper provided by Allerton House at Harbor Park. Registration is required; call the Family Caregiver Support Program at 781-848-3910, ext 335.

South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell **Fifth Annual A Natural Christmas**, a collection of wreaths, swags and tabletop trees decorated using a natural theme, to be displayed in Vine Hall Gallery Nov. 30 to Dec. 3. All will be sold by silent aution at the reception on Dec. 3, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is $5. www.ssnsc.org

In Shape Studio, Hanover Mall - An all women's fitness club featuring the original 30 minute circuit program using Pace circuit equipment (programmed accommodating circuit exercise) which is both aerobic and anaerobic. Weight loss support and other groups forming now. 781-829-5555.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, hosts story time every Tuesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Age range is 2 to 5 years old. Free. For information call 781-383-2665.



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Cranberry Hospice is offering single session meetings to help people cope with grief during the holidays. Workshops will be held on Nov.. 23, from noon to1:30 p.m.; Dec. 8, from noon to1: 30 p.m.; Dec. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. To register call Kathleen McAleer at 508-746-0215.

Calling all South Shore Parents Are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community, complete with a listing of family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hot-spots along the South Shore. www.southshoreparents.com

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave.,

Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

Wed. Dec. 1

ARC of Greater Plymouth offers holiday cheer with the help of **The Bridgwaye Inn** and Damon, Topham & Company ARC of Greater Plymouth encourage families and friends of their organization to join in a children's holiday dinner celebration on Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. at the Bridgewaye Inn, located at 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield. The event is free to family and friends of ARC of Plymouth. The party is focused on children 16 and younger. The evening will include pizza, presents from Santa and musical entertainment. ARC of Greater Plymouth maintains offices at 4 Main St., Kingston. For reservations or information, call 781-585-1310, or email info@thearcofgp.com

The Ventress Memorial Library will show two versions of the film **Wuthering Heights** in conjunction with a literary series "The Brontes." On Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. the 1939 version starring Sir Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon will be shown; on Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. the 1992 version with Juliette Binoche and Ralph Fiennes will be shown in the library's program room. Dr. Kathleen Vejvoda, assistant professor of English at Bridgewater State College, will discuss how each version of the film reflects the popular culture of their time at the series conclusion on Dec. 8, from 7-9 p.m. Free and open to the public. Cider and popcorn will be served. For information, contact Chris Woods at 781-834-5535, cwoods@ocln.org or visit www.ventresslibrary.org.

8-minute dating, Have eight great dates in one fun night in a low-pressure non-threatening environment. Mix and mingle with other single people in cocktail party atmosphere at. Dec. 1, **Town Spa in Stoughton: Ages 30-42 /** Host: Angela. Enter and receive your matches after event. For ages 32-42. Advance registration required at www.8minute Dating.com.

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.

The North River Arts Society presents **A Tribute to Willard Robinson**, North River Arts Society artist and instructor, at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster, Marshfield through Dec. 4. 781-837-8091.



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An exhibit of Katherine Smit's paintings titled "People, Places, and Things" will be presented at the Helen Bumpus Gallery in Duxbury during the months of November and December. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street. The Gallery is solely supported by public donations.Admission is free, wheelchair accessible and all are welcome. For information call 781-934-2721.

The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, presents, **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party** hosted by Satch Romano . Special night due to Thanksgiving holiday. 781-871-7175.

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Thurs. Dec. 2

The 2004 Edition of the Radio City Christmas spectacular featuring **The Rockettes** presented by John Hancock to make its Boston debut at The Wang Theatre Dec. 2 to 31. For tickets call telecharge at 1-800-447-7400, www.wangcenter.org, or box office at 270 Tremont St., Boston.

Bettina Lesieuris 9th Annual Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge beginning Thursday, Dec. 2 at 301 Saint George St., Duxbury. Exhibit hours: Thursday Dec. 2 through Sunday Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday Dec. 9 through Sunday Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. ñ 5 p.m., and Thursday Dec. 16 through Sunday, Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. ñ 5 p.m. The Gala Opening Reception is Saturday, Dec. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. Free and open to the public. This exhibit features oil landscapes, ranging from miniatures to larger pieces of Duxbury and the South Shore area, Cape Cod and Islands, New Mexico, Key West, and Provence. From Route 3, take exit 11, right on Route 14 East through the lights at the intersection of Route 3A. The gallery is in the barn behind the second house on the right. For information call 781-934-5103 or visit www.bettinalesieur.com.

South Shore Hospital presents a **free educational seminar for women** who experience unusually heavy menstrual bleeding. A new minimally invasive outpatient procedure being performed at SSH offers an alternative to hysterectomy. The seminar takes place at Silver Lake High School in Kingston, at 6 p.m. Call 781-340-3424 pre-registration or information.

The Norwell office of Home Instead Senior Care in partnership with local merchants, area councils on aging and South Shore Elders Services are poised to bring holiday spirit to seniors. The Be a Santa to a Senior program runs through Dec. 17.

Fri. Dec. 3

Starcreations Theater from The South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, 10 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 125, Plymouth, presents the musical **The Grinch** on Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, and 18, at 7 p.m. and Nov. 21, and Dec. 19, at 3 p.m. at 3 p.m. Tickets: Adult $10, child $5. 508-747-1234 www.ssarc.org

Musical Holiday Party featuring song, dance and comedy at **Quincy Dinner Theatre**, 1170 Hancock St, Quincy Center, Dec. 3 to 19. Dinner and show. Handicapped accessible. Free parking. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations.

The 14th annual Christmas on North Street celebration will take place Dec. 3, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the center of Plymouth's scenic historic district. The event features a double **Christmas tree lighting, majestic street puppets, and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus and much more.** This will be the last chance to visit the Plymouth National Wax Museum which closes permanently after the event. 508-746-0012 or pasm@mindsring.com

Friends Of Cranberry Hospice 15th Annual Festival Of Trees in Plymouth (Dec 3 - Dec 5) will display a very special tree this season, **The Spirit Of Hope**. This tree is being decorated for three South Shore boys who have been diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). DMD is a genetic disorder disabled between the ages of seven and 12 and lose their lives in their late teens. The efforts of a non-profit organization called The Jett Foundation (www.jettfoundation.org) seek to change this. For information about the Jett Tree or Foundation contact: Nancy Krahmer 781-934-0974. For information about the Festival contact: Elizabeth Nollner 401-487-8013

Snug Harbor Community Chorus of Duxbury - Carols! Carols! Carols! Ellison Center, Dec. 3 and 4, at 8 p.m. Tickets available at Star Market, Marshfield and Westwinds Bookstore, Duxbury. Adults $12, students and seniors $10.

Spirit artist Rita Berkowitz will be sharing her gifts through lecture and demonstration at **On The Path Wellness Center**, Route 139, 31 Schoosett St., Suite 506, Pembroke, on Dec. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. Copies of her new book, **"Empowering your Life with Angels,"** will be available to be autographed. Come and join us for an evening of being touched by Spirit. Contact On the Path at 781-826-7076 to reserve your space.

The South Shore Folk Music Club will host a folk music concert with **Bill Staines** on Friday, Dec. 3. The concert will be held at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol-free. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.. The concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets at the door are $13 for members, $15 for non-members. Advance tickets are available by mailing your request and check at least 10 days in advance to: South Shore Folk Music Club, P.O. Box 316, Marshfield Hills, Mass.02051.

The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington, **Comedy Night**, Dec. 3. **Annette's Comedy Asylum** presents an evening of comedy starring **Chance Langton** comedian, actor, musician. Also appearing this evening: **Annette Pollack, Jenn Dlugos, Pat Hicks, Paul Keenan, Jason Margaca and Jan Flanagan** 9 p.m., $10, reservations suggested. Ask about our special $25 dinner/comedy package. 781-871-7175.

The South Street Gallery, featuring local, regional and national artists, has announced its upcoming annual "Small Painting Show", where invited artists display and sell their paintings at reasonable prices. This exhibit will be combined with the work of some new artists on display. The opening exhibit will take place at the SSG on Friday, Dec. 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. Artists whose work will be on display include **Joan Brancale, Vcevy Strekalovsky, Dianne Pannarelli-Miller, Nancy Colella, Susan Charles, Diane Scott, Ronald Tinney, Marjorie Whorf, Yves Parent, Jen Kelly, Bonnie Hobbs.**

James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell contact: Lisa Flynn "**Reflections of Life**", a show of paintings and drawings by **Sue Page-Thompson** of Scituate will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from Dec. 3- Jan. 5, 2005. An opening reception for the public will be held on Friday, Dec. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m.. Hours: Tuesday - Friday 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sue Page- Thompson will be back on Saturday from 11 to 6 p.m. to do on site portraits.

The Hanover-based Harbour Choral Arts Society, directed by Sarah Mead, will present **To Drive The Cold Winter Away** on Friday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m., at St. Mary's Church, Rt. 139 in Hanover. Preview Party of the Stetson House, decorated for the holidays by the Friends of the Stetson House, enjoy the concert at St. Mary's, and for the finale, have coffee and dessert at the Congregational Educational Building, across from the Stetson House. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at the door. For information, call 781-834-5808.

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. **Dec. 3, Keepin the Gruve featuring Satch Romano**. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Dec. 3, **Mission of Blues**, rhythm and blues, blues. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing events

MS Support Group on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of South Shore Hospital. Contact Liz 781-878-7041 or email at Vze2n8tr@verizon.net or Cindy 781-878-5835 or email at Rockland119@AOL.com.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

La Leche League of Silver Lake meets every second Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m.. For information email Joanne.collins@comcast.net

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages, who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tues nights at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus, under the direction of Patricia Hoitt of Norwell, is a women's a cappella chorus providing vocal training and musical entertainment throughout the greater South Shorearea. Come and experience the fun , and sing your cares away. Call 781-843-4355.

The Dedham Museum 612 High St., Dedham, at the Dedham Historical Society presents **Wedgwood – Not Just Blue and White,** to Jan. 15. Admission $2 adults and $1 children. 781-326-1385 or www.DedhamHistorical.org

Storytellers/authors Andrea Lovett of Abington and **Weisey MacMillan** of Marshfield are forming an **adult writer's group**. 10:30 a.m. 781-871-5892. A small fee will be charged

Stories and Art for Preschoolers and Toddlers will be offered at the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St., Duxbury, every second Thursday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from 1 to 2:30 p.m. 781-934-6634 extension 15.

The Monhegan Experience paintings of Monehegan Island by members of the **North River Arts Society** at **Bella's Restaurant**, 933 Hingham St., Rockland.

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no monies are exchanged - just time.) Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc. moving furniture), The list is endless. Procrastinating can be a thing of the past. Membership fee: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, at 781-871-2583.

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com 508-830-4250.



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Artist Ginny Allen, a long time resident of Scituate and retired professor of Mass. Art is having an exhibition "Memento Mori" at the South Shore Conservatory, through Jan. 31, 2005. The South Shore Conservatory's South Shore Music Circus Gallery is located at 1 Conservatory Drive in Hingham and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 10 or visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.



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by John Klefeker, BC-HIS
Board Certified-Hearing Instrument Specialist, MA Lic. #127

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Those with Type II diabetes can add hearing loss to the long list of complications that can potentially stem from their condition. This finding comes from an ongoing Department of Veteran Affairs study of nearly seven hundred members of the armed forces. When researchers examined these study participants, they found that those with Type II diabetes experienced age-related declines in hearing earlier than did non-diabetics. It is thought that the high blood sugar levels in diabetics could cause tiny blood vessels in the inner ear to narrow. This would, in turn, bring about a disruption of the normal reception of sound. This provides diabetics added incentive to bring their blood sugar under control and get regular hearing tests.

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STM article could provide town with recall capabilities

Issue is expected to be a hot topic

By Samantha Brown
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A citizens' petition which would allow the recall of elected officials by a majority vote could be one of the more highly discussed articles at Monday's Town Meeting, and residents are already divided on the issue.

On one side are those who say stripping an official of his or her post could cause undue embarrassment, and is not necessary. Still others say without the option of taking someone out of office, who could potentially be a detriment to the community, the town is in a dangerous position.

Article 16 is one of the last items of business on the Warrant, and would allow voters to adopt a recall provision similar to those used in 170 other cities and towns in Massachusetts, including Pembroke, Plymouth, Nantucket, and Hull. The article would need to be voted in at Town Meeting and then adopted by the Legislature, a process which can take several months or even years.

"I don't think it is in the best interest of the town."
— Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan

The Special Town Meeting gets underway at 7 p.m., Monday in the Sullivan Gymnasium at Cohasset High School.

Proponents for the article believe with the way town government is currently structured, a great deal of power is put in the hands of a few officials, for terms of up to five years. Without any way to intervene, the town can be left without means of correcting a bad situation, should an official not perform their duties as expected.

Louis Harvey, 465 King St., is one of the proponents of the article. At a meeting held with members of the Advisory Committee Wednesday, he explained a recall would be able to remedy certain situations, such as an elected official who participates in criminal activities, political misdeeds, or other inappropriate behavior, rather than allow that person to stay in public office. (The Advisory Committee was expected to take a position on the article last night (Thursday) after the Mariner went to press.)

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'Money, Monday' may be STM tune

Lots of figures before the voters

By Samantha Brown
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With the Special Town Meeting only days away, copies of the warrants have been mailed, and voters are getting prepared to make their voices heard.

On Monday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium, votes will be cast on 16 articles, or items of business, covering everything from a recall petition to sewering Little Harbor, to renovating the Beechwood Ball Park.

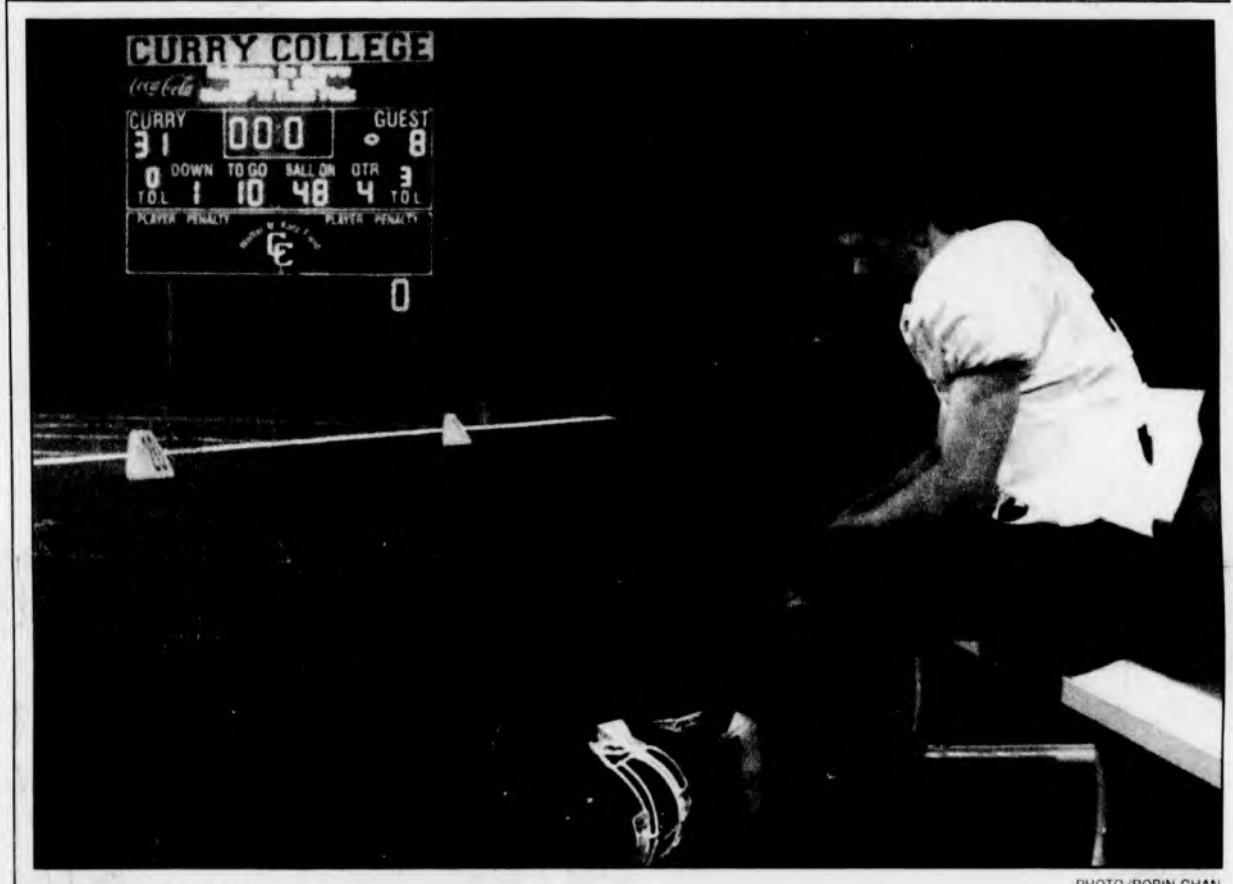
Article one will ask the town to appropriate funds for unpaid bills from fiscal year '04, including a $93,000 Keyspan gas bill for the schools, an $11,600 bill for Tutela Engineering Associates, the Sewer Commission's engineering consultants, as well as a fiscal year '03 Tutela bill for $6,400.

Articles two and three will both deal with balancing the FY05 town budget. FY05 began July 1. Article two will ask the town to appropriate $210,000, which Town Manager Michael Buckley said the town needs to make up for a roughly $47,000 snow and ice deficit, $19,000 for town unemployment costs, $65,000 for school unemployment costs, and $80,000 for revenue estimates which came in lower than were estimated.

Through article three, voters will also be asked to appropriate $409,469. Individual items to be paid include:

- Increasing the general expenses for the Director of Finance by $5,000 for technology upgrades. Computers had been wracked with worms and viruses, which needed to be taken care of, and a backup device for the server was purchased.
- Increasing the Board of Assessors general expenses by $5,000 to pay for a re-evaluation and certification from the state.
- Increasing the Reserve Fund by $67,000 to cover FY05 unemployment costs for the

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PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

TOUGH TO TAKE
Cohasset senior Casey Coleman takes off his gear for the final time after the Skippers' Div. 3 playoff loss to Westwood on Tuesday. For complete coverage, turn to sports, page 21.

Caring touches soldiers

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

Patrick Hurney was on the front lines when the war in Iraq began in March 2003. He was there for the first six months of the war and received a package one day from an address that surprised him. It was from an old high school teacher.

"It didn't matter who it was or where it came from, it showed people cared, that you have love ones waiting for you back home," he said.

Standing near the wall of a basement level room of Pembroke Town Hall, Hurney told members of Pembroke Cares, a military support group, what their efforts really mean to the troops serving their country.

"You're supporting the kids who joined (the military) to do

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

HOLIDAY HUG
Maggie Moy and 10-month-old Abigail are all dressed up for the Jingle Bell Walk held annually the day after Thanksgiving. For more photos, see page 29.

Sexual harassment suit settled

Insurance pays $60K to former employee

By Samantha Brown
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The town's liability insurance carrier has settled with former Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager Nicole N. Bartlett, who claims she was sexually harassed by a public official.

A document obtained by the Mariner through a public records request shows the town's insurance provider, MIAA (a self-insured pool of the Massachusetts Municipal Association), settled the case with Bartlett Sept. 28, and in total, $77,176 has been paid relating to Bartlett's claim. It is estimated roughly $60,000 will be paid to Bartlett directly.

The document does not say who the public official was nor does it detail Bartlett's allegations.

Attorney Leonard Kesten of Brody, Hardoon, Perkins and Kesten, is retained by the town's insurance company to defend claims. Kesten said fees in the $77,000 figure include not only the settlement money given to Bartlett, but his fees, fees for claims adjusters, and any other money the company spent on the case. Town Manager Michael Buckley said because the town receives figures for amounts paid out by the company on a quarterly basis, as well as totals paid to date but not a breakdown for the category of payments, he is not sure how the funds have been paid out. However, he said it is likely Bartlett received around $60,000.

Selectman Rob Spofford — who is president of the Spofford Group, an insurance brokerage firm — said it is important to note the town has no authority to negotiate settlements. Once a claim comes in, the town submits it to its insurance provider, and all duties to defend are put in the hands of the company. He added, when the insurance company is in the process of negotiating a settlement on behalf of the town, town officials are not allowed to comment on the settlement specifics, as it could "prejudice the company's right to settle." He said if the town affects the negotiation process, "The insurance company can take the coverage away."

Although Bartlett has received the money from the town's insurance provider, it won't be nearly enough to pay back money she allegedly stole from a former employer. Charges recently surfaced alleging Bartlett stole more than $200,000 from the Boston Children's Museum, and her resignation in Cohasset soon followed. The museum has accused Bartlett of forging and cashing more than 400 checks against the museum's payroll account between October 1998 and March 2003.

As a result of the charges against Barlett, the town requested a reserve fund transfer of $12,500 to hire Melanson Heath & Company, PC to conduct a forensic audit. To date, nothing suspicious has been reported by the company. Selectmen said if all goes well, they anticipate the audit to be completed by the first of the year.

Bartlett was hired by former Town Manager Mark Haddad to serve as his confidential Administrative Assistant. In that role, she was responsible for overseeing both the town and school payrolls, all employee benefits, and the town and school retirement systems. Bartlett's resignation was accepted by Buckley Sept. 27. Buckley was appointed Acting Town Manager after Haddad's abrupt resignation May 5.

Shortly after Bartlett's resignation, information surfaced that Haddad may have hired Bartlett,

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ZBA vacancy

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CEA requests

At the Special Town Meeting, the Council on Elder Affairs will ask the town for $10,000 worth of new computers. Director of the CEA Kathy Bryanton said the computers her staff currently use are experiencing severe technical difficulties almost every day, and it has gotten to the point where it is easier for her staff to write by hand, rather than use the technology. She said, however, having clients' records on the computer is a must, and that information needs to be password protected, which will require the computers to work properly via a network.

In addition, she said the current computers are operating on different interfaces which are not compatible, and the CEA needs upgrades to get its computers back on track. The package for the new computers will also include the formation of a new Web site as well as a service contract.

Egan trained by FEMA

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has just completed training for Robert Egan, Building Commissioner of Cohasset, at its National Emergency Training Center. Homeland Security trains thousands of Americans at this facility each year to enhance the ability of communities to manage significant emergencies and disasters, both manmade an natural.

"Homeland Security trains thousands of firefighters, emergency service personnel, government officials and private citizens every year. This training helps better secure the homeland - saving lives, protecting property and enhancing disaster planning, response and recovery across the country," said Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response. "Graduates of these training programs make a major contribution back at home, in communities such as Cohasset."

Egan completed the Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program course in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on Nov. 19. This course is designed to provide an organized training opportunity for local officials responsible for administering their local floodplain management ordinance. The course focuses on the National Flood Insurance Program and concepts of floodplain management, maps and studies, ordinance administration, and the relationship between floodplain management and flood insurance.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards an effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages Citizen Corps, the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Special Town Meeting, Dec. 6, 7 p.m., Sullivan Gymnasium middle-high school

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, Dec. 8, 7 p.m.

ZBA, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

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Nov./Dec. 2004	High AM	Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 2	2:39	8.3	8:32	2:41	9.3	9:07
Fri. 3	3:26	8.3	9:20	3:31	9.0	9:55
Sat. 4	4:15	8.4	10:13	4:22	8.9	10:44
Sun. 5	5:04	8.6	11:07	5:16	8.8	11:35
Mon. 6	5:54	8.9	——	6:11	8.9	12:03
Tues. 7	6:43	9.4	12:25	7:06	9.0	12:58
Wed. 8	7:31	10.0	1:16	8:00	9.3	1:52
Thurs. 9	8:19	10.6	2:06	8:53	9.6	2:44

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BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Popkin, 17 CedarLedge, re-roof 20 squares, $5,100; Harrington, 16 Cedarledge, re-roof 20 squares, $6,000; Kasdon, 88 Beach St., re-roof 3 square cedar shingles, $5,000; DPW Town of Cohasset, 91 Cedar St., re-roof rolled; Dinero's/Plotner, 235 Hull St., foundation only addition, $12,000; Todd, 356 Atlantic Ave., replace windows, move int. walls, $80,000; Martin Hernon, 40 Nichols Rd., remodel and addition, $210,000; Al Samuelian, 70 Aaron River Rd., addition, 2nd level, $285,000; Peter Collins, 18 Ledgewood Farm Drive, single family dwelling, $400,000; David Dugan, 100 Black Rock Rd., remodel kitchen/replace 3 windows, $35,000.

Plotner/Dinero's 235 Hull St., foundation only addition, $12,000; Todd, 356 Atlantic Ave., replace windows, move interior walls, $80,000; Martin Hernon, 40 Nichols Rd., remodel and addition, $210,000; Al Samuelian, 70 Aaron River Rd., addition, 2nd level, $285,000; Peter Collins, 18 Ledgewood Farm Drive, single family dwelling, $400.000; David Dugan, 100 Black Rock Rd., remodel kitchen/replace 3 windows, $35,000; James Madden, 44 Beechwood St., addition second story, $150,000; McGowan, 154 North Main St., re-roof 4 squares cedar, $3,000; Dinero's, 235 Hull St., excavation for underground structure, $42,000; Richardson, 22 Virginia Lane, re-roof 33 squares, $13,750; Weber, 59 Pond St., re-roof 22 squares', $11,100.

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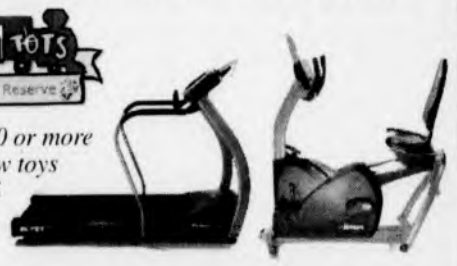
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SEWER EXISTING RESIDENTS FIRST!

ATTEND TOWN MEETING DECEMBER 6TH AND VOTE "YES" ON ARTICLE 8 TO END EXISTING POLLUTION PROBLEMS AND NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH RISKS

WHAT WARRANT ARTICLE 8 MEANS: REQUIRES TOWN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUEST OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (D.E.P.) TO COMMIT TO, AND AGREE TO INCORPORATE INTO THE SECOND AMENDED FINAL JUDGMENT, THE PLAN AND SCHEDULE FOR THE SEWERING OF EXISTING RESIDENCES IN THE LITTLE HARBOR/ATLANTIC AVENUE WATERSHED. COHASSET UPDATED AND SUBMITTED THIS PLAN AND SCHEDULE, AS REQUIRED, TO THE D.E.P. IN FEBRUARY, 2004. THE TOWN'S PLAN AND SCHEDULE CALL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THIS SEWER SYSTEM TO START BY SPRING, 2007, AND BE COMPLETED BY SUMMER, 2009, INCLUDING THE FINAL EXPANSION OF THE CENTRAL TREATMENT PLANT.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Q. WHAT WAS THE COURT ORDER COHASSET CONSENTED TO, WHEN AND STATUS?

A. In 1979, the State/D.E.P. determined Cohasset was polluting some ponds and the coastal waters, especially Little Harbor, with high levels of fecal coliform. Cohasset consented to a Court Order to end the pollution, which comes from old/underperforming septic systems. Over recent years, parts of Town have been sewered, but Little Harbor (LH) watershed, a major source of coastal pollution, has not been addressed. The State/D.E.P. have exhausted their patience. All parties agree sewering LH is the most efficient, cost effective approach to end the pollution. The State/D.E.P. have approved Cohasset's Plan & Schedule for sewering LH and insist it be implemented. The prevalence of ledge/poor soil in the LH area are "hostile" to septic systems—sewering is the long-term solution.

Q. WHAT'S THE PRINCIPAL POLLUTION SOURCE?

A. All parties have determined the main sources of the fecal coliform pollution, in addition to rainwater runoff, are obsolete and failed septic systems within the LH watershed which drain to LH and coastal waters, causing violations of the Clean Water Act. There are 420 homes in the LH watershed, about 1,500 residents, including 400 seniors.

Q. DO ALL PARTIES AGREE THAT SEWERING IS THE OPTIMUM SOLUTION, AND AGREE ON A SCHEDULE TO IMPLEMENT?

A. Yes. In February, 2004, the Town submitted an updated Plan & Schedule for the sewering which the State/D.E.P. approved and requested the Town to commit to by including the Plan & Schedule into the Amended Final Court Judgment. The Town has not made that commitment—to the dismay of the Attorney General/D.E.P. They are distressed by Town proposals to use the future sewer capacity to benefit new housing developers rather than correcting the existing pollution problems in the LH watershed.

Q. IS IT FEASIBLE TO END POLLUTION IN THE LH WATERSHED BY REPLACING THE EXISTING 400+ SEPTIC SYSTEMS?

A. No. The ledge/terrain in the LH watershed adversely impact performance of septic systems and costs involved would be at least double the sewer cost, with no assurance that very low fecal coliform levels now allowed in coastal waters would ever be met.

Q. WHERE ARE WE ON SEWERING LH WATERSHED?

A. At three recent Town meetings, voters appropriated about $500,000 for preliminary planning/engineering work on this sewer expansion, which has been completed. In February, 2004, the Town submitted an updated Plan & Schedule for sewer implementation, with completion date set at summer, 2009. This past June, Town officials refused a request by the State/D.E.P. to comply with the Second Amended Final Judgment by incorporating the Town's Schedule into that judgment.

Q. DOES OUR EXISTING TREATMENT PLANT HAVE CAPACITY FOR THE LH WATERSHED SEWAGE FLOW?

A. No. The plant is currently operating at its design B.O.D. removal capacity. Expanding the plant to maximum capacity, which is just enough to handle the LH watershed sewage flow, is part of the Town's Plan & Schedule for sewering LH watershed.

CURRENT ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Q. THE STATE/D.E.P. APPROVED COHASSET'S PLAN & SCHEDULE TO SEWER LH WATERSHED TO COMPLY WITH THE FINAL JUDGMENT. WHY ARE THEY DISTRESSED AND CONSIDERING FINES AND OTHER SANCTIONS FOR COHASSET AND RESIDENTS?

A. Cohasset officials recently declined the State/D.E.P. request to incorporate the Town's schedule for sewering LH watershed into the Court's Final Judgment. This refusal is viewed as reneging to end the pollution and lack of intent to ever comply with the Court Consent Order. The State/D.E.P. officials are aware of these same Cohasset officials' plans to divert limited sewer capacity to private developers of new housing.

Q. HOW DO WE END THIS IMPASSE THAT EXPOSES COHASSET AND RESIDENTS TO PUNITIVE SANCTIONS THAT THE STATE/D.E.P. ARE CONSIDERING?

A. Citizens' Petition Article 8 on the Town Meeting Warrant is the answer. This Article was signed by over 400 Town residents vs. the 100 voter signatures required. Signatures of well over 1,000 voters could easily have been obtained if required. This Article mandates that Town officials comply with the State's/D.E.P.'s request and incorporate the Town's Schedule into the Court Final Judgment. In reality, passage of this Article 8 mandates an end to the fecal coliform pollution and its human health risks, and precludes diverting any of the limited future sewer capacity to new housing developers. Sewer existing residents first, the residents whose taxes helped pay for the treatment plant and the sewer system, which has always been the policy!

Q. WHAT IS THE IMPACT IF ARTICLE 8 FAILS?

A. Possible fines against our Town of $10,000 per day for non-compliance and, among other possible sanctions, State mandated immediate septic system Title V inspections for the LH watershed and perhaps other nearby neighborhoods. Most existing systems would fail Title V and the documented repair/replace cost ranges $30,000+ up to $80,000 per septic system. These costs would exceed $20 million in the LH watershed alone, with no assurance of meeting the now stringent fecal coliform levels in force.

Q. WHAT'S WRONG WITH SEWERING TREATED WASTEWATER FROM A LARGE HOUSING PROJECT?

A. Several things. The State/D.E.P. are against such misuse of an expensive treatment plant and its primary function to treat sewage. Secondly, allow one developer to do this and other developers will have legal rights to follow. The plant's volume capacity would be quickly reached and lead to under-use of the B.O.D. removal capacity. Finally, harbor eco-imbalance from increased flow of clean water discharge is adverse to the fish/shellfish population.

Q. WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANT "AMNESTY" BENEFIT GRANTED BY THE D.E.P. ONCE A FIRM DATE IS ESTABLISHED FOR SEWER AVAILABILITY?

A. The D.E.P. customarily grants an amnesty from Title V septic system inspections, even in change of ownership situations, to homes in an area, such as the LH watershed, once a future firm date is set for sewering the area within a reasonable time period. The exception is failed septic systems that become a local public health hazard.

FAIRNESS – SEWER EXISTING RESIDENTS FIRST!

COMMON SENSE – END EXISTING POLLUTION FIRST!

VOTE "YES" ON ARTICLE 8

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Pump engine tank cradle rusted out

By Samantha Brown
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With 10 years under its belt, engine one, the fire department's pump engine, is already in need of some TLC. Refurbishing the engine, which will cost $50,000, will be a decision presented to voters, as it is included in article four as a capital expense on the Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

"They just don't make them like they used to."
— Fire Chief Roger Lincoln

The fire department has a fleet of seven vehicles, including a ladder truck, ambulance, three pump engines, the chief's car, and a heavy-duty pickup truck. The pump engines are on a 21-year rotating replacement schedule, meaning one is slated for replacement every seven years.

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln explained while the department does not need a brand-new engine, the cradle which holds the 500-gallon water tank has an enormous amount of rust, and needs to be replaced. "They just don't make them like they used to," he said.

According to the replacement schedule, Lincoln was slated to gain a replacement for the chief's car this year. However, in light of the situation with the troubled pump engine, he offered to swap replacement schedules. "It's well taken care of. I don't drive fast," he said of his car, a 1994 Ford Explorer, adding it will be absolutely fine to drive another year.

New state motorized scooter law welcomed

Helmet rules also change

By Mary Ford
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You need to think again if a motorized scooter is on your child's Christmas list.

A new state law makes it illegal for anyone without a valid driver's license or learner's permit to drive motorized scooters or a motorized bicycle.

"It's critical that parents model good safety behavior."
— Police Chief James Hussey

Violators can be subject to fines.

A good item, however, to add to a child's list is a bicycle helmet. Helmets are now required for anyone on a motorized scooter or bicycle, and anyone 16 or under on a regular bicycle, in-line skates, scooter or skateboard. The bicycle helmet law used to include anyone 12 or under.

Police welcome the new laws because they'll help with what is a public safety issue.

Officers note that serious injury is far more likely if a child falls while biking or "Roller-blading" and does not have a helmet.

"It's critical that parents model good safety behavior," Police Chief James Hussey said. "When many of us were young, helmets we not a part of the mix. But the facts are that use of a helmet reduces the potential of a life-threatening or life-long injury from a fall or accident."

Police are also happy to have some enforcement powers over motorized scooters, which have become a magnet for a lot of youngsters, who are too young to drive. Motorized scooters are the source of many complaints.

Scooters have handlebars and are usually propelled by one-foot. The motorized variety are either electric or gas powered and don't need human propulsion.

Hussey said Cohasset police will work with the parents of those found in violation of the helmet and motorized scooter/bike laws. The scooter law also includes not operating a motorized bike or scooter after dark and observing a 25 mph speed limit.

He said when police find children riding bicycles, in-line skates or skateboard without helmets, they talk to the child's parents to make sure they are knowledgeable about the law.

"We want to make sure parents know that helmets are mandatory," Hussey said.

Safety Officer Christy Tarantino said the police department has roughly 50 helmets in various sizes for those who may not to be able to afford to purchase one. They are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Rosalie Berquist, Prevention Program Director for the Massachusetts Brain Injury Association, welcomes the extension of the helmet law to age 17. However, adults are also vulnerable to brain injury from a fall without a helmet.

"So many people think that helmets are just for kids," Berquist says. "However, I always point out the majority of people killed in bicycle crashes are adults.

"This has to do with the laws of science. Adults are higher from the ground and therefore have a greater distance to fall. They weigh more than kids and are probably riding faster."

Berquist says few people understand the devastating consequences of traumatic brain injury to the survivor.

"But, it must be remembered that the whole family is impacted when one of their members is injured," she said.

Why wear a bicycle helmet:

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Respondents concerned about teen drinking, house parties

Survey: police doing a good job

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The results are in.

And overall, Cohasset citizens feel safe and think their police department is doing a good job.

Concerns that reach the top of the list should come as no surprise: unsupervised house parties and underage drinking, and speeding motor vehicles in town.

Answers to a recent Cohasset Police Department survey, launched by Chief James Hussey, have been tabulated. The chief hopes to use the results as a stepping off point for the Police Advisory Council that will include a cross section of the community and provide a "think-tank," so to speak, to offer some positive changes.

Hussey said the survey validated the concerns expressed to him when he took over the reins in the police department last spring. At that time, he gleaned from community receptions and talking to residents that under-age alcohol use and traffic were issues that needed to be addressed.

He is pleased that most who answered the survey described the department as professional and friendly.

"But they'd like to see more officers out of their cars and would like to get to know the officers more," he said.

The anonymous survey — containing myriad questions ranging from whether domestic violence is a problem to whether police respond to calls in a timely manner — and the new advisory council will hopefully help create more "transparency" in the police department, Hussey said. "We're going to try and do a better job of getting information out there," he said.

Hussey said the department received 128 completed questionnaires. The survey was printed in the Mariner, at no cost, and copies were made available around town.

"We gave people ample opportunity to respond," said Hussey, although he initially expected an onslaught of responses because of recent controversy in town involving the department.

"Things have quieted down," he said. "When they do, people often think 'things were never that bad anyway.'"

Hussey said one of the jobs of the new Police Advisory Council, which will start meeting after the holidays, is to see if opinion and perception reflect reality in terms of the police. In other words, some residents think there may be a big drug problem at school – when there may not be.

He said the survey contains a wealth of information. Hussey was also pleased to see that respondents feel Cohasset is a safe place. "People feel safe in the business district, beach and walking in the woods," he said.

Highlights of the survey are as follows:

	N=122
Highly likely	0.8%
Moderately likely	13.9%
Slightly likely	68.9%
Not at all	16.4%

	N=123
Highly likely	0.0%
Moderately likely	4.9%
Slightly likely	30.9%
Not at all	64.2%

A sample of the survey results:

*7. In your opinion, how likely is it that you will be the victim of a **property** crime in Cohasset over the next five years?*

*8. In your opinion, how likely is it that you will be the victim of a **violent** crime in Cohasset over the next five years?*

Crime, safety and quality of life issues

• *More than 85 percent felt unsupervised house parties and underage drinking are somewhat or a serious problem in town;*

• More than 77 percent believe speeding motor vehicles are somewhat or a serious problem;

• Between 80 and 90 percent feel that drug-alcohol abuse, poor parenting and lack of respect have had a moderate to large influence with crime in the past five years;

• More than 85 percent feel safe from property crime while more than 95 percent feel safe from violent crime;

• Over 80 percent feel safe in their neighborhoods, the parks, beaches and shopping districts;

• Over 80 percent believe that illegal drugs are somewhat or a serious problem in the high school and middle school.

Feelings about the police department

• More than 78 percent believe that police presence in their neighborhood is appropriate for the need;

• More than 75 percent find information in the newspaper useful, but more than 70 percent have no opinion or disagree that the department publicizes its services or programs adequately;

• More than 74 percent feel that police officers respond to emergencies in a timely manner;

• More than 76 percent believe officers look professional in appearance;

• More than 80 percent feel phone calls to the station are handled professionally and courteously.

Demographics of respondents

• More than 75 percent are over 45 years old;

• Almost 60 percent have lived in town more than 21 years;

• Almost 60 percent have no children under the age of 21 in the household

Comments

• What do you like best about the Cohasset Police Department? A majority of comments related to professionalism, friendliness and quick responses by most of the officers.

• What would you most like to see improved at the CPD? There were three areas that a majority of the comments could be categorized: officers' attitude and training; communication and outreach with citizens; and dealing with traffic control issues.

• What are the most significant values or characteristics that a Cohasset Police Officer should possess:? The majority of these comments related to officers being professional, courteous, honest and fair.

• How can the CPD improve its communication with citizens about crime and police services? There were two areas where most comments relate: use of a newsletter, a column in the Cohasset Mariner and more information in the police log, as well as having officers come out on the street and meet with citizens.

"I'm looking forward to working with the men and women of our police department and the people of Cohasset in using this information to improve the services we provide," Hussey said.

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'Money, Monday' may be STM tune

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schools. By including the money in the reserve fund, money can be released as it is spent.

- Increasing the legal budget general expenses by $60,000.
- Increasing the police department general expenses by $4,000 to cover the cost of printing new sets of rules and regulations as well as purchasing new handcuffs for officers.
- Increasing the school department general expenses by $93,500 to cover the energy shortfall for FY05.
- Increasing the South Shore Vocational Technical High School regional assessment fee by $27,750 due to increased enrollment.
- Increasing the DPW general expenses by $12,000 for field maintenance.
- Increasing the DPW building maintenance budget by $30,000 to repair the roof of the police station (only the fire department roof was redone with the construction project), replace gutters at the town library, and install HVAC equipment at the police and fire station.
- Increasing the benefits and insurance pension assessment line item by $70,219 due to the face that the town's assessment went up over what was estimated 12 months ago.
- Increasing the benefits and insurance property and liability line item by $35,000 to pay the deductibles from insurance claims *(see related story)*.

Article four will ask the town to appropriate $194,000 for capital requests which includes purchasing two police department cruisers for $56,000, as well as $5,000 for new holsters. There has also been a change in firearms at the station, and officers need new safety holsters for.40 caliber firearms as well as safety belts.

The fire department will ask for $40,000 to cover the cost of refurbishing a rusting pump engine and the schools will ask for a $15,000 appropriation for a school utility vehicle. The DPW will ask for $62,000 for two new public works vehicles. The Council on Elder Affairs will ask for $6,000 for a new shuttle van as well as $10,000 for new computers.

Voters will also be asked to approve $18,900 through article five, to be paid to fire department employees as part of a collective bargaining agreement.

Article six will ask the town to take action on Community Preservation Committee recommendations. At the time the Mariner went to press, Buckley said final motions had not yet been received, but items thought to be up for consideration on the Warrant include renovating the two entrances at Town Hall, funding the cost of a consultant which will help the town draft a new maintenance plan for Sandy Beach, and providing funds to reconstruct and improve the Beechwood Ball Park.

If the CPC takes on the ball park project, article 11 which would have asked the town to provide the funding will be indefinitely postponed. Article seven, which would have asked voters to authorize the expansion of the Central sewer district to include the Cook Estate property, has also been indefinitely postponed *(see related story)*.

Voters will however, still have a say in the future sewer connections for the town, as article eight will allow them to decide whether to implement a schedule for sewering Little Harbor into the Second Amended Final Judgment. The Second Amended Final Judgment was handed down by the state as a result of the town's violating the Federal Clean Waters Act in 1979, and in turn, the state gave the town a judgment, followed by a second amended judgment, which the town needed to comply with, or face fines of up to $10,000 per day *(see related story)*.

Improvements to the seawall on Border Street between Atlantica and the Mill River Boatyard will be made if the town approves article nine, allowing $600,000 to be allocated for engineering, permitting, rebuilding, reconstructing, and making repairs. Fifty percent of the money will be reimbursed by the state.

To help bring non-union employees up to the same level of longevity pay as union employees, the town will be asked to approve article 10, and allocate $3,000 to the appropriate town departments.

The Water Commission has two items of business on the Warrant with articles 12 and 13. Article 12 asks the town to authorize a change in use for a parcel of land located in the Woodside Cemetery. Acting in its role as Cemetery Commissioners, the Board of Selectmen has found the land will not be needed for cemetery purposes, and the town will need to ratify that decision. The plot of land would be used to house a pump station.

Article 13 will ask the town to appropriate $2,000,000 for improvements to the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, including cleaning and lining water pipes, replacing water pipes, capital maintenance, and other improvements to wells, storage tanks, and water distribution systems, acquiring property, and other measures to ensure the safety of the public drinking water supply.

The town will also be asked to add $1,000 to the Town Clerk's salary through article 14, as a result of her completing the necessary coursework and training to become certified by the Massachusetts Town Clerk's Association.

Article 15 will ask residents to allow the town to enter into a second 25-year agreement with neighboring towns, to share the cost of purchasing, equipping, and maintaining an unmanned ambulance.

Residents will also be asked to weigh in on article 16, a somewhat controversial citizens' petition, which would allow the town to recall an elected official *(see related story)*.

The last item of Town Meeting business will ask the town to allocate $5,000 to allow Cohasset to participate in the South Shore Greenscape Program, by promoting environmentally friendly law care practices.

The Special Town Meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium. Copies of the Warrant have been mailed out to residents' homes, but are also available at Town Hall and the Town Library. Extra Warrants will also be available at the High School during the meeting.

STM article could provide town with recall capabilities

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For example, Harvey said if a public official was found guilty of a crime unrelated to his or her position in office, such as wife beating, with the laws as they currently stand, that person could remain in office. If an official campaigning for the School Committee wins an election based on the platform that he will improve education then votes to cut 20 teachers from the schools, currently that person would be allowed to continue cutting teachers for the next three years. If an official uses the power of office to enhance the value of his property, he could continue to "feather his own nest" for years before his term is up.

Harvey point outs Cohasset is fortunate to be in a position right now where situations such as those proposed have not yet occurred. He and the proponents of the article believe the town would be well served to adopt the petition before a problem arises.

However, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said he does not think the recall petition is a good idea.

"I don't think it is in the best interest of the town," he said, adding the act of collecting signatures to initiate the process is all that needs to be done in order to start a controversy. "It's humiliating to the individual and humiliating to their family," when a recall is set in motion, he said. He added because the recall provision has no criteria for recalling a public official, "If you didn't like someone's vote," on an issue, it could potentially lead to a recall of that person. If there was a set criteria which had to be met in order to begin the recall process, Sullivan said the article might make more sense, but as it stands, he believes, "It's not healthy," for the town.

However, Harvey said it was a deliberate decision to not include a set of criteria because as issues come up, they would constantly have to update the provision.

Recalling an official is a very involved six-step process which Harvey said provides all the checks and balances to ensure only those officials the majority of people in town feel have significantly violated their duties are recalled. He said the process begins with an application for recall forms, which requires 100 signatures. From there, the 100 signatures are handed in to the Town Clerk, who then has 20 days to provide blank recall forms. Once the forms are provided, those looking to recall an official have an additional 20 days to collect signatures from 10 percent of the registered voting population in town, which is more than 500 signatures.

Once the 500-plus signatures are handed in to the Town Clerk, she has five days to certify the signatures. Once certified, it takes 25 more signatures to nominate candidates for the position to be filled, and there is a window of 64 days until nominations must be received. The final step for a recall is holding a special election, scheduled between 60 and 90 days from the date all nominations were received, unless another election is already scheduled within 100 days. Passing a recall requires a majority vote.

Sullivan said he believes recalling a public official doesn't make sense because "No one person in town has that much power." Because all boards have at least three people, no single person can "make decisions independently," he said.

However, Harvey said the recall petition can be used to oust an entire board if the community chooses, and it has happened in other towns.

Harvey acknowledged there are some concerns about the petition in town, including the possibility it could target officials currently in office. However, he said it is very unlikely any current officials will become targets of a recall, first because it will take some time before it is passed by the Legislature, and second because all proponents of the recall provision support amnesty for all officials in their current term of office. In fact, an amendment to the article as included on the Warrant has been drafted which will include a stipulation to prohibit a recall petition "to be filed against any officer during a term in office that commenced at any time before Dec. 6, 2004 until after Dec. 6, 2007."

For those who believe the recall provision doesn't do anything to solve current problems in town, such as budget shortfalls, sewer connections, lawsuits, pollution or senior housing, Harvey argues the petition is important because it will solve the problems of the future. Because the town does not know what is to come in the years ahead, he believes it makes sense to protect the town from what might be.

Another argument against the recall provision is the estimated cost of a special election. However, Harvey said that cost, which is roughly $3,500, is a small price to pay when compared to the millions of dollars that can be lost from "unscrupulous officials" being allowed to stay in office.

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Cook Estate won't take center stage

By Samantha Brown
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Rallying had already begun and sewering the Cook Estate was expected to be a hot topic at Monday's Special Town Meeting, but now, those wishing to formally voice their opinion on the matter will have to wait, as the article has been put on hold

In light of the controversy sewering the project has spawned, members of the Council on Elder Affairs and Senior Housing Committee have asked the Board of Selectmen to indefinitely postpone article seven, which would have authorized the expansion of the existing Central Sewer district to encompass the Cook property. By including the property in the Central District, it would have become eligible for a sewer connection, providing adequate capacity to accommodate the project could be found at the town's wastewater treatment plant.

"The town was becoming polarized for no reason," said Senior Housing Committee member Joe Nedrow, as a result of the project's looking to tie-in to municipal sewer. As a result of preliminary soil tests conducted on the Cook property, located off Sohier Street, the land was expected to be able to accommodate an on-site wastewater system for the proposed 95 units of housing. However, more extensive soil tests concluded the soils would not be suitable, and alternate means of disposal were explored. Recently, developers from Northland Residential, the company the town is working with to develop the site, said municipal sewer is the only means of wastewater disposal suitable for the site.

Nedrow said neither his committee nor the Council on Elder Affairs had thought sewering the Cook project would be seen as an "either/or" deal, where moving the project ahead would mean others could not progress. Some residents have been concerned sewering the Cook Estate would usurp Little Harbor's place in line for a sewer connection, which has been waiting for a connection for years.

In addition, the question still remains as to whether hooking up the Cook Estate would legally require the town to consider both the Cedarmere and Avalon developments for connections as well.

Avalon — a 200-unit non age-restricted development slated for Route 3A across from Good Sport— began pursuing a connection and was told it would be denied due to a lack of capacity, and went ahead with alternatives in good faith.

Cedarmere — a 105-unit senior housing development slated for Beechwood Street — applied for a connection and was denied, based on the fact that the Sewer Commission said adequate capacity does not exist and it would need time to further study those homes which have hooked up, to determine whether the current flows will increase as homeowners get used to the system. Cedarmere developers have appealed the Sewer Commission's decision.

Director of the Council on Elder Affairs Kathy Bryanton said developing senior housing in town has been a goal the CEA has been trying to accomplish for the past 15 years. She said years ago, a survey was sent to seniors in town, and data collected showed building senior housing was among one of the highest concerns, as many who are looking to downsize from the family home don't have the option of staying in town because they are "house rich and cash poor." In addition, "Not all people will be making a lot of money on their homes when they sell," she said.

Jane Bancroft Cook's heirs have been handling her estate since she passed away in July 2002. Funds from the sale of the property have already been earmarked for a number of charities.

When the opportunity to develop on the Cook Estate came along, "It really made sense," said Bryanton, because of the parcel's location, which is in close proximity to Stop and Shop, the South Shore Music Circus, the town library, the CEA headquarters, and the downtown area. In addition, she said the parcel allows for housing to be built which is spread out enough to make it comfortable for those who live there. "We wanted it to be a project the whole town could embark upon together," she said, adding "We never intended to pit one group against another."

Bryanton said making the decision to move out of the family home is a big one, and most people who do move intend to stay put at their new destination. "People are very mobile at 55 or 60, but once they decide to leave their home, they don't want to be moved around a lot. They're looking for a permanent place where they will want to stay," she said.

Nedrow said one of the caveats of postponing the article will be for the Board of Selectmen to continue working with other town boards in an effort to find a way to somehow solve the project's wastewater problems. "The trustees (of the Cook Estate) need to make a decision, and we thought if the article passed, it would give them tangible evidence we're still working on the project," he said. He added he hopes with the board's intent to continue its diligent efforts, the trustees will hold off a little while longer, and perhaps take the issue up again at the Annual Town Meeting this spring.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said within the next couple of weeks, he is going to meet with the trustees of the Cook Estate to try to extend the dates of the contract, with the intent of coming up with a wastewater plan for the site. "The Cook project has the unanimous vote of Town Meeting, it's just a matter of trying to find a wastewater solution," he said.

He said although he is not certain whether the heirs would charge the town for an additional extension, he said he "would hope not," but it will all depend on what is negotiated.

Depending on the solution that is found for the project, Sullivan said the issue may or may not have to go before Town Meeting in the future. He said if the solution is one that would require two parties to negotiate among themselves, Town Meeting would not need to be involved. Should the project tie-in to Hull's municipal sewer, there is the possibility the town's inter-municipal agreement would have to be modified, which may be a Town Meeting issue, but at this point, any solutions are only speculation.

"I think it's fine," the article is being postponed, he said, as the way it was written, it didn't have any teeth. Town Meeting cannot tell the Sewer Commission what to do, and Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said at a meeting held last week, in his view the article didn't accomplish what the town wants.

Insurance pays $60K to employee

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salaried at $46,000 a year, knowing she had been fired from the Boston Children's Museum for alleged employee misconduct. Police Chief James Hussey said prior to Bartlett's being hired, Det. Sgt. Gregory Lennon — at Haddad's request — completed a background check on Bartlett and as a result, "information was discovered that the employee had been terminated from their prior employment," although the specifics were unknown. Hussey said the information was then provided to Haddad, who advised the police department he would look into her background further.

Bartlett's sexual harassment claim, filed May 3, is one of seven currently being dealt with by the town's insurance carrier. Five of those claims have not yet been paid in full, therefore total awards are not available. Of the seven, six were filed by current or former employees of the town, and four of those claim sexual harassment.

Other claims

Another employee filed a complaint alleging sexual harassment by a public official on May 3, which was settled Sept. 24. The total amount paid including all fees associated with the claim is $74,798. The name of that employee has not been released.

The town's insurance carrier is also paying settlements for two complaints dispatchers filed with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, claiming they were sexually harassed on the job, although their circumstances were very different.

Barbara DeWolfe claims she was unfairly fired by Haddad, after requesting a stress leave due to harassment allegedly inflicted by a sergeant who regularly shared her shift. DeWolfe said she was uncomfortable when the sergeant would touch her in an inappropriate and unwelcome manner, and she did not feel comfortable being alone on shifts with him. She said she was also uncomfortable when he showed fellow officers vacation photos of himself naked. In addition, she said some officers watched adult-oriented cable channels, which also made her uncomfortable. However, the town says DeWolfe was fired because she had missed work due to child-care problems, had been reprimanded for attendance problems, and had already exhausted her sick time. [The sergeant has subsequently retired.]

Adrienne Davenport quit after she said she was falsely charged with having "too intimate" a relationship with a police officer while both were on duty. Davenport claims she left as a result of "outrageous and false accusations" and the intimidation she felt during a meeting with three other police officers.

Sgt. William Quigley, Det. Sgt. Greg Lennon and Officer Lisa Matos are all named in Davenport's complaint for sexually harassing her as a result of their accusing her of having an affair with a co-worker and for using their supervisory capacity to allegedly harass and intimidate her. She also charges Haddad with sexual harassment and intimidation by sending the officers to question her. Davenport charges former Chief Robert Jackson with aiding and abetting the harassment and for failing to stop it.

Sgt. William Quigley filed a civil suit against the town, claiming invasion of privacy, which the insurance company is settling. Haddad had placed Quigley and another officer, James McLean, on paid administrative leave Oct. 20, 2003. The officers claim the town's disciplinary action was in retaliation for their actions relative to Jackson's family, although Haddad denied that had anything to do with the disciplinary action. Quigley filed a civil suit against Haddad and Jackson personally and the town for interfering with his employment as a police officer and invading his privacy. The town hired a private detective to look into Quigley's background.

Former Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy has also filed a complaint against the town, claiming wrongful termination by Haddad, which is also being settled. Murphy, who was presented with a terse one-paragraph termination letter that did not include a reason for his firing, said he was escorted off town property in a police car without the ability to collect his personal belongings.

In addition to the complaints filed by current or former town employees, another complaint was filed Feb. 24, 2004 by an unnamed party, citing First Amendment violations.

The claims involving DeWolfe, Davenport, Quigley, Murphy and the unnamed party, who was not employed by the town, are still listed as open, therefore, it is not clear how much money they will receive in settlements. However, the town's insurance carrier has paid out $196,300 so far, including roughly $150,000 for the two closed sexual harassment claims, involving Bartlett and an unnamed town employee.

The town will be responsible for paying the deductibles for all seven claims, which together total $35,000. Paying that bill is included in Article 3 of the Town Meeting Warrant, which voters will be asked to approve at Monday's Special Town Meeting. Buckley said as a result of the claims, the town's liability portion of its property and liability insurance could increase by between 20 percent and 30 percent.

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BC HIGH HONORS

BC High recently announced that the following Cohasset residents achieved honors at the school. **Christopher P. Barber** '05; Andrew J. Flynn '05; Alexander G. Hunt '07; and Thomas J. Chase '08 achieved High Honors for the first quarter at Boston College High School. For High Honors a student must have at least a 3.80 quality point average.

Patrick B. Flynn '07 achieved Honors, receiving a Q.P.A. of at least 3.2.

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THE SCIENCE OF PAINTING

The Cohasset Diversity Committee will sponsor a holiday event at the South Shore Arts Center, 3 N. Main St.,on Thursday, Dec. 9 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Harvard Professor and Cohasset resident, **Ubaldo DiBenedetto**, will present Renaissance painting as a staircase having six steps, each a technical contribution to the conquest of reality - the chief objective of Renaissance painting.

Art critic **Bernard Berenson** once said that art is what we feel; the rest is science. Since it would be pretentious to teach what one should or should not feel, the lecture will deal with the "science" of painting. Special digital images and photographs will show the characteristics of each progressive step.

Questions and discussion will be welcomed. Light refreshments will be served, and harpist, **Genevieve Poole** will provide background music before and after the lecture and discussion.

Gen, a freshman at South Shore Vocational Technical High School, has been playing harp for five years and was featured at the March 2004 spring musical at First Parish Church. She plays a new Lyon & Healy pedal harp, studies with Stephanie Curcio of Straham, N.H., and enjoys a variety of musical styles, especially contemporary.

The Cohasset Diversity Committee runs programs in collaboration with other community groups, human services, and town services to promote respect for and to encourage understanding of each other's differences. The series is designed to bring together people with international backgrounds and/or interests in a variety of interesting forums. Topics for the 2004-2005 Speaker Series were drawn from suggestions by participants in earlier Cohasset Diversity Committee events. The Cohasset Diversity Committee 2004-2005 Speaker Series is made possible by individual donations and a matching grant from South Shore No Place For Hate. There is no admission charge.

OH BOY!

Nathaniel Mathias Palmer was born Nov. 17, 2004 to proud parents **Heather and Nathaniel G. Palmer** of Little Harbor Road. His entrance into the world has given very special meaning to Thanksgiving for his joyful grandparents: **Pamela Palmer** of Cohasset, **Gregory and Ginny Palmer** of Los Osos, Calif., and **Michael and Janice Mathias** of Mansfield. Welcome little Nathaniel!



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WASSAIL!

The Unicorn Singers, under the direction of Hingham's **Margo Euler**, will present WASSAIL!, A concernt of Christmas Carols through the ages, on Friday Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. at St John's Church in Hingham, and on Sunday Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. at First Parish's Meeting House on Cohasset Common. The program will feature costumed members of the chorus performing in trios and quartets, and processing up and down aisles as the singers take audience members on a musical journey from the ancient carols of the Renaissance to the warm familiar Christmas songs of our own time. The audience will also join in the singing of many favorite carols. Tickets are available at the door for $15 or $12 in advance by calling 781-383-1100.

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Grease is the word! Join in the fun and see Cohasset High School's production of the musical "Grease" in the high school auditorium on Friday, Dec. 10 at 7:30pm, Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2:30. All tickets are $10 and may be purchased at Buttonwood Books or at the door. For ticket or additional information, please contact **Kasey McCarthy** at 781-383-1718.

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The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from Dec. 7-13 at Deer Hill. Students will attend during their scheduled library time. All parents are welcome and encouraged to come!

FASHION SHOW BENEFIT

Get in the holiday spirit while you scope out great gift ideas at the holiday luncheon and Talbot's fashion show at Atlantica Restaurant Dec. 9 at 11:30 a.m. Proceeds from the $50 tickets benefit the Our World Children's Museum located on Sohier Street. Call 781-383-6358 for more info.

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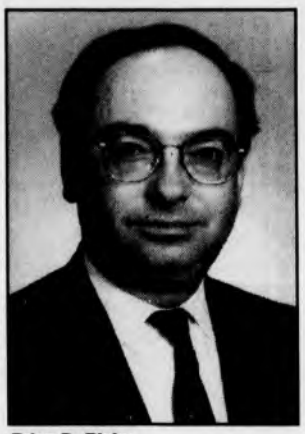
The Snowflake Fair will be held on Sat. Dec. 4 at the Beechwood Church on Church Street from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Beach glass candy will be available this year! Crafts by The Crafty Ladies as well as baked goods and attic treasures will be for sale. Lunch will be served.

JENKINS SCHOOL FAIR

Another wonderful shopping event is being held at the Jenkins School at 54 Vinal Ave in Scituate. This holiday fair is on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 2-5 p.m.. The cafeteria will be set up with bake tables and snacks, children's' crafts, pictures with Santa, secret Santa shopping (kids buy gifts for family members, friends, and pets). The gymnasium will be full of crafters selling items such as jewelry, scarves, photos, home goods, blankets and clothing.

SUPER LAWYER

Burns & Levinson LLP announced recently that **Brian D. Bixby** of Cohasset, along with 28 of its other Massachusetts-based lawyers were selected by an independent blue ribbon committee of their peers as Massachusetts "SuperLawyers." These lawyers are featured in the November issue of Boston Magazine and in the 2004 issue of the magazine, Massachusetts SuperLawyers, a publication of Law and Politics. Bixby was also listed as one of the Top 100 Massachusetts Super Lawyers in this nomination. At the time of selection, Burns & Levinson LLP had a total of 85 Massachusetts-based lawyers, 29 of whom were nominated as Massachusetts "SuperLawyers."



Brian D. Bixby

Brian Bixby practices in the areas of probate litigation, trusts and estates, and divorce and family law.

CAROLING ON THE COMMON

First Parish, Cohasset's Unitarian Universalist church, is reviving an old and well-loved Cohasset tradition — Caroling on the Common —Saturday, Dec. 18. All are welcome.

This is a community event for young and old, especially families with school-age children. Exceptional singing voices are not required; caroling books will be available, but you may bring your own.

Participants will assemble at the First Parish's Parish House (23 North Main St.) between 4 and 4:30 p.m. Carolers will circuit the Common, serenading all homes as weather permits. At approximately 5:30, everyone will return to the Parish House for cocoa, cider and cookies (cookie donations are appreciated).

Come join your friends for an old-fashioned holiday get-together, and pass the word. For further information call Sandy Bailey at First Parish (781-383-1100) or Woody Chittick (781-383-3215).

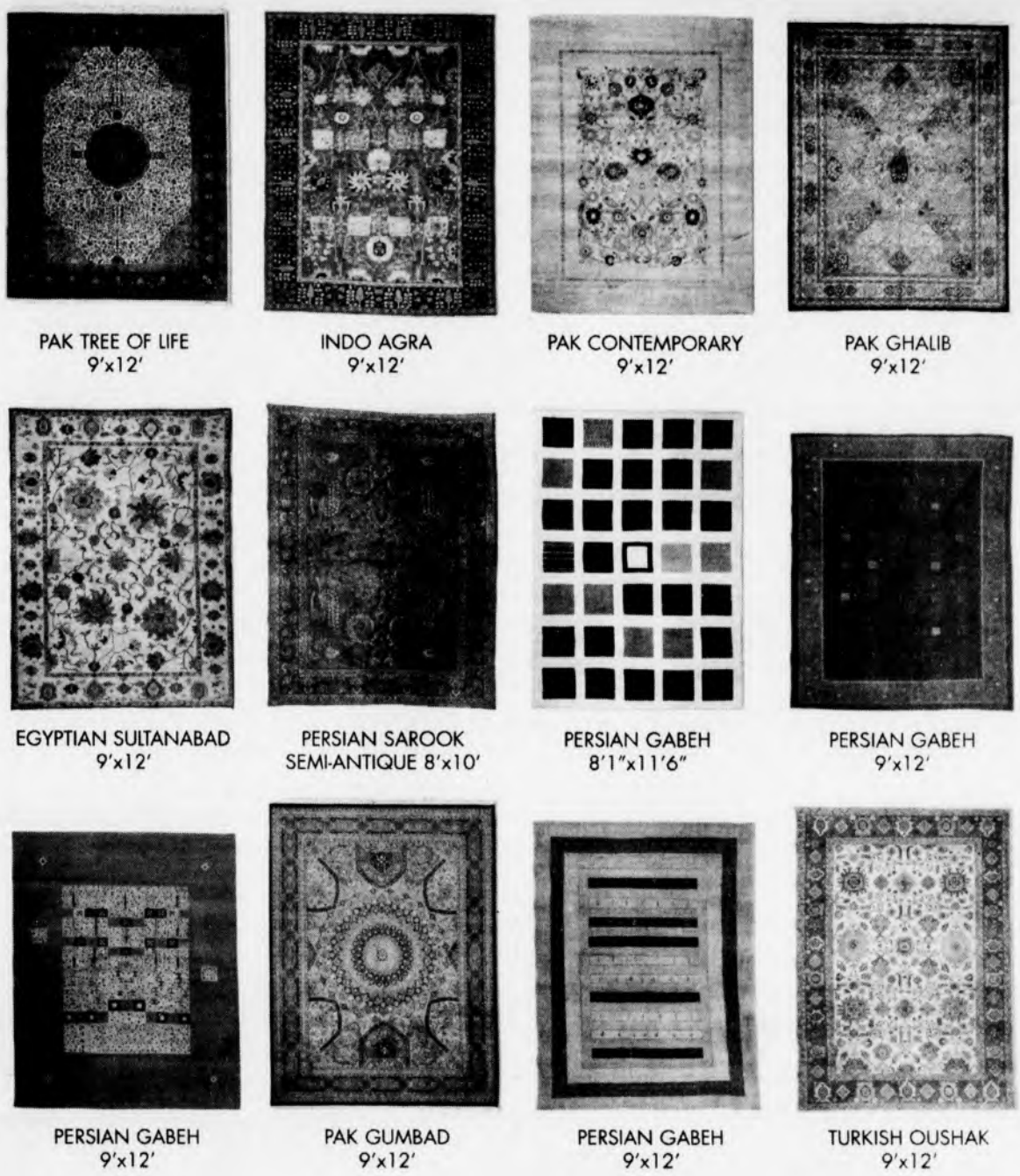
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Who's the top citizen?

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By Mary Ford
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In keeping with an 11-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Marjorie "Marjie" Murphy as Citizen of the Year. The mother of three and grandmother of two touched countless lives through her roughly 25 years as school librarian at Deer Hill.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset.

The deadline for nominations for the 2004 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 7. Please see the nomination form on page 8. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931. Nominations may also be sent by email to mford@cnc.com.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2004 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2005.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the11th person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

The late **Gerard T. Keating**, **Joseph D. Buckley**, **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, **Anna Abbruzzese**, **Katherine Stanton**, the late **Clark Chatterton**, former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray**, **Glenn Pratt**, **Arthur Lehr**, and **Marjorie Murphy.**

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The Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, minister of First Parish in Cohasset, with her four-legged friend.

Blessing of the animals in Cohasset

In this season of Advent, how can one forget the tradition of a creche with animals watching over it all, bearing witness to the babe in a manger?

It's time to share the excitement with your four-legged friends, or your feathered friends, or even your friends who slither. Yes, they are talking cats and dogs, hamsters and gerbils, birds and even lizards and snakes. It's First Parish's First Blessing of the Animals — Sunday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m. in the Meeting House on Cohasset Common.

In this season of Advent, how can one forget the tradition of a creche with animals watching over it all, bearing witness to the babe in a manger? The service will feature animal-friendly music by the Church Family Choir, readings, prayers, and a short homily by the minister, Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Everyone will be invited to come to the chancel for individual blessings of your companion animals (live, stuffed, or a photo).

Bring your pets into the Meeting House on a leash or in a carrier. To prevent "accidents," make sure that your pets are house-trained and under your control at all times. This is an event open to the community. Come and share the blessings.

For more information, call Rev. Carlsson-Bull at 781-383-1100.

Historical Society hosts open house

Light refreshments will be served and there is no cost.

The Cohasset Historical Society will present "The Alphabet of Toys" in conjunction with its annual Wassail Party and Open House on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m.

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what they do," he said. "You're backing them up, showing them there's still pride in the military."

Pembroke Cares was started in October 2001 by a group of residents who felt they had to do whatever they could to support the troops going overseas. Most of those involved are directly affected by the war, with a family member serving in the Middle East right now.

"After Sept. 11, it was pretty evident we were going to war again," Chairman Julie Caruso said. "I started calling people and we met right here with a pot of coffee and a box of Munchkins."

Caruso and the band of volunteers collected goods in order to send Christmas boxes to the troops in the Middle East.

"We were panicked, we didn't think we had enough stuff," she said. "But at the last minute, stuff came pouring in. It was unbelievable."

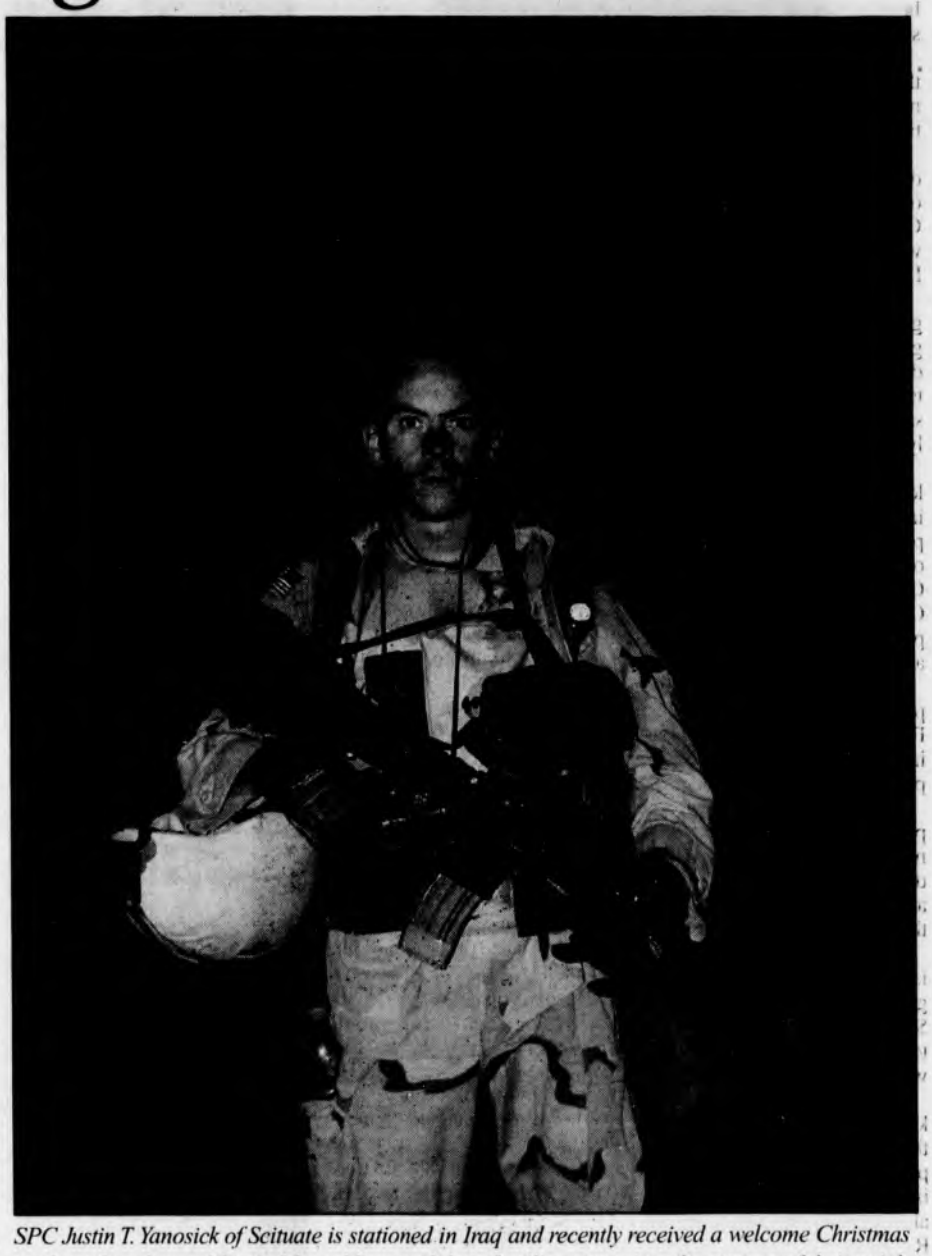
They sent out 20 boxes that year. Three years later, they're sending out 51, 25 of which will go to troops overseas and the rest to those serving somewhere in the United States. The soldiers all have a tie to Pembroke, whether they grew up in Pembroke, like Hurney, or they have a friend or family member here.

"We call them our kids," said Caruso, who's one of the few to not have a family member serving in the war. "It's not his or her son or daughter that's over there."

The name says Pembroke Cares and from the way the town and its residents have supported the group, it seems to these members that the entire town does care about its military.

"When you look at this town, it's not just his kid, it's everybody's kid," Patrick Hurney said. "Everybody knows them. This town has always been behind this town. I've been to many areas of this country and you don't see a lot of hometown pride anymore."

Members of the group said support has come in from all areas of the town, from local schools and business making donations to residents simply putting a yellow ribbon magnet on the back of their cars.



SPC Justin T. Yanosick of Scituate is stationed in Iraq and recently received a welcome Christmas package from home. Many of the soldiers and their families appreciate the support of their neighbors and communities. The efforts of numerous military support groups are part of CNC/South's annual Gifts of Hope campaign.

"It's nice to see a lot of the ribbon magnets around because just because you pay for it you don't have to put it on," Bob Morgan of Pembroke said.

Morgan and his wife, Marcia, were especially thankful last week for the phone call they had with their son Brian, a member of the Air Force serving in Iraq right now.

Gail Linehan was able to spend a few days last week with her husband, on a short break from National Guard training in New Jersey, before his deployment overseas sometime this month. But, the Revere resident already knows all too well what it's like to have a loved one serving in this war.

Her husband has been in the military for 12 years, one of her sons joined the Army at age 18 and has been serving in the war since August while her other has

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Caring touches soldiers

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been stationed in Afghanistan since April.

"After Sept. 11, I knew the three men who mean the most to me were all going to war sometime soon," she said.

This will be the first tour of duty in the Middle East for most of their nearly 150 National Guard soldiers being deployed with her husband this month, Linehan said.

"I'm very confident in the group, they have a very good group and I know the commanders will do the best they can to take care of all of them," she said. "But I know I will be lonely. And I'm afraid, I'm scared."

While her husband and his fellow soldiers serve their country in one way, Linehan is doing her part back home. As co-chairman of the Quincy-based National Guard's Family Readiness Group, Linehan has helped to provide support for local soldiers and their families.

While similar groups are shipping packages to the troops, the Family Readiness Group is raising money to purchase new eye protection for their soldiers.

"They need wrap-around eye protection and if the new shipments get in before the soldiers do, then the new ones are gone and our guys have to use the ones that are quite old," Linehan said.

At $40 a piece, the eyewear isn't cheap. Linehan said the group has set a goal of raising $8,000, which will also be used to fund the shipping of the eyewear to the soldiers.

Maura Yanosick of Scituate knows first hand just how much the soldiers appreciate any supplies from home. Her son Justin is serving over in Iraq and she also heads up the 182nd Family Readiness Group, the National Guard unit based out of Braintree.

"We are so excited today because we sent each soldier a Christmas package, the mailing alone cost $500, but we just learned their packages arrived safely," she said Monday. "I can't tell you how much it means to them."

In addition to packages to specific soldiers serving the Braintree unit, community packages are sent on a regular basis for all to share. The group also hosts a number of family events o nthe South Shore to keep everyone connected.

"They've been gone since May so it gets harder and harder when you are missing them, especially this time of year." Yanosick said. "Having things for the families, especially the children, is so important."

Weymouth resident Neal Skorka discovered that many troops serving in the war aren't getting everything they need. He learned this through a conversation two months ago with a neighbor whose daughter's fiancé was facing a possible third tour of duty in Iraq.

"They were missing things we take for granted – T-shirts, toothbrushes, hard candy, sunscreen," he said. "I thought it was time to do something."

Thanks to an effort of a core group of about 12 people, Care Packs' first shipment of 24 boxes for the troops was addressed and ready to go the day before Thanksgiving. Skorka said the group has assembled a total of 65 boxes and the rest will be shipped shortly.

The packages are filled with personal care products such as shampoo, soap, disposable razors, mouthwash, and baby wipes, which Skorka said are in high demand. The group is also adding food items higher in calories like high-energy bars and beef jerky to the boxes.

"The soldiers are losing weight over there," Skorka said. "They're getting the nutrition they need, but not as many calories."

Through the generosity of neighbors, local business and churches within the town, Care Packs has collected more than a thousand pounds of products for the troops and raised hundreds of dollars as well.

"Every penny that comes in goes to fundraising, it goes to purchasing goods or it goes to postage," Skorka said.

As people start their holiday gift shopping, Skorka hopes the spirit of giving will spill over to Care Packs and other groups like it.

"People don't always see what's going on in the world, their lives are harried," he said. "A little bit from a lot of people will turn into a lot for us."

While a package from home is designed to show a soldier that someone cares, Skorka said Care Packs has turned to the Weymouth schools to add a special touch to the boxes. Each package is shipped with at least one letter from local children, who are writing to the soldiers through school or their Boy or Girl Scout troops.

"We want to give the soldiers a personal connection with people back home," Skorka said. "It also teaches the children that there are people 4,000 miles away in danger, who are working hard for our safety. We hope that it'll help them develop an appreciation for the world around them."

Editor's note: CNC/South's Gifts of Hope campaign this year focuses on raising awareness and funds for several groups helping the military and their families at the holidays.

To donate a Gift of Hope, make your check out to one of the charities of your choice (Pembroke Military Support Group; Care Packs of Weymouth; and the Quincy National Guard's Family Readiness Group; or the 182nd Family Readiness Group (Braintree based) and mail to:

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Village Fair really rocks

Here at the Cohasset Mariner office (which we share with the Hingham Journal in downtown Hingham), we're shaking, rattling and rolling more than when the old letterpress printed the Journal in our 105-year-old building.

In those days when the Journal went to press, the building visibly shook from the 2-1/2 ton, 1892-model Hoe and hand-fed drum cylindrical press that was housed upstairs where our office and Monograms for You are now located.

However, despite advancements in technology (the 177-year-old Hingham Journal and your 26-year-old Cohasset Mariner are produced almost entirely through the use of computers) some things never change.

As our small staff strikes their keyboards everyday drafting our stories, we've come to realize there is just no fancy, high-tech way to dig in the ground. It still takes shovels, backhoes, cranes and the like, and a whole lot of pounding – as it no doubt has for hundreds, perhaps thousands of years.

Thanks to the Greenbush tunnel work going on just feet from our office at 73 South St. in Hingham Square, we now know the Japanese feel. Japan is prone to earthquakes. We're not sure how Hingham's "Little Dig" would measure on the Richter scale but it's getting up there.

But through it all, we're keeping a sense of humor and know that in the downtown Hingham area we're all in the same boat. Sometimes a little adversity can help people come together for a common goal.

As 2004 winds down in Cohasset, the year could perhaps be described as *annus horribilis* in this seaside community.

Using downtown Hingham's "Little Dig" as a metaphor – at times, there hasn't seemed to be a light at the end of the tunnel.

Yet the sun comes up most everyday, Cohasset is still beautiful – and in keeping with tradition, the Village Fair is Saturday which provides all of us with an opportunity to get together and appreciate what we have. The Rusty Skippers will play, the Town Crier will ring in the season, and there'll be lots of shopping. There's also the opportunity to see old friends.

Isn't that after all, what is best about Cohasset? There is a sense of community here that is almost unparalleled. Those who haven't been fortunate enough to have been born in town – have *chosen* to settle here and raise their families.

If there is controversy and division, it is only because Cohasset citizens care so much.

So let's put all opinions aside Saturday, and enjoy and Village Fair where you can spend your money for a host of worthy causes. Also, please don't forget the Village merchants, visit them too and start your holiday shopping. They deserve your support.

Add to your list

If you're making a list and checking it twice, like Santa, then make sure bicycle helmets are included. Some parents buy helmets when their children first start bike riding and then don't upgrade them as the child grows. Mom, Dad, uncles, aunts, cousins, friends and so on should all have helmets too if they ride bikes, use in-line skates, skateboards or scooters. Bike helmets can play a critical role in preventing brain injuries and fatalities. Make it a family priority that everyone has one!

If a child wants a motorized scooter – better cross that off the list – unless the youngster is at least 16 and has a valid learner's permit or driver's license. A new state law has changed the rules making it illegal for children to operate motorized scooters and bicycles unless they are licensed or have a learner's permit. If police find a youthful violator, they'll talk to Mom and Dad about the new law. They'll also make sure the youngster turns off the motor and pushes the vehicle home through "human propulsion."

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(Algonquin word) Modern English translation "cannot hack it" which meant a long period of time when village elders were unable to sustain the daily life in village because village required more goods and services than natives were able to provide by hunting, gardening and gathering



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Found letter offensive; disappointed with Mariner

TO THE EDITOR:

I am deeply offended by a letter you recently published.

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee is pleased to sponsor its Friday Night Movies program to screen topical, interesting and thought-provoking films. It has been our policy to show these movies as a public service, for free, and to invite *all* interested moviegoers. We cherish divergent opinions, and encourage free thought and discussion. We know that intelligent, informed people can agree to disagree.

What a surprise it was to be trashed by one of our guests. And what a disappointment that the Mariner would choose to publish Lee Jenkins' bitter rant. "Black Tuesday" and "recovery" may be her notions, they are not ours. Ironically, they are also just the kind of non-journalistic sloganeering the films she came to see exposed.

Speaking out against a war does not diminish one's support for the men and women fighting it, it is one way of supporting them. That was true in the Vietnam era, it is true now, and it always has been. Perspective is not necessarily "distortion", and airing dissent is not necessarily "meant to divide and tear us apart." In fact, allegations like that show enormous disregard for exactly the freedoms our troops are fighting for. Personally, I think it is despicable to challenge someone else's patriotism because they have chosen to examine a point of view or a set of facts contrary to what has been disseminated by a government or a commercial television news network .

In addition to attacking the Democratic Town Committee and an innocent movie-going audience, Mrs. Jenkins took aim at a former selectman who apparently took the risk of conversing with her. Mrs. Jenkins' entire letter consists of vituperative expressions of her feelings about her own mis-perceptions and mis-characterizations of what others think or say or do. Her gratuitous insults are unworthy of publication, and I am perplexed at your finding it useful to print them. These ill-conceived criticisms of a group's core moral values and personal attack on a volunteer citizen trying to do the right thing for Cohasset are offensive, inappropriate, and do nothing to forward intelligent discourse in the Town.

Agnes McCann, Chair
Cohasset Democratic Town Committee

Urges vote against recall Monday night

TO THE EDITOR:

As a former State Senator, former Town Moderator and sometime member of various town boards, I strongly object to Article 16 relative to Recall Elections in the Warrant for the Dec. 6 Town Meeting. Article 16 is misguided, divisive and totally unnecessary for the following reasons:

First, if the Article were to pass, only 100 voters would be needed to file a recall petition, and approximately 10 per cent or roughly 500 voters to order a special election for recalling an elected official. Our town elections are frequently closely contested, and it would be relatively easy to round up the voters necessary to force a recall election in six months' time.

Second, our town has been fortunate throughout its long history to be served by citizens who have stepped forward willingly to assume responsibility for the town's governance on elective boards. This Article proposing Recall Elections would make it even more difficult for public-spirited citizens to commit the time and energy essential to run for and serve in elective office.

Third, Article 8 of the Massachusetts Constitution, long in force in what is the oldest ,continuously-existing constitution in the western world, provides a framework for recalling officers. It provides in part that "to prevent those, who are vested with authority, from becoming oppressors, the people have a right,....in such manner as they shall establish,... to cause their public officers to return to private life..."

Short of malfeasance or criminal wrongdoing, I maintain that public officials should serve out the terms for which they were elected, at the end of which time, voters can turn such officials out of office if they so desire. Let us leave well enough alone and urge voters to resoundingly defeat Article 16 at next Monday's Town Meeting.

William D. Weeks
130 Border St.

Elected officials for recall

TO THE EDITOR

As elected officials in Cohasset, we will be directly affected by the proposed change that will permit the residents of the Town to remove us from office if we fail to perform to their satisfaction.

We strongly support this improvement to the structure of our Town's government and encourage every resident to join us to ensure that this enhancement is passed at the Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting.

We have no fear of this change. Frankly, if we are not doing our jobs, we should be subject to recall! We offer the following reasons for our support of the Recall article.

There is no reason that the performance of elected officials should only be reviewed every three or five years. In a fast changing world, Cohasset could be painfully hurt if it took several years to remove a non-performing servant of the people.

Candidates for office that are discouraged or threatened by the prospects of a recall should not run for public office. We need confident and capable officials at the helm of government, not people who cannot face the responsibility of good job performance.

Recall elections cannot be held trivially. The requirements are such that frivolous attempts will not proceed beyond signature collections (500) and a majority of voters is required to actually replace an official.

We have great confidence in the residents of Cohasset. They are not going to succumb to a frivolous attempt to displace an official. Those who suggest that Cohasset residents will remove officials for any but the most severe of reasons are failing to recognize the intelligence of residents.

We offer these thoughts to fellow residents who are considering the decision of whether to support the Recall article.

Chris Allen (Cohasset Housing Authority)
John Beck (Sewer Commissioner)
Stuart Ivimey (Planning Board)
Lisa LoJacono (Recreation Commission)
John McNabb (Water Commissioner)
Jamie Williams (School Committee)
Peter Pratt (Planning Board)
Nathaniel Palmer (Water Commissioner)
Michael Westcott (Planning Board)
Stacey Weaver (Library Trustee)

Recall is one of the checks and balances

TO THE EDITOR:

Recall is a routine feature of town government in Massachusetts; 170 of the state's 351 cities and towns, just under 50 percent, have recall through adoption of charters or special legislation such as what is proposed in Article 16 of the Warrant for the Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting.

Recall, according to Article 16, is actually hard to do – it takes 100 voters to get a petition to call for recall (which applies to all elected town officers) and then 10 percent of the registered voters, or 520 voters, to call for the recall election. Considering that the intention is to call for a special election to throw one or more elected officials out of office one would think that it would be hard to get the required number of signatures unless there was a significant issue to get people to take this extreme measure.

I have seen recall work in Abington, where the Board of Health was so out of step with the townspeople that there were thousands more signatures gathered to support recall than was needed – and then all five Board of Health members were recalled by more than 2-1 margins. That allowed the new Board of Health to take actions supported by the entire town and which reversed the old Board's mistake in approving the 1,800 tons per Abington Transfer Station.

Even if recall is never used it is a useful mechanism to have in place as an added protection for the voters at large to ensure that their elected officials are truly representing them. Massachusetts is one of the few places in the world with true democracy, the Open Town Meeting, which gives each voter the right to vote and speak on any matter before the town, and recall is one more mechanism to protect direct democracy.

Studies of recall have shown that, nationally, it is actually rarely used, and that in Massachusetts the trend is for towns that adopt a Town Manager form of government, like Cohasset, to increasingly include recall as one of the checks and balances. I support Article 16 and urge other voters to support it as well.

John K. McNabb, Jr.
53 Pond St.

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Sandy Beach – an endangered resource

COMMENTARY

ROBIN LAWRENCE

The Sandy Beach Association hopes the following explanation will clarify some rumors concerning meetings of the Sandy Beach Association, Cohasset Board of Selectmen, Cohasset Conservation Commission, and state Department of Environmental Protection with regard to Sandy Beach.

Sandy Beach is a private, developed barrier beach, owned and managed by the Sandy Beach Association as set forth in a trust established in 1917 for the recreational use by Cohasset residents. Under the Association's sound management, overseen by the Cohasset Conservation Commission, decades of families have enjoyed the splendor of the wonderful white sand at Sandy Beach.

For several decades, the seasonal cycle of beach management has included an annual spring cleaning and re-nourishment:

- Gather sand (blown off the beach during the winter months) from paved surfaces of the parking lot/roadway and replacement on the beach;
- Screen and redistribute the sand on the beach;
- Collect and dispose all non-natural materials (flotsam, jetsam, debris trash);
- Bury seaweed.

This annual activity, contained in a current management plan approved by the state DEP, is executed under the oversight of the Conservation Commission. In fact, the Conservation Commission has provided beach management guidance to the Association dating back to 1986.

Should DEP requests to establish a frontal dune (located seaward of the wall separating the Beach from the parking lot) and restrict use of "cleaning" equipment, Sandy Beach, as fondly remembered, most likely will be drastically transformed within several years. As the frontal dune grows in height and width, most of the sand will be trapped with an insufficient amount remaining to re-nourish the beach. The likely result will be a beautiful dune, but a year-round "winter" beach, especially at high tide, with exposed rocks, pebbles and cobble in place of the white sand we have appreciated over the years. A precious resource will be lost for recreational use and future generations of families will not have the pleasure of enjoying this magnificent beach.

The Association continues to work with the DEP towards resolution of the issue with the goal of saving our valuable natural resource while retaining its recreational use.

Robin Lawrence is president of the Sandy Beach Association.



A year-round "winter" beach, especially at high tide, with exposed rocks, pebbles and cobble in place of the white sand could result from DEP plans to establish a frontal dune and to restrict use of cleaning equipment.

Not convinced about benefits of Cook Estate

COMMENTARY

TERRY MCCARTHY

I am 65, retired, on a fixed income and have lived in Cohasset more than 30 years. Thus I am very interested in any plans for elderly housing in town. However, I am also a taxpayer and hopefully sensible about the prospects for the Cook Estate Project. To date most of the arguments in favor of the project seem based mainly on emotional appeals rather than any logic.

• **Is there a Need?** The Elderly Housing Committee's work for the past several years has been to provide housing for seniors on town-owned land. Prior to the Cook estate being added to the agenda I attended several committee meetings. I was impressed with the commitment and dedication of its members. Everyone on the committee believed there was a real need for senior housing.

The major evidence stated for the need was a survey by the McCormack Institute at UMass Boston. At the time the only document available from the survey was the General Summary. A request for the other parts of the survey were made to the Town Manager and Elder Affairs officials. These parts would have been: [a] the questionnaire, [b] the verbatim comments, [c] the list of respondents and [d] tabulations of questionnaire responses. Town Manager and Elder Affairs responded that they could not find any of these documents. Therefore, based on only the 2-1/2 page General Summary it was impossible to determine how great the need was and how many seniors would be impacted. In addition the study was arguably too old to provide meaningful demographic data at the time the inquiry was made. In short, the need for senior housing was mostly anecdotal and had no data base upon which to build.

Let's face it, the biggest issue for seniors [or the 800 pound gorilla] is economic market forces. I doubt very much that the Cook Estate Project will impact this force significantly if at all.

• **Emotional Appeals vs. Factual Base** — While the Senior Housing Committee members were genuinely attempting to meet a need, they had never really defined the need in a way that was useful for planning a project. Nevertheless, the committee pursued their mandate by procuring town funds for engineering and design studies. This was prior to inclusion of the Cook Estate and these studies were made only on one town-owned parcel.

However, once the Cook Estate Trustees agreed to the deal now before the town, the project took on a new and bigger-than -ever life. I had hoped that once a developer was chosen they would do the "needs" analysis by sponsoring a market research survey. To my knowledge that was not done. Such a survey would have quantified the potential senior housing market in the town of Cohasset. Such a survey would have elicited some sense of whether Cohasset seniors would be willing to move in, how much they would be willing to pay, and so forth. In other words, such a survey would have put a factual base under the emotional appeal thereby making the entire project more attractive to town meeting. Of course, now we have some substantial hurdles (wastewater, legal suits) to overcome beyond the "needs" issue.

• **Changes: demographic, etc.** — All these events have happened at a time of great change in Cohasset. When I moved onto this street my neighbors were school teachers, secretaries, business entrepreneurs, engineers, salesmen, retired folk, and real estate executives. The most expensive house sold for $59,000. Today there are bank executives, an intellectual property attorney, consultants, hi-tech executives, and retirees like myself. The highest sale price for a house was around $1 million in the last year or so. My neighbors, who have or are planning retirement and a move feel Cohasset is too expensive even though some can afford to continue living here. Let's face it, the biggest issue for seniors [or the 800 pound gorilla] is economic market forces. I doubt very much that the Cook Estate Project will impact this force significantly if at all.

My personal attitude toward the Cook Estate Project is that its advocates mean well and are motivated by good thoughts. However, I remain unconvinced that it is essential or good public policy as it is proposed. Sewer issues and potential litigation cloud the project even more. I've come to look at the Cook Project through the practical logic of the Scottish legal system. Like our legal system, the Scots have outcomes called innocent and guilty. But they have a third that best describes the Cook project for me: Not Proven.

Terence McCarthy lives on Old Pasture Road.

Some commonsense about harbor health

COMMENTARY

PAUL PATTISON

A reality check is in order. Commonsense must prevail over mystic visions.

A comprehensive plan to sewer the entire Town now makes sense. New developers would bear a considerable share of the cost.

New developments are taking center stage in our Town and seem to be gaining the favor of Town officials over people that have been waiting for sewerage to their homes for years while paying 50 percent toward the sewering of others. Emphasis is being placed on sewering at all cost to the most political and vocal, without consideration of financial implications or feasibility for decisions being made.

The expansion of the present sewer plant to accommodate the proposed plan is a costly stopgap measure at best. After evaluation, the manufacturer of the plant's system is apprehensive of the system's ability to handle further flow. More problems regarding flow have risen recently that tell a story. Still, some of our leaders insist that a few more gallons to accommodate must be available.

The questionable decision to pump additional hundreds of thousands of gallons of sewer effluent into Cohasset Harbor, with the outflow pipe approximately 25 feet from Laurence Wharf on Border Street, needs to be investigated. Potential danger exists to the public health and safety, as well as the adverse affects on our marine environment.

One of our greatest natural assets has been compromised. Our once vibrant harbor is now polluted. Boating, fishing, swimming, etc., can no longer be enjoyed in this area. Rockweed, once abundant on all rocks and walls surrounding the harbor, is depleted. The clams are dead, and the mackerel, smelt, flounder, and eels are nonexistent.

These observations were brought to the attention of many Town and state officials by me in 2002. The last time I checked, these officials were still studying environmental and health hazard assessments. But the adverse impact on marine life doesn't seem to be a major concern when vocal politicos and selected advisors for the Town entertain irrational judgements predicated on personal agendas, then as advisors become benefactors of the plans and decisions they present.

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If a plan isn't good for every body, it isn't good for anybody. We all pay and a select few benefit.

If is much less expensive to address pollution, contamination, and/or related health issues than to rectify the consequences, especially when you know about it and do nothing. Additional capacity should not be considered. An educated, rational judgement is in order. This is the time to formulate a comprehensive plan to sewer the entire Town. Developers with acceptable plans will lighten the burden on the taxpayers and it will be more cost-effective for them as well.

It's been a long time. Let's do it!

Paul L. Pattison lives at 104 Elm St.

POLITICAL NOTES

Celebrate the season with Cohasset Democrats

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee invites everyone to a gala Christmas Party Saturday, Dec. 4, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. The committee will be collecting canned goods and donations to the Cohasset Food Pantry. Join the party and share the joy of the season. For more information, call Agnes McCann, chairman, 781-383-0222 or visit Web site at www.cohassetdems.org.

GOP holiday party

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee is giving a Holiday Party to celebrate the Republican victory. It will be held on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Lighthouse Keeper's in Cohasset. All are welcome to join the members and guests. Hearty hors d'oeuvres will be served and donations will be asked for beer or wine. The tickets are $15 per person. Mail checks to Julie Guild, 365 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, 02025 payable to Cohasset Republican Town Committee. Any questions call Polly Logan 383-0031 or Julie Guild 383-6443.

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee has a website at: http://www.cohassetrepublicans.com/

JFK RIP — Puleeze!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



When are they going to let Jack Kennedy finally rest in peace?

The latest intrusion on his eternal rest is a "game" devised by a Scottish company called "Traffic," in which players can have the pleasure via the Internet of assassinating the late President while winning a prize for the accuracy of their shooting.

No, Lefty, the National Rifle Association has nothing to do with it.

"Pay just $9.99 (marked down from $10, I suppose) to unlock control of Lee Harvey Oswald, perform the assassination," promises promoters of the ghoulish game called "JFK Reloaded" on their Web site.

"We don't really call it a game." Kirk Ewing, managing director of Traffic told Matt Lauer during an appearance on the Today Show on NBC. "We think of it more as a documentary that happens to use video-game technology to deliver its message."

Ewing said the "documentary" would help debunk conspiracy theories of JFK's death and "stimulate a younger generation of players to take an interest in this fascinating episode of American history. If, in the unlikely event it would help debunk conspiracy theories, I'd be all for it.

Conspiracy theorists were in print and on TV almost before Lee Harvey Oswald could drop his trusty Mannlicher Carcano rifle and make it down from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository.

Remember Mark Lane? He was the first of them. He was the one who testified before the Warren Commission that he found a woman who gave him the straight poop on the assassination. "Who was the woman?" he was asked. "I found her, certainly you can, too," he said.

Thus was born a cottage industry.

Was it Fidel, the capo di tutti capi of Cuba, who was still upset at the Bay of Pigs and the loss of his Soviet missiles? Or was it the anti-Castro Cubans, who were teed off that Kennedy had not gotten rid of Castro for them?

Or was it Lyndon, who would inherit the presidency if Kennedy were to leave it? Or the CIA, suspicious that JFK wanted to bring an end to the war in Vietnam? Or the NRA because they feared he would not let them play with guns anymore?

Or was it Sam, the godfather of the Chicago chapter of Good Fellas, whose girl friend, Judy, was dating Jack and Sam was afraid Jack might ask her to dance and, if you have any moral values, you know what that can lead to?

Personally, if we have to choose up sides, I pick as the culprit Osama bin Laden, who was known to be on a work release program from the first grade at the Saddam Hussein School of Terror and Organic Gardening at the time.

My own experience with conspiracy theorists came at the Boston Herald (the old one) about 1970 when I put together a piece on Lee Harvey Oswald's life in New Orleans. A reader called me and said he had some confidential information to share with me. "Come on down," I said in my best Ernie Boch imitation.

He turned out to be a mousy little man with shifty eyes who sidled over to my desk, leaned toward me and told me confidentially, "Kennedy is still alive, you know."

I don't know about you but people like that scare me. I told him that was interesting but I'd have to talk to my editor first. "I thought you could do something," he said, "but I find you are little more than a janitor." And he was gone.

Frankly, under the circumstances, I didn't mind being mistaken for a janitor. I think they made more money than we did at the old Herald anyway.

OUR WORLD UPDATE

Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join the staff on Wed. Dec. 8, for Arts and Crafts throughout the day and learn about Hanukkah. Admission is $3 per child, optional donation for adults.

The Fourth Annual Talbot's Fashion Show and Holiday Luncheon is taking place Dec. 9, at Atlantica from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To purchase tickets call 781-383-6358 before Dec. 5. Tickets are $50 and benefit the museum. Space is limited so call soon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Need for senior housing still exists

TO THE EDITOR:

Like everything else in Cohasset, for sewers, there is sometimes a determination to have the 'biggest and best'. We should be practical when we set limits.

The Board of Health has worked long and unstintingly to develop the appropriate wastewater treatment for every dwelling in Cohasset. We work cooperatively with the Sewer Department, the Water Department and other agencies and groups in Town hopefully with a common purpose to provide needed services economically.

If an idea makes sense, we will do what we can to implement it. In many circumstances, sewers are best for a parcel. Such a decision is connected with abstruse science and experienced gut feel. Sometimes we're right, and sometimes wrong.

But I know of almost no volunteer or elected official in Town who has a private agenda or an axe to grind. Perhaps I'm naïve, but most seem to be doing what they think is best for the Town. Further, Wastewater disposal is a complicated issue, and the Town is lucky to have a number of proven dedicated people making good decisions about it. And by and large, they have done a wonderful job, keeping Cohasset the way we said we wanted it when we answered (didn't we?) Rick Swanborg's master plan survey.

However, a recent widespread mailing has just appeared which claims Cohasset is delinquent in addressing wastewater issues. To my mind almost every assertion in this document is open to question. For example, it claims that the State is just before invoking penalties on the Town for failure to clean up its pollution. Such a disingenuous statement flies in the face of the evidence of all the hard work the Town has done to solve its pollution problems; perhaps as much as any small town in the commonwealth. To malign other beneficial projects and with them, the Board of Health, for neglecting "hundreds of failed, obsolete or under-performing septic systems" with the hope of securing advantage for one's own agenda, harms many who have worked diligently for the Town's health and welfare and further creates unnecessary rancor and polarity within our community.

Unfortunately, a by-product of the either-or debate about sewers vs. growth has been to derail a necessary and important element of the town's attempt to maintain a unique character: the care of those who have lived in Town for a long time and have no desire to leave. For those who have reached that period in life, moving is almost unthinkable, but nevertheless, must be done because we have not provided for them. We have a wealthy community. It's been so for a hundred years. However, it was once fisherman and farmers, many of whom have descendants who still live here. We're wrong if we believe it'll be a better place without those from whom much of the strong fiber of the community comes.

Perhaps, derailing the Cook Estate agreement was the right course to take, given its apparent flaws. But the need still exists, and it remains for those who created an atmosphere of 'we vs. them' to explain how they can repair the harm done to the community. It further remains for those responsible who posit alternative solutions to come forward and give the Town a desperately needed resource for its elder citizens. After all we all get old, more or less.

Stephen N. Bobo
292 Jerusalem Road

Selectmen's empty promises

TO THE EDITOR:

It is abundantly clear that the Board of Selectmen (Board) is unable to forecast the cost of running the Town. The unending series of fiscal surprises are proof that our expenses are out of control. Promises that there are no more surprises are greeted, within weeks, with news of hundreds of thousands of unfunded expenditures. Promises of no more overrides are broken annually with compelling justification for the forecasting failures.

It is equally clear that the Board is unable to forecast the revenue the Town can expect to receive. The explanations that blame external factors such as lack of state funding or unexpected shortfalls are simply excuses for forecasting failures. The $900,000 windfall estimate from the Cook purchase and resale has eroded to under $600,000 and is likely to disappear altogether.

It is obvious to every reasonable person that the Board is unable to provide credible forecasts of either revenues or expenses. This explains why our taxes of $3,520 per person are the highest of any comparable sized town.

With this record of forecasting failures, we are expected to believe that this Board is able to execute real estate deals that will miraculously bring in millions of dollars of revenue and cost the Town nothing.

Who are they kidding? Does the Board expect that Cohasset residents are naive enough to believe that developers are willing to pay millions of dollars for sewer connections and get nothing in return? Are we so blind not to recognize that adding hundreds of new residents will only make the current budget crisis even worse? Are we expected to ignore the environmental risk of diverting attention from the regulatory requirements of Little Harbor and Atlantic Avenue?

I believed it when they said:

- There would be no overrides, but there were, for seven years in a row.
- The budget was balanced but there was always "supplemental spending."
- Police officers were "bad", but then they were reinstated.
- The Town staff was beyond reproach but there was an alleged embezzler.
- School buildings were completed but there was no funding for their higher cost.
- The police department was stable but the Chief retired abruptly.
- There were contracts but no one could find them.
- The Town Manager left voluntarily but was paid a large severance.

I don't believe them anymore.

I urge the board to quit these wild and risky experiments and get down to the business of balancing our $30 million budget the old fashioned way, by spending no more than we bring in.

Wigmore Pierson
123 Atlantic Ave.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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Nov. 26, 2004



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QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Cohasset Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: BHRC records local representatives and senators' votes on two roll calls from prior sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$504,671 FOR SOCIAL LAW LIBRARY (H 5850)

House 136-21, Senate 33-5, overrode Gov. Romney's $504,671 veto reduction (from $1,704,671 to $1.2 million) in funding for the Social Law Library in Boston. Override supporters said that this unique public-private partnership is an invaluable, world class research facility that is used on a daily basis by the state's courts, all branches of state government, academic institutions, private attorneys and the public. They noted that without the library, the courts and state government would not have adequate research resources or would have to pay a lot of money to purchase these resources from various companies. In his veto message, the governor said that he reduced the funding to an amount consistent with his original fiscal 2005 budget recommendation. (A "Yea" vote is for the $504,671. A "Nay" vote is against the $504,671).

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDY (H 4850)

House 140-17, Senate 34-4, overrode Gov. Romney's veto of a budget provision creating a special commission to investigate and study middle school education in Massachusetts. The study would include a look at progress on the implementation of the recommendations that were included in the Department of Education's 1993 "Magic in the Middle" report on middle schools. Override supporters said that ten years have elapsed since that original report and argued that it is time to take another hard look at middle school education. In his veto message, the governor said that he vetoed the study because it is duplicative of the Board of Education's outreach process to review and revise licensure and curriculum standards in public schools. (A "Yea" vote is for the study. A "Nay" vote is against the study).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MANDATORY HELMETS (H 1920)- The new law requiring children under 16 to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle or using inline skates, skateboards or scooters on public ways took effect on Thursday, November 26. The law also applies to passengers under 16 and requires any store that rents or sells the equipment to display a sign informing customers of the new law. Prior law required only bicyclists under 12 to wear a helmet and did not require helmets to be worn by any users of inline skates, skateboards or scooters. The Legislature approved the legislation and the governor signed it into law in August. The law became effective last week because most laws take effect 90 days after being signed by the governor.

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR LANCASTER FIREFIGHTER- Gov. Romney filed a bill, requested by Lancaster town officials, providing that the town of Lancaster hold a special election for the purpose of a ballot question asking Lancaster voters whether they approve providing health benefits to the family of Martin McNamara, a call firefighter who was killed last year while battling a house fire in Lancaster. The measure, if approved by voters, would enroll the McNamara family in the town's health insurance program for retirees and require the family to pay 50 percent of the premiums— the same percentage paid by retirees. On November 2, Lancaster voters defeated by 16 votes a ballot question providing for both the health insurance and a one-time, one-year override of Proposition 2 1/2 to fund an estimated $600,000 annuity that would provide the family with a pension estimated at $18,000 in fiscal year 2004, plus $2,600 per child annually until the child turns 18 or until age 21 if the child is a full-time student. The state currently provides death benefits only to families of full-time firefighters. The Lancaster Online website estimated that the override would have raised property taxes by an estimated 6.93 percent for one year— a one-time increase of between $292.50 and $585.00 depending on the value of the property. The website also notes that the family has already received $397,494 in federal and state benefits, $30,000 from Lancaster in death benefits and an assurance of free tuition at state colleges for McNamara's three daughters. The family has also received an undisclosed amount of money in private donations. Some local observers say that the fact that this amount has not been disclosed contributed to the defeat of the override. Lancaster officials asked the governor to file this new bill providing only the health insurance benefits so that Lancaster voters would have a new opportunity to vote on these health benefits separately from the pension question. The Romney proposal comes on the heels of legislation filed last week would provide a $30,000 annual state-funded pension for the family. Another piece of legislation pending at the Statehouse would provide state-funded death benefits to all call and volunteer firefighters.

STATE COLORS (H 2694)- Gov. Romney signed into law legislation designating blue, green and cranberry as the state's official colors and a group of students learned that getting a bill signed into law can take a long time. The measure was filed four years ago as part of a social studies project by a group of third-graders in Gardner. The students, now seventh-graders, were on hand to watch the governor sign the measure. Cranberry was chosen as one of the colors because the state is a large producer of cranberries. The blue represents the color of Revolutionary War uniforms and the waters of Massachusetts Bay and the green symbolizes the forests of the Berkshire Hills.

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LIBRARY CORNER

New Book Discussion Group. Join the group Friday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m. for the first meeting. The book for discussion will be the New York Times bestseller, "Reading Lolita in Tehran: a Memoir in Books," by Azar Nafisi. Call Judy Simons at 781-383-1348 to sign up for the group.

Independent Film Series. The film "The Rage in Placid Lake," a whimsical, satirical comedy featuring Placid Lake, an odd fish in a sea of mediocrity whose brilliant ideas get him into more trouble than success, will be shown in the Meeting Room Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Admission and refreshments are free.

Holiday Gift Idea. Donate a book to the library to celebrate a special person this holiday season. Every donated book is identified with a bookplate that will honor the individual or group for whom the book is donated. The donation is tax deductible. Call the library 781-383-1348 for more details.

E-Mail Address. The library has a new automated system for booking meeting rooms and museum passes. Please provide your e-mail address so that the library can send you reminders via e-mail of the passes and meeting rooms you have booked. You will also be notified of your available holds and any items you have checked out that will be due soon.

Artist Exhibit. Jeanne L. Replogle's recent paintings will be on display in the Meeting Room through Dec. 31.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

Pizza and Books, Dec. 14, from 5:30-7 p.m. This month's book is "What Child is This?: A Christmas Story," by Caroline Cooney. Call now and reserve your space. You may place a hold on this book by going to the Web site at www.cohassetlibrary.org or you may request a hold be placed when you call to register. This group is for students ages 10-13 and will be facilitated by Barbara Mullin.

"Letters About Literature" - The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with the Target Stores presents "Letters About Literature" a national reading and writing promotion for children and young adults. This contest asks you to think about a book that inspired you, and then asks you to write a personal letter to the author to explain how and why this book changed you or inspired you. Applications are available in the Young Adult Room and in the Children's Room. You can also go online at www.massbook.org or www.loc.gov/letters. If you have any questions call Mrs. Moody, 781-383-1348.

Spanish canceled: Spanish Story Hour scheduled to take place on Saturday mornings in December and January has been canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. It may be rescheduled in January.

Perfect gift for gardeners

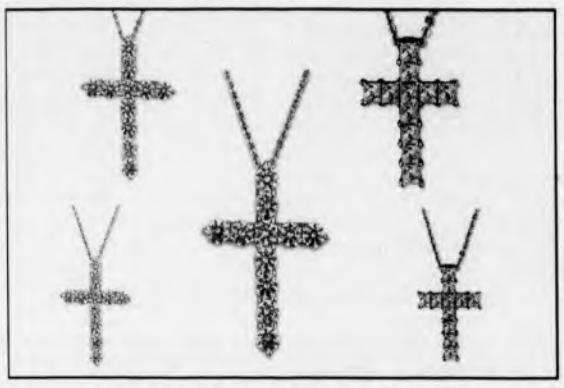
The perfect gift for gardeners and naturalists is hot off the presses and will be available at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church during the Village Fair. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will be offering the first copies of "The Eclectic Gardener" for sale on Dec. 4. Truly a book for all seasons, this special compendium is beautifully illustrated by South Shore artists, and is designed so that gardeners, bird watchers and cooks can personalize it as a reference for their special interests.

Join the Newcomers Club

The Scituate/Cohasset Newcomer's Club is still accepting members. Join the Book Club. Enjoy preparing dishes and sharing them with others in a dinner-party atmosphere? The Bon Appetite Club is for you. Feel the need to get together with the girls for a night out? Monthly "Ladies Night Out" activities are terrific.

Newcomer's pride themselves on community service efforts throughout the year. This is just a sampling, they offer many more activities and events. Visit website at www.scnewcomers.com. Call/email Jen Harris at 544-3910 or jkharris24@hotmail.com for membership information.

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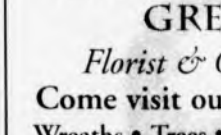
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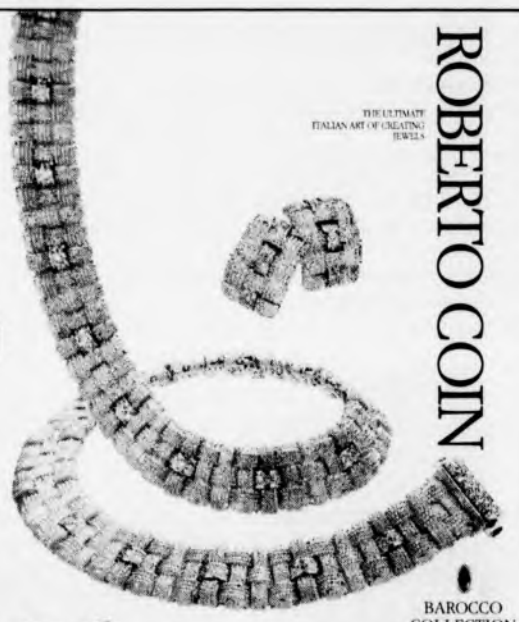
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Little Harbor area residents hope voters will provide sewer guarantee

By Samantha Brown
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With S.E.R.F. signs popping up all over town, its clear to see there are many residents who support the notion that existing residences should be sewered first. Among those homes waiting in the wings are those located in Little Harbor, which have been hoping for years to obtain a municipal sewer connection.

Through a citizens' petition, residents have banded together in the hopes Town Meeting will incorporate a sewering schedule into a judgement sent down by the state, which proponents say will formalize the town's commitment to the Little Harbor and Atlantic Avenue sewer expansion project.

Although Town Counsel Paul DeRensis has said article eight, which would ask the town to formalize its commitment to the sewering of Little Harbor by incorporating a sewer schedule to the Second Amended Final Judgment, is not appropriate for the town to vote on, proponents of the article say they have received numerous opinions that the article will provide the assurance homeowners need that sewer is on its way. They also say amnesty from mandatory upgrades of systems is also possible. DeRensis said Town Meeting usually votes on issues such as appropriating money or purchasing property, and this article does not fall into either category.

The plan to clean up the Little Harbor area of town dates back to 1979, when the town violated the Federal Clean Waters Act. In turn, the state gave the town a judgment, followed by a second amended judgment, which the town needed to comply with, or face fines of up to $10,000 per day.

To help settle the judgement with the state, the town embarked on two sewer projects, including an expansion of the Central Sewer District and the North Cohasset sewer project, which allowed residents to tie-in to capacity at the Hull treatment facility. Both the Central Sewer District expansion and North Cohasset sewer project were subsidized 50 percent by taxpayers.

In addition, the town created two "priority districts" that included some streets around Little Harbor. Those priority homes, however, were not given sewer connections, and were told their systems would be subjected to immediate mandatory on-site Title 5 inspections whether the owners planned to sell their homes or not. Homeowners were told they would be required to have their systems inspected for Title 5 compliance every two years. If the system did not pass, the homeowner would be required to upgrade their system within two years or replace it to meet Title 5 requirements. CEES members say it has been estimated that the average cost of replacing a septic system in the Little Harbor area of town is between $40,000 and $70,000 per system, and that cost would be at the homeowner's expense.

The Department of Environmental Protection has been following Cohasset's progress of cleaning up its waters, and over the years, the town has spent roughly $500,000 in the pursuit of sewering the Little Harbor area.

It was then that CEES, pronounced "ceaze" was formed, and participating households in the Little Harbor area contributed $500 each, which went toward expenses incurred to fight their battle for equal wastewater options.

Over the years, CEES members have paid to have environmental studies completed on Little Harbor, and its members say many of the studies have identified sewering as the most cost-effective and environmentally friendly wastewater option for that area of town. In light of the resident's work to comply with the judgment, the mandate for septic inspections by the state has been lifted.

However, CEES members say the state's priority designation is not permanent, and the town is still responsible for satisfying the state's judgment. Without a plan set firmly in place, the town could face a renewal of state mandates ordering regular Title 5 systems inspections, which could be very costly for homeowners.

The Department of Environmental Protection has been following Cohasset's progress of cleaning up its waters, and over the years, the town has spent roughly $500,000 in the pursuit of sewering the Little Harbor area. There is currently a plan in place for sewering, which was submitted by Sewer Commission engineer Daniel Coughlin of Tutela Engineering Associates to the DEP in February, 2004. The schedule would include awarding the construction contracts for the project in Spring 2007 and project completion in Summer 2009.

However, some proponents of the article say the town is not fully committed to sewering the Little Harbor area of town, and worry the DEP could reinstate mandatory inspections for homeowners once again if plans to sewer fall through. Residents would like to see sewer promised to those homeowners by including the schedule for sewering into the Second Amended Final Judgment, which they believe, based on the experience DEP has had with other towns, would provide amnesty from inspections and upgrades, even if the homeowner intends to sell.

However, some in town feel incorporating a plan for sewering in a state judgment without a monetary value will force the town to pursue sewering that area, but without a price tag. In other words, the town could embark on a project, which is currently estimated to cost between $13,000 and $18,000, and if estimates are low, the town could be forced to pay a higher price for the sewering project, or risk being sued by the state.

The town has supported many of the efforts to keep the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Septic systems and Little Harbor

TO THE EDITOR:

In the blizzard of facts and emotions surrounding the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue sewer project, I believe there's one important factor that has been overlooked. That is the chance for owners of the 430-plus homes in the district to save up to $100,000 (per home) of unnecessary expense.

The Selectmen have voiced their commitment to the project, both to clean up our waterways and to settle the judgment with the State. The Sewer Commission and Town Meeting voters have created the district and the plan to install the sewer. The DEP has indicated that if the Town will formally incorporate the plan into the judgment, it may not require people who sell their homes to upgrade their septic systems to meet Title 5 requirements, as long as they are not a public health risk. The reason is that the sewer installation date will be definite, and there will be no need to put in an expensive system to cover the gap of a few years.

The DEP gave similar amnesty to the towns of Nantucket, Newbury and Newburyport, so there is no reason to assume they wouldn't do the same for Cohasset. If the Town wavers in its commitment, the State has said that they may require the same immediate inspections and replacement that were threatened in 1997, before the sewer plan was developed. This would apply whether or not the owners plan to sell their homes.

The average replacement cost of a septic system in our area is higher than the cost of a sewer, and for properties with significant ledge, the price is as high as $100,000. Not only money is involved. The blasting of that ledge causes major noise pollution and disruption of the natural landscape.

Among the 1,500 people who live in the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue districts are 400 seniors, many of whom would like to stay in their homes. They, and everyone else, should not be made to suffer financially for no reason.

Stacey Weaver
44 Nichols Road

Plain truth about Little Harbor

TO THE EDITOR:

I read the assertion in your paper that Cohasset was 99percent complete with respect to its obligations to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Nothing could be further from the truth.

Cohasset has met two of three environmental obligations, making the completion 66percent not 99percent. In fact, the major work to achieve compliance still lies ahead. By no stretch of the imagination, could the 99percent number be true.

Furthermore, the assertion that there is little risk of sanctions and penalties is an outright misrepresentation of the DEP's expressed views. Nantucket, Newbury and Newburyport are examples of where sanctions were avoided by complying with plans similar to Cohasset's for the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue area.

For Cohasset residents who are not familiar with Cohasset's environmental problem, here are the facts.

In 1979 Cohasset was found guilty of violating the Federal Clean Waters Act because of effluent discharged from septic systems and other sources. A portion of the judgment against the Town required an upgrade of the sewage treatment plant and the addressing of three sources of pollution:

- Straits Pond. This was accomplished by the North Cohasset sewer project with connections to Hull.
- Lily Pond. This was accomplished by connecting a limited number of abutting residences to the Central Sewer District.
- Little Harbor. The most serious pollution problem and the most expensive to correct remains. Cohasset has spent more than $500,000 to date preparing for the sewering of the Little Harbor watershed.

The pollution of Little Harbor makes its waters unsafe for human recreational activities and threatens wildlife. In fact, our shellfish beds have been closed and will remain so until the area is cleaned up.

Since there is no definitive evidence of the eventual capacity or actual usage of an expanded treatment plant, the recent proposals to connect new residential developments to the planned Little Harbor expansion would involve serious risks, to both the environmental and financial health of the town.

I appeal to every citizen's sense of obligation and fairness to vote *yes* on article #8 to mandate compliance with the plan presented to the DEP. This will cure our most serious pollution problem and avoid millions of dollars of fines and expenses for Cohasset residents.

Lisa LoJacono
111 Nichols Road

Little Harbor area residents hope voters provide sewer guarantee

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Little Harbor sewer project on track and has allocated a good amount of money over the years for the cause. CEES members say therefore, the DEP expects one day the Little Harbor area homes will in fact be sewered. However, with senior housing projects on the rise which could impact the amount of available capacity at the central district sewer plant, members of CEES are worried sewer will never be a reality.

Although it has been said connecting developments to municipal sewer will not affect plans to sewer Little Harbor, members of CEES say that is not true. While the Sewer Commission has proposed dedicating capacity from the planned upgrade of the system to the Little Harbor area of town, CEES members believe by the time their sewer system is built, developers could already have been granted all available capacity. The Sewer Commission has said if one development were granted a hook-up, most likely all other developments and developments to follow would also have the legal right to tie-in as well. The only alternative for Little Harbor, which is currently slated to begin construction of its sewer in 2007, would be to build a new satellite treatment plant, which CEES members say would be more expensive than an upgrade to build, and very, very difficult to permit.

While it has been argued that senior citizens, who will live in either Cedarmere or the Cook Estate, should not have to deal with on-site septic systems, and should therefore be granted sewer connections, CEES members say there are roughly 400 seniors currently living in the Little Harbor area of town who are experiencing septic problems on a daily basis, which is why CEES believes existing homes should be taken care of before developments. If the 400 units from the two senior housing projects as well as the 200 proposed Avalon rental units, are granted the 400 connections which could have been used for Little Harbor, CEES members say their capacity will no longer exist.

Caroling on the Common

First Parish, Cohasset's Unitarian Universalist church, is reviving an old and well-loved Cohasset tradition — Caroling on the Common —Saturday, Dec. 18.

This is a community event for young and old, especially families with school-age children. Exceptional singing voices are not required; caroling books will be available, but you may bring your own.

Participants will assemble at the First Parish's Parish House (23 North Main St.) between 4 and 4:30 p.m. Carolers will circuit the Common, serenading all homes as weather permits. At approximately 5:30, everyone will return to the Parish House for cocoa, cider and cookies (cookie donations are appreciated).

For further information call Sandy Bailey at First Parish (781-383-1100) or Woody Chittick (781-383-3215).

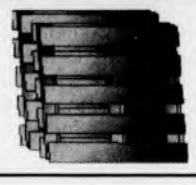
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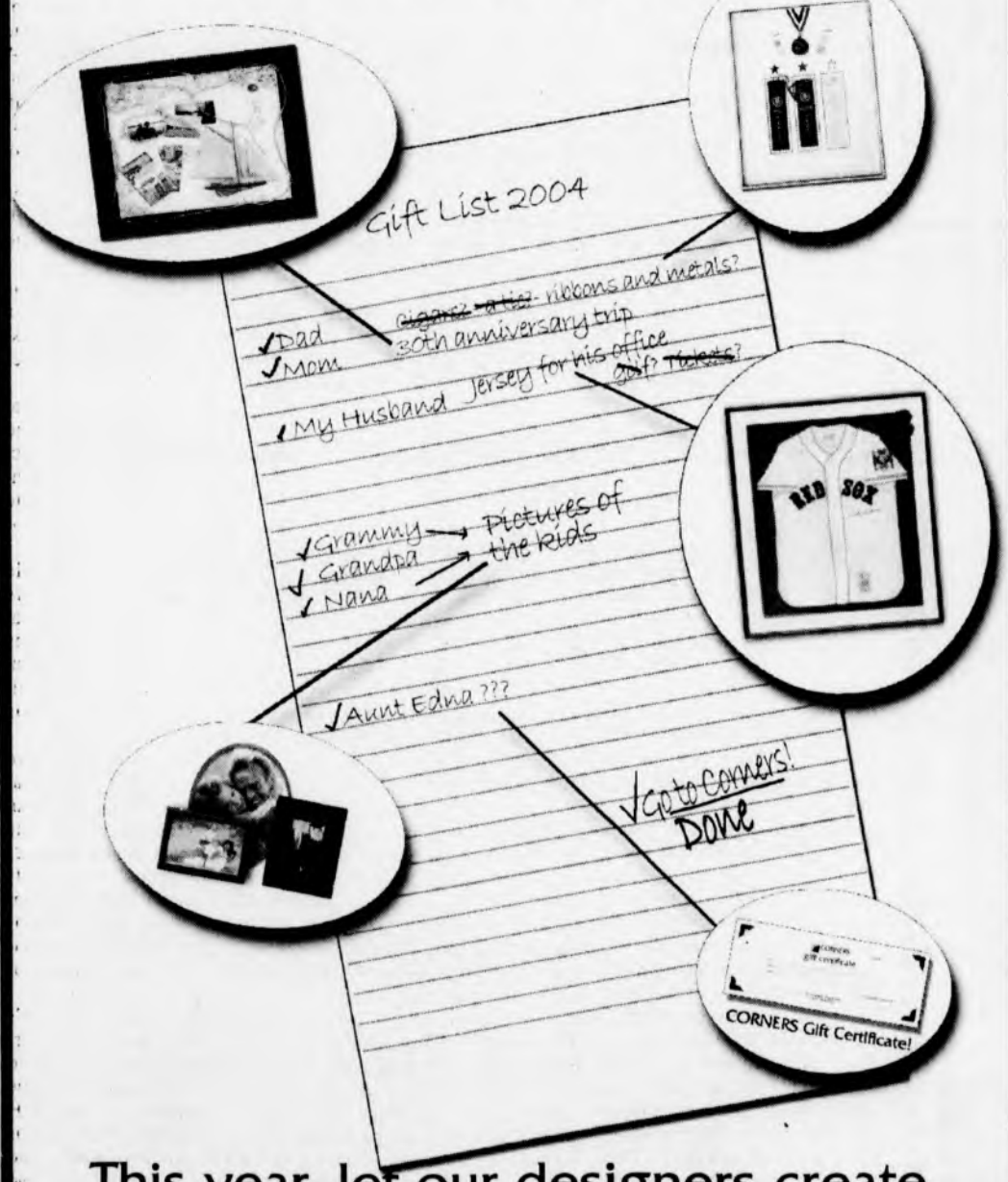
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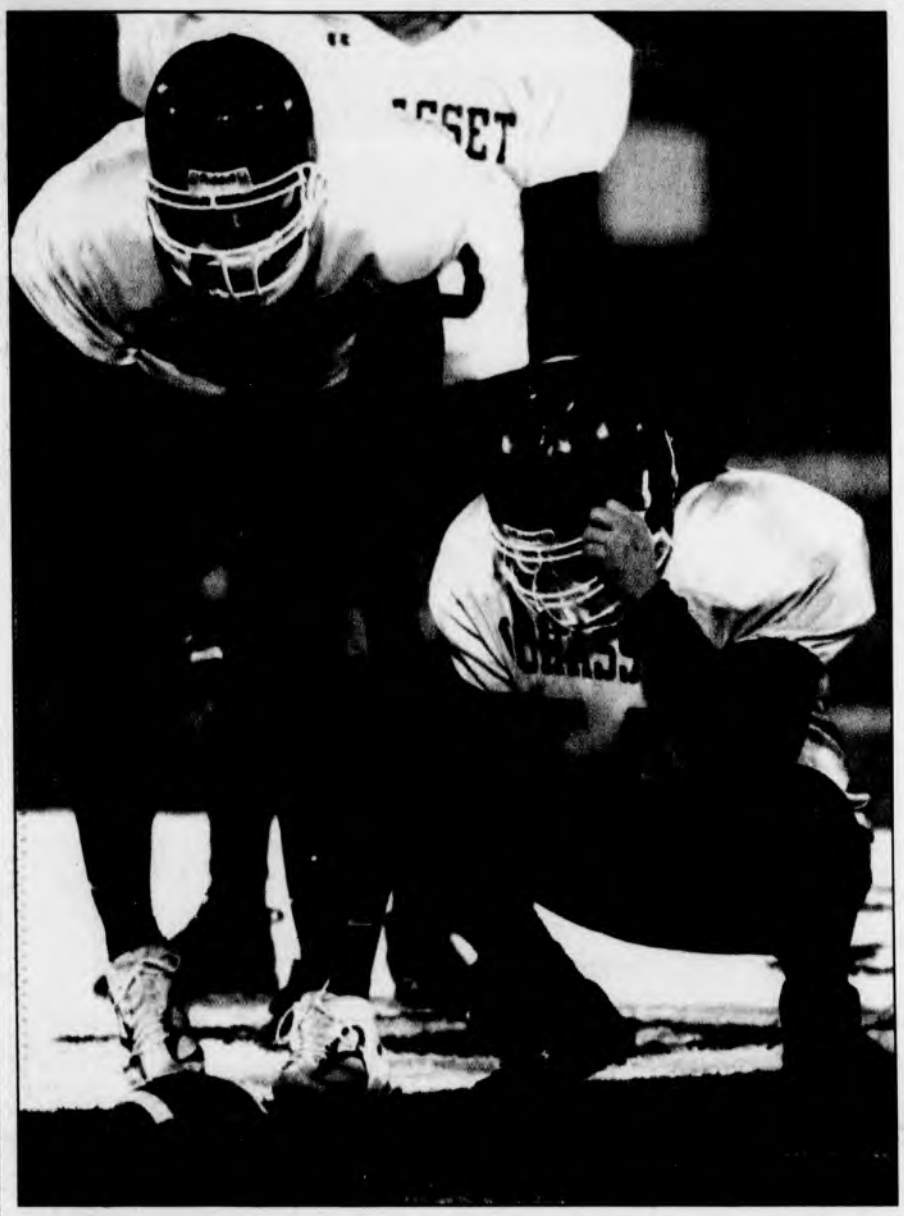
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Senior quarterback Crandon Leahy (5) comforts classmate Matt Casey as their season fades into the night during the closing seconds of Tuesday's playoff loss to Westwood.

The dream ends

Cohasset bested by Westwood for second straight year

By Mark Goodman
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Literally and figuratively, Cohasset and Westwood are in different leagues.

The Tri-Valley champions made that clear Tuesday at Walter M. Katz Field at Curry College in Milton, as they ended the Skippers' season with a 31-8 loss in the semifinal of the Div. 3 playoffs..

Cohasset ended its season with a 10-1 record and the team's first undefeated regular season since 1957.

Head coach Tony Rolfe's team played a decent game, but were simply outmatched by the arsenal of weapons Westwood has at its disposal.

"We hated for it to end like this," Rolfe said on the field minutes after the game. "But Westwood has everything. They have all the toys, and they executed flawlessly."

For the first couple minutes of the game, however, it looked like it may have been Cohasset's day.

On the fifth play of the opening drive of the game, senior quarterback Crandon Leahy faked the handoff to fullback Teddie Straughn, and took off on his own around the left side.

What transpired was one of the most remarkable efforts one can expect to see in a high school football game. Eluding and running through defenders left and right, with a little help from a downfield block by Joe Durkin, Leahy broke about six tackles during a 73-yard touchdown run.

With the Cohasset fandom still buzzing and the Westwood supporters in stunned silence, the ensuing two-point conversion was no good. Nonetheless, the Skippers appeared to have the early momentum.

It took one play for that momentum to disappear.

Westwood started their first drive at their own 14. Wolverines quarterback Jeff White tossed a bomb down the middle of the field, hitting wideout Chris Laham in stride. Laham had beaten his man, and no one would catch him en route to the end zone. He then kicked the extra point, and Westwood had a 7-6 lead with 6:49 left in the first quarter.

The Skippers would not lead the remainder of the game. Westwood head coach Paul Hallion admitted after the game he couldn't quite comprehend what was happening with two long touchdowns so early in the game.

"To be honest, I was still reeling a little bit [after the Leahy run] when we made that pass," Hallion said. "That was the longest run against us in two years."

The significance of the 86-yard play was not lost on Rolfe.

"That very first play set the tone," he said. "It got us back on our heels a little bit. We had the momentum, and then they made that play. It was very deflating."

The Wolverines' two subsequent drives also resulted in points. A Cohasset fumble gave Westwood the ball at the Skippers' 21. Three plays later, Jason Urdang ran around the right side for a 15-yard touchdown, proving to be simply too fast for Cohasset defenders.

That problem was one Rolfe was well aware of while studying his opponent.

"We just couldn't counteract their speed," said the Cohasset coach. "We've seen them a lot on film. It seems like the elements are the only thing that slows them down."

A 39-yard field goal from Laham made it 17-6, Westwood, with 9:20 left in the first half.

Cohasset fought back, though, with a sustained drive that ate up over six minutes. The highlight was a sweep to Straughn that turned into a pass back to the quarterback, Leahy, for 15 yards. The play gave Cohasset a first down at the Westwood 12.

The drive stalled right there, however, as a couple penalties hurt the Skippers.

Cohasset got their last points of the game with 1:36 left in the first half, right after their long drive had ended. Westwood went into their two-minute offense, and when White rolled out to his left, Skippers defensive end Kelvin Ferriera got to him and knocked the ball out of his hands.

White jumped on it in the end zone, and Cohasset's Joey Kehoe was there to record the safety. The play brought Cohasset within nine going into the half.

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Alternatives place NHL on thin ice

EXTRA POINTS



MIKE SPELLMAN

You folks who call yourselves baseball, football and/or basketball fans really have no concept of what true hockey fans are suffering through right now.

Yeah, your pro sports leagues have gone through work stoppages too, but those situations versus what's going on in the lives of many hockey fans right now as a result of the NHL lockout is, as I see it, an apples and oranges deal.

By and large, baseball, basketball and football fans fall under the general heading of "all around sports fan." Hockey fans, by and large, love hockey first, second and foremost.

The Patriots TV ratings at this time a year ago were generally five times greater than anything the Bruins saw. Don't take that to mean, though, that there are five times as many diehard football fans in this region as there are hockey fans. It's probably more like a 2-to-1 comparison.

Go to a Pats game, and you're just as likely to strike up a conversation with the guy seated next to you regarding the Red Sox or even the Celtics as you are the team performing in front of you. At Bruins game, folks talk Bruins. In fact, many of those you bump into in the FleetCenter stands might well confuse David Ortiz and David Patten in a lineup.

I can't help thinking here of the time I took in a basketball game with Scituate High hockey coach Mike Breen. At one point, after we both watched a kid get basically steamrolled as he went in for a lay-up, Mike asked me why the ref blew a whistle. He wasn't joking.

And I know a few other "hockey guys" like Mike. Eddie Andleman calls these folks "Hockey Krishnas." And greater Boston is over run with them. Why do you think Jeremy Jacobs has been able to flourish in this market despite operating his franchise like hockey's version of the Montreal Expos?

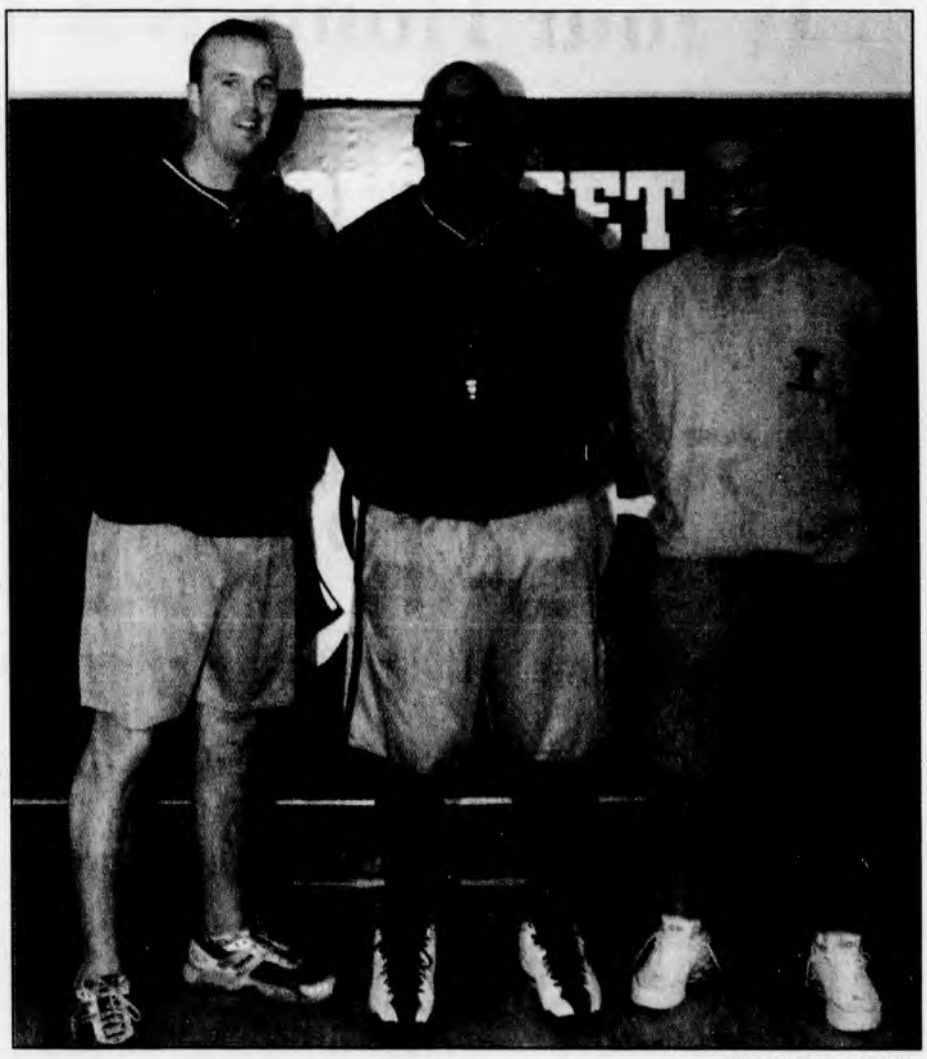
Do you think Patriots fans would have continued flocking down Route 1 if Bob Kraft had let Tom Brady go without a thought after his initial contract ran out? How do you think Sox fans will react if at *both* Pedro and Tek aren't re-signed? My guess: even the World Series hangover won't save the organization from some pretty serious fall out.

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

The boys aren't the only ones playing some football lately. Last Wednesday, the senior and junior girls engaged in their annual Powder Puff battle. Here, junior quarterback Melissa Crowley-Buck works her magic. For more Powder Puff photos, turn to page 25.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

New boys basketball coach Dorian Bryant (center), flanked by assistants Peter Bishop and Dave Costa.

A career comes full circle

Former CHS star Dorian Bryant hired as new boys hoops coach

By Mark Goodman
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Longtime Cohasset boys basketball fans know the name Dorian Bryant.

In the mid-90's, Bryant was the center for a team that twice made it to the Boston for the state finals, once in the Garden and once in the then brand-new Fleet Center.

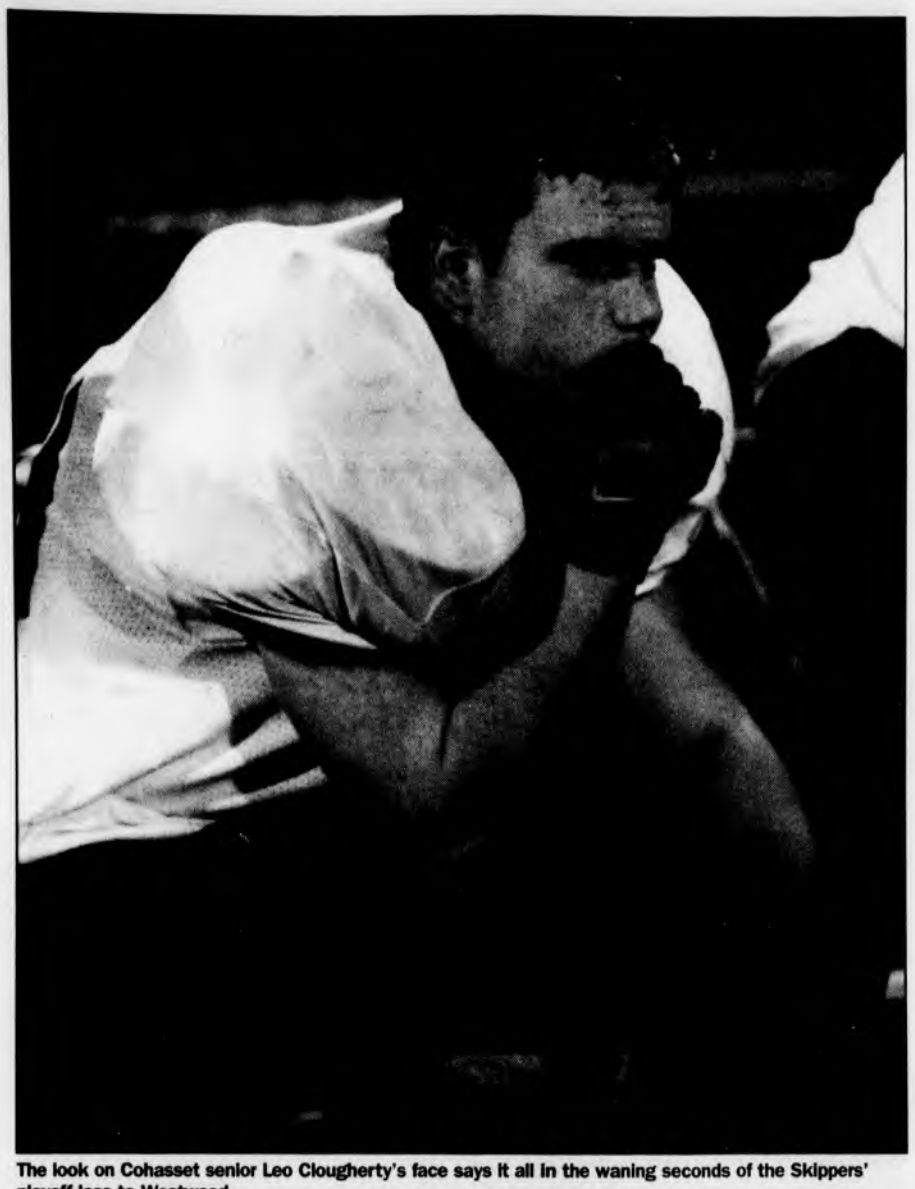
Bryant's career at CHS has come full circle, as he now embarks on his first season as head coach of the boys basketball team.

An assistant last year for Ron Ford, Bryant is not new to the basketball coaching ranks at Cohasset. He served as the junior varsity coach last year, and the freshmen coach the two years prior to that.

Bryant's coaching philosophy stems from four basic keys to the game he has been stressing to his team in its first week of practice: defense/rebounding, turnovers, free throw shooting, and overall intensity.

"I know that 99.9 percent of the time, we will win against any team we face if we have the advantage in those four things," Bryant said in an interview after Wednesday's practice. "I never

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The look on Cohasset senior Leo Clougherty's face says it all in the waning seconds of the Skippers' playoff loss to Westwood.

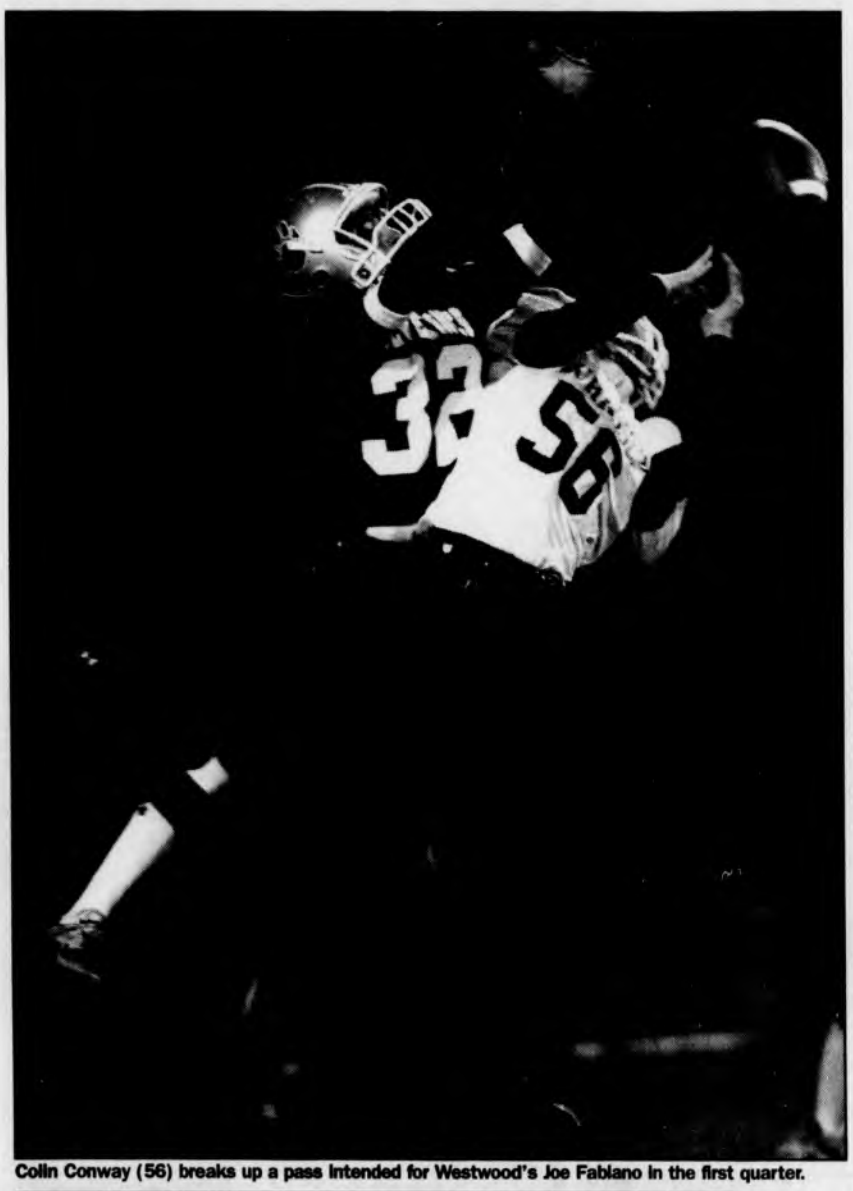


Cohasset's Scott Wakefield, who played a solid game on the defensive line for Cohasset, sacks Westwood quarterback Jeff White in the closing seconds of the first quarter.

The good and the bad

Cohasset football played two games in five days, each with completely different results and emotions. The 31-8 playoff loss to Westwood came on the heels of a 20-6 Thanksgiving Day win over rival Hull. The Skippers had an undefeated regular season and finished with an overall record of 10-1.

Playoff photos by Robin Chan. Thanksgiving photos by Al McPhee.



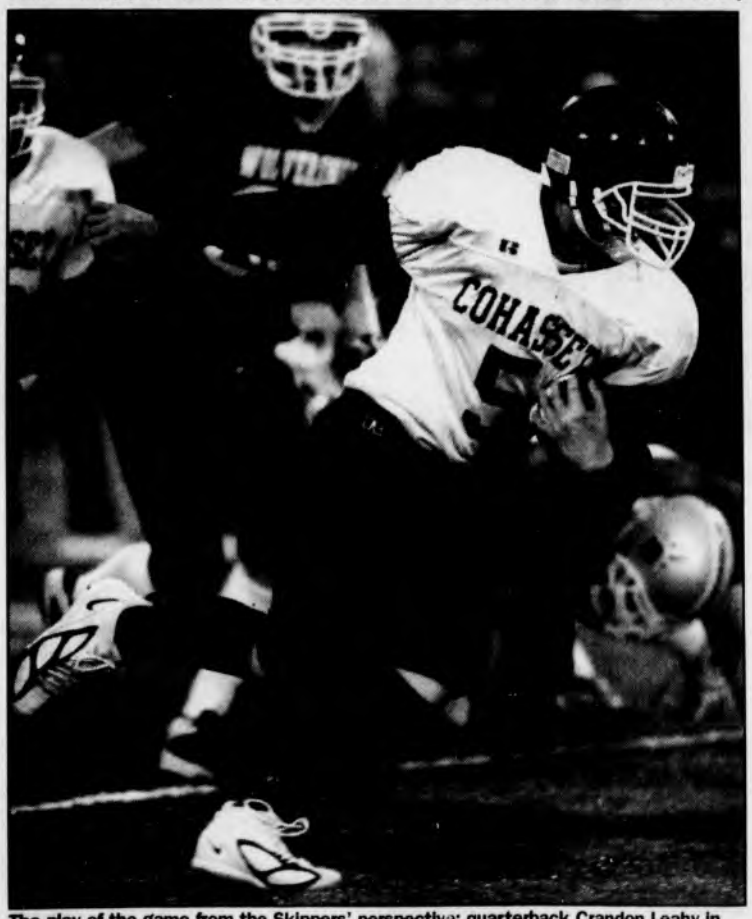
Colin Conway (56) breaks up a pass intended for Westwood's Joe Fabiano in the first quarter.



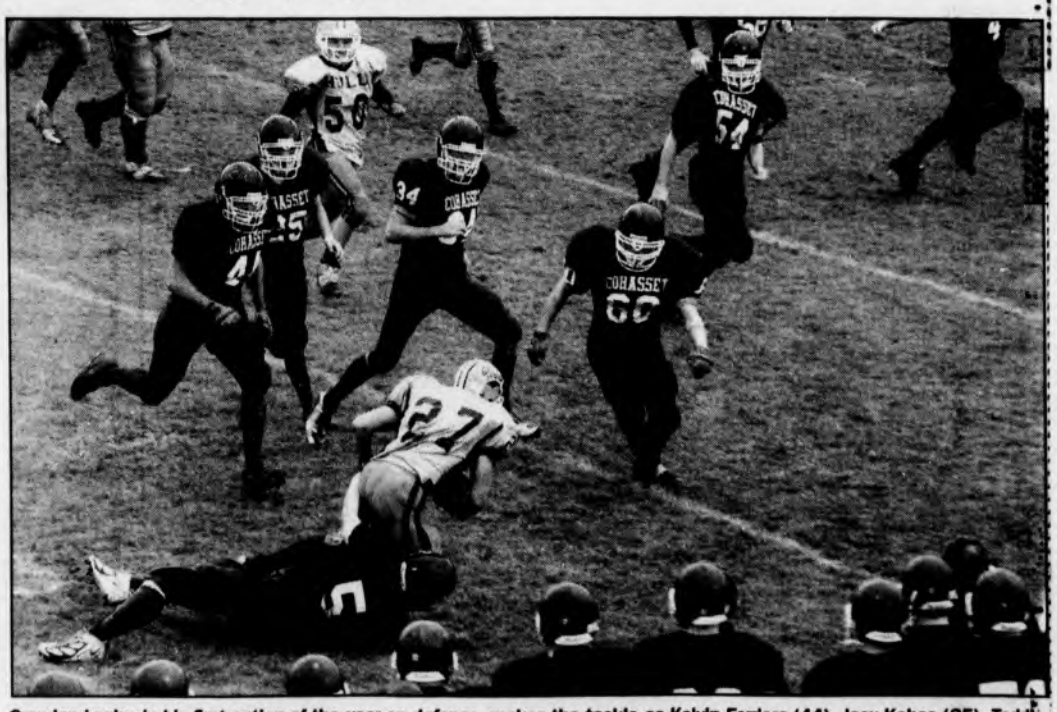
Senior co-captain Teddie Straughn gets his teammates fired up during the halftime break. At the time, Cohasset was only down by nine, 17-8.



Crandon Leahy takes advantage of a timeout to get advice from Skippers head coach Tony Rolfe, during the Thanksgiving Day game against Hull.



The play of the game from the Skippers' perspective: quarterback Crandon Leahy in the midst of his incredible 73-yard touchdown run in the opening minutes against Westwood.



Crandon Leahy, in his first action of the year on defense, makes the tackle as Kelvin Ferriera (44), Joey Kehoe (25), Teddie Straughn (34), and Leo Clougherty all converge on Hull running back Justin Albert.

Slugging it out

By George Kimball
BOSTON HERALD

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Like the rest of his teammates, Cohasset running back Joe Durkin had been monitoring the forecasts all week and anticipated that he'd have an even heavier than usual workload in yesterday's Thanksgiving Day clash with Hull.

"We knew it was going to be like this a couple of days ago," Durkin said. "We heard there was going to be rain and we prepared for it."

Missing three-fifths of the interior line that had paved the way for his 1,500-yard season, the running back rushed for 132 yards on 27 carries and scored all of his team's points as the Skippers subdued the stubborn Pirates, 20-6, at Alumni Field.

The victory capped Cohasset's first undefeated regular season in 45 years.

"We lost Nick Arment, who's basically the captain or our line. We were without Jake Cuneo, who got hurt in the Norwell game, but we brought in subs, they took care of business, and we still put up 20 points," Durkin said.

Said Skippers coach Tony Rolfe: "Under these conditions, I think he played a great game. It wasn't exactly a fast track. But that's the way he's played all year. He didn't let the changes up front bother him. He had two big ones (30- and 22-yard runs) and might even had a shot at another one, but to be honest with you, that's what we expected from him."

Durkin scored the game's first touchdown on an 8-yard run midway through the first quarter and tacked on the two-point conversion rush. He then burst into the end zone from 3 yards out to make it 14-0 just 31 seconds before halftime.

Hull cut its deficit to 14-6 with a little more than six minutes remaining in the fourth quarter when junior Justin Albert ran around the left end for a 15-yard touchdown. The Pirates' score created a sense of urgency on the Cohasset sideline.

"We knew they weren't just going to die down," Durkin said. "We knew we had to step it up. One of our coaches came up to me and said, 'Our line is really getting tired. You're going to have to put it in your own hands.'"

After Nick Cambi fell on Hull's attempted onside kick at the 43, Durkin carried on 7-of-8 plays, taking it in from 11 yards out to score the game's final touchdown with 2:47 left to play.

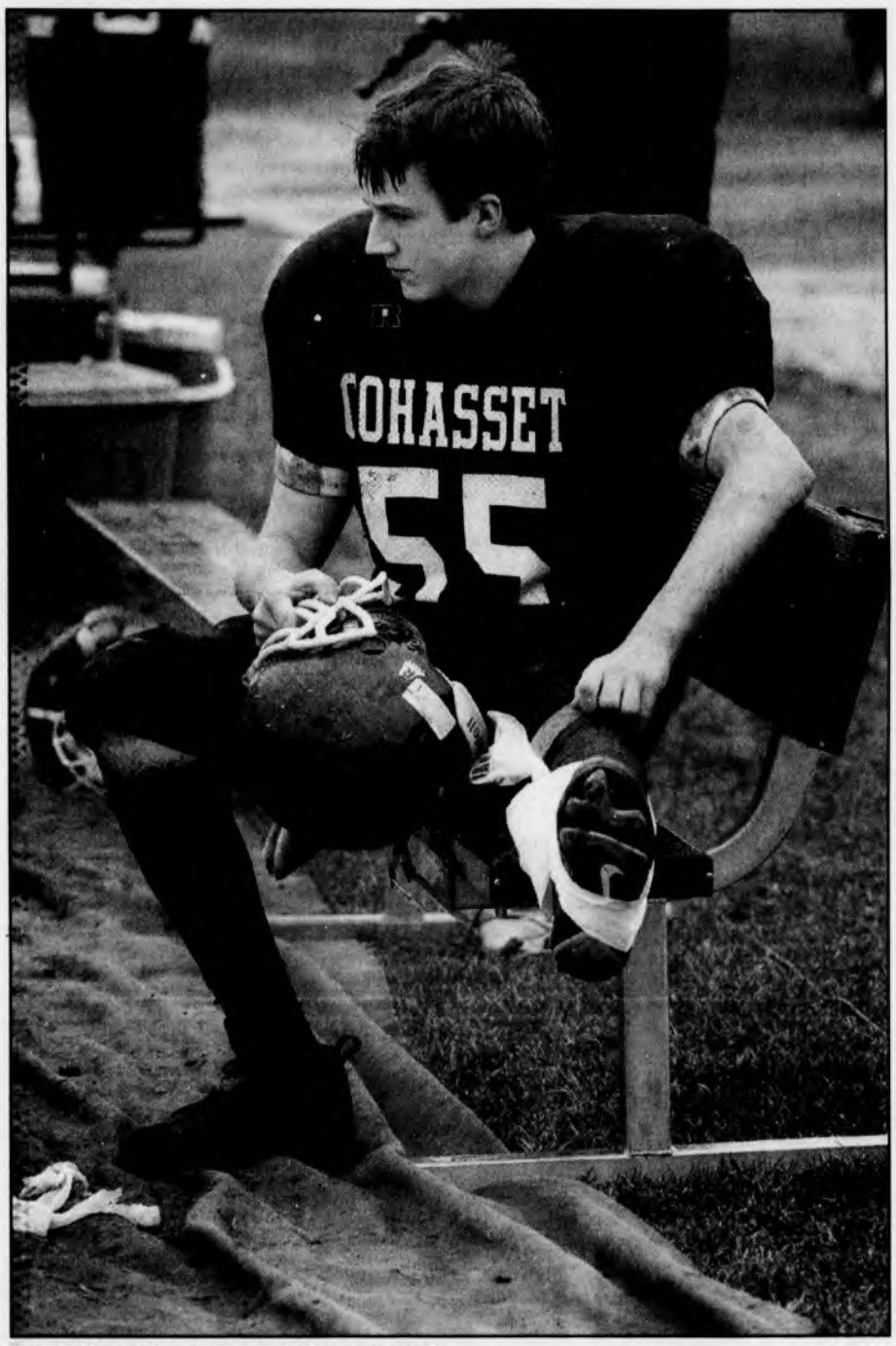
"We'd lost three offensive linemen and our line has been our strength," Rolfe said. "We had some young kids who really filled in well. We moved our second tight end (sophomore Conor Holway) to tackle. I don't think he'd had six reps there all season, but he played a great game. We lost Nicky Arment, so Paul St. Pierre played the whole game. As coaches, we were struggling the whole game just to catch up."

But for some gritty defense on the part of the overmatched Pirates, the score might have been higher. Hull forced one Cohasset fumble on the 25, twice stopped the Skippers on downs inside the red zone, and Albert set up his own TD with an interception of Cohasset quarterback Crandon Leahy.

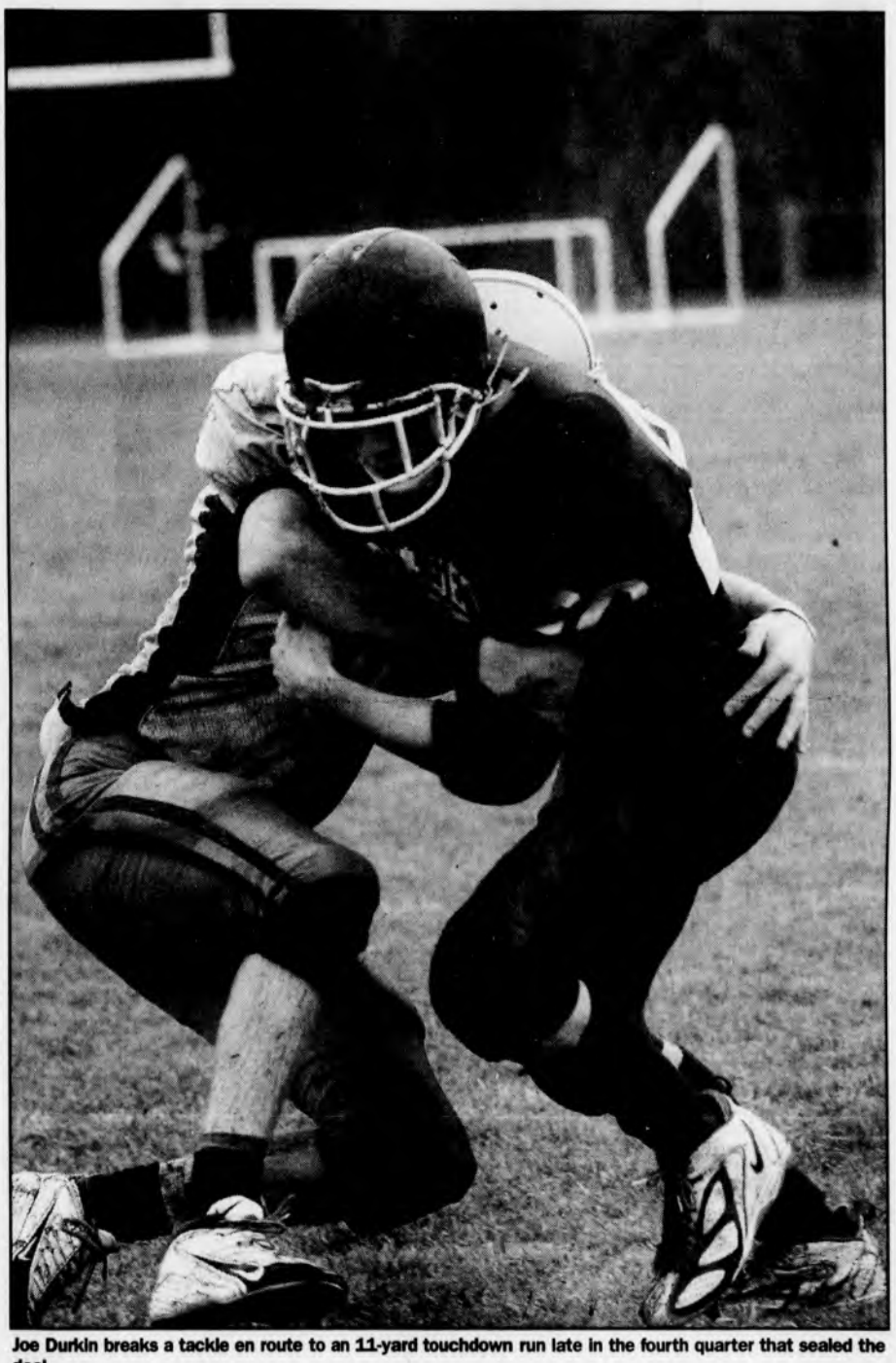


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Cohasset senior Leo Clougherty leaps over Hull quarterback Sean Kelly as the referee observes the action.



Paul St. Pierre takes a break during the second half.



Joe Durkin breaks a tackle en route to an 11-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter that sealed the deal.

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Head coach Tony Rolfe talks to his charges during halftime of the playoff game with Westwood.

Cohasset bested by Westwood

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"We felt they would be loading up [in the box], so we wanted to try and fake the run and throw it," Hallion said of the play. "That play was a credit to how well [Cohasset's] defense is coached."

The South Shore League champions once again had the momentum. But, for the second time, it took only one play for that to change.

At the start of the second half, a long kickoff return by Laham and a personal foul penalty by Cohasset gave Westwood the ball at the Skippers 42. White again looked to throw the ball deep, with Joe Fabiano as his target this time.

Cohasset sophomore Jeff Brown appeared to have great coverage, but White (6-for-8 passing, 174 yards) made an even better throw, hitting Fabiano in stride over his far shoulder as he was running a fly pattern down the right sideline.

The extra point was good; Westwood 24, Cohasset 8.

The Skippers offense isn't designed to come back from a big deficit, so this was a huge play, and one that left Cohasset senior co-captain Teddie Straughn in awe after the game.

"Jeff Brown is one of the best defensive backs around, and he was right there on that play," Straughn said. "The quarterback just hit his receiver in stride perfectly. I don't know if anyone can defend a pass like that."

Cohasset's offense could do little after that, punting three times and throwing an interception on their remaining possessions. A Ryan Gold 13-yard touchdown run at the end of the third quarter accounted for the rest of the scoring.

The Skippers defense played better than the final score would indicate, with solid games turned in by Ferriera, defensive linemen Scott Wakefield and Leo Clougherty, and linebacker Matt Casey.

The team played without their best offensive lineman, junior guard Nick Arment, who broke a bone in his leg during the Thanksgiving Day game against Hull. Despite that, Cohasset ran for 170 yards, led by 86 from Leahy. Durkin had 62 yards on 23 carries.

So Cohasset finishes the season with a 10-1 record, and will be able to add another league championship banner to their collection. The year did not end as the team would have hoped, but that did not keep Rolfe from complimenting his team during his postgame talk with his players.

"I said, 'Be proud of the season you had,'" Rolfe said. "We've been together since Aug. 6. It's a shame we had to let it end like this, but in the end, we're proud of them."

Dorian Bryant hired as new boys hoops coach

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lost in college when we won those four categories."

The 27-year old continued his success on the court in college at Salem State, where he was a two-year captain for a team that made NCAA Div. 3 tournament play all four years he was there. One of those years, the team made the Final Four.

Bryant is hoping to bring some of that success to the Cohasset program, instilling some of the same coaching disciplines he learned at Salem State. It will be a challenge at the beginning; the Skippers are a very young group this year, with no seniors coming back from last year's tournament team.

It is a challenge Bryant says he is looking forward to.

"We have a chance to build something special here," said the new coach. "It's going to take a little bit of time, and a lot of effort and teaching on our part."

Bryant has brought Peter Bishop and Dave Costa, two local men that are new to Cohasset, to assist him. Costa coached last year at Plymouth South, and will be in charge of the JV team this year.

The connection between Bryant and Bishop goes back a while. As a young child growing up in what he calls a "tough neighborhood" in Roxbury, Bryant came to Cohasset as a first grader as part of the Metropolitan Council for Education Opportunity (METCO) program.

The Bishops were Bryant's host family, as Bryant attended Cohasset schools for 12 years. Bryant now lives with Bishop in South Boston, and says he is still close with the Bishop family.

Over those 12 years, Bryant says he developed a special connection with the town, one that still remains today.

"For me to come back to my alma mater and give back to this community is very special to me," Bryant said. "I'm very happy to be working here in Cohasset, working for Coach Ford, and working in a place that is very near and dear to my heart."

Bryant, who works full-time for Ground Effects Landscaping in Marshfield, says he will also be a part-time substitute teacher at CHS. He sees that as an opportunity to further build relationships with his players and other students at the school.

Ford, who remains at CHS as athletic director, is confident that his former player and assistant will get the job done.

"Dorian is an excellent basketball person, but more importantly, he is a great overall person," Ford said. "He will be a great representative for the program and the town. He has a big rebuilding job to do here, but he will do a great job."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Boys basketball head coach Dorian Bryant keeps a close eye on his players during Wednesday's practice.

Alternatives place NHL on thin ice

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Bruins fans are a unique breed. Like a good dog, they're loyalty comes largely unconditional.

So why do I bring this up at this time? To punctuate the pain hockey folks are going through right now? Of course not. To poke a little fun at pal Mike Breen?...well, maybe a little bit.

Really, though, what I'm looking to accomplish is convincing a few of you diehards there is really no need to despair. The sport you love is still eminently accessible.

This is the hub of the best college hockey in the land, and there's some pretty good minor league and Junior hockey being played right now as well. And then there's my personal favorite, high school hockey, which will kick off in less than two weeks.

Speaking for myself, I'd much rather attend a high school hockey game than a Bruins game. It's infinitely more convenient, close, cheap and, it says here, satisfying.

You just can't put a price on cheering for a kid you've watched grow up, even if it's been from afar. He could be your newspaper boy, the youngster who walked by your house on the way to school or simply someone whose progress you've followed in the weekly newspaper. Regardless, it's a unique connection. There's just something kind of cool about watching these kids take the next step. And if he or she just happens to be pursuing that while playing your favorite sport, all the better.

It's your call, though. Maybe B.U., the Providence Baby B's or Bridgewater Bandits are more your cup of tea.

The bottom line is there are plenty of options beyond the NHL and we hockey diehards owe it to ourselves to explore them. The levels of proficiency and aesthetics may not be as high, but, hey, it's still our game.

In fact, I think it's highly appropriate we turn our backs on the NHL, just as the shot-callers within that august body have turned their backs on us. The fact these folks find it acceptable to go to the mats to fight over how to best split hundreds of millions of dollars tells me all I need to know about the regard in which they hold my allegiance.

Hope to see you at the rinks.

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All-Scholastic golf team

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

The young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

Matt Lombard - Senior (Capt.) - Hanover

A four-year player on the Indians golf team, Lombard was a consistent No. 1 man again this season…The Patriot League All-star and three-time Mariner All-Scholastic paced his team to a 15-3 record, their best in years, and kept them in the tight four-team race for the PL crown…Hanover ended up second behind only Duxbury…Lombard recorded a team best 81 at the challenging course at the Pleasant Valley Golf Club in Sutton, helping the Indians finish third overall in the Div. 3 State tourney…A week earlier, the Hanover golfers also took third at the Div. 3 South Sectionals to qualify them for the states….The team's postseason berth was its first in 14 years…Lombard plans to attend college in the fall. Hanover coach John Sullivan: "His strength on the course is that he has few weaknesses in his play. He doesn't get into much trouble. He's extremely dedicated to the game and never missed a practice, even those that were optional. That really shows leadership to the younger players."

Pat Cadigan - Junior - Hingham

Was the No. 1 man for Hingham this season after the graduation losses of top talent…Cadigan improved by leaps and bounds this season, helping to pace his team in the four-team race for the Patriot League title…Hingham ended up tying Scituate for third with a 14-4 record, behind champs, Duxbury and runners-up, Hanover…Was the medalist in a number of matches this season, one of his biggest efforts coming in a key 210-214 victory over Scituate at the end of the year…At the Div. 2 South Sectional, Cadigan and teammate Bryan Quinlan teamed for a seventh place finish, just one stroke shy of the sixth and final Div. 2 State qualifying spot…A Patriot League All-star, Cadigan shot a 78 at the Sectionals, qualifying him for the State Individuals…Just a junior, Cadigan returns for another golf season at HHS next fall.

Bryan Quinlan - Senior - Hingham

Shot a team best 77 at the Div. 2 South Sectionals, pacing his team to a seventh place finish, just one stroke shy of the six and final state qualifying spot…His score was low enough to qualify him for the State Individual tourney…As Hingham's No. 2 man, Quinlan was a key factor in the Harbormen's race for the Patriot League title…The four-team battle found Hingham falling a bit short in the final standings, getting edged by champs Duxbury and runners-up Hanover with a 14-4 record, tying Scituate for third…Quinlan is making his first appearance on the Mariner All-Scholastic team after receiving an Honorable Mention last year.

Hunter Talcott - Junior - Scituate

A shoo-in for this team with his Div. 3 state championship…Earned that honor by shooting a one-over 73 at Sutton's Pleasant Valley Golf Course, one stroke better than the nearest competitor…Title came on the heels of a 77 at the South Sectional match at Wentworth Golf and Country Club in Plainville…A member of Scituate's Hatherly Country Club and Marshfield Green Harbors, where he broke the course record this past summer…Plans to play golf in college, and is hoping for a career in the game…Scituate coach Bob Beatty: "Hunter just lives and breathes golf. When I think of all his hard work, and all the hours on the driving range and on the golf course, it just makes me smile. He pulled all that together with his incredible tenacity and did something no one else here at Scituate High has ever done, and something maybe no one else here ever will."

Mike Dempsey - Senior - Norwell

The Clippers' number-one golfer all season, for a team that won the South Shore League…Was at his best against South Shore League rivals…Shot a third-place 76 at the league meet at Southers Marsh Golf Club, only two shots behind the leader, who was playing on his home course…One of ten league all-stars, along with teammate Cody Cavicchi…Norwell coach Ken Camerota: "He had a few tough losses against good teams, but was a good golfer all year. The team got some good leadership from him."

Cody Cavicchi - Freshman - Norwell

Won consistently at the number-two position, no small feat for a freshman…Shot a second-place 75 at the league meet, one shot off the pace…A South Shore League all-star with teammate Mike Dempsey…Is being counted on to help lead a talented group of returnees to the Clippers' golf program in 2005…Norwell coach Ken Camerota: "He went 8-1-1 in the league. For a freshman, that's pretty damn good."

Honorable Mention:

Kevin Barber - So. - Cohasset
Bill Lambert - Sr. (Capt.) - Hanover
Ted Schwartz - Sr. - Hingham

— These teams were selected by Mariner Sports Editors Julie Ann Nevero, Mark Goodman, and Rob Slager with the help of area coaches. Only public school athletes were considered.



Senior Nicole Whitney makes a run for it during last week's Powder Puff game.



The seniors pose for a photo after the Powder Puff game.



Junior Cassie Rosano in celebration of a touchdown.

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Schools celebrate Thanksgiving

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Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley carves up the turkey for Jen Rich's fourth-grade Thanksgiving feast last week.



Fourth-graders Zach Strucker and Foster Eymer are first through the line with their plates full of Thanksgiving fare at the Deer Hill School last week.



Fourth-graders in Mrs. Rich's class at Deer Hill share a laugh before lining up to help themselves to turkey and all the trimmings.





(Above)
Second-graders Sarah Gruber and Caroline Kennedy show off the Thanksgiving placemats they created for their class feast at Osgood.
(Left)
Olivia Barnum reads her message of thanks before her fourth-grade classmates enjoy their Thanksgiving feast.



Tyler Stidling and Matthew Ford pick out the goodies from the Thanksgiving offerings at the Osgood School last week (Tuesday, Nov. 23). The second-graders cooked the food themselves the day before.

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Brian Houlihan, owner of bia bistro of Cohasset, in conjunction with Ron Goodwin of Goodwin Graphics and the Cohasset Rotary Club, hosted a dinner and raffle recently to benefit Father Bill's Place, a homeless shelter located in Quincy.

Bia Bistro served a three-course dinner which included pan-roasted Atlantic salmon, leek and fennel risotto, slow-braised lamb shank, maple roasted root vegetable ragout and for dessert, Tahitian vanilla crème brulee.



The Cohasset Rotary Club held a sold-out fundraiser dinner and wine tasting at BIA's Bistro in the Village last Monday that raised $3,000 for Father Bill's in Quincy. Contributing to the success of the event were those pictured above - Ronnie Goodwin, Rotary Club; Mark Melia, Horizon Beverages; Amrya Chase, Village Wine & Spirits; John Yawinski, Executive Director of Father Bill's; Brian Houlihan, Chef/owner of BIA's and Jim Wells, Coldwell Banker - Hingham.

"We couldn't continue to serve the homeless community on the South Shore without the faithful support of our local residents and businesses."
— John Yazwinski, executive director of Father Bill's Place

Raffle items included an 1898 antique photograph of Cohasset donated by Richard Fitzpatrick of The Book Rack in Braintree, Wine Baskets donated by Ron Goodwin of Goodwin Graphics, and generous gift certificates to bia bistro donated by Brian Houlihan of Bia Bistro and PJ's Country House Restaurant by Geoff and Lisa O'Brien of PJ's Country House in Scituate. The event raised $3,000 for Father Bill's Place and will be used to purchase gift cards for shelter guests this Christmas holiday.

"We couldn't continue to serve the homeless community on the South Shore without the faithful support of our local residents and businesses," said John Yazwinski, executive director of Father Bill's Place. "On behalf of the board of directors of Father Bill's Place, our dedicated staff and most important, our guests, I extend heart-felt thanks to Bia Bistro, the Cohasset Rotary Club, and Goodwin Graphics for sponsoring this event. It will be a Merry Christmas for the individuals and families Father Bill's Place will serve this holiday season."



Mrs. Schleiff gets a standing ovation on her last day at the middle school.

Mrs. Schleiff sets sail

By Caroline Meade
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Mrs. Marie Schleiff has been teaching for 34 years, and she has spent all of them in the Cohasset schools. Mrs. Schleiff took one year off from teaching (or it would be 35 years) to adopt twin girls. She has taught in five grades: 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12

Two of her most enjoyable grades to teach are 11 and 12. She loves to have long discussions with older, more mature students, but she loves the enthusiasm and spirit of the seventh graders. Despite common rumors, Mrs. Schleiff was not a cheerleader for the Red Sox.

A student of hers who was present during the interview, Cam, says she is a great teacher and that she has the hardest subject to teach but does a great job with it. There was one assignment that he did not like — a piece of homework called the vocabulary book (mainly because he was doing his homework during the Red Sox game and he got distracted). He also said that it's hard to teach all the language arts of writing, grammar, speech and reading because most kids don't like the subject those are some quotes from Cam.

" She was a great teacher. and I'm going to miss her."
— Andrew DeVitre, freshman

Ninth-grader Andrew DeVitre says, "Mrs. Schleiff was a very interesting teacher, and if you were having trouble with something, Mrs. Schleiff would always be there to help. She was a great teacher. and I'm going to miss her," a touching quote on his part. He says a big "good bye" for Mrs.Shcleiff.

Mrs. Schleiff was inspired to go into teaching because she greatly respected her teachers as a child. Mrs. Schleiff was treated with just as much respect by her students. Who knows how many students she has inspired to go into teaching? Best wishes for a fun- filled retirement

Caroline Meade, a sixth-grader at the middle school, wrote this article for the school newspaper.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Elementary school lunch menu

MONDAY, DEC. 6
Fried chicken or turkey sub, mashed potato, green beans and pears.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7
Meatball sub, parmesan cheese or chicken salad sandwich, veggie rice and mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8
Early Release Day
Chicken nuggets, oven fries, dinner roll, sweet peas and sliced apples.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9
Bagel with soup of the day or tuna sandwich, garden salad and pineapple.

FRIDAY, DEC. 10
English muffin pizzas or seafood salad sub, mixed vegetable and fruit.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from Dec. 7 through Dec. 13. Students will attend during their scheduled library time. All parents are welcome and encouraged to come.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, Dec. 3, until 10 p.m. Everyone from Grades 6 through 8 are welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be sold as well.

The Teen Garage is open to Grades 6 and over every Friday evening, from 4 to 10 p.m. and the first and third Saturday of the month from 5 to 10 p.m.

PAC workshop

Your Basic Rights —Just when you thought you knew it all. On Tuesday, Dec. 7, hosted by Cohasset Parent Advisory Council (PAC) the required annual training on Special Education Law, presented by Linda Gill, the Director of Student Services in Cohasset. Included will be information about Chapter 766 and other state and federal special education laws, to assist parents in the planning, decision-making, and monitoring of their child's Individual Education Plan. Join them for this training workshop that is geared to parents who want to find out more about how the system works. Bring your questions. Starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. at The Osgood School Library, 210 Sohier St., Cohasset

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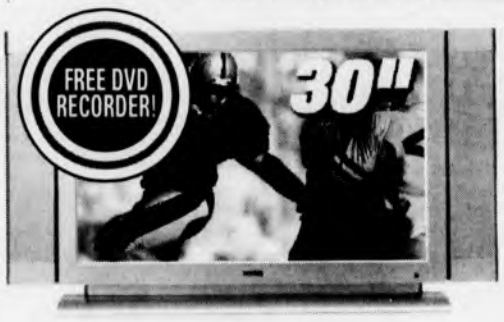


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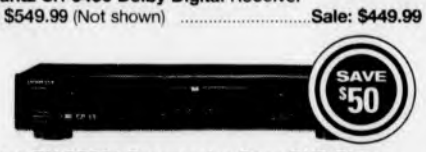


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Those attending the Jingle Bell Walk admire the lights on the Town Common Christmas tree.

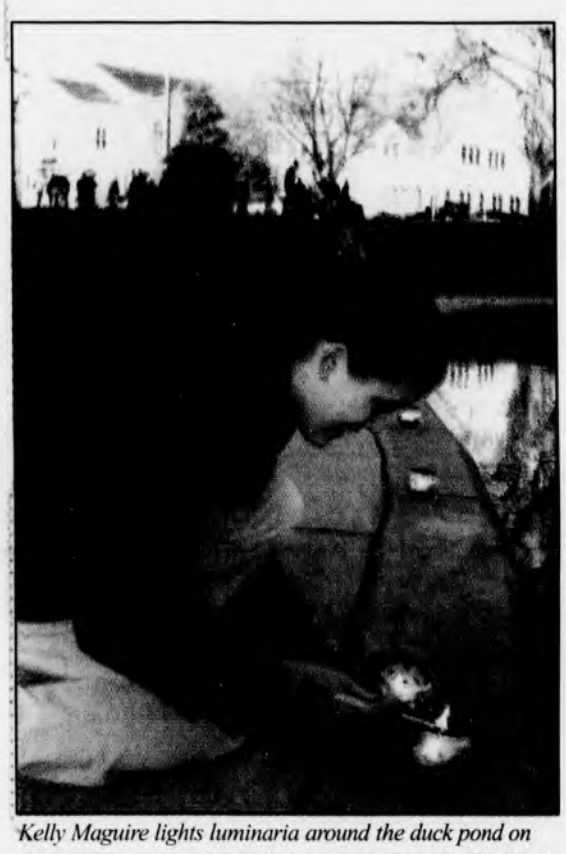


The Rusty Skippers play for the crowd at the Jingle Bell Walk. Look for the band again this Saturday at the Village Fair.

Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells!

Annual walk heralds the season

Staff photos/Susan Haney



Kelly Maguire lights luminaria around the duck pond on the common as part of the festive atmosphere for the Jingle Bell Walk that included something for everyone.



Sam and Owen Kefallinos get a chance to tell Santa what they want for Christmas. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived via boat at the harbor on Friday for the annual Jingle Bell Walk.



Mrs. Santa Claus tells Nicholas Schubert that he'd better be nice while Claire Penanhoate looks on. Mrs. Claus and her spouse, the Jolly Old Elf, arrived by boat while their reindeer had a well deserved rest at World's End.



A hayride around the common was part of the festivities last Friday and provided a great way to appreciate the picturesque surroundings.



Lauren McLellan joins the Rusty Skippers on the bass drum during their concert on the common for last Friday's Jingle Bell Walk.



Santa's helpers during the annual Jingle Bell Walk sponsored by the South Shore Community Center last Friday included Skye Swales, Kathleen Erichetti and Brad Hickey.

New England Artisans Showcase premiers Saturday

Fills void left by Winterfest

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

"There are a lot of disappointed buyers who have told me they are delighted that we are doing something to continue to bring this type of craft to this area," said Diane Jumper, organizer of the first annual New England Artisans Showcase, to be held at the Sons of Italy Hall this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Compared to Winterfest, the Artisans Showcase is very low-key, almost like an open house sort of event."
— Diane Jumper, organizer

Without missing a beat, the Artisans Showcase has stepped in to fill the void created by the sudden cancellation of the Hingham Winterfest Folk Art and Craft Show, which ran annually for 12years at the Hingham Middle School. The cancellation was due to the decision to drop the show by national promoters Goodrich & Co. of Pennsylvania, which managed Winterfest for last six years, after Jumper, a longtime Hingham resident, had managed the show from within town for the first six years.

"They did a great job the last six years and I know it was a difficult business decision that they made," Jumper said.

The showcase is what Jumper and her co-organizers call a spin-off of Winterfest, a small independent gathering of 12artisans with all but two of the exhibitors who participated in that show, which hosted more than 50 exhibitors at its peak.

The smaller but equally accomplished list of artisans in the new show includes two Hingham residents. One of them, Tim Jumper, Diane's husband, is a wood craftsman whose carvings have been featured in national magazines, including one of his many Santa Claus pieces which graced the cover of Early American Life magazine in 1997. His total works also include animals and birds, folk art and historical figures.

Also from Hingham, Bill Sarni specializes in wooden decoys — fine examples of traditional New England style decoy carvings.

Another artisan whom Diane Jumper recommends as one of the showcase's most expert participants is David Claggett, from Weston, Vt. Claggett is a tinsmith whose work is sold in the



A Windsor interior light (design from the late 1700s) by David L. Claggett.

American Folk Art Museum in New York as well as in other private and state museums. He is a licensed craftsman for the Winterthur Museum in Delaware and for Colonial Williamsburg, Va.

"David practices his craft the way it was done 200 years ago," Jumper said. "His work reflects the time period between 1780 and 1840 just as his techniques and tools do."

The remaining artisans appearing in Saturday's show include miniature doll craftsperson Carol Spence Sellner, of Connecticut; Bob & Nancy Sampson of the Tobacco Shed Pottery inWestminster, Mass.; respective floor cloth and band box specialists Dennis & Sheila Belanger, of New Hampshire; and furniture and accessories makers Ed & Diane Faria, of Middleboro, Mass.



"Moose in Canoe" by Tim Jumper of Hingham.

Also, this collection of craftspeople from Maine — fabric artist Cathy Shamel, scherenschnitte specialist Claudia Hopf, June Weaver of Out of Knowwear soft sculpturists, and Betsy Golon of Common Folk Farm, offering specialty herbal products.

"Compared to Winterfest, the Artisans Showcase is very low-key, almost like an open house sort of event," Jumper said. "But it's going to be great fun. It's a unique opportunity for people to buy goods from out-of-state artisans, whom they usually don't find in this area."



A bird carving by Bill Sarni of Hingham.

Christmas in the Square

Christmas in the Square in Hingham Square celebration is Dec. 3, 4

Friday, Dec. 3, events

9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Paul's Christmas Bazaar

6-8 p.m., caroling on the steps of St. Paul's, several choirs featured

5-8:30 p.m., preview of Festival of Trees at Old Derby Academy

7 p.m. Santa arrives in the Square on a fire engine

Saturday, Dec. 4, events

9 a.m.-noon, breakfast with Santa at St. Paul's

9 a.m.-2 p.m., Festival of Trees at Old Derby with silent auction

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., carolers

11 a.m., Bell Tower change ringers

noon-3 p.m., free hayrides

3:30 p.m., walk with Santa to the Grand Opening of Whitney Wharf at Hingham Harbor

4-5 p.m. – Whitney Wharf dedication ceremony

7 p.m. concert, Hingham Symphony Orchestra at Old Ship Church

Merrie Market offers holiday delights

Old Ship Church, 107 Main St., Hingham will hold its annual holiday Merrie Market Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This festive bazaar has been held for more than 50 years and is eagerly anticipated by shoppers all over the South Shore.

New features this year include a special area where children may purchase gifts for their friends and families and a spectacular gingerbread house raffle. Gift baskets with themes, unusual gifts, a silent auction featuring a handmade quilt and special art items, an opportunity to win a reserved pew or parking space for Old Ship's popular Christmas Eve service, tempting food products, and a new lunch menu are among the other offerings.

The fair also features festive holiday wreaths, each one hand-crafted and designed to achieve the one-of-a-kind look. The materials used are natural products such as pine cones, berries, nuts, boxwood, rose hips, winterberry, juniper, and white pine boughs.

Seekers of unusual items should stop by the Treasures Table, which features jewelry, small furniture, glassware, ceramics, and many other items donated from homes in the community.

A special room for children will have the usual array of toys, plus a new area where they may purchase gifts for their families and friends. To help keep kids happily occupied while their mothers shop, volunteers will help them work on crafts. Santa will pose with children and families for photos, which will then be mounted in a holiday folder designed by artist Marty Saunders.

The Kitchen Treats table will again feature a wide variety of food items, such as preserves, homemade candy, pies, and honey, all produced by Old Ship members and friends.

A new creative lunch menu will feature homemade corn chowder, chicken vegetable soup, macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, apple pie, brownies, coffee, tea, and cold drinks. Stop for lunch before or after shopping.

A spectacular Gingerbread House created and donated by a parishioner will be the featured raffle item this year.

Don't miss the (un)common Cohasset Village Fair

Holiday tradition is for one and all

Cohasset has one of the most pristine town commons on the South Shore. And never is the 300-year-old green lovelier than during the holiday season.

Bargain hunters, who want something a little different, won't be disappointed by spending a few hours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Cohasset Village Fair that has a decidedly Victorian flavor.

For starters John Coe, portraying the Town Crier, with bell in hand will once again welcome visitors and direct people to the attractions on and around the common.

The Village Fair, which has been a holiday tradition for more than 60 years, is hosted by three of Cohasset's churches and the non-profit Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (ASP) – a home building ministry for the poor.

Volunteers from First Parish Unitarian Universalist, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the Second Congregational Church, and the ASP work together to create this holiday marketplace.

• The Second Congregational Church (next to Town Hall across the common on Highland Avenue) opens its doors to its holiday boutique filled with hand-crafted gifts and decorations. While Mom and Dad shop, children can visit the Kids' Craft Corner where they can make an ornament of their own.

Hungry shoppers can visit the church's popular New England Chowder Bar and bake table. The Surf 'n Turf Raffle where fresh lobsters and filet mignon will be raffled hourly beginning at 11 a.m.

• On the other side of the common, treasure hunters can make their way to the First Parish's Estate(ish) Sale in the First Parish Hall, 23 No. Main St.. Quality items include furniture, housewares, books, children's toys and clothing, select adult clothing, linens, games, sporting goods, and much more.

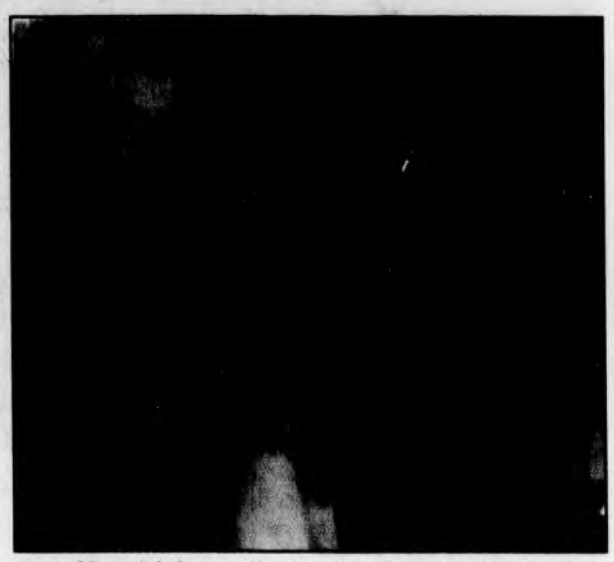
The Swedish Bake Shop is also in the First-Parish House and can warm shoppers' spirits with home-made cinnamon buns served with coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Many volunteers begin very early in the morning under the direction of Sine Pounder to create these delicious treats. The opportunity to bargain shop while savoring Pounder's famous Swedish rolls has been a Cohasset tradition for years. Visitors will also find delicious homemade soup mixes made by the church school and a tree of new and used ornaments. Tickets will also be on sale for the annual Christmas Concert by the Unicorn Singers Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. at the historic First Parish Meetinghouse.

• Shoppers can find the perfect hostess gift and wonderful Herbes de Provence at Saint Stephen's Country Store. The Bake Shop there is famous for its homemade toffee, fudge, cakes and pies, while the Snack Bar will offer donuts and bagels, hot dogs and homemade soups. Volunteers have been busy collecting hundreds of used books, CD's, tapes and videos to include in the popular Book Sale.

• Santa Claus will be the guest of honor on the Common (or the Second Congregational Church Nursery in inclement weather) from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Children can visit with Santa and have a picture taken by an ASP volunteer. Don't miss your child visiting the Secret Room at St. Stephen's Church where ASP volunteer elves help little ones select and wrap the perfect surprise for Mom and Dad, a sister or brother, or even the family pet! All gifts are priced for a child's wallet and start at just 50 cents. Proceeds support ASP's home repair program.

• And don't miss the Rusty Skippers who perform their Annual Holiday Pops Concert at First Parish Meetinghouse on the common at noon the day of the fair. The Skippers have been preparing a variety of holiday selections sure to appeal to all ages. Their spirited program will include several styles of holiday music including carols, classical, jazz, rock, Latin and Hanukkah selections. The concert is free and appropriate for all ages, and will last about one hour. A free-will offering for the Cohasset Food Pantry will be taken.

Parking is available along North Main Street and at the municipal parking lot behind the Red Lion Inn. Fair-goers can also visit the many shops and boutiques along South Main and Elm streets in Cohasset's historic village.



Two of Santa's helpers at the First Parish's Estate(ish) Sale last year were Betsy Millard and Margie Brown.



The Unicorn Singers perform in Cohasset on Sunday, Dec. 12. Tickets will be available at the Village Fair Dec. 4.

Hear holiday carols of the season

The Unicorn Singers directed by Margo Euler presents "WASSAIL! A Concert of Christmas Carols," Friday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. at St. John's in Hingham and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. at First Parish in Cohasset. Included will be carols from long ago, as set by modern composers; carols from the pop, jazz and gospel tradition; carols by talented soloists and carols for everyone to sing together.

Hear them perform together as a chamber choir in exquisite choral arrangements. Hear them in trios and quartets in costume, serenading you from the four corners of the room. Hear them bring to life the much-loved music of this joyful time of year. Come to listen and to sing, and to get in the spirit of the season.

First Parish is holding a special reception in their newly renovated Parish House following the concert so that the musicians and concert-goers can visit and enjoy the festive nature of the event together.

Members of the Unicorn Singers, now in its 26th season of making music on the South Shore, come from 10 surrounding communities, meeting weekly at House of Prayer in Hingham. Tickets are $15 at the door and $12 in advance at First Parish's office by calling (781) 383-1100.

IT'S HAPPENING

Snowflake Fair at Beechwood

The Snowflake Fair will be held on Sat. Dec. 4 at the Beechwood Church on Church Street from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Ellen and Merri Rosen of Duxbury find a parking spot on "Black Friday" at the Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham. Ellen likes the new plaza because she can walk her dog, Elijah (in the car), while window shopping.

Plaza parking passes muster at new Derby Street Shoppes

Spaces adequate for busy weekend

By Mary Ford
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If last weekend — including the day-after-Thanksgiving which is touted as the busiest shopping day of the year — was a parking test, then Derby Street Shoppes passed.

Satellite lots with shuttle buses for employees helped take the pressure off the tight parking situation at the new plaza, says Robert Frazier of W. R. Weiner Associates, owners of the shopping center.

"Friday was a tough day no matter where you were," said Frazier, who is vice president of development at the company. He said at peak times Weiner Assoc. will continue to offer the shuttle service. The outdoor plaza that has been described as a "lifestyle center" has two satellite lots with 300 spaces, plus other employees spots behind certain stores. Including customer parking, there are roughly 2,000 spaces in all.

Weiner Assoc. realized parking could be a problem at the plaza when the retail mix changed to include more restaurants which have greater parking needs than shops. To that end, the developers met with the Planning Board last spring to come up with the additional parking.

But the Hingham Planning Board, which has described the site as "over populated," sent up a red flag on the potential for parking headaches much earlier. Back in October 2002, the board sent in a letter to the Hingham Zoning Board of Appeals, which later issued a special permit for the project, expressing its concerns that the redevelopment project had too much gross floor area for the available land.

Hingham Planning Board Chairman Sarah Corey said while it's good the satellite lots are working out, there has to be a continual, coordinated effort on the part of the developer to make them successful. Corey noted the plaza is not yet fully built out but hopes parking and traffic flow on Derby Street both work out.

There are currently spaces for a total of roughly 60 shops at Derby Street, 50 of which are occupied. Six vacancies are not spoken for, according to Frazier. Coming soon are Crate & Barrel, Burton's restaurant, and Water Water Everywhere, among others.

"I have to say our store is always full – so people are finding a parking space somewhere."
— Greg Lagrottera, the Shoe Market

Frazier said store managers have done a good job encouraging their employees to use the satellite lots making plaza parking available for customers. He said Weiner Assoc. will continue to be vigilant about the issue.

"We're willing to consider improvements and are willing to work with the retailers and the town to make sure Derby Street Shoppes is a good experience for the customers," he said.

Hingham Police Sgt. Rusty Corcoran said plaza officials have been extremely cooperative in ensuring that traffic moves smoothly and parking is adequate.

"We've had the utmost cooperation from the management company (Weiner)," Corcoran said. "They've been fantastic. We talk to them several times a week."

Corcoran said three detail officers are at the plaza on a regular basis — for eight hours on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday — two hired by Weiner Assoc. and one by Whole Foods, a new supermarket.

The officers assist traffic in and out of the parking areas, make sure the fire lanes are left open, and motorists observe the pedestrian crossings. Corcoran said parking has not been a problem.

Weiner Assoc. completed improvements to Derby Street itself this week, including repaving and marking the heavily traveled road. The traffic lights at the plaza can also now be adjusted by computers as traffic needs demand.

The plaza, which is just off Route 3 at Exit 15, draws mainly from Duxbury and Pembroke to Weymouth — a region that includes 90,000 households with an average household income of $85,000 a year.

Patty Doyle, general manager of White's Fine Cakes and Pastries – which remained after the old Hingham Plaza was razed – said she has confidence the new owners will rectify parking problems that surface.

"We haven't had a lot of complaints," she said about parking. White's has been at the location roughly 10 years and survived the years when the former plaza became a virtual ghost town before it was redeveloped. "We very happy," Doyle said. "Things are going well – the plaza is much cleaner and in general, the whole plaza is very nice."

She also noted the traffic light at the plaza entrance has been a big improvement. "Before (the light) you took your life in your hands," Doyle said.

Greg Lagrotteria, owner of The Shoe Market that moved to Hingham from Cohasset Plaza, said people have complained about parking but that is quickly washed away when they see the mix of shops.

"Sure there are some challenges as things are worked through," he said. "But I have to say our store is always full – so people are finding a parking space somewhere."

Michele Kelley, a Pembroke resident who works in Hingham, said parking issues are not going to deter her at all. Shopping at Derby Street Shoppes just before Thanksgiving, she described the availability of spaces as "not bad."

"But I imagine parking is going to get insane when everyone does their Christmas shopping and once they realize what's inside Derby Street. There's everything from Kohl's at the low end to Coldwater Creek and J. Jill at the high end," she said. "It's so convenient and there's so much variety.

"It's to die for."

Diversity Committee sponsors talk on culture

International tensions and specific recent events have convinced the Cohasset Diversity Committee to provide forums to engage the entire Cohasset community around issues and opportunities of diversity. The programs have all been suggested by local residents in response to questionnaires and conversations about what would interest them. Local residents will serve as panelists and discussion leaders.

The Diversity Committee will sponsor a holiday event at the South Shore Arts Center, 3 N. Main St., on Thursday, Dec. 9 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Harvard Professor and Cohasset resident, Ubaldo DiBenedetto, will present Renaissance painting as a staircase having six steps, each a technical contribution to the conquest of reality - the chief objective of Renaissance painting.

Art critic Bernard Berenson once said that art is what we feel; the rest is science. Since it would be pretentious to teach what one should or should not feel, the lecture will deal with the "science" of painting. Special digital images and photographs will show the characteristics of each progressive step.

Questions and discussion will be welcomed. Light refreshments will be served, and harpist, Genevieve Poole will provide background music before and after the lecture and discussion.

Gen, a freshman at South Shore Vocational Technical High School, has been playing harp for five years and was featured at the March 2004 spring musical at First Parish Church. She plays a new Lyon & Healy pedal harp, studies with Stephanie Curcio of Straham, N.H., and enjoys a variety of musical styles, especially contemporary.

• The subject for Wednesday, Jan. 12 is a discussion about how different customs affect the way people relate to one another.

For further information, contact a member of the Diversity Committee subcommittee on the Speakers Series: Kathryn Earle, (781) 383-0061 or kbearle@aol.com; or Chartis Tebbetts, (781) 383-1662 or c-etebbetts@comcast.net.

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OBITUARIES



Roy S. Christianson

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Roy S. Christianson, 46, of Kingston, formerly of Hingham, died Nov. 28, 2004, at Boston Medical Center.

The son of Dolores Christianson of Florida and the late Paul Christianson, Mr. Christianson was a graduate of Hingham High School.

He worked for Brian Roche as a fisherman for five years

He loved fishing and enjoyed playing hockey.

In addition to his mother, Mr. Christianson leaves his children Renee and Rozlyn; two brothers Carl Christianson of Cohasset and Alan Christianson of Florida; a sister Paula Christianson of Auburn. He was the uncle of David, Paul, Kerry, and great-uncle of Tyler.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St. (off Central St.), Hingham, on Friday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. A Funeral Mass in Saint Paul's Church, Hingham at 11 a.m.

Cremation will follow.

In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Roy may be made to the American Cancer Society, Boston 25 Stuart St., 4th Floor Boston, MA 02116-4700 or the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street Framingham, MA 01701.

Charlotte T. Litchfield

Charlotte Tower Litchfield, 77, of Zephyrhills, Fla., formerly of Cohasset, died Nov. 22, 2004, at home.

Miss. Litchfield was the daughter of the late Paul Thorndike Litchfield and Evelyn (Furber) Litchfield.

She graduated from Cohasset High School in 1944. After graduating from Boston University, College of Liberal Arts, in 1948, Mrs. Litchfield was an executive secretary for Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Company in Los Angeles, retiring after 30 years.

She was an avid genealogist, and a life member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, Cohasset Historic Society and the American Association of University Women Services.

Miss Litchfield leaves her nieces and nephews, including Sandra Owen of North Andover, Juliette Brown of San Diego, Calif.; five grand nieces; four great-grand nieces; and one great-grand nephew.

She was the sister of the late Thorndike Litchfield and Alfred Litchfield.

The arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell funeral Home, Cohasset.

Alzheimer's support group meets Dec. 15

On Wednesday, Dec. 15, the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will host a talk by Eugene I. Brennan, president of Senior Care Financial on "Understanding your Options". The meeting will be held at 7:30 in the Hingham senior Center, 220 Central St.

Brennan specializes in assisting elders in making informed decisions on managing Medicaid application for long-term care. A question and answer time will follow his presentation. Bring your questions or concerns about applying for Masshealth (Medicaid) benefits or the nursing home application process.

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ADSGSS monthly meetings are free and open to the anyone interested in learning more about Alzheimer's disease. For more information, call JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417 or Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426.

Respite care for your patient is available for this meeting date Dec. 15, at Harbor House Day Health Center of Hingham. Call Pat Levy, director for details and to make a reservation at 781-749-4774.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, NOV. 22

7:25 a.m. **Headquarters,** fire, log entry.

9:16 a.m. **North Main St., and Cedar St.,** motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

10:15 a.m. **Forest Ave. and Surry Dr.,** motor vehicle stop. traffic citation/warning.

1:33 p.m. **Bancroft Road**, lost property.

2:46 p.m. **Sohier St.,** suspicious person.

2:31 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** lost property.

2:45 p.m. **Pond St.,** motor vehicle stop. traffic citation/warning..

3 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

9:07 p.m. **Bayberry Lane,** medical aid, transported to SSH, ALS

9:48 p.m. **Ash St.,** medical aid, patient sign off.

10:42 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, noise complaint, area search negative.

TUESDAY, NOV. 23

1:26 a.m. **South Main St**, suspicious person.

1:33 a.m. Headquarters, protective custody. 44 year old Forestdale female in protective custody.

9:49 a.m. **Border St.,** recovered property.

11:41 a.m. **Bayberry Lane**, open door, window.

12:12 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, investigation.

12:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St**, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

12:44 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** motor vehicle violation.

3:26 p.m. **Bancroft Road**, motor vehicle violation.

4:11 p.m. **Highland Ave**, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

4:13 p.m. **North Main St. and Forest Ave,** motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

4:15 p.m. **North Main St. and Jerusalem Road**, Traffic citation issued.

4:29 p.m. **North Main St,** motor vehicle stop. traffic citation/warning.

4:48 p.m. **North Main St**, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation/warning.

4:56 p.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

5:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.,** motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

5:41 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

5:51 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Wheelwright Farm**, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

6:05 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

6:14 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** Traffic citation issued.

6:33 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop. traffic citation/warning.

6:49 p.m. **North Main St. and Cedar St.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

7:17 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

7:43 p.m. **North Main St. and Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop. traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24

8:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

9:04 a.m. **Main St.,** animal complaint.

10:02 a.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road**, motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

11:15 a.m. **Whitney Woods Lane and King St.,** motor vehicle stop. traffic citation/warning.

3:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** parking violation. Parking ticket issued.

5:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** suspicious person. Area search negative.

5:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid.

THURSDAY, NOV. 25

8 a.m. **North Main St.,** public service.

9:27 a.m. **Pond St.,** vandalism report, investigated.

9:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, investigaiton.

11:04 a.m. **Bancroft Road,** parking complaint.

11:17 a.m. **Pond St.,** medical aid.

11:44 a.m. **Elm St.,** recovered property.

11:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window.

FRIDAY, NOV. 26

5:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen.

10:08 a.m. **Red Fox Lane,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

11:21 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** fire investigaiton.

9:34 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** medical aid., transported to SSH BLS.

10:47 p.m. **Hull St.,** animal complaint.

SATURDAY, NOV. 27

4:12 a.m. **Hull St.,** animal complaint.

5:19 p.m. **North Main St. and Ripley Road**, fire investigaiton.

6:23 p.m. **North Main St.,** assist citizen.

11:40 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** medical aid.

11:56 a.m. **Doane St.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

12:45 p.m. **Cedar St.,** fire investigaiton.

1:36 p.m. **Howard Gleason Road**, animal complaint.

3:14 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

5:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

5:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Brewster**, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

6:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

6:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

6:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

9:06 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

10:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

10:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Beechwood St,** Traffic citation issued.

10:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Beechwood St**, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation/warning.

10:57 p.m. **Forest Ave and Surry Dr.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

11:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **Brewster Road,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

SUNDAY, NOV. 28

7:12 a.m. Headquarters, fire.

8:49 a.m. **Pond St.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

12:54 p.m. **Sohier St.,** assist citizen.

10:02 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious vehicle.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Dec. 13, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to §5.3 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc.** seek construct temporary canopy at **130 Sohier St.** according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-11-22.

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Cohasset Mariner 11/26, 12/3/04

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon., Dec. 13, 2004 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s. 8.7 of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Kendall Village Cohasset Builder, LLC** seek to demolish 4 family dwelling & rebuild four condo units at **150 North Main St.**, according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-11-12.

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The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Cohasset will conduct a public hearing under Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended by the Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983, on Tuesday, December 7, 2004 at 6:30 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the issue of allocating the local property tax among the five (5) property classes for Fiscal Year 2005. The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors will provide information regarding the various policy decisions available. All interested persons and/or parties wishing to be heard will be afforded the opportunity to be heard at this time.

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Gumbo — the class of one-pot meals

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

When I cook for the holidays, I often start my menu planning with a make-ahead one-pot meal. Beef stew (or a variation thereof) seems a bit mundane and soup is not festive enough. That's when gumbo comes to the rescue with its rich, dark roux paired with aromatic vegetables, spices, smoked sausage, flavorful stock and finally chicken or shellfish. A salad, some bread, and a dessert are all that's left for an easy-to-manage and first-class holiday meal. The secret to this Louisiana dish is complexity of flavor that depends on the dark roux, a slow-cooked mixture of oil and flour, which is the foundation of any respectable gumbo.

Many traditional recipes require an hour or so slaving over the stove to produce a perfect, deep mahogany roux. In this case, the roux is equal parts flour and vegetable oil stirred slowly over low heat until it turns the color of an old penny. To reduce the cooking time, we not only preheated the oil but also found that medium heat and constant stirring reduced the hour-long process down to 20 minutes, time well spent to deliver a gumbo's unique flavor. Most recipes call for equal parts oil and flour (a half-cup of each in our recipe) which turned out to be the best ratio. Just in the interest of testing, we did test oil substitutes (butter, bacon fat, and olive oil) but simple vegetable oil was best. Bleached all-purpose flour was slightly better than unbleached for a silkier result.

Next are the vegetables, the typical combination of onion, celery and bell pepper. We felt one large onion, one bell pepper, and one rib of celery provided lots of flavor. Along with the aromatics, the gumbo benefits from some garlic and six cloves did the trick. Creole and Cajun cooks use lots of spices in their cooking, most commonly being bay, thyme and oregano. Of course we wanted the gumbo to have a touch of heat as well. We settled on a couple of bay leaves and a teaspoon of thyme — the oregano seemed to get lost. For heat we added a small amount of cayenne although it can be added to taste.

Recipes for gumbo always include stock so we tested making gumbo using both chicken stock (canned or homemade) and homemade shrimp stock. The chicken stock was fine, eliminating the need to make the shrimp stock. As we added the stock to the hot roux, we discovered adding cold or room temperature stock made the smoothest gumbo. When we tried to incorporate hot stock into the hot roux it invariably produced lumps.

Another key ingredient is smoked sausage such as andouille or kielbasa, the latter being easier to find and perfectly acceptable. For our pot of gumbo we found a half-pound of sausage was plenty. We favored gumbo that also included chicken and especially liked bone-in thighs. We skinned the thighs, seasoned and then browned them until dark golden brown. The chicken not only cooked much quicker this way, it also had a meatier texture than if simply thrown into the pot. We also liked the addition of shrimp and call for 3/4 pound. They should be shelled and deveined (the last step is optional). The shrimp should be added to the gumbo five minutes before the dish is finished to prevent it from becoming tough and overcooked.

Many gumbo recipes use file powder or okra as thickeners. I didn't even bother with file since it is not available to most local cooks and it is also an acquired taste. Okra was easy enough to find in the freezer case but we didn't come across a taster that preferred the okra gumbo to okra-less gumbo. So, we omitted the traditional thickeners and instead reduced the amount of chicken broth to six cups, which resulted in full-flavored gumbo with tons of body.

GUMBO WITH CHICKEN AND SHRIMP

This gumbo is even better if made a day ahead. If doing so, don't add the scallions and parsley until immediately before serving. Reheat over medium-low heat until the gumbo has reached a simmer and the chicken is hot all the way through. Deveining shrimp, especially with smaller varieties, is a matter of personal preference. Quick frozen shrimp (IQF) with no additives are recommended.

1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/2 cup all purpose flour, bleached preferred
1 large onion cut into 1/4-inch dice
1 red or green bell pepper cut into 1/4-inch dice
1 rib celery cut into 1/4-inch dice
6 medium garlic cloves, pressed or minced
1/2 teaspoon salt plus additional for seasoning the chicken
1 teaspoon dried thyme
1/4 teaspoon cayenne
2 bay leaves
6 cups low sodium homemade or low sodium chicken broth at cool room temperature
6 bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed
Freshly ground black pepper
1/2 pound smoked sausage such as andouille or kielbasa cut into 1/2-inch slices
3/4 pound shrimp (31 to 40 or 41 to 50) peeled and deveined
3 medium scallions thinly sliced
1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley leaves
3 cups cooked white rice

1. Heat 1/2-cup oil in a Dutch oven or soup pot over medium-high heat until hot, about 2 minutes. Stir in flour gradually using a wooden spatula or spoon until no lumps remain. Lower heat to medium and continue stirring frequently until the roux is a very deep mahogany or like the color of an old penny, about 20 minutes. If the roux begins to smoke, remove to cool and lower heat slightly
before resuming cooking.

2. Add onion, bell peppers, celery, garlic, salt, thyme, cayenne and bay and sauté stirring frequently until the vegetables are softened, about eight minutes. Slowly add the chicken stock stirring briskly until completely incorporated and smooth. Increase heat and allow the mixture to come to a boil. Reduce heat to maintain a lively simmer and cook for 30 minutes. Meanwhile season the chicken thighs liberally with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Heat a large skillet over high heat. When hot add the remaining tablespoon vegetable oil and swirl to evenly coat the bottom of the pan. Add the chicken pieces and brown well on both sides. Remove from skillet and set aside.

3. Add the browned chicken and the sausage to the gumbo and simmer an additional thirty minutes. Stir in the shrimp and simmer until cooked through, about five minutes longer. Taste for seasoning adding salt or cayenne as needed.Off heat stir in the scallions and parsley and serve immediately with a mound of rice.

Serves six.

You can contact writers Christopher Kimball and Jeanne Maguire at kitchendetective @bcpress.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

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A final farewell to the growing season

GREEN THUMBS UP



SUZANNE MAHLER

Another priority for this coming week is to gather and empty clay pots, strawberry jars, and ceramic containers that remain outdoors.

'Tis the season' for holiday shopping, baking and decorating but several days of moderate temperatures produced an irresistible urge to spend my time working in the garden rather than cope with the crowds at the mall. Should Mother Nature continue to offer these mild stretches of weather, I may actually manage to spread my lingering heap of pine bark mulch, clean up the borders and heel in several dozen pots of shrubs and perennials clustered along my back walkway before the ground freezes.

Once the month of December arrives, the time has come to bid a final farewell to the garden. I set aside the first week of December to make a final inspection of the gardens, rake the last crop of leaves, collect pine needles to apply later in the season as a winter mulch, organize and clean garden paraphernalia and store chemicals.

As I clipped, raked, and hauled refuse from the garden surrounding my fish pond, I was alarmed to discover my resident goldfish swimming near the surface gulping for air. Usually, once water temperatures drop into the 50's, the fish become inactive, stop feeding and tend to congregate on the bottom of the pool. Regretfully, I neglected to cover the pond this fall to minimize the accumulation of falling leaves in the water. Decaying debris and a malfunctioning pump were obviously taking their toll on my colorful water garden inhabitants requiring immediate action. Tender annual water plants that had been killed by frost were removed and composted. Hardy potted plants on the shallow shelves were lifted, cut back and dropped to the bottom of the pond. A long-handled net was used to scoop out hundreds of soggy leaves that had drifted into the pond during our recent wind storms.

Pond care

A pond that is at least 18 inches deep should be able to support goldfish through the winter months. It is rarely cold temperatures that cause the demise of fish and frogs but rather the formation of gasses from decaying plant material building up below the frozen surface. Keeping the pond surface open during the chilly months ahead is essential for the survival of fish, especially in small water gardens. The failure of my pump necessitated a quick visit to Paradise Water Gardens to procure a new device which I attached to a cinder block with the outflow pointed up, approximately 6 inches below the surface. All winter long the vigorously bubbling water should prevent the surface from freezing solid enabling harmful gasses to escape. There are also small heaters that can be purchased to allow an air hole. In addition to ensuring the survival of the residents below the surface, the open water will attract birds and small wildlife that are often desperate for a drink during the coldest weather. If a solid layer of ice should form over the surface, pour boiling water several times over the thin, frozen mounded dome of ice above the pump. Never bang a hole through the ice with a tool or rock as the sound waves can potentially kill your fish.

Clay pots

Another priority for this coming week is to gather and empty clay pots, strawberry jars, and ceramic containers that remain outdoors. Many gardeners have a substantial investment in these decorative pots and those left with soil in them through the winter months may crack or break as the damp soil freezes and expands. Tender, withered plants should be removed and added to the compost heap. I create a separate compost pile for the used potting soil and when spring comes, it serves as an ideal, organic additive for planting perennials or preparing new beds. Once the contents have been composted, scrub and clean the pots inside and out to eliminate any pests and diseases and store the dried containers in a shed, garage or basement.

Large plastic containers left outdoors during the winter months often discolor or become brittle when subjected to freezing temperatures. Although most of the pots are unlikely to break, they will maintain their integrity longer if they are emptied and stored in a dry environment. On the other hand, half whiskey barrels tend to fare better when they remain filled with soil during the dormant months. While their soils are still workable, the shriveled remains of frost-damaged annuals should be removed. Hardy chrysanthemums, asters, or sedums may survive the winter in these large containers, but could be snipped back to a few inches. A collection of mixed green branches and berries inserted directly into the soft earth will create a festive, holiday display and provide additional winter protection for remaining plantings.

Garden hoses

Care should also be taken to drain garden hoses by stretching them out in an area with sufficient pitch to allow the water to run out. Freezing water left in the hoses through the winter may expand and burst the hoses. Scrub tools and oil them; empty and clean lawn mowers; wash sprayers and spreaders. Bring in and dust off garden stakes, cages and markers. Be sure to store fertilizers and lime in a dry location. Liquid chemicals should be stored above 40 degrees.

Once these critical preparations for winter weather have been accomplished, I will be able to bid at least a temporary farewell to the garden and focus on the holiday season as I begin the process of gathering greens, colorful berries and dried weeds and pods to create my holiday decorations.

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.3-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years. Her weekly gardening column 'Green Thumbs Up' has appeared in the Mariner newspapers for nearly a decade. She is a member of two local garden clubs, past President of the New England Daylily Society, an overseer for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and is employed at two garden centers.

SCIENCE CENTER

The South Shore Natural Science Center announces December programs. For more information, or to register, call the Center at (781) 659-2559. The South Shore Natural Science Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell.

Boxwood Workshop — Have you ever wondered how florists make those beautiful boxwood trees and wreaths? On Tuesday, Dec 7 at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., visitors to the Science Center can learn how to create a tabletop tree or wreath from this hardy green, which will surely last throughout the holiday season. Participants are asked to bring a pair of small pruning shears, and a box to bring their creation home in. All other materials are included in the program fee: $27 for members and $30 for non-members.

Holiday Gifts Workshop — Would you like to tuck a little extra something into Grandpa's holiday present or create a special handmade gift to surprise a friend? On Saturday, Dec. 11 from 1-3 p.m., children grades K-5 are invited to the James to learn how to build simple toys and other creative holiday gifts. The program costs $20 for members and $23 for non-members.

Dad and Me Breakfast and More —On Saturday, Dec. 11 from 9-11 a.m., the James will host a breakfast for children and fathers, followed by a scavenger hunt on the trails surrounding the center. Uncles and grandfathers are welcome too.

The cost for the breakfast event is $12 for members and $14 for non-members (prices represent each adult-child pair)

Winter Solstice Celebration — On Friday, Dec. 17 from 6-8 p.m., the science center will host a number of activities to celebrate the arrival of the winter solstice. Festivities will include watching the night sky, telling stories around the campfire, sipping hot cocoa and eating delicious munchies.

Come light a colorful lantern on the darkest day of the year and together we'll end the evening with a brilliant parade. Participants are asked to bring a recycled plastic bottle (2 liter) for lantern-making.

The cost of the event is $10 for members and $12 for non-members. The cost for a family of four is $30 for members, $36 for non-members.

Winter Vacation Week:

During winter vacation week — Dec. 27 – 31 — the science center will have a number of activities planned for young science enthusiasts, grades 1-5.

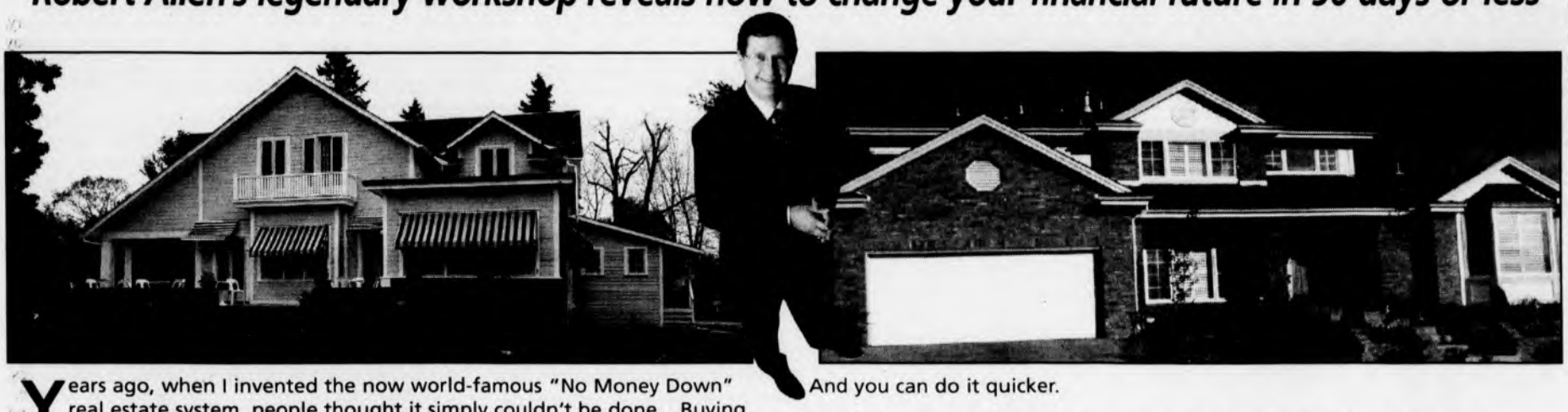
Topics for the classes will include: Bathtub Science (12/27), Cupboard Chemistry (12/28), Where the Wild Things Are (12/29), Leftover Science (12/30) and Lunchbox Plants (12/31)

Costs for each half day — 9:30am-12:30pm — are $28 for members and $32 for non-members. To come for a full day — 9:30am-3:30pm — the cost is $45 for members, $50 for non-members.

There will also be separate morning classes for kindergartners at the center, at a cost of $28 for members and $32 for non-members, for each half day.

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ST. LOUIS

Challenge #2: Take someone from unemployed to over $100,000 in equity

No better example of "ANYBODY CAN DO THIS" exists than when I made another major public challenge. As you might be able to guess, I'm not shy about proving my system works. So I declared..."Send me to any unemployment line in America. Let me select someone that is broke, out of work, and discouraged. In two days time, I'll teach my strategies for Creating Wealth. In 90 days, that person will be back on his/her feet with $5,000 in the bank."

DONE

It was in St. Louis, Missouri, where I pulled a couple out of the unemployment line and placed them on the path to wealth. Within 90 days, these first-timers earned more than $5,000 in cash. But that was just getting started. For within the following 12 months, they garnered more than $100,000. It changed their lives forever. Think of how an extra $100,000 or more could change your life and improve your family's future. What dreams have you put aside that $100,000 could reawaken?

NEW YORK

Challenge #3: Prove anyone can do it

I've become famous as America's leading expert on purchasing real estate with no money down. I've been interviewed in newspaper, and on radio and TV. In fact, Regis Philbin challenged me on the spot to prove my system worked for anyone. I selected a young woman right out of Regis' studio audience and guided this first-timer to earning more than $20,000 in 90 days. And now, I'd like to pull you out of your chair and invite you to discover why my powerful and internationally acclaimed *Creating Wealth with Real Estate* program has been so hugely rewarding for people across the country — and why it can also be your path to substantial wealth.

DONE

Your turn to succeed

Can you become a millionaire? Dozens of my students have. At the FREE preview of my workshop, you'll see real-life examples of how my powerful wealth creation strategies have helped people jump into making money right away.

Challenge #4: Make you my next millionaire! STARTS NOW!

I've proved time and again that my system can work just about anywhere, anytime, and for just about anyone — even people who are flat broke. Now, I'd like to prove it can work for you.

In fact, my big mouth could make you a millionaire. That's because I've challenged myself to create millionaires all across America. Yup, I went right for the "M" word: millionaire. Raised a few eyebrows with that one. But remember, you don't need money in the bank to buy real estate. You don't even need good credit. All you need is my *Creating Wealth with Real Estate* system and the personal gumption to go out and apply it.

Now it's your turn to take a step toward real wealth

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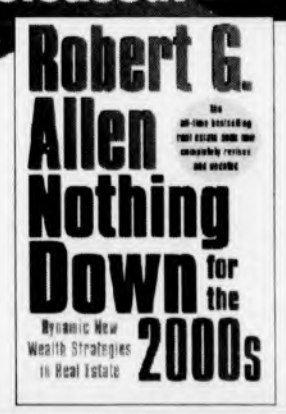
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"High Pines" by artist Bettina M. Lesieur is one of more than 100 oil paintings on display at her 9th Annual Art Exhibit

Bettina Lesieur's 9th Annual Art Exhibit is open to the public free of charge beginning Dec. 2, at 301 Saint George St., Duxbury. Exhibit hours are Dec. 2 through Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 9 through Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Dec. 16 through Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Gala Opening Reception will be held Saturday, Dec. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. This exhibit features oil landscapes, ranging from miniatures to larger pieces of Duxbury and the South Shore area, Cape Cod and Islands, New Mexico, Key West, and Provence. For more information call 781-934-5103 or visit www.bettinalesieur.com.

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The 2004 Edition of the Radio City Christmas spectacular featuring **The Rockettes** presented by John Hancock to make its Boston debut at The Wang Theatre Dec. 2 to 31. For tickets call telecharge at 1-800-447-7400, www.wangcenter.org, or box office at 270 Tremont St., Boston.

José Mateo's Ballet Theatre presents **The Nutcracker** at The Sanctuary Theatre 400 Harvard St., Harvard Square, Cambridge through Dec. 19. Press night Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. Call 617-354-7467 or visit www.Ballet Theatrre.org for tickets.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month **Jean Mulligan** will exhibit her paintings for the month of December at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

South Shore Hospital presents a **free educational seminar for women** who experience unusually heavy menstrual bleeding. A new minimally invasive outpatient procedure being performed at SSH offers an alternative to hysterectomy. The seminar takes place at Silver Lake High School in Kingston, at 6 p.m. Call 781-340-3424 pre-registration or information.

The Norwell office of Home Instead Senior Care in partnership with local merchants, area councils on aging and South Shore Elders Services are poised to bring holiday spirit to seniors. The Be a Santa to a Senior program runs through Dec. 17.

South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell **Fifth Annual A Natural Christmas**, a collection of wreaths, swags and tabletop trees decorated using a natural theme, to be displayed in Vine Hall Gallery Nov. 30 to Dec. 3. All will be sold by silent auction at the reception on Dec. 3, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is $5. www.ssnsc.org

Edaville USA celebrates the **Holiday Festival of Lights** New England's largest holiday light display runs through Jan. 2, 2005. The family fun park features a narrow-gauge train ride through 5 1/2-miles of a decorated cranberry plantation. For information, call 877-EDAVILLE or go to www.edaville.org http://www.edaville.org

"Creative Cultivations," hosted by the Duxbury Art Association, Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Bengtz and Butler Galleries, through Dec. 3. Exhibit features garden-inspired fine art and photography from some of the South Shore's leading artists. Gallery hours Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 781-934-2731, Ext. 4.

Bay State Blades is accepting applications for individuals 2.5 years and up for fall and winter skating lessons at **the Asiaf Skating Rink in Brockton**. New programs available for all ages and abilities beginning November/December. Programs are Tiny Blades, Tykes Hockey, Learn to Skate and Hockey Skating Skills. For information call 781-871-7681 or visit www.baystateblades.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, presents, every Thursday, New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano . 781-871-7175

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Thursday 8:30 p.m. **Karaoke with Ron Towers.** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Jimbos Restaurant Braintree 5 Corners Dec. 2, at 8:30 p.m. **Comedy Night** featuring **Warren Macdonald, Annette Pollack, Rich Gustus, Storm, Doug Mola, Marty Levin, Dave McDonough and Marc Basch.** Call 781-848-0300 for reservations. Tickets: $10

Fri. Dec. 3

The 17th edition of Musical Holiday Party featuring song, dance and comedy at **Quincy Dinner Theatre**, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center, Dec. 3 to 19. Dinner and show. Handicapped accessible. Free parking. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations.

The 14th annual Christmas on North Street celebration will take place Dec. 3, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the center of Plymouth's scenic historic district. The event features a double **Christmas tree lighting, majestic street puppets, and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus and much more.** This will be the last chance to visit the Plymouth National Wax Museum which closes permanently after the event. 508-746-0012 or pasm@mindsring.com

Friends Of Cranberry Hospice 15th Annual Festival Of Trees in Plymouth (Dec 3 - Dec 5) will display a very special tree this season, **The Spirit Of Hope**. This tree is being decorated for three South Shore boys who have been diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). DMD is a genetic disorder disabled between the ages of seven and 12 and lose their lives in their late teens. The efforts of a non-profit organization called **The Jett Foundation** (www.jettfoundation.org) seek to change this. For information about the Jett Tree or Foundation contact: Nancy Krahmer 781-934-0974. Elizabeth Nollner 401-487-8013.

Community Garden Club of Duxbury wreath pre-sale will be held in the library's Merry Room from noon to 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. Wreaths may be pre-ordered by calling (781)934-9803.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus of Duxbury - Carols! Carols! Carols! Ellison Center, Dec. 3 and 4, at 8 p.m. Tickets available at Star Market, Marshfield and Westwinds Bookstore, Duxbury. Adults $12, students and seniors $10.

Spirit artist Rita Berkowitz will be sharing her gifts through lecture and demonstration at **On The Path Wellness Center**, Route 139, 31 Schoosett St., Suite 506, Pembroke, on Dec. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. Copies of her new book, **"Empowering your Life with Angels,"** will be available to be autographed. Come and join us for an evening of being touched by Spirit. Contact On the Path at 781-826-7076 to reserve your space.

Celebrate Irish Music and Dance at the **Thomas Crane Library. Susan Gedutis** will read and perform music from her new book **See You At the Hall: Boston's Golden Era of Irish Music and Dance** 617-376-1301.

The South Shore Folk Music Club will host a folk music concert with **Bill Staines** on Friday, Dec. 3. The concert will be held at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol-free. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.. The concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets at the door are $13 for members, $15 for non-members. Advance tickets are available by mailing your request and check at least 10 days in advance to: South Shore Folk Music Club, P.O. Box 316, Marshfield Hills, Mass.02051.

The South Street Gallery, featuring local, regional and national artists, has announced its upcoming annual "Small Painting Show", where invited artists display and sell their paintings at reasonable prices. This exhibit will be combined with the work of some new artists on display. The opening exhibit will take place at the SSG on Friday, Dec. 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. Artists whose work will be on display include **Joan Brancale, Vcevy Strekalovsky, Dianne Pannarelli-Miller, Nancy Colella, Susan Charles, Diane Scott, Ronald Tinney, Marjorie Whorf, Yves Parent, Jen Kelly, Bonnie Hobbs.**

James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell **"Reflections of Life"**, a show of paintings and drawings by **Sue Page-Thompson** of Scituate will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from Dec. 3-Jan. 5, 2005. An opening reception for the public will be held on Friday, Dec. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m.. Hours: Tuesday - Friday 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sue Page- Thompson will be back on Saturday from 11 to 6 p.m. to do on site portraits.

The Hanover-based Harbour Choral Arts Society, directed by Sarah Mead, will present **To Drive The Cold Winter Away** on Friday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m., at St. Mary's Church, Rt. 139 in Hanover. Preview Party of the Stetson House, decorated for the holidays by the Friends of the Stetson House, enjoy the concert at St. Mary's, and for the finale, have coffee and dessert at the Congregational Educational Building, across from the Stetson House. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at the door. 781-834-5808.



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Rockettes kick off holidays



'Radio City Christmas Spectacular' at the Wang through Dec. 31

New York's famed Radio City Music Hall has presented a "Christmas Spectacular" every year since its 1933 opening. For the past decade, the show has also been performed outside New York. The venerable holiday production — complete with a 42-member cast that includes 22 Rockettes as well as performers playing everything from dancing teddy bears, wooden toy soldiers that come to life to snowmen who shimmy and rapping reindeer —makes its area debut this week at Boston's Wang Theatre.

At the heart of the touring production are the famed Rockettes whose spectacular footwork and eye-high kicks have been featured in Radio City productions for more than 70 years.

"There's nothing quite like this beautiful line of women executing amazing precision dances," said Canton-born Amanda Kloots, 22, who has been a member of the fabled dance company for two years." There is quite simply nothing else like this in the world."



Much has changed in the Christmas Spectacular over the years, but the Rockettes have remained the audience-pleasing staple of every show with their patented high kicks and precision-styling which makes the line of dancers appear as one. As has been the case since the company was first formed as "The Missouri Rockets" in St. Louis in 1925, the women must be between 5'6" and 5'11" inches tall. The line is arranged with the tallest dancers in the center descending to the shortest at the end, creating the illusion of consistent heights.

At 5'11", Kloots is the tallest Rockette in the touring production and as such holds the all-important center position in every kick line. "I have to lead a lot of the numbers, but it is a great spot to have. Dancing as a Rockette requires a style all its own, because everything is timed and has to be perfect. No one can stick out — we have to work really closely together. This job has really taught me the true meaning of teamwork and discipline. We rehearse eight hours a day for three weeks before a show opens," says Kloots who studied at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York and remembers watching the Rockettes as a young child.

"I grew up watching the Rockettes every year on the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade For me, it was as if it just wasn't Christmas-time without them."

"The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" will be at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, through Dec. 31. For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.wangcenter.org.

- R. Scott Reedy

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, will bring back to its stage the Charles Dickens' classic **A Christmas Carol**; running through Dec. 18. Performances are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. There will also be a 4 p.m. show on Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Tickets are priced at $25 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and $23 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at, and by calling 781-871-2787.

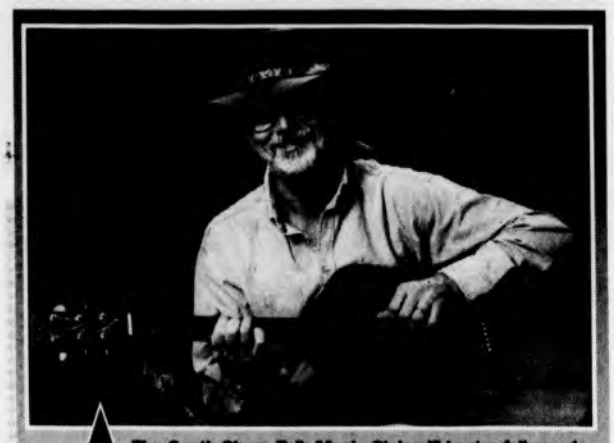
The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library will unwrap a special exhibit, **Presents for a President and First Lady,** on Nov. 26, a display of 65 state gifts presented to President and Mrs. Kennedy by foreign leaders from around the globe. The exhibit, which features a large selection of never-before-seen treasures from the Kennedy White House, opens for the traditional gift-giving season in the Museum's White House corridor and ceremonial room, and runs through Nov. 13, 2005. General admission is $10; seniors over the age of 62 and college students with appropriate identification is $8, and for children ages 13-17, $7. Children ages 12 and under are admitted for free. The Library and Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the exceptions of Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Handicapped accessible. (866) JFK-1960 or access www.jfklibrary.org

The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery currently hosts an exhibition of great interest to art enthusiasts and holiday shoppers alike. **Small Works** showcases the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 Gallery Artists. Works in all media include watercolor, oil, charcoal, pen and ink, acrylic, pastels, pottery, monoprints, and photography and features familiar local scenes, landscapes, seascapes, still life, ceramics, collages, and folk art. All works are small in size with special pricing for holiday giving. Small Works is open through Dec. 31. Gallery Hours are Mon. to Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

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The South Shore Folk Music Club will host a folk music concert featuring Bill Staines Friday, Dec. 3. The concert will be held at The Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. The hall is handicapped accessible and smoke and alcohol-free. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets at the door are $13 for members, $15 for non-members.

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The Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St. Abington, **Comedy Night**, Dec. 3. **Annette's Comedy Asylum** presents an evening of comedy starring **Chance Langton** comedian, actor, musician. Also appearing this evening: **Annette Pollack, Jenn Dlugos, Pat Hicks, Paul Keenan, Jason Margaca and Jan Flanagan** 9 p.m., $10, reservations suggested. Ask about our special $25 dinner/comedy package. 781-871-7175.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield.. Dec. 3, **Burnt Toast,** 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

New Song Folk Club and Arts Center, training, mentoring, classes, artists, collective, community development programs, consultation 51 Maple St. (Codman Building) Rockland - Dec. 3. **Dave and Lisa and Bob Alonge and Friends** $6. 781-413-7604. www.newsongartscenter.org

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Dec. 3, **Keepin the Gruve featuring Satch Romano**. 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Dec. 3, **Mission of Blues**, rhythm and blues, blues. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. Dec. 4

The North River Arts Society is accepting registrations for a two-session **Holiday Workshop for children**. Mom and Dad can get some shopping done while the kids create a paper maché snowman for displaying at home or as a gift. Ages 8 to 10. Dec. 4 and 11 10 a.m. to noon at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Fee: $40 members/$60 nonmembers. 781-837-8091.

First Church of Pembroke, 105 Centre St., Pembroke, presents **Voices of Rejoicing - The Bullock Brothers Ministry in Concert**, A Gospel Concert. All are welcome. Dec. 4, 7 p.m. Tickets $10 adults; $5 children under age 12 Maximum $25 per family. 781-293-2584 www.bullockbrothers.org

Marj Bates Studio, 28 Rebecca Road, Scituate, **9th Annual Open /studio and Sale**, Glass Beadmaking Demo's Dec. 4 and 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jingle Bell Dance, Dec. 4, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the **Bay Point Country Club**, Onset. Admission $15. All single adults welcome. Proper dress required - no jeans. 877-626-4900.

The First Annual New England Artisans Showcase, to be held Dec. 4, at the Sons of Italy Hall on Route 3A in Hingham. Twelve craftsmen, most of whom are former exhibitors from the Hingham Winterfest Folk Art and Craft Show, will offer their work for sale at this one day show. Woodcarvings by local artists Tim Jumper and Bill Sarni, as well as tinware, yellowware, scherenschnitte, floorcloths, bandboxes and other folk art and historical crafts.. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free. For information, call 781-749-6764.

The North River Arts Society presents an exhibition of oil paintings by **artist Ted Polomis** in the Dolphin Gallery of the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham, through Jan. 13. The show features a variety of intimate still lifes and studies painted in the tradition of classical realism. The library gallery is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. For information, call 781-837-8091 or visit www.polomis.com.

Breakfast with Santa at the Hanover Mall, 1775 Washington St., Hanover. Dec. 4, from 9 to 10 a.m. McDonald's will provide breakfast plus a free gift along with a $2 off Santa Photo Coupon. Cost $2 per child. 781-826-7386 ext. 237.

Christmas Fair at Second Parish, 685 Main St., Hingham - Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Annual holiday sale of crafts and greens. Luncheon, gift items, etc.

SnowFlake Fair, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 330 First Parish Road, Scituate. Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pictures with Santa, wreaths/swags baked goods and more. Free admission. Wheelchair accessible.

Scituate Community Christmas The Santa Stroll will take place on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 am to 1 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive by boat at the Town Pier then ride on a fire engine to the new Jenkins School. There will be face painting, cookie decorating and other surprises. Children will be able to greet Santa and have their photo taken with him.

"Swedish Yuletide" The SWEA Christmas Fair and Holiday Celebration – a Cultural Event Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cyclorama, the Boston Center for the Arts 539 Tremont St., Boston. Lucia procession, Special exhibit on the island province Gotland, Swedish crafts, artisans, foods, music, and Children's Corner Adults $7, Children $1. Wheel chair accessible

The Annual Holly Fair of the First Church and Parish in Dedham, Unitarian Universalist, Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parish House, corner of High and Court Streets, Dedham. Free admission and parking. Handicap accessible. 781-326-7463.

The 11th annual Country Christmas in the Woods holiday craft fair will be held at the home of Margaret and Michael Paduch, 23 West St., Carver, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 508-866-5559.

Ladies Auxiliary of Post 3169 Scituate will host Annual Christmas Craft Fair. Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at VFW Hall, Route 3A, Scituate. Admission is free, event is open to public. Many local artist and crafters will have gift and craft items for sale. Complete turkey dinner basket raffle will be drawn day of fair.. Table rental is $15 and is on a first come first serve basis. 781-545-5995.

All Aboard the Polar Express Special Family Screening Kicks Off Holiday Season A special screening of the film The Polar Express (rated G) will benefit the Forbes House Museum. Showtime is 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Showcase Cinemas in Randolph. The cost of $10 per person includes the movie ticket, hot chocolate, a doughnut, and a souvenir jingle bell from Santa's sleigh.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 17 Church St., Hanover, is holding its **Annual Holiday Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in their parish hall. 781-826-2062.

Bethany Congregational Church, 18 Spear St., Quincy. The annual Fair and Craft Show will be held on Dec. 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Holiday Fair at The North Community Church in Marshfield Hills, Saturday, Dec. 4. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafts, Santa, Cafe, decorations, greenery, raffle. 781 837-3784

Merrie Market, Old Ship Church's Annual Holiday Fair, Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham. Handicap accessible. 781-749-1679.

A Holiday Trunk Show/Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the **James Library Center for the Arts** , 24 West St. in Norwell Center. Unique craft items made by South Shore artists will be on sale throughout the day. Portrait artist Sue Page-Thompson will be doing "on the spot" pencil portraits. The James Library is adjacent to the Norwell Common where the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and visit from Santa will take place. All proceeds benefit the library's free programs and services. 781-659-7100.

"Holiday Lights on the Common" will kick off Dec. 4, at 1 p.m., with festive holiday music and refreshments at the Cushing Center, located at 673 Main St. Norwell. Santa Claus will make a grand entrance on an antique fire truck at 2 p.m. The celebration will move across the street to the Norwell Common at 4:30 p.m., where the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and caroling will take place.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset, will host **Marc Brown** on Sat., Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. Marc will read and sign from "Wild About Books" by Judy Sierra, Pictures by Marc Brown (Knopf Books, $16.95) a delightful rhyming story about a librarian named Molly McGrew who introduces the animals in the zoo to the joy of reading when she drives her bookmobile to the zoo by mistake. Please Note: Because of time restraints Marc will be unable to pose for individual pictures. Book signings will be limited to two books in addition to copies of "Wild About Books" Marc Brown is best known as the author and illustrator who created the beloved aardvark Arthur. Marc Brown lives in Hingham, Massachusetts. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

John Carver Inn to Host Artist And Authors Day to raise funds for The **Plymouth Coalition For The Homeless**. On Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring some of Plymouth's most talented artists, artisans and authors. The event is being held in conjunction with the Inn's "Giving Tree" project which raises funds to benefit the Plymouth Coalition for the Homeless. For information contact Deb Catania, The Cape Codder Resort & Spa 508 771-3000 X751.

Hingham Symphony Orchestra presents "A Classical Celebration." Beethoven's 8th, Bach, Massenet and Bizet, plus seasonal favorites conducted by Jin Kim. Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Old Ship Meeting House, Main St., Hingham. Dec. 5, at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. $25 adult, $20 senior, $10 youth. Call 781-740-5694 for details.



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The South Street Gallery, featuring local, regional and national artists, has announced its upcoming annual "Small Painting Show", where invited artists display and sell their paintings at reasonable prices. This exhibit will be combined with the work of some new artists on display. The opening exhibit will take place at the SSG on Friday, Dec. 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. Artists whose work will be on display include Joan Brancale, Vcevy Strekalovsky, Dianne Pannarelli-Miller, Nancy Colella, Susan Charles, Diane Scott, Ronald Tinney, Marjorie Whorf, Yves Parent, Jen Kelly, Bonnie Hobbs.

Decemberfest featuring holiday greens and ornaments, international crafts and an English tea room offering scones, soup and more – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 4, First Parish Church, Tremont Street (Route 3A) near Town Hall at intersection of Depot Street. Call church office 781-934-6532

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes **Nardi Reeder Campion**, Sat. Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. She will read from and sign her latest book "Everyday Matters: A Love Story" (University of New England Press, $24.95) an anecdote filled memoir that typifies her wit, charm and candor. Campion is the author of eight books and is a graduate of Wellesley College (class of 1938). She is currently a columnist for the Valley News in New Hampshire. Free and open to the public. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Cohasset's Annual Village Fair on the Common will be Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Cohasset tradition for over 60 years. Santa Claus will be the guest of honor at Cohasset's annual Village on The Common between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (He'll be in the Second Congregational Church nursery in poor weather.) Santa's helpers will be on hand at St. Stephen's Church in the "**Secret Room**" where children, escorted by ASP teen-volunteers, can pick out a special something for Mom, Dad, brother or sister. ASP volunteers help each child carefully select, wrap and label their surprises, so they're ready to go under the tree. All gifts range from just $0.50 to $2.50 each.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset is bustling with the preparation for their part in this year's Christmas Fair on the Common on Dec. 4. Their fabulous estate(ish) sale and Swedish Bake Shop are found in the Parish House across from the Common where you'll also find their Coming of Age Group's Nine Bean And Barley Soup Mix and an Ornament sale. The rusty skippers band plays their Holiday Concert at noon.

Braintree Art Association Fall Art Sale Original paintings at affordable prices. Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. 781-335-4675.

The North River Arts Society presents **A Tribute to Willard Robinson**, North River Arts Society artist and instructor, at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster St., Marshfield through Dec. 4. 781-837-8091.

Artist Ginny Allen, a long time resident of Scituate and retired professor of Mass. Art is having an exhibition "Memento Mori" at the **South Shore Conservatory**, through Jan. 31, 2005.

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JOSE MATEO'S BALLET THEATRE presents **The Nutcracker** at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St., Duxbury. Dec. 22-26. Call 617-354-7467 or online at www.BalletTheatre.org for tickets.

THE PHIL'S HOLIDAY POPS PROMISES FAMILY FUN! "Great fun and great family entertainment!" That's what Plymouth Philharmonic conductor Steven Karidoyanes promises for this season's Holiday Pops! The concert mixes holiday favorites with fun musical novelties. The Pilgrim Festival Chorus, directed by William B. Richter, also joins in the festivities. Two performances are scheduled – Saturday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m., both at Memorial Hall, Plymouth.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST TO BENEFIT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. First annual Gingerbread House contest will take place at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor. Contest categories include Most Humorous, Most Traditional, Most Popular, Most Professional and Most Creative. Prizes include Getaway Weekend at Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor and dinners for four at the Harbor Grille. Entry fee is $10, drop-off/set-up date is Dec. 14. Entries will be displayed Dec. 15-20. All proceeds will go directly to Habitat for Humanity. For entry form, call The Radisson at 508-747-4900 or visit www.radissonplymouth.com or e-mail: info@radissonplymouth.com.

DORA THE EXPLORER LIVE - Dora's Pirate Adventure returns for a limited one week engagement March 2 to 6, at the Opera House 539 Washington St., Boston,. Tickets on sale now by calling 617-931-2787 or at Ticketmaster locations, www.ticketmaster.com

THE LION KING The Broadway Musical at The Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston, has been extended through Feb. 20. Tickets are available by calling 617-931-2787 or at Ticketmaster outlets www.ticketmaster.com

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Live on stage at the newly restored Opera House for eight weeks only. March 30 to May 22, 2005. Tickets are on sale now 617-931-2787. Box office at 539 Washington St. Boston; www.BroadwayAcross America.com

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James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell presents "Reflections of Life" a show of paintings and drawings by Sue Page-Thompson of Scituate on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from Dec. 3- Jan. 5, 2005. An opening reception for the public will be held on Friday, Dec. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. James Library Hours: Tuesday - Friday 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sue Page-Thompson will be back on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 11 to 6 p.m. to do on site portraits.

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Fuller Craft Museum 455 Oak Street in Brockton, rolls up the rugs for ceramic artist **Allison Newsome's** installation *On Island* through Jan. 2, 2005. Rhode Island artist Allison Newsome will create wet clay drawings and sculptures specifically for Fuller Craft's Tarlow Gallery that address environmental ethics using the imagery of nature and culture. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, Free for members and children under 12.

Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset, Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Saturday night from 8-11pm. Non-smoking, casual dress. 781-383-0900.

Starcreations Theater from The South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, 10 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 125, Plymouth, presents the musical **The Grinch** on Dec. 4, 11, and 18, at 7 p.m. and and Dec. 19, at 3 p.m. at 3 p.m. Tickets: Adult $10, child $5. 508-747-1234 www.ssarc.org

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The Choral Art Society of Scituate and the adult and youth choirs of St. Theresa of Avila Parish of West Roxbury will join voices to present a holiday concert entitled "Noel, Nowell: A French and English Christmas." on two Sundays in December. On Dec. 5, at 4 p.m. the group will perform at St. Stephen's Church, at the intersection of Main and Highland streets on Cohasset common. The performance will be repeated on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m. in West Roxbury at St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre Street. Tickets are $12/$10(students and seniors) Call 781-545-8295 or visit www.choralartsociety.org.

Christmas Faire at First Church, Pembroke, Dec. 5, noon to 5 p.m. featuring crafts and gifts, silent auction featuring autographed footbll by Patriot's great Tom Brady, luncheon, photo with Santa. 781-293-2584.

The Fine Arts Chorale will present its **24th Annual Holiday Pops Concert** along with a silent auction, sing-a-longs, refreshments and special visit from Santa. at 2 p.m. on Dec. 5, at the Massasoit Conference Center, on Rt. 27 in Brockton

30th Annual Fall Flea Market & Craft Fair Temple Beth Emunah , 479 Torrey St. corner Pearl St., Brockton, on Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be over 75 dealer tables. The famous Brotherhood snack bar will be open for breakfast, lunch and snacks during the day. The Temple is handicap accessible. Admission 50 cents. For information and directions call the temple at 508-583-5810 or on the web at www.templebethemunah.org.

Santa's Reindeer Ride and Toy Drive in the DCR Blue Hills Reservation, Milton, Dec. 5, at 10 a.m. Meet at Houghton's pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Please bring an unwrapped toy to donate. 617-698-1802

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset will host **Margaret McLean** on Sun. Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. Ms. McLean will discuss **Under Oath** (Hot House Press, $24.00) a legal thriller set in Charlestown. This is a free event and the public is most welcome. Please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Quilting with Kids Workshop, A free Quilting Workshop will be held at the Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy, Dec. 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. To register call 617-376-2411 or stop by children's room.

"Christmas with Elisabeth von Trapp" concert performed by granddaughter of famed Maria von Trapp on Dec. 5, 3:30 p.m. at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 900 Main St., Brockton. Concert to benefit the five Brockton area programs of Lutheran Social Services of New England. Tickets are $20 and children 12 and under are free. Call 877-500-8263 ext. 812 for information.

The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore a new marching arts program, is accepting applications for brass and percussion players, as well as color guard (flag squad) members. A family style group open to individuals 13 years and older. Musical experience desirable but not necessary. Inexperienced but motivated people will be trained by expert instructional staff in a fun and dynamic rehearsal setting. Has your community eliminated its band or music programs? Would you still like to be in a very high caliber marching and musical group? The Imperials is much cheaper than music lessons. Free unlimited trial membership. Winter rehearsals on most Sundays at the Pembroke Community Center Rt. 14, Pembroke, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. www.pathwayproductions.org/imperials.htm

Brass Venture, one of today's most dynamic chamber ensembles, will be presented in concert at The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury on Dec. 5, at 4 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Art Complex Musuem in Duxbury presents the work of **Nancy Murphy Spicer** beginning through Jan. 9. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org

ShakerHigh/Shaker Low, at the **Art Complex Museum** 189 Alden St., Duxbury through Jan. 9, 2005. Pieces from its extensive Shaker Collection will be on display. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Mon. Dec. 6

The American Cancer Society's Look Good...Feel Better program is designed to help patients maintain their personal appearance while undergoing treatment for cancer. Cosmetologists lead group sessions to provide tips and practical techniques for coping with hair loss and changes in the skin that often result from chemotherapy or radiation therapy. There will be a Look Good...Feel Better session on Dec. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at South Suburban Oncology Center, 700 Congress St., Quincy. To pre-register, call Colleen Whitehouse at 617-376-6435. For information, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, located at 273 Hanover St., Hanover, offers education, support and complementary modalities for people living with the challenges of cancer. For info call Ann or Gail at 781-829-4823 or visit www.pathwaysccs.org.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum, Dec. 6, 5:30 to 7 p.m. **What's Happened to the News Ben Bradlee** longtime executive editor of the Washington Post, and **Don Hewitt**, creator of 60 minutes and executive producer at CBS News will discuss how print and broadcast news have changed over the last 40 years.

Public Skating hours begin at the **DCR (formerly MDC)** public ice rinks. The skating hours vary at each rink. For information on Learn to Skate lessons and for registration, contact Bay State Skating School at 617-890-8480 or visit online at www.baystateskatingschool.org.

Neighbors needed to help homebound elders by delivering Meals on Wheels on any given mid-morning Monday to Friday. Call South shore Elders at 781-848-3910 ext. 430.

Adult Day Health Center, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement, located in Quincy, seeks participants from without any comfortable commuting distance. 617-479-3040.

Chess Club - Children ages 9-14 are invited to join the **Hull Lifesaving Museum's** free after school Chess Club on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m., through Dec. 20. Beginners are welcome. Parent volunteers are also welcome. Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net.

Tues. Dec. 7

The South Shore Natural Science Center's annual boxwood workshop, is on Dec. 7. The class is being offered at two convenient times, 9:30a.m. and 7 p.m. Create a tabletop tree or wreath from this hardy green, sure to last throughout the holiday season. Bring a pair of small pruning shears, and a box to bring your creation home in. (All materials are included in the program fee.) The cost is $27 members/ $30 non-members, and preregistration is required. To register, call the Center at 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org.

In Shape Studio, Hanover Mall - An all women's fitness club featuring the original 30 minute circuit program using Pace circuit equipment (programmed accommodating circuit exercise) which is both aerobic and anaerobic. Weight loss support and other groups forming now. 781-829-5555.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, hosts story time every Tuesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Age range is 2 to 5 years old. Free. For information call 781-383-2665.

Cranberry Hospice is offering single session meetings to help people cope with grief during the holidays. Workshops will be held on Nov.. 23, from noon to1:30 p.m.; Dec. 8, from noon to1: 30 p.m.; Dec. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. To register call Kathleen McAleer at 508-746-0215.

Calling all South Shore Parents Are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community, complete with a listing of family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hot-spots along the South Shore. www.southshoreparents.com

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor **a free legal clinic** at **Quincy District Court** on Dec. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. A panel of attorney's experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation with you to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For information call Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Jamie Wyeth painting** "Man From Boston" an exclusive rare public display www.jfklibrary.org or call 866-JFK-1060.

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave.,

Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

Tea at Five, starring **Kate Mulgrew** comes to the **Shubert Theatre** , 745 Boylston St., Suite 504, Boston, Dec. 7 to 19. Call 888-889-8587 or www.wangcenter.org

Wed. Dec. 8

Internationally acclaimed pianist Jonathan Bass will give a recital on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. The free recital, sponsored by the College of Visual and Performing Arts Music Department, will be held in the Visual and Performing Arts Recital Hall (Room 153) on the Dartmouth campus. Parking will be available in Lots 8 and 9. For information about this recital or any other Music Department programming call 508- 999-8568.

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.



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J.M. Productions presents "What Christmas Means to Me" featuring Sheila Fahey, Ann Kennealy Ryan, Kathy Teevens, Jennifer Fahey and John McDonald Dec. 2,3,4,8,9, 10 and 11 in "The Den" at Fox and Hound Wood Grille and Tavern 123 Sea Street, Quincy. For ticket information and show times call 617-786-7469 or visit www.jmproductionspresents.com.

The Norwell Public Library & Buttonwood Books & Toys will host **Richard Marinick,** author of **Boyos** on Wed. Dec. 8, 7 p.m. at the Norwell Public Library, 64 South St., Norwell, Free and open to the public. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

New Song Folk Club and Arts Center, 51 Maple St. (Codman Building) Rockland - Dec. 8. Open mike with drumming circle and pre-open mike workshop, starting at 6 p.m. donations accepted. 781-413-7604. www.newsongartscenter.org

Thurs. Dec. 9

***VOILÀ* Norwell's French Country Boutique** 428 Washington St. (Route 53) Norwell will open its doors for hospitality, hors d'oeuvres and beverages for a Holiday Open House on Dec. 9.--a la Provence. Voilà is a shop modeled after those in Europe with one of a kind European accents and furnishings for the home. Enjoy south of France ambience for the holidays

Community Garden Club of Duxbury's Annual Holiday Greens Sale at the Bertram Center on Washington St., Duxbury from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

La Leche League of Silver Lake meets every second Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m.. **Dec. 9, meeting will focus on nutrition and weaning.** For information email Joanne.collins@comcast.net

Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St., Scituate, 6 p.m. Norwell author of **'Under Oath,'** Margaret McLean will discuss and sign her book. Murder, a conspiracy trial and the infamous Charlestown code of silence" set the scene of this legal thriller, featuring "Charlestown's most notorious crime family". Formerly an Assistant D.A. and criminal prosecutor, Margaret McLean brings the education, background and experience that brings "Under Oath" alive . For information call Front Street Book Shop at 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com

Safe Harbor Church of Marshfield invites you to join them in an evening of prayer on Dec. 9. This service is dedicated to those fighting in Iraq as well as the heart wrenching atrocities occurring in Africa. A prayer board will be placed at the front of the church. Families are encouraged to bring a photo or name of a loved one you wish us to pray for. Doors open at 6:30 for refreshments. The service will begin at 7 p.m. If you have a favorite passage from the bible please bring it along to share. 781-837-9903.

Bridgewater Sate College Dance Company presents **Winderdance 2004,** Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. and Dec. 10, at 4 p.m. and Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. All performances held in the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium. 508-531-2046.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Every Thursday **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano** 9:30 p.m. 781-871-7175.

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Dec. 4, **Mission of Blues** 781-335-9796.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum, The Crisis in Darfur, Harvard University scholars **Jennifer Leaning** and **Alex de Waal**, Smith College professor **Eric Reeves** and Executive Director of Amenesty International William Schulz discuss the crisis in Dar fur. Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. 617-514-1643.

Fri. Dec. 10

The Unicorn Singers directed by Margo Euler presents ***WASSAIL! A Concert of Christmas Carols,*** Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at St. John's in Hingham and Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m. at First Parish in Cohasset. Included will be Carols from long ago, in their early dress, and as set by modern composers; Carols from the pop, jazz and gospel tradition; and Carols by talented soloists and carols for all to sing together. A special reception in their newly renovated parish house following the concert.

Christmas Dinner Dance South Shore Singles will sponsor their semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Dec. 10, featuring live music with **The Emanon Orchestra** from 8 p.m. to Midnight, buffet chicken dinner served. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington, Admission: $12 SSS Members, $15 Non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info: 781-331-0021 Web site: http://www.southshoresingles.org

The Massasoit Theatre Co. presents **ANNIE** for two weekends, Dec. 10 and Dec. 19, at the Buckley Performing Arts Center on the Brockton campus. Call 508-427-1234 for tickets. All seats are reserved.

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Dec. 10 **Lisa Marie & All Shook Up** 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Dec. 10, **Tom Hambridge Band** alternate country rock, national act from Nashville. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing events

MS Support Group on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of South Shore Hospital. Contact Liz 781-878-7041 or email at Vze2n8tr@verizon.net or Cindy 781-878-5835 or email at Rockland119@AOL.com.

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages, who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tues nights at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus, under the direction of Patricia Hoitt of Norwell, is a women's a cappella chorus pro-

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DECEMBER 2-10, 2004



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The 17th edition of Musical Holiday Party featuring song, dance and comedy at Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center, Dec. 3 to 19. Dinner and show. Handicapped accessible. Free parking. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations.

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viding vocal training and musical entertainment throughout the greater South Shorearea. Come and experience the fun , and sing your cares away. Call 781-843-4355.

The Dedham Museum 612 High St., Dedham, at the Dedham Historical Society presents **Wedgwood – Not Just Blue and White,** to Jan. 15. Admission $2 adults and $1 children. 781-326-1385 or www.DedhamHistorical.org

Storytellers/authors Andrea Lovett of Abington and **Weisey MacMillan** of Marshfield are forming an **adult writer's group**. 10:30 a.m. 781-871-5892. A small fee will be charged

Stories and Art for Preschoolers and Toddlers will be offered at the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St., Duxbury, every second Thursday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from 1 to 2:30 p.m. 781-934-6634 extension 15.

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no monies are exchanged - just time.) Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc. moving furniture), The list is endless. Procrastinating can be a thing of the past. Membership fee: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, at 781-871-2583.

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com 508-830-4250.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**, Broad St., Weymouth for children 4 1/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnolly@artsfirst.org

Cura VNA & Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, **offers The Young Widow and Widowers Support Group**, meeting every other Thursday for eight weeks from 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m. To register call 508-746-0215.

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runners clinic Mondays at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell **- Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury, presents **Stories and Art with Sally for Preschoolers**, every second Thursday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Preregistration required. $5. Call 781-934-6634 ext. 15.

Parental Stress Line - Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. The Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call us before the summer is over at 1-800-632-8188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth - Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

An Adult Day Health Center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at The Salvation Army in Quincy) Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

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Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts is asking people with unwanted vehicles to consider donating to them. It will help their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. some restrictions apply. all a donor needs to do is call 1-800-720-6233.

Special Olympics Offers Free Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call 800-590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call for more information.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

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Slippery slopes

Ski Europe's Alps, but know what you're getting into

By NEIL COTE HERALD
STAFF WRITER

CHAMONIX MONT-BLANC, France (Ah, to ski the Alps. What serious downhiller hasn't fantasized about those above-timberline bowls, long serpentine trails and lifts to spare, especially during weekend waits of 20 minutes-plus at the Loon base quad? Got to be so much better across the Pond, n'est pas? After all, the travel brochures are rife with photos of blue skies, knee-deep powder and megamountains that dwarf anything in our hemisphere. Oui, there are such places and skiers owe it to themselves to do the Alps at least once while there's still cartilage in the knees. But a word of caution: Restrain your expectations. On a perfect day, the skiing may well be better on that side of the world. But perfect days aren't always handed down from above, especially on terrain fabled for avalanches and other disruptions. It was a little Austrian man at last year's Boston Ski Show and Expo who sold me on an overseas adventure. Even with the dollar in the doldrums, he stressed in a deep accent there were better deals in Europe than at Aspen or Vail. And already having skied many of the great Western U.S. and Canadian mountains, I was ready to go in the other direction.

The base price for the trip was a little north of $1,400 for planes, buses, lodging, breakfasts (rich in such high-cholesterol fare as cheese and eggs) and five days of skiing. A 9,205-foot vertical drop and the famous 15-mile Vallee Blanche trail listed in the Chamonix brochure were the deciding factors. Plus the fact that ski scenes in the James Bond movie "The World is Not Enough" were filmed here. Well, as I'd learn, there might be reasons aplenty for going to Chamonix, but the above shouldn't be included among them. A high-country hamlet of some 10,000 people near the mountainous border of France and Italy, Chamonix, France's oldest ski resort and scene of the first Winter Olympics in 1924, seems almost too picturesque to be real. It's certainly well out of the way; getting there took nearly 24 hours with flights and layovers from Boston to Frankfurt to Geneva, and then a bus ride through the Swiss and French countrysides. But Chamonix is a pleasant enough destination where, even on January nights, rarely is it uncomfortably cold. Every street seems to have at least one little gourmet shop with baskets of freshly baked breads, wheels of fine cheeses and meats and poultry hanging from above. Surrounded by ever-white, jagged Alps, it's rife with traditional European charm. Sixteen hotels, ranging from five-star to the quaint but Spartan Blanc Croix (where my penny-counting travel agent put me) are in town, and five ski areas with enough varied terrain to handle all levels of ability are either within a long walk or a short bus ride away. Indeed, transporting skiers is something Chamonix does very well with an interchangeable pass good throughout the valley.

Skiers of a lesser god gravitate to Les Houches, Le Tour and La Flegere, all of which offer acres of low-risk downhilling as well as more challenging terrain, while intermediates and experts like the big Les Grands Montets and Aiguille du Midi, the latter of which has a two-stage cable car to bring you to the 15-mile descent on and along the Vallee Blanche glacier. Well, so I heard; for much of my January visit neither of the big mountains was completely open, and although both still offered good to great terrain on their lower halves, it was more than a little unsatisfying to come so far and not scale the summits. But here in the Alps, you're constantly reminded that you are at the mercy of the elements. Even at breakfast. Each morning at 8, the church in the village square chimes, but you're unlikely to sleep that long. For dawn is often greeted with the sounds of explosions, the avalanche patrol is dropping dynamite from helicopters onto steep, unstable slopes. How the patrol fares will have much to do with where you'll be skiing that day, if anywhere. Good advice: Get in with a group and hire a guide. Guides come by the hotels each evening, and though one may cost you $200 for five days, it's money well spent. If the valley itself is closed, the guide will load all of you in a van and drive you to other nearby resorts (in Italy, if need be.



Under optimum conditions, there might be no better skiing than in above-timberline expanses at Grand Montets, one of five ski areas in the Chamonix Valley near mountainous border of France and Italy.

Wherever you wind up, you learn fast that European skiing isn't as well defined as North America's; the trails, or pistes, are likely to be marked with stakes, and though off-piste skiing is tempting, it's not advisable without the guidance of someone familiar with the slopes. That's because there are risks here that you won't encounter on the mountains off I-93. Such as: Skiing to the bottom of a mountain and finding no lodge or lift; finding out too late that there's a crevasse under the powder; and straying into avalanche-prone areas. My group, three Americans, two Canadians and a Russian, was fortunate enough to have hired Vincente, a 40-ish Franco-Italian who knows these mountains well. Depending on the seasons, he's guiding either skiers or rock-climbers. Lucky man, this Vincente. But, alas, occupational hazards confront him daily. "The best guide is an old guide," he said. He saved our trip from being a disaster because much of the Chamonix Valley was closed to skiing due to inclement weather , everything from too much snow and too little snow to poor visibility because of fog, to rain that turned to ice and shut down the lifts, to heavy winds that made the lifts unstable, even after the ice had melted. But on days when the valley was closed, Vincente drove us to Courmayeur, Italy, or to Les Contamines in another part of France. Though both mountains offered deep powder and interesting trails, neither really was worth crossing an ocean for. That said, at Courmayeur we were treated to one of nature's true splendors: an avalanche across the valley, and what sounded like several minutes of rolling thunder as snow cascaded down a high cliff into a white explosion. And about the Vallee Blanche? Even when open, it's not for everyone, it's rife with hidden dangers; you're not recommended to go without a guide, and even Vincente said he needs several hours to do it. Turns out Pierce Brosnan didn't do it while the movie was filming; either; he used a stuntman. Still, despite high expectations not quite met, my visit here brought the satisfaction of trying something new. Chamonix? Been there, done that. For more information, go to www.chamonix.com



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In light of the 63rd anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Cohasset resident and Vietnam veteran Donald Staszko flew 10 veterans to Washington D.C. on his private jet to visit the various veterans memorials last week. Veterans from left to right include Frank Lagrotteria, Joseph Perroncello, Staszko, John MacNeil, Ralph Perroncello, Louis Longo, Cliff Jones, Ira Stoughton, John Morgan, Tom Healey, and Austin Ahern.

Local veterans take the flight of a lifetime

Visit memorials in Washington

By Samantha Brown
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Touching down at Plymouth Municipal Airport last week, the smiling faces of local veterans home from a trip to Washington D.C. could be seen through the windows of Cohasset resident Donald Staszko's private jet. Disembarking, many stopped to shake the hand of their host for the day, expressing great appreciation for his generosity. But Staszko said the gratitude is all his.

With the 63rd anniversary of Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, Staszko — a Vietnam veteran and former U.S. Air Force pilot — said he could think of no better way to honor members of the "greatest generation" than with a trip to visit the recently dedicated World War II Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. Because he owns Professional Airways, an aircraft leasing and management company, Staszko was able to arrange the trip for 10 local veterans Thursday, Dec. 2.

Several of the veterans invited to take the trip in Staszko's Hawker 800 XP are members of the Cohasset Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9146. World War II veterans Ralph Perroncello, his brother Joseph Perroncello, Austin Ahern, Louis Longo, Ira Stoughton, and Tom Healy as well as Korean War veterans Frank Lagrotteria and Cliff Jones, and Vietnam Veteran John Morgan are all members, as is Staszko. Hingham residents and World War II veter-

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Citizens petition recalled

Matter falls short on second night

By Samantha Brown
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Elected officials in Cohasset will not have to worry about being recalled. A citizens petition, which would have allowed voters to hold a special election to change the guard, was voted down during Tuesday's session of Town Meeting.

After two and a half hours of discussion that included motions to amend the article to increase the difficulty of initiating the recall as well as providing amnesty to current officials, a hand count defeated the motion 93 to 60.

Proponent Lou Harvey, 465 King St., explained the recall provision is nothing more than a way to assure the voters, who are trusted to elect officials into public office, have the same right to remove an official.

There has been much turmoil in town over the past year, including controversy surrounding the suspension of two police officers, the resignation of the police chief and Town Manager, federal charges against a former town employee for embezzlement at

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Budget bottom line drives athletic fee hike

By Samantha Brown
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Next fall charges will be $150 per athlete per season, with a $25 discount for the third sport and a maximum charge of $600 per family.

In an effort to increase revenue and get the school budget on track, athletic fees will be doubled next year with an increase beginning this spring, the School Committee said.

Middle High School Athletic Director Ronald Ford said there has been no change in user fees for the past 12 years. Currently athletes pay $75 per season to play. If a student plays a third sport, the fee is decreased to $50 for the third season to ensure the per-student fees are no more than $200 per year.

To ease athletes into higher sports charges, the School Committee voted to increase fees to $125 per season this spring with a $25 reduction for those playing their third sport of the year. Next fall charges will be $150 per athlete per season, with a $25 discount for the third sport and a maximum charge of $600 per family.

Every time athletic fees are increased by $25, Ford said it will generate roughly $10,000, assuming participation stays the same. "In a lot of communities where they increase fees, participation stays the same, but in some, it doesn't," said Ford, adding because Cohasset's enrollment numbers continue to climb — even if the fees deter participation — he hopes the increase in the amount of students each year will help balance out the numbers.

It costs roughly $300,000 per year to run the school athletic department. Included in the budget are the expected funds from the local boosters clubs, as well as admission fees or "gate receipts." Ford said during non-Thanksgiving Day home game years, gate receipts bring in enough revenue to cover roughly 10 percent of the total athletic budget. Cohasset no longer splits Thanksgiving Day revenue with Hull, meaning every other year, the team which hosts the event gets all the gate receipts. With the Thanksgiving Day game held at home this year, Ford estimates the total gate

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50'S FLASHBACK



STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Mike Devlin as Doody plays the guitar during a rehearsal for the CMHS production of "Grease" on stage this weekend. For more photos and story see page 17.

Groups help local families to soldier on

Editor's note: CNC/South's Gifts of Hope campaign this year focuses on raising awareness and funds for several groups helping the military and their families at the holidays.

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

When soldiers are deployed to the Middle East, their families are left behind, to send letters and care packages, to worry, to pray and to hope for their loved one's safety.

But while a family, be it a wife or husband or a mother and father, is concerned for their soldier, there are many people and systems in place here to care for the families left at home.

"By supporting the families, you're supporting the soldier," said Maura Yanosic, a Scituate mother of a 20-year-old soldier serving in the Middle East. "It's very, very important for the soldiers. It's important for them to know the morale is being addressed, that they know their families have a support network here."

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Yanosic and Jen Riley from Burlington are co-leaders of the Family Readiness Group for the Braintree unit of the National Guard. While they and members of the group are coping with a loved one deployed to an area of war, they also are helping families deal with the absence of their soldier.

The Family Readiness Group can help the families of soldiers with a variety of needs, from just having someone to talk with to getting a broken oil burner fixed.

With the holidays fast approaching, the Braintree FRG held a Christmas party this weekend at the Abington VFW for the children, siblings, nieces and nephews of deployed soldiers, complete with Santa Claus

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Board of Health, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.

Cohasset Historical Commission, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Council on Aging, 3 N. Main St., Dec. 13, 9:30 a.m.

Planning Board, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.

School Committee, Dec. 16, 7 p.m., high school library

Selectmen, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Dec. 29, 6 p.m.

Water Commission with the DEP, Dec. 14, One Winter St., Boston

ZBA, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

'Toys for Tots' drives in town

The Cohasset Harbor Resort is collecting "Toys for Tots" through Dec. 17. The program, facilitated by the U.S. Marines, will help bring toys to needy children this holiday season. All are welcome to bring in a non-violent, unwrapped gift to either Atlantica or the Cohasset Harbor Inn. "Toys for Tots are also being collected at the police station on Elm Street and can be dropped off there 24 hours a day.

School Council meetings open

School Committee Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts, who serves as the committee's liaison with the Osgood School Council, wants to remind residents all School Council meetings are open to any members of the public who wish to attend. While she said she knows there are a large number of residents who watch the School Committee meetings on television to stay informed with the happenings at the schools, the Committee cannot gain feedback from those who are at home. "If you have an interest in anything we talk about," please attend any of the posted meetings, she said. School Councils, established under the Education Reform Act of 1993, can be made up of faculty, school officials, and residents.

CMHS musical this weekend

The CMHS production of "Grease" will be held this weekend, Dec 10-12 in the school auditorium. Tickets for the production are $10 and can be purchased at the door. Both the Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday show will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Buckley receives standing ovation

At the start of Town Meeting Monday, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan took a moment to recognize Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley for all he has done for the town over the past seven months. Since the resignation of former Town Manager Mark Haddad in May, Buckley has been serving not only as Town Manager, but in his primary role as Director of Finance.

Sullivan added Buckley has been instrumental in keeping the community going in the direction the town wants it to go. "He's doing a tremendous job," he said. Those in the audience gave Buckley a standing ovation. Buckley will step down from his position as Acting Town Manager when new Town Manager William Griffin comes on board in February. He will continue as Director of Finance.

$194,000 capital request approved

Town Meeting approved allocating funds for two new police cruisers, refurbishing the fire department's pump engine, a new school utility vehicle, and a new van and computers for the Council on Elder Affairs.

Police Chief James Hussey said the money received from trading in the two old cruisers will be used to remove and reinstall radios and other technical equipment in the new vehicles. He said money from trade-ins can be used to pay for upgrades, such as the flashing lights. For example, the department received $5,000 recently when it traded in a cruiser and obtained a new one with funds allocated at the last Town Meeting.

Town Manager Michael Buckley estimates refurbishing the pump engine will "give it some extra life" perhaps as much as 11 years. Fire engines are on a 21-year replacement cycle.

The vehicle for the schools is not a brand new truck, but will replace one which would have cost more to repair than making the investment in a newer vehicle. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said the truck is currently used for trash removal and the new truck will be equipped with a plow that can be used both by the school department and the Department of Public Works "during those noon-time snow storms which creep up on us."

CPC funds available

Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee Stuart Ivimey would like to remind residents, if there is a cause they would like the Community Preservation Fund to support, to file an application. The Community Preservation Committee recommends appropriating money from the fund for projects supporting low and moderate income housing, historical preservation, and open space acquisition and preservation. Anyone interested in applying for Community Preservation funding may contact Ivimey at (781) 383-2604.

Beechwood Ball Park

Town Meeting voters allocated funds to begin design work for Beechwood Ball Park improvements at Tuesday night's session. An informal meeting to discuss what the town would like to see improved will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14 during the Selectmen's meeting.

ZBA vacancy

Residents who would like to be considered for a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals are asked to send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue.

CEA needs volunteers

The Council on Elder Affairs is looking for volunteers and especially needs helpers to drive shuttle vans and serve lunch. For more information on ways to donate time or other volunteer opportunities at the center, please contact Kathy Bryanton, director at (781) 383-9112.

Strategic Planning brochure available

Copies of the schools' strategic planning brochure is now available for the public. Copies can be picked up at the superintendent's office, and the School Committee said it will also be made available at the Town Library as well as online in the coming weeks. The brochure outlines the goals and objectives of the schools moving forward for the next five years.

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Budget bottom line drives athletic fee hike

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receipts at roughly $31,000.

Students are currently charged $3 to attend sporting events while adults are charged $4, except for the Thanksgiving Day game at which everyone is charged $5. During tournament games charges increase to $7 for students and $10 for adults, but the schools never see that money, Ford said. Funds collected during tournaments cover the cost for hosting the event, including purchasing awards and T-shirts for the athletes. "We plan those events so we don't lose money," said Ford.

However, with the increase in athletic fees, Ford floated including one free season pass for a parent to attend sporting events. If there are two or more children in the family, one free pass could be given for each student.

Ford also said starting a program where students could purchase season passes for sporting events could help generate more revenue. By selling 150 year-long sporting events pass for $25 each could bring in $4,000 in additional revenue.

The athletic department is allowed to charge for any games which take place after 5 p.m. as well as weekend games. Ford said basketball, wrestling, hockey, and any sports played at night under the lights such as field hockey, soccer, and lacrosse, all generate funding.

School Committee Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts asked whether it might make sense to take into account the cost of running the various sports programs and set the fee scale accordingly.

Ford said implementing fees by the individual sport has never been done in Cohasset. "We value all the sports the same," he said.

Ford added those who play ice hockey, for example, which requires practicing on the ice, would be negatively impacted with a fee scale because the hockey team doesn't have the high number of participants some other sports like football have. He said enrollment for some sports could be affected or certain sports would have to be cut altogether if enough participants did not sign up to fund it.

School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy asked whether it might make sense, rather than focusing only on those students who play sports, to begin charging an all-encompassing activity fee to include students who are involved with drama and those who take after-school art classes, as well as athletes. She said if all students in grades six through 12, who participate in any extra-curricular activities are charged $150 — with roughly 800 students in both schools — fees could generate roughly $120,000. "Granted, I would like to see no fees, but this would at least put everyone on an even playing field," she said.

However, School Committee member Rick Flynn said charging students who might participate in more cerebral activities, which don't cost anything to run, could deter participation. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said in her experience, it is better for the athletic budget to be kept separate from any extra-curricular charges.

Walsh said the question which needs to be answered is, "How much of the athletic budget should be paid by the operating budget?"

Currently, 90 percent is being paid by the operating budget with 10 percent coming from outside sources, such as fees and game admission. She said she has heard of schools which choose to only take on 20 percent through the operating budget and leave the remaining 80 percent up to outside sources due to budget constraints.

Walsh said she knows of a school that hit such dire budgetary times it had to stop funding anything athletic and every student participating in sports paid a $500 fee to play.

Ford said with the increase in fees, parents should be made aware there are waivers available for those who cannot afford to pay. In addition, he said there are many residents who are on payment plans and he is willing to work with the parents to ensure every student is able to participate.

Full-day kindergarten is floated for Osgood

By Samantha Brown
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Full-day kindergarten would be fee-based at roughly $1,800 per student per year. Those attending the half-day program would not be charged.

Implementing full-day kindergarten classes is a topic which has been brought up many times over the years. The program is being discussed again as a valuable educational option as well as a possible revenue generator.

The third grade has been moved to Deer Hill this fall leaving more space to work with at the Osgood School. With room to spare, school officials are considering the possibility of implementing full day kindergarten as well as a new school-run preschool, both of which would charge an enrollment fee.

A full-day kindergarten feasibility task force, established in the spring of 2003, has been working hard to determine whether full day kindergarten is an option, and what kinds of financial benefits it could have. Members of the task force include Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan, Curriculum Coordinator Ruth Fennessey, Osgood Adjustment Counselor Bob LeCount, parents, kindergarten teachers, pre-school teachers, and special education teachers.

The group developed and distributed a district survey to collect input whether residents would like to see full-day kindergarten implemented in Cohasset. Sheehan said surveys were distributed to parents of Deer Hill and Osgood students, as well as the local preschools.

Sheehan said roughly 159 surveys – or 20 percent – were returned of approximately 475 distributed at Osgood, 375 at Deer Hill and from 25 to 50 at local preschools.

"This is a program that has been sweeping the country," said Fennessey of full-day kindergarten, adding research has shown young learners can retain more than had previously been thought. She said with the number of children who attend preschool before coming to kindergarten, many are far more advanced than a half-day (2-1/2 hour) program can fully nurture. A full-day of kindergarten would be six hours long.

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Sheehan said another option is start with the half-day program for all kindergarten students for the first half of the year, then transition into a full day for the second half of the year for those who choose to participate. Parents will have the option of enrolling students for either the full- or half-day programs. There would also be a sliding fee scale associated with the full-day programs.

Sheehan said the task force met last week with the Osgood School Council to discuss the possibility of full-day kindergarten and the response has been very positive.

"We know it's the goal of the Department of Education, we have the space, we have the commitment, and the enthusiasm of three kindergarten teachers," Sheehan said. In addition, she said most parents in town support the option of full-day kindergarten as well, even if they would not choose to enroll their child.

Sheehan said while the school would like permission to move ahead and further study how the full-day program could impact the school, she acknowledged the fact that the program will only be successful if the number of students who enroll is enough to support a full class.

The School Committee gave its support for further study and said it looks forward to hearing more about the program in the future.

For more information, please contact Supt. Denise Walsh at (781) 383-6111, or Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan at (781) 383-6117.

Nomination papers available Jan. 3 at Town Clerk's office

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2005 will be available on Monday, Jan. 3, at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Friday, Feb. 18. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. Please note that you are not running for office until you take out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies your signatures.

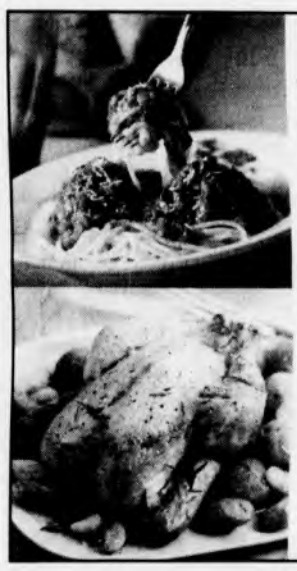
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The Newcomer's Club is hosting its annual Children's Holiday Party on Wednesday Dec. 15 at the Second Congregational Church from 10 a.m.-noon. The club will have entertainment and a holiday craft. Enjoy coffee and refreshments or feel free to bring a special treat to share. It is free for all playgroup members, $5 for those not participating in SCNC playgroups. Please RSVP to **Gina Steele** at 378-1310.

SCNC is also using this opportunity to collect for the local food pantries. Donations most appreciated are non-perishable food, men's and women's toiletries, and house hold items (dish/laundry soap, paper towels, napkins, foil, etc..). For more information about the Newcomer's Club visit www.scnewcomers.com or contact **Jen Harris** at jkharris24@hotmail.com or 544-3910.



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That is all my news for this week. Please send me all your event, news and happy celebration information no later than Tuesdays by noon.

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an John MacNeil also went along.

Staszko, who has a long history of military service in his family, holds patriotism close to his heart. His father, who was one of nine boys, served in World War II with four of his brothers. "It's rare to have five members of a family all serve and come back alive," he said, but somehow they beat the odds. However, all four of his uncles have passed away and will never have the opportunity to see the memorial dedicated to their efforts.

From spending time with his father, now 90 years old, Staszko said he realizes taking a day trip via a commercial airline would not be feasible for the veterans, many of whom are in their 80s. However, "When you have your own airplane, you can do it," Staszko said.

As a member of the VFW, Staszko has come to know the men well over the years but their history goes back further. Living in Cohasset for the past 40 years, Staszko said some of the veterans remember him as the "lifeguard at Sandy Beach" or in various other roles he held as a teenager.

He said it is nice to be able to give something back. "I've been very fortunate," he said. "It's important to give back to the community you're in."

In addition to visiting the World War II memorial, which opened to the public April 29 and was dedicated one month later on May 29, the men visited the Korean War memorial, Vietnam War Memorial, and the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institute. "We had our lunch on the bus so we wouldn't miss out on any time," said Joseph Perroncello. Staszko added, "We didn't want to miss a minute."

Many veterans said the memorials made the biggest impression.

"It was super-colossal, and that's no exaggeration," said MacNeil of the World War II memorial. However, he said visiting the Vietnam memorial had quite an impact on him as well. "It was very heart-rending," he said. When he saw the 58,000 names listed on the memorial wall, the size of the sacrifice really hit him. "Right away you start thinking about all these wonderful people (who gave up everything to fight for their country)," he said.

Lagrotteria said he was amazed by the size of the World War II memorial and loved its placement, flanked by the Lincoln Memorial on one side and the Washington Monument on the other. A Korean War veteran, Lagrotteria said he would have eventually made the trip to visit the memorials, but was delighted at the chance to fly down with Staszko. "He was so gracious to bring us along."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

WWII veteran Joe Perroncello can't stop smiling after he disembarks from Don Staszko's private jet after a trip to Washington, D.C.

"I've been very fortunate. It's important to give back to the community you're in."

— Donald Staszko

Lagrotteria's sentiments were echoed by many of the veterans. Joseph Perroncello said he had been invited to attend the dedication of the World War II memorial, but with the length of the trip, decided not to go. However, when his brother Ralph said he was going to take the trip with Staszko, he decided there was no way he was going to pass the opportunity up. "It was a beautiful flight," he said.

Joseph's brother Ralph, who is commander of VFW Post 9146 agreed, adding the events throughout the entire day were wonderful. "It was just fantastic."

The men couldn't help commenting on the luxury of the private jet and said the flight itself was very much a highlight. "Imagine, sitting for the first time in life, in a private jet," Mac Neil said.

As the men, still smiling, headed toward the hangar last Thursday, they chatted with each other about the day's events. As they made their way across the tarmac one said to another, "I'll sleep tonight!"

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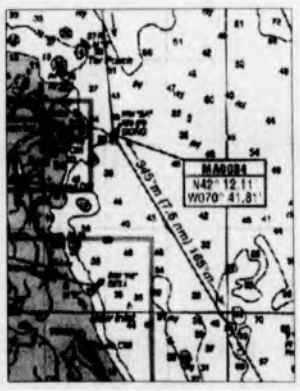
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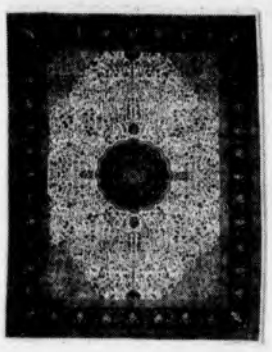
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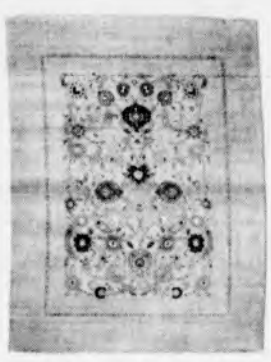
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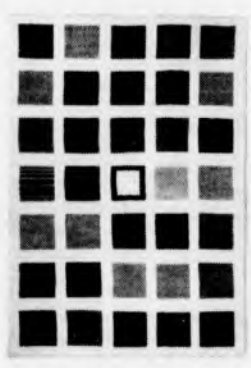
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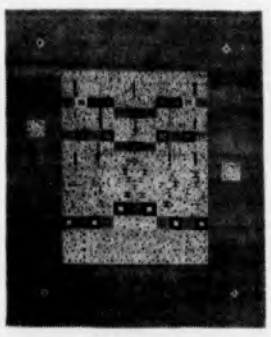
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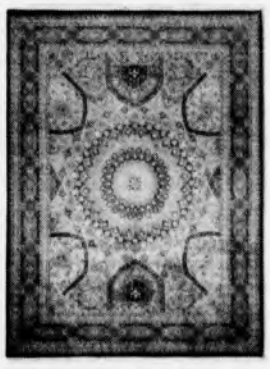
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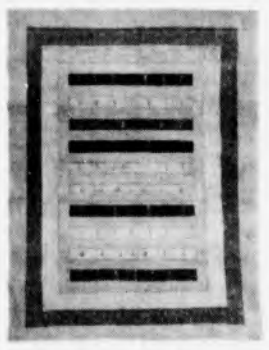
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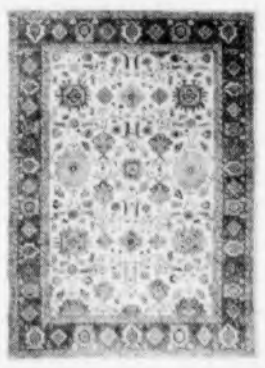
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Town Meeting

Reserve fund to hold key to paying school bills

By Samantha Brown
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The town is going to pay school department utility and unemployment bills.

But despite guarantees from the Superintendent of Schools that any money allocated for utility bills would be spent on those bills, voters at Monday's Special Town Meeting want the schools to seek a transfer from the Advisory Committee as the invoices come in and did not allocate the money directly into the school budget.

Town Meeting voted to transfer roughly $160,000 into the reserve fund — which is similar to a savings account, as it is used to hold money which has been set aside to fund future items — which will be dispensed by the Advisory Committee to the school department as needed.

During Monday night's session, Article Three asked for a $67,000 reserve fund transfer, which would set aside the funding necessary to pay for this year's school unemployment costs. Unemployment varies from year to year, depending on the amount of employees who participate.

Articles, which are listed in the Town Warrant, are items of business tackled at Town Meeting.

In addition, Article Three asked Town Meeting to add $93,500 to the school department budget as a general expense to cover a Keyspan gas bill for the schools. However, Town Meeting felt the money for the gas bill would be better handled if it too was placed in the reserve fund and the motion was adopted by a majority vote.

Leland Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, made the motion to transfer the money into the reserve fund to ensure money for utilities isn't spent on anything other than utilities.

Supt. Denise Walsh said she would personally guarantee any money set aside for utilities would be spent only on utilities. She added Cohasset has joined a co-op to purchase natural gas, which should help with the cost, however, "No one knows how severe the winter will be," she said.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said he thought the transfer was unnecessary.

"The superintendent said the money would only go to gas expenses," he said, and the town should show it supports her and defeat the motion.

The Advisory Committee supported the amendment 6-2.

Enrollment increases

The School Committee has said part of the problem with balancing the budget is greater increases in enrollment than expected. School Committee Chairman Rick Shea said in 1996, enrollment estimates showed there would be a steady increase with projected enrollment in 2010 at 1,480. "Enrollment today is 1,502," he said. With roughly 110 students added to the district over the past two years, "it's very difficult to keep budget increases at 2-1/2 percent," he said. [Prop. 2-1/2 prevents municipalities from increasing their tax levy more than 2-1/2 percent over the prior year without an override].

Wig Pierson, 123 Atlantic Ave., asked about the number of children of teachers who live out of town attending Cohasset schools free of charge – a number that could be contributing to burgeoning enrollment.

Walsh, who said she will make that information available at the Dec. 16 School Committee meeting, supported the practice which is in the teachers' contract.

"It is a rather unique benefit our teachers have in their contracts and it is a wonderful benefit for the town," said Walsh. She said allowing out-of-town teachers' children to attend Cohasset schools encourages the "best and brightest" teachers to continue teaching here. "It is an important benefit and we're proud to offer it."

Walsh said current per-pupil cost is roughly $8,600 a year.

Town Meeting rundown

Article 1 — Unpaid bills: ***amended to separate school bills from sewer commission bills. Both were adopted by a 9/10 vote***

Article 2 — Balance town budget: ***adopted by a 2/3 vote***

Article 3 — Balance operating budget: ***amended to transfer $67,000 for school unemployment costs to reserve fund, to be given out when spent. Adopted by a majority vote.***

Article 4 — Capital requests: ***adopted by a 2/3 vote***

Article 5 — Fire department collective bargaining: ***adopted by a majority vote***

Article 6 — Community Preservation Funding items: ***all adopted by a majority vote***

A: $35,000 for 60 Elm St. improvements

B: $33,000 to hire designer for reconstruction of Beechwood Ball Park

C: $10,000 to hire a professional to form a beach maintenance plan for the town

D: $16,000 for upgrade and historical preservation of Town Hall entrances

Article 7 — Cook Estate: ***indefinitely postponed (town has received an extension from the Cook heirs until April to find a wastewater solution)***

Article 8 — Citizens' petition, Little Harbor sewer: ***adopted by a majority vote***

Article 9 — Repairs for Border Street seawall: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 10 — Town personnel longevity pay: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 11 — Beechwood Ball Park renovations: ***indefinitely postponed (CPC will fund)***

Article 12 — Water Commission acquisition of Woodside Cemetery land: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 13 — Funding for water system improvements: ***adopted by a majority vote***

Article 14 — Compensation for Town Clerk: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 15 — Intermunicipal ambulance agreement: ***adopted unanimously***

Article 16 — Citizens' petition, recall provision: ***motion was amended to place this article after article 7, and was first to be taken up during Tuesday's second session of Town Meeting. Defeated by a majority vote.***

Article 17 — Participation in South Shore Greenscapes Program: ***adopted unanimously***

Citizens petition is recalled

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a prior job, and budget trouble with the schools. Many say the town has become divided over many issues.

While some think the article was directed at those currently in office as a result of the events of the past year, Harvey said is not about "whether you trust a public official, but what you do if that trust is ever lost." He said the article was not directed at any current officials, but would provide some insurance to the town.

Selectman Rob Spofford said the majority of the Board of Selectmen was against the petition, adding it is especially difficult to discuss at this time in light of recent events. He said he had asked Harvey and the other proponents to bring it back in the future to give the community time to heal.

"This is not what this town is about. We are neighbors, we are friends," Spofford said, adding he doesn't believe this is the right time to bring a matter like this to the forefront, "when we're trying to build the community back."

Spofford added, the simple act of bringing a recall petition to Town Meeting has caused some waves, which is further disrupting the healing process. "You've seen the future," and what could happen if a recall was called, just by bringing up the issue, he said.

In addition, those against the article said it is currently very hard to find people to run for office and if the recall is put in place, it could further deter residents.

School Committee Vice Chairman Chartis Tebbetts said as an elected official, she knows how hard it is to get people to run, as she has run unopposed during the last two elections.

However, School Committee member Jamie Williams said she is for the article and does not fear the ramifications it could have on her position, because it is only used when the majority feel a board member is not acting in the best interest of the town. She said if a recall must be conducted, "It's not personal, it's policy."

But Spofford said having someone always looking over his shoulder is not what community government is all about. "I don't believe I need to have a hammer over my head. You elected me for a reason," he said.

Nancy Garrison said the recall would not be in place to discourage public officials from taking office, but to provide a way to "remove any elected official who has failed us." She added a recall is not conducted because of honest mistakes, but serves as a way to protect the community.

Stuart Ivimey agreed, saying the recall petition was a vote of no confidence, just as the countries of Great Britain, France and Germany exercise.

Pat Martin, a former School Committee member, expressed concern over how an elected official could be personally affected by a recall effort. She said it is important to realize there comes a point with the recall provision, where it leaves the hands of the public and is driven into the hands of the official being challenged.

She said after the signatures are collected, there is a window where the official is contacted and notified of the public's intention to hold a recall election and has the option of resigning voluntarily. Essentially, that person is given a choice of, "Which poison would you like to choose?" she said.

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Town Meeting

Hand count establishes committee to examine school budget

By Samantha Brown
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The School Committee came under scrutiny Monday as Special Town Meeting voters spent almost 90 minutes discussing whether to allocate funds for an unpaid Keyspan gas bill for the schools.

One resident called for three School Committee members to resign effective immediately, but voters ultimately approved the appointment of a new investigative committee to determine why the school department is over budget.

Last spring the town passed a $400,000 operating budget override to help balance the school department budget. But even with the override, the School Committee needed to reduce its budget significantly by cutting teaching and administrative positions, eliminating the middle school athletic program, and not giving salary increases for administrators.

Then with the override still fresh in the minds of taxpayers, a $93,000 unpaid gas bill surfaced just before the close of the fiscal year June 30.

In addition to the $93,000 in Article One, Article Two asked for $65,000 to cover FY04 school unemployment costs and Article Three sought $93,000 to be added to the FY05 budget for school utilities, as well as $67,000 to cover this year's unemployment costs.

Roy Fitzsimmons, 116 Doane St., said during his 36 years in town, he has watched the School Committee ask for more money from the taxpayers every year. He said requests don't always have to do "with the quality of education" but have been used to "make the buildings prettier." Fitzsimmons, whose five children went through the school system, said there needs to be monitoring and controlling of expenditures.

He said this year alone, the town is being asked to pay $700,000 between this Special Town Meeting and the override at the Annual meeting which took place last spring. "This is gross neglect," he said.

Fitzsimmons made a motion which called for the resignation of incumbent School Committee Chairman Rick Shea, and members Chartis. Tebbetts and Rick Flynn. [Adrienne MacCarthy and Jamie Williams were elected last spring].In addition, he made a motion to form a committee to determine if there was a conspiracy between former Supt. Edward Malvey and the School Committee.

At that point, Moderator George Marlette said, "Mr. Fitzsimmons, can I see you for a moment?"

After some discussion at the podium, and a conference with Town Counsel, Marlette said the first motion would be ruled out of order, but allowed Fitzsimmons to present an amendment. The amendment called for a committee to be appointed by Marlette, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, and Advisory Committee Chairman Donna McGee to investigate why the schools are over budget.

Fitzsimmons said he believes the committee is necessary because if the School Committee says the budget was thoroughly reviewed last year, and is now coming back to ask for additional funds, "Apparently, someone missed an awful lot," he said.

Selectmen voted 4-1 to oppose the amendment to form the committee and the Advisory Committee voted unanimously against it.

Adding drama to the evening, Town Meeting then took a voice vote to establish the committee and Marlette ruled the motion had been defeated. However, Wig Pierson, 123 Atlantic Ave., asked for a hand count. Marlette said under Town Meeting rules seven other residents would have to agree with Pierson for the vote to be reconsidered. More than seven residents stood up and a hand count was conducted.

The final count on the motion to adopt a committee was 131 in favor with 110 against. The motion was adopted and many members of the audience clapped their hands in approval.

Gas bill

With the matter of paying the gas bill still on the table, Shea tried to clarify the issue. He said the budget for utilities in FY04 (which the unpaid $93,000 Keyspan bill relates to) was set in November or December of 2002, which enabled it to be considered at the spring 2003 Town Meeting. (Fiscal year 2004 began July 1, 2003). He said both the Deer Hill and middle-high schools were under construction at the time and the School Committee worked with the School Building Facilities Committee and the Advisory Committee to build the budget.

Shea said the FY04 budget had been increased substantially from the year before, but the Keyspan bill was received by the school department in May 2004, just one month before the end of the fiscal year. He said the School Committee regrets the situation, but "this was not foreseen." He said as a result of that bill, there would be another $93,000 appropriation included in Article Three, which would increase the line item for utilities for this fiscal year, based on the estimates the School Committee has now.

However, Tana Carlson, 18 Old Coach Road, asked what the architects and engineers who designed the school buildings predicted for utility figures, and "how far off were they (School Committee) in their allocations?"

Selectman Rob Spofford, who served as Chairman of the School Building Facilities Committee until last spring, said the estimates given to the School Committee by the building committee were the same as the numbers the committee is asking for now. To be clear, Spofford reiterated the building committee gave the School Committee numbers from the architect that provided estimates for the cost of utilities once the buildings were complete. "They did not include those numbers into their budget," he said. Spofford's comments seemed to shock some in the audience as gasps could be heard from the crowd.

Leonora Jerkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, then restated the information the audience had just been given, pointing out the School Committee had the estimates from the architect of the buildings, for both the FY04 and FY05 budgets, and alleged it under-budgeted the items on purpose, "so they could come back and ask us later." She said that means the schools received a $400,000 override but they really needed $600,000.

Shea explained the estimates, stating the architect and engineers estimated the amount of therms, or heat units, the buildings were expected to use. He said although he was not on the School Committee at that time, it is his understanding the committee budgeted for FY04 based on the actual cost incurred for FY03. "At that point, we had the architect and engineer estimates, and the '03 actuals, and hoped in '04 that we'd have the same savings" as the '03 season, he said.

However, Shea said there were a couple of problems which came up during the course of the year, including the fact that the building was not "buttoned up" as quickly as estimated, a water line froze and burst during the extreme weather last winter, which required the heat to be on "full blast for weeks," and the unit costs were increased from FY03.

Flynn also added his explanation regarding problems which arose during the year, which led the utility bill to double in cost. He said Keyspan had provided estimates to the school outlining expected utility costs, but when the actual bill came in for FY04, it was much higher than anticipated. "We added a large amount to arrive at where we are right now," he said. However, factor in the increase in the cost of utilities and that number was still not large enough.

"If we had asked Town Meeting (for funding) based on what we'd need, we would have been denied because we didn't have the history of costs," he said. Flynn added the cost of utilities, "has gone up for everyone in this room. The cost of natural gas and electricity is not something we can predict."

But those in the audience were not thoroughly convinced with the argument and many did not want to approve the funding to pay the bill.

George Chamillard, 400 Atlantic Ave., said while he understands budgets are very complicated and it is a tough job to pull one together, he believes the School Committee should put together a budget, live within it, and "just say no" to spending. "I would suggest we defeat the motion," he said, and members of the audience applauded.

However, Town Manager Michael Buckley said, "At the risk of stating the obvious," it is important to remember what happens if a utility bill doesn't get paid. The schools won't have utilities and will have trouble regaining utilities in the future, he said.

Pierson asked for a clarification one more time of Spofford's comments, and wanted to make sure he understood correctly that the School Committee was given estimates by the architect and it chose not to use those numbers, adding he wanted to know why and how that could have happened.

Spofford said the architect provided the School Building Facilities Committee with estimates of what it would cost to pay for utilities once the buildings were complete, and those numbers were given to the School Committee. "That number needs to be included in their FY05 budget," said Spofford. However, Spofford said regardless of how it happened, the FY04 bill has been incurred and is unpaid, and it would not be in the best interest of the town to be known as the community that does not pay its utility bills.

"You have what you want, you'll get an investigation," of the School Committee, but it affects the town to not pay the bill, he said.

Ann Stenbeck, 42 Atlantic Ave., asked if everything has been done to ensure Keyspan figures will not be estimated in the future, adding perhaps a representative could come out more often and read the meters to give actuals. Shea said the School Committee is making sure it is getting accurate meter readings.

Stenbeck also said she also wondered where the money would come from to pay the utility bill should Town Meeting vote against it. Buckley said if Town Meeting opted to go in that direction, he would have no legal mechanism by which to pay it and Keyspan would turn off the heat. He said when that happened, he would have no choice but to declare an emergency, as the health and safety of the students and those who work in the buildings would be jeopardized, and he would need to petition the Department of Revenue to add the cost to the tax rate for FY06.

With that being said, debate was ended and a hand count was necessary to determine whether nine-tenths of Town Meeting supported paying the Keyspan bill. The final count was 287 in support with 24 opposed.

Also included in article one were two Tutela engineering bills incurred by the Sewer Commission. In the middle of school budget discussion, sensing he could be before a tough crowd Sewer Commissioner Raymond Kasperowicz asked that his commission's portion of the article be considered separately from the School Committee bills.. "I don't want to go down with the ship," he said. Town Meeting approved allowing the bills to be considered separately, and ultimately passed their payment by a nine-tenths vote, the margin required under Town Meeting rules for unpaid bills.

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Town receives gift of rare Minot's Light letterpress prints

Imagine the delight of Marion Douglas, town clerk, opening a package of beautiful Minot Light prints last spring. She had no idea why they were sent to the town or their value.

Wig Person, chairman of the Committee on Town History, just happened to be in her office that day and said he'd look into it. After several phone calls to print collectors and members of the Society of Printers in Boston, Pierson learned the town was indeed the recipient of a rare treasure, one of a series of 29 color, woodblock prints of distinguished buildings and sites around Boston by the renowned New England graphic artist Rudolph Ruzicka.

The Committee on Town History is making 130 limited edition prints available for sale at $60 each during this holiday season.

Pierson discovered the series was produced starting in 1911 by the Merrymount Press in Boston as Christmas keepsakes and that of 29 different subjects, Minot Light was the last subject printed in 1942.

Shortly after that time the press was closed. The complete set of original wood blocks are in the collection of the Boston Athenaeum and reproduced in an out-of-print book titled "Boston, Engravings on Wood" by Rudolph Ruzicka with text by Walter Muir Whitehill published by David R. Godine, Publisher, Boston. The book is available at the Cohasset library.

Pierson also learned Selma Ordewer of Southbury, Conn. was executrix of the estate of Daniel Berkeley Bianchi and decided it was appropriate for the Town of Cohasset to be the recipient of the prints rather than print dealers. Now Cohasset townspeople may enjoy a unique original graphic reproduction of the lighthouse on the dangerous ledge that the New England historian Samuel Eliot Morison characterized as "more difficult even than the famous Eddystone".

The Committee on Town History is making 130 limited edition prints available for sale at $60 each during this holiday season. Each 3-1/2 x 5 inch print is mounted in a bevel edge acid-free matte and is numbered from one to 130 with a description of the print. The matte will fit any 8 x 10 frame suitable for hanging or displaying on a table top. Proceeds from sales are returned to the town to help fund historical publications.



Prints of Minot Light by New England graphic artist Rudolph Ruzicka are available through the Committee on Town History.

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Local family is featured in 'A Christmas Carol'

On stage now at Company Theatre

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT



The Duprés from Cohasset are appearing in the Company Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol": From left are, Josh, Peter, Jessie and Lori Dupré. "A Christmas Carol" runs through Dec. 18. Tickets on sale at the box-office at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, and by calling 781-871-2787.

"A Christmas Carol" has always been regarded as a family-oriented show for the holiday season. This year's production of the Charles Dickens classic at Norwell's Company Theatre puts an even further accent on family.

Peter Dupré, a Cohasset software technology executive, is also a part-time community theatre actor with numerous credits in Company Theatre productions over the last five years. The latest is his role as Nephew Fred in the Company Theatre's current version of "A Christmas Carol," performing at the theatre through Dec. 18.

But also featured in the show's cast are Dupré's wife, Lori — in a double role including that of Fred's fiancé, Bess, and two of his four children, son Josh, 15 and daughter Jessie, 14. Josh and Jessie play the roles of Dick White — a childhood flashback friend of Ebeneezer Scrooge, and Belinda Cratchit — daughter of Scrooge's bookkeeper and the show's protagonist character Bob Cratchit, respectively. The Duprés' collective casting in CT's "Christmas Carol" makes the semi-nightly performances a true family outing.

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But the family connections from Cohasset don't stop there. Also among the 40-odd total members in the show's cast is the father-daughter team of Reed and Rebecca Dickinson, as well as sisters Ellie and Emily Baumgarten, all Cohasset residents.

Dupré, 45, is currently Chief Strategy Office at Edgewater Technologies in Wakefield, and has also been an executive at W.B. Mason & Company as well as a sought-after seminar and conference speaker and trade journal contributor in the area of information systems technology.

But his involvement in community theatre goes all the way back to age five, when he made his stage debut as a royal child in a 1965 Concord Players Productions version of "The King and I" in his native Concord, Mass.

"My Mom was involved in community theatre when I grew up in Concord," Dupré recalled, "and she got me a role in the Concord Players' production of 'The King and I' back at the time, and I just fell in love with it — the whole idea of community theatre and being onstage. I guess I knew even then that stage acting would become a lifelong interest, and I continued to do theatre work after that, including children's theatre as well as children's roles in adult productions."

Dupré took about 20 years off from the theatre after high school, during which he was busy with college, career, marriage and family.

"But a few years ago I was at the church where my wife and I go, the North River Community Church in Pembroke, where they have a drama ministry doing weekly theatre productions," he says. "I got involved in that for awhile as a way to get back into being onstage, when sometime around 1999 another one of the actors apparently liked what I did and told me that I should audition for 'Children of Eden,' which was the current Company Theatre production at the time."

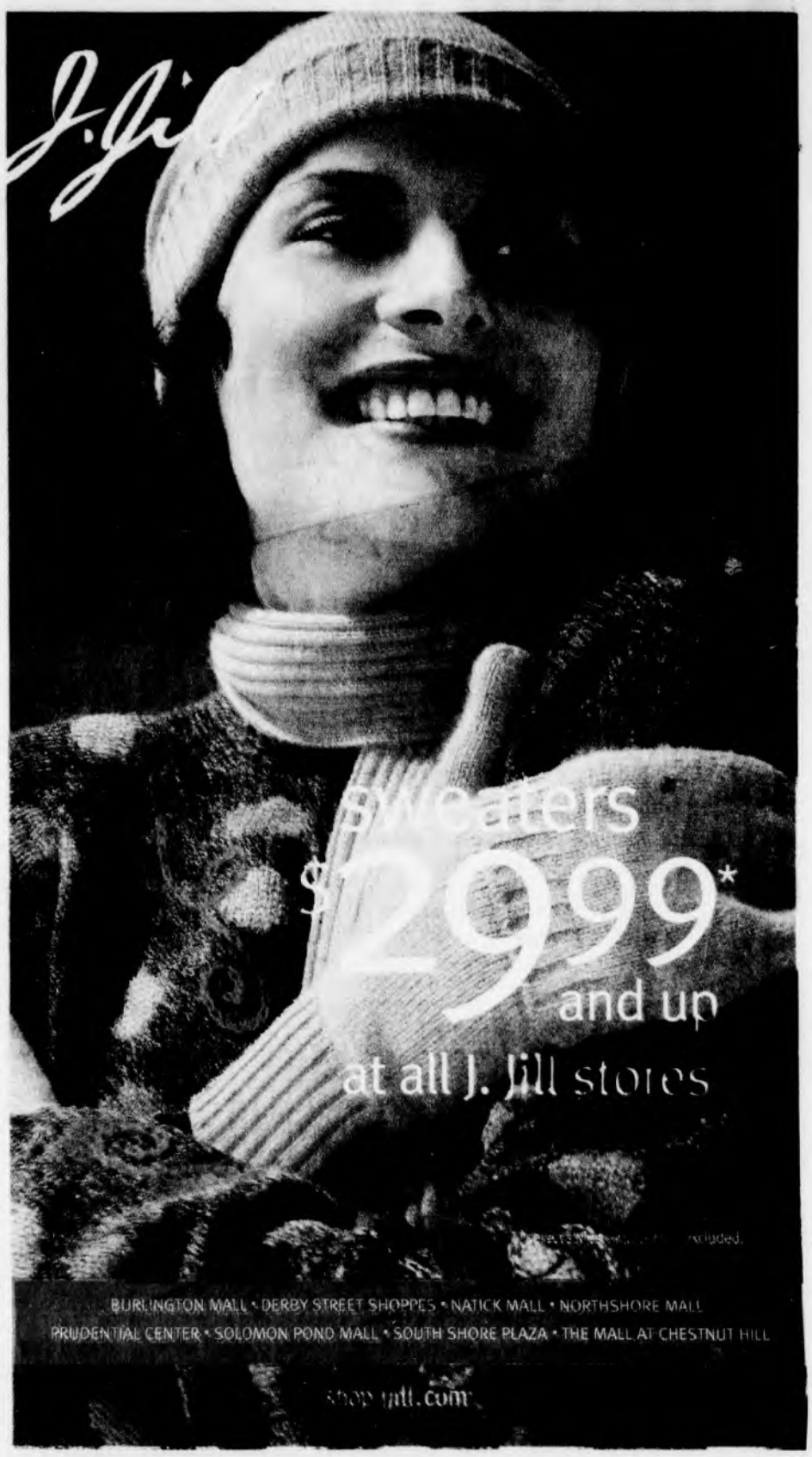
Dupré auditioned and earned a role in the production, beginning a profitable long-term relationship with the Company Theatre that has in the last five years included casting in CT productions of "Footloose," "42nd Street," "Company For the Holidays" and others. He's also taken his talents into the city, performing in the original cast of "The Curse of the Bambino" at Boston's Lyric Stage Theatre.

Lori Dupré, an experienced community theatre actress herself, has also previously joined her husband in the casts of "Footloose" and "Company For the Holidays," and now in "A Christmas Carol."

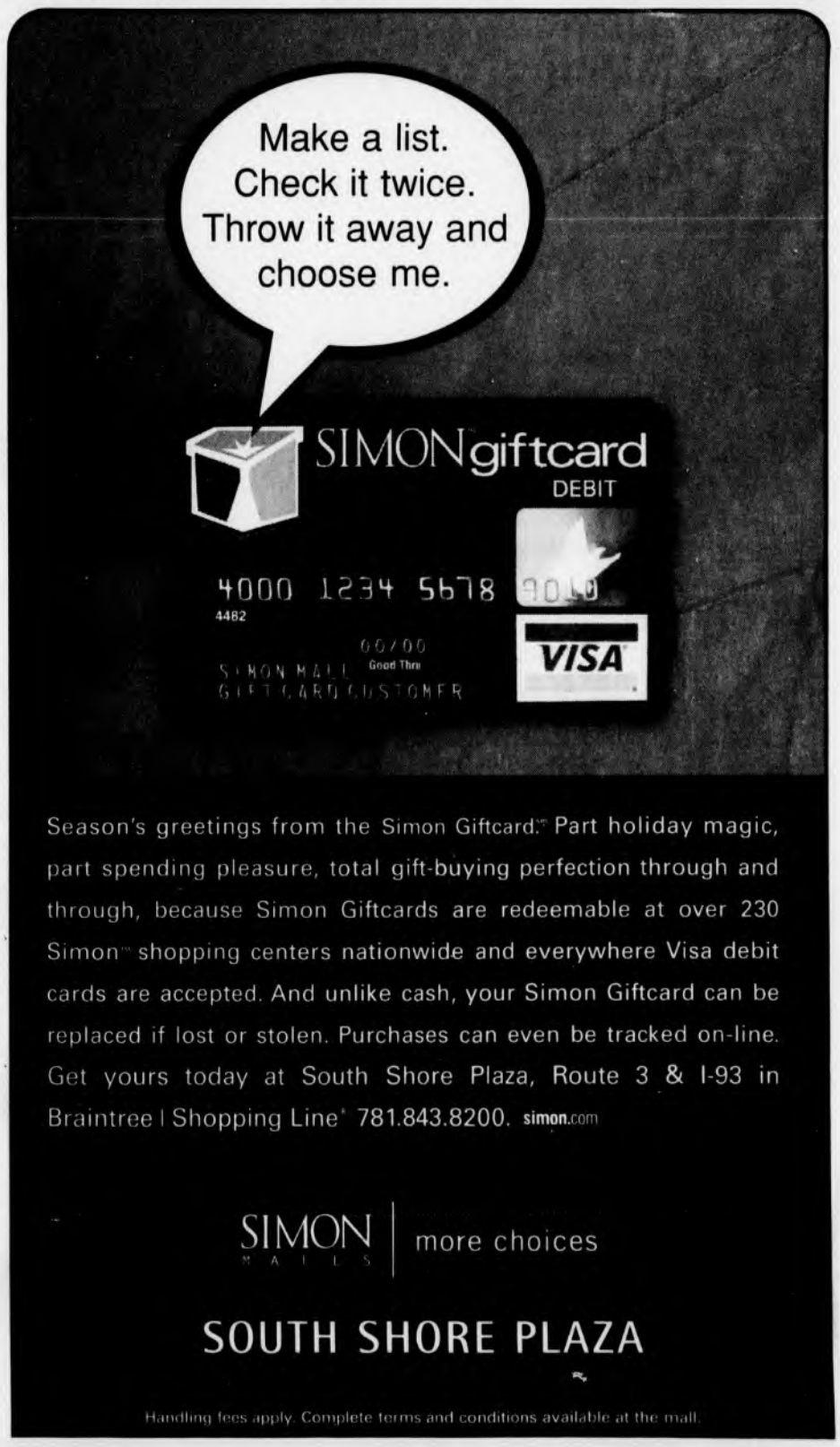
Dupré, who's lived with his family in Cohasset since 1993, offered his perspective on the unique chemistry of working with his wife and kids onstage

Said Dupré, "Lori, the kids and I have been acting in shows together off-and-on for four years. And I think that part of the whole experience of working together like this is the family atmosphere as much as the artistic side of acting. When you work with your kids onstage, it's not a parent-child relationship but rather peer-to-peer. Altogether, it's a very unusual thing."

Dupré added that also during this season he will perform with Josh and Jessie in a North River Community Church production of "A Christmas Tale," in which Lori Dupré is also on hand to direct.







OPINION

EDITORIAL

Volunteers

We respect anyone who has the courage to run for and to hold office today. We also applaud those who sit on appointed boards and committees.

Today's issues are complex and taxpayers can get riled up by the decisions made and policies enacted – making the job of public officials unpleasant at times.

The paperwork and preparation for a meeting can be daunting. We realize being a town official can be time consuming – in short, it's a tough job.

But with that being said, no one is forced to become a public official. Homework and long hours go with the territory.

We're a little disturbed that the term "volunteer" is being bandied about of late in a way that could intimidate ordinary citizens from challenging a decision or policy. Town officials are not paid a salary. Therefore, they are volunteering their time.

However, we put those serving on boards and committees in a different "volunteer" category than, let's say, volunteers who work at a hospital, food pantry, or non-profit organization out of the kindness of their hearts without any expectation of thanks or recognition.

Running for office can be expensive and it is not for the faint of heart. Yet, it is a healthy process and Cohasset seems to have no shortage of folks willing to serve and lend their talent, judgment and expertise to the town.

Serving on an appointed board, like the ZBA, is also challenging and can be fraught with controversy – look at the debate generated over 3 Jerusalem Lane, for example.

So while public officials are unpaid for the most part and are therefore, volunteering their time — they shouldn't throw the term around loosely at meetings so those in the audience will feel "their pain," so to speak. When someone says, "I'm just a volunteer" – it's human nature to immediately think that person's decisions should not be questioned because of all the time they've put in for no remuneration.

We've also noticed a growing lack of civility at selectmen's meetings from both sides of the desk. But it's especially incumbent upon selectmen to show restraint when the going gets tough. When frustrated citizens are heard out – often a situation can be diffused without creating more animosity. While no town official should have to sit back and take verbal abuse, true leadership means rising above the fray.

Town Meeting

We can never understand why there is not standing room only at Town Meetings. There is no purer form of democracy or better theater than that venerable form of New England government.

Here at the Mariner, we try to provide a synopsis of what decisions were made, the debate and capture a sense of the "mood" or tenor of the taxpayers.

The great thing about Town Meetings for those in attendance is the way all sides of issues are discussed; so usually by the time a vote occurs most have a clear picture of what they're voting for.

If you didn't attend Town Meeting, then you really can't complain about any allocations of funds or decisions made there. For those who enjoy the workings of government, Town Meetings aren't boring – they're fascinating arenas.

Those who regularly attend are participating in their government which couldn't run without them. We thank you for making the commitment of spending a couple of nights helping to make the important decisions that affect your community.

— Mary Ford
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Town flu clinic Dec. 13

A senior and adult high risk only flu clinic will be presented by Cohasset Board of Health on Monday Dec. 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Avenue.

This flu clinic is open to all citizens of Cohasset over 65 years and for those adults who are at high risk.(adults only)

Some examples are: asthma, chronic pulmonary disease, diabetes, heart disease

Remember to wear a short sleeve shirt Seniors please bring Medicare part B and/or Senior Health Insurance cards.

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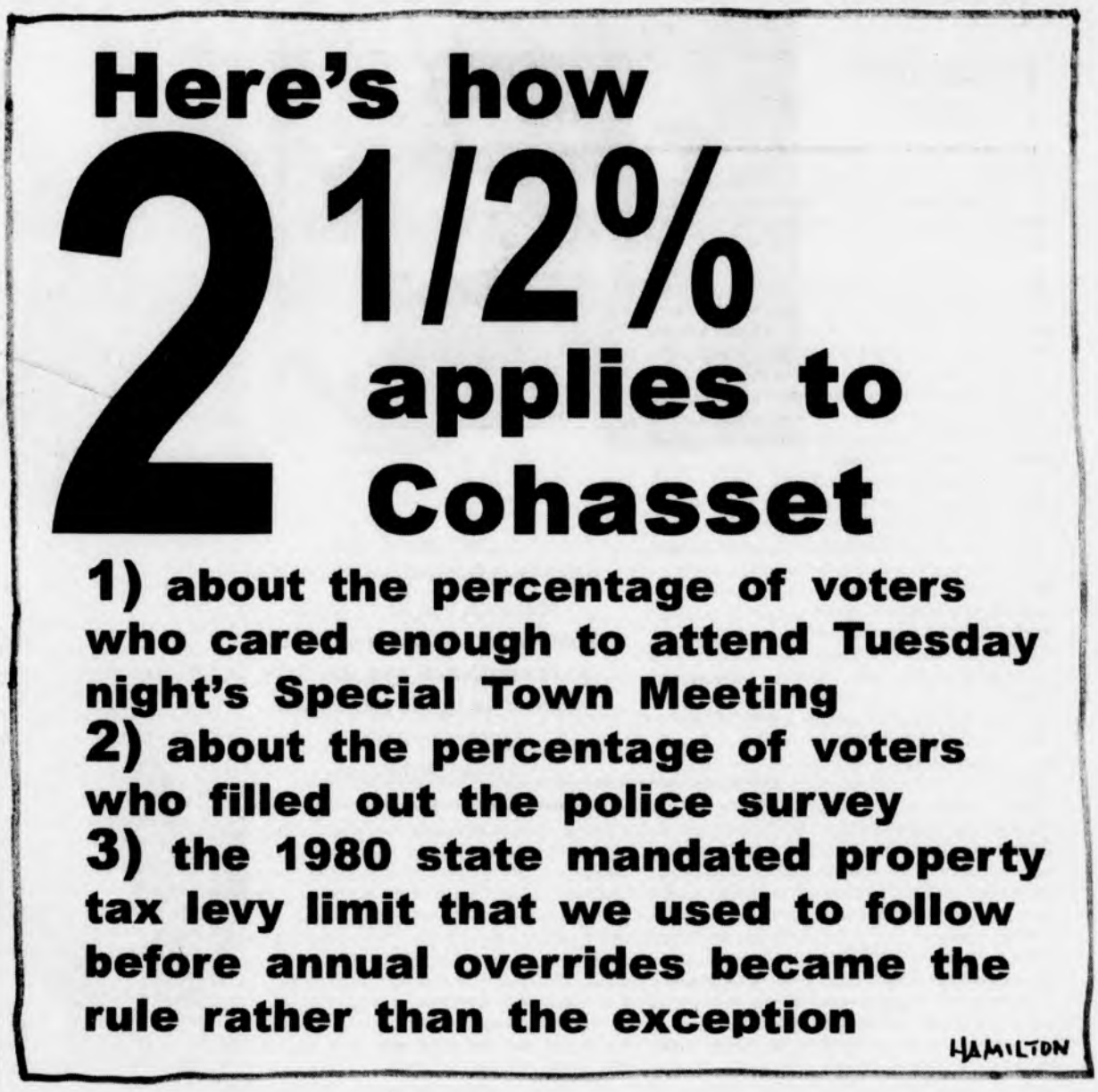
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Differences of opinion

TO THE EDITOR:

In both sessions of this week's Town Meeting, some selectmen and advisory board members repeatedly brought up the words "devisive" ands "mean-spirited" in connection with some of the proposed articles. It appeared that they only used such terminology for proponents and articles that they disagreed with. The impression they conveyed was that if you did not agree with them, you were being "devisive" and "mean spirited."

My opinion is that accusations of being "devisive" and "mean-spirited" do not belong in Cohasset's public debate. At every previous Town Meeting I have attended there have been differences of opinion between honest well-meaning people, without accusations of "devisiveness" and being "mean-spirited."

As pointed out more than once from the floor of this Town Meeting, the free expression of differences of opinion is what America is all about. Instead of pejoratively labeling them, we should celebrate our differences of opinion, advocate for our positions, and trust our fellow citizens in Town Meeting assembled to draw their own conclusions on what is best for the town, as they have for hundreds of years.

Gary Vanderweil
500 Jerusalem Road

Deep Run needs sewering

TO THE EDITOR:

While large housing projects continue to line up for sewer access, we must not forget that the intent of providing wastewater treatment capacity in the Town of Cohasset was to improve, restore and protect the environment and health of the Town. At the Special Town Meeting on Dec. 6, the voters took an important step to this end by endorsing additional action to be taken by the Town to complete the Little Harbor and Atlantic Avenue Sewer District project. Completion of this project, as described in the Supplement to Final Wastewater Facility Plan and Environmental Impact Report dated February 2002 (the "EIR") for the Town of Cohasset, is critical to restoring the environmental quality of our coastal waters and tidal areas. However, the environmental integrity of our coastline is still compromised and additional action by the Town is required to provide sewers to Deep Run and Rust Way.

The EIR designates 38 residences on Deep Run, Rust Way and joining section of Jerusalem Road as "the Jerusalem Road Sewer District." It notes that, once the Little Harbor-Atlantic Avenue Sewer District is in place to satisfy the Second Amended Final Judgement, the Jerusalem Road Sewer District will be the only remaining unsewered portion of the Cohasset coastline. The EIR goes on to state that any additional Hull capacity should be utilized by the Town of Cohasset to alleviate the existing problems within the Town namely for the original North Cohasset Sewer District expansion areas and the Jerusalem Road Sewer District. It concludes that "Until these environmentally sensitive areas are sewered, capacity allocation for new development should not be entertained or allowed to traverse public streets and/or ways".

Rust Way is already a designated expansion area of the North Cohasset Sewer District. This leaves Deep Run as the only street remaining on the Cohasset shoreline susceptible to contributing pollution to Massachusetts Bay which is not included in either the Central Sewer District or the North Cohasset Sewer District nor covered by the Second Amended Final Judgement. This is clearly an oversight that needs to be remedied. It is contingent upon the Town to initiate action to designate Deep run as an expansion area of North Cohasset Sewer District and to work to obtain additional Hull capacity to cover the expansion areas. It is logical to redefine the North Cohasset Sewer District accordingly to rectify the existing situation and to provide environmental protection along the entire Cohasset shorelines. As the EIR states, this work should take precedence over new development.

Paul Lualdi
56 Deep Run

Senseless vandalism

TO THE EDITOR:

Last spring, my son and I attached a flower box to the little ticket office next to the Hingham Shipyard ferry to Boston. During the summer, Lynda the manager of the facility kept it full of flowers, and watered them faithfully, to cheer our morning commute.

A few days ago the flower box, ripped from its supports, was found floating in the water next to the dock.

I just don't get it. Are our kids so angry and alienated that they engage in malicious vandalism, striking out to hurt anybody and anything — even flower boxes?

Can anybody explain this?

Eric Oddleifson
42 River Road

Jingle Bell Walk support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The South Shore Community Center in Cohasset would like to express its appreciation to the many merchants and volunteers who lent a helping hand at our Tenth Jingle Bell Walk.

As the bells rang out from St. Stephen's Church, thanks to Mary Kennedy, Santa and Mrs. Claus along with many elf assistants arrived at the Community Canter. All our volunteers were ready to go with jingle bells, bet cocoa, and cookies waiting. Mrs. Claus and Santa, along with Frosty, Rudolph, and the merry Elves led a community sing-along of traditional holiday favorites. Photos with Santa, bowling, and face painting followed. Hayrides, the Turkey Trot, and the Luminaries were a big hit for everyone.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the many, many contributors and volunteers who helped make the day successful.

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Stephanie Church
Program Director

150 N. Main St. development plans should concern us all

COMMENTARY

ANDREW QUIGLEY

There is a hearing scheduled for this Monday, Dec. 13, before the Zoning Board of Appeals which should be of concern to all residents. The basic facts are these:

About a year ago a pair of local developers (Steven Bjorklund and Mark Winchester) purchased the property at 150 No. Main St. (that's the house almost directly across from Ripley Road with the solar panels on the roof). The property was grandfathered as a three-unit structure, but shortly after the new owners purchased it, they went to the ZBA for permission to turn it into a four unit structure. For reasons which are unclear (and which in the opinion of some may have exceeded the ZBA's authority), the ZBA granted the request by the new owners to permit the property to become a four-unit dwelling.

Last week the developers came before the Planning Board for a preliminary hearing regarding a Large House Site Review pursuant to the new by-law passed at last spring's Town Meeting. At that hearing the developers unveiled their proposal for their new plans for the property, which are as follows: They stated that shortly after purchasing the property, they "discovered termites," which, they asserted, leave them no viable option other than to demolish the existing structure and build anew. (I should note here that Richard Henderson, our former Town Counsel, read aloud the ZBA decision granting the four-unit conversion in which the ZBA appears to have plainly stated that the permit was granted "on condition that the exterior of the dwelling not be changed.") They intend to convert what had been an owner-occupied home with two apartments into a four-unit condominium "apartment building" (Mr. Bjorklund's own words). The existing footprint and living area are 1,982 and 3,844 sq. ft. respectively; the new footprint and living area will be 3,388 and 6,776 sq. ft. respectively. In short, the new structure will be almost twice the size of the current one on a lot of 26,119 sq. ft.

In addition, there will be a four car garage; a double-driveway with two curb cuts at this busy intersection of No. Main and Ripley Road; and uncovered parking areas for 4-6 more cars.



Plans for the house at 150 N. Main St., shown here, are the subject of a public hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

...the look of that neighborhood, especially for the abutters, will be changed dramatically because of the size of the proposed new structure as well as by the garage and increased parking accommodations.

The developers mentioned that they felt that such a project would help to meet the needs of Cohasset's senior population who are looking to downsize; however, when Planning Board member Stuart Ivimey asked whether their project would be age-restricted, their answer was, "No." They also mentioned that one of the units would be handicapped accessible because "it will have a bedroom on the first floor." However, there was no mention at the meeting of whether there will be a wheelchair ramp, bathrooms designed for handicapped use, etc. for this unit.

There is no question that the new building looks quite nice on paper. On the other hand, it also is clear that the look of that neighborhood, especially for the abutters, will be changed dramatically because of the size of the proposed new structure as well as by the garage and increased parking accommodations. Moreover, an existing antique structure which has been on that piece of land for almost 250 years will be gone, forever changing the face of the main thoroughfare into our historic downtown district.

The reason that this project should be of concern to all of us is this: As surely as night follows day, the pressure to intensify the use of every square foot of land in Cohasset is going to increase dramatically as every additional foot of track is laid for the train. Developers will use the magic words du jour – "It's good for seniors" – to coax neighbors and our town boards to allow their projects, even in the face of our zoning by-law restrictions. After surveying their proposal, Bob Sturdy, the long-time Planning Board member, bluntly told the developers, "You are beating the zoning by-laws to a pulp."

Although this is just one lot in our town, the ZBA surely will be setting a precedent if they allow this sort of development to go forward. It is not a stretch to say that what is at stake is whether we want to turn our town into a densely-settled community with an urban feel or whether we want Cohasset to remain as Cohasset.

Andrew Quigley lives at 38 Jerusalem Road.

Memories of the Yard

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Watching them take down the familiar skeletal crane ways that symbolized the Fore River Shipyard the other day called to mind a sad, nostalgic realization.

After a hundred years, they ain't gonna build no ships there anymore!

I remember a time when they turned out ships like Carter turned out little liver pills and if the Japanese sank them as fast as they built them, they'd just build them faster.

There were some 35,000 men and a few women at work in the Yard around the clock in three shifts 60-odd years ago and one of the ships they built, the battleship Nevada, was so well-built that she survived Pearl Harbor and the A-Bomb test at Bikini and had to be sunk by torpedoes.

They built the aircraft carrier Wasp at the Yard, too, and therein lies a personal tale.

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The Squantum Naval Air Station put on an air show to celebrate the launching of the Wasp and two of the planes locked wings and crashed in East Braintree, killing the four crewmen involved.

We lived on Edgemont Road at the time, as did a lot of my classmates in Miss Clark's seventh grade class in the Thomas A. Watson School and, as black smoke rose from the crash site, the school leaked kids running home to see if it was still standing.

One plane crashed into the house next to Mallen's across the street from our house and one of the crewmen, whose chute didn't have time to open, came down in the house lot behind us on Bickford Road. The second plane crashed about a half mile away on Sheppard Avenue.

It was a memorable day for me and the Shipyard, too.

I never worked at the Yard. My uncle scooped me up to give me a free tour of the Pacific the minute I escaped from Braintree High School. But one of my jobs while a high school student was to deliver a weekly paper for the Independent Union of Fore River Workers.

The union was fighting a losing battle with the CIO shipbuilders union and we used to stand at the gates when the 11 o'clock shift got out and pass out the papers to the workers while some guys --- from the CIO, I suppose --- glared at us. The job didn't last long.

Only last year I came across a paperback book called "The Shipyard: Will It Float," by Dave Drummond, the memoir of a man whose family worked at the Yard for three generations. It contains a list of every ship constructed at the Yard and a few surprises.

Like the list includes five submarines built for the Japanese Navy. No, they weren't used to sink American ships built at the Yard, but wouldn't it be ironic if they were?

They were built in 1904 just in time for the Japanese war against the Russians. They were built at Fore River, then taken apart, shipped to the West Coast, loaded on steamers bound for Japan and reassembled. They were scrapped in 1921.

And now the Yard is a used car lot.

HEALTH NOTES

Some health hints for the holidays

And tips that are good all year long

As the holidays approach we like to celebrate by entertaining friends and family, throwing parties, and preparing feasts. From the buffet table to the office party, food moves center stage throughout the holiday season. In order to avoid a dyspeptic December:

Keep food safe by following good sense food safety practices.

•Clean: Wash hands and food-contact surfaces often. Bacteria can spread throughout the kitchen and get onto cutting boards, knives, sponges, and counter tops.

• Separate: Don't cross-contaminate-don't let bacteria spread from one food product to another. This is especially true for raw meat, poultry and seafood. Keep such foods and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods.

• Cook: Cook to proper temperatures. Foods are properly cooked when they are heated for a long enough time and at a high (>160 F) temperature to kill the harmful bacteria that cause food borne illness. Chill: Refrigerate promptly. Refrigerating foods quickly keeps most harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying. Refrigerators should be set at 40 F and the freezer at 0 F, and the accuracy of the settings should be checked occasionally with a thermometer.

Germs

Whether you are with friends, family, or at the mall: Holidays are also the time we meet more people. It's a good thing to remember how germs are transmitted. Illnesses like flu (influenza) and colds are caused by viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. Flu and colds usually spread from person to person when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Take care to:

• Clean your hands often When available, wash your hands -- with soap and warm water -- then rub your hands vigorously together and scrub all surfaces. Wash for 15 to 20 seconds. It is the soap combined with the scrubbing action that helps dislodge and remove germs.

Germs can live for a long time (some can live for 2 hours or more) on surfaces like doorknobs, desks, and tables.

When soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers You can find them in most supermarkets and drugstores. If using a gel, rub the gel in your hands until they are dry. The gel doesn't need water to work; the alcohol in the gel kills germs that cause colds and the flu.

• Cough or sneeze into a tissue and then throw it away. Cover your cough or sneeze if you do not have a tissue. Then, clean your hands, and do so every time you cough or sneeze.

• Avoid close contact and stay home if you're sick

• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs can live for a long time (some can live for 2 hours or more) on surfaces like doorknobs, desks, and tables.

• If you get sick or have flu symptoms: stay home, get plenty of rest, and check with a health care provider as needed. Your employer may need a doctor's note for an excused absence. Remember: Keeping your distance from others may protect them from getting sick. Common symptoms of the flu include: fever (usually high), headache, extreme tiredness, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, and nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea (much more common among children than adults).

• Practice other good health habits: Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food. Practicing healthy habits will help you stay healthy during flu season and all year long.

• When you have to see a doctor: Ask questions, and if you don't understand, ask again. It's your body and you have a right to know.

• Pay attention to the care you are receiving. Make sure you're getting the right treatments and medications by the right health care professionals. Don't assume anything.

• Educate yourself about your diagnosis, the medical tests you are undergoing, and your treatment plan.

• Ask a trusted family member or friend to be your advocate.

• Know what medications you take and why you take them. Medication errors are the most common health care errors.

• Keep an accurate record of your medications. Include dosage, when you have to take them, and know about side effects. The Board of Health can provide a handy chart which can be used to list medications and other helpful information.

• Participate in all decisions about your general health and its treatment. You are the center of your health care team.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Memory Tree at the South Shore Community Center

Each week the Cohasset Mariner will run a list of contributors to The Memory Tree.

This holiday season will be enriched by remembering, in a tangible way, the joy our loved ones have shared with us in seasons past.

Commemorative lights will shine on The Memory Tree on the lawn of the South Shore Community Center. As contributions are received, bulbs will be illuminated throughout the season and the names of the donors will be published in the Cohasset Mariner. Your tax-deductible contribution will help continue quality programs at SSCC. The star atop the 2004 Memory Tree will shine in honor of our departed loved ones whom you wish to honor. Participation options are:

Individual: Forget me not white lights for a gift of $5;

Angel: Individuals, businesses or professionals giving $15 or more, forget me not white lights;

Archangel: Individuals, businesses, professionals giving $50 or more, forget me not white lights.

Generosity will be acknowledged by white lights on The Memory Tree and on the scroll published weekly.

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Former governors and others need to come clean on Big Dig

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL P. NORTON

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

Anyone who thinks the Big Dig's problems aren't a big deal should have been in Room A-1 at 10 am last Thursday (Dec. 2). A half hour before lawmakers were due to grill the project's public and private managers, every seat was occupied and the crowded room was buffeted mostly by men in suits and some stake in the $14.6 billion mega-project.

Members of the Legislature's Transportation Committee, after hearing from independent engineers they called to testify two days before, spent hours grilling Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Chairman Matthew Amorello and Bechtel Parsons Brinckerhoff executives over leaks in the new I-93 northbound tunnel.

While everyone listened attentively to the questions and the answers — most notably Bechtel's acceptance of responsibility for a Sept. 15 tunnel wall breach — it's worthwhile to pause and think about whose feet are not being held to the fire, at least not yet, in the ongoing inquiry into who knew what about the water leaks in the tunnels and how long ago they knew it.

Gov. Mitt Romney has already asked for Amorello's resignation, essentially claiming the leaks occurring under his watch have further eroded public confidence in both Amorello and the independent authority he runs. Most others in positions of power on Beacon Hill have the knives out for Bechtel Parsons Brinckerhoff (BPB). The line of thinking goes like this: after being paid $2 billion to manage the largest public works project in the world, BPB ought to be delivering a flawless product. Hard to argue with that.

But here are a few names that no one on Beacon Hill has mentioned in a sentence with the words accountability or responsibility in it: William Weld, Paul Cellucci, Jane Swift, Thomas Reilly, Gregory Sullivan, Joseph DeNucci, James Kerasiotes, Richard Capka, Andrew Natsios.

Is it so far-fetched to think that footage of water pouring into the tunnel from its walls and roof would stir the Legislature to want to hear from former governors who appointed the people who ran the project and were charged with holding Bechtel accountable? Is it a stretch to wonder why the state auditor, attorney general and inspector general were not called to testify? And while Amorello is running the Dig now, he's only been at the helm since 2002. Why not bring in the turnpike's former chairmen – Kerasiotes, Capka and Natsios – since evidence has surfaced that the leak problems date back to the late 1990s?

"There has been a lot of change at the top of this project over the years," committee co-chairman Rep. Joseph Wagner said. Wagner said he wished his panel had subpoena power — the House Post Audit and Oversight Committee does have subpoena powers — and indicated he would forward actionable information he learned about the leaks to the "appropriate authorities," without naming them.

At some point; maybe someone will call these folks to ask them questions. How would they rate their oversight of the project? What did they know about the leaks and waterproofing problems and when? Why did they not disclose at an earlier point information they knew was important? And if they didn't know key information one might reasonably believe people in those positions would know, why was that?

Almost amazingly, the Inspector General's office within the US Department of Transportation said it has reservations about how the state can determine which entities may have responsibility for the leaks and the repair costs those entities will assume. The IG's office said the "existing arrangements" and the "interests of the parties involved" give it pause, and recommended the creation of yet another special commission to determine responsibility for the leaks and oversee fixes.

But don't hold your breath for such an uber-independent inquiry. The history of this project has been one of quiet periods followed by massive problems, be they finance or construction-related, followed by periods of feigned outrage and then more calm. Amorello, the public face of the project, and Bechtel PB, through its contractual obligations, remain the most likely to pay if the leak problems aren't solved, as promised, or if the leaks worsen. But don't underestimate the collective but unspoken wish for this project to simply be finished by next September and for all these problems and inquiries to just go away. And don't underestimate the possibility that wishing the problems away is merely wishful thinking.

The Big Dig remained front and center all week, with fresh new developments:

• Project officials began to highlight concerns that water may corrode the project's infrastructure and lead to unanticipated expenses. "We are looking at that because of the long-term budget impact that may have on us," said Amorello. Authority officials said the leak repairs have cost the project $10 million to date. And they said they are still examining the question of whether the leaks are due to a design issue, which could trigger another whole series of problems.

• US Rep. Stephen Lynch, a South Boston Democrat, toured the tunnel and pronounced it safe afterwards. But Lynch said there are obvious problems and announced that a congressional investigative committee he serves on will be traveling to Boston in January to hold an oversight hearing here. Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, is also still considering hearings on the project's latest problems.

• The Big Dig's recently hired independent engineering experts said they would be surprised if ice did not form this winter inside the tunnel, due to the continuing leaks. The prediction prompted Romney to supplement comments by Boston Herald columnist Howie Carr. "We got more than we bargained for, we not only got a massive tunnel system, but we got a car wash. Well in the wintertime, the car wash is going to be an ice rink, unless it's properly managed." With a more serious tone, Romney said he's confident that any ice formations will be dealt with.

• *Study details state workers earning more than $100,000 per year* — A Romney administration study outlined concludes that more than 2,000 people employed by the Executive Branch of state government or at independent authorities took home more than $100,000 in the most recent fiscal year. Most of the employees were in education, public safety and health and human services jobs. Unlike 13 other authorities, the turnpike authority did not submit data. Authority spokesman Doug Hanchett attributed that to an "internal mixup" and the turnpike divulged that it has 12 people on its payroll who make six figures.

• *Coalition comes together around health care bill* — The leading trade groups in the state representing unions, hospitals, and physicians are coalescing around legislation sponsored by Sen. Richard Moore, D-Uxbridge, to expand access to health insurance. The cornerstones of the bill are plans to raise the cigarette tax by 50 cents a pack and to require businesses that don't offer insurance to do so or pay into a fund that will help cover the uninsured. Gov. Romney and Senate President Robert Travaglini oppose new taxes or employer mandates as part of a health fix bill.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) (617) 722-1646 Room 413F



Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) (617) 722-2120 Room 472

QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on two roll calls from prior sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

FULLY FUND REGIONAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION (S 2463)

Senate 38-0, approved an amendment providing that the state begin in fiscal year 2006 to provide 100 percent reimbursement to regional schools for the transportation of pupils. The amendment became part of legislation creating a new funding plan for the distribution of some Chapter 70 Education Aid. The entire bill was approved by the Senate and sent to the House which has not taken any action on it. Amendment supporters said these regional districts are having financial problems because the state currently reimburses only 65 percent of the costs. They noted that the state encouraged the creation of regional schools many years ago with the promise that it would fully reimburse their transportation costs. (A "Yea" vote is for full reimbursement).

Y

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS' DISABILITY RETIREMENT (S 2355)

Senate 38-0, gave final approval to a bill providing up to $300 annually in additional retirement benefits for some state employees who are veterans and are on accidental disability retirement because of a work-related injury. The measure provides a retroactive additional $15 for each year and fraction of a year of creditable service up to a maximum of $300 annually. The bill also includes a local option provision allowing local cities, towns and counties to provide the additional benefits to their local employees. Supporters said the state should provide this additional benefit to veterans that have served our nation and argued that it would help many families. Gov. Romney vetoed the bill and the Legislature has not yet acted on the veto. In his veto message, the governor said the bill is very narrow and would not help veterans that are not on accidental disability retirement or any non-veterans. He noted that the bill would cost a lot of money but would benefit only a small percentage of public employees. (A "Yea" vote is for the bill).

Y

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

TENANTS' WATER AND SEWER BILLS (H 5001)- The House gave final approval and the Senate gave near final approval to a bill allowing landlords to install meters and bill their tenants for the amount of water and sewer services that they use. Massachusetts is the only state that does not allow this practice that treats water like gas and electricity. The legislation would allow landlords to bill only new tenants and only if the landlords install water conservation devices for all faucets, showerheads and toilets in the unit. Tenants in public housing units would be exempt from having a meter installed in their units. Supporters said the measure is an environmental one that would encourage reduced water use by tenants that would now be footing the bill. They noted that one study indicated that tenants that pay for their own water typically use up to 39 percent less of it than tenants that have the costs built into their rent. Opponents said that tenants are already paying astronomical rents and argued that the bill is an anti-tenant one that would raise their rents by hundreds of dollars annually. They noted that tenants, unlike landlords, would not be allowed to deduct the water and sewer costs on their income taxes.

BIG DIG AND MORE- The heated discussion about who is responsible and who should pay for the escalating number of reports of leaks in the Interstate 93 tunnel continued on Beacon Hill last week at a hearing before the Transportation Committee. John MacDonald, an official with Bechtel/Parsons Brinckerhoff, admitted that the company made mistakes and would agree to pay its "fair share" of the repair costs. He refused, however, to agree to a proposal by Transportation Committee chairman Steven Baddour (D-Methuen) that the company establish an escrow account to pay for future repairs caused by mistakes. Some legislators are calling for a full-scale investigation aimed at uncovering fraud and criminal activity. In the meantime, a separate, broader hearing was held by the Transportation Finance Commission— a special commission that was created to draft a plan to meet the state's transportation needs for the next 25 years. At that hearing, State Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas said that the $1 billion backlog of bridges across the state in need of repair can be partially blamed on the Big Dig that gobbled up 70 percent of the state's transportation funds since 1990. Grabauskas also recommended that the special commission consider various revenue raising proposals including charging commuters a tax based on the number of miles they drive. State officials fear that the increased use of hybrid and other fuel-efficient vehicles would reduce the revenue from the state's gas tax. The state of Oregon has established a pilot program and next year 400 private automobiles in that state will be equipped with mileage-recording devices. Drivers of those vehicles will pay a gas tax based on the amount of miles that they drive rather than paying the state's regular gas tax.

TAX REVENUE- State Revenue Commissioner Alan LeBovidge announced that state revenue collections for November were $1.12 billion— an increase of $75 million or 7.1 percent over November 2003. Despite the increase over last year, November's collections were $42 million below predictions. LeBovidge attributes that to changes in the timing of withholding payments that increased October tax collections and decreased November collections by similar amounts. He also noted that collections for the first five months of fiscal year 2005 were $6.236 billion— an increase of $316 million or 5.3 percent over the same five months of fiscal year 2004 and $38 million above the predicted amount.

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Sewer schedule voted for Little Harbor

By Samantha Brown
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"The state has been more than patient in waiting for us to address the pollution of Little Harbor."
— Lisa Lojacono, Nichols Road

Town Meeting has spoken and citizens in the Little Harbor area of town have assurance a project to sewer their neighborhood will follow a set schedule.

Since 1979, when the town violated the Clean Waters Act, the plan to clean up the waters in the Little Harbor area of town has been underway. As a result of the violation, the state gave the town a judgment, followed by a second amended judgment, which the town needed to comply with or possibly face fines of $10,000 per day.

A group of citizens banded together in the hopes that incorporating a sewering schedule into that judgment would formalize the town's commitment to the project. With a set plan and sewer connections on the way, proponents say homeowners in the area would be given amnesty from upgrading sewer systems, regardless of whether they intend to sell.

Even before Monday's session of Town Meeting, Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said in his opinion, the article was not legal, and would have no effect on the town other than creating a bad precedent. He said he believed it would send the message that, "If you want to get your home sewered, go to Town Meeting with an article," he said. However, DeRensis offered an amendment that would have made the article legal, in his view, which included attaching a monetary value.

However, proponent Rickard Brooks said members of CEES hired "top, expert council to assist us," to ensure the article was legal as presented. In addition, proponents spoke with Town Meeting Moderator George Marlette who said he felt comfortable bringing the issue before the town.

While there were many residents in attendance who support sewering the Little Harbor area, others thought this was not the way to go about it. Sewer Commission Chairman Ray Kasperowicz said he does support the project, but worries submitting to a schedule with a deadline to the state could be harmful to the town. He said if a date comes up where an obligation has to be met, he is not sure what might happen if the town does not have the money to move the project ahead.

Sewer Commissioner Sean Cunning said he too supports the effort to sewer Little Harbor, and noted regardless of whether the article passes, the project is currently on schedule. However, he, like Kasperowicz, worries if the money is not there when the time comes, he doesn't know what the town will do.

Dick Avery said rather than looking for a fast solution, the town should look at the best solution, which is based on merits, not emotions. However, proponent Lisa Lojacono said the state began asking for action when the town violated the Clean Waters Act in 1979. "The state has been more than patient in waiting for us to address the pollution of Little Harbor," she said. Lojacono also said the longer the town waits, the more it is going to cost to fund the project.

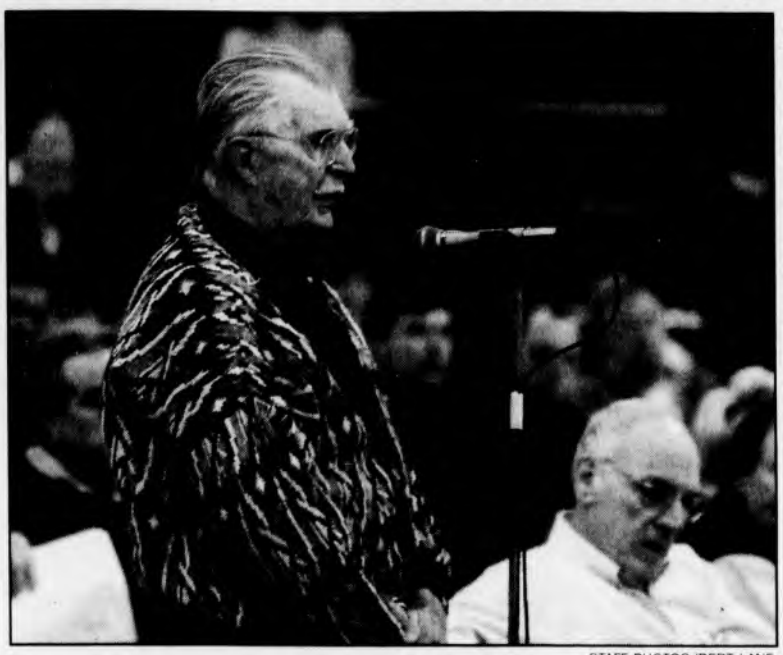
Many in the audience agreed with Lojacono, citing the protection of the environment as something that should be a top priority. Although the argument was made that sewering Little Harbor will only add more fresh water, which will negatively impact the salinity in the surrounding waters, the article was adopted by a majority vote.



George Chamillard urges Town Meeting to defeat a motion to pay for a school utility bill. He said the town should send a message to the School Committee that it needs to "Just say no" to spending.



Alison Callahan works on a needlepoint sampler during the Monday night session of Town Meeting. Many residents who attended could be seen working on handmade crafts, including knitting and crocheting scarves, during both nights of the meeting.



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Murray Campbell speaks up during school budget discussions at Monday's session of Town Meeting, reminding residents the town will not be moving forward if bills aren't paid and utilities are shut off at the schools.

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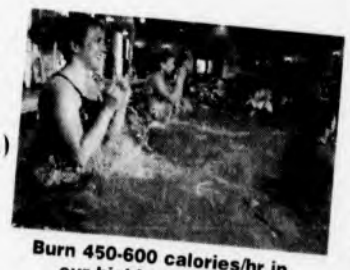
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Groups help local families to soldier on

FROM FAMILIES, PAGE 1

and his bag full of presents.

"We're going to have gifts for all the kids," Yanosic said just days before Sunday's party.

While an early visit from Santa is special for most kids, the children at this party received something even more meaningful — an eight-inch sweatshirt-wearing Teddy Bear displaying a heart on his stomach and a flag on his arm. The Bedford Rotary Club donated dozens of these bears and the members of the FRG added the flags and hearts.

"The sweatshirt has this pouch on it and in the pouch is a letter from Dad," Yanosic said.

Patrick Hurney, a Marine who grew up in Pembroke, was in town last month to visit his parents for Thanksgiving and said there's an underlying reason as to why efforts to help the families of soldiers are just as important during a time of war.

"It's nice to know the people back home have somewhere to go to for support," he said.

His parents, Mike and Mary Hurney, are both involved in Pembroke Cares, a group that was born the month after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Patrick was in Iraq for the first six months of the war.

This weekend, Pembroke Cares handed out holiday wreaths to the families of soldiers, an event that has become a yearly tradition for the group. The group's generosity and care for the families left behind isn't tied to just the holiday time. Whenever a soldier is being deployed, his mother or wife is presented with a bouquet of flowers tied up with a yellow ribbon.

Marcia Morgan knew about the custom of the mother's bouquet, but was completely surprised to be a recipient of one the day her son left to serve his country.

"It meant a lot to me," she said. "I certainly wasn't expecting one."

When one mother was sending a child off to war, another, Elaine Crudup, was experiencing the opposite feeling – welcoming her son home from a tour of duty – and her friends and fellow members of Pembroke Cares were right there for her.

Pembroke Cares showed its support for Crudup with a patriotic toilet papering of her house, using red, white and blue crepe paper.

"They were always there for me, whenever I needed to vent, or the news came on and I'd be losing my mind," she said. "Some nights we'd all be crying. People who are going through it support each other because no one else can really know what's it like."

Gail Linehan of the Family Readiness Group for the Quincy unit of the National Guard echoed that sentiment.

"My daughter-in-law said to me once, 'My girlfriends complain that their husbands come home late from work. At least their husbands are coming home every night,'" Linehan said.

Both of Linehan's sons are in the military, as well as her husband, who last was preparing for deployment to the Middle East.

Linehan said the FRG tries to help the families of soldiers adjust to life with a loved one serving in a war. She said their assistance is needed in a variety of ways, from helping a woman adjust to being the lone head of the household to providing a family with some financial assistance.

"We try to keep the families in touch and knowledgeable about where they can turn if they need help," she said. "We're not psychiatrists or banks, but we can help them get to the right people."

Linehan said it is important for a soldier's family to remember that while the may be lonely and missing their soldier, they at least have the comforts of family and friends to help them get through this.

"I have the comfort of being able to sleep in my own bed, I can see all his stuff, his clothes," she said. "He's got to come to back – I've got everything he owns. But he won't be surrounded by the things that comfort him."

While groups like Pembroke Cares and the Family Readiness Groups of Braintree and Quincy directly help both the troops and the families, others, like Care Packs of Weymouth, continue to show the families how the soldiers are supported back home.

Since early this fall, CarePacks has been collecting food and goods to send to troops serving in the war. So far, they've shipped 43 packages to the Middle East.

"CarePacks wants to give the soldiers a chance to smile, laugh, and enjoy some food beyond the MREs that they eat," said organizer Neal Skorka. "We've sent out 43 care packages already, and the next batch of them will include more small, fun items for the soldiers—from tennis balls to board games and toys. Hopefully these will let them have a little fun to decrease the stress.

He added that the group also wants the soldiers to feel that they are supported back home, that they are in the thoughts of people here.

"They need to know that in spite of the different opinions people may have about the war in Iraq, that people here can still come together in support of the troops," he said.

To donate a Gift of Hope, make your check out to one of the charities of your choice (Pembroke Military Support Group; Care Packs of Weymouth; and the Quincy National Guard's Family Readiness Group; or the 182nd Family Readiness Group (Braintree based) and mail to:

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Date Change For Book Discussion Group The first meeting will be on Friday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m. The New York Times best-seller, "Reading Lolita in Tehran: a Memoir in Books," by Azar Nafisi will be discussed. Call Judy Simons at 781-383-1348 to sign up for the group. Refreshments will be served.

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Artist Exhibit Jeanne L. Replogle's recent paintings will be on display in the meeting room through Dec. 31.

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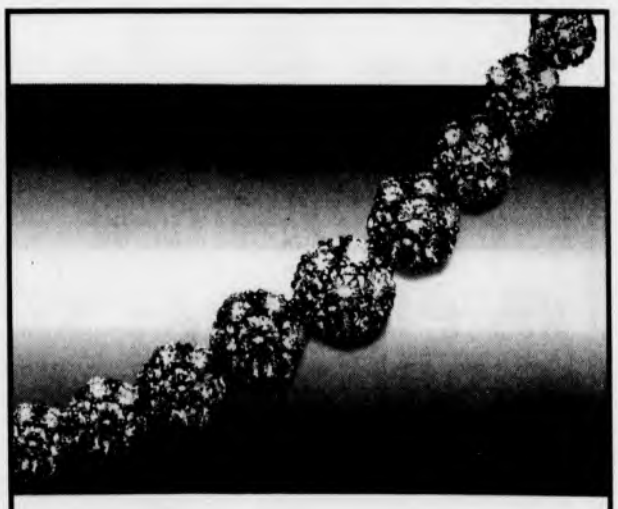
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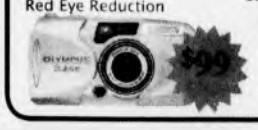


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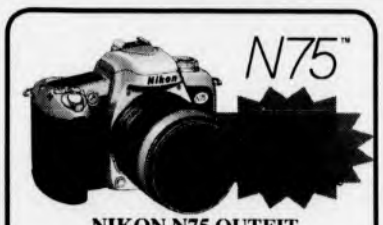
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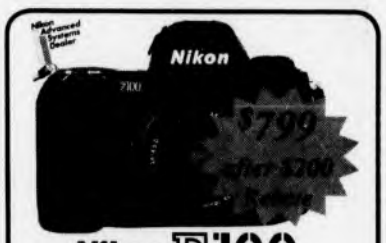
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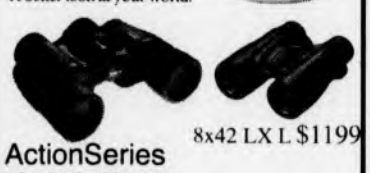
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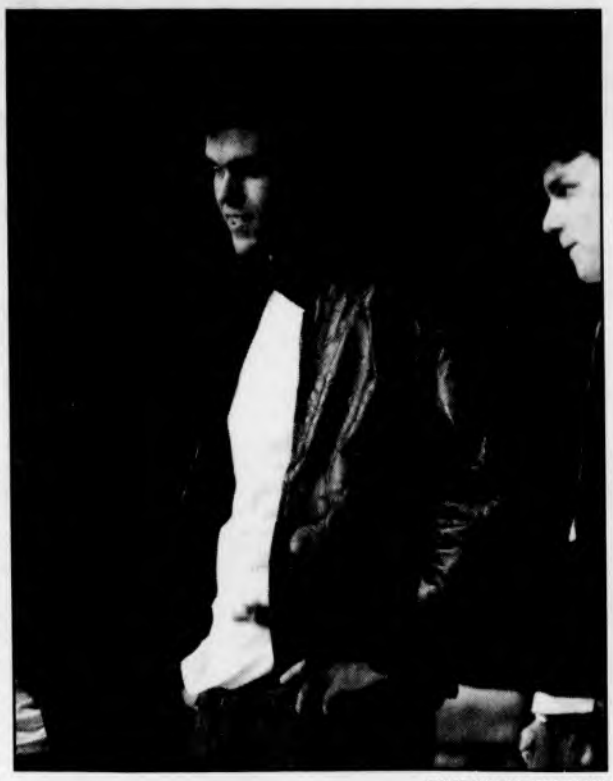
"Grease" is being produced by the Music Department at Cohasset Middle-High School. Performances are Fri., Dec. 10, at 7:30pm; Sat., Dec. 11, at 7:30pm and Sun., Dec. 12, at 2:30pm (a matinee') in the CMHS Auditorium. Tickets are $10. and will be available at the door and are also available at Buttonwood Books.

This is a show that was produced at CHS 20 years ago, according to Bryan Marks, producer-music director. Many members of that cast have plans to attend the show this weekend as many fond memories linger from that cast and their performances. This year there are about 50 students in the production. It has been a cooperative effort throughout the school.

"Our athletic department has been a wonderful partner," Marks says. "Many of our cast are first-string athletes too. Even our football coach, Mr. Rolfe, has a role."

"Grease" debuted back in 1972. It ran more than 3,000 performances and received seven Tony nominations. The story centers around a 50's greaser named Danny Zuko. Danny meets Sandy Dumbrowski, a young innocent, during the summer, and falls in love at first sight. Danny showed his sensitive side, but didn't expect to see her at Rhydell High the first day of school. His friends are watching him, so he reverts to his greaser personality. Sandy gets upset and decides to join the female version of the greaser life...the Pink Ladies. All is forgiven in the end as the cast sing, "We go together."

A fine group of supporting characters make this a very entertaining show, Marks says. The choreography of Stephanie Hoskin and the costumes of Maureen Duffy and Nina Berkowicz add great visual appeal to the show. The staging work of Carolyn Crimmins is complimented by the lighting and sound management of John DeWaal. Come hear some fine voices and music. The production has been caringly edited for the whole family. You're sure to laugh and have a great time at "Grease," Marks says.



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Left: Teddy Straughn stars as Danny Zuko in "Grease" on stage this weekend at Cohasset Middle-High School.



Emily Savage as Sandy Dumbrowski is comforted by Katie DeWaal as Frenchy in the high school production of "Grease." This year there are about 50 students in the production, which has been a cooperative effort throughout the school.

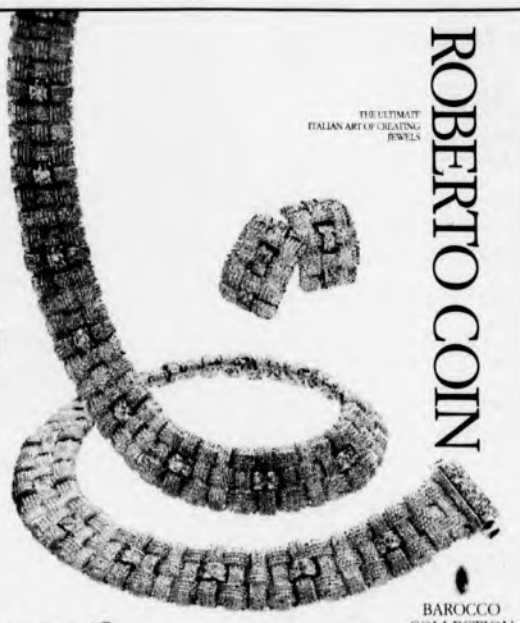


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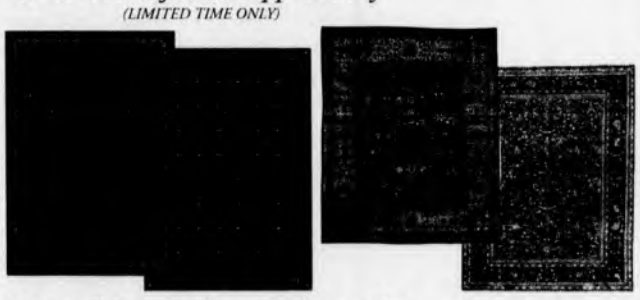
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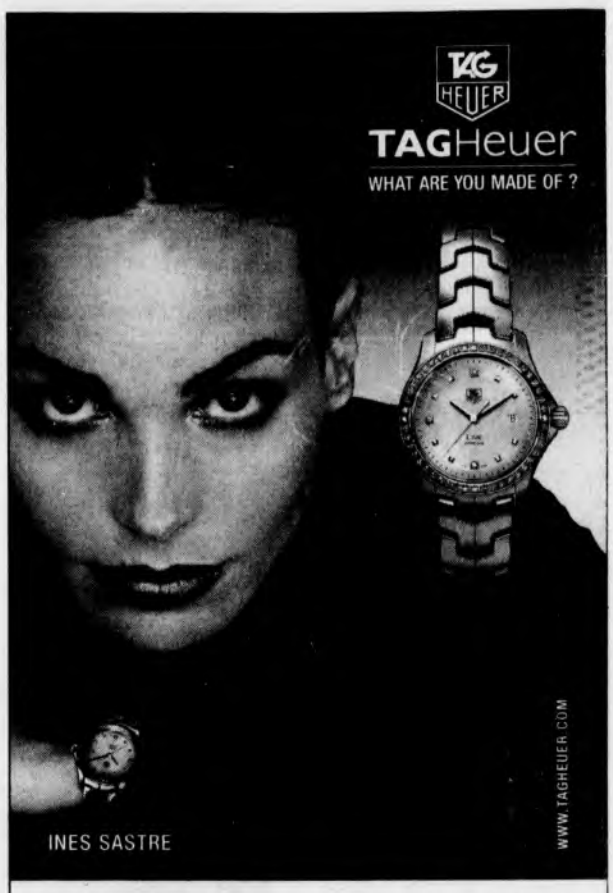
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Starting anew

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset's veteran girls basketball coach, John Levangie, navigated his squad last year to a highly impressive 15-7 record.

Many fans hope this momentum will carry their Skippers to another successful season.

Like Bill Belichick of the New England Patriots, Levangie doesn't let past success interfere with his mission for the new season.

"We want to emphasize what we want to achieve and not what others expect of us," Levangie said in an interview with the Mariner earlier this week. "We must focus on the fundamentals and the team aspects of the sport."

Matt Salerno, a very familiar face on the basketball courts of Cohasset, has joined Levangie on the Skippers coaching staff. A 1973 CHS graduate, Salerno begins his 22nd season of coaching teenagers in the game.

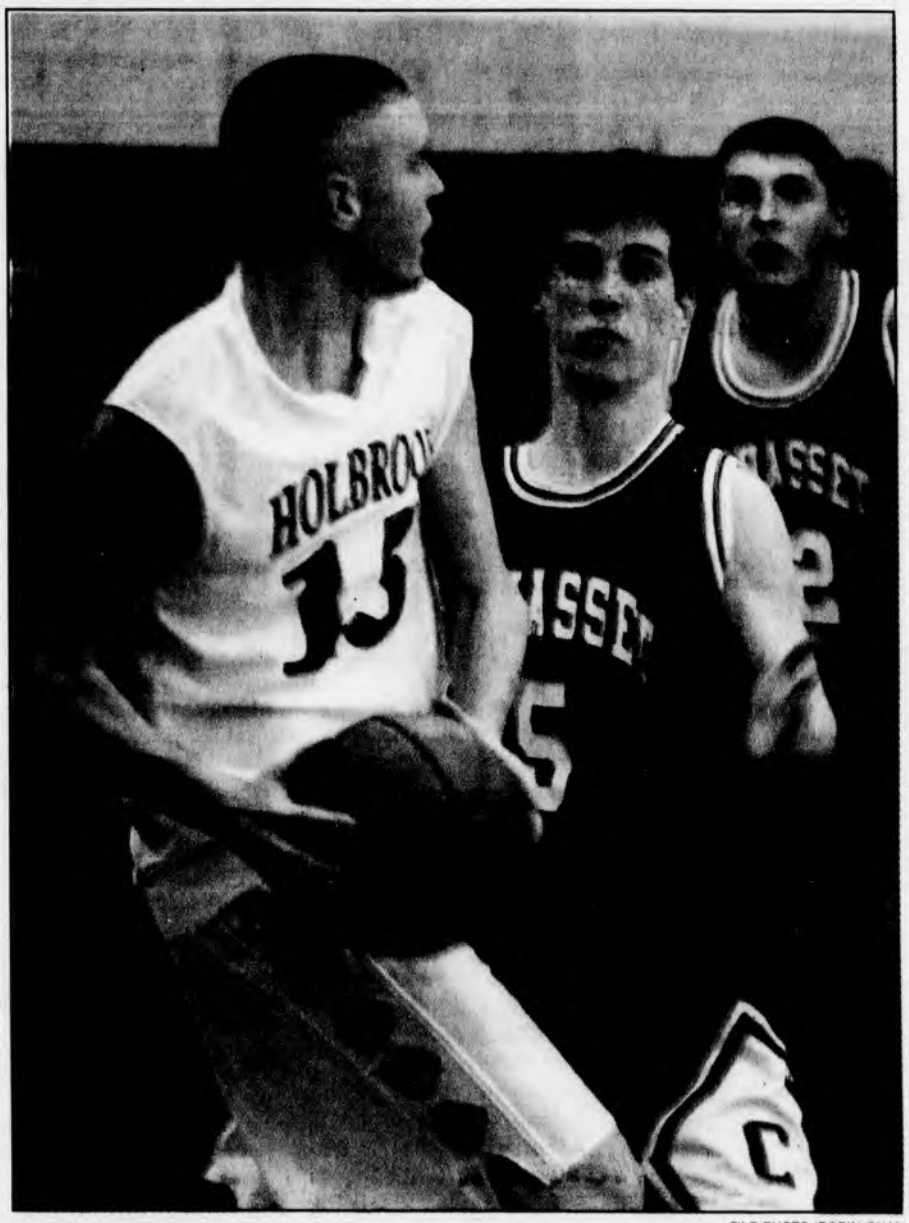
The new assistant has another view on what the team needs to improve on as they embark on the upcoming season.

"We need to work on our poise. We can't panic in tight situations," Salerno said.

The team lost five players to graduation from last year's team, including six-foot powerhouse Ashley Faber. Still, Salerno holds high expectations for this year's players.

"Last year's tournament berth was not a fluke," he said. "We are not a 'one-year-wonder' kind

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FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Trevor Brady (5), shown here in action last season against Holbrook, will be one of the top contributors to this year's CHS boys basketball team.

Counting on the kids

Underclassmen to carry the load for boys hoops

By Mark Goodman
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A new coach and a new cast of characters.

That is the story of the 2004-05 Cohasset boys basketball team.

For a variety of reasons, including graduation and injuries, the Skippers return just one regular contributor from last season's tournament team.

Junior co-captain Trevor Brady will have a lot of responsibility this season, both on and off the court. As a result of a football injury to fellow junior co-captain Nick Arment, Brady will be the only captain actually on the floor this season.

Head coach Dorian Bryant says he will be counting on Brady to lead a very young team that is otherwise almost entirely composed of sophomores and freshmen.

"I'm looking to him to be my floor general," Bryant said. "Trevor is a bright kid and a nice guy. I think he is capable of doing it. As coaches, we are going to give all the help we can. Part of our job is to bring Trevor along as a captain."

Brady was the team's most consistent outside shooter last year, and he will likely be getting his share of shots this year. With the graduation of the team's leading scorers from last year - Chris Bilodeau, Sean Connolly, Jon Andrade and Dan Tarpey - the Skippers will be looking for different players to handle the scoring load.

Bryant said after practice Wednesday he is looking at two freshmen as his starters in the backcourt. One is Patrick McCarthy, a two-guard that the coach holds in high regard.

"For his age, he's a very skilled basketball player," Bryant said of McCarthy. "He's probably the best athlete on the team. He can pretty much do everything on the court."

The other is point guard Mike Bilodeau, the fourth Bilodeau brother to don the blue and white for Cohasset. Opponents are likely to press a lot against Cohasset's young backcourt, but Bryant thinks Bilodeau can handle it.

"He's a really smart ball-handler, and a really good passer," said the coach. "I think he'll do OK running the offense."

Likely starters up front are sophomore Justin Alexander and junior Chris Bryan. Alexander is a physical 6-foot-3 presence with a nifty touch around the basket. Bryan is around 6-2 and can shoot the ball well; Bryant says the junior will see minutes at both forward positions.

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Travel basketball report update

Thanksgiving not only marks the beginning of the holiday season, it also signals the start of basketball season. This year, Cohasset's 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys are competing in the Patriot Travel Basketball League. Team tryouts and practice began several weeks ago, and this past weekend the boys played a double header, coming off the opening weekend at Abington.

The 8th grade team is coached by Jim Richardson, with Wilmarc Charles assisting. On the squad are Evan Richardson, Lennart Brown, Owen Landon, Adam Berger, Mike Fithian, John Sturino, Danny Brady, Dan Martin, Nick Savage, Nick Simonds, Marcus Charles and Ryan Daley.

In the first half against Abington, the squad came out with very aggressive play. Savage and Berger dominated the boards. Leading the offensive charge were Richardson and Sturino, who directed traffic and put the ball into play. Heads up ball-handling kept Abington running in the first half. The Abington team geared up for a strong second half and made the necessary defensive adjustments, eventually coming out on top, 49-22. Richardson and Berger each scored 6 points. The Cohasset squad shot 62% from the line.

In the Taunton matchup, Taunton put the fast break into play. Great hands and speed from Danny Brady kept Taunton from converting many fastbreak points. Nick Savage was a savage under the boards defensively. Dan Martin was a force in the low post, scoring with his patented hook shot. With 11 seconds left in the half, Marcus Charles hit a sweet 12 foot jumper to bring the score to 15-14, Taunton.

The second half began for Cohasset with several turnovers which Taunton converted to points. Ryan Daley and Mike Fithian brought fresh legs onto the court, keeping Taunton's lead to under ten points. John Sturino literally pumped up the volume with aggressive defensive play. He converted a mid court steal to a fastbreak two points feeding Dan Martin in the paint. On the next possession Sturino nailed a baseline jumper, but it wasn't enough as Taunton came away with the win.

Sunday's action proved more competitive for the squad as they matched up against Whitman. Whitman took an early lead, but strong rebounding and defense put Cohasset on top midway through the first half and they never looked back. Off the bench, Nick Simonds provided much needed size under the boards for Cohasset. Sturino kept the Whitman defense busy with smart, strong drives that he converted for baskets, scoring himself and feeding Evan Richardson.

The key to the win for Cohasset was their ability to drive to the basket, draw the defenders in and then dump to the open man who converted the pass for points. The boards were dominated by Cohasset's big men, Berger, Savage, Martin and Simonds.

The 7th grade team is coached by Dee Davis, with Mike Kearney assisting. The team consists of Eamon Davis, John Kearney, Johnny Maher, Brendan Doonan, Jeff Charles, Robbie McCunney (injured), Taylor McQuade, Dana Valentine, Kevin O'Connell, Will Wise, Chris Brown and Dean Driscoll.

With several AAU players on their team, Abington took an early lead and never looked back. Valentine, Davis and

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Girls soccer All-Scholastic team

Lovallo earns honors for Cohasset

The Skippers' Christine Lovallo has been named a 2004 Mariner All-Scholastic in girls soccer..

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

The young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

After consulting with area coaches, though, we do feel secure that we chose the top 20 athletes in *Marinerland* for this honor:

Christine Lovallo - Sr. (Capt.)
Sweeper - Cohasset



Christine Lovallo

After being one of the South Shore League's best defenders last year, stepped up her game even more this year at a position her coach feels is the most important on the field…Played fullback (outside defender) last year, excelling there as well…Great marking and tackling skills…A two-time South Shore League All-Star…One of four senior co-captains for a team that made the state tournament for the third straight year…Has expressed interest in studying early childhood education, with thoughts on becoming a teacher…Cohasset head coach Deb Beal: "Christine has been studying that position for so long, it was just natural to put her in there when it opened up this year. It's something we're going to have to do again next year, figure out who is going to play that spot."

Alli Hubbard - Junior
Midfielder - Marshfield



This Eastern Mass. All-star was one of the most energetic players on the South Shore… Her 23 points on 12 goals, 11 assists led the Marshfield (18-2-4) team…Her gritty play in the offensive and defensive midfield helped lead the Lady Rams to the Div. 1 State Championship game, where they dropped a heartbreaking 1-0 decision to Nashoba…Gracefully gave up her offensive slot to defend All-American Catie Whelan, of Weymouth, in the Div. 1 South Sectional final and shut her down in a 2-1 victory…Hubbard cited that game as her most memorable…Helped Marshfield win the Old Colony League title (5-0-1) for the second-straight year and was the No. 1 All-star pick…Plays soccer year round with her Crusaders squad and plays basketball at MHS in the winter…She's on the Student Council and the National Honor Society. Marshfield coach Fred Podbelski: "Alli has incredible energy. She gave me 100 percent all the time. She'd do anything to win and to help the team."

Kim Giles - Senior (Capt.)
Stopper - Marshfield

A defensive stalwart throughout her career, Giles has played many different positions well, but shined at stopper this year…The third overall Old Colony League All-star pick, Giles was an essential part of a defense that allowed just four regular season goals…Her play in the backfield helped Marshfield (18-2-4) advance to the Div. 1 State Championship game…Despite playing in the back, Giles contributed to the offense tallying a pair of goals and seven assists for nine points…Strength, speed, and approach to the ball are among her greatest assets…Her play helped the Lady Rams capture the OCL title for the second-straight year (5-0-1) and she was picked third overall in the league All-star voting…Giles hopes to attend Bentley College and continue her soccer career. Marshfield coach Fred Podbelski: "She was a leader. At midseason we had a stretch of ties. She got into the huddle in a game and said, 'no more ties' and they listened. She's a super kid with a super personality."

Lyndsey McManus - Junior
Sweeper - Marshfield



Lyndsey McManus

An offensive midfielder last year, McManus was moved to sweeper when a teammate got injured… The move ended up being one of the highlights of the season as opponents rarely got by McManus…Another part of the defense that allowed only four goals in the regular season, McManus' strength and strong foot continually disrupted opposing offenses… Affectionately knick-named "Diesel", McManus took all of the Lady Rams' restarts and it was obvious why as she routinely booted the ball well beyond midfield…Because of that, McManus contributed offensively with eight assists and three goals for 11 points…Her play was instrumental in Marshfield playing in the Div. 1 State Championship and winning the Old Colony League title (5-0-1)…She was selected fifth overall in the league All-star voting. Marshfield coach Fred Podbelski: "Lyndsey is incredibly strong and I've told her she could kill seagulls with that foot. She's got a happy go lucky attitude and is a delight to coach. She could be a Div. 1 college player."

Nicole Hayward - Senior
Goalie - Marshfield



Nicole Hayward

The starting JV keeper last season, Hayward had some big shoes to fill on the varsity squad this season… Fortunately for the Lady Rams, she was up for the challenge…Hayward was the No. 1 keeper in the Old Colony League this season, allowing just four goals in 18 regular season games for an incredible 0.22 goals against average…She had 15 shutouts in those games, 13 straight to end the regular season…In the tourney, she upped that streak to 15-straight with shutouts over Barnstable (4-0) and Dartmouth (3-0)…Came up huge in the Div. 1 state semifinal, making a big stop on a last minute scoring attempt by Newton North in a 1-0 victory for her 18th shutout…Also made a pair of big saves against Nashoba, keeping the game scoreless in the first half of the Div. 1 State Championship game…Hayward attended goalie clinics in off-season last summer to improve her skills…She plans to continue her soccer career in college at either Curry, Westfield, Central Conn., Eastern Conn., Bridgewater State, or Salve Regina. Marshfield coach Fred Podbelski: "Nicole had not been tested at the varsity level until this year and ended up being one of the top goalies in the state. She did the work in the off-season, and really proved herself this year."

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Lovallo earns honors for Cohasset

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Catie Whelan - Senior (Capt.) Forward - Weymouth



Catie Whelan

Where do you even begin? ... All-EMass, All-New England, All-American, All-World ... Named Division 1 New England Player of the Year ... The Larry Bird of the Bay State League, she tallied MVP honors in the Carey Division the past four years ... Scored 29 goals with 14 assists in leading Weymouth to the Div. 1 South Sectional championship game ... Finished her remarkable five-year varsity career with 84 goals and 57 assists ... Her hat trick against Oliver Ames in a 3-2 sudden death victory should be put in a time capsule ... Remarkable field vision and instinct made her a deadly passer at forward, adding to an arsenal that included power in each foot ... Played on two sore ankles down the stretch but never showed it ... Polite and humble to boot ... Will attend Northeastern University next fall ... Coach Ron Jamieson: "A player like her comes along maybe once in a coaching career." ... Her legend will live at Weymouth for a long, long time.

Kristen Moore - Junior Forward - Weymouth



Kristen Moore

Second fiddle never sounded so good ... Would have starred on most teams, but with Catie Whelan in the lineup, this superb outside right midfielder never received the media attention she deserved ... A Bay State League all-star, she scored 11 goals and added 12 assists ... Formed a deadly 1-2 combination with Whelan ... A tireless two-way player who could have scored more had she not been so valuable on defense ... Won more than her share of 50-50 balls, often igniting the offense ... Scored twice in a huge 3-1 victory over Newton North ... Her postseason play was cut short when she tore her ACL in South Sectional semifinal against Oliver Ames ... Her absence against Marshfield in the championship was obvious as the Wildcats managed just a single goal ... Coach Ron Jamieson: "She creates situations all over the field that gives us the advantage." ... Could be ready for stardom next season.

Kathleen Kennerley - Senior (Capt.) Sweeper - Weymouth

The heart at soul of the Weymouth defense at sweeper ... A chatterbox on the field, directing traffic like a player/ coach ...



Kathleen Kennerley

Bay State League all-star ... Great poise and power made her an intimidating force on the Weymouth end ... Had the skills of a forward but showed her true value in disrupting breakaways ... Played with a broken toe for the second half of the season ... A powerful leg allowed her to boot many restart balls, some as far as 50 yards ... Had four assists ... Coach Ron Jamieson: "She was the spiritual and vocal leader for us all season long." ... A fearless player who's leadership and inspiration will be difficult to replace.

Ashley Knight - Junior Forward - Rockland



Ashley Knight

Just a junior, Knight is already a four-year starter on the Rockland squad ... From the time she set foot on the field in the eighth grade, it was obvious Knight was going to have a long, prosperous career at RHS...An Eastern Mass. All-star this year, Knight led a three-pronged attack with her 38 points on 23 goals, 15 assists... She helped lead the Lady Bulldogs to an unbeaten regular season, going 16-0-2, a pair of ties with rival Duxbury the only blemishes...No. 2 in the Patriot League All-star voting, Knight paced the team to an 8-0 record in the PL West Div., winning the title...Came up big in a 3-0 quarterfinal victory over Duxbury in the Div. 2 South Sectional...In the next round, Rockland (17-1-2) fell to Wellesley, the eventual Div. 2 state champs...Dedicated her play this year to her mother, Cathy, who is battling breast cancer...Just a junior, Knight still has another year at RHS. Rockland co-coach Mike Phipps: "Ashley is an absolute force on the field. Every team tries to double team her and she goes above and beyond to make things happen. She sets goals for herself every year and no one can stop her."

Stacy Leonard - Junior Forward - Rockland



Stacy Leonard

After a breakout season last year found her leading the Patriot League in scoring, Leonard was second to only Knight with 37 points on 20 goals, 17 assists... This Eastern Mass. All-star was an essential part of the Lady Bulldogs' three-pronged attack, which produced 91 regular season goals, to 17 against...Found success even when double teamed, helping Rockland to an unbeaten year 16-0-2 (17-1-2 after tourney) and Patriot League West title (8-0)...Leonard was the No. 3 pick in the PL All-star voting, her second-straight nod...Also runs winter track at RHS...Just a junior, Leonard will return to both teams next year. Rockland co-coach Mike Phipps: "Stacy has very good speed and skill with the ball, and can take on anyone, anywhere. She had the ability to be in the right spot all the time."

Anne Foley - Senior (Capt.) Midfielder - Rockland



Anne Foley

It was a breakout season for this veteran player, who tallied 32 points this year, despite battling an injury sustained midway through the season...Foley was an essential part to the Lady Bulldogs' three-pronged offense, and was often the feeder at center midfield...Scored a big goal in Rockland's 3-0 victory over Duxbury in the Div. 2 South Sectional quarterfinals advancing to the semis, where the team recorded its only loss to eventual state champs, Wellesley...Foley helped key a season in which Rockland went 16-0-2 in the regular season (17-1-2 after the tourney)...A Patriot League All-star, Foley helped the Lady Bulldogs capture the West Div. title with an 8-0 record...Plans to play soccer at the collegiate level and has garnered interest at Wheaton and Boston College. Rockland coach Mike Phipps: "Anne is one of the top players in the area. She has all the skill in the world. She has the ability to score goals, but also set them up on a consistent basis. She's the total package."

Jenna Wells - Senior (Capt.) Sweeper - Abington



Jenna Wells

A two-time South Shore League All-star, Wells elevated her game this season and paced the Green Wave to an 11-3-2 year...As the defensive leader, Wells' slick play at sweeper helped Abington produce five shutouts this season while only allowing 13 goals...Speed and skills were among the Eastern Mass. All-star's best assets as the Green Wave finished second in the SSL with a 10-2 mark, their only losses coming against unbeaten rival Norwell, a Div. 3 South Sectional semifinalist...Had stellar games in two meetings with the Clippers, shutting down their highly productive offense in tight 2-1, 2-0 losses...Had a tremendous work rate, playing virtually every minute of every game for the last three years...Also a talented catcher on the AHS softball team, Wells hopes to continue her career in college. Abington coach Jeff Kent: "Jenna has excellent speed, very good foot skills, and sees the field extremely well. She aggressively controlled the game and was a big reason for our success this year. Great student and a great kid."

Hannah Rapalee - Senior Forward - Silver Lake



Hannah Rapalee

Second-team All-EMass ... Scored 10 goals and added seven assists as the Lakers made the tournament in their first year in the Patriot League ... Big and strong, she drew much attention from opposing coaches ... With Silver Lake losing depth following Pembroke's departure from the school district, she often found herself surrounded by defenders ... Deceptively quick, this three-time all star played both forward and midfielder and helped the Lakers rebound from a horrible start to finish second in the league. Coach Bubba Ashby: "She's just a big, intimidating player who knows how to find the net."

Jess Coleman - Senior (Capt.) Sweeper - Pembroke



Jess Coleman

A dominate force on defense at sweeper ... Helped a first-year program make it all the way to the tournament ... A Patriot League all-star, she was named team MVP by coach Kara Connerty ... A player whose contribution cannot be measured statistically ... Anchored a young defense that suffocated the Patriot League early in the season ... Strong, quick and smart ... Those who didn't get out of the way of her kicks wound up with "Wilson" tattooed on their foreheads ... If the split with Silver Lake had been delayed another year, she could have taken the Lakers a long, long way ... Pembroke's grateful that she helped its program get off on the right foot.

Meaghan Wiley - Sr. Midfield - Norwell



Meaghan Wiley

Graduates from Norwell High School third on the all-time girls soccer scoring list with 76 points... Had 32 points in 2004 (14 goals, 18 assists)...In her last game ever at NHS, notched a hat-trick in a 3-0 win over Medway in the Div. 3 South sectional quarterfinals...One of Norwell's three senior co-captains this year...A three-time South Shore League All-Star and Eastern Mass. All-Star...Talented two-way player; played sweeper as a sophomore...Took all re-start, free and corner kicks for the Clippers...Plays for the Cape Cod Crusaders, one of the top club teams in the country...An avid horseback rider who has won various regional and national awards...Will be attending University of New Hampshire next year, playing soccer and majoring in equine management...Norwell head coach Bruce Emerson: "Meaghan is the engine of our team; she makes us go. I think she's a leader. She's been our heart and soul, and that is a critical thing we will miss next year."

Jenn Guiney - Sr. Forward - Norwell



Jenn Guiney

Talented forward who scored 11 goals and had nine assists this season...South Shore League and Eastern Mass. All-Star this season...A great overall athlete who is also an excellent gymnast, earning an honorable mention for Mariner All-Scholastic in that sport last year...A physical presence from her center forward position...Very good speed; often runs past her marker to get to a loose ball... Developed into an adept passer, as her assist totals increased each year she played varsity...Has expressed interest in a future related to athletics, whether it be sports management, business, or medicine...Norwell head coach Bruce Emerson: "In addition to scoring 11 goals, Jenn was a really great leader for me this year. She was the free spirit of the team. She also worked very hard, and just came to play every game."

Jackie Vickers - Jr. Forward - Norwell

Simply blew away the competition for the EMass scoring title... Notched 59 points (39 goals, 20 assists) this season...Has already broken the school's girls soccer scoring record with 103 points (70 goals, 33 assists), with one year to go...Previous record had been 79 points...Improved immensely from 2003, when she was still good enough to make that year's Mariner All-Scholastic team...Possesses remarkable speed and dribbling ability, which she showed off throughout the year, routinely beating double teams for goals...Scored five goals in a game twice this year...Had four goals in the team's first-round playoff win over Carver...A very tough athlete who has battled a few injuries over the last two years...Has been elected co-captain for next year's team...Will be playing varsity basketball this winter...Norwell head coach Bruce Emerson: "Jackie is just a true weapon. It is rare for her to get control of the ball in the box and not score. Her work ethic is phenomenal. She is a very hard worker."

Kacey Weafer - Sr. (Capt.) Midfield - Scituate



Kacey Weafer

A great athlete who also runs track for Scituate High School... Among the Patriot League leaders in scoring this year with 18 points (12 goals, six assists)...A three-time Patriot League All-Star...Also lead her team in scoring for all three of those years...Plays for the Cape Cod Crusaders club team...A Mariner All-Scholastic last year as well... A sprinter for the SHS track team; qualified last year for the national high school competition in the 55m race...Interested in studying early childhood education and becoming a teacher...Looking at various colleges, for either soccer or track

Amy Caldwell - So. Forward - Braintree

For second year in a row, runner-up for the Bay State League MVP award (both times finishing behind Weymouth's Catie Whelan)... An obvious favorite for the award in 2005...League and Eastern Mass. All-Star...Had 38 points (22 goals, 16 assists) this season to put her among the EMass leaders...Contributed to all three goals in team's 4-3 first-round tournament loss to Notre Dame, scoring two and assisting on the other...A magnificent dribbler who also defends, passes, and shoots extremely well...Recently tried out for the national U-16 team...With 70 career points, already holds the BHS all-time girls soccer scoring record, with two years to go...Braintree head coach Fred Marks: "Amy is the motor of our team. She never stops playing and is really fun to watch. She's a great kid and a really hard worker. Her instincts are amazing, and you can't get any more tenacious than she is."

Kara Ruggiero - So. Defender - Braintree

Completed her second year as a star in the middle of Braintree's defense...A Bay State League All-Star... Member of the South Coast Scorpions U-16 club team...Very talented with great stamina...Also did her share of scoring, notching six goals this season from her defender position...scored in critical league games against Weymouth, Wellesley, Newton North and Needham...Braintree head coach Fred Marks: "Kara is just as good as any player I've had. She is a very skillful player. She plays every minute of every game, and is a very smart soccer player."

Honorable Mention:

Caitlin Jackson - Sr. (Capt.) - Sweeper - Norwell
Jill Cammett - Fr. - Defender - Norwell
Elizabeth Hathaway - So. - Stopper - Norwell
Nicole Whitney - Sr. (Capt.) - Midfielder - Cohasset
Casey Devane - Sr. - Keeper - Scituate
Jackie Jones - Fr. - Forward - Scituate
Jess Degrann - So. - Forward - Braintree
Lauren Conway - Jr. - Forward - Abington
Lynn Mione - Jr. - Stopper - Abington
Lindsey Arria - Sr. (Capt.) - Forward - Hanover
Margot Spatola - Sr. (Capt.) - Sweeper - Hingham
Amanda Citron - Soph. - Midfielder - Marshfield
Kara Webber - Fr. - Forward - Marshfield
Teryn Wiedemann - Sr. - Forward - Pembroke
Lindsey MacDonald - Sr. - Midfielder - Rockland
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COASTAL STARS REPORT

Mite C1

The Mite C1 team played to a 3-3 tie against Weymouth on Saturday. Goal tender Joe Deyeso played a great game, saving many tough shots.

Daniel Cronin, Ben Swim and Jake Moore moved the puck and kept the pressure on the Weymouth defense. Davis Cronin and Sean Feeney were excellent on defense, helping to deflect some tough Weymouth shooters.

Weymouth scored first and the Stars came back with a great effort led by Right Wing Tommy Prendergast, he scored on a great breakaway with a great top shelf shot.

Chris Bertone, Tyler McKinnon, and Cameron Mastrangelo were all awesome on offense too, they had many shots, but a tough Weymouth defense held the trio scoreless. Jake Moore and Joe Proctor, who pulled-double shifts, did a great job on defense and held off the Weymouth attack.

Weymouth scored 2 times fast, which got the Stars going and ready to roll. Liam Manning, Jack Conlon and Tommy Prendergast moved the puck into the Weymouth zone, and with a shot and score by Jack Conlon, the Stars were down by 1. Hugh Healey and Jack Shaw kept Weymouth from scoring again. Tommy Prendergast got a hold of the puck and skated past the Defense adding the third and tying goal.

The boys did a great job and kept parents and coaches on the edge of their seats.

Bantam C1

The Coastal Stars Bantam C1 team played a solid game Sunday evening against Milton and skated away with a hard fought 5-3 victory. Skating well in both directions, the Stars controlled the puck through most of the game. Winger Dan Joyce started the scoring for the Stars at 13:50 of the first period. Paul Pozniak fed Joyce with a terrific pass and earned an assist. Also contributing on this line throughout game was Thomas Lemaire.

Brian Meehan put the Stars up 2-0 early in the second period with a nice wrist shot from in front of the net. Connor Mahoney and Josh Archibald earned assists on the Meehan's first goal. Milton scored its first goal near the mid-point of the second period but the Stars kept the pressure on. Meehan collected his second goal of the evening on a beautiful pass from Connor Mahoney.

Archibald set the play up and earned his second assist also. Milton kept the pressure on, however, and scored its second goal with 1:50 remaining in the second period. Not to be outdone, however, the Stars made it 4-2 with one second remaining in the second period when Josh Archibald netted his first goal and third point of the night with a great wrist shot into the top corner of the net. Mahoney earned his third point with an assist on the Stars' fourth goal. With the score 4-2, the Stars defense really went to work, frequently stopping Milton at the blue line. Making key plays on defense throughout the game were the lines of Connor Ofsthun and Gerry Barry, Rob Megnia and Chris Fazzina, and John Glynn and Patrick Barry.

Midway through the third period, the Stars' Andrew Bell collected a loose puck at mid-ice and streaked passed the Milton defender to score an unassisted break-away goal, which put the Stars up 5-2. Wingers Gordan Smith and Cory Barrow also played very well throughout the game. Milton managed a final goal with one second remaining in the game to make the score 5-3. Stars' goalie John Carrigg had another great game in net and collected his sixth win of the season.

Squirt C4

The Coastal Stars Squirt C-4 team continued their four-game winning streak, by defeating the Hawks of Whitman/Hanson/Kinston 5-2 last weekend.

Forward Ryan Melia opened the scoring for the Stars. Melia took a centering pass from line mate Andrew Tautkus and fired a quick shot that snuck past the Hawks netminder's stick. The Hawks tied it up at 14:00 into the first period by lifting one up over the shoulder of Stars goalie Max Hemingway. The Stars regained their lead when defensemen Jonathan Gardner pushed the puck into the Hawks' zone from inside the blue line. Andrew Tautkus gathered the puck, turned and fired one between the Hawks' goalie's legs, making it 2-1 Stars at the end of the 1st period.

Early in the second period, Stars leading scorer James Daley broke away into the Hawks zone and fired an unstoppable wrist shot into the Hawks net, widening the Stars lead to 3-1. Defenseman Gardner came up big again in the second when he brought the puck into the Hawks zone and put the puck up in the air, sailing past the Hawks' netminder. The Hawks retaliated with five minutes left in the second period. The Hawks forward blasted one at the Stars net. Hemingway made the save and shoved the puck out to the right side. A Hawk, stalking the crease, gathered the puck and slid it past Hemingway, making the score 4-2 at the end of the second period.

During the third period, the Stars held onto their lead by winning the battles on both ends of the ice and by some stunning saves by Hemingway. Defenders RJ Neuls, Thomas Coyne, Liam Rose and Jonathan Gardner shut the Hawks down on repeated drives to the net. Forwards Michael McPartlin, Nicholas Craig, Seamus Feeney and Tristan Wiggin kept the pressure on, controlling the puck in the Hawks zone.

Matthew Tautkus concluded the scoring for the Stars at the end of the third period when Daley fed him a pass from behind the Hawks net. Tautkus' goal secured the 5-2 win for the Stars.

Mite A

The Coastal Stars Mite A team gave all of those in the stands last Saturday a lesson in how it takes an entire team to win a game when they faced a tough Brockton team and an even tougher set of referees. All of the boys came to play hard on Saturday and more than a few of them had to spend time in the penalty box for there aggressive style of play.

The defensemen of Matt Burchill, Garrett Leahy, Martin Buckley, Kenny Parnell and Charlie Blackington were successful in killing eight Brockton power plays throughout the game. All three lines of offense were involved in keeping the puck in the Brockton end during these power plays and a player from each offensive line scored a goal in this 3-2 victory. The Stars got on the board first when five minutes into the game Colin MacDonald hit the rebound off of a Patrick Holway shot past a solid Brockton goalie. Just two minutes later Brockton answered with its first goal and with just 25 seconds left in the first period scored again to go up 2-1.

David Cataldo scored the tying goal three minutes into the second period by sneaking one low between the goalie's pads. The game became a real nail biter at this point, with both teams skating harder and hustling after the puck, yet neither one scoring. Stars' goalie Jeff Nagle robbed a Brockton player of a hat trick with an excellent glove save halfway through the second period. The Brockton defense and goalie were able to shut down the Stars' offense for the remainder of the second period and most of the third.

With only 2:30 left in the game, Sam Topham skated back on the ice after serving the sixth penalty of the game for the Stars and quickly got back into position just in time to lift a rebound off of a Kenny Parnell shot over the goalie's shoulder. The Stars were ahead 3-2. However, just thirty seconds later, the Stars were handed there seventh and eighth penalties simultaneously. Brockton had a 5 on 3 advantage for one and a half minutes of the final two minutes of the game. Despite this disadvantage, not only did the Stars keep Brockton from scoring, they managed to keep the puck in the Brockton's end for more than half the penalty. This is just one of the examples of how defense can win games. All of the friends and family in the stands were relieved to hear the final buzzer of the game. The Mite A's are now 6-1-1 overall and face a competitive Canton Mite A team on Sunday in Canton.

Squirt C1

The Coastal Stars Squirt C-1 team continued their winning ways Saturday beating WHK-3, 9-0, to improve to 6-1-1 on the season.

Max Montgomery got things started early when he buried the first of his 4 goals on a nice pass from Adam Cowie-Haskell. Five minutes later Jack Condon got into the action when he scored off a pass from defenseman Chris Lund. Jason Tolman made it 3-0 with an absolute rocket of a wrist shot off a feed from Tucker Welch. Mark McGoldrick had a huge game scoring the 4th goal early in the second period and adding three assists while playing great defense with partner Jack Sullivan.

Robbie Bertone and Chris Lund made up the other pair of solid defensemen helping goalie Michael Soucy to his second shut-out of the season. Brian Craig scored on a nice hustle play when McGoldrick sent him in on a breakaway late in the second period. Kevin Friedland and Sam Asnault added solid efforts playing great two-way hockey on the second line. Chase Sheldon finished out the scoring on a nice bang - bang play halfway through the third period. The game puck went to center Jason Tolman for his great hustle up and down the ice, making several great plays back-checking and scoring a goal on a shot that had the whole bench buzzing. Next up for the Squirt C-1 team is Weymouth-1 on Friday morning. GO STARS!

Mite C2

The Coastal Stars Mite C2 Hockey team skated to a 0 - 0 tie versus the Weymouth Mite C3 team Saturday at the Devine Rink in Dorchester. The Stars were led by Goalie Chris Phillips who recorded his second straight shutout and Shaelyn Tobin who played an outstanding defensive game.

Although no goals were scored, the Stars had several good scoring chances. JoJo Carbone hit the post on scoring chances in the first and second period while Kyle Bowman's breakaway chance in the second period was thwarted as time expired.

Gunner Mackenzie, Mats Nelson, Derek Benson, and Russel Santos kept the pressure on Weymouth in the third period with Gunner and Derek each having shots on net. Evan Antonuccio, Seamus Ryan, Harrison Sheldon, and Mathew Johnson played an aggressive game with Harrison making two good plays at center ice to keep Weymouth out of the Stars zone. Robert Bothwell and Brian Mathews both had strong games as well playing double shifts throughout most of the game.

PeeWee C3

The Coastal Stars PeeWee C-3 team soared to new heights scoring another victory against Duxbury. The Stars won 3-0. While the pressure was on, goalkeeper Pat Healey kept his cool. Healey had great defense Carter Denton, Tanner Dailey, Mike O'Halloran, and Jack Nelson.

In the first period, the 1st goal was scored by Joe Fitzsimmons with 2 minutes left with help from Chris Roberts. Kevin Thomas and Connor Queenan had many attempts to score.

In the second period there were many attempts to score by Austin Hale. Connor Queenan scored with 5 minutes left on the clock.

In the third and most aggressive period, Eric Bartucca and Sam Labo stopped Duxbury dead in their tracks. Kevin Thomas scored the 3rd and final goal with help from Connor Queenan. The Stars play again next Saturday in Pembroke.

The Coastal Stars PeeWee C-3 team posted another victory this weekend against W/H/K. The Stars won 5-2.

While the pressure was on goaltender Pat Healey, he had a lot of help from defense Carter Denton, Tanner Dailey, Jack Nelson, and Mike O'Hallorn.

The first goal was made by Joe Fitzsimmons with a pass from Eric Bartucca. The 2nd goal came from Sam Leahy with a pass from Connor Queenan. The 3rd goal was made by Kevin Thomas with help from Sam Leahy. After another try Kevin Thomas scored the 4th goal. Austin Hale who was left wing and Chris Roberts who was right wing also had many attempts to make goals.

In the 3rd period, the Stars had 2 goals scored against them but that didn't stop them. Eric Bartucca with help from Sam Leahy scored the 5th and final goal.

The Stars play again this Saturday in Pembroke.

Squirt A

The Squirt A Coastal Stars gave a strong effort, but dropped a 7-3 decision to a Seahawks team that seemed to

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take advantage of any mistake. EJ Culhane was a defensive stalwart for the Stars, forcing an early 3-on-1 break to the outside and playing solidly throughout.

Alec Hurd was strong in net with 19 saves, several of them on breakaway attempts or in close shots. The Stars struck first at 7. Chris Carpenter stole the puck at the left circle and flipped it to Neil Conway. Conway carried to the front of the net and tucked the puck under the pads. But the lead was short-lived, as the Seahawks scored on a breakaway a half minute later, and took the lead on a rebound with three minutes left in the period.

The Stars knotted the score with forty seconds left. Kevin McDougall blocked a clearing attempt at the right point and fired a pass to Conway in the center slot. Conway found an open spot between the pads. The goal carried the Stars into the second. Jonathan Spitz bolted off the bench on a shift change and dove to bust a Seahawk break. Patrick Burchill passed from the boards to Chris Carpenter, who found Steven Harrington on the right side of the net, but Harrington was robbed.

The Seahawks then tallied four unanswered goals, scoring on breakaways and rebounds for a 6-2 lead midway through the second. The Stars worked hard to get back. DJ Evans kept the puck in to Mike Carbone, who passed to Patrick Burchill in front, but the backhander was saved. Chris Carpenter passed cross ice to Jake Durkin, but his shot was stopped.

Kevin McDougall found John Ryan at the right post, but he was denied. Early in the third, Durkin snaked his way through traffic from the Seahawk blue line and scored inside the right post. Sensing a comeback, the Stars pressed the attack. Mike Carbone fed Neil Conway in front, but he was robbed. Trevor Salmon's break was saved. The Seahawks scored on another break with 3:12 left, and the Stars were denied one last time when Neil Conway's break was saved.

Mite B

After seven weeks of near flawless perfection, the undefeated Costal Stars Mite B team suffered their first loss of the season to a feisty Norwood Mohawk team.

The final score of 5-1 was not indicative of this contest. Declan Lahey set the tone early with a center ice collision that would make Rodney Harrison proud. This clean hit left the puck for Robert Reidy who didn't waste any time gaining the blue line and then feathering a pass to the speedy Bryan Bowman. Bowman seized the opportunity and clanged a one timer off the right post. Norwood was quick to claim the rebound and started a rush on Stars goalie Patrick Graham. Graham, making his debut between the pipes, made an incredible kick save. The rebound took a fortuitous Norwood bounce and the puck landed in the slot where the Norwood center zipped a shot over the out stretched glove of Graham. Tucker Ambrose won the ensuing face off and sent a lead pass to James (The Crusher) Hussey. Hussey carried the puck into the offensive zone and whistled a pass to Curtis Golden. The "Golden Boy" rifled a wrist shot that found the glove of the Norwood goalie. At the close of the first period, the Norwood Mohawks swarmed the Stars and at 2:09 they took a 2-0 advantage.

The Stars coaching staff gave an inspirational speech at the intermission and they woke a sleeping giant - a giant named Jeffrey Powers! Powers had been sidelined with a broken wing and he missed the first 7 weeks of the season. Powers didn't show any signs of rust when at 11:05 of the 2nd period he carried the puck coast to coast and roofed a riser past the Mohawk goalie.

The 3rd period displayed awesome two way hockey from Joey Redfearn and Kal Maier (team leaders on and off the ice). Both players exhibited "smart hockey" in the defensive end and created tremendous offensive opportunities. With 5 minutes remaining in the game, the Stars leading scorer, Matt Doyle, transitioned from defense to offense and had several scoring bids. Unfortunately, these were rejected by the "Red Hot" Mohawk goalie. With 3:09 left in the 3rd, Sam Rice tried to erase his father's (Circa 1970's) nightmarish losses to Norwood, only to be denied a score, despite his multiple shots on net. And speaking of the 70's, Jack Evitts and Brendan Evitts aggressive "old style hockey" effort was reminiscent of the Hull brothers tenacious play of that era. The brothers had several scoring bids but could not score on the young Ken Dryden in the Mohawk net.

With 1:45 remaining in the contest, Aidan Beresford made a magical back hand pass to his wing man Michael Lund. Lund battled two defenders in the crease and sent a shot "5 hole" that found the back of the net, only to be waved off by a delayed whistle. Aiden Beresford was awarded the game puck for his hustle and unselfish passing efforts.

Counting on the kids

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Bryant said after his second practice last week that he would have a young team, and he wasn't kidding: there are no seniors.

And while the coach acknowledges there will be a growing and learning process with his team, he is confident it will work out in the end.

"I think these kids fit my style of play," Bryant said. "We want to get up and down the court, we want to fast break a lot, and we're going to run a lot of motion on offense."

Juniors Will Pinkus, Zach Etkind and Dan McCarthy, and sophomores Nick Zappalo, Dan Trendowitz and John McCarthy comprise the rest of the roster.

Dan McCarthy, Etkind and Pinkus are all big men whom Bryant is relying on to provide depth up front, rebounding and interior defense. Trendowitz will see time at the point guard position, while Zappalo and John McCarthy are both swing men who can hit the jumper and handle the basketball.

The boys season starts on Tuesday with the South Shore Voke Tech tournament against Avon at 3:30, at SSVT in Hanover.

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Starting anew

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of team."

Following the loss of Faber, the Lady Skippers face serious rebuilding in the center position. Many observers hope junior Mia Leib-Lappen will establish a strong presence in the paint.

Salerno also holds senior co-captains Casey Anderson and Nicole Whitney in high regard.

"They provide good leadership and serve as excellent role models," he said.

When asked to compare last year's record to this season, Captain Casey Anderson replied, "No question. Last year our record proved exceptional. I see the pressure as somewhat of a burden. However, I feel it will only make us work harder."

In the first week of practice, the squad worked on the basics, including defense and conditioning.

"We are not a muscle team," Salerno said. "If we can't mix it up in the paint, we need to take control with our fast breaks and constant defensive pressure."

Levangie and Salerno have also pointed to juniors Chelsea Grossman and Katie James as key players. Sophomores to watch this year include Lacey Richardson, Michelle Madge, and Lara Novak.

The 2004-05 Skippers will start their season off with a scrimmage today versus Notre Dame in the Cohasset High School gym. The following week, the South Shore Voke Tech Tournament will mark the official beginning of what is hopefully another successful season.

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Travel basketball report update

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Doonan each contributed four points in the 34-20 loss. Valentine was a presence on the defensive boards. In their next outing, the 7th graders faced the run 'n gun Taunton squad. With exceptional speed and strong shooting, the Taunton squad took the lead in the game and never relinquished it. Scoring was balanced for Cohasset from Davis, Doonan, Charles and Maher.

In Sunday's action, the boys faced Whitman. The game was a give and go, trading basket for basket.

Cohasset had great fast break opportunities; however, the basketball gods were not with them, as many a ball did not sink through the net. Will Wise had the hot hand for Cohasset, scoring on both fastbreaks and open 12 foot jumpers. Dana Valentine controlled the boards and shared the low post with Taylor McQuade, Dean Driscoll and Chris Brown.

The 6th grade team is coached by Ed Seksay, with Jay Monaco and Joe Campbell assisting. Robert Jones, Derek Youngman, Ben "Tuggy" Campbell, Gabe Seksay, Sam Richardson, Robbie Hill, Jack Carrier, Drew Cobin, Anders Goetz , Eric Wasel and Mike Monaco played for the blue & white.

The 6th graders came out strong against Abington and led throughout most of the game, giving up the lead late in the second half for the first time. All players played with heart and hustle, diving on the floor for loose balls. Seksay dominated the boards, both offensively and defensively, providing many second shot opportunities for Cohasset. Cohasset moved the ball up court effectively in the first half, scoring many fast break points.

In the second half, Abington adjusted and slowly got back into the game. Jones led all scorers with 17 points, scoring from the inside and the outside. Cohasset eventually lost, 41-38.

In exciting action versus Taunton, the boys applied early defensive pressure, preventing Taunton from scoring for the first eleven minutes of the game. Quick hands and strong defensive pressure by guards Anders Goetz, Robbie Hill, Mike Monaco and Derek Youngman forced several Taunton turnovers. Cohasset scored in great team fashion. A Jones drive and dump to Carrier produced two points, a Cohen feed to Wasel down low converted to two points. Wasel and Carrier dominated the boards on both ends of the court.

After the win, Coach Seksay commented that "this was a great, really great team effort."

That team effort carried over to Sunday's action versus Whitman, where the bigger and faster Cohasset boys earned a decisive win. Once again all team members contributed. Big men Seksay and Wasel controlled the boards and the rotating team of guards kept the pressure on the Whitman ball handlers. Jones, Campbell, Richardson and Youngman kept feeding the ball to the big men down low who converted to baskets. Jones' passes can only be described as poetry in motion, selflessly passing the ball to the open man.

Cohasset finished the weekend at 2-1.

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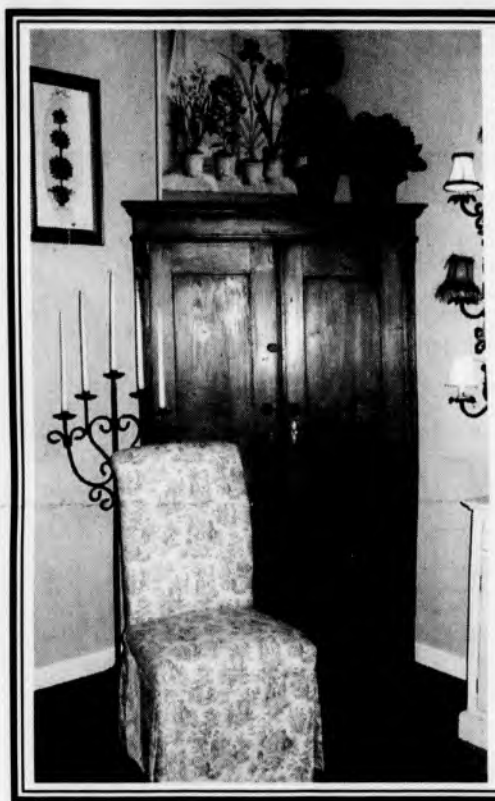


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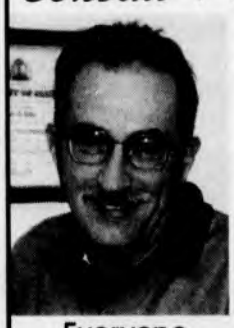
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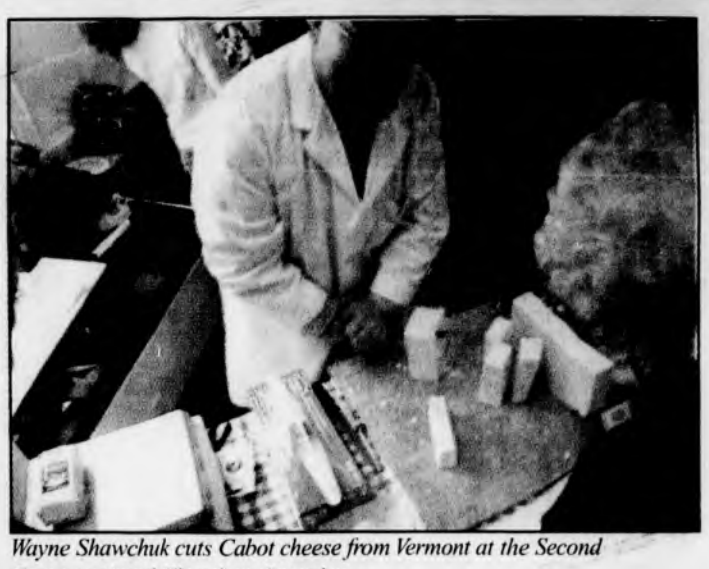
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Wayne Shawchuk cuts Cabot cheese from Vermont at the Second Congregational Church on Saturday.

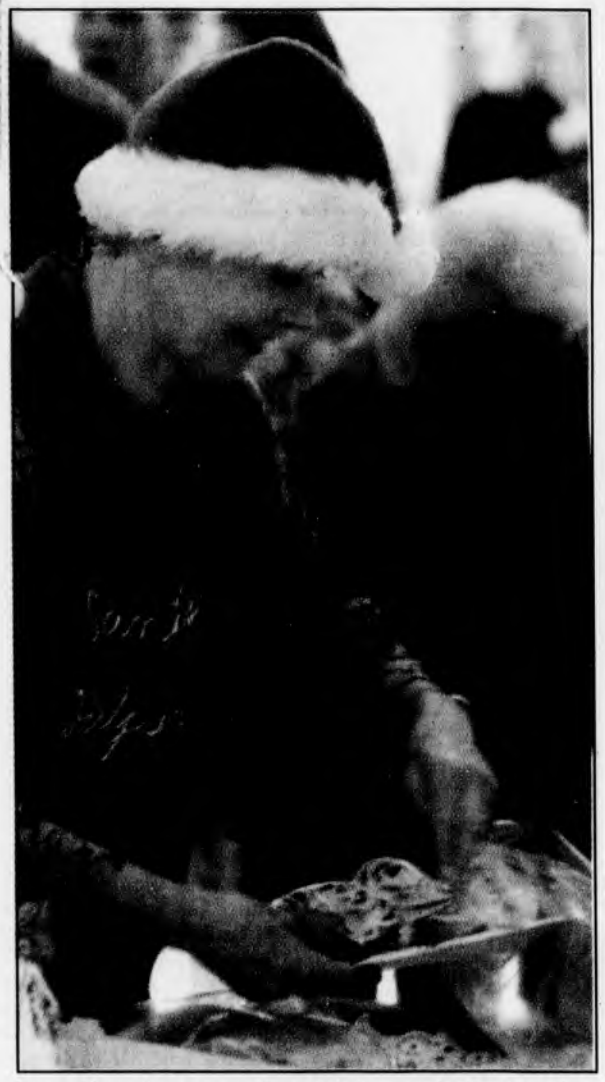
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Grace Gaumer, 6-1/2, shares her wish list with Santa Claus, who visited the Town Common during the Village Fair.



Susan Shumaker is one of Santa's helpers at the First Parish House Swedish Bake Shop and Estate (ish) Sale. St. Stephen's also offered refreshments and held its famous used book sale.



Alessandra Turco, 3, works on a Christmas craft at the Second Congregational Church hall. The Village Fair had plenty of activities for young and old alike.



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Cohasset swimmers and divers enjoy role as champs!

By Mary Jane Hanron
CORRESPONDENT

Towns bask in the glow of recently played Thanksgiving football rivalries. Wrestling, gymnastics, basketball and indoor activities are ongoing as winter approaches. But nothing has diminished the glow and excitement of the Cohasset Swim and Diving Team which won the championship of the South Shore Swim League held last summer at Wheaton College.

Members of the team and their parents gathered recently to chat about the winning experience and what it has meant to those who participated. Gathered in a restaurant sharing pizzas, the team members graciously accepted words of congratulations from other patrons who spotted their impressive silver trophy on the table. Being the "pride of Cohasset" is a role these young athletes accepted with gratitude, delight and true sportsmanship.

Jillian Crawford, 10, said of her beginnings in the diving world, "I really just wanted to try it. I found out I liked it and wanted to work to get better and better." Carly Salerno, 13, added, "When it's done right, diving looks easy, but it takes so much practice to get to that point." She continued," Things like timing, distance, coordination, even little things like pointing toes right are all important."

"Practice makes perfect" is only one of the mottoes of this group of accomplished youngsters. They offered other positive ideas that help them to perform exceptionally. "Try it again", "support each other", and "have fun" are only a few of the common themes to which the teammates referred as they discussed their success.

"It's really fun to be part of this group. We have a great time together and we are competing in a sport we love."
— Betsy Crawford, 12

"It's really fun to be part of this group", shared Betsy Crawford, 12. "We have a great time together and we are competing in a sport we love."

Sean Mc Kenna, 10, addressed the potential dangers in diving and how he and his team have learned to overcome jitters before or during a competition. "Diving is 'mind over matter'. You just concentrate on each part of the dive and you're OK."


Members of the Cohasset Swim and Diving Team pose with their championship trophy

Much work is necessary to achieve the precision and skill to win a championship. The divers practice several days a week during the eight-week summer program. Andy Mc Kenna, 12 said he deals with the short diving season without difficulty. "It's easy to pick up again. You know where you left off and once your muscles are used to working in certain ways, you can continue with the different dives."

Winning this title is no small feat. Decisions are made by certified judges and scoring is calculated like that of adult competitions. Although performances are individual, they are all an important contribution to the team's capture of the title.

There can be pain, discomfort and disappointment as youngsters learn this sport and train for competition. Landing in the water on the face or back can cause a stinging soreness. Malfunctions of the diving board or errors in timing can cause injuries and aches. Determination and perseverance are necessary to reach the competitive level.

Mentioned by the entire team was the unfailing support of coaches, Haley Wojtasiski and Charlotte Sida. The divers said these leaders motivate them to keep trying, to encourage each other and to remember to have a great time.

Reliving the victorious moment, the teammates described their feelings when they learned they were the champs. "We waited for the announcement, and when we knew we won, we all jumped and screamed!" said Michela Valente, 12. Carly and Jillian happily described the elation of the members. "Andy (Mc Kenna) went over and kissed the trophy," they exclaimed. "Then we all passed it around to share the win with each other."

Michela spoke with enthusiasm about the attitude and character of the group. "We have Team Spirit!" she said with a big smile. "We cheer for each other, we try to laugh about things and we care about how everyone performs. If someone fails a dive, we are all supportive. We also congratulate other teams for good performances and we are concerned if someone is having a hard time or has an injury."

Participation in this competitive sport will have lasting significance in life according to the youngsters. Wes Medwid, 13 said, "Diving gives us a chance to take risks, but in a safe way." He continued, "We learn to be confident, determined and to handle pressure."

In addition to these traits that can influence attitudes and avenues of a lifetime, some diving athletes will list achievements in the sport on scholarship applications for advanced education.

The prized silver trophy will be on display in the Middle School, Deer Hill School for periods throughout the academic year. Upon viewing the trophy, fellow students and residents will be reminded to compliment this exceptionally talented group of young people and thank them for bringing this prestigious honor to town. Their hard work, determination and spirit of good sportsmanship have represented the community in a manner to make Cohasset proud.

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Middle School honor roll listed

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Seventh-graders: Madeline Altholtz, Katherine Baker, Sophia Bertolami, Logan Breslow, Thomas Buckley, Hannah Burgess, Paige Collins, Christine Coner, Elizabeth Crawford, Courtney Culhane, Margaux Donze, Tyler Durant, Geoffrey Evans, Abigail Faulkner, Keegan Flynn, Paul Forrer, Thomson Jaffe, John Kearney, Cameron Lucitt, Katie Malveira, Chase Manifase, Austin Meyers, Jack Murphy, Megan Richardson, and Dominique Rioux.

Eighth-graders: Lauren Allen, Eleanor Baumgarten, Adam Berger, Johanna Brophy, Ana Buckley, Jennifer Cahill, Widmaier Charles, Kyle DeSisto, Brittany Dunn, Jessica Fitts, Gabriella Flibotte, Margaret Goodwin, Torey Hart, Aisling Kearns, Caitlin Mahoney, Amanda Masotta, Margaret McGoldrick, Rachel McMorris, Kristin Monaco, Alyssa Mullin, David Oddleifson, Conor Ofsthun, Erika Orner, Carly Salerno, Samantha Snow, John Sturino, Timothy Treese, Christopher Wilcox, and Carley Zappolo.

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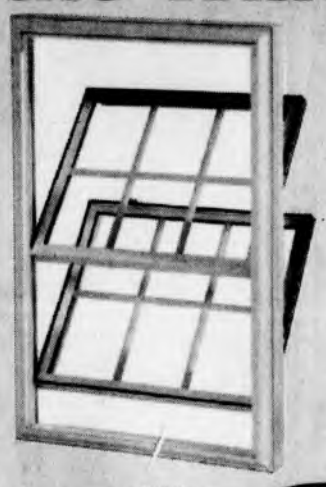
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Seventh-graders: Sean Aherne, Thomas Barrett, Emily Bertovich, Lauren Blaze, Melissa Campedelli, Jaime Canavan, Jeffrey Charles, Grace Curry, Eamon Davis, Jackson Dean, Rebecca Dickinson, Taryn Donohue, Katherine Durant, James Earle, Erin Fontane, Sydney Fortin, Leslie Fortunato, Isabelle Franklin, Hillary Gaumer, David Hernon, Kathryn Hillman, Kelsea Hindley, Victoria Lehr, Christian Lemaire, Sarah Libby, Nicholas Lieberman, Andrew Littauer, Sean MacCarthy, Terrence MacCormack, Meaghan Mahoney, Charlotte Malone, Robert McCunney, Tatyana Nakashima, Lucy Noble, Kevin O'Connell, Lucy O'Keeffe, Thomas Pecca, Abigail Perkinson, Ian Porter, Ian Quinlan, Johanna Regan, Felicia Rodrigues, Dakota Routhier, Angela Sestito, Maxwell Shipp, Emily St. John, Graham Stevenson, Christoper Walsh, William Wise, and Savanna Young-Norris.

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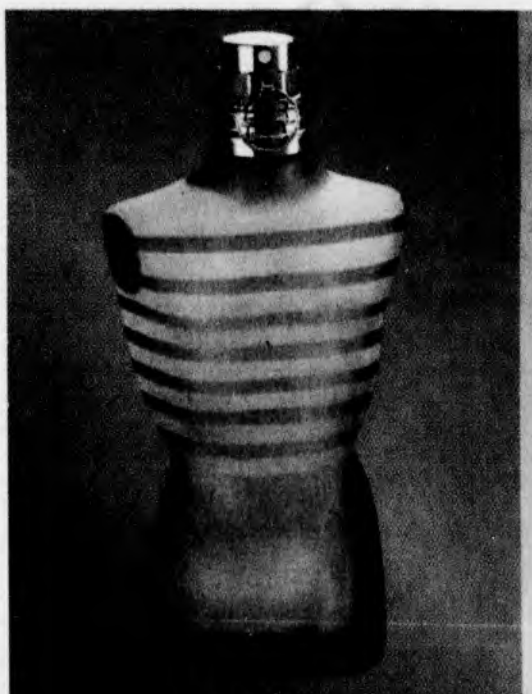
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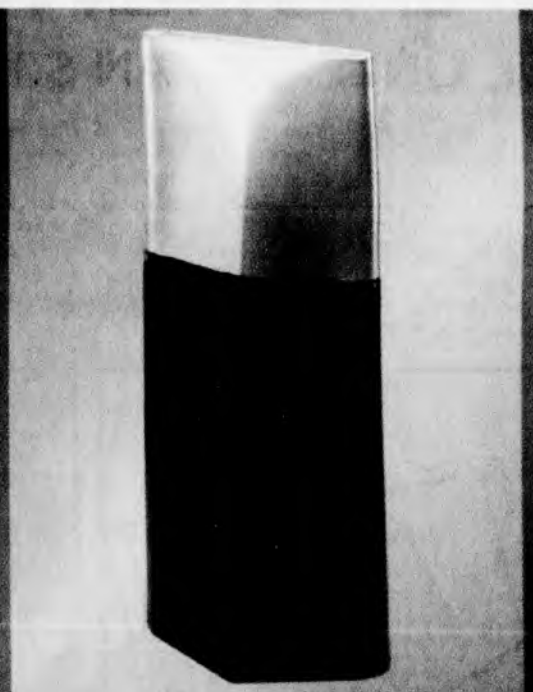
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CHS honor roll for first term

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Ninth-grader, Alexandra Boehmke; 10th-graders, Caren Garber, Ryan Ingram, Charles Miller, Colleen Richardson, and Amanda Thompson; 11th-graders, Brooke Allen, Jeffrey Kent, Emily Nash, and Molly Trisler; and 12th-grader, Toby Norman.

FIRST HONORS

The following CHS students earned First Honors for the first term:

Ninth-graders: Oliver Brennan, Jacqueline Cahill, Ryan Crough, Marc D'Antonio, Evan Deutsch, Kali Devaney, Colin Dignam, Jonathan Drybanski, Mark Flibotte, Alexandra Laas, Jesse Meade, Jennifer Silvia, and Paige Strecker.

Tenth-graders: Alyssa Campbell, Laura Campedelli, Emily Coggins, Shalea Daly, Donald Dickinson, Elizabeth Landon, Lara Novak, John Rohrer, Virginia Spofford, Robert St. John, Lauren Strazzulla, Caitlyn Treese, and Reed Wendorf-French.

Eleventh-graders: Kathleen DeWaal, Joanna Hamilton, Katherine Jensen, Remy Lee, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Carrie Muir, Christie Muir, Patrick O'Brien, Christopher Ofsthun, Christopher Pescatore, Vanessa Plante, Emily Savage, Nils Sceery, Charlotte Sida, and Katherine Whoriskey.

Twelfth-graders: Peter Bunstein, Matthew Casey, Cecelia Chapman, Elizabeth Condos, Allison Dean, Rachel Garber, Lucy Gardner, Jonathan Grimm, Christine Lovallo, Jennifer Murray, Lauren Rizzotti, Thomas Ross, Mary Silvia, Elizabeth Stone, and Domenic Strazzulla.

SECOND HONORS

The following CHS students earned second honors for the first term:

Ninth-graders: Meghan Anderson, Michael Bilodeau, Matthew Burgess, Abigail Bushnell, Meagan Coakley, David Crawford, Ian Cundall, Cameron Cunningham, Charles Czerkawski, Penisha Daniel, Ramsey Davis, Corinna Durham, MacKenzie Durkin, Siobhan Fludder, Abby Foley, Anna Haggerty, Amanda Hurd, Juliette Karp, Tyler Kelly, Olivia Kimla, Christiane Leger, Eric MacCarthy, Katina Martone, Caroline McElhinny, Conor Michaud, Christopher Mills, Emerson Oronte, Kyle Pinkus, Maura Regan, Nicholas Secatore, David Snowdale, Grace Steele, and Jenna VanEtten.

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Eleventh-graders: Aaron Bigley, Katherine Bolger, Melissa Crawford, Zachary Etkind, Chelsea Grossman, Lisa Musto, Christopher Reynolds, Caitlin Sanchez, and Ellen Tarpey.

Twelfth-graders: Richard Allen, Dominique Asnault, Alice Bellone, Jacqueline Blake, Jeannette Daley, Joseph Durkin, Mackenzie Holway, Andrew Jerz, Lindsey Kennedy, Jonathan Littauer, Timothy Pilczak, Chelsea Richardson, Julia Sanchez, Jacqueline Smith, and Christina St. Pierre.

AP Scholar awards

Twenty-one students at Cohasset High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 17 percent of the more than one million high school students in almost 15,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Students took AP Exams in May 2004 after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on AP exams.

- Six students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are **Erik Belz, Allison Earon, Tess Foley, Jessie Guild, Brittany Novak** and **Dan Tarpey.**
- Six students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are **Christopher Bilodeau, Andrew Busk, Rachel Doyle, Andrew Musto, Elisa Ninde-Jerome** and **Sarah Noble**.
- Nine students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are **Jennifer Buckley, Jonathan Downing, Jonathan Grimm, Elizabeth Meilkleham, Toby Norman, Christen Reardon, Elizabeth Stone, Domenic Strazzulla**, and **Phillip Strazzulla.**

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP Exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. Thirty-four AP Exams are offered in a wide variety of subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions (except for the Studio Art exam which evaluates students' original artwork).



STATEHOUSE VISIT

The eighth-grade class at Cohasset Middle High School poses for a photo with state Rep. Garrett Bradley (second row, second from left) during a tour of the capitol.



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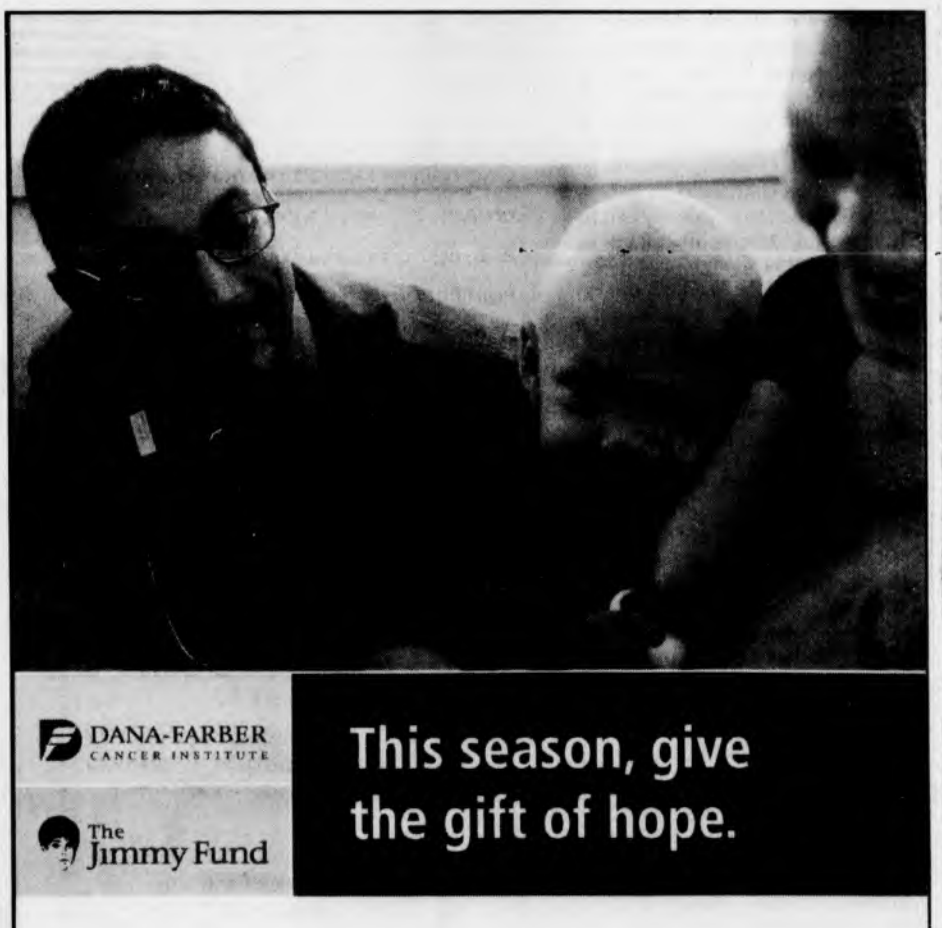
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IT'S HAPPENING

Hear holiday carols of the season

The Unicorn Singers directed by Margo Euler presents "WASSAIL! A Concert of Christmas Carols," Friday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. at St. John's in Hingham and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. at First Parish in Cohasset. Included will be carols from long ago, as set by modern composers; carols from the pop, jazz and gospel tradition; carols by talented soloists and carols for everyone to sing together.

Hear them perform together as a chamber choir in exquisite choral arrangements. Hear them in trios and quartets in costume, serenading you from the four corners of the room. Hear them bring to life the much-loved music of this joyful time of year. Come to listen and to sing, and to get in the spirit of the season.

First Parish is holding a special reception in their newly renovated Parish House following the concert so that the musicians and concert-goers can visit and enjoy the festive nature of the event together.

Members of the Unicorn Singers, now in its 26th season of making music on the South Shore, come from 10 surrounding communities, meeting weekly at House of Prayer in Hingham. Tickets are $15 at the door and $12 in advance at First Parish's office by calling (781) 383-1100.

Christmas Concert

St. Paul's Church of Hingham will present a Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. in the upper sanctuary. The "Joyous Sounds of Christmas" will feature an hour of both traditional and non traditional carols. In concert will be the adult choir and life team musicians. The public is cordially invited to attend, admission is free.

Alzheimer's support group meets Dec. 15

On Wednesday, Dec. 15, the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will host a talk by Eugene I. Brennan, president of Senior Care Financial on "Understanding your Options". The meeting will be held at 7:30 in the Hingham senior Center, 220 Central St.

Brennan specializes in assisting elders in making informed decisions on managing Medicaid application for long-term care. A question and answer time will follow his presentation. Bring your questions or concerns about applying for Masshealth (Medicaid) benefits or the nursing home application process.

ADSGSS monthly meetings are free and open to the anyone interested in learning more about Alzheimer's disease. For more information, call JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417 or Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426.

Respite care for your patient is available for this meeting date Dec. 15, at Harbor House Day Health Center of Hingham. Call Pat Levy, director for details and to make a reservation at 781-749-4774.

HHS quartets sing a cappella

This holiday season, the Hingham High School Chorus is offering a capella quartet performances of holiday music for parties. The students' voices will be an entertaining and cheerful addition to any gathering. To raise money for their upcoming trip to Washington, the student's ask for a fifty dollar donation. To make appointments, please call Rachel at 781-749-3034.

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Docket No. 04E0105-PP1

To Dane Williams of Marblehead in the County of Essex, respondent; and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Eleanor Herrmann, General Partner of Hermann Associates, Limited Partnership, a limited partnership established under the laws of the State of California of San Mateo in the State of California representing that she holds as tenant in common an undivided part or share of certain land lying in Cohasset in said County of Norfolk and briefly described as follows:
A certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon situated on King Street in said Cohasset and containing about a half (1/2) acre of land, more or less, and being shown as Calvin's Orchard, and bounded
Northeasterly by said King Street;
Southwesterly by land formerly of John Burbank, Jr.;
Southwesterly by a stone wall separating the premises from property belonging formerly to John Bubank;
Northwesterly by other land formerly of John Burbank.
Containing approximately 22,850 square feet of land, more or less.

setting forth that she desires that all of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than four hundred ten thousand ($410,000.00) dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Norfolk Probate & Family Court, 35 Shawmut Road, Canton, MA 02021 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the nineteenth day of January 2005, the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirtieth day of November, 2004.

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OBITUARIES



Dr. William A. Corriveau, D.M.D.

Dr. William A. Corriveau, D.M.D.

Dr. William Arthur Corriveau, 79, of Cohasset, formerly of Springfield, died suddenly Dec. 1, 2004, at Milton Hospital.

Dr. Corriveau graduated from Classical High School in Springfield, and Tufts Dental School, Tufts University, Phi Beta Kappa.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II throughout the European Theatre Operations. Sergeant Corriveau fought in the Battle of the Bulge with the 87th Infantry Division earning the Combat Infantrymen's Badge and the Bronze Star medal. He entered Paris, France on VE Day. Active duty tours following the war included service at Washington DC and Fort Benning, GA. He continued serving in the U.S. Army Reserve, retiring in 1985 at the rank of Colonel with 33 years total service.

He operated his dental practice in Springfield, from 1954 to 1987.

Dr. Corriveau's volunteer activities included the Boy Scouts of America, Scoutmaster, Troop 18, in Springfield, the Lions Club and the Springfield Board of Health.

He was an active member of Catholic Church, at St. Anthony's, Cohasset.

He enjoyed all professional sports, played tennis, enjoyed gardening and regular travel to Europe, Florida, the Western United States, Canada, and Alaska.

Dr. Corriveau leaves his wife, Elizabeth Steele Corriveau, Cohasset; two sons James, of Watertown, N.Y. and Richard, of Chicopee; a daughter Caroline, Watertown, N,Y,; three stepsons Matt Steele and Dan Steele, both of Cohasset, and Jack Steele, of Swampscott; a brother Joseph V. of South Carolina.; 12 grandchildren and a great-grandson. His first wife Ramona Lopez Corriveau died in 1975.

A grave side service was held Dec. 6, at Bourne National Cemetery, Cape Cod.

Arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Boy Scouts of America and any Veteran's Organization.

Lucille F. McLoughlin

Lucille Fusz (O'Malley) McLoughlin, 96, of Cohasset, and formerly of Brooklyn, NY. died Dec. 1, 2004 at home.

A 1929 graduate of Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, Mrs. McLoughlin was a daily communicant at St. Saviour in Brooklyn and St. Anthony, Cohasset.

She was the Regent of the Fort Greene Chapter of the DAR and National Chairwoman of the Motion Picture Committee of the DAR.

She enjoyed bridge, traveling, reading, golf, her many deep friendships and her faithful dachshunds. A tree she planted on First Street in park Slope still thrives.

Widow of Maurice E. McLoughlin, she leaves two daughters, Lucille Hornby of Sergeantsville, N.J., Elizabeth of San Francisco; two sisters, Genevieve Good of Cohasset and Celeste Wilhelmy of Bethesda, Md., eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was the mother of the late Martha, Maurice E. Jr. of London, and Paul T. of New York

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset, on Dec. 4. Interment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla, N.Y.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Contributions in lieu of flowers to: Retired Religious of the Sacred Heart Kenwood, 799 S. Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12202; or to the McLoughlin/Panzera Fund, Rosemont College Library, 1401 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102; or to The St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, Montana 59004

Barbara T. Sullivan

Barbara T. (Couble) Sullivan, 78, of Scituate, died on Dec. 3, 2004.

Mrs. Sullivan was a member of Thorny Lee Golf course, a Communicant of St. Francis Church, and Our Lady of Lords Church in Brockton, a member of Brockton Women's Guild, and a member of Cataholic charities women's guild.

She was an avid bridge player and enjoyed reading.

Wife of the late John L. Sullivan; she leaves four daughters, Jean Reidy and her husband Russel of Cohasset, Patricia Paglierani and her husband Ronald, of Scituate, Kathleen Lang and her husband Dr. Robert, of Dartmouth, and Jayne Valant and her husband Reed, of E. Bridgewater; a sister, Claire O'Hara and her husband Dr. John, of Scituate; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Patricia Tirrell.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset.

The Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate, handled the arrangements.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Norwell Visiting Nurses Association 320 Washington St., Norwell MA 02601.

Holiday decorating with fresh greens and plants

GREEN THUMBS UP



SUZANNE MAHLER

Eastern red cedars, actually members of the Juniper family, are a personal favorite for holiday decorations. Their dense branches, featuring scaly green leaves or needles that may be tinged with blue, copper, or gold, provide marvelous texture and maintain their appearance throughout the holiday season even without moisture. Female members of the species often bear clusters of small icy blue berries that further enhance arrangements. Birds disperse these berries enabling the hardy evergreens to quickly colonize disturbed ground throughout our area.

Eastern white pines, with their long, soft green needles, boasting tints of blue and silver, are abundant in our woodlands and their long branches make them ideal for wiring together as the basis for garlands and swags to adorn fences, doorways and mantels. Enduring foliage, delightful fragrance, and decorative cones are additional benefits to pine boughs but their tendency to ooze sap may be a drawback. Wear gloves during the collection process, place cuttings in a separate bag, and take care to protect surfaces from the pitch.

Stunning stands of brilliant red winterberry, our native deciduous holly, are easy to spot in swampy locales and add a festive touch to arrangements of mixed greens. Clusters of ruby-tinted wild rose hips produced by the omnipresent invasive multiflora rose bushes are another source of vibrant color. These thorny fruits make elegant wreaths when wired in bunches on a circular frame or add colorful highlights to decorations. Queen Anne's Lace, milkweed pods and finely-textured branches may be gathered, sprayed gold, silver or white and sprinkled with glitter, while tacky, to add a little sparkle to holiday designs.

A mature landscape can offer a wealth of materials suitable for holiday decorating. Each year, I plant new trees and shrubs which serve the dual purpose of providing multiple seasons of interest in the landscape and excellent cut foliage or berries for interior designs. Although the month of December may not be the ideal month for pruning, I delay clipping many of these evergreens until the holiday season and fill several bags with branches for use in wreaths, swags and arrangements. None of the trees or shrubs I regularly snip for the holidays seems to have suffered over the years, and nearly all are thicker and fuller once new growth commences the following season.

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A traditional foundation shrub, the family of yews (Taxus) ranks high among the most durable and useful shrubs for both landscaping and decorating needs. Available in both prostrate and upright forms, their narrow, flat deep green needles last for weeks once cut and provide excellent contrast to other greens. Shade tolerant, these shrubs respond to regular shearing and shaping. Unfortunate-ly, yews are often a magnet for foraging deer. Several years ago, I watched several of these elegant but destructive beasts dismantle an entire arrangement of mixed greens in my whiskey barrel in their quest for the yew branches that were part of the display.

Members of the false cypress family (Chamaecyparis) are personal favorites for landscaping. Similar in appearance to members of the Arborvitae (Thuja) family, false cypress display flattened scaled needles and provide an oriental flare to designs. Hinoki and fern-spray cypresses offer rich, deep green foliage. Several yellow-tinted varieties are also available and provide stunning contrast to green or blue-green foliage thereby brightening the dullest winter landscape and adding pizzazz to an all green wreath. Another member of this family, the thread-leaf cypress, forms graceful, mop-like mounds of delicate foliage in green, blue-green or tipped with yellow, which contributes a wispy, cascading texture to both a landscape and floral design. Somewhat slower growing than other evergreens in my landscape, I snip newer specimens sparingly.

My first project each holiday season is the creation of a wreath for my front door. I recycle a "pocket wreath" year after year. A double-ringed wire frame wrapped with overlapping, 3-inch strips of fabric can be quickly stuffed with mixed greens to produce a handsome, welcoming centerpiece. Needled greens, some tinged with silvery blue or yellow, are mixed with a variety of lustrous, shiny, broad-leafed evergreens including Leucothoe, Japanese holly, boxwood, PJM rhododendron, and mountain laurel to provide contrast of color and texture. I avoid hemlock boughs as they tend to drop their small needles shortly after being cut.

As the holidays approach, additional arrangements of mixed greens will adorn tables, mantels, and doorways. Clippings of arborvitae, juniper, spruce, blue hollies, euonymus, and berries added to designs will provide a wealth of color and contrast to last throughout the holiday season.

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.5-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years. Her weekly gardening column 'Green Thumbs Up' has appeared in the Mariner newspapers for nearly a decade. She is a member of two local garden clubs, past President of the New England Daylily Society, an overseer for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and is employed at two garden centers.

WELLSPRING

The following programs are offered at Wellspring Multi Service Center Wellspring 814 Nantasket Avenue Hull. 781-925-3211 Visit: www.wellspring hull.org. Wellspring does not deny services due to an inability to pay.

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Anxiety and depression support group — Wellspring is offering a new support group to adults dealing with anxiety or depression. This group meets at St. Mary's Church, 208 Samoset Ave. in Hull. The group will be facilitated by a licensed social worker. Please call Pat Martin at 781-925-3211 for information and transportation is available.

Holiday Angel — Wellspring's Holiday Angel Gift program provides clients with gifts for their children. Gifts are donated by caring individuals who give to a designated child or family.

Clients who are involved with any of Wellspring's Programs (food pantry, adult learning, crisis or domestic violence counseling, thrift shop clients, etc.) and are in need of assistance with Christmas gifts for their children are encouraged to contact Wellspring for an application. Our deadline for accepting applications is Dec. 10.

Individuals, businesses or organizations that wish to "adopt" a child or family by providing gifts (or gift certificates) should contact Margaret at Wellspring at 781-925-3211 or visit our "Angel Tree" table at the upcoming Holiday Showcase at the Clarion Hotel

Evening shop hours —The Thrift Shop at Wellspring is open on Thursday evenings until 8p.m.

These shops continue to offer clothes, household items, toys and books at low prices. The Wellspring shops also offer a friendly atmosphere and the opportunity to learn about other programs and service available.

Volunteer drivers needed — The "Ticket to Ride" Transportation Program at Wellspring is searching for caring, responsible and trustworthy volunteers to drive a 15 passenger van carrying clients to destination in Hull, Hingham and the South Shore Volunteer Drivers must have a clean driving record and a valid Massachusetts Driver's License.

Drowned Hogs – The Drowned Hogs will be holding its 10th annual swim on Saturday Jan. 29 at 11am at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse on Nantasket Beach in Hull. More than 400 swimmers and 1,200 spectators will be on hand to celebrate a decade of insanity and generosity. Swimmers recruit sponsors to help raise money for Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull. Pledge sheets and information are available at Wellspring now!

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, NOV. 28

8:49 a.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:54 p.m. **Deer Hill School**, assist citizen.

2:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, patient sign off.

3 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, investigated/report taken, towing truck on scene backed into the lamp at Fiori Exxon.

3:33 p.m. **Cohasset Jr./Sr. High School**, fire, investigation, lights flickering.

4:32 p.m. **Weldley Park**, suspicious/activity, Hull Police called informing us of a party at the park acting strangely.

5:10 p.m. **Mass Highway and Crocker Lane**, suspicious/activity, officer reports no one at this address.

10:02 p.m. **Barnes Field and North Main St.**, suspicious/vehicle, caller reports a motor vehicle parked in the lot at the ball field, officer spoke to operator. He is pulled over using his cell phone.

MONDAY, NOV. 29

1:11 a.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious person, male in a hooded sweatshirt walking on Summer St., he will be checking him out. Sgt. advises that it is a juvenile from Pond St. Call parents and find out if this juvenile should be out at this hour. Parents advise that juvenile should not be out - please transport him home. Officer advises that juvenile will not accept ride from him. Have a parent respond to in front of the Legion to pick-up son. Father has son — units clear.

6:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8 a.m. Weather Sunny, wind light

9:26 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, hate crime, investigated, walk in party reports a swastika was keyed into the hood of her vehicle over night.

11:18 a.m. **Wheeler Park**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:22 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:06 p.m. **Cohasset Police Headquarters and Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

3:27 p.m. **Cohasset Police Headquarters and Elm St.**, identify theft/fraud, walk in party to speak to Detective regarding identify fraud. She discovered someone attempted to use her social security number to make a charge at Circuit City.

5:40 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, downed tree, caller reports a tree limb has fallen on her pool cover that belongs to the property next to her she has taken steps to resolve this with her neighbor and wanted to inform PD of situation.

6:46 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking. Sgt. to speak with party regarding vehicle parked on street, blocking roadway.

TUESDAY, NOV. 30

1:28 a.m. **North Main St., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded, summons: Susan E. Christie, 40, 24 Arnold Rd., Forestdale. Chrgs: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license.

7:11 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:23 a.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:39 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:08 a.m. **South Main St.**, larceny (report), investigated, caller reporting past larceny… officer is taking report.

3:20 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, investigation.

5:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller reports that a patient has a broken leg and knee requesting rescue to transport to SSH.

6:03 p.m. **Ox Pasture Lane**, illegal dumping, caller reports someone is dumping illegally in the construction dumpster. The homeowner just saw a van and car drive away after putting something into the dumpster.

6:53 p.m. **Hingham**, missing person, son called to report father went for groceries at 3 p.m. and did not return.

Called the wife and sent officer to Shaw's at 3A just as cruiser arrived the missing party was walking in the back door of his house.

9:04 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, annoying phone calls.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1

2:21 a.m. **N. Main St.**, transport citizen.

6:15 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave.**, suspicious/vehicle.

6:49 a.m. **Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:33 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious person, investigated/report taken, caller reporting that a neighbor called her this a.m. to report that someone tried to enter her garage last evening.

8:54 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, larceny (report), investigated/report taken, walk in party to report past larceny of tools.

10:29 a.m. **Town of Norton**, Metro-LEC call out.

10:49 a.m. Fire, investigation.

11:54 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious/activity, caller reports someone has taken 2 snow stakes from the bottom of his driveway, doesn't want to see officer just log note.

1:38 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, assist citizen, assisting a resident that just came home for the hospital.

1:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Lane**, motor vehicle violations, caller reports a trash truck has not covered the load that he is hauling and the debris is going all over the road, officer talked to the operator of two trucks, they will correct the problem.

1:52 p.m. **Pond St.**, fire - public assist.

2:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, downed tree, caller reports a tree limb has fallen on the south bound lane and causing traffic hazard.

3:29 p.m. **Stevens Lane**, trespassing, caller reports that a group of kids continually walking on their property and throwing beer cans and soda cans being disrespectful to homeowner when asked not to cut through their property.

3:52 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:34 p.m. **Stagecoach Way**, annoying phone calls.

7:37 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, animal complaint, lost cat, black and white, 2 years old (white paws).

9:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller stated that a white truck was trying to run her off the road.

9:35 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports sparks coming out of the telephone pole.

THURSDAY, DEC. 2

12:15 a.m. **By the Transfer Station and Cedar St.**, downed tree, caller reports a branch across the road.

12:49 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious/vehicle, caller states there is a white motor vehicle parked in the driveway across the street. House is for sale. There should not be any motor vehicles in the driveway.

7:14 a.m. **Smith Pl., and Cushing Rd.**, downed tree, tree branch on the side of the road, DPW notified.

7:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8 a.m. Weather; Sunny, wind light.

8:55 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, lockout/lock-in, caller reports her 2 year old is locked in the car the vehicle is not running.

9:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller advised that there is a patient in the vehicle in a lot of pain.

10:01 a.m. **N. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:12 p.m. **Border St.**, traffic complaint, caller reports a dumpster in the middle of the road with no markings.

5:29 p.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop.

6:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, caller reports fire in back of Stop & Shop, the fire is in the stair well of Stop & Shop outside.

11:33 p.m. **Cohasset Jr./Sr. High School and Pond St.**, property (recovered), walk in party recovered wallet, call and left message with the party that lost the wallet.

FRIDAY, DEC. 3

12:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious/vehicle, caller reports a motor vehicle in the driveway of Cohasset Collision. Door of the motor vehicle is open.

12:25 a.m. **HQ.**, Bolo from Norwell P.D., subject is 15 years old and left the house a t approximately 4 p.m. and has not returned.

12:44 a.m. **Pond St.**, assist citizen, caller requests an officer check to see if her house is burning down. She is in Florida and left a cup of coffee in the microwave.

1:38 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:19 a.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious/activity, caller states "Someone is shining a flashlight on the 2nd floor balcony." The house has recently sold and should be vacant.

7:07 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny

8:30 a.m. **Cohasset Police Headquarters and Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9 a.m. **Cohasset Police Headquarters and Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9:03 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, cell caller reports he set off the smoke alarms.

9:30 a.m. **Cohasset Police Headquarters and Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

11:05 a.m. **Bayberry Lane**, medical aid.

11:33 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:40 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:20 p.m. **Oak St.**, credit card fraud.

12:41 p.m. **Sohier St.**, lost property (report).

3:03 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:44 p.m. **King St.**, domestic, investigated/report taken.

8:36 p.m. **N. Main St.**, suspicious/activity, caller reports tenant tried to go inside home and noticed lock had been tampered with.

10:48 p.m. **Spring St.**, medical aid, transported other/BLS.

10:54 p.m. **Hill St.**, disturbance, caller reports someone was banging on the door and took off.

SATURDAY, DEC. 4

1:24 a.m. **Sandy Beach Association and Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:10 a.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious/activity, in the back of the town lot, female operator stated she was just going to see a friend for a short period of time.

5:41 a.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:17 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen.

7:24 a.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, walk in party states there is a rotweiler tied to a tree at the Fitness Salon. The dog is 4-5 feet from the sidewalk. The dog barks and comes after the walking party, when he walks by, forcing the male party to go off the sidewalk.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, wind light

8:32 a.m. **Summer St.**, assist other Police Department, requesting a Cohasset unit for assistance with a large funeral from Sparrels.

9:19 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

10:59 a.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:30 a.m. **Audubon Rd.**, search warrant.

12:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious/activity, caller reports an he was traveling down Route 3A yesterday, his vehicle was shot at by a paintball gun striking the windshield. This did not do any damage, he just wanted it logged.

1:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports a drive off of $10 from this location only, officer stated that the attendant does not feel this was intentional, attempting to contact owner of vehicle to have her return.

5:53 p.m. **Deer Hill School and Sohier St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a springer spaniel is located at Deer Hill barking, owner notified and will respond shortly from home.

7:45 p.m. **Square and South Main St.**, parking enforcement.

8:12 p.m. **Square and South Main St.**, parking enforcement.

SUNDAY, DEC. 5

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, wind light

2:09 p.m. **North Main St., and Rocky Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:25 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, patient sign off, 911 caller reports her friend that is over is choking, object has been dislodged, no problems at this time.

4:36 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance - neighborhood, caller reports group of skateboarders have been playing all day there, no real disturbance just wanted logged.

6:54 p.m. **South Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, female passed out.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Dinero's, 235 Hull St., excavation for underground structure, $42,000; Richardson, 22 Virginia Lane, re-roof 33 squares, $13,750; Weber, 59 Pond St., re-roof 22 squares, $11,100; Jaquith, 33 Norfolk Rd., remodel 2nd floor bath, $7,200; Howard Schide, 249 South Main St., re-roof 30 squares, $13,500; Mary Grassie, 48 Elm Court, sidewall 14 squares, $13,050; Joan Jensen, 59 Howe Rd., sidewall 12 squares, $14,900; James Mensching, 14 Bates Lane, remodel bathroom, $6,500; Charles Smith, 94 Black Horse Lane, re-roof wood 14 squares, repair trim, $15,000; Thomas, 15 Rustic Drive, remodel entry alcove, $8,000; Cohasset Golf Club, 175 Cedar St., construct 52 x 125 steel building, $300,000; Littauer, 268 Jerusalem Rd., garage addition, $120; McColgan, 1 Pleasant St., sign 2 x 8, $1,000; Deutch, 100 Elm St., woodstove, $1,000; Eileen Johnston, 49 Aaron River Rd., remodel, $70,000; Dinero's Restaurant, 235 Hull St., framing only permit, $30,000; Brian Lynch, 6 Stevens Lane, remodel, raise roofline, $235,000; Stephen Venti, 236 North Main St., demolish/rebuild dwelling, $400,000.

No overnight on-street parking

Winter parking regulations are in effect through April 1, 2005.

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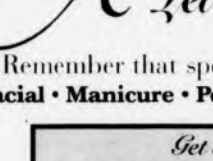
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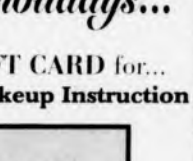
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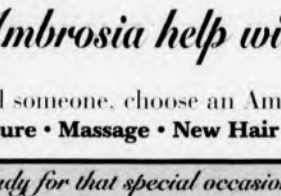
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DECEMBER 9-17, 2004

Kate on Kate

Mulgrew plays Hepburn in 'Tea at Five'



These days, Kate Mulgrew is delivering a pitch-perfect portrayal of Katharine Hepburn in the one-woman show "Tea at Five" — now at Boston's Shubert Theatre — but there was a time when Mulgrew steered clear of anything to do with the screen legend.

"I was never a fan of Katharine Hepburn. I had been likened to her so often early in my career, and I came to resent all the comparisons," says Mulgrew who high cheekbones and throaty voice have long fueled comparisons with the elder Kate. "Early on, I developed a real antipathy for her. One wants to be an actress in one's own right, after all."

Mulgrew's opinion of the four-time Academy Award winner changed in 2002 when she began work on the play Matthew Lombardo wrote with her in mind.

"I always admired her work as an actress, of course, but it was only when I started doing the play that I became a real devotee of Katharine Hepburn, the person. She had such courage to lead a life of remarkable career achievement against a backdrop of such personal sadness of mostly self-imposed loneliness. She could be one tough Yankee. As I play it, I'm given the experience of suffering along with her. It's almost as if she visits me every time I play the role. It's a sort of alchemy. There is a kind of inexpressible union between the two of us, which can happen when you're married this closely to a character."

Under the direction of John Tillinger, "Tea at Five" is set in Fenwick, Hepburn's beloved Connecticut home. The first act depicts Hepburn at 31, just before she did "The Philadelphia Story," and the second shows her at 76, reflecting on personal matters like the childhood suicide of her brother, Tom, and her long affair with Spencer Tracy. Mulgrew — who first gained fame as the young heroine Mary Ryan on the now-defunct soap opera "Ryan's Hope" and later as Captain Kathryn Janeway on "Star Trek: Voyager" — finds the older Hepburn easier to play.

"I'm 48, and I've almost always played older. I was playing "Mrs. Columbo, who was supposed to be 37, when I was 23. With the older Hepburn, it just seems like a more natural fit. My personality and disposition just match well to her reflections," says Mulgrew who is the mother of three and wife to Ohio politician Tim Hagan. "It's difficult to explain why, but the younger Kate is really harder work for me."

After seven years as the first female captain in Star Trek history, Mulgrew knows about hard work. "I'm so grateful to have had the 'Voyager' experience. It was the hardest and most meaningful work I have ever done. I'm very grateful to the viewers, too. They've been the best fan base in the world. They've been coming to see me from all over the world since the play's inception."

"Tea at Five" will be at the Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont Street, Boston, through Dec. 19. For tickets and information, call 1-800-447-7400 or visit www.wangcenter.org.

- R. Scott Reedy



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Pembroke artist Brooks Kelly will exhibit works in a one-man show at the Zona Art Gallery through Jan. 28, 2005. The Zona Gallery is located in Queen Ann's Plaza, Norwell. Gallery hours are : Monday. 12- 8, Tuesday-Thursday. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday. 9 a.m.- 6 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.. The show is free and open to the public. 781-871-4545.

Thurs. Dec. 9

***VOILÀ* Norwell's French Country Boutique,** 428 Washington St. (Route 53) Norwell, will be joining its neighbors, **Elegant Entrances** and **C & C Gallery** for hospitality, hors d'oeuvres and beverages during a Holiday Open House on Dec. 9, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.. Voilà is a shop modeled after those in Europe with one of a kind European accents and furnishings for the home. Enjoy south of France ambience for the holidays 781-659-1343 or www.voila-inc.com Health Clubs Seek Host Families for Russian Youths

Canton Club and Weymouth Club, are partnering with the International Orphans Foundation to find host families for 15 Russian youngsters, ages 5-13, who be visiting the Greater Boston area for three weeks next July. Informational sessions aimed at providing all of the information, and to answer any questions people who feel they might be interested in serving as a host family will be held at Canton Club at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 9, and at Weymouth Club at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 16. To reserve your spot at either of the informational meetings, call Vicky Wu, executive director of the International Orphans Foundation at 857.234.1057, or email Ms. Wu at vwu@orphas-foundation.org.

Community Garden Club of Duxbury's Annual Holiday Greens Sale at the Bertram Center on Washington St., Duxbury from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

La Leche League of Silver Lake meets every second Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m.. **Dec. 9, meeting will focus on nutrition and weaning.** For information email Joanne.collins@comcast.net

Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St., Scituate, 6 p.m. Norwell author of **'Under Oath,'** Margaret McLean will discuss and sign her book. Murder, a conspiracy trial and the infamous Charlestown code of silence" set the scene of this legal thriller, featuring "Charlestown's most notorious crime family". Formerly an Assistant D.A. and criminal prosecutor, Margaret McLean brings the education, background and experience that brings "Under Oath" alive . 781-545-5011 or visit www.front streetbookshop.com

Safe Harbor Church of Marshfield invites you for an evening of prayer on Dec. 9. This service is dedicated to those fighting in Iraq as well as the heart wrenching atrocities occurring in Africa. A prayer board will be placed at the front of the church. Families are encouraged to bring a photo or name of a loved one you wish us to pray for. Doors open at 6:30 for refreshments. The service will begin at 7 p.m. If you have a favorite passage from the bible please bring it along to share. 781-837-9903.

Bridgewater Sate College Dance Company presents **Winderdance 2004,** Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. and Dec. 10, at 4 p.m. and Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. All performances held in the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium. 508-531-2046.

John F. Kennedy Library Public Forum, The Crisis in Darfur, Harvard University scholars **Jennifer Leaning** and **Alex de Waal**, Smith College professor **Eric Reeves** and Executive Director of Amenesty International William Schulz discuss the crisis in Dar fur. Columbia Point, Boston. All forums are free and open to the public. 617-514-1643.

The 2004 Edition of the Radio City Christmas spectacular featuring **The Rockettes** presented by John Hancock to make its Boston debut at The Wang Theatre Dec. 2 to 31. For tickets call telecharge at 1-800-447-7400, www.wangcenter.org, or box office at 270 Tremont St., Boston.

Bettina Lesieuris 9th Annual Art Exhibit - open to the public free of charge beginning Dec. 2, at 301 Saint George St., Duxbury. Exhibit hours: Dec. 9 through Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. ñ 5 p.m., and Dec. 16 through Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free and open to the public. This exhibit features oil landscapes, ranging from miniatures to larger pieces of Duxbury and the South Shore area, Cape Cod and Islands, New Mexico, Key West, and Provence. Call 781-934-5103 or visit www.bettinalesieur.com.

José Mateo's Ballet Theatre presents **The Nutcracker** at The Sanctuary Theatre 400 Harvard St., Harvard Square, Cambridge through Dec. 19. Call 617-354-7467 or visit www.BalletTheatrre.org for tickets.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month **Jean Mulligan** will exhibit her paintings for the month of December at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

The Norwell office of Home Instead Senior Care in partnership with local merchants, area councils on aging and South Shore Elders Services are poised to bring holiday spirit to seniors. The Be a Santa to a Senior program runs through Dec. 17.

Edaville USA celebrates the **Holiday Festival of Lights** New England's largest holiday light display runs through Jan. 2, 2005. The family fun park features a narrow-gauge train ride through 5 1/2-miles of a decorated cranberry plantation. For information, call 877-EDAVILLE or go to www.edaville.org http://www.edaville.org

Public Skating at the Armstrong Arena, Long Pond Road, Plymouth Monday through Friday from 10 .m. to noon Friday evenings 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Special vacation week session is offerd Dec. 27 to31, from 1:to 3 p.m. Admission $3; rental skates available for a rental fee. 508-746-8825 or visit www.fmcarenas.com

Bay State Blades is accepting applications for individuals 2.5 years and up for fall and winter skating lessons at **the Asiaf Skating Rink in Brockton**. New programs available for all ages and abilities beginning November/December. Programs are Tiny Blades, Tykes Hockey, Learn to Skate and Hockey Skating Skills. For information call 781-871-7681 or visit www.baystateblades.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Every Thursday **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano** 9:30 p.m. 781-871-7175.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Thursday 8:30 p.m. **Karaoke with Ron Towers.** 781-834-1910, www.courtneys foodandspirits.com

Fri. Dec. 10

The Beggar Boys present A Celtic Christmas, traditional music--old and new--for the season from Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. The Beggar Boys are Michael O'Leary, lead vocals, bodhran; Michael Albert, fiddle, whistles and vocals; Larry Young, fiddle and vocals; and Henry Lebedinsky, bouzouki and vocals. Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m., Irish Cultural Centre, 200 New Boston Drive, Canton, MA, www.irishculture.org. Handicapped accessible. Admission at the door: $12, $10 students, seniors & ICC members, children under 10 free. 781.209.1060.

Scituate Harbor Holiday Stroll - Scituate Harbor Merchants invite you to join in the merrymaking at the Scituate Harbor Holiday Stroll from 6 to 9 p.m. Ride a trolley along the harbor; decorate your own holiday cookie, sample chowder, hot cider and cocoa! Enjoy sparkling, lighted trees, refreshments and strolling carolers. Get your favorite local author to sign a book for you. Visit with Santa. The Scituate Harbor Holiday Stroll is sponsored by the Scituate Chamber of Commerce. For a complete listing of events, visit scituatechamber.org or call 781-545-4000.

Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front Street, Scituate, Dec. 10: 6 p.m. **Scituate Illustrator/Author, Dean Morrissey** will be in store signing his newest picture book: **Monster Trap**. For information, or to reserve a book, call Front Street Book Shop at 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreet-bookshop.com

Nutrition and Hair Analysis Workshop with **Cathi Burke, Certified Nutritional Consultant**, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. and Dec. 12, noon to 2 p.m., On the Path Wellness Center, Rt. 139, Pembroke. Through Trace Elements hair Analysis, clinical results have shown the mineral status as well as toxic metal accumulation in your body. Find out what foods are like a vitamin and how other foods can actually act like poison in your system. $10 (applied to cost of hair Analysis, if desired). Call 781-826-7076 to register.

The Unicorn Singers directed by Margo Euler presents ***WASSAIL! A Concert of Christmas Carols,*** Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at St. John's in Hingham and Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m. at First Parish in Cohasset. Included will be Carols from long ago, in their early dress, and as set by modern composers; Carols from the pop, jazz and gospel tradition; and Carols by talented soloists and carols for all to sing together. A special reception in their newly renovated parish house following the concert.

Christmas Dinner Dance South Shore Singles will sponsor their semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Dec. 10, featuring live music with **The Emanon Orchestra** from 8 p.m. to Midnight, buffet chicken dinner served. At the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington, Admission: $12 SSS Members, $15 Non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. Info: 781-331-0021 Website: http://www.southshore singles.org

The Massasoit Theatre Co. presents **ANNIE** for two weekends, Dec. 10 and Dec. 19, at the Buckley Performing Arts Center on the Brockton campus. Call 508-427-1234 for tickets. All seats are reserved.

The 17th edition of Musical Holiday Party featuring song, dance and comedy at **Quincy Dinner Theatre**, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center, Dec. 3 to 19. Dinner and show. Handicapped accessible. Free parking. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations.

The South Street Gallery, featuring local, regional and national artists, has announced its upcoming annual "Small Painting Show", where invited artists display and sell their paintings at reasonable prices. This exhibit will be combined with the work of some new artists on display.. Artists whose work will be on display include **Joan Brancale, Vcevy Strekalovsky, Dianne Pannarelli-Miller, Nancy Colella, Susan Charles, Diane Scott, Ronald Tinney, Marjorie Whorf, Yves Parent, Jen Kelly, Bonnie Hobbs.**

The Braintree Choral Society's Dec. 10 concert stating it was to start at 8 p.m. in the announcements you make and call me at 781-749-3007 if there are any questions. Tom Curtis - Braintree Choral Society

James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell contact: Lisa Flynn **"Reflections of Life"**, a show of paintings and drawings by **Sue Page-Thompson** of Scituate will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from Dec. 3- Jan. 5, 2005. An opening reception for the public will be held on Friday, Dec. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m.. Hours: Tuesday - Friday 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sue Page- Thompson will be back on Saturday from 11 to 6 p.m. to do on site portraits.

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, will bring back to its stage the Charles Dickens' classic **A Christmas Carol**; running through Dec. 18. Performances are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. There will also be a 4 p.m. show on Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Tickets are priced at $25 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and $23 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at, and by calling 781-871-2787.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Dec. 10, **Tom Hambridge Band** alternate country rock, national act from Nashville. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote @aol.com

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark Your Calendar

THE ONE AND ONLY BOSTON CHOCOLATE TOUR will once again satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth beginning on Sunday, Jan. 2. Featuring tasty visits to Top of the Hub Restaurant, the historic Omni Parker House Hotel and The Langham Hotel Boston, The Chocolate Tour will operate every weekend thereafter through April 10, 2005. The tour is presented by Old Town Trolley Tours of Boston. The fully-narrated three-hour journey of decadent desserts and fun facts departs from the Trolley Stop Store at the corner of Boylston & South Charles Streets at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. Advance reservations, which are required, may be made by calling 617-269-3626.

JOSÉ MATEO'S BALLET THEATRE presents **The Nutcracker** at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St., Duxbury. Dec. 22-26. Call 617-354-7467 or online at www.BalletTheatre.org for tickets.

DORA THE EXPLORER LIVE - Dora's Pirate Adventure returns for a limited one week engagement March 2 to 6, at the Opera House 539 Washington St., Boston,. Tickets on sale now by calling 617-931-2787 or at Ticketmaster locations, www.ticketmaster.com

THE LION KING The Broadway Musical at The Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston, has been extended through Feb. 20. Tickets are available by calling 617-931-2787 or at Ticketmaster outlets www.ticketmaster.com

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Live on stage at the newly restored Opera House for eight weeks only. March 30 to May 22, 2005. Tickets are on sale now 617-931-2787. Box office at 539 Washington St. Boston; www.BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com

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The Unicorn Singers directed by Margo Euler presents *WASSAIL! A Concert of Christmas Carols*, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at St. John's in Hingham and Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m. at First Parish in Cohasset. Included will be Carols from long ago, in their early dress, and as set by modern composers; Carols from the pop, jazz and gospel tradition; and Carols by talented soloists and carols for all to sing together. A special reception in their newly renovated parish house following the concert.

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The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library will unwrap a special exhibit, **Presents for a President and First Lady,** a display of 65 state gifts presented to President and Mrs. Kennedy by foreign leaders from around the globe. The exhibit, which features a large selection of never-before-seen treasures from the Kennedy White House, opens for the traditional gift-giving season in the Museum's White House corridor and ceremonial room, and runs through Nov. 13, 2005. General admission is $10; seniors over the age of 62 and college students with appropriate identification is $8, and for children ages 13-17, $7. Children ages 12 and under are admitted for free. Handicapped accessible. (866) JFK-1960 or access www.jfklibrary.org

The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery currently hosts an exhibition of great interest to art enthusiasts and holiday shoppers alike. **Small Works** showcases the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 Gallery Artists. Works in all media include watercolor, oil, charcoal, pen and ink, acrylic, pastels, pottery, monoprints, and photography and features familiar local scenes, landscapes, seascapes, still life, ceramics, collages, and folk art. All works are small in size with special pricing for holiday giving. Small Works is open through Dec. 31. Gallery Hours are Mon. to Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

New Song Folk Club and Arts Center, training, mentoring, classes, artists, collective, community development programs, consultation 51 Maple St. (Codman Building) Rockland - **Dec. 10.All Elements Night** – A night of poetry, rap, graffiti art, videos, Delf'Poetry....expression. .from area poets, teachers and touring professionals encouraging new and experimental music, art, video etc. monthly starting at 7 p.m. $3-5. 781-413-7604. www.newsongartscenter..org

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Dec. 10 **Lisa Marie & All Shook Up** 781-335-9796.

Sat. Dec. 11

Plymouth Philharmonic conductor **Steven Karidoyanes** presents Holiday Pops. The concert mixes holiday favorites with fun musical novelties. **The Pilgrim Festival Chorus**, directed by **William B. Richter,** also joins in the festivities. Two performances are scheduled – Saturday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m. both at Memorial Hall, Plymouth. For information on Holiday Pops or other PPO events, call the Philharmonic office at 508-746-8008 or visit www.plymouthphilharmonic.com. The next Plymouth Philharmonic event is **Carnaval.** an evening of Brazilian music, culture and food on Jan. 29.

Marshfield Hills Community Association Annual Holiday Ho! Ho! Ho! Down will be held on Saturday Dec. 11, from 3:30 to 7:30 at the North Community Church, Marshfield Hills. Entrance fee includes dinner, dessert, arts and crafts, photos with Santa and non-alcoholic beverages. Additional tickets will be sold for horse drawn hay ride, beer and wine. Event is free with payment of 2005 MHCA membership dues or $15 fee per family. All are welcome.

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. **Dad and Me Breakfast and More,** Dec. 11, 9 to 11 a.m. Give mom a break while the science center will serve you breakfast and then take you on a scavenger hunt on the trails and see how sharp your eyes are. Uncles and grandfathers welcome. $12 members/$14 non-members. 781-659-2559

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. **Holiday Gift Workshop**, Dec.11, 1 to 3 p.m. for children K-grade 5, $20 members/$23 non-members Create a special handmade gift.781-659-2559.

Holiday Fair, Dec.. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the GAR Building, 34 School St., Rockland - Gifts, psychic readings, refreshments, crafts, raffles, white elephant table - all proceeds to benefit **Hilltop Humane Society Shelter** for Cats and Kittens.

The Blue Hills Adult Walking Club meets on a weekly basis for recreational walks. No fee to join and everyone age 16 and older is welcome. Lead by a park ranger, walks are normally two to five miles. Hiking boots and drinking water recommended for all hikes. Dec. 11, **Holiday Gathering Open House** from 1 to 3 p.m. Meet at Brookwood Farm Conf. Center at 11 Blue Hill River Road, Canton. Stroll through the fields and woodlands. 617-698-1802 www.state.ma.us/DCR

The Weymouth Art Association Members Winter Exhibit will take place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth Dec. 11-18. 781-337-1402 or 781-337-4513.

The North River Arts Society presents an exhibition of oil paintings by **artist Ted Polomis** in the Dolphin Gallery of the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham, through Jan. 13. The show features a variety of intimate still lifes and studies painted in the tradition of classical realism. The library gallery is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. For information, call 781-837-8091 or visit www.polomis.com.

Artist Ginny Allen, a long time resident of Scituate and retired professor of Mass. Art is having an exhibition "Memento Mori" at the **South Shore Conservatory**, through Jan. 31, 2005.

Fuller Craft Museum 455 Oak Street in Brockton, rolls up the rugs for ceramic artist **Allison Newsome's** installation *On Island* through Jan. 2, 2005. Rhode Island artist Allison Newsome will create wet clay drawings and sculptures specifically for Fuller Craft's Tarlow Gallery that address environmental ethics using the imagery of nature and culture. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, Free for members and children under 12.

Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset, Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Saturday night from 8-11pm. Non-smoking, casual dress. 781-383-0900.

Starcreations Theater from The South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, 10 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 125, Plymouth, presents the musical **The Grinch** on Dec. 11, and 18, at 7 p.m. and and Dec. 19, at 3 p.m. at 3 p.m. Tickets: Adult $10, child $5. 508-747-1234 www.ssarc.org

Down East Dancers Country Dance, Dec. 11, will be held at the Taunton Elks Club, 119 High St., Taunton. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m.; Couples and Line dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight with DJ Johnny D. Snacks, raffles, cash bar. Smoke free, $5. 508-995-9496; 781-925-9066. www.geocities.com/downeastdancers

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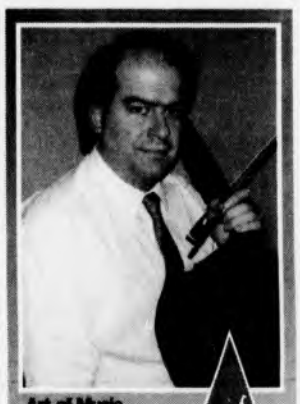
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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Dec. 11, **Loaded Dice..** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. Dec. 12

History + Architecture meet in Annual Holiday Extravaganza Milton, It's a holiday time tradition. Climb aboard the Old Town Trolley and tour some of Milton's grandest homes new and old all bedecked from top to toe for the Winter Holidays. This is the 13th annual Holiday House Tour sponsored by the Forbes House Museum, Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. As a special bonus, you can also partake of a special holiday luncheon and tour of the historic and architecturally significant Hemenway estate, one of the finest homes in New England, prior to embarking on the Holiday House Tour. Special tickets are available by reservation only from the Forbes House Museum, $30 for members and $35 for non-members. For reservations and information, contact the museum, 617-696-1815.



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Grand Holiday Champagne, Port & Cognac Tasting Blanchard's, Plain St., Marshfield. Dec. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. All Champagnes and Ports tasted will be discounted 15 percent and all Cognacs tasted will be discounted 10 percent by the bottle.

The First Parish Baptist Church, 660 Country Way, Scituate, presents a Christmas Play **The Nativity,** Dec 12, at 3 p.m. All welcome. Wheelchair accessible. Refreshments will be served.

Life's A Pitch.. A freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. 508-947-4877.

The Island Grove Chorus, presents a **Holiday Concert** for all the family, Dec 12, at 2 p.m. at the Emmanuel Church , 519 Washington St., Braintree. Refreshments will be served. All tickets $8.. for purchase contact 781- 843-4355. Island Grove Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, providing entertainment and musical training in women's a capella style music throughout the greater South Shore area.

The Choral Art Society of Scituate and the adult and youth choirs of St. Theresa of Avila Parish of West Roxbury will join voices to present a holiday concert entitled "Noel, Nowell: A French and English Christmas." on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m. in West Roxbury at St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre Street. Tickets are $12/$10(students and seniors) Call 781-545-8295 or visit www.choralartsociety.org.

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The Bridgewaye Inn Marshfield will host the Third Annual DixieLand Jazz Festival Sunday, Dec. 12 from 4 to 7 p.m. The concert will feature a dozen of the East Coast's best musicians. Dinner is optional beginning at 3 p.m. Admission is $12. The Bridgewaye is located at 1265 Ferry Street. For reservations and information call 781-834-6505.

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Art Complex Musuem in Duxbury presents the work of **Nancy Murphy Spicer** through Jan. 9. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org

ShakerHigh/Shaker Low, at the **Art Complex Museum** 189 Alden St., Duxbury through Jan. 9, 2005. Pieces from its extensive Shaker Collection will be on display. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Third Annual Dixieland Jazz Festival at The Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St. Marshfield. A dozen of the East Coast's best musicians will gather on Dec. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner optional beginning at 3 p.m. Admission $12. Reservations suggested 781-834-6505.

Mon. Dec. 13

The Plymouth Community, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and the **American Red Cross** are teaming up to help ensure that a safe and adequate blood supply is available when needed. A **Blood drive** will be held on Dec. 13, at Radisson Inn/Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water St., Plymouth. Donor hours are 1 to 6 p.m. Anyone 17 years of age or older, weighing 110 pounds or more and feeling in good health may be eligible to donate blood. www.newenglandblood.org. Call the Plymouth Area Chamber at 508-830-1620 today to schedule your appointment.

The Lane Center for Natural Healing 45 Pond St., Norwell, will host an art exhibit/sale to benefit Wellspring and Rosie's Place as part of their holiday celebrations. "Landscapes Near and Far," paintings by **Hanover artist Valerie Doran Norris**, will be on display at The Lane Center through Dec. 30. The Lane Center offers a full range of complementary healthcare services and their Natural Pharmacy carries a variety of unique and wonderful gifts for the Holidays. 781-982-1616.

Buttonwood Books & Toys is sponsoring its annual **Book Angel Program** to benefit local children. The program recipients are Wellspring in Hull, Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families (serving the South Shore). The Book Angel (That is YOU!) selects an angel from the tree in the store and purchases a book for the child described on the angel. Buttonwood will give a 15 percent discount on the book and deliver the book to the appropriate agency. The program will run through Dec. 22. 781-383-2665.

The American Cancer Society's Look Good...Feel Better program is designed to help patients maintain their personal appearance while undergoing treatment for cancer. Cosmetologists lead group sessions to provide tips and practical techniques for coping with hair loss and changes in the skin that often result from chemotherapy or radiation therapy. There will be a Look Good...Feel Better session on Dec. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at South Suburban Oncology Center, 700 Congress St., Quincy. To preregister, call Colleen Whitehouse at 617-376-6435. For information, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, located at 273 Hanover St., Hanover, offers education, support and complementary modalities for people living with the challenges of cancer. For information call Ann or Gail at 781-829-4823 or visit www.pathwaysccs.org.

Public Skating hours begin at the **DCR (formerly MDC)** public ice rinks. The skating hours vary at each rink. For information on Learn to Skate lessons and for registration, contact Bay State Skating School at 617-890-8480 or visit online at www.baystateskatingschool.org.

Neighbors needed to help homebound elders by delivering Meals on Wheels on any given mid-morning Monday to Friday. Call South shore Elders at 781-848-3910 ext. 430.

Adult Day Health Center, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement, located in Quincy, seeks participants from without any comfortable commuting distance. 617-479-3040.

Chess Club - Children ages 9-14 are invited to join the **Hull Lifesaving Museum's** free after school Chess Club on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m., through Dec. 20. Beginners are welcome. Parent volunteers are also welcome. Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net.

Tues. Dec. 14

Gingerbread house contest to benefit Habitat For Humanity. First annual Gingerbread House contest will take place at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor. Contest categories include Most Humorous, Most Traditional, Most Popular, Most Professional and Most Creative. Prizes include Getaway Weekend at Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor and dinners for four at the Harbor Grille. Entry fee is $10, drop-off/set-up date is Dec. 14. Entries will be displayed Dec. 15-20. All proceeds will go directly to Habitat for Humanity. For entry form, call The Radisson at 508-747-4900 or visit www.radissonplymouth.com or e-mail: info@radisson-plymouth.com.

Pembroke Artist In One-Man Show A solo show of paintings by Pembroke artist **Brooks Kelly** will be on display Dec. 4 - Jan. 28, at the ZONA Art Gallery, Queen Anne's Plaza, Norwell. Gallery hours are: Mon. 12- 8, Tues-Thurs. 9 - 8, Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5, Sun. 11 - 5. The show is free and open to the public. 781-871-4545.

Weymouth Voice of the Faithful – The December meeting will be held at St. Albert the Great Parish Hall, 1130 Washington St. East Weymouth on Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. All are invited. 617-462-3043

In Shape Studio, Hanover Mall - An all women's fitness club featuring the original 30 minute circuit program using Pace circuit equipment (programmed accommodating circuit exercise) which is both aerobic and anaerobic. Weight loss support and other groups forming now. 781-829-5555.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, hosts story time every Tuesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Age range is 2 to 5 years old. Free. For information call 781-383-2665.

Calling all South Shore Parents Are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community, complete with a listing of family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hot-spots along the South Shore. www.southshoreparents.com

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave.,

Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

Tea at Five, starring **Kate Mulgrew** comes to the **Shubert Theatre** , 745 Boylston St., Suite 504, Boston, Dec. 7 to 19. Call 888-889-8587 or www.wangcenter.org

Y.A.N.A. (You Are Not Alone) a support group for widows and widowers will meet Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Holbrook United Methodist Church hall on Rt. 139. This meeting will be a get together for members. A gift exchange and holiday entertainment will take place as well as a 50/50 raffle. 781-767-4844 or 508-224-2920.

8minute Dating, Dec. 14, Raffael's at Nantasket Beach in Hull: Ages 35-49 special **Toys For Tots event.** www.8minute-dating.com

Wed. Dec. 15

Cranberry Hospice is offering single session meetings to help people cope with grief during the holidays. Workshops will be held Dec. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. To register call Kathleen McAleer at 508-746-0215.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc., will host a talk by **Eugene I. Brennan,** president of Senior Care Financial on **Understanding Your Options** on Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham. Respite care for your patient is available for this meeting at Harbour House Day Health Center of Hingham. Call Pat Levy at 781-749-4774.

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.

The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

Thurs. Dec. 16

The Radio City Rockettes and Magic 106.7 FM have come together to sponsor a night at the Wang Center where giving takes center stage. The Wang Center will serve as a toy drop off site on the performance night of Dec. 16, to benefit The Home for Little Wanderers' annual "Big Wishes for Little Wanderers" gift drive. If you have tickets for performance on Dec. 16, you are invited to bring a new, unwrapped gift to be donated to children at risk, then stay for The Radio City Christmas Spectacular featuring the famous Rockettes. Tickets for the performance on Dec. 16, are still available for those interested in attending the show and donating gifts. Ticket prices vary from $18.50 - $74.50 and may be purchased online at www.wangtheater.org or you may call Tele-charge at 800-447-7400.

A Christmas Carol will be performed at the Orpheum-Foxboro, 1 School St., Foxboro, on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and on Dec. 12 and 19, at 3 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the box office: $22 for adults, $20 for seniors and students, and $15.00 for children under 12. The Orpheum is handicapped accessible. Call 508-543-2787 (ARTS) for ticket reservations and group sales information or to request your tickets on-line you can also contact the theatre at www.orpheum.org

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, presents, every Thursday, New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano . 781-871-7175

Fri. Dec. 17

The Little Theatre of Stoughton presents a Holiday Production ever.. recreate scenes from Dickens's "A Christmas Carol" with the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future joining forces w/ long dead Jacob Marley and the Cratchit's to turn miser Scrooge into a kind and loving man. Live -One Weekend Only -Stoughton Cinema Pub Dec 17 -19, Matinee Dec 18,19 at 1 p.m. Eve Dec 17,18, at 7:30pm Tickets adults $15 advance $13 seniors / Students $8 advance $6 Men and Women in uniform...FREE! Advance ticket sales at Pages, Bob's, and Cinema in Stoughton Square and Cast members

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. **Winter Solstice Celebration**, Dec.17, 6 to 8 p.m. Festivities include night sky activities and solstice traditions, stories around the campfire, hot cocoa and delicious munchies. Bring a recycled plastic bottles (2 liter) for lantern-making. $10 per person/$12 non-members. Family of four $30 members/$36 non-members, additional children $5 each.781-659-2559.

The South Street Gallery, will feature the works of **Ronald Tinney.** The opening exhibit will, Dec. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to meet the artist at that time. The exhibit will continue to run through the first week of January. 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

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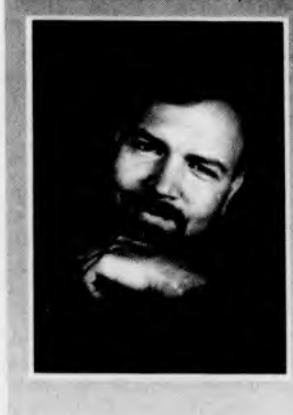
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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Dec. 11, **Loaded Dice..** Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Ongoing events

MS Support Group on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of South Shore Hospital. Contact Liz 781-878-7041 or email at Vze2n8tr@verizon.net or Cindy 781-878-5835 or email at Rockland119@AOL.com.





If Christmas shopping, gift-wrapping — and all the trappings of the season — have you feeling overheated, then you may want to cool off at Quincy's Fox & Hound Wood Grill Dec. 16 when song stylists Jan Peters and Randy Zinkus will serve up a "Cool Yule!"

"This is a show about Christmas memories, miracles and also the manic craziness of the season," explains Peters. "Randy and I have somewhat different view points on the holidays. He's finished his shopping and already has everything beautifully wrapped, and I haven't bought one gift yet. We offer different perspectives on the holidays through song. We do traditional Christmas music, some great Broadway tunes like Jerry Herman's 'We Need A Little Christmas,' and some very contemporary cabaret songs. It's a fun evening, nicely balanced between the solemn and the irreverent."

JM Productions will present Jan Peters and Randy Zinkus in a "Cool Yule!" in The Den at the Fox & Hound Wood Grill and Tavern, 123 Sea Street, Quincy, for two shows at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., Dec. 16. For tickets and information, call 617-786-7469 or visit www.jmproduction-spresents.com

- R. Scott Reedy

The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore a new marching arts program, is accepting applications for brass and percussion players, as well as color guard (flag squad) members. A family style group open to individuals 13 years and older. Musical experience desirable but not necessary. Inexperienced but motivated people will be trained by expert instructional staff in a fun and dynamic rehearsal setting. Has your community eliminated its band or music programs? Would you still like to be in a very high caliber marching and musical group? The Imperials is much cheaper than music lessons. Free unlimited trial membership. Winter rehearsals on most Sundays at the Pembroke Community Center Rt. 14, Pembroke, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. www.pathwayproductions.org/imperials.htm

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages, who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tues nights at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus, under the direction of Patricia Hoitt of Norwell, is a women's a cappella chorus providing vocal training and musical entertainment throughout the greater South Shorearea. Come and experience the fun , and sing your cares away. Call 781-843-4355.

The Dedham Museum 612 High St., Dedham, at the Dedham Historical Society presents **Wedgwood – Not Just Blue and White,** to Jan. 15. Admission $2 adults and $1 children. 781-326-1385 or www.DedhamHistorical.org

Storytellers/authors Andrea Lovett of Abington and **Weisey MacMillan** of Marshfield are forming an **adult writer's group**. 10:30 a.m. 781-871-5892. A small fee will be charged

Stories and Art for Preschoolers and Toddlers will be offered at the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St., Duxbury, every second Thursday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from 1 to 2:30 p.m. 781-934-6634 extension 15.

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no monies are exchanged - just time.) Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc. moving furniture), The list is endless. Procrastinating can be a thing of the past. Membership fee: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, at 781-871-2583.

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org /clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.book-browser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com 508-830-4250.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfk-library.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

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Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**, Broad St., Weymouth for children 4 1/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnolly@artsfirst.org

Cura VNA & Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, **offers The Young Widow and Widowers Support Group**, meeting every other Thursday for eight weeks from 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m. To register call 508-746-0215.

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runners clinic Mondays at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell **- Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury, presents **Stories and Art with Sally for Preschoolers**, every second Thursday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Preregistration required. $5. Call 781-934-6634 ext. 15.

Parental Stress Line - Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. The Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call us before the summer is over at 1-800-632-8188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth - Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

An Adult Day Health Center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at The Salvation Army in Quincy) Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

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Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts is asking people with unwanted vehicles to consider donating to them. It will help their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. some restrictions apply. all a donor needs to do is call 1-800-720-6233.

Special Olympics Offers Free Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call 800-590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call for more information.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Stephens Church in Cohasset. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-393-0771.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at 781-829-4278.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at 781-294-1880.

Alateen and Al-Anon Family Groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people your age (ages 6 - 12 or ages 13 - 18 years old) to share experiences and understanding ways of coping, close friendships and hope for a happier life. Come any Friday night at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Hanover (in the back lower level) First Baptist Church at 580 Webster St. (Rte. 123) For more information call Kris at 781-834-5973. For information on similar fellowships at other times in Massachusetts towns, call 781-843-5300.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call 781-659-1857.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum program listing: Museum hours Tuesday through Sunday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Museum Fees $3 adults (age 16 - 64), $2 seniors (ages 65 plus) $1.50 children (ages 3 - 15). Free for Massachusetts Audubon Society members with a valid membership card. Weekends programs: 11 a.m. - "Story time", (geared to ages 3 - 6) 1 p.m. "Live Mystery Animal", (geared to all ages) 3 p.m. "Theme of the month", (geared towards ages 6 and up). Located at 1904 Canton Avenue, Milton. For more information call 617-333-0690.



BEST BET

The Company Theatre presents Charles Dickens' classic A Christmas Carol; running through Dec. 18. Performances are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. There will also be a 4 p.m. show on Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Tickets are priced at $25 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and $23 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive or by calling 781-871-2787.

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation & Nursing Center located at 308 Kingstown Way in Duxbury meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. All family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims are welcome to attend. For further information all Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser at 781-585-2397.

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DESTINATIONS

The idyll life

Flee civilization for laid-back Mexican eco-resort KaiLuum II

By DAN LEETH
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico æ The symptoms should have been obvious. I was lying in an oversize Mayan hammock beneath a canopy of thatched palm fronds. My left hand clutched a book. My right, when it was not turning pages, reached for the icy longneck propped nearby. Digging bare toes into sugary sand, I finally acknowledged the reality of my plight. I had contracted Caribbean lethargy, a mind-muddling condition caused by excessive sun, surf and serenity. For this, I had only one person to blame. It was all my wife's fault. Dianne had picked up word from a colleague about KaiLuum II, a rustic retreat located on the eastern edge of the Yucatan Peninsula. Accommodations, we were advised, are in 31 canvas tents, shaded beneath palm-thatched canopies known as palapas. There are no TVs, phones or faxes at KaiLuum. In fact, there's not even electricity. Meals are cooked using propane and candle lanterns and tiki torches light the night. And the price was right. For less than a Dumpster-view room in nearby Cancun, at KaiLuum you get accommodations, three-course dinners (from a fixed menu), generous breakfasts, taxes and tips. Only lunches and beverages cost extra. We soon were bound for this nonresort resort.



Sunrise over the beach at KaiLuum II in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

A van met us at the Cancun airport, and 30 minutes later, we were bouncing down a narrow dirt road. Because we were newcomers, employee David Herrera led us on a quick tour of the property. He started in the giant dining palapa, which stood more than two stories tall and looked like it held enough floor space to host a mariachi convention. Eight-person, cloth-covered dining tables stood on one end of the floorless structure. A bar sat at the other. "See, there is no bartender," Herrera said. "It is an honor system. Use pegs to mark what you take." He next took us to one of the two bathhouses, KaiLuum's only brick-and-mortar structures. On the short sides of the white-stucco building were outdoor sinks and mirrors. A painted "XAVE" sign hung overhead. "In Mayan, X is pronounced like Sh," explained our guide. "This is the shaving area." Four individual shower rooms opened on the front of the building. On the opposite side were four individual toilet rooms. Herrera introduced us to our 10-by-14-foot beachfront tentalapa, which had screened windows opening on all sides. It held a double bed with sheets, pillows and blanket. Candle lanterns sat atop night stands, and shelves provided storage space. We even had a throw rug on the canvas floor. With daily housekeeping and nightly turndown included, roughing it has never been so decadent. We stripped to shorts. Tropical torpor quickly set in.

A similar malady might have befallen KaiLuum's founder, Arnold Bilgore. An American who worked as a broadcaster in Mexico City, he headed for the Yucatan in 1976. "I don't know if he got a wild hippie idea, but he decided to leave his career behind and go to the beach," said stepson Clint Ball. "He traveled through southern Mexico and into Belize before settling into the area south of Cancun." At the time, Cancun was new, Playa del Carmen was a sleepy village, and the only resort on this stretch of beach offered little more than a few bungalows. Bilgore persuaded its owners to lease him an empty piece of their beach, where he set up a small eco-resort with tents and a restaurant. It became the precursor to today's KaiLuum II. Another move is planned soon. With a big resort going in to the north, KaiLuum II will close down next July. KaiLuum III will open in December near KaiLuumcito, a mini-KaiLuum (with only 10 tents) located 200 miles to the south near the cruise port of Majahual.

Every night at 6:30, it's cocktail hour at KaiLuum II and a staff member mixed jugs of the day's featured concotion. We mixed and mingled with our fellow KaiLuuminaries. The people who come here are a diverse collection of quietude seekers. Ages ranged from student loan to Social Security recipients, and occupations ran the gamut from insurance secretary to district court judge. About half were frequent returnees, gluttons for contentment. "We discovered the place in 1985 and we've returned every year since," said Denver orthodontist Fred Siersma. "We live a pretty pressured life, but it's impossible to feel pressured here."

For those needing activity, KaiLuum days can be filled with Caribbean fishing, diving and snorkeling trips and all-day excursions to visit Mayan ruins in Chitzen Itza, Tulum or Cob. From its current location, a short taxi ride or a five-mile beach walk leads to Playa del Carmen, where a ferry leaves for the island of Cozumel. On the premises, KaiLuum offers kayaks for paddling into the surf, and masseuses stand ready to kneed the needy. It didn't take Dianne long to invest $50 in an hour-long massage. Instead of the good-hands treatment, I let the cooling sea breeze caress my skin. From my beachside perch, I listened to birds squawking and watched pelicans diving for dinner. Occasionally, I would see a tanker, freighter or cruise ship churn through the channel that separates KaiLuum from Cozumel. Days spent pretending to be Gilligan never felt so good.

If you go

Staying there: Tentalapas at KaiLuum can be reserved for parties of one, two or three, with the choice of a double bed or twins. Oceanfront units have nothing but sand separating them from the water, which means the sea breeze blows in almost constantly. What it costs: Reservations for KaiLuum are made through the Turquoise Reef Group (800-538-6802, www.mexicoholiday.com). Prices vary by season, with nightly two-person rates this winter from $130 to $150 for two.

Shop 'til you drop in swanky Bal Harbour

By RAAKHEE P. MIRCHANDANI
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

BAL HARBOUR, Fla. æ For true fashionistas, holiday shopping is about outfitting your fashionably challenged family and friends, and showering your couture-carrying clique with presents that will make everyone else jealous. And it also can be about getting a little sunshine. Whip out the plastic, get on a plane and head south. It's time to crank up the class æ Bal Harbour style. Bal Harbour Village, home to the Bal Harbour Shops, is on this barrier island on the northern tip of Miami Beach. It's a 15-minute cab ride away from scene-y South Beach, and equidistant from the airports in Miami and Fort Lauderdale. The village boasts beautiful beaches on the Atlantic Ocean; three gorgeous hotels the Sheraton Bal Harbour Resort, the Sea View Hotel and the Beach House Bal Harbour, and of course, those famous boutiques. The shops, a frequent stomping ground for such celebs as Jay-Z and Beyonce, Shakira, Lenny Kravitz and J. Lo, are as easy on the eyes as they are rough on the wallet. The two-floor, open-air mall is anchored by Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus on the ends, and such stores as Chanel, Dolce & Gabbana, Roberto Cavalli, The Art of Shaving, Salvatore Ferragamo, Yves Saint Laurent and Valentino in between.

With sunny, leafy corridors, a pond and "Garden," a free-standing art exhibit made of bronze and stainless steel, the place seems more like a meditation garden than a shopping mall. So don't blame yourself for reaching a higher spiritual plane while trying on the dresses at Escada; it's all about the atmosphere. For a break between trying on shoes at Addict, an upscale sneaker boutique, and jewelry at David Yurman, stop at Lea's Tea Room and Cafe in the mall for some nourishment. This French-style cafe, named for the owner's granddaughter, is way more Parisian than Floridian, and the to-die-for ice coffee and pastries will put a little zing back in your step if the shopping bags seem to be weighing you down. For a quick lunch or early dinner, Carpaccio, also in the mall, is a must. The pastas are homemade, and the restaurant is famous for its celebrity sightings (Kravitz included). Other restaurants in the Bal Harbour Shops include the Bal Harbour Bistro, an indoor/outdoor cafe with everything from sandwiches to fresh seafood; Santa Fe, for coffee; Elia, a Mediterranean restaurant; and the Zodiac Cafe on the third floor of Neiman Marcus, famous for popovers with strawberry butter, a Neiman specialty.

If you're heading down to Florida to escape the December chill but can't stomach the idea of staying in pulsating South Beach, try the Beach House Bal Harbour here. The Beach House feels more like a friend's place in the Hamptons than a Florida hotel, and was decorated by the Ralph Lauren design team. The rooms come with a CD player, cucumber-scented bath products including bathing suit wash (extremely practical) and a minilibrary æ mine was stocked with paperback classics by J.D. Salinger and Ernest Hemingway. The hotel has a private beach, complete with hammocks, a pool with cabanas, the Atlantic restaurant (the chopped salad is delish) and the Seahorse Bar. The extremely motivated can opt for a yoga class on the beach some mornings. Because the idea is "beach house," guests walk around in bathing suits and towels, there's sand everywhere and there's not much in the way of service.

If big, fancy hotels are more your style, check out the massive, 659-room Sheraton, and the breathtaking, 220-room Sea View. Both have particularly impressive pools. The Sheraton's $12 million water park with slides, waterfalls and whirlpool rates high on the fun scale. And the Sea View has a classy outdoor Olympic-size pool and private, full-service cabanas. Sure, this is a swanky destination with expensive boutiques and hotels, but how can you even dream of putting a price tag on a cabana boy?

For more information, go to www.village.bal-harbour.fl.us. Special hotel packages are being offered in December. The Sheraton Bal Harbour (800-325-3535, www.sheratonbalharbourresort.com) has a two-night weekend plan from $118 per night. The Sea View Hotel (305-866-4441, www.seaview-hotel.com, has ocean or bay view rooms from $145 and junior suites with balconies from $200 per night. Beach House Bal Harbour (305-536-8600, www.rubellhotels.com, is offering two-night weekend packages from $189 per night.

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Avalon could jump to head of sewer line

Public hearing on issue is Jan. 6

By Mary Ford
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Did you think sewer capacity issues would take a hiatus following the Dec. 6 Special Town Meeting?

Better think again.

AvalonBay is seeking to hook up to town sewer and believes there is available capacity to accommodate the project.

To that end, the development company that is planning a 200-unit apartment complex off Rte. 3A, will meet with the Zoning Board of Appeals in a public hearing set for 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Avalon is a "40-B" project that was issued a comprehensive permit by the ZBA roughly a year ago. Avalon representatives say Chapter 40B (the state's affordable housing law) can open the door to provide the development access to town sewer.

Cohasset is vulnerable to 40B projects that often include a higher density than zoning bylaws allow because there is so little affordable housing in town. Avalon, which would be located across 3A from Good Sport, is also planned for one of the last remaining stretches of industrially zoned land in town.

Avalon has come to the sewer table, so to speak, after pursuing other options – for which it says the town has shown little support.

"We are willing to sit down with all the stakeholders and find a solution that works for everybody. "But absent that, we must pursue the best option for us."
— Scott Dale, Avalon

"We feel it (town sewer) is an option now that we must pursue," said Scott Dale of Avalon. He noted the Water Commission filed a lawsuit over Avalon's plans to seek a ground-water disposal permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection for its on-site treatment system.

He also said the town has not shown support for plans to hook up to the Hull treatment plant which has excess capacity for sale. Avalon would have to get permission to install the necessary pipes to Hull in Cohasset streets which is unlikely to be forthcoming. [The Sewer Commission has denied Jerusalem Road Estates, another development interested in buying

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SANTA PLAYS THE SAX

PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Deer Hill fifth-grader Dan Barnes, 10, demonstrates his Christmas spirit as he dresses up as Santa for the school concert last Friday. For more concert photos see page 27.

Harbor seawall repairs

Subject is on Selectmen's agenda

By Samantha Brown
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The seawall on Border Street between the Atlantica Restaurant and the Mill River Marine boatyard will soon be given a facelift. With $600,000 appropriated from Town Meeting for engineering, design, and repair costs, and a plan for renovations in the works — the construction phase is on its way.

In an effort to gain feedback from residents on the proposed changes to the inner harbor area, Town Manager Michael Buckley said the design team which has drafted plans for the improvements will be available to discuss concerns and suggestions with residents at the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen, slated for Tuesday, Dec. 21.

"These are sensitive issues," said Buckley, adding because the project will encompass not only replacing the seawall, but installing a new fence and new sidewalks in the area, he understands residents will want to be a part of the process. He said he knows residents have specific ideas for the project, including being able to see the water through the fencing, and other similar criteria.

Buckley said the town is working with Vine Associates, Inc.,

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New year holds a special delivery for Deer Hill teacher

Is adopting a baby from Russia

By Samantha Brown
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Parents often say they would do anything for their children, including traveling to the other side of the Earth. Debbie Henry plans to do it twice.

"He's such a happy baby."
— Debbie Henry, adoptive parent

A fifth-grade teacher at Deer Hill, Henry has been working with the Wide Horizons for Children adoption agency, based out of Waltham, to adopt a child from Russia for the past year and a half. She received word Tuesday she has been given permission to fly to Beloretsk, a small town outside the Ural Mountains, to pick up her new son Luke at the end of

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PHOTO/OVE PYGH WILCHE

Deer Hill teacher Debbie Henry, right, hold photos of Luke, a Russian baby she is adopting. Her friend and former Deer Hill librarian Marjie Murphy, left, accompanied Henry to Russia to visit the baby.

Spirit of giving bolsters charities

Editor's note: CNC/South's Gifts of Hope campaign this year focuses on raising awareness and funds for several groups helping the military and their families at the holidays.

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

South Shore residents seem to have embraced the spirit of giving this year, especially if it means helping out someone in need.

Just ask any of our Gifts of Hope recipients who have been overwhelmed by the South Shore community's sense of generosity toward their efforts in helping make brighter the holiday season of hundreds of military personnel and their families.

"People have been very generous with their contributions, both financially as well as with items from our Wish List," said Neal Skorka, from the Weymouth-based Care Packs. "People have easily donated over 1,000 pounds of goods so far, and the pile of items in my basement continues to grow."

All those donations were made this fall, when Care Packs began its efforts a few short months ago. The volunteers who make up Care Packs have put together dozens of parcels for soldiers with local ties that are serving in the war against Iraq. With packages taking anywhere from three to six weeks to be delivered to a soldier in the Middle East, Skorka said the group started sending packages right before Thanksgiving in an effort to have them arrive in time for Christmas.

When the area was hit with an early snowstorm during a mid-November weekend, Skorka and

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Look back at Cohasset's year

Tune in to Our Town next Thursdays (Dec. 23 & 30) at 8:30 p.m. on Comcast Channel 10 for a retrospective of Cohasset's year with talk-show hosts, Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo. Also, reporter Rich Ofstun meets with village businesses with details of the merchants' fair this weekend.

N. Main St. paving slated

The Water Commission will smooth out the road surface on North Main Street the week of Dec. 20.

"Our contractor will apply a leveling course to North Main Street," said Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt. "This means that the patch over the trench where we put the new water main will be smoothed off, and any depressions or potholes in the road will be filled in, so the road surface will be smooth and easier to drive over."

North Main Street, from Forest Avenue to Jerusalem Road, will be repaved next Spring, said Pratt, after the trench has had time to settle.

"The Water Commission this year has replaced undersized water mains on North Main Street, Redgate Lane, Jerusalem Road Drive, and Haystack Lane," said John McNabb, Chairman of the Water Commission. "This work helps protect public safety by improving the formerly inadequate fire flows on fire hydrants on these streets and will improve water service to our customers in this area."

The Water Commission has rehabilitated more than 16 miles of the towns 36 miles of water mains since 1994, said McNabb, and plans to replace another 11 miles of water mains in the next 6 years in its ongoing long range water system rehabilitation program.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Selectmen, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Dec. 29, 6 p.m.

ZBA, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. Call the Town Clerk at 781-383-4100 for updates.

Town Hall closing

Town Hall will be closed for the holiday beginning Thursday, Dec. 23, and will re-open Monday Dec. 27.

TM Buckley commended

The South Shore Community center sent a letter to Board of Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan commending Town Manager Michael Buckley for an outstanding job as interim Town Manager. "Mr. Buckley has consistently responded with great efficiency and professionalism. He is a great asset to the town of Cohasset," it states.

Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting has been set for Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 10 a.m. in the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium. Articles should be submitted to the office of the Board of Selectmen no later than Thursday, Jan. 13 at 4:30 p.m. There will be no exceptions to this date.

When submitting an article that requires an appropriation, it shall include the purpose for which the funds will be expended, the anticipated funding source(s), the sponsor of the article, and the best estimate of the amounts required. As has been the board's policy in the past, requests to save a space in the Warrant will not be honored.

At the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen, slated for Tuesday, Dec. 21, the board is expected to open the Warrant for the meeting.

For more information, please contact the Board of Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

ZBA vacancy

Residents who would like to be considered for a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals are asked to send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue.

Nomination papers available Jan. 3

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2005 will be available on Monday, Jan. 3, at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Friday, Feb. 18. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. Please note that you are not running for office until you take out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies your signatures.

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- Recreation Commission — **ONE** for five years
- Sewer Commission — **ONE** for three years
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Friday, March 11, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 2, and for the Annual Town Election to be held on Saturday, April 9.

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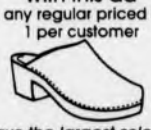
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Municipal parking lot construction takes a holiday

By Samantha Brown
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The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's construction in the municipal parking lot continues to progress, and the second phase of excavating, which has uncovered portions of the old South Shore Railroad roundhouse and turntable, is coming to a close.

However, with the holiday season in full swing, phase three of the project — which will result in digging at the portion of the lot closest to the Red Lion Inn — may be delayed for a short time to give business owners a reprieve from construction and encourage holiday shopping.

"This is the busiest time of year," for downtown shop owners, said Town Treasurer/Tax Collector Joe DiVito, who is currently serving as Acting Special Assistant to the Town Manager for MBTA affairs. He said although the lot has been marked for excavation, he would like to see the entire parking lot remain open until the holidays have passed, to give a boost to downtown sales. Although he said people are anxious to have construction in the lot complete, "We're trying to do what's best for the shop-owners." Weather-permitting, the section of the parking lot which is currently under construction and was recently backfilled will be paved over by the end of the week.

This September, the MBTA began excavation of the downtown municipal parking lot as part of the MBTA's environmental impact study. The MBTA is reconstructing the 17-mile Greenbush Line, which when complete will provide train service from Scituate up to South Station. Plans for the train, which have been in the works for 20 years, have been surrounded in much controversy.

The Greenbush Line is the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration Project, and is being built as mitigation for the Central Artery/Tunnel Project in downtown Boston. The project is intended to reduce automobile traffic on the congested highways leading into the city. By diverting South Shore commuter traffic from automobiles to transit, the MBTA says it will not only help keep the roads clear, reduce fuel consumption and air pollution, but will encourage more transit-oriented development and alleviate congestion on other transportation facilities in the area — including the Braintree Red Line. According to the MBTA, the project will cost roughly $479 million including planning, engineering, land and permitting costs, along with the cost of construction and new trains.

Research had been conducted in 1997 to locate the buried turntable and roundhouse, knowing the information would be pertinent in the near future. DiVito said he was part of that excavation, as DiVito Construction, his family's company, was hired to do the excavating. DiVito said after the site was dug up, pictures and measurements were taken to enable it to be thoroughly mapped to be located again in the future. When they were done, "We threw a blue tarp over it and covered it back over," he said, which allowed those digging this time to clearly see when they had found the site.

The digs have brought archaeologists to Cohasset to record any interesting findings, and excavation has been split into three phases to ensure only between 15 and 20 parking spaces are affected at any given time. In addition, George Roukounakis, owner of the Olympic Citgo gas station on South Main Street, has allowed the town to use some of his land behind the gas station for parking to help alleviate the congestion. Alternate parking areas are also available off Pleasant Street.

As construction on the first phase of the project began and the turntable was unearthed, the idea was floated to leave a portion of the site exposed to allow residents to have a piece of history accessible year-round. Similar to what has been done at Plymouth Rock, those involved with the project wondered if it would be possible to have a roughly 15x15-ft. section of the turntable, located in the corner of the lot closest to the Pleasant Street Parfait, left uncovered and fenced off, to serve as not only a tourist destination, but as a reminder of Cohasset's former railroad line, next to the new tracks.

However, DiVito said plans to have a historical site erected in the municipal lot will need thorough discussion before they can be finalized. In addition, because there is currently only temporary fencing around the site, he said it makes the most sense from a safety standpoint to fill the area in and pave it over until a solution is found. "Before we fill it, it will be covered with a tarp," just as it was before, to allow it to be easily spotted when dug up again, he said. "Just because the turntable will be covered, it doesn't mean it will be gone forever."

To find a solution for the portion which may remain uncovered, DiVito said a committee will be formed which will help make design decisions for the area. In addition, the town needs to come up with a design plan for the grade crossing which will be located on Pleasant Street. But DiVito said plans for the future will be on hold until a new contracted MBTA liaison is chosen to take his place. Although DiVito had considered applying for the position, "I need to devote my time to my regular job," he said. The new liaison will sign a contract, to be used on an as-needed basis.

Five résumés

DiVito said five résumés have been submitted for the liaison position so far, and he said a committee will be formed to make a final selection. He added he hopes the interviewing process can begin either by the end of this week or next week.

Once a liaison is chosen, DiVito said the committee to discuss the turntable will then be formed. He said as of right now, it has been discussed to have Selectmen Ronnie McMorris and Ralph Dormitzer on the committee as well as the permanent ombudsman, citizens, the appropriate historical entities in town, as well as the Village Revitalization task force. DiVito said any discussions of the turntable will have to go hand in hand with discussions regarding the parking lot entrance on the Pleasant Street side because a redesign is still being worked out with the MBTA.

"The portion of the lot where the entrance is now won't look like that at the end of the day," DiVito said, adding future improvements could include less asphalt than currently exists. The town will have a four-quad gate at the train crossing at Pleasant Street and Ripley Road, which means median strips will not be necessary. DiVito said in light of that, more greenspace could be added to the roadway, to help break up all the pavement in that area of town. "It would be more aesthetically pleasing," with some landscaping, he said.

ZBA expected to make Dunkin' Donuts decision Tuesday

May be conditioned on 3A improvements

By Mary Ford
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Proponents for a Dunkin' Donuts drive-through at the KoKo Island site off Rte. 3A didn't need to stop for a cup of the franchise's coffee on their way into the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing Monday.

There was plenty to keep them awake without caffeine.

In what has been literally a marathon permitting process that first wended its way through months of Planning Board hearings seemed to be following the same fate at the feet of the ZBA.

The ZBA, which has concerns about traffic flow especially in light of the 200-unit Avalon apartment project slated for across the street, can be relentlessly tough and detail oriented.

Add to the mix, the Fair Oaks Lane neighbors and their comprehensive report "Accidents Waiting to Happen in a 45/50 MPH Zone" and it appeared the Dunkin' Donuts drive-through plans might have had to go back to the drawing board.

But at the end of the night during its initial deliberations, the ZBA was leaning toward accepting the Planning Board's 2-1 decision endorsing the project citing that board's conditions relating to traffic in its own decision.

The redevelopment of the KoKo Island site that will include the Dunkin' Donuts and a family-style restaurant is largely viewed to be an aesthetic improvement but many residents have expressed concern about traffic safety.

The single, entrance-exit curb cut for the business development is almost directly across the street from the proposed driveway to the Avalon project.

"What concerns me is the fellow coming out of Avalon, watching both ways for his opportunity and he finally sees it. He takes his chance, not looking across the street to Dunkin' Donuts."

— Ben Lacy, ZBA member

The ZBA is considering issuing a special permit for a change of use from the Hair Affair site from a hair salon to a doughnut and coffee shop.

The ZBA could condition its decision to grant a special permit on certain MassHighway improvements to Rte. 3A such as painting left-turn-only lanes in the middle of the highway.

Taking the matter under advisement to allow time to review the traffic reports and mull over Monday's discussion, the ZBA will hold a special meeting at Town Hall Tuesday (Dec. 21) when it is expected to render a decision.

Rizzo Associates, traffic consultants for the developer, incorporated Avalon traffic impacts into its analysis presented Monday that included color-coded posters showing traffic flow.

ZBA member Ben Lacy wanted assurances that Avalon residents won't be put at risk exiting their driveway in the morning.

"What concerns me is the fellow coming out of Avalon, watching both ways for his opportunity and he finally sees it," Lacy said. "He takes his chance, not looking across the street to Dunkin' Donuts."

Richard Bryant of Rizzo Associates, traffic engineers for the developers, didn't describe the combination of busy highway, driveways, and drive-through as ideal. But he said say Massachusetts drivers will manage the situation.

"Massachusetts drivers have to adapt," he said. "They will have to look."

Bruce McKinnon of Fair Oaks Lane who presented an overview of the "Accidents Waiting to Happen" report said the Dunkin' Donuts is planned for the wrong location.

"At morning peak rush hour, 400 vehicles are going to pass through a two-lane 'entrance-exit', proceed up or down a 9 degree incline and merge into traffic in a 45-50 mph stretch of single-lane road without signalization," he said. "In plain speak, a car will be entering and exiting simultaneously on average every 20 seconds from the proposed site without the benefit of signalization."

"This is roughly the same standards for a tollbooth operation," he said.

Rizzo Associates said the Dunkin' Donuts will not add significant new volume to the highway because most of those who will enter the site are passing by anyway. Most of the vehicles in the morning will be headed northbound, therefore entering and exiting the site using right-hand turns. Making left-turns out of the site can also be prohibited during morning rush hours.

But McKinnon said the existing Dunkin Donuts (which will move to the new site) at Stop & Shop is in a far safer location because of the traffic signal there.

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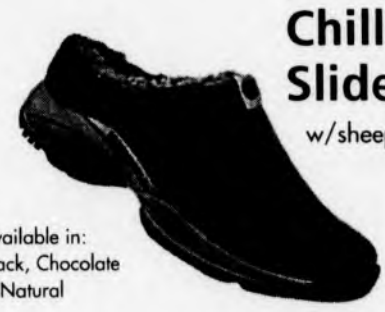
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Village merchants host holiday celebration Saturday

By Samantha Brown
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It's that time of year again when downtown merchants have their storefronts decked with greenery and lights, and will open their doors to the community for a "Cohasset Village Holiday," this Saturday, Dec. 18 from 4-8 p.m.

With the success of last year's holiday festival still fresh in the merchants' minds, the goal was set for as many downtown businesses to participate as possible, not only to be able to provide more activities for the community, but to help build a camaraderie between the shop owners as well. "This year, we really wanted to see all the shops participate," said Sylvia Killion, of Sylvia's By the Sea, and the number has skyrocketed.

"This year, we really wanted to see all the shops participate."
— Sylvia Killion, of Sylvia's By the Sea

This year, shops from the top of South Main Street by the Red Lion Inn, all the way down Depot Court to the new James Brook Crossing building (formerly ABB Optical) will participate. Once again South Main Street will be closed from Cohasset Hardware to Dependable Cleaners, as merchants take to the streets to showcase what they do best with the residents of the town.

Bia Bistro and the Silver Spoon Café will both offer a chef's sampling of goodies during the festivities. There will also be pizza slices available from Goodfella's Pizza, s'mores at the Needlepoint South, Sports Closet and Bead Combers shop, and chowder at Atlantic Bagel.

For those who prefer to play with their food, the Village Butcher Shop and Deli will host a gingerbread decorating station, and French Memories will host cookie decorating.

To wash it all down, there will be wine tasting at Village Wine & Spirits, as well as hot mulled cider and hot chocolate at All the Best natural food shop, hot cider at Sylvia's By the Sea, and hot cider at Ports and Company.

But the night is by no means only about the food. There will be many different entertainers sure to please the whole family. The Rusty Skippers will perform, as will the Cohasset High School Jazz band, and the high school orchestra. In addition, there will be Victorian Carolers, and Fanueil Hall street performers, "Balloon Man," "Boris the stilt walker," and Steven Baird, puppeteer. While the performers will take to the stage (located near Dramatic Kitchens), they will also be entertaining around the Village throughout the night.



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Chris Calnan and Peter Hinman enjoy the toasted marshmallows handed out by Bia Bistro's (from left) Terry O'Donnell, Nicholas Mastrogiacomo and Brian Houlihan during last year's "Cohasset Village Holiday" sponsored by village merchants.

A new addition to this year's attractions will be hay rides, given by Brendan St. John. Riders will be picked up by the Red Lion Inn and will be taken past the Windsor Tea Shop in the James Brook Crossing building, which will serve as this year's raffle headquarters, and back again.

Santa Claus will make an appearance at Coldwell Banker, where children can sit on his lap and have one more chance to make their Christmas wishes heard. Photos will also be available. For those whose hearts are two sizes too small and cannot get into the Christmas spirit, the Grinch will be available to commiserate with at the Atlantic Valuation Group.

Although weather predictions currently look good for the weekend, Killion said the event will be held "rain or shine." In the event the weather prevents outdoor activities, she said there are plenty of indoor spaces that can be used, including the South Shore Art Center, which has generously offered up some space if needed. "It's fantastic how many people have been involved and have helped out," she said, adding no matter what the weather, the night will be one to remember.

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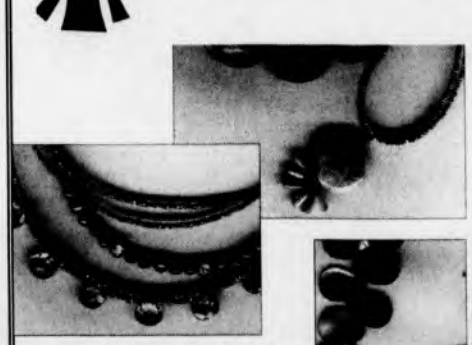
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4:30 p.m. — Cohasset High School Jazz Band

5 to 6 p.m. — Victorian Carolers, "Balloon Man" and "Boris the stilt walker" (juggler and Faneuil Hall performer) followed by Steven Baird, puppeteer

6 to 7 p.m. — Encore performance of carolers, Balloon Man, Boris, and Steven Baird

7 p.m. — High School Orchestra, followed by announcement of raffle winners and a sing along of holiday songs.

Hayrides will be offered throughout the evening.

Throughout the festival downtown merchants will offer special events in their shops including:

Atlantic Valuation Group - Meet the Grinch

Silver Spoon Cafe - Chefs sampling of soup

Twist - Hot popcorn

Village Wine & Spirits- Grand holiday wine tasting

Cohasset Dog Wash - Neck massages

French Memories - cookie decorating

Sylvia's by the Sea - hot mulled cider, goodies

Goodfellas Pizza - pizza slices

South Shore Arts Center - ornament decorating

All the Best natural food shop- Hot mulled cider & hot chocolate

Coldwell Banker - Santa Claus and photos

Coastal Properties - Letters to Santa

Ports & Company - View Antique Truck and hot cider

Bia Bistro - Chefs Sampling

Needlepoint South, Sports Closet, Bead Combers - Making S'mores

Atlantic Bagel - Bagels & Fresh from the Sea Chowder by Jack Pattison

Cohasset New Deli - Gingerbread decorating

Tedeschi Food Shop - Candy canes

Pilgrim Co-operative bank - Balloon Man

Cohasset hardware - Holiday Buffet

Flemings - making luminaries

Dean & Hamilton - Making gingerbread men



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Jim Howard watches as Katie Howard serves up the chowder from Atlantica during last year's "A Cohasset Village Holiday."



Brooke Conroy, held by her mom Heather, gets a candy cane fromm Santa on Main Street during last year's event.

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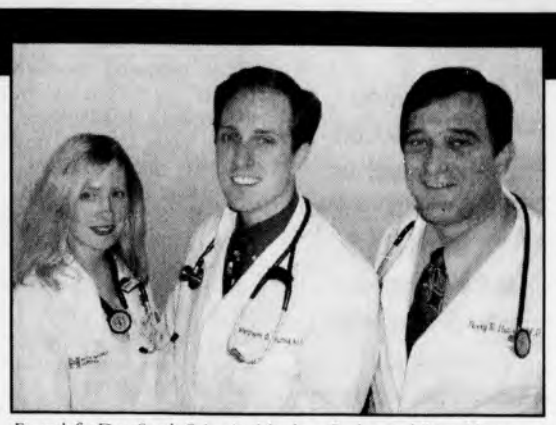
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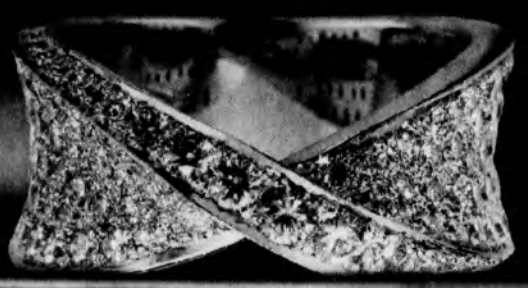
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Avalon could jump to head of sewer line

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capacity from Hull, from getting a street opening permit to install sewer pipes. Jerusalem Road Estates sued and lost. A recent Superior Court decision affirmed the Sewer Commission's exclusive authority over sewers in town and its authority to deny connections and reserve capacity for existing homes.]

When ZBA issued the comprehensive permit, Avalon planned to pursue on-site wastewater treatment after being assured by town officials that pursuing a Cohasset municipal sewer connection was not a viable option because of lack of capacity and a court order prohibiting new connections until other areas in town with failing septic systems are brought on line.

The capacity issue is significant in light of the fact the Little Harbor area and two age-restricted complexes for senior citizens, the Cook Estate and Cedarmere, are also seeking sewer connections.

The Water Commission, which is opposed to on-site wastewater treatment because Avalon is in the Lily Pond Watershed, sued Avalon and the ZBA challenging the comprehensive permit. Dale said opposition from the Water Commission is at least in part fueling Avalon's exploration of other sewer alternatives.

"We are willing to sit down with all the stakeholders and find a solution that works for everybody," Dale said. "But absent that, we must pursue the best option for us (Cohasset sewer)."

According to Dale, under Chapter 40B, the ZBA — as the granting authority of all local permits — has the exclusive jurisdiction to grant approval for a municipal sewer connection, in lieu of separate action by the Sewer Commission. In other words, a separate sewer connection permit from the Sewer Commission is not required.

"If sewer capacity is available and we believe it is," Dale said. "Then we believe we are entitled to tie in."

The potential for a sewer connection is also part of the comprehensive permit. After being requested by Avalon, the ZBA modified the comprehensive permit in February 2004 adding language that would allow for a potential Cohasset connection should adequate capacity exist for the project or a tie-in to another municipal sewer system (ie. Hull's) as alternatives to the on-site wastewater treatment facility, Dale said.

Dale stated in a recent letter to the Sewer Commission the determination of capacity must be made without regard to extraneous issues such as whether the site is in the Central Sewer District of whether the Little Harbor area has priority over other developments.

"The sole issue is whether the Cohasset municipal sewer system can accommodate the increased flow from the development (Avalon)," Dale stated.

Avalon's engineers estimate the average flow from the project will be roughly 22,000 gallons per day, with a peak flow of 36,000, based on typical water use and expected occupancy.

The engineers believe there exists roughly 48,000 gallons per day of unused capacity in the Cohasset plant – twice the average flow expected from Avalon. Avalon said that does not include significant upgrades to the plant to accommodate Little Harbor.

Avalon can appeal to the state Housing Appeals Committee if the ZBA denies it a sewer connection.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said Avalon has its facts wrong when it comes to 40B.

"The ZBA cannot grant any sewer connection pursuant to Chapter 40B of the General Laws or any other law, and there is no available sewer connection for Avalon no matter what avenue of attack against the town Avalon chooses to pursue," DeRensis said.

In a related matter, the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, dubbed MassHousing, recently extended the Project Eligibility Letter for Avalon Cohasset for an additional 12 months until Nov. 21, 2005. The MHFA first gave the project site approval back in November 2001, essentially saying the project meets the criteria for a state housing subsidy program. The MHFA letter set the stage for Avalon to apply for a comprehensive permit.

Border Street wall could 'sea' some changes

FROM SEAWALL, PAGE 1

based out of Hingham, on the project. "This is their specialty," Buckley said of the company, which has much experience with coastal projects of this nature. The firm says it is evident the existing stone seawall and walkway are in very poor condition, and complete reconstruction will be required to restore both the structural integrity of the seawall and improve public safety and access along the inner harbor. The area along Border Street is highly traveled by both pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

The improvements Vine Associates has in mind include working within the footprint of existing structures. Currently, the existing seawall consists of semi-mortared and semi-cut stones, with a height ranging from 5.9 feet to 8.9 feet in certain areas. A bituminous paved pedestrian walkway runs along the full length of the seawall, and varies in width from 5 to 6 feet. There are numerous areas of settlement and cracking, as well as small sinkholes in the walkway.

The proposed reconstruction project involves replacement of the seawall, installation of a new 5-foot wide concrete pedestrian walkway and stone/brick buffer strip along the full length of the seawall.

A pedestrian railing extends along the top of the seawall for approximately 290 feet, and then abuts a chain link fence for the remaining 21 feet of the wall. The railing consists of two 2x6 foot horizontal timbers. Although it is in good condition, it does not meet the minimum height and rail spacing requirements per order of the Massachusetts building codes.

The proposed reconstruction project involves replacement of the seawall, installation of a new 5-foot wide concrete pedestrian walkway and stone/brick buffer strip along the full length of the seawall. Repairs to the roadside edge of the new walkway will include the installation of granite curbing. Two existing outfall pipes and catch basins will be replaced, and a sub-draining system will be installed along the back of the new wall.

In addition, a new ornamental rail fence will be installed along the top of the seawall. Although the type of fence has not yet specifically been chosen, it will need to meet the requirement of being at least 42 inches in height with a spacing of rails that prevent the passage of an object 4 inches or more in diameter. Vine Associates has suggested railings such as those used in Hingham Harbor.

Buckley said he knows residents have a certain vision for the area, and said the design team from Vine Associates looks forward to receiving that input. Buckley added he has already gone before the Planning Board with Project Manager Christine Player for feedback.

This is not the first time the seawall has been worked on. Repairs had previously been made to the seawall in the early 1990s, and at that point, shotcrete was placed over the top 3 or 4 feet of the entire wall. In addition, a mound of stone was dumped at the northern end of the wall for stabilization. However, realizing its fragile state, former Town Manager Mark Haddad began looking into what it would take to reconstruct the entire wall, and revamp the area.

Under Haddad's direction, Town Meeting voted to appropriate $15,000 to hire Vine Associates to complete a preliminary study of the Border Street area, which was completed last January and recommended a complete overhaul of the area including full replacement of the wall.

While Vine Associates was compiling information for its report, Haddad began contacting state agencies for funding opportunities. The town was awarded a $25,000 grant through the Rivers and Harbors Grants Program to cover 50 percent of the preliminary engineering and design costs for the project, and the other $25,000 was appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting last spring. The preliminary phase included updating field conditions, the implementation of a subsurface exploration program, preliminary and final designs, and the preparation of bid documents. The cost for the remaining design and engineering work as well as construction is estimated at roughly $600,000, of which half will be either paid for by the state outright, or reimbursed.

The public hearing regarding the Border Street seawall reconstruction project was slated for Tuesday, Dec. 14, but the Board of Selectmen's meeting was cancelled that night due to a lack of a quorum. At the time the Mariner went to press, the meeting was tentatively rescheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 21. For more information, please contact the Board of Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

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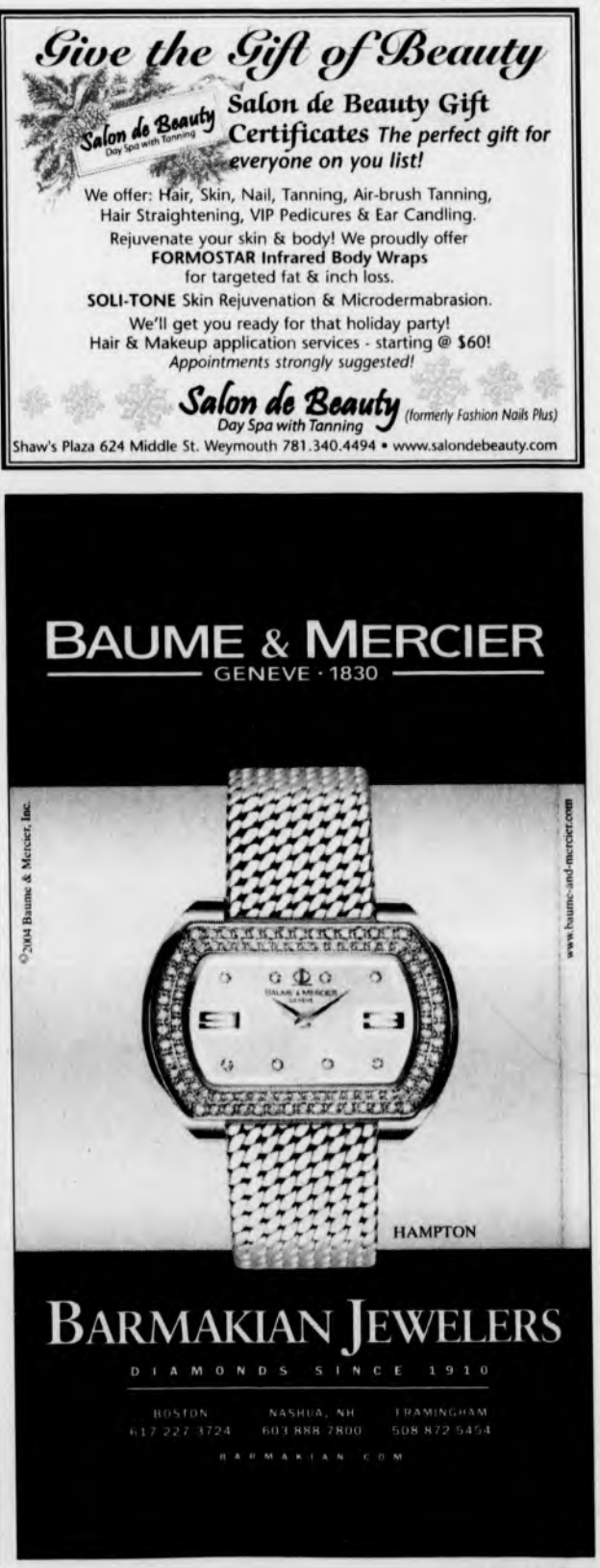
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Tax rate down, tax bills up

By Mary Ford
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A drop in the tax rate doesn't mean tax bills are going down because home values are up.

The average home value in Cohasset is now $670,000, according to the Assessors Office.

So while the tax rate is decreasing from $11.89 per $1,000 of assessed valuation to $10.44 — tax bills are still going to increase nearly 5 percent over last year.

The tax bills reflect the Board of Selectmen's decision Tuesday to continue with a uniform tax rate for all property classes based on the recommendation of the Board of Assessors.

The town has the option to split that rate but since the town is 93 percent residential, the change would only decrease the property tax bills a small amount for residential taxpayers and send commercial rates soaring. Selectmen have traditionally stuck with the single tax rate.

"A split tax rate often discourages businesses from locating in a community," said Deputy Assessor Mary E. Quill in her recommendation to selectmen.

The owner of the average-valued home will see a tax increase of $319.60 to $6,994.80 for fiscal year 2005, which began July 1.

Selectmen have signed off on a tax rate of $10.44 per $1,000 valuation, which could change slightly after the state Department of Revenue reviews the town's financial information.

Last year (fiscal year 2004), the average Cohasset home was assessed at $560,000 and with a tax rate of $11.89, the homeowner paid roughly $6,675 in property taxes. In FY'03, the average home was assessed at $521,000 and with a tax rate of $11.99, the homeowner paid roughly $6,248 in property taxes.

The tax bills vary depending on their home's assessed value. By taking the assessed value of the home, dividing it by 1,000 and then multiplying it by the tax rate, a homeowner can compute his property taxes.

Taxes on the average home in town have about doubled over the past 14 years along with their values. In 1992, the average home in town was assessed at $300,000 and the tax rate was $12, yielding a tax bill of $3,600.

Municipalities don't generally split their tax rate unless the combined valuation of commercial, industrial, and personal property equals 25 percent or more of the total taxable valuation of the town.

The new tax rate will be reflected in the third quarter tax bills, which will be mailed at the end of this month.

ZBA's 150 N. Main St. discussion on hold

Planning Board review to go first

By Mary Ford
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A crowd turned up at Monday's Zoning Board of Appeals hearing to discuss plans submitted by Kendall Village Cohasset Builder to demolish the permitted four-apartment house at 150 N. Main St. and rebuild it into four condominiums.

But rather than take the matter up, the ZBA voted unanimously to deny the special permit application without prejudice to allow the Planning Board to review the plans first under the town's new Large Home Review Bylaw.

Chairman Woody Chittick explained in the interest of time, the ZBA wanted the Planning Board to "take a whack at it first." Otherwise the process could go back and forth.

"We might find zoning violations that would have to go back to the Planning Board," Chittick said.

According to the application, plans are to replace the existing, permitted four-apartment dwelling that has eight bedrooms with a building containing four condominium units with a total of eight bedrooms.

Last year, the ZBA granted a special permit allowing the building to be converted from a three apartments with seven parking spaces to four apartments (with eight parking spaces) by converting an existing four-bedroom apartment into two, two-bedroom units. However, the footprint and exterior of the structure were to remain the same. The multi-family dwelling and the parking spaces were both preexisting nonconforming conditions, hence the need for a special permit to make the changes.

With the ZBA denial, the developers now have to file again for a special permit and the public hearing can be scheduled for the first Monday in February, Chittick explained.

In the interim, Steve Bjorkland, one of the developers, said he would make himself available to the neighbors to address any of their concerns.

"I believe we can meet or exceed any requirements in the (zoning) bylaw," he said.

The large house site plan review, adopted at last spring's annual Town Meeting ensures any proposals for construction of residential buildings which exceed the greater of 3,500 square feet or 10 percent of the lot area up to 6,000 square feet are subject to a review process by the Planning Board.

The intention of the bylaw is to insure abutters are notified if a "large house," is going to be built in their neighborhood, and that the Planning Board holds a public hearing to air any concerns on both sides.

Planning Board closes public hearing on Highland Estates

Is slated for Beechwood St.

By Samantha Brown
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Plans to build 14 single-family homes off Beechwood Street are moving forward, as members of the Planning Board voted to close the public hearing process for "Highland Estates" subdivision Wednesday.

Although there are details which still need ironing out, members said they are eager to see the plans move along, and feel all pertinent information has been brought to the table. The close of the public hearing prevents new concerns from being presented by the public, but does not mean the public cannot comment on aspects of the plans which have already been presented.

Property owner Anthony Nader and his development team plan to build shingle-style homes on the 18-acre parcel of land, which is located up the street from the planned Cedarmere senior housing development on the part of Beechwood Street which is north of Route 3A. Members of the board attended a walk-around of the site to get a better feel for what the land could accommodate, and said they like the plans. However, some concerns such as drainage will need to be discussed in detail before approval is considered, as the Planning Board was concerned neighbors could suffer if drainage plans are not sufficient.

The Nader property has water on site which could affect drainage plans. According to the applicant's engineer Neil Murphy, the property contains approximately 2.78 acres of wetlands, which are part of a wetlands system connecting from and running through the northerly side of Pond Street, running through the 100 Pond Street development, and two abutting properties before crossing the site. An unnamed brook also passes through the center of the wetlands system and enters a vernal pool, on locus, above Mealy's Pond. The site also has a "vernal pool," which Murphy said in reality is a man-made pond which was constructed to supply ice. There is also ledge on the property which has caused some sloping of the ground in areas.

The close of the public hearing prevents new concerns from being presented by the public, but does not mean the public cannot comment on aspects of the plans which have already been presented.

The developer's drainage expert Frank Holmes said he understands the concern of the board, and in fact, changes had been made to the plans since the last meeting to help correct some potential problems. He said in some areas the pitch of the road was changed to help the flow, and the size of one of the pipes in Beechwood Street has been increased from 10 inches to 12. While he said there could be additional concerns as the discussion becomes more in depth regarding drainage, "I think we've addressed the major issues," he said.

The board was also concerned with the Greenbush Line grade crossing being located on Beechwood Street roughly 300 feet from the subdivision entrance. Members said the MBTA drainage plans for that area keep changing, and the board hopes changes do not interfere with the development's plans. "They could mess up all your good works," said member Stuart Ivimey.

Engineering consultant for the Planning Board John Modzelewski said they are trying to schedule a meeting to discuss drainage for the area surrounding the Beechwood crossing, but at this point, "there's no information from the MBTA."

Drainage aside, Planning Board members like the proposed development for the site. Architect Jim Sandell, who also designed the buildings for Cedarmere designed the homes to be "tucked in" to its surroundings, which includes a good amount of ledge, a characteristic shared by many other pieces of land in Cohasset. Sandell has proposed a plan which will blast the least amount of ledge and remove the least amount of trees as is possible.

Sandell said in order to build the homes in accordance with the landscape, each will have a slightly different design from the next, to conform to its individual lot. "There will be a variety of shapes, but a similarity to give the neighborhood an identity," he said.

The homes will have two floors with the main living areas located on the first. There will be large dining and family areas as well as outside porches. One master bedroom and three other bedrooms will be located on the second floor.

The Planning Board will tentatively take up discussion on "Highland Estates" at its next meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 8:30 p.m. For more information, please contact the Planning Board office at (781) 383-3517.

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Toys from bygone era are on exhibit at historical society

Open house is Saturday

By Samantha Brown
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There's no feeling quite like the excitement felt by a child who has received a new toy, especially during the holiday season. While today children often ask for the latest video game system or DVDs, there was a time not too long ago when train sets and paper dolls provided entertainment for hours.

To help celebrate the delight toys have brought to children over the years, and help bring back some memories for those who are still children at heart, the Cohasset Historical Society has brought out its special toy collection in a new exhibit, "The Alphabet of Toys." Although the Society is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., it has invited residents of all ages to its headquarters in the Paul Pratt Memorial Building on South Main Street for a special open house featuring a special surprise holiday children's activity Saturday, Dec. 18 from 2-4 p.m.

As the exhibit's title would suggest, Lynne DeGiacomo, Executive Administrator for the Society, said virtually every letter of the alphabet is represented by a different toy, whether it be a doll, soldiers, or trains. "We had to get creative with some," she said, adding an "O" toy could not be found, so a bowl of small oranges was added to the exhibit, as oranges used to be placed in stockings for Christmas. "For some it was a stretch," filling the letters, but "we did pretty well," she said. Only six letters of the alphabet are not covered by toys, including "E", "J", "Q", "X", "Y", and "Z". DeGiacomo said some books had titles which began with the letters "U" and "L" which allowed those letters to be covered, but said someday they hope to have true representation of toys for every letter.

Although a good majority of the toys in the display are part of the Society's collection, she said the generosity of friends of the Society who have come forward to lend their toys for the exhibit has really made for a great display.

One of the featured items in the exhibit is a dollhouse, lent by Jeanne Replogle. The dollhouse, which boasts three floors and a shingled roof, is unlike any ordinary dollhouse, as it is an exact replica of a house Replogle and her husband David used to own when they lived in Garden City, Long Island.

Replogle said the house itself, built in 1872 by renowned architect Stanford White, has quite a history. Although White was married, he was known to be having an affair with a teenaged Evelyn Nesbit. Replogle said her home had reputedly been the trysting place of White and Nesbit.

What is even more interesting is a connection the Replogle family has with White and Nesbit. After her affair with White, Nesbit went on to marry a man named Harry Thaw, who after finding out the details of his wife's past and potential lingering contacts, sought White out and killed him in June1906. Replogle said she was told one of the attorneys who was involved with Thaw's murder trial was also a Replogle, and "All Replogles are related," she said. Thaw was eventually set free, and the story of the love triangle inspired the musical, "Ragtime."

Replogle said when she moved out of White's house, "It was the hardest thing I've ever done in my life." She said the dollhouse was a going-away present from a group of friends which had been built by an "off-duty architect," and serves as a constant reminder of the house she loved so much.

With nine bedrooms and 5-1/2 baths, only half of the house has been replicated. Replogle said although the staircase was not included in the smaller version, it was a beautiful winding staircase which went all the way to the third floor from the entryway, which made for quite a view from the entrance.

Replogle said she tried to furnish the doll house the same way the house had been decorated when she lived in it. Not being able to find a small oriental rug for the doll house dining room, Replogle, and artist by trade, painted a rug to match a hand-painted mural on the wall.

Along with the personal touches Replogle had added with the decor, signs of her family life can be seen throughout as well. All five of her boys are represented by porcelain dolls in the house, as well as the housekeeper, Tessie. "I couldn't have lived life with five boys without her," she said. Replogle even put herself in the dollhouse — and gives a giggle at seeing herself with a tray eating breakfast in bed.

"My granddaughters have had a field day with this," Replogle said of the dollhouse, and she is eager to share it with the town.

In addition to the dolls in the dollhouse, antique baby dolls are on display. DeGiacomo said although many have been very loved over the years, "they do survive," and are in good condition. Even more rare to find in good condition are the paper dolls, which have been framed for preservation. "It's amazing these survived uncut," she said.

As always, DeGiacomo said the Society very gratefully accepts any historical donations, and would love to add to its toy collection. However, for those residents who would like to hang on to their treasures, the Society is very appreciative of those toys which are lent only for the display. Members of the public are not allowed to touch the items on display to ensure their preservation.

To help finish the alphabet, "We're looking for a jack-in-the-box or antique jacks," she said, or any other toy which would make the Society's alphabet complete. DeGiacomo said the toys in the display are from the 1920s or earlier, and even with a few letters missing, the collection is very extensive.

A special family open house for the "Alphabet of Toys" exhibit will be held Saturday, Dec. 18 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Historical Society Headquarters, located in the Paul Pratt Memorial Building, 106 South Main St. The open house is being held in conjunction with the Cohasset Village Holiday festival, which takes place the same day from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in downtown Cohasset. The Historical Society is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit will be on display through the end of January.

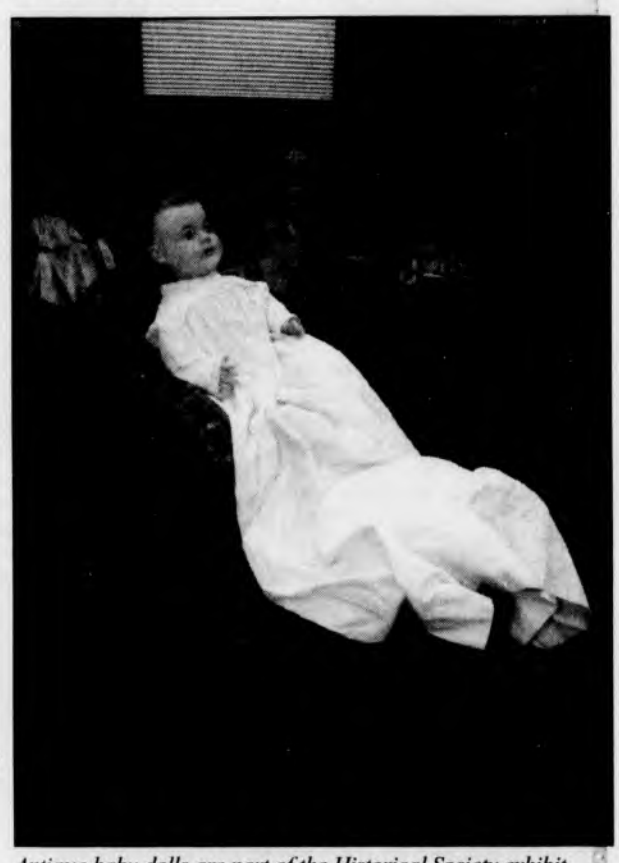


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Lynee DeGiacomo, Executive Administrator of the Cohasset Historical Society, checks out a mannequin on display as part of the toy exhibit in the Pratt building on South Main Street.



Tom Gruber and Jean Hajjar of the Historical Society stand by one of the featured items in the exhibit, a dollhouse lent by Jeanne Replogle. The dollhouse boasts three floors and a shingled roof and is an exact replica of a house Replogle and her husband David used to own when they lived in Garden City, Long Island.



Antique baby dolls are part of the Historical Society exhibit.

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New year holds a special delivery for Deer Hill teacher

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January — a perfect start to the new year.

"It's been an emotional roller coaster," Henry said, as she had hoped to have her baby home for Christmas. However, the wait will soon be over, when she is reunited with 10-month-old Luke, whom she met for the first time this November. A picture of the bubbly, smiling little boy sits on her desk at school.

Henry began the process of looking into adoption even before Luke was born. She said after hearing positive feedback regarding the Wide Horizons agency, she decided it was a perfect fit for her, and she began filling out the paperwork to start the adoption process.

To be considered as an adoptive parent, Henry was required to submit a dossier including roughly 45 pieces of paperwork. The Department of Social Services conducted an investigation, she participated in a Criminal Offender Record Investigation, or CORI check, and the FBI conducted another background check. Henry also submitted letters of recommendation including one from her employer, as well as tax forms. "I've been federally cleared and state police cleared," she said.

When the dossier was submitted, it then needed to be translated into Russian so those at the baby home who received it could understand. She said her papers arrived in Russia Aug. 26, 2004 and she was matched up with her baby boy Sept. 16. "It was only about two weeks," she said, but it would be much longer until they would meet face to face.

Once she had been matched, representatives from the agency invited Henry to have a meeting where she would be given the first pictures of her son. "I was thrilled," she said, when she saw his face for the first time, and couldn't wait to meet him. However, because it usually takes between one to three months for adoptive parents to be given permission to make the trip to meet their babies, Henry had to wait until November to see Luke in person.

Henry made her first trip to Russia Nov. 15 and was there roughly one week. "That was quite an experience," she said, which was filled with traveling every single day. Because none of her family members were able to make the trip over to Russia with her, her friend Marjorie Murphy, a longtime Cohasset resident and former Deer Hill librarian who had just entered into retirement, said she would not let Henry make the trip alone.

"I was off and running," said Murphy grinning, to which Henry joked, "She just wants to fill every page of her passport."

However, the trip was anything but a restful vacation.

The town of Beloretsk where the baby home is located, is very remote, and the first leg of their journey landed them in Moscow. Although they had booked a hotel room in advance, a visit from Russian President Vladimir Putin resulted in an immediate cancellation of their reservations. Suddenly Murphy and Henry needed to find a place to stay for the night.

But with the help of their driver, an employee of the adoption agency, they were able to find a place to stay. He "took really good care of us," and wouldn't leave until he was sure they were all set for the night, said Murphy. Being in a country where they didn't speak the language, his assistance was immeasurable, she said.

The following day, Murphy and Henry, along with a couple from New Hampshire who were also working with the agency to adopt a baby, flew from Moscow to the town of Ufa, which Henry said was roughly a three-hour trip. The flight was followed by a four hour drive through the Ural Mountains.

After such a lengthy trip, the two were ecstatic to reach the baby's home — but there was still more to be done before Henry could meet her new son. First she met with the chief doctor who is also the director, and was briefed on Luke's personal and medical history. From there, she and Murphy were given lunch, then finally taken to a room where they had their first introduction.

"They just bring them in and plop them in your arms," Henry said, and for 1-1/2 hours, she and baby Luke played on a blanket on the floor, both smiling all the while. The same smile comes across Henry's face as she tells the story.

"He's such a happy baby," Henry said, and Murphy agreed. As the designated photographer, Murphy had no trouble getting anyone to smile for the camera. Murphy joked during the time they spent with Luke, she was reprimanded if she wasn't either taking pictures or videos of him non-stop.

"I can't even put into words how lucky I am she went with me," Henry said of Murphy.

Henry has shared her experience with the children in her class, and she said the day she told her students she would be leaving to meet Luke for the first time, they all clapped their hands and cheered. She has been able to share her story to teach them about geography, as well as empathy and being grateful for everything they have in the USA.

In a town which is as far removed as Beloretsk, amenities do not exist. Murphy said in the baby home, right away she noticed the children's toys had all been handmade by those who worked there. However, she said it was evident they were made "with such love."

In the towns surrounding Beloretsk, even some restaurants do not have plumbing, and patrons must use an outhouse, which is essentially a hole in the ground. In addition, they suffer from bitterly cold winters, which Henry and Murphy can attest to, as there were blizzard conditions when they began their journey home, delaying their flight three hours.



PHOTO/OVE PYGH WILCHE

Debbie Henry points to Beloretsk, a small town outside the Ural Mountains in Russia, where she will pick up her adopted baby, Luke.

Knit hats

Knowing the kind of weather they experience in Russia, many of Henry's students have been working hard to knit hats for children in the home. Every year since 1997, Deer Hill art teacher Ann Berman has taught her students how to knit hats, which they then donate to area homeless shelters. However, this year, some students had another idea.

On Henry's first trip to meet Luke, she brought along five hats, made especially by her students for some of the children in the baby home. When she returned, after hearing the tale of the bitter cold weather, one student in particular stepped up her efforts.

After hearing Henry's story, Kaye Slanp said she realized even more how important it is for the children to have the hats, because they "don't have a lot of warm clothing." She immediately set out making more hats and one scarf for the children, which Henry will bring back with her when she takes Luke home for good in January. "She's been non-stop knitting since I came back," said Henry of Kaye, adding she is very proud of her efforts.

But the hats are not the only philanthropic venture to come out of Henry's adoption process. She said after visiting the baby home, she realized the only car the workers have access to is the one used by the driver who brings adoptive families out to the home once a month. If the employees need supplies, they must wait to go into town until that driver comes back, and complete their errands while he fills out paperwork and helps the adoption process progress smoothly.

However, Henry and Murphy said their goal is to raise enough money to cover the cost of purchasing a car, so the baby home will have transportation available at all times. Henry estimates it will take between $3,000 and $4,000 to make their dream come true.

To make a contribution to help purchase a car for the baby home in Beloretsk Russia, please make checks payable to the Wide Horizons for Children adoption agency. Checks in any amount can be sent to Marjie Murphy, 33 Cedar Acres Lane, Cohasset, who will compile them and bring them to the agency.



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Kaye Slanp holds up two of the hats she's knitted for children in the orphanage in Russia.

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AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK



HOLIDAY THOUGHTS

Hello Cohasset! I hope that everyone is getting into the spirit of the holidays and are remembering to enjoy them as each day passes. Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa or something else, take the time to enjoy what each day brings and the small events and memories that are happening. It really gets overwhelming at times with the shopping, school events and all that I know that I really need to remind myself what it really is all about. Family and friends getting together to sing some carols, enjoy each other, make a craft or whatever it is that will become those memories and traditions, that is what the focus should be on. Because of so many outside influences however, it is very difficult to remember that. I am determined to somehow try and hope that you can too. Enjoy!

'GREASE' WAS GREAT

I want to congratulate the whole cast and crew of this past weekend's performance of Grease at CHS. Mr. Bryan Marks and so many others all came together and performed a wonderful rendition with so many people coming to help and show their support. It was a fantastic night out and truly was enjoyed by all.

FOR GARDENERS

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset has just published a very wonderful gardener's handbook. It's in a custom made binder, colorful with an original **JoAnne Chittick** watercolor, is divided into months with colorful artwork from local artists on the tabs, and is FULL (250 pgs) of great info culled from the amazing know-how of the ladies of this garden club. Gardening info month by month, as well as a chapter on arranging flowers that is pretty interesting. As well as a garden journal for you to input your own notes.

All proceeds from this go to scholarship funds to Cohasset kids, as well as different gardening projects done around town. (For ex, they do the Lightkeeper's Garden, etc.) This beautiful book makes a great gift for $25. There is an order form online www.communitygardenclubofcohasset.org

INDOOR LAX SIGNUPS

Just a quick reminder that the sign-ups for the last session of indoor lacrosse are now open, but that spots are filling up *very* quickly so if any of you want to get a head start on getting ready for the Spring season — by either playing in the leagues or joining the instructional programs — now is the time to get registered.

All programs are hosted at the new indoor facility in Pembroke at the ProShots Athletic Center and meet once a week for an hour. The "Pre-Season" league starts the weekend of Jan 7 for boys and girls of all ages and skill levels (grades 2 - 8) and for those of you that are just getting started, the Learn2Lax program is ideally suited to get you up to speed before the next outdoor season starts in March. For more information, or to register for any of these programs, please visit: www.maxlax.net or www.proshotscenter.com or you can call directly during normal business hours at 781/829-2060.

ST. SEBASTIAN'S HONORS

The following students from St. Sebastian's School in Needham were named as recipients on the Honor Roll for the first quarter of 2004-2005 and are residents of Cohasset. **Paul Cotter**, the son of **Dr. Paul and Margaret Cotter,** received Honors with Distinction. Paul is a senior who also was named a Scholar with Honor for receiving an average grade of at least 3.25 on all Advanced Placement (AP) exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. **Dominic Jancaterino,** whose parents are **Dr. Jon and Patricia Jancaterino,** received Honors with Distinction and is in Grade 8. Keep up the great work.

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Who's the top citizen?

See form page 6

By Mary Ford
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In keeping with an 11-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Marjorie "Marjie" Murphy as Citizen of the Year. The mother of three and grandmother of two touched countless lives through her roughly 25 years as school librarian at Deer Hill.

The deadline for nominations for the 2004 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 7. Please see the nomination form on page 8.

The deadline for nominations for the 2004 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 7. Please see the nomination form on page 8. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931. Nominations may also be sent by email to mford@cnc.com.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2004 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2005.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the11th person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

The late **Gerard T. Keating, Joseph D. Buckley, Dr. Robert T. Sceery, The Rev. Gary Ritts, Anna Abbruzzese, Katherine Stanton**, the late **Clark Chatterton**, former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, Glenn Pratt, Arthur Lehr,** and **Marjorie Murphy.**

AROUND TOWN

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GENEROUS SCOUTS

The Wolf Scouts of Den 7 donated baked goods and a Christmas tree to the Senior Center at the Council of Elder Affairs at the community center.. The boys decorated the tree on Tuesday so that the seniors could enjoy it during their holiday luncheon! Scouts in Den 7 are **Gerrit Church, Brad Dimodica, Curtis Golden, Jake Johnson, Ford Murphy**, and **Cameron Steele**!

That is all for this week. Send me in all of your news no later than next Tuesday by noon.

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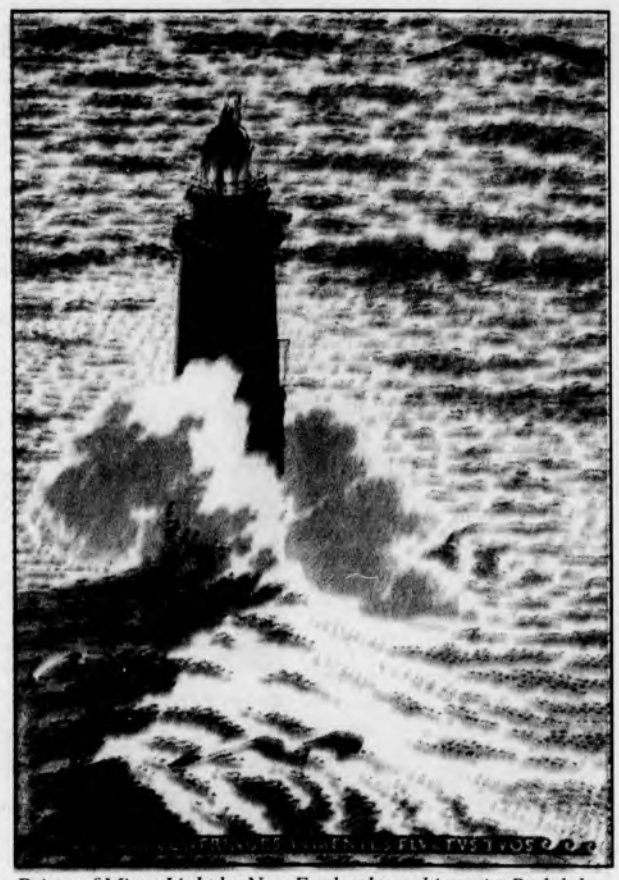
Town receives gift of rare Minot Light letterpress prints

Imagine the delight of Marion Douglas, town clerk, opening a package of beautiful Minot Light prints last spring. She had no idea why they were sent to the town or their value.

Wig Person, chairman of the Committee on Town History, just happened to be in her office that day and said he'd look into it. After several phone calls to print collectors and members of the Society of Printers in Boston, Pierson learned the town was indeed the recipient of a rare treasure, one of a series of 29 color, woodblock prints of distinguished buildings and sites around Boston by the renowned New England graphic artist Rudolph Ruzicka.

Pierson discovered the series was produced starting in 1911 by the Merrymount Press in Boston as Christmas keepsakes and that of 29 different subjects, Minot Light was the last subject printed in 1942.

The Committee on Town History is making 130 limited edition prints available for sale at $60 each during this holiday season.



Prints of Minot Light by New England graphic artist Rudolph Ruzicka are available through the Committee on Town History.

Shortly after that time the press was closed. The complete set of original wood blocks are in the collection of the Boston Athenaeum and reproduced in an out-of-print book titled "Boston, Engravings on Wood" by Rudolph Ruzicka with text by Walter Muir Whitehill published by David R. Godine, Publisher, Boston. The book is available at the Cohasset library.

Pierson also learned Selma Ordewer of Southbury, Conn. was executrix of the estate of Daniel Berkeley Bianchi and decided it was appropriate for the Town of Cohasset to be the recipient of the prints rather than print dealers. Now Cohasset townspeople may enjoy a unique original graphic reproduction of the lighthouse on the dangerous ledge that the New England historian Samuel Eliot Morison characterized as "more difficult even than the famous Eddystone".

The Committee on Town History is making 130 limited edition prints available for sale at $60 each during this holiday season. Each 3-1/2 x 5 inch print is mounted in a bevel edge acid-free matte and is numbered from one to 130 with a description of the print. The matte will fit any 8 x 10 frame suitable for hanging or displaying on a table top. Proceeds from sales are returned to the town to help fund historical publications.

Checks may be made out to the Town of Cohasset and mailed to Committee on Town History c/o Wigmore Pierson, 123 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02025. Telephone 781-383-6940 to arrange with Pierson how to pick up the print.

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New Web site

The library has a new look. Visit at www.cohassetlibrary.org. Check out the list of new books in the library by going to "New Arrivals" from the Good Books page, from the Children's page (for new children's titles) and from the Young Adult page (for new Young Adult titles). Click on a title or book jacket and place a hold on the book.

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Museum passes

Reserve Museum Passes online, whenever it's convenient for you. Choose the option "Using the Library" and click on "Museum Passes." The system displays a list of passes, the dates that are available for each pass and the specific guidelines of each pass (number of people admitted and discounted price). If you provide the library with your e-mail address, you will receive an e-mail reminding you when to pick up your pass. The Friends of the Cohasset Library have generously provided funding for the Museum Passes and the Library Insight program, which provides the Events Calendar and the online Museum Pass booking system.

Book talk

Book Discussion Group — Join the group Friday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m. for the first meeting. For discussion will be the New York Times bestseller, "Reading Lolita in Tehran: a Memoir in Books," by Azar Nafisi. Signup in advance is required. Call Judy Simons at 781-383-1348 or sign-up online. Click on the January Events Calendar on the Web site: www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Film series

Independent Film Series — The film "Morlang" will be shown Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Based loosely on a true story, "Morlang" is a chilling, psychological drama about jealousy, betrayal and revenge.

Book bags

Book Bags are on sale at the circulation desk for $15. These attractive, sturdy bags are a great holiday gift idea. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Cohasset Library to fund programs for the library.

Artist exhibit

Jeanne L. Replogle's recent paintings will be on display in the Meeting Room through Dec. 31.

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is located at 35 Ripley Road.

Christmas tree pickup is offered

Project Safeguard, the Cohasset community initiative that offers information to local youth and their parents around the issues of adolescent-related health and wellbeing, announces its annual Christmas tree pickup fund-raiser.

Tired of strained backs, scratched car roofs and cleaning up pine needles and tree sap? Why deal with the hassle? Call Project Safeguard and it will have a representative pick up your tree at your home after the holidays. For a small donation, it will make sure your tree is transported to the transfer station. It's as easy as that and you'll be helping to support an important local service organization in the process.

Tired of strained backs, scratched car roofs and cleaning up pine needles and tree sap? Why deal with the hassle?

Don't wait until after Christmas. Call now to schedule a pickup. The pickup dates are Sunday, Jan. 2, and Saturday, Jan. 8. The fee is $15 per tree and $25 for two trees. The fee for seniors is $10 per tree. All checks should be made payable to "Project Safeguard." To schedule a pickup, call the Info Line at "The Garage" at 781-383-2492. Leave your name, address and phone number, and any unusual instructions. Be sure to specify a pickup date. On pickup day, leave your tree by your driveway by 8 a.m. and tape your check (in an envelope) to your door. If you'd like to leave the check in a different location, you should indicate this on your Info Line message.

If you have any questions, call Sally Sisson (781-383-6190) or Coleman Nee (781-383-6958), Project Safeguard community reps.

Also, volunteers are needed to help with this year's pickup. If you own a pickup truck and can spare a couple of hours on either or both pickup dates, your help would be appreciated. Give them a call.

First Parish invites carolers to join in

First Parish, Cohasset's Unitarian Universalist church, is reviving an old and well-loved Cohasset tradition — Caroling on the Common — Saturday, Dec. 18.

This is a community event for young and old, especially families with school-age children. Exceptional singing voices are not required; caroling books will be available, but you may bring your own.

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Participants will assemble at the First Parish's Parish House (23 North Main St.) between 4 and 4:30 p.m. Carolers will circuit the Common, serenading all homes as weather permits. At approximately 5:30, everyone will return to the Parish House for cocoa, cider and cookies (cookie donations are appreciated).

For further information call Sandy Bailey at First Parish (781-383-1100) or Woody Chittick (781-383-3215).


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Care Packs volunteers capitalized on an opportunity. With many people at home because of the snow, the volunteers went around to homes in Weymouth looking for donations. They collected nearly 800 pounds of goods that weekend.

"We couldn't believe how much we collected that day," Skorka said. "We had tons of stuff by the end of the day."

He said that in addition to the generosity of residents, local businesses and churches were key contributors to their success.

Along with volunteers asking for donations, Skorka said they have found many donations to be unsolicited.

"People go out of their way to drop things off at my house and to call us up with names and addresses of their soldiers," he said.

Three years ago, a military support group in Pembroke was ready to ship 20 care packages to soldiers who had deployed overseas in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks when the volunteers realized they had no money to pay for the shipping of the gifts.

"A few people here chipped in and that's how we got those boxes out," said Julie Caruso of the Pembroke Military Support Group.

What started with a few group members donating some money to mail out packages has since blossomed into a town-wide effort. When the PMSG needs something or is having an affair, be it a fund-raiser or a welcome home event for a soldier, residents offer their help, local businesses donate their services without being asked and restaurants provide food and space.

"Usually someone seeks us out and asks how they can help," said Elaine Crudup, a member of the Pembroke Military Support Group whose son was in the Middle East for 16 months.

The Pembroke Fire Department did just that. Caruso said during a group meeting last year that a new face arrived.

"We thought he was a new member," she said.

The man in the room didn't want to be a member, but he did want to help. The Pembroke firefighter was there on behalf of the department to offer a check to pay for the group's shipping costs that year. And the PFD did it again this year.

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And for PMSG, the list of community contributions goes on and on. When a local female soldier returned home, the group organized a welcome home party as well as a day of beauty for her at Macy's department store, which also donated a new outfit. Caruso cited another example of the community's generosity in a local landscaping company shoveling out the homes of deployed soldiers during the winters.

Even three years after they started, donations for the Pembroke Military Support Group continue to pour in, whether it is goods to send to troops or financial support. But the group also helps other organizations like it, Caruso said, sharing any abundance of goods it may have or just lending a hand to groups as they start up.

"Other towns have reached out to us to ask for help," said Mary Hurney, whose son Patrick is a Marine stationed in Iraq when the war began last year.

Earlier this month, the Quincy National Guard unit's Family Readiness Group held its annual holiday party for the families of its soldiers and felt fortunate for the contributions it received.

"Ninety-nine percent of the party is donated, including Christmas presents for the children," said Gail Linehan, co-chairwoman of the Quincy FRG. About 150 soldiers based in the Quincy unit are being deployed to the Middle East sometime this month and have been training in New Jersey for weeks.

Local college students also donated gingerbread cookies for the soldiers' children to decorate at the party and Santa Claus volunteered his time to arrive on a Quincy Fire Department truck.

The FRG counts on the generosity of local residents in order to help the families of deployed soldiers the best they can, whether it be giving some holiday cheer to the children or to assist with serious problems a family left behind may encounter.

"As part of the FRG, our job is to help the families if they are having financial difficulties or problems related to a family member being deployed, such as the loss of a paycheck," Linehan said. "They're now living on a military salary, which isn't as much as someone could earn in the private sector. We help with the financials to keep people on their feet. The donations started to come in once we learned that the troops were being deployed."

Maura Yanosic, co-leader of the FRG for the Braintree unit of the National Guard, is also a reading specialist in the Abington Public School system. With a 20-year-old son serving overseas in the war, she wears a yellow ribbon and American flag pin every day.

That small feature has encouraged students, teachers and administrators to support the soldiers with tons of donations. Elementary and junior high school students have donated gum, candy, granola bars, powder drink mixes and numerous other items for the Braintree FRG to send to the troops.

"It's so wonderful to feel the spirit the community has," Yanosic said. "The support in this community is tremendous."

Because they can't be with their loved ones during this holiday season, the Braintree FRG wants to ensure that their troops aren't forgotten. They've sent out care packages filled with all the contributions people heave made, including personal care items, goodies and hand-sewn stockings, that will be delivered to the soldiers on Christmas Eve.

Yanosic's role in the school system has inspired students to donate more than just food, candy and personal items. They've also sent letters, notes and pictures to the troops.

"Justin says they love to get stuff from the kids," she said of her son. "A hometown connection is so meaningful because these soldiers are just so far away."

Yanosic said while her son and his fellow troops were training in Wisconsin they taped up the letters and pictures the children had sent and some soldiers even wrote back to the students. "The kids don't about politics, they just know that someone is over there making sure they're safe back here," she said.

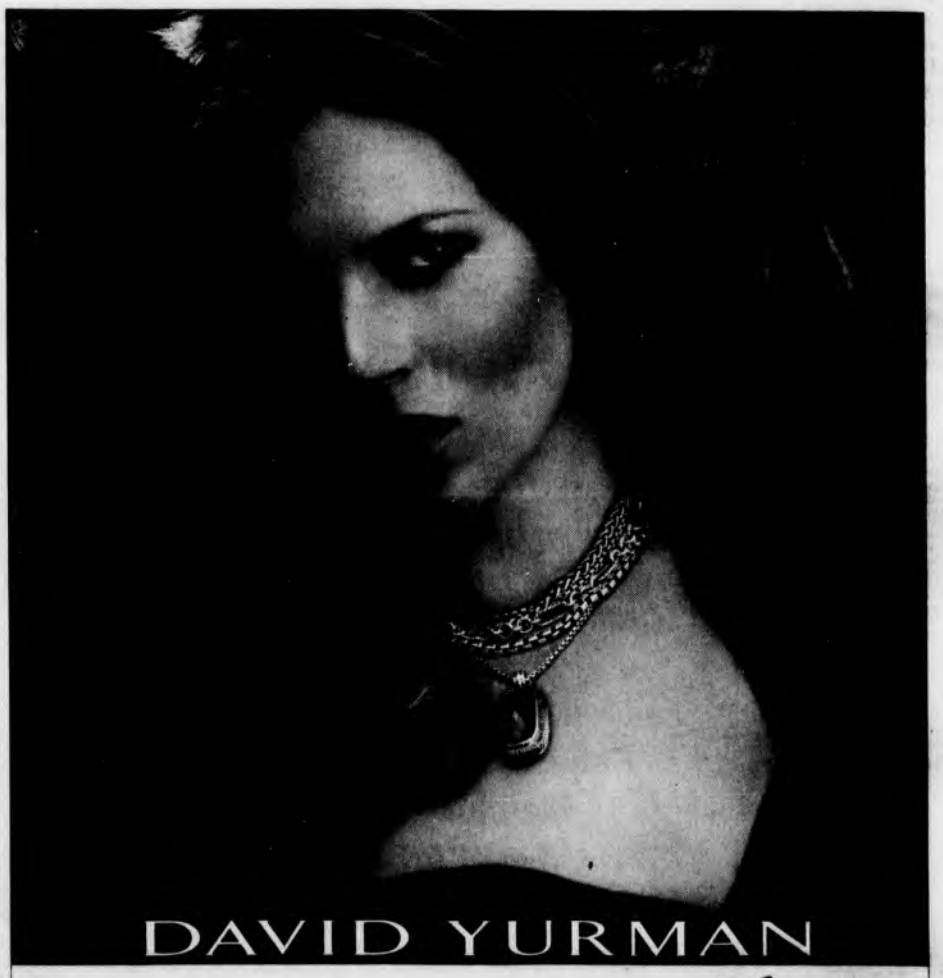
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William Griffin outside Town Hall after his interview with selectmen last month.

New TM, William Griffin, signs contract

By Samantha Brown
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Cohasset will have a new Town Manager as of Jan. 31, as William Griffin signed a three-year contract with the town Monday.

Acting Town Manager Michael Buckley said he is "ecstatic" to hear Griffin will be coming on board, adding "I can't believe someone of his caliber and experience is coming on board. Ordinarily, small towns don't get people like that. We're very fortunate," he said.

Griffin who is currently the Bourne Town Administrator, has served in the top administrative post in Dedham and Plymouth as well. In Dedham and Bourne, he was the first Town Administrator. In Plymouth, he was the first Town Manager after serving as that town's Executive Secretary. In Cohasset, he will follow Town Manager Mark Haddad who served in the post for seven years.

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— Michael Buckley, acting Town Manager

During interviews, Griffin said he would need to provide Bourne with a two-month notice before coming on board in Cohasset. "I always honor (agreements) with the communities I'm working for," he said.

Griffin also said during interviews that if picked for the post and until he comes on board, he said he would try to attend some government meetings. He has made good on his promise, and sat through all 3-1/2 hours of the first session of Town Meeting.

Griffin has signed the three year contract to the tune of $115,000 per year. Griffin's current salary in Bourne is about $107,000. Haddad's salary was roughly $110,000 when he resigned in May.

Beechwood train crossing changes

By Samantha Brown
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The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority has evaluated the design of the driveway at 39 Beechwood St., and after meeting with representatives and the residents of the property in both September and October, it has agreed to some changes.

Residents of 39 Beechwood St., a Victorian home which has been converted into condominiums, have been very concerned plans to reconfigure their driveway in light of the Beechwood Street grade crossing will not allow enough space for fire engines to be able to make the turn up to their complex. Currently, viewing the property from the street, the driveway for the condominiums runs from the back of the house and along the right side of the property, virtually straight down toward the street. The rail bed runs almost parallel with the driveway, which needs to be relocated as it is too close to the crossing.

Because only two gates will be implemented, median barriers will be installed on either side of the crossing as a safety measure, which is required by the MBTA for whistle-free train corridors.

Plans have changed from implementing four-quad gates to standard crossings at Beechwood Street because the fire department has been told it will help with delays as the gates will be down for a shorter amount of time. Because only two gates will be implemented, median barriers will be installed on either side of the crossing as a safety measure, which is required by the MBTA for whistle-free train corridors. Median barriers are a little higher than a standard curb and are roughly four feet wide.

A 100-foot barrier will run from the crossing up Beechwood Street toward South Main Street, and residents had thought they would receive a 60-foot median barrier running toward the house. However, recent developments have further reduced that median strip to 40 feet, to allow the driveway, once reconfigured, to better accommodate the turning requirements of the Cohasset Fire Department's ladder truck.

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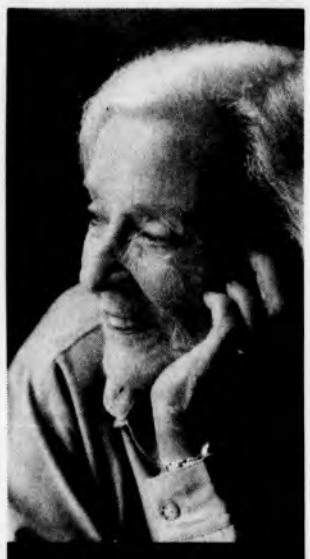
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Sit down with Avalon

Issues never really go away in Cohasset – they just circle around and resurface.

AvalonBay – the company that has a comprehensive permit to construct a 200-unit apartment complex off Rte. 3A – now wants to hook up to the town sewer.

Avalon officials stress they want to sit down with all the stakeholders and work out a solution that is best for everyone, but that doesn't appear likely.

The developer is coming to the "town sewer table" after spending many months pursuing other options where it has run into roadblocks.

The Water Commission is suing to stop Avalon from obtaining a ground-water disposal permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection for an on-site system.

As an alternative to an on-site system, Avalon is also willing to pay for the infrastructure to hook up to the Hull Treatment Plant. However, Avalon needs permission from the Sewer Commission to do so. The commission denied another proposed development, Jerusalem Road Estates, permission to do just that. Jerusalem Road Estates sued and lost.

Avalon has spent a ton of money on its Cohasset project and isn't going to go away quietly, nor should it.

After an exhaustive public hearing process, the Zoning Board of Appeals issued Avalon a comprehensive permit last year under Chapter 40B the state's affordable housing law.

While it's easy to point fingers at the ZBA for issuing the permit and at Avalon for wanting to come to town – we need to step back and remember why Cohasset is subjected to 40B in the first place.

Simply stated, Cohasset has only a tiny amount of affordable housing by state standards – just the 76 units off Elm Street. That's way less than the 10 percent threshold of the town's total housing stock set by the state to allow towns to get out from under the threat of 40B projects.

40B projects – which tend to be higher density than local bylaws allow – can put a strain on neighborhoods, public safety services and schools. They are often out of character with their surroundings.

However, with the average home in town valued at upwards of $600,000 – Cohasset is becoming less, not more affordable.

We don't think the Avalon project is going to destroy the quality of life in Cohasset; in fact, there are some benefits – not the least of which is providing affordable rental housing.

As a condition of its comprehensive permit, Avalon cannot have any three-bedroom units, so there aren't going to be throngs of families with children moving in.

Also, the state counts all units in 40B rental projects – not just the 25 percent that are actually affordable – towards the 10 percent requirement because there is so little rental housing around. Therefore, Avalon alone would get the town out from under 40B.

Avalon is also required to give local preference to Cohasset residents for affordable units. And typically 25-25 percent of Avalon residents are 55 and older, so it is going to provide alternative housing for area seniors.

We also think Avalon's location is ideal for a large apartment complex with its easy access to Rte. 3A. The former Norfolk-Conveyor site is not in a residential neighborhood.

The old English saying – better to work with the devil you know – may be apropos here. After months of hearings and a thorough airing of the project, Avalon doesn't sound that bad.

We think the "stakeholders" should work with Avalon to help solve the wastewater disposal issues – in particular the potential for hooking up to the Hull plant. The resulting infrastructure coupled with the excess capacity that town wants to sell could benefit more than just the Avalon project here in Cohasset.

— Mary Ford
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Volunteers needed

Are there any college students home during the holidays who would like to help at Cohasset Elder Affairs? There is a variety of volunteer opportunities available. On completion of your volunteer hours, you will be given a letter recognizing the hours you have volunteered.

The CEA is looking for a volunteer to assist, one or more days a week as an Office Receptionist/Office Assistant. Currently The CEA is also in need of volunteer van drivers. This is a commitment of approximately 3 hours a month. Call Martha Horsefield, Volunteer Coordinator, at 781-383-9112.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cell phone user

TO THE EDITOR:

On a recent morning, a well dressed, articulate and apparently otherwise considerate and thoughtful man sat down across from me at one of the little tables on the 8:45 high speed ferry to Boston, and proceeded to engage in serial cell phone conversations, one of which had to do with very sensitive information about the termination of an employee.

While speaking in a well modulated, cultivated tone, the proximity of the phone compelled me to listen. There is something about one way conversations that have this effect, at least on me. I find it less intrusive if two people are talking face to face.

Harvard's Howard Gardner writes of eight intelligences, one of which is "interpersonal", the awareness of one's relationship to others. I invite this individual to consider where he might rank himself in this regard.

Many of us on the boat to Boston in the morning like to sit quietly and read the paper, or work at the little tables. Cell phone users have the option of going out on deck, or finding a space unoccupied by others. In this instance, I finally had to get up and leave.

Eric Oddleifson
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Hats for homeless project reaches goal

TO THE EDITOR:

Students at the Deer Hill School are very excited to have reached their goal of knitting more than 140 hats for the Boston homeless shelter, Rosie's Place. We will deliver those hats along with boxes of donated children's books, on Wednesday, Dec. 22. I would like to thank all the students for their dedication to this project. It would not have been possible without their wonderful enthusiasm and their desire to help others less fortunate. Our Deer Hill students are a remarkable bunch and they should be very proud of their accomplishments.

Thank you to all the parents for their assistance and encouragement, and to the Deer Hill teachers and staff who helped knit and support the children's efforts. Even Keith Gauley, our dedicated principal, is still hard at work on his hat and may even finish it this year (we hope).

I would also like to thank the Cohasset community who called with yarn donations and offers of assistance; this truly was a community effort and without all this support we definitely would not have accomplished our goal. To all who helped make this idea a reality, thank you.

Ann Berman
Art Teacher, Deer Hill School

The need for safety booths and lifejackets

TO THE EDITOR:

Realizing that the current problem with the new tunnel or sieve is causing drivers to look and find other routes around the tunnel thereby causing the usage of the tunnel to become light or almost to the point of being an unused tunnel I'm here to offer a solution which may allay the concerns and worries about using the tunnel.

Here's my idea. Erect a kiosk similar to a toll booth at each end of the tunnel, both North and South. At these points sell at a nominal fee a lifejacket for each occupant of the vehicle entering the tunnel. With the technology that we have today this transaction can be done in moments. The "Safety Booths" can be located maybe a half a mile from each end of the tunnel entrance and the "jacket" transaction can be done on the fly with little or no holdup. This operation will promote confidence in the minds of the drivers and passengers and the tunnel usage and confidence will be restored.

I realize that there will be new requirements for cash to make the corrections required to the tunnel. These will be helped immensely with income from the sale of lifejackets. Also there probably will be a change in tolls on the Mystic Bridge and both the Callahan and Sumner Tunnels from their current tolls to perhaps $8 to $10 for perhaps a 10 to 15 year period.

The general public will be glad to help — they will feel useful in these moments of stress. They will feel good to be able to assist in the correction of these thousands of leaks that now exist as well as others that are developing.

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HEALTH NOTES

Time to chill out when thermometer dips

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Well, the cold weather is on us and it's time for warnings about exposure to the cold. Here's a review of the problems and some of the ways we can deal with them according to the CDC and others.

• Clothing for Cold Weather

Make sure to protect the ears, face, hands and feet in extremely cold weather. Mittens are warmer than gloves.

Wear several layers of loose clothing. Layering provides better insulation. Layers can also be removed if you become too hot. Be sure the outer layer of your clothing is tightly woven, preferably wind resistant, to reduce body-heat loss caused by wind. Wool, silk, or polypropylene inner layers of clothing will hold more body heat than cotton.

Stay dry — wet clothing chills the body rapidly. Tight clothing reduces blood circulation. It's OK to wear sleeves that are snug at the wrist but, remember, warm blood needs to be circulated to the extremities. Footwear should be waterproof and insulated. By wearing a hat, you will keep your whole body warmer. It reduces the amount of body heat that escapes from your head. Excess perspiration will increase heat loss, so remove extra layers of clothing whenever you feel too warm.

Also, avoid getting gasoline or alcohol on your skin while de-icing and fueling your car or using a snow blower. These materials in contact with the skin greatly increase heat loss from the body. When working, avoid touching cold metal surfaces with bare skin. Move into warm locations periodically. Limit the amount of time outside on extremely cold days. It's a good idea to include a thermometer and chemical hot packs in your first aid kit.

Do not ignore shivering. It's an important first sign that the body is losing heat. Persistent shivering is a signal to return indoors.

Frostnip is the freezing of the top layers of skin tissue and is normally reversible. It mostly affects the cheeks, earlobes, fingers, and toes. Symptoms include: numbness; top layer of skin becomes white and waxy; feels hard and rubbery, but deeper tissue is soft.

• Frostbite and Hypothermia

Frostbite is caused by freezing. A victim is often unaware of frostbite until someone else points it out because the frozen tissues become numb. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and color in affected areas, white or grayish-yellow skin area, skin that feels unusually firm or waxy, numbness. It most often affects the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes. Frostbite can permanently damage the body, and severe cases may require amputation. At first signs of redness or pain in any skin area, get out of the cold or protect any exposed skin. If you detect symptoms of frostbite, seek medical care. If immediate medical care is not available, proceed as follows: Get warm as soon as possible.

Unless absolutely necessary, do not walk on frostbitten feet or toes — this increases the damage. Immerse the affected area in warm — not hot — water (the temperature should be comfortable to the touch for unaffected parts of the body). Or, warm the affected area using body heat. For example, the heat of an armpit can be used to warm frostbitten fingers. Do not rub the frostbitten area with snow or massage it at all. This can cause more damage. Don't use a heating pad, heat lamp, or the heat of a stove, fireplace, or radiator for warming. Affected areas are numb and can be easily burned.

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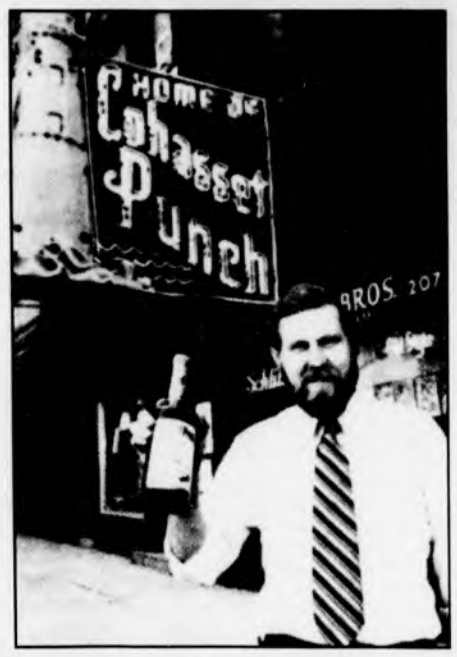
Punch secret recipe left Cohasset for Chicago

The complete story of Cohasset Punch is just one of 71 stories compiled and edited by Jackie Dormitzer and printed in "Treasury of Cohasset History" which will be available in January. It has more than 200 pages including halftones and is hard cover bound with a four-color picture of the First Parish Meeting House on the cover.

Pre-publication orders before Jan. 1 will receive a 15percent discount for a total price of $22 (add $3 for the option of shipping and handling). This is the fourth history book published by Cohasset through the Committee on Town History and can be picked up at Town Hall in January on dates and times to b announced.

Make your check out to the Town of Cohasset and mail together with your address and phone number to Treasury of Cohasset History, 123 Atlantic Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

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Tommy Ohman, outside his West Madison Street Chicago saloon, holds a bottle of Cohasset Punch.

High price of tomatoes

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Tomato prices hit $3.99 a pound at Shaw's supermarkets the other day, leading me to wonder why the heck I ever got out of the business.

I used to raise tomatoes, you know, sometimes two or three square feet of them in the backyard, right over the place where they filled in the old cesspool when we were connected to the town's sewer system, which made it seem like such a likely place to grow things.

Each year, along about May or June, I'd buy the little green trays of seedlings from That Bloomin' Place and transplant them into my tomato patch and tie them to sticks so that they wouldn't fall over, as gentleman farmers have done for generations.

I bring this up at this time because, if present trends continue, I'll be able to raise a crop of tomatoes at a cost of $19.95 a pound and still make a tidy profit...

I'd water them tenderly whenever they looked thirsty, adding Miracle-Gro when I noticed their little tongues hanging out, and when they were big enough, I'd trade in the little sticks for sturdier poles to help them stand tall.

Sometimes, along about August and September, I got tomatoes as big as ping pong balls.

I figured the native tomatoes grown in my own backyard cost me at least $19.95 a pound and that doesn't include the nights I sat up defending them from aphids, gypsy moths and the neighbors' dogs. At least I didn't have to pay the outrageous supermarket prices.

Why, sometimes they were then as high as 75 or 80 cents a pound.

I bring this up at this time because, if present trends continue, I'll be able to raise a crop of tomatoes at a cost of $19.95 a pound and still make a tidy profit selling them to restaurants that would shut up shop if tomatoes weren't available.

And have you ever eaten in an Italian restaurant where every pasta dish wasn't drowned in tomato sauce? Or eaten nachos in a Mexican restaurant where a bowl of salsa didn't come along with the dish of chips? Or a fast food shop that didn't make BLTs, the T standing for tomatoes.

Already, some shops that used to put lettuce and tomatoes on hamburgers and tuna salad sandwiches are withholding that little extra unless the customer specifically asks for them. Iceberg lettuce was up to $1.79 a head at Roche Brothers supermarket the other day.

The waiters in one Tex-Mex restaurant in Boston were asking customers if they wanted salsa with their chips and charging them $2 if they said they did, which is a little like charging extra for the ham to put on rye or the mustard to put on a hot dog.

The reason for this shortage, I am told, is that hurricanes raised cain with the tomato crops in Florida, insects got into them in Mexico and heavy rains washed out the fields in California, leaving backyard tomato patches to supply the 18 pounds that each of us eats in a year.

And the problem seems to be spreading.

My friend who does the shopping for our house came home the other day to report that red peppers were selling for $4.99 a pound at Roche Brothers, but green peppers were only $2.99. Let's see now, a can of red paint . . .

Mark Goodman is named sports editor

Slager also on board

Rob Slager and Mark Goodman have joined Julie Nevero in the sports department at CNC/South newspapers.

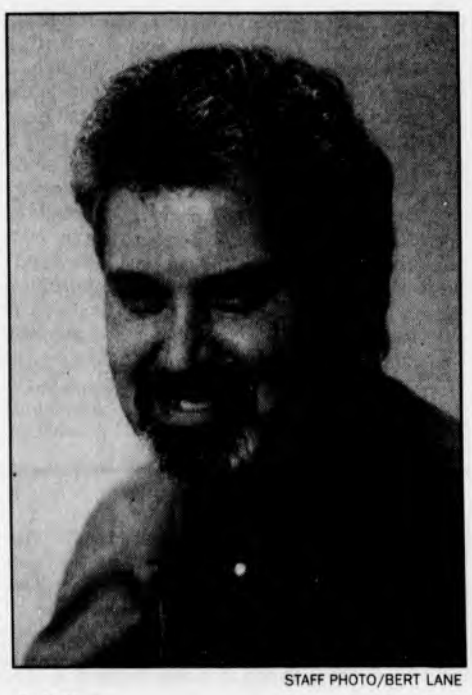
Slager is the sports editor for the Kingston Mariner, Pembroke Mariner, Weymouth News and Holbrook Sun. Goodman takes over as sports editor for the Braintree Forum, Scituate Mariner, Norwell Mariner and Cohasset Mariner. Nevero continues to oversee sports coverage for the Hingham Journal, Hanover Mariner, Marshfield Mariner and Abington-Rockland Mariner.

Goodman was most recently reporter for the Weymouth News. He is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island. He grew up in Quincy and said he always wanted to write about sports.

"I have wanted to be a sports reporter since I was middle school, and am looking forward to covering all the teams in our area," he said.

Slager most recently was the regional editor at MPG Newspapers. The father of twin 4-year-old girls, he and his wife make their home in Halifax. Previous to MPG, was an editor and writer for the Boston Herald and San Francisco Examiner. Slager was recently nominated for his second award by the New England Press Association, this time in the sports-writing category.

"We're excited to have both Rob and Mark working with us to continue to bring our readers compelling and interesting sports coverage," said Mark Skala, editor in chief. "Their efforts will only enhance what have already become strong sports sections."



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Rob Slager



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Mark Goodman

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Spellman is named circulation manager

Mike Spellman, formerly a sports editor with CNC/South, has been promoted to circulation manager for CNC's South Shore and Cape Cod publication.

During this tenure, Spellman was nominated for three New England Press Association awards

Spellman served as a sports editor for nearly four and a half years in the Marshfield office, overseeing the sports sections in the Braintree Forum, Holbrook Sun, Norwell Mariner, Cohasset Mariner, Scituate Mariner, Kingston Mariner and Pembroke Mariner.

During this tenure, Spellman was nominated for three New England Press Association awards. The Scituate Mariner took home first place for Best Sports Section in 2001. Spellman also twice received Honorable Mentions from NEPA for Best Sports Columns.

Previous to coming to CNC, he worked as a reporter for the Brockton Enterprise newspaper and Celtics Pride magazine.

Spellman, 41, lives in Plymouth with his wife and four sons. He is active year round in youth athletics and Special Olympics in Plymouth.

"I'm looking forward to this new opportunity in our newspaper operations," Spellman said. "I know my experiences in the editorial department will serve me well in this new role."

Spellman will be working with CNC's entire circulation team, headed by vice president Al Getler, to continue to meet the ever-changing needs of the marketplace and readers.



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Mike Spellman

Being paid to listen to David Brudnoy was a labor of love

OVER THE FENCE

CINDY MCMANUS

I got paid to listen to David Brudnoy.

I'm involved in an interesting line of work. My other job (other than working from time to time for the Hingham Journal) is my work as a "news monitor" for a large company based in New York. I crank out—literally—5,000 words of text daily, five days a week for a company I have never visited and a boss whom I have never met.

I guess you could call this work life in the 21st century.

My job is to listen to radio programming, writing quick stories on the fly about what I have heard on a given program. I take that copy and dump it via a computer modem that feeds my work into a huge computer in Kentucky, which in turn churns my text and shoots it out to news organizations, public relations firms and corporations across the country, all of them hungry to hear "the news" and how a particular story gets spun in a particular market.

I offer this little bit of insight into my line of work so as not to sound totally nuts when I say that from 7 p.m. to 10:00pm, five nights a week for the last 7 years I have turned on my radio to listen to David Brudnoy and report to that far away company on what is being said.

I got paid to listen to David Brudnoy and last Wednesday's show was, sadly, the final time.

The man who was and still is arguably the best talk show host in America revealed to listeners (many of them from the town of Hingham and who gladly listened for free) announced that he was tying up loose ends, preparing to die.

One of those loose ends was of course to help bring closure for his listeners, many of whom have listened for his entire 29-year career in Boston talk radio.

Less than a day after telling his listeners that the cancer he had fought had now traveled throughout his body, Brudnoy did indeed pass away, orchestrating his final program and his last day on earth, just as he orchestrated every other day of his life: On his terms.

I think what I liked best about the program, and by extension the mind of Brudnoy, is that the debate was always about ideas, never about personalities.

As one of his regular listeners, I was familiar with many of his little quirks, some annoying (his ongoing rant about Michael Moore's Fahrenheit 9/11) others thoroughly charming. (His grasp of the nuances of the English language gave weight to the phrase, 'why use a penny word when a dollar word will do?')

I was also very familiar with his life with AIDS and then last year, a life with cancer, illnesses he defied with a toughness that would make a US Marine proud.

He never let mere disease define who he was.

After he returned to the airwaves this past February, I and his millions of listeners in 38 states thought he had whipped the rare form of cancer from which he suffered. Although I grumbled at the time to my husband that I would now have to return to writing text with the kind of depth and clarity of thought that his substitute hosts lacked, I was secretly pretty glad for the change. I may have gotten paid to listen but the compensation wasn't simply monetary. One night I might be writing about what was being said about Iraq, another night copy about a show on his guilty pleasure, The Sopranos.

As a dyed-in-the-wool Massachusetts liberal (with a requisite bleeding heart) his libertarian views on such subjects as the war in Iraq and affirmative action would often send my blood pressure into the stratosphere, hollering down to my husband *'you aren't going to believe what he's saying now'* as I fought the urge not to join the debate by picking up the telephone and dialing 254-5678.

But I loved the diversity of the subject matter and I can say that I always learned something new, finding myself often forced to examine a point of view from another perspective just by listening to the probing, insightful questioning of a man who could dissect a liberal argument with surgical precision and then eviscerate it with one or two carefully uttered sentences.

I think what I liked best about the program, and by extension the mind of Brudnoy, is that the debate was always about ideas, never about personalities. In a radio culture that encourages cheap shots and petty attacks on those who hold opposing points of view, his program was all about leaving the listener thoroughly informed—and too bad that you might not like hearing all sides, you're going to anyway.

I liked that about The David Brudnoy show. I liked that about the man himself.

There are people you are sorry you didn't get to know better, sad that you never will, regretful that you didn't drop a line saying 'I can't stand what you say but I'll be damned if you don't have a point sometimes.'

David Brudnoy is one of those people.

I might be paid to listen — but no amount of money in the world can force me to enjoy listening just for the sheer fun of it.

It was always fun to listen to Bruds.

Cynthia McManus is a freelance writer living in Hingham. Her column Over the Fence appears monthly in the Hingham Journal, one of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.

OUR WORLD UPDATE

Our World arts and crafts workshop — Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum in Cohasset is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join the group Wednesday, Dec. 22, for Arts and Crafts throughout the day as the staff continues to decorate for Santa's arrival. Admission is $3 per child, optional donation for adults. *Call 781-383-3198 for further information. The museum is off Sohier Street behind the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library.*

'How much government can Santa afford next year?'

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

MICHAEL P. NORTON

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

As many a shopper can attest these days, the holiday season in this age of round-the-clock commerce boils down to reconciling two main competing interests: wish lists and money.

The dynamic is in play in a different respect on Beacon Hill, where December seems to be about which public policies might be landing under the proverbial tree, and how much state government Santa can afford next year. This was a week when money, more than usual, was in the news in a political sense.

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Katherine Abbott told lawmakers the state is facing a backlog of park and rec maintenance projects worth $800 million and has "thin" resources to make a dent in the wish list. "We're working hard, but it's going to take us some time to get to that point of having a world class parks system," she said. Of particular concern is the "terrible condition" of several pools, she said, estimating overall pool repair costs at $100 million.

An independent team of attorneys seeking to recover payments on the $14.6 billion Big Dig has secured $3.4 million to date, a sum praised by the team's supporters and considered paltry by the project's detractors. Last week, the "cost recovery" team led by former Judge Edward M. Ginsburg made it known that it will cite management oversight failures by project overseers Bechtel/Parsons Brinckerhoff (BPB) in a suit seeking at least $100 million in damages. That suit would add to one filed in March seeking $150 million from BPB for "failure to disclose accurate and truthful estimates" of project costs and another $14 million sought in 10 other cases. None of those suits address damages or remediation for tunnel leaks, which continue to be evaluated.

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The Massachusetts Human Services Coalition announced that its advocacy group membership has risen from 100 to 190 and the larger coalition plans a grass roots lobbying approach to build support for tax reform and higher taxes in the year ahead. Coalition leaders say new revenues are needed to erase waiting lists, bring back programs that help the needy and prevent larger budgetary problems.

Gov. Mitt Romney announced the 200 members of the Legislature will receive a 4.1 percent increase in their base pay come January. Under the constitution, the governor is required to adjust the salaries of lawmakers every two years based on fluctuations in median household income. The raise works out to just over 2 percent a year for the 2005-2006 session.

State Department of Revenue officials announced they're pretty certain that personal income tax exemptions will rise in January, as economic growth is about to trigger a tax cut included as part of a $1.2 billion package of tax increases in 2002. Individuals will be able to exempt an additional $275 in 2005 and married couples filing jointly an additional $550. That's a savings of $15 a year for individuals and $29 for married couples. If economic growth continues to exceed 2.5 percent a year, exemptions would return to their pre-tax hike levels in 2008, and the income tax would fall back to 5 percent in 2014, at which time voter-approved charitable contribution tax deductions would resume. Republicans want larger tax cuts sooner.

Charitable organizations received an average of 29 percent of the money raised through telemarketing campaigns last year, up from 26 percent in 2002, according to a report released by Attorney General Thomas Reilly. The state cannot limit the amount of contributions fundraisers can retain, but the independent Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance, which advises potential donors, recommends that charitable organizations spend 65 percent of all contributions on program activities.

During a forum at the Parker House, education experts agreed that funding will always play a major role in delivering adequate public education to all children. But there's widespread disagreement over whether the emphasis should be on additional monies, or management, accountability and best practices reforms, as the state seeks to see all of its students achieve academic proficiency. The state awaits a court ruling on education adequacy that may leave it on the hook for $2 billion in new costs.

The state inched down the road toward universal early childhood education by airing a legislative report that endorses the policy as a top priority while cautioning that it may cost $1 billion to implement over 10 years. There's widespread agreement that getting more kids enrolled in preschools will boost academic achievement later and eventually shore up the state's economic strength. There's no agreement about where the funds will come from to pay for the expansion.

A year after delivering tax revenue projections that were off by more than $700 million, economists and state budget writers huddled for their annual estimating exercises. Economists predicted tax revenue growth over the next 18 months of between 3.5 percent and 5.4 percent. That's less than half the rates of annual growth the state enjoyed in the mid to late-1990s. And budget writers worried that current and potential spending pressures may well consume the likely new revenues, and then some.

The Board of Higher Education dismissed warnings from the Corner Office about unrealistic budget requests and recommended a 9.5 percent boost in fiscal 2006. Like health care and K-12 education proponents, supporters of public higher education believe that momentum, after years of cuts and stalled progress, is building for their initiatives and spending requests next year. UMass submitted a separate budget request seeking $423 million from the state next year, a 7.7 percent increase. All the news was not about budgets and cents.

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Time to chill out when thermometer dips

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Hypothermia — Since frostbite and hypothermia both result from exposure, it's important to determine whether someone also shows signs of hypothermia. Hypothermia is a more serious medical condition involving abnormally low body temperature and requires emergency medical assistance. Body temperature that is too low affects the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well. Thus, hypothermia is particularly dangerous because a person may not know it is happening and won't be able to do anything about it.

Hypothermia occurs most commonly at very cold environmental temperatures, but can occur even at cool temperatures (above 40 F) if a person becomes chilled from rain, sweat, or submersion in cold water. Warning signs for hypothermia in adults are shivering/exhaustion, confusion/fumbling hands, memory loss/slurred speech, drowsiness. Hypothermia in infants is manifested by bright red, cold skin or very low energy. If you notice signs of hypothermia, call 911; it's an emergency.

• ***Wind Chill***

As the speed of the wind increases, it can carry heat away from your body much more quickly. When there are high winds, serious weather-related health problems are more likely, even when temperatures are only cool. For a Wind Chill Chart (shows the difference between air temperature and perceived temperature and amount of time until frostbite occurs), Wind Chill Calculator, and information on the updated Wind Chill Temperature Index, see www.nws.noaa.gov/om/windchill.

Knowing what's wrong and what to do is an important part of protecting your health and the health of others. Awareness counts.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen

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December 15, 2004

QUESTIONS

BHRC is sponsored and underwritten by Fleet Bank as a public service for readers of the Mariner. It is written by Bob Katzen who has covered the legislature for more than 25 years and has been providing this feature to newspapers since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on two roll calls from prior sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$2.6 MILLION FOR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION (S 2400)

Senate 8-30, rejected an amendment increasing funding for the Department of Correction by $2.6 million (from $429.6 million to $432.2 million). Amendment supporters said the $2.6 million is needed in order to hire 100 correction officers to begin to fill some 300 vacancies and noted that the current staffing levels are insufficient. They argued that the additional funding would help implement reforms suggested by a correction reform commission and ensure that prisons are run properly and that the public is protected. Some amendment opponents said the funding is already $1.8 million more than last year's funding and is sufficient. Others said that the Legislature should not simply throw more money at prisons but should take more time to read the details of the report of the reform commission prior to taking action. Some said that the additional $2.6 million does not reform anything and argued that the Legislature should be looking at ways to reduce the prison population through rehabilitation of prisoners. (A "Yea" vote is for the $2.6 million. A "Nay" vote is against the $2.6 million).

UNCAP LOTTERY LOCAL AID (S 2400)

Senate 39-0, approved an amendment to a provision that removes the cap on the amount of Lottery revenue that is distributed as local aid to cities and towns. The provision removes the cap over a five-year period beginning in fiscal year 2008. The amendment accelerates the process by beginning the five-year phase-in two years earlier in fiscal year 2006. Amendment supporters said that the Lottery was established in 1971 with the promise that all revenue would go to cities and towns. They noted that the Legislature has capped and reduced Lottery aid to communities since fiscal 2002 and diverted it to the General Fund in order to help balance the state budget during the fiscal crisis. They said it is time to restore these million of dollars to cities and towns and noted the proposed amendment would do so two years earlier than the original provision. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ELDERLY AND DISABLED ABUSE (S 1083)- The House gave near final approval to a Senate-approved bill increasing the amount of civil penalties the Attorney General may seek against anyone that abuses an elderly or disabled person in a long term care facility. Other provisions include allowing the AG to prosecute not just the offender but the owners if their actions or inaction lead to the abuse; expanding the law to include the elderly and disabled in all long term care facilities rather than just nursing homes and creating a new crime of indecent assault and battery on a person over 60 or a disabled person. Supporters said this would protect the elderly and disabled and get tough with offenders that harm them. They argued it sends a message that the state will not tolerate the abuse of these most vulnerable citizens. The measure needs only final House and Senate approval prior to going to Gov. Romney.

WRONGFUL FELONY CONVICTIONS (H 5148)- The House approved a bill establishing a system allowing a person that has served time in prison to seek compensation of up to $500,000 for damages against the state for a wrongful felony conviction and imprisonment. The measure also allows the court to order the state to provide services to address any emotional or physical damages to a claimant caused by the conviction and prison sentence and to give him or her a 50 percent reduction on tuition fees at any state colleges. Supporters said that current law presents many obstacles to filing and collecting these damages. They noted that there are currently at least 22 men who have been released from jail over the past several years after serving extensive jail time for crimes they did not commit. They argued that these men would never be given back the years that they lost but noted it is time for the state to step forward and ensure that they are given at least some small measure of compensation. The Senate has approved a different version of the proposal and the House version now goes to the Senate for consideration.

WHEELCHAIRS (H 2650)- The House gave initial approval to legislation requiring that a wheelchair face forward when a vehicle is transporting a person in a wheelchair. Supporters said that some transport vans are equipped for the wheelchairs to face sideways— a position that offers the least amount of protection from crash forces. They noted that crash tests prove that a person is less prone to injury when his or her wheelchair faces forward. The measure imposes a $100 fine on anyone who violates the provision.

AUTOMATIC PAY HIKE FOR LEGISLATORS- Gov. Romney announced that the state's 200 legislators would receive an automatic 4.1 percent annual pay raise for the years 2005 and 2006. The hike will increase current rank and file members' $53,380.80 annual salaries to $55,569.41. All 40 senators and many representatives also receive additional stipends mostly ranging from $7500 to $15,000 if they serve as committee chairs or in other leadership positions. Romney is required to establish the raise under the terms of a constitutional amendment approved by the voters in 1998. The amendment requires legislative salaries to be increased or decreased biennially at the same rate as the state's median household income for the preceding two-year period— as ascertained by the governor. The median income for the applicable years 2003 and 2004 cannot yet be definitively determined because 2004 has not yet ended. The governor's office acknowledges that the median income figure on which the hike is based is actually an informed estimate. The new $55,569.41 salary represents an increase of $9159.41 or almost 20 percent over the $46,410 salary that legislators received when the constitutional amendment was approved in 1998.

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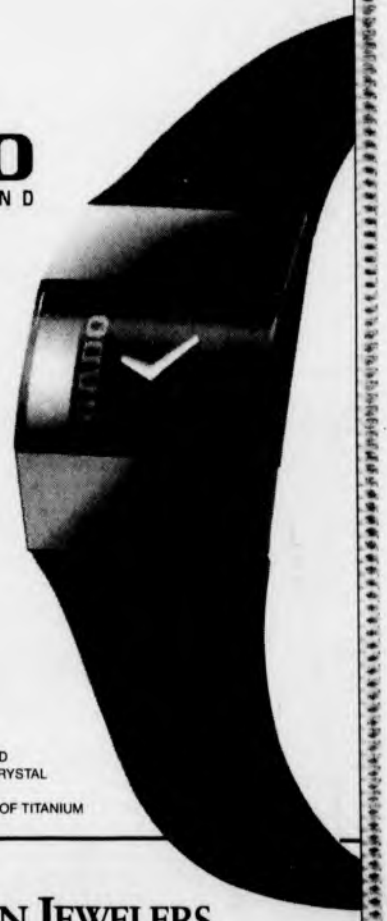
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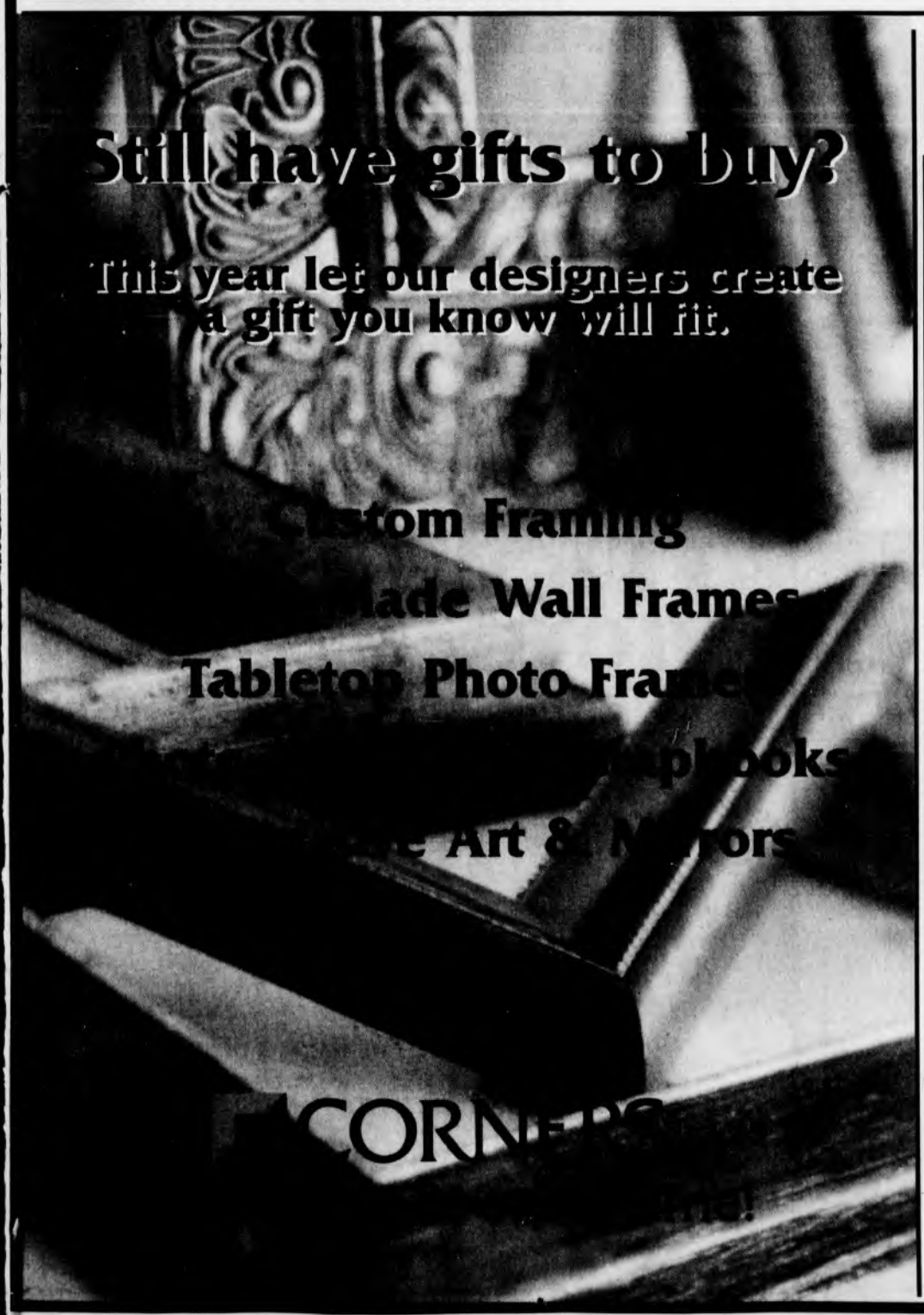
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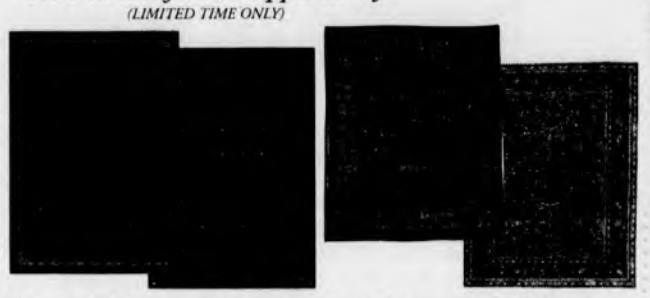
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Youth movement for CHS hockey

By Mark Goodman
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If the Skippers hockey team is to return to the state tournament this season, a number of underclassmen will be counted on to step up into big roles.

Cohasset has five seniors leading the way: captains Ted Straughn and Joe Durkin, assistant captains Crandon Leahy and Tim Pilczak, along with Mark Donovan and Brendan Michaud.

Beyond that, it is a host of juniors, sophomores and freshmen, including a sophomore and two freshmen who will be centering the second through fourth lines.

Head coach Ben Virga says he will be counting on his seniors to set a good example, and thinks he has enough talent qualify for postseason play.

"I would be extremely disappointed if we didn't make the tournament," Virga said Wednesday. "With the senior leadership and the talent we have, if we did not finish second in the league and qualify, I'd be disappointed."

Straughn will center the Skippers' first line, with his brother, Brian, to his left and Durkin on the right wing. Virga says that line will likely play close to half of each game, adding that he thinks Straughn will once again lead the team in scoring. He had 12 goals and 13 assists last season.

Leahy and Pilczak will lead a defense crew that their coach is counting on to improve its performance from last season.

"Last year, we gave up way too many second, third and fourth shots," Virga said. "I think we'll be able to do a better job of protecting the blue line this season."

Junior Brandon Smith, who converted from forward to defenseman last year, will also see his share of ice time. Junior Zack Murray and sophomore Conor Holway round out the group.

One of the more interesting subplots that could develop during the season is at the goaltending position. Michaud returns to the program after a year away, and will be competing with returning junior net-minder Stefan Parnell.

Should Cohasset make the tournament, who plays in net will depend which goalie gets hot at the right time.

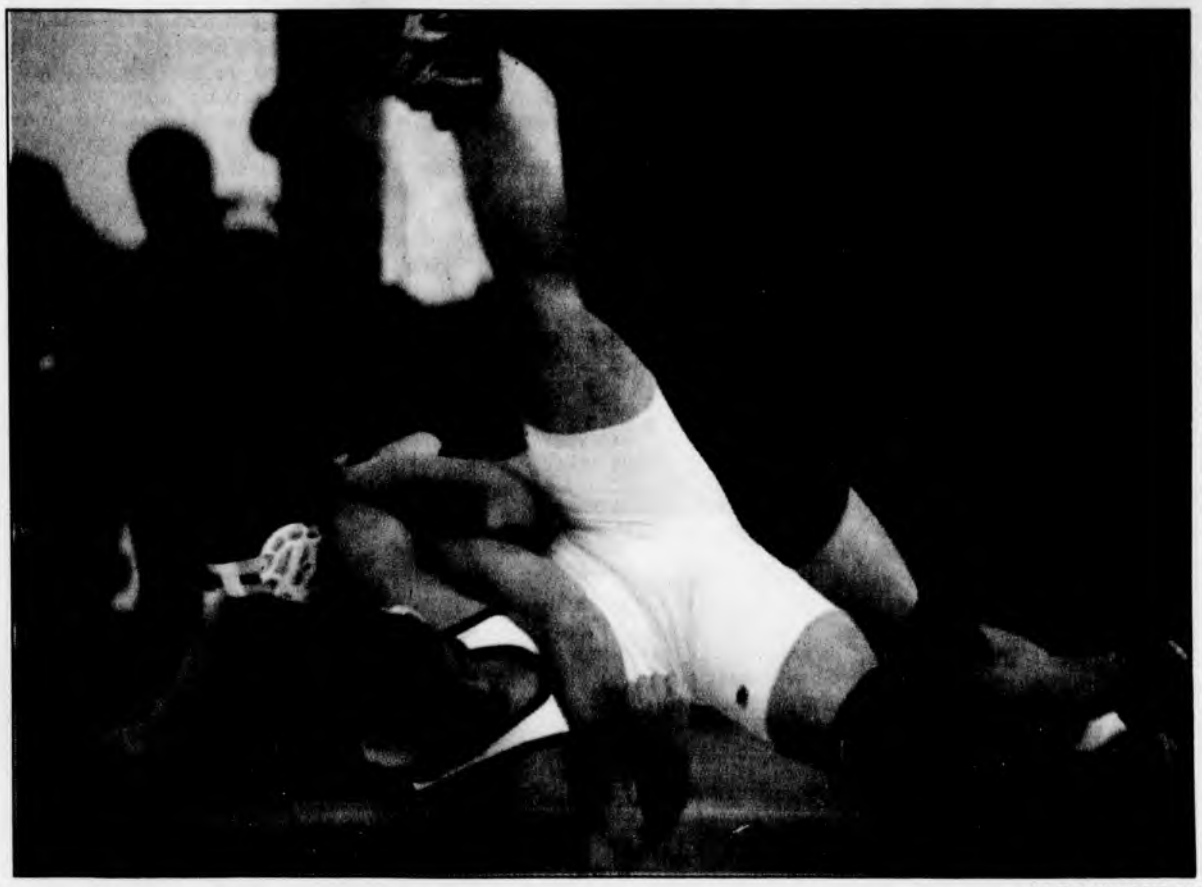
"It's a competition between the two of them," Virga said. "It gives us depth at the position. I think we have two good goalies who will push each other to get better."

The coach said each will play at least seven games, and then a decision will likely be made on who gets the call down the stretch.

After that, there are three lines that could vary in order as the year goes on.

"The only thing I know is that Ted's line is the first line. For all three lines after that, it's up to the players," Virga said. "It's almost going to be like a year-long tryout with the other three lines, and there could be some

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset's Matt Casey drops his Mansfield opponent to the mat during the Skippers' exciting win on Saturday.

Grapplers off to 4-0 start

By Mark Goodman
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After a fifth-place finish in the state last year, Cohasset wrestling may be in for bigger and better things this season.

That would appear to be the message the Skippers are sending from their opening matches, which include a 42-33 victory over Mansfield on Saturday and a 39-30 win at B.C. High on Wednesday.

In both instances, the overall team result came down to the final match. And, again in both cases, it was sophomore Nick Cambi who came through in that last match to finish the win for Cohasset.

Wrestling in the 189-pound weight class, Cambi came from behind on Saturday and defeated his Mansfield opponent with a third-period pin.

It was a pretty similar story on Wednesday. With his teammates getting into it and cheering him on, Cambi scored another third-period pin against his B.C. High opponent to seal the deal for his team.

The accomplishment was not lost on Cohasset wrestling coach Torin Sweeney.

"Nick clinched two big matches for us with two big pins," he said after Wednesday's match.

Saturday's contest with Mansfield, a match-up of the current second-ranked (Mansfield) and third-ranked (Cohasset) Div. 3 programs in the state, was part of a quad meet at Cohasset High School. The Skippers also defeated Tri-County 54-12 and an undermanned Silver Lake team, 30-6.

It has been an encouraging start for a team that returns two state champions in their individual weight classes. Senior Joe Kehoe, who won it all at the 145-pound class last year, has been wrestling at 152 this season. He's undefeated in his matches and appears to be in similar form to last year.

"He's wrestled four good kids, and no one has been close yet," Sweeney said.

The other state champ is Matt Baroudi, who is currently out with an injury but could be back within the next month, according to his coach. The senior wrestled at 215 last year, but Sweeney says his weight is down to the 165-170 range this season.

That won't stop Baroudi from getting a spot in the lineup once he gets healthy.

"I think we'll find a place for a state champ," Sweeney said.

Cohasset has a wealth of talent at other weight classes as well, including (with comments from Sweeney):

Jonathan Littauer, senior (captain), 125: "He was fourth in the state two years ago, and he's 2-0 so far this year. We bumped him up to 130 against B.C. High. Experience is his biggest asset; he's wrestled so many big matches in his career."

Kevin Dinsmore, senior, 135: "Kevin is a really dynamic wrestler. Speed is probably his biggest asset. He's 4-0 against some good competition."

Shane Dorian, junior, 140: "He moved from Duxbury and should be a very good addition for us. He's 4-0 so far with four pins."

John Keniley, junior, 145: "John recorded two pins on Saturday; he's done a good job of battling and not getting pinned himself."

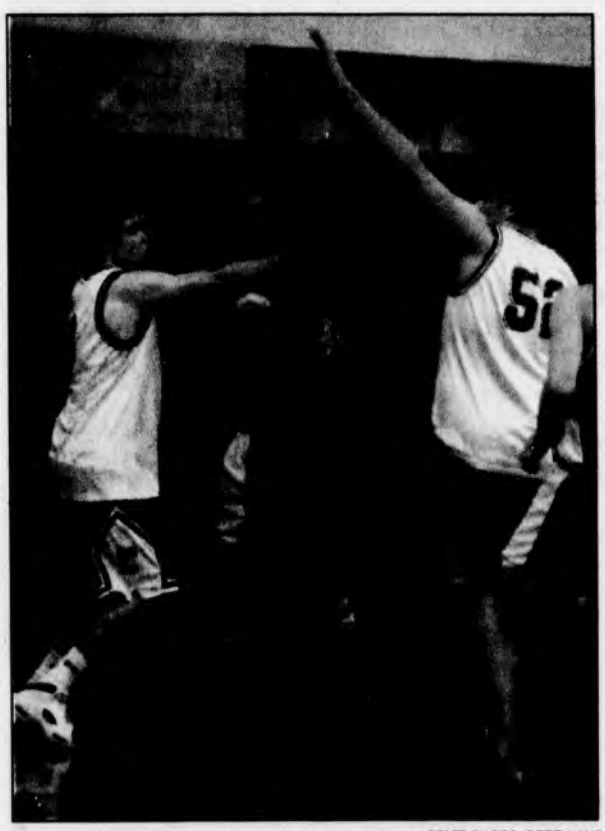
Colin Regan, senior, 152: "He's 3-0 and has beaten some good kids, too. He's really wrestling well."

Matt Casey, senior (captain), 171: "Matt was fourth in the sectionals last year at 160. He beat a really good kid [Wednesday] in Grant Keller."

Rounding out Sweeney's top wrestlers so far are junior George Miller (215), sophomore Ryan Mclellan (112) and junior Jake Watts (103). Watts recorded a couple big wins via pin against Mansfield and B.C. High.

Competition for Dinsmore has included his Wednesday match against B.C. High's

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset's Jake Cuneo (52) and Pat McCarthy defend Avon's Kevin Miranda during the first half of Tuesday's game at South Shore Voke Tech in Hanover.

Boys hoops lose nail-biter

By Mark Goodman
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Chalk it up to youth and inexperience.

Down by two with five seconds to go, Cohasset had a chance to pull off a memorable season-opening victory.

Instead, they did not get a shot off before the buzzer, and the Skippers took a 52-50 loss against Avon in the first round of the South Shore Voke Tech tournament.

Junior guard Trevor Brady led the Skippers with 15 points, followed by 12 from Chris Bryan and nine from sophomore big man Justin Alexander.

Alexander and Bryan also contributed nine and eight rebounds, respectively.

Cohasset head coach Dorian Bryant said after the game his team will learn from its mistake.

"That was a little bit of inexperience," said the coach of the game's final seconds. "I think that halfway through the season, we don't make that mistake."

Overall, Bryant said he liked what he saw.

"For a young group, they played well," he said. "This was their first game together as a varsity team, and they played ver well."

After a low-scoring first half (Avon was ahead, 21-20), the action was back and forth in the second frame and featured an impressive comeback by Cohasset.

Avon has a group of quick guards and athletic big men who

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All-Scholastic boys soccer team

Cohasset's Dinsmore, Buick honored

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 19, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top boys soccer players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

Kevin Dinsmore - Senior
Midfielder - Cohasset



Kevin Dinsmore

South Shore League All-Star, missed Eastern Mass. All-Star honors by one vote...Had to make the adjustment from winger to center-mid this season, and excelled at his new position...A very tough player with great stamina...Highlights include a two-goal performance against league rival Norwell, both being clutch goals...Against Scituate, scored the equalizer with less than 20 seconds remaining in the game...A former BC High student who returned to CHS last year...Also wrestles and plays lacrosse for the Skippers...Hopes to play soccer in college, and is looking at several schools in the Northeast region...Cohasset coach Rob Leary: "It probably took him six games to make the [position] adjustment; once he got comfortable in his position, he was awesome. He was the heart and soul of this team. He played 80 minutes a game, and ran through people if he had to."

Aidan Buick - Junior
Forward - Cohasset



Aidan Buick

A South Shore League and Eastern Mass. All-Star...One of the league's leading scorers this season with 17 goals and 17 assists...A very skilled player with good footwork and an excellent shot...Created many goals this season with his specialty: the long throw-in...The latest in a long line of talented Buick brothers to don the blue and white for the Skippers...Cohasset coach Rob Leary: "All of our offense went through Aiden. He was often double-teamed because he was the best scoring threat on our team."

Gaston Kelly - Sophomore
Forward - Hingham



Gaston Kelly

Just a sophomore, Kelly is already flirting with Hingham's scoring records...The Patriot League, Eastern Mass. and All-State All-star put up 32 points on 22 goals, 10 assists this season, pacing the Harbormen to a 16-0-2 year...His speed and skills on the front line helped Hingham trounce its PL competition, winning the East Div. crown at 6-0-2 (11-0-2 overall)...His play on the front line helped Hingham notch the top seed in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney, where it was stunned in the first round by King Phillip, 1-0...A two-year starter and PL All-star, Kelly still has a lot of soccer to play at HHS. Hingham coach Ken Carlin: "Gaston is the best All-Around player we have. He gives 100 percent the whole game on both sides of the ball."

Kayne Ryan - Senior (Capt.)
Sweeper - Hingham

As the last line of defense, Ryan was just about as good as it got...A three year varsity player, Ryan has played just about every position on the field, but clicked most at sweeper this year...Ryan was a key part of a defense that allowed only 12 regular season goals, never more than one in a game...The Patriot League and Eastern Mass. All-star's play in the backfield helped his team win

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Mariner All-Scholastic boys soccer team

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the Patriot League East Div. crown (6-0-2, 11-0-2 in all of PL) and earn the top seed in the Div. 2 South Sectional (16-0-2)…There, the Harbormen were upset in the first round, 1-0, by King Phillip…Was a forward/midfielder last season, putting up a number of goals…From his sweeper position this season, Ryan contributed two goals and an assist…Ryan plans to continue his soccer career in college next fall. Hingham coach Ken Carlin: "He was our leader in the back and was a very strong player. Whatever the team needed, he was our guy. He was the heart of the team."

Tom Beauregard - Senior (Capt.)
Fullback - Hingham



Tom Beauregard

A four-year starter for the Harbormen, Beauregard helped the team capture the Patriot League East title at 6-0-2 (11-0-2 in all of PL)…Part of a key defense that allowed only 12 goals during the regular season, this two-time Patriot League All-star paced his team to an unbeaten season at 16-0-2, earning the top seed in the Div. 2 South Sectional…There, a Cinderella King Phillip team stunned Hingham, 1-0, in the first round…Notched two goals, one assist from the backfield…Also won the PL Sportsmanship Award…A member of the HHS hockey and lacrosse teams, Beauregard also plays with the school band…He plans to continue playing soccer in college, Providence being his top pick. Hingham coach Ken Carlin: "Tom played just about every minute of every game in four years. He really stepped up. He's a good, well-rounded kid and his experience and leadership will be missed."

Joe Albert - Junior
Goalie - Hingham



Joe Albert

No. 3 in the Eastern Mass. All-star voting, it's easy to see why when you see numbers Albert put up this season …Allowed just 12 goals in 18 regular season games for an untouchable 0.67 goals against average…With his offense putting up 73 goals, Albert notched 16 wins, and five shutouts, while not allowing more than a single goal per game…The only blemishes on the Harbormen slate were a pair of 1-1 ties with Patriot League rival Silver Lake…As the backbone of the Hingham defense, Albert helped the team capture the PL East Div. title (6-0-2, 11-0-2 overall in the PL)…At 16-0-2, Hingham entered the Div. 2 South Sectional as the top seed, but were stunned in the first round by King Phillip, 1-0…Just a junior, Albert still has another year in the net at HHS. Hingham coach Ken Carlin: "He's not a big, tall guy, but he's very strong and athletic. He way he jumps, he seems a lot taller than he looks."

Willie Foreman - Junior
Forward/Midfielder - Marshfield

One of the most athletic and versatile players on a Massachusetts soccer field this season, Foreman's amazing skills are almost unmatched… Routinely played up to four different positions for the Rams, but made his presence felt the most at center midfield as the main distributor…While drawing loads of attention from the opposition, Foreman was still the Rams' leading scorer, tallying 22 points on 10 goals, 12 assists, making the Old Colony League and Eastern Mass. All-star teams…Paced his team to a 11-4-3 record, while going 5-0-1 in the OCL to win the title…Foreman and Co. earned the No. 6 seed in the Div. 1 South Sectional and made a run to the to the quarterfinals, where they dropped a heartbreaking 2-1 decision to Weymouth…Plays on a trio of Club teams and will return to MHS next fall. Marshfield coach Kip Lewis: "We ran the ball through him and he gave us a lot of scoring opportunities. He was generally marked by two guys, so he had a pretty good eye for finding the open man. He's in unbelievable shape."



Willie Foreman

Paul Kilday - Junior
Sweeper - Marshfield



Paul Kilday

A two-year starter on the Rams team, Kilday spent last year in the midfield, but graciously moved to the backfield this season and was a stalwart as the last line of defense…The Old Colony and Eastern Mass. All-star was a key part of a defense that allowed just 21 goals this season, while shutting out eight opponents…Speed, strength, and solid skills were among Kilday's greatest assets and his ability to distribute the ball with uncanny accuracy made him an essential part to the Marshfield offense as well…Has an extremely strong foot and can use either his right or left to move the ball…His play in the backfield helped Marshfield notch an OCL title at 5-0-1 and draw a No. 6 seed in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney and appearance in the quarterfinals…A member of the Crusaders Club team since the age of 10, Kilday has captained that squad for 4 years…He has also been selected to play in the U-17 Super Y League for 2005…Kilday returns to MHS next year. Marshfield coach Kip Lewis: "Paul was a rock in the back. He has unbelievable skill and is extremely quick."

Ryan Shea/Matt Shea - Sophomores - Forwards - Hanover

As their coach stated, you can't talk about one of the Shea's without talking about the other…This dynamic twin duo's presence on the Hanover team was overwhelming…Both Patriot League All-star forwards, Ryan and Matt were the leading scorers on the Indians squad this year…Ryan tallied 34 points on 18 goals, 16 assists, while Matt followed closely with 32 points on 14 goals, 18 assists…The pair helped Hanover capture the PL West Div. title with a 7-1 mark (10-2-1 in all of the PL) and 13-4-1 overall record, drawing the No. 6 seed in the Div. 2 South Sectional, there the team reached the quarterfinals, falling to King Phillip…Matt scored a pair of goals in a first round win over Blue Hills, while Ryan added another…Just sophomores, both will return to HHS next fall. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "Their greatest asset is their field sense. They both know where the other is going to be and look for each other a lot. They had a great deal of success and scored a number of game winners."

Steve Virta - Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Hanover



Steve Virta

This four-year varsity player had a solid season at center mid and was an essential part of Hanover's three-pronged offensive attack…Finished third on the team in scoring behind the Shea twins, tallying 29 points on 14 goals, 15 assists…Much of the offense went through Virta in the middle and the results were immeasurable as Hanover trounced the competition in the Patriot League West Div., winning the crown with a 7-1 mark (10-2-1 in all of PL)…The squad was 13-4-1 overall, good for the No. 6 seed in the Div. 2 South Sectional…A three-time PL All-star, Virta scored a goal in a 6-0 first round win over Blue Hills before falling to King Phillip in the quarters, 1-0…Virta hopes to continue his soccer career in college next fall. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "Steve was instrumental to our scoring attack. He had great speed at a very tough position. He's well respected by the players and coaches and gave his all game in and game out."

Scott Cluff - Junior
Forward - Silver Lake



Scott Cluff

Great Scott ... If that moniker's a bit over the top, how's about "Black Jack?" After scoring a school-record 21 goals, that seems to fit ... Goalies in the Patriot League still have nightmares about the "Cluff bluff," a move where his eyes go one way and the ball goes the other ... Everybody knew this Patriot League all-star was the primary scoring threat but nobody could stop him ... Led the Lakers into the Div. 2 South Section tournament with a 10-4-6 record ... Silver Lake fell to Sandwich in the first round, but not before Cluff tallied another goal, giving him 21 in 21 games. ... Combined power with a deft touch ... Scored his 20th goal just 26 seconds into the Lakers' last regular-season game, a perfect example of his explosiveness. ... Coach Jeff Doyle: "Scott was the attack for us almost all season, and he just kept getting better." ... With Cluff returning for another season, opposing goalies should prepare for more sleepless nights.

Marty Galvin - Junior
Striker - Weymouth



Marty Galvin

Only beginning to scratch the surface of his awesome potential, and that surface ran 21 goals deep this season ... Led the Wildcats to the Div. 1 South Sectional semifinals, where Weymouth fell to eventual state co-champion BC High ... Scored a remarkable four goals in only 40 minutes of play against Dedham ... Bay-State All-Star earned All-EMass honors as well ... All-New England could be right around the corner ... Big and strong, Galvin learned the art of the give-and-go this year, leaving poor goalies helpless in one-on-one situations ... Uses his head, literally, to great advantage, making him deadly in the middle on corner kicks ... Power in both feet earned him a spot on the varsity as a freshman. ... Coach Scott Shoff: "His ability to pass and get the ball back in great position has made him even more effective." ... Added seven assists in his spare time. ... If he continues to improve, heaven help the Bay State League.

Kris Hickey - Senior
Defensive Midfielder - Weymouth

Started the season as an outside left halfback, but selflessly moved inside to solidify the defense ... Still wound up with eight goals and nine assists ... co-captain earned Bay State League all-star honor because of his tremendous all-around contribution ... May be only 5-foot-8, but built like a tank ... Ridiculous power with both feet and nice dribbling skills allowed him to jump-start the attack from deep in opposing territory. .. Completely dominated against Braintree, thwarting a goal-line shot and earning an assist on the game's only tally ... A great tackler and one-on-one defender ... Coach Steve Shoff: "He's one of those kids who can do all the things it takes for you to win." ... His leadership will be missed.

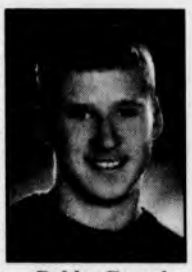


Kris Hickey

Jarred Goldstein - Junior
Offensive Midfielder - Weymouth

On a Wildcats squad dripping with talent, he earned the respect of his teammates. They voted him MVP ... Tallied eight goals and dished 13 assists to earn Bay State League all-star honors ... Just call him the quarterback ... Maybe traffic cop would be more appropriate, given the way he directs everything in the middle ... Took corner kicks as well ... His tremendous physical condition was evident by his sprints up and down the field ... The soccer equivalent of a switch hitter, striking the ball with equal effectiveness off either foot ... Many of his assists came of re-starts, where his terrific anticipation could be maximized ... His tremendous fake of a shot against Marshfield in the tournament was a thing of pure beauty and led to an assist and the decisive goal ... Coach Steve Shoff: "He was the one player on this team we just couldn't have won without." Will team up again with Marty Galvin next season, a pairing that could take Weymouth a long, long way.

Bobby Cusack - Senior
Forward - Braintree



Bobby Cusack

An honorable mention for this honor last season, Cusack this year was a Bay State Conference and Eastern Mass. All-Star…The impetus behind the Wamps' midseason turnaround that vaulted them from a 2-6-1 record to the state tournament…For the year, had 19 goals and five assists…Had 13 goals in the team's 7-1-1 run down the stretch, including two hat tricks in that span…Had the game-winning goal against Newton North…Braintree's go-to guy offensively…Still deciding on college plans…An excellent all-around athlete, looking to play hockey at the next level…Braintree coach Bill MacEachern: "He was such a strong player; he was able to create offense for himself one-on-one. He was a big reason why we made the tournament."

Conor Kelly - Senior
Midfielder - Braintree



Conor Kelly

Second straight year as a Marjner All-Scholastic…Also repeated this year as a first-team Bay State Conference All-Star…Had played forward up until this year, when he was moved back to midfield because of his passing skills and overall ability to control the game from that position…Goal-scoring dropped from last season as a result (nine to five), but assists doubled, as he had 12 this year… A solid player and person with no ego, as his position change would attest…Member of the Cape Cod Crusaders club team…Looking at a number of colleges in New England area, where he will continue his soccer career…A painter who is interested in studying art…Braintree coach Bill MacEachern: "Conor assisted on a lot of Bobby's goals, and just did a great job creating on offense. He's very unselfish; he's been a great leader and a great team player for us."

Brian Zona- Senior
Sweeper- Scituate

An exceptional defender who kept his Sailors team in a lot of close, low-scoring games this year…Once again a Patriot League All-Star this season (as he was last year), the only member of the Sciutate team to earn that honor …Very strong and physical presence that is difficult to move off the ball…Great on 50-50 balls…a very good customer in his own end who rarely makes bad decisions…also a good hockey player for the SHS team, along with twin brother Tim... Scituate coach Jim Willis: "For us to have the records we have the last two years and for opposing coaches to still vote for Brian as one of the league's top five players these two years, I think, says everything you need to know about him."

Ben Healey - Junior
Midfielder - Norwell

A very good two-way player from his midfield position…South Shore League All-Star this season, along with teammate Andrew Caldwell…,A very though and aggressive player…Just solid all-around skills and athleticism…Had to step into an even bigger role as the season progressed, as the Clippers were without a couple of their top players down the stretch…Put on a strong display in team's season finale with undefeated Hingham, which Norwell lost by a goal…One of three captain-elects for next season

Honorable Mention:

Alex Hill - Sr. - Forward - Abington
Steve Atardo - Defensive midfield - Braintree
Trevor Brady - Defender - Cohasset
Sam MacDonald - Defender - Cohasset
Dan Hegerich - Sr. - Sweeper - Hanover
Sean Fitzmaurice - Jr. - Forward - Hingham
James Wilson - Jr. - Midfield - Hingham
Bill Maddock - Sr. - Midfield - Marshfield
Tom Travers - Sr. (Capt.) - Goalie - Marshfield
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Boys hoops lose nail-biter

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crashed the boards, and the Skippers at times had trouble coping. Turnovers and missed shots led to a scoring drought in the middle of the second half, and Cohasset found themselves down 41-34 with 7:30 remaining.

The Skippers came back with a 10-0 run, however, to take a three-point lead with 4:27 left.

Alexander picked up a couple baskets in that stretch, showing some range with an 18-footer from the top of the key. Freshman point guard Mike Bilodeau had an outside jumper of his own in that run, which was capped by a Brady three off a nice pick from Alexander.

Quickly after that, however, Avon's press - which they had been running unsuccessfully throughout the game - suddenly became effective for a two-minute stretch. They took the lead right back with a 10-3 run of their own.

An Alexander free throw and steal and lay up by freshman Pat McCarthy brought the Skippers within one, 51-50, with two minutes left. That would be, however, the last points Cohasset would score.

It was a commendable effort, but one that will have to be improved on if the Skippers are to compete in the South Shore League.

"This loss is something I think we'll get through," Bryant said. "Midway through the season, these guys will be veterans."

Cohasset squares off tonight at home against Mashpee in their first league game of the season. Saturday, the boys take on Holbrook in the consolation game of the SSVT tourney.



STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Cohasset's Chris Bryan drives to the basket on Avon's Brian Moller in the first half of Tuesday's game.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Peewee cheerleading team, which won two recent competitions. For more coverage, turn to page 22.
First row, L to R: Kalleigh Spinola, Eileen O'Malley, mascot Colleen Mahoney, Kathryn Neil, and Hannah Fopiano.
Second row, L to R: Tess Clark, Shannon Mahoney, Courtney Page, and Kate Lemire.
Third row, L to R: Sarah Markham, Carly Martin, Anna Rodrigues, Meri-Lenn Harris, and Samantha Liberty.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Midget cheerleading team.
First row, L to R: Kimberly Monaco, Julia Olson, Mascot Christina Pelletier.
Second row, L to R: Jamie Canavan, Stephanie Pelletier, Courtney Donovan, Emily Miller, Kendall Mclellan, Grace Curry, Jordan Connolly, Felicia Rodrigues.
Third row, L to R: Tory Powers, Robin Barrow, Lauren Krusell, Darcy Palmer, Melissa Andrade.

Youth movement for CHS hockey

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position switches."

For now, the second line is centered by sophomore T.J. Kennedy, with classmate Austin Lanzilotti and junior Mark Bouchard. Bouchard registered double-digits in goals last year.

Kennedy and Lanzilotti were fourth liners last season, and Virga says they will be able to step up into a bigger role.

"I think T.J. and Austin will get better and better with more confidence," he said.

The checking line consists of freshman center Charlie Czerkawski and wings Donovan and Dan Sullivan.

Another freshman, Pat Doonan, centers the remaining line. Sophomore Chris Davis is the left wing, with freshman Kurt Gritzan on the right.

Last year's team went 12-7-3 and won a tourney game before losing to Bourne, and Virga says he and his team are primed to do more.

"The deeper you go in the tournament, the more fun it is," he said. "They are very motivated."

Girls hoops win season opener

Led by Casey Anderson and Chelsea Grossman, the Cohasset girls basketball team started their season on the right path with a 50-44 win over South Shore Voke Tech in the SSVT tournament.

Anderson and Grossman both scored in the high teens; Anderson doing so despite fouling out with five minutes left in the game.

Head coach John Levangie also praised Mia Leib-Lappen and Nicole Whitney for their performances on the defensive end.

These four, along with Katie James and Lacey Richardson, were the only players used by Levangie as the coach allows some of the younger kids to develop.

"We had six players, and they did a great job," Levangie said.

The short bench could be a problem the next few days, and the girls play Friday (at Mashpee), Saturday (SSVT tournament) and Monday (at Hopedale).

Levangie said he will know a lot more about his team after seeing how they cope with that schedule.

- Mark Goodman

Peewee, Midget cheerleaders win big in recent competition

A big congratulations to the Scituate/Cohasset Youth Cheerleaders, Peewees (grades 5 and 6) and Midgets (grade 7).

Both teams went to two competitions last month.

The first was at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston. There, the Peewees came in first place and the Midgets in third.

The second competition was the Old Colony Youth Cheerleading Association competition at Brockton High School. Both teams finished in first place.

Both towns can be proud of the success of both teams. The cheerleaders practiced countless hours after school, and their hard work and commitment showed during their performance.

Thanks go out to all the coaches for their dedication and time they invested in the competition cheerleaders.

The cheerleaders would like to thank the following coaches:

Peewee - Sheila Mahoney, Linda Harris, and Barbara Lemire

Peewee junior - Michelle Mahoney, Nicole Dias, Liz Burns, Sheila Harris, Brittany Brown and Caitlin Chase

Midget - Maria Connolly, Terri Pelletier, and Laurie Palmer

Midget junior - Andrea Skane

A very special thanks to Cindy Harrington, the teams' choreographer, whose talent provided the teams with winning routines.

Thanks are also in order for the Sciutate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading board members for supporting the cheerleaders throughout the season.

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Middle School hoop takes it to Weymouth

Exciting basketball took place Sunday in Sullivan gym. The boys Patriot League squads took on Weymouth and showed the crowd some great basketball.

The 6th graders took to the floor first and scored on their first three possessions. Gabe Seksay won the opening tip and Robert Jones went in for an easy layup. On Weymouth's next possession, Jones stole the ball and fed Mike Monaco for two. Monaco returned the favor, stole the ball and fed Jones for 2. Cohasset held Weymouth scoreless for the first three and half minutes of action.

Derek Youngman, Anders Goetz, Robbie Hill and Ben Campbell came in and kept Weymouth at bay. Campbell was a force under the boards, denying Weymouth any second chance scoring opportunities. Late in the first half, Weymouth made a run at Cohasset, closing the score to 20-17.

Weymouth brought on their "big man" who was a presence, forcing turnovers and challenging Cohasset's lightening pace. Cohasset regrouped and pressured Weymouth, finishing the half up by 5. In the second half, Cohasset played strong defensively, with the quick hands of Goetz and Youngman forcing turnovers.

Offensively, Cohasset capitalized on great passing. Tuggy Campbell fed Seksay twice under the basket for scores before their opponent caught on. Sam Richardson, and Drew Cobin kept the ball moving on offense forcing defensive shifts that Cohasset took advantage of. Eric Wasel continues to be a force under the boards, playing the low post with great confidence. Cohasset easily won the game, improving to 3-1 on the season. Jones and Youngman were the high scorers for Cohasset.

The 7th grade squad took to the floor next, looking for their first win. It was a defensive struggle early on, with the scoring low. A 12-foot jumper by John Kearney was the lift the Cohasset squad needed to get the momentum going. Johnny Maher converted a steal to a fast two points, followed by a Brendan Doonan steal for 2 and Maher again for 2. At the six-minute mark, Weymouth was up by 4.

Dana Valentine let Weymouth know that Cohasset was here to play as his sheer physical presence intimidated them. Valentine controlled the boards, offensively and defensively, registering double digit rebounds. Cohasset was up by one at the half.

In the second half frequent rotations kept fresh legs on the court. Jeff Charles was an aggressive predator, diving after every loose ball in sight. Cohasset worked a strong transition game, wearing down Weymouth with their fast break prowess.

Playing aggressive man-to-man defense and then quickly confusing Weymouth with zone defensive, the Cohasset team kept Weymouth to 11 points in the second half. Cohasset ball distribution was strong in the second half, as everyone scored.

Cohasset easily took the lead and kept it. In addition to Valentine in the low post, Taylor McQuade and Chris Brown used their size to keep Weymouth at bay. Eamon Davis, Will Wise and Kearney ran the offense. Kevin O'Connell was flagrantly fouled late in the game, and confidently sank both free throws and gave Cohasset the ball back. Eamon Davis wrapped it up for Cohasset with a last-second layup, giving Cohasset the win. Maher and Valentine were the high scorers for Cohasset.

Coming off a strong win against Whitman, the 8th graders were looking to continue with the trend. Weymouth had something else planned though. The matchup started with a defensive battle as the ball exchanged hands with little scoring. Cohasset's starting five of Danny Brady, Marcus Charles, Ryan Daley, Nick Simonds and Mike Fithian ran the floor with Weymouth. Brady's quick hands led to Weymouth turnovers.

Weymouth regrouped, however, and began to dump the ball in the basket. The second rotation included Evan Richardson, Nick Savage, Dan Martin, John Sturino and Adam Berger.

As usual Savage was strong under the boards and Richardson created many scoring opportunities for the team, but the ball didn't drop for the Blue & White. Cohasset lost to Weymouth.

Coach Richardson is confident that the "team will pull together for a cohesive team effort. Each game, each practice brings more positives to build on".

Check out the boys Patriot League Sunday at CMHS. The action begins at 1 pm.

Visit www.Cohassetbasketball.com for all the details.

COASTAL STARS REPORT

Coastal Star Mite B

After winning a non-league Thanksgiving Tournament, you might have thought this team would come out flat for their regularly scheduled game vs. Canton.

Coach Joe Redfearn won't allow that; he is hockey's version of Bill Belichick's "One game at a time" mantra. Just ninety seconds into the 1st frame, Robert Reidy dug the puck out of the offensive corner and feathered a pass to Michael Lund in the slot. Lund didn't waste anytime sending an "Espo" like back hand 5-hole. Well, that was just the beginning. At 10:59 Kal Maier stole the puck from Canton, rushed the net and connected with a streaking Aidan Beresford. Beresford roofed a blistering shot to make the score 2-0. Canton won the face off but quickly lost the puck to a hustling Patrick Graham. Graham made a back-handed pass to Sam Rice who then sent a wrist shot to the back of the net in a hurry. With two minutes to play in the first period, Declan Leahy collided with three Canton players and as usual, he came out of the corner with the puck. Leahy went coast to coast and fired a shot "glove side" to make the score 4-0.

The 2nd period mirrored the 1st, just 65 seconds after the puck dropped, Curtis Golden dug the puck out of the corner, split two canton defenders, fired a shot off the cross bar and when the streaking puck passed by Tucker Ambrose, he quickly buried the rebound. This gave the Stars a comfortable 5-0 lead. Canton started to rally, but Stars goalie Matt Doyle was intent on preserving his shut out and made several key stick saves. With 1:09 remaining in the second period, Stars left winger Jeffrey Powers passed to Bryan Bowman. Bowman gained the blue line and fed a lead pass back to Powers who then rifled a shot top left corner ending the 2nd period, 6-0.

The 3rd period began with outstanding defensive efforts from Joey Redfearn and James Hussey. Both players exemplified two way hockey from buzzer to buzzer. With five minutes to play in the third frame, the Evitts brothers both made great assists. Brendan Evitts fed Sam Rice for his 2nd goal and Jack Evitts got the helper for Jeffrey Power's 2nd goal.

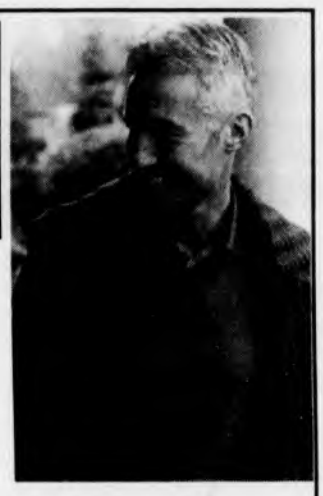
The Stars won the game 8-0, and are now 7-1-1 on the season.

Coastal Stars Mite C2 Game Recap December 12, 2004

The Coastal Stars Mite C2 team lost a hard fought game on Sunday to a very strong Hanover Mite C team 7 to 2 at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham. The two teams skated to a scoreless tie in the first period with the Coastal Stars applying good offensive pressure for most the period. The Star's line of Kyle Bowman, Brian, Mathews, Jo Jo Carbone, Seamus Ryan, and Shaelyn Tobin had several scoring chances during the period. Chris Phillips made several great saves in goal while Robert Bothwell and Derek Benson stood out on their shifts during the period.

Hanover got off to a fast start in the second period scoring two quick goals with in the first minute and netting a third goal at the 7 minute mark.. The stars fought back however, with Gunner Mckenzie scoring a goal on a rebound from a Mats Nelson shot cutting the deficit to just two goals going into the final period. The Stars line of Tucker Antico, Evan Antonuccio, Andrew Kuppens, Mathew Johnson, and Harrison Sheldon played aggressive during the period with Harrison making several key plays in the neutral zone to keep Hanover on the defensive.

After a quick Hanover goal to start the third period, Shaelyn Tobin scored a nice goal with a blistering shot from the blue line bringing the Stars back to within just two goals. However, Hanover scored the final three goals to put the game away.

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2 Dozen Minimum Order per Hors D'oeuvre

Dijon Soy Grilled Lamb Chop Lollipops (7 Ribs)	$15 ea
Cajun Shrimp Fritters with Remoulade Sauce	$20 dz
Pork Tenderloin Bouchees with a Roasted Corn Tomato Salsa	$15 dz
Scallops wrapped in Bacon	$18 dz
Prosciutto Wrapped Shrimp with Pesto	$18 dz
Peking Raviolis with ginger dipping sauce	$15 dz
Stuffed Mushrooms Sundried Tomato and Smoked Gouda Sausage, Caramelized Onion	$15 dz
Arancini (Pecorino and Provolone Risotto Croquettes)	$18 dz
Phyllo Triangles	
Spinach and Feta	$15 dz
Lobster	$24 dz
Roquefort and Pistachio	$18 dz
Maine Crab Cakes with Spicy Remoulade	$18 dz
Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail Platter 50 Pieces (18 pc/lb Average)	$75
Hand Sliced Smoked Salmon (lb)	$35
Cheese Antipasto (25 Guests) Variety of Young and Aged Cheeses, Beautifully Decorated	$75

Soups, Stocks, and Sauces

Lobster Bisque	$6 pt
Hungarian Mushroom Soup	$5 pt
Apple Squash Bisque	$5 pt
Seafood Newburg	$35 qt
Demi Glace	$8 1/2 pt
Wild Mushroom Demi Glace	$13 pt
Beef OR Veal Stock, Unsalted	$5 pt
Turkey Stock	$3.50 pt

Deadlines: 12 PM
Christmas Eve: Monday December 20, 2004
New Year's Eve: Tuesday December 28, 2004

Prepared Foods

Lasagna (6-8 Guests)	
Tomato and Cheese	$27 each
Vegetable	$35 each
Meat	$35 each
Whole Grilled Tenderloin (10-12 Guests) Choice of Sauce: Horseradish Sauce, Sundried Tomato Sauce, or Wild Mushroom Demi Glace	$150 each
Jones Semi Boneless Ham Orange Maple Glaze	$85 each
Leg of Lamb, (Feeds 10 - 12 Guests) Butterflied, Grilled with Rosemary and Garlic	$85 each

For Cooks

Crown Roast of Pork (16 or 18 Bones)(12#/18#)	$5.00 lb
Choice Bone-In Prime Rib (16-18# Average)	$7.99 lb
Choice Boneless Prime Rib (12-14# Average)	$8.99 lb
12 oz. Veal Chops, Raw	$14.00 ea
Quail, Semi Boneless, 4 Pack, Raw	$16.00
Tenderloin, (Trimmed and Tied, Raw, Gross Wt.)	$16.00 lb
Whole Goose (10-12) (12-14) lb.	$5.00 lb
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Braised Fennel with Garlic	$12 qt
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Twice Baked Potatoes	$1.75 ea
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Brussel Sprouts with Chestnuts	$15 qt

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MaxLax wins tournament

The ProShots Select team, a regional boys lacrosse program featuring top players from the South Shore, successfully defended their title in the season ending Bruno Turkey Shoot, an invitational for youth and high school level lacrosse teams sponsored by Brown University.

For the second year in a row, this high school level lacrosse juggernaut produced an impressive sweep of the competition from other towns around New England to easily advance to the finals where they completely dominated the play from the opening whistle. Anchored by the goaltending prowess of Roly St. Claire-Barre (who allowed only 14 goals total) and the relentless defense of the "Gray Bros" (Zach and Jake), the ProShots shut down their opponents in several lopsided victories that had opposing coaches shaking their heads in disbelief.

The transition game was controlled by a veteran core of middies, including Peter Ernst, Sean Silvia, Drew Wagner, Mike Grimm, and Mark Flibotte who made it almost impossible for the opposing teams to gain any momentum. The "Finishers" included attack sharpshooters Taylor Sears, Chris Mills, Teddy Galligan, and Matt Burgess that routinely put on a scoring/passing exhibition that would make most college programs green with envy.

In the end, the ProShots took home the championship hardware for the second straight year and they are anxiously looking forward to their Spring season for more of the same.

The ProShots are youth and high school level select teams sponsored by MaxLax Lacrosse, New England's premier lacrosse provider for boys and girls of all ages. Registrations for the next session of indoor league, instruction, and tournaments play is currently underway and teams and individuals can reserve their space on-line at www.maxlax.net or by calling 781-829-2060. Information can also be found by visiting our new indoor sports facility the ProShots Athletic Center conveniently located in Pembroke, MA featuring the area's largest, and only, non-boarded playing arena to give our athletes the real game experience.

Cohasset High School winter sports schedule

WRESTLING
Dec.
17 @ Hanover vs Canton/Dedham 4:30 p.m.
23 Duxbury vs Scituate 4 p.m.
29 @ Marshfield
30 Tournament TBA
Jan.
5 Triton 4:30 p.m.
8 @N. Quincy Tournament 10 a.m.
12 Norwell 7 p.m.
15 Cohasset Tournament 10 a.m.
19 Carver 7 p.m.
22 @ Wayland/Durfee/Whit.Hanson 10 a.m.
26 TBA
28 Rock/Pem/Marsh/N.Q./Middle b. 4 p.m.
Feb.
2 Holbrook 4 p.m.
5 @N.Attleboro/Frank 10 a.m.
11-12 South Sectionals
18-19 D3 States
26 All-States
March
4-5 New Englands@New Haven, CT.

ICE HOCKEY
Dec.
18 Wareham 8 p.m.
20 @Westwood 6:30 p.m.
29 @East. Longmeadow 2 p.m.
31 Scituate 3 p.m.
Jan.
5 Norwell 7:40 p.m.
8 Abington 5:40 p.m.
12 Hull 5:40 p.m.
14 @Scituate 6:50 p.m.
16 @Mashpee 6 p.m.
19 Harwich 5:40 p.m.
22 @Carver 8 p.m.
26 @Wareham 4 p.m.
28 @Norwell 8 p.m.
Feb.
2 @Abington 6:10 p.m.
4 Blue Hills 6:50 p.m.
5 Hull 8 p.m.
7 @Blue Hills 4:30 p.m.
11 Mashpee 6:50 p.m.
12 @Harwich 8 p.m.
16 Carver 5:40 p.m.

BOYS VARISTY BASKETBALL
All games at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted
Dec.
17 Mashpee 6 p.m.
18 @SSVT Tournament TBA
Cohasset Holiday Tournament
28 Sacred Heart vs Hull 4:30 p.m.
28 Holbrook vs Cohasset 7:30 p.m.
29 CHT Boys Consolation 4;30 p.m.
29 CHT Boys Championship 7:30 p.m.
Jan.
7 Abington
11 @Carver
14 @Harwich
15 @Cape Cod Academy 1:30 p.m.
18 Hull
21 @Norwell
25 @Mashpee
27 Cape Cod Academy 5 p.m.
Feb.
1 @Abington
4 Carver
8 Harwich
11 @ Hull
12 @Nantucket 2:45 p.m.
14 Nantucket 4:30 p.m.
15 Norwell

BOYS JV BASKETBALL
All games at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted
Dec.
17 Mashpee
20 Abington Fresh 3:30 p.m.
22 Norwell Freshman
Jan.
7 Abington
11 @Carver
14 @Harwich
18 Hull
20 @Norwell Fresh.3:30 p.m.
21 @Norwell
25 @Mashpee
Feb.
1 @Abington
4 Carver
8 Harwich
11 @Hull
15 Norwell
17 @Abington Fresh. 4 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
All games at 6:30 p.m. unless other noted
Dec.
17 @Mashpee
18 @SSVT TBA
20 @Hopedale
Cohasset Holiday Tournament
28 Sacred Heart vs Hull 3 p.m.
28 Holbrook vs Cohasset 6 p.m.
29 CHT Girls Consolation 3 p.m.
29 CHT Girls Championship 6 p.m.
Jan
7 @Abington
11 Carver
14 Harwich 5:30 p.m.
18 @Hull
21 Norwell
25 Mashpee
Feb.
1 Abington
2 Nantucket 4:30 p.m.
4 @Carver
8 @Harwich
11 Hull
12 @Nantucket 1:15 p.m.
15 @Norwell
17 Hopedale

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL
All games at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted
Dec.
17 @Mashpee
20 @Hopedale
22 Norwell 3:30 p.m.
Jan.
7 @Abington
11 Carver
14 Harwich 4 p.m.
18 @Hull
20 @Norwell
21 Norwell
25 Mashpee
Feb.
1 Abington
4 @Carver
8 @Harwich
11 Hull
15 @Norwell
17 Hopedale

COHASSET/NORWELL GYMNASTICS
All meets at 7 p.m. unless otherwise stated
Dec.
16 @ Pembroke
20 @ Bridgewater/Raynham
Jan.
4 @ Barnstable
10 Hanover
13 Sandwich
18 @ Hanover Tri-meet with Randolph
20 Notre Dame
25 Sandwich
26 Marshfield
Feb.
3 @ Carver 7:30 p.m.
12 All League Meet TBA

Grapplers off to 4-0 start

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Jared Kinch, the younger brother of a former B.C. High wrestling captain and teammate of Dinsmore's. The CHS senior attended B.C. High his first two years of high school.

Dinsmore won via a first-period pin and said it was just another match despite his connections to Kinch and the B.C. High program.

"I know their family, but it wasn't weird or anything like that," Dinsmore said. "It was all good."

As for the team, when all is said and done, Sweeney expects to be in the mix with other state wrestling powers, including Burlington, Mansfield, Foxboro and Quabbin Regional.

"It's probably going to be one of the closest state meets in a long time," Sweeney said. "It's going to come down to who is the healthiest and who comes through in the big matches."

Cohasset has a big regular season match Thursday against Duxbury, another powerful squad. And, of course, there is the annual Marshfield tournament the week after Christmas.

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Norfolk Division
Docket No. 04E0105-PP1

To Dane Williams of Marblehead in the County of Essex, respondent; and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Eleanor Herrmann, General Partner of Hermann Associates, Limited Partnership, a limited partnership established under the laws of the State of California of San Mateo in the State of California representing that she holds as tenant in common an undivided part or share of certain land lying in Cohasset in said County of Norfolk and briefly described as follows:
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setting forth that she desires that all of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than four hundred ten thousand ($410,000.00) dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Norfolk Probate & Family Court, 35 Shawmut Road, Canton, MA 02021 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the nineteenth day of January 2005, the return day of this citation.

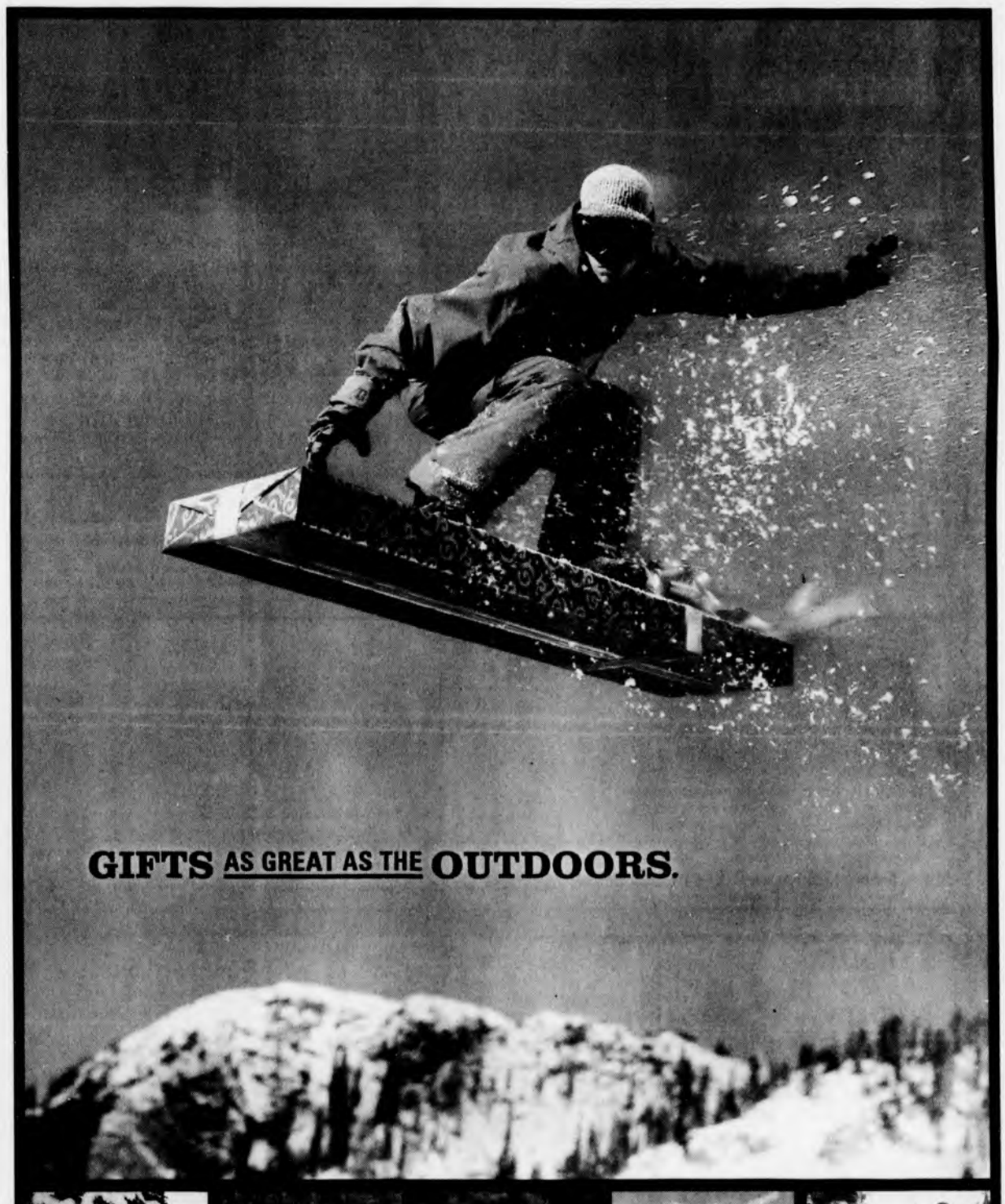
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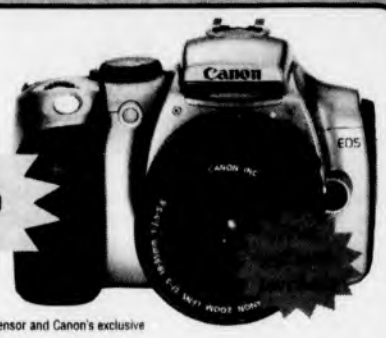
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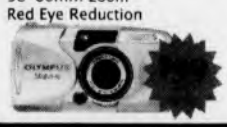
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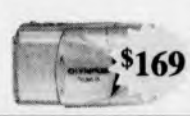
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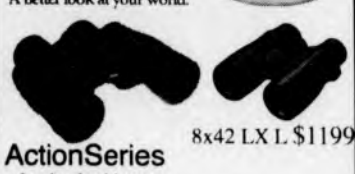
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Teacher Steve Biagini conducts the fifth-grade band during the holiday concert at Deer Hill School.



Matt Swanborg, who turned 11 on Friday, sports an elfish smile as she looks up from his seat to look at friends at the Deer Hill concert.

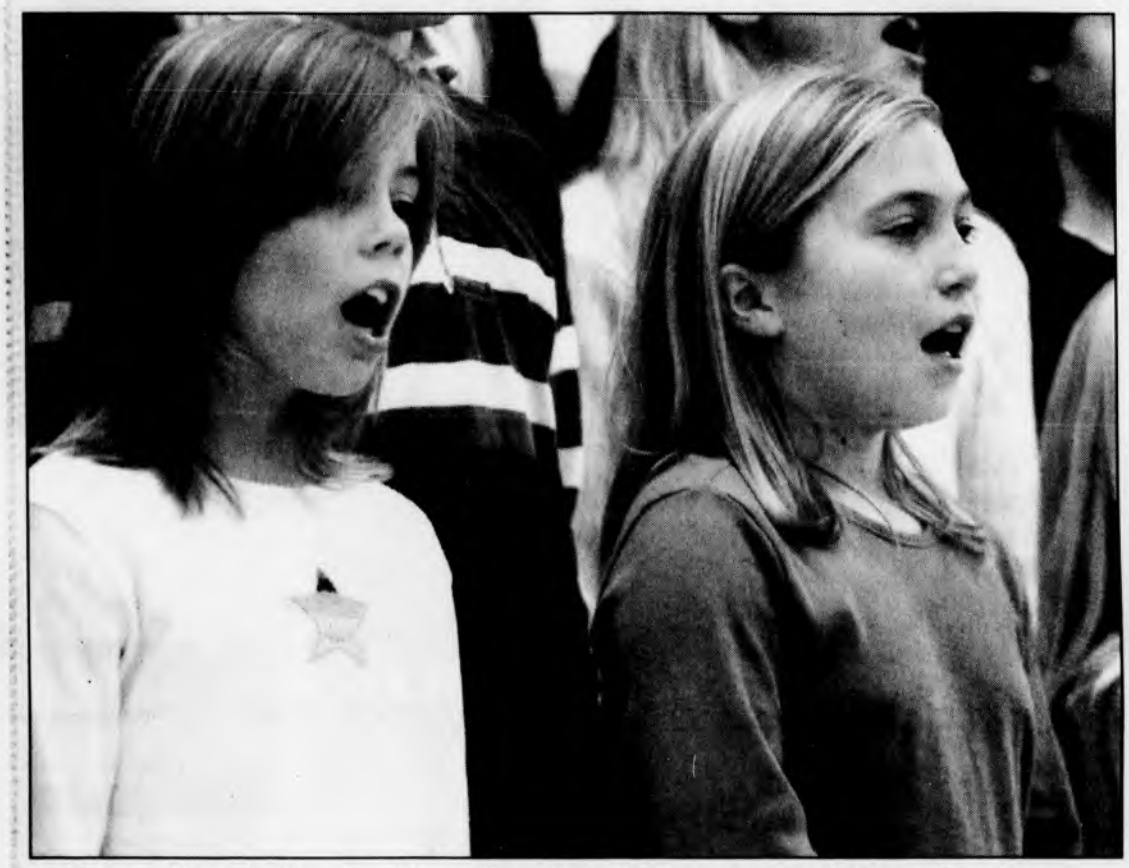


Parents armed with camcorders were a common sight during last Friday's encore performance of the Deer Hill School concert. The event was held for family and friends the night before.

Merry music at Deer Hill!

Students hold holiday concert

Photos by Robin Chan



Third-graders Mackenzie Dixon, 8, and Victoria Bryan, 8, sing "December Lights" with the rest of the chorus.



Fifth-grader Blair Darrell, 10, practices on her flute before the start of last Friday's holiday concert.



Third-grader Hannah Newhall, and fifth-graders Kayla Orner, Emily Stanislawzyk, Erike Botts and Whitney Jaffe were the soloists on one song during the holiday concert.



Fifth-graders Christina Secatore, 10, and Alexandra Weissman, 10, perform holiday songs with the rest of their class band for the Deer Hill School concert last Friday.

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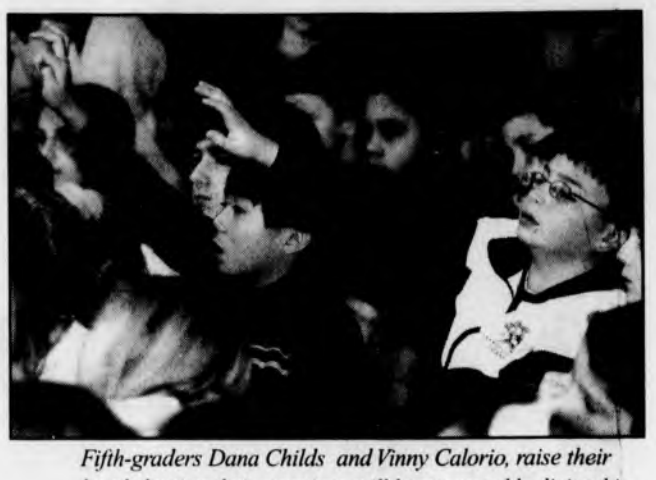
Taking a step back in time

Fifth-graders get lesson in colonial life

Photos by Robin Chan



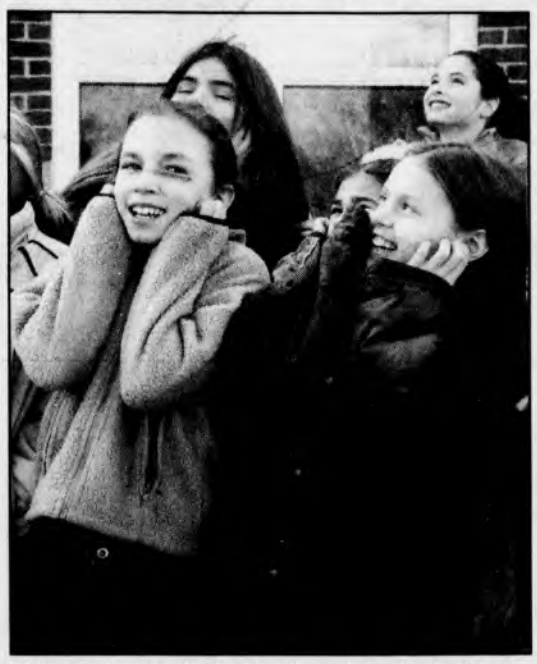
Sarah Evans 10, gapes in horror as she sees what her headmistress would use if she was really bad in class as Carol Neville-Greene of the Bay Colony Educators shows fifth-graders a whispering stick to be put in a student's mouth.



Fifth-graders Dana Childs and Vinny Calorio, raise their hands hoping their questions will be answered by living historians, the Bay Colony Educators, during a special program Tuesday at Deer Hill. The event was sponsored by the PSO.



Tim Greene struggles as he laces up his wife's undergarment from 1750, which could be so restrictive that it could break a woman's ribs.



Fifth-graders Caitlin DeAngelis and Stephanie Brierly plug their ears as Tim Greene of the Bay Colony Educators fires off his musket during the PSO sponsored program.



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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Financing higher education

Interested in learning about financing a higher education and the financial aid process? South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School would like to extend an open invitation to all residents to attend a college financial seminar on Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The seminar, presented by a representative from the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA), will discuss various aspects of financial aid and the process parents and students go through when applying to college. Topics will include how to fill out financial aid application forms, the process of filing the appropriate forms, how financial aid is calculated and awarded, how to compare financial aid award letters, and making alternative financing decisions.

Admission if free and further information/directions may be obtained by calling Kate Schwabe at 781-871-4153. Any family interested in receiving an application for a low cost college loan or more information can also call MEFA at 800-449-MEFA (6332).

PAC workshops

March 1

Non-Verbal Learning Disabilities - Carol Leavell, Ph. D., ABPP/CN Details to follow. If you would like to be added to the e-mail network for updates forward your contact information to southshorepac@comcast.net starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. The Osgood School Library, 210 Sohier St., Cohasset,

April 5

Language-Based Learning Disabilities - Isabel Phillips, Ed.D. Dr. Phillips has an extensive background in reading and language-based learning disabilities, assessment and intervention. Starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. at The Osgood School Library, 210 Sohier St., Cohasset.



Tim Greene of Scituate takes a bow and puts his best foot forward for his wife, Carol Neville Greene, as he would have if he had met a woman he fancied on the street in 1750. In those days a man's calf was considered the most attractive part of his body.



Deer Hill fifth-grader Carly Schwantner, 11, is shocked to hear they used to tie their left hands behind their backs at school in 1750 to prevent them from writing lefty. There was a practical reason for this as they would smudge the ink with their left arm while writing across the paper.



Right: Carol Neville-Greene of the Bay Colony Educators demonstrates how a teacher would discipline a disruptive student with a ferule stick, as E.J. Culhane serves as a model.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

New Year's Eve Party at the Teen Garage

The Cohasset Teen Garage will offer for grades 6-8, a New Year's Eve Party at the Teen Garage, on Friday evening, Dec. 31, from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Pre-registration is necessary for this special event which includes dancing, pizza party and a movie during the evening. The cost for this is $50 per person and checks should be made payable to: Town of Cohasset. Once checked in, children cannot leave until they are picked up by 2 a.m. Children may leave at any time, however, they will not be readmitted that evening.

Registration material and more detailed information are available on the table in the foyer of Town Hall, right by the recreation office.

Parents will need to complete and sign permission forms and registration will conclude at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Kate Daley, Youth Resources coordinator and Jason Trask will supervise this activity which will be limited in number. Information and registration material will also be available at CHS or the Teen Garage.

Registration open for Summer Arts at Derby

Applications are now available for Summer Arts at Derby 2005 at Derby Academy in Hingham. Dates of the program are June 27 to July 29. Summer Arts is a five-week comprehensive arts program for students, ages eight to 15, that serves students from over 25 Massachusetts communities.

Students at Summer Arts select their own schedules from over one hundred courses. Classes are taught by professional artists and include offerings in visual arts, drama, dance, music, sports, gymnastics, writing, media, and photography. There is a full-scale musical production and a daily newspaper. The program culminates with an Arts Festival at which students demonstrate and share their talents through theatre, gymnastics, music, and dance. There will also be exhibits of pottery, painting, photography, 3-D art, and sewing projects. Original film and video projects will be shown.

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"Damon's Point" by Eli Cedrone.



"First Snow" by Nancy Collela.

Sometimes the best art comes in the smallest packages

South St. Gallery hosts annual show

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Thinking of a unique or unusual sort of gift for the holidays? How about original fine art, while at the same time supporting local and New England region independent artists? Sounds good, but perhaps artworks of the smaller variety might make a better choice for gift-giving purposes. Some artworks of human size or larger might be masterpieces, but they sure wouldn't fit in a stocking or under a Christmas tree.

The South Street Gallery in Hingham is now in its third year of presenting the Small Paintings Show, which the gallery exhibits each holiday season to offer customers and collectors an opportunity to purchase original, easily portable and wrappable works of art at affordable prices. With all works for sale, the show is on view through the end of the year at the gallery.

More than 30 regional painters participate each year in the Small Painting Show. Each artist is invited to submit up to four small paintings of local scenes, landscapes and still-lifes no larger than 9 inches by 12 inches, with always a total of up to 100 to choose from. Note to potential customers, however, is that South Street Gallery specializes in works painted in the plein air style, meaning fresh air. Similar to Impressionists, plein air painters work outdoors, quickly, capturing the light and experience of the landscape. The resulting paintings are meant to portray a scene through the sensation it produces rather than its exact likeness.

"The idea for the show is to offer small works at affordable prices for Christmas gifts," said Gallery manager Kate Sotolova. "Any artist interested who works in plein air painting can participate. The small works approach has proven to be very popular, since many people like small paintings as items for holiday gifts. In last year's show we sold more than 30 of them."

Sotolova handles management operations during weekdays at the gallery, while owner and Hingham architect Jack Hobbs is busy at his job as executive vice president of RF Walsh, a Boston construction management firm. Hobbs opened South Street Gallery two years ago in the building that had housed his mother-in-law's business of 40 years, Hingham Upholstery, to offer an outlet for the arts in town. He's usually at the Gallery on weekends.



"Open" by Vcevy Strekalovsky.

South Street Gallery's convenient location in Hingham has drawn a number of the town's residents among local area artists to this year's show. They include painters Joan Brancale, Vcevy Strekalovsky, Diane Scott, Marjorie Whorf and Bonnie Hobbs. Other local participants include Dianne Panarelli-Miller, of Abington, Nancy Colella, of Norwell, and Susan Charles, of Marshfield, plus others from further around New England such as Ronald Tinney, of Barnstable, and Yves Parent, of Connecticut.

The show offers a plentiful choice for those who would like to take home, or make gifts of, a piece of Hingham scenery. Lots of views from World's End by Parent and other artists, most of them highlighting various shades of foliage greens and Hingham bay blues. Other scenes attempt to capture the charm of the Square, such as Scott's vividly self-descriptive "Rainy Night, Hingham Square" and Brancale's instantly recognizable Loring Hall portrait in "Morning Matinee."

But the overall collection covers scenes from much of the South Shore and indeed Southeastern Massachusetts, from Scituate, Duxbury, Cohasset and Marshfield to Cape Cod and Nantucket. Most notable perhaps is the consistent high quality all-around, representing a healthy plein air painting school in the local and New England areas.

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Note that this afternoon concert is on a Sunday, a departure from the usual Saturday coffeehouses. There will be no open microphone.

The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theatre. Admission is $10 at the door. A variety of coffees, teas, and desserts are available for 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For further information, call Jim Watson at781-749-1767.

Plans for Cabaret!

Plans have been finalized for the 43rd Annual Production of "Cabaret," sponsored by the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. The Meet The Director Party will be held at the Center on Jan. 2, at 1 p.m. Following that will be auditions for soloists (must bring own music)will begin at 2 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to become a part of Cabaret. There will be dancing, singing, skits and even tambourine numbers. If performing is not your cup of tea, why not volunteer for backstage crew, lighting, set decorating and even costume creations. There is a place for everyone. No one is ever turned away from Cabaret. Please contact the General Chairmen if you would like to participate.

Show Chairmen, Lorri Costello and Jinnie Walsh have announced that "Come For A Ride In 2005" will contain many of the successful themes of the past years, coupled with new events and numbers. A group of very dedicated volunteers have put together, once again, a unique show that you will definitely want to be a part of and not want to miss.

Patron invitations have been sent to last year's subscribers, giving them the opportunity to purchase tickets in advance on Jan. 6, 7 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9 p.m. and on Jan. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9 p.m.

Patron information can be obtained by calling Jeanne Murphy at 781-749-9031. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Jan. 10, at the Community Center

Mark your calendars and Save the Dates for "Come For A Ride In 2005," to be held at the Hingham Armory on Jan. 27, 28 and 29.

OBITUARIES

William J. Brennock

William J. Brennock, 91, of Plymouth, formerly of Hingham and Cohasset, died Dec. 12, 2004, at Jordan Hospital, Plymouth.

Born in Somerville, Mr. Brennock lived in Plymouth 31 years.

He was employed as an auto mechanic for 50 years, most recently with Spencely Chevrolet for 15 years. He retired 14 years ago. Earlier he worked as a quartermaster for Nantasket Boat and also for C.W. Barron on his yacht.

Mr. Brennock served as an auxiliary fireman in Cohasset and Hingham for 25 years.

He was a member of the Hingham Sportsman Club and enjoyed boating, sailing and hunting.

Husband of the late Florence A. (McElroy) Brennock, he leaves a daughter, Barbara L. Brennock of Plymouth; a sister, Mary M. Thompson of Scituate; six grandchildren, Bonnie, Tim, Julie, Steven, Toby and Tammy; and several great-grandchildren. He was father of the late James J. Brennock and brother of the late Henry E. Brennock.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at St. Paul Church in Hingham. Interment will be in St. Paul's Cemetery, Hingham.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, 720 Harrison Ave., Boston, 02118.

Lot E. Bates Jr.

Lot E. Bates Jr., 88, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, died Dec. 8, 2004, at Harbor House Nursing Home in Hingham following a lengthy illness.

Born in Scituate, son of the late Lot E. and Erma (Litchfield) Bates, he attended Cohasset schools.

Mr. Bates was a construction supervisor for C.A. Batson Co. in Brockton for 30 years, retiring in the early '80s.

He was a member of the Konohasset Masonic Lodge in Cohasset, Cohasset School Building Committee, Cohasset School Committee, Town Committee and Cohasset Water Dept. He was appointed and served on the town of Cohasset Office of Weights and Measures.

He leaves his wife, Margaret M. (Weekly) Bates; a daughter, Winifred C. Bates of Auburn; two grandchildren, Ann Bates of Derry, N.H. and Lot W. Bates of Belmont; and four great-grandchildren, Zachary and Meghan Dubois of Derry, N.H. and Drew and Lot W. Bates of Belmont. He was husband of the late Madeline (Crowe) Bates and father of the late Lot W. Bates.

A Memorial Service was held at Second Congregational Church in Cohasset. The Rev. Gary A. Ritts officiated. Interment was private.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Clinic, 1 Joslin Place, Boston, 02112.

Lucille F. McLoughlin

Lucille Fusz (O'Malley) McLoughlin, 96, of Cohasset, and formerly of Brooklyn, NY. died Dec. 1, 2004 at home.

A 1929 graduate of Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, Mrs. McLoughlin was a daily communicant at St. Saviour in Brooklyn and St. Anthony, Cohasset.

She was the Regent of the Fort Greene Chapter of the DAR and National Chairwoman of the Motion Picture Committee of the DAR.

She enjoyed bridge, traveling, reading, golf, her many deep friendships and her faithful dachshunds. A tree she planted on First Street in park Slope still thrives.

Widow of Maurice E. McLoughlin, she leaves two daughters, Lucille Homby of Sergeantsville, N.J., Elizabeth of San Francisco; two sons, Maurice E. Jr. of London, and Paul T. of New York; two sisters, Genevieve Good of Cohasset and Celeste Wilhelmy of Bethesda, Md., eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was the mother of the late Martha.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset, on Dec. 4. Interment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla, N.Y.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Contributions in lieu of flowers to: Retired Religious of the Sacred Heart Kenwood, 799 S. Pearl St., Albany, NY 12202; or to the McLoughlin/Panzera Fund, Rosemont College Library, 1401 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102; or to The St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, MN 59004.

Kendall D. Doble, Jr.



Kendall D. Doble, Jr.

Kendall D. Doble, Jr., 76, a Hingham resident for 50 years, died at his home on Dec. 11, 2004, after a brief illness.

Born in Boston, Mr. Doble spent his early life in Cohasset. He was educated at Derby Academy in Hingham, was a 1946 graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. and was a 1950 graduate of Yale University.

He then served with the United States Army from 1950 to 1956.

Mr. Doble was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Pneumatic Scale Corporation in Quincy from 1960 until his retirement in 1991.

He was a Charter Trustee of Quincy Junior College, a member of the Board of Directors of the Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute, a member of the Hingham Advisory Committee from 1985 to 1990, serving as chairman in 1990, a member of the Hingham Personnel Board from 1990 to 1996 and was Commodore of the Hingham Yacht Club from 1992-1994.

Mr. Doble was an avid sailor and enjoyed sailing the Maine Coast, Massachusetts Bay and the Caribbean.

Husband of the late Barbara (Howard) Doble, he leaves his wife Jean (Macdonald) Doble of Hingham; a daughter, Nancy E. Doble of Pownal, Maine; two sons, Kendall D. Doble, III and his wife Elizabeth, of Hingham and James H. Doble and his wife Mimi, of Union, Maine; stepchildren, Cai C. Wichert of Hingham, Kimberly W. Douglas of Milford, N.H. and Elizabeth K. Reed of Kittery, Maine; a sister Margaret D. Ingersol of West Lebanon, N.H.; five grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Jean D. Sweeney.

A Memorial Service will be conducted on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset. Visiting hours are to be omitted.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Affiliated Community Visiting Nurse Assoc., 200 Ledgewood Place, Rockland, MA 02370 or to Thompson Island Outward Bound, P.O. Box 127, Boston, MA 02127

The interment was private.

Arrangements were handled by the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, Hingham.

Winter Solstice Poetry Circle

The Ninth Annual Winter Solstice Poetry Circle will be held Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham.

Each seasonal crossing time at Old Ship, they spend an evening with poetry to honor gifts of the season and of time's passing.

It has been said that poetry holds the power to lend us courage and to give us vision. In this darkening time, let us come together to nurture and sustain vital and life-giving voices in poems.

You are invited to bring a poem of the season or one that sheds light on something true for you. Following the readings, walk the labyrinth accompanied by Joanne Cavatorta on the Celtic harp.

Refreshments will be served. All are welcome, with or without a poem. For information call Elizabeth Torrey. at 781-749-0543.

Labyrinth holiday walks

Public opening for the upcoming holiday period at the Hingham Labyrinth include the regular monthly session on the second Tuesday, supplemented by additional events. Recognition of the Solstice on Dec. 21, will include an opportunity for individuals to walk the Labyrinth and also to share short poetry readings appropriated for the season. A New Years Eve walk is also scheduled on Dec. 31. All events are open 7:30 to9 p.m. The Labyrinth is located in the Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., (rear) in downtown Hingham.

The Hingham Labyrinth provides a means of meditation for individuals and groups. A Labyrinth Walk places one on a circular path toward a center place, which returns to the start. Admission is free to all who are cordially invited to sample this meditative experience. How individuals walk and what one receives differs. Persons may experience a sense of healing or other profound experience, or may simply enjoy a pleasant stroll in the company of others. The path is candle lighted with ambiance enhanced by appropriate music.

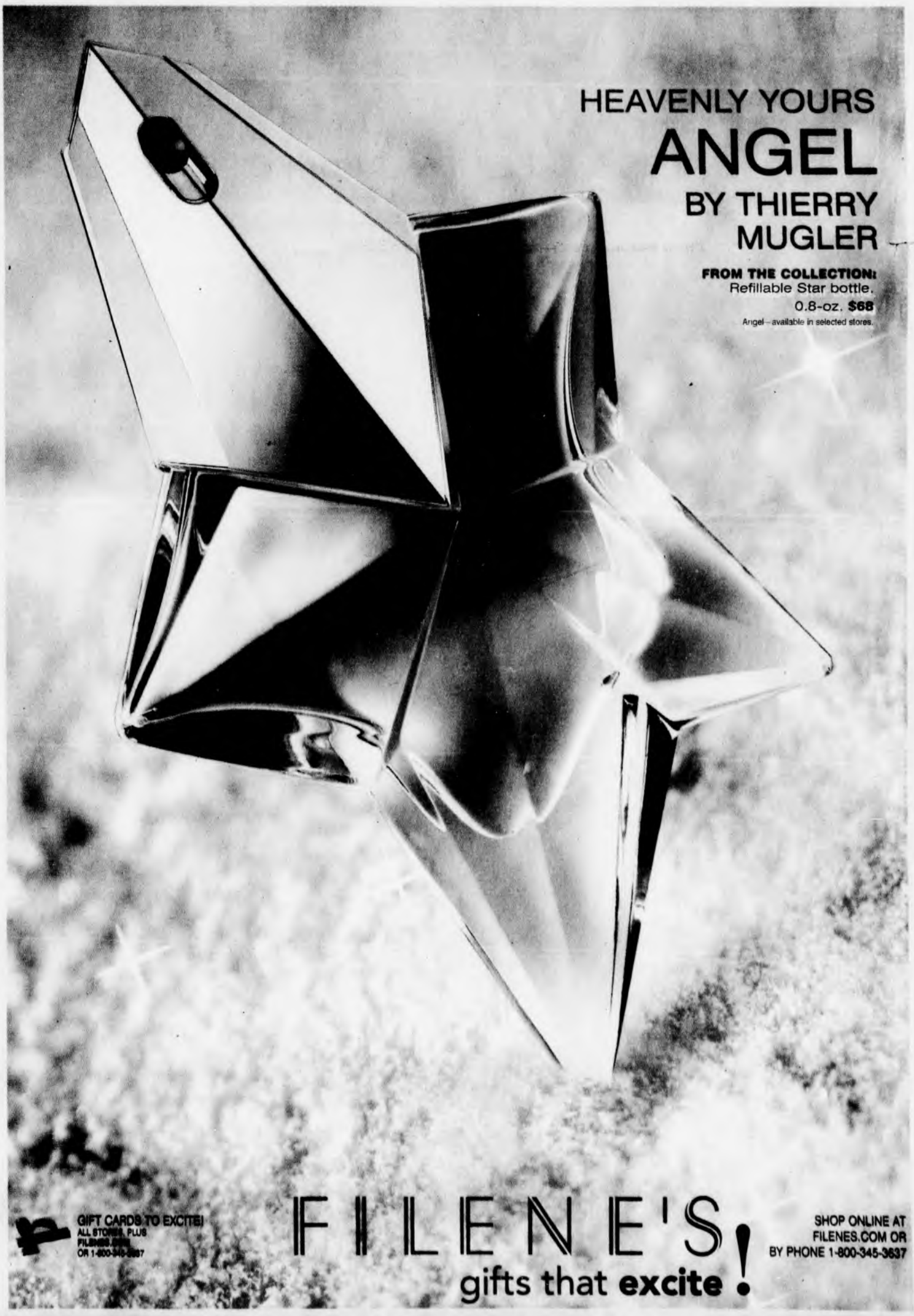
Holiday Public Season Openings:

All persons: Solstice, Tuesday, Dec. 21

All persons: New Years Eve, Dec. 31

Old Ship Members: Monday and Tuesday mornings, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Direct inquiries to Old Ships Parish at 781-749-1679 or www.berngreg@aol.com.



Easy as ABC

Local woman's skills on display in new cookbook to benefit Project Bread

By Cynthia McManus
CORRESPONDENT

Bourbon Chocolate Pecan Pie.

Although to most of us it's simply a recipe name, the phrase takes on a whole new dimension when you're Hingham resident Barbara Sullivan, a professional indexer and a person who has chosen a vocation that brings order to an unruly alphabet.

Sullivan, a member of the American Society of Indexers is the owner of Alphabet Soup Indexing of Hingham. She has made it her business to take on an unsung but critical task that most of us take for granted as we leaf through the back of a cookbook in a search for recipes like "Bourbon Chocolate Pecan Pie" or "Cranberry Orange Nut Bread."

Without Sullivan's skill at anticipating how a person thinks when looking for a particular page in a cookbook, chefs all over New England would spend far more time searching than baking.

"It's like detective work," Sullivan explained as she described indexing, a process that uses whimsy as much as logic when preparing the often complex list and sub-lists of keywords that make up a book's index. "It's my job to try and get into the heads of those seeking information and give them a guide to getting that information quickly."



Hingham's Barbara Sullivan of Alphabet Soup Indexing.

Although good indexers make the outcome look effortless, the process is a lot more complex than the casual reader might realize Sullivan explained, noting that the work can be solitary, painstakingly slow and very intense due to deadline pressures. "The index is the final thing added to a book" before it's sent to the press for printing. "The last thing that a publisher wants is someone to throw that deadline off."

She likes the challenges of the job however. "There is something very satisfying about a job that puts everything in its logical place," Sullivan noted.

On a recent project Sullivan volunteered her talents as an organizational wordsmith to the indexing of the new celebrity cookbook The WCRB Horn of Plenty Cookbook II, a work spearheaded by radio station WCRB and the classical music station's morning program host, Laura Carlo.

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— Barbara Sullivan,
Alphabet Soup Indexing

The cookbook, a sequel to one originally published in 1990, is filled with the favorite recipes of Classical 102.5 FM listeners and staff, as well as New England luminaries such as Pops Conductor Keith Lockhart, singer James Taylor, author Stephen King and a wealth of local celebrity chefs, including contributions from Todd English and Jasper White.

The book not only benefits the lucky recipients of the toothsome recipes offered up in the book, but a worthy cause as well: That of Walk for Hunger organizer Project Bread, an agency dedicated to eliminating hunger in Massachusetts.

With the sale of the attractively bound cookbook, WCRB hopes to raise over $100,000 to help Project Bread feed the hungry.

"I had submitted a recipe for the original cookbook so I was familiar with what had been done in the past. When she [Carlo] announced this past spring that she had started work on a sequel, I wrote her a letter and offered to work on the index. She got right back to me and I got to work."

And for Sullivan, the decision to volunteer her services was an easy one. "Our family is very community-service oriented," she explained, stressing that she is very happy to be a part of a project that raises funds for such a worthy cause.

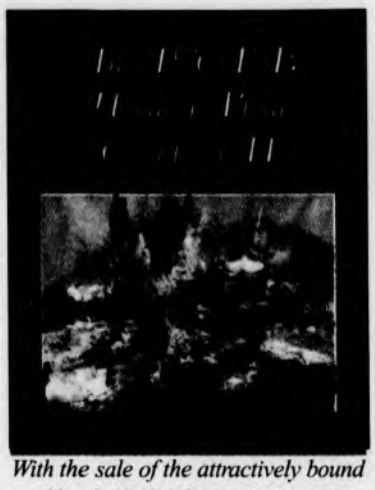
"Our goal is to help the hungry locally by contributing to a Massachusetts-based charity," said Terri Gamble, WCRB's vice president of sales and marketing.

"Project Bread is the leading hunger relief organization in Massachusetts that provides direct service to hungry people statewide" adding that the cookbook is "A real labor of love that is the perfect vehicle for raising funds for the hungry."

Sullivan thinks that the follow-up to the popular 1990 cookbook of the same name is even better than the original — and not surprisingly she is quite pleased with the finished product.

"The recipes are great – and so is the index!" Sullivan laughingly reports adding that Carlo offered up a special 'thank-you' for Sullivan's work in the book's foreword.

And with the eye of a savvy businesswoman Sullivan has her sights set on future projects.



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"I'm wondering about the Hingham Journal. Has it ever been indexed?"

Watch out Community Newspaper Company. Here comes Barbara Sullivan.

The WCRB Horn of Plenty Cookbook II is available for $19.99 on-line at www.wcrb.com. The book is also available for purchase at London Harness, Footstock, Westwood Furniture, Regina Gifts and RTN Federal Credit Union.



Cohasset Brownies create a stir for Project Bread

Wooden mixing spoons decorated as holiday Santas, Snowmen, Angels and Teddy Bears were created by the girls of Cohasset Brownie Troop #4769 as part of a fundraiser for Project Bread.

Spoons make wonderful gifts, holiday decorations or ornaments, and when unwrapped, new wooden mixing spoons can be used for holiday baking.

For more than 15 years, Project Bread's Holiday Spoons Project has remained an inspiring way for young people to raise money to help feed the hungry in the Boston community. Children of all ages decorate wooden spoons and learn the essentials of fundraising to provide for families in need during the winter.

Each wooden spoon is hand decorated and comes with a holiday recipe. Unwrap the spoon and mix up a holiday treat. Spoons make wonderful gifts, holiday decorations or ornaments, and when unwrapped, new wooden mixing spoons can be used for holiday baking.

Spoon purchases support the children's creativity and empower them to be part of the solution to ending hunger.

Holiday spoons are on sale at Bakery at the Red Lion Inn, Cohasset. All proceeds from spoon sales support Project Bread.

Desserts needed for December Luncheons

During the month of December, The Cohasset Elder Affairs is in need of Luncheon Desserts.

Lunches are served each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at noon. Although dessert is usually provided, The CEA will need your help for the month of December.

If you have extra cookies, breads or other desserts that you wish to share with the seniors, that will be most grateful. They can be dropped off at the CEA office (open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday and Friday).

Crème caramel for the holidays

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



Many years ago, I enjoyed an evening at Julia Child's home in Cambridge and many of her longtime French friends were doing the cooking. One huge crème caramel was served for dessert and it was the perfect combination of simple ingredients, elegant presentation, and good technique. This is, in fact, what great cooks usually prepare in their homes: something simple, something delicious.

We have made dozens of individually baked and served crème caramels, using ramekins as the container. To make this more of a centerpiece dessert, however, we decided to bake the entire dessert in one large container. We started with the recipe in my own Dessert Bible which included half milk, half light cream, three large eggs, three yolks, and one-third cup sugar as its main ingredients. For starters, we examined the caramel. The standard recipe calls for one cup of sugar and one half cup of water. We knew that two tablespoons of corn syrup would help to keep the caramel liquid. (It has a tendency to harden and stick to the dish.) Lemon juice, an ingredient sometimes added to prevent crystallization, was not necessary since none of the batches had any problems in this area. As usual, we noted that when sugar syrups start to darken in the saucepan, they turn quickly. It is best to take the saucepan off the heat regularly and swirl the contents. You want enough color to add flavor but a very dark caramel will be bitter.

As for the custard, we found that our original quantities — 1 1/2 cups each of milk and light cream — turned out best. (Heavy cream was too rich; half and half was too light.) We also confirmed that three whole eggs plus three yolks was sufficient to make a firm custard but also a delicate one. We increased the sugar from a third to a half cup. Salt and vanilla finished off the custard ingredients.

We tried a wide range of containers for baking including bowls, cake pans, pie plates and round soufflé dishes. The nicest crème caramel was baked in a 2-quart soufflé dish that was 7 inches wide. Cake pans and pie plates produced custard that was simply too thin and unattractive when unmolded. Finding the correct size bowl didn't work out for us either as the caramel pooled on the bottom and the finished custard didn't have that dark caramel soaked top and blond sides. Also, the custard didn't have enough sauce.

There was no question as to whether or not the crème caramel should be baked in a water bath. The water ensures gentle heating and even cooking. We also found by placing a towel under the dish the custard was creamier. Without the towel, small bubbles formed toward the bottom, which are a sign of overcooking. We tested baking the custard at temperatures from 300 to 350 degrees and 325 degrees was best. We baked them for about 70 minutes or until the temperature reached 175 degrees; the custard feels set but still jiggles in the center and a paring knife comes out clean. To prevent a tough skin from forming on the top of the custard we loosely covered the top with aluminum foil. Once completely cool, the custard unmolded easily. We ran a thin knife around the edges of the dish, placed a serving dish on top and flipped them over together.

A classic variation of this dish is made with espresso or coffee-flavored custard. We tried simply stirring instant espresso into the custard mixture but the flavor was shameful compared to custard made with lightly smashed coffee beans steeped with the milk/cream mixture. For robust coffee flavor, we used 1/2 cup beans that were allowed to sit for about fifteen minutes before straining.

CENTERPIECE CRÈME CARAMEL

The trickiest part of this dessert is making the caramel. If too pale, the caramel is bland and overly sweet. If left to darken too much the taste is burnt and bitter. Look for a rich honey color for the perfect flavor. The caramel will turn dark quickly once it takes on color. Removing the pan from the burner and swirling the contents is the best way to control the process.

For the caramel:
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup water
2 tablespoons corn syrup

For the custard:
1-1/2 cups whole milk
1-1/2 cups light cream
3 large eggs
3 large egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar
1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/8 teaspoon salt

1. Heat the oven to 325 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Fold a kitchen towel to fit in the bottom of a roasting pan large enough to accommodate a 2-quart soufflé dish or any deep, round baking dish about seven inches across. Place the soufflé dish on the towel and set aside.

2. For the caramel: Place the sugar, water and corn syrup in a heavy saucepan over medium heat. Swirl the pan frequently until the sugar dissolves. Increase the heat to high and bring syrup to a boil. Once the syrup begins to color, swirl it often. Cook until a rich honey color. (Remove pan from burner to control cooking speed.) Carefully and quickly pour the caramel into the soufflé dish.

3. For the custard: Bring 2 quarts of water to boil in a kettle. Heat the milk and cream in a heavy saucepan until steam appears. In a medium bowl gently whisk the eggs, yolks, sugar and salt until just combined. Try to work in as little air as possible. Pour about 1/2 cup of hot milk mixture into the eggs and whisk gently to combine. Add the rest of the hot milk again, stirring gently to combine. Add the vanilla and strain using a fine mesh strainer into the soufflé dish. Place the roasting pan in the oven and fill pan with boiling water to reach half way up the soufflé dish. Cover roasting pan loosely with aluminum foil. Bake until a paring knife inserted halfway between the center and the edge of the custard comes out clean, the custard feels set though the center, will remain jiggly, and an instant-read thermometer reads 175 degrees, about 70 minutes. Transfer to a rack and cool to room temperature. The custard may be covered and refrigerated for up to two days. Allow to sit out for about 20 minutes before unmolding and serving.

4. To unmold, slide a thin knife around the perimeter pressing the knife against the edge of the soufflé dish. Place a deep-sided serving dish over the custard and flip them both together. Lift off the soufflé dish and serve immediately.

Serves six to eight.

ESPRESSO VARIATION

Place 1/2 cup very lightly crushed espresso or coffee beans into the milk/cream mixture as it heats. Allow to steep for about fifteen minutes before proceeding with the above recipe. Be sure to strain with a fine strainer, as bits of coffee beans in the custard are unappealing. If you don't have a fine mesh strainer, line what you have with a triple layer of cheesecloth or a coffee filter.

You can contact writers Christopher Kimball and Jeanne Maguire atkitchendetective@bcpress.com. For free recipes and informationabout Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball's public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.

Fond memories and some practical advice

GREEN THUMBS UP

SUZANNE MAHLER



For most of us, holiday activities revive fond memories of holiday seasons past, especially those from our childhood. When we were children, Christmas was a magical time of wishes and dreams, Santa, gifts, and family gatherings. The delicious smell of homemade cookies and gingerbread and the fresh scent of pine filled our homes.

One of my fondest recollections is of my family's annual pilgrimage into the forest to select our Christmas tree. My mom would bundle us up in our cozy snowsuits, hats, mittens, and red rubber boots and we would venture forth into the extensive woodland that surrounded our Catskill Mountain home. We spent hours tromping through the crusty snow searching for the perfect tree.

Those carefree days are long gone but traditions die hard and I still prefer a fresh tree to the perfect "near real" versions available from the superstores. Even most cut trees have become a little too perfect for my liking with their heavily sheared branches making it difficult to hang many of my unique ornaments that dangle on long threads. A decorated Christmas tree can be one of the most beautiful sights imaginable but it can also pose a serious hazard if it is not properly maintained throughout the holiday season. All cut trees should be recut and plunged into a container of warm water, preferably in a garage or porch before it is moved indoors. Allow the tree a day or two to drink and settle. Check frequently to be sure that the tree always has water which will reduce needle drop and the risk of the tree becoming a fire hazard. Provide your tree a cool environment away from heat sources. Some large, thirsty trees may require water both morning and night, especially the first few days, depending upon the size of the reservoir that your tree stand offers.

Many nurseries offer several varieties of balled and burlapped living Christmas trees at this time of year. A hole should be dug for these trees before the ground freezes solid. Fill the hole with leaves, straw, pine needles or even an old piece of carpet and consider covering the hole so it will not fill with water or snow prior to planting. Store a mix of soil and organic matter in a warm, dry, location to facilitate planting after the holidays. Carefully choose your planting site keeping in mind that most conifers eventually grow very large and require good winter drainage. A living tree should only stay indoors for approximately a week and be kept in a cool location away from heat sources. Slightly moisten the rootball prior to bringing the tree indoors and gradually acclimate the tree to warmer temperatures. An extended stay indoors may cause the tree to dry out or break its winter dormancy which may reduce its ability to survive a severe winter outdoors. After the holiday, gradually transfer the tree to cooler temperatures. Try to plant on a day when temperatures are above freezing, water deeply and apply a layer of mulch. The application of an antidesiccant spray will help the tree's needles retain moisture.

Holiday plants

In addition to our traditional Christmas tree, holiday plants furnish indispensable festive touches to my holiday decorating scheme. A strategically placed poinsettia can provide instant color to brighten even the darkest room, creating a handsome focal point or decorative element that brings warmth and vitality to any living space.

Christmas cactus, kalanchoe, amaryllis, and cyclamen plants are also available during the holiday season. New hybrids appear every season offering a wide variety of sizes, color combinations and forms suitable for every décor.

December is not the ideal time, however, to acquire houseplants. Cold outdoor temperatures and dry indoor environments pose serious challenges for all plants and certain precautions should be taken to ensure their survival. If at all possible, acquire plants on days when temperatures are above freezing. Be sure the plant is wrapped in a paper or plastic sleeve or bag to protect it from the cold, even when the temperatures are above freezing because a sudden, dramatic change in temperature can severely shock the plant causing nearly immediate leaf or flower drop. On very cold days, be sure the car is warmed up in advance of your purchase and make it your last stop so the plant does not sit in an unheated car while you run other errands.

Most holiday plants prefer bright light and cool temperatures. Select a location out of the sun and away from drafts or heat sources. Avoid growing plants on windowsills in winter due to the chill of the glass on very cold days. Even a plant given ideal growing conditions is likely to drop a few leaves as it adjusts to its new environment.

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.5-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years. Her weekly gardening column 'Green Thumbs Up' has appeared in the Mariner newspapers for nearly a decade. She is a member of two local garden clubs, past President of the New England Daylily Society, an overseer for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and is employed at two garden centers.



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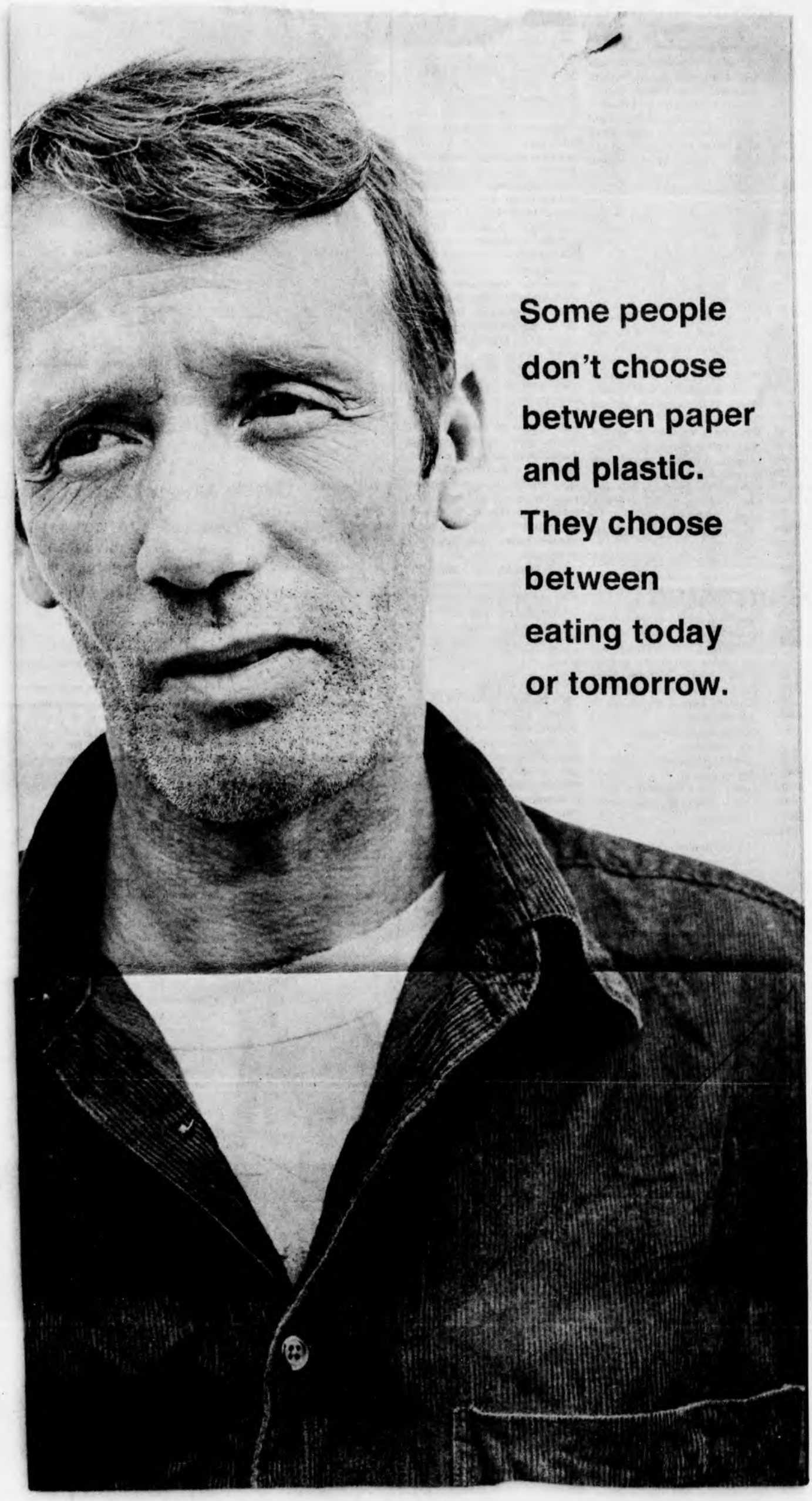
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, DEC. 6

9:45 a.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, fire - public assist.

11:32 a.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, fire - public assist.

11:54 a.m. **Ox Pasture Lane**, fire, investigation, Gas Company on scene doing test never consulted the Fire Dept. of situation.

2:15 p.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement assignment.

2:20 p.m. **Stevens Lane**, medical aid, investigated/report taken, caller reports her babysitter was walking down Black Horse Lane when she was bit by dog, unknown injuries.

2:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking violation, caller reports there has been a motor vehicle parked in front of the bank running for the last 20 minutes. Officer reports motor vehicle is unoccupied, he has turned the motor vehicle off. Officer did speak to owner, advised him of the law regarding leaving a unoccupied motor vehicle running.

11:12 p.m. **Cohasset/Hingham line - Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, transport citizen, Hingham PD request a cruiser meet one of their cars to provide transport for a female to Elm Street.

11:24 p.m. **Wood Way**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, difficulty breathing.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7

8 a.m. **Cohasset Police Headquarters**, child safety seat install.

8:38 a.m. **Canterbury St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, cardiac problem.

9 a.m. **Cohasset Police Headquarters and Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

10:06 a.m. **Cohasset Jr./Sr. High School - Pond St.**, larceny (report), investigated, apple computer.

11:06 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller advised smell of something burning, no fire or smoke showing.

11:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny (report), reporting larceny by check.

11:24 a.m. **Mill Lane**, civil matter, no police service necessary, someone is dumping trash on property, owner called to advise that the matter has been taken care of. There will be no more problems with subject. Owner wanted to thank officer for assistance.

Noon: **Aaron River Rd.**, fire, investigation, carbon monoxide investigation; everything is ok at location.

1:49 p.m. **James Brook Crossing - Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:39 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:33 p.m. **Forest Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:50 p.m. **Brewster Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

7 a.m. **Paul Pratt Library - Ripley Rd.**, fire, a problem with the fire alarm.

7:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy, wind light

8:09 a.m. **Brewster Rd.**, fire, investigation, Water Dept. reports that there is an outside odor of gas at this location. Keyspan notified. P82 reports just installed a hydrant and they could have hit a line but unsure at this time.

10:04 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance - neighborhood, caller advised utility work was done and it was unsafe conditions. Sgt. advised of problem. Owner has been advised to move vehicle so the work can be done on the telephone poles. Resident wants Sgt. to go to her door and ask her to move her vehicle. Resident could not fined keys to vehicle, she is going to have the vehicle towed by 3A towing.

10:47 a.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, missing dog - dog broke loose from leash. Dog has been found.

11:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, property (recovered), officer found a leaf blower - brought to station for safe keeping.

12:54 p.m. **Spring St.**, disturbance, walk in party report group of juveniles taking out the dam in the water, allegedly vandalizing the dam - units spoke to youths they have left the area they were not doing damage.

4:29 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, disturbance - neighborhood, caller reports kids lighting fires on the rocks, officer report kids gone on arrival.

7:30 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, larceny (report), caller reports a package was stolen from the front porch.

10:25 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, three males summoned to court for malicious destruction of property under $250. Juvenile arrest: Age: 16. Chrgs: Malicious destruction of property, damage less than $250.

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10:25 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, three males summoned to court for malicious destruction of property under $250. Summons: Ryan J. Fiore, 17, 188 Kingsley Rd., Hull. Chrgs: Malicious destruction of property, damage less then $250.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9

1:45 a.m. **Hull St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, back pain.

6:56 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, back and groin pain.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, wind light

8:31 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, illegal dumping, area search negative, caller reports she was walking her dog on the beach and came up into the parking lot and witnessed a party about to dump a trailer full of cement and plaster and pipes out of a trailer.

8:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, investigated/report taken.

10:38 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, vandalism report, investigated/report taken, damage done to Christmas tree. Caller would like to make a report.

12:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, minor motor vehicle crash in the parking lot of the Cohasset Plaza.

1:42 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:46 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, investigated/report taken, female is reporting a caller named Jeff is trying to obtain her bank account information. Officer told her not to give any information regarding her accounts over the phone. Party is unable to get a phone number of the caller.

3:28 p.m. **Cohasset Police Headquarters and Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

3:55 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 18 month old fell.

5:33 p.m. **Summer St.**, lockout/lock-in, caller reports his vehicle has auto lock and his vehicle is running, no occupants inside and request assistance with matter.

6:12 p.m. **Hull**, report of Onstar vehicle distress call.

8:49 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, smell of something burning.

10:55 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, motor vehicle crash in Scituate, one motor vehicle neck and back injury.

FRIDAY, DEC. 10

10:40 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, possible stroke.

10:44 a.m. **Highway Sector**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:59 a.m. **Shore Sector**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:01 p.m. **Cohasset Family Practice and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, patient is having chest pain.

2:36 p.m. **South Main St.**, downed power lines, wire down unknown type.

5:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, patient sign off, ill female.

11 p.m. **King St.**, disturbance, drunks, caller reports a group of kids walked in the bar looking for someone and they got kicked out due to being intoxicated. A girl threw her beer on the floor and caller states they are in the parking lot now drinking.

11:57 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, 9-1-1 caller wanted 9-1-1 in Trenton, NJ. She was advised that it was not possible to do that. She stated that her daughter had a problem. She became irate and could not understand why she could not be connected. Contacted Trenton, NJ dispatch. 9-1-1 caller had contacted them. Trenton dispatch is handling the problem.

SATURDAY, DEC. 11

12:38 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, 9-1-1 caller states "her daughter is in Newark, NJ and she is being held hostage in a hotel." Caller was on a cell phone with her daughter at the same time as she was on the 9-1-1 line. From the conversation it appeared that her daughter did not have enough money to check into the Hilton Hotel in Newark. Caller was advised that she would have to contact the Newark Police, at which time she became irate.

9:54 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, patient fell down, bumped her head and has a slight cut on her head.

10:18 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, traffic safety inspection, caller complained that Jerusalem Rd, and Bow St., intersection was flooded.

1:17 p.m. **Hatherly Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, mutual aid for medical.

3:45 p.m. **Cohasset Police Headquarters and Elm St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, walk in party reports her vehicle was hit in the square and the other party left the scene.

5:56 p.m. **Nantasket Ave., and O St.**, medical aid, pedestrian accident, leg injury.

10:50 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a smell unknown origin.

SUNDAY, DEC. 12

2:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:57 a.m. **Sunrise, King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:37 a.m. **Bow St.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking traffic during the tide wash, reports vehicle is not blocking and it is tight but unit accessible.

11:56 a.m. **Summer St.**, illegal dumping.

1:09 p.m. **Super Stop & Shop and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle theft, no police service necessary, initial report was, motor vehicle taken from the lot, after notification from lady, party who owns vehicle it was confirmed she had switched vehicles without his notification, confirmed accidental.

3:01 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking her driveway.

4:46 p.m. **Wompatuck State Park and Doane St.**, assist citizen, Hingham PD reports some people lost in Whitney Woods. They believe they are near the Doane Street Gate. While officer was en route to the Doane St., Gate Hingham called to report those parties are out of the woods.

8:25 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, larceny (report), investigated/report taken, a stolen purse sometime this morning.

11:59 p.m. Weather: Clear, temp. 37, wind calm.

Police arrested seven in October

October was a quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department, there were seven arrests; one for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle; two for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license; one for minor in possession of liquor; one for operating under thee influence of liquor; and finally two for protective custody, Police Chief James Hussey said.

During the month of October the police department investigated 11 motor vehicle accidents; one of which resulted in personal injury.

There were 119 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $2,635 in fines.

Additionally, there were 28 parking tickets issued totaling $675 in fines.

Also in the month of October the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 934 call for police services of those 129 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls.

In the month of October there were two reports of Breaking and Entering, both from a business. There were also three Criminal Complaints issued for the month.

No overnight on-street parking

Winter parking regulations are in effect through April 1, 2005.

There's no overnight on-street parking allowed during winter parking regulations.

Violators will be subject to a fine of $25.

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On the South Shore

DECEMBER 16-24, 2004

'Barrage' mixes music, song and dance in 'Vagabond Tales'



If you swoon to the fiery-pitched Irish step dancing of "Riverdance" and "Lord of the Dance," and your heart beats along with the percussive sounds of "Stomp," then "Barrage: Vagabond Tales" may be just the show for you.

With a young company of performers which includes seven violinists and vocalists, one drummer, one bass player, a guitarist and a percussionist, "Barrage; Vagabond Tales" — at Boston's Wilbur Theatre through Sunday — employs an imaginative mix of music, song and dance to tell the tale of a musical wanderer.

"It's a fusion of dance, song and instrumental music focused on the violin. It's kind of half musical, half play," explains Executive Producer Anthony Moore. "We play new and familiar music on the violin. It's a unique instrumentalization that people haven't seen before, using everything from Benny Goodman and Louis Prima to the Beatles and Bulgarian folk music."

Moore was one of a quartet of Calgary-based classical violinists who helped create "Barrage," because of their own interest in fiddling. "We found that by teaching students a little fiddle at the end of each regular lesson, we could really motivate them. After a while, we started performing as a group in modest places like nursing homes and county fairs. By 1996, we decided to go professional. We're very pleased and proud that this show has proven the universal appeal of the violin."

"Barrage" is on tour 40 weeks a year, visiting some 17 countries in North America, Europe and Asia. The need for instrumentalists who can dance while they play makes for some challenging casting calls. "We have great luck finding fantastic violin players, but we don't have a lot of luck finding fantastic players who are also dancers. We have to train them, because the entire show is fully choreographed, complete with magic tricks and even acrobatics."



"Barrage: Vagabond Tales" will be at the Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont Street, Boston, through Dec. 19. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or visit www.broadwayacrossamerica.com.

- R. Scott Reedy



Thurs. Dec. 16

Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St., Scituate, 6 p.m. presents Hull author **David V. Herlihy** on Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. He will give a slide show tracing the rich and colorful history of that mechanical marvel, the bicycle, a remarkable story related in-depth in his new book "Bicycle: the History." The presentation will be followed by a discussion and book signing. For information, or to reserve a book, call Front Street Book Shop at 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com

The Radio City Rockettes and Magic 106.7 FM have come together to sponsor a night at the Wang Center where giving takes center stage. The Wang Center will serve as a toy drop off site on the performance night of Dec. 16, to benefit The Home for Little Wanderers' annual "Big Wishes for Little Wanderers" gift drive. If you have tickets for performance on Dec. 16, you are invited to bring a new, unwrapped gift to be donated to children at risk, then stay for The Radio City Christmas Spectacular featuring the famous Rockettes. Tickets for the performance on Dec. 16, are still available for those interested in attending the show and donating gifts. Ticket prices vary from $18.50 - $74.50 and may be purchased online at www.wangtheater.org or you may call Telecharge at 800-447-7400.

A Christmas Carol will be performed at the Orpheum-Foxboro, 1 School St., Foxboro, on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and on Dec. 12, and 19, at 3 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the box office: $22 for adults, $20 for seniors and students, and $15.00 for children under 12. The Orpheum is handicapped accessible. Call 508-543-2787 (ARTS) for ticket reservations and group sales information or to request your tickets on-line you can also contact the theatre at www.orpheum.org

Canton Club and Weymouth Club, are partnering with the International Orphans Foundation to find host families for 15 Russian youngsters, ages 5-13, who be visiting the Greater Boston area for three weeks next July. Informational sessions aimed at providing all of the information, and to answer any questions people who feel they might be interested in serving as a host family will be held and at Weymouth Club at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 16. To reserve your spot at either of the informational meetings, call Vicky Wu, executive director of the International Orphans Foundation at 857.234.1057, or email Ms. Wu at vwu@orphasfoundation.org.

Bettina Lesieuris 9th Annual Art Exhibit - open to the public free of charge beginning 301 Saint George St., Duxbury. Dec. 16 through Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free and open to the public. This exhibit features oil landscapes, ranging from miniatures to larger pieces of Duxbury and the South Shore area, Cape Cod and Islands, New Mexico, Key West, and Provence. Call 781-934-5103 or visit www.bettinalesieur.com.

José Mateo's Ballet Theatre presents **The Nutcracker** at The Sanctuary Theatre 400 Harvard St., Harvard Square, Cambridge through Dec. 19. Call 617-354-7467 or visit www.BalletTheatrre.org for tickets.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month **Jean Mulligan** will exhibit her paintings for the month of December at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

Edaville USA celebrates the **Holiday Festival of Lights** New England's largest holiday light display runs through Jan. 2, 2005. The family fun park features a narrow-gauge train ride through 5 1/2-miles of a decorated cranberry plantation. For information, call 877-EDAVILLE or go to www.edaville.org http://www.edaville.org

Public Skating at the Armstrong Arena, Long Pond Road, Plymouth Monday through Friday from 10 .m. to noon Friday evenings 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Special vacation week session is offerd Dec. 27 to31, from 1:to 3 p.m. Admission $3; rental skates available for a rental fee. 508-746-8825 or visit www.fmcarenas.com

Bay State Blades is accepting applications for individuals 2.5 years and up for fall and winter skating lessons at **the Asiaf Skating Rink in Brockton**. New programs available for all ages and abilities beginning November/December. Programs are Tiny Blades, Tykes Hockey, Learn to Skate and Hockey Skating Skills. For information call 781-871-7681 or visit www.baystateblades.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Every Thursday **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano** 9:30 p.m. 781-871-7175.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Thursday 8:30 p.m. **Karaoke with Ron Towers.** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Fri. Dec. 17

Sacred Heart High School, Kingston, Dec. 17, **Annual Christmas Choral Show** will be presented at 10:30 a.m. in the school Auditorium. This year's Sacred Heart Christmas Chorus Show will include performances by the three school choruses, the school's show choir Pizzazz, and a presentation of the Nativity and will be directed by Mrs. Gwynne Sousa. Sacred Heart Alumni will be invited to join students on stage at the close of the Christmas Choral Show for the traditional singing of "Oh Holy Night!". www.sacredheart-hs.org 781-585-7511.

The Duxbury Art Association, Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Bengtz and Cutler Galleries. Running through March 4, the *Winter Works* exhibit features New Year and winter-inspired fine art and photography from some of the South Shore's leading artists. Gallery hours: Monday – Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekends by chance. For information, call: 781.934.2731 ex 4 or visit www.duxburyart.org.

The Little Theatre of Stoughton presents a Holiday Production ever.. recreate scenes from Dickens's "A Christmas Carol" with the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future joining forces w/ long dead Jacob Marley and the Cratchit's to turn miser Scrooge into a kind and loving man. Live -One Weekend Only -Stoughton Cinema Pub Dec 17 -19, Matinee Dec 18,19 at 1 p.m. Eve Dec 17,18, at 7:30pm Tickets adults $15 advance $13 seniors / Students $8 advance $6 Men and Women in uniform...FREE! Advance ticket sales at Pages, Bob's, and Cinema in Stoughton Square and Cast members

The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. **Winter Solstice Celebration**, Dec.17, 6 to 8 p.m. Festivities include night sky activities and solstice traditions, stories around the campfire, hot cocoa and delicious munchies. Bring a recycled plastic bottle (2 liter) for lantern-making. $10 per person/$12 non-members. Family of four $30 members/$36 non-members, additional children $5 each.781-659-2559.

The South Street Gallery, will feature the works of **Ronald Tinney.** The opening exhibit will be Dec. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to meet the artist at that time. The exhibit will continue to run through the first week of January. 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.



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The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, presents an exhibit of oil paintings by local artist Charles Stockbridge and Robert Beaulieu, titled "City and Sea," through Jan. 31, 2005 in the Vine Hall Gallery. The public is invited to an artists' reception on Dec. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m.. The exhibit can be viewed free of charge, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 781-659-2559. www.ssnsc.org.

New Song Folk Club and Arts Center, 51 Maple St. (Codman Building) Rockland - Dec. 17. **Curt Bessette** $8. 781-413-7604. www.newsongarts-center.org

Candlelight Tour of the Captain Samuel Robbins Museum House, 188 Main St., Avon. Tour this historic sea captain's home by candlelight. 508-583-7616. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The 17th edition of Musical Holiday Party featuring song, dance and comedy at **Quincy Dinner Theatre**, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center, Dec. 3 to 19. Dinner and show. Handicapped accessible. Free parking. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations.

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, will bring back to its stage the Charles Dickens' classic **A Christmas Carol**; running through Dec. 18. Performances are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. There will also be a 4 p.m. show on Dec. 18. Tickets are priced at $25 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and $23 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at, and by calling 781-871-2787.

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library will unwrap a special exhibit, **Presents for a President and First Lady,** a display of 65 state gifts presented to President and Mrs. Kennedy by foreign leaders from around the globe. The exhibit, which features a large selection of never-before-seen treasures from the Kennedy White House, opens for the traditional gift-giving season in the Museum's White House corridor and ceremonial room, and runs through Nov. 13, 2005. General admission is $10; seniors over the age of 62 and college students with appropriate identification is $8, and for children ages 13-17, $7. Children ages 12 and under are admitted for free. Handicapped accessible. (866) JFK-1960 or access www.jfklibrary.org

The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery currently hosts an exhibition of great interest to art enthusiasts and holiday shoppers alike. **Small Works** showcases the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 Gallery Artists. Works in all media include watercolor, oil, charcoal, pen and ink, acrylic, pastels, pottery, monoprints, and photography and features familiar local scenes, landscapes, seascapes, still life, ceramics, collages, and folk art. All works are small in size with special pricing for holiday giving. Small Works is open through Dec. 31. Gallery Hours are Mon. to Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

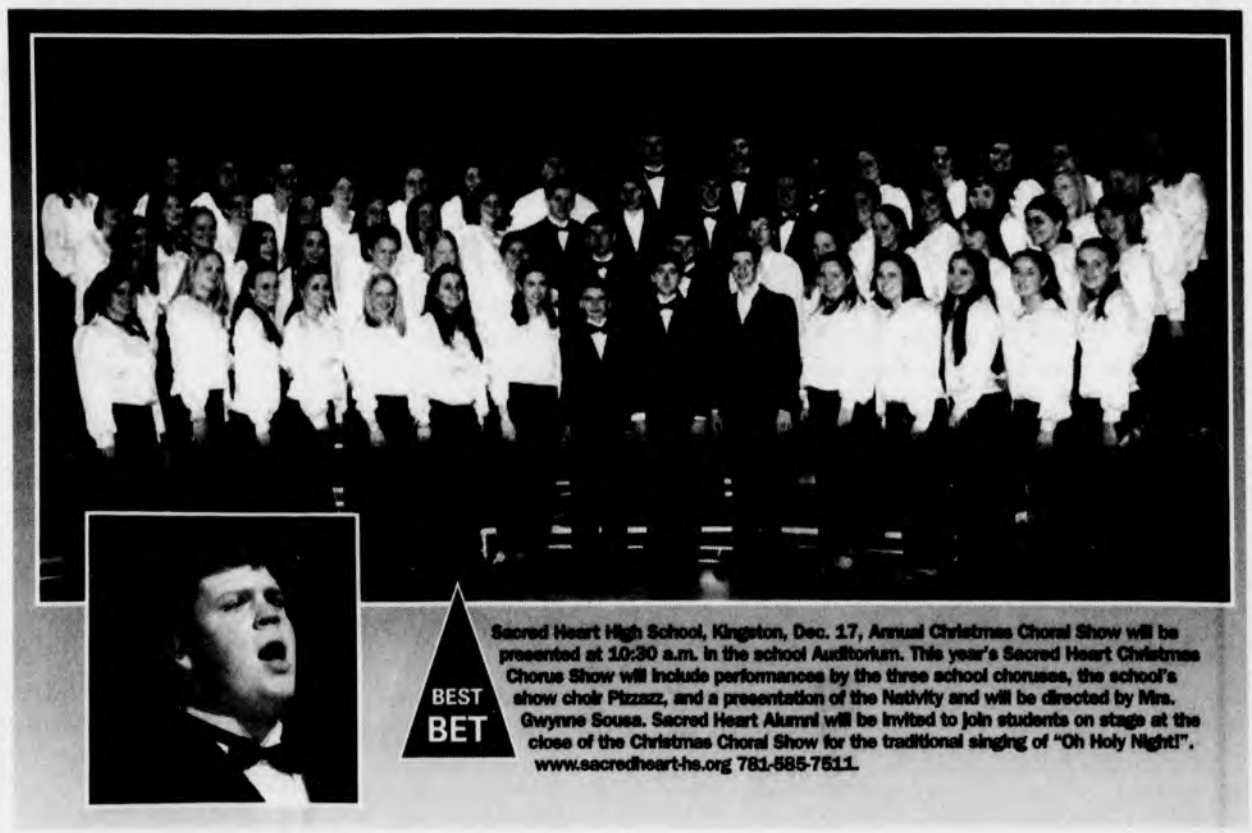
Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Dec. 17, **Undaunted Professor Harp** 781-335-9796.

The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Dec. 17, **Fat City Band**. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sat. Dec. 18

The 2004 Edition of the Radio City Christmas spectacular featuring **The Rockettes** presented by John Hancock to make its Boston debut at The Wang Theatre through Dec. 31. For tickets call telecharge at 1-800-447-7400, www.wangcenter.org, or box office at 270 Tremont St., Boston.

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Lo Spuntino's December Holiday Wine Tasting Complimentary Holiday Wine Tasting, Dec. 18, from noon to 4 p.m. at our Pembroke Wine Warehouse. Celebrate the holiday season with some of Viansa's newly released vintages and gourmet pantry food items. We will be tasting Viansa's 2002 Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon as well as other fabulous Merlots and Cabernets that we have just recently added to our inventory. Also on our tasting list that day are some great Champagnes and Sparkling Wines to help you celebrate the New Year! And If you are a chocolate or port lover you won't want to miss this tasting. LoSpuntino's is located at 530 Corporate Park ,300 Oak St., Pembroke. 1-800-814-0108.

NASA@Your Library exhibit opens at the Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy, Dec. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. This is the only Massachusetts stop on the nationwide tour of this interactive computerized exhibit created by NASA and the American Library Association. Learn about how the space shuttle works, how astronauts are chosen, what it's like to live in space and more. The exhibit will be open during regular library hours from through Jan. 20. The exhibition will be open during Quincy's First Night celebrations. 617-376-2411 or www.thomascrane library.org

The Holiday Festival of Lights will take place at the **Striar Jewish Community Center** (JCC), 445 Central St., in Stoughton. Performances will be Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. and Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. Works from Bernstein will be featured with solo and group performances from the children and adult choir. With dedicated rehearsals since August, the concert is a definite must see. Admission is $16 for adults and $14 for seniors and children ages 12 and under.

Gingerbread House Workshop - Decorate a gingerbread house and paint a gingerbread man at Plaster Play, 263 Washington St., Norwell. Drop the kids off from 10:15 a.m. to noon. For information call 781 659-0011.

FleetCenter to hold Public Skates :The FleetCenter will open its doors to public skates during the month of December. Admission is $5. Tickets can be purchased at the FleetCenter Box Office during normal Box Office Hours (Sunday - Saturday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.). Kids 2 and under are free. BYOS (bring your own skates), the FleetCenter will not provide rentals. Public Skate Schedule Dec. 18, 1 to 4 p.m.; Dec. 19, 1 to 3:30 p.m.; Dec. 20, 1 to 6 p.m.; Dec. 21, 1 to 6 p.m. p.m. Reservations are being accepted for youth teams, adult leagues, company functions, fundraising opportunities and a whole lot more. Private rentals are available at different times throughout the day Dec. 18-21. Prices start at just $300 for a 50 minute time block. Call 617.624.BEAR (2327), Option #1 or email ice@fleetcenter.com for pricing and availability. Visit www.fleetcenter.com for additional information.

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The Weymouth Art Association Members Winter Exhibit will take place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth Dec. 11-18. 781-337-1402 or 781-337-4513.

The North River Arts Society presents an exhibition of oil paintings by **artist Ted Polomis** in the Dolphin Gallery of the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham, through Jan. 13. The show features a variety of intimate still lifes and studies painted in the tradition of classical realism. The library gallery is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. For information, call 781-837-8091 or visit www.polomis.com.

Artist Ginny Allen, a long time resident of Scituate and retired professor of Mass. Art is having an exhibition "Memento Mori" at the **South Shore Conservatory**, through Jan. 31, 2005.

Fuller Craft Museum 455 Oak Street in Brockton, rolls up the rugs for ceramic artist **Allison Newsome's** installation *On Island* through Jan. 2, 2005. Rhode Island artist Allison Newsome will create wet clay drawings and sculptures specifically for Fuller Craft's Tarlow Gallery that address environmental ethics using the imagery of nature and culture. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, Free for members and children under 12.

Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset, Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Saturday night from 8-11pm. Non-smoking, casual dress. 781-383-0900.

Starcreations Theater from The South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, 10 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 125, Plymouth, presents the musical **The Grinch** on Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. and Dec. 19, at 3 p.m. at 3 p.m. Tickets: Adult $10, child $5. 508-747-1234 www.ssarc.org

New England Singles Dances: Mosley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St, Route 109, Dedham. Dec. 18, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. DJ Top 40 Dance Music. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Proper dress for all ages over age 30. Admission $8. Www.singles-dances-newengland.com

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The Sea Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, **The Love Dogs** Saturday, Dec. 18 casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows start at 9:30 p.m. Age 21 and over admitted. Full handicap access. 781-925-4300 or email: theseanote@aol.com

Sun. Dec. 19

The Braintree Choral Society will host a **Messiah Sing** at Saint Clare's Church. 1244 Liberty St., Braintree, at 4 p.m. on Dec. 19. This holiday tradition will include a full orchestra and soloists, will be preceded by a silent auction. A limited number of Messiah scores will be available at the door or bring your own copy. Tickets $8; $5 for seniors and student.

Designs of France, at the home of John and Peg Carpenter, 58 Meadowbrook Road, at the end of River St., Norwell, will hold an Open House and Holiday Sale on Dec. 18 and 19, from noon to 5 p.m. 781-826-8553 www.designsoffrance.com

Victorian Christmas Celebration at the Captain Samuel Robbins Museum House, 188 Main St., Avon. Admission by voluntary donation. Tour this historic sea captain's home. Meet Father Christmas and listen to a trio of singers perform Christmas carols. All Children must be with an adult.

Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey St. corner Pearl St. Brockton, will be presenting, **The David Project Training Workshop**, Making the Case for Israel, Understanding the Middle East Conflict, on Sunday December 19 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. This free program will be presented by Dr. Anna Kolodner, Director of training for the David Project: Contact the temple office 508-583-5810 for reservations and information.

The Blue Hills Adult Walking Club meets on a weekly basis for recreational walks. No fee to join and everyone age 16 and older is welcome. Lead by a park ranger, walks are normally two to five miles. Hiking boots and drinking water recommended for all hikes. **Dec. 19, Moderate Walk,** some small hills, 3.5 miles. Old Rt. 128 to the Pipeline and back by Bugbee Path617-698-1802 www.state.ma.us/DCR

Hingham's Coffeehouse off the Square presents **Southern Rail** on Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. This Boston-based, Appalachia-rooted band presents a program of Bluegrass Christmas Gospel music. The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square. Admission is $10 at the door. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.

South Shore Conservatory's Beth Canterbury, soprano, **Eugene Kaminsky**, piano, **Matthew Pierce**, cello and **David Cross**, clarinet, present a free concert on Dec. 19, 3 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. The repertoire includes Brahms' *Cello Sonata, Opus. 38 in E minor,* Schubert's *Shepherd on the Rock for soprano, clarinet and piano,* and Brahms' *Trio for clarinet, cello and piano, Opus 114 in A minor.* The Ellison Center for the Arts is located at 64 St. George St., and is handicapped accessible. www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-934-2731, ext. 10, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, or Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

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A Dickens of a show at Orpheum

Joyous music, ghostly special effects, and loads of holiday cheer are blended like the richest egg nog in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," the oft-produced tale of the mean-spirited Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghosts who haunt him, being presented through Sunday at the Orpheum Theatre in Foxboro.

"Not only is this the one show which never fails to touch audiences of all ages, but from a technical standpoint, it's a wonderful challenge trying to bring Dickens' language to life in a fresh and exciting way," explains Weymouth's Steve Dooner who is directing Foxboro's "A Christmas Carol" for Bay Colony Productions.

Dooner has assembled a talented company of local artists and technicians — including Joe Siriani of Hingham as Scrooge — to ensure that the music, costumes, sets and special effects create just the right Dickensian atmosphere. "Having believable ghosts come and go is definitely a priority. But my highest goal is to bring the lively and musical language of Dickens to stage like never before. I think hearing Dickens' words, with all their drama and beauty, will be something our audience will love."

"A Christmas Carol" will be performed through Sunday, December 19, at the Orpheum Theatre, 1 School Street, Foxboro. For tickets and information, call 508-543-2787 or visit www.orpheum.org.

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STRAIGHT FROM THE SOURCE

To find out how humans track sound, a British research team outfitted individuals to walk the streets of London with microphones in their ears that registered the exact times sounds arrived at each ear. What they found was that low-pitched sounds surround the head and enter both ears nearly simultaneously; however, the brain is able to distinguish the small difference in time between when each sound enters each ear. That is what tells a person where the sound came from. High-pitched sounds, on the other hand, are heard by only one ear with just a shadow of the sound heard in the other. These new findings may help scientists develop a new technology for tracking sounds in noisy environments.

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P.S. At one time, the accepted theory of how humans locate the source of sound was based on the barn owl, which has special brain cells that are finely tuned to recognize specific sound pitches.

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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS is recruiting disaster volunteers for South Shore Communities. Call 617-375-0700 ext.433.

WGBH is seeking volunteers to locate and recruit community groups for its fundraising activities during weekday business hours, Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Positions are available year-round. Call Liz Hagyard at 617-300-5715 or email: elizabeth_hagyard@wgbh.org

EXERCISE VOLUNTEERS are wanted at the Marina Bay Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Quincy. No experience necessary. Volunteers will be trained. For information contact Ruth P. Carroll RN, at Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for Ages at 617-363-8730.

QUINCY ANIMAL SHELTER is looking for responsible and reliable volunteers to walk/train/socialize dogs, feed/play/cuddle cats, join the marketing or fundraising committee and much more. Call or visit the web site at www.quincyanimal-shelter.org

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS is seeking volunteers to help out at blood drives in your community. Help register donors or provide refreshments, duties are light and training is available. Daytime volunteers needed. Call Laura O'Neal at 781-461-2086.

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Designs of France, at the home of John and Peg Carpenter, 58 Meadowbrook Road, at the end of River St., Norwell, will hold an Open House and Holiday Sale on Dec. 18 and 19, from noon to 5 p.m. 781-826-8553 www.designsoffrance.com

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Sacred Heart High School, Kingston, is hosting an **Alumni Chorus Reunion** on Sunday, Dec. 19. The catered gathering will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the school's Annual Christmas Choral Show. This year's Sacred Heart Christmas Chorus Show will include performances by the three school choruses, the school's show choir Pizzazz, and a presentation of the Nativity and will be directed by Mrs. Gwynne Sousa. Sacred Heart Alumni will be invited to join students on stage at the close of the Christmas Choral Show for the traditional singing of "Oh Holy Night!" The Chorus Show starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart auditorium.

The Ventress Library Sunday Concert Series will present a holiday concert **Twas the Night Before Christmas** on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m.. **Pianist Lynn Salmonsen**, her soprano sister **Jane Salmonsen Marin** and soprano **Kathleen Stetson** will perform a varied holiday program to include well-known favorites, some classical pieces and a dramatic reading of "The Night Before Christmas." Children may bring their stockings to the concert to hang by the make-believe "fireplace" in the library's program room and will receive a little treat in the stocking. The program will finish with an audience sing-a-long for all to join. Free and open to the public. No tickets are required. Refreshments are served at a post concert reception. 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org.

Life's A Pitch, A freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. 508-947-4877.

Art Complex Musuem in Duxbury presents the work of **Nancy Murphy Spicer** through Jan. 9. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org

ShakerHigh/Shaker Low, at the **Art Complex Museum** 189 Alden St., Duxbury through Jan. 9, 2005. Pieces from its extensive Shaker Collection will be on display. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Mon. Dec. 21

St. Paul Parish, 147 North St., Hingham, will offer a **Day of Eucharistic Adoration** on Dec. 21, as part of Pope John Paul II's universal call to celebrate a special year of the Eucharist. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private prayer and adoration in the lower church following the 9 a.m. Mass until after the monthly Hour which begins at 7:30 p.m. Then starting in January, there will be two days of adoration monthly; the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The Lane Center for Natural Healing 45 Pond St., Norwell, will host an art exhibit/sale to benefit Wellspring and Rosie's Place as part of their holiday celebrations. "Landscapes Near and Far," paintings by **Hanover artist Valerie Doran Norris**, will be on display at The Lane Center through Dec. 30. The Lane Center offers a full range of complementary healthcare services and their Natural Pharmacy carries a variety of unique and wonderful gifts for the Holidays. 781-982-1616.

Buttonwood Books & Toys is sponsoring its annual **Book Angel Program** to benefit local children. The program recipients are Wellspring in Hull, Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families (serving the South Shore). The Book Angel (That is YOU!) selects an angel from the tree in the store and purchases a book for the child described on the angel. Buttonwood will give a 15 percent discount on the book and deliver the book to the appropriate agency. The program will run through Dec. 22. 781-383-2665.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, located at 273 Hanover St., Hanover, offers education, support and complementary modalities for people living with the challenges of cancer. For information call Ann or Gail at 781-829-4823 or visit www.pathwayscc.org.

Public Skating hours begin at the **DCR (formerly MDC)** public ice rinks. The skating hours vary at each rink. For information on Learn to Skate lessons and for registration, contact Bay State Skating School at 617-890-8480 or visit online at www.baystateskatingschool.org.

Neighbors needed to help homebound elders by delivering Meals on Wheels on any given mid-morning Monday to Friday. Call South shore Elders at 781-848-3910 ext. 430.

Adult Day Health Center, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement, located in Quincy, seeks participants from without any comfortable commuting distance. 617-479-3040.

Chess Club - Children ages 9-14 are invited to join the **Hull Lifesaving Museum's** free after school Chess Club on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m., through Dec. 20. Beginners are welcome. Parent volunteers are also welcome. Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or lifesavingmuseum @comcast.net.

Tues. Dec. 21

Gingerbread house contest to benefit Habitat For Humanity. First annual Gingerbread House contest will take place at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor. Contest categories include Most Humorous, Most Traditional, Most Popular, Most Professional and Most Creative. Prizes include Getaway Weekend at Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor and dinners for four at the Harbor Grille. Entry fee is $10, drop-off/set-up date is Dec. 14. Entries will be displayed Dec. 15-20. All proceeds will go directly to Habitat for Humanity. For entry form, call The Radisson at 508-747-4900 or visit www.radissonplymouth.com or e-mail: info@radissonplymouth.com.

Pembroke Artist In One-Man Show A solo show of paintings by Pembroke artist **Brooks Kelly** will be on display through Jan. 28, at the ZONA Art Gallery, Queen Anne`s Plaza, Norwell. Gallery hours are: Mon. 12- 8, Tues-Thurs. 9 - 8, Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5, Sun. 11 - 5. The show is free and open to the public. 781-871-4545.

In Shape Studio, Hanover Mall - An all women's fitness club featuring the original 30 minute circuit program using Pace circuit equipment (programmed accommodating circuit exercise) which is both aerobic and anaerobic. Weight loss support and other groups forming now. 781-829-5555.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, hosts story time every Tuesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Age range is 2 to 5 years old. Free. For information call 781-383-2665.

Calling all South Shore Parents Are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community, complete with a listing of family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hot-spots along the South Shore. www.southshoreparents.com

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave.,

Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

Tea at Five, starring **Kate Mulgrew** comes to the **Shubert Theatre** , 745 Boylston St., Suite 504, Boston, Dec. 7 to 19. Call 888-889-8587 or www.wangcenter.org

Wed. Dec. 22

José Mateo's Ballet Theatre presents **The Nutcracker** at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St., Duxbury. Dec. 22-26. Call 617-354-7467 or online at www.BalletTheatre.org for tickets.



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The 17th edition of Musical Holiday Party featuring song, dance and comedy at Quincy Dinner Theatre, 1170 Hancock St., Quincy Center, Dec. 3 to 19. Dinner and show. Handicapped accessible. Free parking. Call 781-843-5862 for reservations.

Cranberry Hospice is offering single session meetings to help people cope with grief during the holidays. Workshops will be held Dec. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. To register call Kathleen McAleer at 508-746-0215.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc., will host a talk by **Eugene I. Brennan,** president of Senior Care Financial on **Understanding Your Options** on Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham. Respite care for your patient is available for this meeting at Harbour House Day Health Center of Hingham. Call Pat Levy at 781-749-4774.

Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.

The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

Thurs. Dec. 23

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, presents, every Thursday, New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano . 781-871-7175

Fri. Dec. 24

Our Lady of the Assumption, Green Harbor, 781-834-6252, Pastor: Rev. Donald P. Clifford, Christmas Mass Schedule: Dec. 24, 4 p.m., 6 p.m. (Children's Choir), Midnight Mass (Adult Choir). Dec. 25, 9 and 11 a.m. (there will be no 5 p.m. Mass today). Dec. 26, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

St. Christine Church, 1295 Main St., (3A), Marshfield. Christmas Mass Schedule Friday, Dec. 24, 4 p.m. Church 4 p.m. Hall, 6 p.m. Church, Children's Mass, 9 p.m. Church Saturday, Dec. 25, 7, 9 and 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 26, and Jan. 2, Regular Sunday Schedule Rectory phone 781-834-6003, Religious education office 781-837-0088, No 6 p.m. Mass.

The First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 330 First Parish Road, in Scituate, will be holding its traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 24. The service led by Rev. Richard Stower will feature carols, stories and music sung by the First Parish choir under the leadership of Beth Hilliard. Holiday music will also be played by Rosy Hilliard (flute) and Caroline Hine (cello). All are welcome. 330 First Parish Road, and is handicap accessible.

The Church Hill United Methodist Church extends an invitation to their Annual Christmas Day Dinner to the South Shore Community. This dinner is for any individual, couple or family, including children, who would otherwise be alone on this special holiday. The dinner is free. Gather at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and entertainment. Dinner will be served at noon. Reservations for dinner may be made by calling Gail Zifcak at 781-545-1666 or the church office 781-826-4763 as soon as possible, as only 100 reservations will be taken. Transportation will be provided if needed. All are welcome. The church is located at the intersection of River and Church Streets in Norwell. You do not need to be a resident of Norwell to attend. If you are willing to volunteer your time or talent, or make a financial contribution, call Gail Zifcak 781-545-1666 as soon as possible. Two-hour shifts have been set up to make it easier for volunteers to help make this a wonderful experience for all who attend.



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Hingham's Coffeehouse off the Square presents Southern Rail Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. This Boston-based, Appalachia-rooted band presents a program of Bluegrass Christmas Gospel music. The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Parish House at 107 Main St., Hingham Square. Admission is $10 at the door. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.

Ongoing events

La Leche League of Silver Lake meets every second Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m. For information email Joanne.collins@comcast.net

MS Support Group on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of South Shore Hospital. Contact Liz 781-878-7041 or email at Vze2n8tr@verizon.net or Cindy 781-878-5835 or email at Rockland119@AOL.com.

The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore a new marching arts program, is accepting applications for brass and percussion players, as well as color guard (flag squad) members. A family style group open to individuals 13 years and older. Musical experience desirable but not necessary. Inexperienced but motivated people will be trained by expert instructional staff in a fun and dynamic rehearsal setting. Has your community eliminated its band or music programs? Would you still like to be in a very high caliber marching and musical group? The Imperials is much cheaper than music lessons. Free unlimited trial membership. Winter rehearsals on most Sundays at the Pembroke Community Center Rt. 14, Pembroke, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. www.pathwayproductions.org/imperials.htm

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages, who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tues nights at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus, under the direction of Patricia Hoitt of Norwell, is a women's a cappella chorus providing vocal training and musical entertainment throughout the greater South Shorearea. Come and experience the fun , and sing your cares away. Call 781-843-4355.

The Dedham Museum 612 High St., Dedham, at the Dedham Historical Society presents **Wedgwood – Not Just Blue and White,** to Jan. 15. Admission $2 adults and $1 children. 781-326-1385 or www.DedhamHistorical.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

CALENDAR, see next page

Meetings

SOUTH SHORE MANIC-DEPRESSION AND DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP-open to anyone with a mood disorder and their friends and family. Meeting at Pembroke Hospital (Oak St., Pembroke) every Thursday at 7 p.m. 781-829-7211.

THE LOW VISION GROUP will meet the third Wednesday of the month in the Duxbury Council on Aging Building on Mayflower Street, Duxbury. New members welcome. 781-934-5774.

THE BUTTONWOOD WRITERS' GROUP, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. New members, beginners and published writers, are always welcome to join the group. Please call 1-781-383-2665 for more information.

THE YOUNG WIDOWED GROUP OF GREATER BOSTON, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (September-June). The meetings are held at the: Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Needham Campus Administration Building Coffee Shop 148 Chestnut St., Needham Center This informal support group is open to all men and women, regardless of length of time widowed, aged 55 and younger, with the focus on those in their 20's, 30's, and 40's.

THE SEASIDE MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES GROUP meets monthly in Scituate to provide support for parents of twins, triplets and more. The club is affiliated with the National Mothers of Twins Club. For information, contact Mary Alcott at 781-545-6681.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN FROM CHINA (FCC) South Shore, has an active play group meeting every other week from 10 am until noon. Call Cissy White at 781-331-4679 for information. No cost to join.

SOUTH SHORE WRITERS CLUB meets twice a month on the second and fourth Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the Hanson Library, 132 Maquan St., Hanson.

THE BUTTONWOOD WRITER'S GROUP, established to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing, continues to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset store. New members, beginners and published writers, are welcome.

WRITERS' GROUP MEETS AT FRONT STREET BOOK SHOP every fourth Thursday of the month. Front Street Book Shop offers a supportive environment and encourages all levels of writing experience to attend. Bring a writing project to share. More information call: 781-545-5011.

LA LECHE LEAGUE OF SILVER LAKE is an international, non profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and encouragement to all women who want to breastfeed.. Meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m., at 46 Forge Road, Kingston. For information call: Joanne 781-924-1919/Lisa 781-829-9075/Heidi 781-582-1187, or email Joanne.collins@comcast.net All expectant, new, and experienced mothers and their babies welcome. www.lalecheleague.org

THE SOUTH SHORE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY is an amateur Astronomy club based in Norwell, holds monthly free meetings, observing sessions, open to the public. www.ssastros.org

THE INTERFAITH BOOK STUDY GROUP meets on the third Sunday of each month at the social hall at the Wollaston Congregational Church, Winthrop Ave., Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Book selection for March, Palace Walk by N. Mahfouz (Islamic) 617-773-1036.

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Storytellers/authors Andrea Lovett of Abington and **Weisey MacMillan** of Marshfield are forming an **adult writer's group**. 10:30 a.m. 781-871-5892. A small fee will be charged

Stories and Art for Preschoolers and Toddlers will be offered at the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St., Duxbury, every second Thursday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from 1 to 2:30 p.m. 781-934-6634 extension 15.

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no monies are exchanged - just time.) Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc. moving furniture), The list is endless. Procrastinating can be a thing of the past. Membership fee: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, at 781-871-2583.

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com 508-830-4250.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**, Broad St., Weymouth for children 4 1/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnolly@artsfirst.org

Cura VNA & Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, **offers The Young Widow and Widowers Support Group**, meeting every other Thursday for eight weeks from 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m. To register call 508-746-0215.

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runners clinic Mondays at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell - **Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury, presents **Stories and Art with Sally for Preschoolers**, every second Thursday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Preregistration required. $5. Call 781-934-6634 ext. 15.

Parental Stress Line - Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, nonjudgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. The Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call us before the summer is over at 1-800-632-8188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth - Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

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Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

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Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at 781-294-1880.

Alateen and Al-Anon Family Groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people your age (ages 6 - 12 or ages 13 - 18 years old) to share experiences and understanding ways of coping, close friendships and hope for a happier life. Come any Friday night at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Hanover (in the back lower level) First Baptist Church at 580 Webster St. (Rte. 123) For more information call Kris at 781-834-5973. For information on similar fellowships at other times in Massachusetts towns, call 781-843-5300.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call 781-659-1857.

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DESTINATIONS

License to chill

Take it easy at Goldeneye, Ian Fleming's luxurious Jamaica estate

By KEVIN PILLEY
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

ORCABESSA, Jamaica - "Relax, man," said Ramsey, giving me the first ingredient of "The Commander's" secret recipe for a happy life. "Drink water with your rum, eat a little red meat but more fish, swim, fish and keep the drinking, the cigarettes and the women in moderation (and at a long distance from your wife)." Ramsey Dacosta, now 66, used to be the houseboy for the British author Ian Fleming at his Jamaican home, "Goldeneye." It was here in this seaside retreat that Fleming completed 13 of his James Bond books, beginning with "Casino Royale" in 1952. The writer bought the northshore property in "the beautiful banana port of Orcabessa" (as he described the area in "Live and Let Die") for about $7,712 in 1946. That same year, playwright Noel Coward rented the property for two months. Fleming originally had been sent to Jamaica by British naval intelligence to stop U-boat sinkings in the Caribbean. He named Goldeneye, a property that was once a racecourse for donkeys, after a British Admiralty plan to defend Gibraltar. Fleming spent 18 winters at Goldeneye, writing four hours a day. In a newspaper interview, he described his writing style as "fast and with application." The writer died in 1964 at the age of 56. At the front gate today there is still a sign reading "For Sale or Rent," left there for nostalgia's sake.

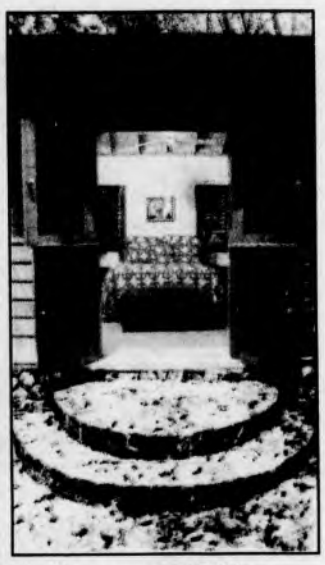
The 15-acre estate, which includes private beaches and coves, remained vacant until 1976, when London-born Chris Blackwell, founder of Island Records, bought it from the Fleming estate (Bob Marley once considered buying the property too, according to Blackwell). Today, Goldeneye is an ultraluxurious all-inclusive resort, one of four properties Blackwell operates in Jamaica. Fleming's old house, the Ian Fleming House as it's called today, is a three-bedroom villa. His former bedroom still has the red bullwood desk on which he wrote with the jalousies shut to keep out the sun (there is a typewriter, but the original was sold in 1995). The bathtub is in a secluded garden location outside. Adjacent to the Fleming house is a large media room with a big video screen and little library that has a DVD collection (James Bond titles included). The rest of the property consists of just four one- to three-bedroom villas with glassless windows to let in the breeze and the sound of the pounding surf. Nothing much has changed since Fleming's time. It is, however, a little disconcerting when checking in to Goldeneye to be told Domino, as in "Thunderball," is waiting for you.



A kayaker enjoys the tranquil ocean water and warm sun at Goldeneye, an ultraluxurious, all-inclusive resort in Orcabessa, Jamaica.



The bathtub at the Ian Fleming House can be found in a secluded garden location outside.



A villa entrance at Goldeneye, an ultraluxurious, all-inclusive resort in Orcabessa, Jamaica.

The villas are all named after famous Bond heroines, with the exception, strangely, of Pussy Galore (of "Goldfinger" fame). Back in his day, Fleming entertained all the usual suspects at Goldeneye. Former CIA chief Allen Dulles was a guest (although President Kennedy was said to be a great fan of Fleming's writing, he never visited). Fleming described Truman Capote as a "most incongruous playmate" when he spent some time here. According to Dacosta, Fleming had a sense of humor and used to get a horse's carcass put in the lagoon so that when showing around his guests he could point to the circling fins of the sharks the carcass would attract and tell them that was the guests' special swimming area. On my visit, a couple from Pennsylvania wanted to throw me in the sea. Keen on conservation, they said they believed the number of travel writers should be reduced, because we are ruining a lot of wonderful places by writing about them. They didn't want me to write about Goldeneye. "It's too nice," they said. "It's real Jamaica. And that's rare." This island nation has been used for many Bond movies, and there are plenty of locations to please the Bondophile. Laughing Waters is where Ursula Andress (Honey Rider in "Dr. No") came out of the sea in a skimpy white bikini. The swamps around Falmouth were Dr. No's home in "Dr. No." The crew's hotel for that movie, Sans Souci, is where Bond (whom Fleming described as "a healthy, violent, non-cerebral man in his mid-30s with few perceptible virtues except patriotism and courage") seduced Miss Taro (Zena Marshall). Charles Swaby's Falmouth Swamp Safari was where Sir Roger Moore hurdled the alligators in "Live and Let Die."

But most people who visit Goldeneye spend the majority of their time on-property. They check out the pool, three beaches and private coral reef, which inspired much of "Thunderball." Deep-sea fishing excursions are available. And you can take a tour with Dacosta, around the gardens full of African tulips, yellow hibiscus, giant bunyan trees and what seems like every tropical fruit and nut tree imaginable. Meals and drinks are included in the resort's rates; the Jamaican cuisine is served in the gazebo overlooking the lagoon or in your own private villa. Another obligatory activity is to sit in the sunken garden listening to Ramsey talk about the local birds and "The Commander." Canned Fleming over a special Goldeneye rum punch is perfect. Under the almond tree you learn that Fleming went to Eton and Sandhurst (the British West Point); had a brother (Peter) who was a travel writer; and was a great antiquarian book collector æ he got the name James Bond from "Birds of the West Indies," written by one James Bond. At Goldeneye, you can't help but feel one with your surroundings and lucky, or as Fleming wrote, "since the main ingredient of living is to be alive this is surely a worthwhile prospect."

If you go

Getting there: Goldeneye is a 20-minute drive from Ocho Rios. The closest international airport is two hours away in Montego Bay, or you can fly from Montego Bay on Air Jamaica Express to Boscobel Aerodome, 10 minutes from the resort. Staying there: Winter rates at the all-inclusive resort are from $895 per night for two. Fleming's house, which sleeps six, goes for $3,600 per night. Special honeymoon packages are available. For reservations, call 800-OUTPOST or go to www.islandoutpost.com.

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Ruth Pratt, Joel Pratt's mother, designed this Christmas card in 1954.

Christmas in Cohasset 50 years ago

Big winds, big job, Driver's Ed, and school chaperones

By Joel S. Pratt
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

For 50 years my mother, Ruth Pratt, designed our family Christmas Cards. Her 1954 card showed a Christmas tree and Minot's light bending in the wind and the legend "1954 — Year of the Big Winds." It was, too. Hurricane Carol arrived on August 31: it was the largest storm to hit New England since the September, 1938 hurricane. On September 11, hurricane Edna roared through. Uncle Carroll and Aunt Edna Pratt received a good deal of ribbing that fall. Between Carol and Edna, hurricane Dolly passed by to the east. In October another storm went through Pennsylvania and New York. The year of the big winds indeed.

That summer, Scituate contractor Red Ward hired me as a carpenter's helper. My first 40-hour a week job paid a magnificent $ 1 per hour — with no deductions. The crew made sure that every hard or dirty job fell to me. "Need more shingles on the roof, boy!" "Heat up the tar and do the foundation." "Get those studs up to the second floor." They also did their best to complete my education in areas they felt were deficient. Profanity, lewd jokes and stories about bloody job-site accidents were my daily fare. There were compensations. Red let me take his truck on errands. I picked up coffee and doughnuts for breaks, and went to the lumber yard for kegs of nails. That's right: back then nails of all sizes came in wooden kegs weighing 100 pounds or more. More things for the helper to lift and lug.

The job was less than a mile from our house on Gammons Road. On the day Carol arrived, I pedaled to work

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Teacher perk seen as benefit

Kids can attend Cohasset schools

By Samantha Brown
SAMBROWN@CNC.COM

With enrollment numbers climbing steadily year after year, the School Committee says it is becoming more difficult to maintain a balanced budget because more students means more expenses.

To that end, the question was raised at the Special Town Meeting whether the town can continue to enroll children from out-of-district who have a parent working in the schools.

Wig Pierson, 123 Atlantic Ave., asked how many teachers and staff, who live out of town, send their children to Cohasset schools free of charge, which could affect the school budget.

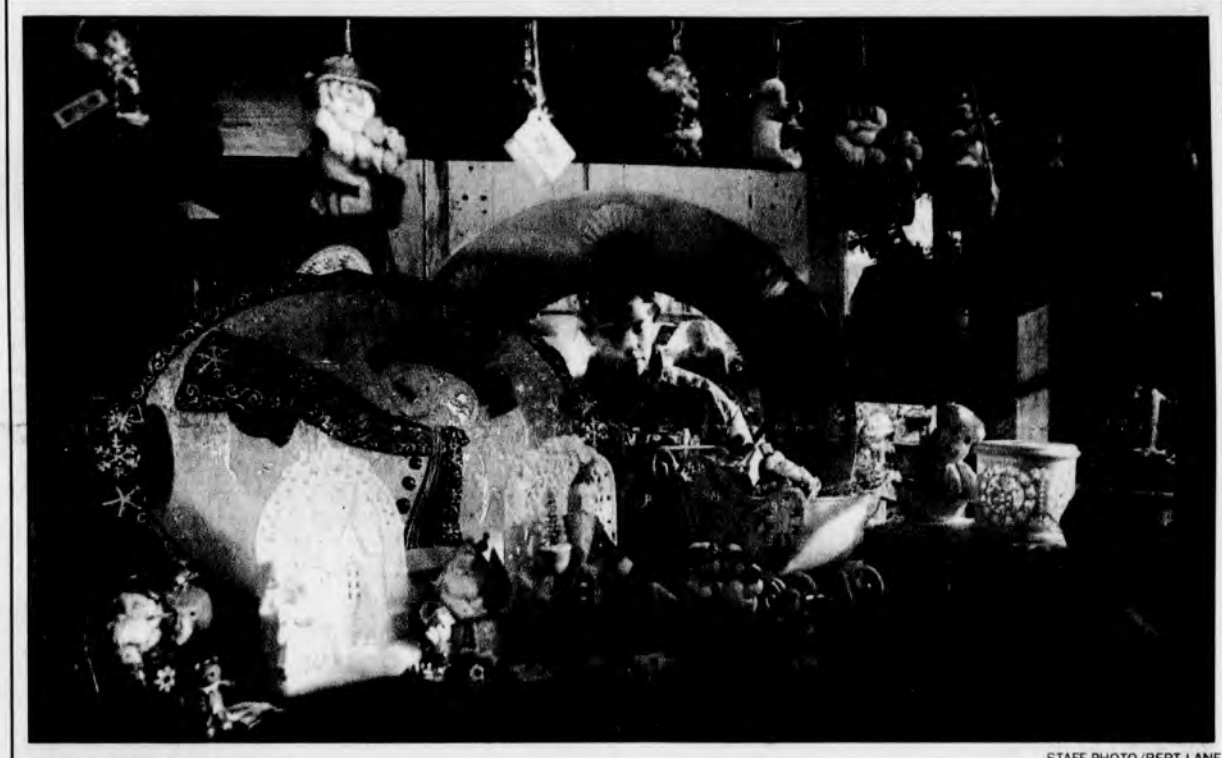
Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh, who said she would compile the information, presented her findings at last Thursday's School Committee meeting.

Currently, there are 12 children who live out of town and attend Cohasset schools as a benefit to their parents who are on staff.

"It certainly is a wonderful benefit," said Walsh, adding it is one that helps attract teachers to Cohasset, and is a factor in keeping them on board.

However, during budget discussions during Town Meeting, School Committee Chairman Rick Shea said enrollment figures are not what the district had planned for, and numbers are much higher than had ever been anticipated. He said in 1996, enrollment estimates showed there would be a steady increase of pupils with projected enrollment in 2010 at 1,480. "Enrollment today is 1,502," he said. With roughly 110 students added to the district over the past two years, "it's very difficult to

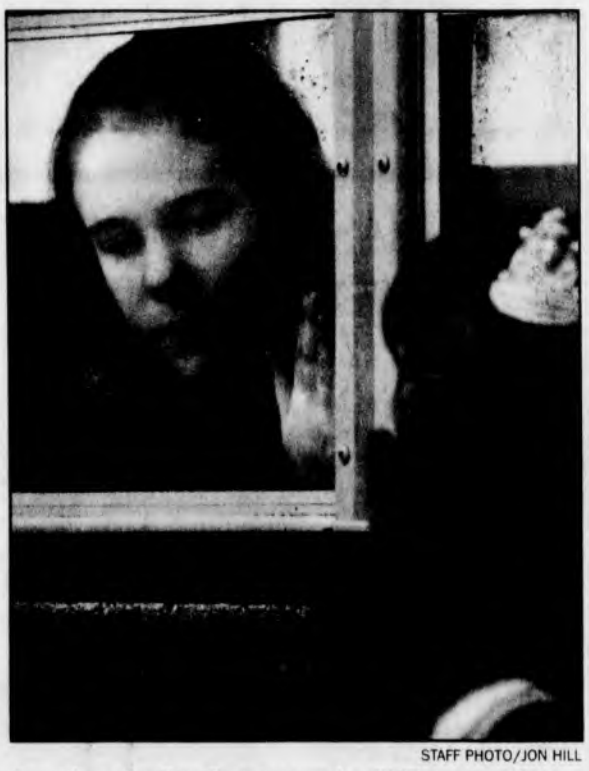
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VILLAGE SHOPPER

Fourteen-year-old Gregory Bonk's image is reflected in the mirror as he shops in Flemings on Elm Street for a Christmas gift last Sunday. Bonk is a Weymouth resident.



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Seventh-grader Erin Fontaine watches EMTs treat a fellow student outside her bus after Monday's accident in the HOV lane on the Southeast Expressway. Although 15 children were transported to area hospitals, no one was seriously injured.

Field trip stopped short when buses collide

No one was seriously hurt

By Samantha Brown
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When news traveled to middle high school Principal Jack DeLorenzo that two buses carrying Cohasset seventh-grade students on a field trip had been involved in an accident on the Southeast Expressway, he and Assistant Principal Michael Gill immediately hopped in the car.

Cell phones in hand, DeLorenzo and Gill communicated with those at the scene and at the school for the entire drive, to ensure everyone was kept abreast of the situation. Fortunately, students that were hurt only suffered from minor injuries.

"We were very lucky," DeLorenzo said.

At roughly 7:15 a.m. Monday, three buses carrying a total of 137 seventh-grade students left the middle high school to attend a play at the John Hancock building in Boston. DeLorenzo said the field trip had originally been scheduled for the fall, but was overbooked and was rescheduled for Dec. 20.

The buses were traveling north in the HOV lane on the Southeast Expressway in Dorchester when the accident took place. DeLorenzo said there was one car between the first and second bus, and the third bus was directly behind the second.

DeLorenzo said the first bus successfully merged back onto the highway, and was not involved in the accident. According to a press release issued by the Massachusetts State Police, information collected by Trooper Keith McAuliffe indicates the two buses involved in the accident suddenly came upon stopped traffic. Paul Dower, 57, of Abington, the driver of the hit bus, was able to stop his bus in time, but Patricia Purves , 45, of Rockland, was not able to stop in time and hit Dower's bus. When Dower's bus was hit, it was pushed into a 2005 Dodge Magnum, operated by 71-year-old Eugene Friedrich of Newport, RI. The two buses involved in the accident were carrying about 95 occupants in all, 90 of which were students.

The buses were traveling north in the HOV lane on the Southeast Expressway in Dorchester when the accident took place.

Friedrich and Purves were uninjured in the crash. However, Dower was transported to Boston Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries. Fifteen children were also transported to area hospitals, and two of the transported students received stitches in their chins.

"The bus wasn't going very fast," said DeLorenzo, which helped keep the number of injuries down. He said in total, six students went to Carney Hospital in Dorchester, five went to Boston Medical Center, and four went to Quincy Medical Center. DeLorenzo was told at the scene that weather did not play a role in the accident, but the cause of the accident is under investigation by the State Police.

State Trooper Tom Ryan, who was not on scene at the time of the accident, but had been briefed by those who were, said likely there were multiple factors which contributed to the accident, which may or may not include the weather. The accident was still under investigation at the time the Mariner went to press, and no one had been cited.

The buses involved in the accident were chartered from the Ingle Bus Service based in Hanover. Steve Ingle did not immediately return phone calls for comment.

After the accident, Ingle's sent two buses to the scene to transport the uninjured children to Florian Hall in Dorchester, where the staff gave them ice cream and cookies. Students were then transported back to

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This week in COHASSET

Strategic planning volunteers sought

The school department has sent out materials on the strategic planning initiative for the district, which outlines various goals for the future. Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh said it is critical to have community input moving forward, especially as the fiscal year 2006 budget process gets underway, and anyone interested in being part of the process is encouraged to contact the superintendent's office at (781) 383-6111.

RTF holiday hours and tree disposal

In light of the holidays, the RTF will close at 1 p.m. Friday Dec. 24, and 1 p.m. Friday Dec. 31. The RTF will not be open on Christmas or New Year's Day, but will resume regular operating hours both Sundays following the holidays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Christmas trees may be brought to the DPW parking area beginning Dec. 26. Please remove all wires and decorations. Residential brush will be accepted beginning Jan. 15 through April 30. No trees over 3 ins. in diameter. No contractors please.

Selectmen seeking committee members

There are a number of committees which will be starting up with the new year or are in need of new appointments, and the Board of Selectmen is looking for interested candidates to participate.

• In light of recent changes with the Comcast cable service in town, the Selectmen would like to reinstate the Cable Committee, which will be responsible for keeping residents informed of any changes in cable service.

• Selectmen are also looking for candidates interested in participating in a committee to review the School Committee budget process. Town Meeting voted to have TROIKA appoint the committee to take a close up look at why the school budget is over-budget. Town Moderator George Marlette will soon call a meeting to appoint interested residents.

• A Sewer Study Committee will also be formed to tackle some of the wastewater issues in town. Representatives from pertinent town boards will be on the committee, and the Selectmen are looking for three residents to participate. A charge for the committee will be drafted after the first of the year, to ensure it is not taking on the same role as the Wastewater Committee.

• A committee to interview a new liaison to the MBTA will soon be appointed, and Selectmen are looking for another resident or two to participate in that process. The liaison interviews will take place within the next two weeks.

• A committee will need to be formed to discuss the options the town has in terms of leaving the turntable in the municipal lot uncovered permanently. The appropriate historical boards in town will be part of the discussion, as well as the Village Revitalization Committee, but Selectmen are also looking for residents to participate. The turntable project discussion will go hand-in-hand with discussion of improvements to the parking lot and the MBTA crossing at Pleasant St.

• A Beechwood Ball Park committee will be formed to help finalize plans for improvements to the area. Members of the DPW, Recreation Commission and other sports related groups will be involved as well as residents.

Residents interested in participating in any committee are encouraged to contact the Selectmen's office at (781) 383-4105.

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Tues. 28	12:12	8.7	6:00	12:11	10.0	6:35
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New Year's Eve Red Lion hours

Selectmen granted an extension of operation hours for the Red Lion Inn for New Year's Eve. It will be open that night only until 2 a.m.

Reporting street light outages

Mass Electric must be notified when street lights burn out in order for them to be replaced. To report a light which is either flickering our completely out, please visit the Mass Electric Web site at www.masselectric.com. Please have identifying information ready, including either the pole number or the house number it is in front of.

Look back at Cohasset's year

Tune in to Our Town next Thursday (Dec. 30) at 8:30 p.m. on Comcast Channel 10 for a retrospective of Cohasset's year with talk-show hosts, Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo. Also, reporter Rich Ofstun meets with village businesses with details of the merchants' fair held last weekend.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall this week:

Board of Assessors, Jan. 11, 4 p.m.

Paul Pratt Library Trustees, Jan. 12, 7 p.m. at the library

Planning Board, Jan. 5, 7 p.m. (Public hearing, 7:30 p.m., 100 Whitehead Road)

Sewer Commission, Dec. 27, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Dec. 30, 7:30 p.m., King Street plant

Water Resources Protection Committee, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m.

ZBA, Jan. 6 (Avalon), 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m.

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School emergency communication technology is on its way

By Samantha Brown
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Shortly, it will no longer be necessary for members of the school department to rely on cell phones to ensure all parents are kept up-to-date on emergency situations that arise, such as the school bus accident which occurred this week.

The school department has signed a three-year contract with Notification Technologies, Inc. which will provide an outbound communication tool for the schools called Connect-Ed. Supt. Denise Walsh said with the technology in place, at the touch of a button, she would be able to send out a pre-recorded message to every parent of every child in all three Cohasset schools, which can be received within minutes.

With the system in place, parents can be the first to know of a situation going on at the schools, before hearing it on the radio or television as breaking news. The program allows the superintendent or principal to record a message with his or her own voice, which Walsh said she feels is reassuring for parents to hear.

As many as six phone numbers can be assigned to each student, and the numbers are called in succession until someone answers.

The system can detect if an answering machine has picked up, and that information is recorded for the schools. In addition, the phone numbers of certain students can be flagged by category, such as those who participate in band or a particular activity, or by grade, so specific messages can be sent to specific homes if a practice is cancelled, rather than notify the entire student body.

The schools will soon be sending out a test message to homes...

Walsh said the technology is currently in the process of being installed, and many staff members have already been trained in how to use the program. She added she hopes to have a trial run before the holiday break. Unfortunately, the program was not ready at the time the accident took place.

But middle-high school Principal Jack DeLorenzo said cell phones proved to be very helpful during Monday's emergency situation, and said he was able to stay in touch with staff at the school while at the accident scene and at the hospitals. He added many of the students were calling their parents from cell phones to inform them of the situation right from the bus, even before the schools could reach them.

Walsh said there are three categories under which the outbound calling technology can be used. During an emergency when information needs to be provided very quickly, or in an instance such as a school closing; for community outreach, such as reminding parents of upcoming concerts or MCAS tests; and for attendance, where a message can be sent to a designated number left by a parent to report a child is not in school that day. If more than one number is designated for a child, a specific number where a parent can be reached, such as a cell phone, can be designated as the number to be called if an absence is being reported.

In addition, Walsh said if need be, she could access the technology from her cell phone during a conference and launch a message from off-site. However, "Until we're that high-tech, we'll take it slow," she said.

The schools will soon be sending out a test message to homes and Walsh asks families to "Please be patient with us while we set it up," as their could be kinks in the system. She said she heard in another town of a new principal who sent out a welcome message to introduce herself, but accidentally sent a 3 a.m. wake-up call to every home in the school district. She said she will take every precaution to ensure a similar mistake does not happen in Cohasset.

Until the system is completely operational, Walsh said parents are advised to listen to local media outlets for weather-related school cancellations. Once the system is running, parents can expect to receive a district-wide message roughly once per month, which could provide an update for special events or information parents could have received in a backpack flier.

Information about the program will be sent home with students in the near future to ensure parents will be introduced to the system prior to receiving their first message. For more information, please visit the Notification Technology Inc. Web site at www.notification.com.

Field trip is stopped short when buses collide

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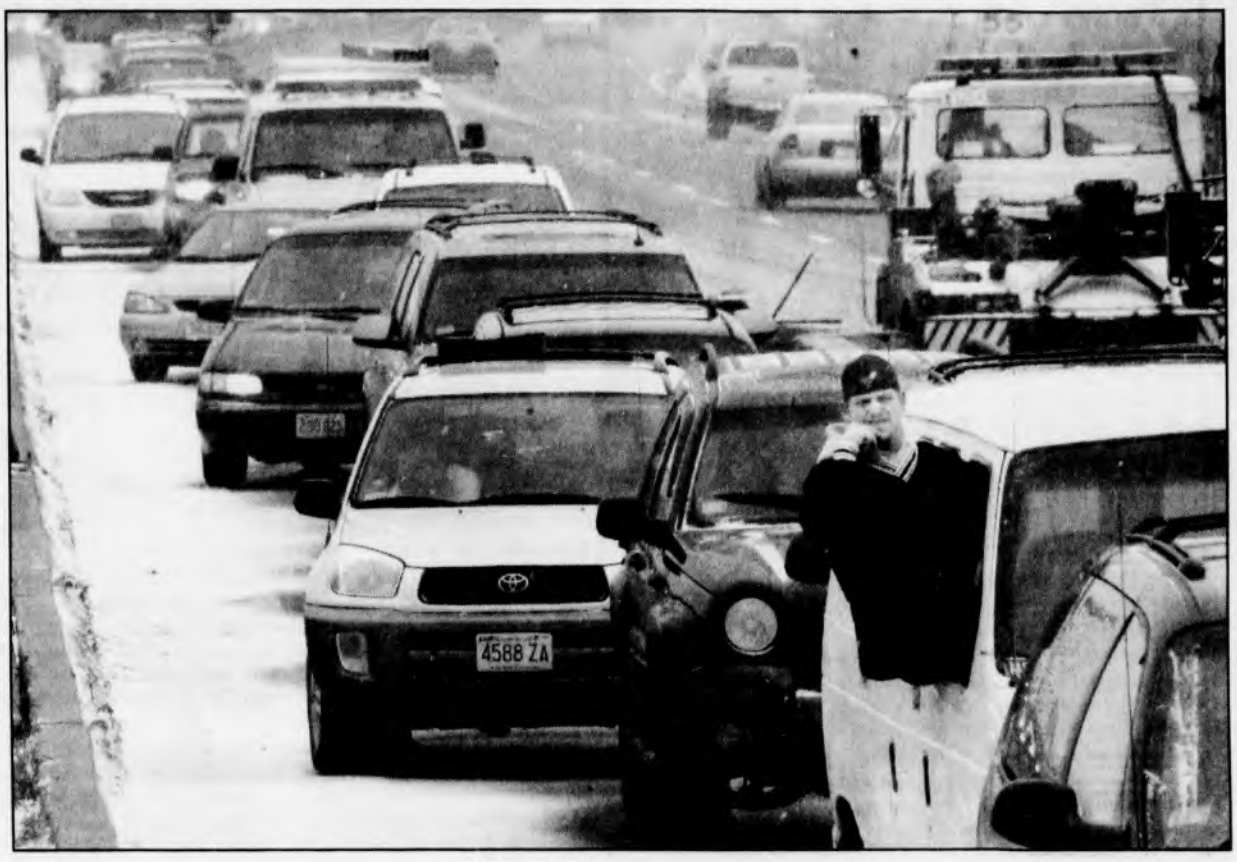
Cohasset where their parents picked them up. The first bus, which was not involved in the accident had turned around to go back to the school just after the accident, and those children were sent home early.

DeLorenzo said everyone he spoke to throughout the day, who had come into contact with the students, commented on how well-behaved they were and how calm they were despite the circumstances. "We're very proud of our students," he said.

Trooper Ryan said in his experience — with the combined situation of being locked in a center lane of traffic in a well-traveled area, as well as the frigid temperatures — "it would be a difficult situation for anyone," let alone students who were watching their classmates being taken to the hospital on stretchers. That is "certainly a very disturbing image," he said. However, he added the troopers on scene and emergency medical team which responded did everything they could to make it as comfortable a transition as possible, both for those who were taken to area hospitals by ambulance and those uninjured students who were transported by bus.

By the time the school day came to a close, all students had been released from the hospital and were either home or on their way. DeLorenzo called the injured students that night to make sure everyone was OK.

DeLorenzo said he is extremely grateful no one was seriously hurt, and expressed thanks to everyone who helped out including those on the scene, at the hospitals, and at the Florian, as well as all the parents, students and staff. "I'm starting to write my thank-you's already," he said.



STAFF PHOTO/JON HILL

Jerry Eddy of Taunton hangs out his van's window waiting for the HOV lane to be cleared after two school buses carrying Cohasset middle-schoolers to a field trip collided. He was stuck for more than an hour in traffic.

Nomination papers available Jan. 3

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2005 will be available on Monday, Jan. 3, at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 17. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. Please note that you are not running for office until you take out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies your signatures.

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- Sewer Commission — **ONE** for three years
- Water Commission — **ONE** for three years

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Liam's mom and dad are **Meghan (Donnelly) and Mac Campbell**. Liam is the first grandchild on either side and his very proud grandparents are: **Dianne and Bernie Donnelly** of Hingham and **Linda and John Campbell** of Cohasset. Congratulations to all.

BEST WISHES

Dama Dow, Cohasset School bus driver wants to wish all of her children on the bus and their families a wonderful, happy and safe holiday! She looks forward to seeing all of you in 2005!

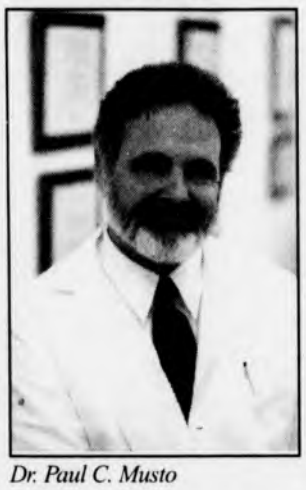
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NEWCOMER'S CLUB GREETINGS

The Scituate/Cohasset Newcomer's Club would like wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. The club asks that you enjoy your family and friends during this most joyous season. As always, the club continues to accept new members to the Newcomer's "family" — it's never too late to join in on the fun. To learn more about the club visit www.scnewcomers.com_or email/call **Jen Harris** at or 544-3910.

TOP DOC AT QUINCY MEDICAL



Dr. Paul C. Musto

Paul C. Musto, MD, will assume the presidency of the Quincy Medical Center (QMC) Medical Staff, effective Jan. 1. Dr. Musto is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Hematology and Medical Oncology. He practices with Commonwealth Hematology/Oncology in Quincy. Dr. Musto, a Cohasset resident, joined the QMC Medical Staff in 1983 and previously served as Chief of Oncology and Chief of Medicine at QMC. As the current Vice President of the Medical Staff, Dr. Musto is the Chairman of the Patient Care Assessment Committee and Co-Chairman of the Cancer Care Committee. Congratulations.

ON STAGE

A recent production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" was performed recently at Inly School in Scituate. The musical kicked off the school's annual winter "Coats for Kids" charity campaign. Last year, Inly's community of 240 students collected more than 300 coats for those in need. Cohasset cast members were **Sarah Antonuccio, Harry, Claire Oswald, Jessica Reagan** and **Sam Game,** who worked on Lights. The cast members are all in the Elementary-2 class (grades 4-6); Sam is in the Middle School (grades 7-8).

2005 SEADOGS

A big high five to Cohasset eighth graders **Kyle DeSisto** and **John Sturino** who were recently named early selections to the 2005 South Shore Baseball Club "Seadogs" 14-and-Under Division AAU Travel Team Baseball Program. As members of the "Seadogs," Kyle and John will compete against other AAU organizations in Massachusetts for the right to appear in the AAU Baseball National Championships in Sarasota, FL this coming August. "Competing in the National Championships is a thrill of a lifetime," says Frank Niles, President of the South Shore Baseball Club. Congratulations boys!

SUPER-LAWYER LIST

Town Counsel **Paul R. DeRensis** was recently named one of 2004's Massachusetts SuperLawyers along with five other members of his firm, Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis & Holland, P.C. The list of 2004 Massachusetts Super Lawyers is based on surveys of more than 37,000 lawyers across the state aimed at selecting as Super Lawyers the top 5 percent of Massachusetts attorneys in more than 60 practice areas. Mr. DeRensis' practice is concentrated in the area of municipal law, but also includes some work in the areas of contract and employment law and non-profit corporations.



In the recent production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Inly School (formerly the Montessori Community School) in Scituate are Cohasset residents, back row, Sam Game; middle row: Sarah Antonuccio and Jessica Reagan; and front row: Claire Oswald. Not shown is Harry Braga.

HOLIDAY RAFFLE

The Cohasset Varsity Hockey Team's Fifth Annual Holiday Calendar Raffle is half way done and here is the list of the lucky winners so far! Winners are from Cohasset unless otherwise noted: Dec. 1 **David Coletta** - $150 gift. certificate to King Jewelers; Dec. 2 **James Mullen** - $50 in salon services at Rudolph Adamo Salon; Dec. 3 **Kathleen Hodgdon** - $200 gift certificate to the Red Lion Inn; Dec. 4 **Bob Anton** - $25 gift certificate to The Shoe Market and $25 gift certificate to French Memories Dec. 5 Larry & Darilyn Evans - $50 savings bond from Rockland Trust Company; **Dec. 6** Karin Kirkendall (Hull) - $50 gift certificate to Bia Bistro; Dec. 7 **Jane Lanzillotti** - One month's membership to Fitness First Plus; Dec. 8 **Bonnie DeVito** - $50 gift certificate to Cohasset Greenery; Dec. 9 **Tim Pilczak** - 2 tickets to a 2005 show at the Music Circus; Dec. 10 **Tom Koncius** - $50 savings bond from Fleet Bank; Dec. 11 **Rocky Roland** - $25 gift certificate to Jake's Seafood and $25 gift certificate from EK Designs; Dec. 12 **Kellie Straughn** - $50 gift certificate to Cohasset Jewelers; Dec. 13 **Trish Hart** - $200 pair of Titanium Sunglasses from Maui Jim, Inc.; Dec. 14 **The Smith Family** - 2 gallons of Benjamin Moore Paint from Cohasset Hardware and $50 gift certificate to Cohasset Jewelers; Dec. 15 **Janeen Culhane** - 1 Initial Interior Design Consultation by MDS Design.

Congratulations to all these lucky winners! A sincere thank you to all those who supported the CHS Varsity Hockey Program by buying raffle tickets and to all those merchants who donated items and services as prizes for this raffle.

REC WINTER PROGRAMS

Please watch the Mariner regarding registration details of a variety of after school recreation programs for children aged 4 through grade 8.

Details for a number of programs will be made available during early January 2005. Pre-registration will be necessary for each program at the recreation office Town Hall. All programs will be specifically age appropriate by design and limited in number. Most programs will meet directly after school until 4:30 or 5 p.m., however, some specialized programs for older students such as Volleyball and Basketball clinics may be held during early evening hours.

That is it for this week. Send me all news that you have no later than Tuesdays at noon.

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Dijon Soy Grilled Lamb Chop Lollipops (7 Ribs)	$15 ea
Cajun Shrimp Fritters with Remoulade Sauce	$20 dz
Pork Tenderloin Bouchees with a Roasted Corn Tomato Salsa	$15 dz
Scallops wrapped in Bacon	$18 dz
Prosciutto Wrapped Shrimp with Pesto	$18 dz
Peking Raviolis with ginger dipping sauce	$15 dz
Stuffed Mushrooms Sundried Tomato and Smoked Gouda Sausage, Caramelized Onion	$15 dz
Arancini (Pecorino and Provolone Risotto Croquettes)	$18 dz
Phyllo Triangles	
Spinach and Feta	$15 dz
Lobster	$24 dz
Roquefort and Pistachio	$18 dz
Maine Crab Cakes with Spicy Remoulade	$18 dz
Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail Platter 50 Pieces (18 pc/lb Average)	$75
Hand Sliced Smoked Salmon (lb)	$35
Cheese Antipasto (25 Guests) Variety of Young and Aged Cheeses, Beautifully Decorated	$75

Soups, Stocks, and Sauces

Lobster Bisque	$6 pt
Hungarian Mushroom Soup	$5 pt
Apple Squash Bisque	$5 pt
Seafood Newburg	$35 qt
Demi Glace	$8 1/2 pt
Wild Mushroom Demi Glace	$13 pt
Beef OR Veal Stock, Unsalted	$5 pt
Turkey Stock	$3.50 pt

Deadlines: 12 PM
Christmas Eve: Monday December 20, 2004
New Year's Eve: Tuesday December 28, 2004

Prepared Foods

Lasagna (6-8 Guests)	
Tomato and Cheese	$27 each
Vegetable	$35 each
Meat	$35 each
Whole Grilled Tenderloin (10-12 Guests) Choice of Sauce: Horseradish Sauce, Sundried Tomato Sauce, or Wild Mushroom Demi Glace	$150 each
Jones Semi Boneless Ham Orange Maple Glaze	$85 each
Leg of Lamb, (Feeds 10 - 12 Guests) Butterflied, Grilled with Rosemary and Garlic	$85 each

For Cooks

Crown Roast of Pork (16 or 18 Bones)(12#/18#)	$5.00 lb
Choice Bone-In Prime Rib (16-18# Average)	$7.99 lb
Choice Boneless Prime Rib (12-14# Average)	$8.99 lb
12 oz. Veal Chops, Raw	$14.00 ea
Quail, Semi Boneless, 4 Pack, Raw	$16.00
Tenderloin, (Trimmed and Tied, Raw, Gross Wt.)	$16.00 lb
Whole Goose (10-12) (12-14) lb.	$5.00 lb
Lamb Racks, Completely Frenched for Two With Soy Dijon Sauce	$30.00 ea

Vegetables

Broccoli with Roquefort	$12 qt
Sweet Potato and Butternut Squash Puree	$12 qt
Turnip Puree with Nutmeg	$9 qt
Braised Fennel with Garlic	$12 qt
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes	$10 qt
Regular Mashed Potatoes	$7 qt
Twice Baked Potatoes	$1.75 ea
Lyonnaise Potatoes (Feeds 6-8)	$20 ea
Brussel Sprouts with Chestnuts	$15 qt

Salads
Feeds 8 Adults

Classic Caesar Salad	$20
Mixed Baby Greens Toasted Pine Nuts and Goat Cheese with Balsamic Vinaigrette	$25
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WEDDINGS



Mr. and Mrs. David Henry Leahy, III

Leahy - Quattrone

Jill Kristine Quattrone, the daughter of Paul and Judith Quattrone of Baldwinsville, N.Y. married David Henry Leahy, III, the son of David and Barbara Leahy of Cohasset, on Friday, Aug. 27, 2004 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse, N.Y.

Lynne Quattrone, sister f the bride was Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Julie Good, Amy Tecu, Candice Crough, Michele Al-Broshdi, Regan Riley, Christina Reddy, and Aimee Klepacki.

Kenneth Leahy, brother of the groom was Best Man. Groomsmen included Thomas and Patrick Leahy, brothers of the groom, Paul Quattrone, brother of the bride, Christopher Goodman, Walter Aniker, Randall Birney and Mitchell Ocampo.

The bride is a graduate of Baker High School and Springfield College. She is employed as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Pfizer, Inc.

The groom is a graduate of Cohasset High School and the University of New Hampshire. He is Vice President of Sales at Boston Textile Company.

A reception followed the ceremony at Shenendoah Country Club, Verona, N.Y.

The couple traveled to Hawaii for their honeymoon and currently reside in Hingham.

New Year's Eve with Aerosmith tribute band

'Draw the Line' has local roots

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Neill and Tricia Byrnes have rung in the New Year Aerosmith-style more than a few times in the past. The Hingham couple rocked out with the rest of the sold-out arena crowds at some of Aerosmith's now-legendary Boston-area New Year's Eve concerts for close to a decade from the mid 1980s to the mid 90s.

The rockin' New Year's Eve bash Aerosmith shows during this particular era are legendary in the sense of being a legend within the legend within the overall career of the renown Bad Boys from Boston, one of rock 'n roll history's most famous and infamous stories of success and excess.

The Byrnes' can fondly remember these and other shows during the era, at Boston's Orpheum, the Garden, Fleet Center and the Worcester Centrum. Neill even worked with the Aerosmith Fan Club at the holiday show on the '97-'98 Nine Lives tour at the Fleet Center, handing out "goodie bags" and pink masks sporting the familiar Aerosmith Wings logo to reveling fans.

"The New Year's Eve shows became a sort of tradition with Aerosmith in the 80s and 90s," said Neill Byrnes. "They began right after the band regrouped and started its big comeback around that time. And I guess the whole thing was a sort of thank-you gift to the hometown fans."

More recent years, however, have found Aerosmith moving the New Year's Eve extravaganza to Japan, or not scheduling one at all, which is the case this year, as the band is currently taking a year or more off from performing. In the meantime, the Byrnes' have taken their "fanship" a few steps further than most; Neill Byrnes is the lead singer and Steven Tyler persona of Draw the Line, billed as the only Aerosmith tribute band recognized by Aerosmith, and his wife, Tricia, is the DTL manager, handling the business end of the tribute band operation from her independent home company at Fine Productions.



FROM WWW.DRAWTHELINE.NET

Hingham's Neill Byrnes of Draw the Line, right, with Steven Tyler of Aerosmith.

On New Year's Eve, the Byrnes' and Draw the Line will ring in 2005 Aerosmith-style, but in their own way. Fine Productions presents The "Livin' Like a Rock Star" Ball!!!, an Incredible Evening in the Grand Ballroom at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Braintree, with doors opening at 9 p.m. The whole DTL crew, also including sound and stage personnel plus assorted other friends, promises a rollicking evening of Aerosmith music and appreciation, holiday festivities plus a cool variety of other perks and surprises.

"We're planning to do this show full-out," said Byrnes. "We want to make this almost like a theatre stage show. And we're hoping to make it a yearly thing, and keep the tradition alive.

"Being a longtime Aerosmith fan, I've noticed that the fans around the Boston area tend to be very possessive about their hometown rock 'n roll band that made it big. They miss the annual New Year's Eve shows that Aerosmith did in this area around a decade ago. And they felt almost betrayed when the band moved the whole yearly event to Japan. It left a huge void for a lot of people, including myself. We'd like to put together something as close to one of those great Aerosmith New Year's Eve shows as possible," Byrnes said.

DTL's rockin' Aerosmith New Year's Eve is an all ages show, with general admission tickets priced at $40, for children age 10 and over $20, for children under 10 free. VIP tickets are also available at $75 each and includes a cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, party favors and a champagne toast "On Stage" with the band at midnight. All tickets include a discount room rate at the hotel of $99.

As for the virtual Aerosmith concert itself, Byrnes' is promising a "big production," three hours long, with an more than 30-foot long stage, brand new and bigger-than-ever sound system and laser lighting and elaborate stage props. All this plus, of course, letter-perfect recreations of rockin' Aerosmith classics old and new.

Byrnes, who's a vocal and visual ringer for Tyler onstage, grew up in Hingham and graduated from Hingham High School in 1987. Drummer Chris Pereto (as Joey Kramer) is also a Hingham native, graduating HHS in '91. Bassist John Finnerty, a convincing Tom Hamilton match, currently lives in Hingham. Guitarists Ryan McHugh (as Brad Whitford) lives in Randolph and John Rosario (as Joe Perry) in Cranston, R.I.

"People coming out for the New Year's Eve show can rent rooms at the discount rate at the hotel for the night, making it an open occasion for people with kids," Byrnes says. "We feel that you really can't beat the overall deal for the night out on New Year's Eve. And with our upgraded stage production I can honestly say that no one up to this point has seen Draw the Line do a show like this. We want to make it a show that people will be talking about for weeks to come."

Tickets for Draw the Line's New Year's Eve bash are still available and can be ordered by mail at Fine Productions, 2 Brewster Road, Hingham 02043. Also, by credit card at www.drawtheline.net in person at any DTL shows or by Next Ticketing at 617 423-6000 or: www.nextticketing.com

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Town wants harbor seawall to stay virtually the same

By Samantha Brown
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The town can opt to have a granite curb installed at a 45 degree angle, which would allow cars to drive up on it to park, keeping cars out of the street but leaving enough space for pedestrians on the sidewalk.

It's back to the drawing board for Christine Player of Vine Associates, who has been working on a redesign of the seawall between the Atlantica Restaurant and the Mill River Marine boatyard.

In light of a public hearing held Tuesday, during which concerned residents and the Board of Selectmen gave their feedback on the plans, it seems everyone likes the area virtually the way it is. Although the area is in need of a facelift, most would like to see only minimal changes.

The area along the seawall is a heavily traversed pedestrian area, and the walkway along the seawall is cracking and is in need of repair for safety reasons. Over the years the seawall itself has also begun falling apart. Repairs were made to the wall in the early 1990s, but the solution was only temporary. Past Town Meetings have appropriated $15,000 to fund preliminary studies of the area, $25,000 to cover preliminary engineering and design costs, and most recently at the Special Town Meeting Dec. 6, $600,000 was appropriated for final engineering, design, and repair costs.

All changes proposed by Vine Associates would work within the footprint of the existing structure. Currently, the existing seawall consists of semi-mortared and semi-cut stones, with a height ranging from 5.9 feet to 8.9 feet in certain areas. The old seawall, which has mortar missing between its stones, would be replaced and laid on top of a concrete foundation for stability. "We can reuse stones that are already there if they're good enough," said Player, which would preserve some of the history of the wall, as well as cut down on costs.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer also suggested with the MBTA projects happening around town, there will be a lot of granite at the town's disposal from bridges and structures being torn down. "Can we use that?" to reconstruct the wall, he asked.

Player said if the town chooses, it can use stones from a source in town, and that can be incorporated into the bid document to ensure the town gets what it wants.

Beside the seawall runs a bituminous paved pedestrian walkway which varies in width from 5 to 6 feet. There are numerous areas of settlement and cracking, as well as small sinkholes in the walkway. The proposed reconstruction project involves the installation of a new 5-foot wide concrete pedestrian walkway and stone/brick buffer strip along the full length of the seawall. However, at the request of those present at the hearing, Player said the buffer strip could be removed and the sidewalks could be kept as asphalt if the town chooses.

Planned repairs to the roadside edge of the new walkway include the installation of granite curbing. However, because currently the sidewalk has no other barrier than a white painted line, which allows for parking on the street, adding a curb to that part of town could negatively affect the parking situation. Player said if the town chooses, it can opt to have a granite curb which is installed at a 45 degree angle, which would allow cars to drive up on it to park, keeping cars out of the street, but also leaving enough space for pedestrians to use the sidewalk.

A pedestrian railing currently extends along the top of the seawall for approximately 290 feet, and then abuts a chain link fence for the remaining 21 feet of the wall. The railing consists of two 2x6 foot horizontal timbers. Although it is in good condition, it does not meet the minimum height and rail spacing requirements per order of the Massachusetts building codes. Because there are no codes for railings on seawalls, Player said her company uses the building codes as a guide.

Her recommendation is to install a new ornamental rail fence along the top of the seawall which meets the requirement of being at least 42 inches in height with a spacing of rails that prevent the passage of an object 4 inches or more in diameter, such as those used in Hingham Harbor. Everyone in attendance at the public hearing was opposed to the proposed fence and said they liked the fence the way it was.

"We design for maximum safety," said Player, adding the height of fencing, the width of sidewalks and the curbing is all done at regulation requirements. However, she said waivers can be applied for if needed and the town can be in complete control of how the project ends up.

Player said she would be more than happy to meet with representatives from the town to make a site visit to the proposed construction area to help everyone envision the changes that will take place. She said ultimately, every decision will be made by the town, and she will work with it to ensure the project is a success. She said she will be working to compile cost estimates of the various ideas expressed at the meeting, and she will come back before the Board of Selectmen at some point in January. Once construction begins, which could be as early as this spring, or the end of this summer, she estimates the project will take roughly seven months to complete.

Jerusalem Rd. Estates to appeal judge's ruling

By Samantha Brown
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In 1996, the town of Cohasset signed an intermunicipal agreement with Hull for the purpose of preventing and lessening water pollution in areas of critical concern.

Although plans to tie-in to Hull's municipal sewer lines have been temporarily squelched, developers for Jerusalem Road Estates are not giving up the fight.

Charles Humphreys, attorney for the developers said after years of working on beginning construction for the project, he sees the Dec. 9 ruling by Norfolk Superior Court Judge Isaac Borenstein as one more obstacle to overcome, and the battle to build is "far from over." As far as he's concerned, "It's just business as usual."

A common thread between many developments in town, Jerusalem Road Estates, a proposed 25-home subdivision to be located across from Straits Pond, is pursuing a wastewater solution. The project, which has been in the works for the past eight years, has soil and ledge conditions on its 43 acres which make it infeasible for an on-site system. Until a wastewater solution can be found, the project is hamstrung.

In 1996, the town of Cohasset signed an intermunicipal agreement with Hull for the purpose of preventing and lessening water pollution in areas of critical concern. As part of that agreement, Cohasset constructed a sewer line to transport up to 80,000 gallons per day of sewerage from the North Cohasset area to be treated at the Hull treatment plant. After the agreement was made, the Commission established a policy that the sewer line could only be used to connect existing dwellings and areas of critical environmental concern.

Jerusalem Road Estates has filed three separate applications with the Sewer Commission for a sewer connection, one of which proposes using some of the town's capacity in Hull by connecting to the line that currently exists. The development also applied to connect to the town sewer line and offered to pay the town $100,000 for the use of the pipe. The Sewer Commission denied both applications stating there was a lack of capacity, as it would like to see how homes which have already connected affect the system before tying any other homes in.

The development also negotiated a deal to purchase capacity outright from the town of Hull, and offered to pay that town $650,000 to treat roughly 14,000 gallons of wastewater per day. The terms required the development to install a private sewer forced main some 2,000 feet eastward to Atlantic Avenue in Hull, which would cost about $250,000 including connecting two Hull homes. Jerusalem Road Estates also offered to allow the town to use any unused purchased capacity after the development tied-in, but the Sewer Commission denied all requests.

Humphreys said the bottom line is, "We want to put a direct line to Hull," and if the town refuses to give the project capacity, "it is an inherent right for us to provide our own."

However, Borenstein's judgment states under the town's rules and regulations, "The Cohasset Sewer Commission has the exclusive authority to create and supervise a system of sewers in Cohasset and private sewers," and he believes the board was acting within its full authority and discretion when it denied the applications.

Humphreys said the decision will soon be followed with a motion for reconsideration and an appeal, and said he is optimistic for the future. "There have been many other issues we've had to resolve," he said, including issues with town boards as well as the Department of Environmental Protection. Humphreys added, at the end of the day, "The question is, do we have a right to contract with another town when our own town refuses (to provide a sewer connection)? We don't think that's an unreasonable request."

Christmas tree pickup is offered

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Don't wait until after Christmas. Call now to schedule a pickup. The pickup dates are Sunday, Jan. 2, and Saturday, Jan. 8. The fee is $15 per tree and $25 for two trees. The fee for seniors is $10 per tree. All checks should be made payable to "Project Safeguard." To schedule a pickup, call the Info Line at "The Garage" at 781-383-2492. Leave your name, address and phone number, and any unusual instructions. Be sure to specify a pickup date. On pickup day, leave your tree by your driveway by 8 a.m. and tape your check (in an envelope) to your door. If you'd like to leave the check in a different location, you should indicate this on your Info Line message.

If you have any questions, call Sally Sisson (781-383-6190) or Coleman Nee (781-383-6958), Project Safeguard community reps.

Also, volunteers are needed to help with this year's pickup. If you own a pickup truck and can spare a couple of hours on either or both pickup days, your help would be appreciated. Give them a call.

Volunteers needed over holidays

Are there any college students home during the holidays who would like to help at Cohasset Elder Affairs? There is a variety of volunteer opportunities available. On completion of your volunteer hours, you will be given a letter recognizing the hours you have volunteered.

The CEA is looking for a volunteer to assist, one or more days a week as an Office Receptionist/Office Assistant. Currently The CEA is also in need of volunteer van drivers. This is a commitment of approximately 3 hours a month. Call Martha Horsefield, Volunteer Coordinator, at 781-383-9112.



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FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Margie Steele and Moira Stansell of the Cohasset Food Pantry load up a car full of donations with kindergarten teacher Julie DeWaal. Students in all three kindergarten classrooms have been bringing in food items to donate to the pantry, and their generous contributions have produced 12 gift baskets to be given to area families, as well as roughly six bags of groceries to help stock the food pantry's shelves.

Memory Tree at South Shore Community Center

This holiday season will be enriched by remembering, in a tangible way, the joy our loved ones have shared with us in seasons past. Commemorative lights will shine on The Memory Tree on the lawn of the South Shore Community Center. Your tax-deductible contribution will help continue quality programs at SSCC. Participation options are:

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Or an Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas by Clement Clarke Moore (1779-1863)

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now, PRANCER and VIXEN!
On, COMET! on CUPID! on, DONDER and BLITZEN!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes — how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

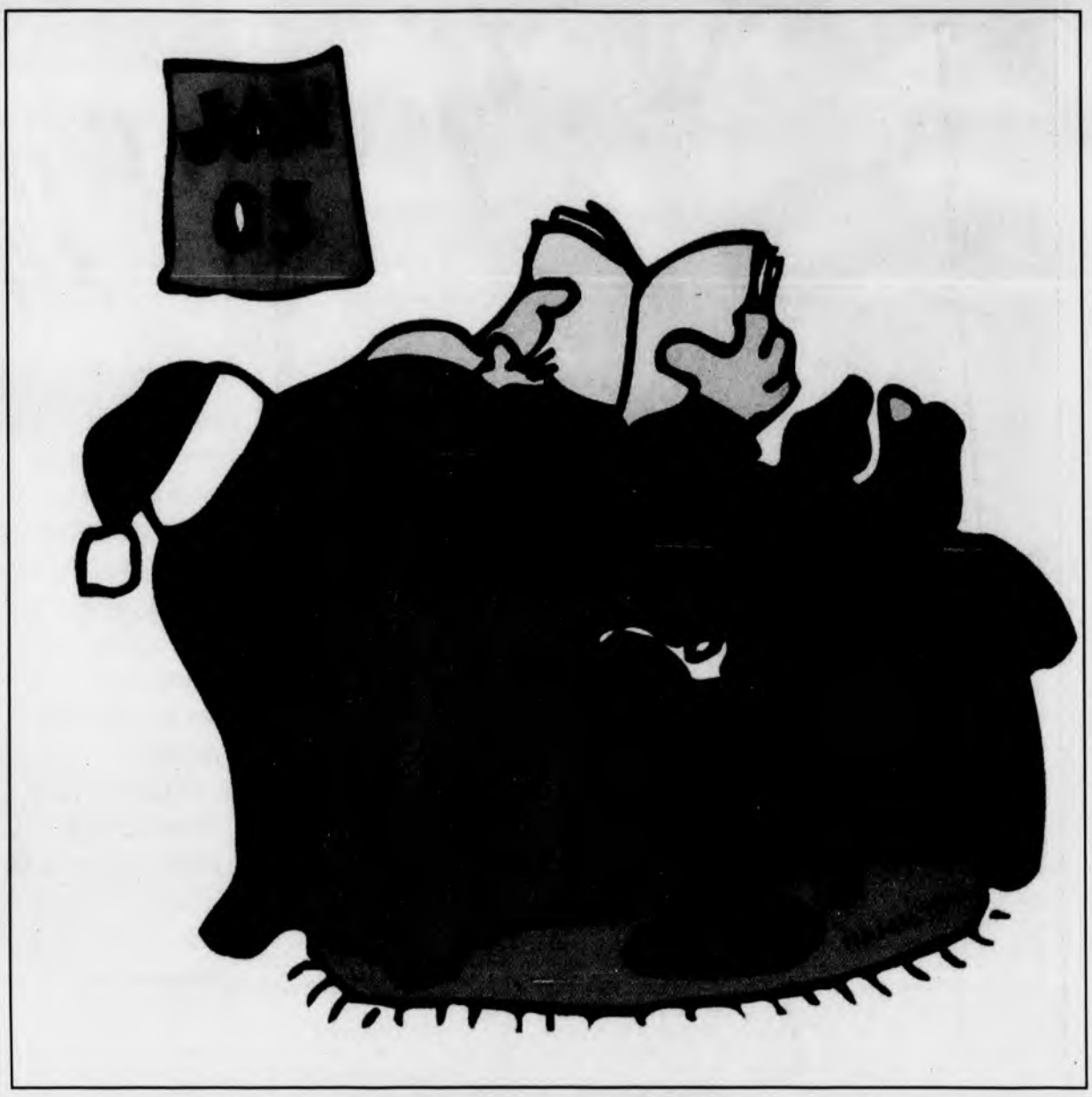
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT!"

According to sources cited at University of Toronto English Library, the original 1823 version has

the last two reindeer named, "Dunder and Blixem." Also according to the UTEL, this ballad was

written in 1822 for Moore's two daughters, Margaret and Charity, and a year later was

anonymously published in the Troy [New York] Sentinel on December 23, 1823.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep the sand in 'Sandy' beach

TO THE EDITOR:

The following letter was sent to the Department of Environmental Protection with a copy to the Mariner for publication.

I love Sandy Beach for one big reason: the sand. I am an eager beach lover who grabs my pail at 9 o'clock in the morning in the summer. What's the point of going to Sandy Beach if there's no sand?

Our feet will probably bleed to death. It's a really small beach — most of the coast is rocks. (Cohasset means "rocky place.")

I have a sibling coming along in April. They won't have a beach to love and enjoy. I know a lot of people who love a "sandy beach." Think about the town. We need a "sandy beach" so please change your mind.

Zoe Whilton
fifth grader

Editor's note: Zoe is responding to a column a few weeks ago regarding the EPA's proposal to restore/build a sand barrier and allow the beach to return to its natural rocky state.

A reading of 'The Christmas Angel'

By John Hooper Dean
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The public is welcome to "Our Weeping Angel" in the Hingham Cemetery at 2 p.m., Christmas Day, Dec. 25 (rain or shine or snow) for a reading of my poem, "The Christmas Angel."

The Weeping Angel monument in the Hingham Cemetery was commissioned by my great, great, grandfather John Sewall Hooper upon the death of his dearly beloved wife, Maria, in 1891. John was a close friend of the sculptor, William Wetmore Story, who was widely John Sewall Hooper upon the death of his dearly beloved wife, Maria, in 1891. John was a close friend of the sculptor,



The Weeping Angel in Hingham Cemetery.

William Wetmore Story, who was widely recognized as the world's greatest sculptor in the late 1800's.

I will share some of the history of our Angel, also known as The Angel of Grief, along with poems written by William Wetmore Story. Then I will read my own recent poems, "Awakening Time" and "The Christmas Angel"

All are welcome. No charge. Bring your friends. Better yet, bring someone you know who may be feeling lonely or sad on Christmas Day.

The Weeping Angel monument is located along the southern edge of the Hingham Cemetery grounds near the Old Ship Church Bell Tower. For more information, please call 781-383-9916.

HEALTH NOTES

Get a move on – at the Community Center

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

"The first wealth is health." —Ralph Waldo Emerson

This Christmas season, right here in Cohasset, we have one of the better best kept secrets. Who ever said physical activity is all work and no play? In fact, it can be just the opposite! There is no need to think of strenuous workouts that are painful and boring. Instead, imagine doing fun physical activities you enjoy and look forward to. Many of your neighbors are enjoying the fellowship of interesting activities while getting a good workout at the South Shore Community Center.

Despite the proven benefits of physical activity, more than 50 percent of American adults do not get enough physical activity to provide health benefits. Twenty-five percent of adults are not active at all in their leisure time. Activity decreases with age and is less common among women than men. According to the Center for Disease Control, people of all ages who are generally inactive can improve their health and well-being by becoming active at a moderate-intensity on a regular basis.

Regular physical activity substantially reduces the risk of dying of coronary heart disease, the nation's leading cause of death, and decreases the risk for stroke, colon cancer, diabetes, and high blood pressure. It also helps to control weight; contributes to healthy bones, muscles, and joints; reduces falls among older adults; helps to relieve the pain of arthritis; reduces symptoms of anxiety and depression; and is associated with fewer hospitalizations, physician visits, and medications. Retired inactive males have higher mortality than any other group. Moreover, physical activity need not be strenuous to be beneficial; people of all ages benefit from participating in regular, moderate-intensity physical activity.

Insufficient physical activity is not limited to adults. More than a third of young people in grades 9–12 do not regularly engage in vigorous-intensity physical activity. Daily participation in high school physical education classes dropped from 42 percent in 1991 to 32 percent in 2001 (CDC, 2002).

It's difficult to imagine the range of activities at the Community Center. Many see it as a place to take their kids, but the center has a full range of services and activities for folks of all ages, and they're constantly adding more.

One of the most popular activities is Tuesday Bowling in the three lanes under the Center. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. until noon upwards of 25 people show up to compete and swap stories with their friends. It's one of the best examples of exercise combined with entertainment; the exercise from the bowling and the entertainment from the stories being swapped.

Many of the Center's activities are sponsored by State funding but for those mentioned here, a $3 donation is customarily requested.

Another popular function is Karen Kirkendahl's 7:30 a.m. low impact aerobics fitness class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The wife of one of the Board of Health members attends, and it's an exhilarating experience for both of us.

On Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Holly Pereira, a yoga trainer, holds a yoga class called 'The Body Proud' It's popular with those who need to energize and lessen the tensions in their life.

Thursday at 1:15 p.m. Stephanie Whiting teaches an ancient system of total relaxation and rejuvenation involving lessons in posture, muscle tone and relaxation adjustment.

At 10 a.m. on Fridays, Paula Luoma, a certified Physical Therapist teaches us how to better cope with our arthritis. The course is reputed to relieve moderate problems osteo-arthritis.

These are just a few of the Community Center/Counsel on Aging programs designed to keep us all in touch with our friends and to swap lore about the best way to cope with some of our ailments.

And in January, we'll have an opportunity to get into a van and go from the Community Center to Weymouth to the MDC pool for swimming, one of the best exercises for anyone; particularly good for backs and joints.

Exercise and fellowship; the key to aging gracefully.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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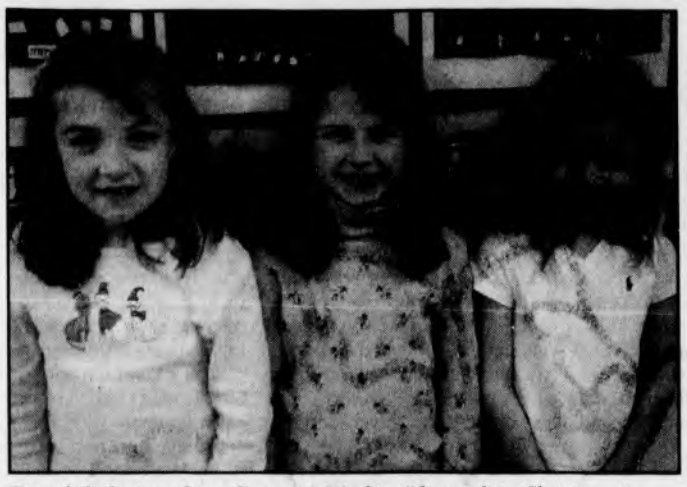
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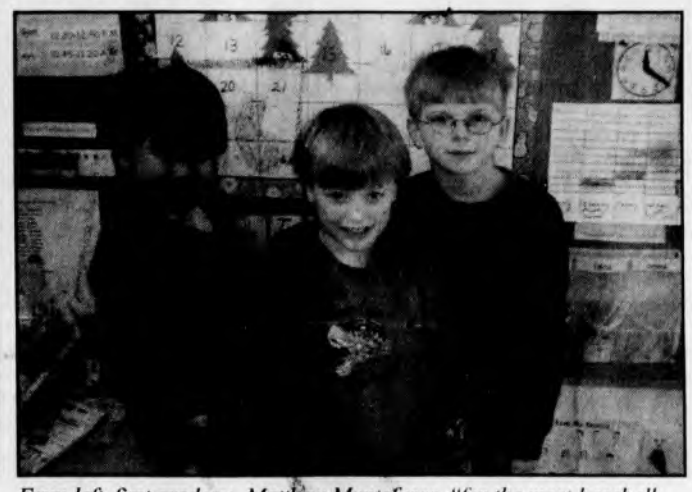
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What is your holiday wish?

Interviews and photographs by Samantha Brown



From left, first graders: Grace McMeekin, "for a white Christmas." Morgan Healey, "for some fingerpaints." Cali Giuggio, "for a happy Christmas."



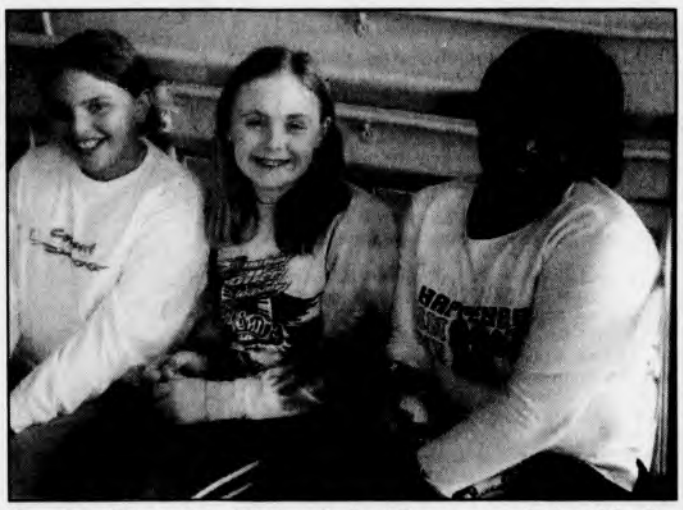
From left, first graders: Matthew Montefusco, "for the most baseball cards in the world." Reagan Butler, "for the best video game in the world." Graham Blackburn, "for a lot of football cards."



From left, fifth graders: Jake Durkin, "for a great Christmas for everyone and world peace." Mitchell McNary, "for a white Christmas."



From left, fifth graders: Jake Moskow: " there were no homeless people." Jay Salerno, " for peace on Earth, and another World Series ring." Vincent Kennedy, "for the Pats to win and the Steelers to lose." Chris Allard, "there were no homeless, less pollution, and another Red Sox World Series."



From left, fifth-graders: Meghan Burke, " for my mom, dad, and brother to be happy." Scarlett McQuade, "that no one is hungry on Christmas." Erica Burke, " for the world to be happy and not sad."



From left, fifth-graders: Alexiree Hastings, "for everyone to have a lot of presents so they can be happy." Michaela Hastings, "that I could build homes for the homeless."



From left, fifth-graders: Abby Brown, " for my whole family's health for the new year." Alison Whelan, "that the troops in Iraq will have a happy holiday." Danielle Frederick, "that all the families with someone in Iraq will still have a Merry Christmas."



From left, fifth-graders: Moira Donohue, " for world peace." Christie Fitzgerald, " that I'll be able to raise money next year for the needy."

Merry Chrismukkah!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Leave it to television, in this case the Fox Channel, to solve our great national dilemma, halt the decline of Western civilization as we know it and make the world safe for Santa Claus.

The folks at Channel 25 have come up with a way to keep Christ, or at least a part of him, in Christmas without disappointing those Jewish kids who wanted a set of Lionel electric trains for the holiday but couldn't get one because Santa never visited their houses.

I was surfing the cable last week when I stumbled across something called "The O.C.," in which one of the lead characters was wearing on his head a red beanie fringed in white fur with a white pom pom on top.

The yarmuclauses, I'm told, sold out even before they made their debut on "The O. C."

Now, I've been to Brookline and Sharon and the darned thing looked like a yarmulke to me but the guys on the TV kept calling it a "yarmuclaus" and said they were a Jewish-Christian family celebrating "Chrismukkah."

It took a while but I finally got it — Chrismukkah is a combination of Christmas and Hanukkah, which I suppose makes it all right to give every kid electric trains and sing Chrismukkah carols in a public school classroom.

I'm not sure about those nativity scenes on the common though.

"What Jewish boy or girl growing up doesn't feel a little jealous?" Josh Schwartz, creator of "The O. C." told USA Today. "They get all the good songs, the tree, Frosty and Rudolph. We get dreidels. It's not the same."

You can tell that Chrismukkah is taking hold among the people for whom Christmas used to be the most important holiday of the year — the half of the population that sells presents to the other half.

Warner Brothers, which produces "The O.C.," is already selling yarmuclauses for $15.95 apiece, boxes of Merry Chrismukkah cards for $15.95 and "Menorah & Candy Canes" wrapping paper for $12.95.

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And Ron and Michelle Gompertz (he's Jewish, she's Christian) are selling cards featuring Santa's reindeer that have menorah antlers for $15 a dozen and "Merry Mazel Tov" mugs for $11.99 from their Web site "Chrismukkah.com."

The Gompertz expect to make $35,000 on the sale of cards alone.

Maybe if Chrismukkah really catches on we can expect some enterprising merchant to come up with a new holiday combining Kwanzaa or Ramadan or whatever it is turns Buddhists, Hindus and Bahais on during the winter solstice.

And if it really, really catches on maybe we'll have a new holiday in the spring.

How about "Eastover?"

Meanwhile, I'll just stick to the plain, old fashioned "Merry Christmas!" to all.

POLITICAL NOTES

South Shore Republicans host celebration on Dec. 29

The South Shore Senate district has been extremely involved and committed this year to supporting all the activities that involved elections whether primary, local, state or national. The GOP 8, has joined forces and are working together to strengthen the Republican party in this district.

Call Ann Collins for reservations today at 781-749-0817, don your festive attire and see you there.

A celebration has been planned by the South Shore Republicans and will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 29. This Christmas Gala, hosted by the Hingham Town Committee, is the best way to bring closure to 2004. Come to The Neighborhood Club of Quincy for dinner, dancing, and evening with entertainment. The entire package is $50 per person for a fabulous evening.

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WELLSPRING

The following programs are offered at Wellspring Multi Service Center Wellspring 814 Nantasket Avenue Hull. 781-925-3211 Visit: www.wellspringhull.org. Wellspring does not deny services due to an inability to pay.

Anxiety and depression support group — Wellspring is offering a new support group to adults dealing with anxiety or depression. This group meets at St. Mary's Church, 208 Samoset Ave. in Hull. The group will be facilitated by a licensed social worker. Please call Pat Martin at 781-925-3211 for information and transportation is available.

Evening shop hours —The Thrift Shop at Wellspring is open on Thursday evenings until 8p.m.

These shops continue to offer clothes, household items, toys and books at low prices. The Wellspring shops also offer a friendly atmosphere and the opportunity to learn about other programs and service available.

Volunteer drivers needed —The "Ticket to Ride" Transportation Program at Wellspring is searching for caring, responsible and trustworthy volunteers to drive a 15 passenger van carrying clients to destination in Hull, Hingham and the South Shore Volunteer Drivers must have a clean driving record and a valid Massachusetts Driver's License.

Drowned Hogs – The Drowned Hogs will be holding its 10th annual swim on Saturday Jan. 29 at 11am at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse on Nantasket Beach in Hull. More than 400 swimmers and 1,200 spectators will be on hand to celebrate a decade of insanity and generosity. Swimmers recruit sponsors to help raise money for Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull. Pledge sheets and information are available at Wellspring now!

News about the MBTA is anything but merry

STATEHOUSE ROUNDUP

CRAIG SANDLER

A recap and analysis of the week in state government.

It was a bad week for the MBTA – and next year isn't looking too good, either.

In the span of fewer than five days, the transit authority's leaders weathered a tough audit that made front page headlines questioning how the T could have collected so little in new revenue from its parking operations while its private contractor made out great; endured catcalls and charges of betrayal over plans to renege on long-promised expansion of the Green Line; and fended off accusations that the T's going back on its commitment to reserve Dorchester jobs for women and minorities.

But, as they say on late-night TV, that's not all. These developments occurred hard on the heels of the recent acknowledgement a $255 million investment in Green Line cars from the Breda corporation, once the source of pride and promise for the T, has become a debacle each side blames on the other, none of which helps the riders.

Another thing they say on late-night TV is: "Wait! There's more!" And there is. Fares are up, ridership is down, and the general manager is again warning of budget problems ahead even as the authority backpedals on earlier assurances of expansion and improvement.

The immediate problem was the report from State Auditor Joseph DeNucci, finding that although the MBTA is starved for cash, and although two million more riders parked their cars at MBTA facilities in the past six years, the authority collected only $300,000 in additional revenue from the increased parking. The parking operators reaped $16 million from the pickup in business. "The existing agreement only enriches the parking operator at the T's expense," the audit found.

But DeNucci's work was only a detail of a dreary picture. The authority appears over committed and under funded; perhaps the real issue is whether a big reform of the authority's operations a few years ago did any good. The 1999 "forward funding" initiative in the state budget was supposed to establish an environment where the T could start running more like a business – establish its operations goals and manage its priorities so that it wouldn't have to turn to the Legislature for an annual bailout of unpredictable size.

The political dynamic is reasonably, and unhappily, clear. Legislators want to be able to think, and say, they solved the MBTA's budget difficulties with the "forward funding" reform. They'd like to avoid, or evade anyway, the re-emergence of another budget-busting problem child. But the authority, after raising fares twice in four years, is obviously at a decision point: break its budget or break its promises.

That puts the ball back in the Legislature's court, or will eventually. After people leave hearings like last Wednesday's, at which about 300 people lambasted the administration for suggesting it would modify or scrap plans for trolley service to Jamaica Plain and Somerville, they call their reps. And, "We did something about that in 1999" is not a good enough answer. Only sound business practice is, yet the legislators don't control the day-to-day business of the T.

Businesses have to deliver a product people want at a price they can afford, while covering their costs sufficiently to continually deliver new and better goods. The MBTA is clearly having difficulty with that dynamic. And that implies that for the agency's leadership, the bad weeks aren't going to end with this one.

• *Romney asks for Big Dig transfer of power* — The transportation debacle with the most news punch didn't fail to make its share of headlines. Back from a series of meetings in Washington, the governor told reporters at the State House that the state could lose $81 million federal dollars as punishment for not being aggressive enough in recouping overruns and the cost of defects on the Central Artery project. Romney proposed legislation to set up a new cost-review commission for the Big Dig, as U.S. Transportation Department Inspector General Kenneth Mead has requested.

• *In Washington, state lobbies for continuation of Medicaid break worth $600M* — Besides the Big Dig, Romney had health costs on his agenda during the mid-week sojourn to D.C. The governor met with Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson on the subject of a Medicaid waiver worth about $600 million a year to Massachusetts. Put in simple terms, the federal government is on the verge of changing its rules for reimbursing health care services provided by state programs, and it looks like Massachusetts might soon be on the hook for services now underwritten by Washington. Official word will come in January as to whether Romney's lobbying, and that of other governors and congressmen, made any difference.

• *Governor, seeking a thaw, hosts power dinners with democrats* — His communications director insisted Gov. Romney was simply in the holiday spirit, but veterans at the State House saw a good measure of realpolitick in the governor's burst of hospitality toward Democratic leaders over the past 10 days. His candidates trounced in the November election, the governor must now depend on the kindness of Democrats to accomplish anything on the Hill. So he invited Senate President Travaglini and House Speaker DiMasi to a North End restaurant two weeks ago, and his Belmont home last week. And last Tuesday night, the Romneys hosted the state's constitutional officers for dinner. Attorney General Thomas Reilly didn't accept the invitation; he was busy attending an event of his own, to raise money for an expected bid to unseat Romney in two years.

• *Commissioner approves auto insurance decrease, orders reforms* — Insurance Commissioner Julianne Bowler ordered statewide auto insurance premiums decrease an average of 1.7 percent in 2005. The new rate, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2005, will result in an average decrease of $18.30 per vehicle, leaving an average statewide annual premium of $1,063. The ruling makes big changes in how high-risk drivers are apportioned to a statewide risk-sharing pool; decreases surcharges for a first accident or violation, at the expense of repeat offenders; and sharply increases premiums for inexperienced drivers, while offering a new 5-percent incentive to those young drivers who complete a motorist training course. Gov. Romney said the state is now halfway done with the job of reforming auto insurance; Reilly highly praised Bowler's decision.

• *Charter school closing proposed* — The Roxbury Charter High School for Business, Finance and Entrepreneurship apparently neglected to practice what it teaches – or taught, since Education Commissioner David Driscoll this week proposed closing the school. Dept. of Education officials say it's been badly managed. It would be the first charter school closed by the state.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on two roll calls from prior sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

SNOWPLOWS (S 2400)

Senate 26-13, approved an amendment requiring motor vehicles to remove their snow blades and hitching mechanism by May 15 each year and prohibiting them from being reinstalled until October 15. The measure exempts state, county and municipal vehicles and any vehicle over 26,000 pounds and allows temporary reinstallation of the plow and hitching mechanism if there is snowfall during the restricted period. It also permits owners to remove only the plow if the hitching mechanism can be folded flat and leaves no protruding surface. Amendment supporters said the bill would save lives and prevent injuries. They pointed to accidents that result in serious injuries caused by these hitching mechanisms that go through the window at head level of other vehicles during a crash. Amendment opponents said the bill is another example of government overregulation to solve a problem that is not proven to be widespread. They noted that the snowplow attachments are used for other purposes including logging and towing. Some said it is hypocritical to exempt state and municipal vehicles while burdening private vehicles with this requirement. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment requiring motor vehicles to remove their snow blades and hitching mechanism. A "Nay" vote is against the requirement).

BULK PURCHASING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (S 2400)

Senate 39-0, approved an amendment creating a single purchasing unit under which the state would buy prescription drugs in bulk for all its state agencies and programs that provide drugs to residents. The amendment also requires all drug companies to annually disclose the value and purpose of any gift or payment provided to any doctor, hospital, nursing home, pharmacist or any other person authorized to prescribe, dispense or purchase prescription drugs in Massachusetts. Another section creates the Healthy Massachusetts Discount Card Plan designed to allow residents without adequate coverage for prescription drugs to take advantage of discounted prices for these drugs. Amendment supporters said this landmark amendment is a major step toward lowering the skyrocketing cost of prescription drugs purchased by the state and would save million of dollars. They said it is outrageous and fiscally irresponsible for the state not to pool its drug purchases in order to negotiate bulk rates from drug companies. They also noted that the section requiring gift disclosures by drug companies would give the state more information on how some companies are manipulating health care providers into prescribing the company's drugs. Some said that the Healthy Massachusetts Discount Card Plan would help struggling residents who cannot afford to purchase prescription drugs. (A "Yea" vote is for the amendment).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ELDERLY ABUSE (H 1116)- The House and Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Romney legislation requiring directors and outreach workers of local councils on aging to report suspected abuse of an elderly person to the state's Department of Elder Affairs. The measure adds these directors and workers to a long list of mandated reporters of elderly abuse including physicians, emergency medical technicians, dentists, nurses, social workers, police officers and firefighters. Both branches also attached an emergency preamble to the bill in order to make it effective immediately rather than in 90 days.

TENANTS' WATER AND SEWER BILLS (H 5001)- Gov. Romney signed into law a bill allowing landlords to install meters and bill their tenants for the amount of water and sewer services used. The legislation would allow landlords to bill only new tenants and only if the landlords install water conservation devices for all faucets, showerheads and toilets in the unit. Tenants in public housing units would be exempt from having a meter installed in their units. Supporters said the measure would preserve resources by encouraging reduced water use by many tenants that often use more water when their landlords are paying the bills. Opponents said the bill is anti-tenant and would increase rents that are already skyrocketing.

PROHIBIT SURCHARGE FOR MAILING INVOICES (H 4398)- The House has postponed final action on a bill prohibiting companies from charging a fee or penalty to a customer who receives the company's bill or invoice by U.S. mail instead of by e-mail. The measure does allow companies to offer a discount to customers who choose to receive their bills or invoices by e-mail. Supporters said many companies prefer that customers receive their bills on the Internet because the companies save printing and postage costs. They noted that many consumers do not have Internet access and/or prefer to receive their bills by regular mail. They pointed out that the legislation would ensure that companies are prohibited from taking the next step and charging these consumers an extra fee to receive their bills via regular mail. Both the House and Senate have given near final approval to the proposal and only final approval is needed in each branch prior to the measure going to the governor.

ELDERLY WATER CHARGE ABATEMENT (H 3001)- The House approved an amendment to legislation allowing cities and towns to abate the first $500 of water charges paid by low-income seniors over age 65 who meet certain requirements. Under the bill, individual seniors would qualify for the exemption if their annual income equals less than $16,000 while married seniors would qualify with a joint income of less than $24,000. Another provision requires that these seniors have lived in Massachusetts for at least ten years and have owned property in the state for at least five years. Sponsors of the amendment noted that the key local option provision "allowing" cities and towns to offer the exemption is vague. The amendment adopted by the House provides that the exemption be allowed only if voters agree to it at a regular municipal election.

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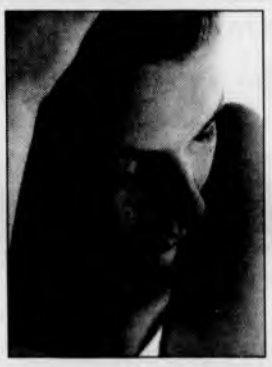
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Making the case in Superior Court for local say over Greenbush impacts

GREENBUSH VIEW

MARTHA A. R. BEWICK



Hingham attorney Joseph M. Fisher, Chairman of the Hingham Conservation Commission and Doug Wilkins, of Anderson & Kreiger LLP, of Cambridge, attorney for Advocates for Transportation Alternatives, in Suffolk Superior Court at the conclusion of their arguments on the Hingham wetlands variance on Greenbush.

The Hingham Conservation Commission, Advocates for Transportation Alternatives (AfTA), the MBTA and the Massachusetts Attorney General's office, representing the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), recently met in Suffolk Superior Court to present the case for and against the granting of the Hingham wetlands variance on Greenbush. This is one of a number of legal contests underway currently.

Under the design/build method of construction, the MBTA began the Greenbush project without having wetlands, water quality, and endangered species permits in hand, as any other applicant, public or private, is required to do. The agency is trying to leapfrog or expedite environmental requirements to keep the project on schedule. The Conservation Commission was presenting arguments to support its statutory role in regulatory processes at the local level. AfTA was there to challenge the variance procedures, and ask for proper hearings, among other arguments.

Joe Fisher, Chairman of the Hingham Conservation Commission, and Doug Wilkins, of Anderson & Kreiger LLP, attorney for AfTA, presented briefs and arguments to Judge Nonnie S. Burnes, followed by agency representatives. Fisher, a Hingham attorney, argued that the MBTA is being allowed by DEP to proceed with the Greenbush project without having presented sufficient plans or information to the Hingham Conservation Commission. He said that Massachusetts statutes set forth procedures which are being violated by the MBTA and the DEP.

When impacts affect more than 5,000 square feet, as they do in Hingham on the Greenbush project, there is an automatic denial that the Hingham Conservation Commission must issue. The question comes as to how and where the Conservation Commission and DEP properly participate in the permitting process. The dilemma arises where DEP says that Hingham must deny a permit, so therefore all permitting for the variance will be handled by DEP. Hingham argues the Commission is still required to scrutinize the project details, hold public hearings, ensure that abutters are notified, and transmit its findings to the state agency.

Fisher pointed out that the statutorily required hearings before Massachusetts conservation commissions is the "only place the public has a forum, and where other town boards have an opportunity to comment" on the details and impacts of wetlands impacts. Conservation commissions are uniquely situated to represent the local interests. He noted, by way of one example, West Street abutters within 100 feet of proposed mitigation work in wetlands replication have never been notified of the proposed action, as required by statute. The wetlands replication work was not fully developed, and the process was "short-circuited because of insufficient information." His conclusion was that in providing inadequate and insufficient information, the MBTA and the DEP have "stripped the Conservation Commission of its ability to do its job."

Conservation commissions in Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate have all expressed concern that some issues they raised were ignored by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection in the process that is being challenged here.

Fisher then speculated that the MBTA's response would be "So what? What's the harm?" The Judge responded: "Yes, that's my question. Is this just make work?" Fisher responded in turn that going through the Conservation Commission is a formal procedural process. "There's no short-cut getting through the Hingham Conservation Commission under the statutory scheme and regulatory schemes." He cited both regulatory and policy reasons to support the position of the Conservation Commission, and acknowledged that "we could have another statutory scheme, but we don't." He summarized by noting that the Hingham Conservation Commission is by statute a public forum, which uses local expertise, and that the courts have acknowledged this role.

Conservation commissions in Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate have all expressed concern that some issues they raised were ignored by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection in the process that is being challenged here. The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions is also reviewing the implications of these actions.

Wilkins stepped up to make four arguments on behalf of AfTA. The first was AfTA's agreement with the Hingham Conservation Commission, that there was a lack of detailed project information given to the Commission, and that the MBTA is required to follow proper procedures. When asked by Judge Burnes how the Commission would properly respond given that it must deny the project based on its size, Wilkins responded that the Commission could deny, but then give conditions which would issue were the variance to be granted. Wilkins also pointed out that the MBTA could have chosen a different permitting path, going to DEP first, and then to the Commission with full plans and complete information. They chose not to go this route. Wilkins stated that the Commission's requirement to review detailed plans and information is "not meaningless by any means." He also pointed out that there are issues of a similar nature which go down the line to Cohasset and Scituate. In Scituate's case, plans have not been sufficiently developed so as not to affect resources, drinking water supply resources among others.

Whole project

In a second point, Wilkins said that the Variance had considered only the Hingham portion of Greenbush as the "project." He then noted that the DEP had compared the public benefits of the entire 17.7 mile Greenbush project to the negative impacts of just the Hingham section, rather than to the negative impacts of the whole project. Thirdly, Wilkins argued that AfTA had been denied a hearing before the Administrative Law Judge. AfTA had introduced arguments that the overriding public benefits were actually non-existent or insubstantial, that the air quality impacts were neutral, and that there would be an increase in certain pollutants. (DEP now states that if there is not a reduction in particulates and NOx emissions from Greenbush diesel engines, that they will require mitigation for the emissions generated by Greenbush.) He pointed out that issues of transportation alternatives were issues for the DEP Commissioner to decide, and that she should not have been relieved of her right and obligation to hold a hearing on these matters. In this case, the Administrative Law Judge, and the Commissioner had deferred to the MBTA 's study of alternatives.

Finally, Wilkins argued that the "taking of endangered species is not allowed" Judge Burnes asked if there were no overriding public purpose provision in the endangered species act, and Wilkins said "no, the ruling cannot be given." Wilkins finished by saying that the variance was unlawful, and should be reversed and remanded to the DEP.

Arguments by the Attorney General and the MBTA counsel objected to those presented by Fisher and Wilkins. (to be continued next week.)

Martha A. R. Bewick is a member of Advocates for Transportation Alternatives.

Weather is focus of Jan. 5 talk at Lifesaving Museum

As the winter weather season rolls in, the public is welcome to hear meteorologist Rob Gilman discuss some of the incredible storms he's seen hit the South Shore, as well as the forecasting techniques that help him warn us of what's coming next. The event is 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 5 at the Hull Lifesaving Museum on Nantasket Avenue. Admission is $3 for members and $5 for non-members. Rob Gilman is WATD's resident meteorologist. His live reports begin at 5am each day, and air throughout the day. "And if there is a storm brewing, we'll stay on the air as long as necessary," Rob says.

Rob grew up on the South Shore watching weatherman Don Kent on TV, then studied meteorology at Penn State. He got his start in radio with the college's campus radio station, and has worked at Accuweather, and WRKO Radio, Boston. His forecast appears daily in the Patriot Ledger.

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How does Rob actually forecast the weather? "I don't just look out the window," he says. "That's like looking into a room through a keyhole. You see part of the room but you can't see the guy behind the door who's holding the gun!"

Instead of the keyhole approach, Rob relies on up-to-the-minute information from satellites and hourly FAA computerized forecasts. He is in constant touch with weather stations at Blue Hill, Logan Airport, and other airports throughout New England, and also talks regularly with amateur weather watchers on the South Shore.

"Weather can be very different in Hingham or Plymouth than on Route 128, or even Boston. My forecasts are specifically for people who live and work on the South Shore," he says.



Rob Gilman of WATD

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Big winds, big job, Driver's Ed, and school chaperones 50 years ago

FROM CHRISTMAS, PAGE 1

through driving rain. Red had us secure loose material and get all the tools under cover. There was not much else to do so we left before noon. I wheeled my bicycle home rather than chance riding in the gusty downpour.

Carol knocked out power and phones for many days. Then Edna hit and sent us back to cooking meals on the wood stove and eating by candlelight. Back then phone lines were often strung from tree to tree. Underground burial was expensive as were extra poles. After Carol, power and phone repair crews and trucks came from all over the east to help. A New York Telephone Company truck from Brooklyn worked in our area. The linemen had never seen wires hanging on trees: they had neither long ladders for tree climbing nor tree trunk hangers. To them, Cohasset was as remote as Tasmania. They came back after Edna's visit, no better equipped.

Trees - big ones - were down everywhere. One landed on the roof of a house on Sohier street now owned by my Aunt Helen Pratt. Across the street the Music Circus tent hung from its poles in tatters. Rainfall from the two storms totaled over 11 inches. The Cohasset Fire Department answered calls to pump flooded cellars all over town.

Before 16, you are a growing kid. At 16, you truly become a big kid. A big kid with a real summer job. A big kid with a driver's license. Even though I had been driving for three years, Pop insisted that I take Driver Education. I could get a license without Driver's Ed, but his insurance would suffer. After my first session behind the wheel, the instructor said I passed — he needed more time to work with less experienced learners. One May day, the DMV License Examiner came to Cohasset High School. All of the candidates were apprehensive. One by one we were called out of class for the dreaded road test. One by one we came back smiling and waving our provisional licenses. Everyone passed! Even a classmate everyone called 'Lead foot.' That fall, a new Driver Ed car with dual controls was given to Cohasset High School — too late for my class to use.

Having a driver's license and money in my pocket brought a new dimension to the Christmas Holidays. I could go shopping on my own! Although our '51 Chevy was only three years old, the upholstery was fraying badly. I took Route 3A to an auto accessory store on Neponset Circle. There I bought a present for my parents: new seat covers for the car. They were a garish blue. I liked them. Pop liked them. Mother did not.

Now I could go on dates without a parent as chauffeur. Our school dances were pretty staid — Rock-and-Roll had not arrived. Boys wore ties and jackets, girls wore sweaters and skirts. And - always - we had to invite teachers as chaperones. No telling what kids might do without supervision. No one would ever ask a chaperone to dance. However we did serve them Coke and cookies. They smiled and, I suspect, pretended to be enjoying themselves. Our favorite chaperones really did enjoy themselves. Coach and Mrs. Everett 'Evie' Dorr could jitterbug with an abandon and skill that we teenagers couldn't hope to match.

That Christmastime I had my first accident. My Naval officer brother-in-law Bob asked me to drive him to Christmas shop at the Hingham Ammunition Depot Post Exchange. It was snowing when we set out. On North Main Street a truck pulled out of a driveway ahead of us. I hit the brakes and was surprised when our speed didn't change. I was more surprised that our direction did change - rapidly. The Chevy spun through one full 360-degree circle and commenced another. It plowed through the hedge in front of the old Brockton Edison office and came to a stop on the driveway facing out to the street. The brakes had not slowed the car but the hedge did. Bob had disappeared: he was hunkered down under the dashboard, hoping to survive uninjured. I had my license. I knew how to drive, right? Wrong. New drivers don't really learn about driving until they have a few close calls. This was my first.

We continued on to Hingham — with me still driving. The exchange was small but Bob knew exactly what he wanted to give Cindy. They went to Illinois that Christmas so I did not see her reaction on opening Bob's gift. He had gotten her something he was sure would please her and show his deep affection for her — a lovely new fishing rod with a spinning reel!

I wonder how many fish he caught with it.

Joel S. Pratt, who grew up in Cohasset, lives in Roque Bluffs, Maine. He can be reached by email at: Prattj@Maineline.net



PHOTOS BY WILLIAM NYLEN, CHS CLASS OF 1956.

New Driver Training Car: from left, Mass DMV License Examiner, Driver Training teacher Anthony D'Antuano, Bill Ripley, Lou Watson of Watson Chevrolet and Cohasset Police Officer Thomas 'Burkie' Kane .



Dance Chaperones: from left, Superintendent and Principal Bill Ripley, Mrs. Harris, Home Economics teacher Pat McElhinny and Social Studies teacher J. Edward Harris. The Harrises attended our CHS reunion in September, 2004.



Tree on house on Sohier Street.

Who's the top citizen?

See form this page

In keeping with an 11-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

The deadline for nominations for the 2004 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 7. Please see the nomination form on page 12. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931. Nominations may also be sent by email to mford@cnc.com.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2004 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2005.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

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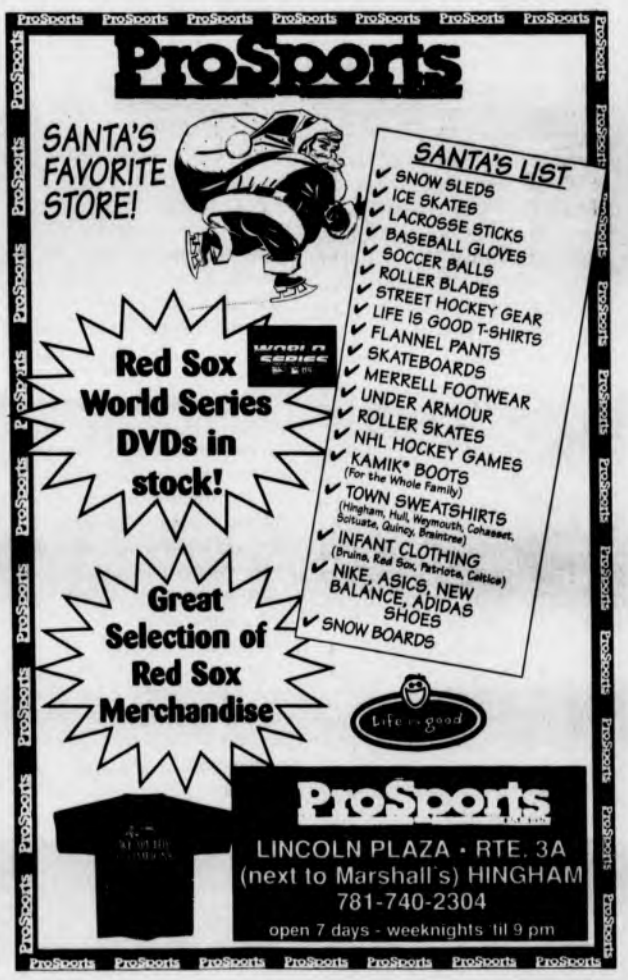
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Former Massachusetts governor and presidential candidate, Michael Dukakis, acknowledges the standing ovation he received after talking to Democrats from the Marshfield Democratic Town Committee and the Plymouth County Democrat League at the Bridgewaye last Thursday.

Dukakis tells local Democrats it's time to get back to basics

Former governor fires up party during meeting at Bridgewaye

By Elizabeth Malloy
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During his early political campaigns, former Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis said he recalls knocking on every door in his precinct to get his name and message out to voters.

In recent campaigns far less of that kind of campaigning is taking place, Dukakis said, and that is why the party is struggling on a national scale and has failed to put a Democratic governor on Beacon Hill since his final term ended in 1990.

Dukakis brought his message to party members from across the state at the Plymouth County Democratic League's monthly meeting last Thursday at the Bridgeway Inn in Marshfield. Dukakis told the group that getting back to the grassroots level — complete with precinct captains and door-to-door canvassing — that worked for him would help strengthen the Democratic Party.

He also said work had to begin soon.

"I think the effort has to begin in the spring," Dukakis said. "You can't parachute in a bunch of kids into a state two weeks before the election and expect to win."

While the Massachusetts Democratic Party was celebrating this election day after keeping nearly every elected Democrat in office, and adding a few more, on a national level the party is struggling. Sen. John Kerry's loss in the presidential election was especially tough for Democrats, as was losing more seats to Republic and in both the House and Senate in November.

While the next presidential election is four years away, Bay State Democrats are putting most of their efforts on the next gubernatorial election in two years.

"The goal should be to visit every single voting household in Massachusetts, no matter where they live how they're registered, no matter who they are," Dukakis said.

The son of two Greek immigrants (according to him, his mother was the first Greek-American woman to go to college), Dukakis first became governor of Massachusetts in 1974. He lost reelection to Edward King in 1978, but then beat King in 1982, and won again in 1986.

Massachusetts Democratic Party leader and Marshfield resident Phil Johnston introduced Dukakis by noting the a special relationship the former governor had with the South Shore and his many supporters here.

"He was a guy who cared about us, who cared about the South Shore," Johnston said. "We're going to have a railroad train down here on the South Shore, hopefully one day before I die, and the person we'll have to thank is Mike Dukakis."

Dukakis said that grassroots campaigning is about more than going door to door. During a question and answer session with audience members, Dukakis said that he didn't believe more conservative media outlets like Fox News really had much of an impact on the election, but said if Democrats wanted the media to more aggressively investigate the Bush administration's policies, those in the party need to approach the media directly.

The former governor also said that the Democrats should not give up on typically "red" areas as quickly as they have. He said that they needed to talk to people such as evangelical Christians who are said to have voted overwhelmingly for Bush and other Republicans.

"If you're not talking to them, then gays and guns are going to carry the day," he said.

Much of the evening focused on what Massachusetts Democrats need to do in order to get another one of their own into the governor's office, and Dukakis reminisced about his terms in office, calling it "the best job anyone could have."

Dukakis said John Kerry, who once served as his lieutenant governor, ran a better presidential campaign than he did in 1988 against George Bush, and noted how this year was the first time the Democrats matched the Republicans in fundraising. However, he said that there was still a need for more grassroots campaigning and getting the Democratic message directly to more people.

"Given what I know about winning presidential campaigns — that and 50 cents won't buy you a cup of coffee — but for whatever it's worth, this is what he have to do," he said. "Moderate and low income people in this country ought to be Democrats."

Out-of-town enrollment seen as a benefit for school staff

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keep budget increases at 2-1/2 percent," he said. [Prop. 2-1/2 prevents municipalities from increasing their tax levy more than 2-1/2 percent over the prior year without an override].

But allowing those who work for the district to send their children to Cohasset schools is nothing new. "This has been a benefit for quite a while," School Committee member Rick Flynn said at last week's board meeting. He said allowing staff to enroll their children in Cohasset schools has "always been viewed as a positive benefit," which allows the town to attract better teachers and retain them. "It has worked out well over the years," he said.

Flynn said having students from other towns attend Cohasset schools should be looked at as a benefit comparable to the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity, or METCO program. The METCO program is intended to expand educational opportunities and reduce racial imbalance, by permitting students in certain cities to attend suburban public schools in participating communities.

While Flynn said in both instances people tend to just look at the numbers, the benefits of allowing both METCO students and students of staff members to attend Cohasset schools far outweighs the cost.

The 12 students of staff members who currently attend Cohasset schools, when spread out over 13 grades, does not impact the schools as much as it might appear, Flynn said. While he said he understands why some might compute the match of 12 students at $8,600 a piece — and figure the town could save a little more than $100,000 if those students did not attend — he explained that is not the way the budget works. In fact, "It has very little (financial) impact," when those students are added to the district.

Cohasset schools are viewed as some of the best around, Flynn said. He said teachers, who might consider teaching in other districts that pay a higher salary, might consider staying in Cohasset to allow their children to receive a better education than their hometown could provide. The benefit of Cohasset's being able to retain some great teachers due to the enrollment option helps keep up the high standards of education the town has, he said.

The latest copy of the collective bargaining agreement between the Cohasset School Committee and the Cohasset Teachers' Association, effective from 2002-2005, states: "If the Superintendent of Schools determines that space exists at the chosen grade level, then children of staff will be permitted to attend the Cohasset schools. Their attendance will be reviewed each year and continued enrollment will be determined by space availability. Placement will be allowed in the regular education program."

Despite steadily climbing enrollment figures, Flynn said unless something very drastic happened in terms of the amount of staff members, who wanted to enroll their children, it will continue to be a benefit the town is happy to provide. "If all of a sudden we saw a dramatic increase, it might be a different story, but it's been mutually beneficial over time and doesn't seem to be detrimental," Flynn said.

Collective bargaining discussions between the teachers and the school department are currently underway.

Although Cohasset opens its doors to both out-of-town METCO students and children of staff members, it does not participate in a state program

School Choice, which would open doors to any student wishing to attend Cohasset schools from any town. Through the Department of Education, every year School Committees in Massachusetts have the option of participating in the School Choice program, which asks participating districts who send their children to other schools to pay tuition to that school to educate the out-of-town students. Statistics dating back to 2003 from the DOE show Cohasset has not been participating.

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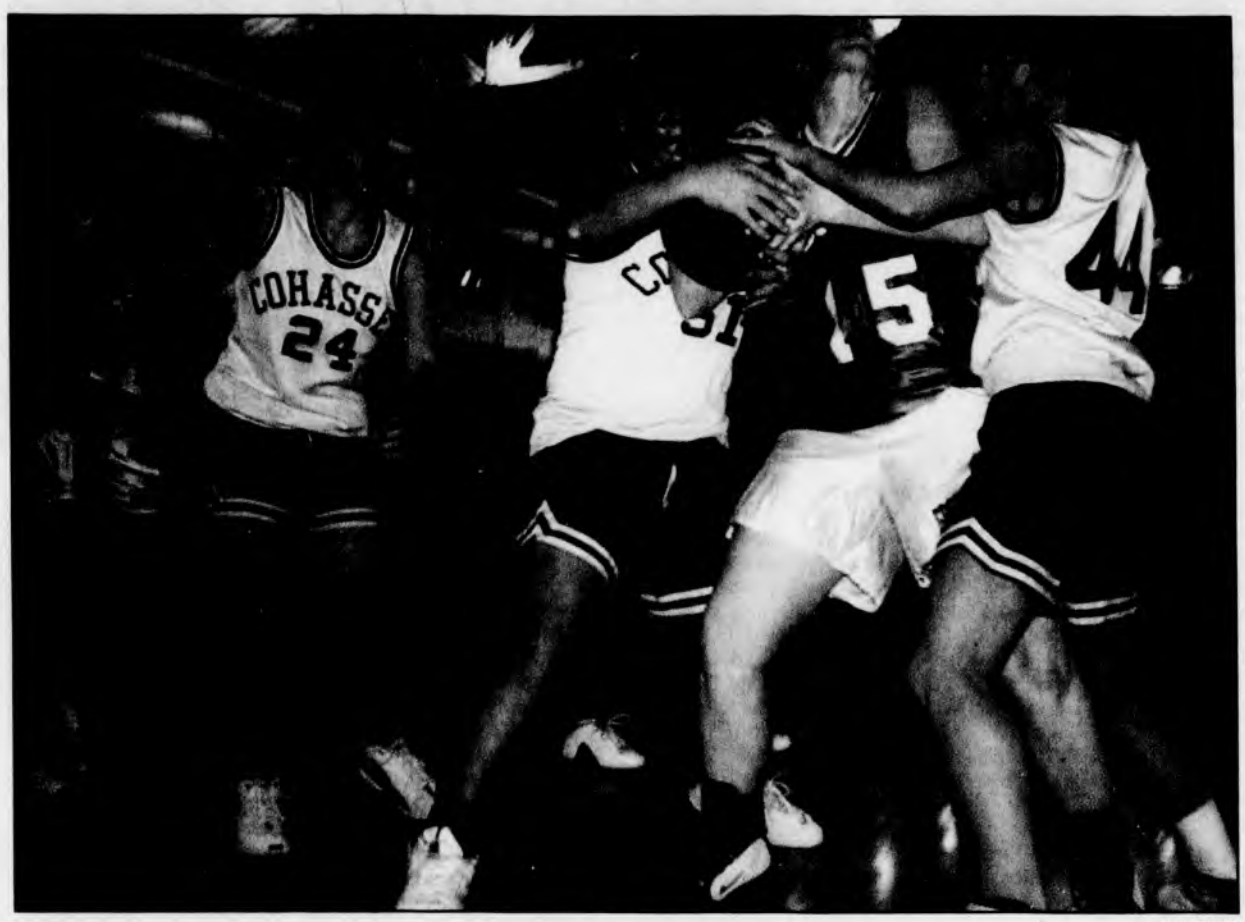
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FILE PHOTO

Casey Anderson (center, 51), shown here in action last season against Abington, averaged 28 points per game through the Skippers' first three contests.

Girls hoops on winning path

Lady Skippers 3-0 after winning SSVT tourney

By Evan Deutsch
CORRESPONDENT

Wins are piling up faster than iPod backorders on the internet.

The Lady Hoopsters have catapulted themselves to a 3-0 record, a start identical to last year's outstanding record.

Clearly, Christmas has arrived early for the team. The Skippers want to dispel the critics who said last year's success was a "fluke" performance. So far so good.

"This team exhibits much potential," said Cohasset head coach John Levangie. "Despite a shallow bench, we contain a lot of raw talent. As the second-string players progress, I expect to see even better things from the girls." Levangie also expressed satisfaction with the leadership styles of co-captains Casey Anderson and Nicole Whitney.

With Anderson consistently scoring more than twenty-five points per game, Cohasset's offense seems to hold few flaws. But is the defense up to par? A quick glance makes the answer quite obvious in a positive way.

"We remain a defensive team," said Anderson. "Our rebounding needs some work but we are very quick. If we put our minds to it, we can contain any team in our league."

Perhaps the Skippers could use a little help on the boards. Yes, they lack the height of some of their competitors. Yet, you will likely see Mia Lieb-Lappen, Katie James, and sophomore Lacey Richardson ripping down rebounds like Shaq.

Let's take a look back at some of the game details. The Skippers traveled over to South Shore Voke Tech for part one of that school's tourney on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

"We knew nothing about Voc. Tech," said Levangi. "We didn't

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All-Scholastic football team

Cohasset's Durkin, Casey, Ferriera selected among area's elite

With so many talented players on quality teams, this team has been the most difficult of the fall season.

Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received serious consideration for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

In the end, however, we limited ourselves to a team of just 22, and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top football players in *Marinerland* for this honor:

Joe Durkin - Senior (Capt.)
Running Back - Cohasset

The top back on a team that loved to run the ball…A South Shore League and Eastern Mass. All-Star…A durable workhorse that consistently got 20-25 carries each game…Finished the year with over 1,700 yards…Along with his teammates, stepped up big in the team's huge regular season clash with Norwell: He went for 114 yards on 12 first half carries in that game, and finished with 144 yards on 21 carries…One of three senior co-captains (along with Matt Casey and Ted Straughn) that CHS head coach Tony Rolfe credits with setting a good example for what turned out to be a strong, cohesive team…Playing hockey this winter, as a winger on the first line (after making the adjustment from defenseman in the middle of last season)

Matt Casey - Senior (Capt.)
Center/Linebacker -
Cohasset



Matt Casey

Anchored a remarkable offensive line that helped the Skippers average over 200 yards per game on the ground…A South Shore League All-Star this season…Small for the position (listed at 175 pounds), but plays bigger and stronger…A tough-nosed kid always looking to hit somebody…Also an agile lineman, frequently pulling to the outside for a block…One of the team's leading tacklers on the defensive side of the ball…A big reason why his coach calls his offensive line the strength of his team…Also a wrestler at CHS; finished fourth in the sectionals last season in that sport at the 160-pound class… "One of the best players in the South Shore League," according to head coach Tony Rolfe

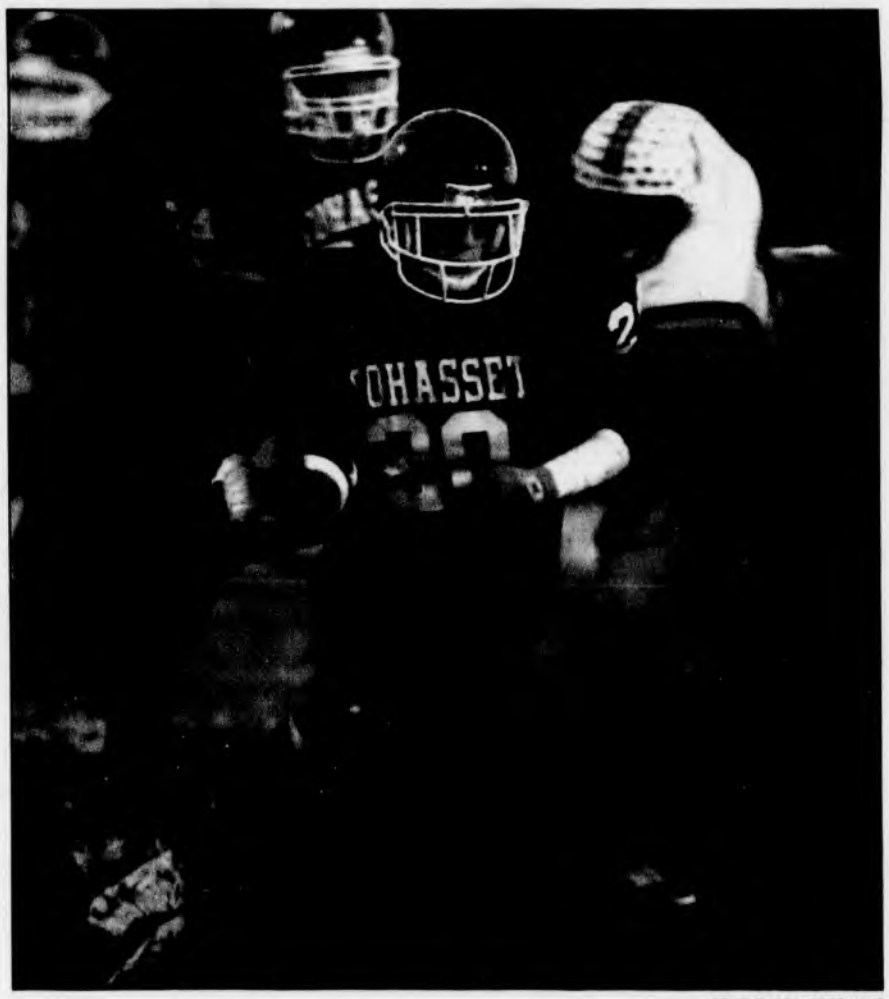
Kelvin Ferriera - Senior
Defensive End - Cohasset

Simply put, a terror to opposing offenses on the defensive front…Used his 6-foot-1, 210-pound frame to muscle his way past offensive linemen and into the backfield…A very strong athlete who is quick off the ball…Made a huge hit during the team's playoff game with Westwood that led to a safety…Also blocked a punt in the third quarter of the game against Norwell, putting the Skippers in great field position that led to the touchdown that put the game away…In that same game, part of an outstanding team effort that shut down a vaunted Clippers rushing attack…Being looked at by colleges in the area

Guy Matisis - Senior (Capt.)
Linebacker - Hingham

There weren't many opposing offenses that could move the ball successfully with this 6-foot, 210-pound linebacker chasing them down…Big and strong, Matisis' fierce play on both sides

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STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Skippers senior running back Joe Durkin ran for over 1,700 yards this season.



FILE PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

REMEMBER THIS?

Cohasset's Phil Strazzula takes down wrestling coach Torin Sweeney after winning the state championship last year. Next week, the Cohasset Mariner takes a look back at the year that was in Cohasset sports.

Hockey opens season with win

By Mark Goodman
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At times it wasn't pretty, but no one can complain too much about the result.

Despite a number of penalties and a late charge by Wareham, the Cohasset hockey squad opened its season the right way with a 5-3 win last Saturday night at the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham.

Mark Bouchard and Ted Straughn each scored two goals, and Dan Sullivan scored once. Straughn's goals came in the third period after Wareham had tied the game at three.

Crandon Leahy had two assists, while Mark Donovan and Brian Straughn had one each.

After Cohasset led, 3-0, after one period, the visitors made a comeback over the second and third periods.

Much to the chagrin of head coach Ben Virga, the Skippers committed a slew of penalties in the second period, and finally paid with 1:54 remaining in the frame. Wareham's Mike Dunphy, who had been causing problems all night with his speed and puck-handling, put Wareham on the board with a breakaway goal.

Less than five minutes into the third period, Trevor England notched the game-tying goal for Wareham, and the visitors appeared to have all the momentum.

That momentum seemingly shifted on a dime, however, as Cohasset dominated the last 10 minutes of the game. Almost immediately after England's goal, Ted Straughn had a backhand in front of the net that was

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Cohasset's Durkin, Casey, Ferriera selected among area's elite

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of the ball was instrumental to the Harbormen's ride to the Div. 2A Super Bowl berth…On defense at linebacker, this Eastern Mass. All-star led the Hingham gridders (11-2) in tackles, racked up a pair of interceptions, and recovered a fumble…On offense at fullback, Matisis continually plowed through defenses inside the red zone for scores…Rushed for more than 100 yards several times this season and scored a pair of long TD's in a playoff win over Wilmington…Also a talented wrestler at HHS, Matisis plans to continue his athletic career in college.

Mike Perkins - Senior
Wingback - Hingham

This Eastern Mass. All-star was one of the favorite targets of quarterback Mike Quinn as the pair continually connected for big gains all year long…Was also part of a three-pronged running attack that ran all the way to a Div. 2A Super Bowl berth...Was also a gem on kickoff and punt returns, averaging runs of 35 yards…Was a force both on offense and defense for Hingham…On offense, Perkins rushed for five touchdowns, while catching passes for two others…As a wingback, Perkins ran back an interception for a score…He also blocked a field goal this year and made a pair of crucial stops inside the 10-yard line in a tight 12-0 win over Oliver Ames…Perkins plans to attend college in the fall.

Mike Quinn - Senior
Quarterback - Hingham

To put it bluntly, Quinn's stats say it all…This Eastern Mass. All-star quarterback had a hand in 17 offensive Hingham (11-2) touchdowns this season, passing for eight, rushing for nine…Tallied an 18th at on defense, intercepting a pass for another TD…Rushed for more than 100 yards in several games this season, including a 46-27 lashing of Silver Lake, producing 482 yards of offense in the process…Also threw for 99 yards in that game…Was instrumental to the Harbormen's run to the Div. 2A Super Bowl and rushed for a pair of TD's in a crushing 27-19 loss to Feehan…Also tossed the game-winning TD in a 7-0 victory over Duxbury to win the Patriot League title at 8-0…The PL All-star plans to attend college in the fall.

Mike Goulet - Senior (Capt.)
Tackle - Hingham

This 6-foot, 1-inch, 245-pound tackle was a major reason why Hingham had so much success offensively this season, anchoring an extremely talented line…The Patriot League All-star knew his role was to block for the Harbormen's talented trio of backs and Goulet's play on the line helped the offense rack up 482 total yards in a 46-27 stomping over Silver Lake…He and the offensive line were also instrumental in Hingham's (11-2) ability to outscore opponents 237-105 this season, 34 of those points coming in a stunning season-opening loss to Gardner…He speed and skill on the line helped Hingham get by Duxbury (7-0) to win the PL title and advance to the Div. 2A Super Bowl game…Goulet plans to attend college in the fall.

Hugo Souza - Junior
Halfback - Marshfield

There wasn't much this multi-talented athlete didn't do for the Rams this season…A starting halfback, defensive back, receiver, kicker and punter, Souza's spent nearly every minute on the field for Marshfield and more than proved his worth…This Eastern Mass. All-star rushed for more than 1,000 yards and was a key part of the Rams' three-pronged running game…Could also set blocks for teammates while on the run…An Old Colony League All-star, Souza returns for another year next fall. Marshfield coach Lou Silva: "Hugo is an all purpose back. He was never off the field. He's a very good athlete and was one of the smartest runners we have. He can see the cut before he gets there."

Scott Doherty -
Senior (Capt.)
Halfback - Marshfield

Another key element of the Marshfield running game, Doherty was the focus of many opposing defense after sneaking up on them a year before…Still rushed for more than 800 yards this season, despite being the one to watch…A two-year Old Colony League All-star, Doherty missed one game after sustaining a thigh muscle pull in a slugfest against Brockton, but never missed a practice despite the injury…Was one of the fastest backs on the squad and doubled up on the defensive side of the ball as a safety…The senior is also a talented lacrosse player at MHS…He is looking at a number of schools, like UMass Amherst, Northeastern, and Univ. of Maine, UNH, where he will continue either his football or lax career. Marshfield coach Lou Silva: "If he got one step on a defender, he was gone. He had speed and you can't teach that. He's going to blossom at the next level."

Austin Clark - Senior
Guard - Marshfield

This Eastern Mass. All-star was a major reason why Souza and Doherty had so much success running the ball this year…Cited as his coach as being one of the best offensive linemen ever to play at MHS, Clark was as powerful a blocker as they come, pushing around his 6', 255 pound frame for the good of his teammates…Also an Old Colony League All-star, Clark was also strong on the defensive side of the ball as an end.∴The senior is considering continuing his football career at either Wesleyan, St. Anselm, Stonehill, Bentley or Merrimack. Marshfield coach Lou Silva: "Whenever we needed a few extra yards, he's who we'd run behind. He's the best we had technically. He worked hard all year and made himself into a great offensive lineman."

Steve Chuilli - Senior
(Capt.)
Defensive line - Marshfield

This Old Colony League All-star had one major job on the Marshfield squad: stop the run…Indeed opposing offenses didn't have much luck running the ball inside against this talented 6-foot, 5-inch, 250-pound tackle, even though he played the entire year with a banged up back…It was later determined that strain was caused by fracture in his foot…Chuilli was a crucial part of a defense that shut out four teams this year and came up big in thrilling wins over Xaverian (15-14) and Bridgewater-Raynham (28-11)…Chuilli is considering continuing his football career at several Div. 1 colleges. Marshfield coach Lou Silva: "The last three games he really gutted out with that bad back. He was still our main run stopper and had the ability to move up and down the line with two or three guys on him."

Anthony Garofalo - Senior
Defensive back - Rockland

Shined at many positions this year for the Bulldogs as Garofalo did just about everything…At defensive back, Garofalo picked off five passes, two of which he returned for touchdowns…The Patriot League All-star was also used at quarterback, running back, and receiver, while also kicking punts, kick-offs, extra-points, and field goals…Came up big in several games this season, most of which were down the stretch where Rockland won their last five games of the year to finish at 7-4 (6-2 PL, tying Duxbury and Silver Lake for second)…Garofalo is planning to attend college next fall. Rockland coach Ken Owen: "Some of his stats didn't do him justice because he was used in so many different places. He was the best all around athlete we had."

Chris Fucillo - Junior
Offensive tackle - Rockland

This 6-foot, 3-inch, 265-pound tackle was a presence on the field for the Bulldogs…One of the bigger linemen on the team, Fucillo was a key blocker for backs like Garofalo and Dan Comeau, while also being among the leaders in tackles…Strong and powerful off the ball, Fucillo routinely out-muscled two to three defenders at a time…Not only a talented athlete at RHS, Fucillo is among the leaders in his class academically as a straight A student…Just a junior, this Patriot League All-star already has his sights set on attending an Ivy League college. Rockland coach Ken Owen: "Chris has a lot of pull on the line and is great out in front. He has a bright future both on the football field and in the classroom."

Jeff Smith - Junior
Quarterback - Silver Lake

See Jeff run, see Jeff throw, see Jeff catch and tackle and kick...How the Globe left this guy off their All-Scholastic Team is the biggest mystery since D.B. Cooper (kids, ask your folks) ... Patriot League All-star ran for more than 1,000 yards, and he's the quarterback ... Blinding speed (4.45 in the 40) has college scouts drooling ... Not so much a great quarterback as he is a great player ... Tends to force passes at times, but with experience he could learn to harness his arm strength and become a devastating package ... Teams design defense specifically to keep him inside the pocket ... If he gets around the corner on the option, you're at his mercy ... Returned the opening kick against tough Bridgewater-Raynham 84 yards for a touchdown on Thanksgiving and later intercepted a pass in the secondary ... Kicks off and often gets in on the tackle. ... Coach Bubba Ashby: "He's the fastest player I've ever had the pleasure of coaching." ... Enjoy the show next year.

Josh Doherty - Junior
Defensive end/Tight end -
Silver Lake

Quite simply, a football player ... At 6-foot-3, 215 pounds, this Patriot League all-star can dominate on both sides of the ball ... Soft hands and long reach make him a favorite of quarterback Jeff Smith on rollouts ... Better get a linebacker on him because defensive backs just bounce right off ... A nasty first step makes him a nightmare for offensive tackles ... One of those players who always seems to be around the ball ... Stats don't do him justice ... A great blocker who clears lanes for Silver Lake's impressive array of runners ... Coach Bubba Ashby: "He might be the best player I've ever had at Silver Lake." ... He and Smith could take the Lakers a long, long way next season.

Greg Thornton - Senior
(Capt.)
Running Back - Norwell

A no-brainer selection for this team…A South Shore League and Eastern Mass All-Star…Finished the season with 2,009 yards rushing and 24 touchdowns…Capped off his remarkable season with another 200-yard game on Thanksgiving against Hanover…Named the Eastern Mass. Div. 3 player of the year by the Boston Globe…Accomplished all of this after being a back-up last season…A shifty runner with a knack for breaking tackles…Also had five interceptions playing in Norwell's secondary, including a pick against Hanover…Named Norwell's Offensive Player of the Game that day…An excellent baseball player, looking at playing that sport in college…According to Norwell head coach Jim Sullivan, Thornton's instincts, maturity, and ability to read the field played as much a role as his talent in his success this season

Adam Nogueira - Senior
(Capt.)
Offensive Line/Defensive
Line - Norwell

The leader of an offensive line that propelled a Clipper running attack that averaged over 250 yards per game this season…Also a stalwart on the team's defensive line, as part of a unit that was among the league leaders in points allowed…A South Shore League All-Star this season…A three-year starter…On top of his offensive and defensive duties, was the team's place-kicker this year, performing well on extra points…One of five Norwell co-captains to help lead a team that featured a lot of athletes with limited varsity experience…Also on the NHS ski team…Called by Norwell head coach Jim Sullivan the "spiritual leader" of his team, and its defensive leader as well

James Carven -
Senior (Capt.)
Quarterback - Hanover

One of the most athletic players on the South Shore, Carven is a playmaker…This Patriot League All-star shined as both a mobile and accurate quarterback and very strong defensive back at Hanover (2-8)…At quarterback, Carven threw for seven touchdowns, while running in six himself for a total of 13…He threw for just under 1,000 yards this season…As a defensive back, Carven picked off one pass…Was the star of the Thanksgiving Day contest two years ago when his interception in the end zone preserved a slim Hanover victory…Carven went 4-for-11 on Turkey Day this season and was named the Offensive Player of the Game…Just a junior, Carven will return to lead the Indians next year. Hanover coach Paul Costello: "He has an uncanny knack for picking out the open man. He's just as dangerous running as he is passing. He has all the tools."

Devon Davis - Senior
Receiver/QB - Abington

This South Shore League All-star was one of the more versatile athletes on the Green Wave squad (6-5, 2-3 SSL) this year, playing consistently as a back and receiver…His ability to throw the ball came up big several times this season on trick plays and when starting QB Tim Wells sustained a concussion…At QB, Davis tossed three touchdown passes, including the game-winning TD in a comeback win over Wareham…Went 7-for-13 for 73 yards in a 24-14 win over neighboring rival Rockland…As a defensive back, Davis was an opposing receiver's nightmare…Caught a pair of TD passes and ran for two more…Davis plans to attend college in the fall. Abington coach Jim Kelleher: "Davis can play halfback, fullback, cornerback and he has been our quarterback before. He has saved the day (many times this season)."

Andrew Dominguez - Senior
(Capt.)
Quarterback/Kicker -
Braintree



Andrew Dominguez

Did a lot of everything for the Wamps this year, playing quarterback, kicking and punting … A Bay State League All-Star this year…Ran for seven touchdowns, threw for six more…Converted almost all of his extra points and kicked several field goals, including the game-tying and game-winning kicks against league rival Natick in November…Did all of this despite never being a place-kicker until this year…Led an offense that averaged over 21 points per game…Decided to play basketball at BHS this season, and will be a key contributor to that team as well…Braintree head coach Bill O'Connell: "He's a kid who always gives you everything he's got and he's a kid I trust out there, a kid I can count on. He works hard at his kicking and at quarterback."

Pat McGrail - Senior
Wide Receiver - Braintree



Pat McGrail

One of the best receivers in the state this season… Named to the Bay State League and Eastern Mass. All-Star teams…Broke the school record with 50 receptions this season… Finishes his BHS career with over 100 catches, also the program's record-holder in that category…Also played well at cornerback in his first season in the defensive backfield…An excellent all-around athlete also playing basketball this winter…Braintree head coach Bill O'Connell: "He has great natural ability. He can catch the ball and run with it after the catch. He is a gifted receiver. He gets double and sometimes triple-teamed, but he has still had a great year and a great career."

Colby Hawkins - Junior
Running Back - Scituate

A workhorse that carried the load for the Sailors running attack this season…A Patriot League All-Star this season…Carried the ball 305 times this season, quite an achievement for someone listed at 160 pounds…Made the most of those touches, running for 1,386 yards…Also scored a team-high 11 touchdowns…Will be one of the top players on a team next year that will be looking to improve on its record and contend in the Patriot League…Came out for the SHS wrestling team for the first time this season, and has impressed coaches there with his athleticism and instincts

Honorable Mention:

Dan Hoffman - Sr. - Tight end - Abington
Tim Wells - Soph. - Quarterback - Abington
Joe Burbank - Sr. - Wide Receiver - Braintree
Nick Arment - Jr. - Guard - Cohasset
Ted Straughn - Sr. - Fullback - Cohasset
Mike Pierce - Sr. (Capt.) - Tackle - Hanover
Alex Weiss - Sr. - Fullback - Hanover
Tom Cushing - Sr - Lineman - Hingham
John Murphy - Sr. (Capt.) - Fullback - Hingham
Zach Chipman - Jr. - Linebacker - Marshfield
Dave Mulrey - Jr. - Tailback - Marshfield
Russ Gray - Sr. (Capt.) - Defensive end - Marshfield
Ryan Mann - Soph. - Running back - Pembroke
Brian Ware - Sr. (Capt.) - Fullback - Norwell
Christian Comeau - Jr. - Defensive line - Norwell
Greg Kelleher - Sr. (Capt.) - Quarterback - Scituate
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Hockey opens season with win

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saved.

Within the next 90 seconds, Cohasset had another good scoring opportunity and forced a couple of icings with good pressure in the offensive zone. At that point, it seemed as though the worst the Skippers could do was a tie.

With 5:48 left in the game, Ted Straughn made sure his team did one better. Following up on a rebound from a shot by younger brother Brian, Ted was all alone in front for the put-back to give Cohasset the 4-3 lead.

After that it was Cohasset that played as if it were a goal down. The Skippers had a few great chances on net, with Donovan just missing on a backhand and the Wareham goalie stoning Brian Straughn on a breakaway opportunity.

The defense, meanwhile, led by Leahy and fellow senior Tim Pilczak, kept Wareham in check. The visitors failed to get a shot off in the last five minutes.

Ted Straughn tacked on the Skippers' fifth and final goal of the game for good measure with all zeroes on the clock, as he put the puck into an empty net.

Virga said he was pleased overall with the season-opening performance and hopes the team's subsequent games go a little differently than they did last season.

"Tonight was a great start," Virga said. "Last year, we won [the season opener] against Scituate and then didn't play well for a while after that. Hopefully, this year will be different."

Leahy, who played a solid all-around game with his two assists and defense, said the win should be a harbinger of success to come.

"We just have a lot of heart on this team," he said. "We have a pretty good squad this year."

Perhaps at no point in this game was that heart more evident than in the first period. Cohasset allowed 14 shots and committed three penalties. On top of that, there was a 20-minute delay while Wareham's Krista Kelso lay on the ice after being checked in front of the net. She was taken to the hospital for precautionary measures and released. She was back in school this week.

Despite all of that, Cohasset led at the end of the period, 3-0.

Sullivan, a junior forward, started the scoring at the 10:46 mark with an unassisted goal in front of the net. Bouchard scored the first of his two with 4:11 left, as Leahy fired a great pass from the blue line that hit Bouchard in stride on the left side of the ice. The junior went far side for the score, which came shorthanded.

With 1:17 left, Bouchard struck again. The goal was again started by Leahy, who played the puck along the boards into the zone right as he was getting hit by a Wareham checker. Donovan collected the puck on the right wing and made a great pass across the ice to Bouchard, who scored from the left side before the Wareham goalie knew what happened.

The penalty kill crew, led by Ted Straughn, Donovan, Pilczak and Leahy, did a great job in that first period as Cohasset spent almost half the time shorthanded. Included in that was a 54-second stretch where they were down two guys.

Virga said before the season started that one of the team's goals would be to cut down on its penalties, a chronic problem in years past. They will certainly have to do a better job of that than they did against Wareham if they are to have a successful season.

And while the coach acknowledged those problems after the game, that didn't stop him from praising many of his players. He had particularly good words for Brian Straughn, a junior winger whose improvement from last year is evident in the fact that he now plays on the first line with his brother and right wing Joe Durkin.

"Brian has worked extremely hard to get in shape and to commit himself to the team," Virga said. "If you tell him what he has to do to play, he does it."

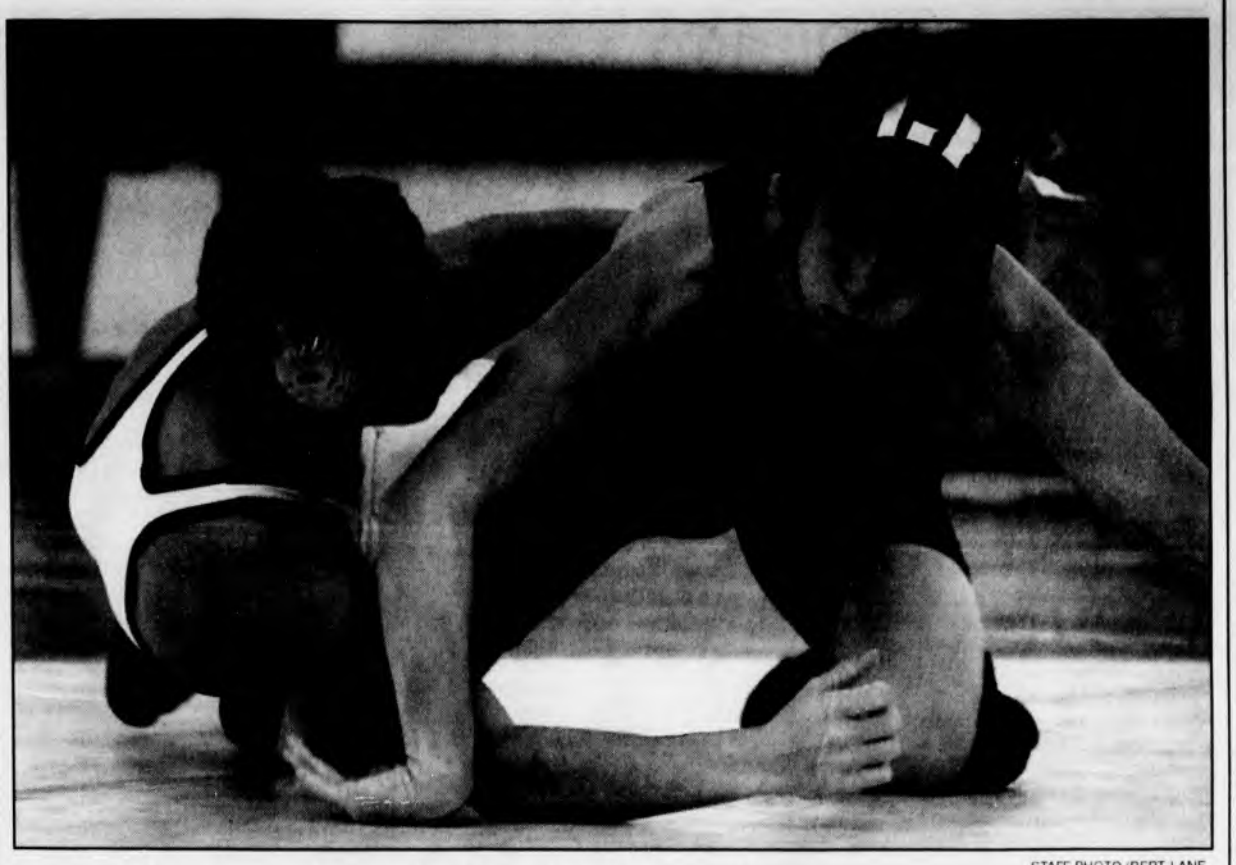
Cohasset does not play again until Wednesday, when the team travel two hours west to take on East Longmeadow. The Skippers have spent the last few winter vacations in the annual Bourne tournament, but were not invited back this year, according to Virga.

The coach says he "tries to do something different" each year, hence the long bus rise to the Springfield area.

Westwood game postponed

Due to the middle school busing accident on Monday, the Skippers' schedule game at Westwood was postponed. Virga said Wednesday night that the game will likely be made up on Saturday, Feb. 19.

That means an 11-day layoff between games, so it will be interesting to see how Cohasset comes out and plays against East Longmeadow next week.



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Cohasset's Jon Littauer shrugs off his opponent from Mansfield during a match earlier this season.

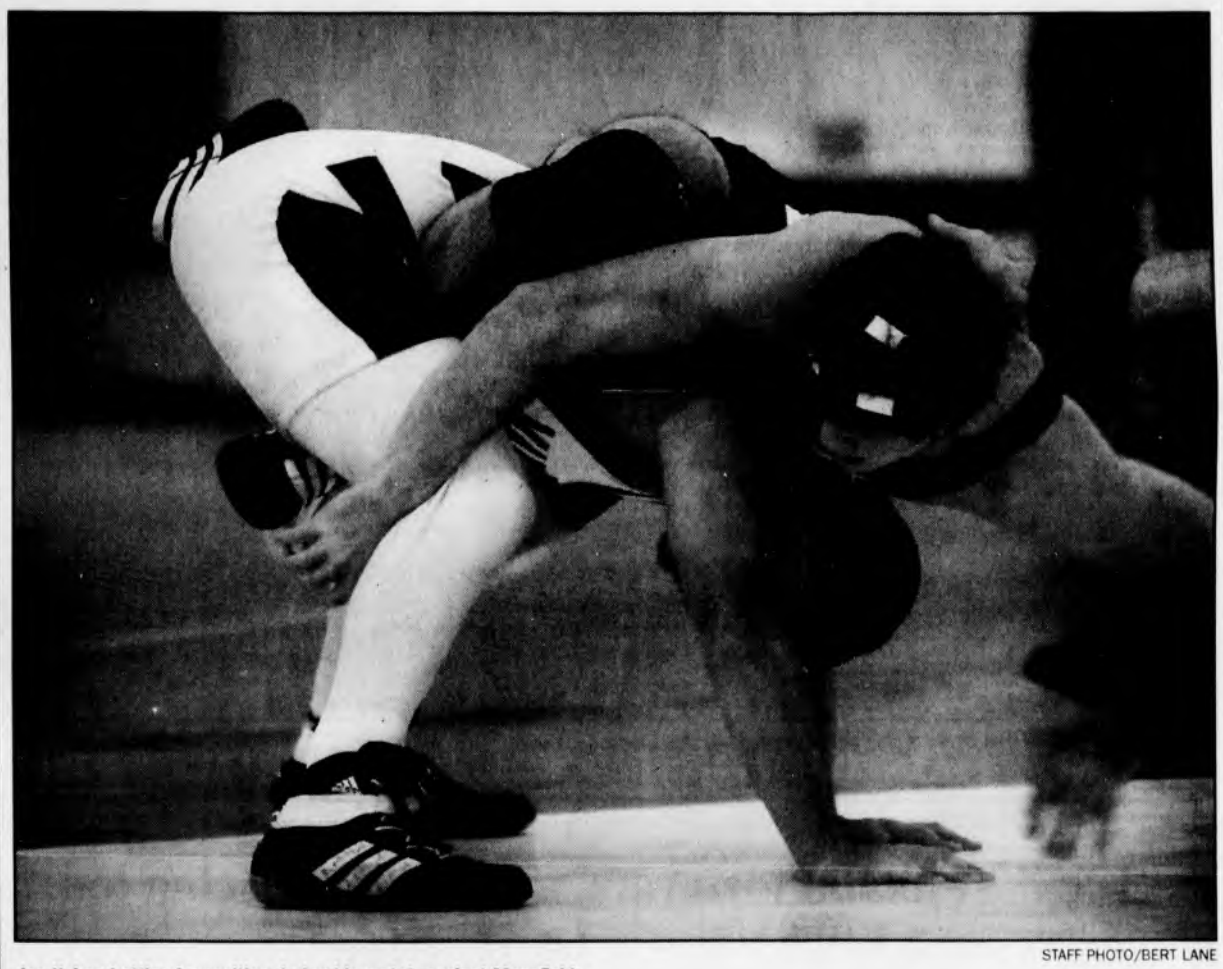
Continuing success

The Cohasset wrestling team continued its undefeated season with victories over Hanover, Canton and Dedham in a quad meet last Friday.

After taking on Duxbury and Scituate yesterday, the Skippers will be taking part next week in the annual Marshfield wrestling tournament.

Cohasset went into yesterday's meet with a 7-0 total record, the first time in program history they have started off that well.

Winning all three matches in the quad was Nick Cambi. Recording two wins each were Jake Watts, Kevin Dinsmore, Jon Littauer, Matt Casey, Colin Regan and John Keniley.



STAFF PHOTO/BERT LANE

Joe Kehoe battles for position during his match against Mansfield.

Lady Skippers 3-0 after winning South Shore Vo-Tech tourney

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know what to expect. The girls just walked into the gym and tried their best."

Apparently, the low-key approach succeeded. The Skippers defensively bore down on Voke Tech. all over the court. Anderson led the offensive charge with 26 points, followed by Chelsea Grossman with nine, and by Nicole Whitney with six. The final result: a sweet 50-44 victory in the Skippers' season opener.

Two days later the Lady Skippers swooned into Mashpee Falcon territory with avengeance. Cohasset shined defensively in their first league game of the season. Playing in their sturdy zone, the girls kept the Falcons low to the ground allowing them only 37 points.

Once again, Anderson showed no mercy by pouring in 32 points. Grossman turned in a very admirable performance at the point guard position. Katie James gave her team a lot of second chance opportunities thanks to her aggressive rebounding. She also contributed eight points of her own. This time, the Skippers distanced themselves even farther from their opponent with a 61-37 win.

Less than 24 hours later, the girls boarded the travel bus to Hanover for the conclusion of the SSVT Tourney. In the championship game, the Lady Skippers battled Holbrook.

With barely any time to recover from the previous night's game in Mashpee, the Skippers found themselves working harder for the W. Anderson contributed 28 of the team's final 38-point total. Nicole Whitney a few shots from downtown.

Coach Levangie cited Katie James, Lacey Richardson, and Mia Lieb-Lappen for their excellent rebounding. With a complete team effort, the Skippers walked off the floor at the buzzer posting a 38-28 victory.

To date, things look good for the Skippers. And yet, they have only started the season and many areas need fine tuning.

"If we want to make it to the tourney, we need to strengthen our rebounding." Anderson said. "We must do this to go against the good teams with height like Harwich and Abington."

Fans can only hope Levangie's team will continue their exceptional performance.

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Cohasset's Chris Bryan has emerged as one of his team's top scorers early in the season.



The Skippers' Nick Zappalo drives to the basket during Cohasset's game against Avon last week.

Boys hoops still trying to find their way

By Mark Goodman
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Things were looking good for the Cohasset boys basketball team with six minutes to go last Saturday against Holbrook.

In the consolation game of the annual South Shore Voke Tech tournament, the Skippers were up by seven at that point and looked like they were headed for their first win of the year.

Some turnovers down the stretch, however, turned the game the other way, and Cohasset would go on to lose, 55-49.

Freshman guard Pat McCarthy led the team with 16 points, followed by 14 from Trevor Brady and 12 by Chris Bryan.

Cohasset head coach Dorian Bryant said the tough loss is a part of the maturation process for his young team.

"We're going to go through our growing pains, and this was just another one of those," Bryant said. "We lost our focus a little bit toward the end, and it cost us."

This was the team's second tough loss in this tournament, as they lost by two to Avon four days earlier. The coach says part of his job as he guides his team through this stretch is to focus on the kids' mentality and make sure they stay confident.

"I think they were a little disappointed they didn't win," Bryant said of the Holbrook game. "When you're going out to compete, you always want to win. Our overall spirits are up, though."

Recent team practices have focused on a number of things, including defense and basic fundamentals. Bryant says there has also been a lot of position work with his young guards, such as McCarthy and fellow freshman Mike Bilodeau, to help cope with the man-to-man pressure that they have been facing so far this season.

The coach is hopeful that the team will be able to work out the kinks in the coming days and weeks.

"They're starting to get our offense, and knowing the level of play expected of them," Bryant said. "We're concentrating more on defense. We're trying to eliminate some of those lapses down toward the end of the game."

Cohasset gets another shot at Holbrook on Tuesday, when they take on the Bulldogs in the first round of their annual holiday tournament. Wednesday night, Cohasset will play either Sacred Heart or Hull.

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28 Holbrook vs Cohasset 7:30 p.m.
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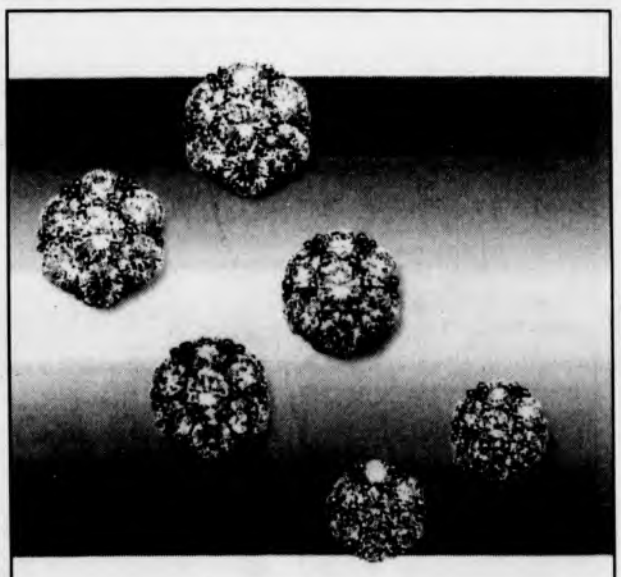
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Village celebrates the season

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John Coe, the official Town Crier, rings his bell to let everyone know the "Cohasset Village Holiday" is underway.



Teddy and Lilly Patsos and Foster Eymer show off the glow-in-the-dark bands they got from the Grinch during the fair sponsored by village merchants and businesses on Saturday.

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SCIENCE CENTER

The following January programs are offered at South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. For more information, or to register for a program, please call the Center at (781) 659-2559 or visit: www.ssnsc.org.

Feed the Animals

An ongoing program, every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. Come watch the naturalist on duty feed the animals.

Tales from the Wild

For children ages 3-5, every Friday from 10:30-11 a.m. (except holidays and vacation weeks). Free with admission. A half-hour of storytelling that will delight youngsters (and accompanying adults, too). Extend your stay with a visit to the exhibit halls or a walk on the trails. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children

Parents and Tots

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Session I: Jan. 5, 12, 19; $21 members/$24 non-members - per session; additional family members are half-price; papooses are free.

Winter walks, checking out squirrel tracks, perhaps trailing a fox. There are stories in the snow. Dress for the weather. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. Limit eight children.

Adventures in the Winter Woods

Tuesdays - specify morning (9:30-11:30 a.m.) or afternoon (1-3 p.m.) session; for kindergartners; Jan. 18, 25 and Feb. 1, 8, 15 and March 1, 8, 15 (an eight-week program). $110 members/$126 non-members .

Through outdoor explorations, creative activities, stories and song, children discover the natural wonders of a woodland in winter and learn about wildlife who make their home in Jacobs Woods. Dress warmly for the outdoors. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. Limit eight children.

Animal Tails

Thursdays, specify morning (9:30-11 a.m.) or afternoon (1:30-3 p.m.)

Session I: Jan. 6, 13, 20; $42 members/$54 non-members for each three-week session.

This program features outstanding nature stories and activities for children ages 31/2 to 5 years. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. Limit eight children.

Wild, Wacky and Wooly

Saturday, Jan. 22 - 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.; $6/members, $9/non-members per parent/child pair; additional family members are half price.

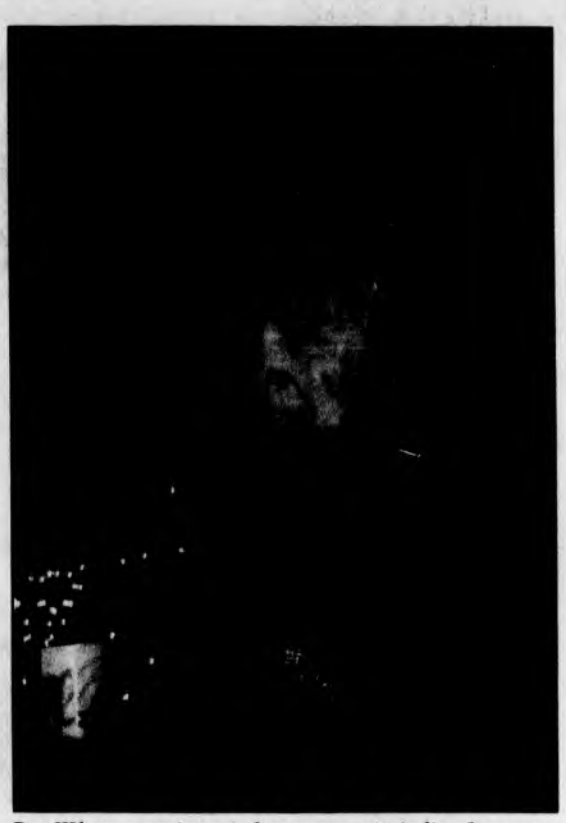
Follow young Max on his journey to "Where the Wild Things Are", learn what it means to be a "wild thing", and meet some real (but not scary) wild things up close. After listening to "What Will Little Bear Wear", another Maurice Sendak story, you'll share a snack and have a wild thing parade. Pre-registration and pre-payment required.

Holiday festival is a hit

Photos by Ove Pygh Wilche



Selene Eymer visits with the Grinch, who was on hand for the "Cohasset Village Holiday" Saturday.



Rue Wilson, sporting reindeer ears, waits in line for some soup during the second annual "Cohasset Village Holiday" celebration.



SCIENCE CENTER

Native Flora art exhibit

The South Shore Art Center presents a national juried exhibition of botanical art. "Native Flora: Botanical Treasures of the Northeaster Seaboard" will be on display from Jan. 7, to Feb. 20. More than 60 pieces by 36 artists are included in this exhibition of works representing flora that is native to the coastal areas of the Northeast.

The works include original images of a plant or parts of a plant (such as the flowers), that are beautiful as well as scientifically correct using a variety of media including watercolor, graphite pencil, colored pencil, pen and ink, etching, oil or acrylic paint.

As part of the Art Center's 50th anniversary celebration, several special events will expand the reach and educational opportunities of this unusual exhibition.

- The exhibition opens with a reception, on Jan. 7, free to the public, 6 to 8 p.m.
- A lecture by Peter Alden (author of 14 Audubon guides and an expert on flora in the region), on Nov. 30,. 2005, 4 p.m. will be open to the public. Alden's talk, "Our New Non-Native Flora," will discuss invasive plants and their impact on local flora.
- Area garden club members and all interested are invited to visit the South Shore Art Center for high tea at 4 p.m. on Feb. 16, 2005, in the Bancroft Gallery amidst the Native Flora exhibition. Participants will view a narrated American Society of Botanical Artists slide presentation on the history and appreciation of botanical art, and enjoy a guided docent tour of the exhibition.
- Funding from the ASBA has enabled the Art Center to offer an educational program for area middle school students. This two-part outreach program will allow science students to explore the exhibition while learning about the native species growing in the area and how they are depicted by botanical artists.

South Shore Art Center Gallery hours: Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday noon to 4 p.m. For information about visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

Local participating artists include Ronald Casimiro, Hull; Peggy Daniels, Hull; Kay Kopper, Pembroke; Karyn Koulopoulos, Wrentham; Gloria Markiewicz, Hingham, Julie Sims Messenger, Scituate; Sarah Roche, Cohasset; and Susan Zuger, Hingham.



Packages to soldiers are sent with love

Donations provide reminders of home, happy times

By Amanda Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

Christmas has been put on hold this year for the Yanosick family of Scituate.

The family won't rip into any presents wrapped up in Santa Claus paper under the Christmas tree on Saturday morning. There won't be any carols playing on radio and there will be no homemade mashed potatoes.

"You don't know how much sending a little snowman or Santa in these care packages can mean to these guys. During my first deployment, my aunt sent me a little penguin wearing a Santa hat. Things like these get the guys laughing and keep them laughing. They need things like that to keep them going."

- Patrick Hurney, a Pembroke soldier

The Yanosicks won't be celebrating Christmas until 20-year-old Justin returns from the Middle East.

"The family is happy to wait until Justin comes home to have Christmas," said Justin's mother, Maura Yanosick. "If he comes home in July, that's when we'll have it."

Her son was deployed to the war in May for what was originally slated to be a yearlong duty; however, the family received a surprise gift earlier this month. Justin and his National Guard unit based out of Braintree, for which his mother is co-leader of the Family Readiness Group, should be returning to the United States and their families by early February.

"He's thrilled we're going to hold off on celebrating the holiday until he comes home," Yanosick said. "He wanted to know if I would make my homemade mashed potatoes when he gets home. They're his favorite."

It was Justin's two teenager sisters who asked if the family could push Christmas back until their older brother returned from the war. Though they will have to wait some time for a big celebration and presents, the family will mark the holiday with some Christmas spirit and open up small stocking gifts, Yanosick said.

With two young girls who still believe in Santa Claus, Christmas must go on in the Frechette home and Amy Frechette is making sure this Christmas goes on just like any other year. But, with her husband, Marc, serving in Kuwait, this year will be noticeably different for Frechette and her daughters.

It will be Frechette's mother, not Marc, who helps her put the presents from Santa under the tree after the girls go to bed on Christmas Eve.

"I'm not sure how I'm going to be on Christmas Eve or morning, or how I'm going to be when I'm putting the gifts under the tree," she said. "But I have to be strong for the girls. I don't want Christmas to not be there for them. I'm not going to skip Christmas because he's not here. Christmas is something they look forward to, something I look forward to."

With Marc serving as a specialist in the National Guard, Frechette said she has found support through the Quincy based unit's Family Readiness Group, whose members are there to help the spouses, children and parents of soldiers. While she also is a volunteer with the FRG, Frechette finds strength and support in the group and her children will receive some special gifts this Christmas because of the efforts of military support groups like the FRG.

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Her daughters will receive extra presents this year from people around the area who wanted to adopt military families for the holiday season.

"I told them that people are doing this because they are thankful for what Daddy is doing and this is how they want to show it," Frechette said.

While groups like the Quincy and Braintree FRGs are making sure the families of deployed soldiers are able to make it through the holiday season with everything they need from presents to moral support, other local volunteers have banded together to provide the deployed soldiers with some holiday spirit.

Care Packs, a Weymouth-based group, has sent more than 50 care boxes this fall to the soldiers serving in the war and another two dozen are nearly reading for shipment.

"I hope that our efforts at CarePacks help the soldiers at holiday time simply by giving them some of the comforts of home," said organizer Neal Skorka. "What we put into our packages is not nearly the same as being at home, but hopefully it will give them a break from the routine of a difficult life away from friends and family."

Skorka said in addition to the personal hygiene products and high-calorie food items, each care package is shipped with a letter from a student at a local school.

"People have been so generous, that we should be able to send packages at least through spring 2005," he said. "As long as funds and goods come in, through direct donations and our fundraisers, we'll keep shipping packages. We are already working with the Braintree National Guard family support group and St. Jerome's Church in North Weymouth by providing them with care packages for soldiers connected with them. And several schools have sent us cards made by their students to be included with each package."

Further down the South Shore, a Pembroke group is into its fourth year of support for local soldiers and the families they leave behind. The Pembroke Military Support Group began shortly after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and their range of support may be one of the widest, from care packages and welcome home parties for the soldiers to support meetings and flower bouquets for the families of soldiers being deployed.

While they are volunteers looking out for the families of deployed soldiers, many of the members of the PMSG have a family member or friend serving in the war and know firsthand what it's like.

With a 23-year-old son in the military, Cheryl Poole said she has found local residents who don't have a loved one serving in the war to be quite sensitive and understanding to her situation.

"At lunch time, I'd rush home and sign onto the computer because my son was usually on at the same time and that way I could talk to him, even if it was just for a few minutes," she said. "One day a woman at work said to me, 'If you're late coming back from lunch, it's OK' because she knew why I was going home every day."

Patrick Hurney, a Marine who served on the front lines when the Iraqi war began, said it is important for people in the United States to help the deployed soldiers keep up their spirits, especially at the holidays.

"You don't know how much sending a little snowman or Santa in these care packages can mean to these guys," said Hurney, who grew up in Pembroke. "During my first deployment, my aunt sent me a little penguin wearing a Santa hat. Things like these get the guys laughing and keep them laughing. They need things like that to keep them going."

To donate a Gift of Hope, make your check out to one of the charities of your choice (Pembroke Military Support Group; Care Packs of Weymouth; and the Quincy National Guard's Family Readiness Group; or the 182nd Family Readiness Group (Braintree based) and mail to:

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Holiday thanks to those in the armed forces

The Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee would like to thank the following residents who are currently on active duty, some of whom are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and will not be home for the holidays. The Committee is still working to compile a full list of all those who are serving in the War on Terrorism and anyone with names of soldiers currently on active duty are encouraged to contact Chairman of the Committee Glenn Pratt at gpratt@suburbancompanies.com.

The Committee and the town thank all the brave men and women who have made the commitment to defend our country, and hope for the safe return of all those who are stationed overseas.

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Christmas worship at St. Stephen's

Christmas worship at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., features three services for a variety of worship celebrating Christ's birth. The Christmas Eve Family Holy Communion services will be held on Friday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. The star of Bethlehem will be lit on the church tower. The Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson will tell a story for children in place of the sermon.

A second Contemplative service, will be held at 7:30 p.m. The Christmas music for this worship will be of Bach, Corelli, and Christmas Carols and will be accompanied by Dr. Fredrick Guzasky, organist and Sargis Karapetyan on the violin.

The Festal Candlelight Christmas Eve worship will take place beginning at 11 p.m. A special program of Christmas music will precede the service beginning at 10:30 p.m. with organ and trumpet.

Christmas Day, Saturday, Dec. 25, will be celebrated with the worship of Holy Communion at 10 a.m. highlighted with the singing of Christmas carols. The church school is busy preparing an Epiphany Pageant to take place on Sunday, Jan. 9, at the 10 a.m. worship celebrating the appearance of Jesus to the Three Kings representing all the world. Children will portray angels, shepherds hurrying to Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary with baby, and of course the Three Kings bearing their gifts.



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OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Sestito

Mary Ann (Umbrianna) Sestito, age 97, of Cohasset, died Dec. 18, 2004 at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home following a long illness.

Mrs Sestito was born in Rockland and was a Cohasset resident for 66 years. She was the daughter of the late Angelo and Mary (Geloran) Umbrianna. She was educated in Rockland public schools and was a homemaker who loved to cook and knit.

Wife of the late Carl S. "Bumpy" Sestito, she leaves her son, Anthony C. Sestito of Cohasset, her daughter, Rose M. Calvi of Hingham; her sister, Rose Monti of Weymouth; and her nine beloved grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Vincent, Antonio, George, John, Michael and Joseph Umbrianna.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 22 at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in her memory to The Etrusco Associates, 1 Common Street, Scituate 02066; or to The Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home, 1 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset 02025.

Edward F. Goff

Edward F. Goff, 76, of Sarasota, Fla. and formerly of Cohasset, a retired police officer, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004 following a long illness.

Mr. Goff worked as a Metropolitan District police officer from the 1950s through the 1970s.

He was a former member of the George H. Mealey American Legion in Cohasset and the American Legion in Oneca, Fla.

He served his country during World War II with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theatre of Operation.

Born in Boston, he lived in Cohasset for many years before retiring to Florida in 1983.

Husband of the late Phyllis M. Goff and the late Mary "Beth" Goff, he leaves his two daughters, Nancy Hatch of Sarasota, Fla. and Rhonda Clarizio of Plainfield, Ill.; his four sons, Edward, Jr. and Richard Goff, both of Cohasset, Mark Goff of Melbourne, Fla. and Keith Goff of Daytona Beach, Fla.; and his 14 beloved grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Jan. 15, 2005 at Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset at 1 p.m.

A celebration of life will follow at the George H. Mealey Post in Cohasset for both Ed and Beth.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, DEC. 13

7:13 a.m. **Ripley Road,** animal complaint. Caller reports a raccoon that locked rabid was walking down Sohier St. Towards library.

11:06 a.m. **Elm Ct.,** fire investigation. Contractor has hit gas main and request fire. Contractor has shut main down gas company notified. Gas Co. notified response less than 30 minutes. Keyspan on scene.

11:25 a.m. **Howe Road,** animal complaihnt. Reports her cat has been stolen or is missing. Requests animal control officer. To call her back.

11:32 a.m. **North Main St.,** animal complaint. Caller reports a raccoon is in yard disturbing the dogs.

11:53 a.m. **King St.,** assist motorist, ran out of gas.

12:10 p.m. **Causeway,** public service, report of high water on causeway.

12:33 p.m. **Jerusalem Road** and **Little Harbor Road**, vehicle stuck on roadway due to traveling through a large amount of water request tow for removal.

12:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** medical aid. Caller reports that a elderly female has fallen and has unknown injuries.

1:43 p.m. **North Main St,.** fire investigation. Initial call woman states arrived home with smoke in her home plastic smelling requests investigation.

2:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, shoplifting. The manager is reporting she kicked a party out for shoplifting she would like to see an officer about a no trespass order.

2:49 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, animal complaint. Caller reports a coyote on property at 1430 now unknown direction of travel caller called at

2:58 p.m. **King St.,** request removal of ring from finger.

3:09 p.m. **Fiori's Exxon Service Station,** Chief Justice Cushing Highway, caller reports drive off, possibly accidental.

7:45 p.m. **Gannet Road,** medical aid., transported QMC/BLS

11:01 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** disturbance, neighborhood. Caller to report her neighbor is operating a commercial garage when its supposed to residential.

11:10 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane,** medical aid. Transported other/BLS, caller reports his daughter not feeling well.

TUESDAY, DEC. 14

6:05 a.m. **Border St.,** disabled motor vehicle. Parked in a no parking zone.

6:44 a.m. **Border St.,** disabled motor vehicle. Parking ticket issued.

8 a.m. Weather, cloudy, wind light.

1:38 p.m. **Elm St.,** animal complaint. Animal control officer, spoke to the owner, reference to a barking dog.

5:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, no injury. Caller reports a car just went off the road and hit a tree. Police report no accident at address, accident in Scituate.

5:37 p.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle crash. No injury. Caller reports motor vehicle accident. At Dependable Cleaners. Police on scene reports no injuries.

6:41 p.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle crash. No injury. Caller reports she was just rear ended on Chief Justice Cushing Highway both cars pulled into Cohasset Medical Center.

7:40 p.m. **Summer St.,** neighborhood disturbance. Walk-in party reports a man had a women around the neck with his arm. Police report party's gone on arrival.

8:11 p.m. **Pond St.,** assist citizen, verified vin number for party.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

10:54 a.m. **Beechwood St**. and **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

11:04 a.m. **Hingham Line, Chief Justice Cushing Highway**. There is ice on the road on Chief Justice Cushing Highway HWY near the Hingham line. Contacted the state highway, they advised they ere going to send a crew after lunch.

12:36 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, assist citizen. Patch of ice in front of above address. Contacted DPW they will take care of it.

1:10 p.m. Weather cold and clear.

2:05 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** suspended vehicle.

3:38 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, caller reports water coming from under a driveway. Hingham water is reporting the water is ground water.

4:07 p.m. **Cohasset Plaza, Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property recovered

5:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, no injury.

7:25 p.m. **Cedar St.,** animal complaint, caller reports his yellow lab retriever is missing.

8:05 p.m. **Bayberry Lane**, medical aid. Caller reports that boyfriend is not feeling well.

THURSDAY, DEC. 16

5:55 a.m. **Cedar St.,** assist citizen.

5:56a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, assist citizen.

8 a.m. Sunny, wind gusty.

1:24 p.m. **Spring St.,** animal complaint. A dog almost got hit in the square officer is going to the address to return the dog.

1:46 p.m. **Linden Dr.,** identity theft/fraud. Someone used callers credit card.

1:51 p.m. **King St.,** suspicious activity. Capt. Trask is requesting a police officer to check out an abandon building. He thinks someone is living there.

1:54 p.m. **North Main St.,** Unitarian Parish House, larceny (in progress) Caller reports there was just a theft at the church center. Two individuals were just going through some pocketbooks. Also reporting a white Lincoln with one male and one female were involved. Hingham P.D. has white Lincoln stopped by Stars.

2 p.m. Sohier St., investigation.

2:53 p.m. **Norfolk Conveyor - King St.,** Capt. Trask is reporting a gas leak at the rear of the building.

3:38 p.m. **Haystack Lane**, assist citizen. Resident would like an officer to check to see if the road is a passable. There is construction equipment on the side of the roadway.

4:28 p.m. **Highland Ave,.** public service. Two calls asking for Police Dept. to check on the kids on the ice. Officer reports the kids have been sent on their way.

4:46 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, fire investigation. Capt. Trask reports they will be investigating water coming from a house. Capt. Trask reports this is a valve for an outside sprinkler system. Valve has been secured.

5:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash. Multiple calls for motor vehicle crash. In front of Mary Lous. Callers reports injuries. Police on scene report one major injury two minor. Command request Med flight be called. Hull rescue Hull Eng. To Milliken field.

8:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

9:37 p.m. Elm Ct., public service. Caller reports they have no water. She believes it is due to the water project in front of her house.

10:25 p.m. **South Bound**, Chief Justice Cushing Highway, erratic operation, motor vehicle. Hingham Police Dept. reports erratic operation of a red Mercedes South Bound, Rt. 3A.

10:29 p.m. **Hanover,** bolo announcement. Principle party wanted for assault by means of a dangerous weapon. Caution suspicious person. Should have hatchet in motor vehicle, stop and hold contact HPD.

11:59 p.m. Weather: Clear temp 17 wind calm.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17

12:40 a.m. **Headquarters bolo announcement**. Just before Hull had a 209A violation. Motor vehicle had left the scene prior to the arrival of the police department.

1:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious motor vehicle, with its lights on.

1:16 a.m. **South Main St.** and **Summer St.,** suspicious person.

8:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic hazard, reports that some lumber has fallen in roadway and request removal.

8:59 a.m. **Little Harbor Road,** fire, public assist.

12:59 p.m. **Super Stop & Shop**, Chief Justice Cushing Highway Service desk, request officer for elderly female reporting her purse missing from the shopping cart. Officers were delayed due to a medical emergency Stop & Shop was notified. The management stated the reporting party had left to return home to report her credit cards stolen.

1:01 p.m. **South Main St.,** sudden death.

2:05 p.m. **Little Harbor Road,** public assist.

3:14 p.m. **Cushing Road**, assist citizen. Caller initial report was seeing people on ice and does not feel it is safe. Very thick ice - no problem at this time.

4:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** and **King St.,** motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

4:51 p.m. **King St.** and **Schofield Road,** motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

8:59 p.m. **Smith Place,** threats, party into station for report. Summons: Patrick J. Bowes, 24 Woodland Road, Scituate. Chrgs. Threat to commit crime.

9:43 p.m. **Sohier St.,** animal complaint. Reports that a golden retriever has been around area unknown tags or owner for past five hours request animal control officer. For pick up due to cold weather, Animal control officer. Paged call placed to Cohasset kennel 883 to check it out, caller was advised that if she could place dog for night the animal control officer. Could pick it up in the morning.

10:15 p.m. **Deer Hill School**, Sohier St., caller reports got a call from night custodian about a item missing in school will file report on Monday.

11:23 p.m. **Gammons Road,** animal complaint. Caller reports his dog is missing received call from unknown party today to pick up his dog, he has been having trouble with neighbor and doesn't know who called, now looking for possible sighting on Sohier St.

SATURDAY, DEC. 18

1:13 a.m. **Nantasket Ave.,** medical aid, Hull F.D. requesting rescue three for an assault.

9:21 a.m. **Locust Road,** noise complaint, caller complains of a lot of noise at this address.

9:38 a.m. **South Main St.,** neighborhood, disturbance. Caller reports that a woman is harassing her then both parties came in and are speaking with the officer.

10:30 a.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

1:50 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation/warning.

2:14 p.m. **Route 3A**, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation/warning.

2:19 p.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop. traffic citation/warning.

2:30 p.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop.

2:45 p.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop.

2:55 p.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

2:59 p.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle stop. traffic citation/warning.

3:07 p.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle stop. Verbal warning

3:16 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop. traffic citation/warning.

3:22 p.m. **Forest Ave,.** motor vehicle stop. traffic citation/warning.

3:47 p.m. **Linden Dr.,** animal complaint, party has a dog with tags that belong to animal control officer.

11:03 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, noise complaint. Caller reports a noise compliant at above address request officers to talk to the occupants.

SUNDAY, DEC. 19

4:26 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** 10 month old child having difficulty breathing.

10:35 a.m. **Elm St.,** lost property, elderly female came into station to make a report of purse that was left in shopping cart in the Stop & Shop Cohasset.

11:16 a.m. **Norwell Ave.,** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:43 p.m. **Square,** parking enforcement.

4:51 p.m. **Norman Todd Lane**, fire investigation.

8:29 p.m. **South Main St.,** fire investigation.

9:24 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop.

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Some last minute gifts for gardeners

GREEN THUMBS UP



SUZANNE MAHLER

Through heavily frosted windowpanes, I pause briefly from my holiday decorating and baking to view the snow-covered landscape on a chilly December afternoon. A flash of brilliant scarlet suddenly appears as a handsome male cardinal perches on the feeder hanging outside our kitchen bay window, its fiery plumage accentuated by the backdrop of a stately blue spruce shrouded in glistening pure white snow. Tufted titmice and chickadees flit back and forth from the feeder to the nearby shrubbery where they perch among the branches to crack open and feast upon sunflower seeds. Although the official arrival of the winter season may be more than a week away, our recent snowfall has provided the perfect setting for the holiday season.

Those leisurely days of browsing through the malls, specialty shops, and on-line for the perfect gifts are over and the time has come to make those last minute acquisitions for neighbors, friends and family. For the gardeners on your list, there are numerous possibilities to delight and educate both the casual dirt-digger and the passionate hobbyist. Magazine subscriptions, books, tools, gloves, garden ornaments, and when in doubt, the all-purpose gift certificate to the gardener's favorite nursery or mail order catalog, should please every gardener.

No matter what the level of expertise, a gardener can never acquire too many gardening references. Books about landscape or garden design basics often enable a new gardener to get off to a good start. A reference that reviews ornamental trees and shrubs is often invaluable for homeowners as these plants serve as the fundamental "bones of the landscape" and should be the first additions to a design. A text that explains and illustrates pruning techniques is also an absolute must for every gardener's bookshelf. Many gardeners are interested in pursuing specific garden themes and would welcome references that focus on a particular topic including shade gardening, container gardens, wildlife habitats, house plants, water gardens, perennials or even more specialized plant collections including roses, lilies, herbs, ornamental grasses, and hosta. The serious collector may enjoy The Adventurous Gardener by Ruah Donnelly that provides directions and descriptions of where to buy the best plants in New England.

Magazine subscriptions are particularly welcome during the dreary winter months to inspire and inform the gardener on your list. A subscription to one or more gardening magazines offers a yearlong guide to the latest trends in gardening, delectable new plant introductions and innovative design concepts.

My personal favorites include

Fine Gardening (www.finegardening.com)

People, Places & Plants (www.ppplants.com.)

Horticulture (www.hortmag. com)

Garden Gate (www.GardenGate Magazine.com)

Once I have placed my order, I purchase a copy of the magazine at a local newsstand and wrap one issue for the recipient to open, especially if there is insufficient time to receive a special gift notification.

Quality tools are a perfect gift since many gardeners have a tendency to spend their available resources on plant material and purchase inexpensive implements only to have them bend or break during their first season of use. Well-made, heavy duty trowels, pitchforks, spades and shovels are worthwhile investments and should be available at local nurseries and hardware stores, through mail-order catalogs or on-line. Perhaps my most valued tool is my Felco pruning shears. Clean cuts are a necessity for the health and survival of all plants, trees and shrubs and few pruners can match the quality of the Swiss-made Felco which tends to be the pruner of choice for professional nurserymen. Several styles are available in addition to replacement parts and blades making these rather costly by-pass pruning shears a long-term investment.

Nifty tools

There are numerous other nifty tools available to make gardening chores, particularly weeding, a little easier. Long-handled cultivators and hoes enable gardeners to spend a little less time on their knees. For those who prefer to get up close and personal with their weedy invaders, there are dandelion diggers, weed slicers, hand cultivators and the Cape Cod weeder that gets into many a difficult spot to extricate weeds between paving stones, railroad ties and hard to reach places. A kneeling pad might be an ideal companion gift for hand tools as the ground tends to get mighty hard after a few hours of weeding and is often damp, especially in the springtime.

Gardening gloves are a terrific stocking stuffer.

Garden accessories in the form of statuary, benches, sundials and garden ornaments are additional suggestions for gardening enthusiasts. Most gardeners also share a love of nature and wildlife in addition to their passion for plants. Hummingbird feeders, bird feeders, birdhouses, and birdbaths can be enjoyed by all ages.

A membership to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society (www.masshort.org makes a wonderful gift as it offers multiple benefits including tickets to the New England Spring Flower Show with special members' viewing hours. Many programs and special events take place at the new suburban home of the Society at the Elm Bank Reservation in Dover. Trial gardens, plant society display gardens and acres of beautiful grounds can be found at this tranquil setting.

Last, but certainly not least, is the all-purpose gift certificate to the gardener's favorite local nursery or mail-order catalog. For those of us who passionately collect plants, a gift certificate often alleviates some of the guilt associated with overspending on plant material. In this time of hectic schedules, this quick and easy solution may be the perfect choice for the gardeners on your list, enabling them to purchase plants, tools or garden ornaments they might otherwise do without.

Suzanne Mahler is an avid gardener, photographer and lecturer who has been developing the 1.5-acre property surrounding her home in Hanover for more than 25 years. Her weekly gardening column 'Green Thumbs Up' has appeared in the Mariner newspapers for nearly a decade. She is a member of two local garden clubs, past President of the New England Daylily Society, an overseer for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and is employed at two garden centers.

French toast casserole – Voila!

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Never heard of French toast casserole? Here's the concept. The night before serving, use a casserole dish to soak several slices of dried bread in a simple custard (eggs and milk). The next morning, add a quick topping and throw it in the oven. Voila! An easy, all-in-one breakfast. Of course, badly conceived and executed, this simple dish can turn out like a soggy bread pudding. We decided to begin our investigations with the bread.

It makes sense to use one loaf of bread for the recipe. A one-pound baguette worked better than a Pullman or sandwich-size loaf with regard to fitting the whole slices in a baking dish. The bread does need to be dried out in an oven before soaking, otherwise it quickly turns damp and soggy. (This step is not necessary if you are throwing this dish together just before you bake it.) As for the eggs, some recipes use only 4 eggs and lots of heavy cream while others use 8 eggs and milk. We settled on 6 eggs combined with two cups each of milk and half-and-half (both light and heavy cream were too much) which eliminated any "eggy" overtones but kept the French toast nice and moist.

Some recipes use a very sweet topping and only a hint of sugar in the French toast itself. We decided that 1/4 cup of sugar was about right for the custard mixture since we were not going to opt for the supersweet sauce. A teaspoon and a half of vanilla, a half teaspoon each of cinnamon and salt, and, if you like, a tablespoon of rum, bourbon or even orange liqueur. The latter is a matter of personal taste — we like the bourbon.

Some toppings are over-the-top affairs with corn syrup, sugar, butter and nuts. Too much of a good thing for us. We prefer a simple brush of melted butter followed by a drizzle of maple syrup when serving. Simple does it. As for method, we found we could soak the bread for as little as forty minutes and still achieve excellent results. That makes it pretty easy to prepare the French toast the same day you plan to enjoy it. We soaked the bread slices in a large shallow bowl and turned them halfway through the soaking period. Otherwise you can employ the day- ahead preparation, which involves drying the bread in the oven before soaking. Since the bread sits in the custard for at least eight hours using this method, turning the slices isn't necessary; they absorb ample liquid through and through.

We tried baking the French toast at 325 degrees and 350 degrees. The 350-degree version was best — it baked up quicker (50 to 60 minutes) and the slightly higher temperature produced a beautiful golden top. This dish is best served a few minutes after baking — reheating can make it limp and rubbery.

FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE

This recipe can be made the night before (see variation below) or assembled from scratch in the morning with a soak time of 40 minutes. If preparing this dish the night before, the bread does need to be dried out in the oven.

6 large eggs
2 cups whole milk
2 cups half-and-half
1/4 cup sugar
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1 tablespoon orange liqueur, dark rum or bourbon (optional)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 loaf French bread, about 16 ounces, cut into 1/2-inch slices
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

1. Whisk the eggs, milk, half-and-half, sugar, vanilla, optional liqueur, salt and cinnamon in a large shallow bowl. Add the bread slices and toss to coat. Submerge as much of the bread as possible and allow to sit for 20 minutes. Gently rearrange the bread so the slices that were on top are now at the bottom of the bowl. Soak for an additional 20 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, grease the bottom and sides of a 9" x 13" baking dish using one tablespoon of butter. Heat the oven to 350 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. Melt the remaining 2 tablespoons butter. Arrange the custard-soaked bread slices in fanned out rows in the prepared baking dish. Pour any remaining custard over the bread. Brush the surface with the melted butter. Bake until golden brown and puffy, 50 to 60 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before serving with maple syrup, fresh fruit or preserves.

Serves 6 to 8

MAKE-AHEAD FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE

Place bread slices in a single layer on two baking sheets and toast in 325-degree oven until dry and lightly colored, about 25 minutes, reversing the sheets halfway through the baking time. Arrange the slices in two layers in the prepared baking dish and pour the custard mixture over the bread. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 8 to 24 hours. Remove plastic wrap, brush with melted butter and bake as stated above.

You can contact writers Christopher Kimball and Jeanne Maguire at kitchendetective@bcpress.com. For free recipes and information about Cook's Illustrated, log on to <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/> . For recipes from Mr. Kimball0s public television cooking show, go to <http://www.americastestkitchen.com/>.





Legal Notices

KING ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 04E0105-PP1

To Dane Williams of Marblehead in the County of Essex, respondent; and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Eleanor Herrmann, General Partner of Hermann Associates, Limited Partnership, a limited partnership established under the laws of the State of California of San Mateo in the State of California representing that she holds as tenant in common an undivided part or share of certain land lying in Cohasset in said County of Norfolk and briefly described as follows:
A certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon situated on King Street in said Cohasset and containing about a half (1/2) acre of land, more or less, and being shown as Calvin's Orchard, and bounded
Northeasterly by said King Street;
Southwesterly by land formerly of John Burbank, Jr.;
Southwesterly by a stone wall separating the premises from property belonging formerly to John Bubank;
Northwesterly by other land formerly of John Burbank.
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setting forth that she desires that all of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than four hundred ten thousand ($410,000.00) dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Norfolk Probate & Family Court, 35 Shawmut Road, Canton, MA 02021 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the nineteenth day of January 2005, the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirtieth day of November, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register

AD#677821
Cohasset Mariner 12/10, 12/17, 12/24/04

MCLOUGHLIN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLKDivision
Docket No. 04P2986EP

In the Estate of LUCILLE MCLOUGHLIN AKA LUCILLE FUSZ MCLOUGHLIN

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death
December 1, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that LUCILLE M HORNBY of STOCKTON in the state of NEW JERSEY and PAUL MCLOUGHLIN of NEW YORK in the state of NEW YORK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 19, 2005**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, December 9, 2004.

Patrick W. McDermott,
Register of Probate

AD#686020
Cohasset Mariner 12/24/04

ZBA/163 & 171 SOHIER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Mon. January 10, 2005 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to s. 8.2.1 & to amend the Variance of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Raymond Jameison & Christina Raffa** seek to amend Variance 94-05-02 at **163 & 171 Sohier St.** according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-11-08.

AD#687069
Cohasset Mariner 12/24, 12/31/04

ZBA/226 CHIEF JUSTICE CUSHING HWY.
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, January 10, 2005 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.8 & 9.7(8) of the Zoning By-Law and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Joseph A. Rosano** seeks change of use & flood plain relief at **226 Chief Justice Cushing Highway** according to the application in Town Clerk's Office. File #04-11-08.

AD#687063
Cohasset Mariner 12/24, 12/31/04

To place a legal ad call Mary (781) 433-7902

CALENDAR

On the South Shore

DECEMBER 23-31, 2004

Avoid scrooges and catch the Stooges this holiday season



Foxboro's Orpheum hosts film festival Dec. 26-28

There was a time, not too many years ago, when "The Three Stooges" were never farther away than the nearest UHF channel. These days, however, the boys are a little harder to find.

Fortunately, for South Shore Stooge-ophiles, Foxboro's Orpheum Theatre will welcome back Moe, Larry, Curly and Shemp, too, for the third annual Stooges film festival. This year's roster of classic shorts will include "Love at First Bite," "Who Done it?" "Calling All Curs," "From Nurse to Worse," "Grips, Grunts and Groans," "Hoi Polloi," and "What's the Matador?"

"The Three Stooges Film Festival is one of our very favorite events here at the theatre. We always get such great response and it looks like we're in for another big crowd this year," says Orpheum Managing Director Bill Cunningham. "The festival begins December 26, the day after Christmas, which tends to be a time when families want to do something together. That's one of the reasons for high ticket sales. The other is that the Three Stooges tend to have strong male audience appeal. Last year a number of moms came to purchase tickets as stocking stuffers for their kids and ended up purchasing tickets for their husbands as well. We saw lots of fathers and sons and even grandfathers. It's something silly and fun that they can do together."

As an added feature of the film festival festivities, there will be a Stooge look-a-like contest, so if you're planning on a cutting your hair in a Curly-like wiffle, now would be the time!

The Three Stooges Film Festival will be presented at the Orpheum Theatre, 1 School Street, Foxboro on December 26, 27, and 28 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. each day. Tickets are currently on sale at the box office, by telephone 508-543-2787 or on-line at www.orpheum.org.

- R. Scott Reedy

Thurs. Dec. 23

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month **Jean Mulligan** will exhibit her paintings for the month of December at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-4513 or 781-337-1402.

Public Skating at the Armstrong Arena, Long Pond Road, Plymouth Monday through Friday from 10 .m. to noon Friday evenings 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Special vacation week session is offerd Dec. 27 to31, from 1:to 3 p.m. Admission $3; rental skates available for a rental fee. 508-746-8825 or visit www.fmcarenas.com

Bay State Blades is accepting applications for individuals 2.5 years and up for fall and winter skating lessons at **the Asiaf Skating Rink in Brockton**. New programs available for all ages and abilities beginning November/December. Programs are Tiny Blades, Tykes Hockey, Learn to Skate and Hockey Skating Skills. For information call 781-871-7681 or visit www.baystateblades.com.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington. Every Thursday **New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano** 9:30 p.m. 781-871-7175.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Thursday 8:30 p.m. **Karaoke with Ron Towers.** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Fri. Dec. 24

Our Lady of the Assumption, Green Harbor, 781-834-6252, Pastor: Rev. Donald P. Clifford, Christmas Mass Schedule: Dec. 24, 4 p.m., 6 p.m. (Children's Choir), Midnight Mass (Adult Choir). Dec. 25, 9 and 11 a.m. (There will be no 5 p.m. Mass today). Dec. 26, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

St. Christine Church, 1295 Main St., (3A), Marshfield. Christmas Mass Schedule Friday, Dec. 24, 4 p.m. Church 4 p.m. Hall, 6 p.m. Church, Children's Mass, 9 p.m. Church Saturday, Dec. 25, 7, 9 and 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 26, and Jan. 2, Regular Sunday Schedule Rectory phone 781-834-6003, Religious education office 781-837-0088, No 6 p.m. Mass.

The First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 330 First Parish Road, in Scituate, will be holding its traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 24. The service led by Rev. Richard Stower will feature carols, stories and music sung by the First Parish choir under the leadership of Beth Hilliard. Holiday music will also be played by Rosy Hilliard (flute) and Caroline Hine (cello). All are welcome. 330 First Parish Road, and is handicap accessible.

The Church Hill United Methodist Church extends an invitation to their Annual Christmas Day Dinner to the South Shore Community. This dinner is for any individual, couple or family, including children, who would otherwise be alone on this special holiday. The dinner is free. Gather at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and entertainment. Dinner will be served at noon. Reservations for dinner may be made by calling Gail Zifcak at 781-545-1666 or the church office 781-826-4763 as soon as possible, as only 100 reservations will be taken. Transportation will be provided if needed. All are welcome. The church is located at the intersection of River and Church Streets in Norwell. You do not need to be a resident of Norwell to attend. If you are willing to volunteer your time or talent, or make a financial contribution, call Gail Zifcak 781-545-1666 as soon as possible. Two-hour shifts have been set up to make it easier for volunteers to help make this a wonderful experience for all who attend.

The Duxbury Art Association, Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Bengtz and Cutler Galleries. Running through March 4, the *Winter Works* exhibit features New Year and winter-inspired fine art and photography from some of the South Shore's leading artists. Gallery hours: Monday – Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekends by chance. For information, call: 781.934.2731 ex 4 or visit www.duxburyart.org.

The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library will unwrap a special exhibit, **Presents for a President and First Lady,** a display of 65 state gifts presented to President and Mrs. Kennedy by foreign leaders from around the globe. The exhibit, which features a large selection of never-before-seen treasures from the Kennedy White House, opens for the traditional gift-giving season in the Museum's White House corridor and ceremonial room, and runs through Nov. 13, 2005. General admission is $10; seniors over the age of 62 and college students with appropriate identification is $8, and for children ages 13-17, $7. Children ages 12 and under are admitted for free. Handicapped accessible. (866) JFK-1960 or access www.jfklibrary.org

The South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery currently hosts an exhibition of great interest to art enthusiasts and holiday shoppers alike. **Small Works** showcases the artwork of many of the Art Center's 150 Gallery Artists. Works in all media include watercolor, oil, charcoal, pen and ink, acrylic, pastels, pottery, monoprints, and photography and features familiar local scenes, landscapes, seascapes, still life, ceramics, collages, and folk art. All works are small in size with special pricing for holiday giving. Small Works is open through Dec. 31. Gallery Hours are Mon. to Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

Sat. Dec. 25

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Sun. Dec. 26

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Life's A Pitch,. A freestyle a cappella group of women from the local South shore area including Pembroke, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland and Middleboro. The group performs for all occasions. 508-947-4877.

Art Complex Musuem in Duxbury presents the work of **Nancy Murphy Spicer** through Jan. 9. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org

ShakerHigh/Shaker Low, at the **Art Complex Museum** 189 Alden St., Duxbury through Jan. 9, 2005. Pieces from its extensive Shaker Collection will be on display. 781-934-6634 or www.artcomplex.org.

Courtney's Food & Spirits, 915 Ocean St. (Route 139), Marshfield. Every Sunday 5 p.m. **Stump Team Trivia** 781-834-1910, www.courtneysfoodandspirits.com

Mon. Dec. 27

JFK Library, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Crabgrass Puppet Theatre The Bremen Town Musicians,** 10;30 a.m. Free and open to the public. www.jfklibrary.org or call 617-514-1646.

The Lane Center for Natural Healing 45 Pond St., Norwell, will host an art exhibit/sale to benefit Wellspring and Rosie's Place as part of their holiday celebrations. "Landscapes Near and Far," paintings by **Hanover artist Valerie Doran Norris**, will be on display at The Lane Center through Dec. 30. The Lane Center offers a full range of complementary healthcare services and their Natural Pharmacy carries a variety of unique and wonderful gifts for the Holidays. 781-982-1616.

Pathways Center for Cancer Support, located at 273 Hanover St., Hanover, offers education, support and complementary modalities for people living with the challenges of cancer. For information call Ann or Gail at 781-829-4823 or visit www.pathwayscc.org.

Public Skating hours begin at the **DCR (formerly MDC)** public ice rinks. The skating hours vary at each rink. For information on Learn to Skate lessons and for registration, contact Bay State Skating School at 617-890-8480 or visit online at www.baystateskatingschool.org.

Neighbors needed to help homebound elders by delivering Meals on Wheels on any given mid-morning Monday to Friday. Call South shore Elders at 781-848-3910 ext. 430.

Adult Day Health Center, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement, located in Quincy, seeks participants from without any comfortable commuting distance. 617-479-3040.

Chess Club - Children ages 9-14 are invited to join the **Hull Lifesaving Museum's** free after school Chess Club on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m., through Dec. 20. Beginners are welcome. Parent volunteers are also welcome. Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433 or lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net.

Tues. Dec. 28

Pembroke Artist In One-Man Show A solo show of paintings by Pembroke artist **Brooks Kelly** will be on display through Jan. 28, at the ZONA Art Gallery, Queen Anne's Plaza, Norwell. Gallery hours are: Mon. 12- 8, Tues-Thurs. 9 - 8, Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5, Sun. 11 - 5. The show is free and open to the public. 781-871-4545.



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Y.A.N.A., a support group for widows and widowers will be meeting Dec. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Holbrook United Methodist Church hall on Rt. 139 at Holbrook Square. The speaker for this meeting will be **Charles Nilosek** of Senior Health Partnership who will speak on Medicare Update. 781-337-0883 or 508-224-2920.

In Shape Studio, Hanover Mall - An all women's fitness club featuring the original 30 minute circuit program using Pace circuit equipment (programmed accommodating circuit exercise) which is both aerobic and anaerobic. Weight loss support and other groups forming now. 781-829-5555.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, hosts story time every Tuesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Age range is 2 to 5 years old. Free. For information call 781-383-2665.

Calling all South Shore Parents Are you bored or new to the area? Looking to make some new friends for family activities and a regular Moms Night Out? South Shore Parents is an online community, complete with a listing of family activities, parental outings, private playgroups, and other family hot-spots along the South Shore. www.southshoreparents.com

Become a Big Sister. Create "Little Moments and Big Magic" for a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Call 617-236-8060 or visit www.bigsister.org to attend a weekly Orientation session. Information sessions will be held in Boston at 161 Massachusetts Ave.,

Blackfin's Blues n' Barbecue featuring live music on the outdoor patio Tuesday's 7 to 11 p.m. by **The New Blue Revue** at Blackfin's Chophouse Restaurant, 1217 Main St. Queen Anne's Corner, Hingham (Rt.228 & Rt. 53) 781-740-4000.

Wed. Dec. 29

Menopause The Musical, Stuart Street Playhouse, Boston, through Jan. 2. Tickets available through Telecharge.com and 800-447-7400 or at Stuart Street Playhouse box office.

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Mark Your Calendar

NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK The Wildlands Trust is planning a free guided nature walk on New Year's Day, Jan. 1 at 11 a.m. at the Willow Brook and Fleetwood Farm Preserves in Pembroke. Spend the first day of the New Year outdoors on a walking exploration of the Herring Brook Valley, or if there is snow, bring cross country skis.

Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring binoculars, a camera, and water if desired. RSVP by the Friday morning prior to the walk by calling the Wildlands Trust office at 781 934-9018.

NSRWA SPONSORS 8TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK at Luddam's Ford Park in Hanover – Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005 at 1 p.m. The North & South Rivers Watershed Association welcomes the public to join them for this annual event. This year's walk will be Luddam's Ford Park off of West Elm St. in Hanover. Depending on the weather, they will either walk the old rail line on the Hanover side of the Luddam's Ford Pond or walk over to the Pembroke side and walk the Wildland's Trust property. After a brisk walk we will kick off New Year's with a hearty snack and hot beverage. Visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 for information. Donations are welcome and pre-registration is not required.

14TH ANNUAL FIRST DAY HIKES, Blue Hills Reservations, Jan. 1, at 1 p.m. Free hot and hearty soup at noon. Meet at the Houghton's Pond parking lot on Hillside St., Milton. Take exit 3 off Route 93 and follow first Day signs. Dress warmly and war sturdy hiking boots for all walks. 617-698-1802. Canned goods will be accepted for Father Bill's Homeless Shelter

SWEET CHARITY starring Christina Applegate and Denis O'Hare Pre-Broadway engagement March 18 to 27 at The Colonial Theatre, Boston. Tickets go on sale Jan. 23. Call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 or all Ticketmaster outlets or box office at 106 Boylston St., Boston.

WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOLF? starring Kathleen Turner and Bill Irwin Exclusive three-week pre-broadway engagement at The Wilbur Theatre, Boston. Feb. 10 through March 6. Call Tickets go on sale Jan. 9. Ticketmaster or visit www.ticketmaster.com

THE ONE AND ONLY BOSTON CHOCOLATE TOUR will once again satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth beginning on Sunday, Jan. 2. Featuring tasty visits to Top of the Hub Restaurant, the historic Omni Parker House Hotel and The Langham Hotel Boston, The Chocolate Tour will operate every weekend thereafter through April 10, 2005. The tour is presented by Old Town Trolley Tours of Boston. The fully-narrated three-hour journey of decadent desserts and fun facts departs from the Trolley Stop Store at the corner of Boylston & South Charles Streets at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. Advance reservations, which are required, may be made by calling 617-269-3626.

DORA THE EXPLORER LIVE - Dora's Pirate Adventure returns for a limited one week engagement March 2 to 6, at the Opera House 539 Washington St., Boston,. Tickets on sale now by calling 617-931-2787 or at Ticketmaster locations, www.ticketmaster.com

THE LION KING The Broadway Musical at The Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston, has been extended through Feb. 20. Tickets are available by calling 617-931-2787 or at Ticketmaster outlets www.ticketmaster.com

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Live on stage at the newly restored Opera House for eight weeks only. March 30 to May 22, 2005. Tickets are on sale now 617-931-2787. Box office at 539 Washington St. Boston; www.BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com

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Adult Day Health Center, The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy. For a frail elder or disabled person, an adult day health center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. They provide transportation to and from the program in Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Milton. Masshealth and other funding available. Call 617-479-3040for a free video.

The Fine Arts Chorale is looking for interested singers in all voice parts to join them for their 38th concert season. Open rehearsals will be Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old South Union Church, Columbian Square, So. Weymouth.

Thurs. Dec. 30

Lights are on at Edaville USA Millions of lights and dozens of lit displays still twinkle during the Holiday Festival of Lights at Edaville USA™ in Carver, Mass. New England's largest holiday light display continues to shine through Sunday, Jan. 2. Activities include a 5 1/2-mile train ride on an authentic narrow-gauge train, antique carousel, Ferris wheel, kids rides, indoor play area, Cranberry World Museum and more. For more information, call 508-866-8190 or toll-free 877-EDAVILLE, or visit the website at www.edaville.org.

Purple Eggplant Café, 400 Bedford St., Abington, presents, every Thursday, New Blue Revue Open Mic Blues Jam Party hosted by Satch Romano . 781-871-7175.

Mount Blue 707 Main St. Norwell, Dec. 30, **Jumpin' Juba** (duo) 8:30 p.m. 781-659-0050

Fri. Dec. 31

Bridgwaye Inn, 1265 Ferry St., Marshfield. New Year;s Eve Gala, buffet dinner, live music by the After Eight dance band, midnight champagne toast and snacks, party favors, seating at 8 and 8:30 p.m. $35 per person. Reservations by calling 781-834-6505. Handicap accessible.

Next Page Blues Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Dec. 31, **New Year's Eve party with Cindy Daley/Satch Romano.** 781-335-9796.

Lombardo's New Year's Eve Party "Grand Ballroom" Lombardo's Function Facility, 6 Billings Street, Randolph, Dec. 31, from 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Hot hors d'oeuvres, Filet Mignon and Roasted Jumbo Shrimp, wrapped in Imported Prosciutto Ham and Oven-baked Herb-crusted Colossal Scallop. Dance to **The Ovations 10-Piece Band & DJ Brian Greene** Midnight Champagne Toast as you watch the ball drop in Times Square on a giant TV screen. Classic Deluxe Sweet Table Cash Bar. Tickets are $65 per person (plus tax and administrative fee) www.lombardos.com 781-986-5000

New Year's Eve Party at Jimbos Restaurant, at Braintree 5 Corners Friday, Dec. 31,Your New Year's Eve Party will include: Appetizers at 8pm, Dinner at 9 p.m. with a choice of: Filet Medallions, Chicken Francais, Lobster and Shrimp Scampi or Prime Rib. and A Comedy Show at 10:15 p.m. featuring: comedians: **Mark Riley and Bob Niles, Annette Pollack and Glen Gordon, Jason Margaca and Matt McArthur**. Then ring in the New Year with party favors and noise makers at midnight. Free parking. Tickets are only $58 per person (Includes tax and gratuity) and must be purchased in advance at Jimbos or by calling them at 781- 848-0300.

Ring in the New Year at the Boston Billiard Club Guests will enjoy our New Year's Eve package which includes a buffet, DJ, pool, and dancing. Each table of guests will receive a bottle of champagne and party favors to make the countdown to midnight extra special. It's part of the tradition and all included at Boston Billiard Club's New Year's Eve Party. Boston Billiard Club,126 Brookline Ave. Boston, MA 617-536-POOL (7665) Dec. 31, 2004

First Night Quincy 4 to 9 p.m. Quincy Center, Ice sculptures, art exhibits, food music, dance performance, storytellers and more highlight this annual New Year's Eve tradition happening at 16 venues throughout Quincy Center. A brief festival of lights parade in front of City Hall begins at 6;15 p.m. followed by fireworks at 6:30 p.m. and again at 9 p.m. Admission buttons provide access to all events. Available at Quincy City Hall, City Clerks office, Park Dept. headquarters, and numerous Dunkin Donuts locations. 617-376-1254.

Ensemble Chaconne Peter H. Bloom, baroque flute; Carol Lewis, viola da gamba; Olav Chris Henriksen, baroque lute and English guitar MUSIC FOR THE ADAMSES Chamber Music from Late 18th Century London Friday, Dec. 31, at 7 and 8 p.m. Quincy Historical Society, Adams Academy, 8 Adams St, Quincy, Admission with First Night Quincy Button Information: 617-376-1071

Ongoing events

Atlantica Restaurant, 44 Border St., Cohasset, Live music with guitarist/vocalist **Matt Browne** every Saturday night from 8-11pm. Non-smoking, casual dress. 781-383-0900.

NASA@Your Library exhibit opens at the Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy, This is the only Massachusetts stop on the nationwide tour of this interactive computerized exhibit created by NASA and the American Library Association. Learn about how the space shuttle works, how astronauts are chosen, what it's like to live in space and more. The exhibit will be open during regular library hours through Jan. 20. The exhibition will be open during Quincy's First Night celebrations. 617-376-2411 or www.thomascranelibrary.org

The 2004 Edition of the Radio City Christmas spectacular featuring **The Rockettes** presented by John Hancock to make its Boston debut at The Wang Theatre through Dec. 31. For tickets call telecharge at 1-800-447-7400, www.wangcenter.org, or box office at 270 Tremont St., Boston.

The Blue Hills Adult Walking Club meets on a weekly basis for recreational walks. No fee to join and everyone age 16 and older is welcome. Lead by a park ranger, walks are normally two to five miles. Hiking boots and drinking water recommended for all hikes. Next walk Jan. 8. 617-698-1802 www.state.ma.us/DCR

The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, presents an exhibit of oil paintings by local artists **Charles Stockbridge** and **Robert Beaulieu,** titled **City and Sea,** through Jan. 31, 2005 in the Vine Hall Gallery. Charles is a marine painter who specializes in ship portraits and marsh scenes. He paints in the 19th century style, having been influenced by artists such as Fitz Hugh Lane, Martin Johnson Heade and James Butterworth. Robert 's work includes familiar storefronts from around the South Shore, including Fleming's Hardware Store and Robbins Garage in Cohasset, and the Natural Emporium Store in North Scituate Village. The public is invited to an artists' reception on Dec. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m.. The exhibit can be viewed free of charge through Jan.'31, 2005, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 781-659-2559. www.ssnsc.org.

The Weymouth Art Association Members Winter Exhibit will take place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth Dec. 11-18. 781-337-1402 or 781-337-4513.

The North River Arts Society presents an exhibition of oil paintings by **artist Ted Polomis** in the Dolphin Gallery of the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham, through Jan. 13. The show features a variety of intimate still lifes and studies painted in the tradition of classical realism. The library gallery is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. For information, call 781-837-8091 or visit www.polomis.com.

Artist Ginny Allen, a long time resident of Scituate and retired professor of Mass. Art is having an exhibition "Memento Mori" at the **South Shore Conservatory**, through Jan. 31, 2005.

Fuller Craft Museum 455 Oak Street in Brockton, rolls up the rugs for ceramic artist **Allison Newsome's** installation *On Island* through Jan. 2, 2005. Rhode Island artist Allison Newsome will create wet clay drawings and sculptures specifically for Fuller Craft's Tarlow Gallery that address environmental ethics using the imagery of nature and culture. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, Free for members and children under 12.

La Leche League of Silver Lake meets every second Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m. For information email Joanne.collins@comcast.net

MS Support Group on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of South Shore Hospital. Contact Liz 781-878-7041 or email at Vze2n8tr@verizon.net or Cindy 781-878-5835 or email at Rockland119@AOL.com.

The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps of the South Shore a new marching arts program, is accepting applications for brass and percussion players, as well as color guard (flag squad) members. A family style group open to individuals 13 years and older. Musical experience desirable but not necessary. Inexperienced but motivated people will be trained by expert instructional staff in a fun and dynamic rehearsal setting. Has your community eliminated its band or music programs? Would you still like to be in a very high caliber marching and musical group? The Imperials is much cheaper than music lessons. Free unlimited trial membership. Winter rehearsals on most Sundays at the Pembroke Community Center Rt. 14, Pembroke, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. www.pathwayproductions.org/imperials.htm

South Shore Men of Harmony invites men of all ages who love to sing to attend one of their rehearsals held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. No experience necessary. Call 781-337-0227.

The Island Grove Chorus, a Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, invites women of all ages, who love to sing, to attend an open rehearsal, Tues nights at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington. The Island Grove Chorus, under the direction of Patricia Hoitt of Norwell, is a women's a cappella chorus providing vocal training and musical entertainment throughout the greater South Shorearea. Come and experience the fun , and sing your cares away. Call 781-843-4355.



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The Dedham Museum 612 High St., Dedham, at the Dedham Historical Society presents **Wedgwood – Not Just Blue and White,** to Jan. 15. Admission $2 adults and $1 children. 781-326-1385 or www.DedhamHistorical.org

Storytellers/authors Andrea Lovett of Abington and **Weisey MacMillan** of Marshfield are forming an **adult writer's group**. 10:30 a.m. 781-871-5892. A small fee will be charged

Stories and Art for Preschoolers and Toddlers will be offered at the Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St., Duxbury, every second Thursday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from 1 to 2:30 p.m. 781-934-6634 extension 15.

Neighboring Support Organization a non-profit organization, neighbors helping neighbors on the South Shore. Members exchange time to support each other's needs. (no monies are exchanged - just time.) Examples: Painting/wallpapering, landscaping, gathering leaves, computer training, cooking, decorating, cleaning (windows, cellars, etc. moving furniture), The list is endless. Procrastinating can be a thing of the past. Membership fee: $20/year. For information, call Elaine Cormier, President, at 781-871-2583.

Walk scenic Sandwich, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. A year round 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) scenic walk is available in Sandwich. Many historic and scenic sites. The event runs Jan. 3 through Dec. 31. The starting point is Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk, 65 Route 6A, Sandwich. Start times daily, after 9 a.m. 508-291-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Applebee's Restaurant and Grill at the Pleasant Village Shops, Rt. 18, Weymouth, presents **Magic Night** every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with magician JohnHenry of Easton.

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Just for kids

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HOME IS WHERE THE SCIENCE IS The South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Bathtub Science, Cupboard Chemistry Where the Wild Things Are, Leftover Science, and Lunchbox plants. Kindergarten class will be held separately. Call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org

NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY, Marshfield Hills, is accepting registrations for "Want to Learn Cartooning?" during December's Holiday break. The class will run on Dec. 27, 29, 31 from 10 a.m. to noon. Ten students maximum. Ages 12 and up. Call NRAS at 781-837-8091.

LEARNTO SKATE classes for children, ages 4 1/2 and up and for adults are being conducted at the DCR ice rinks in Quincy and Weymouth. Use figure or hockey skates. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes are available. 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org

HI-5LIVE comes to the ShubertTheatre Jan. 2. /Fresh from its debut in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the high energy Hi-5 cast brings its hand-clapping, toe taping musical extravaganza, the Hi-5! Move Your Body tour, Jan. 2, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. call Tele-charge at 1-800-447-7400 or www.wangcenter.org

DREAMCHASERS THEATRE ARTS CENTER announces registration for Winter Theatre Classes. Acting for Students ages 6 to 8; Acting for Students ages 9 to 12; Acting for Teens; Improvisation for Students ages 8 through adult. To register call 508-224-4548 or visit www.dreamchaserstheatre.org

JFK LIBRARY, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Crabgrass Puppet Theatre The Bremen Town Musicians,** 10;30 a.m. Free and open to the public. www.jfklibrary.org or call 617-514-1646.

FULLER CRAFT MUSEUM, 455 Oak St., Brockton - Kids get creative this holiday vacation. The Museum School is now accepting registrations for art classes for children ages 7 to 15 from Dec. 27 to 31. Kids can explore art through one day classes like *Art in the 3rd Dimension, Multi-Cultural Multi Media* and *Found Art* taught by professional craft artists currently working and exhibiting their work in New England. Register now by calling 508.588.6000 x124. www.fullercraft.org. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $5 adults, $3 seniors and students. Free for members and children under 12.

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Walk Hyannis, sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club.. Enjoy ocean views, beautiful homes, a variety of restaurants and retail shops. Highlights of the 10-kilometer (6.2 Mile) walk are the JFK Museum and the Kennedy Family Compound. The starting point is the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main St., Hyannis, 508-775-7000 or 508-292-1162 www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

Have you served with the American Red Cross overseas? If so, the ARCOA-The American Red Cross Overseas Association would love to know about you. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new people with similar interests and experiences. For information, call Estelle Adler 781-545-9383.

The Old Colony Book Group welcomes new members to their monthly meetings. The group meets in the Plymouth Public Library's history room (second floor) on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. A list of the books read is available upon request. www.bookbrowser.com, BookSpot www.bookspot.com 508-830-4250.

The Olde Kids, a 20-piece orchestra playing music of the big band era, at Striar JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 4 p.m.$5 per person, all welcome, no smoking, wheelchair accessible.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum Columbia Point, Boston, Gifts from the World to the White House. **Caroline Kennedy's Doll Collection** (1961-1963), now extended to Nov. 5, due to popular demand. Call 866JFK-1060 or www.jfklibrary.org

Walking program at **The Hanover Mall** - Monday to Saturday 7 to 10 a.m.; Sunday 9 to 11 a.m. Call 781-826-7386 ext. 222 for more information.

Learn to Skate Classes at the **Weymouth O'Connell Rink**, Broad St., Weymouth for children 4 1/2-adult on Sundays at 5 p.m. For information and other site locations call Bay State Skating School 781-890-8480 or www.baystateskatingschool.org

The Young Widowed Group of Greater Boston, a support group for Young Widows and Widowers in the Greater Boston area, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Needham Campus. For information contact Jean Cronin Connolly at jconnolly@artsfirst.org

Cura VNA & Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, **offers The Young Widow and Widowers Support Group**, meeting every other Thursday for eight weeks from 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m. To register call 508-746-0215.

Feed the Animals at the South Shore Natural Science Center every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Free with admission. 781-659-2559 www.ssnsc.org

Greater Boston Podiatry Associates, at 427B Washington St., Norwell. **Dr. Thomas Vorderer** will sponsor a runners clinic Mondays at 7 p.m. Each weeks meeting will include a lecture and coaching for runners of all abilities. Call 781-659-3443 for information.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell - **Tales from the Wild** for children ages 3 to 5 Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.) Free with admission. Call in advance if you plan to attend. Limit 12 children **Afterschool Nature Programs**

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury, presents **Stories and Art with Sally for Preschoolers**, every second Thursday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Preregistration required. $5. Call 781-934-6634 ext. 15.

Parental Stress Line - Trained counselors are available to be a supportive, non-judgmental listener for parents in need. No problem is too big or too small for a parent to call. The Parental Stress Line is toll-free, statewide, confidential, and 24 hours a day. The Parental Stress Line is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Call us before the summer is over at 1-800-632-8188.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus - Rehearsals begin Monday evenings at The South Shore Conservatory in Duxbury., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn to Skate - Skating Club of Hingham, Pilgrim Arena, Hingham. Saturday mornings 10:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Sept. 13 through April 24. Registration fee $25 monthly fee $25. For more information call 781-741-8194.

The Paragon Carousel - 205 Nantasket Ave (Nantasket Beach) , Hull will be open Sundays noon to 5 p.m.- in case of bad weather call ahead 781-925-0472.

New Natural Foods Co-op. A group of South Shore residents are in the recruitment stage of starting a natural foods co-op based in Marshfield. For more information call Rosa LaRosa at 781-837-3858.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679.

The Adult Day Health Program at The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides an Adult Day Health Center, a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth - Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

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Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their a cappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (à non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Massachusetts is asking people with unwanted vehicles to consider donating to them. It will help their programs. Donors may be able to take the fair market value as a charitable contribution. some restrictions apply. all a donor needs to do is call 1-800-720-6233.

Special Olympics Offers Free Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call 800-590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call for more information.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Stephens Church in Cohasset. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-393-0771.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at 781-829-4278.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at 781-294-1880.

Alateen and Al-Anon Family Groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people your age (ages 6 - 12 or ages 13 - 18 years old) to share experiences and understanding ways of coping, close friendships and hope for a happier life. Come any Friday night at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Hanover (in the back lower level) First Baptist Church at 580 Webster St. (Rte. 123) For more information call Kris at 781-834-5973. For information on similar fellowships at other times in Massachusetts towns, call 781-843-5300.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call 781-659-1857.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum program listing: Museum hours Tuesday through Sunday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Museum Fees $3 adults (age 16 - 64), $2 seniors (ages 65 plus) $1.50 children (ages 3 - 15). Free for Massachusetts Audubon Society members with a valid membership card. Weekends programs: 11 a.m. - "Story time", (geared to ages 3 - 6) 1 p.m. "Live Mystery Animal", (geared to all ages) 3 p.m. "Theme of the month", (geared towards ages 6 and up). Located at 1904 Canton Avenue, Milton. For more information call 617-333-0690.

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation & Nursing Center located at 308 Kingstown Way in Duxbury meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. All family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims are welcome to attend. For further information all Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser at 781-585-2397.



BEST BET

Billy Novick and Guy Van Duser will make their first South Shore appearance at the Bridgewaye Inn Sunday, Jan. 2 as part of the Bridgewaye's Jazz series. The "Two Man Big Band" will perform from 4 to 7 p.m. Admission is $10. The Bridgewaye Inn is located at 1265 Ferry Street. For more information call 781-834-6505.

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Rock musicians, factory workers, and tool operators wear ear protection while working. Why not take a lesson from them? The noise levels in many instances in our lives is enough to cause hearing to deteriorate. Do you spend a good deal of your time in a noisy environment? Have you been experiencing hearing difficulties regularly? There really isn't a good reason to wait for the problem to go away because it won't. Call us today instead at **FAMILY HEARING CARE CENTER 781-337-1144,** for a free painless, comprehensive hearing test at **534 Main Street (Rt. 18)**, across from the Stetson Building in **Weymouth**. We accept most HMOs, State GIC, Union Benefits, and Mass Health.

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DESTINATIONS

So much to sea

From massages to martinis, here are 9 ways to keep cruising fun

Herald travel editor Fran Golden and L.A.-based writer Jerry Brown are co-authors of "Cruise Vacations for Dummies 2005" (Wiley Publishing, $21.99). The book, available at bookstores and such online Web sites as amazon.com, is designed to help first-time and experienced cruisers have a carefree vacation. In the excerpted chapter that follows, the authors discuss their favorite things to do shipboard.

People-Meeting and People-Watching

Who are these people you're vacationing with? Find out. You live within a small onboard community, and you can discover a lot about fellow passengers and crew just by observing. If you're shy, park yourself off to the side of the deck or in a lounge and just watch the action. But striking up a conversation is even better.

Making Believe at the Martini Bar

Think glamour. Think rich and famous. Put on your tux or ball gown and head to the fancy bar before dinner. While you sip that dry martini (shaken, not stirred, if you please) or enjoy fine champagne and caviar, think Hollywood. You're Lauren Bacall, he's Humphrey Bogart, and you're off on your latest adventure. Have fun pretending. Relaxing with Shipboard Massages As if cruising isn't relaxing enough, you can turn into jelly at the ship's spa. Drifting off as the massage therapists perform their finger magic is the ultimate shipboard indulgence and well worth the price of admission.

Competing in Silly Contests

What is it about cruises that brings out women who reveal their entire sex lives and men who take off their shirts and put their chest hair on full display in front of an audience just to win a refrigerator magnet? Have these people no shame? (Maybe not, but they sure are fun!)

Filling up at the Midnight Buffet

At the stroke of midnight, the chefs truly go culinary-crazy. They present mountains of food and such inventions as vegetable flowers, chickens dressed like little men and fish cut up and put back together to look like fish again, all surrounded by extravagantly decorated cakes and awesome ice sculptures. You need to bring photos home to show your friends!

Entering the Passenger Talent Show

Watch the proud parents when their kids perform, see a man croon romantically to his wife on their anniversary, hear the dirty old man who insists on telling off-color jokes, and enjoy a singer who shows so much promise you wonder why you haven't seen her on "American Idol."

Watching Movies in Your Cabin

With all you can do on cruise ships, why would you stay in the cabin and watch movies? Because many of the movies are free, with no commercials, and you can enjoy a comfortable place to catch up on the flicks you missed at home. But mostly, because you *can*.

Ringing for Room Service

Feel like a Caesar salad or a corned beef sandwich at 3 a.m.? Pick up your phone and order it. Don't like to appear in public before you have a few cups of coffee? Go ahead and ring for a waiter to bring some java to your cabin. You can call as many times as you want. And the service is free (although tipping the waiter is a nice gesture).

Gazing at the Deep Blue Sea

You can watch the sea during the day to see the water, the shoreline and maybe some sights, but one of the best times to stare at the ocean is in the dark of night. Breathe in the fresh air. Howl at the moon if you like. Feel at one with the sea.



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Two couples, dressed in formal attire, enjoy dinner and a glass of wine.



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Enjoying an onboard dance class.



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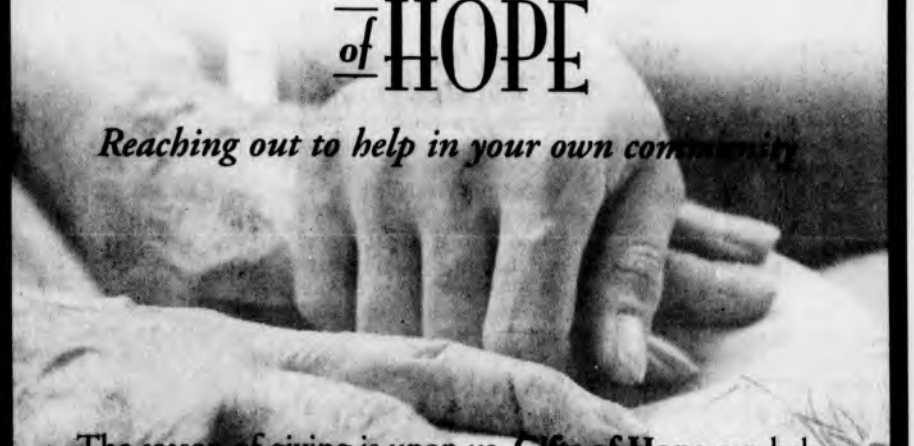
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